

# FROM THE CHAIR OF DERBY CAMRA

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### Recent Issue of Derby Drinker

The recent issue of Derby Drinker is perhaps one of the most vibrant and positive issues in recent memory. Much attention was paid to what the Branch has accomplished since I (Greg Maskalick) was elected Chair in April 2018 along with the Elected Committee. Great progress has been made on inclusiveness (as seen through Branch participation in Derby Pride) and also being a branch that is membership driven. Once again the Cider & Perry month being one example of membership driven events and activities.

Sadly, an error was made in publishing Dear Toper in the recent Derby Drinker . As Chair and as a Committee we apologise unreservedly for the offence caused by the publication of Dear Toper in this issue of Derby Drinker. The article was not meant to be included and is in contravention of Derby CAMRA values and only appeared due to human error. We are taking prompt action to ensure this sort of situation does not happen again.

As a result the following is happening with immediate effect:

- 1) Dear Toper will no longer be part of Derby Drinker or any other form of publication or communication of Derby CAMRA

We will be working towards the following:

- 2) We are going to make Derby Drinker more relevant for todays CAMRA members and non-members with more articles on interests and trends in the Real Ale and Cider world in Derby and further afield
- 3) Feature articles on breweries and cider makers local and further afield
- 4) Feature articles on new and exciting beers and ciders being developed locally
- 5) Articles that as for the readers participation through online polls on our website, Facebook page and Twitter feed

Derby CAMRA works very hard to improve transparency within the Branch and to modernise all Branch communications, including the Derby Drinker. Great progress has been made to date and we will do all we can to address issues when they arise and prevent them from occurring in the first place.

Yours in Derby CAMRA

Greg Maskalick / Chairman 2018-19