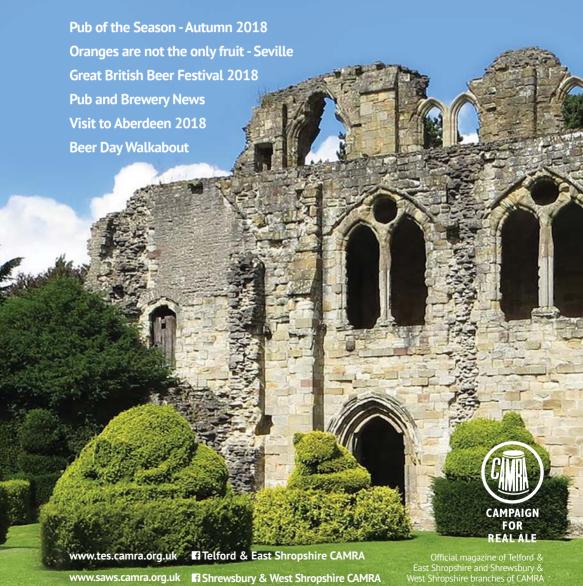
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Editor's Welcome

Hello and welcome to Issue 6 of Shropshire TAles

Is it really three months since our last issue of Shropshire TAles? The time has passed by so quickly but the weather has been ideal for visiting all the lovely beer gardens around our county. There have been a number of local beer festivals and CAMRA organised trips, there are still more to come so please take a look at the diary pages and come and join us on one of our trips. I can guarantee that you will be made very welcome.

The big event over the coming months is Shifnal Beer Festival so please come along and support us to help this beer festival grow. You don't have to volunteer to work at the festival to support us simply come along and drink beer!

If you would like to read about your favourite pub in a future issue then please send us a small piece about it, why you love drinking there and why more people should visit. This may influence others to give it a try or even a future CAMRA trip to call in when we're out and about. We would love to hear from you.

Lee Bradbury | Editor

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A word from T.E.S (AMRA (hairman

Writing this at my 34th Great British Beer Festival as a member of the volunteer staff, it is nice to see that the branch has the second largest number of volunteers and the largest number of hours helping within the West Midlands region of the campaign. It would be nice for the branch to be the biggest in both at next year's event.

October is the 4th Shifnal Beer Festival, see more details on page 14, we are always looking for volunteers to help with setting up and taking it down afterwards and during the event itself.

Thank you to all the members that attended the branch AGM and those who undertook roles for the branch committee this coming year.

On a sadder note, the branch has recently lost a high profile member, Paula Waters while not as visibly active in the local branch as she was before becoming a National Executive member, she was still very supportive of the branch and always kept up to date with what was happening in the branch. On behalf of the branch, I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies and suuport to her husand Tony and son James and all her friends.

Adrian Zawierka
T.E.S Branch Chairman

A word from S.W.S (AMRA (hairman

It was a year ago that our Branch teamed up with Telford and East Shropshire to support this magazine. We are pleased it has been so well received.

The encouraging calls for 'more copies please' from publicans proves it is an enterprise that was long overdue.

The branch has been busy with our Beer Festival. It is where our campaigning has its greatest public exposure and is rightly the highlight of our branch calendar.

We continue to work on the issue of pub closures. Many of the pubs in the branch area do actually re-open, often after a long period. This is due to any number of circumstances but recently the failure of pub companies to be able to recruit tenants seems to be the main concern. Every branch meeting seems to bring a report of licensee changes with some pubs changing management on a regular basis. CAMRA nationally are on the case and want the Pubs Code administered correctly so that tenant publicans can have a fair contract in order to run their businesses.

We apologise if we do not get this magazine to your pub every quarter, but with so many pubs to visit some will be missed. It can be read online on our branch websites and we are happy to respond to requests for copies.

Dave Roll S.W.S Branch Chairman

CAMRA branches are always looking for CAMRA members to volunteer to help with organising trips, beer festivals and regional promotions. If you have some spare time then please come along to any of our branch meetings. For further information see branch diaries on pages 32-33.

A word from our Market Drayton sub-branch

And so with the dark nights looming we have lots to do, but let that not get in the way of our drinking.

We are always looking for new members or those members who have not yet got involved to help us in shaping the future.

