

THANET CAMRA – MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2019 at THE ARTILLERY ARMS

Apologies for absence were received from
Tony Walbank, Peter Jaquiss, Danny O’Sullivan

Those Present

Dennis Brandrick, Martin Knight, Julian Dungey, Steve Saunders, Graham Rickett, Mike Newman, Nick Gurr, Martin Baldwin, Rick, Mark Sharratt, Nicky Munn, Terry Monaghan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and proposed as a true record by Graham; Seconded by Mike.

Matters Arising:

Jez – all outstanding bills paid.

Brown Jug – Tankard not presented. Frank Thorley informed that Jenny wanted a quiet exit.

FINANCE

Jez reported that we have **REMOVED**. Only one outstanding invoice for AoT.

MEMBERSHIP

Local 567. Up 7 from AGM. National 190654. Down 264 since AGM. HQ membership services are trying to investigate why figures are dropping. 2 free pints will be our incentive at the festival again this year. There was discussion about Spoons vouchers for new members being issued prior to payment being collected.

DIGITAL MEDIA – 618 Twitter. 538 Facebook. 200 Instagram. 85 hits a day on the website. Hosting is currently £55pa. We could go to CAMRA’s in house service, but this is staffed by volunteers.

SOCIAL REPORT

Saturday March 16th. POTY presentations, 12 noon start at Bake and Ale House then on to Old Bay Alehouse, Minnis Bay approx 1:45pm, Banks, Cliftonville, approx 3:45pm ending at the Hovelling Boat approx 5:45pm. Monte Wed 3rd April 8pm

Tues 26/3. Broadstairs crawl. Mind the Gap, The Pub, Magnet (new micros in Broadstairs) and onwards. 7.30pm start.

APR - Saturday 6/4. Bus tour. Start at the Wheel, Birchington. 12 noon start. Look out for more details nearer the date.

Friday/Saturday 19th/20th - Thanet Easter Beer and Cider Festival. Winter Gardens, Margate.

MAY - Thursday 2nd May - Social. Ramsgate. Hovelling Boat, Red Lion onward. 7.30pm start.

25th -Saturday. Festival Volunteers Day Out to Crabble Mill. Details to follow.

JUNE - 12th. Wednesday. Margate Crawl. 7.30pm. Start at Harbour Arms, Two Halves and onward.

22nd - Saturday. Loop bus tour. Starting: NauticAles at 12.15 and on towards The Conqueror.

JULY - 16th Tuesday. - 7.30pm. Broadstairs seafront crawl. Start at The Chapel and onward.

KRM

Martin attended on Saturday. DB/MK to email Ian C with the list of current branch officers. Any festival issues to be communicated to HQ. CAMRA will insure any festival equipment we own.

We can ask for funding from region for campaigning and social events.

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Kae has stepped down from RD, she is acting RD until May meeting to cover the GBG and PoTY.

Ian to contact Keith Spence at HQ about Clubs inclusion into GBG.

PUB UPDATES

REMOVED

Chilton Tavern – Still Open at present. Planning application declined.

Foresters – Planning declined.

Neptune's Hall – Reopened with new manager.

Rose in June – Tenancy Advertised

St Lawrence Tavern – Reopened.

Hare and Hounds – Tenancy under offer

Honeysuckle – For Sale

London Tavern – For Sale

Deal Cutter – tenancy advertised

Swan – Freehold of premises under offer.

Magnet – Now open in Broadstairs.

BREWERIES

4c – Nothing to Report.

IVA – Nothing to report.

Margate – Reverse progress. Opening unlikely any time soon.

NauticAles – nothing to report

Northdown – Production continuing as normal.

Ramsgate – Currently producing – Common Conspiracy; Dr Sunshine; Cloudsurfer;

EmPOWERment (Sue's special for IWD); Estonian Collab – Spread of Democracy; No 11 up for Taste of Kent awards.

Wantsum – Production continuing as normal. Red Smacker re-released.

GOOD BEER GUIDE AND PUB OF THE YEAR.

PoTY to be presented on 16th March/3rd April. MK has created new certificates, which are better than those produced by St Albans.

Nick proposed surveying clubs to check entry requirements. MK suggested this is done during the summer ready for the July meeting.

BEER FESTIVAL UPDATE

Good list of sponsors for this year. Wantsum – Glasses; Gadds' – Tees; Thanet Showcase – Banks'; 2020 Logo – agreed in principle; Beer Mats are now out publicising the festival; Posters in production; 8 Banners + Prospect roundabout to be erected; 80+ volunteers so far signed up – forms to Peter J please; Early entry for CAMRA members on Friday; No picnics in venue; We will be hosting CAMRA's new education stand – only the second festival in the country to do so.

AOB

There were no items of AOB

Next meeting will be on 9th May – Venue TBC

The meeting closed at 22:18