

THANET CAMRA – MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2018 at THE SWAN, WESTGATE-ON-SEA.

PRESENT

Jo Walbank, Dennis Brandrick, Graham Rickett, Mike Newman, Geoff Orton, Nick Gurr, Danny O'Sullivan, Micky Rush, Jez Laming, Mark Sharratt, Julian Dungey, Steve Saunders, Michael Fielding, Jon Stringer, Martin Knight,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Tony Walbank, Peter Jacquiss, Damien Clark, Lynne Backler, Sarah Saunders, Martin Baldwin

Jo welcomed everybody to the meeting.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, held in July were circulated and signed as a true record. Proposed Jez, Seconded Julian

The following matters were arising:

- **St Lawrence Tavern:** Owned by EI Group, not Thorley
- **Swan:** Freehold of building is for sale, not the pub business.

FINANCE REPORT

Jez reported that we have **REMOVED**. We have donated **REMOVED** to HQ, the last outstanding invoice from the beer festival has now been paid and there are two outstanding from the current Ale of Thanet. Budget is nearly complete for the 2019 festival.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Julian reported that we have 563 members locally. Nationally 191,855. Both are down slightly from the previous meeting.

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE REPORT

Nick reported that we are averaging 105 hits a day on our website and we have 149 followers on Instagram; 514 on Twitter and 492 on Facebook.

SOCIAL REPORT

Danny reported that there is a walkabout in Ramsgate on the 19th, Meet at 1930 at the Ravensgate; Saturday 22nd – Trip to the Canterbury Food Festival, meet at 12noon at the Beer Tent; Saturday 27th October – Bus Trip to Herne and Herne Bay, details to follow.

PUB UPDATES

- **Star:** Reopened, but not as a pub – venue for hire.
- **Rose of England:** May possibly be featured in a Netflix programme.
- **Windmill, Ramsgate:** Tenancy up for advert
- **Green Tara:** Now selling one real ale.
- **Wheel Alehouse:** Alan is moving to France in 3 weeks, the pub has been sold
- **Bell, Minster:** New tenant has been in post for 3 days.

BREWERIES & PUB CHAINS

- **By the Mile:** Jon report that the brewery is taking a sabbatical for the foreseeable future.
- **Four Candles:** Dennis reported that it's business as usual at the Candles. First green hop was brewed last Thursday. A Fuggles single hop that promises to be massively hoppy.
- **Isla Vale:** Nothing new to report
- **Margate:** Nothing to report
- **NauticAles:** Maiden Voyage still going strong. They are hoping to do a Green Hop
- **Northdown:** Graham reported that 3 of the core range of 4 are now in production. Their beers are selling well in Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

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- **Ramsgate:** No Green Hop Open Day this year at the brewery. There will be a Green Hop brewery tour on Sat 6th October, bookable through Eventbrite. Green Hop Collaboration Brew this year will involve Northdown Brewery, Canterbury Ales, Four Candles, Foundry and Ramsgate. They have a stall at both the Canterbury Food Festival and Broadstairs Food Festival. Gadds' Green Hop launch night will be Weds 19th September at the Monte. This November the brewery will be supporting Bradstow School in Broadstairs with their "Poppy Prom in the Park" and brewing a special ale to mark the event which is a collaborative project to commemorate World War 1. Recipe still being formulated.
- **Wantsum:** Graham reported that Wantsum are not part of the Green Hop Collaboration. They are organising their own Green Hop tour with Goody's on Saturday 6th October. They are aiming to hold another beer festival and their brewery tours are going well.

PUB OF THE YEAR & GOOD BEER GUIDE

Jo reported that the pre-orders of the Good Beer Guide are delayed due to a printing issue, but these are more likely to arrive than being purchased in the shop. For the 2020 guide, Jo will hopefully be emailing the judges next weekend.

AOB

- **JW:** Members are encouraged to nominate beers for Champion Beer of Britain 2019.
- **SS:** Copy for Ale of Thanet as soon as possible please.
- **JD:** Some members that live in the west of the island are struggling to get home with the change in the bus schedule.
- **JL:** Jez would like auditors for the accounts.
- **JL:** Can we resurrect the branch email newsletters to members
- **NG:** Distributors required for Ale of Thanet
- **GR:** Graham has received an email from a member that cannot attend meetings due to accessibility issues. Jo asked if he can suggest suitable venues.
- **GR:** The chair of the Leicester branch has contacted us to ask about pubs that sell vegan products in the area.
- **GR:** The region requires a new cider coordinator and a new treasurer. Jo reminded the meeting that we require a local cider representative as well.
- **JW:** We need a venue for the AGM on 19th January. Easy to access with real ale and real cider. Suggestions to Jo by the end of the month please.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 13th November at The Red Lion.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:40