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## Harbury Beer and Cider Festival 2011

The 21st Harbury Beer Festival was once again, to paraphrase the festival's slogan, a cracking success. The theme this year was Ales from the Dales, that is beers from West Yorkshire, and we



Visitors Enjoying the Sunshine

had a very good selection from the many excellent breweries in that area, as well as special beers from more local breweries to celebrate our 21st.



Cultural Fusion - Morris and Steel Band

The weather was once again kind to us, as usual it had got rid of all the bad weather over the bank holiday. This

meant that the visitors could enjoy their beer, as well as a Saturday afternoon entertainment, on the grass outside, which all helped to create Harbury's unique atmosphere.

We were lucky with



Harbury Ukulele Group

our beers and ciders in that, although they sold well and were very popular, they lasted out (just) until close of play

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on Saturday. The fastest selling beer was Ilkley – Mary Jane, which sold out at 11:40 Sat lunchtime. This was quickly followed by Timothy Taylor’s – Golden Best at 12:00. The beer of the festival, as voted by the attendees was:

- 1st Blythe – Johnson’s Porter
- 2nd equal – Atomic – 21st Grapefruit
- Magic Rock – Rapture



Time After Time

beers on offer. Attendance of course was helped by the fact that, despite the cuts, the bus services in the afternoon and evening were running as per previous years. Eighteen new CAMRA members were signed

up at the festival, of whom 13 live within the branch area.

The entertainment, too, was as in previous years very good, contributing greatly to the visitors’ enjoyment. On Saturday afternoon, as well as the usual excellent performance by the Hereburgh Morris side, we were also fortunate enough to be entertained by the steel pan Academy steel band and the Harbury ukelele group. We were all so treated to a cultural fusion of the Morris side dancing to the steel band, unfortunately they did not try hip-hop.



The Saturday evening entertainment was Time After Time, a local duo performing a mixture of Irish music and pop classics. Judging by the excitement they generated they seemed to go down really well.

The festival as usual was very well attended, with a total of just under 1200 attending the three sessions, and the visitors all seem to be enjoying themselves, as well as the great selection of

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Our thanks to all those who helped to make the festival go so well, and an especial thank you to John Crossling who has done a splendid job of organising the beers at all 21 festivals and is now stepping down for a well earned retirement, with John Griffiths



taking over responsibility for the beer. Thanks also to everyone for their generosity in their donations to the festival's official charity, the Warwickshire Air Ambulance, which totaled approximately £450.

[Ian Bayliss]

### **Champion West Midlands Porter**



Judging the Champion Porter

Prior to the opening of the festival, as per tradition, a panel took part in a blind tasting to judge a particular category of the West Midlands Beer of the Year. This year we were judging the porter, and the results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blythe Brewery – Johnson's Porter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Burton Bridge Brewery – Dark Porter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Beowolf Brewery – Finn's Hall Porter

[Ian Bayliss]

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## 2012 Members' Weekend and AGM

The CAMRA Members' Weekend and AGM 2012 will be held at The Riviera Centre in Torquay on 30th March-1st April 2012. It will provide CAMRA members with the opportunity to engage in CAMRA's national campaigns and discuss future policy and direction. It also gives members the chance to catch up with each other over a pint, visit recommended pubs and go on organised trips. Torquay boasts a large number of good quality pubs, both in the centre and the surrounding areas. There are 10 breweries within the Torquay area, and many of them will be supplying their real ales for sale in the Members Bar. For real cider/perry drinkers, the award winning Ye Olde Cider Bar in Newton Abbot is close by.

Torquay boasts 22 miles of coastline, consisting of coves, cliffs and beaches so there are plenty of local attractions for members to visit. If members fancy escaping Torquay, the Dartmoor National Park is nearby which offers fantastic scenery, walks and pubs.

