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Derby Pubs of the Year 2014

We're now choosing our Branch Pubs of the Year for 2014. Once again there will be a City Pub of the Year Award, a Country Pub of the Year Award and one overall winner from them both. A long list of pubs is printed below from which **you can vote** for one pub in each category. This can be done via e-mail: poty@derbycamra.org.uk, text: **07900 407086** or mail: **44 Duke St, Derby DE1 3BX** but you must include your CAMRA membership number. Alternatively you can attend the branch meeting to cast your vote in person. The long list will then be narrowed down to a short list of 3 pubs in each category which will then be judged along National Pub of the Year Guidelines to determine the winners. The final results will be announced in January.

POTY Judges Required

We are now actively seeking members to take part in the judging process for the Branch Pubs of the Year. This will require you to visit all 6 short-listed pubs over November/December and mark them along National Pub of the Year Guidelines. So if you fancy being a judge this year then please contact us at poty@derbycamra.org.uk

EGM is Imminent

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be convened at the **Station Inn**, Midland Road, Derby, on **Thursday, 10th October** at 8pm. We hope to ratify accounts, and a branch meeting will also be held on the same evening. Wheelchair access to the ground floor room is good, though assistance may be required in negotiating the step at the front door. **Members can buy a copy of the new Good Beer Guide for a bargain £10 at the meeting.**

National Winter Ales Festival Meetings

These will be held on Thursday, October 3rd and Wednesday, November 6th, both in The Parlour at the Brunswick with a 7.30pm start (note earlier time and days of week!). Thanks to everyone who has already come forward to offer assistance, and staffing forms should be ready to circulate by the Branch EGM on the 10th October. More help is needed, however, so please ask and encourage your family, friends, and fellow CAMRA Members to come and join in. **Any questions, please contact Gill Williams 01332 677072 (home).**

East Midlands' Pub of the Year

The Horse and Jockey, Stapleford, has been judged as this region's top pub in 2013.

BLOs Required

Brewery Liaison Officers are needed for Titan brewery on Agard Street, and Whim of Hartington. The latter may suit a member living in the Ashbourne area. Should you be interested, please contact **branch Secretary, Ian Forman, on 01332 882996 or secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Candidates for 2014 POY

Abbey, Derby
Alexandra Hotel, Derby
Babington Arms, Derby
Bar One, Derby
Barley Mow Inn, Kirk Ireton
Bell, Smalley
Bell & Castle, Derby
Bell & Harp, Little Eaton
Black Cow, Dalbury Lees
Blue Bell Inn, Melbourne
Brewery Tap - Derby's Royal Standard, Derby
Brunswick Inn, Derby
Bull's Head, Repton
Chequers Inn, Ticknall
Coach & Horses, Derby
Crompton Tavern, Derby
Exeter Arms, Derby
Falstaff, Derby
Five Lamps, Derby
Flowerpot, Derby
Furnace Inn, Derby
Green Man, Willington
Greyhound, Derby
Horse & Groom, Derby
Little Chester Ale House, Derby
Malt Shovel Inn, Aston-on-Trent
Miner's Arms, Brassington
Miner's Arms, Carsington
Nelson Arms, Middleton
New Zealand Arms, Derby
Old Silk Mill, Derby
Old Talbot, Hilton
Olde Dolphin Inn, Derby
Olde Gate Inn, Brassington
Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield
Peacock Inn, Derby
Queen's Head, Little Eaton
Rowditch Inn, Derby
Royal Oak, Wirksworth
Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Smithfield, Derby
Station Inn, Derby
Swan Inn, Milton
Thomas Leaper, Derby
White Swan, Derby
This list is confidential and isn't for the public domain.

Xmas Show Tickets Available

Make a note in your diary of **Thursday, 12th December** which is when the annual Derby CAMRA Christmas show takes to the stage at Derby's Flower Pot, starting at 8pm. The irreverent script is the creation of co-writers Tim Williams and Nick Meakin. There is a buffet, and tickets are available from **Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Chris Cropley

It is with sadness that I have to inform everyone that one of our regular workers at the Summer Beer Festival has passed away after a very short illness. Everyone who attended the festival over the last 30 plus years will have been greeted by Chris as she worked in one of our admission booths, mainly in the evening and always with unfailing cheerfulness and efficiency. Along with Charlie, Lesley, Clive and Jean she was part of one of the most important teams of the festival. Chris has died at far too early an age and will be missed by all who knew her. On behalf of Derby CAMRA and the Summer Beer Festival my thoughts and best wishes go to Chris's family and friends as they come to terms with their sad loss of such a special person.