One of the main tasks we do is score our local 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 pass scores to myself or another branch committee member, just include name/

membership number, name of pub and location, date of visit and score (and beer/brewery if you wish), it's that easy. These scores then go on to help pubs qualify for entry into the next edition of the Good Beer Guide. It's a tough job but somebody has to do it.

If you are on facebook, please 'like' our local page, visit www.facebook.com/groups/199617536785775/

Bryn PassMarket Drayton sub-branch

Pub of the Season - Autumn 2018

Bridgnorth CAMRA

Fosters Arms

56 Mill Street, Bridgnorth WV15 5AG



Telford CAMRA

Harp Hotel

40 High Street, Albrighton WV7 3JF

Date and time of presentation TBC



Call for votes for the Telford and Bridgnorth Branches Winter Pubs of the Season

To be eligible for selection a pub needs to not be in the Good Beer Guide and currently achieving a minimum of 3.0 for their beer quality score (an up to date beer score will be checked following nomination).

Telford sub-branch nominations will be taken at branch meetings and a list of the nominated pubs and email voting details will be sent out in October. Votes can also be cast at branch meetings.

Bridgnorth branch nomination and voting are taken at branch meetings.







Fermenter

West Mdlands Regional Club of the Year and Pub of the Year 2018 results:

Marches area

- 1. Lion O'Morfe, Upper Farmcote, near Bridgnorth
- 2. White Hart, Shifnal
- 3. Bailey Head, Oswestry

The overall regional winner is **Fountain Inn, Leek**

Many congratulations to the **Lion O'Morfe** which will be awarded Shropshire Pub of the Year and Marches Pub of the Year certificates to go alongside their 2018 TES CAMRA Pub of the Year award.

Here is some breaking news that we received just as we were about to go to print and managed to sneak in for you.

This year's Regional Club of the Year competition results:

- 1. Kinver Constitutional Club, Kinver
- =2. Doveridge Social Club, Doveridge
- =2. St Georges Sports & Social Club, Telford

Congratulations to the **St Georges Sports** & **Social Club** which will receive the Regional Club of the Year runner-up award.

Presentation dates to be announced.

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Pub and Brewery News

Ludlow Brewery

Gary Walters has secured the services of Cody Palin who is a graduate of Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. This bodes well as at the same time they are looking to install a micro plant to enable experimental brews to be made so that we can look forward to new beers. They also host a number of events throughout the year.

On 22nd August, Ludlow Brewery received a Bronze Award from the World Beer Awards for their Stairway beer. Thanks was given to Brewer's Chris Davies, Joe Jacks and Cody Palin.

Wye Valley Brewery

It has been another record year for Wye Valley Brewery having produced circa. 12 million pints between 1st May 2017 and 30th April 2018!

Wye Valley has been bottling 1985 in 330ml bottles for the first time. It has been successful in 500ml, so they thought it was time to try it in the more traditional larger format!

The Hopfather will be available from September until March.

Chapel Brewery

Chapel Brewery's Incarnation won the Public Vote Beer of the Festival at Shrewsbury Beer Festival.

Clun Brewery

There has been activity in the

transfer market in that Caz Dunham from the Six Bells Brewery and is now working at the Clun Brewery. She tells me that in addition to her brewing skills she has now learnt how to manage the brewery bottling plant. Planning permission for a new offsite brewery has been granted.

Salopian Brewery

September will see the launch of their biennial batch of Polygraph our imperial stout. It will be available in cask, keg and bottle. Polygraph is a full flavoured stout with toast, liquorice, hints of dark fruit, chocolate and mocha that are tempered by crisp tart bitterness and a smooth velvety texture.

Rowton Brewery

Rowton have launched a new beer Orbit. Brewed it in support of the Wellington Orbit Arts and Community Centre and will be donating 5p per pint sold to the charity.

On Saturday 1st September 2018
Rowton Brewery opened their brewery
doors to members from Telford and East
Shropshire CAMRA. Look out for an article
on this trip in the

next issue of Shropshire TAles

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Let us know your brewery news. Please contact **Lee Bradbury** email: **editor.tescamramagazine@gmail.com**

Hobsons Brewery

The current brew is Green Hop (4.2%). A single 45-barrel brew has been made using fresh Worcestershire Challenger hops from Little Lambswick Farm only 7 miles from the brewery. The hops are harvested in the morning and then added to the brew by lunchtime that same day. It will be available in cask during September and bottle-conditioned by October.

