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Editor's Welcome

Hello and welcome to Issue 5 of **Shropshire TAles**

We are now starting our second year of **Shropshire TAles** and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped produce this magazine. This includes all of the article contributors, the advertisers, our excellent proof readers and our fantastic graphic designer. Without these people we wouldn't have a CAMRA magazine for the Shropshire Branches.

We are all looking forward to our second year and we hope to receive many more interesting and informative articles which encourage you to visit some of the excellent pubs in the county which offer some really great beers. This issue includes some rather good examples.

Also over the period of this issue, Shrewsbury Beer Festival and the beer tent at Festival At The Edge is being run by the branches. Hope to see you at one or both.

Now, you don't really want to hear anymore from me so get reading! I want to get this issue finished so I can go into Ironbridge and give the new micropub, The Coracle, a try.

Lee Bradbury | Editor

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A word from T.E.S CAMRA Chairman

As you may well have seen CAMRA has changed its remit as a result of the revitalisation project but it must be remembered that Real Ale should be considered as the 'Gold Standard' with regards to beer.

We should be educating drinkers about various beer styles and trying to guide them to drinking Real Ale in the great British pub.

Pubs need our support throughout the year, be this in the depths of winter or the hazy days of summer. This time of year is the easier time to get out and about to our more rural pubs and I would encourage you to do so.

There are also a number of beer festivals all over the country with the biggest one of the lot being the 'Great British Beer Festival' in London at the start of August. As a volunteer at the festival for over 30 years I would encourage you to have a think about visiting and/or working as a volunteer, you will be made very welcome. Details of all the festivals can be found on the CAMRA national website at www.camra.org.uk or for The Great British Beer Festival it has its own site at www.gbbf.org.uk

Adrian Zawierka
T.E.S Branch Chairman



A word from S.W.S CAMRA Chairman

In this edition you will see we have been busy presenting our various awards to the pubs that have been judged best in the branch area. The Bailey Head in Oswestry took our top Award.

As well as our usual pub and beer surveys and other campaign activities, the branch is now busy preparing for the 28th Shrewsbury Beer Festival.

We are pleased to report a surge in refurbished and re-opened pubs in the area. Good for paint distributors but even better for local and visiting ale drinkers. One of these was our branch 'Pub of the Season' - Old Coppers Malt House in Church Stretton.

Visitors to the area seem to appreciate our local pubs in Shropshire. We know this from the scores they submit on **WhatPub.com**. This website and app is also very useful for finding Real Ale pubs when visiting or on holiday. We are keen to keep the details up to date and appreciate the beer scores, feedback and updates about our pubs.

I am looking forward to a good summer and if you are one of our visitors who remembers to score your beer, thank you. We hope you continue to enjoy the fantastic pubs and beer in the area and if you are around in mid-July do please pop into our Shrewsbury Beer Festival. I hope to see you there.

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 (pg 32-33).



A word from our Bridgnorth sub-branch

Hopefully the good weather is still with us and you are enjoying a real ale in one of the many lovely beer gardens we have in our Shropshire pubs.

Since February a small team has been meeting to organise the 2018 Bridgnorth Beer Festival at the Severn Valley Railway station in Bridgnorth. We were reliant on the new buffet building being finished and the old one taken from site and unfortunately this has not been completed in time for the beer festival.

The team took the decision to cancel the beer festival which was due to take place on Thursday 6th - Saturday 8th September. Our last festival was in 2015 but we are hoping to go ahead with the beer festival next year.

On another note, we ran a successful trip to the Cider House and to the pubs of Claverley. We are hoping to arrange more trips in due course.

Eleanor Haddon
Bridgnorth sub-branch

Pub of the Season - Summer 2018

Bridgnorth CAMRA

The Ship Inn

Sevenside, Highley WV16 6NU

Date and time of presentation TBC



Telford CAMRA

The Black Swan

Lloyds Head, Jackfield, Telford TF8 7LZ

Date and time of presentation TBC



Call for votes for the Telford and Bridgnorth Branches Autumn 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 July. Votes can also be cast at branch meetings.

