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Welcome to Issue 2, I have some great news to share. Shrewsbury and West Shropshire Branch have come on-board so we will now be covering the whole of our wonderful county.

We have had a busy period with presentations within Telford and East Shropshire Branch, thus being forced to visit a number of rather good pubs.

Shrewsbury and West Shropshire have had their beer festival at its new location in July and I’m sure all those who went will agree with me that it was as excellent as always.

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Welcome from our Bridgnorth sub-branch

As chair of Bridgnorth CAMRA sub-branch I am pleased to contribute to the second edition of this new magazine produced by members of Telford and East Shropshire CAMRA.

The Bridgnorth sub-branch area covers pubs in the town as well as those in the southern part of the East Shropshire area. Our membership currently stands at 148 and will hopefully continue to grow. We hold monthly meetings, in various locations, on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except for December). Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings where we arrange our activities and promote the various campaigns CAMRA highlights. The sub-branch is active in supporting real ale throughout the county and organises trips to pubs and breweries in the whole of Shropshire and neighbouring counties.

Normally at this time of year we are busy putting the finishing touches to our annual Bridgnorth Beer Festival which is held at the beginning of September at the Severn Valley Railway Station in Bridgnorth. As refurbishment work is still continuing at the station we have had to put our plans on hold for a second year. We are planning to return in September 2018 and will keep you posted.

Eleanor Haddon | Sub-Branch Chairman

A word from S.W.S CAMRA Chairman

I reported to the branch that we have had a very successful year. Over the past ten months we held two fantastic beer festivals. The volunteers at the festivals were brilliant, worked hard but seem to have enjoyed themselves despite the increased business. We owe many thanks to them all.

We worked with the Whitchurch Town Council and town pubs on the successful Whitchurch Weekend Festival. The Oswestry Food and Drink Festival was again supported by a well-attended tasting session at Oswestry Railway Station.

Our social events included a well-attended annual dinner and our popular pub survey trips which remain the core of the branch campaigning activity. We have enjoyed an increase in Meet the Brewer / tap-take over events in Shrewsbury and in Oswestry. Our trips to the Green Hop festival last year and the Stafford festival in July appear to have been appreciated by all those attending. We have also had an increase in social visits to our branch area from other branches.

The branch has advised and assisted several communities in the past year enabling them to move forward with pub preservation opportunities. By getting involved early we are able to be more effective and it is gratifying to know that the branch is becoming the first port of call for communities concerned about their local pub. We continue to submit applications for listing pubs as Assets of Community Value. The recent removal of pubs from the Permitted Development Rights legislation helps our cause and we have already started to object to changes of use, with some success.

Shrewsbury and West Shropshire branch continues to increase its membership. It still remains a concern to me that many do not engage with our online communication, be it Twitter, Facebook or the website. In fact the website continues to improve with more content and improved appearance as well as becoming easier to navigate. It remains the best place to go to find up to date information about the branch and its activities.

I hope that Shropshire Tales, this new and very welcome publication, will encourage members to become more active by distributing the magazine around the county, so adding to its success.

I am honoured to remain Chair of the Branch for another year and I will be very pleased if it as successful as the last one.

Dave Roll | S.W.S Branch Chairman
Pub of the Season - Autumn 2017

Bridgnorth CAMRA

**The George**
Hollybush Road, Bridgnorth
WV16 4AX

The presentation took place on Tuesday 22nd August.

Telford CAMRA

**The Huntsman**
Wellington Road, Little Wenlock
TF6 5BH

The presentation will be taking place approx 4pm on Saturday 16th September 2017. Also, join us for Little Wenlock’s Tom Pickering benchwalk before the presentation.

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 Branch nominations will be taken at branch meetings. A list of the nominated pubs will be listed in the October branch newsletter. Votes will be received at the October branch meeting or by email (LocAle.TES@gmail.com)

Bridgnorth branch nomination and voting are taken at branch meetings.
During our branch AGM in June a Special Award was presented to our past Branch Chairman of 13 years, Dave Tyler. This was in recognition of the hard work and support he has given to the branch and the two sub branches during his long spell “at the helm”

Dave first became interested in real ale in the mid 1970’s, a time when CAMRA was a fledgling organisation. Even so, whilst helping to run a Workingman’s Club in Feltham, West London, he managed to get real ale on tap. Such was Dave’s enthusiasm for pubs and real ale, he recalls that his friends used to think it odd that he and his wife Susan used to travel 3 miles to their favourite ‘local’, The Windmill at Hampton Hill, a pub that still survives to this day.

