Mild & Bitter

Keeping Derby CAMRA drinkers informed since 1975

Give us Five!

One of the three themes that we have adopted for the year is increased activation. Derby CAMRA has an excellent hard core of activists, some of whom spend considerable amounts of time on the campaign. Without them, we would not be able to run two beer festivals, publish Derby Drinker and Mild and Bitter, run LocAle and do all the other campaigning things that we do. But the hard core cannot do everything. At the Members' Weekend, Colin Valentine, the National Chairman said that he was always conscious that the Campaign belongs to its members, not to the National Executive. Similarly, branches belong to their members, not their committees. However, while all members contribute to the effectiveness of CAMRA through their subscriptions, the effectiveness of branches depends mainly on how active their members are. It does not take much. If all Derby Branch members gave five minutes a week to the campaign, it would be the equivalent of us employing six people full time! And you can do a lot in five minutes; some examples are given in the leaflet emailed with M&B (also available from me at the branch meeting). If you have any ideas on how to improve and extend our campaigning activities, please let me know. Many thanks, Tim Williams, Derby Branch Campaigns' Coordinator

Five Figure Festival Attendance

It was déjà vu at the 37th City Charter Festival in the Market Place marquee as the sun shone again and the attendance was a tad higher than last year at 10,350 (10,227 in 2013). All of the staff are to be congratulated for their efforts in the heat and humidity. £2,100 was raised for Derby Mountain Rescue.

And.....Trade Session Success

This year a small team of us made a big effort to make the beer festival trade session a campaigning event. We talked to most of the licensees present and got an excellent reception with a surprising result; more on this at the Branch Meeting. As far as I know, we've not used the trade session in this way before and we learnt many lessons that will be useful if we do it again. Many thanks to those who made it possible this time: Jok Arguile, Tony Cooper, Steve Crispin, Phil James, Brian Laverick, Konrad Machej, Jane Whitaker and Paul Whitaker; and also to Mark Fletcher and Russ Gilbert for their support and encouragement. What other campaigning opportunities have we been missing out on? Please give me your ideas.

Tim Williams, Derby Branch Campaigns' Coordinator

City Charter Festival Review Meeting

The meeting is on **Tuesday, 19th August** at the **Alexandra**, Siddals Road, Derby, starting at 8pm.

Extraordinary General Meeting, Brunswick, Wednesday, 13th August

Notice is hereby given of an **EGM** deferred from June, at the Brunswick, Railway Terrace, on **Wednesday**, 13th **August**, starting at 8pm. It is hoped that the meeting will finally ratify the accounts, and a branch meeting will follow. Wheelchair access is poor as the meeting room is accessed via a flight of stairs.

EGM: Motion for Debate

All Derby Drinker advertisements shall in future only be accepted and printed on a pre-paid basis. Proposer: John Arguile. Seconder: Konrad Machej.

Thanks to Rob

Rob Whitaker will be taking the new role of Social Media Officer this autumn, working to achieve the branch's target to make better use of social media to promote the branch and its activities. Rob has been providing mobile apps for the Derby festivals and will be adding to the online presence of Derby CAMRA. Get your hashtags ready.

5th Amber Valley Festival

The Amber Valley CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival is at Strutts, in Belper, from Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th September. There will be over 60 beers from all over the country plus ciders, perries, wines and soft drinks. The beer and cider list will be available to view on the Amber Valley CAMRA website closer to the festival. No fewer than 8 bands will perform throughout the festival (except Sunday). Strutts is on the A6 opposite Babington Hospital with the railway and bus stations being less than 5 minutes' walk away. Buses stop right outside the venue. Festival access will be from the back of the building through the door nearest to Gibfield Lane. Hot & cold food available all sessions, with a hog roast on Friday and Saturday. Tickets will not be sold for any sessions this year - just come along and pay on the door. Concessions for CAMRA members. Commemorative glasses with third/half pint lines will be available, together with hire glasses on sale or return.

Clubs' Officer Wanted

Derby CAMRA is seeking to appoint a Clubs' Officer. For more information please contact Branch Secretary, Ian Forman 01332 882996 or email secretary@derbycamra.org.uk CAMRA is giving greater prominence to clubs serving real ale, and those clubs with well-preserved interiors are going to get recognition too.

BLO Required for Falstaff

A Brewery Liaison Officer is required for the Falstaff brewery, Normanton. Please contact branch Secretary, Ian Forman secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

2015 NWAF Meeting

The first planning meeting for next year's National Winter Ales Festival is at the **Brunswick, Thursday, 4th September,** starting at 730pm. All interested members are invited to attend.