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Lion o'Morfe Takes Two CAMRA Awards

Words and Photos by **Dave Haddon**

"We have got our pub back", were the sentimental words of one of the Lion O'Morfe's former regulars when the pub re-opened in December 2015 after being closed for 5 years. This was the culmination of months of hard work put in by local landlord Brian Jervis and his family during the months following acquisition in the summer of 2015.

Brian, who had been running the Cider House at Wooton near Bridgnorth for 32 years, and his son Sam recall what a sorry state the pub was in. An alarming example was the outside toilet building being completely overgrown with ivy. With the added dedication of his wife Katherine, son Sam and daughters Paula and Louise, they pulled it all together in time for a grand opening in the winter of 2015 which saw the pub packed to rafters with locals and visitors alike. Further improvements to the pub came in the autumn of 2017 when a conservatory replaced the former weary structure, adding another welcome drinking area.

The pub has a main bar with an open fire and cosy wooden bench seating. To the rear is a snug with an old fashioned range lit during cold winter months.

To the left of the bar is a traditionally decorated lounge that leads to the new conservatory.



There are also outdoor toilet facilities available restored and often used by ramblers.

News of the fine selection of quality real ales being served soon became the talk of the local members of Bridgnorth CAMRA. So much so that in Autumn 2017 it received their Pub of the Season award and then a great accolade was bestowed upon the pub when it gained entry into CAMRA's national Good Beer Guide 2018 edition.



Sam recalls how surprised he was when a CAMRA member, determined to visit every new entry in the Good Beer Guide, made the long trip from Scotland to visit the pub.

This was testimony to the dedication of Sam Jervis who prides himself on every pint of the 6 real ales that are on offer, which include 2 changing beers and locally brewed regulars Enville Ale, Hobsons Town Crier, Three Tuns XXX and Sam's personal favourite Wye Valley HPA.



The Lion O'Morfe continued to thrive offering a relaxed and homely atmosphere where one can enjoy a relaxed pint of real ale in traditional surroundings without the distractions of pub music and sports television.

During the winter of 2017 the 700 strong membership of the Telford & East Shropshire branch of CAMRA voted for their favourites in their Pub of Year Award 2018 competition. The Lion O'Morfe was so successful that it ranked amongst the final six pubs to be considered for the top CAMRA branch award.

Early in 2018 CAMRA judges were appointed from neighbouring branches who visited all six finalists in towns as far apart as Market Drayton and Bridgnorth.

Unbeknown to their hosts, each pub was awarded points based on important criteria such as the pub's atmosphere, style and décor; service and welcome; sympathy with CAMRA aims; community value and, of course, the quality of its real ale, cider or perry.

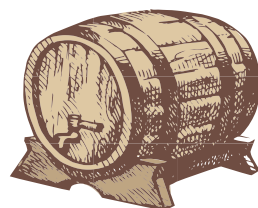
The Lion O'Morfe was ranked highest place and in April 2018 Adrian Zawierka (branch chair) and Eleanor Haddon (Bridgnorth sub branch chair) presented Sam with the pub's well deserved awards of Telford & East Shropshire CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year 2018 and Bridgnorth Pub of the Year 2018 awards.



Many congratulations to the team at the Lion O'Morfe and we wish them well in the next round of CAMRA's Pub of the Year 2018 competition against pubs in west Shropshire and Herefordshire. Let's hope that there are more celebrations to be had in the near future. Good Luck!



Pub and Brewery News



Joules

Joules are continuing to invest in their brewery. First, they have begun a local recruitment of brewery staff from the town with a view to training them to become future brewers. Also significantly they have a new yeast handling system in place that should make life a little easier for those staff as well as improving the quality of the beers.

Another bit of important news, Joule's have now completed the purchase of the red cross trademark, recognised as the 6th oldest brewery trademark and this now completes their status as independent Shropshire brewers.

