



BRANCH DIARY

FEBRUARY 2020

TRIPLE STAMPS 24- *LocAle*

SAT 8th FEBRUARY

This year we head north on a luxury coach crossing to Nottinghamshire where I have a selection of brewery pubs and taps on the agenda. Visits are planned to **Black Market, Dukeries, Fuggle Bunny, Grafton, Priors Well, and Welbeck** breweries or taps, plus other pubs. Cost expected to be £20. FULLY BOOKED.

BRANCH MEETING – NORTHAMPTON -*LocAle*

MON 10th FEBRUARY

We make a visit to the **Kingsley Park WMC** where we have the meeting room booked for our main business of the night - making the Branch's selection for the *Good Beer Guide 2021*. Please ensure that you bring along any completed survey forms and an opinion of the pubs surveyed. Meet at 20.00.

BEER FESTIVAL - LEICESTER - *LocAle*

WED 26th FEBRUARY

The beer festival calendar for the branch kicks-off with the annual trip down to the **Leicester Beer Festival** for the opening night when it is quieter than usual, and most beers are available too. The venue changed last year with a move to the **Haymarket Theatre**, which is in the heart of the city. Opening time is 17.00, so make your own way, or speak to me to arrange a meeting point at Leicester station. Alternatively take the X7 coach from Northampton for an afternoon in Leicester, then Beer Festival, and return on the 20.20 departure.

BRANCH MEETING – TIFFIELD -*LocAle*

MON 2nd MARCH

A visit for a branch meeting to the **George** is in order where Russell and Jane always make us welcome. The meeting will take place in the top back room. Note date is first Monday of the month. Meet at 20.00.

BRANCH MEETING – RUSHDEN -*LocAle*

MON 6th APRIL

We make our first bi-annual visit to the fabulous **Rushden Historical Transport Society** where the meeting will take place in the railway carriage, once used for plying commuters from London to East Grinstead and Uckfield. Due to Easter, we will meet a week earlier than usual. Meet at 20.00.

BRANCH SOCIAL – FFF MEETING – NORTHAMPTON -*LocAle*

FRI 10th APRIL

Traditionally we have a meeting on Good Friday, so we start the year of with extended light on a Fourth Friday Four (FFF). So, with a 17.00 departure from the Malt Shovel Tavern, we will trundle off into the county. Our usual green heritage bus is not available, so instead I have managed to obtain a heritage double-decker which will be very atmospheric during day and night hours. Due to trees, we will therefore stick to main roads, so I anticipate a pub in each of Kettering and Wellingborough, with intermediate ones on the A6 and A509. Please book asap so that I can confirm with the bus owners that we will need a driver and conductor. Food will be available in one of the pubs. Pick-ups at Northampton and Kettering. A donation will be requested.