

Branch Meeting Tuesday 13th August 2024

Held at TQ Beerworks – Torquay

Apologies: John and Kate Betts, Dave Faulkner, Dave and Amanda Buckler, Eddie Pile

Chairmans Report: Bob reported of a cider presentation on Tuesday 20th August at 1pm. He suggested we should discuss the Christmas Social. It was agreed to go back to Torbay Inn on 14th December. Bob reminded us of the joint social at Blue Anchor on Saturday 7th September and asked if anyone wanted a pastie to let him know.

Treasurers Report: Ian advised that we had £3762.46 currently in the bank, however there was a big BUT. Ian reported that he still had money to pay out from the beer and cider festival, News and Brews and for the new clothing order which he had already received money from members.

Secretary Report: DW had nothing to report

Membership Report Lawrence reported that he had signed up 16 new members at the Festival which resulted in 4 new members for the branch. South Devon now had 539 members. Lawrence reported a decline in members nationally.

News and Brews Report: Andrew said, following Ian's report that the branch had previously decided to just breakeven on the production so it was unlikely that N&B could contribute to branch funds. This was Andrews last report before handing over to a new regime and Bob on behalf of all the branch thanked Andrew for his devotion to producing the 23 editions that he had been responsible for.

Sunshine Festival Report: In the absence of Dave Buckler it was acknowledged that he had put together a very well organised festival. A huge "thank you" to Dave and Amanda. Volunteers had done an excellent job throughout the week. A wash up meeting had been organised for Friday 13th September 6pm at the Maltings.

Cider News: nothing to report

Brewery News: nothing to report

Any Other Business: Bob presented the Landlord Pack for GBG 25 to Owen for TQ Beerworks, Alan handed out the rest for distribution. Dave Clarke advised us that Eddie had contacts with a minibus company. LS was not impressed with the new CAMRA website.

Website

Recent additions:

Website now has details up to November.

There are reports of recent Mid Week Socials on the Recent Events page and of the recent Sunshine Beer & Cider Festival.

There are details of the forthcoming RamsFest and SD Railway Staverton Festival on the Beer Festival page.

The News page has an advert for Richard Hopkins Tap Takeover by Hanlons Brewery on 21 August.

The first order for our new leisurewear has now closed and been forwarded to the supplier. a total of 36 garments. Future orders will be gathered together for the second order.

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

Submissions keep trickling in, with a large percentage from visitors.

It has been reported that the Pig's Nose may have ceased to sell real ales. I would appreciate it if someone could confirm or deny this please.

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

Our pubs continue with their relentless advertising of football matches, music events, photos of food and precious little about the beer they sell. Consequently there is little to report, other than that the SDC FB group has continued to attract new members, we now have 665 members.

Social Secretary

Past Events

Mid week socials continue to attract a good following with over 20 members on most of them. There are reports on the Recent Events page, including past trips to Exmouth and Barnstaple and also on the 93 and Haytor Hoppa buses.

Coming Events

Mid Week Social to Kingsteignton on Wednesday 21 August 2024

A walk through Kingsteignton visiting the pubs.

Meet at Newton Abbot Sherborne Street Bus Station at 1130am for a Stagecoach 2 bus to Kingsteignton

Durant Arms Beer Festival on 6th September

South West Regional Social on 7th September at The Blue Anchor in Teignmouth from Middy.

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