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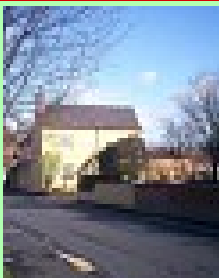
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members from around the country, National Executive and HQ staff members

- Discuss ideas to forward to campaign through workshops, policy discussion groups and seminars
- Enjoy a few drinks in the members bar with a good selection of local real ales
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## Drinkers bitter after Wells weakens ale

**Beer lovers have hit out at a brewery for cutting the strength of one of their favourite tipples. Bedford-based Wells and Young's has come under fire for reducing the alcohol by volume level (ABV) in its flagship Bombardier drink from 4.3 per cent to 4.1 per cent.**

Roger Protz, editor of *The Good Beer Guide*, said a lot of people were 'upset and disappointed' with the decision and felt they were being 'fleeced' by the decision that he believes has been driven by the rise in excise duty. He said: "I am not happy about it as a beer writer and lover. It's a very successful beer and has a big following and reducing the alcohol content will obviously diminish the quality of a beer."

"As a consumer the main reason for dropping it is to save on excise duty which is going up and up and brewers are under the cosh at the moment in this difficult time." Mr Protz emphasises however that other brewers are also reducing the alcohol content in their beers – for example

Cardiff brewer SA Brain is cutting the strength of its Gold beer from 4.7 to 4.3.

He added: "The thing is the beer isn't any cheaper and it's the poor old consumer that it affects." Some 500,000 barrels of Bombardier are brewed every year and in May a new £4 million marketing campaign was launched for the brand, fronted by Rik Mayall as William Charles Bedford.

In June we revealed that the brewery had won a number of international awards for quality across their range of beers including Bombardier, which took home a gold medal for the tenth year in a row.

Chris Lewis, marketing director for Wells and Young's, said: "In response to consumer trends indicating a move towards lower ABV beers, we took the decision to reduce the alcohol content of our Bombardier brand.

"Our other premium ale, *Courage Directors*, remains at 4.8 per cent.

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[Keeley Knowles]

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## Cider and Perry News

**HARBURY.** The weekend of 2nd and 3rd September saw the 21st anniversary of the Harbury Beer and Cider Festival which was a huge success. The ciders were sourced locally from The Windmill, Northampton, Rous from The Lenches and a wide selection of Broadoak Cider from Somerset, including medium dry, medium sweet Moonshine, which won the gold at St Helens CAMRA Festival 2010, Old Bristolian (medium/sweet) and Broadoak perry, which was awarded the gold medal at CAMRA's Cider & Perry Competition in 2009. One of the most popular was the Moonshine Culinary Cider (7.5%), so there was no surprise there then! Every drop went and all had a very enjoyable time.

**OUT & ABOUT.** From 21st to 31st July, Lloyds No1 Bar, Warwick, had a summer cider festival which, for the last three days, coincided conveniently with the town's famous folk festival. There was a choice of nine including Strawby, from Devon Green Valley Cyder, which was very popular and sold out quickly, and Sheppy's Farmhouse Draught.

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend (27th, 28th and 29th August), The Joseph Arch in Barford had its inaugural beer and cider festival at the pub. I tasted the Kingston Black from Hecks & Son, Street, Somerset, which was pleasant. Others on show were Weston's Traditional Scrumpy and Old Rosie in boxes.

Elsewhere, to the best of my knowledge, The Cape of Good Hope and The Oak in Warwick



regularly have polypins of real cider. After two or three attempts I finally managed to locate The Talbot in Rushmore Street, Leamington Spa, which always advertises in our magazine flagging up the fact that it sells real cider. An interesting, off-the-beaten-track pub, The Talbot was

selling Happy Daze (medium/dry 4.5%) from Gwyny y Ddraig Ciders, Pontypridd, Wales, with Dog Dancer (6.5%) coming soon.

**STOP PRESS.** For all landlords who sell real cider a Real Cider Sold Here pub sticker display sign for your window can be obtained from [www.camra.org.uk/ciderstickers](http://www.camra.org.uk/ciderstickers)

You will be automatically registered on CAMRA's website as a public house that sells real cider: this is too good a marketing opportunity to miss. Also, any landlord arranging any event to celebrate October/Cider and Perry Month can advertise it nationally at [www.camra.org.uk/ciderevents](http://www.camra.org.uk/ciderevents)

**CIDER MONTH.** For Cider Month locally, which runs from 28th September to 28th October (for national events see website address), The Talbot Inn, Rushmore Street Street, Leamington Spa, will run a cider weekend on Friday and Saturday 14th and 15th October where four to five ciders, and a perry from Herefordshire and Wales, will be available. I believe Nick Ford, the landlord, is excited about his first cider event, so please make sure you do not miss it!

