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BUCKING THE TREND?

The pub trade of recent years has seen something of a rocky road, with many more closures than openings or rescues. It's there to read all too often in the news about the numbers of pubs closing and how landlords cannot make ends meet.

High taxes and cheap supermarket prices for alcohol have led to an increase in the rate at which pubs are closing. The tax on a pint is also a contributor making up two thirds. The last decade alone has seen us lose 10,000 pubs in the UK and this continues at the rate of about 26 a week nationally.

Is Shakespeare CAMRA County currently bucking the trend? Are jubilant times ahead?

So far this year we are delighted to hear of seven different openings and a saving. This excellent news is a very welcome sight for the village and high street alike especially where it's the only pub providing a key hub for the community and complementing others where there are multiples. Hopefully CAMRA's key campaign of scrapping the beer duty escalator tax will go some way to helping preserve the local

(see further inside for news on this) CAMRA local branches like to play their part in this too – so we like to reward pubs for their input with branch awards of "Pub of the Season" and "Pub of the Year" and you can read more about the latest awards inside.

There are many reasons for visiting a pub; for most it's a social event, for others it's a regular favourite brew or an historic interior, highlighted by CAMRA's new book **Britain's Best Real Heritage Pubs** (of which our branch is proud to have an entry in the form of **The Fleece**, Bretforton) or it could be the running of the local shop or post office which some have taken on. Whatever the reason...

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THE PUBS OPENING OR SAVED ARE...

THE QUEENS HEAD (1), Irons Cross; **THE LORD NELSON (2),** Alcester; **THE ARMOURIES ARMS (3),** Pathlow; **THE THREE HORSESHOES (4),** Wixford; **THE BROOM TAVERN (5),** Broom; **SHAKESPEARE INN (6),** Welford on Avon; **ROSE AND CROWN (7),** Ratley; **THE WHITE HORSE (8),** Ettington



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Pub News...

Stratford-upon-Avon

The Bear at the Swans Nest has been awarded the title **Shakespeare Warwickshire Pub of the Year**, the team at The Bear are very dedicated and this shows in the great selection of ales on offer. A huge "congratulations" goes out to Simon and the team there. For more detail see the main article on awards.

Old Tramway Following the recent success of the Merry Wives of Windsor at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre one of the stage props (a drinks bar with roof) was looking for a new home.

One of the Old Tramway regulars Paul Hadland (aka Danno) is Head of Scenery at the theatre and permission was granted to reposition the bar at his local pub. So now the Old Tramway has a fine outside bar complete with a bit of history - worth a look up.

Bretforton

The Fleece July 12th / 13th will see them at the Evesham River Festival sporting 16+ real ales, and August Bank Holiday at the Evesham Angling Festival held at the Crown Meadow, Evesham with a range of 30+ real ales and 10+ ciders on offer. Entrance to the festival is free with an expected 48,000 promising a great family day out.

Bidford

The beginning of April saw the **New Saxon** close its doors once more after only a short spell of about 22 months. The future of this village location is under threat once more with the usual rumours of housing and restaurant use. Get your thinking cap on at **The Frog**. Every Thursday they hold a charity quiz and are currently serving two ales, *Purity Ubu* and *Bombardier*. The British Legion that was, has now settled on its new name of **The Royall Inn** and dropped the Crown name. The

pub opens at 6pm Mon-Thurs, 5pm Fri and all day Sat & Sun. Three cask beers are available and on a recent visit these were found to be *Arrowhead Extra*, *Royall Canadian* and *Bidford Ale*.

Broom

It's exciting news from **The Broom Tavern**, following an unsuccessful (at the time) local battle to save the pub. After being closed for a long period with a very uncertain future and the prospect of being turned into residential property, and following an extensive makeover concentrating on all aspects of the building fabric and interiors, the freehouse pub reopened its doors in mid April under the guidance of Fritz Ronneburg and Richard Walton, both experienced chefs. They have an international background and have settled on the Broom Tavern to showcase their skills. They are keen to use as many local suppliers as possible to provide a simple but good quality menu in this 50+ cover establishment. On a recent visit *Sharps Doom Bar* and *Charles Well's Bombardier* were available and following on their own named beer *Old Beggarly* after the famous local drinking rhyme by Shakespeare. Also available were *Hogans* full range of cider. We wish Richard and Fritz every success in this new venture.