Hobsons 25 (4.4%) will be returning following its first appearance in March, to continue the brewery's silver anniversary celebrations.

Hobsons Brewery will be featuring their beers at this years Ludlow Food Festival taking place on the 7 - 9th September. This year will feature a new 24-ft long "Airstream Trailer" bar.

Gorgeous Beer Company

The current seasonal ale is Summer Ale (4.0% abv) brewed using only Cascade hops and available during August and September. The brewery is putting a recipe together for their next seasonal ale which is likely to be 4.0 - 4.2% abv and available in the autumn. Hopefully you may even be enjoying their latest offering whilst you are reading this article.

An exciting collaboration with Ironbridge's new 'Coracle Micropub' will see an American-style hoppy unfined ale being produced. The new ale, using Citra hops (4.2% abv) will be available at the micropub and in other pubs in the area.

* All information correct at the time of publication.



Visit to Aberdeen 2018

Written by Bryn Pass

With the Camra AGM being held in Dundee this year a little further up on the railway track is the beautiful "Granite city" of Aberdeen. So if you find yourself in that neck of the woods and a little thirsty here is a quick guide.

With the trusted Good Beer Guide (GBG) in hand we dropped off our bags and made our way to the St Machas bar for a drop of Drygate Pale Duke. This is a lovely little narrow pub in the ancient part of the city opposite the very attractive University. The pub has a long bar and a good choice of four real ales. With the Drygate setting us up nicely for the bit of a trek into the city centre to visit a new entry into the GBG, Under the Hammer. This was a cellar bar serving Fyne Jarl ale and although it was the most expensive pint of the night and one of the poshest pubs I have been in, it was top quality ale.

With just a quick stroll this time to one of my favourite Aberdeen's pubs, the Grill on Union Street, coincidently the local branch pub of the year. To me from the outside it looks like an old fashioned bookies but that is the pubs perception. Inside is the beautiful wooden interior and sparkling engraved mirrors so well preserved and kept. The Grill has 6 hand pulls, bottles of real ale, countless bottles of whisky and other spirits and the staff are always so helpful, top pub! My choice was Deeside Blonde ale and I wasn't disappointed.

From here, out through the back entrance down the hill to Aitchies Ale house and a pint of Orkney Dark Island. This is another lovely little corner street pub with traditional bar staff wearing shirt, ties, waistcoat and aprons (trousers underneath of course) it was a real throwback to my early drinking life. Under the walkway to the other side of Union Street and into the Prince of Wales and a drop of Cromarty AKA IPA and this is the Branch City Pub of The Year.

And so with all good evenings you end up in the Archibald Simpson at the end of Union Street and in the east end of the city where a pint of Kentish Saison and British Autumn Ale had my name on them, two beauties. The night was rounded off with a drop of the hard stuff, Talisker and a macaroni pie. Yep you guessed it, I did sleep well that night.

If you do go to Aberdeen it's a bit of a trek to the pubs but they are a delight and some are little gems. OK it's a long way to travel but I find it a great experience and I have become very fond of the city. Cheers.







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Shrewsbury and West Shropshire (SAWS) Beer Day Walkabout

Words by Tim Hockenhull

CAMRA is looking for new ways to promote pubs and real ale so this year they decided that June 15th would be "Beer Day Britain" and called on CAMRA members to demonstrate why Britain's beer and pubs should be recognised as national treasures.

So SAWS rose to the challenge and organised a walkabout around the north eastern edge of the Shrewsbury river loop through the areas of Castlefields and on to Coton Hill.

The obvious start was the Dog and Pheasant which while being off the beaten track in Severn Street is a community



pub as is the next one we visited, The Telegraph, tucked away at the end of New Park Street.



We crossed the old canal bed to head toward The Dolphin set on the much

busier St Michaels Street one of the main roads into the centre of Shrewsbury. After The Dolphin to strike a different note so as to show that clubs as well as pubs can showcase ales we set off to the Bagley Sports & Social Club, Greenfields, Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury. By this time numbers in our group were swelling as the picture shows.



For me the next three pubs were going to be my last as from a lunchtime start we were now getting toward early evening. So the first in that group was the Woodman on Coton Hill which was followed by one almost next door which was the Royal Oak. After that we that we went to support a new kid on the block as in old pub but recently acquired by Chris from the St Annes Brewery of Lea Cross. This is an exciting new venture for him, The Albion Vaults is probably nearest pub to Shrewsbury Train Station - by half a yard. After that I went home and those still upstanding went up town.

