

## Minutes of the Newark CAMRA Branch meeting held at Milestone Brewery Tap, Cromwell on Saturday 12/4/25

**Attendees:** Richard Trafford, Carolyn Gibbons, Rory Audsley-Spence, Andy Sear, Colin Campbell, John Dunstan, Jo Dunstan, Sam Lucas, Pip Barley, Russ Briggs, Ros Briggs, Ray Spink, Peter Harris

- 1) **Apologies for absence** - Stuart Clift, Moira Walter, John Williams, Allister Ferguson, Jim Power. Members were asked to forward apologies for absence direct to the Branch Secretary [secretary@newark.camra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@newark.camra.org.uk)
- 2) **Review of Actions from Previous Minutes**  
The action log was updated – see below.
- 3) **Chair's report** – Unfortunately Stuart was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, Richard (Vice-Chair) agreed to take the meeting. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and the Milestone Brewery Tap was thanked for providing the venue. Richard confirmed that the meeting would be kept as short as possible so that everyone attending could have an opportunity to have a chat over a beer or cider.
- 4) **Treasurer's report** – A request had been submitted to HQ for £1K to support our pubs in activity relating to the beer festival weekend (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May) – see item 12 below. This was approved and will be used to publicise the "Not the Newark Beer Festival" event.
- 5) **Secretary's report** – An update was given from the Nottinghamshire County Meeting that took place on 22/3/25.
- 6) **Membership/Young Members** – no report. The secretary reported that the current membership was 527 a reduction of 4 from last month.
- 7) **Vice Chair / WhatPub / Web** – A new branch website has been built and will be going live in the next week.
- 8) **Pub of the Year (POTY) & Good Beer Guide (GBG)** - Judging for the Nottinghamshire round of POTY is taking place. The branch Good Beer Guide entries for 2026 have been submitted to the County Co-ordinator.
- 9) **Cider Update** – The Cider and Perry POTY judging for East Midlands is currently taking place.
- 10) **Pub Protection Officer** –  
Peter Harris reported the following:-
  - the Crown at Southwell is now branded as a pub with accommodation but was currently unable to obtain any real ale from Marston's.
  - the Admiral Rodney at Southwell has been put up for sale by Stonegate.
- 11) **Brewery Liaison Officer Co-ordinator** – Nothing to report.
- 12) **Beer Festival** – Yupp.Beer & the Fox and Crown have contacted the branch to arrange a beer festival around the local pubs on the usual Beer Festival weekend with a working title of "**Not the Newark Beer Festival**". The dates are Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Each pub involved, will be responsible for their own beer and it's hoped that they will have at least 6 real ales on and if possible, a real cider or two. Newark CAMRA are supporting this event by assisting with advertising etc. It's hoped that the event will bring in extra trade to our pubs and create a festival weekend celebrating real ale and cider around the area.
- 13) **Social Events** – No socials have been arranged. The Secretary reported on the following events that are taking place locally:-  
**The Pavilion, Racecourse Park**, Mansfield are hosting a non-CAMRA event 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> May.  
**The Mallard, Worksop** are hosting a non-CAMRA beer festival 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April with up to 20 real ales available.

**Retford Ale Trail** 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> July with five pubs involved (TBC).  
**Robin Hood Beer & Cider Festival** 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground.

#### 14) Dates and Venues of Forthcoming Meetings

- May – no branch meeting
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Branch meeting at the Royal Oak, Collingham at approx. 12.15pm followed by a visit to Cat Asylum Brewery in Collingham. Those travelling by public transport from Newark can take the train from Newark Castle at 12.01 or travel by service bus.
- **Saturday 12/7/25 – The Final Whistle, Southwell NG24 0ET @1pm.** Those travelling by public transport from Newark, can take the Stagecoach 28 bus from Newark Bus station at 12.20. (Please double check bus times prior to setting off).
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August** - The Full Moon, Morton @7.30pm. Minibus £5 per person from town wharf at 7pm to the Full Moon, returning at approximately 9.30 pm. Members wishing to travel by minibus should contact the Branch Treasurer [treasurer@newark.camra.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@newark.camra.org.uk) and pay the £5 cash to John in advance. **ACTION** – Jim Mason agreed to contact Jacaranda Brewery to see if they would like to join the branch for this meeting.
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Brews Brothers, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood NG24 3RQ @ 7.30 pm. Those travelling by public transport from Newark, can take the 90 bus from the Newark bus station @ 18.53 (Please double check bus times prior to setting off).
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Venue TBC
- **November** - date & venue TBC (Branch Annual General Meeting)

#### 15) Any Other Business

Peter Harris informed the meeting that on 5<sup>th</sup> July, Southwell pubs are guests to the 'Gate to Southwell' - a revival of the processional dance to pay the tithe to the Minster. There will be a number of Morris Dancing sides in the town visiting and dancing at town centre pubs including the Wheatsheaf, the Admiral Rodney and the Crown then processing to the Minster West door. All are invited to watch and imbibe!

#### Newark CAMRA Action Log 2025

Date	Owner	ACTION	Update	Date Closed
12/3/25	JM	Jim Mason agreed to contact Jacaranda Brewery to see if they wanted to join the branch at our meeting on 13/8/25 at the Full Moon, Morton.	12/4/25 – no update	
8/1/25	JD	Branch members to send articles for inclusion in the Branch Magazine to John Dunstan by 31/3/25 <a href="mailto:treasurer@newarkcamra.org.uk">treasurer@newarkcamra.org.uk</a>	12/4/25 – John confirmed articles have been received and he would be contacting publishers in the coming week/ 12/3/25 – Members asked to send any articles to John asap in order to get magazine published in April.	
8/1/25	RT JD	Vice chair to make contact with CAMRA HQ to see if there is a corporate MS Teams licence that can be used. If not, investigate obtaining a licence for the branch. The Treasurer agreed to carry out a cost benefit analysis for this.	On-going	
Closed items				
8/1/25	RAS	Rory to send out a copy of the BLO Job role description to all BLOs.	Documents sent out to John. Allister & Jim	6/2/25
8/1/25	CG	Any branch member interested in taking part in tasting panels to pass their details to the Branch Secretary by 28/2/25	Expression of interest received from Rory. Richard to speak to Rob Green who is co-ordinating this for Nottinghamshire	12/3/25

12/3/25	AF	Allister and Andy to liaise with the Royal Oak at Collingham and Cat Asylum Brewery to see if a social/branch meeting could be arranged for June.	12/3/25 - Cat Asylum Brewery have confirmed we can visit on 21/6/25. Meeting to be held at the Royal Oak Collingham beforehand.  12/2/25 - No action taken – AF to action prior to the March meeting	12/3/25
12/2/25	SL	Once all of the POTY presentations had taken place, the Newark Advertiser should be contacted to ask if they will run an article. Sam to draft a suitable article for submission to the Advertiser.	12/4/25 – Sam has sent a report and photographs to the Advertiser. 12/3/25 – SL reported that this will take place once all presentations have taken place.	12/4/25