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## Reminder of the Branch AGM

The 2017 branch AGM will take place in The Beehive, Montpellier, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. All branch members are invited to attend the meeting which starts at **7:30pm** and vote on any matters arising. Please ensure you have your membership card with you. All Committee positions will be up for election and a nomination form is provided below. A full list of the positions is available on our website. If you'd like to raise a motion for discussion, please contact the secretary, [secretary\[at\]cheltenhamcamra.org.uk](mailto:secretary[at]cheltenhamcamra.org.uk) with the details. See our social media sites for further information.

## "Ale Ambles" and other trips

The February Amble, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> will be to Worcester/St.Johns. The March trip, on the 29<sup>th</sup>, will be to Swindon. For more information on these trips including the departure time and confirmation of service, please contact Veronica - [social\[at\]cheltenhamcamra.org.uk](mailto:social[at]cheltenhamcamra.org.uk).



There's also a joint trip, with Tewkesbury CAMRA, to the Derby Winter Ale Festival, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. It departs from the Royal Well at 9:00am, so if you're interested please contact Bill at [socialsecretary\[at\]tewkesbury.camra.org.uk](mailto:socialsecretary[at]tewkesbury.camra.org.uk) to book your place.

## Pub, Club and Other News

- ❖ Opening at the end of the month will be a new venue within the Brewery Complex. Cosy Club, part of a small chain, promises to offer local ales as part of its bar offering.
- ❖ Please note that The Plough, Prestbury and The Old Restoration are no longer offering discounts for CAMRA members.
- ❖ Although planning approval had been granted in August to redevelop the Ryeworth into a house with additional housing in the car-park (CBC Ref: 16/01088/FUL), an amendment was submitted in late October (CBC Ref: 16/01908/FUL) to demolish the former pub building and build 3 'cottages' in their place. This application has now been withdrawn.
- ❖ A new planning application (CBC Ref: 17/00169/FUL) has been submitted for the Russell Arms. The pub will be retained (but reduced in size) and the development now includes the next door property.

If you have any pub news of your own, (we're particularly interested in finding out about potential beer festivals), then please send it to [news\[at\]cheltenhamcamra.org.uk](mailto:news[at]cheltenhamcamra.org.uk) and it could be included here and on our award winning website.

## Brewery News

 <p>Tel: 01242 693409 <a href="http://battledownbrewery.com">battledownbrewery.com</a></p>	 <p>Tel: 01242 509946 <a href="http://brewhouseandkitchen.com">brewhouseandkitchen.com</a></p>	 <p>Tel: 01242 870164 <a href="http://cotswoldlionbrewery.co.uk">cotswoldlionbrewery.co.uk</a></p>	 <p>Tel: 07887 537356 <a href="http://deyabrewing.com">deyabrewing.com</a></p>	 <p>Tel: 07526 934866 <a href="http://prescottales.co.uk">prescottales.co.uk</a></p>
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- Battledown brewery has now completed the move to their new premises. Situated on the Dowdeswell Park development, a few miles out of town on the London Road, the premises operates a 13 hectolitre brew-plant. Together with their impressive re-branding, it represents an exciting new start for the brewery. We wish them well.

## Campaigning 1 - A lobbying opportunity

In coming days, the House of Lords will be debating the Neighbourhood Planning Bill at committee stage.

CAMRA are excited to see that a new clause has just been tabled within this Bill which calls for the removal of permitted development rights from pubs; a practice which allows a pub to be converted or demolished without going through a full and transparent planning process (such as the Fox & Hounds, Greyhound etc).

With 21 pubs closing every week, it is clear that current planning law is failing to support pubs across the country. This debate will give you the opportunity to make sure that your local gets the permanent protection it needs.

You can lobby the House of Lords to ask them to show their support for pubs in two crucial ways:

- Add their name to the new clause: 'Change of use of drinking establishments' which is placed after Clause 13
- Speak in support of pubs at committee stage of the Neighbourhood Planning Bill.

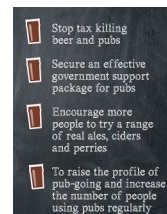
This amendment will:

- Stop developers from converting or demolishing a pub without securing planning permission;
- Introduce a process where communities can voice their support or objection to a pub being converted which can influence the planning decision.
- Place pubs into 'sui generis' category - taking them out of their current A4 Use Class and placing them into a class of their own.

With your help, this clause will go on to the next stage of debate where Peers will be able to vote in direct support of the clause, putting the onus on government to change the law. Let's not miss this opportunity. You can show your support by visiting this site: <http://e-activist.com/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1959&ea.campaign.id=62996> for an on-line form.

### Campaigning 2 - Member Get Member!

With CAMRA membership now over 185,000 (an increase on the year of 5.2%), the push is on to reach the magical 200,000 mark. You can help with a new initiative from HQ. The goal is to encourage as many members as possible to refer a friend to CAMRA, and in turn you will be rewarded for your efforts with a discount code for the shop and a chance to win a case of beer. CAMRA have developed a digital version, available shortly, which will allow all members to log in to the members area of the website and refer friends and family using a dedicated online tool. So, if you'd like to help with the campaigning issues shown, why not sign up a friend now?



### Thank You

Following December's charity sing-a-long, a presentation of £378.25 was made to Cheltenham based LINC, represented by co-founder Dr. Gill Rouse (far left), by members of the Branch Committee. Thanks to all who supported the event. Please visit [www.lincfund.org](http://www.lincfund.org) for more information.



### And finally, Situation Vacant

After almost four years of editing *Cheers!*, I'll be stepping down from the post at the Branch AGM. If you fancy having a go at producing a monthly newsletter, then please get in touch for details of what's required. You might even like to consider going entirely down the digital route, after all, updates on our award winning website, Twitter and Facebook pages can be almost instantaneous. The future direction of the publication would be yours, so why not give it a go?

Events	
2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tewkesbury Winter Ale Festival. Watson Hall, Barton St. A reminder that Thursday is CAMRA Members night.
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Branch monthly Social, starting at The Somerset, from 7:30pm.
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Branch monthly Business meeting, Bottle of Sauce, from 8:00pm.
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Visit to the Derby Winter Ale Festival. See above for details.
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>Branch AGM, from 7:30pm prompt in The Beehive, Montpellier. Committee nomination forms below.</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Ale Amble to Worcester. Contact Veronica for details.
<i>Listing correct at time of publication. Please check our website for the latest info.</i>	

Please see below for a Committee nomination form.



CHELTHENHAM CAMRA COMMITTEE  
NOMINATION FORM 2017-2018



NOMINEE .....

POSITION .....

CAMRA No .....

POST CODE .....

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DATE .....

PROPOSER .....

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Nominees must be members of the Cheltenham branch (post codes GL 50, 51, 52 or 53) of good standing. A proposer and seconder are required. After completing this form, please return it to the Secretary, or hand it in before the AGM.

YOU MAY APPLY FOR SEVERAL POSITIONS, BUT PLEASE USE A SEPERATE FORM FOR EACH ONE