[Pauline Brooks]

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# MP and CAMRA Welcome Pub Change Plans

The new revised-size draft National Planning Policy Framework document (reduced from 1,000 pages to 50) has been welcomed by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). It has also been welcomed by Greg Mulholland, Pub supporting MP and chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group.



Pro-Pub MP Greg Mulholland and CAMRA's head of policy and public affairs Jonathan Mail

currently very little to stop this, so I hope that the publication of this framework is an important step forward, but there is still much that can and should be done to protect community pubs.” CAMRA's head of policy & public affairs Jonathan Mail added: “We are so pleased with this. The Government has shrunk the document to 50 pages, so by mentioning pubs, it is

This means that Community Pubs will have greater protection against change of use, and councils will have to relax planning rules for pubs wanting to diversify. This is something for which CAMRA have been campaigning.

Greg Mulholland said “As it stands, it is possible to shut a pub against the wishes of the local community, and often against the wishes of whoever is actually running the pub. There is

prioritising them. Councils will need planning policies to support pubs.”

Consultation on the document will run until 17 October, so make sure that you make your own views known to your MP. If you do not know who your MP is then you can find out from the Parliament website

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## Best beer prize is no stitch-up for the boys from Cubbington

**BREWERS in Cubbington are raising their glasses high after winning the award for the county's best beer.**

The Warwickshire Beer



voted for their favourites from a row of pumps labelled only with numbers. Sales director Ben Lewitt, himself a

former professional rugby player, the Campaign for Real Ale's said the prize was a first for the (Camra's) Champion Beer of firm's 23-year-old head brewer Ben Warwickshire at the Merchant's Inn Smith and all the sweeter because it in Rugby. Over three weeks, drinkers was a blind test. He said: "It makes it



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even better because it has nothing to do with the reputation or the branding. It was just down to what people thought of the beer.”

The brewery was founded in 1998 by Mr Lewitt’s father Jerry and also won the 2009 prize for its Darling Buds ale. Ball Stitcher was launched two years ago to be sold at the Gilbert museum in Rugby. A traditional India Pale Ale, it is based on the strong, heavily hopped beers brewed to withstand shipping to India in the 19th century. The 5%ABV ale is made with Progress, Challenger and East Kent Goldings hops and Maris Otter and torrified wheat malts.

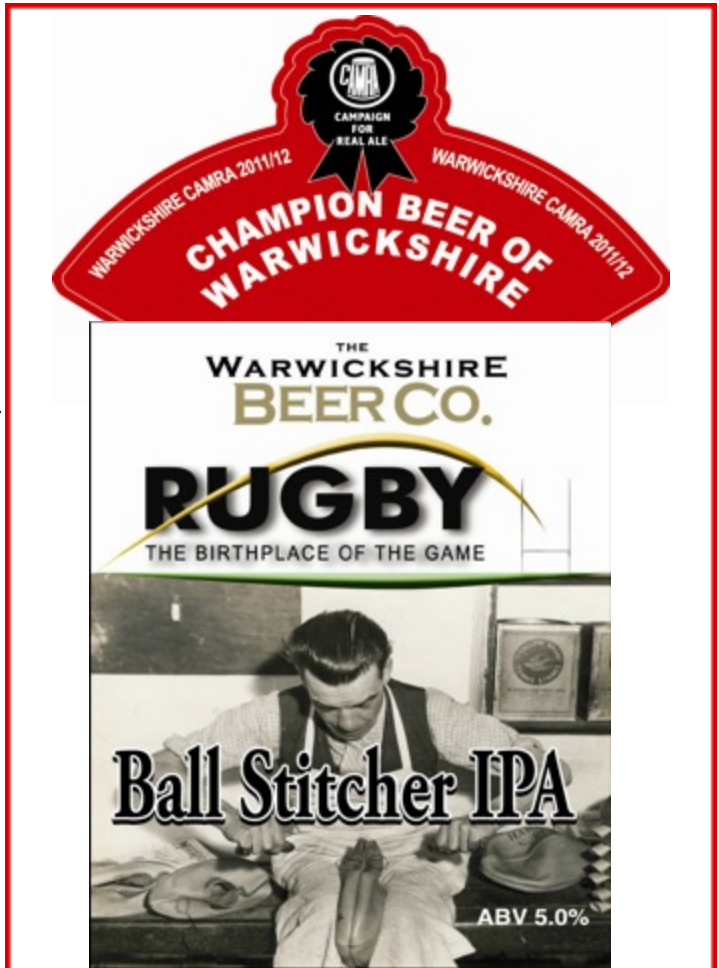
Steve Heighton, of Rugby’s Camra branch, said: “This is a fantastic achievement for Warwickshire Beer Company as they had to compete against nine of the other best breweries in Warwickshire.

