

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 21/07/15

Venue: Mulberry tree, Ipswich (meeting relocated from
Arcade Tavern)

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (19) and opened the meeting at 20:14 hrs.

Apologies: Jane Scott, Andy Shaw, Nigel Smith

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and read

Matters arising: None

Correspondence: The Secretary said that the following memo's had been received from H.Q.: Volunteers research report – detailed report on why/what CAMRA members volunteer for at branch and national level: Good Beer Guide 2016 publication & distribution timetable: Assets of Community Value and Heritage pubs – request to branches to nominate pubs for ACV status which are on the National Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors: ACV workshop invitation: Delivery of outputs following Beer Festivals Review – implementing of marketing and procurement findings of the review: Cider promotion month- plans for October cider & perry promotion: 101 Beer Days Out -Feedback request for the revised edition:

Copies of all are available from Mike on request.

Additionally an e-mail was received from the Duke of York pub to be Locale accredited. It was pointed out that the branch did not give Locale accreditation as it had been decided a few years previously that the presence of 2 national breweries within the County (Greene King and Adnams) somewhat negated the purpose of Locale. It was agreed to reconsider Locale accreditation in general at the August meeting,

The Tasting Panel Officer (Terry) reported he had received updated Guidelines for Tasting Panels from HQ which he would distribute to panel members.

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt apologised for the meeting having to have been relocated from the Arcade Tavern at the last minute.

b) Vice-Chairman: Phil stated he had nothing to report

c) Treasurer: Gordon reported that the branch account stood at **£875.49** and petty cash **£47.22**. The Beer Festival account was empty with some £15,000 still to pay. However there was still £3,000/4,000 income still to be received with the same amount in VAT to be claimed back (Beer ullage must be checked before a successful VAT claim can be made). Some £900 was still awaited from Food Vendors. However this sum could be chased through the small claims procedures if needed. Overall, due to the lower than expected turnout, the Beer Festival looked to have made a substantial loss.

d) Membership: Not present no report

e) Young Membership: Chris stated that some adverse comments made at the I.B.F. about his role had been disheartening but at the urging of the meeting he agreed to continue in the role. He had arranged a pub crawl round Ipswich specifically for young members on 1st August and he had also e-mailed the University Campus regarding their displaying posters and leaflets at their premises. He was also pleased to report that some younger members had signed on at the IBF.

f) Social Secretary: Not present, no report. However Phil reported Jane had e-mailed members to arrange a trip to the Harwich Redout beer festival for 23 July, with a visit to Redwells Brewery, Norwich on 26 September. A few places were still available for the latter. It was also proposed to arrange something 'exotic' for Spring 2016 – possibly a visit to Leicester following the Leicester branch's visit to Ipswich earlier in the year!

g) Media & publicity: Not present no report. However it was known that the next edition of Last Orders was at the printers.

h) Beer Festivals: Not present no report. However it was pointed out that it had been a mixed year for the branch Beer Festivals. The John Peel Centre and Museum of East Anglian Life festivals at Stowmarket had proved to be successes but the IBF less so. There were a number of reasons for this but lessons had to be learnt. However it would likely be October before some sort of financial breakdown of the IBF would be available. It was felt that contact with other branch Beer Festival Organisers for details of their success/failures was required.

i) Pub Officer: Phil reported he had already signed up for the ACV seminar in Manchester. It was now also possible to send details of pubs thought suitable for ACV's to CAMRA and they would supply all information required to apply for the ACV as well as assistance with the application.

An ACV for the Cross Keys, Henley had been granted although the pub was up for sale. The day after the ACV application was granted the Local Planning Committee refused an application for change of use of the premises to residential.

With regard to the memo from Hq re ACV's and Pubs with Historic Interiors the only pub in the branch likely to meet the criteria was the Margaret Catchpole, Ipswich. This pub did not currently sell real ale but it was a pub with a listed interior.

Although Phil had little specific pub news this month he had received confirmation from the Grain Brewery that they intended to reopen the Spread Eagle, Ipswich at the end of July.

Mike reported that the White Horse, Felistowe had suddenly closed and was apparently being refurbished. Although it was understood it would reopen it might be sensible to change the venue for the branch October meeting to another venue. He undertook to look into this.

j) Tasting Panel: Terry stated that a tasting panel session was being organised for 4th August at 1900hrs at the Greyhound, Ipswich. He had received a number of e-mails from HQ over recent months, some of which were contradictory. One regarding Brewery Liaison Officers tasting profiles had been quickly withdrawn. A list of possible Panel members at national level seemed to suggest single members could do tastings but three trained panel members were required – a single member couldn't hold a panel tasting on his own! (although he can enter a beer score on What Pub)

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

Briarbank – Chris had nothing to report.

Calvors – Sue reported they were brewing to capacity at present.

Dove Street – nothing much happening at present, but watch this space!

Swan, Stratford St. Mary – Allan confirmed their trial brew of an IPA recently was excellent.

St, Judes - had 3 new brews Amber a golden bitter and 2 new stouts Thaddeus and Elixir of Life, the latter a cherry stout. Wooden barrels had been ordered for stout brewing and new brews were in the pipeline.

A.O.B.: Following the problem with the venue for the meeting a review of the remaining 2015 meetings was held.

August – Kings Arms, Stowmarket already booked by Chris

September – Duke of York, Ipswich. Phil to book and confirm

October – Felixstowe venue to be checked, booked and confirmed by Mike

November – Steamboat, Ipswich. Allan to book and confirm

December – Lord Nelson, Ipswich. Matt to book and confirm (as this meeting is close to Xmas and the pub is usually busy for food an alternate venue might be needed.)

Finally the venue for the Suffolk/Norfolk Bowls match held 1st Sunday in September still had to be confirmed but was usually at the Caxton Club, Beccles.

Next meeting: Kings Arms Stowmarket 2000hrs 18/08/15

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 2136 hrs