This is a walk that can be done by anybody anytime and for your planning all you need to do is visit **www.whatpub.com** to give you all the info you need.

Red Lion, Market Drayton

Market Drayton Sub-branch Pub of the Year 2018

Market Drayton branch Pub of the Year was presented to the manager of The Red Lion, Kayleigh Knight last month.

The Red Lion, Great Hales Street in Market Drayton is owned by Joules and is adjacent to the brewery. The pub has been a popular watering



hole for a number of years. Kayleigh commented that she was thrilled to receive such a prestigious award that recognises the hard work put in by staff.

(AMRA'S Good Beer Guide Belgium 8th Edition - Review

Written by Eleanor Haddon

Having not seen any of the previous editions of this guide I was delighted to be asked to review this new edition. Having visited Belgium last year for a week of sampling beers (and cuisine) in several Belgium cities and towns it was a pleasure to review some of the places we visited and plan visits in the future.

The book covers the usual necessities - how to get there, how to get around and cuisine. There is a comprehensive section on beer making and the different types of Belgian beers as well as interesting



information on the numerous breweries throughout the country, conveniently listed alphabetically.

The guide is then set out by various areas with the towns and cities contained therein. A useful map is often included of the major cities showing positions of the breweries, bars and bottle shops to visit. The descriptions not only gives directions on how to find the various establishments it lists what each has to offer in the way of beer and food. There is no excuse for not being able to find somewhere to try good Belgian beer.

The book is easy to follow and is a must for anyone intending to sample the delights of, in my opinion, one of the best areas in the world to drink beer. It was also interesting to see a list of where to find Belgian beer elsewhere in the world.

Overall, the editors, Joe Stange and Tim Webb, plus their team are to be congratulated for collating information on this ever changing beer scene.

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Thanks to
everyone who
has supported us
by contributing to
this issue.

Shropshire TAles and the article about the wonder resurrection of a pub.

But apart from it's name being given as the Lion O'Morfe, just where the heck is it? A really important bit of information missing for any visitor to the area picking this up in a pub who may just be tempted to visit.

Perhaps, to enhance visitor experience, writers or proof readers could add in the location of pubs in future?

Cheers, Chris Day.

Editor: Apologies, unfortunately the location information was missed out on this occasion but we will do our best to avoid this in the future. The Lion O'Morfe is in Upper Farmcote WV15 5PS and well worth a visit.



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Showcasing Three New Local Breweries

Written by David Roll

The ever popular Oswestry Food and Drink Festival takes place during mid - July each year. It is located in the town's streets so has no admission charge. In addition to the excellent pubs that the town has to offer, the Lions organisation also run a beer festival over the same weekend with popular national and local beers.

At the same time Cambrian Heritage Railways host a daytime tasting and sampling session at Oswestry railway station. This year we were delighted to offer in our selection of beers three from new local breweries that are not in the 2018 Good Beer Guide.

The first was from Magic Dragon Brewing based just south of Wrexham. Their offer was 'Beyond the Pale Dragon', a 3.7% pale ale easy drinking session beer.



Wilderness Brewery is another recent Welsh enterprise, this time from Newtown. They sent us 'Southern Pale', a seasonal pale ale made with Southern Hemisphere hops and strength of 4.3% abv. This is an unfined, unfiltered beer which, when explained to the customers, went down really well.





St Anne's Brewery has already been mentioned in issue 3 of **Shropshire TAles**.

They supplied us with Lee Cross Dark. This was an interesting contrast to the other beers, being a strong mild and popular with those that find



draught dark beers difficult to obtain. The Albion Vaults, opposite the station in Shrewsbury, is now in the hands of the same owners as St Anne's.

Other beers included Silver Chalice from Chapel Brewery, who originally brewed that recipe for our branch's 25th festival, and Sunlander from Stonehouse which is their refreshing pale ale with Australian Citrus Hops at 3.7%

I recommend the format of these sessions and there is no charge for entry. The beers can be ordered in thirds, halves or pints so the entire range could be sampled at minimal cost. Customer feedback is important so we let brewers know what customers thought about the beer. It was also gratifying to see customers willing to try something different from new local businesses. Keep an eye out for them as the word spreads.

