

Mild & Bitter

Keeping Derby CAMRA drinkers informed since 1975

Would You Like To Stand For The Derby Branch Committee?

The AGM at the Flowerpot on Wednesday, 9th April gives members the opportunity to stand for the committee of one of the UK's leading CAMRA branches. Derby's reputation has been enhanced by the successful National Winter Ales Festival at the Roundhouse, and the future looks exciting with at least two more NWAfs scheduled for the city in 2015 and 2016. Also, we have, of course, the City Charter Festival at the Assembly Rooms in July. Indeed, Derby CAMRA has many facets and we would like to see some new faces involved as some of the present branch committee have given loyal service for years. The branch has evolved over the 40 years of its existence and, with your help, will continue to do so. You may be a little reticent in stepping forward, so if you'd like to have an informal chat with us, please telephone Branch Secretary, **Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or email Ian at secretary@derbycamra.org.uk** **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MEET OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS.** Should you wish to stand for committee you will need a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be CAMRA members. **Please bring your membership card in order to vote at the meeting.** Wheelchair access at the Flowerpot is good.

National Winter Ales Festival Outing

NWAF workers are invited to the trip to Derby Brewing Company and The Tap. The workers' outing is on Friday, 9th May. **Contact gillian.williams1@yahoo.co.uk**

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All the best, **Tim Williams (M&B Distribution Officer)**

Budget Cheer

The Budget saw the Chancellor reduce beer duty by 1p. Not much admittedly, and it's doubtful you'll notice the difference at the bar, but it's infinitely preferable to the damaging beer duty escalator which increased the duty on a pint each year by the rate of inflation plus 2%. Marston's, brewers of Pedigree and Bass, has announced that it's creating 3,000 jobs in the pub industry.

It's Spondon at the Double in Club of the Year Awards

Spondon village, which enjoys excellent bus links to Derby, has claimed a notable double in the Club of the Year awards. Spondon Liberal Club has been judged Derby CAMRA Club of the Year, with Spondon Conservative Club second. Last year's winner, the Nunsfield Club, came third.

WANTED - Help With M&B email Distribution

M&B has to be sent out in batches of less than 500 email addresses (ISPs assume large batches are spam and won't deliver). As a result it now takes four or five days to email M&B out. I want to reduce this so that you get M&B earlier. To do so I need two or more assistants. You will need (or need to open) a gmail (or Virgin) account (as far as I know these are the only two ISPs who allow anything like as much as 500 addresses). The successful candidate will also need a small amount of email savvy and be able to send emails on two days each month, early in the week before the Derby Branch Meeting. With three or four of us it should be easy to cover each other's holidays. I will set everything up so that sending them will be very simple and will take you (much) less than ten minutes twice a month. In addition you will need to deal with "out of office" messages (delete them) and "undeliverable" messages (forward to me for processing); perhaps another 10 minutes a month. Applications to Tim Williams (01332)381358 timwilliams39bhr@gmail.com All applicants accepted – and if anyone want the whole job of M&B distribution I will buy you a pint (or eight)!

April is Community Pubs' Month

CAMRA encourages pubs to organise events and use this month of action to try new marketing initiatives with the object of increasing trade. CAMRA has new promotional packs for anyone to order – communitypubsmnth.org.uk All Good Beer Guide 2014 pubs will automatically receive a free promotional pack and pubs that have shown interest in our previous Community Pub Campaigns will also receive a promotional pack. **For other pubs, it's down to the pubs to order their packs from CAMRA (email address above).** Members are encouraged to ask pubs to participate in the campaign and promote their activities to local members and the wider community.

Charter Festival Update

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 2nd April at the Alexandra, starting at 8pm. The City Charter Festival is between 9th - 13th July at the Assembly Rooms. For festival announcements, please 'Like' our Face book page www.facebook.com/derbybeerfestival

DBC's 10th Anniversary

Trevor and Paul Harris of Derby Brewing Company are celebrating ten years of brewing at their Nottingham Road site. To mark this milestone, one new or retro brew is planned for each month of this year, starting in March, and the two most popular as judged by customers will reappear in January and February 2015. Have you tried McLaren's Malt (4.5%), a full bodied, malty concoction with pleasing depth of flavour, which is available as a house beer at the Victoria, Midland Place, together with a whopping 30p CAMRA discount.

