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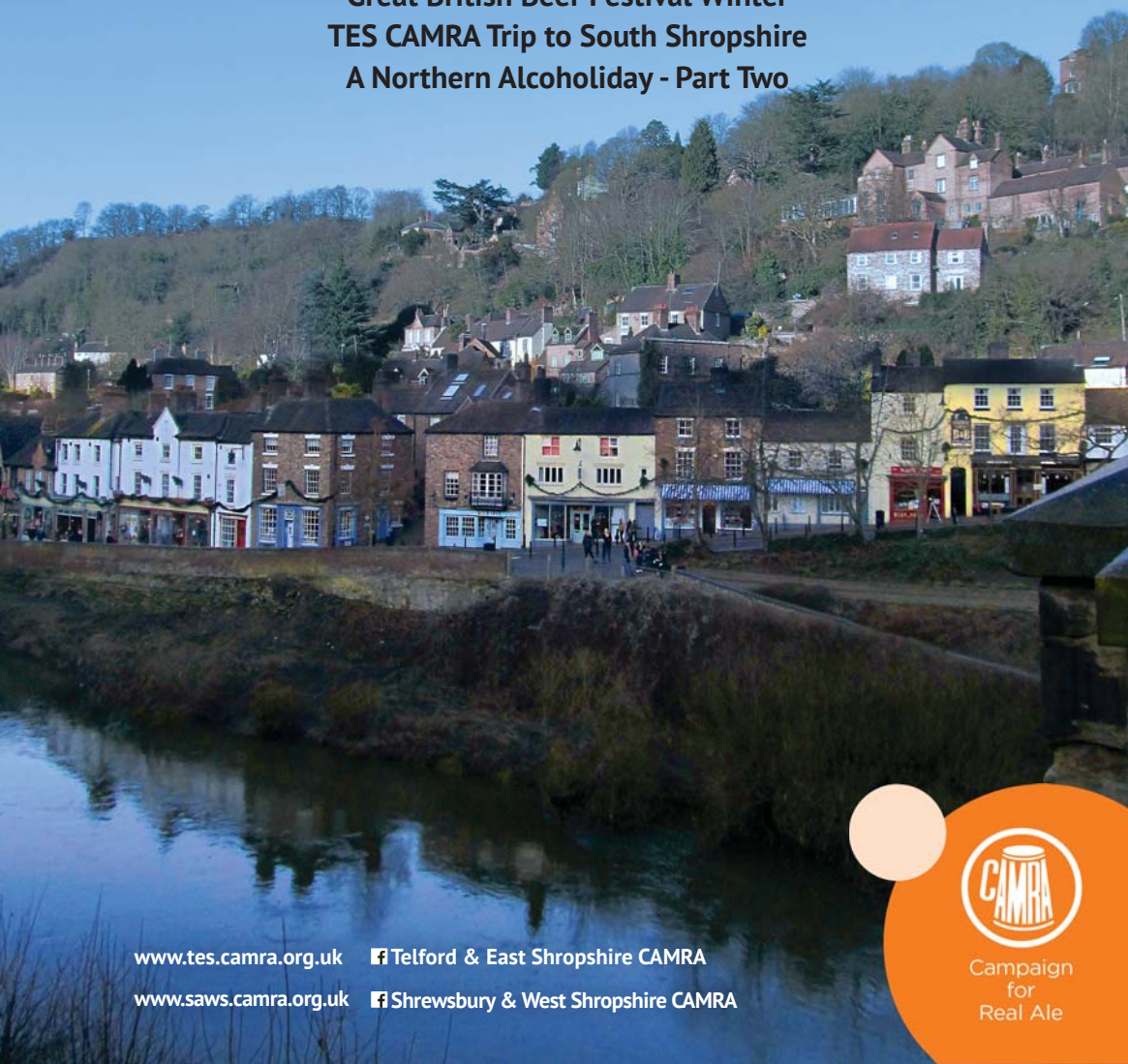
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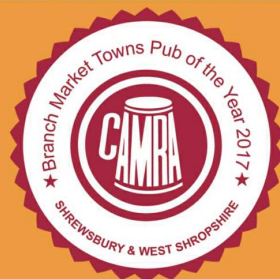
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Editor's Welcome

Hello and welcome to Issue 11 of **Shropshire TAles**

Welcome to the Winter 2020 issue of Shropshire Tales.

