

Meeting held at Gosforth Fields SC, starting at 2000.

- 1) Apologies
Received from Richard Smith. 12 members attended.
- 2) Declaration of Business Interests
Roger, Graham and Nick as shareholders in Drone Valley Brewery. Rob as co-owner of Three Valleys Festival.
- 3) Minutes of Previous Meeting
These were accepted as a true record with one minor amendment, clarifying that item 12 should read 'branch entries for Derbyshire North POTY have been surveyed'.
- 4) Matters Arising
Ruth reminded us that we still need to visit Dronfield Woodhouse Sports Club to consider its suitability as a potential beer festival venue. A group of members will do this, with a date of 24th June pencilled in.
- 5) Correspondence, including Membership Update, Press Releases and Publicity.
John informed us that we had 1 lapsed joint membership, 2 new members and a transfer in from another branch, which results in a net gain of 1.
- 6) Peel Ale Update
Peel Ale 4 is now in the public domain and being received positively – well done to all involved! We need to clarify the 'buy 3 get 1 free offer' before accepting advertising for Peel Ale 5, and it was felt that we should approach regional breweries and pub companies with a view to increasing our advertising base.
- 7) Pub and Brewery News.
Several pubs in our branch area are still closed and available for lease, namely White Swan and Brook at Troway. The latter is now available free of tie. Drone Valley Brewery 'Dronny Bottom Bitter' has won a gold award at Rail Ale – congratulations to all involved! Yew Tree now has an additional handpump. Pub fittings appear to have been removed from Fleur De Lys after its recent sale.
- 8) Treasurer's Report
- 8) ACV update
Recent governmental policy changes appear to have reduced the need for ACV's, but we'll continue to monitor this.
- 9) Beer Festival
We still look for venues. A group of us will visit Dronfield Woodhouse Club on 24/06/17 to consider suitability as a possible site.
- 10) Activation, including Social Activities
Feedback:
Barrow Hill – it was felt that this was the usual well-run event, although very busy for those working behind the bar! More volunteers would have reduced the stress levels!
Three Valleys – Rob reported than an estimated 18 – 20,000 people had participated in the event, with only 1 arrest. Initial feedback from participating venues is very positive, with an enormous amount of beer being sold.
Upcoming:
24th June – Ladies Day trip to York. This is on schedule and should be a super event. Graham will contact York branch to let them know we're coming and invite them to join us.
1st July – s18 survey, starting at 1230 at various pubs in branch area. This was confirmed, and it was stressed that all real ale venues in our area need to be covered on that day for it to be an accurate picture. Any one not able to cover their usual Peel Ale run pubs, contact Graham and we'll make sure that they're done. Results to be taken to / emailed to Graham prior to July meeting for compilation. Please take photographs of pump clips, which will become a feature of Peel Ale 5.
1st July – Hawaii Shirt Day at Arkwright Arms; several members are planning on attending this after completing their survey run!
7th July – North Derbyshire POTY presentation at Miners Arms @ Hundall.
8th July – two options here! Those who helped at Barrow Hill have an invitation to join the helpers trip to Castle Rock Brewery and Nottingham, and we also have a scheduled branch social to Derby Beer Festival, meeting at Dronfield Station for the 1115 train.
14th July – 'soft' launch of Collyfobble brewery at Barlow (TBC).
18th August – 'Valley of Beer' trip, meeting at Sheefield Tap from 1800 Dronfield to Sheffield train.
Additional proposed socials;
Train trip to Ilkeston to investigate the newly opened station and the pubs in it's environs – this will be on a Saturday due to time of last train back to Dronfield, and we'll also visit the Brampton area of Chesterfield and the Saltaire Brewery Beer Festival in September.
Roger that we should visit the extended Heeley triangle.
- 11) CAMRA Campaigns
- 12) Awards / GBG 2018 entries.
COTY / POTY results now in, with Miner's Arms confirmed as winner of North Derbyshire POTY and COTY going to Victory Club in Derby. A presentation has been arranged for 7/07/17, subject to confirmation. We'll draw up a shortlist for branch Summer POTS at the next meeting.
- 13) Peel Ale / InnSpire/ Beer Matters Distribution
It appears that Sheffield and Chesterfield branches are not able to deliver their magazines to a central point in our branch for onward distribution, so the current system will stay in place. Graham offered to deliver to venues that other members were unable to cover.
- 14) Date and Venue of Next Meetings

11th July; Traveller's Rest @ Apperknowle
8th August; George and Dragon
12th September; Royal Oak @ Coal Aston
10th October; Collyfobble Brewery (TBC)
14th November; Dronfield Woodhouse Club (TBC)
12th December; Three Tuns (TBC)

- 15) AOB
No AOB. Meeting closed at 2245.