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Hi,

Once again as I compile these notes I am sitting in a beer garden enjoying a good pint of real ale and basking in a mini heat wave. Since my last notes the weather has not been that good so beer gardens have been 'off limits'.

As you will see elsewhere in brewery and pub news there have been lots of changes in and around Bridgnorth with three new landlords and a pub reopening that we thought was lost in Bridgnorth itself! The Royal Fountain has reopened in Cleobury Mortimer and along the Severn Valley line, The Harbour in Arley has a new landlord, although I don't think we have seen the last of Mick. At Kidderminster The King and Castle has had a makeover with more handpumps and new staff. The Weavers on Comberton Hill has been taken over by the Pig Iron Brewery and there is a new micro pub, The Beer Emporium on Oxford Street. The Seven Stars has been redecorated so I am told.

So now we are heading for the time of year when the man in the red suit arrives and hopefully some nice winter ales to fend off those cold winter nights. So when I sit down to compile my next set of notes I will need to find a pub with a comfortable chair and hopefully a roaring log fire.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, see you next year.

Cheers

Bill Sturt



NEWS FROM THE THREE BRANCHES

A few words from the Chairman

By Adrian Zawierka

Let me introduce myself for those of you who do not already know me. I have just taken over the role of Branch Chairman for Telford and East Shropshire main branch at the AGM held in June, having held the role of Branch Secretary for over 15 years. I have been involved on the branch committee in one role or another for over 30 years during which time I have also held roles of Area Organiser for Shropshire and Regional Director for the West Midlands.

I would first like to thank our previous Chairman Dave Tyler for everything he has done over the years for the branch and both sub-branches and wish him a speedy recovery.

With no festival this year in Bridgnorth we do face a challenging year ahead with regards to funding all of our campaigning and social activities. Therefore we're having to introduce a small charge for survey trips of £5.00 to help.

We will be going ahead with the 2nd Shifnal Beer Festival this year but the dates have moved slightly to Thursday 20th October to Sunday 23rd. Please put these dates in your diary so you can give this event your support, either by volunteering to help or just attending and enjoying the beers, cider and perries.

Remember campaigning can take many forms from being very active within CAMRA

at various levels from branch up to national, through to talking to friends and strangers into trying real ale for the first time. Therefore, I am asking all of you to go out there drink real ale, cider or perry, spread the word and support that great British institution that is the pub. Without pubs we would have lost the best place to enjoy drinking what we like.

Cheers and enjoyable drinking

Market Drayton Sub-Branch

And so with the dark nights ahead of us we are looking forward to sitting around the pub fire having a chat over a beer or two. We have lots to prepare and discuss so we are always looking for new members or members who have not yet got involved to help us in enjoying ourselves. Yep that is right enjoy ourselves because that is what we do. We are not a bunch of stuffy old fogies, we are an outward looking group always looking to have a laugh in trying to reinvent the wheel and we would welcome new young members with fresh ideas. So if you fit the bill come along and join us for a beer, you never know "*our Bill*" might put his hand in his pocket.

One of the main tasks we have to do is score our sub-branch pubs. All you have to do is simply score a beer or cider every time you go into a pub. You can do it one of two ways, either using the www.whatpub.com website or using the score cards found in this edition of the magazine, passing them on to myself or another committee

NEWS FROM THE THREE BRANCHES

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member from the branch, it's that easy. These scores then go on to help pubs qualify for entry into the Good Beer Guide.

If you are not a member yet you can always befriend us on our facebook page (Market Drayton Camra sub-branch) and this includes publicans who can promote their pub by telling us what ales and ciders you are selling and what is going on in your pub.

Our local facebook page is; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/199617536785775/>

If you want some more help or advice please contact Bryn for more information.

Cheers

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The Good Beer Guide 2017

Good Beer Guide 2017 is now available from your local Branch Contact at 'Special' prices only at Branch Meetings in October and November £10 for members and £13 for non-members; otherwise the Standard prices are £11 for members and £15.99 for non-members'.



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The Bell & Talbot

By Clive Gwilt

The Bell and Talbot was situated at 2 Salop Street and is still a popular public house today. The signboard gives no real clue to its meaning although it is more than likely in the married signboard group. One of the landlords may well have brought the 'Talbot' with him when he took over and married it with a 'Bell' sign already there. The sign showed two non-descript dogs and a bell. On 2nd August 1827 Thomas Birch was landlord and fell backwards off a stagecoach and the wheels went over him and he broke both arms. It appears on a list as first officially being licensed in 1831. Between 1851 and 1860 Richard Evans was licensee. In February 1862 he put the up for sale. In February 1865 Thomas Tilley was in court for stealing from Richard Evans landlord of the Bell and Talbot. In 1885 it is listed, as 'The Bell and Falcon' which I can only assume was a miss print. In 1871 Richard Evans was landlord. Between 1891 and 1895 Edward Ward was the landlord. In 1913 Charles Duffin was the landlord. In 2014 it was taken over by Kevern Jones and in September 2015 new licensee Keith Lacey took the helm.



