

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch branch Meeting

Date: 15/03/15

Venue: Black Horse, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (10) and opened the meeting at 20:03 hrs.

Apologies: Phil hastie

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and read

Matters arising: none

Correspondence: The Secretary (Mike) was not present at the meetings start so no report was given.

All memos sent by HQ since the last meeting can be found on the Members Dashboard by logging on to the the Members Site on the CAMRA web-site – <http://www.camra.org.uk>

No other correspondance was received

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt had nothing to report

b) Vice-Chairman: Not present no report

c) Treasurer: Gordon stated that a bill for printing for the I.B.F. For £458 had been received. This was very late because it had been sent to the wrong address and was very anoying because it had been thought that all outstanding IBF bills had been paid. The meeting voted unanimously to pay the invoice. It was requested that the situation with regard to recovering monies owed by Freeranger for their stand at the IBF be queried with HQ.

d) Membership: Not present no report.

e) Young Membership: Not present no report.

f) Social Secretary: Not present no report. Nigel informed the meeting there has been a 'Saturday Stagger' around Felixstowe on 12th March. There was also a Real Ale Run About to Norwich taking place on Saturday 19th March. The question was asked if under 18's where allowed on RARA's and it was felt that there was no objection to this on the day RARA's but not the evening ones.

g) Media and Newsletter: Nigel advised that all had been quiet on the press front. Also the latest issue of Last Orders magazine was to be sent to the printers on 10 April. One article would likely be about the 'Suffolk Beer Desert'. This is an area some 5x12 miles long to the east of the A140. In this area only Debenham had any real ale pubs, the real ale pubs in Crowfield, Thwaite and Stonham Parva having all closed in recent years.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported that the John Peel Centre beer festival in late February had been successful again. This still left the Stowmarket Museum of East Anglian Life beer festival, and Blues and folk music days, to come of the planned beer festivals for 2016.

A meeting had been arranged with the Ipswich Corn Exchange. They appeared keen to have us back and it was possible we might be able to hold a beer festival there, perhaps in the 3rd week of September. The cost of such an event was queried but no costs had been given as yet. It was pointed out that a budget was required by HQ 6 months before an event could be held and was thus needed by them quickly. It also needed to be checked that the date did not clash with other events so required equipment could be booked with HQ.

i) Pub Officer: Not present. However Phil had sent a report viz:-

Dog & Duck, Campse Ashe - is selling its freehold. POA. It was advertised on 2nd Feb.

Shepherd & Dog, Forward Green - is up for sale at £35k for the leasehold. Advertised on 26th Jan.

Woolpack, Debenham – ACV application sent to MSDC on 1/3/16 a/w response.

Royal William, Stowmarket – A/w decision on ACV application.

Cross Keys, Henley – has now gone to a final appeal in front of HM inspectorate. This will be held at MSDC on 17th May. I intend to be there.

Royal Oak, Ipswich – has an application in for change of use to a community drop in centre. Application ref is 16/00186/FUL and is currently pending a decision.

Shepherd & Dog, Foxhall - has been rebranded as a Miller & Carter Steakhouse. They serve real ale but it is uncertain if casual drinkers are welcome. A/w more info.

Raven, Ravenswood – reopens 21st March, rebranded as a 'Generous George'

Turks Head, Haskerton – have their 1st beer, cider and gin festival on 16/17th April. There will be music and spicy street food.

Angel Inn, Debenham – the planning application for partial conversion been refused but an ACV has been granted.

The following were reported by members:-

Golden Lion, Ipswich – is up for sale.

Duke's Head, Coddanham – appeal for change of use made. (in the 'Beer Desert'!)

j) Tasting Panel Not present no report.

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

Briarbank – Autumn beer festival planned and they want to hear from Home brewers for a competition at same.

Calvors – going well and in process of rebranding (new pub clips etc.)

St. Jude's – latest brew is Blackberry Porter (out of the wood) and is very good.

All BLO's were reminded of the need to send reports to the East Anglian BLO Committee.

A.O.B.: Niaomi queried the position re the proposed Ipswich Ale Trail and suggested a general letter to pub landlords to gauge interest was needed. Nigel remarked that a number of WW2 U.S. Servicemen were coming over in July. The University Campus were trying to do various events for them and a pub crawl around the Ale Trail might be possible.

Nigel raised several points:-

- 1) Good Beer Guide proofs were now ready – thanks to Sue, Allan and Terry.
- 2) Suffolk County meeting of branches to be held 21st May at Stamford Arms, Lowestoft.
- 3) The various branch boundary's with the new Mid Anglia branch had nearly been defined. This would be reported back to branch when finalised at the County meeting.
- 4) Branch pub of the Year was the White Horse, Sweffling and this would go to the Suffolk County round in May.
- 5) The funeral of ex landlord John Wiseman had been held. John had been landlord of the Tap&Spile and the Lattice Barn. During his tenure the T&S had offered over 200 beers during its first 2 years. Our sympathies were extended to his family.

Next meeting: Arcade Tavern, Ipswich 2000hrs Thursday 21/04/2016

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 2140