



Newsletter of North Oxfordshire

Branch of CAMRA

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Your Branch Needs You!

The North Oxfordshire Branch of CAMRA is in real danger of folding because of a lack of members willing to get involved with the running of the Branch.

For the Branch to function, there has to be a Committee to organise functions and campaigns in our area, to make sure that *Beer on Tap* is published and to oversee the organisation of the annual Banbury Beer Festival. The Committee also organises the selection of entries for the annual CAMRA *Good Beer Guide* and runs the Branch Pub of the Year contest.

However, it's not only at Committee level that the lack of active members is having an impact on the Branch—we also rely on volunteers (known as Clustermasters) to deliver *Beer on Tap* and to act as a contact between the Branch and pubs within their 'cluster', passing on information both ways. North Oxon Branch

covers a wide geographic area and we always need help with this important job.

To operate effectively, the Branch Committee requires a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer, Social Secretary, Pubs Officer, Branch Contact and several general committee members. For the last year we have been running with many of these posts vacant which has resulted in some members having to carry out other posts as well as their own. It has now reached the stage where this cannot continue.

Since last July the Branch has made numerous appeals for people to come forward and help out—through the website, *Beer on Tap* and the Chairman's letters. Unfortunately, to date, very few members have responded. We sincerely thank those few who have offered to get involved



BRANCH CRISIS: If the North Oxon Branch doesn't survive, there's no more Banbury Beer Festival and no more Beer on Tap

in some way—it is appreciated—but we need more if the Branch is to survive in the longer term.

The situation the Branch now finds itself in is serious. We are losing several Branch Officers and Clustermasters for various reasons and those who remain cannot continue to run things without more help. I know that many people have responsibilities and busy lives, but those of us currently working within the

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Horse & Groom gets Top Branch Pub Award



Jerome Prigent receives the CAMRA North Oxon Pub of the Year Award 2010 from Lynne Baldwin-Kramer (see page 3)

10th BANBURY BEER FESTIVAL SUCCESS

This year saw the 10th Banbury Beer Festival, and it again proved to be a great success, breaking all records over previous events – see the centre spread for photos and report.