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Cheltenham Cheers!

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FESTIVAL SPECIAL



Tickets

A limited number of advance tickets are still available to purchase on-line. Please visit the CRAF website for details. The majority of tickets will be available on the door. The £6 entry fee includes your festival tankard.

Over 100 beers and ciders!

Beer will be available in both the Main Hall and Drawing Room, which will also host the cider bar. Please visit our website for the latest beer and cider listings, where you can print off your own wish list.

Beer and cider prices

Beers and ciders will be priced according to their ABV and are available in either 1/3 or 1/2 pints. No cash will be taken at the bars, so you'll need to purchase a £5 token card beforehand.

Free beer!

CAMRA members can claim a free pint at the token stand by showing a valid membership card.

Festival food

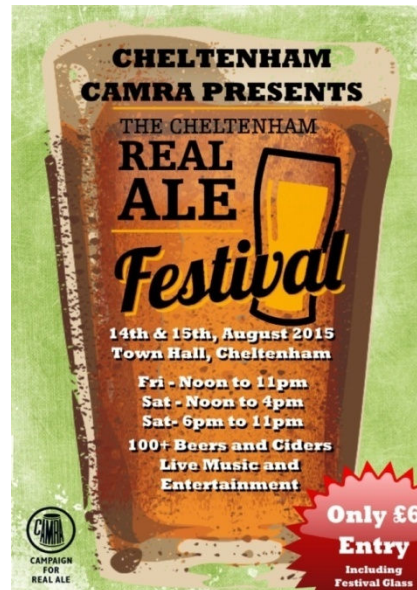
Food at the festival will be provided by The Town Hall's catering franchise **Fosters Event Catering**. A range of hot and cold snacks, including vegetarian options, will be available.

Allergen information

Since December 2014, there's been a requirement for establishments which provide food and drink to have allergen information readily available. This information will be contained within the festival programme.



For the very latest news, please visit www.cheltenhamcamra.org.uk/craf



Festival sponsors

Cheltenham CAMRA would like to thank the following sponsors for their valuable assistance in bringing you this festival. The festival glasses are sponsored by **Purity Brewing Co** and the **Cheltenham Standard** is our festival media partner.



If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a barrel at this festival, then for more information, please see the CRAF website.

Entertainment

Festival entertainment takes place in the Pillar Room. On Friday, we welcome **The Hot Tubes** and on Saturday it's **Pastiche**, **SuperTed**, **Chameleon**, a **Ukulele Band**, and headliners **The Roving Crows**.

Volunteers

Everyone working at the festival is a volunteer. If you'd like to help, please visit the CRAF website and complete the registration form **before 7th August**.

Token Aid for charity

Your unused tokens can be donated to Token Aid. The festival is supporting the **British Heart Foundation**, in memory of former branch stalwart, Trevor Carter.



Beer of the Festival

Your vote counts! We'll be introducing an interactive text voting system, so you can select your beer or cider of the festival in real time. Details of how to vote will be shown on the Hall's display screens.

Brewer for a Day

Fancy brewing your own beer? Well you could, thanks to the generosity of **Prescott Ales**. The competition, which appears in the **Cheltenham Standard**, will see the winner assist the Prescott team in the production of one of their fine ales.

Under-18s and animals

Please note that no one under the age of 18 will be admitted to the festival, nor any dogs except Assistance Dogs.

Our Branch brewers are providing some festival specials for this event. Please show them your support!



Battledown will be supplying
Gin House



Cotswold Lion are supplying
Drovers Café



Prescott will be supplying
Super-6 No.3



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Spring Pub-Of-The-Season (POTS)

Congratulations to the **House In The Tree**, which has been voted as our branch Spring POTS.

Upcoming "Ale Ambles"

The **August** amble, on **Wed 5th** will be to **Oxford**. Please meet at the Royal Well for the '853' Swanbrook service which departs at **11:00am**.

There's no amble in September, but we will be visiting **Stow and Bourton** on the **7th October**. Full details will be provided next month.