More importantly this is a public vote

and so the award is not just from Camra members.

“With the Rugby World Cup approaching, the beer brewed by Ben Smith and former Northampton Saint Ben Lewitt in Cubbington is a superb example of the strong bitter style.”

Ball Stitcher is available at the Stag at Offchurch, the Moorings pub in Myton Road, the Newbold Comyn Arms and Wetherspoon’s pubs in Leamington.



## Lib Dems Planning Tipple Tax

*Hat Tip to Pub Curmudgeon Blog*

**As if the pub industry did not have enough problems, the Lib Dems are planning a controversial “Tipple Tax” on every drink sold in a pub (but presumably not consumed at home or on a park bench).**

The forthcoming party conference in Birmingham will discuss a policy document which says that councils should be given powers to levy a small surcharge on every drink in every pub and bar. They claim that the money could be used to offset the extra policing that drinkers impose. The fact is that extra policing costs (due to drink-fuelled disorderliness) and health costs (due to damage caused by alcohol over-indulgence) are not the result of responsible pub drinkers, but by either lone home-drinkers, or irresponsible vertical-drinking establish-



ments encouraging young drinkers to repeatedly down shots of spirits. Andrew Griffiths, chairman of the commons beer group, said ‘If you wanted a single policy to guarantee the closure of more pubs then this would be it. It is a crazy idea and extremely worrying for anyone who cares about our pubs. Twenty five years ago the price of a pint in a pub and a supermarket was the same at about 70p. Now, a pint in a pub is over £3 while the price in a supermarket is 80p. If anything we should be looking to increase the price in supermarkets and reduce it in our pubs, which play a vital role in the community.’

Pubs play an important part in the life of their community, and need and deserve help, not yet more grief, from those set in authority over us.

[Ian Bayliss]

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## Trip to Oakwell Brewery

*This story carried over from previous edition.*

**On 30th April 2011 Mark, the Landlord of the PunchBowl Tavern in Warwick, organised a coach trip to the Oakwell Brewery in Barnsley, which is the pub's Brewer.**

It was a lovely sunny day as we set off from the Punchbowl, and remained so for the rest of the day.

At the brewery we were met by Jonathon the brewer for a quick tour of the brewery before



*Old Oakwell Brewery, now derelict*

moving on to the offices for a tasting and buffet. The tasting in the brewery tap was very nice, effectively drinking in a free pub!

The original brewery was founded in 1858 by Paul and Guy Senior, and became the Barnsley Brewing Company in 1888. The begin-



*Present Oakwell Brewery at Barnsley*

ning of the end came in 1957 with a mutual trading agreement with John Smith's. The brewery ceased production in 1976, and is now mostly derelict. The future is unsure, although several parties have shown interest in the site, including Barnsley Football Club, who want

to build a new stadium there.

Then it was on to Elsecar, and the Barnsley CAMRA Branch beer festival in the Milton Hall. It was a good festival, with a selection of 62 beers and 20 ciders and perries. Of course we had a few lager drinkers in the party, who preferred to repair to the pub over the road.