Club of the Year Presentations

Spondon is the place to be for these awards on **Thursday**, **7**th **August**. See page 4 for details.

Ashbourne Staff Required

M&B subscribers who receive it by email will have a form attached which can be completed if you would like to work at the Ashbourne CAMRA beer festival in October. Hard copy subscribers can contact Mark Grist m.grist2@sky.com

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40th Anniversary Celebrations

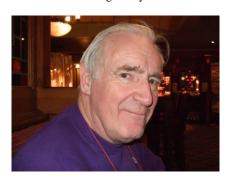
The first of the events to mark 40 years of Derby CAMRA were held, appropriately, at the Alexandra at the end of June and beginning of July. Founder members gathered on a Monday afternoon to reminisce over a few pints whilst looking back at Derby CAMRA memorabilia and the first Derby real ale guide published in 1976. A few days later, a well-attended branch meeting saw some old faces that hadn't been seen at CAMRA functions for donkey's years. A cloudy wheat beer titled the Big 4 0H! brewed at the Brunswick by branch members, took pride of place on the bar. Thanks are due to all of you who made the effort to meet up again.

Wilmot Reprieve

Chaddesden's oldest pub, the Wilmot Arms, has been bought by licensee, Martin Ridgeway, who is investing in the premises to give Chaddesden folk a pub to be proud of. Local resident and CAMRA member, Mick Nolan, said "It has Pedigree and Doombar supplemented by two guests which when I visited were Tetley Mild and Holts Humdinger".

David Brett (1938-2014) and Derby Branch

Mild and Bitter would like to add to last month's tribute to David Brett (pictured below) who sadly passed away. David was an outstanding contributor to the success of the Derby (City Charter) Beer Festival over the period 2005 to 2009 in his role as Cellar manager. During that period he gained for the festival four Cask Marque awards. Initially he made Derby the only CAMRA festival, along with Mansfield, who were 'Cask Marqued'. Those awards have been instrumental in retaining sponsorship from Cask Marque at a time when they have pulled out of all other festivals. And as Cellar manager he was brilliant at welding together and managing a sometimes disparate group of individuals. He made them a team. Beyond this, and largely unseen, he was responsible for making a large quantity of Mansfield CAMRA equipment readily available to Derby as well as providing valuable help on other festival matters. The creation of the Mansfield container which he (and Nigel Heathcote) set up was inspired and it was the envy of many other branches – including Derby.



Real Ale Gain

The Forge, in Blacksmith's Yard, off Sadler Gate, is Derby's latest real ale gain, selling Burton Bridge Golden Delicious on handpump. There's a pleasant seating area outside.

Summer in the City (Inn)

In their home town CAMRA members naturally tend to gravitate to the familiar Good Beer Guide listed pubs; occasionally, however, a little adventure can yield a pleasant surprise. One example is the City Inn on Albert Street, where, inside a deep room with more St George flags than you can shake a stick at, a solitary handpump dispenses well-kept Marston's Pedigree. Serving one real ale only, low turnover is never an issue and, at just £2.50 a pint, why not pop in to sample this real ale gain for yourself? Numerous other pubs not on the "CAMRA circuit" but selling good beer include the Tiger Vaults, Lock Up Yard, and the Woodlands, Markeaton, Allestree.

On Trade Beer Sales Rise

For only the third time this century, the British Beer and Pub Association reported that beer sales in pubs rose by 2.6% for April to June as compared to the same quarter in 2013. Off trade (supermarkets and shops) rose more markedly, up a massive 16.9%. The BBPA felt that at least three factors were attributable to the encouraging figures: the Government's easing of the tax burden; micro-breweries generating new interest in beer; and the World Cup.

Emma is Top Brewer

The All Party Parliamentary Beer Group has, for the first time, awarded a woman their Brewer of the Year title. Emma Gilleland, Marston's supply chain director, received the gong from Burton MP, Andrew Griffiths, at the group's annual dinner. Pedigree is the flagship beer in a large portfolio which includes the excellent but rare (in these parts) Sneck Lifter.