Russell Gilbert, Festival Chairman

Summer Beer Fest Ale Trail

Derby CAMRA wishes to thank the following who helped to finance the Summer Beer Festival Ale Trail by kindly giving us donations to help cover the cost: The Alexandra Hotel, Babington Arms, Derby Brewing Co, Exeter Arms, Falstaff, Five Lamps, Horse & Groom, Peacock, Royal Oak, Ockbrook and the Rowditch.

Have You Tried the Spa?

New licensees have taken on the Spa Inn, Abbey Street, and 20p a pint discount is offered to card carrying CAMRA members on the range of real ales which comprises of Pedigree, Doombar, and two guests. The pub was built in 1733 when it was believed that the local spring water had health giving properties that could rival Buxton's.

New Beginnings for Fox and Hounds

The Fox and Hounds, Coxbench, will reopen under new management by mid-October, serving Bass, Pedigree and a changing guest beer.

Beer Festivals

3rd to 6th October – **Horse and Groom**, Elms Street. 4th and 5th October – **Independent Brewers' Festival**, National Brewery Centre, Horninglow Road. Burton on Trent. 4th to 6th October, **Coopers Arms**, The Green, Weston on Trent. 16 to 31st October – **JD Wetherspoon pubs**. 17th to 20th October – Royal Oak, Ockbrook.

N.B. this is not an exhaustive listing.

Photos Required for What Pub

CAMRA has a 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 your 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

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

Lee and Sally Tie the Knot

Lee Jackson and Sally Orgill, licensees of the Abbey, Darley Abbey, are marrying at Derby Registry Office on 4th October, and we wish them every happiness in their future life together.

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, Coach & Horses, Jonty Farmer, Junction, Kensington, Kingfisher, Kings Corner, King's Highway, Lodge (Alvaston), Maypole, Mile, New Bridge Inn, No 5, Oaklands, Peregrine, Pitcher & Piano, Smithfield, Tavern, Waggon & Horses. **Source: WhatPub website 29th September.**

Homes from Holmes

Not everyone got on with Terry Holmes. Some people just couldn't swallow his unshakeable opinions, especially if their own contrary opinions were equally unshakeable. But if you could abide his forthright views without necessarily agreeing with them, he was a generous and big hearted man. More importantly for Derby drinkers, he did more to enliven Derby's pub scene than many other publicans in this well-pubbed city. Originally from Yorkshire, Terry came to Derby from Doncaster in 2000 and established himself in the **Old Dolphin** on Queen Street. Draught Bass has always been the staple here but the addition of guest beers such as the superb Cain's Mild culminated in the city's oldest pub receiving the Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year accolade in 2002. Terry moved across the road to the **Old Silk Mill**, named after the Lombe's pioneering mill on the River Derwent. Terry replicated the success that he'd had at the Dolphin by again broadening the beer range, and set up the **John Lombe Bar**, making this one of the city's foremost ale houses. After the Silk Mill, Terry's next venture was to put new life into the **Exeter Arms**, jointly with Rachel Matthews of Dancing Duck. The Exeter is now run by Martin Roper who will also follow Terry into the Old Silk Mill – watch out for yet another metamorphosis. Meanwhile, Mr Holmes set about rescuing the **Peacock** from long

neglect, without fundamentally altering the building's original character, and installed Roger and Penny Myring from the Smithfield as the new licensees. This one-time canalside pub is one of the few still surviving to remind us how traditional drinking houses used to be. And so, one way and another, Terry Holmes has left his mark on Derby's pub scene, and as he retires to live in his seaside retreat overlooking Patrick's Mount in colourful County Mayo, this Falstaffian figure and his supportive wife, Nina, will not be soon forgotten by the many that knew them. Happy retirement to both.

