

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 14/09/15

Venue: Duke of York, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (14) and opened the meeting at 20:06 hrs.

Apologies: Tim Edwards

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and read

Matters arising: None

Correspondence: The Secretary informed the meeting that following changes in communications from CAMRA HQ memo's were no longer sent out to branches. Instead a weekly list of all HQ memo's was sent to branch officers. The memo's themselves were available to all members on the CAMRA website. To access these members should go on to the CAMRA web-site then log in to the members site, then click on the Branch memo button on their members dashboard. All memos should then be available to view or download. This being the case he did not intend to print out memo's for perusal at meetings in future.

3 pieces of correspondence had been received since the last meeting. One concerning the visit to Redwells brewery had been forwarded to the Social Secretary. The 2nd concerns a suggestion for the branch to seek ACV's for the Swan, Barnby and the Queens Head, Bramfield. This had been forwarded to the branch Pubs and Clubs Officer. The 3rd was from Mr Eric Dore who has written a book on the brewery E&G Morse of Lowestoft which is being published soon. Adnams have sponsored the book and there will be a book launch on Tuesday 10th November between 1900-2100hrs at the Adnams Southwold store. To coincide with the book launch Adnams are brewing a few Morse beers using details available in the old brewing books. These will only be available at the book launch, the first time these have been available in 80 years! Tickets should be available in the near future – further details t.b.a..

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt suggested that it might be prudent to consider changing meeting days away from days when Ipswich were playing to avoid a conflict, perhaps to a Monday or Thursday.

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

c) Treasurer: Gordon summarised the various branch accounts, viz:-

Branch (TSB) account - £855.57

Petty Cash - £39.74

I.B.F. (Barclays) account - £667.22

Bills totalling £4899.86 were still to be paid for the IBF. Monies still owed to the IBF where £600 from Earl Soham Brewery, £800 from St. Judes (who had already paid an additional sum of £300). Additionally £100 was owed for T-shirts and the glass advertising

had not yet been paid- Millgreen's bill had been reduced by £250 and a credit note was required. One food vendor – Free Ranger- still owed monies but we had been unable to contact them. However it was known that they would be attending an event at the Arcade Street Tavern on 19th September and Alan and Matt undertook to attend this and give them an invoice for £900. On the plus side £200 had been received in compensation from Barclays for their failure to provide a bank card for the account. Additionally some £3000 should be returned from VAT to the branch.

d) Membership: Not present but an e-mail report had been received. Membership stands at 994 and all new and lapsed members had been written too. It was suggested that if, as seems likely, branch membership exceeds 1000 then a small commemorative prize might be given to the 1000th member.

e) Young Membership: Chris stated that due to his attendance at a journalism course he was now undertaking he would not be available for the stand at the University Campus open day on 22nd October. Volunteers for this event were needed. He had also e-mailed young members for contributory articles for Last Orders.

f) Social Secretary: Jane reported the visit to Redwells Brewery on 26th September was now full. Attendance on the Real Ale Run Abouts was good and people really enjoyed them. A breakeven number of 21 was required for each RARA and all trips this year so far had taken place. The annual Norfolk/Suffolk bowls match was taking place on 20th September and it was proposed for attendees to meet at Ipswich station in time for the 12:02 train to Beccles.

g) Media and Newsletter: Nigel confirmed he had taken part in a radio chat on the survey for the (non-CAMRA) Good Pub Guide. During this it was suggested that out of control children were a problem in some pubs selling food. He had refused to say No to kids in pubs.

The next edition on Last Orders was due out in October and work on it would be starting soon. There were likely to be articles on Good Beer Guide entries, a review of the cricket teams matches, an update for members on mail outs through the HQ mail system and a members page.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported a wash up meeting with the ITFC re the IBF was still awaited, as was a similar one with the Museum of East Anglian life regarding their beer festival. This latter was proposed for 22nd September at the Gladstone, Stowmarket. MEAL had already suggested 16-17th July 2016 for their festival next year.

i) Pub Officer: Phil reported that he had received the e-mail re ACV's for the Swan and Queens Head referred to earlier but already had several ACV's either in the pipeline or planned and did not want to flood the planning department too much at once with requests as this might have an adverse effect. Also he was not entirely sure that these pubs were actually in our area – they were on the border with North East Suffolk branch.

Felixstowe White Horse - trading again.

Trimley Three Mariners – reopened on Friday 11th Sept 2015 after a refurb. Now known as Mariners Free House.

Yoxford Griffin - New owners have actually bought the freehold of the pub outright, managing to out-bid someone who wanted to turn it into a Chinese restaurant. They're sourcing a range of ales from brewers around the area and have several on at any one time. Building the business up as the pub apparently had a pretty poor reputation, and they've now got the restaurant open again. But they're committed to keeping it as mainly a drinking pub - especially as the King's Head is pretty much just a restaurant now. Looks like we've got a good go-ahead couple running the place.

Hollesley Shepherd and Dog – Apparently open. A/W details from Roger. (I tried to e-mail the pub but the mail bounced so am none the wiser!).

Ipswich Royal Oak - will not be reopening as the Co-op is turning it into a refuge.

Bucklesham Shannon - closed and up for sale for £300k.

j) Tasting Panel Not present no report. Next panel 29th September at the Brewery Tap, Ipswich 1930hrs

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

Briarbank – Chris reported they were looking for empty casks from the MEAL festival. He had chased this up but none had been found.

A.O.B.: A meeting of all Suffolk branches to be held Saturday 3rd October 1200-1500hrs at the Oakes Barn Bury St Edmunds. There would be a presentation to the White Horse, Sweffling as Suffolk Pub of the Year after the meeting. A mini bus would be hired to take those wishing to attend.

Next meeting: Hand in Hand, Trimley St Martin 2000hrs 20/10/15

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 2155 hrs