

# **CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch branch Meeting**

Date: 16/08/16

Venue: The Selkirk, Ipswich

## **Agenda**

**Welcome:** Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (8) and opened the meeting at 20:03 hrs.

**Apologies:** Terry Marquand, Eric Trabbold, Jane Scott

**Minutes of last meeting:** Accepted and read.

**Matters arising:** none

**Correspondence:** Mike reported HQ had posted memo's on the following:- Good Beer Guide 2017 release; Revitalisation Project Update (2<sup>nd</sup> survey); GBG 2017 - publication and distribution Timetable; Pubs Code and Adjudicator Info England & Wales (became law on 21<sup>st</sup> July); Wild Pub Walks (new book but nothing in our area);GBG 2017 order form

**All memo's 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 correspondence had been received.

## **Officers Reports**

**a) Chairman:** Matt advised that Phil Hastie had resigned as both vice-chairman and Pubs & Clubs Officer and thanked him for his efforts in these posts. Phils commitment and enthusiasm for saving pubs would be hard to replace. Until a new incumbent(s) could be appointed at the Branch AGM Alan and Nigel will attempt to keep the Pubs & Club Officer post running and up to date. The Vice-chair post can hopefully be covered on an ad-hoc basis until then.

**b) Vice-Chairman:** not present no report.

**c)Treasurer:** Gordon stated that the accounts had not changed since the last meeting viz.:-

IBF Account: £339.70

Branch Account: £575.82

Petty Cash: £35.94

Total: £951.46

He had spoken to Peter (the former treasurer) re the VAT return.

Nigel reported he had collected £670 so far from pubs participating in the Ale Trail (with some £120 still to come) which he handed to Gordon for putting in the branch account.

**d) Membership:** Not present, no report.

**e) Young Membership:** Not present, no report.

**f) Social Secretary:** Not present but e-mail report.

About 10 of us attended the Harwich Redoubt Beer Festival on 26<sup>th</sup> July – a nice little trip! The cost of hiring a mini-bus for the Mid Anglia Steam Railway over the bank holiday weekend has proved too expensive so there will be no organised visit.

Nigel confirmed the visit to Adnams Brewery on 12<sup>th</sup> November was confirmed, 4 places where already allocated to the Ipswich Ale Trail draw winners. A hired bus would be needed and due to number restrictions 2 trips around the brewery at 1200 and 1300hrs would be needed. There would be a charge of £10 per person for the bus hire (apart from the draw winners!). Other seats would be on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. A visit to the Colchester brewery next spring, in March/April (via train) was on the cards.

**g) Media and Newsletter:** Nigel reported he had not been on the radio, although Tim had been on re the G.B.B.F.. The latest edition of last Orders was out. The draft had been circulated for comment and feed back but none had been received so it was issued as was. There had been some ill informed and incorrect comments via Facebook regarding the branch selection processes for awards and the sender, and all other interested parties!, where invited to attend branch meetings to both check on the correctness of branch procedures and comment on all CAMRA activities and aims both locally and nationally.

**h) Beer Festivals:** Word was still awaited from John Peel Centre, Stowmarket regarding a “wash-up” meeting following the Beer Festival there earlier this year. The Duke of York is holding a beer festival over the coming weekend in aid of St Elizabeth,s Hospice. Both St Judes (this week) and Dove St. (last week in August) where holding their own beer festivals, as indeed are a number of pubs in the branch area – see the Branch Diary on the web-site for details of all such known, but be aware these are only those we know about and are by no means definitive. The beer list for the Traditional Music Day bar at the MEAL Stowmarket on 3<sup>rd</sup> September has been finalised – there will be 8 bitters and 3-4 ciders on offer.

**i) Pubs and Clubs:** Not present no report. However pub news reported to the meeting where as follows:-

Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe - bars open but no real ale/cider currently on offer

Railway, Ipswich - re-opens in September as a free house. Live music will be on offer

Arboretum, Ipswich – reportedly re-opening soon?

**j) Tasting Panel:** Not present but nothing to report (via e-mail). However several tasting panel members had been invited to judge the Home Brewing Competition being hosted by The Briarbank on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**k) Brewing Liaison Officers:** None present no reports.

**A.O.B.:** Ipswich Ale Trail prize draw winners had been posted on Facebook but the list is re-printed here for completeness:-

Passports returned – full 55 partial 42 total 97. All winners drawn by the barmaid at the Half moon Walton at the last meeting.

Draw 1 – (for those who completed all of the trail only)

2 tickets for Adnams brewery visit on 12<sup>th</sup> September – **Chloe Brett**

Meal for 2 at the Selkirk, Ipswich – **Jonathan Harrow**

One years CAMRA membership – **Peter Gager**

Draw 2 – (for all Ale trail participants, full and part)

2 tickets for Adnams brewery visit on 12<sup>th</sup> September – **John Whight**

Meal for 2 at the Lattice Barn, Ipswich – **Roy Crook**

Future meetings -

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Station Hotel, Ipswich

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Brickmakers, Ipswich

22<sup>nd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> November (which date tbc) – Steamboat, Ipswich

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – St. Judes Tavern, Ipswich (tbc)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January (Branch AGM) - Thomas Wolsey, Ipswich

**Next meeting: The Station Hotel, Ipswich 2000hrs Thursday 22/09/16**

**Close meeting:** Chairman closed the meeting at 2153hrs