Great British Beer Festival 2018

Words and Photos by Lee Bradbury

I visited the Great British Beer Festival, Olympia London which took place on Tuesday 7th August 2018. The festival exceeded my expectations, I was amazed by the sheer scale of the event and the wide choice of real ales, ciders, perries, international beers, gin and wines.

I was lucky enough to be issued with a press pass for the trade session and I was among the first to sample this years selection of beers and to hear the annoucement with the results for the Champion Beer of Britain.

At 3pm the Champion Beer of Britain results were finally announced and there was an impressive result for one Shropshire Brewery. Salopian Brewery won three awards. In the Best Bitters category they won Bronze for Darwin's Origin but this was then beaten by getting two awards in a single category, a first for any brewery. In the Golden Ale category Salopian's Oracle won gold and Hop Twister won silver. A truly magnificent result for the brewery.

Shortly after the announcement, I met Kevin Harris, Head Brewer and Chris Kelly, Sales Rep from Salopian and they expressed their



delight in the awards, although they did say that they were disappointed that their request to purchase Viking drinking horns on expenses had been turned down.

With so many beers and such little time, I had to carefully select which beers to sample so I chose ones which were from areas further afield from the south of England to the north of Scotland and from mid Wales to Norfolk. One afternoon was not really enough time and I could have happily stayed for all five days of the festival but I had to head home as

I had plans to see my favourite band at the NEC, Birmingham. Of those beers which I tasted, my favourite was Sussex Best Bitter from Harvey's Brewery, East Sussex.





Left: The festival occupied the majority of the Olympia venue, the photo shows the Olympia National area

The results of the Champion Beer of Britain are:

Supreme Champion Gold - Broken Dream Breakfast Stout, Siren

Supreme Champion Silver - Ripper, Green Jack

Supreme Champion Bronze - Workie Ticket, Mordue

Mild

Gold - XX Mild, Greene King **Silver -** Dark, Rhymney **Bronze -** Orchid, East London Brewing <u>Company</u>

Bitter

Gold - Red MacGregor, Orkney **Silver** - Captain Bob, Mighty Oak **Joint Bronze** - Flat Cap, Bank Top & Barnsley Bitter, Acorn

Best Bitter

Gold - Workie Ticket, Mordue **Silver -** 1555, Bishop Nick **Joint Bronze -** Tribute, St Austell & Darwin's Origin, Salopian

Strong Bitter

Gold - Revelation, Dark Star Brewing Co. **Silver -** Devon Dumpling, Bays **Bronze -** Half Centurion, Kinver

Golden

Gold - Oracle, Salopian **Silver -** Hop Twister, Salopian **Joint Bronze -** Moonshine, Abbeydale & Knight of the Garter, Windsor & Eton

Speciality

Gold - Brazilian Coffee & Vanilla Porter, Colchester

Silver - Red Rocket, Cromarty **Bronze -** Cleopatra, Derventio



I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped at the festival, I know that there was a number from the Shropshire branches and I look forward to my trip next year. Who knows, you may even catch me working there.

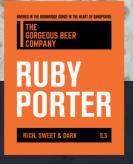
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The Ship Inn, Highley

Bridgnorth Pub of the Season, Summer 2018

In July, Bridgnorth sub branch presented their Summer Pub of the Season to Katrina Flintoff at the Ship Inn, Severnside, Highley.

The pub is situated on the west bank of the river Severn about 8 miles south of Bridgnorth and is adjacent to the SVR's Highley station. This popular free house was first built in 1770 for a local river bargeman. 5 regular beers are on offer which includes local favourites such Hobsons Town Crier, Wye Valley HPA and Banks's Mild. Before the



Sub-branch chairman Eleanor Haddon presenting the award to Katrina Flintoff

presentation local CAMRA members relaxed on a warm Summer's evening on the large decking area admiring views over the river Severn. The pub serves meals from an extensive menu and accommodation is also available

Black Swan, Jackfield

Telford Pub of the Season, Summer 2018

A great turn out at the Black Swan in Jackfield to support and congratulate landlord and landlady Tony and Teresa Green as they received the award from our Chairman, Adrian Zawierka, for Telford branch 'Pub of the Season - Summer'.