Salford Priors

Things at **The Bell** continue to go from strength to strength they now run a regular quiz on Sunday nights starting at 8:30 pm, free to enter and a prize of £25 worth of vouchers to spend at the pub. Also still serving all 3 cask ales *Wye Valley HPA*, *Wickwar BOB* and *Sharps Doom Bar*

Evesham

Even more good news on the pub scene this month as we hear that the **Railway** is now back in business following a short closure after the previous landlord retired.

Now at the helm are Tanya & James who would like to welcome you and offer draught cider and up to three real ales including *St Austell Tribute* along with fresh home cooked good food.

Great Alne

Mother Huff Cap, Usually 3 cask beers such as *Pedigree*, *Hobsons Bitter* and maybe a specially badged beer from *Brakspear*. Food is served all day every day (not Sunday evening) and bus 26 passes the door. There is an ample car park and a sunny garden.

Alcester

Cross Keys *Abbot Ale* is always on handpump and there is live music most weekends. The pub opens at 4pm Mon-Fri and all day Sat/Sun.

Wixford

The Three Horseshoes which has seen a period of uncertainty reopened its doors in mid April, after repairing the building after vandalism with some experienced landlords at the helm. Dawn Greenway & Richard Yardley formerly of **No.7 Stratford** are bringing their experience to this country local, aiming to serve good quality and value food from local suppliers. At the time after a successful opening night, *London Pride*, *Timothy Taylor Landlord* and *Purity Ubu* were available, they have also added real cider - *Hogan's Pickers Passion*, *Hazy Daisy* and to come *Panking Pole* on hand pull. They are already planning events the first on August Bank Holiday, they will be running a three day music and beer festival (up to 20 beers and five ciders) in aid of the air ambulance charity. We wish them every success in this new opening.

Iron Cross

The Queens Head After a period of closure the pub reopened in March 2013

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Pub News...

with landlady Wendy at the helm. The first 3 cask beers were *Old Speckled Hen*, *Bombardier* and *Doom Bar* and the pub is open all day every day with food served at lunchtimes and evenings. We wish Wendy and her team every success.

Ratley

Since our last edition it's good news from Ratley - **The Rose and Crown** has been saved and taken on by Dawn & Sharon at the beginning of March. This lovely country pub boasts five real ales and lovely inglenook roaring fireplaces serving



The Rose and Crown

up excellent home cooked foods. Wishing them every success.

Wootton Wawen

The Bulls Head saw new landlord Dave arrive in April 2013, this joins two other pubs under the same management. These are the **Waterman's Arms**, Stourport and the **Gardener's Arms** in Droitwich. On a recent visit the cask beers were found to be *Marstons Pedigree* and *Banks's Original* and this choice will be extended from the Marstons Breweries list as demand increases. There are handpumps for five beers. Food is served all day every day and an hourly bus service X20 between Stratford and Birmingham stops nearby.

Staying in Wootton Wawen - **The Navigation** where you can find a pint of *Ruddles County* on handpump together with an ever changing beer which has

included *Atom Gold* from the Cottage Brewery. The pub is on the A3400 and adjacent to the canal marina. May to September sees the pub open all day every day. At weekends it is open all day whatever the season and food is served all sessions. Live jazz occurs some Mondays and bus X20 stops hourly in the village during the day.

Tiddington

The Crown Three or four cask beers are normally available and on a recent visit these were found to be *Hobgoblin*, *Doom Bar* and *North Cotswold Windrush Ale*. The pub is open at lunchtime and evenings Mon-Thurs and all day at weekends.

Welford-on-Avon

The Shakespeare Inn is alive and well. The doors were re-opened on the 6th April



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2013 by William Binley, he has managed bars and pubs before but this is his first time as licensee. This a welcome opening as the pub shut without little warning. After being closed for five months, we learn that the approach will be a simple ale house with uncomplicated food to follow once the kitchen refurbishment is complete - watch out for fish & chip night! Currently serving *Sharps Doom Bar* and *Charles Wells Bombardier* and should be in tip top shape as he is in the process of completing the Cask Marque accreditation. We wish William and his team every success.