A great fan of locally brewed Fuller’s ales, Dave visited all 110 of their pubs and treasures the many mementos he still has of his real ale drinking days in West London.

Dave and Susan moved to Shropshire in 1989 and immediately took an interest in the local real scene.

When enquiring with a neighbour they were told of a great real ale pub within walking distance of home; the Lord Hill, Ketley Bank. It was an entry in that years CAMRA Good Beer Guide serving Draught Bass, M & B Highgate Mild and Springfield Bitter and was then owned by Gerald Gibson.

Nowadays Dave lists several pubs in his local area as favourites, including the Cock Hotel, Wellington and the Crown Inn, Oakengates. But he still frequents the Lord Hill and especially looks forward to their Monday Club, meeting old friends and drinking a decent pint of real ale. This is often his favourite Shropshire beer, Hobsons Best Bitter.

Our thanks to Dave for his many years of dedication to the branch and we wish him good health and happy drinking days in the future.

At our July branch meeting, for the second year in succession, we were pleased to present St Georges Sports and Social Club with TES CAMRA Club of the Year 2017 to Garry and Helen Keable.

St Georges has a strong history of serving good quality real ale, evidenced by the vast display of COTY certificates which hang proudly above the bar, having won this award for 19 out of the last 20 years! Garry and Helen ensured we were all well fed and watered, with a good range of real ales to suit all tastes, ranging from the refreshing Wye valley HPA, to the classic Everard’s Old Original and as a treat for the dark ale lovers Slater’s Smoked Porter.

Following the presentation the Clubs Chairman, Jeff Fletcher, then presented Garry, John, Carol, Paul and Janine with certificates for their recently achieved awards in Beer and Cellar Quality (from BIIAB). A great night was had by all!

John, Carol, Janine, Paul and Garry receiving their certificates from Jeff
A Mild Day in May

Words and Photos by Dave Haddon

As part of CAMRA’s national campaign to promote the style of mild ale, we are very fortunate in Shropshire in that both CAMRA branches organise a ‘Mild in May Trail’. This year 67 pubs participated in the trail by making a mild available and therefore being listed in Shropshire CAMRA’s ‘passport’ of pubs. The idea is to complete as many pubs on the list as you wish and enjoy the mild ale that is available.

On a gloriously sunny afternoon, ten members of Bridgnorth CAMRA, armed with their passports, boarded a mini bus and set out to visit a selection of pubs to enjoy the mild beers available.

Our first stop was the Lion O’Morfe at Upper Farmcote which, amongst the six other beers on offer that afternoon, was serving Hobsons “Champion Mild” (3.2%). We all settled down in the new conservatory and Nat Bull commented that there had been quite a few visitors who had called in who were taking part in the Shropshire CAMRA “Mild in May Trail”. Amongst the five real ales available on the day we all agreed that beer was of an acceptable quality.

The Royal Oak at Rudge Heath is a popular roadside pub situated on the A454 Wolverhampton to Bridgnorth road. Our hostess that day, Lisa, commented that there had been quite a few visitors who had called in who were taking part in the Shropshire CAMRA “Mild in May Trail”. Amongst the five real ales available on the day we all gathered in the comfortable darts lounge to once again enjoy “Banks’s Mild” (3.5%). Nat Bull again summed up our parties thoughts saying that it was a “very supposable drop of mild”.

Very soon we were heading down the narrow country lanes towards the village of Claverley for a stop at the Plough Inn. “Banks’s Mild” (3.5%) was one of four beers on offer and with beers in hand everyone shuffled outside for a group photo. Sat amongst the beam interior of this charming village pub we all agreed that beer was of an acceptable quality.