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The Bird In Hand

By Clive Gwilt

The Bird in Hand was situated at 8 West Castle Street and appears to have been first licensed in 1791. Its signboard is personal and gives the customer an excuse for a drink whilst there is still chance. It is an illusion to the adage 'A Bird in the Hand is worth two in the Bush'. It appears this establishment was the new name for the 'Bottle in Hand' when it moved from Cartway. In 1828 Samuel Lloyd was landlord. In 1835 Samuel Lloyd was landlord. In 1851 Thomas Piper was landlord. In 1859 John Parker was landlord. In 1860 Edwin Evans was licensee. Between 1866 and 1871 Edward Evans was the landlord. It appears to have ceased about 1910. In 1891 Francis Foxall was the licensee. In June 1894 Francis Farmer was resident here and the licensee was Mr Nicholas. In September 1894 the license was transferred to Edward Parker. In 1907 claims were invited against the estate of the late Edward Parker from this establishment. Today it is leased to the Shropshire Council.

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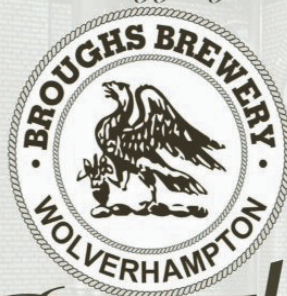


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Adrian & Alison

A Cultural Exchange Visit to North Yorkshire

By Alan Thwaites

For the last 35 years and more, members of the Severn Valley Railway have spent a few days each year with the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, helping with work on the line followed by sampling of the ales available at the various outlets in the area. In Ale Sabrina 10 Paul Appleton noted the pubs along the SVR, so I shall start with those to be found close to the NYMR stations.

Starting at Pickering, there is a wide selection of pubs to be found within easy walking distance of the station. My favourite is the 'Sun', a small local on Westgate, about 500m west from the station. It does not open until 4pm (Mondays – Thursdays), but the choice of local ales is worth the wait. Another 'must-do' in Pickering is the 'Black Swan' in Birdgate, at the top of the Market Place. This has recently undergone a major refurbishment and now sells a wide range of local ales, many from the Brass Castle brewery in Malton. I can also vouch for the quality of the food which is excellent.

Moving north down the line, the next station is Levisham – but it is a good mile walk uphill to the delightful village of the same name. Here one will find the 'Horseshoe Inn' selling excellent meals washed down by Black Sheep and/or Cropton beers.

The next station is Goathland (aka 'Aidensfield' from TV's 'Heartbeat'). A very short walk brings one to the 'Goathland Hotel' selling Cameron's Strongarm, Black Sheep Bitter and guest ales. Opposite is the 'Inn on the Moor', a pleasant family hotel that will shortly be closing for a much-needed major refurbishment. Half a mile down the road is the 'Mallyon Spout', a smart hotel with a small friendly public bar selling ales from Black Sheep and Copper Dragon.



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A Cultural Exchange Visit To North Yorkshire ... *Continued*

By Alan Thwaites

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After visiting the 'Birch Hall', one can avoid the steep walk back up to Goathland by continuing to walk on to Grosmont, another two miles of straight, level footpath along an old railway line. Here there is the 'Station Tavern' selling Cameron's Strongarm and guests. In the evening there is also the 'Crossing Club', a regular local Club of the Year that welcomes all CAMRA members, as well as NYMR (and SVR!) members. Four handpumps sell an ever-changing range of beers from around the country.

The end of the line is at Whitby where one need not proceed beyond the station entrance before finding the 'Waiting Room', a micropub which opened earlier this year with 5 handpumps, one of which always has a real cider.

