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Heart of
Warwickshire

Harbury Beer Festival

Yes, it's that time of year again! We will be sticking to our tried and tested formula of getting unusual beers in, keeping them well, and inviting all of you to come and drink them for us!

The key dates are Friday and Saturday 3rd and 4th September. The times are 5.30pm on Friday until 11.30pm (last admission 11pm). On Saturday we open at 11.30am – 4pm; then again at 6pm -11.30pm (last admission 11pm). We are of course always grateful for anyone who is prepared to help in any capacity at the festival, even if just for a couple of hours, you do not need to be a CAMRA member. The staffing form is on page 23.

The venue as always is Harbury Village Hall. We have Hereburgh Morris dancing during the Saturday lunchtime and by popular demand we have Clive John back again to provide the entertainment for Saturday evening. Also as last year, the admission package to include a festival glass, programme and beer tokens is £10.

For those who wish to use public transport the Stagecoach number 64 runs hourly between Leamington Spa and Rugby, stopping outside Harbury Village Hall. Full details are available on the Warwickshire Council website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/busroutefinder.

Beers of all types from mild to barley wine and stouts to pale ales will be available from all parts of the country. The theme this year is



“jobs and professions” also known as “Skills on Tap” and the little tale from the Wild West overleaf will give you some idea of what to look out for!

[John Crossling]



For LOCALE information please see page 18

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A Wild West (of Warwickshire) tale

One day a young **Wrangler** rode in to town; the **Sheriff** kept a close eye on him. He had already had to throw a **Trapper**, **Lumberjack** and a **Hunter** out of town and he was wondering if this young lad was going to have to join them.

The lad went in the bar and asked the **Innkeeper** for a glass of the local **Brewer's** finest. "You mean **Brewster's** finest – we do things a little different round these parts!" replied the **Taverner**. "What you in town for?" "My boss has sent me to find an **Apprentice** to help me on the ranch" "Not much call for them round here as our **Farmers** keep sheep." We can help you with a **Shepherd** and a **Woolpacker**."

The **Barmaid** poured the lad another beer. "How about a **Drover** or a **Blacksmith**?" "fraid not." Just then the **Coachman** pulled up outside and the **Mayor** the **Banker** and the **Judge** got out and came inside. On hearing about the conversation they explained they had just got back from the next valley where some **Miners** had struck it rich and had called in the services of a **Tinner** and a **Stone Cutter** but nothing that will help the young ranch hand. "Well, thank you kindly; I guess I'll be heading back but I had best pick up some supplies

before I leave. Can you point me to your **Baker** and your **Shoemaker** and **Saddler**?" "Sure thing partner, you'll find them if you turn right just past the **Farrier**."

The **Landlady** appeared, upon hearing the tale from her husband, the **Landlord**, she mused that she had never wanted to be a **Dancer** in a god forsaken town like this. She felt she had been meant for finer things like an **Artist** or a **Poet** but it was not to be.

Well at least the Sheriff was happy it had been a quiet day and he had not had need of the **Vicar** or the **Undertaker** for a change!

[John Crossling]

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Budget Might Look Good, But...

At first glance the news from the budget might seem good, or at least not as bad as feared, for drinkers. There will be no rise in alcohol duties, and Alistair Darling's cider tax will be scrapped.

But now the bad news. Drinkers will be hit by the increase in VAT from 17.5% to 20%, and there will still be a 2% above inflation rise in alcohol duty between April 2011 & April 2015.

Mike Benner, Chief Executive of CAMRA, commented "This historically sad moment for the nation's 15 million pub goers is compounded by the knowledge that this increase will cause yet more well-run community pubs to shut their doors unless the Government acts. Relentless tax increases on the nation's pubs are contributing to pub closures, job losses and a decline in community spirit."

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Champion Beer of Warwickshire

The Champion Beer of Warwick competition, which is now becoming an annual event, will this year be held at the Merchants Inn, Rugby, after being held at the Newbold Comyn Arms in the recent past. The competition consists of all brewers in Warwickshire being invited to nominate one of their own brews to compete for the championship.

The competition will run throughout the month of July, with the schedule as follows:

Monday 5th July - week 1 featuring the first six brewers

Monday 12th July - week 2 featuring the second six brewers

Monday 19th July - week 3 featuring the first three from the previous two weeks.

The presentation will be on Wednesday 28th July.

