

Mild & Bitter

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Join us on the Mild in May and Summer Ale Trail

The Mild in May/Summer Ale Trail will be launched at the **Falstaff on Silverhill Road, Normanton, on Saturday, 10th May** and run until the start of the 37th City Charter Summer Beer Festival. Participants will initially be collecting red “mild” stickers from each pub in return for drinking a half or more of Mild. At the end of May participants will then additionally be able to collect blue “real ale” stickers in return for drinking the same quantity of Real Ale. Stickers, once collected, should be attached to a trail form in Derby Drinker. Additionally forms can be downloaded from the Derby CAMRA website. From 2014 the trail has been increased to 22 pubs as listed below. Not all pubs will stock Mild during the whole of May; in particular the Little Chester Alehouse, Honeycomb, Horse & Groom and Thomas Leaper will have limited availability. **Pubs taking part are: Alexandra Hotel, Babington Arms, Bell & Castle, Brewery Tap, Brunswick, Dolphin Inn, Exeter Arms, Falstaff, Five Lamps, Flowerpot, Furnace, Greyhound, Golden Eagle, Honeycomb, Mickleover, Horse & Groom, Little Chester Alehouse, Mr Grundy’s, Old Silk Mill, Queens Head, Little Eaton, Royal Oak, Ockbrook, Spa Inn and Thomas Leaper.** Members completing the trail will be entitled to up to **4 pints of free beer** at the festival, depending on how many stickers they have collected. Additional information will be posted on the Derby CAMRA website. Members are asked to also enter their score on the *whatpub.com* website.

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Tim Williams (M&B Distribution Officer)

Branch Meeting, Furnace Inn, Duke Street, Wednesday, 14th May

This month’s branch meeting will be held at the current Derby CAMRA Pub of the Year, the Furnace, Duke Street, starting at 8pm. Come down and sample the latest offerings from the Shiny brewery. Wheelchair access is good.

Extraordinary General Meeting, Rowing Club, Wednesday, 11th June

Notice is hereby given of an EGM at Derby Rowing Club, Darley Grove, on **Wednesday, 11th June**, starting at 8pm. The purpose of the meeting is to ratify accounts, and a branch meeting will follow. Wheelchair access is poor as the meeting room is accessed via a flight of stairs.

City Charter Festival Meeting Dates

The next meetings are all on Wednesdays starting at 8pm: 7th May, Spa Inn, Abbey Street; 4th June, Dolphin; 25th June, TBA. **A Publicity Officer is still required.**

Has Assembly Rooms Hosted its Last Festival?

This year’s 37th City Charter Beer Festival will be held in a huge marquee on Derby Market Place between **9th and 13th July**. The fire that destroyed the Assembly Rooms’ plant room on the adjacent car park has led to the Council declaring that all events will be cancelled for at least 18 months. The Council has even hinted at the possibility of demolishing the modern structure, and yet it was as recently as 18th March that a Council representative predicted a closure period of only 8 weeks. Perhaps after the local elections on 22nd May we’ll have a clearer picture of the building’s fate. **A paper version of the City Charter Beer Festival staffing form is enclosed but if you have received M&B by email please use the online version of the form if possible.** Please print this off for any friends who don’t have access to the internet but may like to try working at the festival. It can be very enjoyable, we will make sure you get a few drinks, and even one four hour session will help a lot. To access the online form go to the Derby CAMRA web site <http://derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival-staffing>. It only takes a minute to complete the form and you will quickly get an email reply. To keep up to date with all of the latest information see www.facebook.com/Derbybeerfestival or www.derbycamra.org.uk/summer-beer-festival

Osnabruck Beer Festival

City Charter Festival activist, Mark Fletcher, is looking at the possibility of organizing a trip to Derby’s twin town of Osnabruck, which is holding a beer festival around 13th June. Please contact mark.fletcher7@btinternet.com

AGM Review

April’s AGM saw Sue Dudley and Sue Rogers step down from the Derby committee. Derby CAMRA thanks them for their efforts during the year. Derby CAMRA’s first elected Chairman, Tim Williams, was elected onto the committee and the new committee is listed on page 4. The entire room rose to applaud retiring National Executive member, Julian Hough, when he was presented with an inscribed 1978 Derby City Charter Beer Festival glass. Julian was the Assembly Rooms’ beer festival Hall Manager for very many years. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in June to ratify accounts.

