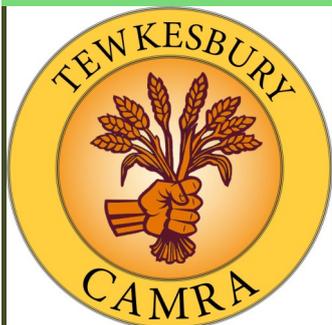


A View From The Chair



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Ale 'n Hearty

The first full year of Tewkesbury CAMRA as an independent branch is about to end and what a great year it has been.

Our 23rd Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival was as ever a great success. The experiment to open all day Friday was welcomed by all and will now be a regular feature. We also for the first time hosted the CAMRA SW Region Perry competition and will hopefully this year host another Cider class competition.

As you might imagine we have already started planning for the 2019 Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival (31 January to 2nd February) and from the feedback I've received there are two reasons why we carry this success into a 24th year. Firstly, we are one of the very few festivals (perhaps only) that strives to serve ONLY winter brewed beers. It came as a surprise to me to learn the winners of the national Winter Ales competition this year are available all year. Secondly the welcoming atmosphere generated by our great team of volunteers!

As ever we are looking for volunteers to help behind the bar, on door sales, stewarding, etc and also before and after the festival to setup/ take-down stillaging.

Don't worry if this is your first time working at a Festival as there will be lots of friendly faces to show you the ropes. As an extra incentive to volunteer, we will treat you to some free beer and food whilst you're working plus at least one helpers' event in the coming year.

If you can help please complete the form on the reverse or email me.

Even if you can't help please

come down and join us for a pint, there will be 80 winter only beers on offer and it will probably be the only chance you will get to taste the majority of them this winter. To make sure of getting the maximum beer choice don't forget the members only session on Thursday 31 January 7pm to 11pm.

We like to keep you up to date with what's happening in the Branch and this year I'm going to try a little experiment. Hopefully you will all get this newsletter in hardcopy but I'm also going to email it to you using the CAMRA Comms Tool. This tool allows me to send messages to everyone in the Branch whilst keeping your email address private. If you don't get the email it can mean one of a couple of things. You may have elected with CAMRA not to receive emails, fine but if that's not the case then CAMRA HQ haven't got your correct email address. You can easily update your email address by logging on to the HQ website and clicking on the "My Membership" tab or by contacting the membership department by phone or email.

If you need help with any of the above just get in touch with me.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website at www.tewkesbury.camra.org.uk and our Facebook page (nearly 200 members), both great ways of keeping in touch.

We always look forward to seeing you at one of our regular socials, business meetings or trips but if you can't make those there is one big way you can help every time you visit a pub.

We try to make sure that all

the details of the nearly 50 Pubs in our area are correct in CAMRA's online pub database WhatPub (<https://whatpub.com>) and that the best of those are entered in the Good Beer Guide. You can help us achieve this by submitting an update in WhatPub if the pub details are incorrect and also by submitting a score for the beer you have just had. All these updates and scores come back to us and help us improve our feedback.

As we approach the end of the year we need your help to choose firstly our Pub of the Year and then early in the New Year our Club of the Year and our Cider Pub of the Year. We are looking for the pubs and clubs that serves consistently great beer or cider, served by welcoming knowledgeable staff and that epitomises the values CAMRA is trying to preserve. They will go on to represent Tewkesbury in the next rounds of the National competitions. Details over-leaf ...

Your votes definitely count as The Boat Ashleworth has been voted Cider Pub of the Year for the whole SW Region. Fantastic achievement!

Finally I'm all set to take bookings for this year's Xmas Bash which will be on Thursday 20th December starting at 7:30pm. We are back again at The British Legion Club in Church Street. Again we will have carte blanche on the choice of beers on all 3 hand-pumps so if you have a suggestion for a festive ale let me know. Food will again be provided by Tilley's in Barton Street.

Its going to be a great night so book early ...details over-leaf.

Steve Kisby

CHRISTMAS BASH

Thursday 20 December

7:30pm

Royal British Legion

LOVELY FESTIVE FOOD & ALES

Tickets £14 (discount for Festival helpers)

Steve Kisby
66 Church Street
GL20 5RZ

Contact Steve 295466 or
chair@tewkesbury.camra.org.uk
£5 deposit on booking please

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Please go to our website and log in to the Members area to make your selection in each of the above categories. The website will list previous winners and/or current GBG entries however don't be constrained by this. You can nominate any pub or club within our area. Final selections will be made at the Xmas Bash. Please vote...we have some great pubs and clubs so let's give them the recognition they deserve.

TEWKESBURY WINTER ALES FESTIVAL 2019– OFFER TO HELP

Please send completed form to Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival, 66 Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5RZ

(or email your response to chair@tewkesbury.camra.org.uk)

		Helper 1	Helper 2				
	Name						
	Address						
Telephone number(s)							
Email address							
Set-Up		Sat 26 January, 10am-12noon	Sat 26 January, 10am-12noon				
		Thurs 31 January, 7pm-11pm	Thurs 31 January, 7pm-11pm				
		Fri 1 February, 11am-3pm	Fri 1 February, 11am-3pm				
		Fri 1 February, 3pm-7pm	Fri 1 February, 3pm-7pm				
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		Sat 2 February, 11am-2pm	Sat 2 February, 11am-2pm				
		Sat 2 February, 2pm-5pm	Sat 2 February, 2pm-5pm				
		Sat 2 February, 5pm-8pm	Sat 2 February, 5pm-8pm				
Take Down		Sun 3 February, 10am-12noon	Sun 3 February, 10am-12noon				
Preferred work areas (Please number in order of preference)		Beer	Food	Door	Beer	Food	Door