Reg Newcombe

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 held at the Brunswick, on 4th September, 2013

Apologies. Kate Neale, Konrad Machej, Graham Yates, Julian Hough, Les Baynton. **Minutes of last Meeting** Printed in M&B. Correction – Not all members were given sufficient notice of the City Charter Festival review meeting, and they should be given proper notice in the future. **Matters arising** None. **Officers' reports:** **Chair. Nationally** - GBG launch 12th Sept. Members - £10 a copy at next two Branch meetings. Whatpub launch 23rd September. Members' mobile version 9th Sept with public version to follow. Oct-Cider and Perry Month and Community Pubs Campaign. 12th Oct - CBOB awards lunch at Burton. 5th Oct - National Breweriana auction in Burton Town Hall. **Locally** - Regional meeting 7th Sept at Rowing Club. AV fest 12th -15th Sept. BLO vacancies at Nutbrook and Titan. Also new BLO required for Whim. Steve Westby has concluded it is still in our branch area. The branch thanked the outgoing BLO, Steve Crispin, for his efforts. Lately he had problems maintaining contact with the brewery. EGM 10th Oct - Station. BBC Inside Out programme to look at closed pubs on Derby Mile in feature on pub closures. BBC Radio Derby had featured Julian Tubbs last Saturday on pub prices and quality. **Secretary** Ian Forman (IF) had ordered 250 GBGs for the branch, which were to be delivered on the 10th Sept to the Royal Oak in Ockbrook. **Treasurer** Accounts were ready for AGM at the Station. Julian Tubbs (JT) had been

negotiating our recent VAT and some monies had been paid. We could be due for a refund. DD advertising info was sadly not available for scrutiny because Julian had not had all the details. He apologised. He needs to liaise with Gareth and Lynn Brown. Jok Arguile (JA) urged pre-payment for DD adverts. City Charter Festival monies had been received. JA asked that we have an annual budget. **City Charter Festival** Some monies from 2013 had been transferred to branch account. **National Winter Ales Festival** Gillian thanked JT for recently submitting the budget to HQ. We now have a logo and flyers which we have NE approval to distribute. Derby Uni is advertising the festival for new students. We are to instigate beer quality experts. Now to be known as the **National Winter Ales Festival**, and not a Derby festival, but a national one. It would be treated as a new festival and as such a budget had had to be prepared at short notice to make sure we did not miss the deadline for budget submissions. An extra committee meeting had been requested last Thursday night for Gillian Williams (GW) to inform the committee of the requirements of the National Winter Ales Festival. She had been told in no uncertain terms that this was a national event and could not be run as a Derby festival. Deadlines for budget submission were tight and a budget had been prepared which would have to face up to the fact that CAMRA members would have to be charged for entry to some sessions. Entry to all DERBY festivals would, subject to the budgets for each individual festival being approved, remain free for members. Accommodation for necessary staff is being organised. **Campaigning goals** Pub map - has stagnated a little but efforts were to be redoubled. Pub preservation officer – we had tried to contact Tony Cooper but no reply as yet. Whatpub – we aspire to achieve green status in Whatpub. Volunteers required to research information to get things moving quickly. **Derby Drinker** Copy deadline is 20th September. **GBG** Launch at New Zealand which would have guides for sale. Members - £10. Licensee packs had been received for distribution. **WhatPub** Current status of 207 real ale pubs is: 86% have basic details, with 10% having full details. Pictures of closed pubs needed for archive. Only 1/3 of our pubs have pictures. **Surveys** As published in M&B. **Membership** Konrad Machej (KM) not at meeting but had reported 81 new members this month. A volunteer to help Konrad was required and had been publicised. **Youth Membership** Marketing materials for young members is being updated. Claire Beavis spoke about her ideas to attract younger members- tasting sessions etc. Committee to discuss at next meeting. **Locale/CAMRA Discount** Buoyant and continuing. **M&B** Copy deadline Weds 25th Sept. **Socials** Dean not at meeting but publicised in M&B. **Ashbourne Sub**

