

# Solihull



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## ***KDCC Named County Club of the Year!***

In our Summer issue we brought you news of our branch awards - the Pup & Duckling is our branch West Midlands Pub of the Year, and the Three Tuns in Henley-in-Arden is our branch Warwickshire Pub of the Year. In addition, the Knowle & Dorridge

Cricket Club took our branch Club of the Year title. We're delighted to announce that the KDCC has gone on to be named West Midlands County Club of the Year! Our branch Club of the Year has never gone on

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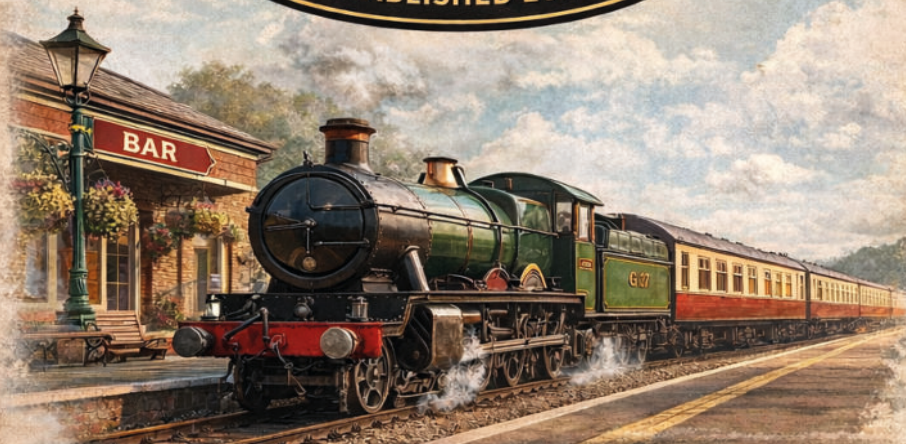
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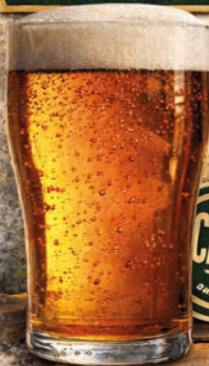
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## 23 - 26 September (Wed - Sat)

Shrewsbury Beer & Cider Festival  
The Church of St Mary the Virgin  
St Mary's Street  
Shrewsbury  
SY1 1DX

## 24 - 26 September (Thu - Sat)

COBB Festival  
Birmingham Brewing Company  
Hazelwell Road  
Stirchley  
B30 2PF

## 8 - 10 Oct (Thu - Sat)

Nuneaton Round Table Beer Festival  
Nuneaton Heritage Centre  
Avenue Road  
Nuneaton  
CV11 4LU

## 9 - 10 Oct (Fri - Sat)

Wythall Beer & Cider Festival  
Britannia Room, Wythall Park  
Silver Street  
Wythall  
B47 6LZ

## 14 - 17 October (Wed - Sat)

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Derby Market Hall  
Osnabrück Square  
Derby  
DE1 2DB

## 22 - 24 October (Thu - Sat)

Swindon CAMRA Beer Festival  
STEAM Museum  
Fire Fly Avenue  
Swindon  
SN2 2EY

## 30-31 October (Fri - Sat)

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Oliver Bird Hall  
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B91 3RQ

## 12 - 14 November (Thu - Sat)

Kidderminster Beer & Cider Festival  
Kidderminster Harriers Sports & Social Club  
Stadium Close  
Kidderminster  
DY10 1NB

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## Dates for your diary

### Branch Meetings

(Branch meetings start at 8.00 pm except where noted otherwise)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Navigation, Lapworth

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Forest Hotel, Dorridge

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Fieldhouse, Monkspath

For more details and contacts for the above, please call Secretary Allan Duffy on 01564 200431 or visit our website [www.solihull.camra.org.uk](http://www.solihull.camra.org.uk)

### Committee Meetings

(8.00 pm start. Members may attend but only participate if invited to do so)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Doyle's, Solihull

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Black Swan, Henley

### Socials

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Day Trip to Derby

23 - 24 October

Weekend Away - Swindon, including Beer Festival

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Crawl - Location TBC

For more details of socials please contact us at [www.solihull.camra.org.uk](http://www.solihull.camra.org.uk)

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to claim the County title, so this is a tremendous achievement - something everyone at the Club can be proud of.

