



Camra Calling



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Members Newsletter for the North Devon Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale

Welcome

This is the first of our quarterly newsletters which we hope will keep you up to date with what is happening in your branch area. The newsletter can be used to inform the membership of any beer festivals that are going to happen or anything else that may be of interest to real ale drinkers.

We will need your help to be able to do this properly. We want information about anything that will interest other members such as a pub that is holding a beer festival or you want to recommend a gem of a drinking hole that you have recently found. This newsletter is for you so don't forget "**WE NEED YOU!**" to be able to do this. Please send any information to Trish at trishburrows@talktalk.net or contact us by phone as above.

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to everyone and we hope that you all had a good Christmas season.

This is the start of what we hope will be an exciting year for our branch. At the AGM in February, there will be an election for a new chairman as, sadly, Keith Freak, will be stepping down for personal reasons.

In March we are going to have a Brewery tour of Skinners, our first tour for some time, more about that later.

In August we are hoping to hold a second Beer Festival in Barnstaple. We have yet to decide on date and venue.

WEBSITE

We are hoping to get our own website up and running in the next few months. The website will be linked to the CAMRA main site. So watch this space.

Skinners Brewery Tour

The tour has been arranged for Saturday 3rd March – entry is free for CAMRA members. A coach is to be arranged with the following pick-up points; Combe Martin, Barnstaple, Torrington, Winkleigh, Okehampton and Lifton. The cost per head is expected to be about £15 (including pasty). A £5 non-refundable deposit is required. If you wish to come, please contact Terry Burrows with names and numbers by 1st February.

MEETINGS & SOCIALS

Saturday 20th January 2007, Branch meeting 1pm – The Portsmouth Arms, Burrington.

NOTIFICATION OF A.G.M. Saturday 10th February 2007, 1pm – The Plymouth Inn, Okehampton - entry for card carrying members only.

Saturday 3rd March 2007 – Trip to Skinners Brewery - See above for details.

Monday 19th March 2007 – Branch Meeting 7 for 7.30pm – The Panniers, Barnstaple.

BEER FESTIVALS

12th/13^h January (11am-11pm)

Exeter Festival of Winter Ales – The Coaver Club, Matford Lane, Exeter (rear of County Hall) see What's Brewing for further details