So the festive period has come and gone and we have entered a new year when we can all start to look forward to those summer evening in a beer garden. However, before this there is still plenty of time to go and spend an evening in a lovely pub with a welcoming warming fire and lots of real ales. There are also important CAMRA issues to be decided as all branches will be voting for their entries to the Good Beer Guide 2021 and also their Pubs/Clubs of the Year, Brewery of the Year and Cider Pub of the Year 2020. Make sure that you have your say and get your votes in.

This issues cover photo is of Ironbridge where you can find a number of great pubs serving excellent real ale.

So go and enjoy your local and other pubs, don't forget to enter scores on WhatPub and don't forget to get your votes in.

Cheers,

Lee Bradbury | Editor

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A word from T.E.S CAMRA Chairman

We are coming up to period of the year where the main focus of the branch is the selection of entries to go into the next edition of the campaign's flagship publication the Good Beer Guide, together with determining the recipients of the various awards to pubs and clubs in our branch area.

Can I ask you make sure you submit beer scores for those establishments you are frequenting between now and the end of January so that we get a more accurate view of the quality of beers served in our pubs. Details of the selection meeting in February are on the Branch Diary page of this publication and are also on the branch web site and will be published in What's Brewing.

Looking back on 2019, the branch has been involved with a number of successful events including festivals, trips and enjoyable social meetings. A big thank you all those involved with setting up and running these. The feedback I have had from a number of our members is that it is enjoyable and fun being a member of the branch but still able to get across the serious campaigning issues affecting the brewing industry and the pub trade. Thank you for supporting these events.

Here's to 2020 being bigger and better again for the branch. Cheers, good drinking and campaigning.

Adrian Zawierka
T.E.S Branch Chair

A word from S.W.S CAMRA Chairman

This is my first chair's report for Shropshire T'Ales and I would like to thank the members for their support in electing me and promise to carry on and support the excellent campaigning that we all do for this branch.

I joined CAMRA and the branch in 2006 by volunteering at the Shrewsbury Beer Festival when it was held at the Music Hall. With Shrewsbury Beer Festival in mind I am pleased to announce that following the successful beer festival at St Mary's Church we will back there next year. The only difference is that it will be held later in the year. More details will follow in the upcoming issues.

I am also pleased that the Prince of Wales in Shrewsbury has been awarded not only our county Pub of the Year but also won the West Midlands Pub of the Year and I am hoping that it will progress in the national competition.

Scores are important not only for the Pub of the Season, Pub of the Year and entry into the Good Beer Guide but all year round to keep the branch updated on how the pubs are doing so please remember to always score your beer.

Cheers

Becky Ransley
S.W.S Branch Chair

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 (pg 24-25).



A word from our Market Drayton sub-branch

With the Christmas festivities over and looking forward to the New Year we hope that those in the trade have had a successful period because now the real test begins.

As pubs are quiet, people have spent up, it is now a test of resilience, this is the time when your local really needs you the most. So with a slight slant on the classic phrase "A pub is for life not just for Christmas" we now need to visit the local because as we all know many are closing in our towns and villages up and down the country. We need to get out and support our local pub, the local brewery and local publican and give them the support they need and deserve. Cheers and a hoppy New Year to you all.

Bryn Pass
Market Drayton sub-branch

Pub of the Season – Winter 2019/2020

Bridgnorth CAMRA
The Unicorn
Hampton Loade WV16 6BN



Telford CAMRA
Old Fighting Cocks
Oakengates TF2 5DU



Call for nominations for the Telford and Bridgnorth region Spring 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 nominations will be taken at branch meetings and a list of the nominated pubs and email voting details will be sent out just prior to this. Votes can also be cast at branch meetings.

