

# Camra Calling

**Autumn 2010 – Winter 2010**

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Member's Newsletter for the North Devon Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale

## Mick Gullick R.I.P.

Mick's funeral was held in Great Torrington on 9th June. There were many North Devon members there to see him off in style.



Mick had organised his own mode of transport - a motor bike & side-car!

## Witterings of the Wizard

Another hectic summer with plenty to do and plenty to drink!

For me the 'season' got underway with Wessex Folk Festival in Weymouth. There I had the opportunity to become acquainted with the Dorset Brewing Company. Their beers were all new to me and I particularly enjoyed Jurassic at 4.2% and Durdle Door at 5%.

I attended the Regional Meeting at the Wyvern Club in Taunton. I was touched by the minutes silence in memory of dear Mick Gullick, which opened the meeting. There were many members who knew him and had fond memories to share. The main issue of the meeting was LocAle and for more information please look at the last Branch meeting minutes.

On to another folk festival, this time in Chepstow. Again I had to stay in a GBG Pub which was holding a beer festival with many Welsh beers. Another first for me was to be invited to join in with a Blues musician who was performing at the pub, accompanying him on my bodhran and enjoying several pints as payment.

I have also attended several one day shows and festivals, playing and drinking.

A new venture for the Branch this year will be our own Christmas Social. At the last Branch meeting it was felt that members

would like this (rather than only having the opportunity to join Exeter & East Devon Branch at The Tom Cobley Tavern— although all of you are welcome to do both, as I shall!). The venue, proposed by a member from the north of our Branch is our POTY, The Old Market Inn in Holsworthy, as it is on a bus route. The agreed date is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. At the meeting 14 members agreed to attend and I know of 6 regular attendees who were unable to make the meeting but who I am sure will also want to be there. We need a minimum of 20 to make it viable so I look forward to your support in this. More information is contained in this newsletter.



No year would be complete without the GBBF – what a wonderful day out. I am so grateful to Trish for organising this. I enjoyed 'plenty' of good beer and of course the compulsory jellied eels! For me the day was topped by my son and grandson meeting me there. I hadn't seen my grandson for 3 years and it was a treat to encourage a 21 year old to become a real ale drinker. Some family traditions are worth the effort!!

I still have a few more festivals to go so I am trying to keep in training. I hope to see you at the Branch BBQ this year and at several mini festivals around our Branch.

Cheers,

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## CAMRA LocAle

LocAle is the CAMRA accreditation scheme to promote pubs etc. that sell locally brewed real ale, reduce the number of "beer miles" and support local breweries.

To be accredited in the LocAle Scheme, participants must agree to try and ensure that at least one locally brewed real ale is on sale at all times. Only Real Ale can be promoted as a CAMRA LocAle.

The criteria for LocAle in our Branch is:

"Any real ale served in a North Devon Branch pub etc. that has been obtained from a North Devon Branch Brewery will automatically be classed as LocAle. Real ales obtained from outside of our Branch area must be from a brewery no more than 30 road miles away from the pub etc. to be classed as LocAle".

If you know of any licensees in our Branch area who would be interested in joining the LocAle scheme, then please ask them to contact Terry on the phone number shown at the head of the newsletter.

## **Good Beer Guide (GBG) 2012**

Do you know of any pubs in our Branch area that you think deserves to be in the GBG? We are now taking nominations for the 2012 Good Beer Guide. All nominations need to be received by the November Branch meeting. Also, anyone wishing to nominate a pub for our Pub of the Year 2011 (must be from the GBG 2011) can only do so at a Branch Meeting between September and November.

## **Christmas Social 2010**

This year the Branch Christmas Social is to be held in our Pub of the Year, the Old Market Inn, Holsworthy, EX22 6AY, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Lee is supplying a 2 course carvery, turkey and beef, and a choice sweet from the cabinet including Christmas pudding with tea/coffee and a mince pie all for a very reasonable £13. I need to know numbers and will require a non-refundable deposit of £5 per person by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## **Branch Polo & T-Shirts**

The branch has polo shirts £15, T-shirts £7.50, sweatshirts £17.50 and fleeces £23. The shirts are available now but the fleece and sweatshirts are to order. If you would like one (or more) please contact me or see me at a meeting.

## **Beer Festivals**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – South Devon Beer Festival**

**11am – 11pm** – St. John's Ambulance Hall, 43 East Street, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2JP.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – Heddon Valley Music & Beer Fest** – Hunters Inn, EX31 4PY.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – Somerset CAMRA Beer Festival** - Minehead Railway Station, TA24 5BG.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – Beer Festival** – The Red Lion Inn, Exbourne, EX20 3RY.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – Abbfest Food & Drink Festival** (Fri: 5-11pm, Sat: 11am-11pm, Sun: 11am-4pm) – Fermoy's Garden Centre, Newton Abbot, TQ12 5TN.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 – Yeoford Cider Fest** – Yeoford Village Hall, EX17 5HZ.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 - Swimbridge Cider Festival** – The Jack Russell, Swimbridge, EX32 0PN.

## **Meetings & Socials**

**REMINDER: The Good Beer Guide 2011 will be launched on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The retail price is £15.99 but Members can purchase a copy at a discount price of just £10 if they attend any meeting or social listed below in September, October and November.**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 1pm – Branch Meeting** – New Inn, Sampford Courtenay, EX20 2TB.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 12.30pm for 1pm – Branch Social & BBQ** – Little Shelfin Farm, Mullacott Cross, Ilfracombe, EX34 8NZ.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Mini Pub Crawl of South Molton**, - Meet in the Coaching Inn, Queen Street, EX36 3BJ, 7pm for 7.30pm. Make own travel arrangements.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 1pm – Branch Meeting** – Grove Inn, Kings Nympton, EX37 9ST.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – Branch Meeting** – Ship & Pilot, 10 Broad Street, Ilfracombe, EX34 9EE.

## **Any Future Events**

If you know of any event or Beer Festivals taking place between December 2010 and February 2011 please inform Trish by phone or e-mail before 21<sup>st</sup> November and it will be included in the next branch newsletter and our web site.