

TEWKESBURY WINTER ALES FESTIVAL 2017- OFFER TO HELP								
Please send completed form to Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival, 66 Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5RZ (or email your response to <a href="mailto:secretary@tewkisbury.camra.org.uk">secretary@tewkisbury.camra.org.uk</a> )								
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Set-Up			Sat 28 Jan, 10am-12noon		Sat 28 Jan, 10am-12noon			
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			Sat 4 Feb, 5pm-8pm		Sat 4 Feb, 5pm-8pm			
Take Down			Sun 5 Feb, 10am-12noon		Sun 5 Feb, 10am-12noon			
Preferred work areas (Please number in order of preference)			Beer	Food	Door	Beer	Food	Door

# CHRISTMAS BASH

Thursday 22 December 7:30pm

Royal British Legion

LOVELY FESTIVE FOOD & ALES

Tickets £14 (discount for Festival helpers)

Contact Steve 295466 or [steve@tewkisbury.camra.org.uk](mailto:steve@tewkisbury.camra.org.uk)

£5 deposit on booking please

R.S.V.P by December 5th

<b>Issue 7</b> <b>Winter 16/17</b>	<p>I hope you can take a few minutes for a quick update on what's happening in Tewkesbury CAMRA. There have been some significant changes in 2016. Tewkesbury CAMRA became a formal sub-branch of Gloucestershire CAMRA in February meaning that we are now operating largely independently. Gloucestershire CAMRA has seen a lot of upheaval in the last couple of years and is pausing to have a look at its structure to see whether it is fit for purpose going forward. You will all hopefully have received an invitation from Gloucestershire CAMRA to take part in a consultation process as part of this – please take the time to respond if you can. With potential changes in Gloucestershire we really need to take time to consider Tewkesbury's future. At our next AGM (May 2017) we will consider a motion for Tewkesbury to become a fully independent branch .... is this the right move for Tewkesbury .... let us know your thoughts at the AGM.</p> <p>The 2016 Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival was a cracking event which many believe was one of our best. Planning is well under way for the 2017 edition</p> <p>Again we aim to have 80 beers on offer and all of them Winter only favourites. We always on the lookout for new Winter Ales so if you know one don't keep it a secret, let us know.</p> <p>As members you cannot miss the exclusive members evening on Thursday 2 Feb 7:00pm - 11:00pm when you can be sure to have available the full choice of beers. Please remember to bring your membership card .</p> <p>If you can't make that, then the public sessions are as usual on Friday 3 Feb and Saturday 4 Feb.</p> <p>You can't have a festival without Tewkesbury Town Band and they will be there as usual on Saturday lunchtime followed by a couple of 6 Nations Rugby matches.</p> <p>Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival is a great event and its made great by the fantastic support given over the years by our volunteers and as ever we need your support to make this year's Festival a success.</p> <p>We need volunteers behind the bar, on door sales, stewarding, etc and also before and after the festival to setup/ take-down stillaging.</p> <p>Don't let lack of experience put you off there will be lots of friendly faces to show you the ropes and most folks find that they have as much or more fun behind the bar than in front of it .... we even feed you and give you free beer!!!</p> <p>If you can help there is a form on the back page you can fill in a post or just email me.</p> <p>It's that time of the year again when we need your help to choose</p>
	
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our Pub of the Year. We are looking for the pub that serves consistently great beer, served by welcoming knowledgeable staff and that epitomises the values CAMRA is trying to preserve. This pub will go on to represent Tewkesbury in the next round (County) of the National competition. I've put a shortlist ( current GBG pubs) overleaf as a starter but don't be constrained by this if I have left your favourite out. Please support your favourite pub ..your vote counts.

We are also looking for our Cider Pub of the Year ..... same basic criteria as Pub of the Year but with the obvious emphasis on real Ciders and Perries in great condition and staff who know their product. Again there is a shortlist below but remember you can vote for any pub in our area that's selling great cider and perry.

Also what do you do if your favourite pub is under threat of closure. Opposite there is an article by Pete Goodger our Pubs Officer on how ACVs can help and how Tewkesbury CAMRA can help support that process.

Looking over the last year we arranged an average of over one trip/event a month plus our monthly social trips and bi monthly business meetings. To keep in touch with all these activities check out our brand new website [www.tewkesbury.camra.org.uk](http://www.tewkesbury.camra.org.uk) or our Tewkesbury CAMRA Facebook page. I also send out regular updates by email ....if you are not receiving these it's because CAMRA HQ don't have your latest email address. Get on to [membership@camra.org.uk](mailto:membership@camra.org.uk) and they will do the update for you.

Almost at the end now I'm all set to take bookings for this year's Xmas Bash which will be on Thursday 22nd December starting at 7:30pm. This will be the third year at the British Legion Club in Church Street ... it really is a lovely venue for a large group. We will have three stunning beers for you to sample plus wonderful Festive buffet from Tilley's in Barton Street. Booking details are on the back page.

Finally a sad note to finish. Many of you will already know that Darren Matthews, the landlord of the White Bear, passed away very recently after a short illness. Darren was a great landlord and a great friend and will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the coming months ..meanwhile Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

*Steve Kisby*

Secretary Tewkesbury CAMRA [secretary@tewkesbury.camra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tewkesbury.camra.org.uk)

## Save our Pubs ... A guide to ACVs

Well-run pubs play a pivotal role in local communities, but are under threat of demolition or being converted to another use by large developers with 29 pubs nationally closing every week.

Whether you visit your local for a weekly pub quiz, a charity event or to simply sample some of the great beers, cider and perry on offer, pubs are at the heart of our communities and central to Britain's way of life.

Despite the positive impact pubs have on our lives, current planning laws simply do not do enough to protect them, so if you love your local pub and want to protect it from demolition or change of use, such as mini-supermarkets, make sure to list it with your local Council as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

Tewkesbury (CAMRA) are being proactive in protecting our pubs and have just been successful in registering both The Black Bear and The White Bear as ACVs with Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Why is listing an ACV so important?

- You have more say over what happens to pubs in your local area. You will be consulted if any pub you have nominated is threatened.
- Nominating your pub removes the permitted development rights which ensures the pub is protected in planning law and you'll be given the opportunity to put it back in the hands of the local community.
- Thanks to new ACV powers, pubs are also filling the gaps to provide much needed public services, including post offices, libraries and local shops.

It doesn't have to be CAMRA to nominating your local as an ACV – an informal group of 21 local people or Parish Councils can also nominate and apply to register their local with the Council. If you would like more information, then please contact Peter Goodger at [pubsofficer@tewkesbury.camra.org.uk](mailto:pubsofficer@tewkesbury.camra.org.uk).

## Tewkesbury CAMRA Pub of The Year

To vote go to the Pub of the Year and Cider Pub of the Year 2017 on our website [www.tewkesbury.camra.org.uk](http://www.tewkesbury.camra.org.uk) and choose from one of the shortlisted pubs below or add your own selection.

**Lower Lode Hotel**

**Royal Hop Pole**

**Tudor House Hotel**

**White Bear**

**Yew Tree, Cliffords Mesne**

**Boat, Ashleworth**

**Berkeley Arms**

**Nottingham Arms**

## Tewkesbury CAMRA Cider Pub of The Year

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**White Bear**

**Boat, Ashleworth**

**Kilcot Inn**

**Royal Hop Pole**