Bridgnorth nomination and voting are taken at sub-branch meetings.

OktoberFest in Shrewsbury

By Steve James

The weekend of 4-5 October 2019 saw the welcome return of the popular Shrewsbury Oktoberfest.

Sited in huge marquees at Quarry Park, this was a festival with over 180 real ales, gins, wine, cocktails and rum bars and local street food stalls, alongside 3 performing stages with live music and comedy entertainment. There was even a Silent Disco tent, with headsets! Although not a CAMRA event, it was certainly well organised by the enthusiastic team behind the Shrewsbury Food Festival. But we were here primarily to see what beers were on offer in the huge Beer Tent.

Here we found over 20 bars staffed by local breweries, mostly from Shropshire and the surrounding counties. The “big boys” were here in force, including Wye Valley, Hobsons, Ludlow, Bewdley, Three Tuns, Wood’s and Joule’s. They not only offered their “core” range of beers, but also had samples of limited editions and special beers, including both cask and keg varieties. But the smaller and newer micro-breweries were also here, including Brew Monster, Lucky 7, Lakehouse, Clun, Rowton, Corvedale and Wilderness. Welsh brewers were also represented, including Llangollen, Brecon, Hafod and Wrexham. German beers were represented by ABK, and there was even a stand operated by a local American, brewing German style beers in Bala (Geipel).

One of the highlights of the festival was the launch of a tasty new beer from the Ironbridge Beer Factory – Coracle IPA, currently brewed in Wood’s brewery.



The big advantage was that the stands were staffed with people from the breweries, including the brewers and their office staff. They certainly knew their stuff and were keen to let us sample their new and more unusual brews when things were quieter. Some of the more memorable beers we sampled included Wye Valley Wholesome Stout (keg version), Lakehouse Cherry Chocolate Porter, Hafod Bilberry Brew, Corvedale Dark and Delicious, Ludlow Whiskey Well and Geipel’s Aloha from Bala.

Whilst there, we were entertained by the Vorsprung Durch Oompah band, playing traditional German music, along with a ukulele band with over 30 ukuleles playing in harmony (George Formby would have loved it!). We also popped into the Comedy Tent where Chris Brooker and Keith Carter certainly raised a few laughs. The street food was tasty, if sometimes a little pricey.

So the Shrewsbury Oktoberfest was certainly worth visiting and I’m looking forward to next year’s event!

Bier und Prost! (Beers and cheers)

Brewery News



Hobsons Brewery

Company re-branding was introduced in September with a new style "Top Hat" logo and artwork. Wooden pump-clips have been introduced - another example of the brewery's strives towards sustainability. Cask Seasonal beers will be available this winter; Hobsons Shropstar 4.0% from 25 November and from 2 December their popular Postmans Plum Porter 5.0% Shropshire Stout 4.3% (bottled) has been renamed "Dhustone Stout".

The brewery has scooped awards. Hobsons Old Prickly 4.2% was Judged 3rd place in the Shropshire Brewers Cup Final held at Telford CAMRA's Shifnal Beer Festival in October. The photo shows Marketing Assistant Charlie Farman with the Shropshire Brewers Cup certificate.



At the SIBA National Independent Beer Awards (Wales & West Region) Simcoe Chinook 4.8% Dark IPA was awarded Silver in the Cask Premium Pale Ales Category, while Hobsons Champion Mild 3.2% received a Bronze award in the Cask Dark British Beers Category.

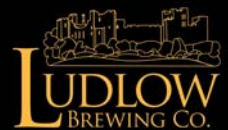
Hobsons Brewery

Tap (formerly Hobsons Kitchen Tap) has reopened. The onsite brewery taproom is open every week, Wednesday - Friday, 4pm - 9:30pm and Saturday 10am - 9:30pm, with varied opening hours around public holidays. Four handpulls dispense a core range of 6 real ales and special monthly brews including collaborations with London brewery Brew by Numbers

Joule's Brewery

Why not try something new this January with Joule's latest Tech beer offering Proj. Plant Eater created especially for Veganuary. A copper Vegan Pale Ale with rich fruit and spice character followed by a long dry finish.

