



Derby CAMRA Branch

FROM THE CHAIR

It is hard to believe we are in the 4th month of the Derby CAMRA year and so many positive steps forward have happened and as a Branch we are evolving. It is through three very important entities that we have been able to do this: YOU the amazing and passionate Branch Member, the fantastic Elected Committee team and equally fantastic Non-Elected Supporting Committee members.

Our aim as a Branch is to be membership driven. That means doing what you suggest at Branch meetings. It is then our job as an Elected Committee to enact those suggestions and make them reality. I can't thank you enough for your support at coming to Branch meetings and participating and I am hoping in future that Branch meetings will have an element of some sort of entertainment to make it more a social evening as well as a meeting.

Your Elected Committee (you voted for us at the AGM) is second to none! They are all incredibly talented and passionate in what they do and have been very receptive to the challenges of change. I may add that many things that are changing are due to their ideas. They are indeed a creative team and it is an absolute honour to work with them.

Whilst I've been the newbie on the block I am very grateful for the support of the Branch members and the Elected Committee. There have been some interesting waters to navigate in these four months and without the guidance of both the Elected Committee and Branch members it would not have been possible.

On The Horizon

We have two very important events coming up and both were membership driven so I hope you can fully support them.

DERBY PRIDE DAY – Saturday 8th September 12pm-6pm CURZON STREET

As we all know real ale and cider lovers come in all shapes, sizes and colour. I believe that CAMRA nationally has done



very little if anything to reach out to the LGBT community and it's about time we did. So, we are setting up a bar and serving some great real ale and cider at Derby Pride. The Brunswick is providing the bar (for which we are very thankful) and Heather Knibbs our Young Drinkers Committee Chair is organising Derby CAMRA's participation with the help of Alan Pickergill of The Brunswick. So another Derby CAMRA first that we all can take pride in and my wife Gail and I hope to see you there helping out on the bar or just enjoying the day. Our participation is vital in that we need to send a clear message that ALL people are welcome at the CAMRA table.

CIDER & PERRY MONTH, OCTOBER 2018 –

Once again this was a suggestion from the Membership and the Elected Committee took on the ideas from our Branch meeting and are in the process of arranging a lot of events such as a Cider Tasting Seminar and trip to Three Cats Cider Farm, a Cider and Perry Trail and much more. Much thanks to Heather Knibbs and Gillian Hough for actioning the Branch Members ideas into reality. More detail can be found in this addition of DD and on FB and Twitter.

Social Side of Things

To me this is the most important thing of all – social events. I must say we have the best Social Secretary around in Anne Crawford. She has many things in the pipeline and they are or will be listed on our website and on FB and Twitter. So always look at these outlets to stay informed.

One of the recent outings was a mini bus survey trip (of which there have been quite a few) and they went all around the East Midlands region to score all the POTY's for the Regional POTY. Much fun was had by all.

So keep your eyes out on our FB, Twitter and Website for up coming social events. Also, Anne needs your suggestions as well. After all we are Membership driven now! (Train and Pub Day??? Just a suggestion. Lol)

Important Branch Meeting

SGM THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2018 @ THE BRUNSWICK 8PM – Please put this in your diary. We have now got on top of all the Beer Festival accounts and they are ready for presentation and approval. Moving forward we have a new system in place that will ensure the accounts are ready in a much more timely fashion. However, it is a mammoth task and I thank all Festival Treasurers and Branch Treasurer for getting the job done.

At this meeting there will be entertainment by a pop duo (acoustic guitar and vocals) called Vanity Now. They are two smashing young lads who do a variety of covers. They will be playing whilst you arrive and at the interval.

That's about it for now. Look forward to seeing you at the Branch meetings. It is vital you attend as we are Membership driven! Once again thank you to the Elected Committee for your incredible help, support and talent you bring to the table.

Yours in Derby CAMRA

Greg Maskalick / Chair