Offenham

After what seems like an ever repeating phrase of "an uncertain future" Former GBG entry **The Bridge** is under new management which has been taken on as a fourth pub by **Wheatsheaf/Round of Gras/The Bear** (Evesham) licensee. This is

good news as under previous management on an evening visit in the winter the branch arrived to find the pub closed.

Redhill

Once more we see the **The Stag** close its doors after a short spell under new management. It's not all doom and gloom as it appears the builders are in and busy... so hopefully for September we should have good news.

Further afield...

Hook Norton

Having been an avid reader of *Shakesbeer* during the two years he was General Manager of the **Howard Arms** in Ilmington, Quentin Creese is looking forward to browsing the pages of *Beer on Tap* since taking over at the **Pear Tree Inn** in Hook Norton. He took the tenancy of this

North Oxon pub (effectively the Brewery Tap) in April this year and thereby became his own boss. The pub is open all day every day and Quentin wishes a warm welcome to all customers and especially to readers of both these CAMRA mags.

Worcester

Well known local landlord Nigel Smith of **The Fleece**, Bretforton has taken on the challenge of resurrecting the **Cardinals Hat** after a short spell of being closed. He hopes to build up a good trade of regulars and tourists. The pub is Grade II listed and comes with a lovely wooden interior.



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On top of this they have gone on to support events in the community such as the village community orchard. Furthermore Steve and Di have further shown their commitment to the real ale cause by becoming the newest members of Shakespeare CAMRA branch.

Being one of two pubs in the village, this pub has become a thriving hub serving up three consistent ales with a good staple regular and two changing guests which are chosen in a novel and unique way by the patrons! So if you're lucky enough to be in ordering a real ale, you could be asked to help choose the next few months' ales from a premier cask list supplied by the pub co.

Di and Steve also gave credit to Neil, their cellar man who keeps the beers in excellent condition, ensuring a plentiful supply which was evident during the presentation evening where beer sales were very brisk, while maintaining a high quality.

So once again Shakespeare CAMRA would like to take this opportunity to thank the team at the Coach and Horses for hosting a great presentation evening and wish them all continued success on a great community pub.



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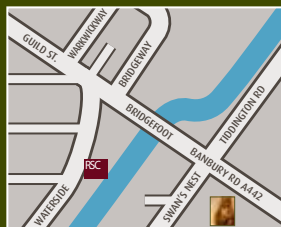


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Shakespeare CAMRA Pub of the Year x2!

Congratulations this year go to not one but two pubs, the choice was such that we were unable to separate an overall winner. Shakespeare CAMRA is blessed with close to 200 pubs in its area across Warwickshire and Worcestershire and so we have to look for those extra special things that make them stand out. As our branch is spread over the two counties we have opted this year for a "Pub of the Year" for each.

It comes at a price, having two winners as we have to make extra visits to the pubs, ah such is life I suppose, there are worse passions in life!

It was a busy night at the **Swan's Nest**, Stratford-upon-Avon on the 22nd April when the Shakespeare branch members met to present the **Bear Freehouse** with Shakespeare joint Branch Pub of the Year award for 2013.

The night coincided with the Manchester United v Aston Villa match which saw the

Simon Taylor, previously had similar experience just outside our branch and was well suited to raise the profile of the freehouse. During the next couple of years The Bear was reviewed by many of our branch members on beer quality and atmosphere, and nominated the pub to be given their current G&B status. Simon and the whole team manage an excellent range of beers, of a wide spectrum of styles, which are always kept in excellent condition. He is also keen to

hear your views on what you may like to be seen as the next beer line-up. It was with great pride that Lloyd presented Simon and the team, their certificate for The Shakespeare Warwickshire

Area Pub of the Year and joint Branch Pub of the Year award for 2013, neither of which had been previously awarded to The Bear.

The Bear now goes forward into the next round of judging of all the pubs nominated within Warwickshire county and if successful will then go forward to the West Midlands regional finalists. We



wish them all the best every success.

