

Mild & Bitter

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An Appeal to New Members

Were you one of the 124 new members who joined CAMRA at July's City Charter Festival, or, perhaps, you've joined in the last year or two? Either way we'd like to see you at the **Brunswick branch meeting, starting at 8pm on Wednesday, 4th September**, where you can meet like-minded folk over a few beers. While you're in the area you could visit other fine pubs such as the neighbouring Alexandra, Station Inn or the Smithfield just across the river. The Brunswick's recent history is well documented but perhaps it's worth repeating for the sake of those who are new to CAMRA. Long a Hardy and Hanson (Kimberley) house, the Railway Terrace pub fell on hard times and closed in 1974. Trevor Harris and John Evans bought it for a nominal sum from the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, and after extensive renovation, it reopened in 1987 as Derby's first multiple choice real ale house. A brewery was added in 1991. Everard's brewery acquired the Brunswick in 2002, and Trevor later founded the Derby Brewing Company while, sadly, after reviving three Derby pubs, John passed away in 2008. Following Graham Yates' retirement this year, the tenancy has transferred to Chesterfield brewery, Brampton, and James Salmon is brewing Brunswick beers independently on site. The future looks bright for all of the pubs in the vicinity of the railway station as Castleward will see 800 new homes built in the coming years. The pub's popular, annual **beer festival** is a little earlier this time, **Wednesday, 25th to Sunday, 29th September**.

National Winter Ales Festival Meeting, the Parlour, Brunswick, Thursday, 5th September

We have a remarkable team of volunteers and are thankful for their time, energy and commitment. With a view to complimenting the existing team we are seeking to fill the following positions:

Tutored Tasting's Manager

Cellar team - quality specialist

Cellar team/Bar Manager - trainer

Staffing team - registration, processing and general duties

Staffing team – computer support before event

Foyer team 2 x door/glasses deputy managers

Continental team 2 x deputy managers

Chair/Organisers team - press assistance

Membership team - deputy 2014 and then manager 2015

Finance team – data inputter

Finance team - assistance for accounts and general duties

If you are interested **please contact Gill Williams on 07847 504074**.

The second NWAFF meeting will be at the same venue on Thursday, 3rd October.

Regional Meeting in Derby

The quarterly regional meeting will be held at the Rowing Club, Darley Grove, Derby, at noon, **Saturday, 7th September**. Let's see a good turnout from Derby, Amber Valley and Ashbourne branches.

EGM in October

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting will be convened at the **Station Inn**, Midland Road, Derby, on **Thursday, 10th October at 8pm**. The meeting will ratify accounts, and there will be a branch meeting.

Pub Protection Officer

Derby CAMRA is seeking to fill the important post of Pub Protection Officer. As May's report on the White Post, Stanley Common, illustrated, we need to get certain pubs listed as Community Assets. If you're interested, please apply to branch Secretary, Ian Forman secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

Good Beer Guide Launch

The New Zealand Arms, Peel Street, Derby, will see the launch of the 2014 Good Beer Guide at 8pm, **Thursday, 12th September**. What could be better than to spend some time at the Dancing Duck brewery tap and snaffle a copy of the eagerly awaited new guide at only £10 to members. It is, perhaps, indicative of the rising standard of entries that there are some notable pubs in the Derby and Amber Valley branch areas not featured this time round. The guide will also be available at the concessionary rate to members at the October EGM and November branch meeting, and selected pubs will have the guide on sale but at a higher price.

BLOs Required

Brewery Liaison Officers are needed for Nutbrook of Stanley Common and the new Titan brewery on Agard Street, Derby. Should you be interested, please contact **branch Secretary, Ian Forman, on 01332 882996 or** secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

1872 Still Top Dog in 2013

Elland 1872 Porter won Champion Beer of Britain at the recent Great British Beer Festival in London. The rich and strong (6.5%) Yorkshire porter also came top at the National Winter Ales Festival in Manchester. It will be interesting to see if this highly regarded brew can make it a hat-trick at the NWAf at Derby's Roundhouse in February.

Star Billing for Derby

The long running rivalry between Derby and Sheffield for the title of UK "Beer Capital" has prompted several column inches in the Sheffield daily newspaper, The Star. Our very own Beer King, Les Baynton, is quoted as saying that steel city has about 30 more ales than us, but Derby's pubs are within a smaller, more easily accessible area. It seems that Derby's reputation, beer wise, knows no bounds.