They have added four new ales to their seasonal range, Frisky Rabbit was out throughout April and Royal Ale came out in May. Planning ahead they will be brewing an ale named Longshot that will be available in June and Bob On Joule's Summer ale, ready for July.

The Coracle micropub in Ironbridge

The micropub opened its doors on 31st May. There are currently 5 cask and 8 keg lines along with some boxed ciders and a small selection of quality wines. According to visitor reviews on social media, there is a wide range of perfectly kept real ales, ciders and craft beers. Snack food is also available, sourced from local suppliers. Opening hours are 12noon until 10pm every day.

Hobsons

As part of their 25th Anniversary celebrations the brewery chartered a steam train in March on the Severn Valley Railway and stopped at the Engine Shed at Highley for lunch. Customers and suppliers enjoyed a great day out celebrating Hobsons anniversary. A limited edition beer "Mosaic & Citra" 4.2% has been brewed in collaboration with London brewpub Brew By Numbers. This powerfully hoppy unfiltered ale is available in cask only while stocks last.

Seasonal beers will be available as follows: June - Manor, September - Green Hop, October - Old Henry.

Hobsons Champion Mild collected silver in the Cask British Dark Beers up to 4.4% category at the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA) beer festival held in April at Ludlow Castle, Shropshire.

Telford & East Shropshire branch of CAMRA presented their Brewery of the Year 2018 award to Hobsons (see pg 23).

The Sun Inn at Clun

The Sun Inn at Clun re-opened again on 1st May 2018. The new Landlord and Landlady are Barry Richards and Heather Teal who have been publicans in the area for many years and have a wealth of experience in the pub trade.

Let us know your brewery news. Please contact **Lee Bradbury**
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Shrewsbury & West Shropshire pubs re-opened, refurbished or refurbishing in a bid to attract new customers and beat off competitors*

Vaults, Shrewsbury - The pub features a lovely roof garden.

Kings Head, Oswestry - The pub had a total refit with a modern stylish bar.

Oxon Priory in Shelton - The Oxon Priory closed due to an extensive transformation and is now open under new management.

White Lion, Ash Magna - The community pub is currently open for drinks only whilst the kitchen has an overhaul.

Olde Vaults, Oswestry - Currently closed due to refurbishment.

Kings Arms, Church Stretton - Re-opened in May 2018 after a wholesale, but very tasteful, refurbishment.

Seven Stars, Shrewsbury - Re-opened in May 2018, with four ales on offer.

Red Lion, Longden Common - Pub is temporarily closed for renovation work; should re-open early June.

Tankerville Arms, Longden - Re-opened in Spring 2018 under new management.

Punch Bowl, West Felton - Re-opened in May 2018, after a change of management.

The Red Lion at Ellesmere - Re-opened after some recent smoke damage.

* All information correct at the time of publication.



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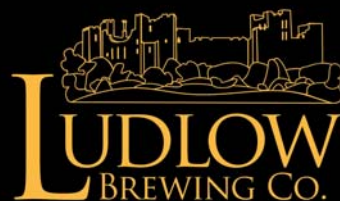
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The Bailey Head in Oswestry

Shrewsbury & West Shropshire Branch Pub of the Year 2018

We are pleased to announce that having already taken the Market Town Pub of the Year Award, the Shrewsbury and West Shropshire Branch Pub of the Year 2018 is the Bailey Head in Oswestry.

This former Marston's pub was renamed and reopened by Duncan Barrowman and Grace Goodlad in March 2016. Although real ale is very much a part of the offering, they have created a pub that the community can enjoy. Thus they welcome customers who may just want a comfortable interlude with a soft drink, a snack, or indeed some quality time with a well behaved dog (the pub being voted Most Dog Friendly Pub in the West Midlands in 2017). A glance at the pump clips on the ceiling in the bar will reflect the effort put into providing the customer with an outstanding range of beer. Over 400 different cask beers are sold in a year.