Micro Pub for Melbourne

Long standing CAMRA member, David Carpenter, is planning to open a micro pub in the former HSBC bank premises on Melbourne High Street. This proposed new addition to Melbourne's pub scene will be blissfully free of electronic accoutrements and its triple arcaded ground floor frontage is reminiscent of the New Market (Home Ales) which used to stand on Albert Street, Derby.

London Drinker Festival

A small group of Derby CAMRA Special Forces (BLOTS) headed for The London Drinker Beer Festival in the middle of March. The festival prides itself as being 'the longest running beer festival in London in the same venue' - The Camden Centre, conveniently situated near St Pancras station. They had beers from all over the country available, including two from our area, Elsie Mo from Castle Rock and Asteroid from Black Hole. The main reason for our return visit however was to taste the ever-growing number of beers from London micros. There were 44 different beers from 22 London breweries, including old favourites from Sambrooks, Hackney and The Cronx, to strangely named newer ones like 'A Head In a Hat' and 'By The Horns' It was also a treat to taste beers from The Truman's New Brewery... Swift at 4% and London Keeper at 8%. So this is the place to come to sample a huge selection of London beers, perhaps more of our Derby brewers should be networking in the Trade Session, it's a friendly atmosphere with many London brewers in attendance. This was the 30th London Drinker festival and this year is also the 40th anniversary of the organisers- North London CAMRA Branch. As this year is also Derby CAMRA'S 40th, perhaps a friendly link-up with our Southern counterparts would be a good move. **Les Baynton-BGBW**

Derby CAMRA's Presentation to Loyal Members

The cellar bar of the Flowerpot was packed on the 3rd April to mark the birthdays of two venerable Derby CAMRA members who have given outstanding service to the branch for decades. Derby's first elected Chairman, Tim Williams, presented inscribed cups to Reg Newcombe and David "Charlie" Pratt who have joined a select group of branch octogenarians. It was great to have so many familiar faces present.

'74 GBG Listings Diminish

The Florence Nightingale on London Road is the subject of a planning application for conversion to flats. In a previous incarnation, when known as the Nottingham Arms, it was one of only four Derby pubs in the first Good Beer Guide in 1974.

Real Ale at EMA

Those who like to take their holidays outside of England will be pleased to know that you can now sample a pint of the 2010 Champion Beer of Britain at East Midlands Airport. Castle Rock, the go-ahead Nottingham brewery, has opened the Castle Rock Tap and Kitchen, where Harvest Pale is served. The facility is in the departure lounge at first floor level and you'll need to be booked on a flight.

Oak Beer Festival

The Royal Oak, Ockbrook, is holding a beer festival between Friday, 2nd and Monday, 5th May.

Roll up, roll up, to Britain's Biggest Pub

CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival, **Olympia, London, 12-16 August 2014** will have a carnival atmosphere this summer with an extravagant circus theme complete with live-action circus performers. But fantastic beer will of course remain the star of the show, with over 350 different breweries offering 900 different real ales, ciders, perries and international beers to over 50,000 thirsty beer lovers throughout the week-long event. The festival will feature 29 bars including 11 brewery bars run by the Nation's biggest and best brewers of real ale, plus food and merchandise stalls as well as a full schedule of entertainment on the GBBF music stage. The event is set to be one the biggest and best Great British Beer Festival's ever, so don't miss out on your place at the festival and buy a ticket now via www.gbbf.org.uk/tickets

Derbyshire's Brewing Revival

If you're visiting one of the beer festivals over the **Whitsuntide weekend** you might like to raise a glass of Derbyshire ale to the chap who started the county's brewing revival on the same weekend in 1977. I refer, of course, to John Thompson, who launched the superb, fruity JTS XXX (4.5%) after Derbyshire had been bereft of brewing for several years. John, a former market gardener, had converted the ground floor of his substantial Ingleby home into the eponymous pub in 1969, around the time that Derby's Exeter Arms and Belper's Nags Head racked their last brews. Eight years later, entrepreneurial John, set about restoring brewing to England's midmost county, and it was apt that John was invited to pull the first pint at the inaugural Derby City Charter Beer Festival at the King's Hall on 6th April 1978. In 1980, John's sons introduced the Ingleby elixir to Sadlers wine bar, Sadler Gate, Derby, much to the delight of the beer's devotees. Nowadays it's hard to keep up to date with all of the new breweries that are springing up across the county, and the latest estimate is that we're approaching 50. It's a far cry from the 1970s.