The tasting will be blind, with all customers invited to enter and voting



slips issued at the bar. The breweries submitting a beer for the competition are:

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The Slaughterhouse Brewery Ltd today (21 June 2010) confirms discussions are ongoing with Everards Brewery which will lead to the acquisition and development of its first public house in Warwick. In addition they are pleased to announce the creation of 'The Wild Boar Pub Company Limited', which has been formed by current brewery directors Steve Ridgway and Peter Knell together with Mr Nick Wormauld former proprietor of The Newbold Comyn Arms in Leamington Spa.

Warwick's only independent brewer is dedicated to the creation of fine high quality hand crafted traditional beers and ales and is committed to creating a business which looks to the present and future needs of an ever changing market place.

Steve Ridgway, the Slaughterhouse Brewery Ltd's Managing Director said "We are naturally excited that we are on the threshold of securing our first public house having considered a number of potential sites over the past eighteen months. Our first pub will showcase not only our own ales but will allow us to develop reciprocal trading arrangements with many like minded small brewers throughout the region."

It is intended that the pub will feature up to 10 real ales available either on hand pull or free flow dispense and become a focus for real ale enthusiasts throughout the midlands. Peter added "We are looking at a number of exciting initiatives including the possibility of on site brewing and the development of a 'Beer Hall' where regular beer festivals can be held."

The Slaughterhouse Brewery is renowned for its Saddleback Bitter which is widely available around the Warwick area. The Company's strongest ale, Wild Boar at 5.2% ABV, was voted Champion Beer of Warwickshire 2007.

The Directors believe that once negotiations are concluded, development of the premises will be undertaken leading to an anticipated opening of the business by mid to late September. Nick stated that "We hope to be in a position to make further announcements in the next few weeks" and pointed out that initial updates. will be posted on the brewery website, www.slaughterhousebrewery.com.

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Half Crown Breeze into Europe as England's Club Champions

The Half Crown Pétanque Club, who are based at The Crown Inn Stockton, went in force to Burnham in Buckinghamshire on Sunday 18th April to contest the semi-final and final of the English Club Championship, the winners of which will represent England in the European Cup for Clubs.

The semi-final, played in the morning, was against Tovil PC and the Half Crown had a shaky start in the opening two triples games being 0-6 down in one and 0-3 down in the other. However, they rallied round and eventually won both games – 13-9 and 13-5 and then went on to win all three second round pairs games – 13-0, 13-1 and 13-6 to win the match convincingly 5-0 and move into the final. In the afternoon the Half Crown played Meadows PC, former winners of this competition, in the final and won the opening triples fairly easily 13-7 and 13-6. The first of the second round pairs went to Meadows PC 7-13, but the other two Half Crown pairs played well and secured victory with 13-7 and 13-10 wins to take the match and the championship

4-1. The Half Crown now face a first round tie in the European Cup on July 31/August 1 in Denmark against the club champions from Denmark and Finland. If they win this round, the second round tie in October will be at home



John Emberton, Chairman – far right, with the victorious Half Crown Squad

Club Chairman, John Emberton, said "I'm really proud of the team and our travelling supporters – it's been a tough qualifying competition against all the top teams from around the country. Many of our players have contributed along the way in addition to the eight that represented us on Sunday. It will be a real honour to represent England in the European Cup and we will travel to Denmark with a realistic chance of becoming the first British club to progress into Round 2 of the competition".



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A Day Beer Tasting in Birmingham

On Thursday the 13th June, two Heart of Warwickshire Branch members set off to visit a few pubs in Birmingham City Centre, all of which can be found in the 2010 CAMRA Good Beer Guide, by taking the train. We planned to meet up with an old pal of mine from Woodville in Derbyshire at midday at The Old Joint Stock, adjacent to St Phillip's Cathedral.

Having missed our intended train; there was a queue at the cash machine on the way to the station, we were pleased to discover that travelling from Leamington Spa to Birmingham gives you the option of New Street, Moor Street and Snow Hill all on the same ticket. A quick look at our intended itinerary suggested the one to Snow Hill was nearest to our first planned pub, and would keep us on schedule.

Leaving Snow Hill we walked right along Colmore Row, crossed thro' the Cathedral grounds and into the pub on Temple Row West. **The Old Joint Stock** is a Fuller's pub which was built in 1864 as a Bank, first for the Birmingham Joint Stock Bank; hence its name, and secondly as a Branch of Lloyds. It is a Grade Two listed building which also houses the Old Joint Stock Theatre on the second floor. www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk You enter the pub through huge front doors, into a vast room with an imposing glass domed ceiling.