Brampton to Exit Brunswick

Brampton Brewery will not be renewing their one year lease with Everard's at the Brunswick after a finely balanced decision which took account of the impending Castleward housing development. Trade has been hit by the ludicrously long closure of the London Road railway bridge and sadly, after April, the Chesterfield brewery's fine ales will disappear. We understand that a founder member of Rutland CAMRA will be the new tenant.

Julian Hough to Leave NE

Derby's Julian Hough will step down from the National Executive at the Scarborough AGM later this month. Julian has given years of sterling service to the NE, latterly with responsibility for pubs, and to date is the only Derby member to have filled a national post. We wish Julian well.

Bell and Castle to Enlarge

Alan Kilkenny, owner of the Bell and Castle, is clearly not one to let the proverbial grass grow around his feet. Not content with a stylish refurbishment of the Burton Road pub, Alan has now embarked on the creation of an Irish bar next door. Alan says that facilities for the city's Irish community are somewhat lacking and he's looking to address this whilst, simultaneously, doubling the size of the garden. It looks like the B&C will be a popular destination this summer with drinkers enjoying a pint of the real stuff in the large garden.

Men of Commitment

The April and May editions of Mild and Bitter are going out to our entire membership. This necessitates our distribution manager, **Tim Williams**, sifting through many thousands of pieces of information relating to members' details. We are, therefore, extremely grateful to Tim for the countless hours he freely gives to the campaign in this respect. Also, Derby CAMRA acknowledges the considerable efforts of **John Arguile** in auditing the Ashbourne CAMRA beer festival, Derby City Charter Festival and Derby branch accounts. Similarly, we're indebted to **Kevin Hepworth** for auditing the 2013 Derby winter festival accounts.

Reprieve for Pattenmaker's

The Pattenmaker's, Duffield, Derby CAMRA's Country Pub of the Year, has a **beer festival between the 17th and 21st of April**. After months of uncertainty, Claire Muldoon will be staying at the Edwardian pub after all, so we can raise a glass to this great news. Dave Mountford of the local GMB union fought tooth and nail on Claire's behalf to expose the legal fragility of Enterprise Inns' position, and we should be thankful for Dave's intervention. The Pattenmaker's was very busy for the Pub of the Year presentation in March when Derby Chairman, Gareth Stead, paid tribute to Claire's fortitude in a fine speech.

Derbyshire Beers to be Exported

Amber Ales, Dancing Duck, Brampton, Thornbridge and Peak Ales have all signed up to the UK Trade Passport to Export Scheme.

Wilmot for Sale

Further evidence of Chaddesden's vanishing pub scene comes with the news that the original village pub, the Wilmot Arms, is for sale. Built as The Wheel in the 18thC, it became part of the Wilmot family's Chaddesden Hall estate in the early 19thC before passing into the ownership of Stretton's, Ind Coope and, more recently, Burtonwood brewery. The Wilmots resided at nearby Chaddesden Hall between 1626 and 1926.

Is Safe Becoming Less Safe?!

An article in the latest Derby Drinker alluded to "safe" drinking limits expressed in units of alcohol. The present "safe" limit for men is, we're told, 28 units (weekly) or 4 units (daily). I recall a BBC television programme in 1980 hosted by Cliff Michelmores which asserted that the "safe" weekly limit for men was 40 units (20 pints of ordinary strength beer). So what's changed in the interim?

Mild & Bitter on the Web

Mild & Bitter is available to view in the Members' Area of the award winning Derby Branch Website, as well as a number of back copies, in case you have mislaid previous editions.