The club offers three changing real ales, plus a cider also on handpull. Visitors are welcome; it's especially pleasant to sit outside in the sunshine watching cricket. KDCC's first team plays in the Birmingham Premier League 1 - and at the time of writing is topping the table.

"The West Midlands has a long and proud history of clubs - working men's clubs, British Legion clubs and clubs with sporting links," said Martin Buck, chair of Solihull & District branch of CAMRA. "The Knowle & Dorridge Cricket Club is an excellent example, and has regularly been our branch Club of the Year. Three ever-

changing real ales, often ones you won't find elsewhere in the branch, plus a cider on handpull, and they're consistently in great condition. Helpful staff, friendly locals - no wonder it's so popular!"

"It's not often I don't know what to say, but I'm lost for words," said committee member Jon Knibb. "We were really pleased to win another branch Club of the Year award, but to be judged the best club in the whole of the West Midlands county - we're delighted. As ever, it's a team effort; much of the credit has to go to our bar managers Elliott and Jacob, along with the rest of the staff. And of course, having so many friendly locals who make visitors feel welcome is what gives the club its atmosphere. We're very proud - and grateful to CAMRA for the recognition. It makes all the hard work worthwhile."



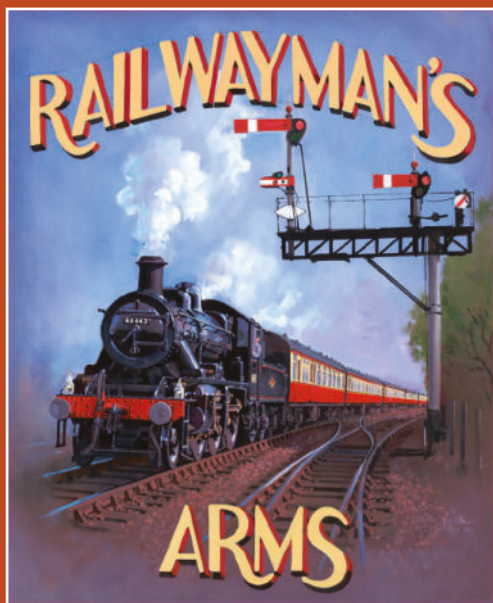
*Martin with KDCC bar managers Elliott (L) and Jacob (R)*



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# Húsavík Öl - An Icelandic Microbrewery!

Iceland wasn't a country where I was expecting to find micro-breweries, especially as until 1989 the production and consumption of beer was prohibited! Whilst on a tour of Iceland we stayed in Húsavík, the whale capital, and quickly discovered it had a micro-brewery – Húsavík Öl. What better way to watch the opening match of the FIFA World Cup than in a micro-brewery when it is happy hour especially as a pint was typically £12-15 in Iceland!

Húsavík Öl is a thriving microbrewery that brewmaster Steini began in 2018 at the town's former disused dairy factory. The taproom, "Gamla Mjólkursstöðin", features sours,



*Iain with brewmaster Steini*

| TAP LIST                      |                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Kemur Vé!</b> – 1500       |  |
| Lager • 4.7%                  |                                                                                    |
| <b>Kemur Aðvestan</b> – 1800  |  |
| West Coast IPA • 6.5%         |                                                                                    |
| <b>Kemur Og Fer</b> – 2000    |  |
| Hazy IPA • 6.7%               |                                                                                    |
| <b>Lite Röst Sleda</b> – 1500 |  |
| Lite Lager • 4.7%             |                                                                                    |
| <b>NEW! Radler</b> – 1200     |  |
| Lite Lemonade • 3.5%          |                                                                                    |
| <b>Rindill</b> – 1400         |  |
| Dark Kölsch                   |                                                                                    |
| <b>Ber At Ofan</b> – 1800     |  |
| Raspberry Sour • 4.5%         |                                                                                    |
| <b>Létt Vök</b> – 1600        |  |
| Style Not Listed              |                                                                                    |
| GUEST TAP                     |                                                                                    |
| • OG Neutra                   |   |
| • Best Tom                    |                                                                                    |
| • Cactus Cocktail • 16.5%     |                                                                                    |

Kölsch, IPAs, and the local favourite Rindell, a dark beer. The tap list image was created by AI from the handwritten white board. I tried the Kemur Og Fer and Kemur Advestan, which were both excellent. I am pictured here with Steini, the brewmaster, who I presented with a copy of the Summer 2026 edition of the Solihull Drinker (never leave home without one!).