Dancing Duck Coming to a Local Near You?

Brewers of fine Derby beers, Dancing Duck, are finding an increasing number of outlets which have included the Malt Shovel, White Hart, both Aston on Trent; Great Northern, Langley Mill, Bull's Head, Repton and the Bell, Sadler Gate. Derby's Silk Mill may feature their beers as part of changes in the post Terry Holmes era.

Derby's Next Brewery?

Attendees at August's Bell and Castle social were given an interesting insight into owner, Alan Kilkenny's, future plans for the newly renovated pub at the town end of Burton Road. A pizza house and brewery, to be named Backlight, in outbuildings to the rear are planned to be operational by Christmas. One of a very small number of genuine free houses in the city, now offers CAMRA members 10p a pint and 5p a half discount on its range of real ales which usually include something quite unusual to Derby. Castle Rock Honeybee, Whitstable India Pale Ale and Titanic Nine Tenths are just a few of the beers featured recently, and GWatkin's Stoke Red cider was available to apple aficionados at the social. The pub also operates a try before you buy policy, so, if you haven't already done so, I'd urge you to check out this welcome addition to Derby's burgeoning real ale scene.

Membership Secretary

Konrad Machej, our Membership Secretary, is looking for assistance in his role, so if you fancy learning about this interesting position, please contact membership@derbycamra.org.uk

Beer Festivals

5th to 7th September – Peacock, Old Nottingham Road, Derby. 7th and 8th September – Talbot, Hilton. 25th to 29th September, Brunswick, Derby.
N.B. this is not an exhaustive listing.

White Horse Up and Running

The White Horse on the Morledge has reopened after a refurbishment in a restrained, contemporary style. Abbot and Doombar were on handpump when I visited, but these are subject to change. Stables belonging to an earlier pub on the site remain intact.

Derby Pubs Map

Derby CAMRA requires pub photos for a new Derby pub map that we are designing. If you have any current pub photos from the list below, or are able to take any, please e-mail them to

photos@derbycamra.org.uk

Bedford, Blue Jay, Bonnie Prince, Brackens, Broadway, Coach & Horses, Corner Pin, Golden Pheasant, Jonty Farmer, Junction, Kensington, Kingfisher, Kings Corner, King's Highway, Lawns, Little Chester Ale House, Lodge (Alvaston), Markeaton, Master Locksmith, Maypole, Mile, New Bridge Inn, No 5, Oaklands, Peregrine, Pitcher & Piano, Rose & Crown, Smithfield, Stenson Fields, Tavern, Toby Carvery, Traveller's Rest, Waggon & Horses, Windmill, Woodlands. **Source: WhatPub website 24th August.**

Hope and Anchor to be Auctioned

One of the most attractive pubs in the Derby branch area, the former Home Ales house, the Hope and Anchor, Wirksworth, is to be sold at auction.

CAMRA's 365 Day Role

I wonder how many members empathised with the views expressed by Sue Hart in her July What's Brewing article headed "We need to put pubs not festivals first"? I joined CAMRA to drink good quality real ale in traditional pubs at a time when there were no beer festivals in the East Midlands. As a regular attendee at branch and committee meetings I've witnessed at first hand the huge amount of time devoted to our two superb beer festivals. Clearly, the festivals present immense logistical challenges and are very demanding of our human resources. I can't help feeling, however, that somewhere along the line we've overlooked our pubs. In my view CAMRA festivals should be supportive of the campaign, but not be the focus of the campaign itself. Should we have another property boom, my guesstimate is that a significant number of those pubs currently trading will close as property developers, sorry, pub companies, seek to cash in. Pubs with large gardens and/or car parks will particularly be at risk as the call for ever more housing is sated, the demand for which is partly attributable to population increase. I earnestly hope that the important post of Pub Protection Officer is filled asap and that we, as a branch, can pay a little more attention to our precious pubs.

Paul Gibson

Falstaff Refurb

The corner bar of the GBG listed Falstaff on Silverhill Road is currently undergoing work that includes a new damp proof course, slate floor and the removal of the formica top from the bar servery. New fittings are being salvaged from the demolished Roebuck on Amy Street.