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 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

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting at the Station Inn on 9th October 2013

Apologies Julian Tubbs, Eric Streets, Ralf Edge. **Treasurer** Julian Tubbs was not at the meeting but had sent a statement and copies of the relevant accounts. Gareth read Julian's prepared statement. He asked that any questions to be referred back to Julian. The EGM was to conclude the financial matters which were not able to be completed at the AGM earlier in the year. **Winter festival** Kevin Hepworth (auditor) spoke of his findings. He signed the accounts off after some minor adjustments. He referred to problems with admission revenue which was a major issue. Tim Williams asked questions about the ticket admission discrepancies and Kevin explained. Jok Arguile spoke about door takings, having raised the problem years ago. He put it down to human error and not embezzlement. See appended report from Kevin. **Vote-Proposed** by Julian Hough, seconded by Time Williams and accepted for 2012. **Consolidated accounts** Not for approval. Only for information as per Julian's statement. Money had been owed by Colorstream who had since gone bust. There would be an adjustment in 2013. Tim Williams asked where the beer festival equipment appeared. Jok explained it was zero book value due to depreciation. A discussion ensued. Kate Neale asked why GBG monies didn't show up on these accounts. Auditors for 2013 accounts not appointed at the AGM. Jok will do 2013 branch audit. Kevin Hepworth will do the 2013 winter audit.

Minutes of the Derby CAMRA AGM at Derby Rowing Club on 12th June 2013

55 at meeting. **Apologies** Kevin Hepworth, Janie Marshall, Les Bayton, Steve Cooper, Bill Dudley. **Tellers** Carl Brett and Alan Ward after due vote. **Minutes of Last AGM** Accepted. **Matters Arising** Jok Arguile had asked for copies of treasurer's reports or auditor's reports for 2011 and 2012. These had not been forthcoming in the intervening 12 months. Julian alluded to problems with Keith Normington who had died in the interim, and Kevin Hepworth. Julian would attempt to recall. Konrad pointed out that a written report should have been forthcoming but wasn't. **Chairman's Report** Gareth read his report to the branch. He presented Konrad with the membership award from the members' weekend. **Finance** Julian Tubbs introduced the accounts. He spoke of DD advertising revenue problems which had now been resolved. He spoke of some problems with double invoicing. He spoke briefly about auditor's report which was to be delivered. He was not sure he would

stand as treasurer again. We should, over all our different committees, be using the same accounting process. He proposed an online package to be used by all committees and treasurers. We would be the first branch to do this. Overall consolidated accounts from Julian could not be delivered at the meeting the accounts did not balance so would not be presented tonight. Accounts to be delivered tonight were from Jok's figures. Julian commended Jok's hard work in sorting out the figures. He then passed over to Jok who gave his auditor's account. Winter accounts would not be presented tonight. **Auditor's Report** Jok had spoken to Mr Cryne at HQ. He read the reply. Sue Lawson's written report to branch had not been given to the auditor. In Jok's opinion preparation of accounts left a lot to be desired. He suggested that invoices for DD adverts should be presented in advance of printing. Chris Gale asked if there was any national advice for financial management. There wasn't. Jok agreed we should have a standard model for accounts. Amber Valley accounts were easy and simple to audit. Tim Williams asked if we needed to have the accounts professionally processed. It was felt this was an expensive option. Only a third of DD adverts had been invoiced. Some bad debts were expected. Martin Reek asked when a line would be drawn under the debts. Dean Smith felt the committee had a collective responsibility for the state of the accounts. DD could be farmed out to a printing company at no financial risk. It was hoped we could recover. Accounts should be examined on a monthly basis in committee. An EGM for the accounts would be necessary. Gillian Williams suggested a working group to revitalise DD. Guest editors etc? **Amber Valley accounts** Approved on vote. **Summer accounts and auditor's report** Accepted. **Branch accounts** Accepted. **Winter festival** To be the subject of a future EGM after due notice to be given. **Appointment of new auditors:** Ashbourne Jok Arguile. **Summer festival** Jok Arguile appointed. **Winter** No takers. **Branch** No takers. Held over to EGM. **Ashbourne motion** Mark Grist presented the motion to ask the committee to look at increasing the geographical coverage to include Brailsford, Kirk Ireton, Hulland Ward, Hilton, Hatton and Church Broughton. Gareth read out the full motion. Seconded by Jok Arguile. Vote – unanimous. **Election of new committee** Gareth Stead – Chair; Ian Forman – Secretary; Julian Tubbs – Treasurer; Additional committee members: Sue Dudley, Stewart Marshall, Konrad Machej, Sue Rodgers - All elected unopposed. Mark Grist, Russ Gilbert, Gillian Williams all to be co-opted and minuted at the next branch committee meeting. A discussion ensued about branch officer roles. We should have designated, named roles. **Branch awards** The branch and committee presented a

tankard to Dean Smith in recognition for all his hard work for the campaign as a past committee member and social secretary. **AOB** Summer festival is imminent. Some issues, but surmountable. The Assembly Rooms had been extremely helpful in setting up and running the festival - Russ thanked them. Green Man at Ashbourne development - Mark Grist had been on radio Derby. The proposals were not acceptable to us.