Branch Discussions were taking place about boundary changes with members in the area after they were the subject of a mail shot. A few replies had been received. **Regional** Next meeting at the Rowing Club on 7th September. **Information Exchange** New brewery proposed for Bell and Castle on Burton Rd. Backlight Brewery. JT apologised for not submitting Leatherbritches BLO report. Moon at Spondon shut. Beaconsfield club closed. Hope and Anchor at Wirksworth up for auction. Cider festival at Hardinge Arms on 14th Sept. **AOB CAMRA** website – 25 years of cider. 34 people who have achieved great things for cider - please vote. **Meeting closed at 9.30pm.**

Ashbourne CAMRA

Minutes of the Ashbourne CAMRA Sub-Branch Meeting held at the Bluebell, Tissington on 27 August 2013

Present: Mark Grist, Gareth Butterfield, David Coackley, Tony Beech, John Kippax, Dave Leigh, Michelle Leigh, Kim Dorrington, Pat Laughlin. **Apologies** Keith Palmer, Lizzie Butterfield, Diane Grist, Malcolm Philippe. **Minutes of July Meeting/Matters Arising** The Minutes had been circulated and were approved. No matters arising which were not covered by the Agenda. **Chairman's report** GBG – published 12 September – Smiths Tavern and The Sycamore in the Guide this year. MG will have packs for these pubs which will be handed over at a presentation 'event'. Copies of the new GBG will be available for members at £10 per copy. Little formal response to correspondence to Derby Branch, Stoke Branch and the West Midlands Regional Committee on the reallocation of pubs to the Ashbourne Sub-Branch. Derby Branch has have written out formally to those in the areas under consideration, e.g. DE6 3 – apparently few responses have been received so far but these will be passed to MG after the closing date for the consultation. A new Branch membership list has still not been received. DL to follow this up with HQ. **Action: DL** **Treasurer's Report** DL to finalise Beer Festival accounts. Monies will be available for Secretary. **Action: DL** Community Transport is chasing payment for the Festival Volunteers Thank You trip although no invoice has been received. PL to chase invoice. **Action: PL** **Secretary's Report** Notification has been received for two new members Nick Rycroft and John Jones and the transfer of 2 members from Derby DE6 3 to the Ashbourne Branch. **Correspondence** None. **Beer Festival** MG is awaiting confirmation from the owners of The Green Man that they can offer a venue for the 2014 Festival. MG

to follow up and organise meeting to discuss details, especially numbers which can be accommodated, when this confirmation is given. **Action: MG** The proposed date for 2014 remains August Bank Holiday (the traditional time for the original Green Man festival). Members commented that there had been a large number of Festivals, including pub-based ones such as at tonight's venue running over the August Bank holiday weekend in 2013 but after discussion this was still considered the preferred date. **Branch Activity** The Branch Walk held on 11 August had gone well and was enjoyed by all those taking part: a report had been circulated with the Branch minutes. Thanks were recorded to Keith Palmer, Social Secretary for organizing the event. A second route is being considered. Dave Leigh said that Hannah Baron was also considering g another route, possibly for cycling, around Kniveton, Brassington and Hognaston. **Action: KP** Tony Beech suggested that further walks should be notified to the Local Press: Gareth Butterfield agreed that the ANT could publicise the next event. Invitations will also be issued to Derby and Amber Valley Branches. Information will also be sent to Derby Drinker. Detail will therefore be needed by 22 September 2013. Talbot, Hilton, is under new management and is now committed to serving Real Ale. The Chairman tabled a list of other forthcoming Festivals. The Secretary will circulate these dates to members. **Action: PL** **Pub Report** Members reported the following: Green Man: Latest Press Release suggests that work is proceeding quickly with the first shop likely to be open in October 2013. Red Lion at Hollington has a new landlord. It is still giving CAMRA discount. The Horns has apparently been sold. The White Hart is shut. The Coach & Horses has reopened. Yew Tree – Letter to be sent to the Trust re their intentions. **Action: PL** Yeaveley Arms is open although there are still rumours of closure. The Shire Horse at Wyaston & The Ketch appear to be doing well under new management. The George & Dragon – a new contract in place for three years with existing landlords. **Any Other Business** Tony Beech reported that there is still no confirmation of a date for a visit to the Callow Top brewery. PL proposed that once formal agreement has been reached on the transfer of Staffordshire Moorlands pubs that there should be a visit or Branch meeting at the Watts Russell pub. Tony Beech reported that the Ram Brewery is no longer brewing. **Diary Dates: 11-15 Sept** Amber Valley Beer Festival at Alfreton Leisure Centre. **24 Sept** Branch Meeting. Chairman proposed walking tour visiting 3-4 pubs starting at the Bowling Green and ending at the Smiths Tavern via the Vaults/White Swan and the Coach & Horses. Three agenda items to be considered at each pub. **29 Oct** Branch Meeting at The Ketch, Kniveton.