Whitsuntide Weekend Festivals

Furnace, Duke Street, Derby 22nd-26th May. **Bell**, Smalley, 23rd-26th May.

Bentley Brook Inn, Fenny Bentley, near Ashbourne, 23rd-26th May.

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 Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting at the Bell & Castle on 13th March 2014

Apologies Konrad Machej, Mark Grist, Julian Hough, Les Williams (late)
Minutes of last meeting Printed in M&B. Accepted as a true record. **Matters arising** None. **Officers' reports: Chair** Tremendous NWAFF had been held. April is community pubs month. Materials from HQ and socials planned. Members' weekend in Scarborough. Julian Hough is standing down from NE at the event. Weds 9th AGM at Flowerpot – committee nominations to Ian Forman. Motions for debate deadline 30th March. POTY presentations had taken place successfully. Forthcoming presentations -Country pubs 18th Pattenmakers, 27th Royal Oak. Branch vacancies – Clubs Officer needed. COTY being judged at the moment. **Secretary** Had been in email contact with Matlock branch re Wirksworth boundary changes. Maps etc to be exchanged. Pubs' officer needs to change branches in order to be included in our HQ branch database. **Treasurer** AGM accounts being arranged e.g. auditing etc. Julian wants a cooperative between DD and accounts. He has a new website up and running for such things. We are owed a lot of money for DD adverts, some possibly unrecoverable. Overpayment Colorstream – we are getting preferential treatment from new company to cover the loss. VAT man owes us money also. DD invoice will be paid. **NWAFF festival** Gillian gave a full account of the festival. Good numbers on Weds. Massive increase in numbers Friday, 6-7 707 through the door! By 8pm it was very

busy. Total of attendees Friday 4884, Saturday 4304. 345 kilderkins sold. Plenty of beer on sale until 10pm so well planned, with very little beer left at close of play. Much praise had been received from HQ and the NE with 100% positive feedback. Indeed, a roaring success - Roger Protz had called it a "magnificent venue". A window had been broken which will be paid for by insurance. Big things planned for next year. 26th March wash up meeting at the Brunswick. **City Charter Summer festival** Terry Morton reported that outside area planned. Three areas, main, Darwin, outside. Entrance will be main Assembly Room entrance. Budget had been approved. New beer areas. Continentals area change. RAIB will be available. Entertainment being planned. German bands? Assembly rooms to provide security. Cheque had been presented to the mayor. In the future there will be reductions in the mayor's office and his services may be charged for, which might trigger a rethink about our future donations. **Campaigning goals** Pub map delayed. A map had been included in the NWAf programme. Gill and Julian are to take over new pub map. Tony Cooper has been doing a good job. WhatPub status from amber to green. Slow progress. **DD** New one out this week. Distribution- some lists out of date and some cross-overs. Distribution to be rationalised and distributors contacted. **GBG/** **Surveys/WhatPub** 2015 GBG entries submitted. WhatPub - Brian had submitted lots of photos. Pub details- volunteers needed to survey one pub a month. Names to Stewart Marshall. Gillian stated that she had read that hotels with real ale should be included in WhatPub. Some branches/areas have been doing this. There may be implications for GBG quota allocations. **Locale** Some more pubs had joined. Derby Wetherspoons have reduced their discounts for members. **Membership** 170 new members at NWAf. **M&B** Weds 26th March deadline for copy. **Regional** Had been in Amber Valley at Arkwright's. Next in June. **Socials** Dean in Canada. As in M&B. April Derbyshire judging trip. **Ashbourne** Mark Grist not at meeting. Thanks for Derby members going to Shrovetide. **Transport** Arriva Derby open ticket now goes to Melbourne. **Website** Up to date. **Information Exchange:** New micro at Castle Donnington - Chequered Flag. White Hart in Aston on Trent closed again. Marston's difficulties. Brunswick new tenant is one of the founders of Rutland CAMRA. Pattenmakers- it had been stated that Claire had renounced the right to renew with Enterprise. This is illegal and Enterprise appear to be in the wrong. Ongoing. Chequers at Ticknall still for sale. Pack Horse Kings Newton closed? Durham Ox now open plan with handpumps. Bell and Castle getting bigger. Florence Nightingale for sale. **AOB** Burton beer festival- Gillian had been judging there and gave results. **Meeting closed at 941pm.**