The presentation of the Pub Of The Year award trophy coincided with a 'Meet the Brewer' and 'Tap Takeover' with Doug Macpherson of Cwrw Iâl brewery, which explains the pump clips in the photo. Also, the real ale offering is supplemented not only by three carefully chosen key cask beers, but also by extensive and exciting menus of gin, rum, vodka and whisky. The pub also provides off sales of bottled and canned beers. Our congratulations go to Grace, Duncan and the team for a well-deserved award.

The winner of the Shrewsbury Pub of the Year is the Prince of Wales. Taking the branch award for the Rural Pub of the Year was the Royal Oak at Cardington. The branch Club of the Year is the Oswestry Cricket Club and the Cider Pub of the Year is the Admiral Benbow in Shrewsbury. Well done to them all.



Reaching out to our Magnificent 706 TES CAMRA Members – Where Are You?

Words by **Gareth Mason**

**“Forward the real ale brigade!”
Was there a man inebriated?
Not though the drinker knew
Someone had blundered.
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs not to score their beer,
Theirs just to drink and cheer.
Into the pubs of Shropshire.
Drank the six and seven hundred.
(With apologies to Lord Alfred Tennyson).**

Every February the Telford and East Shropshire CAMRA branch nominate their selection of pubs for the forthcoming Good Beer Guide.

This is based on beer scores from CAMRA members input on to the WhatPub website.

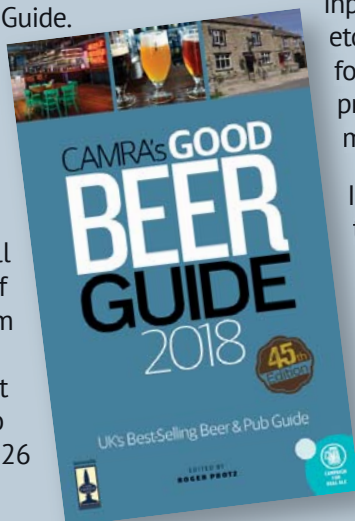
The list of pubs, clubs and bars that score well and have a minimum of five survey returns (from five different CAMRA members) are then sent out to every member to vote for the final 25 or 26 plus 4 reserves.

Members can either do this by post or online or they can attend the selection meeting. This is where the anomalies arise and the reason for this article.

Every membership group has many passive or inactive members which is to be expected and this article is not going to change the price of fish (or beer). These members may be too busy in their daily lives, have other time-consuming interests, are not connected to the internet, find postage too expensive or are simply not interested in providing information. However, if this article connects with just a handful of inactive members out there then it will be mission accomplished.

At the selection meeting our Pub Surveys Officer, Dave Haddon, ran through his regular array of statistics as to who is inputting scores, voting for pubs etc and these figures make for interesting reading. The proportions do not vary by very much year on year.

In our branch there were at the time of writing 340 open pubs. Only 200 of these were surveyed. Are we missing some real ale gems out there? I hope not, but you never know.



These 200 pubs received 4,372 surveys from our branch members plus another 856 surveys from members visiting from outside our branch. At first glance this looks like a lot of surveys until you realise that just 83 volunteers in our branch out of a total of 706 members input beer scores (only 11.7%). Of these 83 members, the top ten did over half of the surveys, an average of over 200 surveys per individual. If you watch other people in a bar, a considerable number will spend some time checking their phone.

So dear passive members, if this is you, once you have realised that no one has added to your Facebook or Twitter account in the last half an hour, your football team is 2-0 down yet again and you have been heavily outbid on that eBay bargain, then why not sign in to WhatPub and input a score for that wonderful/average/ropey beer that is in front of you?

More of Dave's statistics from the selection meeting followed in the vote for entries to the next Good Beer Guide. All 706 members should have a received a voting form. If you did not then contact the branch to update your contact details. 79 members out of 706 posted or emailed a return (only 11.2%). 44 members turned up at the selection meeting so assuming no overlap, a maximum 123 members in total voted out of 706 (17.4%). I believe that the pubs selected are a good choice but the voting was quite close.

