



CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE BRANCH

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Dear Member,

So Christmas is coming around again and it's time to get out the mistletoe, deck the halls and head to your local for a decent pint of real ale. In my case, not so local. It is also the season to be jolly on the seasonal and January social trips and the time to vote for the Pub of the Year. Details of all these can be found below. Don't forget to use the special offers on gifts and memberships on the CAMRA website and the discount offered to members at the Triton Inn. I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Tony Garrett – Membership Secretary

Membership

The number of members living in the branch area is now 505. This is the most I can remember, but please keep encouraging your friends to join the campaign and get the figure even higher. The national figure is also ever-increasing at 96,495.

Membership rates for 2008 remain £22 for single membership, £27 for joint and £13 for members under 26 and over 60. You can save £2 on these prices by paying direct debit, so, if you are not already doing so, why not save money and make renewing easier by using the direct debit option. Alternatively you can commit yourself in the long term by taking out a life membership.

A birthday coming up? Stuck for ideas for Christmas? Then CAMRA Gift Membership packs are the ideal present. With prices from £32.99, you can purchase membership with vouchers or CAMRA publications included. For friends who are already members, you can buy CAMRA vouchers, other merchandise and your Christmas cards. CAMRA will also enter every Gift Membership into a prize draw for an 18 pint Beer-box of Nelson's Revenge or a 12 bottle case of the same beer. Just visit the shop site on www.camra.org.uk for details.

CAMRA now offer £20 worth of Wetherspoons vouchers for all new members, renewals, those on Direct Debit and (we believe) life members. This is presently a limited offer however, so don't delay your renewal if you want to take advantage of it. If you want to save money on your Good Beer Guide, you can join the Good Beer Guide Privilege Club. £10 for an annual copy (inc p&p). Check the CAMRA website for details.

Social Trips

We are holding a seasonal social trip on Saturday 6th December visiting pubs just beyond our branch area. Please contact Alan Canvess for further details. Next year there will be a trip to York in January, to Leeds in February, and Scarborough in March. These will be on the first or second Saturdays of the month. Contact Alan Canvess for further details.

Special Offer

Triton Inn, Brantingham – 10% off the selling price of a pint of real ale on production of your CAMRA membership card. Please make use of this offer as it will save you money and show the owner of the pub that CAMRA members use it.

Activation Roadshows

In October, we travelled the railway line from Hull to Bridlington and back, stopping off at the Old Ship Inn, Bridlington, The Bell, Driffield and The Sun Inn, Beverley. Thanks go to the licensees for hosting us and the members who joined in.

Pub of the Year 2008

Please note that the Pub of the Year 2008 will be decided by a vote of members by post, e mail or phone on 1, 2 and 3 December or at the December Open Meeting on 3 December. The nominated pubs are: **HULL** - George Hotel (Land of Green Ginger), Three John Scott's (Lowgate), Walters (Scale Lane), Wellington Inn (Russell Street), Whalebone (Wincolmlee). **TOWN** - Dog & Duck (Beverley), Green Dragon (Beverley), Bell Hotel (Driffield), Mariners Arms (Driffield), Tiger Inn (Driffield).

VILLAGE - Blue Bell (Old Ellerby), Pipe & Glass (South Dalton), Plough Inn (Hollym), Wellington Inn (Lund), Goodmanham Arms (Goodmanham).

If you wish to vote in any, or all, of the Pub of the Year categories, please e-mail Alan for a copy of the Criteria and a copy of the Judging Form.

Hull Real Ale & Cider Festival 2009

We have now booked the Horncastle Building for next year's Hull Real Ale & Cider festival. This is the same venue as this year, since the festival in March was so successful. Please note 16 – 18 April in your 2009 diaries so that you don't miss out by a frustrating double booking. More details nearer the time. If anyone would like to take a role on the festival committee and help to organise it, please contact Alan Canvess.

Good Beer Guide 2010

The choices of pubs for the Good Beer Guide 2010 have now been made and the results are embargoed until the book is launched in October. If you wish to be involved in the post-vote surveys for the Good Beer Guide 2010, please contact Alan Canvess.

CAMRA Products

Branch Polo Shirts featuring the branch logo embroidered on the front are available in black or dark green in sizes S/M/L/XL/XXL. They are £10 plus postage to members. The following CAMRA books are also available: Good Bottled Beer Guide (2006): £9.00; Good Pub Food (2006): £5.00; and the Good Beer Guide 2009 £11.00. All prices shown are the discounted member's prices. To save postage, pre-ordered items can be collected from any of the forthcoming open meetings or the Hop & Vine in Albion Street, Hull.

Pub Mirror

We are still seeking a new editor for Pub Mirror and an advertising manager – both positions are voluntary, but are a great chance to make your mark in the local CAMRA branch area. If you are interested, please contact Alan Canvess.

Branch Forum

Through the branch discussion forum you can give your opinion on pubs, beer or any other subject you care to. Via the forum you can keep up to date with guest beers in local pubs or what your local supermarket may be selling in the way of bottled conditioned beers and bottled ciders, plus notice of branch activities. If you can't attend meetings you can still take an active role in CAMRA by making your views known through this medium. You can reach the forum via the branch website.

Pub News

We are always eager to hear about any news relating to the pubs that sell real ale in our area. Also if you hear of any closures or new pubs or bars opening please contact Chris Robertson (Pubs Officer - Hull) or John Heckford (Pubs Officer - East Yorkshire).

Associate Positions and Support Positions

We are looking for members willing to take a more active role in the branch. We currently have a vacancy for the Associated Position of Club Liaison Officer. We are also looking for members to take on Support Positions including Pub Liaison Officers (PLO's) for various towns in the branch area. Please contact Alan Canvess for more information.

AGM

The Branch AGM will be held on 4th March. Please see the next newsletter for further details.

Committed To Cask Award - 2008

The Committed to Cask Award recognises the efforts that the tenants have put in to selling and promoting real ale in the pub. We are seeking further nominations for future Committed to Cask Awards. Please contact Alan Canvess for details.

Beer Scoring

If you use beer scoring cards to inform local branches of what you think of the beer in their area, or have been wondering how to do so, you can use the website at www.beerscoring.org.uk. Your action could inform a branch of a potential Good Beer Guide pub for the future. HQ will not be distributing or passing on the paper scoring cards from January 2009, although you can use them in the local branch.

Events Diary

Wednesday 3rd December: Open Meeting, commencing at 8pm, including the POTY vote, at the Bay Horse, Wincolmllee.

Saturday 6th December Seasonal Social Trip departing from Ferensway at 5.45pm.

Saturday 3rd or 10th January: Social trip to York. Contact Alan Canvess for details.

Wednesday 7th January: Open Meeting, Commencing at 8pm, Venue to be confirmed.

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Branch Website / Forum

www.hullcamra.org.uk

The forum can be accessed via the website

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