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Last year a micro-pub Platform Ale House opened on the westbound platform at Albrighton station. We were delighted to find five real ales available at this single roomed pub situated in a building that dates back to 1849 - even more delighted with the CAMRA members’ discount. With plates of bar snacks we sat and once gain enjoyed Gorgeous Brewing Company’s “Mild in May” (3.5%) as the trains sped by just a few yards away.

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A very short distance away is the Inn at Shipley. Formerly the Thornscroft Hotel until acquired by Brunning & Price, this spacious and charming pub is an ideal place to enjoy food and drink in its traditionally decorated rooms. The recently formed Gorgeous Brewing Company brewed “Mild in May” (3.5%) to coincide with the CAMRA mild promotion and this smooth and rich tasting beer gained much praise from the members of our party. Linda Lewis quipped “It’s gorgeous!”

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Situated on a crosroads in the centre of the village is the large Marstons pub called the Crown Hotel. I had not visited this pub since working in the village over 25 years ago. Even though the interior has now been opened up around a central servery, I was delighted to find that the “sunken” or “well” seating area in what used to be the bar has been retained. As we sat in the beer garden we tasted the “Banks’s Mild” (3.5%) which was refreshing in the May sunshine.

Our “bonus pub” the Harp Hotel, owned by Wiltshire brewers Hop Back. There was no mild available but there was a collection of five hand-pulls dispensing three local beers with a choice of two beers from further afield. I have always enjoyed beers from Dancing Duck Brewery of Derby and their “Abduction” (5.5%), a full flavoured IPA did not disappoint.

Our last call was the Davenport Arms, also known as The Dog in the village of Worfield. A fine selection of Hobsons real ales beckoned us to the bar and pints and halves of “Champion Mild” (3.2%) were soon being quaffed.

Mild is a style of beer that is still very much enjoyed in the Midlands. We are lucky that local brewers are still producing this popular beer, whilst in other parts of the country it is very much a rarity. Our party enjoyed the afternoon sampling the beers in the pubs we visited. Maybe when you next see a mild being served at your local, why not give it a try, you might be pleasantly surprised as to how tasty these beers can be. Cheers!
The Telford and East Shropshire branch of CAMRA recently presented the Fighting Cocks at Stottesdon, near Bridgnorth, their Rural Pub of the Year award for 2017.

Branch secretary Eleanor Haddon presented the award along with the Barry Malone Shield to owners Mark Morris and Bre Hill who have only been running the pub for 18 months after moving to Shropshire at the end of 2015. Members of staff and pub regulars also attended the evening to enjoy the celebrations. The pub was one of six pubs shortlisted by local CAMRA members which went on to be anonymously visited by out of county judges.

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The Bridgnorth CAMRA has recently presented its award for Pub of the Year 2017 to the Railwayman’s Arms. The pub is situated on platform 1 of the station at the Severn Valley Railway in Bridgnorth.

Customers and local CAMRA members turned out on a sunny May evening to congratulate pub manager Samantha-Jayne Cottrell and her staff on achieving their success.

Up against 16 other nominated pubs in the Bridgnorth area, the Railwayman’s Arms received enough votes from members of the Telford & East Shropshire branch of CAMRA for it to reach a final pairing. These two pubs were then scrutinized by independent, non-branch judges, looking at criteria such as atmosphere, pub décor, service, welcome and crucially, beer quality.

The Railwayman’s Arms is run by the SVR and opened in 1861 as a licenced refreshment room. The single bar boasts an array of 10 real ale hand pumps which serve a selection of local and national ales and in summer serves a traditional cider and a perry.

The bar area and its adjacent lounge with its original cast iron fire surround contain a plethora of railway memorabilia, a delight for all railway enthusiasts. Plans to increase the area of the main bar will turn an adjacent store room into an additional drinking area. Samantha-Jayne Cottrell was very proud to receive the award from local branch CAMRA branch chairman Eleanor Haddon and thanked her regular customers and staff for their help in receiving the award.

The pub now goes on to compete against four other pubs in the hope of being judged as CAMRA Marches Pub of the Year 2017. These include other CAMRA branch winners from the rest of Shropshire as well as Hereford & Worcestershire CAMRA area.

