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2016 was a good year. The Railwaymans Arms Touring Society (RATS) made up of roughly 50% SVR volunteers and 50% CAMRA members, made a variety of trips on our quest for real ale. We visited Manchester where our guide John Elliott, gave some of us a tour of local pubs of interest while others took in a bit of sightseeing and culture. Next was St Albans beer festival. This time I was the guide as before moving to Bridgnorth, I lived six miles away and know St Albans very

well. Again some of us visited local pubs and the beer festival, while others took in the Roman remains of Verulamium. Our last coach trip was our annual trip to Liverpool where again we split into groups to do our own thing. The drinkers were taken to pubs of interest by Mike and Terry, our friends and local CAMRA members. In between we had various local trips by mini bus, including Statfold Barns Garden Railway (it has to be seen to be believed!) North Wales Betws-y-Coed and Carrog for a visit to the 'Grouse'. We also visited Hobsons and Bewdley breweries and West Midland Bathams pubs, including the Bull and Bladder, plus other destinations.

2017 promises to be an interesting year. Building work is underway at the SVR for the new refreshment and toilet building. When this is completed, work will start on the inside of the Railwaymans Arms, which will turn the shop store room into a snug, with a few minor alterations to the bar.

We would also like to wish Sam and Bob of the White Lion and Hop and Stagger brewery all the best on their new venture as the new publicans at the Old Fighting Cocks Oakengates.

As you will see elsewhere the publicans of Bridgnorth want to arrange a beer festival like the one at Bishops Castle with a number of pubs taking part, it will take place on the bank holiday week-end 27th-29th May 2017 see web site www.bridgnorthbeerfestival.co.uk for details.

Bill Sturt



A Few Words From The Chairman

I would like to thank all those that supported our 2nd Shifnal Beer Festival this year, first indications are that it was successful and plans are already underway to hold the festival again next year.

This is the time of year that thoughts turn towards selecting the pubs that will go into the next edition of the Good Beer Guide. To this end please can I ask all members to submit beer quality scores either online via WhatPub or use the scoring slips printed in this publication. You will also shortly be receiving the voting forms for selection together with voting slips for the various awards that are also made, please try your best to complete these and return them so that the choices made have come from a wide cross section of our branch membership.

Cheers and enjoyable drinking

Adrian Zawierka

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Bridgnorth Sub Branch

By Eleanor Haddon

I hope you have all had a good Christmas and New Year. It hardly seems two minutes since I wrote my last 'epistle' for Ale Sabrina. Autumn seemed very short before Winter was upon us but we have been very busy ensuring our local pubs are receiving the required number of visits to go forward to voting in the Spring for the 2018 Good Beer Guide.

In the branch we are celebrating two awards for our Pubs of the Season. Congratulations to The Lion O'Morfe at Upper Farmcote, Bridgnorth and The Wrekin Inn at Wellington for Autumn winners and The New Inn, Oretton plus the Kynnersley Arms at Leighton for Winter pubs. All are worthy winners and offer a range of ales as well as ciders and other alcoholic beverages. If you have any ideas for nominations please contact a member of your branch committee.

Nationally, CAMRA members have been participating in three revitalisation surveys and attending local meetings to learn and put forwards ideas on how CAMRA should look in the future. Hopefully, it won't be too long before we receive the results and take forward new campaigning ideas.

During the summer I have been visiting Canada and Yorkshire - enjoying the scenery and tasting the variety of ales on sale. Canada was an experience of tasting a large variety of craft ales - in my case strong IPA's - but there were a few real ales available as well.

Market Drayton Sub Branch

The winter nights are here and the festive season has gone so it's time to prepare and discuss our plans for the New Year. In other words which pubs are we going to visit and how are we going to get home? What to drink can be left to the day.

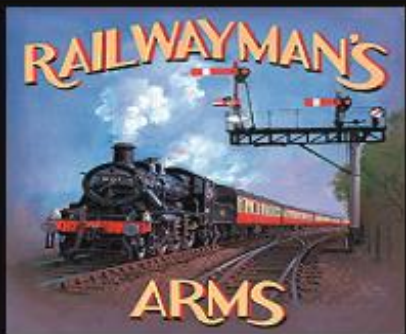
As always we are looking for new members and we would love you to get involved, to help us in enjoying ourselves. All you have to do is go to a pub and score it on CAMRA's WhatPub.com It is an important task and it helps our pubs get the recognition they deserve for serving up a good pint. It also helps our sub-branch get the recognition of being more active and that helps the campaign and publicans. If you have not got access to the internet use the score cards found in this edition of the magazine, passing them on to myself or another committee 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 find out what we are about. This includes publicans who can promote their pubs by telling us what ales and ciders they are selling and what is going on in their pub.

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

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Bridgnorth Bowling Club held their annual dinner here on 13th May 1886. They actually set up a telephone link between the Bylet Clubhouse and the Black Horse Bar for the occasional beverages. In February 1891 Mr H. C. Pass was the new proprietor. In January 1898 there was a small fire whilst Mr A. W. Blundell kept the building. In 1813 Robert Griffiths kept this establishment. William Edward Nicholls was landlord in 1912. In 1922 Arthur Oliver was landlord. The Bridgnorth Rugby Club was founded in a stable at the rear of the Black Horse Public House in Bridge Street .

A reference is made to The Black Heron in 1828. The landlady was Ann Mann at some time in its early years. All that is known is the property was located in Low Town. It may have been a misprint and should have been the Black Horse.



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2nd Shifnal Beer Festival

By Paul Barrow Festival Organiser

The fourth weekend of October 2016 saw the second recent running of the beer festival that Shropshire forgot for 20 years until it was resurrected in 2015. All that time ago, Telford and East Shropshire CAMRA ran their Telford area festival in what is now Oakengates Theatre, but when it was brought back to life for Halloween 2015 it was moved to its new home, the War Memorial Club, Shifnal.