*Barnsley Beer Festival, Milton Hall, Elsecar*

Then it was back home, with a pub stop in Hinkley to finish the evening off in the Punchbowl.

[Ian Bayliss]

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## Marco Pierre White Says Drink Beer

**Chef Marco Pierre White has decided to produce his own beer. The beer, named The Governor after one of his father's greyhounds, was launched at the Castle Inn, Chiddingstone, Kent, on the 27th July. The Castle Inn was chosen because of Mr White's long**



**friendship with the chef director, John McManus.**

The beer, which is brewed by JW Lees, has been described as light and balanced, a perfect summer quencher. Mr White said of his decision to launch his own beer 'When you

eat British food like shepherd's pie, fish and chips, or steak and ale pie, beer works so well, it's a natural. We were drinking beer with British food years before we started to drink wine. More and more people are drinking a pint with their food now,

and ales are coming back very strongly'.

He also said that people feel comfortable eating in a pub, and tend to go out for dinner in a pub rather than a restaurant.

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## Dark Beer for the Red Blooded

If you are in need of iron, the mineral that is necessary for red corpuscles, and so makes your blood rich and red, and staves off anaemia, then the answer is to drink more dark beer (not of course that I need any excuse).

Researchers at the University of Valladolid analysed some forty brands of beer from various countries, and found that dark beer contains more iron than pale and non-alcoholic beers. They found that dark beers have 121 ppb (parts per billion), compared to 92 ppb for pale beers and 63 ppb for



non-alcoholic beers. This may seem small, but the difference is significant. As well as being essential to our diet, the level of minerals such as iron in beer is important to its quality. So note this as another reason why drinking beer is good for you.

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## Pub Shocker! US Craft Beer Invade

American craft brews are infiltrating the British beer scene, reports **The Observer**. Yes, British brewers are no doubt quaking:

“American ‘craft’ brews are revealed as the UK’s fastest growing beer trend,” according to the newspaper. Gone are the days when it was cool to drink

**Budweiser in Britain: Now Blue Moon, Goose Island, Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, and Brooklyn are grabbing the attention of British beer drinkers.**

Ian Lowe, of the real ale organization CAMRA, told **The Observer**: “The popularity of American craft lagers is very much down to how they offer similar traits associated with the British brewing scene of older



years...They are more heavily hopped and are higher-alcohol-content brews.”

In other brewing news... Researchers say they’ve found a wild yeast in South America that hopped a sailboat from Europe to the New World hundreds of years ago. Science News reports that a lager-brewing

yeast is the missing link that explains how lager can be brewed at low temperatures. Previously scientists had only identified *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, the yeast used in bread, beer, and ale. The newly identified strain of yeast was found in Patagonia.

[Joanne Camas]

## Russia - Beer is Alcoholic - Official

**Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has brought in a package of measures to counter alcohol abuse in Russia. Among these is a bill that officially classifies beer as alcoholic (well who would have thought it).**

Apparently up until now all anything containing less than 10% alcohol has been regarded as a foodstuff in Russia. The new bill will allow all the sale of beer to be controlled in the same way that spirits currently are. This was considered necessary as alcohol consumption in Russia is already twice the critical level set by the world health organisation, and although a vodka is the traditional Russian drink, in recent years beer has been great-



ly increasing in popularity, beer sales increasing by 40% while vodka sales have fallen by 30%.

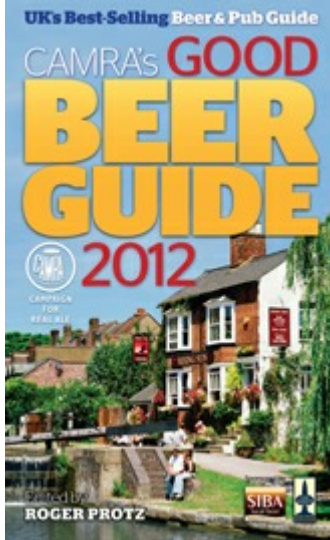
Beer sales, unlike spirits, have no restrictions, and can be sold by any retail

outlet at any time. It is common to see people drinking in the parks as if it were a soft drink. In fact very little different from cheap supermarket lagers and ciders in this country, so the Russian government has decided to take measures involving the retail outlets and hours it can be sold. Rather different from our government, whose knee-jerk reaction to this problem is simply to slap more tax and restrictions on responsible sellers such as pubs.