In Part 2, I shall describe some of the other pubs to be found within easy public transport range of the NYMR



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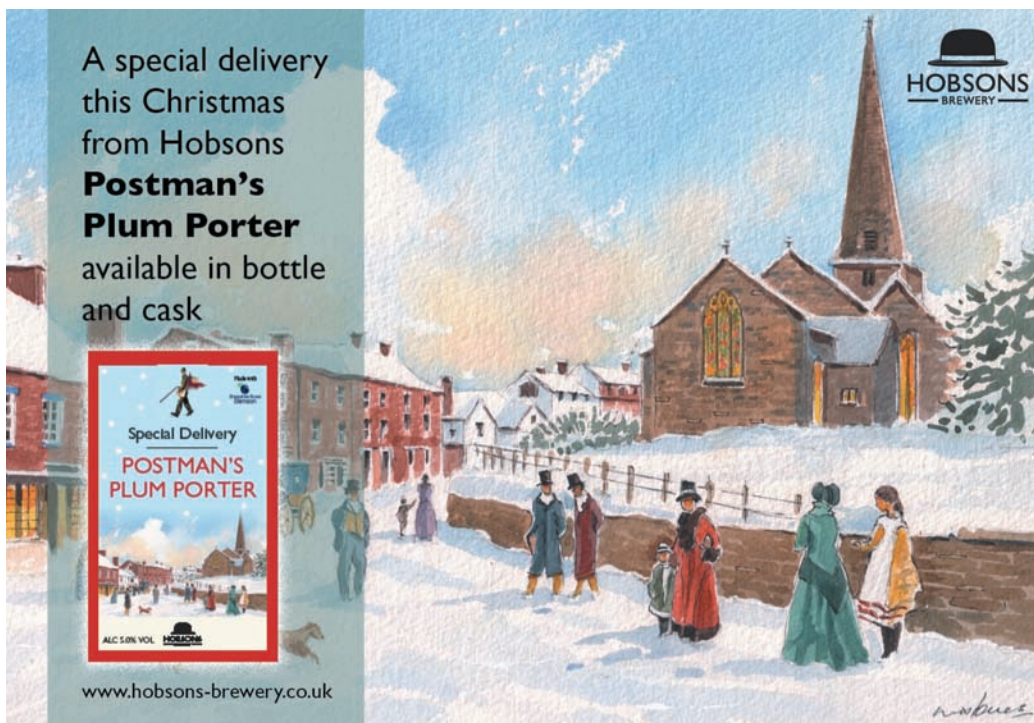
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France Isn't All Bad

By David Jones

Many of you will know that I have an apartment in Flaine, a French Ski Resort and although I go there for the snow there are sometimes when it can be a bit of a nuisance.

Despite this I keep travelling there and back and have made the acquaintance of Jean-Phillipe near a hotel that I frequently use.

He is the manager of a local bar/restaurant on the outskirts of Reims, the '3 Brasseurs', which is part of a chain of over 100 microbreweries each in a Pub/Restaurant situated in France, Canada, and Brazil. Whilst their range of beers are tasty they are not served quite as CAMRA would like for 'real ale'.

In July Jean-Phillipe Introduced me to their 'summer' beer Lemon Pale 4.7% served chilled from bottles. He explained that he had been helping with squeezing the lemons for their juice to go into the brew, which also has lemon zest in the mash.

Lemon Dream lovers should go to France for the experience, City of Europe at Calais is the nearest.



Good News !!

With so many pubs closing, it is great to report the reopening of two more pubs in the Bridgnorth section of the Telford & East Shropshire CAMRA area.



Royal Fountain

First to reopen (at the start of July) was the 'Royal Fountain' in Lower Street, Cleobury Mortimer. This has been taken over by Matt & Maggie Flight who also run the 'Rock Tavern' in Wilden near Stourport. There are four hand-pumps, dispensing Ludlow Gold, Wye Valley HPA & Three Tuns XXX plus a guest which on my recent visit was Old Golden Hen from Greene King.

Pork Pies (of a wide variety including black pudding and 'Wyre Fire') are available from the bar and it is planned to serve full meals from early September.

Outside to the rear is a pleasant, extensive beer garden reaching down to a stream. Facing south it is a real sun-trap complimenting the excellence of the beers.

Hare & Hounds

Returning home to Bernard's Hill after our visit to the Fountain, Denise noticed that there were lights on outside the 'Hare & Hounds'. Further investigation revealed that the pub had reopened the previous day (20th August). Nicky & Steve Burton have taken on the license, selling Sadlers' ales. On our visit they were offering Hop Bomb, Peaky Blinders & Mellow Yellow. I had a pint of the last-named and it was in fine fettle. Opening hours are weekdays: 12-11 (-12 Fri & Sat) and 1130-3 + 7-10.30 on Sundays.

It is great to see a small back-street pub re-vitalised and I urge all readers of *Ale Sabrina* to make the short walk up Bernard's Hill and visit the 'Hare-un'.

