

CAMRA in BAE CEREDIGION – NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

On **Tuesday October 28th** we're presenting a special certificate to Ian Blair, licensee of the Ship and Castle, High Street, Aberystwyth to mark the pub's 10 consecutive appearances in the Good Beer Guide (2006-2015 editions). The presentation will take place in the Ship and Castle at around 7pm – the pub's beer festival will be in full swing, so I hope to see a good turnout.

On **Monday November 3rd** we have another of our ever-popular quizzes, this time at the Glengower Hotel, Victoria Terrace, Aberystwyth starting at 8pm.

On **Saturday November 15th** we are making a presentation to the Druid Inn, Goginan, which has been named Camra's Pub of the Year for West Wales. The presentation will be made between 1 and 2pm (before the rugby), and the pub will be opening early to accommodate those getting there on the 11.15 bus from Aberystwyth.

Our next branch meeting will take place on **Thursday 20th November** starting at 7.30pm at the Nag's Head (back room), Bridge Street, Aberystwyth.

BEER FESTIVALS

This autumn's festival at the **Ship and Castle** in Aberystwyth takes place from **Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th October**, 2pm to midnight both days. Highly recommended as ever. Birmingham Beer & Cider Festival has a new venue this year: New Bingley Hall, Hockley Circus, near Jewellery Quarter Station. It runs from **Wednesday 29th October to Saturday 1st November**. The Wednesday evening session, starting 6pm, is for Camra members and invited guests only; the other three days it opens 11am. Shrewsbury Beer Festival takes place at Morris Hall on Bellstone in the town centre from **Thursday 6th to Saturday 8th November** (from noon all three days, but closing 9pm on Saturday). It's a small venue, so getting there early in the day is recommended. And there's a pub beer festival at the Three Horseshoes at Cenarth on **Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th November**, with 6 or 7 local beers.

PUB OF THE YEAR

Once again it is time to start thinking about our branch Pub of the Year.. Attached with this newsletter is a nomination form together with details of the criteria used for judging. (If you receive this newsletter by Royal Mail, these are available by request from Rhys at the address below). Please let me have nominations by the end of the year.

GOOD BEER GUIDE 2015

I still have limited stocks of the new 2015 edition of the Good Beer Guide, available at just £10 to branch members. Contact Rhys (contact details below) to reserve your copy.

NEWS

Penlon Cottage Brewery has changed hands. At present it is still operating at the original premises in Llanarth, but new owners John and Lisa Haworth intend to move the operation to new premises at Maenygroes near New Quay around the turn of the year. In the short term the bottled-beer-only policy is likely to continue, but cask beer could be an option for the future.

There are rumours that the Royal Oak at Llanfarian may be re-opening. Minor repairs appear to have been taking place recently, and lights have been seen inside the pub.

The Glengower is running a "buy 5 pints get one free" promotion between now and Christmas.

Well, that's about it for this time. But if you have any news, ideas, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to ring me on 01974-241255, drop me a note at Gwynedd, Llanilar SY23 4NR or e-mail rhys.gwynedd@bopenworld.com . Iechyd da!

Rhys Jones, Chair, Bae Ceredigion Branch.

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