Derby AGM Agenda

1. Apologies. 2. Appointment of tellers
3. Minutes of last meeting. 4. Matters arising. 5. Chairman's report 6. Finance (Treasurer's report, branch and beer festival accounts, Auditors' report, Appointment of new Auditors)
7. Motions for debate. 8. Election of new committee. 9. Branch awards. 10. Any other business.

Minutes of the Ashbourne Sub-Branch of CAMRA Meeting at The Vernon Arms, Sudbury on 25th February 2014

Present: Mark Grist, Diane Grist, Kevin Woolley, Hannah Barton, Gareth Butterfield, Richard Bright, Kim Dorrington, Pat Laughlin, Keith Palmer, David Coackley, Lizzie Butterfield. **Apologies:** Dave Leigh, Michelle Leigh, Phil Lee, Malcolm Philippe, Tony Beech. **Minutes of January Meeting/Matters Arising.** The Minutes had been circulated and were approved. The following Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda were discussed: POTY Winners: Overall winner – Smiths Tavern, Runner-up, The Sycamore at Parwich. Most improved Pub - The Red Lion. Certificates given. Publicity to be arranged with ANT. Certificate for Landlady of the Black Horse arranged. There will be three entries in GBG for Ashbourne – Smiths, Sycamore, Red Lion suggested. Possibility of a 4th – The Bowling Green at Ashbourne – considered. Further debate required. **Chairman's Report** National CAMRA Winter Beer Festival was very successful with a record NWF attendance. Re the Green Man redevelopment, it was understood that the brewery area will be reinstated as a pub. Beer Festival in Marchington Village Hall with music 8th and 9th March. **Secretary/Treasurer** The Branch has one new member – Mark Kenwright. Expenditure of £15 in the month – stamps for member notices and printer paper. Full access to membership lists still under review. Chairman reported positive support from Region for a more open system. **Branch Activity** Next Pub Walk would be Kniveton to Hognaston. Date to be agreed and circulated – possibly Sunday 23 March. This could only be a

Sunday if an alternative to public transport was found. **Action: KP (Note: this date has been cancelled and will be recirculated)** There was still some interest in a Branch visit to Derby ending at the Exeter Arms for food. This will have to be booked in advance. Proposed dates (Saturday) to be circulated. **Action: KP** Formal pub review scoring trips to be arranged. Chairman & Secretary to discuss the arrangements. **Action: MG & PL** KD proposed a trip to a Worcestershire hop farm. KD to propose dates and times. **Action: KD.** Possible trip to Barrow Hill Rail Ale Festival 15-17 May. **2014 Beer Festival** The date was confirmed as August Bank Holiday. A business plan would need to be submitted and approved by CAMRA within the next few weeks to ensure that the expenditure was underwritten and CAMRA could be recognised in the publicity materials. **Action: MG & DL.** A first discussion had been held with the owner of the Green Man. While it had been confirmed that the large function room could be available for the event, a check of the access and fire escape arrangements had shown that numbers would be significantly restricted. It was unlikely that this would change in the time available. MG proposed that the sub-branch consider using the Courtyard with a marquee and beer storage in the old brewery buildings. It was agreed that the costs and logistics of this should be explored, together with the issue of managing the public right of way through the Courtyard. Some possible arrangements for controlling entry were discussed and would also be considered. There could also be a need to use qualified security staff. **Action: MG & DL** Marketing and Publicity was a key issue to be planned and costed. PL suggested that a review of other events taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend should be explored so that CAMRA was not seen to be in competition with some of the pubs covered by the Branch. MG would call a Festival Meeting within the next few weeks. Attracting the right number of volunteers would be one of the key issues. **Action: MG & PL. Pub Reports** MG confirmed that Yeaveley Arms is now closed. A new team was in place at the George & Dragon and the Coach & Horses. The White Hart was open but on an intermittent basis. A new owner had been confirmed for the Black Horse at Hulland Ward. **Any Other Business** RB had obtained some more information about Community Assets and investments in pubs. At the end of the meeting there was an opportunity to move onto the Cavendish Arms at Doveridge. **Dates for Diary: March** meeting – 25 March at The Black Cow, Dalbury Lees and the Three Horseshoes at Long Lane. The business would be completed at the Black Cow. **April** Meeting – 29 April, 2000h at The Ostrich at Longford. **May** - Branch AGM – Cock Inn at Clifton (tbc). **Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