Moving on to our Worcestershire Pub of the Year, we have come back to an old favourite **The Fleece** (run by Nigel Smith) which is not a stranger to this award most recently having been awarded this in 2009 and 2011. The Fleece at Bretforton, being such an historic establishment dating back to the 17th century, is oozing charm and character and it is this that gave us great pleasure to make a double presentation as The Fleece has been awarded a place in CAMRA's Britains best real heritage pubs, which highlights hidden gems, along with Worcestershire Branch Pub of the Year.

There is always something going on at the pub and between folk nights, vintage car rallies, festivals and shindigs, we were amazed that he managed to fit us in for a presentation at all. And above everything else there is always a good, interesting range of beers including the long term favourite **Uley Pigs Ear**. Keeping a good variety of beers and in good condition doesn't come by accident and plays a big part in these awards.

It just remains for us to wish Nigel and his team every continued success with their winning formula.



venue busy with supporters of football and local CAMRA members plus some members from outside our branch. At half time our Branch Chairman, Lloyd Evans, described how the road to the award had started some years previously when General Manager, Neil Hanson, was recruiting for the position of Bar Manager at The Bear. The successful candidate,

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Brewery & Cider News

Wye Valley



Brewery chairman wins prestigious industry award

We are very pleased to announce that Peter Amor, founder of Wye Valley Brewery, has been awarded the 'SIBA (Society for Independent Brewers) Silver Tankard Award' for 'Outstanding Contribution to the UK Brewing Industry'.



Peter has been part of the British brewing industry for 48 years, starting in 1964 at Guinness's Park Royal Brewery. By 1979, Peter and his family had moved to Hereford, where he took on the role of distribution manager at H P Bulmer. Peter left Bulmer's in 1985 to establish Wye Valley Brewery and became landlord of **The Barrels** pub in Hereford.

Over the last 25 years The Barrel's has raised over £250,000 for charity through its annual charity beer festival. It has also been host to several SIBA Wales & West Beer Competitions, including the first SIBA national Keg Beer Competition in 2011.

Peter was one of SIBA's earliest members and became chairman in 2007. He helped it become the modern professional organisation it is today through formulating its aims and policies, and appointing its first full time

chief executive. After his 3 year term, Peter continued to work for SIBA as a trustee of the Wales & West region. In the late 1980s, Peter started brewing *HPA* (Hereford Pale Ale) – a beer which has won numerous CAMRA awards, and was, at the time, one of the first of its kind. HPA is now the brewery's best-selling beer. *Dorothy Goodbody's Wholesome Stout* has also been an extremely popular beer, winning the CAMRA Champion Winter Beer of Britain in 2002, and CAMRA Champion Bottle-Conditioned Beer of Britain in 2008.

Brewery launches a brand new beer, using a brand new local hop

Dorothy Goodbody's Bosbury Best is a brand new bottle-conditioned beer, brewed with a brand new hop which has been grown less than 10 miles from the brewery at Townend Farm in Bosbury. Townend Farm is the only grower in Herefordshire to have trialled and produced the variety 'Cascade', a hop which is very new to the UK.

Whale Ale

With so many new breweries opening these days it's nice to be able to report on a new brewery in our own Shakespeare branch area. The brewery based in Brailles started by Tom and Ed Coyte has a set of values which should hopefully see them in good stead for a solid business – "Tasty, Honest Fun products." To start them off they are producing *Pale Whale* 3.6% blond ale and *Ruby Moby* 4% session ale. The guys have undertaken plenty of research by



● Tom and Ed Coyte

working at a number of breweries, large and small, to ensure a quality product. This, of course, is all under the guidance of their strategist Potter who is a three and a half year old Jack Russell Terrier. Whale Ale are making an appearance at most of the local festivals this year including our very own Stratford Beer Festival. We wish them every success with their venture.



Brewery & Cider News

Cannon Royall

Times are a changing for Cannon Royall, 20 years after founding and setting up Cannon Royall Brewery Jim Wonders has called it a day. Glenda and Gerald had hoped for many more years of Jim's expertise and wisdom but respect his wish to step down. Since Gerald and Glenda took over in 2009 Jim has guided, taught and steered them with his wealth of knowledge and expertise. He will be a great loss to the brewery and we wish him well in all his future enterprises.



