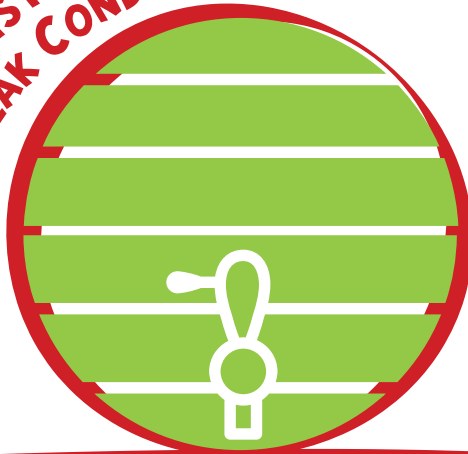


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Tuesday, 8 August	20:30	Magazine Distribution; Waterside Inn, Leamington Spa CV31 3JZ
Tuesday, 15 August	20:00	Branch Meeting. Wild Boar, Warwick CV34 5BU
Tuesday, 22 August	20:30	Boat Inn, Birdingbury Wharf, Stockton CV23 8HQ
Friday, 1 September	17:30	Harbury Beer Festival
Saturday, 2 September	11:30	Harbury Beer Festival
Tuesday, 5 September	20:30	Post festival TBA
Tuesday, 12 September	20:30	Holly Bush, Leamington Spa CV32 4TN
Tuesday, 19 September	20:30	Bowling Green Inn Southam CV47 0EP
Tuesday, 26 September	20:30	Case Is Altered, Five Ways CV35 7JD
Tuesday, 3 October	20:30	Lord Nelson, Warwick CV34 5QE
Tuesday, 10 October	20:30	Antelope, Lighthorne CV35 0BX
Tuesday, 17 October	20:30	Drawing Board, Leamington CV32 4HN
Tuesday, 24 October	20:30	Punch Bowl, Warwick CV34 4SS
Tuesday, 31 October	20:30	Cuttle Inn, Long Itchington CV47 9QZ
Tuesday, 7 November	20:30	Magazine distribution; Racehorse, Warwick CV34 6AS

Why not join us on the weekly crawls?

We visit a range of four pubs per week. Above are the starting points for the next few months.

Check the website and Facebook for details of these and other events.



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The Harbury Beer Festival Fictional story!

This year our Explorer, Anastasia, who is also a bit of a Nomad, set off to find a very particular Wild Swan. She met up with a former Dambuster who was once involved in a German Jailbreak thanks to the exploits of a Super Fortress. He told her that this was a very Speciale bird that can only be seen if you are ever so slightly Udder the Influence and even then you have to pass Three Graves and pick up an Ace of Spades off the path. You will then be in position to look for that small area just Inbetween(er) the Dark Side and the West of the Sun where you might just see this elusive bird!

This creative nonsense gives hints to some of the beers we hope to feature at Harbury Beer Festival this year. Our selection features beers from Northern Derbyshire and our logo is inspired by the markers for the Peak District National Park.

The Festival is being held in Harbury Village Hall as usual and is on Friday and Saturday 1st and 2nd of September.



Keep up with the latest news on our Facebook page

The Friday hours will be 5.30pm – 11.30pm while on Saturday for the first time we are open all day from 11.30 am until 11.30 pm!

The entrance fee will be £10 to include a festival glass; a programme and some tokens with CAMRA members getting additional tokens.

On Saturday lunchtime as ever the local Herebergh Morris troupe will be dancing and in the evening, for the first time, our entertainment will come from the quirkily named Paper Street Soap Band!



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Independent Brewers say consumers deserve to know who is behind their ‘craft’ beer

The Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA) have today highlighted the need for greater clarity for beer drinkers following a number of buyouts of previously independent craft breweries in the UK by global beer companies, including Camden Town, Meantime, Sharp’s, and most recently London Fields brewery.

The London Fields brand and site was recently purchased by Carlsberg. Mike Benner, SIBA Chief Executive, commented:

“Buyouts such as that of London Fields by global beer company Carlsberg are made in the hope of capturing the original customers and target market of an established, previously independent craft beer brewery – Customer bases which were built on the back of the brewery being relatively small, independent and brewing quality, flavoursome beer. Consumers deserve to know that what they are buying is a genuine craft-brewed beer as research* clearly shows that most beer drinkers believe craft beer to be produced by relatively small, independent brewers.”

“SIBA want to see far greater clarity in the market place and as such launched the Assured Independent British Craft Brewer campaign, whereby truly independent craft breweries and the beers they brew, can carry a seal highlighting them as such. It’s a simple accreditation which can be instantly recognised by beer drinkers on bottles or cans on supermarket shelves or on pump clips at the bar.”