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 Ashbourne Sub-Branch of CAMRA Meeting at the Black Cow, Dalbury Lees, on 25th March 2014

Present: Mark Grist, Diane Grist, Dave Leigh, Kevin Woolley, Hannah Barton, Gareth Butterfield, Phil Lee. **Apologies:** Pat Laughlin, Keith Palmer, David Coackley, Michelle Leigh, Malcolm Philippe, Kim Dorrington, Lizzie Butterfield. **Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising** The Minutes had been circulated and were approved. Two slight corrections were noted. No matters were arising. **Chairman's Report** April is Community Pubs Month. The Chairman reported that he had been updating and expanding the pub information for the WhatPub database. Every pub in our area is photographed and is at least amber status for information. Information required for green status for all pubs in our area would be appreciated as soon as possible. Please refer to site and focus on missing pieces of information - send them to the Chairman and he will update the entries. Two clubs in the town, which are now on the site and can be reported/scored. In the absence of any confirmed approval from region or HQ, the six pubs in limbo on the Staffordshire border have now also been entered onto WhatPub, so that they are now open to anyone who wishes to score them. For the moment, the site flags them as being covered by our sub-branch, but this is not a ratified position and is subject to change /approval. Six pubs are: The George at Alstonefield, The Watts Russell Arms at Hopedale, Ye Olde Royal Oak at Wetton, The Dog & Partridge at Swinscoe, The Rose & Crown at Middle Mayfield, The Duncombe Arms at Ellastone. Details of the next Amber Valley Ramble had been received just prior to the meeting. It was noted that it is due the day after our own proposed trip to Derby and does, in fact, cover virtually the same pubs we intend to visit, so it was agreed that we should look at moving our trip back 24 hours to see if we could join up with Amber Valley. The Chairman would contact the Social Secretary asap to determine if this is feasible. **Action: MG** Chairman had spoken to Muriel at the Black Horse, Hulland Ward and she said that her last

weekend at the pub will be Friday 4th April - presentation. **Secretary/Treasurer** The secretary was unable to attend due to holiday, but indicated that there are no essential matters to be raised for this meeting. **Branch Activity** As mentioned, we will possibly combine our proposed Derby trip on 12th April with the Amber Valley Ramble on the 13th. Keith was also unable to attend due to holiday, but asked for interest to be gauged for a trip to the Winding Wheel Beer Festival in Chesterfield on May 15th-17th. Phil Lee expressed his interest and there may well be others, but due to the low attendance tonight, we will have to get further confirmations via e-mails etc in the next couple of weeks. **Pub Reports** The Dog & Partridge, Thorpe - Phil Lee reported that internal decoration is still taking place and he had not yet heard of an official opening date, although it was originally targeted at Easter. It is still understood that the pub will revert to an earlier name of the Dog & Duck, to avoid confusion with the other Dog & Partridge at Swinscoe. The Yew Tree, Ednaston - they have redecorated throughout, changed one of the bar counters, introduced a pizza oven, now have catering staff and have installed a barrel of Pedigree behind the bar, alongside two beers served by handpump. The new owner reported great renewed interest from the village population. Beer Festival The chairman expressed concern that time was running short and nothing yet was in place for the projected date in August. He had spoken to some parties at the Green Man during Shrovetide, but three weeks have lapsed since then and we have not been able to make any firm plans. There are also some concerns about how the open access to the courtyard may present some issues of control. Previous concerns had already been raised about the timing over the August Bank Holiday due to other local pub festivals close to the town. Dave Leigh reported that the alterations to the Town Hall had apparently resulted in an increase in capacity. It was agreed that we should explore moving the festival dates back to the end of September/October - noting that Amber Valley's Festival is the last weekend of September - and to also examine the chances of returning to the Town Hall as it is the longer-term preferred option. **Action: DL, MG. Dates for Diary** April Meeting - Tuesday 29th April - The Ostrich at Longford. It has been previously noted that the Ostrich has Pie&Pint nights on Tuesdays, so it is suggested we have a combined meeting/social on this occasion. May Meeting - Tuesday 27th May - **AGM** - The Cock, Clifton. June Meeting - Tuesday 24th June - The Bentley Brook, Fenny Bentley (+ survey The Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley) July Meeting - Tuesday 29th July - The Yew Tree, Ednaston (+ survey The Red Lion, Hollington) **AOB** None. **Meeting closed at 910pm.**