● Glenda and Jim

Purity

Purity's 1.5 million pound brewery expansion is almost complete now and should be on the go by late summer. The final equipment is going into place with this fabulous looking German built Brau Kon semi-automatic kit to bolster their production to 140,000 pints a week to add to the already brewed 14 million pints!



Hogans HOGAN'S CIDER

Our local cider producer Hogan's goes from strength to strength – shipments are leaving Haselor for countries all across the world! The last few weeks have seen shipments leaving for Finland, Russia, the USA, Hawaii and Hong Kong. The Finnish delivery will make its way to 22 different outlets as part of a festival.

We also learn that Hogan's is producing a cider for Peterborough based Oakam Ales, this is to be called *Oaple* derived from the merging of the words 'Oakham' and 'Apple'. New Oaple has a 5.8% A.B.V. and is one hundred per cent English. Made from English cider apples with a hint of freshly pressed Bramleys, Oakham is producing 10,000 litres of Oaple which will be available from May 2013.



Locale CAMRA LOCAP News

Following on from our Locale feature in Shakesbeer Spring 2013 we will be keeping you up to date on the most recent Locale accredited pubs

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Festival NEWS

GLOUCESTER

A few of our members where lucky enough to attend the 1st Gloucester CAMRA beer festival. News is that it was a resounding success selling out by Saturday lunch time. This was followed up with emergency supplies to quench thirsts. A very good attempt for a first festival overwhelmed by demand.

KIDDERMINSTER

A very successful festival was held with 60 CAMRA volunteers serving a whopping 2500 pints of beer, 300 pints of cider and signing up 34 new CAMRA members. In unused beer tokens a donation of £135 was made to KEMP which is a local hospice. Joint beers of festival, in the order of running out:

Saltire Elderflower Blonde
Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby
Bewdley Sir Keith Park

Cider of the Festival:
Barker's Upsy Daisy Perry



STOURBRIDGE

The ever popular Stourbridge festival was well attended again this year with a sell out on the 2nd night by 7.30pm. Festival goers had managed to get through 90 real ales and nearly 30 ciders. It was a friendly crowd with a busy bar which was fun to work, reports Keith Barker, of Shakespeare CAMRA.

Beers of the festival (from Simon Hanson)

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- 3rd Angel - Bob62
- 4th Craddocks - Saxon Gold



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CAMRA has strongly welcomed Government plans to stop large pub companies damaging Britain's pubs by charging pub licensees high rents alongside inflated beer prices.

A new powerful watchdog will prevent large pub companies from taking excessive profits from their pubs at the expense of licensees and pub goers. The Government is also consulting on introducing "Guest Beer" and "Market Rent Only" options. These would provide the opportunity for licensees to partially or fully opt out of tied arrangements combined with an independently assessed market rent. Mike Benner, CAMRA's Chief Executive, commented:

"It is fantastic news that the Government is pushing ahead with these desperately needed reforms. Introducing Guest Beer and Market Rent Only options will deliver fair

market rents and ensure licensees are able to buy beer at competitive prices. These reforms, coupled with an industry watchdog with real teeth, are urgently needed to help safeguard the future of many thousands of valued community pubs."

"The large pub companies have been given repeated opportunities to deliver effective self regulation but have failed to do so. CAMRA is delighted that after nine years of self regulation failure the Government has decided to act."

"Guest Beer and Market Rent Only options promise to be a major boost for Britain's thriving independent brewery sector as well as the pub sector. Over 1,000 small

Think us Brits have got it bad with beer tax...?

Figures from the French government show that beer accounts for just 16% of alcohol sold. Yet, despite sales from artisan breweries growing at 10%pa, compared with a 5% fall in 'industrial beer' from the multi-nationals - and with many new breweries appearing year on year - the French have increased the tax on beer. Wine producers pay 15 times less than brewers, and the cost per French unit of spirits is cheaper than a unit of beer. The French brewers are indignant and so are the French beer drinkers.

brewers who are currently locked out of supplying local pubs will now be able to make their beers more widely available to pub customers."