One of my favourite pubs and a very popular one, particularly in the summer, missed out by a couple of votes. A few inactive members probably visited this pub in the last year and could have voted for it. I am sure that there are other similar examples. Your votes can make a difference. Is your favourite local in the GBG?

So, what is the problem then? Answers on a postcard to the editor, or maybe not as inactive members do not write to editors, neither do most active ones to be quite honest.

WhatPub is easy to use. All you need is your CAMRA membership number and a password. Scoring a beer is simple. Enter the town, find your pub and enter the date of your visit. If you know the Brewery then put it in but you don't have to. If the beer is not on the brewery list then type it in but you don't have to. Just score the beer 1 to 5. Simple (even a meerkat could do it).

I started this article with one Lord so here is another, Lord Kitchener, to point the finger.



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Written by **Les Lumsdon** and **Harold Bound**

Herefordshire CAMRA's transport correspondent and author of A Guide to Slow Travel in the Marches, Les Lumsdon, joins forces with Shrewsbury member, Harold Bound, to introduce you to a bus and ale trip through some of Shropshire's back lanes. First stop is Maesbury Marsh followed by a 2 mile canal walk to the Queen's Head and a chance to visit two more pubs on the way home.

The first leg of this escape to the countryside involves catching the 576 Arriva bus from Shrewsbury Bus Station (Stand R) at 1100 (Mondays-Saturdays) through leafy lanes to the historic settlement of Ruyton XI Towns and onward to call into the sleepy hamlets of Kinnerley and Knockin on route to Maesbury Marsh arriving just before midday.

The bus will either stop before the canal bridge or over the other side beyond the Navigation Inn.



The Navigation is a much loved pub which was at one time a warehouse on the Montgomery Canal at the Maesbury wharf serving a corn mill and a bone works both of which are closed now. The latter can be easily identified with its tall chimney. Step inside the front door and the bar is right at the very heart of this country pub which usually has on tap one Stonehouse beer. It is hard to settle down in this pub as there's a fair bit to take in: a gallery for artwork, old pews to sit on, a book exchange and in winter a wonderful log fire. There's also a small outside seating area by the canal.

When you have supped up, make your way onto the canal bridge and go left down to the towpath. Continue ahead along the Montgomery navigation for 2 miles easy walking to Queen's Head.



The canal played an important role in the late 18th century. It opened up the trade for agricultural goods, but more importantly served the limestone quarries of nearby Llanymynech from the 1790s onwards. The compacted towpath surface soon gives way to a green swathe as you dip beneath a neat brick bridge and soon you'll walk by the three Aston locks and then by an old lock keepers house. A track leads beneath the A5 to the Queens Head, another pub which thrived with the trade from the canal.



The inn gave its name to the surrounding hamlet. The small bar offers three beers on handpull, two from Stonehouse and a third from Church End Brewery, Nuneaton, all of which were in exceptional form when we visited. There are some interesting old photographic prints on the wall by the bar depicting the pub, village and canal in earlier times. There's an extensive dining area in the pub and a small patio area outside the front door which catches the sun in the afternoon.

The next hop is on the 70 bus (Oswestry to Shrewsbury) from the stop on the pub side of the road a few metres on the left (hourly at 30 mins past the hour) through to the Old Three Pigeons at Nesscliffe. It is said that this pleasant hostelry dates from the medieval period, but certainly from the 17th century. It resembles a Welsh longhouse in shape and its exterior has changed little in the past one hundred years or so.



The two last buses are 1755 and 1825 so be sure to step out in time. There's a short ride back into town which is considerably quicker than the days of the stagecoach.

The use of large blocks of red sandstone in the building from nearby quarries at Nesscliffe Edge is a distinctive feature in these parts. Needless to say the Three Pigeons associates itself with Humphrey Kynaston, Shropshire's very own highwayman who stole from the rich to serve the poor (come back Humphrey all is forgiven) and to earn a few pints of ale on the way. Like the Queens Head, the Pigeons is geared up for dining, but there's a welcoming bar serving a Stonehouse beer and changing beers from other local breweries including Salopian and Three Tuns.