The campaign will also be a major feature of the Great British Beer Festival in London this summer where all of the beers from independent breweries will be highlighted on bar banners and in the festival programme. The festival attracts over 50,000 people across the four day event and is run by not-for-profit consumer organisation the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

SIBA’s South East Regional Director Ed Mason, who also runs Five Points Brewing Co in London, also commented,

“London’s thriving independent craft beer scene has been built on the passion, investment, sweat and tears of genuine independent brewers and we know that beer drinkers care about the provenance of their beer. The purchase of the ‘London Fields’ brand by Carlsberg raises a number of questions about genuine independence and ethics in the brewing industry. SIBA’s AIBCB ‘Assured Independent Brewers’ seal will help ensure that customers can tell which beers are truly independent”.

(thanks to Neil Walker, SIBA for this article)

<http://www.siba.co.uk/2017/07/10/independent-brewers-say-consumers-deserve-know-behind-craft-beer/>

Independent Brewers say consumers deserve to know who is behind their ‘craft’ beer
Neil Walker SIBA National

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Marston's takeover of Charles Wells

Following the news that Marston's has acquired the brewing business of Charles Wells for £55 million Tim Page, CAMRA's Chief Executive says:

"CAMRA is always concerned about any consolidation in the brewing industry as it could result in a reduction in choice, value for money and quality for beer drinkers. We're also wary of one company increasingly controlling a larger and larger share of the market, which is seldom beneficial for consumers.

"Marston's has a positive track record of keeping the breweries it acquires open, in situ, and in many cases investing in the sites to increase capacity, and we urge them to continue that policy. We'd also encourage them to protect the brands that they have acquired and increase the range available to beer drinkers, by continuing to supply them alongside the existing beers produced by Marston's owned breweries.

It's reassuring to hear that Charles Wells intends to continue brewing in Bedford, ensuring that whatever Marston's chooses to do with the brewery and brands it has acquired, local people will continue to be able to enjoy locally brewed beers in the region."

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Pub News

At the time of going to press **The Old Post Office** is looking at launching a key keg tap serving a changing craft beer alongside it's usual range of cask ales. Follow them on twitter or like their facebook page to keep informed with this exciting development and to keep up to date with the selection of ales they are currently serving.

New pub in Warwick – the **Coffee Tavern** selling a range of real ales including two regular beers (Purity and West Berkshire Breweries) and three changing beers.

Big Cat Coma, close to Leamington Station (formerly Stewarts Taphouse, Undergraduate, Royal Exchange) opened June 2017. Regular beer is Tetley's Big Cat Coma in addition to two changing beers.

Brewery News

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CAMRA celebrates pub planning loophole closure

Following a successful campaign led by the Campaign for Real Ale, the Government has announced that it will support a measure to close a planning loophole in England which has allowed pubs to be demolished or converted to a wide range of retail uses without any planning application.

This has not only denied local communities a say in their beloved locals' futures, but also made pubs a 'soft target' for developers, contributing to 21 net pub closures every week.

The Government's decision will bring a halt to developers exploiting loopholes and will give communities the right to have a say in the future of their pubs. The decision will not prevent the development of pubs, but will require developers to apply for planning permission to convert or demolish a pub, allowing for members of the local community to express their opinions as part of that process.

CAMRA campaigners worked closely with the Shadow Spokesman for Communities and Local Government, Lord Roy Kennedy, who won a vote on this issue in the House of Lords last month, and with Ministers, MPs, Peers and departmental officials.

Lord Kennedy of Southwark said: "I am delighted that the Government have listened to the Lords my amendment to close the loophole that allowed pubs to be lost without the local community having a say. This is a victory for common sense, the much loved British pub and responsible drinkers everywhere."

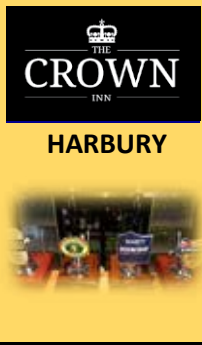
CAMRA Chief Executive Tim Page said: "Politicians are chosen to represent the views of those who elect them. We are delighted that in deciding to require owners to apply for planning permission if they want to close a pub, the Government has put the opinions of those who recognise the value that pubs provide to them and their communities above the commercial interests of a few organisations and individuals. This is a fantastic victory for campaigners who have secured the removal of a loophole which allowed pubs to be redeveloped or demolished without reference to the local community or planners. The decision to respond positively to CAMRA's campaign is further evidence of Government's support for the pub sector and follows on from the decision earlier this month to provide most English pubs with a £1,000 discount in the business rates they pay."