Last year the focus was on Shropshire beers but for this year we responded to 2015 festival goers who wanted to sample beers that they never see in their local pubs; beers from further afield, seasonal ales and brewery specials. With sponsorship from Joule's Brewery of Market Drayton and local CAMRA award-winning pubs The White Hart and The Plough sourced a wide variety of beers from all over the UK, including a cask lager from Harviestoun, Clackmananshire as well as four ciders and perries from local producer Hurst View. However, local and Shropshire brewers were not forgotten with beers from The Gorgeous Brewing Co., Rowton, Clun, Shropshire Legends and Battlefield also appearing, many of which were either seasonal specials or limited edition brews produced for other local autumn festivals.



There was even a truly unique beer on offer from Finney's of Wellington; a stronger, more robust version of the beer produced for the Wellington Octoberfest. This proved such a popular beer and you may be seeing it more widely available, although you'll have to be lucky as Finney's is a brewery on the nano side of micro.

The main sponsors, Joule's, used the festival to announce their new seasonal ale Moon Madness which will be produced in the two months either side of Halloween every year and it must have been a popular choice at the bar because in a narrowly contested ballot it just emerged as the Beer of the Festival. The runners up were Finney's Darkside and Rowton Area 51.

Congratulations to our winners, and we look forward to welcoming everyone to the festival again next year.





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In mid-October we travelled to the Isle of Wight to spend a few days with our son and his wife who have recently bought a property near Yarmouth.

The weekend happened to be the I.O.W Classic Buses and Beer weekend now in its third year. The I.O.W branch of CAMRA and I.O.W bus museum join forces to operate an extensive network using FREE of charge travel on classic buses and coaches, four routes rotating from the Newport hub. An event programme costing £6.00 provided photographic information of pubs taking part, beers available (some offers of 50p off first pint of real ale) bus routes and timetables.

None of us being big beer drinkers we decided to enjoy a free excursion around the island. We walked into Yarmouth where a member of CAMRA acting as a marshal ensured everyone got on their chosen bus route and off we set enjoying splendid views and reminiscing of bus travel in our younger days.

From Newport we journeyed across to Shanklin stopping at pubs along the route for passengers to disembark or alight. The atmosphere was most convivial, passengers cheering and waving to other vehicles en route, more loudly as the day progressed! 'King Harrys Bar' (I.O.W CAMRA pub of the year 2015) was our first port of call. Phil and our daughter in law were up for sampling real ales, our son being a lager drinker and I stuck to cider. 'Funky Gibbon' went down well, then off to catch the Ventnor bus. Unfortunately both the double deckers were packed so to pass the time we returned to

the 'Village Inn' across the road to sample 'Boddicombe' ale. By this time it was raining heavily, so we were not surprised to see a mass exodus of punters of the open topped bus except one die-hard! Our Newport bus duly arrived and we managed to get the back seat on the upper deck. After a somewhat bumpy ride to Newport we got on an old National Express coach back to Yarmouth and the 'Kings Head' for a pint of 'Holy Joe' (Yates Brewery) followed by a fish and chip supper!

Next day we drove across the island and stopped off at the 'Fishermans Cottage' Shanklin and sampled a pint of 'Vectis Venom' (4.8%). Next onto the 'Buddle Inn', St Catherines for 'Buddle Brew' (Yates) arriving before two full double decker's. A charming Inn, overlooking the sea, used by smugglers in the 18th century. Back to the 'Kings Head' and another pint of 'Holy Joe'. An excellent, well organised for all real ale drinkers, many coming over from the mainland. Even the I.O.W Steam Railway offered free travel from Wooton to Havenstreet station's real ale bar on production of the event programme. All profits generated in 2015 have assisted a number of projects at the I.O.W bus museum.

A South Shropshire Pub Survey

By Alan Thwaites

It is a hard job, but someone has to do it! Every year as the nights lengthen and the clocks go back, the thoughts of all CAMRA members move to the selection of entries for the next edition of the *GBG*. Once nominations have been received from members, it is essential that all nominated pubs are visited by as many different members as possible to confirm the beer quality. This then allows folks to be suitably informed when voting takes place in February.

Saturday 5th November was the date for the Bridgnorth sub-branch to visit those pubs in the south of the county that have been nominated, and we were not disappointed: everyone agreed that the beers on offer at all the pubs visited were excellent, verging on

the perfect in some cases.

We started at the 'Down Inn' at Chetton, on the Ludlow road where they were offering Hobson's Twisted Spire and Salopian Gold, as well as the house beer 'Down & Out' brewed by Three Tuns. Next was the 'Pheasant' at Neenton, a shining example of what a local community can do to save their pub. Here we were offered a choice of Hobson's Twisted Spire (again) and Wadworth's Horizon. We then traced a winding route through the lanes to Stottesdon and the 'Fighting Cocks', a one-time *GBG* regular which is now under new management, but one would not notice the change except for a major re-decoration. The beer and food are as good as ever.



The highlight of the tour was the 'New Inn' at Oretton, reached through some even narrower lanes which had Colin, our minibus driver, wondering where the XXX he was being sent. We presented the Winter 2016 POTS to the landlady (as described in another article) and then started the long climb up to Clee Hill Village. The weather was very clear and the views to the southwest superb, with the Abergavenny Sugar Loaf and the Black Mountains above Hay clearly visible. Into the 'Golden Cross', and pints of Ludlow Gold and Best Bitter were enjoyed while trying to 'Ring the Bull' and other traditional pub games at this excellent, if basic boozer.