Amber Valley CAMRA

Four Bridges Real Ale Trail

A pub trail of Derby has been organized in the latest of the Amber Valley CAMRA Amber Rambles. It will start from the Little Chester Ale House on Chester Green at 12 o'clock on Sunday, 13th April. Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year 2013, the Exeter Arms, will be our ultimate destination. For more information, please ring/text 07968 198288. As always, the walk is open to non-CAMRA members so please feel free to bring friends along.

King William Beer Festival

The Milford pub's Spring Beer Festival will start at 2pm on Thursday 24th April, until closing time on Sunday 27th April. It will have 12 real ales plus 6 on the main bar. There will also be 4 real ciders. Live music from 9pm on Friday, featuring local Roots Reggae Duo, The Dubbles, and on Saturday from 9pm there will be The Paul Evans Trio. On drink up day Sunday, entertainment from 3pm until 5pm, will be barber shop trio, The Undecided.

Amber Valley Diary APRIL

Sat 5th – Multiple Pub/Club of the Year Presentations: 1430 Holly Bush, Makeney; 1530 Strutt Club, Campbell Street, Belper; 1630 Black Bull's Head, Openwoodgate. All welcome.
Mon 7th – Beer Festival meeting, Cross Keys, Swanwick-8pm.
Sat 12th – Free survey trip, departing from Ripley Market Place at 730pm.
Sun 13th – Four Bridges Real Ale Trail, see above.

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Thu 1st – BRANCH MEETING, Greenhill Tavern, Riddings-8pm.
Contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Ashbourne Diary

APRIL

Tue 29th – BRANCH MEETING, Ostrich, Longford-8pm.

Ashbourne Contact

Chairman, Mark Grist m.grist2@sky.com

Derby Branch Diary

APRIL

Wed 2nd – City Charter Festival meeting, Alexandra-8pm.

Wed 9th – AGM, Flowerpot, King Street, Derby-8pm. Please bring your membership card.

Fri 11th – Survey, Cotton in the Elms, Hatton, Church Broughton, by **free mini bus**. Cotton in the Elms is included for Derbyshire POTY judging so start your judging now. Free mini bus leaves Cathedral Green 7.30pm, returning to Derby by 11pm. Names to Dean.
Tues 15th – Social/Survey – Suburbeer in Mickleover, Nags Head, Vine, Masons. Suggested timings are 8.30 Nags Head, 9.15 Vines, Masons 10pm. Timings may vary slightly depending on numbers attending and beer quality on the night. Pubs are close together so you won't have any problems finding us.
Wed 23rd – St George's Day Social, Peacock, Old Nottingham Road-9pm.

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Fri 9th – NWA 'Thank You' evening at Derby Brewing Company and The Tap; You should have been contacted by festival staffing with your invite/details.
Wed 14th – BRANCH MEETING, Furnace Inn, Duke Street-8pm. Taste the latest offerings from the on-site brewery.
Sat 17th – Best of Derbyshire Tour, by Mini Bus. Tour of North Derbys, visiting many of this year's POTY and COTY nominees with a few old favourites as well. Open to all, but an ideal trip if you want to get involved with the Derbyshire Pub of the Year voting. This year the south Derbys area will be done on another survey in April. Nominal plan: Ashbourne, Chinley, Millers Dale, Wardlow Mires, Dronfield / Apperknowle, Chesterfield, South Normanton, Matlock. Bus leaves Cathedral Green 11.30am, name and deposit of £5 required. Exact route and cost tba. **Contact Dean Smith 0770 3458623 to reserve your place.**

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