There are lovely views from their large beer garden across the river Severn, where we enjoyed an excellent pint (or two) of Hobsons Town Crier, a worthy reward after



Our photo shows branch chairman Adrian Zawierka presenting the award to Tony and Teresa Green

our 'CAMRAmble' around the local area. When asked what the secret to the success of the Black Swan was, Teresa said that they 'aim to provide a service that they would expect and provide good quality real ale and great food in a family friendly environment', which I wholly agree that they have achieved.

White Hart, Shifnal

Telford CAMRA Pub of the Year 2018

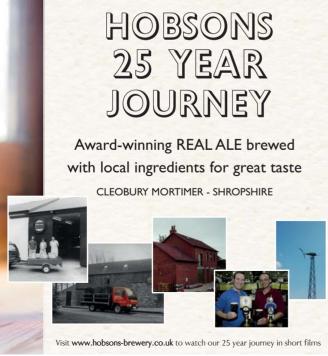
In May, Telford & East Shropshire CAMRA branch presented their Pub of the Year 2018 award to Adam & Jodie at the White Hart, Shifnal.

This popular Grade II 17th century, timber framed free house has 9 hand-pulls, real cider and has been a Good Beer Guide regular entry for the last 23 years. Regular real ales include Enville Ale, Holden's Black Country Mild, Wye Valley Butty Bach and HPA.

A very popular local it now offers good value lunchtime meals, including specials, served daily until 2pm (not Sundays). There is a large car park, an outside garden area and a sunny walled patio area off the lounge.



Our photo shows Adam & Jodie with their award.









Richard and Russ are the new owners of The Three Horseshoes (the Shoes) in Alveley and are keeping the tradition of the English pub alive with every pint served; after all it is believed a drinking establishment has stood on this site since 1406.

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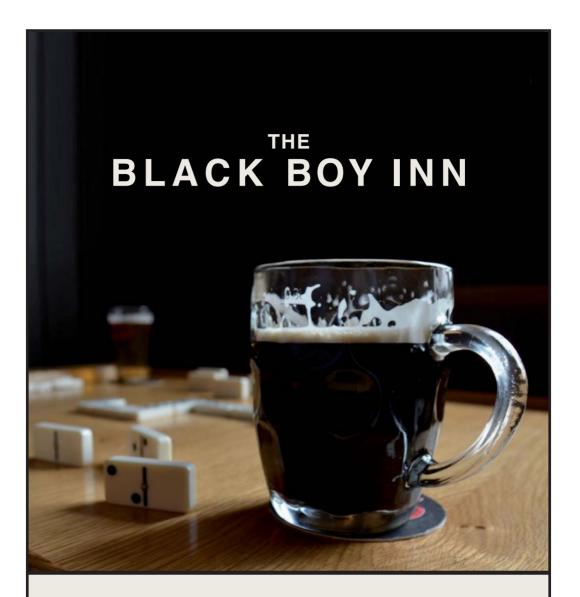
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Oranges are not the only fruit - Seville

Written by **Steve James** | Photos by **Dick James**

In the past, many beer enthusiasts have thought of Spain as something of a beer desert - the best you could get was a good glass of San Miguel. However, like other southern European countries, Spain has recently seen a virtual explosion of micro-breweries and craft beer, with a wide range of light and dark beers now available in many towns and cities.

We decided to check what is on offer on a recent New Year trip to Seville. This is one of Spain's most historic cities, with its tourist attractions of the Giralda Cathedral and the Alcazar Royal Palace. But now you can add micro-breweries, craft beer and beer cafés to the list.

We started our exploration at the unprepossessing Lupulopolis beer shop, up a side street in Calle Jose Gestoso. Named after the Spanish word for hops, it has a wide selection of locally brewed bottled beers, with artisan beers from all over Spain. You can sit on a tiny stool to sample the beers. Apart from the fine Spanish dark beers, one of the most memorable was a 180 whisky oatmeal stout, but probably the most unusual one was Cervezas Domus Crème Cerveza, a Baileys-type sweet cream beer with hops and beer in the ingredients. Expensive, but lovely!

We then went around the corner to the Red House Art & Food bar in Calle Amor de Dios. This is a contemporary beer café, in the "deconstructed art" style, complete with tables made out of wooden doors and exposed pipes.

It offers a good range of bottled Spanish craft beers and a rotating selection of local draught beers. We sampled Cantabrian brewer DouGall's finely balanced Pale Ale and a foamy Cartujana APA. A short distance away is one of the best beer cafés in town, the Maquila bar, on Calle Delgado. This is the only true brew-pub in town, who brew a range of Son beers, most of which are available on draught. Other draught beers are available from regional brewers, and the impressive food menu offers tasty food with a distinctly Andalusian touch. We certainly enjoyed the Son Black Catrina.