Next was the 'Eagle and Serpent' at Kinlet, where the Wye Valley HPA was so good that I forgot to record the other beers on offer. Finally we were treated to a visit to the Highley Working Men's Club. For many of us this was our first visit to this venerable establishment, but it will not be the last. Hobsons and Ludlow beers were kept in excellent condition and, as CAMRA members are welcome, must be a contender for the 2017 Club of the Year.

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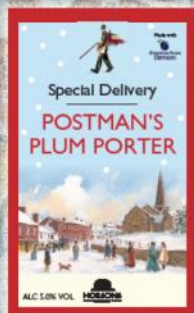
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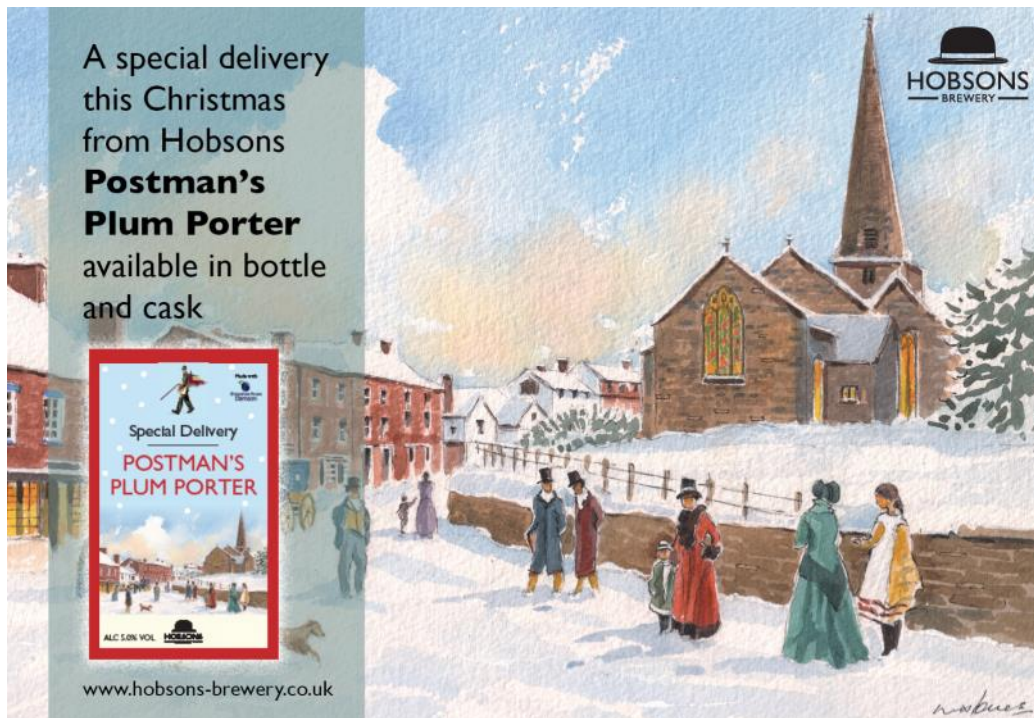
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A Cultural Exchange Visit To North Yorkshire : Part 2

By Alan Thwaites

In the holiday district of the North Yorkshire Moors all pubs have to serve good food in order to survive. In this article I note those that I have recently visited. Coincidentally, they are all accessible by public transport, although staying as we were in Goathland, of necessity I did use the car to visit some.

As well as the pubs along the NYMR noted in part one, the first place was the 'Horseshoe' at Egton Bridge which specialises in local food and local ales. This is a short walk from Egton station on the Esk Valley line served by trains from Middlesbrough to Whitby. Also in the village are the 'Postgate' and up the (1:3!) hill in Egton itself is the 'Wheatsheaf'.

Further west from Goathland brings one to the village of Ugthorpe and the 'Black Bull' another privately owned inn selling locally-sourced food and beer. This village is only a few hundred yards from the main Whitby – Guisborough road (A171) and its frequent bus service (X93). Also on the X93 route is the village of Aislaby and the 'Forge'. This has recently been transformed from the 'Huntsman' and while the food and beer remain excellent, the modern trend for wood-flooring and minimal upholstery does make for a very noisy atmosphere even without any 'background' muzac.

South from Goathland on the Pickering road (A169) and served by the Whitby – York – Leeds bus (840) is the 'Fox & Rabbit' at Lockton. Seats need to be reserved if one plans to eat at this popular roadside inn which has a reputation for good food and beer. I had an excellent pint of Tim Taylor's Golden Best on my recent visit. On the Saturday of our visit we took the day

off and took the bus to Robin Hood's Bay. Adjacent to the bus stop at the top of the village is the 'Victoria Hotel'. This 19th Century hotel has a large public bar selling a good range of local beers, I had a good pint of 'Whitby Whaler' from Whitby brewery. Dropping down the steep, narrow hill into the village itself, one comes to the 'Laurel Inn'. This small intimate multi-level pub has many GBG stickers from the 1990s and the beer quality was good, although the range uninspiring, being a choice of Young's (Bedfordshire), Wychwood (Oxfordshire) and Adnam's (Suffolk). At the bottom is the 'Bay Hotel', which I did not visit and up a short side-street, the 'Dolphin'. Another multi-level pub with entrances on two floors, this is a charming hostelry where I had a very good pint of Cameron's Strongarm.

Having climbed back up to the bus-stop, we broke our return journey at Hawsker at the 'Hare & Hounds'. A pint of Thwaites' Wainwright proved to be in excellent condition which we followed by walking the three miles back to Whitby along the old railway track and a pint in the 'Waiting Room' (See Part 1 in Issue 11) before boarding the train home.