If you are heading onward to the Wingfield Arms at Montford Bridge, then the buses are hourly at 40 minutes past the hour or every half hour from 1600 onwards. It is a short ride through to the Montford bus stop just after the bus crosses the River Severn. It is situated near to this old coaching house dating from a time when the old Holyhead coach would ply its way through to Oswestry.

The Wingfield serves up to four beers on tap including two from Salopian. There's a bar and lounge with a large dining room to the rear.

For full opening times visit www.whatpub.com

Below are the opening times of the pubs. (Info correct at time of print)

Navigation Inn, Maesbury Marsh:

only open at lunchtimes 12-2pm on Wed-Sat. Tel: **01691 672958**

Queens Head at Queen's Head:

open all day every day.
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open all day every day.
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Wingfield Arms at Montford Bridge:

open all day every day.
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The Golden Lion

Bridgnorth Pub of the Season, Spring 2018

It was with real pleasure that Chairman Eleanor Haddon presented Jon Brown, the manager of the Golden Lion with the award of Bridgnorth Pub of the Season for Spring 2018 on 23rd February.

For many years the 17th Century coaching Inn featured in the Good Beer Guide, but after the death of its long-time owner Geoff Watkins in 2015, the pub was closed and put up for sale.

Holden's Brewery stepped in and bought the freehold, providing them with a permanent outlet in Bridgnorth. After an extensive refurbishment, the pub reopened late last year and immediately impressed visitors with the quality of beers offered. Meals are available every lunchtime, and breakfast is served on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between 9 and 11.30. Four Holden's beers (Mild, Bitter, Golden Glow & Special) are always available as well as a guest which may be sourced from Holden's seasonal list.

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Our photo shows sub-branch chairman Eleanor Haddon presenting the award to Jon.

Wheatsheaf Inn, Chetwynd Aston

Telford Pub of the Season, Spring 2018

Tosh and Sarah Murase at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Chetwynd Aston, were pleased to receive our Telford Pub of the Season for Spring 2018 award from TES CAMRA Chairman, Adrian Zawierka, at our April branch meeting.

We were treated to a range of good quality real ales (usually 4 on offer) including Marston's Pedigree and Thwaites Wainwright and a magnificent cheese board to accompany our beer! Shortly after our visit the Wheatsheaf had a refurbishment and will be offering wood fired pizzas in the near future. A well-deserved winner of our POTS - Spring!



Our photo shows branch chairman Adrian Zawierka presenting the award to Tosh and Sarah.

Old Coppers Malt House, Church Stretton

Shrewsbury & West Shropshire Pub of the Season 2018

Heather and Phil of the Old Coppers Malt House Church Stretton with their Pub of the Season (Spring) Award.

The new landlord, Phil, is very keen on real ale, so he offers a constantly changing and interesting selection from around the country. Unusually, the cider is hand-pumped from the cellar. The pub has undergone recent substantial refurbishment inside and out, updating but retaining the traditional feel of the place. Bar meals are available in addition to the more formal restaurant offerings.



Our photo shows the new landlords, Heather and Phil with their award.

Hobsons Brewery

Brewery of the Year 2018

On a gloriously sunny day in May, Telford & East Shropshire branch of CAMRA were invited to visit Hobsons Brewery during which they presented their Brewery of the Year 2018 award.

In addition to their regular beers being served in the Tasting Room that day (Champion Mild, Best Bitter, Town Crier and Postman's Knock) members were treated to the limited edition cask ale "Mosaic & Citra" 4.2% which was enjoyed by all. This powerfully hopped unfinned ale has been brewed in collaboration with London Brewpub Brew By Numbers. Congratulations to Hobsons Brewery.



Our photo shows chairman Adrian Zawierka presenting the award to brewery founder Nick Davis.