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A traditional, grade II listed 16th century inn, boasting ten handpulls with eight real ales and two real ciders, The Plough has become a must-visit venue for CAMRA members locally and from further afield. The Plough is a family-run free house whose beer selection lays emphasis on local and regional breweries – Hobsons Best Bitter and Champion Mild are permanently available, as well as regular appearances from the likes of Bathams, Sarah Hughes, Rowton, Joules, and Big Shed, in addition to national favourites. Card-carrying CAMRA members can claim a 10p discount off a pint of real ale or cider and there is also an impressive bottled Belgian beer menu for those seeking something a little different.

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Gluten Free Real Ale

By Brian Darke

Some time ago, I wrote an article in Ale Sabrina and CAMRA's What's Brewing about how difficult it can be trying to find an enjoyable drink if you have gluten intolerance, especially if you are a real ale fan.

At the time I said, if I am going to have to drink cider or perry instead of real ale, then it would have to be REAL cider or perry, not that awful cold, gassy stuff that most pubs sell, and I also highlighted the fact that there are so few pubs selling real cider and perry. Quite honestly, since then, not much has changed. I still don't bother going on CAMRA trips as I won't be able to have a drink in the majority of the pubs that are visited.

BUT, what has changed recently is the emergence of gluten free REAL ALE, not only in bottles, but in casks as well. So now I have started a campaign to promote Gluten Free Real Ale. I have created a Facebook page where you will find information on which brewers are producing gluten free ale and which pubs sell it on a regular basis. There will also be a website which should be up and running in the near future.

The aim of this campaign is to promote Gluten-Free Real Ale in casks, especially as more and more brewers are now realizing that there is a huge demand for proper gluten-free real ale. They are now coming up with some very good beers indeed. According to research, TWELVE MILLION Britons are now choosing gluten free products, whether they need to or not and market research firm Mintel has pinpointed

gluten free beer as the next big growth area in the free-from food market.

The majority of these people have chosen to follow a gluten free lifestyle, but for those people who suffer from Coeliac Disease or have a gluten intolerance for other reasons, they have no choice other than to follow a strict gluten free diet. And for those of us who used to enjoy a beer, the news that we could no longer drink our favourite tipple was a devastating blow.

Most supermarkets and restaurants now cater for people seeking gluten free options, but unfortunately, the pub trade is lagging way behind, and CAMRA don't seem to be doing much either. I would have thought that the least they could do would be to advise all beer festivals to include at least one gluten free ale, because they are



ideal places to show everyone that there is no difference between a well brewed gluten free ale and all the other ale's on offer. But unfortunately, after many communications back and forth with CAMRA HQ, they told me, *"we would suggest that you put this forward for a conference motion at next year's AGM in Liverpool"*.

This year's Great British Beer Festival boasts over a thousand beers, ciders and perrys, but has just ONE gluten free beer on offer!!!

If you would like to get behind my campaign by asking your local pub if they would consider selling a gluten free real ale on a regular basis, then please let me know and I will mention the pub on my Facebook page and website. We must try to convince

the pub trade and CAMRA that there is a need and a demand for gluten free ales as well.

I must stress that my campaign is not an attempt to compete with CAMRA in any way whatsoever and ideally, it would be great if we could work together. But it's aimed at people who are desperate to be able to enjoy a proper pint of real ale again after being deprived of it for so long. So if you, or you know of somebody who is unable to drink real ale due to the gluten content then maybe this campaign may be of interest.

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The competitors, Bridgnorth CAMRA branch captained by Dave Haddon versus Wyre Forest CAMRA branch captained by Nick Yarwood all turned out in anticipation of a good result, Bridgnorth being the challengers owing to the success of Wyre Forest in 2015.

A great afternoon was spent with lots of banter and merriment from both parties but alas the result was unfortunate for the Bridgnorth branch as once again Wyre Forest guys and girls held their form to hold off a late surge. A special mention must go to the volunteers who ensured that the bowls were returned to the bowlers and to the adjudicators who ensured that scores and bowling order was maintained. After many count backs Eleanor Haddon had to announce that Wyre Forest had retained the trophy by two points i.e. 235 to 233. The individual trophy was again retained by Major Willmore who had a fair amount of luck but lots of staying power.

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ASK THE PUBLICAN ...

Peter Nuttall

Peter Nuttall opened the Beer Emporium on Oxford Street Kidderminster on the 22nd July this year!

Are you a CAMRA member if yes when did you join and why?