The bar is an island in the centre, from which ten beers were being dispensed. Eight of these were from the Fuller's stable and two local beers, one each from Warwickshire Beer Co and Birds from Worcestershire. Between us we sampled eight of these. My personal favourite was the George Gale Festival, at 4.8% abv and yet still a mild?? More info on the pub can be found at www.fullers.co.uk

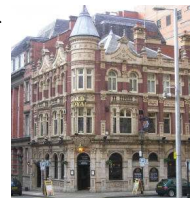


Next was **The Wellington** which sits back to back with the Old Joint Stock, and was accessed from the rear of the pub. www.thewellingtonrealale.co.uk Inside there are 16 beers available on handpump, five being house regulars and the rest guests from around the country. All are listed both on a blackboard and computer screen. You choose your beer and order by number, which with so many beers this is the best and simplest method for the staff. It was very busy here, and is run by Nigel Barker, who some will know ran the Great Western at Deppers Bridge a couple or so years ago.



Three worthy of a mention from my point of view were Dark Star's "Espresso" from West Sussex, Naylor's Black & Tan from Keighley, and Old Chimney's Golden Pheasant from Diss in Norfolk.

From here we turned right onto Newhall Street and headed towards our next venue. However it was approaching time to eat and an offer of chicken, bacon, cheese and chips all from as little as £2.99, saw us enter **The Old Royal** on the corner of Church Street and Cornwall Street. The range of beer here was smaller and limited to "National" brands, but not the beers listed in the GBG. Instead good examples of Marston's Pedigree and EPA, plus Everards Tiger were on offer. Whilst eating we discussed our next pub, and following strong recommendations we agreed to travel slightly outside the City centre to Aston, and the Barton Arms. (More to follow next edition)



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HELP YOUR COMMUNITY PUB

An early day motion (EDM 210) has been tabled by Greg Mulholland, a Leeds MP. It is drafted as follows:-

“That this House recognises the social, economic and cultural importance of well-run community pubs, which provide a safe and sociable environment for the consumption of alcohol among friends and are an essential community meeting place; notes the ideas put forward in the Campaign for Real Ale's Beer Drinkers and Pub Goers Charter which received support from 670 candidates at the last election, 150 of whom were elected; welcomes the genuine cross party consensus on the need to support and protect well-run community pubs; and so urges the Government to implement a package of policies which will help secure the future of viable and well-run community pubs.”

So far 32 MPs have signed up to it but none from Warwickshire.

In the New Year, following the latest budget, pub goers will be hit with a VAT increase that will push up the combined taxation on a pint of beer to over a pound! This historically sad moment for the nation's 15 million pub goers is compounded by the knowledge that this increase will cause yet more well-run community pubs to shut their doors unless

the Government acts. Relentless tax increases on the nation's pubs are contributing to pub closures, job losses and a decline in community spirit. Next Year even more pubs will be closing than the 39 a week CAMRA currently recognises unless something is done.

There will be a review into alcohol pricing and taxation this autumn and this will give the Government an opportunity to avoid the harm that this VAT increase will impose on pubs. CAMRA will be pressing for targeted measures to support well-run community pubs. These measures could include a new class of business rate relief for community pubs and a compensatory reduction in beer duty.

We need you to contact your MP and ask them to sign up to this EDM. It has cross party support and we need more MPs to join. They will only take notice if you take a few minutes to complete the automatic e-mail to your MP.

To email your MP asking them to sign EDM 210, please go to <http://bit.ly/edm210>, select 'email your MP' and send the email that CAMRA have drafted for you.

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On Your Bike! Two Cycling Stories

Royal Oak customers cycling for Different Strokes charity

Eight customers of the Royal Oak in Whatcote, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire have got on their bikes to raise money for charity.

“Out of shape, over aged and with more good will than sense,” they are cycling 330 miles from Land's End to the Royal Oak pub in Whatcote to raise money for Different Strokes, a charity for young stroke survivors.

Led by Mike Druce, who had two strokes when he was aged 32, their aim is to raise £10,000.

The cycling team plan to finish their epic ride with a pint of Hooky Bitter at the Royal Oak pub sometime on Friday evening – 25 June.