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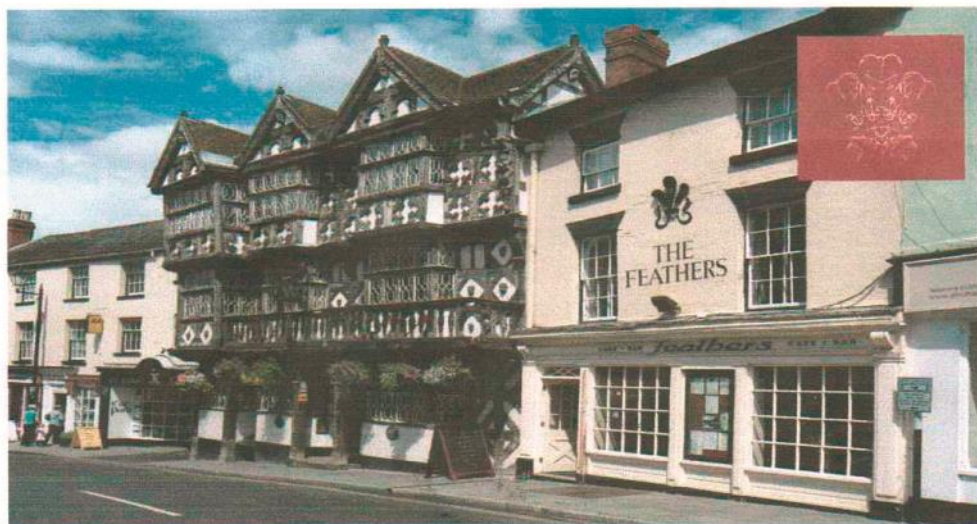
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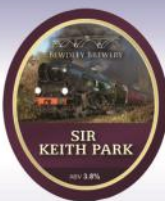
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Merseyside Drinking

By Alan Thwaites

On a Saturday in November in the company of another dozen or so drinkers from the Railwayman's Arms, Denise and I visited Liverpool & Birkenhead. The bus dropped us off at King's Dock and initially we made our way to the nearby 'Baltic Fleet', where we were met by Mike and Terry, our native guides for the day. The 'Baltic' is a famous pub in the historic maritime district close to the Albert Dock and is well worth a visit. Beer is brewed on the premises and other ales are sourced locally. Between us we had 'Cascade' from Liverpool Organic Brewery and 'Windy Bog' from the Big Bog brewery, which has recently transferred from Waunfawr in North Wales to Speke.

While the main party set off up Parliament St to 'Peter Kavanaghs', we made our way under the Mersey from James St to Hamilton

Square station in Birkenhead and visited the 'Lion'. This small terraced pub in a backstreet, originally called the 'Caledonia' and more recently 'Stacey's Bar', has been reopened by the ex-landlord of the 'Lion Tavern' in Moorfields. Following a dispute with Punch Taverns, Sean and business partner Michael decided to terminate the lease and move across the river. Here we found a range of beers, from which Denise selected 'Darkside of the Moose' from Purple Moose brewery while I sampled the house beer from George Wright 'The Lion Returns'.



Returning to Hamilton Square, we called in to 'Gallagher's', the famous pub-cum-barbers on Chester St. Unfortunately the hairdressing salon has closed, but the character of the pub is unchanged and the beers, of which we sampled 'Oracle' from Salopian & 'White Rat' from Rat brewery, are still kept in excellent condition.

Arriving back in Liverpool, we re-joined the main party at the Grapes in Roscoe St. and had some 'Riptide' from Neptune Brewery. Being in Roscoe St, it was only natural that a return visit to the legendary 'Roscoe's Head', saved from demolition but still under threat.



One of the 5 remaining pubs that have featured in every edition of the *GBG*, here Denise had more 'Darkside of the Moose' and I had 'Liverpool Light' from Rock the Boat brewery.

We then took a short walk round the corner to 'Mackenzie's Bar', a pub recently opened inside an old Midland Bank building. While the modern interior may not be to everyone's taste, the beer was of exceptional quality. I had 'Black Cat' from Moorhouse (a particular favourite of mine) and Denise had the intriguingly named 'Northern Powerhouse' from the Republic of Liverpool Brewery, a new brewery set up in the weeks following the Referendum.

All too soon it was time to meet the coach

although there was time for a quick half in the 'Ship & Mitre' in Dale St, where I had some 'Pilsner' from Lytham, a very different taste to what had gone before. A very warm welcome is waiting to visitors to either side of the Mersey and we cannot wait to get back again. Liverpool does have much to justify its claim to be the 'Cask Ale Capital of Britain'.



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The New Inn Oretton

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It is well worth making the trip through the narrow lanes in the shadow of Clee Hill to enjoy the delights of this remote inn. The pub is a perfect example of a cosy winter hostelry with a large log-burner spreading warmth throughout both rooms; the beer range varies but is always sourced locally. On the occasion of the presentation, Ludlow Gold and Wye Valley Butty Bach were on sale, but often there are beers from

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For The Love Of Hops

By John Cliff

Some time ago I was speaking to John Sadler of Sadlers Brewery, Lye, actually over a glass of cider with friends in Bewdley. Naturally the conversation turned to beer and specifically to hops, that all-embracing ingredient which defines more than anything into what category our favourite tipple belongs. John mused on the names of hops and mentioned a hedgerow variety named Boadicea which he was using at the brewery. Did it honour that formidable queen of ancient history or a redoubtable hop gatherer likened to her!

Boadicea has a special place in our hop fields being the first in the world to be bred with resistance to aphids and according to the British Hop Association is the most environmentally friendly hop available. What, with a name like that! It is one of twenty-seven established British varieties – and may be increasing as I write. Hedgerow or low-trellis, also known as dwarf hops, grow to around nine feet and supported by a vertical trellis, unlike the conventional bines on hop poles twice the height. This enables easier and more economical growing and harvesting.

