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Solihull CAMRA Beer Festival, October 3rd- 4th.

The 5th Solihull CAMRA Beer Festival will be held at the British Legion in Union Road, Solihull over the weekend of the 3rd-4th October.

The British Legion is five minutes walk from Solihull town centre and about fifteen minutes from Solihull Station. Following on the success of last years festival, Festival Organisers have made some minor improvements.

First, and probably most important, the beer order has been increased and reserves will be ready to call upon. Last year, Bernies Off License, Shirley and Church End Brewery, Atherstone came to the Festival's aid preventing it from being drunk dry on Saturday night!

Friday evening last year proved extremely busy. Organisers feared that the fire limit might be exceeded, so this year entry restrictions will apply, so please arrive early. If you are in a queue, please be patient. Every effort will be made to get you in as soon as possible. Organisers regret this, but it is for everyone's safety. To partially alleviate this, there will be no

live music on Friday night to free up more space for drinking in comfort. However, live music will be provided on Saturday night when Matt Palmer's Nottingham Swingtet will entertain us.

A commemorative glass will be available for the festival at a cost of £2, which is refundable if you do not wish to keep it. Charges for festival entry will be £2 Friday and Saturday evening, £1 Saturday lunchtime, plus refundable glass hire [£2], which is compulsory. This follows CAMRA policy which insists that only CAMRA approved glasses are to be used at Beer Festivals. If you are a CAMRA member then getting into the Festival will be free Saturday lunchtime and £1 on Friday and Saturday night.

Food will also be available. Since the last festival the British Legion has installed a new kitchen and Dave the Steward and his team will be providing a range of goodies for your delectation and to help soak up the beer! There will be a CAMRA stall, new member discounts and a prize game, so there is plenty to do whilst enjoying the range of beers, cider and perry which will be available.

Opening times are 5.30-11 Friday and 12-4; 6-11 on Saturday.

Festival Organiser Steve Dyson said, "This years festival will be bigger and hopefully better and I look forward to seeing again all the friends who came to last years festival."

New Solihull CAMRA Real Ale Guide hits the bookshelves....

Solihull CAMRA is to launch its first comprehensive guide to all the pubs in the branches area at the forthcoming beer festival in October.

The guide, edited by Steve Dyson has been two years in the making. All the pubs in the area have been visited many times during that period to check beer quality and facilities available at the pub. A final check was undertaken this summer, ensuring that the guide is as up to date as possible. Steve Dyson, editor said, "All the pubs have been surveyed by Solihull CAMRA members, which has been really hard and thirsty work! This guide is the first comprehensive guide to the area. We've even included details of the pubs with no real ale so drinkers can avoid them!"

Following the format of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide, the guide includes beer related articles. There is a detailed description explaining what real ale is. Local breweries near Solihull are identified and the future of mild is reviewed.

"It's not just a guide," said Steve Dyson, "There are numerous articles. One of particular use is a quick guide to drinking in Solihull aimed at the visitor with not much time to ponder over which pub to visit".

The guide will be also be available in Bernies Off License, Shirley as well as town centre bookshops and is priced at £3.00

To order the guide direct send a cheque made out to Solihull CAMRA for £3.50 [p&p inclusive] to Steve Dyson, Editor, Solihull Real Ale Guide, 79, Walsgrave Drive, Solihull, B92 9PP [Tel: 0121 603 8994]



A Solihull CAMRA Publication

Edited by Steve Dyson



Local News and Beers around 'ere...

Mild, Pedigree and Worthington 1774. At the Vaults, Knowle, Milk Street Beer! at 5% (the brewery's exclamation mark!), Highgate Queen of Hearts at 3.6%, Oakham JHB, Archers The Great Bear at 5%, Tolly Original, Phoenix Double Gold at 5% and Salopian Heaven Sent at 4.5% At the White Lion, Hampton in Arden, Hook Norton Best Bitter will replace the Bass for the foreseeable future so the range now consists of Brew XI, Black Sheep Bitter and Hook Norton BB. The Saddlers Arms, Solihull has sported Adnams Broadside, Gales Bitter and Shepherd Neame Early Bird. The Hogshead has undergone a refurbishment and is now only serving two real ales Fuller's London Pride and Deuchars IPA. The Navigation, Lapworth has had on offer Cottage Golden Arrow and Vale Crumbling Premium, whilst the Wharf has given us Oakham Bishops Farewell and Titanic All Aboard. At the Red Lion, Shirley Salopian Shropshire Gold has been sampled. At the Bluebell, Henley, Black Sheep Bitter, Adnams Bitter and Fullers London Pride have been on tap.