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Great British Beer Festival Winter to LoveBrum in official charity partnership

Drinkers at this year's Great British Beer Festival Winter will be able to play their part in shaping the future of Birmingham, after organisers announced LoveBrum as the official charity partner of the 2020 festival.

Running from 4th - 8th February 2020 at New Bingley Hall in Birmingham, the Great British Beer Festival Winter will be hosted in the UK's second city for the first time, with the festival celebrating the broad history and diversity of both the city and the West Midlands region. Visitors will be able to sample an exhaustive range of real ale, ciders and perries, as well as a plethora of world beers, wines and spirits.



Supporting small and medium-sized projects across the Birmingham area, LoveBrum generates funding from memberships, donations and events, which is invested in schemes across the city. Many of LoveBrum's highly deserved causes frequently miss out on traditional grants and financial backing. Often volunteer led, these unsung heroes deliver real change to residents lives and bring wider social, economic and environmental benefits to Birmingham.

Ambassadors from LoveBrum will be on site at the Great British Beer Festival Winter, raising awareness and collecting donations towards new projects throughout 2020.

LoveBrum will also run the cloakroom facilities at the New Bingley Hall, with all fees going to the charity. Customers will also be invited to donate the value of any unredeemed beer tokens to the cause.

Mark Parkes, GBBFW Festival Organiser, said: "Birmingham sits at the heart of the West Midlands region and we were keen to give something back to our host city. Many of the organising committee live, work or socialise in and around Birmingham and we are delighted to partner with LoveBrum as our official festival charity. We aim to support more than 36 projects every year, the money raised at the festival will contribute to delivering tangible benefits to hundreds of people across Birmingham. We encourage anyone attending the Great British Beer Festival Winter to donate what they can and look forward to working alongside the charity."

With a fabulous selection of food stalls, top entertainment, exciting activities and an array of tastings and talks to accompany our drinks, there's plenty to learn, discover and enjoy at the Great British Beer Festival Winter. Tickets are now on sale at: winter.gbbf.org.uk.

To learn more about LoveBrum, visit: lovebrum.org.uk.

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Chapel Brewery Visit

Shrewsbury and West Shropshire Branch recently had a great visit to Chapel Brewery. The photo shows them crowded into the brewery with Ken and Carol. Thanks very much to them both for their friendship, hospitality and, of course, beer.



Branches try to visit local breweries at intervals to keep up to date and pass on our thanks. If you would like to join your local branch keep an eye on the branch diaries.

Chapel Brewery, Chapel Lane,
Criftins, Shropshire

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A Northern Alcoholiday – Part 2

Word and photos by **Bob Eastwick**

After a lavish Sunday breakfast in Allendale it was off to Dumfries and the Mabie House Hotel.



Arrived just after lunch to be shown into a HUGE double aspect room overlooking the beautiful hotel grounds. This is one of the nicest hotels we have ever stayed in and dates back to the 17th century. Also, two nights B & B for two people cost us just £220!

Sadly, the hotel has no real ale so we wandered around the gardens until it was time for dinner (chicken breast stuffed with haggis - delicious..!). After that it was time to go and find a decent pint so we drove south along the A710 and came across the Steamboat Inn at Carsethorn.



The interior of this pub is like a museum with barely an inch of wall or ceiling space left free of artefacts and knick-knacks. Beers are from the Sulwath brewery but, owing to them having had a busy weekend, they had run out of all but the “Black Galloway” porter (not that this was a problem of course).



On the way back to our hotel we called into the Abbey Arms Inn at New Abbey. All they had was Ruddles Best and it turned out that the barmaid didn't know the difference between real ale and keg beer so we decided to give the place a miss and head back to the hotel and open a few bottles, in this case bottle conditioned Coniston Bluebird which we'd picked up at the Carlisle branch of ASDA (4 for £6).