Amber Valley CAMRA

4th Amber Valley Beer and Cider Festival

After three years at Butterley, this year found us in Alfreton Leisure Centre Bowls Hall. We had plenty of space and an impressive stillage containing 100 beers greeted customers on entry. An innovation this year was a trade session on Thursday afternoon during which Mild Trail presentations were made to Welbeck Abbey for Ellis Mild and to Muirhouse for Magnum Mild. Out of many fine beers, both local and from further afield, our beer of the festival was Green Devil from Oakham, at 6% a superb, well hopped IPA. Cider of the festival was Ruby Suzie from Woodthorpe Hall, Derbyshire. A wide range of evening entertainment included the unmissable Rolling Stoned. The new venue worked fine, and despite customer numbers being lower than anticipated, those present had a great time.

Pub of the Year

Nominations for the 2014 Amber Valley Pub of the Year may be sent between November 1st and December 31st, with each member allowed to nominate up to 5 pubs, and judging will begin on January 1st 2014, ending on February 28th. Further details of how to nominate the pubs will be published on the AV Google Group and the Branch website in the next few weeks.

Pub Beer Festivals

3rd to 6th October - **New Inn**, Church Street, Riddings, 24th to 26th October - **Holly Bush**, Makeney. 31st October to 2nd November - **Poet and Castle**, Codnor.

Amber Valley Diary

OCTOBER

Tues 1st- Sun November 3rd, Amber & Erewash Valley Cider Trail, for list of participating pubs call Trevor Spencer on 07758265915 or email

dedpoet702@yahoo.co.uk

Mon 7th - Beer Festival review meeting, Black Bulls Head, Openwoodgate-8pm.

Sat 19th – Free Survey Trip to Openwoodgate & outskirts of Belper. Bus leaves Ripley Market Place 7:30pm, to book contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966.

Thu 31st – BRANCH MEETING, Old Kings Head, Belper-8pm.

Contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Ashbourne Diary

OCTOBER

Tue 29th – BRANCH MEETING, Ketch, Kniveton-8pm.

Ashbourne Contact

Chairman, **Mark Grist** m.grist2@sky.com

Derby Branch Diary

OCTOBER

Thu 3rd – NWAf meeting, Brunswick-730pm.

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.

Sat. 12th - Social - Leicester Tour; Beer, Kings and Car parks

Meet at the Alexandra Hotel, 11.30am, for those desirous of a swift half, and on to the Railway Station for the 12.01 train. Our guides for the day are Pete and Jane Elliott, and there will be plenty of good pubs, including some hidden gems, together with a history lesson involving the discovery of Richard III remains.

Sat 19th - Survey Trip, Wirksworth by free minibus. Depart from Cathedral Green 6.30pm, names to Dean to book a seat 0770 3458623.

Wed 23rd – Social, Golden Eagle, Agard Street 9pm.

NOVEMBER

Sat 2nd Titanic Brewery Tour, Burslem, Stoke on Trent. The tour is free but Dean requires a £5 deposit to secure a place on the mini coach, which should be about £10 /head depending on numbers. Maximum of 29. We'll start at the brewery for the tour and tastings, followed by food either at the brewery or their tap which you will need to pay for. We should have time for a few of the other pubs in the area before heading home. Exact plan TBD. Coach from Cathedral Green, Full Street, at Noon and returns from Stoke at 7pm. Deposits to Dean to secure a place.

Mon 4th - Committee meeting.

Wed 6th – NWAf meeting, Brunswick-730pm.

Thu 14th – BRANCH MEETING, Spa Inn, Abbey Street, Derby-8pm.

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