Stroke is the single largest cause of disability in the UK. 10,000 people under the age of 55 suffer a stroke every year - 1,000 of these are under the age of 30. Different Strokes is a registered charity providing a unique, free service to younger stroke survivors.

Mike said: “Read about the spills and thrills of eight middle aged people, some who haven't been on a bike in years, cycling what seems an impossible journey, at our blog - Cycle Lands End to Oxhill.”

We are sad to report the death of Jim Street, one of our long serving members. There will be more information in our next edition.

Royal Oak licensee Penny Hopkins said: “Mike is a stroke survivor himself and a regular at our pub and we want to help him reach his target of £10,000.

“They will be at the Royal Oak in Whatcote next Friday on their return.”

To make a donation go to <http://CycleLandsEndToOxhill.blogspot.com>

For more information on Different Strokes please visit its website: <http://www.differentstrokes.co.uk/>

Wye Valley Brewery Head Brewer Cycles for Birmingham Children's Hospital

Last week Wye Valley Brewery Head Brewer Jimmy Swan, cycled from John O'Groats to Land's End along with



Jimmy Swan with daughter Anna at the Land's End finish line.

James Cracknell and 498 others.

Jimmy's cycle finished yesterday (Sunday 20th June), he covered over 1000 miles and completed the cycle in a fantastic 67 hours, 41 minutes and 42 seconds. To date, Jimmy has raised about £1,700 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

For more information visit <http://www.justgiving.com/jimboswan>

Hook Norton Resident Breaks World Record in a Bottle

The Hooky Pint, aka Gill Bignor, broke the world record for the fastest time for a woman dressed as a bottle to run a marathon.

Hook Norton resident Gill ran the London Marathon on 25 April, and completed the 26 mile and 385 yards (42.195km) course in 4 hours 54 minutes and 36 seconds, beating the world record by 5 minutes 24 seconds.

And in doing so Gill will raised more than £2,300 for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

Gill Bignor said: "I did it. I broke the world record for the fastest marathon run by a woman dressed as a bottle and, as there is currently no registered male record, I am now officially the fastest bottle in the world. "The low point of the race for me was the last 22.2 miles – every inch of which my legs were telling me that I must be crazy if I thought they were going to run for five hours carrying an 11.5lb costume.

"Crossing the finishing line wasn't quite the moment of elation I'd hoped for either, as I was too tall to fit under the overhead boards, so the crowds were treated to the

hugely amusing sight of a seven foot beer bottle being knocked over and finishing the marathon on its knees."

"But I did it, knocking just over five minutes off the record and giving my family and friends who were tracking me an extremely nerve-wracking 4 hours 54 minutes and 36 seconds.

"The most emotional part of the race was when a man took my hand as he ran past me and said 'My mother died of leukaemia. Thank you for what you are doing.'

"I'm thrilled to have raised over £2,300 so far for this wonderful charity which is making such a difference to survival rates for blood cancers.

"But we're not there yet so please if you haven't already, visit my website and help us save more lives. I can promise you that there is not an inch of my body that doesn't hurt today so I have suffered enough to earn every penny you can spare."

To make a donation go to www.HookyPint.co.uk

As from the next edition I am intending to put in details of music in pubs, so if your local has a regular musical event, please send details to me at editor@camrahov.org.uk



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Raise A Glass To The Environment

DRINKING beer may not save the planet but a brewery in Nuneaton has improved its energy efficiency by a third - boosting profits and lowering environmental impact in the process.

The carbon footprint of conventional ale-making is huge, using up to 11 pints of water for every pint produced but green-minded Church End brewery that makes more than 150 distinct cask conditioned beers says support through Warwickshire County Council's resource efficiency club has enabled them to find ways to reduce their water use, as well as to conserve energy and other resources. Water is not only the basis of beer - it's used to cool ingredients and to clean tanks, kegs and brewing equipment and floors. New processes are reducing waste, thanks to the business group, which has worked with the 16-year-old brewery on a number of fronts, including monitoring and recommending efficiency improvements to ensure it remains one of the undisputed top micro-breweries in the country. One of the shining stars is a highly accurate and controllable Lanemark gas burner to heat the brew copper and hot liquor tanks that has greatly cut gas consumption, saving the brewery, which employs seven staff, about £2,000 a year. And coincidentally Lanemark are also members of the same resource efficiency club. Church End Brewery is supping to further success after replacing a 25-year-old refrigeration unit, used for cooling the cellar and vessels where the beer is stored, which helped to bring electricity savings of 32%.

