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# Cheltenham Cheers!

Newsletter of the Cheltenham CAMRA Branch



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*Season's Greetings  
from your Branch Committee!*



## Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Cheltenham Branch of CAMRA will take place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January** at **The Beehive** in Montpellier starting at **7:30pm**.

Nominations, from Cheltenham Branch members, are invited for all Committee positions, a list of which can be seen on the "Contact Us" page of our website. **A nomination form can be found on Page 3.** These should be returned to the [secretary@cheltenhamcamra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cheltenhamcamra.org.uk) prior to the start of the meeting.

Any Branch members wishing to submit a Motion for debate should also forward this to the Secretary.

### Super Regional Double!

It's been announced that the **Sandford Park Alehouse (SPA)** has been voted the winner of the Super Regional Round of CAMRAs Pub-of-the-Year competition. It will now be up against three other pubs in the Final, The Drovers Rest in Monkhill, Cumbria, the Kelham Island Tavern in Sheffield (a previous winner in both 2008 and 2009) and The Yard of Ale, a micropub, in Broadstairs, Kent. The overall winner will be announced in February. This is a fantastic achievement for a pub that's only been going for just over two years. We wish Grant Cook and all the staff best wishes over the next few months.

We're also pleased to announce that **Cheltenham Motor Club (CMC)** has also made it through to the Club-of-the-Year Final after it too won the Super Regional Round. Congratulations once again to Club Steward Neil Way and all the staff. A finalist in 2014 and 2015, can it repeat its success of 2013 when it previously won this marvellous accolade? The overall winner will be announced in March.

### Summer Pub-Of-The-Season (POTS)

Belated congratulations to the **Colesbourne Inn** which received the Branch Summer Pub-of-the-Season award.



### December Social

The December social, on **Wed 9<sup>th</sup>**, will incorporate our branch Christmas meal. Once again, we'll be visiting the **Cheltenham Balti**, in Great Norwood Street. The cost

will be £15. The meal starts at **7:30pm**, but we suggest meeting in the **Jolly Brewmaster** from 6:30pm. Please contact Veronica at [chair@cheltenhamcamra.org.uk](mailto:chair@cheltenhamcamra.org.uk) to let her know you're coming and note that you can bring your own drinks.

### Christmas Sing-along



This year's charity Christmas sing-along takes place on **Tue 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the **Sandford Park Alehouse**. We start at **7:30pm** and will be raising money with a raffle, for Maggie's Centre, a charity which provides

free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer, their family and friends. For more details, please visit [www.maggiescentre.org](http://www.maggiescentre.org).

### Upcoming "Ale Ambles"

On **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, we'll use the Stagecoach '10 Gold' service to visit **Gloucester**, departing from the Promenade at **11:12**. **Please note this is a change to the previously advertised information.** It will include a visit to Gloucester Brewery. The brewery has kindly offered to give us food in The Tank after the tour. Consequently, they will need numbers beforehand, so please contact Veronica to confirm you are coming.

The first amble of the New Year will be to **Moreton**. It takes place on **Tue 5<sup>th</sup> January** (to coincide with Market Day), using Pulham's '801' service from the Royal Well at **10:15**.

### Pub, Club and Other News

- A former POTS, **The Greatfield** in Hatherley, is to have 5 new hand-pumps installed.
- **The Plough** in Prestbury is to hold a Christmas themed mini-festival over the period 21<sup>st</sup> Dec to 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. Please see our website for the current beer and cider list. In addition, there's a January ale promotion coming up – 3 halves for £5 or 3 pints for £10.



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- Good luck to the Baikies – new licensees at **The Merryfellow**, which has re-opened following a refurbishment. They'll be hoping to keep their feet dry, after moving from the Haw Bridge in Tirley, which has been subject to flooding several times over the last few years.
- The **Brewhouse and Kitchen** chain, which recently opened premises in Gloucester Quays, is looking to expand, with Cheltenham reported to be a potential location. The site would have its own micro-brewery.

### Brewery News



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If you know where **Battledown Brewery** is, you'll appreciate this! "We're up a narrow cul-de-sac, so please send one of your smaller vehicles for the pickup" they were told!



Available now is "No.4", the latest in **Prescott's Super-6 Series**. It's a 5.8% Honey Oak Stout. Dark malts, new world hops, a hint of honey and oak aged wood chips have been combined to produce a rich, full flavoured stout.



### Good Beer Guide 2017

It's not 2016 yet, but already the selection process for the 2017 edition of the GBG has started. As with previous years, we'll only have an allocation of 8

(although that may change in the future), so we need your help in making the ultimate Cheltenham selection. We're organising a series of survey tours over the next few months, so if you'd like to be involved then please express your interest by emailing our pubs officer, John, at [pubs@cheltenhamcamra.org.uk](mailto:pubs@cheltenhamcamra.org.uk) with 'survey help' in the subject line. **The first survey tour will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, starting in the Feathered Fish from 7:30pm.** Please come and join us.

### Social Media

For the most up to date news, why not come and join the social media revolution? The addresses are shown at the top of the front page.

### An (Inter)national Gathering

A few members from Cheltenham recently visited Bristol for a joint social, with London Pub Group CAMRA members also in attendance. With almost 50 people on the crawl, it was necessary to stagger arrival times at some of the pubs visited, as they weren't very big! The Cheltenham contingent included a couple of members from the USA.

### And Finally ...

... they say if the Ravens ever leave the Tower of London, the Kingdom will fall. Well now, a new Spanish bestseller "Pomp and Circumstance", says that "*British men prefer drinking to making love and many believe they are the sons of alcohol.*" It goes on to say "...while there are pubs, there will (always) be an England"

### Cheers!

### CAMRA Cheltenham Branch

### CAMRA Discounts

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

<b>Battledown Brewery</b> 10% on all sales	<b>Favourite Beers</b> 10% off all purchases	<b>Feathered Fish</b> On Mondays, all customers can get real ales for £2.00	<b>The Greatfield</b> 20p off all ales every day. On Mondays all ales are £2.49	<b>The Plough, Prestbury</b> 10% off all real ales on Wednesdays	<b>The Old Restoration</b> 10% of all purchases. On Mondays all ales are £2.00	<b>Sandford Park Alehouse</b> 10% off all real ale and cider on Mondays	<b>The Spectre</b> On Tuesdays, all real ales are £2.50 <b>NEW</b>	<b>Wetherspoons</b> On Mondays, all customers can get 20p off a pint
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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

### Events

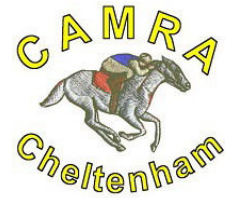
- 2 Dec** Ale Amble, by bus, to Gloucester. Details above.
- 9 Dec** Branch Christmas Meal, Cheltenham Balti. Bring your own beer!
- 22 Dec** Christmas Charity Sing-along, Sandford Park Alehouse, from 7:30pm.
- 5 Jan** Ale Amble, by bus, To Moreton. Details above.
- 14 Jan** January Branch Social, starting at the Somerset, Moorend Street, from 8:00pm
- 19 Jan** Branch Business meeting at The Tivoli, from 7:30pm. All members welcome.
- 26 Jan** Branch AGM at The Beehive from 7:30pm. See above for details.

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



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