It's not so much how they are grown; more importantly it's the effect of imported hops, mostly from America, on our own industry. Our palate has succumbed to powerful hops from across the pond, one having the accolade of King of Hops, crowned Williamette, an aroma hop I've heard described as "the joyous harmony of flowers, fruit, earth and spice." Beat that! A close runner-up must be Cascade, which has spawned an English sister – Cascade UK, having the same characteristics as the U.S. counterpart but with less aggressive intensity. That is what I would expect from

an English girl.

Successful hop growing, as with grapes for wine making, is conditional on the magic term 'Terroir'. In a nutshell it means the combination of climate, soil, geology and other physical aspects providing the ideal conditions for cultivation. Hence a fairly dry climate with lots of warm sunshine will produce highly flavoured aroma or bittering hop types in regions of the New World which could fare poorly in Kent or Worcestershire and Herefordshire, or at best provide an unprofitable low yield. Irrigation is an included factor of course, which can be controlled artificially in a dry climate but not so where, like this country annual rainfall is less predictable and temperatures so variable. That is how English grown hops have given our traditional beers the unique subtle aromas and bitterness we have loved for decades: not a violent attack on the taste buds but a pleasant complexity of flavours we can savour all the way through a pint glass. Mind you, we have a few surprises that give a kick and I'm not averse to a discreet marriage of English and American or Continental hops in my beer.

I have checked my favourite, quintessentially English tasting beer and note it is brewed with locally grown Target and Celeia hops. Well, now, who is Celeia? She is related to Styrian Goldings, originating in Slovenia. I didn't know that. Is that hop number twenty-eight on the list? What the heck! It's locally grown for me to enjoy a pint of Wye Valley HPA.

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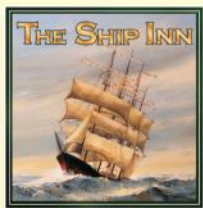
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On 11th October Telford and East Shropshire CAMRA presented St Georges Sports and Social Club with the branch 'Club of the Year' award for 2016, something that the club has become accustomed to as it has received this honour for 18 out of the last 19 years! Over those years the Club has seen several stewards come and go, but the quality of the beer remains consistently high. After the presentation I met up with steward Garry Keable and his wife Helen to find out what changes they had made since taking over the reins in November 2015. *"Helen and I did not know what to expect when we took over here at St. Georges, but so far so good. The beers have been a challenge which I feel we have surmounted"*. At first Garry and Helen worked on the premise of *'if it's not broken, don't fix it'*, but over the past year they have made several considered changes, consulting with their members and the committee before implementing them. The one bone of contention for Garry was the lack of dark beers available at the bar, with mainly golden beers on every one of the seven

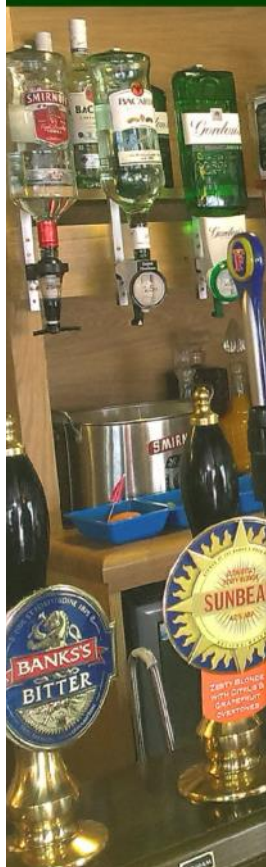
handpulls. They now regularly serve a dark beer, and we were lucky on the evening of the presentation to enjoy an excellent pint (or two) of Slater's black IPA.

On St George's Day this year Garry ran his first beer festival, which was a great success with the members, the local community and visitors from further afield and Garry hopes that the event will be *'bigger and better in 2017'*. Changes at the Club haven't just been on the beer front with a refurbishment, new carpets and reupholstered chairs in the lounge and a fully dressed function room where they are now able to offer a full Wedding package. Food is also a passion of Garry's (note the attire in the photo!), and they now offer fresh homemade pizza from the new pizza oven to complement the bar meals and light snacks served most evenings from 5pm and the breakfast from 9.30am on a Saturday. All of this and at least 12 different beers over the course of a week; what more could any CAMRA member ask for?





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1 star anise pod

6 cloves

1 stick of cinnamon

10 gratings of nutmeg

Two or three strips of orange or lemon

Place the spice bag in a pan containing one bottle of Port.

Heat to simmering point, stirring gently for 10-15 minutes.

Add sugar to sweeten, if desired.

Remove the pan from the heat and allow the flavours to infuse
for at least 30 minutes before reheating.

Remove the spices, serve and enjoy.



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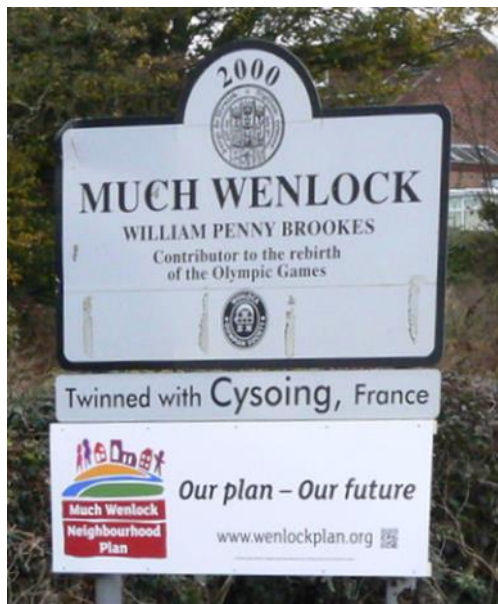
Did You Know?

