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From the Editor...



The clock is ticking down towards the 13th Stratford-upon-Avon Beer and Cider Festival on the 21st and 22nd of June.

This edition of Shakesbeer hopes to bring you up to speed on everything that will be happening on that weekend. Music, food and of course beer, not forgetting cider. Thanks to everyone who bring it all together. Special thanks go to Jason Norledge for his hard work organising the whole Festival for yet another year on top of his other

roles within the Branch. It is not too late for members to volunteer to help, from Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th setting up. Friday and Saturday before and during the sessions and Sunday 23rd for taking down. Details can be found at festival.staffing@shakespeare.camra.org.uk. There is no musical offering from Alan Whitbread in this edition as he is unwell. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and hope for a speedy recovery.

...and finally

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CHURCHEND BREWERY, Nuneaton have introduced a new brew called *Shakesbeer* a tribute to our Branch and Newsletter in recognition of the valuable work we do promoting all aspects of the brewing industry. Probably...



Keep on drinking, Bernard

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Are you interested in joining your local Shakespeare CAMRA committee? We would like to hear from you if you could help us to help our local members.

Do you have a few spare moments during the week when you could help our local committee with organising social events, or could you assist in gathering news or assist publishing this magazine by being part of our editorial team. What about liaising with the local landlords and pubs within our branch? If so we would like to hear from you however much time you can spare in any capacity. **Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to join:** chair@shakespeare.camra.org.uk

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Wednesday, 10th July, 8pm, at THE PLOUGH, Stretton-on-Fosse

(A full list of future meetings can be found in the CAMRA Members Section)

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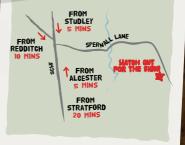
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Pub News & Beer Reports...

Alcester The TURKS HEAD

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Bretforton

THE FLEECE

THE FLEECE has been named as the best pub in Britain by the Bristol-based travel guide Sawdays. It scored top marks for its cosy atmosphere, vast array of local beers and cider and gutsy, hearty food offerings.



Harvington COACH AND HORSES

Selected as Branch pub of the year for Worcestershire. Star Pubs website shows that the pub is up for lease, as licensees Steve and Di are retiring in July.



Honeybourne The Thatched Tavern

"Lease this Pub" sign has gone up outside this pub. Kevin Donegan is relinquishing the lease to concentrate on the **INN AND** Beer Drinker, Reader or CAMRA Member - the reports and short stories below all come from people like yourself, so if you find yourself in one of our wonderful pubs, feel free to drop us a note about anything you think should be in this section! editor@shakespeare.camra.org.uk



BRASSERIE in Childswickham. Kevin has held the lease from Punch Taverns and now Heineken Star Pubs and Bars for the last 11 years with various managers in place.

limington The red lion

At **THE RED LION** in Ilmington the four handpumps dispense *Hooky, Old Hooky, Hooky Gold* and a seasonal such as *Double Stout* or *Beehave*. Landlord Andy at front of house keeps his beers in tiptop condition whilst Dee cooks delicious food. There is a huge garden for a relaxing summertime visit and an open log fire for warming you in winter. The pub opens at 4pm on Mondays and 12 noon the rest of the week. On Saturdays breakfasts from 10 am are popular and a good menu is available lunchtimes and evenings (not Mondays). Real cider is available too.

23 Beers of Shipston

Following a visit to the excellent Worcester Pub Beer Festival in March which featured 12 pubs within walking distance of the bus station, this reporter decided to make a survey of Shipston beers. On one day in April (2019) he counted 23 ales in the 7 pubs and all 23 were different!

The **COACH & HORSES** on the A3400 had four from *Hook Norton*,

including Amarillo Gold, plus a guest from Batemans called St George's Glory. At **THE HORSESHOE** two handpumps dispensed Wye Valley HPA and Purity Mad Goose. The delicious Shagweaver from nearby North Cotswold Brewery is also often available too. Old Rosie is the regular real cider.