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The Station Hotel, Oakengates

**Town Pub of the Year
2018 presentation**

The Station Hotel, Oakengates, were presented with the Town Pub of the Year award by Telford and East Shropshire CAMRA chairman, Adrian Zawierka.

Judging by the crowded bar of local real ale enthusiasts who congratulated Phil and his team on their achievement, they were worthy winners. It's not hard to work out why as you are always greeted by an extensive range of good quality national and local beers, many of which aren't usually found in our area. To add to this the Station also hosts 2 beer festivals a year, the most recent being held over the late May Bank Holiday.



Branch Chairman
Adrian Zawierka presenting the
award to Phil Bradnam

St Georges Sports & Social Club

**Club of the Year
2018 presentation**

On May 12th Telford and East Shropshire CAMRA presented St Georges Sports and Social Club the branch 'Club of the Year' award for 2018 to add to the impressive number of CAMRA awards already won by the club over the past 20 years.

The bar with 7 hand-pulls serving mainly local and regional beers is open evenings Monday to Friday and all day at weekends. Day membership is £1 and free for card-carrying CAMRA members.



Branch Chairman
Adrian Zawierka presenting
the award to Gary and
Helen Keable

The Bear Hotel, Hodnet

**Rural Pub of the Year
2018 presentation**

The Bear Hotel Hodnet received there award as our Branch Rural Pub of the Year. Presenting the award was Adrian Zawierka chair of the Telford and East Shropshire branch to Greg Williams licensee.

Local member and regular at the Bear, Pete Ellis said, it is a great pub and an asset to our village. Not only is this pub steeped in history it is a great local as well. It gives us the opportunity for us locals to meet as a community, it has a lovely warm feeling to it and it is very welcoming.



Branch Chairman
Adrian Zawierka presenting
the award to Greg Williams



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Real Ale festival at Market Drayton

Words by Bryn Pass

Last year, the maiden Market Drayton beer festival held at the town's cricket club over a June weekend was heralded as a success by the organisers. With over 25 ales and ciders to sample we all "had a ball." Independently run it served the locals ales from far and wide and even had a cricket match which took place during the day.

Starting early on the Friday with a slight drizzle forecast we were able to sit outside knowing that we could run for cover if we were caught out as we started umpiring the ales to decide which one should be awarded best beer of the festival. They were split into four categories strong ale, stout, golden ale and bitter and cider had its own section. It was a challenge to assist with the judging as we were only a small team.

The majority of ales were from small local breweries, located from Shropshire or just over the boundary. There were New Brew, Six Bells, Rowton, Weal, Alton and Winkle to name a few and all produced excellent quality beers.

Some used long hops whilst others would leave you stumped before you even knew it. After scoring all the samples it was decided eventually that Telekinesis, an American Pale Ale style beer, swung it as the winner. A strong ale and at 6.9% it certainly had us bowled over.

On the Saturday with the increased prospect of the weather improving, the wind dropped and the day began with openers at 12 noon. It stayed dry all day and nobody was bailed. We were able to spin it out until tea before one of the ground staff went to cut the grass.

Finally when Saturday night fell it was all over, stumps were drawn and people rolled out of the bar and the sweeping had to be done, so here is to next year. Over all, the festival was hailed a success and certainly will be run again this year so please look out for the notices with the option of camping as the organisers are really trying to make a go of it and they need your support.

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June

Fri 1st | Event: **Aston Manor Beer Festival, Birmingham**

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Thu 7th | Event: **Wolverhampton Beer Festival (CAMRA)**

