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|  | Tyneside and Northumberland CAMRA Minutes of Branch Meeting 21/07/2012  Greenhead Hotel, Greenhead |  |

**Those present:** Richard Dollimore, Gordon Heal, Phill Gill, Peter Davies, Martin Hammill, John Holland, Barry Wilkinson, Dave MacKenzie, Rob Shanks, Hubert Gieschen, Brenda Froggatt, Bill Halliday, Doris Halliday, Fiona Wade, Susan Romain Wade, Allan Newton, Frank Kelly, Ken Walker, Dave Wilkinson, Colin McGregor.

**Apologies received from:** Jan Anderson, Colin Anderson, Ian Lee, Martin Ellis, Murray Owen.

**Apologies noted:** Jay Jay Bennett

**Copy minutes to:** previous branch meeting attendees (unless otherwise noted).

**Welcome/Intro**

The meeting commenced with the presentation of the Festival Battle of the Beers certificate for Grainger Ale to Martin Hammill of Hadrian Border Brewery.

The Chairman introduced himself, welcoming new members and outlining the procedure for the evening, which included changes to the published agenda.

**Minutes of previous meeting (Black Bull, Blaydon)**

1. Accuracy – no points raised
2. Action Points – none

**H.Q. Reports**

**#06/12 June 2012 H.Q. Mail-out** (7 items) issued 29th June 2012

Volunteer Leaflet

National Cask Ale Week

Annual Raffle Launch

Dan Kane Award

October Cider & Perry Month

Meetings Planner

Beer Festival Order Form

**Interim** issued 3rd July 2012

Perfect Pint Plagiarism Issue

**#07/12 July 2012 H.Q. Mail-out** - not yet issued

As only a brief resume was given for each item, if you want more details, please see the Chairman.

**Brewery News**

**Allendale** – (Colin Anderson)

Nothing new to report

**Big Lamp** – (Tony Turner)

No report

**Brew Star** – (Andrew Mitchell)

No report

**Cullercoats** – (Neil Harvey)

No report

**Delavals** – (Julia Jackson)

No report

**Gundog** – (Ian Trinder)

No report

**Hadrian Border** – (Gordon Heal)

As reported last month sales continue to grow despite the adverse weather. Monthly Specials have been updated and include Halve Wit, Geordie Jazz as well as the popular Newburn No 1. Geordie Jazz and Newburn No1 have been sold out so the brewery is currently working on Geordie Blues @ 4.3% for the rest of July. Bottling range continues to do well and they have included Secret Kingdom due to customer demand. Sales of Grainger Ale at the new Indigo Hotel in Newcastle are going well.

Boathouse August Bank Holiday Beer festival will host Hadrian Border ales as will the Kings Manor.

It is also intended to brew a commemorative beer in memory of Norman …..................

This weekend sees the annual Sage America Festival who have ordered an extra 10 casks and 70 cases of bottled ales on top of their normal order

**Hexhamshire** – (Martin Ellis)

Recently brewed Liquidity went down well at Tynedale and in the Dipton Mill. Lightside will be brewed shortly and available in August. Shire Bitter will be available at GBBF. The brewery is doing well and often brewing twice a week.

**High House Farm** – (Ian Lee)

Things ticking along – poor weather not helping rural pubs. Nettle beer cask all gone – some bottles left. Pullet Please went well last month. This months special is Sundancer out next week. Brewer Michael is leaving at end of month and going to another brewery. Gary, who has been working there for some time, will take over.

**Mordue** – (Matt Fletcher)

No report

**Northumberland** – (Rob Shanks)

Olympic Gold @ 4.0% coming out next week

**Ouseburn Valley** – (Fiona Wade)

Brewery equipment up for sale after multiple floodings

**Ship, Low Newton** – (Michael Foreman)

No report

**Tyne Bank** – (Murray Owen)

News items from Tyne Bank this month:-

Following on from last month’s report, the brewery, having been chosen as Sainsbury’s Regional Supplier for 6 months, should see their beer “Silver Dollar – 5%” available in bottles in 10 Sainsbury’s stores in the NE from 5th August onwards.

Ouseburn Festival - 20th to 22nd July 2012.