Across the road at THE WHITE

BEAR the three usual *Donnington ales* were on handpump together with *Spring Hopper* from *Arkells*. Two real ciders are available namely *Old Rosie* and *Flat*





Tyre. Almost next door is **THE GEORGE TOWNHOUSE** and here the two regular beers of *Brakspear Bitter* and *Oxford Gold* were joined by *Wainwright* now brewed by *Marstons*.

Around the corner and back on Church Street (A3400) is **THE FALCON** which has three handpumps. *St Austell Tribute* is always available and the ever changing two others were serving *Greene King IPA* and *Laine's Dubloon*. Apparently, the pub name is soon to change back to **THE**

WHITE HORSE.

Diagonally opposite and close to the bus stop is Shipston's first micro pub **THE THIRST EDITION**. A blackboard notice proclaimed that since opening at Easter 2018 the pub had sold 240 different beers with a further 53 repeats. This total has included the whole range from nearby *North Cotswold Brewery* at Ditchford and the whole range of *Clouded Minds Brewery* in Brailes. The micro pub opens at 4pm during the week and 3pm Saturday/ Sunday. Ten casks are racked on stillage





and from these four or five are served every day. Also five ciders and perries are kept.

Finally a 200 yard walk along Station Road took me to the thatched **BLACK HORSE**. Licensed since 1540 this is Shipston's oldest pub and has four handpumps. Regulars are *Prescott Hill Climb* and *Wye Valley Butty Bach* plus *Hogan's Harvest Press* cider and the fourth handpump was dispensing *Cotleigh Amadeus*. Bus service 50 to Shipston from Stratford runs hourly (two hourly Sundays) and takes 25 minutes. Last return bus 1850.

Conclusion...

It is good to see such a large choice of ales and all different. Real ale is evidently much in demand in Shipston and other places in the Branch at present and this reporter can only rejoice in what has happened in his 50 years of sampling. Whilst living in the Warwickshire village of Newbold-on-Avon in the late 60s his





two locals were **THE BOAT** serving Davenports Bitter and **THE BARLEY MOW** serving Draught Bass both served by handpump. The words real ale and cask conditioned had to wait to be introduced when CAMRA was born a few years later but he was fortunate to find agreeable beer in both pubs. Many pubs elsewhere were keg only. Alas in recent years **THE BOAT** has closed its doors.

Jim Sargent

Festival 2019 - Music

Saturday entertainment starts at 2:00pm with Lucas D and the Groove Ghetto

They are a 6-piece instrumental Acid Jazz Outfit playing eclectic tunes from the 60/70s right up to contemporary jazz funk. Performed by Birmingham's best musicians creating a groove that captivates an audience. Playing till 4:00pm. Founded in February 2012 in the back streets of Harborne, the band is a coming together of mainly two groups who have collaborated in sessions with each other over the years as part of the music fraternity around Birmingham and the West Midlands.

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With appearances at major festivals and top-quality venues, the band has a wealth of experience and all cut their teeth with established musicians and collectives in many genres of music.







Saturday entertainment continues at 5:00pm with **Steve Ajao and his Blues Giants**

Steeped in the Blues and Jazz all his life, Birmingham guitarist Steve Ajao and his Blues Giants (Mike Hatton – Bass, and former Au Pairs drummer Pete 'Washboard' Hammond) have been amazing audiences for nearly 30 years and Steve is regarded by many as one of the hottest Blues guitarists in the UK. Despite being widely known in the Midlands, in a broader national and international context, he remains one of Birmingham's undiscovered talents and as far back as the 1980s, legendary Blues man and broadcaster the late Alexis Korner was hailing Steve as a huge talent with an international future. Close your eyes one moment and you'd think you were listening to a band direct from the Mississippi Delta, and the next, to Jimi Hendrix. Few players around offer this kind of guitar genius and this powerhouse three piece remains an absolutely must-see act, especially when the band wander off, New Orleans marching band style, and mingle with the crowd while playing Number Nine!