If you find yourself in Húsavík what better way to celebrate a successful whale watching trip than a pint of one of Húsavík Öl beers.

Dr Iain Wells

## Less is More - Micropubs

In the Spring 2026 issue of CAMRA's *Beer* magazine is a fascinating article charting the rise, and rise, of the micropub. Now, taverns, alehouses and inns have a history dating back almost 2,000 years; it was the invading Romans who introduced the concept, with the tabernae being shops which sold wine.

Over the centuries they changed and adapted to different times and different needs; for example, inns offered accommodation for travellers and their horses, while in the days before beer could reliably be transported, householders would brew their own beer and sell it out of the front rooms of their houses.

During the 20th century, not too much changed; pubs went from having multiple rooms (snug, lounge, bar) to open plan, and many had an increased emphasis on food. So the rise of the micropub phenomenon can truly be described as 'meteoric'. The first micro, the Butchers Arms in Herne, Kent, opened in November 2005; seven years later there were still only eleven micropubs nationally, so it wasn't exactly an overnight sensation! And here we are today: There are comfortably over 1,000 micros nationally, there are six in our branch alone, and our coveted branch Pub of the Year title has gone to micros every year since 2018.

County Pub of the Year awards also go to micropubs; our own Ale Rooms in Knowle, and Pup & Duckling in Olton have been West Midlands County Pub of the Year, and Hop & Scotch in Kings Heath has also won that title.

Martyn Hillier, who opened that first micro back in 2005, was clear on what he was offering: local real ales. No lager, no food, no spirits, no sports TV, no music. The Micropub Association, set up in 2012 by Hillier, still adheres to much of that - though 'mainly serves cask ales' does allow some wiggle room on 'no lager, no spirits'.

## ST ALPHEGE BEER FESTIVAL



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So what of our local micros? Our first, the Pup & Duckling, is closest to the definition; there are purists who reckon a micro can't have more than



*Jeff and Sue at the Pup & Duckling, receiving one of their numerous branch Pub of the Year awards*

one room, but the Pup has proved so popular that it has expanded back - and upstairs. It's a beer lover's paradise, with seven ever-changing beers on handpull as well as cider. The atmosphere is often buzzing, and it has very loyal followers.

Our second micro was the Ale Rooms, in Knowle - opened in the premises of a former funeral directors! Seven real ales, cider and various keg beers; it strays from the strict definition by offering numerous gins and other spirits, having background music and occasionally showing sports (World Cup, Six Nations) on TV - and is none the worse for doing so.

We have two Ale Hub micros: Dickens Heath, and Shirley. The bar setup is very similar - stripped wood walls and bar, handpulls on one end, shelves with various gins

and wine on display. They both put on numerous events - quiz night, bingo, live music and even hosting a weekly running club - with well-deserved refreshments at the end.

The Shaking Hand, in Shirley, was set up from scratch in a new shop unit, part of the Parkgate redevelopment. It's a double-height unit with floor-to-ceiling glass walls, giving it a light and airy feel. Four handpulls serve regularly changing beers - including, unusually these days, a dark beer. Being in a new unit it feels a bit more removed from the original micropub template of a converted shop - and it also shows sport on TVs, so micro purists may not be impressed! It's still been a great addition to the Shirley pub scene.



*The Shaking Hand, Shirley*

Last but not least, there's the Station, on Henley-in-Arden station. This has been a real triumph - a renovation of derelict station buildings to create a small, cosy pub decorated with railwayana. Three handpulls with a selection of local and regional real ales, bar snacks, wine - it's been a real hit with locals. And I don't think the display of train times at the station counts as 'electronic entertainment'!

What of the Henley Mile Tap Room - does that qualify? There's a good case for it - small premises, four real ales focused on local (including the Henley Mile beers brewed about 10 yards away!), no TVs, cosy atmosphere.