One thing we soon discovered about this part of Scotland was that real ale pubs are few and far between. However, now and again you do come across a real gem. One such was Cavens Arms in Dumfries



Cavens Arms was Dumfries CAMRA Town Area Pub of the Year 2019. Large comfortable bar in the traditional style. Beers on offer were “Orkney I.P.A.” from Swannay Brewery, “Jarl” from Fyne Ales, “Red” from Skye Brewery, “Inferno” & “JHB” from Oakham Brewery, “Abbott Ale” & “Yardbird” from Greene King and “Speckled Hen”. If you’re ever in Dumfries and you can only fit in one pub, then this is definitely the one to visit.



Next morning it was off to Annan for a spot of whisky tasting at the Annandale Distillery. Very nice whisky, but then it should be at £120 a bottle!



Annan is a very pleasant little town but there appeared to be only one pub with real ale and this, again, was a real gem; the Blue Bell, (a large, old fashioned split level pub) by the bridge over the river Annan. Lots of quotations from Robbie Burns on the walls. Beers were Deuchars “I.P.A.”, Badger, “Honey Beer” and one other.



Back to the hotel for a delicious dinner of beautifully cooked brisket beef with all the trimmings then just lazed around our room with a few bottles...

On Wednesday morning we visited Threave Castle where we had to park the car and walk about half a mile before being ferried across the river to the castle itself. Saw a Hen Harrier and an Osprey sitting on their nests. Then it was on to Kirkcudbright where we discovered the Masonic Arms.



Lovely historic old pub with Belhaven, “Bridge to Nowhere” - very nice indeed! Only found two other pubs in the town; one with no real ale and the other with only “Speckled Hen”.

The final leg of our journey will takes us to Liverpool. Having never been there before, we had no idea what to expect so headed off with an open mind.

Refreshment for horses and humans!

Following the latest brew at the All Nations Brewery, situated behind the All Nations pub in Madeley, there are rewards for horses and men.

The grains used in the mash conversion are extracted and filtered off leaving sacks of delicious feed for George. Just down the hill at the Blists Hill Victorian Town George is fortified for his carriage and cart pulling by the spent grains.



Meanwhile back at the All Nations, the liquid produce is supplied along with the outputs of other local breweries through the pubs four hand pulls. Refreshment for horses and humans from a single process - now that's recycling. And for George's contribution please contact IGMT for his "outputs".



Telford CAMRA



5th Shifnal Beer Festival

The festival which took place on 17th to 19th October 2019 was a big success, visitor numbers increased and many beers sold out. There were a wide range of beer types on offer to suit all tastes, with a particular focus on ales produced by our local breweries.

The beer festival also provided a good opportunity to embrace CAMRA's policy for new beer dispensing methods, there were two craft beers dispensed via the keykeg system which uses slightly compressed air to squeeze the beer from a bag within a container and a line cooler en route to the tap.

While it often finds disapproval among the purists this did not affect one of the beers 'Bourbon Barrel Aged Double Stuffed' from Amundsen, Norway being awarded Beer of the Festival. The award for which was presented to The Coracle Micropub, Ironbridge who supplied the beer.

Finally, a very big 'Thank you' to our festival sponsors and to the CAMRA volunteers who worked very hard to organise and run the festival.



TES CAMRA Trip to South Shropshire

Words by **Sally Maddox**

I was recently asked to write about our wonderful trip to South Shropshire which took place on 14th September 2019 (did everyone else avoid eye contact with Lee and Paul at the last meeting?). If I had known on the day of the trip I would have made a few notes. As it is, I have spoken to some of my fellow drinkers and thankfully seen John Bott's lovely photo's, although apologies in advance for any inaccuracies.