Cheers and good luck!

Written by Dave Haddon

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Hidden away on an industrial park on the outskirts of Newport is the mysterious sounding Plan B Brewing Company which is providing the trade with an interesting selection of real ales under their New Brew range.

Like most breweries, the history of the brewery begins with the demise of a former brewery. In January 2016 the premises of Woodlands Brewery in Nantwich, Cheshire had been sold and so the 5½ barrel brewery plant had no home. It was acquired by Mark Charman who had had 4 years previous experience with Battlefield Brewery near Shrewsbury. The plant was moved to the unit in Newport and, after a 3 month long conversion and some frustrating delays, the first brew appeared in July of that year. Further expansion took place in September 2016 when a 10-barrel plant acquired from Eastbury Brewing Company in Wiltshire was fully installed in Newport by December.

On a mild and sunny evening in June of this year, members of Telford & East Shropshire CAMRA were invited along to view the brewery, discuss its current set up and, of course, sample a selection of the real ales on offer.

Mark, ably assisted by his son William and colleague Eliza Pore, welcomed us into a bar area located at the front of the premises which has been specially built to host visitors. The 3 beers available were all from their core range of 4 beers; Nova Gold (3.8%), Nova APA (4.1%) and Nova NPA (4.4%) with their Nova New India IPA (6.0%) being the only one not available.

Alongside this there are plans for a tasting room which will available for private hire and the viability of the bar being open to the public is also being considered. Also of interest to real ale fans is the fact that bottle conditioned beers are soon to be produced and will be made available via their shop and website. Their bottling plant has an impressive throughput of 340 bottles in only 60 minutes. The ales are unfiltered to produce a finer taste.

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Mark commented that he was "quite surprised" to win the award. He went on to say that "We do things to the best of our abilities" and this award is recognition of his and Sarah's dedication as Managers.

Eleanor Haddon and fellow CAMRA Pub of the Season organiser Alan Thwaites explained that the pubs village location, beer garden, hospitality, fine food and quality real ales make it an ideal destination for a summer visit.

The Pheasant Inn is a community run pub which reopened in 2015 after being closed since 2006. The reopening of the pub was the culmination of four years work spearheaded by Neenton Community Society.

This late 18th Century Inn with large open plan facilities has a small Inglenook room off the bar, and a comfortable lounge area adjacent to the dining room. The lounge, with its wood burner, is suitable for families for lunch and evening meals.

Up to four real ales are normally available, one of which is sourced from Yorkshire based Black Sheep Brewery as well beers from local producers.
The Gaskell Arms Hotel, Much Wenlock, is the Telford CAMRA Pub of the Season for summer 2017.

Owner Maxine’s family have presided over the Gaskell Arms since 1978 and it has been Chris the cellar manager’s ambition and promise to Maxine’s late mother, Jean, that the Hotel would achieve CAMRA recognition for the quality of their beers. So it was with great pride and no little emotion that Maxine and Chris received the Pub of the Season award from Branch Chairman Adrian Zawierka in the lounge bar on June the 8th.

The award recognises not only high quality real ale but also the features of a pub which make it a great place to visit during that particular season of the year. In this case the Gaskell Arms boasts a beautiful, sunny, tranquil garden in which to enjoy a pint and maybe lunch, with a sheltered area should the summer’s day not quite live up to expectation. The current building dates from the 17th century but according to local historians parts of the foundations and internal timbers remain from Rindleford Hall, a Tudor stately home which previously occupied the site.

The current external brickwork dates from the 18th century when it served as a prominent coaching inn and later as a hostelry for travellers on the new railway when it arrived in Much Wenlock in 1860. The railway has gone now, but echoes of the track and station remain, as do many other historical features such as Wenlock Priory, the old gaol house, and of course the whole town is steeped in the history of the Wenlock Olympian Games, thought to be the origins of the modern Olympic Games. No wonder Much Wenlock is a popular tourist destination, especially in the summer.
Ludlow Brewery & the Railway Shed
Written by Dave Haddon

The Ludlow Brewing Company began in 2006 when Gary Walters established a 6 barrel plant in an old malting building and continued his passion for home brewing in creating top quality real ales. Such was the success of the company’s first brews, Ludlow Gold (4.2%) & Boiling Well (4.7%), that they moved a short distance to a new brewery 4 years later.