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EMPTY GLASS.**

What's In A Name

By Paul Appleton

There are lots of towns and villages in our area that have unusual names, but we just take them for granted. Have you ever wondered how some of these came about or what they mean? Here is a small selection for you to ponder;



MUCH WENLOCK

Wenlock comes from the Celtic 'wininicas', meaning 'white area', a reference to the limestone escarpment of Wenlock Edge, which along with the Old English 'loca', which means 'enclosed place' gives something along the lines of 'white enclosed place'. Chief town of the ancient borough of Wenlock, 'Much' was added to distinguish it from the smaller Little Wenlock. The town is recorded in the Domesday Book as 'Wenloch'. The Wenlock Olympian Games were set up by Dr. William Penny Brooks in 1850 and gives rise to the town's claim to be

the original home of the Modern Olympic Games. One of the London 2012 Olympic mascots was named 'Wenlock' in recognition of this.

BRIDGNORTH

Quite simply Bridgnorth is named after a bridge that was built further north than the original river crossing at nearby Quatford. The earliest reference to the town dates back to 895 when the Danes created a camp at Cwatbridge. By 912 a mound was created on the west bank of the Severn at the site of the castle as part of an offensive against the Danes. The town of Bridgnorth wasn't established until 1101 when the 3rd Earl of Shrewsbury moved from Quatford and built a castle and church where the modern town stands today. This was part of the fortification to defend the area against attacks from the Welsh and the new town became a Royal Borough.

Craven Arms

In 1695 the small town of Craven Arms was known as Newton, and Newtown is still the name of the south eastern part of the town today. Another small village to the north which forms part of the town is still known as Newington, or New Inn. The name Craven Arms is a modern name, formed after the area grew with the arrival of the railways, taking its name from the Craven Arms Hotel, which itself is named after Lord Craven, former owner of the nearby Stokesay Castle.



MARKET DRAYTON

Known simply as Drayton in the 17th century, the town became known as Drayton-in-the-Hales by the late 1860s. The name Drayton itself comes from the Old English 'draeg' meaning 'drag', 'slipway' or 'sledge', referring to a place where boats were dragged across land, or sledges across wet ground. King Henry III granted a charter for a weekly Wednesday market in 1245, which grew into a quite substantial affair and led to the adoption of the town's modern name of Market Drayton. The town has always been known for producing musicians, with Sigeu Sigeu Sputnik lead singer Jenny Z hailing from the town.

SHIFNAL

Once known as Idsall, possibly indicating a Roman connection, the first Anglian settlement is thought to date back the 7th century. The name Shifnal is thought to come from 'Scuffanhalch' in a 9th-century charter, as a possession of the monastery at Medeshamstede (later Peterborough Abbey), although what is more likely is that it is formed from the personal name 'Scuffa', while the second part, from 'halh', means a valley, thus describing the town's topography. Unusually, the town's name has alternated through history between Idsall and Shifnal. Idsall is mentioned in a 9th century charter as 'Iddeshale' which means 'Idi's nook' or 'corner'. It appears that this is due to two settlements, one either side of the Wesley Brook, so depending who you listened to it was either 'Scuffa's Nook of Land' or 'Idi's Nook of Land'. A nook was deemed to be an area of around 20 acres. In 1245 a market charter was granted with a broad market street developed on the east side of the stream, thus that area known as Shifnal gradually superseded Idsall as the town's name.

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Lemon Match (France Isn't All Bad : Part 2)

By David Jones

Having been asked if I would pay for some CAMRA members to go to Calais to sample Lemon Pale, and realising that you cannot get Lemon Dream in France, I arranged for a LEMON MATCH.

Having brought a bottle of Lemon Pale back from France all it needed was to arrange for some Lemon Dream to be available when members could make a comparison. So, as we were due to have a Meeting in the Bear in October I asked Adrian Hubbard (a CAMRA Member and the Landlord) if he could arrange for Lemon Dream to be available on the evening of the Meeting. Thank you, Adrian, for making the arrangements, he even had another 'citrus' beer on in the Pub, but it was quickly drunk by many of his regular customers and was finished by the time of the Meeting.

Members were asked to sample the Lemon Pale, which had to be shared out in tasting glasses, and compare it with the Lemon Dream from the bar. The resulting preferences were:

Lemon Dream (home drink) 12 – Lemon Pale (away drink) 1

A resounding win for the UK, so France Isn't All Bad is questionable!!

The main comments against were "too sparkly" and "too bitter" but the comment for was "Lovely lemon taste, would drink again".

So now I am off to France again to see Jean-Phillipe and tell him the bad news about Lemon Pale, and find out what is being brewed for the winter special.

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Dry January—Somewhere Different

By Day Tripper

Dry January is the annual campaign from Alcohol Concern where they challenge people to give up alcohol for the 31 days of January.

People who live in Rawtenstall in East Lancashire have a real advantage. In Bank Street (BB4 6QS) is thought to be the only remaining original Temperance Bar - the iconic Mr Fitzpatrick's. With the genuine fixtures and fittings this is a truly unique venue selling a variety of cordials. It has now become a tourist attraction where you can also purchase herbs, spices, vintage jewellery and teddy bears! It is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10-4. (Check website before travelling) There is also a mail order service www.mrfitzpatrick.com.

The Temperance movement began in the early 19th century. In 1880's the Fitzpatrick family of herbalists from Ireland came to Lancashire to begin a chain of shops throughout the county, which at their peak totalled 24 outlets. These bars became

famous for a number of cordials such as sarsaparilla, black beer & raisin, crème soda, dandelion & burdock and blood tonic. These temperance bars, once popular throughout Northern England, waned in popularity but thanks to strong local following the one in Rawtenstall managed to survive. The bar on Bank Street and the business is now under new ownership and they have pledged to carry on using the original recipes and introduce a new range as well.