The sun was shining as we headed to South Shropshire to visit some great pubs. After an enjoyable journey through some very scenic countryside and narrow lanes which were skilfully navigated by our excellent coach driver, we arrived at our first pub, The Golden Cross in Clee Hill village. The view from the small beer garden was very impressive. We were made very welcome by the Landlord and Landlady who had been pre warned that a coach full of thirsty people would arrive at mid-day.



They have 2 regular ales on offer from Hobsons Brewery and Ludlow Brewery, plus 2 changing ales. I enjoyed the Ludlow Gold followed by an equally good Wye Valley HPA. The big surprise was the large collection of old and some rare traditional pub games; including an old bar billiards table. Not all of them are on view so George was given a guided tour of where they can be found. He may remember where they are kept but not necessarily what they are called (you all know what I mean).



The Rose and Crown at Burford is very close to the borders of Shropshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire and is a very pretty black and white pub; impressive at first sight with its well-manicured beer garden at the front. The inside is very spacious and comfortable with a nice large bar at the front which has a real fire, nice seating areas, wooden beams and floor. Who wouldn't want to enjoy a beer in a bar like this? The locals are very lucky.

South Shropshire CAMRA Trip (continued)

They have 2 regular ales from Hobsons Brewery and Wye Valley Brewery with another 2 changing ales. I had a really nice pint of Butty Bach. For any wine drinkers they display the wine list on wine bottles on the tables, how clever. Ladies, if you visit this pub again make sure you read the humorous 'polite' notice on the wall in one of the toilet cubicles. After a leisurely stay here it was on to pub number three.

We travelled approximately 3 miles to The Peacock Inn at Boraston. When you first arrive you can't help but notice what a pretty pub this is. It's a 15th Century coaching inn not far from Tenbury Wells. As it was such a hot day most of us sat outside and enjoyed the sun trap and the lovely view of the surrounding countryside.

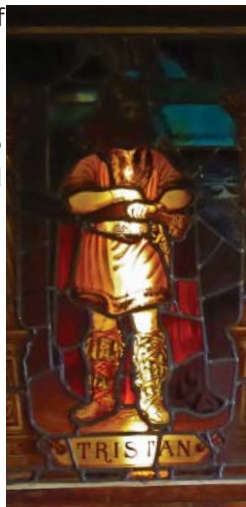


There is a very stylish bar area inside serving 3 regular ales from Hobsons Brewery, Ludlow Brewery and Wye Valley with one changing ale. I enjoyed the Wye Valley Butty Bach and HPA. The main room has a low ceiling, oak beams, wood panelling and a fire; it just oozes cosiness and welcomes you in. There is a separate rear room and also a lovely dining room.

A large Buddleia caused a photo stop due to the amount of butterflies on it; mostly Painted Ladies. This is definitely one to return to when more time allows. The trip isn't over yet as we head off on the A456.

The Live and Let Live at Neen Sollars - what a find this pub is with parts of it dating back to the 13th century. You have no idea when entering what a treasure it is inside.

You will lose yourself looking into the many rooms and their interesting features. Take a close look at all the carved wood around the bars which was told had been re-claimed from Churches and stately homes in the 1960's. In the large dining room there is a solid fuel fire with a huge carved wood fireplace.



South Shropshire CAMRA Trip (continued)



I had a nice half pint of Ludlow Gold here. As you leave the pub you can't help but notice the Twisted Spire on St Mary's church. We then went to the King Alfred which is a 15th century pub with a modern touch; nice leather chairs, comfy sofas, newspapers and a fire. There are 4 regular beers from Hobsons; Best, Old Prickly, Town Crier and of course Twisted Spire. I tried the one changing beer which was Hop Shed's Sebright a 3.8% very good golden ale. As we left the pub some of us just had to take photo's of the Twisted Spire.

The regular ales are from Hobsons Brewery and Wye Valley Brewery with one changing ale which I chose as it was Ludlow Blonde and it was very nice. There is a spacious and tranquil beer garden with lovely views.