Inn Brief

Crown & Cushion, Midland Road is now listed as having its freehold sold (subject to contract). Grampian, Sinfin-lease sold (both Marston's Inns). The former Heineken UK group - otherwise ScotCo / Scottish & Newcastle - owns no pubs in the Derby area. Ownership of the Roundhouse and Coronation, their last two pubs remains unknown. In 2012 the Group were retitled as Star Pubs and **Bars.** On July 29th, notice of the application for the Last Post's (Uttoxeter Old Road) licence appeared in the Derby Telegraph. Licensing hours are given as 11.00 to 23.00. Objections to be received by 18th August. New Bridge Inn lease is for sale; also true for the Shakespeare, Sadlergate; and the Oaklands. The New Bridge, Shelton Lock, news means long standing licensee, Barrie Grantham, faces an uncertain future.

Beer Festivals

Marchington Melee 4 at the village hall 8th and 9th August. Flowerpot, Derby, 21st to 25th August. Mickleover Royal British Legion, 29th to 31st August.

More Thanks

A number of people have responded to Stewart Marshall's call for help with WhatPub (with only minor arm twisting from me while he's been away). So many thanks, on behalf of Stewart and myself, to John Aldridge, Mike Ainsley, Steve Crispin, Liz Heath, Sophie Hobbs, Phil James, Gwen Sandhu, Phil and Wendy Stryj, and Paul Whitaker. But we still need a lot more help. I've found it simple to do: login to WhatPub (WhatPub.com) as a CAMRA member and find a pub with an incomplete entry. Then nip round, get the missing information and submit it via WhatPub. I've found the pubs only too happy to provide any information needed provided they're not too busy at the time. To reduce the chance of duplication, it's best to choose pubs you feel may be unloved by fellow members. There is a risk that the beer may be less than perfect, but, come on, let's live dangerously! You might find a hidden gem, and either way it's another NBSS score (submit it via WhatPub). If you have any problems, Stewart will be happy to help.

Tim Williams, Derby Branch Campaigns' Coordinator

Great Groom Gig

It was unfortunate that the Saturday night of the City Charter Festival clashed with one of the best gigs of the year which saw .44 Pistol take to the stage at the Horse and Groom, Elm Street. The Stafford based trio, fronted by a phenomenal harmonica player, performed a mixture of self-penned compositions and R 'n' B classics. Terry/Gareth: any chance of a beer festival debut?

Minutes of the Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting at the Alexandra on 3rd July 2014

50 members present. Apologies for absence: Dean Smith, Ian Forman, Chris Holmes (Castle Rock). Chairman's Opening Remarks: Gareth opened the meeting by acknowledging on the 3rd of July 40 years ago the Derby Branch were formed right here at The Alex. A toast was proposed to those who were there and those who would have liked to have been there, but were absent. It was confirmed present at both meetings were Chris Gale, John Arguile and Tim Williams. Highlighted the Big 4 0! beer on the bar which was brewed by Members at the Brunswick. Food would be available later. Minutes of last meeting No corrections were made and all matters arising were carried forward to the meeting itself. **Reports:** Chairman – Gareth reported the following: A variety of events were being

arranged for the 40th Celebrations: 2/8/14

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a trip to Batemans (who used to own The Alex). A pub crawl of pubs in the City which sold real ale 40 years ago. Possible Castle Rock trip – see M&B and DD for details once confirmed. The hard work of the Derby City Charter Beer Festival Committee which opens on 9/7/14. Great British Beer Festival runs from 12th – 16th August. Rearranged EGM for 13th August at The Brunswick. Summer Festival Ale Trail which is running until 9/7. Branch POTY has been selected as Derbyshire POTY - Congratulations to The Furnace which will now be judged against Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire. Secretary – Ian not present, no report. Treasurer - Julian Tubbs reported: The Branch is now registered fully for VAT. Thanks were expressed to Julian for sorting this. City Charter Beer Festival – Russell Gilbert said: He really wanted to thank the Team who had worked so hard to make this year's Festival happen. The Marquee is going up and while the Festival has been reduced vastly in size it has a capacity of 1,900. This means everyone needs to work together better and be aware of others roles - e.g. if you see Charlie and Fred coming through with glasses make way for them ASAP. Russell welcomed everyone to come and lend a hand. Russell then took questions. Julian Hough's absence was acknowledged - it is planned to remember all 5 Members who died since the last Festival. If able to help please be at The Market Place from 9am on 5th July. 160 Volunteers signed up, really need over 200. All to consider working especially on Friday 11th. Trade invite list – Ian Foreman has a copy. Action All urged to check it and add in any missing Landlords in the next 48 hours. Clarified that tasters were to be issued (at discression) by Volunteers, Gareth thanked Russell and urged everyone to Volunteer. National Winter Ales Festival – Gillian Hough said: The National Executive had appointed her Organiser of NWAF for 2015 and 2016. The first NWAF Working Party Meeting is Thursday 4th September, 7.30pm at The Brunswick. Campaigning Goals: A range of methods, including social media, to be employed to attract more young activists - no discussion. Having pubs listed as assets of community value - The Mitre in Allenton was mentioned as worth looking into further. Moving to green status on What Pub? – Tim Williams said he was supporting Stuart Marshall, while he was away. regarding this and set out: 31% of our pubs have complete details on What Pub. Shockingly while Derby is the 6th largest CAMRA Branch, only 17 other Branches are equal or lower score than us. Tim appealed for people to come talk to him and take on 1 or 2 pubs and fill in their details. Action ALL to look at http://whatpub.com/ log on as a member and update 1 or 2 pubs ASAP Tim has arranged for some people to go around at the Trade Session on the 9/7 to