Despite falling beer sales and pub closures running at 50 a week across the country, Church End Brewery supplies 12,000 pints



weekly to 300 pubs and says Managing Director Stewart Elliott: "Beer-making is energy intensive – gas for heating up the water and boiling the ingredients and then electric energy for cooling. All three are interlinked.

You can't deal with them in isolation."

The brewery, which started life in an old coffin workshop has recognised the potential for saving money through environmental improvements that has now started off a chain reaction as Stewart explains: "We've boosted resource efficiency by implementing a robust water minimisation programme. We have already got the ball rolling and are looking out for other opportunities, like water saving devices for our loos that we estimate will save about £1,000 a year in water charges.

"The old saying 'You simply can't manage what you don't measure' is true and the support from Warwickshire County Council has been vital in helping us to contain costs. As a result of the measures we have introduced we are already consuming less gas and we would expect to save 30% each year."

"County environmental adviser Stephen Lewington said he was impressed with what he saw at Church End Brewery.

He adds: "It's time for business to put a stop to unnecessary waste. We have helped local businesses identify environmental improvements that have resulted in cost savings worth more than £2 million. All Warwickshire companies should make sure they grab their share."

GAS POINT: Overall efficiency of the Lanemark gas burner is typically 82% - a figure that is some 20% higher than the brewer's original facility that utilised a steam heating system.

Cider and Perry News

After a break in 2008, at the AGM in March I happily resumed my role as Cider Officer for the next 12 months. Also please put Harbury Beer and Cider Festival Sept 3rd and 4th in you diary. If you have not been yet - you do not know what you are missing. Also if you are a CAMRA member 1-2 hours help would be appreciated.

On March 13th there was a 'Hole in the Wall' festival at the Harbury Village Hall for their development fund, and many enjoyed their ciders, such as Barnfield Winery Sweet and Medium, and Boston Farm Sweet and Dry.

April 19-24 The Merchant Inn in Rugby had over 100 beers and ciders from the coast - Rugby-On Sea? Scott Whyment, the Business Manager promotes real ale and cider tirelessly. Amongst the ciders on offer were Hecks Farmhouse Moorcroft Perry and Hendre Huffcap Perry, and Millwhites Rum Cask Cider and Whisky Cask Cider. They are also having a cider festival Friday 13th to Sunday 15th August.

Locally The Oak Inn Beer Festival was held on 24th - 30th May, and the following ciders were enjoyed there: Thatchers Cheddar Valley, Moles Black Rat, Gintys Sweet Perry.

The Rose and Crown had a beer and cider festival Friday 28th May where they had Cheddar Valley cider matured in oak vats, naturally fermented, in Cheddar Valley.

For anyone who is serious about real cider, anyone can join the Three Counties Cider and Perry Association for a nominal fee, and there are interesting events all year. I attended one of these at The Barrels in Hereford (the original Wye Valley Brewery plant) where an event was held with the Cider expert from Westons giving comments on Cider maker's produce. We had 20 cider tastings, much debate, and I obviously had bed and breakfast and stayed for the night. Web address that is useful is www.visitherefordshire.co.uk.

To conclude, on a Summer's evening there is nothing quite like a gorgeous glass of cider, so enjoy all the different ones on offer, and make an effort to get to a cider festival, and ensure that you have September 3rd in your diary and please volunteer to help!

[Pauline Brooks]



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Tanguero Malbec	6.95
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Cedar Creek Shiraz/Cabernet	6.85
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Rose

TerraSur Reserva Merlot Rose	6.95
bouquet refreshing soft Chilean with red fruits	

Sparkling Wine & Champagne

Willowglen Brut	7.45
Refreshing Australian sparkler with creamy fruit finish	

White Wines

Niel Joubert Chenin/Chardonnay	6.85
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TerraSur Reserva Sauvignon Blanc	6.95
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Tanguero unoaked Chardonnay	7.15
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Cedar Creek Semillon/Chardonnay	6.95
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Chablis Simonnet Febvre	10.95
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Mumm Cordon Rouge	22.95
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Midlands Area Brewery Pins

This list is aimed at helping landlords to increase the number of customers who drink Real Ale. Currently where sales are low, often using firkins (9 gallons) means beer is thrown away.