We then headed to Cleobury Mortimer where some went to Hobsons Brewery which always serves great award winning beer in the Brewery Tap; the others going in to the town. A group of us walked to the Royal Fountain which is a 17th century pub with friendly locals who were happy to chat. There is a large beer garden, some in shade and a patio area which is quite a sun trap. The regular beers are Ludow Gold and Wye Valley HPA plus one changing beer.



The Eagle and Serpent at Kinlet was the last pub of the day which is always a good one to stop at. They were serving Hobsons Mild, Town Crier and Wye Valley HPA. At the end of trip there were lots of happy, smiling faces.

For some of us it was our first time at these rural delights and I'm sure it won't be our last so a big thankyou to Paul Bradburn for organising such a lovely day. It was a great success.

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Awards presented to Shropshire pubs and breweries

Autumn Pub of the Season winners from around the county:

The George and Dragon, Much Wenlock

Telford Pub of the Season for Autumn was presented to Peter Arden at the George and Dragon in Much Wenlock.



Peter is no stranger to receiving CAMRA awards having run the multi award winning Cock Hotel for many years. It is Peter's third time back to the George and Dragon, having run it in the mid and late 1990's and it was great to see this pub re-open, after it closed for a short while just over a year ago, with Peter at the helm and selling good quality real ale again.

Regular ales include Wye Valley HPA, Greene King Abbot Ale, Hobsons Town Crier and guests such as Salopian Shropshire Gold or Enville Ale. A cosy inviting pub which has a great reputation for food as well as its beer. A deserved winner of our POTS award.

Tally Ho, Bouldon

Emma & Stephen Copson of the Tally Ho, Bouldon were presented with the award of Pub of the Season for Autumn 2019 on Bonfire Night by Bridgnorth CAMRA.

The Tally Ho is located in Corvedale over 3 miles from the nearest main road. However, please don't be put off by your journey down twisting narrow lanes as this remote rural free house is well worth seeking out for its range of quality real ales and good value meals. In truth the Tally Ho Inn is the quintessential rural pub.

The Tally Ho is on many walking routes including the Three Castles Walk and the Shropshire Way. It is a busy pub which has served locals and visitors for many generations.

Emma & Stephen took over the pub in April 2015 after a prolonged closure and have worked tirelessly to build the business. No less than 5 beers are dispensed from handpumps, all from local breweries. The food is equally good as vouched by some



of the CAMRA party who dined before the presentation.

On the evening of the presentation the darts team were at home and the pub was very busy with many customers enjoying the convivial atmosphere around the log-burning stove in the bar area. Another log-burner warms the larger dining area towards the rear. Our photo shows Bridgnorth Chairman Eleanor Haddon presenting the certificate to Emma & Stephen, alongside Branch Secretary Alan Thwaites.



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The Anchor Inn, Shrewsbury

The award for Shrewsbury and West Shropshire Autumn Pub of the Season went to The Anchor Inn, Shrewsbury. The presentation also launched CAMRA's new Beer Quality Accreditation Scheme in the pub.

Congratulations to Ricky, Theresa, Jay and the team some of whom you can see in the photo, with CAMRA members and regulars. At the time of the photo Theresa was busy making some superb Fidget Pies.



Why not pop in this weekend and see what all the fuss is about?

Shropshire County Pub of the Year

The Prince of Wales, Shrewsbury

The Prince of Wales, Shrewsbury was awarded the Shropshire County Pub of the Year 2019 and then went on to become the West Midlands CAMRA Regional Pub of the Year. This took them through to the last 16 pubs in the National Pub of the Year Awards an amazing achievement for Vicky, Ian and the team.



The White Hart, Shifnal

The White Hart, Shifnal has been awarded second place for the Shropshire County Pub of the Year 2019. The Presentation was made by Telford and East Shropshire Chair, Adrian Zawierka.



Shropshire Brewers' Cup

Stonehouse Brewery

The winners of the Shropshire Brewers' Cup for 2019 was Stonehouse Brewery for their Kelly Point IPA. A joint presentation was made to the brewery by CAMRA members from both Shrewsbury and West Shropshire and Telford and East Shropshire branches.