The Railway Shed began life as an engine and goods shed in 1857 and after a short spell as a builders merchants, fell into disrepair until Ludlow Brewery acquired it in 2010.

Along with other Bridgnorth CAMRA members we visited the Railway Shed in late April and the first thing that strikes you is the enormity of the building. It was early afternoon and the bar and outside drinking areas were already packed with thirsty customers enjoying the full range of 6 real ales.

The Railway Shed has become quite a venue in the town after it first opened its doors in early 2011 and is home to the brewery and visitor centre.

We were met by our host and brewery guide Glynn, a cheerful and humorous character with an in-depth knowledge of the history and beers that the brewery produces.

We climbed 2 flights of the stairs to a mezzanine area high above the bar area where Glynn began his entertaining talk.

Originally called Black Christmas, a sweet and nutty tasting ruby black stout proved so popular that its name was changed to Black Knight (4.5%) and became the third member of the brewery’s family of beers. Best (3.7%), Stairway (5.0%) and the recently added pale gold Blonde (4.0%) complete the set.

Brewing 3 or 4 times per week with a 20 barrel plant using Maris Otter pale malt; Fuggles and Goldings hops are added for bitterness before Cascade, Sladek, Marynka and Citra hops are added for flavouring and aroma.

The shiny stainless steel mashtun and copper sit on their own raised platform in the visitor centre as if holding court above their admirers below. In the fermenting room we admired the 6 fermenters as Glynn continued to inform us of the brewing process where approximately two-thirds of the brewery’s production is dedicated to producing cask ale.

With the tour concluded we were treated to a tasting session of all 6 beers when we discovered that our host’s favourite beer is the powerfully sharp, sweet and full-bodied Stairway (5.0%). Who can blame him? It is delicious.

After a couple of more beers in the bar, the obligatory group photograph and it was time to pay our thanks and bid our farewells. When I next raise a glass of Ludlow ale I will remember a very enjoyable afternoon in the market town of Ludlow.
Inter Branch Quiz

On 24 June 2017 the inter branch quiz between teams from Bridgnorth, Telford and Wolverhampton took place at The Wrekin Inn, Wellington. This time the winning team was a team from Wolverhampton the members of which were Robin Davies, Simi Gadu, Julian Robinson and Mark Hewitt. They narrowly beat the Bridgnorth team. Congratulations to them and thanks to the Wrekin Inn for hosting us. The next inter branch quiz will take place on Saturday 25th November 2017 and will be held in Bridgnorth.
CAMRA LocAle

What is CAMRA LocAle?
It is an initiative that promotes pubs stocking locally brewed real ale. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and a greater awareness of ‘green’ issues.

How does a pub become LocAle accredited?
LocAle status is accredited by your local Telford and East Shropshire CAMRA branch and is subject to the pub having at least one locally brewed, good quality, real ale available at all times.

What is classed as local?
Within our county, or up to 30 miles from the brewery, via the shortest driving route.

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Local CAMRA Beer Festivals

September 2017

Thu 07  24th Tamworth Beer Festival
Masonic Rooms, 29 Lichfield Street, Tamworth, B79

Fri 08  Crewe Rail Ale Festival
Crewe Railway Heritage Centre, Vernon Way, Crewe, CW1 2DB

Thu 21  Cannock Chase Beer & Cider Festival
Prince Of Wales Theatre, Church St, Cannock, WS11 1DE

October 2017

Fri 06  18th Solihull Beer Festival
Royal British Legion, Union Road, Solihull, B91 3DH

Thu 19  37th Stoke Beer and Cider Festival 2017
Fenton Manor Sports Complex, City Rd, Fenton Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2RR

Thu 26  Birmingham Beer & Cider Festival
The Custard Factory, Gibb Street, Digbeth Birmingham, B9 4AA

Thu 26  Telford CAMRA’s 3rd Shifnal Beer & Cider Festival
War Memorial Club, Innage Rd, Shifnal, TF11 8AD

Local Non-CAMRA Beer Events

September 2017

Sat 16  Rugby Rocks Beer Festival, Whitchurch, Shropshire

Sat 23  New Inn Beer Festival & Newport Food Frenzy, Newport, Shropshire

October 2017

Fri 06  Shropshire Oktoberfest, Shrewsbury

Sat 14  Beer & Buses, Walsall, West Midlands

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Join us, and together we can protect the traditions of great British pubs and everything that goes with them.