Apple A - Peel

Should you have any unwanted apples in your garden, then Three Cats Cider would like to pick them up. Please telephone 01332 880041 or email

threecatcider@gmail.com

Photos Required for What Pub

CAMRA has launched a new, national pub site which you can review and update yourself. Visit whatpub.com and log in with either the same details you use to visit the members' area of CAMRA's national website or, if you have not visited the Members' area of CAMRA's national website before, try your CAMRA membership number and postcode when you joined the campaign (upper case, no space). **To enable Derby branch to provide a comprehensive online guide to all of its pubs, we are seeking your images of pubs from all over our area.** photos@derbycamra.org.uk

Derby Branch Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Officers' reports – Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
5. Other reports – Beer Festivals, Campaigning, Derby Drinker, Good Beer Guide & Surveys, LocAle, Membership, Mild & Bitter, Pubs Officer & Pub Preservation, Publications, Regional, Sales, Socials, Sub-Branches, Tasting Panel, Transport, Website.
6. Information exchange – Pub, Brewery, etc
7. Any other business.

Minutes of the Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting at the Horse and Groom on 8th August 2013

Meeting started at 815pm with 29 attendees including Julian Hough (JH), Gareth Stead (GS), Julian Tubbs (JT), Konrad Machej (KM), Stewart Marshall (SM), Russell Gilbert (RG), Gillian Williams (GW), Tim Williams (TW), Dean Smith (DS), John Arguile (JA), Chris Gale (CG), Shirley Gale (SG), Pip Southall (PS), Paul Gibson (PG).

Apologies for absence Ian Forman, Mark Fletcher, Les Baynton. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising** JH said minutes implied that the NE had disapproved of the composition of the NWAf 2014 committee but the NE had, however, ratified the festival committee. Notwithstanding this, the minutes were accepted as a true record. **Committee**

reports: Chairman, GS, reflected on a successful CCF and looked forward to the GBBF next week. Memo from HQ stated key campaigns: 1) stop tax killing beer and pubs. 2) Pubco reform including an effective government support package for pubs (responsibility of JH). 3) Encourage more people to try a range of real ales, cider and perry. 4) Raise profile of pub-going and increase the number of folk using pubs regularly. Mild presentations had been made to Furnace and Mr Grundys. EGM to ratify accounts at Station Inn, 10th October. BLO vacancies for Nutbrook and Titan breweries. Pub Protection Officer still required. **Secretary** is on holiday. **Treasurer**, JT, will meet Kevin Hepworth this month to review last year's accounts. Lyn Brown will give update on DD advertising situation **Action JT**. DD has been paid for. **City Charter Beer Festival** RG spoke of rising attendances at CCF over last three years and more money had been banked than last year. Most bills have been paid and only two minor complaints regarding the festival had been made. JA opined that there should have been more notice (6-8 weeks) of the festival review meeting which would have enabled us to have a clearer picture of profitability. RG countered by saying that having the meeting so soon after the festival means members have a better remembrance of issues. RG added that Derby Live had been brilliant and they had absorbed some costs. Marquee was never below 84 degrees Fahrenheit. SG commented that we desperately need younger folk to help at the festival. RG felt we needed more members throughout the year at meetings and socials and to get them involved. SG added that new helpers needed to be trained for their specific duties. KM said there would have been more than 124 members recruited if the membership stand had been downstairs. CG reported that 825 under 26s admitted-up on last year, over 60s up and younger members up. RG was thanked by all. **National Winter Ales Festival** GW said budget submission to HQ will include free admission to members, and TW was adamant that members should not be charged especially those who work "behind the scenes". JH said that concessions should be the same for both festivals. First meeting of the working party, who report directly to the NE, at Brunswick in September – see M&B. NE confident in our ability to run festival. September should see budget approval and staffing form. East Midlands' branches to be asked to assist. Any of the 14 team players' posts that haven't been filled before the GBBF will be advertised at the London festival. Publicity officer required and accommodation will be payable to team players where appropriate. The hope is that festival will be staffed from this region. GW has met charities and key personnel individually. Flyers being distributed at GBBF. Website will be done