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The return venue was set - **The Butchers Arms**, Mickleton.

Luckily it's about taking part as there were some interestingly low scores recorded on the evening on this slightly shorter than normal alley. Additionally Shakespeare CAMRA were a little short on numbers so played with surplus from the hosts.

Shakespeare were fortunate enough to walk away with two prizes of lowest male and female scores, £5 awarded to each, (identities kept a secret to protect honour!)



To fuel the team we must thank the Butchers Arms for a good spread of a warming cottage pie and three ales in fine form available at the bar - *GK Abbot*, *CW Bombardier* and *Purity UBU*.

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The Barley Mow

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The Barley Mow is a cumulative song celebrated in the traditions of English folk music and beer. William Chappell transcribed the lyrics in his two-volume work *Popular Music of the Olden Time* (1855), saying that in Herefordshire (did he never visit Warwickshire or Worcestershire, may I ask?) the song was “frequently sung by the countrymen in ale-houses after their daily labour”. And I bet they drank a few pints of beer as well!

It can be a sung as a drinking challenge song. Participants have a gulp of drink just after singing the second line in each verse (“Good luck to the barley mow”). Any participant who fails to sing the song’s (progressively expanding) refrain in a single breath must drink his tankard down, as you do at the end if you have any beer left!

I probably don’t need to tell you that a barley mow is a stack (mow) of barley and that barley is the grain that is commonly malted for brewing beer. The verses of “The Barley Mow” wish good luck to various sizes of vessels of alcoholic beverages. Later verses supplement this list with roles and occupations associated with beer, from brewing, to distribution, to serving in public houses, to drinking. According to Cecil Sharp, the famous folk song & dance collector (1859 to 1924), the song has numerous variations. This is one version... The 12 terms between landlord and round bowl are English units used to measure the volume of alcoholic beverages. These are sung in descending order from largest (barrel) to smallest (brown bowl). Brown bowl (sometimes sung “round bowl”) indicates either a humble, wooden bowl, or a person’s hands cupped together into the shape of a bowl. Strictly, a gill is 5 fluid ounces, a half gill is 2.5, a quarter gill 1.25, a nipperkin 0.625 and a brown bowl is hardly anything at all!

As you can see, it’s quite a tongue-twister of a

First verse & refrain...

Here’s good luck to the pint pot
Good luck to the barley mow
Jolly good luck to the pint pot
Good luck to the barley mow
Oh the pint pot, half a pint, gill
pot, half a gill, quarter gill,
nipperkin, and a brown bowl
Here’s good luck (good luck!),
good luck to the barley mow

Second verse & refrain...

Now here’s good luck to the quart
pot
Good luck to the barley mow
Jolly good luck to the quart pot
Good luck to the barley mow
Oh the quart pot, pint pot, half a
pint, gill pot, half a gill, quarter
gill, nipperkin, and a brown bowl
Here’s good luck (good luck!),
good luck to the barley mow



Numerous verses later, this last stanza and refrain conclude this version of the song, final verse...

Now here’s good luck to the
company
Good luck to the barley mow
Jolly good luck to the company
Good luck to the barley mow
Oh, the company, brewer, bookie
(or cooper), slavey, drayer,
daughter, landlady, landlord,
barrel, half-barrel, gallon,
half-gallon, quart pot, pint pot,
half pint, gill pot, half gill,
quarter gill, nipperkin, and a
brown bowl
Here’s good luck (good luck!),
good luck to the barley mow



● The Barley Mow, Newbold-on-Avon
(left) and Studley (right)

song, only attempted by singers with a prestigious memory. Personally, I’ve never attempted it but I have occasionally heard it sung with the singer adding the names of people in the audience as extra verses – now that’s quite a feat!

I’ve never actually been to the two

Barley Mow pubs near us – one in **Studley** and the other in **Newbold-on-Avon**. Has anyone ever heard the song sung there? If not, you could learn it and give it a try – you might be the first ever person to do it there and the landlord might give you a free pint for a year! Well, you never know!