Seen at the Red Lion, Knowle were Brains Dark and Thwaites Dark Mild, alongside regulars M&B

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New Bank's beer aimed at Birmingham's drinkers...

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries have brewed a new beer for the Birmingham palate which is soon to be launched in local pubs throughout the area. The name of the beer is unknown at the time that the Drinker went to press, but apparently it will be a low alcohol dark ale.



It would appear that Banks's are trying to capture the market held by M&B and Ansell's beers.

The branch has been invited to Banks's in September to sample the new beer.

in brief...

Flour De Lys, Lowsonford

The Fleur de Lys has been refurbished internally and the old wooden tables and chairs replaced with soft furnishings. Three real ales were available at the time of our visit of which the standards are Flowers Original and Flowers IPA, plus one guest (Titanic at the time of our visit).

Wetherspoons comes to Solihull?

Wetherspoons are coming to Solihull. The early years shop unit in Station Road appears to have been acquired and the application for the licence has a date of August 1st. Watch this space.



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Cycling your way around the Local Pubs...

Three years ago my wife and I rediscovered the joys of cycling. I don't mean anything too serious – just leisurely rides around country lanes and off-road cycle routes.

Often these days we load the bikes on the roof of the car and disappear to the backwaters of the Cotswolds or the Peak District for the day – discovering villages and country pubs that we would not normally have come across on a car journey.

Closer to home, I will describe a route we have enjoyed that takes in a number of the pubs in the Solihull CAMRA area and revisits many of my old haunts as a Warwickshire lad.

The starting point for this adventure is the extremity of Blossomfield Road, at its junction with Longmore Road and Widney Lane. Cross the Traffic Lights and proceed down Marshall Lake Road, passing the Retail Parks and crossing the busy A3400 (soon to become a Red Route) into Blackford Road (B4102).

Continue on the B4102, passing the **Pickwick** (which if my memory serves me right was once called the Three Maypoles) on your right. Quite an imposing pub, it somehow lacks character – it has a large garden at the rear.

After passing Salter Street church, turn left at the bend and you will come to the **Bull's Head** at Warings Green. Once listed in the Good Beer Guide and known for its very high bar, this pub is now owned by Thwaites, and serves three of the brewery's beers. In pleasant weather, one can sit outside and enjoy a pint of Lancaster Bomber (a legacy from the take-over of the Mitchells brewery).

Immediately past the Bull's Head is a lane on the left that takes you down to the nearby **Blue Bell** – a thriving canal-side pub that usually has an interesting guest beer alongside its regular ales. I am old enough to remember when this pub brewed its own beer – the locals used to swear that the water for the brew was drawn from the adjacent canal! Despite its somewhat isolated location, this pub is always busy with regular quizzes and other events going on. It was known for some years as the Cider House, but reverted to its original name.

From the Blue Bell car park we turn left and proceed straight across an offset junction, across another junction, then up and over the M42 Motorway to Birchy Cross. We proceed straight over this cross roads, down Tom Hill and up the other side into Tanworth-in-Arden, the village that I was fortunate enough to grow up in when it was a real community.

The **Bell Inn** stands opposite the Church and village green – once an endearing pub, it has now lost much of its atmosphere and character inside, but it still serves three real ales, and you can sit outside on the bench and enjoy acceptable refreshment. There are now plans to turn the bar into a coffee lounge/post office/shop. I spent many nights in that bar playing darts under the watchful eye of Jack Hood, the Landlord. His Lonsdale Belt was proudly displayed (as a possible deterrent to trouble makers) and a number of Boxers including Johnny Prescott trained there under him.

Down the hill to the right of the Church takes us to Danzey Green, and the little railway station from where I used to catch the train each morning to School at Stratford-upon-Avon. I recall often frantically shoving my bike into the cycle shed and tearing across the footbridge clutching my satchel as the train drew up on the opposite platform!

