

**CAMRA NORTH MANCHESTER
GOOD BEER GUIDE 2013 PRE-SELECTION MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY AT 7PM, UNICORN, CHURCH ST,
MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE (UPSTAIRS)**

HOW IT IS DONE

Want to be a Pub Surveyor for the next CAMRA Good Beer Guide? (You have to be a CAMRA member).....

Have you got a pub in mind that could get in the next Guide? (For details –see below).....

Are a CAMRA member who wants to see how the branch selects pubs for the next Guide?.....

Then read on!

Last year was the first time that the branch 'fast-tracked' certain pubs, automatically to go in the Guide for 2012. This is after a special meeting in 2010, when the decision was made. These pubs are to be decided on at the pre-selection meeting, as well as those to be short listed, surveyed and voted on at the final selection meeting on 29 February (start time is 7pm.- venue to be announced)

There is to be ONE meeting where we discuss the pubs that are not 'fast-tracked' in turn and then we vote at the second meeting in February.

So, what is meant by a 'fast-tracked pub?' It is a pub that is already in the Guide, that ALL at the meeting deems worthy enough to stay in WITHOUT A VOTE.. Be it regarded as a premier house that has been in the Guide for years with a high reputation and/or for other reasons that deems the pub with a high regard for its good & consistent quality of real ale. A 'FAST-TRACTED' PUB IS STILL SURVEYED, BUT A VERBAL REPORT BY THE SURVEYOR IS NOT NEEDED AT THE FINAL SELECTION MEETING.

If ONE member objects to a pub not being 'fast-tracked,' but being surveyed, then it is put to the vote at the Final Selection meeting on 29 February. SO, EITHER SPEAK UP WHEN THE PUB COMES UP AND SAY EITHER 'OBJECTION' OR 'I OBJECT'. If you don't, then say nothing. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE A REASON FOR A RAISED OBJECTION, BUT, IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN. BUT PLEASE KEEP IT BRIEF, IF YOU DO. The idea behind this is to enable the branch to decide what pub goes in or not at ONE final selection meeting, instead of two, as done in the past. Also, it is inevitable that some pubs are in the Guide year after year AND WITH GOOD REASON, TOO.

Each member is still free to suggest a pub that is not in the current Guide, as long it is in the branch area of the Northern Quarter of the City Centre, The North Metropolitan area of Manchester and the whole of the area served by Salford City Council. The criterion is good & consistent quality of real ale. Well-kept real ale that sells well daily.

The Branch needs surveyors for this. To go into a short listed pub to assess the beer quality, fill-in the surveyors form and return to the BRANCH GOOD BEER GUIDE COORDINATOR by the final selection meeting & vote on the 29 February –at the latest. Branch support is offered, for those who have not done it before. Each surveyor needs to be at the pre-selection meeting on 11 January, 2011 at 7.pm at the Unicorn, Church St, Manchester City Centre and at the Final Selection Meeting on 29 February at 7pm to do a verbal report of the survey and return the filled-in surveyors Good Beer Guide (GBG) 2013 forms at the latest at this meeting.

As a branch we have 26 entries to find for the Guide, as well as 2 reserves (if one or two pubs close or stop selling real ale etc prior to the third week of April or thereabouts) Also, we need 4 more entries for Whatpub.org this time.

Please come along, if you are a CAMRA member.