As well as the Shropshire Brewers' Cup they were presented with three certificates for Kelly Point IPA, won over three different CAMRA Beer Festivals.



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1 March 2020

Beer Events & Festivals **2020**

January

Fri 17 - Sat 18 | **Lichfield Arts Winter Beer Festival**

Wed 22 - Sat 25 | **Manchester Beer & Cider Festival**

February

Tue 4 - Sat 8 | **Great British Beer Festival Winter, Birmingham**

Thur 20 - Sat 22 | **Derby Winter Ales Festival**

April

Fri 3 - Sun 5 | **CAMRA Members Weekend & AGM, York**

Thu 9 - Sun 12 | **Wirral Beer Festival**

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check prior to event.

If you know of any beer festivals which are taking place
in the future then please contact **Lee Bradbury**
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Bridgnorth Sub-Branch Diary 2020

January

Tue 28, 8pm | Event: Sub-branch meeting

Venue: Eagle & Serpent, Kinlet at 20.00; a minibus will depart from opposite the George at 19.30.

Why not come along
and join us?

February

Tues 25 7:30pm | Event: Sub-branch meeting

Venue: Harp, High St Bridgnorth

March

Tue 24, 8pm | Event: Sub-branch meeting

Venue: Three Horseshoes, Alveley at 20.00; a minibus will depart from opposite the George at 19.30.

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print. Please check prior to event
by contacting the Social Secretary.

T.E.S Branch Diary 2020

January

Tue 7 | Event: Beer scoring by public transport

Venue: Ironbridge area, meet at Foresters Arms, Madeley at 1300hrs

Sat 11 | Event: Beer scoring trip

Venue: Semi-rural Telford area - coach from Wellington, Oakengates, Shifnal and Bridgnorth. Contact Paul Bradburn for details including pick-up times.

Tue 14, 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: The Harp Hotel, Albrighton

Why not come along
and join us?

February

Tue 11, 8pm | Event: Good Beer Guide 2021 Selection Evening

Venue: The Plough Inn, Shifnal

Sat 15 | Event: Inter-branch Quiz.

Venue: The Shakespeare, Bridgnorth

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print. Please check prior to event
by contacting the Social Secretary.

March

Tue 10, 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: TBA

S.W.S Branch Diary 2020



January

Wed 8, 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: Old Post Office, Milk St., Shrewsbury.

Sat 11, Noon | Event: "Tryanuary" walkabout

Venue: Starting at Beacon, Copthorne then walk back into town.

Tue 14, 7pm | Event: Beerfest meeting

Venue: Admiral Benbow, Shrewsbury.

Fri 17, 7pm | Event: Branch Annual Dinner

Times: Prince Rupert Hotel, Shrewsbury.

Tue 21 | Event: PTG "holiday" trip

Venue: Wrexham visit cancelled. Trip will be to Chester or Wolverhampton.

Fri 24 | Event: Beerbus beerscoring trip

Venue: Depart Salopian Bar 7pm.

February

Wed 12, 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: Bird in Hand, Coton Hill. NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Sat 15, 12:30pm | Event: Inter-branch Quiz

Venue: Shakespeare pub in Bridgnorth.

Tue 18 | Event: PTG "holiday" trip to Liverpool.

Times: Timings later.

Fri 21 | Event: Beerbus beerscoring trip

Venue: Depart Salopian Bar 7pm.

March

Wed 4, 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: Prince of Wales, Shrewsbury.

Tue 10, 7pm | Event: Beerfest meeting

Venue: Admiral Benbow, Shrewsbury.

Fri 14 | Event: Beerbus beerscoring trip (First date of the proposed SATURDAY beerbus beerscoring trips)

Venue: Depart Salopian Bar 11:30am.

Thue 19 | Event: PTG Beerscoring trip bus to Ellesmere

Times: TBA.

Fri 27 | Event: Beerbus beerscoring trip

Venue: Depart Salopian Bar 7pm.

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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