We continue over the newly re-enforced railway bridge and past the farms where we used to build muscles to die for – helping with the harvest in the summer holidays (if you were lucky you got to drive the tractor occasionally, too). Down the hill and turn right towards Ullenhall, and the **Winged Spur** – a pub that has retained much of its character despite refurbishments. This was, like the Bell at Tanworth-in-Arden, a Whitbread / Flowers house until recent years, but now has a regular guest beer and serves good food.

On from Ullenhall to Henley-in-Arden, where the choice of pubs is considerable (a Henley Ice Cream may prove a tempting alternative on a hot day). The best is probably a matter of personal choice, but The **White Swan** has character and was formally featured in the Good Beer Guide, though the management now seem more restricted in their choice of real ales. The **Blue Bell** or the **Three Tuns** may be reasonable alternatives.

At the Stratford end of Henley High Street we turn left towards Claverdon and Warwick (A4189). At the top of the hill take a left down the lanes to Lowsonford, where we find the pretty **Fleur-de-Lys** with its canal-side gardens. This was the 'birthplace' of the now famous Fleur-de-Lys pies. Every time my Father had a new car, for some reason we came here to 'christen it' – a tradition which still survives in my family. Then you could buy the pies fresh from the oven at the servery behind the pub. Now owned by Laurel Inns, they feature regular guest beers from independent breweries, courtesy of the Beer Seller distribution.

Up the lane again and turn right to Finwood, and the **Tom 'O the Wood**, which usually has three real ales, one of which is of the Piddle variety (once brewed at Wyre Piddle in Worcestershire, but now brewed by Highgate). From Finwood on up the lane, over the M40, and turn left on the B4439 to Lapworth and the **Navigation** – my Father's local when he was a lad. Popular now for Andrew Kimber's good food and large helpings, this pub has featured in the Good Beer Guide for over fifteen years, and still has regular guest ales.

From the Navigation car park, turn right on the towards Hockey Heath, but just past the water tower take a right to Packwood, passing through the grounds of Packwood House (in the stewardship of the National Trust) with its famous Sermon on the Mount topiary layout. Take a left and then a right into Windmill Lane, and on up to join the B4101 on the outskirts of Dorridge, where will be found the **Railway Inn**. Regularly featured in the Good Beer Guide over the years and still serving real ales, there is now a new heated patio area to the rear of the pub that might be quite pleasant as the nights draw in.

Through Dorridge village and turn left at the island, past Bentley Heath to the island by the new cemetery, where we turn right towards Solihull, passing over the M42 once again. At the bottom of the hill we take a left past Widney Manor Station, and climb into the Monkspath estate. Just off the island is the **Fieldhouse** (formally the Chequers), which is now an Ember Inn. Usually 3 or 4 real ales on offer here if you are still thirsty. A short ride up Widney Lane takes us back to our starting point, though you could divert down Cranmore Boulevard to collect some supplies from **Bernies Real Ale Off Licence** to sustain you through the evening and revitalise your aching legs!

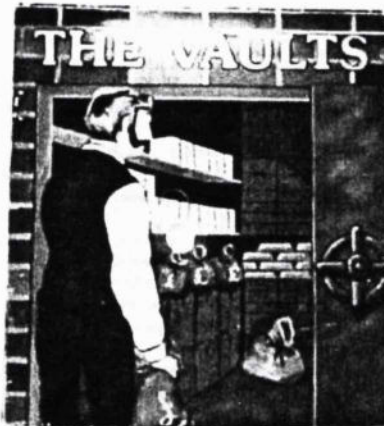
Roger Dipple

Nick and Gwen welcome you to the Vaults, Knowle...

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STRATFORD AND GRAND UNION CANALS REAL ALE RAMBLE (4.5 – 5 miles)

This is a pleasant walk mainly using canal towpaths, but with some road. Remember that canal towpaths can be muddy.

The B4439 (Old Warwick Road) runs through Lapworth. Turn into Old Brome Hall Lane (grid reference 186711) and take the first left hand turn into a parking area among trees. The walk starts by dropping slightly downhill through the trees to the canal. Turn right onto the towpath, so the Stratford Canal is on your left hand side. Do not cross the bridge, but stay on the towpath heading south. You soon pass a barrel vault roofed lock keepers cottage on the opposite side. Continue to the small split bridge - bridge 37, just past lock 22 (all the bridges and locks are numbered). Cross to the other side of the canal and turn right so the canal is now on your right hand side.