ACV Update

Following representations by both the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Branches of CAMRA to Cheltenham BC, we're happy to report that **The Kemble, The Ryeworth** and **Kings Arms** in Gloucester Road have been listed as Assets of Community Value.

Cider campaigning success

Last month we told you about a 26,000 strong petition being delivered to Downing Street, in support of the UK's small scale cider producers. The European Commission are intent on introducing a tax on them. In response, the July budget contained the following statement: "*The government is also committed to supporting small cider makers given their important role in rural communities. The government will retain the current duty exemption until and unless a replacement scheme is established*". At the time of writing, 40 MPs, including Tewkesbury's Laurence Robertson had supported Early Day Motion (EDM)-214, calling for the Government to reject the EC proposal.

Pub & club news

- A planning application has been lodged with Cheltenham BC (CBC) which could lead to the demolition of the **Russell Arms** in Hales Road and see it replaced by up to 6 dwellings. The developer is the same one who demolished the **Greyhound** in Whaddon without permission in 2010. Full details are available at Planning Reference 15/00988/FUL.
- As reported in the Echo, a legal battle between the landlord of **The Kemble** and the pubs owner, Punch Taverns has seen the landlord evicted just three months after taking over. The pub was closed for a short while, whilst Punch appointed a new tenant.
- Remember the former **Garricks Head** in Bath Street? Well, new bar fittings were being installed in early July. A new licensing application (ref 15/01021/PRMA) for the premises to be known as **The Apartment**, has also been submitted to CBC.

- Staff and customers at the **St George's Vaults** clubbed together to raise enough money to fund a mobility scooter for one of their regulars.
- **Cheltenham Motor Club** is to extend its real cider and perry offering – with the emphasis on small scale producers.

CAMRA Discounts

The following pubs, clubs or shops are currently offering a discount to CAMRA members:

- **Battledown Brewery** – 10% on all sales.
- **Favourite Beers** – 10% off all purchases.
- **Greatfield** – 20p off all ales, all day, every day, except on Mondays all ales are just £2.49.
- **Old Restoration** – 10% of all purchases, except Mondays when all ales are £2.00.
- **The Plough, Prestbury** – 10% off all real ales on Wednesdays.
- **Sandford Park Alehouse** – 10% off all real ale and cider on Mondays.
- **Feathered Fish** – On Mondays, all real ales are £2.00 (open to all customers).
- **Wetherspoons** – On Mondays, all customers can get 20p off a pint. CAMRA vouchers can now also be used to purchase real cider.

The small print: Please note that you must present your CAMRA membership card at time of purchase and that these discounts are at the discretion of the licensee / owner and are subject to change.

Tippler – Back Issues?

Following a request from the Cheltenham Local History Library and Archive for copies of the Tippler magazine, our Branch secretary, Rob Coldwell, kindly donated his collection that had been gathering dust in the loft. This means that, apart from a few missing issues, the archive now have issues going back to summer 2000. If anyone has any of the following issues: **Winter 2006, Spring 2008, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Autumn 2013, Winter 2013 and Autumn 2014**, that they no longer require and would be happy to donate please let us know and we will pass them on.

And finally ...

... did you know that according to the British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA), at any given time there are about 8 million kegs in circulation within the UK (although not all contain real ale), but that over £50 million pounds worth go missing every year! Most kegs are colour banded so that you can tell which brewery they belong to. See the BBPA 'kegaware' website for more information.

Cheers!

CAMRA Cheltenham Branch

Events

- 5 Aug** **Ale Amble to Oxford**. See above for details.
- 8-9 Aug** **2nd Ale and Steam Summer Weekend, Winchcombe & Toddington**. See North Cotswold website.
- 14-15 Aug** **The 1st Cheltenham Real Ale Festival, Cheltenham Town Hall**. See page 1 for details.
- 24 Aug** **Branch Business Meeting**. Sandford Park Alehouse from 7:30pm. Members only.

Listing correct at time of publication. Please check our website for the latest information



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