talk to Licencees to promote the scheme. Tim urged us ALL to talk to other Volunteers at The Festival to ask they why they are not involved and what they would like to do. Derby Drinker_Gareth advised this was out in the pubs. Clarity was provided that all advert invoices have been sent out. Good Beer Guide Surveys: Stuart not present – no report. Membership Konrad reported all was going well. Mild and Bitter (M&B) Paul advised the deadline for copy was the 30th July. Socials Dean not present, however noted: 7th August Club of the Year Presentation to Spondon Village and Liberal Clubs - all welcome. Check M&B for more Social details. Ashbourne Sub-Branch Gareth reported Ashbourne would be having a Festival in October - at the same time as Nottingham, budget to be approved. Info Exchange The Sportsman Bar at The International Hotel has Greene King Brasilia on sale. The Golden Pheasant at Shelton Lock is happy to host meetings. The Station on Midland Road has Bass on and a new Licencee who used to be in The Greyhound and was trained by Dave Laylor. AOB Anyone interested in The Bateman's trip please see Martyn Reek as he has the list on Dean's behalf. Thanks passed to Nick Newcombe for the 40th Poster design. This can be used on all paperwork. General reminiscing took place regarding that historic (and life changing) meeting 40 years ago: Chris Gale – said it was great to sit here 40 years later with so many friends. The meeting had been publicised by Journalist Richard Boston of the Guardian. Tim Williams said it really was a tribute to the many people down the years who have kept Derby CAMRA going. John Arguile – highlighted how far we're come today regarding beer availability and that in a sense we've won!! To raise funds. Mild and Bitter was sold to members (not free). Flo (the Landlady) and Jim playing cards in front of the fire. Having dozens of pubs in the streets around The Alex. Not one single brewery in Derby, nor Derbyshire! Chris Gale circulated some photos of Flo and some of people around the room looking different!! Les - read 3 poems to great effect. Meeting finished and bread and cheese was enjoyed. Date & venue of **next meeting:** 13th August at The Brunswick - following EGM.

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 & District CAMRA SubBranch Meeting at The Bentley Brook, Fenny Bentley on 24th June 2014

Present: Mark Grist, Dave Leigh. Michelle Leigh, Keith Palmer, Gareth Butterfield, Lizzie Butterfield, Kim Dorrington, David Coackley, Barry Wright, Konrad Machej. Apologies: Pat Laughlin, Diane Grist, Hannah Barton, Kevin Woolley, Tony Beech. Before opening proceedings, the Chairman spoke a few words about the passing of Julian Hough and asked all present to raise a glass to his memory. Minutes of May **AGM meeting/matters arising.** Minutes circulated and approved. One minor correction was noted concerning the attendance record and a point was clarified re. the minuting of the discussion about DD circulation and members reporting on localised groups of pubs. Chairman's **Report** The Chairman and Dave Leigh had attended a full meeting of the town council at the Town Hall on 17th June, where we outlined CAMRA's aims and activities. This was to allow the council to debate the fees they would be charging us for the Town Hall for our festival. That debate was to be held after our attendance and the outcome was not known at the branch meeting. Derby Branch was launching a series of events to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its founding, with the first event being a social to be held at the Alexandra on 3rd July. Brief outlines of other events, such as a tour of the stillstanding Derby pubs from 40 years ago, as well as potential brewery trips to Castle Rock and Batemans were also mentioned. Derby City Charter Festival is imminent and help welcome. Discussion was held regarding a sub-branch trip to attend on the Thursday evening. An ad-hoc arrangement using the Swift group ticket would be utilised rather than booking a minibus. Secretary/Treasurer The secretary was unable to attend, but there are no essential matters to be raised for this meeting. Branch Activity Keith had contacted Whim at Hartington for a brewery visit and was awaiting dates. More likely to be a Friday evening or a Saturday afternoon. Pub ramble via Kniveton and Hognaston to Hulland Ward is now pencilled in for 27th July. **Pub Reports** The former White Lion/Bramhalls/Da Carlo's on Buxton Hill has now re-opened as White's - Doombar available, but you can just have a drink without having to eat. The Dog & Partridge, Thorpe – no confirmed opening date. The Izaak Walton Hotel, Ilam – has re-opened and a relaunch event has been announced for mid-July. We have been invited to attend. Beer Festival Members were made aware of some issues with the submitted budget, although it is expected

