

# **CAMRA**

## **IPSWICH & EAST SUFFOLK BRANCH**

### **MINUTES OF February MEETING**

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 8pm

**Venue:** The Thomas Wolsey, Ipswich

#### **Welcome:**

Gordon welcomed 13 people to the meeting.

#### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Mike Lewis, Chris Kenworthy, Tim Edwards, Jane Scott.

#### **Minutes of last meeting:**

Received and approved.

#### **Matters Arising:**

None.

#### **Correspondence:**

Nigel discussed changing the boundaries on the map on the branch website. There was mention that the Save the Framsdon Doberman and the Save the Wickham Market George both have active groups that are still campaigning for their causes. Gordon noted that a memo from HQ was received asking for branch suggestions and recommendations for GBBF at Olympia. This would be discussed after GBG selection/PoTY results

All memo's sent by HQ since the last meeting can be found on the Members Dashboard by logging on to the Members Site on the CAMRA website at <http://www.camra.org.uk>

#### **Officers Reports:**

##### **Chairman**

Gordon mentioned that he'd started sending out a monthly 'what's on' email to the branch. When asked for feedback, it had all been positive from the first newsletter, so it was agreed that this will continue on a monthly basis in the future.

##### **Vice-Chairman**

Sophie had nothing to report.

## **Treasurer**

Allan mentioned that the VAT returns are still in hand, and hopefully there will be some movement in the coming months. Branch account balance remains stable at £838.78

## **Membership**

Tim was absent.

## **Young Membership**

Chris was absent.

## **Social, Media & Newsletter**

Nigel had a month away from anything media related, but next last orders due in April so articles for consideration to him by March if possible. Social Secretary Matt mentioned that the first social of the year was to be to Colchester on 16 March, as we had been invited there by the Landlord, due to Gordon giving them a plug on the Branch facebook page

## **Pubs news**

The following items of pubs news were reported.

- Stratford St Mary Anchor Inn. Reopened under new management.
- Butley Oyster Inn. Under new management.
- Freston Boot. Due to open Easter time.

## **Beer Festivals**

John Peel Centre scheduled for 2/3 March (*Chairman's note: Festival cancelled on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb due to inclement weather*). MEAL festivals still planned for Summer, volunteers would be needed as ever.

## **Brewery Liaison Officers**

Cliff Quay have all new self-cleaning equipment. Briarbank are now brewing the winning beer from the Homebrew competition last year

## **Tasting Panel:**

Terry absent. Nothing to report, but noted that there hadn't been any sort of tasting panel since the Briarbank homebrew competition in October

## **Any Other Business:**

Eric enquired about training for the tasting panel.

**Next Meeting:**

**Ipswich Spread Eagle 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, 8pm**

**Meeting closed at 21.06**

**Branch Pub of the Year Results:**

**Ipswich: Fat Cat**

**Urban: Royal William, Stowmarket**

**Rural: Wheatsheaf, Tattingstone**

**Club: California Social Club, Ipswich**