through NWAf website and national twitter account. **Campaigning** Pub map photos still required – see M&B. Endeavouring to attain green status on WhatPub. DD should be published week commencing 12th August. **GBG and Surveys** SM highlighted GBG launch at New Zealand Arms 12th September. Need more images for WhatPub – see M&B. When you go onto WhatPub website **whatpub.com** you can score beers there as well. Increasing number of LocAle and CAMRA discount pubs. **Membership** KM reported 57 new members and 7 lapsed this month. Members in Breaston/Draycott are still being recorded as Derby members and will have to be transferred to Erewash branch **Action KM**. **Regional meeting** Rowing Club on 7th September. **Socials** DS announced that on 14th August GS would be committee representative at the Bell and Castle. 22nd Aug survey of Spondon, meet bus station 750pm. 1st September Doncaster branch presenting Dark Drake award at Exeter Arms at 2pm. Amber Valley festival 12- 15 September. 21st Sept Great Central Railway beer fest plus Organ Grinder. DS had displayed a high degree of preparedness by booking 7 mini buses. **Sub branches** Members affected by the transfer of post code areas from Derby branch to Ashbourne will be written to to ask which branch they wish to be affiliated to **Action KM**. **Pub information** PS's initial impression of newly opened Golden Eagle favourable. Hope & Anchor, Wirksworth to be auctioned-PG. Fox and Hounds, Coxbench, open again? **AOB** GS thanked PG for taking minutes. GW and TW felt a new members' social after beer festivals would be worth trying. PG said headline article in September's M&B would appeal to new members to attend branch meeting. JT asked what motivates members to actively participate in campaign. There was considerable discussion re the pub map and photos therein. GW requested that it be published by 31st December 2013 at the latest. It was revealed that Steve Crispin remained responsible for the map **Action SC**. KM opined that key personnel weren't committee members so don't have input to issues. **Meeting closed 920pm**.

Ashbourne CAMRA

Minutes of the Sub-Branch Meeting on 30 July 2013 at The Shoulder of Mutton, Osmaston

Present: 12 including guest: Julian Hough, Derby Branch. **Apologies** Dave Leigh, Michelle Leigh, Kim Dorrington, Pat Laughlin, Keith Palmer, Hannah Barton. **Minutes of June meeting/matters arising.** Minutes approved and no matters were arising. **Chairman's Report** First-time attendee, John Kippax, a member for many years, was welcomed by the Chairman. The

Chairman showed a certificate of appreciation given by the Mayor for money raised for the Mayor's charities through unwanted tokens from festival. Beer festival at Atlow Village Hall on 24th August. GBG 2014 – September 12th is the release date and copies available at £10. We will put in an order. Branch membership area allocation – the Chairman reported on a recent discussion with Derby committee. Derby committee approved of the extension of the area in principle, but consultations were still needed with the membership in the affected areas. Three possible extensions available and, provided the membership in each area approves, we are confident we can take on all three which will add about 20 pubs to our current listing of 32. The areas are DE6 3xx (8 pubs), DE6 2xx (7 pubs in Staffordshire, but agreed in principle with the Potteries branch) and DE6 5xx (5 pubs in Derbyshire only, but there are a further 3 pubs in Staffs which could be added following appropriate consultation). Letters of proposal are to be drafted by the Derby Membership secretary. Julian Hough confirmed these points and answered members' questions. Chairman had decided not to call a beer festival planning meeting yet as we will probably move fest to August 2014 and discussions are ongoing with the owner of the Green Man with a view to using it as the venue. Subsequent developments will be circulated to the members as soon as they occur. **Secretary/Treasurers Report** Secretary absent, but no essential matters are outstanding. **Branch Activity** Timings for the walk to Brailsford on 11th August were confirmed. **Pub Report** The redevelopment of the Dog & Partridge, Thorpe continues. To be renamed the Dog & Duck, a former name. Yew Tree, Ednaston – result of auction 11 July 2013 not yet known. The Ketch at Kniveton – now a free-house, so new regime is looking to increase real ale choice. Work continues on refurbishment of Coach & Horses, projected opening date is 22nd August. The Green Man is still a work in progress. **AOB** We will soon need to start the process of judging our branch Pub of the Year, to complete the process by Jan 2014. In light of the ongoing process to increase our area coverage, we should concentrate on the current pub allocation in case matters are not settled in time, but that there is no reason not to visit and survey any pub not yet allocated to us, so that they can be included should the allocations be agreed and increased – lists of pubs attached to minutes. September branch meeting is still hoped to be at Callow Top at the Heywood Bad Ram brewery, but Tony Beech was still unable to confirm this with owner. Brewery visit instead? and confirm an alternate venue for the branch meeting on our preferred date. **Dates for Diary** Beer Festival, The Talbot, Hilton – 7-8 September. September Branch Meeting – still tbc. **Meeting closed at 9.40pm**.