Continue along the canal. At Dicks Lane lock you come to another barrel vault roofed cottage. Look out for the old road sign on the left hand side just before the cottage - it shows the weight restrictions for the split bridge when it was built. The barrel vault roofs are particular to the Stratford Canal. They are this shape as the workmen who built them were the same as those who built the bridges and they used the same barrel vault technique. The curved roofs are literally extended brick arches covered with roofing felt and bitumastic.

Continue under the M40 and on for another half mile or so when you pass a disused railway where the bridge has been removed. Shortly afterwards you reach bridge 40 - go down the steps and under the bridge. You will soon see the Fleur de Lys pub on the right hand bank. Don't worry, as you will soon be able to have a drink here. Bridge 41 is only a short distance away. Pass under this bridge and take the path up to the left (do not walk through the lock keepers garden before the bridge) onto the road. Turn left and cross the bridge. Bear right into the village of Lowsonford and the pub is about 50 yards on your right. The entrance to the pub is in the car park at the rear.

The Fleur de Lys does good food and serves three real ales. The two standards are Flowers Original and Flowers IPA. There is a regular guest ale (Titanic at the time of my visit).

From the Fleur de Lys turn right out of the car park and walk along the road to the first right hand turn (Mill Lane), signposted to Rowington and Coventry. The old village pump is on the green here. This is the boring part of the walk as it involves walking along the road for about a mile, over the canal and the M40, generally uphill until you reach the Grand Union Canal and the Tom o' the Wood pub just across the bridge. This pub also does good food. Its regular beers are Bass, Speckled Hen and Greene King IPA. It has regular guest beers from Wyre Piddle.

On leaving the pub retrace your steps across the bridge and turn left down onto the towpath and double back under the bridge, so the canal is on your right hand side. After about a mile you reach the short spur canal that connects the Grand Union to the Stratford Canal (Kingswood Junction). Here you go straight on, across the humpbacked bridge keeping the Grand Union Canal on your right hand side. Just in front of the next bridge (number 65) take the towpath up to the road and cross over the bridge and the road where you will find the Navigation pub. The Navigation also does good food. Its regular beers are Brew XI and Bass. It has a guest beer (Stockport Arches at the time of my visit) and a guest real cider.

From the Navigation retrace your steps across the bridge and back down onto the towpath in the direction you came from, keeping the canal on your left hand side. Walk back towards the connecting canal spur (Kingswood Junction) and recross the humpbacked canal bridge (do not turn right before the bridge as this is a dead end) and turn right, with the canal on your right hand side. Continue toward the Stratford canal until you reach four steps in front of you. Go up the steps and turn right across the small split bridge, down four more steps and straight on with the canal on your right. Go across another split bridge and you are back where you started next to the trees where your car is parked.

Ray Cooke



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Spotlight Inn...



The Red House, Hermitage Road, Solihull

Less than ten minutes walk from the centre of Solihull is one of Solihull's few Thwaites pubs in the borough, the Red House in Hermitage Road. An ex M&B pub, Thwaites moved into the area at the turn of the millennium introducing drinkers to a range of real ales brewed up north. Thwaites of Blackburn, Lancashire have been brewing for over two hundred years during which time the branch has enjoyed a brewery visit!

The pub started life as a Doctors surgery before opening in 1967 as an M&B house.

When Thwaites took it over they undertook a major refurbishment. The interior is traditional with a large lounge given over to pub food and a small bar which has a wall size television for sporting events. There is a small patio at the front of the pub and hidden round the back and often overlooked is a garden with more benches. As to the real ales, on handpump there is Thwaites Bitter [3.6%] a clean tasting session beer and Lancaster Bomber [4.4%] a beer bought from Mitchells of Lancaster when they closed down.



Red Lions...