that they will be ironed out shortly. Dave

Leigh has been in contact with Marston's

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and they would hopefully be lending support to the event. Two musical acts have been confirmed, more are expected soon. The Chairman has been in touch with Nick Newcombe re the logo and other printing. Konrad has kindly offered to run the membership stand which is much welcomed and he will be liaising with us re the format and requirements. Any Other Business A discussion was held to take suggestions for the next venues for branch meetings after July. Dates for Diary: Yew Tree - Beer festival meeting - Tuesday 19th August - Smith's Tavern. Branch meeting - Tuesday 26th August - The White Hart, Ashbourne. Beer festival meeting – Tuesday 9th September - Smith's Tavern. Branch meeting – Tuesday 30th September – The Vaults, Ashbourne. Beer festival set-up start - Wednesday 8th October.

Amber Valley CAMRA

Long Serving Licensees Depart Scene

Simon and Annie Rawson have left the Good Beer Guide listed Pear Tree, Ripley, after nearly 20 years excellent service to the Ripley community. Graham and Lynn Fisher are soon to leave the New Inn, Riddings, following a similar length of service. They will retire from the corner pub which is owned by Hawthorn Leisure. Amber Valley CAMRA thanks both couples for their long service at these one-time Hardy and Hanson houses, and wishes them well for the future.

Treasurer Required

The branch is seeking to urgently fill this important position, and help will be given to any interested applicant. Please contact Chris Rogers 01332 880041.

Spotted Cow Closed

The Spotted Cow, Holbrook, has closed. We're uncertain whether this is temporary and await further news. With the neighbouring Greyhound gone, and the once thriving Wheel for sale, it's reassuring that this delightful village still has the renowned Dead Poets.

Stop Press

Landlocked brewery will be relocating to the Beehive, Peasehill, Ripley. Beer festival at Beehive: 21st to 25th August. Marquis of Ormonde, Denby Lane, Codnor, is staging a beer festival 22nd to 25th August.

Ashbourne Diary AUGUST

Tue 19th – Beer festival meeting, Yew Tree, Ednaston-8pm.

Tues 26th – BRANCH MEETING, Smith's Tavern, Ashbourne-8pm.

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Amber Valley Diary

AUGUST

Sat 9th – Chesterfield pub crawl from White Swan, St Mary's Gate-noon.
Sat 16th – Free survey trip from Ripley Market Place-730pm.
Mon 18th - Beer Festival meeting, Beehive, Peasehill, Ripley-8pm.
Thu 28st - BRANCH MEETING, Steampacket, Swanwick-8pm.

Contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Derby Branch Diary

AUGUST

Thu 7th – Club of the Year presentations in Spondon. 8pm-Conservative Club and 9pm-Liberal Club. Catch the Spondon Flyer at 730pm from bay 7 of the bus station.

Tues 12th to Sat 16th – Great British Beer Festival, Olympia, London. Wed 13th – EGM and BRANCH MEETING, Brunswick-8pm. Tues 19th – CCF washdown meeting, Alexandra-8pm. Sat 23rd – Derbyshire Pub of the Year presentation, Furnace, Duke Street, Derby-3pm.

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1st – **Committee meeting,** Olde Dolphin lounge-8pm.

Thu 4th – 1st 2015 National Winter Ales Festival meeting, Brunswick-730pm. Thu 11th – BRANCH MEETING, Bell and Castle, Burton Road-8pm. Come and see its new function room.

Sat 20th – York, priority seats for City Charter Festival workers. Contact Dean Smith 0770 3458623 to see if any spare seats are available.

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