Amber Valley CAMRA

Belper Goes Green CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival 2014

The second Belper Goes Green Beer & Cider Festival is to be held again at the **Belper Rugby Club**, Derby Rd, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1UU, this year supported and organised by the Amber Valley Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale. **The festival runs from Friday 30th May to Sunday 1st June, and admission is free at all times.** The beer festival is open from 6pm to 11pm Friday and 12 noon to 11pm on Saturday & Sunday. There will be 30 beers and 8 ciders and perries on sale. A wide range of styles, types and strengths of quality beer will be available from local and not so local breweries. To see the beer list go to www.ambervalleycamra.org.uk On Saturday & Sunday the Belper Rugby Club Struts Playing Field will host many stands and attractions including; live acoustic music, stalls, crafts, energy advice, community mosaic, scarecrow making, electric bikes, soft archery, natural health, workshops, books, plants & much, much more. See www.transitionbelper.org for full details. Hot & cold food will be available from Leafbone Pizza, Sophisticakes Patisserie, Fresh Basil, Remarkable Food, Sound Bites and Coopercakes. The site is situated on the main A6 road just 5 minutes' walk south of Belper town centre. Belper rail & bus stations are also only 5 minutes' walk away. **CAMRA members interested in helping at the beer festival** should contact Phil at avbfstaffing@gmail.com for more details.

Amber Valley Diary MAY

Thu 1st – BRANCH MEETING, Greenhill Tavern, Riddings-8pm.
Mon 12th – 2014 Beer Festival meeting, French Horn, Codnor-8pm.
Thu 15th – Multiple Pub/Club of the Year presentations-timings tba.
Sat 17th – Free survey trip, departing from Ripley Market Place at 730pm.
Thu 29th – BRANCH MEETING, Welcome Tavern, Belper-8pm.

JUNE

Mon 9th - Beer Festival meeting, Thorn Tree, Chesterfield Road, Belper-8pm.

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Ashbourne Diary

MAY

Tue 27th – AGM, Cock Inn, Clifton-8pm.

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Derby Branch Diary

MAY

Tue 6th - Committee Meeting – TBC.

Wed 7th – City Charter Festival meeting, Spa Inn, Abbey Street, Derby-8pm.

Fri 9th – NWAFF 'Thank You' evening at Derby Brewing Company and The Tap; you should have been contacted by festival staffing with your invitation/details.

Sat 10th - Mild / Ale Trail Crawl - Beginning at The Falstaff, Silverhill Rd, Normanton at 7.30pm before setting off (~8.15pm) for the Brunswick, Alexandra + others depending on time and attendees.

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 – Full.

Bus leaves Cathedral Green at 11.30am.

Fri 23rd - Survey of Thurlston, Aston, Weston, Ingleby. A free mini bus is leaving Cathedral Green at 7.30pm, back by 11 pm. Names to **Dean Smith 0770 3458623** (Please note this is subject to securing a Mini Bus).

Wed 28th - Social – Greyhound, Friar Gate-8.30pm, then Golden Eagle, Agard Street-9.30pm.

JUNE

Wed 4th – City Charter Festival meeting, Dolphin, Queen Street, Derby-8pm.

Wed 11th – EGM and Branch Meeting, Derby Rowing Club, Darley Grove-8pm.

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