After being the acknowledged leader for many years, the Red Lion is now the second most popular pub name in the country according to recent CAMRA figures. There are 668 known instances, 4 of which are in this area. There were even more at one time, for example the Red Lion at Henley in Arden, which closed about 10 years ago. The origin of this pub name has been traced back to John of Gaunt, the most powerful man in England for much of the 14th Century, his Coat of Arms featured a Red Lion. However the proliferation of the name is mainly due to King James I, a Scot who acceded to the throne of England in 1603. A Royal Decree was sent around that all public buildings should display the Red Lion of Scotland. Many of the Red Lion pubs date from this time. The oldest local example is the Red Lion in Knowle, which probably predates James I. It is likely there was an inn on the site shortly after the building of the Church, which is now 600 years old. After a five year spell as the Felons and Firkin, this Red Lion is now an Ember Inn, selling mainstream ales such as Pedigree, Bass, Old Speckled Hen and M&B Mild. The Red Lion near Earlswood is an early Victorian country pub built in mock tudor style. It has been a Vintage Inn since 1997, so tends to concentrate on food and stick to traditional ales such as Bass and Tetley Bitter (Yawn) The Red Lion, Shirley is a former 18th Century coaching inn which was demolished and replaced by the current version in 1965. A more welcoming pub than would appear from it's exterior, it tends to stock low gravity low priced ales such as Ansells Mild, Tetley, Boddingtons and Pedigree, with a guest ale such as Slaters Bitter. The final example of a Red lion in the vicinity is in Claverdon, near Warwick. Another country pub with a wonderful Warwickshire vista to the rear, it also concentrates on food, but does have four ales on offer, normally Bass, Pedigree, Wadworths 6X and Hook Norton Bitter. Next issue - the most popular pub name in the country.

Steve Wood

Fringe Benefits 4 – The 57 Bus Route Part I...



Five intrepid members recently accepted the 'mission' of visiting the pubs on the 57 bus route to see what real ale was available. Whether this 'mission' was possible, impossible or downright improbable, read on....

The 57 route goes between Birmingham City Centre and Solihull Town Centre, going along the Coventry Road and then into Solihull via Old Lode Lane/Lode Lane, or via Lode Lane if you get the 57A variety. We started at The Shooting Star on the Coventry Road, just on the Brum side of the 'border'. This hostelry has been, in former lives, The Good Companions pub and then a short-lived guise as a Harry Ramsden's. It has been in its present incarnation for (I think) a few years now. It is a Tom Cobleigh pub, the slogan of the company's pubs being 'Nice Pubs for Nice People'. I'm not sure if Tom Cobleigh is actually part of a bigger chain, but anyway, the pub is, shall we say, the typical family-orientated pub complete with Wacky Warehouse play area. The décor is standard wooden, with a lot of room in the open-plan interior, plus a few benches outside.

We were surprised to see that, on a Friday night, two of the pipes were being cleaned, so neither the Tetley Bitter nor the Pedigree were available, so we had Hobson's choice in Wadworth's 6X. I know a lot of people don't like this beer, is it because it's widely available? Well personally I like it, I'm attracted by its interesting smell, but on this occasion it was a tad too cold: there seems to be a 'lager' mentality in some pubs of serving all beers at 4-5 degrees.

Another thing to mention here is that the price of a pint was £2.30 for the 6X, with the other two being over £2!

Anyroad, we then caught the bus to The Harvester-not the one on the Coventry Rd in Sheldon but the one in Tanhouse Farm Lane, Olton. This is a 'community pub' and is an *ex-Good Beer Guide* entry. There were three ales offered, namely John Smith's Bitter, Greene King Abbot Ale and (ditto's) Old Speckled Hen. All three were in good nick, although as (again!) they are widely available perhaps the choice wasn't staggering. Nevertheless I'd personally recommend The Harvester as a good old-fashioned pub: yes, families are welcome, food is available, there is outdoor seating and a play area, but the drinker is also catered for.

The next port of call was The Red House in Redlands Road, Olton. This establishment is one of the few Thwaites' (of Blackburn) pubs in the West Midlands. To tempt our taste buds were Bitter and the stronger Lancaster Bomber, both pronounced drinkable if not outstanding in their taste. Once more we were in a pub where food is important, but again drinkers are welcome either inside or on the wooden benches outside.

Then we set off for Solihull Town Centre. Firstly we went to the Hog's Head, which was full of mainly teenagers and twentysomethings. Fuller's London Pride was sadly not available, but the remaining real ale, Deuchar's IPA was in excellent condition. What a shame though to see so many young people drinking lager: maybe they couldn't hear the bar staff say that real ale was available, on account of the noise level of the decibel heavy loud, conversation-denying music! The Hog's Head is, I suppose, what one calls a 'fun pub'.....

Next was the Saddler's Arms which has achieved recognition for its ale by its inclusion in the soon-to-be-published 2004 *Good Beer Guide*. Everard's Beacon was not available, but we enjoyed the delights of Highgate Mild and Adnam's Broadside, both being in top-notch condition. The Saddler's is similar in feel to the Hog's Head, i.e. over-loud music of a night, but it caters particularly for those in their 30s and 40s.