"This announcement is the result of the work of thousands of local campaigners and CAMRA members who have been calling for an end to the loopholes in existing legislation that have been used by developers to close wonderful, viable and well-supported local pubs. This change also wouldn't have been possible without

the dedication of Lord Kennedy in securing the support of the House of Lords. Lord Kennedy's efforts to support the future of local pubs at the heart and soul of communities will benefit pub goers for generations to come."

"This change delivers real and robust protection to valued community pubs, which previously have relied on communities going through the bureaucratic process of securing Asset of Community Value (ACV) listings, or local authorities choosing to use complex and obscure Article 4 directions.

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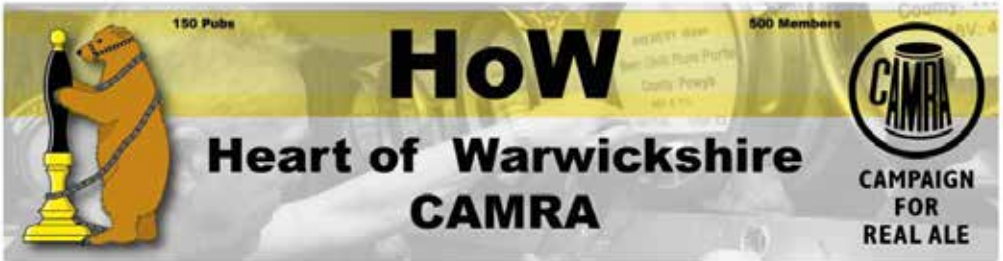
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The website provides our visitors access to information about the branch and is designed for any size screen, be it a mobile, tablet or traditional desktop.

It has an easy to use menu which allows visitors to quickly find the area that they are interested in along with a site search to quickly find information.

Our branch diary is on the home page so it's easy to find where our next event will be.

Easy links to WhatPub are available through the HOW Pubs page. We have a Google map showing the location of our pubs and a searchable table of pubs that can be filtered and sorted. Each entry on the table has a link to the pub's more detailed WhatPub page. This can be used quickly to get to one of our pubs to enter your beer scores. Our LocAle accredited pubs can be seen on the LocAle page.

Downloadable PDFs of the Beer and Ragged Staff are available on the magazine page.



We have a dedicated page for our beer festival with further details about previous festivals.



We are planning to post news on a regular basis with the most recent posts being listed on the home page. We invite you to use the comments section available on each post if you have anything you'd like to say about an item.

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CAMRA HOW Facebook
 Page at
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If you are a member or local land-lord please share any pub or brewery news or events on the page. Is there a great guest beer available? Has your local been on top form? Are there bands playing? Please also keep us informed on pubs opening or more sadly closing. We will keep you all informed of the CAMRA key campaigns coming up throughout the year, give us a shout if you would like details of how to get involved.

Heart of Warwickshire



CAMRA LocAle - promoting pubs that sell locally-brewed real ale, reducing the number of 'beer miles', and supporting local breweries.

What is CAMRA LocAle?

CAMRA LocAle is an initiative that promotes pubs stocking locally brewed real ale. The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of 'green' issues.

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. There are currently 125 CAMRA branches participating in the LocAle scheme which have accredited hundreds of pubs as LocAle pubs which regularly sell at least one locally-brewed real ale.

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

We are currently reviewing the pubs listed under the LocAle scheme within the branch area. If you run a pub currently listed in the scheme or would like to join, please contact us - pubnews@camrahow.org.uk - providing details of the beers that you regularly stock that qualify under the scheme.

The Heart of Warwickshire 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.

CAMRA will provide the following benefits:

- Free LocAle listing in the Beer & Ragged Staff, our free newsletter distributed quarterly widely around and adjacent to our area
- LocAle information added to each pub, where appropriate, on our Branch website and What Pub
- Free publicity material to be displayed in the pub, including pump clip crowners, window stickers, posters and LocAle beer mats

Conditions

To gain accreditation into the scheme, a pub needs to:

- Have at least one "local" real ale regularly on sale, i.e. less than 25 miles from the brewery (this can be different beers)
- Maintain the beer at a good standard
- Display the LocAle publicity material as appropriate

For more details visit: <http://www.camra.org.uk/locale>
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Antelope Inn	Lighthorne
Bedford Street	Leamington Spa
Benjamin Satchwell	Leamington Spa
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Case is Altered	Five Ways
Cricketers Arms	Leamington Spa
Dough & Brew (Pizza and beer)	Warwick
Drawing Board	Leamington Spa
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Folly	Napton
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Harvester	Long Itchington
Merrie Lion	Fenny Compton
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Old New Inn	Harbury
Old Post Office	Warwick
Red Lion	Hunningham
Royal Pug	Leamington
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White Horse	Leamington Spa
Wild Boar	Warwick
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