Taberna Maquila brew-pub, Seville



New Year's Eve saw many of the local bars closed, but we found the Cerverceria Internacional open in Calle 15 beers on tap and over 250 bottled beers to wash down the traditional a glass of Leffe Brun and Delirium Tremens Christmas Ale. Next day, after a cruise on the river and a tour on the open-top bus (an excellent way to see the city and orientate yourself), we continued our beer exploration. First on the list was the Guevara & Lynch bar on Calle Viriato. This a modern bar, with friendly staff and a great variety of tapas and meals. But we were here for the beer, with a good range on draught, and the DouGall Imperial Stout and Guervera & Lynch Saison IPA were particularly

There are several other craft beer bars in Seville, and we finally found the Al Andalus bar open, on the eastern side of the river in Vicente Flors Navarro. This friendly bar offers some of the best regional beers from Cordoba, Cadiz, Seville and Granada, along with a range of imported bottled beers.

And what about the oranges? Well, Seville is famous for its bitter-sweet oranges, a key ingredient in the well-known marmalade. While we were having an "emergency" ice-cold Cruzcampo beer and a cremated burger in a small square in the sunshine, we noticed that we were sitting under a group of orange trees. One of the taller members of our party was keen to make a closer inspection, and soon afterwards, back at home, a handful of these oranges was eventually transformed into delicious jars of home-made genuine Seville orange marmalade!

Cervezas y aplausos! (Beers and cheers)

The seasons are changing at the All Nations Inn in Madeley, Telford

Words by Colin Petitt

We will see a change from the highly popular Traction Bitter 4.6, described by landlord Jim Birtwistle as a strong winter Black Country style beer. The Summer replacement will be Eliza Lewis Light Ale at 4.2.

This is already delighting customers on the long warm evenings. In case you think you may have heard the name before I refer you to the description by Frank Baillie in his 1973 Beer Drinker's Companion: Mrs Eliza Lewis does all the brewing and has done so for the last 38 years. Once a week, Mrs Lewis rises in the small hours and commences operations at 3am. The vats hold about 260 gallons and Mrs Lewis used to move the liquor from one vat to the next by means of a hand ladle.

Brewed in more modern surrounding but still "out back" of the pub the eponymous Light Ale accompanies the All Nations Bitter 3.8, and a variety of guest beers.

The work of Mrs Lewis is now carried out by Andy Brough as brewer, ably assisted by Jim and Toby who take the brews through the post fermentation and cooling stages, checking for aroma, palate, colour, alcohol content and trueness to type before being transferred ready for racking.

With four hand pumps available Jim maintains his customers interest providing guest beers from other local brewers. Hobsons Old Prickly 4.2 is a regular offering with its double benefit in that Hobsons pay the British Hedgehog Preservation Society £50 for every brew. The snuffly hedge grog is a pale ale full of hop flavour and brewed with Columbus and Lubelski hops to give this beer a complex flavour of floral and citrus notes. Locally sourced Maris Otter malting barley is used to brew this beer.

Other brewers chosen by Jim on the basis that "they are nice people to deal with" are Ludlow brewing, the Gorgeous beer company of Ironbridge, Slater's Ales of Stafford and The Three Tuns from Bishops Castle. Jim has also had his head turned by offers of good beers from the South West, but he told me not to mention that.

There is an obvious opportunity to provide some tasting notes around the All Nations brews so get down there, try the beers and let Telford and East Shropshire Camra have your verdicts.





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Beer Festivals 2018



September

Fri 14th - Sun 16th | Event: Crewe Rail Ale Festival 2018 Crewe Railway Heritage Centre, Vernon Way, Crewe, CW1 2DB

Thu 20th - Sat 22nd | Event: 5th Cannock Chase Beer Festival Prince Of Wales Theatre, Church St, Cannock, WS11 1DE

Fri 21st Sun 23rd | Event: Knighton Clock Tower Beer & Music Festival at the Red Lion and Watson's Ale House (Knighton is on the Heart of Wales railway line)

Sat 22nd | Event: New Inn, Newport

Fri 28th - Sat 29th | Event: Sedgley Beer Festival, West Midlands

October

Thu 4th - Sat 6th | Event: 19th Annual Solihull Beer Festival

Royal British Legion, Union Road, Solihull, B91 3DH

Fri 5th - Sun 7th | Event: Shropshire OktoberFest

All information correct at time of print. Please check prior to event.