By using pins(4.5 gallons) there is less waste for the landlord.

Breweries that have pins available in the Midlands are as follows:-

Backyard Brewhouse
 Black Hole
 Burton Bridge
 Church End
 Enville
 Leek Brewing Company
 North Cotswold
 Sadlers Ales
 Spinning Dog
 Tower
 Weatheroak Brewery
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Supermarkets in Unsustainable Drinks Pricing War

The supermarkets have been indulging in an Unsustainable Drinks Pricing War in the Lead Up to the World Cup.

Asda was losing up to £6 on every case of beer it sold for £9.00 during its world cup alcohol promotion. Tesco is offering 24-can packs for £10.

If Duty and VAT is taken away the shops are losing substantial sums on these packs of beer. It



has been reported that this is the most ruthless trading for over 35 year and will probably result in two cases of beer being sold for as little as £16 during the competition.

It is little wonder that people indulge in binge drinking at home and the pubs are struggling to survive!

[John Crossing]

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Heart of Warwickshire CAMRA Online Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the on-line survey this year. Although the number of responses was small there were some a number of questions for which there were common responses.

Our festival at Harbury is still very popular with everyone enjoying both the venue, the beer and the service. Everyone asked felt that Harbury 2009 was excellent.

Both this newsletter and our website, www.camrahow.org.uk, are well received and this newsletter is picked up in pubs right across the Heart of Warwickshire patch.



Many responding CAMRA members wanted to be informed via monthly email of all the branch events and requested that branch meetings to start at an earlier time. It is hoped that we will be able to address these points in the near future. One disappointing fact that emerged from the survey was only 50% of people record beer scores. Given the importance of CAMRA members recording beer scores and their impact upon the selection of pubs for inclusion in the good beer guide, this is another area that obviously needs some attention!

[Dave Shurrock]

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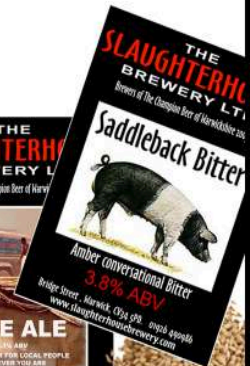
- ★ The Woodland Tavern, Regent St, Leamington Spa.
- ★ The Cricketers Arms, Archery Rd.
- ★ The Newbold Comyn Arms, Newbold Comyn Park.
- ★ Murphys Bar, Regent St.
- ★ The Tilted Wig, Market Pl, Warwick.
- ★ The Porridge Pot, Stratford Rd.
- ★ The Antelope Inn, Saltisford.
- ★ The Elephant & Castle, Emscote Rd.
- ★ The Clarendon Arms, Castle Hill, Kenilworth.
- ★ The White Hart, Ufton.

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Urban and Country Leisure plan four new pubs this year. The first is the Mother Huff Cap at Great Alne near Alcester which has been bought from Punch for about £300,000.



The group plan to invest £850,000 on refurbishing the site and they will rename it the Greedy Pig. They also plan to buy their first free-

hold also in Warwickshire which will re-open with a steakhouse and grill offer. They are also close to taking on a Charles Wells pub in Leamington Spa. Their fourth outlet is a mid-sized hotel in Stratford upon Avon. In total 15 pubs are planned in the next two years.

[John Crossling]

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Two More Pubs Join Warwickshire LocAle

The Heart of Warwickshire LocAle scheme recognises pubs which regularly stock at least one real ale which is brewed by a local brewery, one that is within 25 miles' driving distance. The geographical shape of the Heart of Warwickshire Branch area, means that some breweries are within 25 miles of parts of the branch area and others not. Landlords who wish to be included in LocAle should contact the editor.

The Oak, Warwick		
Beer	Beer Miles	
Hook Norton	23.6	



Lee Palman took over as licensee early this year. The Oak, although looking like a converted shop, has been a pub since 1874. They have regular live music, pub games, and a patio area with smokers' shack at the back.