Yes, my wife and I are both members. I was bought my membership as a gift twenty odd years ago I'd been talking about joining for several years before, so it was probably meant to shut me up!



Have you worked at Beer Festivals and if so which ones?


Yes I've worked at Oldham Beer Festival and also the big one! The Great British Beer Festival at Olympia, London.

How did you learn to look after Real Ale?

At the GBBF 2015 I was part of a 'cellar' team providing the cellarmanship for four brewery bars.

Why did you want to open a Micro Pub and why did you choose Kidderminster and the location?

I've wanted to sell beer in one form or another for 20 years and the micropub offers the kind of quiet environment I like to drink in, free from TV's, gaming machines etc. My wife was offered a job that was too good to refuse in Birmingham. This led us to look at re-locating from Oldham to the Midlands. Where we lived had a good balance of Town and Country and Kidderminster has that similar balance. Believe it or not our location is the only property I looked at! To me it's an ideal location on the main drag between the town centre and the railway station/football ground.

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But here goes Joseph Holt Mild and Bathams Bitter.

Would you consider a Micro-Brewery in the future or is that a step to far?

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Congratulations to the Wrekin Inn, Wellington which has been voted Autumn Pub of the Season by Telford CAMRA.

This friendly community pub is situated on the edge of Wellington Town Centre (opposite the Library & Leisure Centre car park), just five minutes' walk from the Railway and Bus Stations and very handy for the shops and the market.

The lease has recently been taken over by a local lady, Jenny, who has continued the focus on beer quality by retaining the previous cellar manager, Martin, as bar manager.

The pub serves up to six real ales plus two real ciders; the beers often being from Salopian, Three Tuns, Enville and Hobsons plus some from further afield such as Sarah Hughes, Timothy Taylor or Burton Bridge.

Jenny, with the help of the local community of volunteers, is in the process of redecorating the inside of the pub and upgrading the outside seating and decking area all of which are already looking a lot better.

The pub regularly has live bands performing on a Friday or Saturday night from 9pm and on Sunday afternoon from 4pm, plus has an open-mic session on a Tuesday evening from 8pm. It has a dartboard and a pool table with free pool on Wednesdays.

It has discounted real ales and ciders on Mondays and there is a general knowledge 'fun' quiz on alternate Thursdays. The pub is family and dog friendly and although it doesn't serve food (other than the usual pub snacks); you are welcome to bring your own food/take away and eat it in-house. There is also a real fire to keep you cozy in those cold winter months...

Wellington is well served by both local buses and trains, the latter being on the Shrewsbury to Wolverhampton line, so why not come along and visit our first Telford CAMRA Pub of the Season.

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GET COOKING

Simple Chicken Curry

By: Beena Kelly

Ingredients

4 chicken thighs without bone cut into chunks

Half green and yellow pepper cut into chunks

1 large onion finely chopped

3 Tomato's roughly chopped

Handful fresh coriander

4 cloves garlic

3 green chillies

Thumb size piece of ginger mixed in blender with chilli

1 teaspoon ground spices (cumin, coriander seeds, and dried red chillies

2 teaspoons madras powder

Half teaspoon chilli powder

Half teaspoon gurumasala powder

Teaspoon salt

Cup veg oil

Cup of Hobsons Town Crier to marinate chicken



Method

Heat oil in good sized cooking pot. When hot add 3 spices and garlic and ginger mix.

Then add peppers, onion and carry on stirring. Then add chicken and stir until chicken starts to go

White. Add spice powders, salt, tomato and coriander. Mix on high until tomato softens

then turn heat right down Keep checking to make sure it doesn't burn, then, when oil appears

on top it will be ready. Eat with boiled rice and nan bread.

Tip: any that's left portion up and freeze

Junction Charity Book Raises £2000 for The Alzheimer's Society

By Davd Litten

A book about the rise of a Castleford pub has so far drummed up £2000 for charity.

Proceeds from 'Junk to Junction' written by beer enthusiast David Litten, were handed over to Carol Archer of the Alzheimer's Society at the pub on Carlton Street recently.

The book chronicles the upturn of The Junction over the last five years under the stewardship of landlords Maureen Shaw and Neil Midgley. In that time the pub has developed into a true hub of the local community. Along the way it has won many awards and is renowned as the only pub in the country that serves all its cask real ales from wooden casks.

The book contains 20,000 words and 50 colour photographs and features forewords from noted beer writer Roger Protz and local broadcaster and writer Ian Clayton. Copies are still available at the pub at £7.50 or £10 by mail order from David (contact by e-mail david@littendavid.karoo.co.uk).