Wed 10th | Event: JD Wetherspoon Real Ale Festival

Thu 18th - Sat 20th | Event: Shifnal (Telford) Beer Festival, War Memorial Club, Innage Rd, Shifnal, TF11 8AD

November

Thu 8th - Sat 10th | Event: 38th Stoke Beer & Cider Festival 2018, Spode China Halls · Stoke-on-Trent

Thu 8th - Sun 11th | Event: The Great Western, Wolverhampton

Fri 30th - Sat 1st | Event: Oswetry Cricket Club Beer Festival

If you are organising a beer festival or know of a local beer festival the please drop us an email and let us have the details so that we can include it on our list of Beer Festivals.

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T.E.S Branch Diary 2018



September

Tue 11th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting Venue: Salopian Star, Market Drayton

Sat 22nd | Event: Coach trip to rural pubs north of Market Drayton
Usual pick-ups Contact Paul Bradburn for details* (see contacts page)

October

Tue 2nd | Event: Daytime pub survey by local service buses

Venue: Newport area

Sat 6th | **Event:** Minibus survey of rural pubs Corvedale and Ditton Priors Usual pick-ups Contact Paul Bradburn for details* (see contacts page)

Tue 9th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting Venue: William Withering, Wellington

Thu 18th - Sat 20th | Event: Shifnal Beer Festival

Venue: The War Memorial Club, Shifnal

Help needed with setting up, staffing and dismantling. See website for details

November

Sat 3rd | Event: Coach trip to Leek in Staffordshire

Usual pick-ups plus Bridgnoth and Market Drayton - Contact Paul Bradburn for details* (see contacts page)

Tue 13th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: The Coracle, Ironbridge

Sat 17th | Event: Survey of rural pubs in the Beckbury, Chetwynd Aston and

Sambrook areas

Usual pick-ups plus Bridgnoth - Contact Paul Bradburn for details* (see contacts page)

December

Tue 1st | Event: Daytime pub survey by local service buses

Venue: Broseley and Much Wenlock area

Sat 8th | Event: Branch Christmas Social Venue: The Shakespeare at Bridgnorth

* Providing that members complete beer survey forms the cost is only £5 per head

All information correct at time of print. Please check prior to event by contacting the Social Secretary.

S.W.S Branch Diary 2018



September

Wed 5th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: Albert's Shed, Barker St, Shrewsbury (upstairs). Also selection for

Autumn Pub of the Season

Tue 18th 12 noon | Event: PTG trip by bus to Baschurch, Ruyton & Oswestry Meet: Arriva 576 ex SHR (Stand R). Arrival back by 5.36pm or 6.14pm on Arriva 70

Fri 21st 4pm | Event: Walkabout in connection with Cask Ale Week

Start: Bellevue Tavern then Mason, Prince of Wales (5pm), Seven Stars, etc

Fri 28th 7pm | Event: Beerbus beerscoring trip

Meet: Salopian Bar, Shrewsbury

October

Wed 3rd 8pm | Event: Branch meeting Venue: Prince of Wales, Shrewsbury

Tue 9th 7pm | Event: First beerfest meeting for 2019

Venue: Admiral Benbow, Shrewsbury

Tue 16th 10.05am | Event: PTG trip by bus to Bishops Castle.

Meet: Minsterley Motors 552/3 ex SHR (Stand N). (Return at 4.40pm)

Fri 26th 7pm | Event: Beerbus beerscoring trip

Meet: Salopian Bar, Shrewsbury

November

Tue 6th 7pm | Event: Beerfest meeting Venue: Admiral Benbow, Shrewsbury

Wed 7th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting Venue: Royal Oak, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury

Tue 20th | Event: PTG trip by rail to Whitchurch & Wem. Timings later

Fri 28th 7pm | Event: Beerbus beerscoring trip

Meet: Salopian Bar, Shrewsbury

December

Wed 5th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: Admiral Benbow, Shrewsbury. Also selection for Winter Pub of the Season

All CAMRA members are very welcome to join us on these events where we will concentrate on visiting some superb pubs, completing beer scoring and enjoying good company.

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