

Branch Meeting Tuesday 8th October 2024

Held at Paignton Conservative Club

Apologies: Paul and Elizabeth Hulme, Dave and Amanda Buckler, Bob Southwell

Chairmans Report: Bob phoned in his apologies; he was stranded on a train from Somerset because of floods. Ian said that they had attended a Regional Meeting on Saturday but nothing major to report.

Treasurers Report: Ian advised that we had £1162.51 in the bank, but we still had some outgoings to pay from the festival.

Secretary Report: DW had received an email about food available at pubs during the Members Weekend. IP will respond.

Membership Report Lawrence reported that South Devon now had 536 members. Lawrence reported a decline in members nationally. DW asked what the 60 additional members was that was showing on the website. LS will look into what they are.

Social Secretary Report: see attached notes

News and Brews Report: Andrew apologised for not being available for the distribution of the recent issue. AC had sorted in Andrew's absence.

Sunshine Festival Report: The "thank you" trip for volunteers had been a success and a complete report can be seen in our events page. It was reported that we had been looking at new venues. We had 33 volunteers this year which was down from last year. DW asked for a Sponsors Manager to come forward to lead on getting sponsors.

Website

Dates available on website until Christmas.

Details of forthcoming Mid Week Socials to Brixham and Kingskerswell

New reports of the Kingsteignton and South West Regional Socials, plus Sunshine Thank You trip and the adventure to the Black Country.

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.

I am pleased to report that the Pig's Nose continues to sell real ales.

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 This is the only way we can keep WhatPub up-to-date – an out of date website is no use to anyone.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

Nothing to report other than that the SDC FB group continues to attract new members, we now have 680 members.

Cider News: nothing to report

Brewery News: nothing to report

Pun News and PLO Report: Roger Little had received an email from Totnes Brewing Company asking why they had been omitted from this years GBG. IP said it was purely down to low scores.

Any Other Business: IP reported on the latest meeting for Members Weekend and advised that they still had a number of positions still to fill, if anyone was interested in helping to let him know. It was hoped that the bar will have at least one beer from every Devon Brewer. IP reported that the Victoria in Ashburton was reopening soon under a new name of Ashburton Inn. DW asked IP if the question of "take aways" was discussed at the Regional Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm and a general social meeting continued.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th November at Queens Arms Brixham 7.30pm