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Bridgnorth Pub of the Season: Lion O' Morfe

At the 2016 AGM, it was decided that the Telford & East Shropshire Branch of CAMRA would introduce the award of 'Pub of the Season', the object being raising the profile of good pubs that do not make it to the national Good Beer Guide.

The reasons for missing out on the GBG are complex, but in a large rural area like Shropshire, the principal problem is the need to drive to visit them and the consequent inability to sample the beer. Thus it was decided that there would be three Pubs of the Season, one each awarded by the two sub-branches to pubs within their areas and a third awarded by the main Telford branch to a pub outside the sub-branch areas.

The Bridgnorth sub-branch unanimously decided to award their inaugural POTS for autumn 2016 to the 'Lion O' Morfe' at Upper Farmcote. This delightful rural pub has recently reopened after a period of closure followed by extensive refurbishment. Four beers sourced locally are always available as well as at least one real cider, and on the evening of the presentation of the award included Wye Valley HPA, Enville Ale, Three Tuns XXX and Banks's Mild, all in superb condition. At the moment the food available consists of snacks and filled rolls, but it is planned to reopen the kitchen later in the year to enable full meals to be offered.

The pub is located on the road between Bridgnorth and Claverley in the hamlet of Upper Farmcote and is best found by using the postcode WV15 5PS. Unfortunately, no bus passes within miles of the place, but a taxi from Bridgnorth should not set you back too much.



The picture shows the award being presented to landlord Sam Jervis on Tuesday 26th July by Sub-branch Chairman Eleanor Haddon and Membership Secretary Alan Thwaites. The next POTS will be the Winter 2016 which will feature in the January edition of *Ale Sabrina*.



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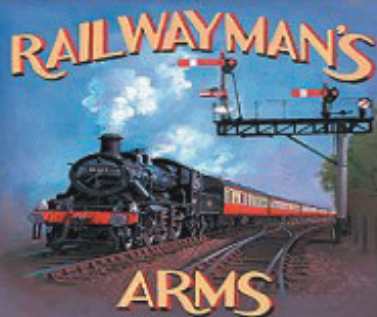
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Clun – “ Where ? ” I Hear You Say?

By Andrew Ktney – Swale CAMRA

"Clunton and Clunbury, Clungunford and Clun are the quietest places under the sun" - A. E. Housman. (and how very true is that! – 110% I say). Seven years ago I too had never heard of these places but thanks to the annual Clun Valley Beer Festival it's a place I now know well – certainly the pubs and one particular excellent B&B/farmhouse in Clunton village! Clun – the biggest of the four (in the immediate area and mentioned in the Domesday book) is located deep in the Shropshire hills about 15/20 minutes (by car) from Ludlow (*Ludlow Brewery*), Bishops Castle (*Three Tuns and Six Bells*), Cleobury Mortimer (*Hobsons*) and Wistanstow (*Woods*). Of course a little further afield you have the wonderful Salopian in Shrewsbury.

So the Clun Valley beer festival, now in its 15th consecutive year, is held over the 1st Fri - Sun in October. Brilliantly masterminded by ex London landlord, and now owner of The White Horse pub and Clun Brewery, Jack Lemond, this event visits six rural pubs over a 10 mile radius deep in the Shropshire valley. The pubs that subscribe to this very popular and very well organised weekend are **The Crown Inn, Newcastle, The White Horse and The Sun Inn, Clun, The Crown Inn, Clunton, The Hundred House, Purslow and the Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun**

Each pub along the route showcases at least 10 real ales and a couple of cask ciders, the majority being locally sourced from micros in the area - Hobsons, Wye Valley, Three Tuns, Salopian and Stonehouse to name a few. To complement this a superb range of hot and cold food is available throughout the day and evening in all the pubs – I can personally recommend the mixed grill option at The Crown Inn – it's not for the faint hearted! Live music from local bands plays normally in the White Horse and Hundred House.



Jack thought of everything when staging this NON-CAMRA endorsed weekend. Due to the distance between the pubs a local coach firm is hired all day on the Saturday providing a shuttle from 2 - 11pm running two coaches back and forth from Newcastle to Aston on Clun. 2015 was my 7th consecutive year attending this highly enjoyable weekend normally accompanied by four other CAMRA members, all from different branches (Stoke on Trent, Bridgnorth, Reading and West London). Over the years we have made a complete weekend

of this opportunity by meeting in Shrewsbury on the Friday sampling their fine pubs. Then on the Saturday morning, prior to the main event we would travel to either Bishops Castle and visit the highly rated Three Tuns Brewery, (which I add claims to be the oldest working licensed brewery in Britain from 1642!!), or go to Ludlow and visit their brewery plus other fantastic pubs in this beautiful market town! Then we head to the nearest pub on the festival and start the long afternoon/evening working our way along the route



I thoroughly recommend this event to anyone – very well organised, heavily supported by CAMRA groups throughout the country, the pubs, their selection of beers and of course this picturesque area of Shropshire.