The Red House, Leamington Spa		
Beer	Beer Miles	
Hook Norton	23.8	



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EXISTING PUBS AND CLUBS

Pubs and Clubs	Local Beer	Beer Miles
Village Club, Harbury	Warwickshire	8
	Hook Norton	25
Antelope, Warwick	Slaughterhouse	2
The Wharf, Fenny Compton	Hook Norton	18
Fox & Hen, Bascote Heath	Hook Norton	22
Case is Altered, Fiveways	Slaughterhouse	7
	Warwickshire	12
	Church End	19
Cape of Good Hope, Warwick	Weatheroak	20
	Church End	25
Woodland Tavern, Leamington Spa	Slaughterhouse	1
The Crown, Stockton	Dow Bridge Beers	14.3
The Slug and Lettuce, Leamington Spa	Warwickshire	2.6
The Rose and Crown, Warwick	Purity	13.2

Pubs and Clubs	Local Beer	Beer Miles
Harvester, Long Itchington	Hook Norton	24
Buck and Bell, Long Itchington	Church End	25
Olde Mint, Southam	Purity	22
Market Tavern, Southam	Warwickshire	6
The Porridge Pot, Warwick	Slaughterhouse	3.0
The Cricketers, Leamington Spa	Slaughterhouse	1.5
Newbold Comyn Arms, Leamington Spa	Slaughterhouse	2.5
	Warwickshire	4.0
	Purity	18.0
The Gaydon Inn, Gaydon	Warwickshire	11
The Stag, Offchurch	Warwickshire	1.5
	Purity	17.9
The Anchor, Leek Wootton	Purity	16
The Benjamin Satchwell, Leamington Spa	North Cotswold	19.4
	Purity	15.9
	Warwickshire	2.6

Local Pub and Brewery News

Do you have any interesting news about local pubs. If so please send it to our pub news coordinator Tina Jones at pubnews@camrahov.org.uk

Fourpenny Shop Hotel, Warwick

Awarded Heart of Warwickshire Branch Pub of the Year 2010.

Boars Head, Hampton Luc

Awarded Warwickshire Pub of the Year 2010.

Jug and Jester, Leamington

Still boarded up. It is to be refurbished by Wetherspoon's

Shakespeare, Leamington

New pub – Shakespeare – has opened above Koko at the top of Leamington, serving Warwickshire Real Ale.

The Boat, Stockton

Under new management and being refurbished, food & business will continue as normal with hours extended to all day 11:00 - 23:00. Cask ales currently being served 6X, Hobgoblin, and Hookey with a guest ale when possible.

The Park Tavern, Warwick

The Park, in Lakin Road, Warwick is currently still closed about when it closed, awaiting an exciting new project involving a local brewery and Everards. See page 4.

Punch Bowl, Warwick

Barnsley Bitter still £1.65 a pint in the Punch Bowl, Warwick

New Binswood Tavern, Leamington

The New Binswood Tavern no longer sells real ale.

Barley Mow, Stockton

The Barley Mow in Stockton has been acquired by Black Country Ales, Birmingham. Due to open shortly after refurbishment with 12 hand-pumps. Has now reopened

The Bell, Ladbroke

The Bell at Ladbroke is re-open but little changed; Abbott and Rev'd James on handpull.

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Stoneythorpe Hotel, Southam

Extensive refurbishment of Stoneythorpe Hotel in Southam is still underway.

Merrie Lion, Fenny Compton

Has recently reopened serving Greene King beers. The new landlord is Chris.

Red Lion, Northend

Currently closed

Rose and Crown, Warwick

The Rose & Crown in Warwick now also sells books over the bar for you to enjoy over your beer (or other drink of choice). The co-owner is an author and they want the link between literature and a good pub to continue.

Globe Hotel, Warwick

Currently closed for refurbishment and boarded up.

Antelope, Lighthorne

The new landlord is Paul, and he took over at the beginning of June.

Granville, Barford

Val Kearsy who runs the Granville in Barford ran her own "Britain's Got Talent" contest over

two nights. They raised £2,000 for charity and attracted 100 people. It was run over two Sunday night which are normally quiet and drinks sales went up by 50 %. Acts included a 6 piece band; a Lady Gaga Tribute act and a jazz keyboard player. The winner received a bottle of Champagne and all the finalists have been asked to perform at the pub later in the year. The event was advertised in the local media and on facebook.

The Red House, Leamington

Recently refurbished and redecorated by Punch Taverns.


The Green Man, Long Itchington

Recently refurbished and redecorated by Punch Taverns. Four handpumps now available full time on the front bar.

Dun Cow, Horley Nr Banbury (OX15 6DA)

Note: this is just outside our area. The summer festival this year will prominently feature ciders. A good variety of ciders and a couple of real ales.

