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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

2ND MAD BEER FESTIVAL

August 8th and 9th saw the 2nd CAMRA Approved MAD Beer Festival at the Fishpond Hotel, Matlock Bath.

There were 42 beers and 5 ciders available at any one time across the whole pub, and this was very definitely a LocAle festival where all the beers were sourced from micro-breweries within approximately 25 road miles of the pub.

Due to the impressive number of micro-breweries in this area we were treated to an unusual choice of beers compared to those often available in the MAD area.

brewery setups in just the last two years all represented at the festival.

At the Fishpond, its not just about the beer, as there was plenty of live music and food including a hog roast and barbeque.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of the MAD CAMRA and Fishpond teams so thanks to them all.

Well, I'm eight months into the job and it's been a great summer for beer, with plenty of local beer festivals and alfresco quaffing.

On a more upbeat note, we may get an Indian summer so we'll have an excuse to indulge in some more Jaipur!

Cheers Graham

Contact Graham Dawson on chair.madcamra@gmail.com

BRANCH PUB OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Once again that time of the year has come around where you get to have a vote. I'm asking you to name your favourite pubs in the Matlock & Dales area.

There are more instructions on the reverse of this newsletter, at the bottom.

nominations is Noon on Thursday 18th September and once the votes are counted, the top two pubs going forwards to the Pub of the Year (POTY) will be announced at the Branch Meeting later on that day.

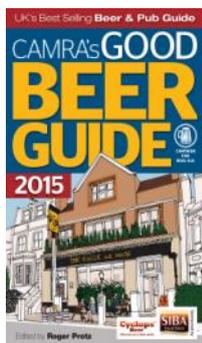
This year's POTY competition will run from 1st October to 31st December and the winner will be declared the Matlock & Dales Pub of the Year at the AGM in January 2015.

2014 Branch Pub of the Year Vote

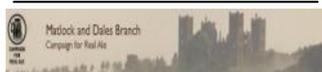
Table with 2 columns: Name, Membership Number. Rows for 1st Pub, 2nd Pub, 3rd Pub, 4th Pub, 5th Pub. Includes instruction: SEE REVERSE FOR INSTRUCTIONS



GOOD BEER GUIDE 2015



This years CAMRA Good Beer Guide will be published on 11th September. Fully updated each year, the 4500 pubs are selected by the input of many of CAMRA's 165,000 members. All known micro, regional, and national breweries are listed, and there are tasting notes compiled by CAMRA trained teams for many of the beers. Surely it's an invaluable resource.



Your branch website at www.mad.camra.org.uk is a one stop shop for all local activities, including the new page listing Local Beer Festivals & Events.

FEEDBACK

This Newsletter was produced by Membership Secretary **Michael Clarke**. Feedback or queries to madcamra@btinternet.com

MEETINGS, SOCIALS & EVENTS

- 18th September; Branch Meeting, 8pm; Old Bowling Green, Winstar
 - 20th September; Taste Training Event, Trent Bridge Inn, West Bridgford,
 - 25th-28th September; Amber Valley Beer Festival, Strutt's, Belper
 - 8th-11th October; Nottingham Beer Festival, Nottingham Castle
 - 10th-12th October; Ashbourne Beer Festival, Ashbourne Town Hall
 - 16th October; Branch Meeting, 8pm; The Boat Inn, Cromford
 - 18th October; MAD Social trip to Sheffield, 4pm pickup Co-Op Matlock
 - 20th November; Branch Meeting, 8pm; The Princess Victoria, Matlock Bath
 - 18th December; Branch Meeting, 8pm; Thorn Tree, Matlock
 - 27th December; Branch Christmas Social, see website
 - 15th January 2015; AGM & Branch Meeting, 8pm; MoCa Bar, Matlock
- Other socials are being discussed and may be organised. Details of all events will be placed on the website calendar as soon as they are available. Go to www.mad.camra.org.uk and select Branch Diary to see up to date information.
- Contact **Peter Boitoult** at peterb56@hotmail.co.uk or 07791 159526.

WHAT?PUB | Cask Ale Week

As you probably know by now, details of all our branch pubs and those across the country are online at <http://whatpub.com>.

However did you know that you should also use this site to Rate Your Beer. Make sure you do this on a regular basis, because we use your ratings to decide which branch pubs go into the Good Beer Guide. You'll just need your CAMRA website logon and password - so over to you.

The 25th September to 5th October is Cask Ale Week which is a celebration of Britain's National Drink, and the home of cask ale - the great British Pub.

There are many activities being planned by breweries and pubs around the country so have a look at caskaleweek.co.uk or keep an eye out in What's Brewing.

CONTACT HQ : If you do not wish to receive further contact from your branch please inform CAMRA HQ so that your membership record can be amended accordingly. Write to Membership Services, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4LW. Alternatively contact CAMRA HQ on telephone 01727 798 437 or by e-mail at membership@camra.org.uk.

So here is how you vote :

1. Go to www.mad.camra.org.uk, choose the Newsletter 2014 Vote option on the Left Hand Side and complete and submit the form **OR**

2. On the front of this sheet, fill in your name and CAMRA membership number, and the names and locations of the (up to) five pubs you wish to nominate from the MAD area in order of preference ... where the 1st Pub is your fa-

avourite, the 2nd Pub is your second favourite ...up to a maximum of 5. Then cut or tear off along the dots and post this part to Michael Clarke, CAMRA Membership Secretary, 10 Chesterfield Road, Matlock. DE4 3DQ.