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27th - 29th June

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Bromsgrove Beer and Cider Festival at the Rugby Club

10th July Branch Meeting at **THE PLOUGH** at Stretton

19th - 21st July 43rd Annual Cotswold Beer Festival at Postlip Hall

11th - 13th July 44th Wolverhampton Beer and Cider Festival Newhampton Arts Centre

disability, disease or infirmity as aforesaid and particularly into the care and treatment of persons suffering from cancer or terminal illness and to disseminate the results thereof to the public.

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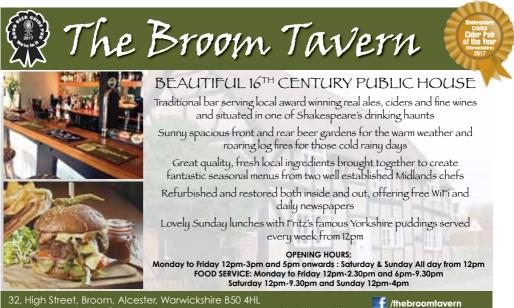


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Cotswold Beer Festival

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The Saturday all day ticket (12pm to 9pm) is a time to bring all the family – under 18 year-olds go free. We sold out last year, so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. There will

be face-painting, a bouncy castle, Morris dancing and more. For those who want a relaxed summer evening at the Festival there's a Saturday Evening only ticket (4.30pm – 9pm). Our Sunday ticket give you a risk-free introduction to the Festival, entry and buses are free – although you will need to buy a souvenir glass if you want a pint! Its a lucky-dip day of beers, ciders and perries - some will have sold out, but there is plenty on offer.

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The CAMRA LocAle scheme was created in 2007 by CAMRA's Nottingham branch which wanted to help support the tradition of brewing within Nottinghamshire, following the demise of local brewer Hardys and Hansons. 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. Below are our most recent locale conscriptors and so you should be able to track down a pint of beer produced with 30 miles of that pub.

Everyone benefits from local pubs stocking locally-brewed real ale...

- Public houses as stocking local real ales can increase pub visits
- Consumers who enjoy greater beer choice and diversity
- Local brewers who gain from increased sales
- The local economy because more money is spent and retained locally
- The environment due to fewer 'beer miles' resulting in less road congestion and pollution
- Tourism due to an increased sense of local identity and pride let's celebrate what makes our locality different

Accreditation is at the sole discretion of the local CAMRA branch and subject to the licensee agreeing to the following...

- That they will endeavour to ensure at least one locally brewed real ale, as defined by the local branch, is on sale at all times
- Only real ale, as defined by CAMRA, can be promoted as a CAMRA LocAle
- Where the standard of real ale sold falls below an acceptable quality, accreditation will be withdrawn
- That accreditation can be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the local branch
- That should accreditation be withdrawn, or should the licensee withdraw from the scheme, all LocAle publicity material must be removed from the pub and the licensee cease using the CAMRA LocAle logo.

Definition of Local

The Sustainable Communities Act, which CAMRA strongly supports, provides a definition of local as up to 30 miles from the point of sale. CAMRA recommends that the distance is calculated from the pub to the brewery and should be based on the shortest driving distance. Real ales from regional and national breweries as well as from microbreweries can be regarded as "local" if they are brewed within what the branch has decided as being the local area.

How do I find a LocAle Pub?

Pubs which have been given LocAle status by their local CAMRA branch can display the LocAle sticker on their windows/doors. The stickers have the year for which they have been accredited as LocAle pubs by their branch. They may also have posters up in the pub and on the pumps that are serving locally brewed beers there will be LocAle pump clip crowners.

To find a locale accredited pub in this area see the branch website and look for the http://www.shakespearecamra.org. uk/rainshc/

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