Rawtenstall town has typical Lancashire stone architecture, cobbled street and dramatic landscapes. For railway enthusiasts why not combine a visit to the East Lancashire Railway? Rawtenstall is the most northerly station. For those who have not signed the pledge there is the Buffer Stops Bar. Situated at the station the bar offers five real ales, real cider, continental lagers, traditional snacks and locally sourced pies. ELR runs a limited service until spring but the pub is open every day.





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Telford Camra Winter Pub Of The Season

The Kynnersley Arms

By Jannie Barrow

A warm welcome, with a roaring open fire and friendly atmosphere, awaited us at our recent presentation of Telford's Winter Pub of the Season award to Mike and Zena Antoszkiewicz.

The 'Kynnersley Arms' is a Grade II listed building steeped in history and brought back from dereliction by its current owners following an extensive refurbishment in 2013.

The pub itself, on the B4380 at Leighton between Ironbridge and Shrewsbury, features a corn mill dating back to the Domesday Book and underneath is a cellar which houses a 17th Century, pre-industrial blowing arch blast furnace and water wheel.

In 2001 the pub was the focus of Channel 4's Time Team show, when Tony Robinson took his team back to the earliest beginnings of the Industrial Revolution. Over three days they excavated the car park in a bid to unearth the blast furnace itself. Episode 5 of

Series 9 is available to watch on YouTube.

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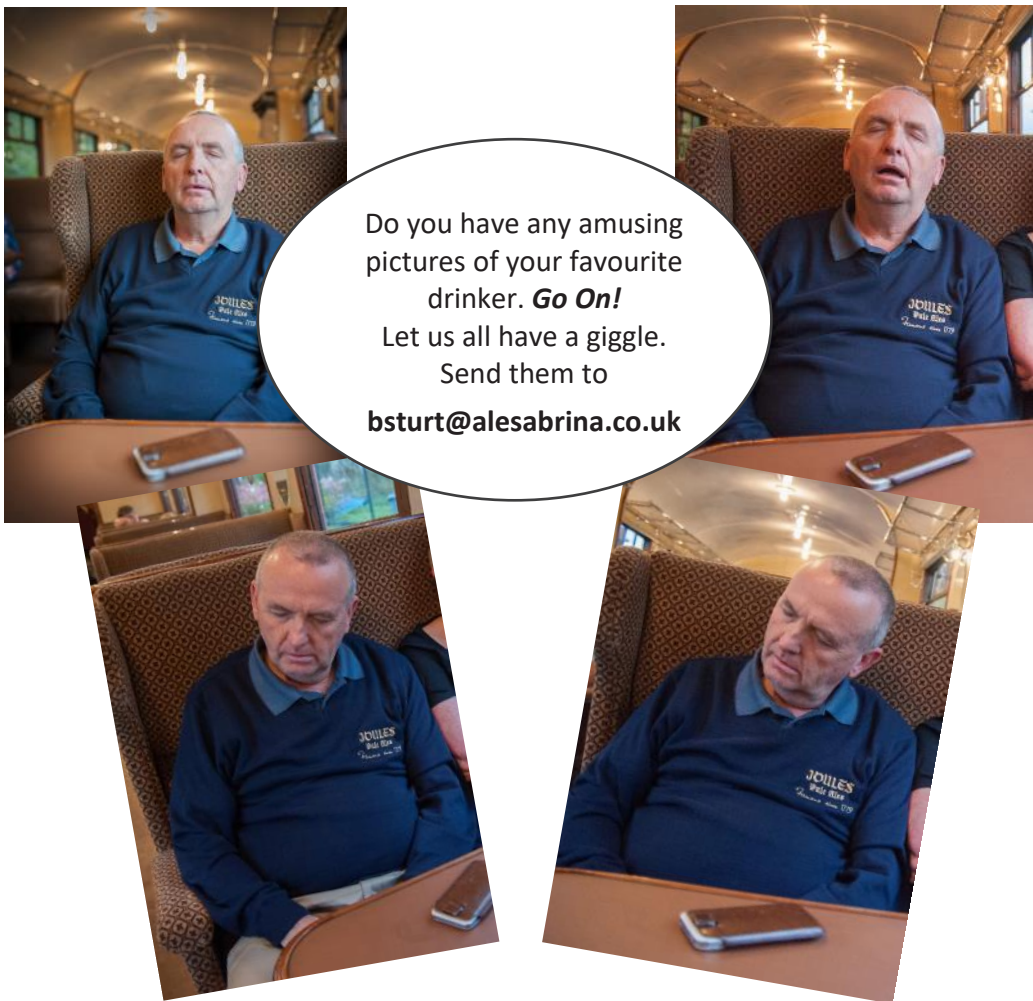
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3. What goes in the water black and comes out red?
4. The more it dries, the wetter it becomes.
5. I have no wallet but I pay my way. I travel the world but in the corner I stay.
6. You use me from your head to your toes, the more I work the thinner I grow.
7. What asks but never answers ?
8. The more places I be, the less you can see.
9. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old.
10. The more you take, the more you leave behind.