Amber Valley CAMRA

Tickets Available for Imminent Beer Festival

The 4th Amber Valley CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival is at the Bowls Hall, Alfreton Leisure Centre, between 12th and 15th September, and will feature over 90 real ales. Friday and Saturday night tickets may be purchased online by going to ambervalleycamra.org.uk. Alternatively, you can get them from the Furnace, Duke Street, Derby; Talbot Taphouse, Butterley Hill, Ripley; Victoria, Nottingham Road, Alfreton; Hunter Arms, Kilburn, and the Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate. For various reasons the Butterley Station festivals were memorable but with seating for 500 in the bowls hall, and its low ceiling adding to the atmosphere, we're confident that our new venue will be well received. The cracking line-up of bands (see below) will perform on two stages.

Festival Staff Still Required

Amber Valley CAMRA is recruiting staff for the Alfreton festival. **Staff for Saturday night are particularly required.** If you are interested please email avbfstaffing@gmail.com with your preferred area of work and availability.

Live Evening Entertainment

Blue Shift will open the festival on Thursday evening, followed on Friday by Junction and tribute band Who's Next covering the songs of the famous foursome from Shepherd's Bush. Listen out for their incredible rendition of The Seeker. Alma Boobies, who went down a storm at the first Ripley festival in 2010, will set the tone for a rockin' good Saturday night, before the Rollin' Stoned bring proceedings to a pulsating crescendo. **A quiet room is also available.**

Pub Beer Festivals

Thorn Tree, Waingroves, 12th to 15th September. King William, Milford, 19th to 22nd September. Beehive, Ripley, 26th to 29th September. New Inn, Riddings, 3rd to 6th October.

Amber Valley Diary SEPTEMBER

Mon 2nd – Beer festival meeting, Holly Bush, Marehay-8pm.

Sat 21st – Free survey trip to Denby, Kilburn, Horsley Woodhouse departing from Ripley Market Place 730pm.

Thu 26th – BRANCH MEETING, Victoria, Nottingham Road, Alfreton-8pm.
Contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Ashbourne Diary

SEPTEMBER

Tue 24th – BRANCH MEETING, TBC-8pm.

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Derby Branch Diary

SEPTEMBER

Sun 1st – Social with Doncaster branch who are making a presentation to Dancing Duck at Exeter Arms-2pm.

Wed 4th – BRANCH MEETING, Brunswick, Railway Terrace, Derby-8pm.

Thurs 5th – NWAFF Meeting, Brunswick-8pm.

Sat 7th – Regional meeting, Rowing Club, Derby-noon.

Thu 12th - Good Beer Guide Launch, New Zealand Arms, corner of Langley St and Peel St)-8pm.

Thu 19th – Surburbeer, Littleover. White Swan 830pm, Half Moon 930pm. Suggested buses: Trent Villager 3 from bus station at 810pm, return bus 1030pm. The Arriva 36 will also get you there.

Sat 21st – Social, Great Central Railway Beer Festival – Loughborough.

50+ real ales and ciders. Either drink on the move or stand and watch the trains go by! Live music and hot food. The event also features: • beers on the train (Griddle Car trains) • festival programme – free. Meet at the railway station for the 11.20 am train or use the 'skylink' bus or make your own way there. After the festival we will visit Organ Grinder, Loughborough.

Fri 27th – Survey Trip, Etwell/Hilton by free mini bus. Depart Cathedral Green 730, contact Dean to book 0770 3458623.

Mon 30th – Committee meeting-8pm.

OCTOBER

Thu 3rd – NWAFF meeting, Brunswick-8pm.

Fri 4th – Survey Trip, Little Eaton/Duffield area by free mini bus. Depart Cathedral Green 730, names to Dean 0770 3458623.

Thu 10th – EGM and BRANCH MEETING, Station Inn, Midland Road, Derby-8pm.

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