# Good Beer Guide 2012 Now Out

The Good Beer Guide 2012 was published on 15 September 2012. With the Good Beer Guide to hand, you're never far from a decent pint! In particular three pubs in our branch's area have been added to the current edition, the Case is Altered, Five Ways, and the Benjamin Satchwell and Somerville Arms, both in Leamington.

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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
Cape of Good Hope, Warwick	Weatheroak	20
	Church End	25
	Hook Norton	24
Woodland Tavern, Leamington Spa	Slaughterhouse	1
The Anchor, Leek Wootton	Purity	16
	Slaughterhouse	3
	Church End	23

Pubs and Clubs	Local Beer	Beer Miles
Harvester, Long Itchington	Hook Norton	24
Gamecock, Harbury	Hook Norton	25
Olde Mint, Southam	Purity	22
Market Tavern, Southam	Warwickshire	6
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 Rose and Crown, Warwick	Purity	13.2
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## Protests at plans to turn Birmingham pub into a supermarket

**Regulars at a popular city pub have launched a desperate campaign to stop it being turned into a supermarket. The drinkers at the Navigation in Kings Norton are furious that The Spirit Pub Company is set to sell out to the Midlands Co-op and do not want to lose their favourite bar.**

They fear that they will lose a much-loved community pub only for it to be replaced with another supermarket in an area which is already well-served for shops. They also worry that a building of character could be replaced with a modern glass-fronted store.

Regular Adam Guest, aged 21, said: "The Navigation is the heart and soul of our community. "We get the older generation and young people in there, meeting and talking. We just can't understand why they are selling up." Grandmother-of-two Sue Evans, aged 54, said: "I've been drinking here for years. It's a good, family pub." Paint sprayer John Taylor, aged 21, who has a tattoo saying "The Navi" because he loves it so much, said: "It's such a popular pub, I can't understand why it would be closed. People pop in after work, go home and then come back down here." Mum-of-four Sue Lane, aged 41, said: "It'll be terrible if this place closes. I organise parties here with bouncy castles to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. If the pub closes, there's nowhere else suitable around here to do those types of things."

It is also feared that while the pub supports the small shopping area, a major chain store could undercut them and force them out of business.

Diane Rogers, the 55-year-old owner of The Green Pet Shop nearby, said: "A new supermarket may not directly affect me, because we have different markets, but it could hit shops near mine and so result in a lower footfall in the area. That could see businesses like mine put under pressure."

Nigel Barker, who runs city centre pub The Wellington, in Bennetts Hill, said: "I was shocked to hear the Navigation could be closing as there's always people in there. There seems to be supermarkets opening on every corner nowadays at the expense of pubs." And Andy Maxam, from the Birmingham branch of the Campaign for Real Ale, said he supported the fight to keep the Navigation open. "This is one of the few real ale pubs in the area. We're against another perfectly good community pub being closed for no reason," he said.

Campaigners are now awaiting a formal planning application from the Co-op so they can take their campaign to the council.

They hope to persuade it to make an economic impact assessment looking at the knock-on effect a supermarket would have on local shops.

A spokeswoman for Spirit Pub Company said: "We can confirm we have exchanged conditional contracts with Midlands Co-operative for the Navigation pub for a proposed food store. "The pub team has been informed and we will update guests as and when the sale is confirmed. In the meantime, it is open for business as usual."



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### The Barley Mow, Stockton

The new licencees at the Barley Mow, Stockton are Amanda Sheasby and partner Gareth.(6 August). Amanda lives locally and has run the Bull in Southam in the past as well assisting in other local pubs.

### The Antelope Inn, Lighthorne

The Antelope will be running an ale festival for the month of October where we plan on having over 30 different ales throughout the month and some talks with the brewers on different weekends. They will be using small brewers from Warwickshire, Oxfordshire and the West Midlands.