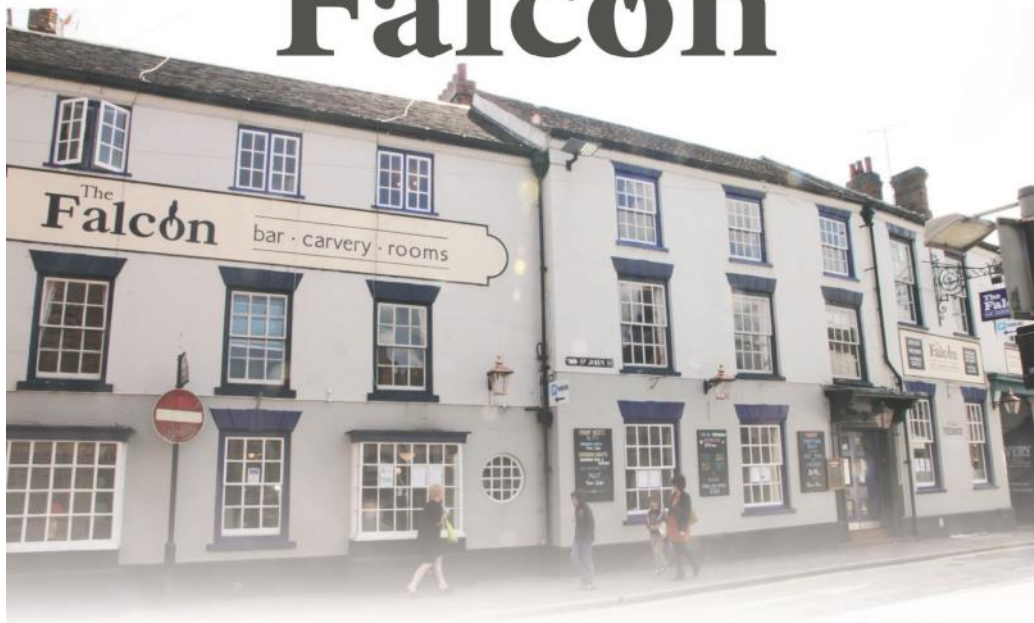
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36th Stoke Beer Festival

By Bob and Maureen Wheawall

After a traditional breakfast in Market Drayton, we met up with fellow CAMRA members Bryn and Ange Pass and Bernie Currie, we took the bus to Fenton arriving at the Stoke Beer Festival at 12.30. Swiftly obtaining our festival glasses, beer program and tokens, we found ourselves a vacant table. After our first drink we settled down to read the program, which was quite a task as there were over 200 beers, ciders, wines and bottles with copious tasting notes.

A local brass band provided background music interrupted at frequent intervals with the bell ringing signalling a new CAMRA

membership. After sampling numerous brews, stouts, porters, milds, ciders and bitters but before the presentations of Stoke pub of the year awards (1st Holy Inadequate 2nd Hop Inn 3rd Congress) we decided to visit a few local real ale pubs in Newcastle. We called at the 'Hop Inn', very friendly and well-presented beers. Then the 'Bridge Street Ale House', excellent ale! And finally the 'Lyme Street Vaults' before heading for the last bus home. We arrived in Market Drayton about 7.30 to reflect on the day with a pint of Moon Madness in the 'Sambrook Vaults'. A great day out!

Potteries Beer Festival

By Bryn Pass

Taking the bus to Stoke is as easy as going to Shrewsbury because that is all we have for choice in Market Drayton. But you can always expect a warm welcome in the potteries and where better than the Beer Festival. With a selection of over 200 beers, great local food and some great thumping music.

Entering the hall we are greeted by CAMRA recruiters. We had got in for free, as you do when you are members, but what was novel for me was that when a new member was signed up, it was greeted with a ringing of a bell followed by a great cheer from those inside the hall. So we made our way over to the voucher counter to get the local currency, peruse the festival program and select our ale or cider.

The question I always ask myself in situations like this with so many to choose

from is, where do you start? Normally I like to try a brewery I do not know and go for something opposite to my normal. So it was a dip in the dark with a dark beer and this thinking was a great start, so great I stayed on this theory all day and can say I not disappointed. What I cannot tell you is what exactly I drank because I am not a ticker or a marker and I am referring to twitchers, so I have no record of what I partook in on the day. Another factor in honesty is that as with most beer festivals the atmosphere was so great you get carried away and then well you know what happens next...

We all got home safely even the calling in to a couple of favourites in Newcastle and a drop of some more selective ales and as a good boy, I did remember the ales in the pubs and scored them, that will please Mr Haddon!



Get Your Thinking Caps On : Answers

Answers To The Quiz On Page 45

Name The Brewery

- 1 Adnams
- 2 BASS
- 3 Castle Rock
- 4 Dancing Duck
- 5 Hobsons
- 6 Thwaites
- 7 Timothy Taylor
- 8 Hawkhead

General Knowledge

- 1 A Needle
- 2 Breath
- 3 A Lobster
- 4 A Towel
- 5 A Stamp
- 6 A Bar Of Soap
- 7 An Owl
- 8 Darkness
- 9 A Candle
- 10 Steps

Phrases & Sayings

- 1 You Can't Get Blood Out Of A Stone
- 2 You've Never Had It So Good
- 3 Take A Back Seat
- 4 Talk Through One's Hat
- 5 The Bane Of My Life
- 6 The Call Of The Wild
- 7 Keep Your Chin Up
- 8 Keep Your Nose To The Grindstone
- 9 A Fate Worse Than Death
- 10 A Fool And His Money Are Soon Parted

Deadline Dates for 2017

March 2017 Issue 13 Dead Line, 3rd February 2017

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Bridgnorth Meetings

31 January 2017

Bridgnorth Branch Meeting

ALL WELCOME

8.00 pm start

Royal Fountain Cleobury Mortimer DY14 8BS

7 February 2017

2018 Good Beer Guide Selection Evening

ALL BRANCH MEMBERS WELCOME

8.00 pm start – Plough Inn Shifnal TF11 8AZ

28 February 2017

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8.00 pm start

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TES Meetings

10th January 2017 (Tuesday)

Branch Meeting

8pm at New Inn at Newport (TF10 7LX)

14th January 2017 (Saturday)

Pub Survey Trip (TBC)

Minibus pick- up from Shifnal (10.30am),
Oakengates (10.45am)
and Wellington (11am)

7th February 2017 (Tuesday)

Selection Evening

7.30pm at The Plough Inn Shifnal (TF11 8AZ)

7th March 2017 (Tuesday)

Branch Meeting

8pm Venue TBC

Market Drayton Events

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