

CAMRA SWD - November 2019 Meeting
Wednesday 13th, 8 pm – Weymouth, Dolphin

Meeting Notes

1. Attending: Chaired: Dave Harris (E).

Russ Ware, Rich Gabe, Adrian Patterson, Leslie Senior, Diane Senior, Bruce Mead, Simon House, Graham Morey, Alex Bardswell, Kelvin Nicholson, Dawn Nicholson, Steve Browne, Andy Redding, James Buckley, Jill Diggins, James Bennett, Rich Kitchin, Wilf Day, Luke Wakelin, Neil Montague, John Hook, John Bowman.

Apologies: Tony Egerton, Alan Fowler, Kylie Stroud

2. Beer Scores/ GBG

• **Beer scoring**

o Since the October branch meeting, 573 additional beer scores have been submitted and entered into the database by 61 different CAMRA members (39 from West Dorset).

o Are you one of the 39? We would like more beer scores in order to get a more accurate shortlist of pubs to assist with our GBG selection, which is why we are asking members who attend these meetings to submit beer scores regularly – don't forget the competition in the latest Giant Dingle!

o In addition to the report of Pubs Requiring Visits, the following GBG2020 Pubs require more visits:

- Anchor Inn, Salway Ash
- Mitre Inn, Sandford Orcas
- New Inn, Stoke Abbott

• **GBG**

o Good Beer Guide 2021 selection takes place at our December and January meetings at the Acorn, Evershot and Tom Browns, Dorchester respectively. Members were reminded that in order to vote at these meetings they must have registered at least one beer score two days prior to each meeting.

o CAMRA HQ has published the forms, guidelines and timeline.

• **Beer Scoring & GBG Review**

o The fourth meeting has taken place.

o A revised GBG selection process will be published prior to the next meeting.

o Please note that branch members will only be able to vote at the GBG selection meetings if they have submitted a beer score this year.

• **Pub News (from Tony Egerton)**

o **Takeovers** - In addition to last month's news that Heineken have sold 150 community pubs to Admiral Taverns, we hear now that Marstons have sold 137 pubs, also to Admiral, for £44 million. A leaked list identifies all the pubs but Admiral/Marstons are neither confirming nor denying its accuracy. Two of the pubs listed are in our branch area – Chapelhay, Weymouth and Rose & Crown, Bradford Abbas. (The latter has been confirmed). Note Admiral Taverns now have over 1000 pubs and is itself owned by C & C Group, Irish makers of Magners cider.

o **Closures/Reopenings** - Some pubs are taking advantage of the Summer season/pre-Christmas lull to 'refurbish'. Currently temporary closed are Spice Ship, Upwey and Sly Fox, Osmington. The Britannia, Sherborne has also closed suddenly – notice on door says 'Closed due to non-payment!' The Pie & Ale House, Weymouth has permanently closed and seeking planning permission for conversion to a six-bedroom hotel, an extension to Somerset Hotel, next door.

o Hardys in Dorchester re-opened on Saturday (9th)

• **Other Pub News**

o The Countryman Inn, East Knighton is under new management.

o The Rivers Arms is now closed under refurbishment.

o Bruce Mead reports Ship in Lyme Regis is closed.

• **Beer Scoring Promotion**

o Rich asked bar staff to draw a winning ticket. This ticket contained the membership number of a member who had entered a beer score this month. The winner was Member number 564768, Don Freestone. KN to provide address and contact details to Rich who would ensure delivery of the case of Cerne Abbas ales.

3 Membership Status (KN)

New members recruited at Octoberfest now added: Membership increased by 23. Total notified by HQ 709.

4 Octoberfest

Close to final figures – return to HQ shows £4.3K profit, increase on last year. Together with income from Beerex into Branch, we have contributed £8000 to HQ so far.

5 Beerex

Budget approved, notice in Whats Brewing, info on West Dorset and Beerex web sites. Tickets on sale from 1/12/2019.

6 Social Events

Rich mentioned the ED/WD skittles match at Tom Browns on Saturday supporters were welcome, but he pointed out the buffet was for participants only. In December, as well as the Branch meeting on the 11th at the Acorn, there was a Dorchester Plod on the 4th at 7.15 starting at B&K and also a CITA meeting in Bridport on Saturday 11th starting at 11.30am in the Tiger.

In the New Year Rich is organising a Beer Tasting event with St Austell Brewery coming to our area. This will be a limited number event with a small admission fee. More details nearer the time.

7 Pubs to visit

o According to Whatpub, the nearest 5 pubs to this meeting are:

- Duke of Albany, Park Street
- Tides Inn, King Street
- Railway Tavern, Queen Street
- Star, Gloucester Street
- Gloucester, The Esplanade

8 AOB

a) James Buckley reported that the Kings Arms, Weymouth is due to reopen Friday 15th November.

b) Alex Bardswell reminded about the Copper St Open Day on 23rd November.

c) Adrian Patterson has some Beerex glasses to give away to a local organisation. We'll put out a members email with more information this week.

d) Bruce Mead: Copper Street Brewery are celebrating their first birthday on 23rd November and have invited people to come and join them for a drink. Details at the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/793156304479569/>

The Convivial Rabbit's 3rd birthday is on 30th November featuring music from the Stomping Boondocks. Details at link:

<https://twitter.com/dorchmicropub/status/1193978883978207232>.

e) Rich reminded people of the Dec 4th 7.15pm Dorchester Plod Meet at B&K.

Meeting closed at 20.27.

Next Meetings – Dec 4th 7.15pm Dorchester Plod Meet at B&K. Dec 11th Brch Mtg at Acorn Evershot 8pm. Dec 14th CITA Bridport meet at Tiger 11.30am Contact Tony Egerton 01305 752720(h) 07711 752720(m) agegerton@aol.com