Become part of the CAMRA community today – enjoy discounted entry to beer festivals and exclusive member offers. Learn about brewing and beer and join like-minded people supporting our campaigns to save pubs, clubs, your pint and more.

Join the campaign today at www.camra.org.uk/joinup

*Price for paying by Direct Debit and correct at April 2017. Concessionary rates available. Please visit camra.org.uk/membership-rates

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T.E.S Branch Diary 2017

September
Sat 2nd | Event: Minibus to South Shropshire
Pick-ups: Contact Paul Bradburn for details* (see contacts page)

Tues 12th 8pm | Event: Branch Meeting
Venue: The Cock Hotel, Wellington, TF1 2DL

Sat 16th 4pm | Event: Pub of the Season (Autumn 2017) Presentation
Venue: The Huntsman, Little Wenlock TF6 5BH

October
Tue 10th 8pm | Event: Branch Meeting
Venue: The Crown, Claverley, WV5 7DU

Sat 21st | Event: Minibus to mid-Shropshire rural pubs.
Pick-ups: Contact Paul Bradburn for details* (see contacts page)

Thu 26th - Sat 28th | Event: 3rd Shifnal Beer Festival
Venue: War Memorial Club, Innage Road, Shifnal, TF11 8AD
Open Thurs 5-11pm & Fri - Sat 12-11pm. Free entry all sessions. Glass hire £2.

November
Sat 4th | Event: Minibus to Bridgnorth Rural Pubs
Pick-ups: Contact Paul Bradburn for details* (see contacts page)

Tue 14th 8pm | Event: Branch Meeting
Venue: The Edgmond Lion, TF10 8MH

Sat 18th | Event: Survey by train
Pick-ups: Contact Paul Bradburn for details (see contacts page)

Sat 25th 1pm | Event: Inter Branch Quiz with Bridgnorth and Wolverhampton
Venue: Bridgnorth TBC

December
Sat 2nd | Event: Coach for pre-Christmas social to Hodnet, Market Drayton and mystery pub for meal later!
Pick-ups: Contact Paul Bradburn for details (see contacts page)

* Providing that members complete beer survey forms cost is only £5 per head for each trip

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S.W.S Branch Diary 2017

September
Wed 6th | Event: Branch Meeting
Venue: Dog & Pheasant, Shrewsbury

Fri 15th 7pm | Event: Beerscoring trip
Meet: Salopian Bar, Shrewsbury

Tue 19th 12noon | Event: PTG Beerscoring trip (Public Transport Group) to Baschurch, Ruyton XI Towns & Oswestry.
Meet: Arriva bus 576 at 12 noon from SHR bus stn.

Fri 29th 7pm | Event: Beerscoring trip
Meet: Salopian Bar, Shrewsbury

October
Wed 4th 8pm | Event: Branch Meeting
Venue: Dolphin, Shrewsbury

Tue 17th | Event: PTG Beerscoring trip to Bishops Castle
Meet: Minsterley Motors 552/3 at 1005 ex SHR bus stn.

Fri 27th 7pm | Event: Beerscoring trip
Meet: Salopian Bar, Shrewsbury

November
Wed 1st | Event: Branch Meeting
Venue: Royal Oak, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury

Tue 21st | Event: PTG Beerscoring trip to Whitchurch, Wem & Tilley by rail.
Meet: TBC

Fri 24th 7pm | Event: Beerscoring trip
Meet: Salopian Bar, Shrewsbury

December
Sat 9th | Event: Regional meeting in Ludlow
Venue: TBC

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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