We then went to Bar Co, the erstwhile Golden Lion. Wychwood Hobgoblin and John Smith's Bitter were on tap, but the former was not in a very good condition, which left one wondering how much they sell: looking round and seeing the sparse 'crowd', probably not a lot. Again, lots of loud music, but strangely not very well populated.

As it was still not time for last orders some of us decided to head back to The Saddler's, which is arguably the town centre's premier real ale pub.

Well, what fun we had... and Part II, in the opposite direction, heading for Birmingham City Centre via the Coventry Road, is planned for a later date. Watch this space!

Martin Collinge

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Ride a cock horse? I'd sooner drink there!

Saturday 23rd to
Bank Holiday
Monday 25th August
were the dates of the
recent Beer Festival
at the Cock Horse,
Rowington.

The pub usually has four
real ales available inside
the pub, including Flower's IPA, Fuller's London Pride
and Adnam's Broadside. But for the above dates
customers were able to sample an extensive range of 25
real ales and a cider from the barrels situated outside in
the temporary marquees.

Mine hosts Wendy and David also offered us a charity/
fun day on the Sunday, raising over £800, which
included a pig roast. And all the while live bands kept
everyone royally entertained. Like many members of
Solihull & District CAMRA* I went on the Bank



Holiday Monday, so I enjoyed the sounds of Jazz not Jazz, who were actually a jazz group: excellent playing
and wonderful singing, might I add.

The food available, be it bar snacks, a barbecue or a meal, was also enjoyed by those who came, which
included many families.

And the beer? You could chose from:

Adnam's Broadside/Regatta; Arundel Little Willie; Bateman's Summer Swallow; Brain's Reverend James;
Cain's Bitter/FA; Coach House Summer Sizzler; Flower's Original; Hook Norton Best Bitter/Haymaker;
Hop Back Summer Lightning; Hyde's Rack and Ruin; Fuller's London Pride; Gale's Summer Hog;
Jenning's Crag Rat; Green King Old Speckled Hen; Nethergate Suffolk County; O'Hanlon's Port Stout;
Shepherd Neame Spitfire; Stonehenge Pigswill; Thwaites's Lancaster Bomber; Timothy Taylor Landlord;

Tom Wood Summer Days; Harvestoun Sciehallion
(the real lager), plus Weston's Old Rosie Cider.

The Hook Norton Best Bitter was the 'lightest' at
3.4%, with the 'heaviest' being Old Speckled Hen,
weighing in at 5.2%, with most being 4 point
something.

I think a goodly selection: furthermore, a mixture of
well-known and not so well-known ales, which I
personally think is a good idea for a festival, so that
one attracts the real ale novices as well as seasoned
CAMRA members.

So here's to next year!

* Why not look at the photos of the day on the
website? www.solihullcamra.org

Martin Collinge



The Cock Horse... the festival marquees took over
the pub forecourt



Solihull times

Socials

This year we shall be visiting Norwich for our traditional extended weekend away. The dates to mark in your diary are Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th October. It's a self-drive social.

Saturday 13th September Metro Pub Crawl
Friday 19th September Visit to Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery, Wolverhampton to sample Banks's new beer. Limited numbers, so please contact Bob Jackson if you wish
Saturday 15th November Coventry Pub Crawl
Monday 15th December Christmas Pub Crawl of Knowle

Beer & Baltis

Friday 26th September	Bartons Arms, High Street, Aston	8-8.30pm
Friday 31st October	Harvester, Tanhouse Farm Road, Olton	8-8.30pm
Friday 26th November	Old Joint Stock, Birmingham	8-8.30pm
Friday 2nd January	Hogs Head, Station Road, Solihull	8-8.30pm

Branch Meetings and AGM Notification

Monday 4th October	Red Lion, Shirley	8.30pm
Monday 3rd November	Cockhorse, Rowington [AGM] Please note the early start	8.00pm
Monday 1st December	Wharf, Hockley Heath	8.30pm

For those meetings/socials as yet unconfirmed or where more details are needed please contact the Social Secretary Bob Jackson

Bob Jackson is the Branch Social Secretary and you can contact him for information about events during the evenings on 0121 705 8743

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