If you want to hear (and join in with!) such traditional songs being sung try the following places:-

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Beer Belly is a myth

The “beer belly” is a myth as there is no scientific evidence to suggest that the beverage causes weight gain, a new report claims. In fact beer, the country’s national drink, has nutritional and wellbeing benefits similar to wine when consumed in moderation, it says.

Nutritionist Dr Kathryn O’Sullivan, who carried out the scientific review, believes that swapping beverages for beer may actually be a sensible way to diet.

Although the industry-sponsored research may seem incredible to some it in fact adds to an emerging body of thought that the beer belly is a myth.

Beer has fewer calories per 100ml than wine, spirits, and even orange juice, it is claimed.

“Unfortunately beer has this image as a high-calorie, high-fat drink,” Dr O’Sullivan said. *“It is very unfair.”*

The report “Beer & calories; a scientific review” points out that the drink contains vitamins, fibre, and antioxidants and

minerals such as silicon which may help to lower your risk of osteoporosis.

Dr O’Sullivan argues there is growing scientific support that moderate consumption of beer can be associated with health benefits.

She argues rather than detoxing we need to be more “consumer aware” at managing alcohol consumption all year round. *“Beer drinking in Britain has become regarded by many as a vice and not a component of a healthy balanced lifestyle. But this is contrary to the latest scientific evidence,”* she said.

“Enjoyed in moderation, beer, like wine, can provide many essential vitamins and minerals and moderate consumption may also protect against many conditions such as

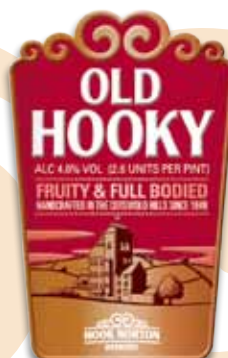
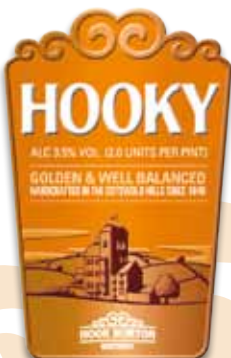
heart disease, osteoporosis and diabetes.” Professor Arne Astrup, Head of The Department of Human Nutrition at The University of Copenhagen, Denmark, has also previously stated that there is no concrete scientific evidence to support the idea of the “beer belly”.



● **Shakesbeer stalwart Jim Sargeant enjoys one of his ‘five a day’ as part of his calorie controlled diet**

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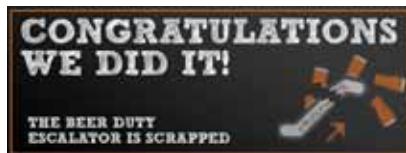
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Beer Duty Escalator Win

Claims that the Government's scrapping of the beer duty escalator and the historic cut in beer tax are illegal have been rejected. After the Budget the Wine and Spirit Trade Association (WSTA) condemned the Chancellor for his support of pubs and the cutting of beer tax.

A disgruntled WSTA chief executive Miles Beale said: "It makes little sense to single out beer, particularly as there is a (European Union) legal precedent to suggest Government is unable to do so." Now, the Government has rejected criticism that the success of the campaign to scrap the beer duty was illegal and should be revoked. Treasury minister Sajid Javid has made

it clear the Government's decision to reduce duty on beer, but not other alcoholic drinks, did not breach EU rules. In response to a House of Commons written question from Labour MP Tom Blenkinsop he said the law requires duty on average strength beer and wine to be broadly similar, which following the Budget, remains the case across the UK. "The average strength of wine has been



"...the Government has rejected criticism that the success of the campaign to scrap the beer duty was illegal and should be revoked..."

increasing in recent years and per unit of alcohol the duty on wine has increased by less than the duty on beer," said Javid.

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JULY

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13th

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8th - 5pm to 11pm, 9th & 10th 11am to 11pm

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17th

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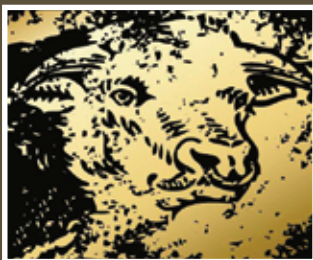
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