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A Trip To Southport

By Alan Thwaites

The Saga-louts latest day out was in Southport. I have never been to Southport, and was very favourably impressed with the town. It is a short walk from the railway station to Lord Street, the main thoroughfare that runs parallel to and about 200yds from the promenade. This wide tree-lined boulevard has large grassy spaces surrounded by magnificent late-Victorian buildings. Large banking halls are still used for their designed purpose, not converted to wine-bars or

Wetherspoon's outlets and long glass verandas cover the pavements to protect the shopper from the rain.



For the discerning drinker in this mix of Brighton and Tunbridge Wells, there is much to enjoy. Having made a rendezvous in the 'Willow Grove', one of two Wetherspoon's on Lord Street, we soon made our way to the 'Scarisbrick Hotel'. Initial impressions suggest that decent cask ale is likely to be in short supply, but at the back is the Baron's Bar with 10 hand-pumps dispensing a variety of beers, mainly from micro-breweries. I had a very good pint of Pride of Pendle from Moorhouse, but the real surprise was the price: £2.10 per pint for all, including the strong ales! Needless to say we stayed for a second pint!

Next on the agenda was the 'Guest House' in Union Street. With an unspoilt interior retaining separate rooms, this is gem of a pub. Six handpumps sell a variety of local ales, as well as Well's Bombardier and Young's Hummingbird. The considered opinion of the group was that all were in excellent condition.

Finally we called in at the 'Tap & Bottles', a new micro-pub in an arcade off Lord Street close to the railway station. The emphasis is on bottled beers, with a very wide selection available although there are three hand-pumps which were serving a selection of ales from the Bristol-based Arbor brewery, from which I selected a pint of the 'Triple Hop. The cask beer range



does vary considerably, on the day that I am writing this their website advertises Thornbridge 'Jaipur' as being on sale. It is well worth searching for this convenient waiting room before taking the train back home, as the station is only a couple of minutes' walk away.

Southport is highly recommended for the discerning beer drinker, I certainly will be back for another visit soon !

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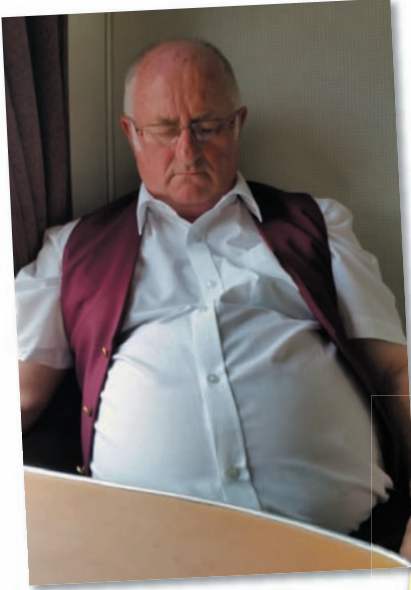
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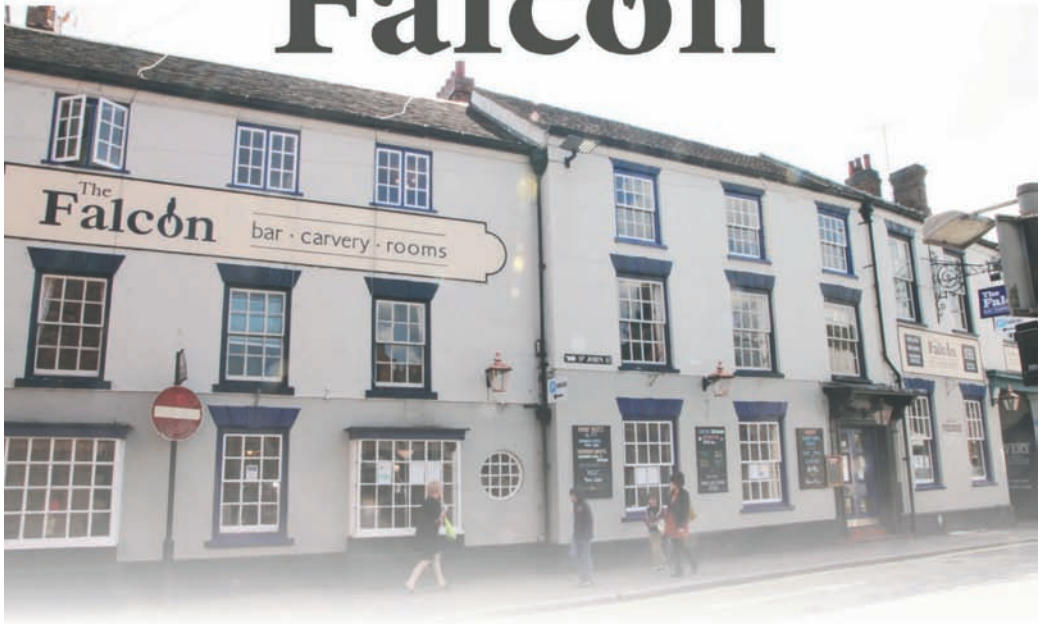
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It's A Long Way To Travel But Worth It

