

Chairman's Report

Mid Chilterns A.G.M. - Black Cat, Wednesday 28th April 2010

Mid-Chilterns branch has seen the magical 500 members passed and 100,000 nationally, and now is the time to try and move on and activate some of them to help our hard-working committee.

Pubs are still closing at a rather disturbing rate, although it has slowed down a bit in the last 6 months. Some situations surrounding some closures are beyond our control and it's difficult to find out what is happening to even start to do the usual appeal things.

We are lucky that we have some now great pubs with landlords and owners that are succeeding against the odds. There has been also good movement on the breweries front with all the locals profiting from our LocAle scheme. The real ale sales have held their own and in some cases improved and with the addition of about 6 breweries in the region since this time last year, inroads into the big boys is noticeable. We hope Liz & Dave can also add to the brewery numbers. Cider has also come more into play since Millwhite's appearance.

The Tapler is really our shining light and sending all members a copy is at least keeping members up to date on local progress. A big thank you to Trish and Chris for an amazing job done on it despite computers trying their best to do otherwise. The website is also looking better and thanks to Nigel for his work there.

My most hearty thanks to all active members on their work and help over the past year and we are now in a great position to push on and do even greater things.

Cheers to all