

Minutes

South Devon CAMRA Branch Meeting 12th December 2023 at 7.30 pm

Paignton Conservative Club

34 Palace Avenue, Paignton TQ3 3HB

There were 7 members present. Present were Ian Packham, Bob Southwell, Alan Cooke, Dave Wheeler, Andrew Thomson, Fred Carter, Tracy Carter.

Apologies: Paul Hulme, Dave and Amanda Buckler, Peter Lister, Philip German.

Chairman's Report: Bob mentioned that there would be no GBBF in 2024. This is due to modifications to the venue. Also Bob informed those present that the next regional meeting would be on Saturday 10th February 2024 in Taunton.

Secretary's Report: Ian is currently standing in for Lawrence who is doing well in his recovery but it will still be some time before he is fully fit.

Treasurer's Report: Ian stated that there was currently £600.53 in the bank account. The recent payment was for the cost of the latest edition of News and Brews.

Membership Secretary's Report: Dave Wheeler reported that we currently have 528 members with 2 having moved out of the area. The South West has lost about 40 members recently.

POTY, COTY, CPPOTY: Members had submitted nominations to Billy plus others were presented at the meeting. As Billy was not present Ian collated all of the nominations received, which were received from 14 members. As a result of the submissions the following were agreed for the shortlist:

POTY – Town:	Blue Anchor, Teignmouth Torrey Inn, Paignton
POTY – Rural:	Durant Arms, Ashprington Tally Ho, Littlehempston
COTY:	Paignton Conservative Club, Paignton Preston Conservative Club, Paignton
CPPOTY:	Queens Arms, Brixham Ye Olde Cider Bar, Newton Abbot

Social Secretary's Report: Firstly thanks were given to Lawrence for his past efforts and to Alan for taking over. On the 25th October we had a Mid Week Social using the No7 bus, starting at the Two Mile Oak and visiting The Tally Ho and the Pig & Whistle before Totnes. The Nov Midweek Social met up at the Barn Owl and used the No12 bus to visit pubs in Kingskerswell

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Finally we had the Christmas Social at the Torbay Inn on the 9th. There were 39 members present, so the lounge was very full. There was a buffet, a quiz, all for a fiver and a grand raffle. All seemed to go well, unfortunately the quiz was won by a couple of our friends from Exeter branch.

Our next Mid Week Social is not until January 17 when we will be invading Ivybridge. There are 6 pubs and one Brewery and transport can be either by rail or bus. Details will be posted on the Diary page of the website shortly. There is an extra Social squeezed in between Christmas and New Year on the 28th Dec at the Railway Brewhouse, Newton Abbot from midday.

The next meeting will be a social meeting on 9th Jan at The New Quay Inn Brixham from 7.30pm.

As usual up-to-date details of forthcoming socials, festivals, meetings and events can be found on the website.

Magazine Report: Andrew mentioned that he has an eye operation coming up and may, therefore, need help with the magazine. Dave mentioned about trying to get sponsorship for the beer festival when magazines are delivered. This is to be followed up.

Beer Festival Report: The business plan is underway and will be submitted in January. The beers and ciders together with a covered area and possible pre-sale tickets have been discussed.

Website, Social Media and WhatPub Report: Website: Recent additions: Reports of recent events: No.7 Bus Two Mile Oak etc. Kingskerswell and Christmas Social

The Diary is up to date with details to the end of March next year.

The News page had numerous items added since our last meeting.

I am always happy to receive items or articles for the News page.

Please remember it's YOUR website, feel free to use it and contribute to it.

WhatPub: Had around 13 updates submitted over the two months.

I thank everyone who has either completed a survey or just submitted an update. This is the only way we can keep WhatPub up-to-date – an out of date website is no use to anyone. I encourage all members to help maintain, if it's only for your local pub. One way visitors will judge our branch by the accuracy of our WhatPub entries. I'm only an e-mail or text message away. I can always e-mail a copy of the current data for any pub.

Social Media: The South Devon CAMRA FB page now has 550 members.

Posts from both The Drewe Arms and The Upside Bar attracted lots of views.

Cider News: There are possible changes happening at the Cider Bar

Brewery News: Alan has sent an email to all breweries in our branch area to check if the details on our website are correct and up to date.

Pub News: The Bishop Lacy in Chudleigh has reopened along with the opening of the Upside Beer Bar in Paignton and the future opening of another in Newton Abbot.

AOB and Date and Venue of Next Meeting: None and the next meeting is a social one on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at the New Quay Inn, Brixham at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.