### The Unicorn, Warwick

Report in the Warwick Courier paper states that "earlier this year" Garry and Anita Ball took over management of the Unicorn.

### The Joseph Arch, Barford

The Joseph Arch has been awarded Cask Marque accreditation

### The West End, Stratford

The West End are holding their very first Beer festival at The West End on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November 2011 with 16/18 Real Ales from around the UK, with a couple of ciders thrown in as well.

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## Pubs brew their own beers to beat the recession

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A one-barrell beer-making kit can be purchased for around £3000, and the beer can be profitably sold for two pounds a pint, compared with a national average of £2.84.

The number of pubs serving beer that they have brewed themselves has gone from six in



the 1970s to about 140 today.

One pub which is doing well out of its own beer is the Cross Keys in Thame, Oxfordshire. Landlord Peter Lambert is brewing at dark mild called “Mr Splodge” after the pub cat.

After all the pub closures, due to such factors as higher rents, the smoking ban, and cheap supermarket alcohol, this is a fightback to be welcomed.

*[From the Sunday Mirror]*

## Forthcoming CAMRA Beer Festivals

30 September - 1 October	Solihull Beer Festival
6 - 8 October	12th Loughborough Oktoberfest
13 - 15 October	Stoke Beer Festival
27 - 29 October	Birmingham Beer Festival
24 - 26 November	26th Dudley Winter Ales Fayre
6 - 10 December	Pig's Ear Beer and Cider Festival (London)

Don't forget to do your Beer Scoring. For information on how visit website <http://www.beerscoring.org.uk/>

# Diary of events: October - December 2011

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. We operate a lift sharing arrangement to avoid drinking and driving, just call 07855 644043 to arrange your lift. Events shown in italics are not organised by Heart of Warwickshire CAMRA, Note: All meetings and events start at 20:30 unless otherwise indicated. Events shown in italics are not organised by Heart of Warwickshire CAMRA.

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Tue 4th Oct	B&RS Distribution Leamington	Start Coventry Arms, Finish Somerville Arms
Sat 8th Oct	Event	Green Hop Festival; Coach leaves Warwick 10AM for opening time of 11:30. For further details please contact:- Steve Bolton on 07790323822 or 01926 651768. (Book your place early to avoid disappointment).
Tue 11th Oct	Branch Meeting	20:00 Rose & Crown, Warwick
Tue 18th Oct	Country Crawl	Two Boats, Cuttle (Long Itchington), Bowling Green, Bull Inn (Southam)
Tue 25th Oct	Leamington	Woodland Tavern, Clarendon, New Inn, Talbot
Tue 1st Nov	Country/Warwick	The Cottage; Ashorne, The Joseph Arch; Barford, Old Fourpenny Shop; Warwick, Thomas Lloyd; Warwick
Tue 8th Nov	Country	The Folly at Napton, The Crown at Stockton, The Blue Lias, The Black Dog, Southam
Tue 15th Nov	Warwick	Cape of Good Hope, Punch Bowl, Wild Boar, The Oak
Tue 22th Nov	Leamington	Plough & Harrow (Whitnash), Somerville Arms, Benjamin Satchwell, Jug & Jester
Tue 29th Nov	Country	Harvester, Green Man (both Long Itchington), The Gamecock, Old New Inn (both Harbury)
Fri 2nd Dec (Provisional)	Christmas Party	Venue TBA. Please email <a href="mailto:events@camrahow.org.uk">events@camrahow.org.uk</a> to register interest.
Tue 6th Dec	Branch Meeting	20:00 Venue TBA
Tue 13th Dec	Country	New Inn Norton Lindsay, Falcon, Case is Altered, Anchor
Tue 20th Dec	Cubbington/ Leamington	Kings Head, Queens Head (Cubbington), Cask & Bottle, The White Horse (Leamington)
Tue 27th Dec	No Crawl	Christmas Bank Holiday
3rd Jan 2012	Warwick B&RS distribution	Start Great Western, Finish Zetland
10th Jan 2012	Leamington B&RS distribution	Start Holly Bush, Finish The Cricketers

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