By Steve Burton

I was asked why I think the Railwayman's Arms is so popular. For starters where can you go to where you step from a pub and on to a railway platform that has steam engines.

I consider the Railwayman's as my local (even though I live in South Devon!)

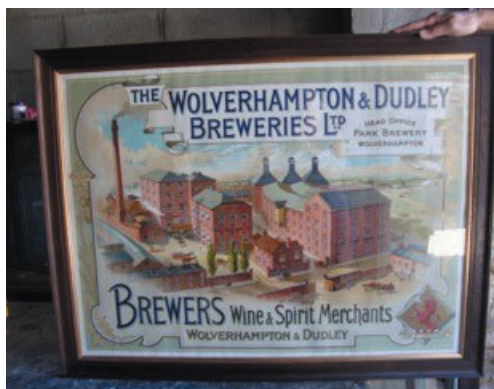
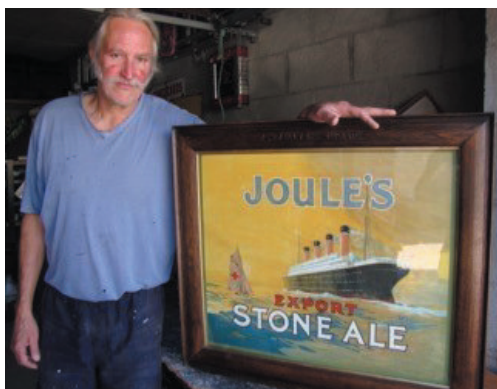
We travel up twice a month to the Severn Valley. We take the first train out of Bridgnorth to Bewdley. Just in time for the opening of the best chippy (Merchants). Then back on the train to Kidderminster for a mug of strong tea at the Museum tea room, back on the train we select which station to start our walk from, sometimes we walk the Mercian Way from Hampton Loade to Highley. We do various river walks depending how energetic we are feeling on the day.

During the summer walks we often see Kingfishers and we do a flower and butterfly count, walking off the chips! We catch the last train of the day to Bridgnorth with a hearty appetite where I can totally indulge in sampling the excellent choice of ales on offer at the Railwayman's! But most often I go for the Bathams.

Being such a friendly pub there is always a good crowd who will bring me up to date with all the railway gossip, Paul, Anthony and Paula are all in the know! While I sit taking in the ambience and enjoying the liquid Gold I reflect on the Old Signs around the pub walls which leads to one of my other passions.

Old advertising. I've been a collector/dealer of old advertising since taking redundancy from British Leyland many moons ago. The photos show some of my favourites! Sorry I don't have any info on them. But if you are curious to see others please let me know and I will send some to *Ale Sabrina* e-mail : eileenbyrne@btinternet.com

Can I thank everyone involved with *Ale Sabrina* for such an excellent Magazine, a pleasure to read!



GET YOUR THINKING CAP ON ANSWERS

Answers To The Quiz On Page 45

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- 2 Marstons
- 3 St Austell
- 4 Titanic
- 5 Brakspear
- 6 Charnwood
- 7 Brains
- 8 Sharps

General Knowledge

- 1 Twins
- 2 France
- 3 An elephant
- 4 India
- 5 Brighton
- 6 Mandalay
- 7 Violin
- 8 Swan
- 9 Bacardi
- 10 Volkswagen

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- 1 Nail Your Colours To The Mast
- 2 Neither A Borrower Nor A Lender Be
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- 9 Take With A Grain Of Salt
- 10 Tea Leaf

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