

CAMRA SWD - July 2019 Meeting
Wednesday 10th, 8 pm – Portesham, The Kings Arms

Meeting Notes

1. Attending: Chaired: Dave Harris.

Leslie Senior, Diane Senior, Adrian Patterson, Russ Ware, Rich Gabe, Dave Harris(Y), Graham Morey, Bruce Mead, Simon House, James Buckley, Don Freestone, Paul Ramsden, Alex Bardswell, Jill Diggins, Kelvin Nicholson, Steve Browne, Andy Redding, John Parker, Chris Slade, Ellis Ford

Apologies: Tony Egerton, James Bennett, Alan Fowler,

2. Beer Scores/ GBG

• **Beer scoring**

o Since the June branch meeting, 424 additional beer scores have been submitted and entered into the database by 45 different CAMRA members (28 from West Dorset).

o Are you one of the 28? AP asked for a show of hands of which attendees had submitted beer scores since the last meeting, and to encourage those who haven't to do so.

• **GBG**

o No update this month.

• **Beer Scoring & GBG Review**

o The first meeting has taken place and resulted in a number of actions and recommendations, some of which will be discussed at this meeting.

o The second meeting is scheduled for next week.

• **Pub News (from Tony Egerton)**

o Tony has noticed just three new pubs fresh to the market and no sales have been confirmed.

o For Sale/Lease:

- Brace of Pheasants, Plush. (Freehold) for sale at £775,000
- Golden Lion, Weymouth (Leasehold).
- Market House, Bridport (Tenancy)

o Other News:

- Kings Arms, Weymouth – Re-opened 5th July with temporary licensee, having been closed for 4weeks after previous tenant left. Watch the new prices!
- Pymore Inn opened 4th July. One of the joint owners is Steve Killingbeck, currently the Palmer's tenant at New Inn, Eype.
- Fox, Ansty re-opened on 26th June. Palmers beers plus a guest from Cerne Abbas. Now owned by Brewery Farm Campsite, Ansty.
- Clifton, Portland. In a surprise announcement to customers on 30th June, the landlady announced that the pub was closing permanently forthwith. The owner had been granted planning permission in 2017 to convert to eight flats but, as the pub had remained open for the last 18 months, it was thought that there had been a change of mind.

WhatPub and other Pub news

o The George Hotel, Sherborne, now has a 4th handpump and is serving two changing guest beers (from the Marstons/Banks stable).

o The Cross Keys, Sherborne, has re-opened. It has been thoroughly refurbished as is now a high quality gastro-pub but very pleasant ambience nonetheless. Only one real ale currently; new owner says he will remain faithful to Cerne Abbas beers.

o The Manor House Hotel at West Bexington is up for sale for £1.7m.

3 Use emails to link to Branch Minutes (AdP). The suggestion was made at the recent process review meeting that branch minutes could be placed on the web site and linked to by means of the regular members email. This approach was approved by a show of hands.

4 Membership Status (KN)

Lapsed Members 3

Members moved into Branch 3

New Members 6

Total notified by HQ 676, an increase of 2 on the month.

5 Garden of the Year/Cider Pub of They Year. All judges results had been returned. Russ needed to have a little more information before confirming the result.

6 Use of Social Media to promote Branch Events (AdP) A discussion point was raised at the process meeting considering how we might best use social media. There is now a set of CAMRA Documents giving branches specific guidance on such uses. It was agreed that we should follow these guidelines in this branch. Volunteers were needed to help to promote the branch and its activities through these mediums

7 Social Events

Rich reminded members of the forthcoming events: Totnes trip 20 July; 25th July Weymouth Plod; Bristol visit by rail Aug 10th; Skittles with ED Sat 16th November at Tom Browns. (more details below), the possibility of a Cider Tour was under consideration.

8 AOB

a) Beer Festivals at Shave Cross Sat 26th and 27th July.

b) Beer Festivals at Spyway Sat 19th and 20th July

c) Pulpit Inn, Portland reported up for sale £450K

Meeting closed at 20.47.

Next Meetings – July Thu 25th 7.30pm Branch Social (CITA) Weymouth Meet Dolphin 1930 then onwards;; August Sat 10th Branch Social (CITA) Train trip to Bristol. Pub crawl. August 14th 8pm Branch Meeting Royal Portland Arms; Portland. Contact Tony Egerton 01305 789906(h) 07711 752720(m) agegerton@aol.com