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Diary of events: July — October 2010

Everyone is welcome to join us at any of these events, you don't have to be a CAMRA member. Most Tuesday evenings we visit one or more pubs in the area to check out the real ale. These "crawls" start at 8.30 pm, unless stated otherwise. We operate a lift sharing arrangement to avoid drinking and driving, just call 07855 644043 to arrange your lift. **Heart of Warwickshire Branch events in bold**

NOTE: All meetings start at 20:30 unless otherwise indicated.		
16th-18th	Beer Festival	Napton Bridge
27th July	Country crawl	Bull, Courtyard, Southam; Cuttle, Two Boats, Long Itchington
30th July - 1st Aug	Beer Festival	Cape of Good Hope, Warwick
3rd Aug	Leamington crawl	Cricketers, Kelseys, Railway, Talbot
10th Aug	Branch meeting Start 8.00 p.m.	Malt Shovel, Gaydon
17th Aug	Warwick crawl	Roebuck, Punch Bowl, Zetland, Warwick Arms, Thomas Lloyd. Members: don't forget to bring your vouchers!
24th Aug	Country crawl	Napton: Folly, Crown, Kings Head, Bridge
31st Aug	Harbury crawl	All the pubs of Harbury - start at Crown
3rd-4th Sept	Beer Festival	HARBURY BEER FESTIVAL - see elsewhere in this newsletter for details
7th Sep	NO MEETING	
14th Sep	Leamington crawl	Three Graces, Copper Pot, Dukes, Star & Garter, Woodland Tavern
21st Sep	Stockton crawl	Blue Lias, Boat, Barley Mow, Crown
28th Sep	Warwick distribu-	Start Millwright, finish Oak
5th Oct	Leamington	Start Green Man, finish Somerville
12th Oct	Branch meeting	Venue to be confirmed in next newsletter.

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Heart of Warwickshire Branch Harbury Beer Festival 2010 Staffing Form

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the 2010 Harbury Beer Festival. Those of you who have been Branch members for more than a year will know that on the weekend following the August Bank Holiday we run our biggest public event of the year which requires support from our members to function successfully.

This year we are also able to accept non-members help, so if you or any of your friends would like to help, even for a limited time, please put your name down. If you can only do part of a session, add your availability in the comments column.

Even a couple of hours during open times is a great help.

Name(s)

Address

Email

Preferred phone number contact
(Will only be used in event of a query)

Preferred area of work (See notes below)

Areas available are: - Bars / Membership Stand / Admissions.

Time(s) available (s)-Set Up (o)-Open to Public (t)-Take down



	s/o/t	Sessions	Tick if available	Comments (i.e. if you are only available during certain hours)
Tuesday 31 st August	(s)	10:00 – 13:00		
	(s)	14:00 – 17:00		
Thursday 2 nd September	(s)	19:30 – 21:30		
Friday 3 rd September	(s)	14:00 – 17:00		
	(o)	17:30 – 00:00		
Saturday 4 th September	(o)	11:30 – 16:15		
	(o)	18:00 – 00:00		
Sunday 5 th September	(t)	09:00 – 12:00		

If you do not wish to work in (or cannot) please give details on the back of the form, or in your e-mail.

Staff incentives: Staff will receive tokens for each half hour worked (including set-up/take down), worth ½ pint of beer/cider, or aggregated towards staff bottles. On Saturday a hot meal is provided at 16:30 for those working a minimum of 3 hrs at both sessions. A free commemorative festival glass (subject to availability) for anyone who has worked on both Friday and Saturday (glass to be collected when leaving the festival hall on Saturday)

Some staff may find it difficult to get home following the Friday and Saturday night sessions. We are hoping to arrange some transport but this will depend on numbers and destination. We will do our best to provide this, but it cannot be guaranteed at this time and a small contribution towards the costs may be required. To help us start to plan this service, please tick this box if you would definitely want transport home.

Completed forms to be returned by Friday 13th August at the latest. Reply by Email to chairman@camrahow.org.uk or by post to Steve Bolton, Sunnydene, Ashorne, Nr Warwick. CV35 9DR

All volunteers will receive confirmation that their offer is accepted by email, if provided, or by post. If you have then not received your details by 28th August please contact Steve on 07790 323822 or 07855 644043. I

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