Fri 15th | Event: **Stafford Cheese and Ale Festival**

Sat 23rd | Event: **Shrewsbury Food Festival**

Thu 28th | Event: **Bromsgrove Beer Festival (CAMRA)**

Fri 29th | Event: **Market Drayton Cricket Club**

Sat 30th | Event: **Ale'dine 2018, Ellerdine**

Sat 30th | Event: **Wreking Beer Festival, Leighton**

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July

Fri 6th | Event: **Beer on the Wye Festival (CAMRA)**

Fri 6th | Event: **Stratford-upon-Avon Beer & Cider Festival (CAMRA)**

Wed 18th | Event: **Shrewsbury Beer Festival (CAMRA)**

Fri 20th | Event: **Birmingham Beer Week**

Fri 20th | Event: **Cotswold Beer Festival (CAMRA)**

Thu 26th | Event: **Stafford Beer Festival (CAMRA)**

Fri 27th | Event: **The Wheatsheaf, Frankwell**

Sat 28th | Event: **Craft Drink Festival, Birmingham**

August

Tue 7th | Event: **Great British Beer Festival (CAMRA)**

Fri 10th | Event: **The White Hart Inn, Birch Road, Ellesmere**

Sat 18th | Event: **Hanwood Beer festival - details TBA**

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T.E.S Branch Diary 2018



June

Sat 16th 1pm | Event: CAMRA inter-branch quiz.

Venue: Prince Albert, Wolverhampton.

Followed by pub visits in the City guided by Wolverhampton branch.

Sat 23rd afternoon event | Event: Chat and mingle at the Hop and Stagger Brewery, with live music, food and beer.

Afternoon event with coach/minibus from Wellington bus station, Oakengates bus station, Shifnal and Bridgnorth.

Sat 30th 12 noon | Event: TES CAMRA Annual General Meeting

Venue: Lion O'Morfe, Upper Farmcote

Followed by pubs survey in the Worfield and Claverley areas. Coach from same pick up points as 23rd June.

July

Tue 10th 2pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: The Harp, Albrighton

Fri 20th - Sun 22nd 2pm | Event: Festival At The Edge Beer Tent

Venue: Alderford Lake, near Whitchurch. Help needed with staffing, setting up (from Tuesday) and dismantling.

August

Tue 14th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: The Bridge Inn, Newport

September

Sat 1st Time TBC | Event: Coach trip

Venue: Visit Rowton Brewery at the original site, then the Royal Oak (Tiddly) at Ellerdine Heath, followed by a visit to the new Rowton Brewery site at the Pheasant in Wellington.

Tue 11th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting

Venue: TBC

Sat 22nd Time TBC | Event: Coach trip to rural pubs north of Market Drayton*

Pick-ups as per 23rd June.

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

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S.W.S Branch Diary 2018



June

Sat 2nd | Event: Coach from Telford branch visiting Stonehouse Brewery, Llangollen, Ruabon etc.

Wed 6th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting
Venue: Bricklayers, Copthorne, Shrewsbury

Fri 15th | Event: Beer Day Britain. Shrewsbury pub walkabout. Start at the Dog & Pheasant 4pm. Then Dolphin, Woodman, Bird in Hand, Royal Oak etc.

Tue 19th 12 noon | Event: PTG trip by rail to Whitchurch. 10:54 train ex SHR.

Fri 29th 7pm | Event: Beerbus beerscoring trip.
Meet: Salopian Bar, Shrewsbury

July

Wed 4th 8pm | Event: Branch meeting
Venue: Woodman, Cotton Hill, Shrewsbury

Tue 10th 8pm | Event: PTG trip by rail to Ludlow. 11:16 train ex SHR
(A week earlier than usual to avoid Shrewsbury beerfest preliminary work).

Tue 10th 7pm | Event: Beerfest meeting
Venue: Admiral Benbow, Shrewsbury

Sat 14 - Sun 15th, 10am to 4pm
Event: Oswestry Food & Drink Festival with Beer
Venue: Cambrian Railway Heritage Station.

August

Wed 1st 8pm | Event: Branch meeting
Venue: Vaults, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury (Upstairs Garden area) (In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at The Station Hotel, almost opposite, with sole use of the front bar area).

Wed 15th 8pm | Event: Annual General Meeting/ Beerfest wash-up.
Venue: Old Post Office, Milk Street, Shrewsbury. Please note revised date.

Tue 21st | Event: PTG trip by bus to The Strettons & Dorrington.

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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