The Ouseburn Festival is currently underway at the date of this report and as part of the festival Tyne Bank Beers are being showcased this weekend at the Free Trade Inn when all the brewery’s beers will be available. This will include 3 July specials:-

Erdbeer-Weizen - 5% German Wheat Beer with strawberries.

Dakota Rise 4%

Tyne Bank Double IPA 7 %

as well as June’s special, Peloton Ale when 4 versions will be available:- Original Peloton Ale plus 3 others, each of which will have been dry hopped with a different hop. Also as part of the Ouseburn Festival the brewery will have a stall in the Hotel du Vin courtyard on Sunday 22nd July (11am to 4pm) when bottled Tyne Bank beers will be on sale including Erdbeer Weizen & Tyne Bank Double IPA.

Final news update – the brewery is now delivering to Edinburgh.

**Wylam** – (Jan Anderson)

Nothing new to report

**New Breweries:–**

**George n Porter, North Shields** Rob Shacklock has been nominated as BLO.

**Three Kings, North Shields,** Alan Stobbs appointed BLO.

**V.I.P. Brewery, Lesbury**.

**Coquetdale Brewery, Rothbury**

**3 Wise Men, Alnwick** (maybe in conjunction with Andy from Alnwick Ales)

If any members are interested in becoming a B.L.O. (Brewery Liaison Officer), please let the Chairman know. These positions are decided by the B.L.C. (Brewery Liaison Co-ordinator), Ken Davie but the branch can and does make recommendations.

**Pub/Club News**

**Jubilee, Haltwhistle –** formerly the New Inn now re-opened

**Haltwhistle Comrades Club** – joined LocAle scheme

**Duke of Wellington, Newcastle** – small beer festival from Thursday 23rd August

**Magnesia Bank, North Shields** – opened 13th July – Three Kings Brewery beers on sale.

**Queens, Cullercoats –** re-opened

**Throckley, Top Club** – now selling real ale

**Branch Diary**

**Saturday 28th July 11.00 a.m**. – Wednesday Wander Whistle Stop Tyne Valley Trip

**NO BRANCH MEETING IN AUGUST**

**Saturday 4th August 11.15 a.m.** – Wednesday Wander Durham Trip with Durham branch

**Thursday 16th August –** Canny Bevvy published (envelope stuffing in Bacchus from 5.00 p.m.)

**Saturday 18th August 1.00 p.m**. – Regional Meeting Durham Branch hosts at Chester-le-Street Cricket Club

**Friday 24th to Sunday 26th August** – Shotley Bridge Cricket Club Beer Festival

**Thursday 30th to Saturday 1st September** – Durham CAMRA branch beer festival, Students Union, Durham University

**Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September** – 30 Years Big Lamp Brewery Celebration beer festival, Keelman, Newburn

**Wednesday 12th September 7.30 p.m. –** Wednesday Wander from North Terrace, Spital Tonques

**Thursday 13th September 1,00 p.m. –** GBG 2013 Regional Launch Town Wall, Newcastle

**Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th September –** Tynemouth Beer Festival, Tynemouth Cricket Club

**Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th September –** Beer Festival, Newcastle Arms, Newcastle

**Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th September –** Stables Beer Festival, Beamish Hall Hotel, Stanley

**Tuesday 18th September 7.30 p.m. –** Branch Meeting (incl. GBG 2013 branch launch), Kings Manor, Newcastle

Social trip still to be planned is the Festival Workers Thank-You trip.

As always, please see the Canny Bevvy website [www.cannybevvy.co.uk](http://www.cannybevvy.co.uk), visit our Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tyneside-Northumberland-CAMRA/331099873607200>

or see the What’s On section of What’s Brewing for further details.

**A.O.B.**

**Beer Tax Parliamentary Lobby Eveent**

The Chairman outlined the national day of action to be scheduled on a week-day in mid/late December at the House of Commons. More details later.

**Joint Social with S&ST Branch**

After a short debate it was decided not to take S&ST branch up on their offer of a joint social because of the proposed venue excluding ladies.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approx. 1.15 p.m.

The members then enjoyed a hot & cold buffet and Gordon Heal proposed a vote of thanks to our hosts Dave & Sue and all their staff for their excellent buffet, service and hospitality.

**Forum** consisted of sampling several beers in several different Northumberland venues with a dash of social intercourse thrown in!