The counter-argument is that it's in what was always a bar, part of the White Swan - so does that make it a very small pub? Mmm, maybe a visit, and a few pints, are needed to help decide...

Martin Buck



*The Station, Henley-in-Arden*

Solihull, Acocks Green & Shirley Lions Present

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## Bucharest: Bars, Micros and Breweries

The capital city of Romania is well worth a visit for a variety of bars, micros and breweries as four of us found on a recent visit this May.

Flights are available from Birmingham and there are many hotels to stay in. We stayed at the Old Town Boutique in Old Town. An excellent choice as it is near what is known as “Beer Street”, Strada Gabroveni.

You do need to plan your crawls around Bucharest ahead of time, as many bars do not open till late afternoon. However, there are plenty of sight seeing opportunities. We took time out to visit Dimitrie Gusti National Village

Museum, adjacent to King Michael 1 Park.

Incidentally leaving Aviatorilor metro



*Inside the Anagram Brewery Tap*

and heading for the park you will pass La Bab Charles De Gaulle one off our list. At 12 noon opening, Ground Zero became one of our favourites - because so many others weren't open at that time! Also make time for a visit to Anagram Brewery Tap, not particularly easy to get to but well worth it. Near our hotel was Beer Station Lipscani, Tap Craft Beer Bar, Beri si Beer Pub and Beer O'clock, Beraria Nenea Lancu and Csiksor.



*Enjoying the warm weather outside Le Bab Charles de Gaulle*

Other bars to try are: Hop Hooligans Taproom; Ironic Taproom; Pardon Pub and More; Zeppelin Pub; Fabrica Gravita; Zăganu Craft Beer Bar, and Hanu Lui Manuc. The latter also does excellent food and is reasonably priced if busy. However, there is plenty of seating available. Finally do check that these bars are still open as it is a volatile pub scene in Bucharest. Artizan and Noroom Tap were temporarily closed. Most of the bars serve food, ranging from snacks to full meals, so you'll never need to go hungry. It's a pleasant city to

wander about in and most all the pubs are walkable from Old Town.

Steve Dyson



*The beer board at Zăganu Craft Beer Bar. 28 lei for 400 ml is a little over £6 a pint.*

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# Solihull Pub History - The Golden Lion

A philatelic friend of mine had a postcard (entitled Warwick Road, Solihull) featuring a pub, which he asked me to help identify. Once I had enhanced and subtly colourised the image (using AI), I discovered that it was the original Golden Lion that stood on the corner of Warwick Road



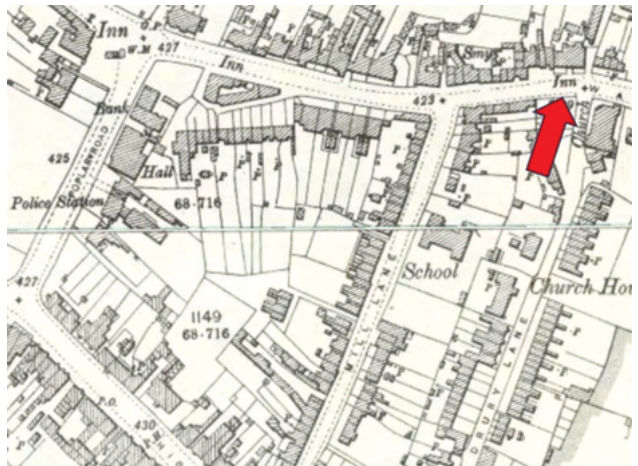
*Colourised postcard showing the original Golden Lion*

and Union Road (arrowed on map). Incidentally it is called Union Road as it led to the Union Workhouse, which originally existed on part of the grounds of Solihull Hospital. From 1841 into the 1850s the proprietor was John Capner and by the 1891 census the proprietor had become Henry Edginton who was succeeded by his wife Winifred up until the outbreak of WW1.

In 1934 the Golden Lion was demolished, when the Warwick Road was straightened, and new premises erected behind it, which explain why the current premises are set back from the road and at an angle. The new building retained the Golden Lion name, becoming the Bar Co from

2001 to 2004, the Town House, the Lazy Fox and currently the Beech House since 2016. Some of the early Solihull CAMRA meetings were held at the “modern” Golden Lion in May and September 1982.

(Dr) Iain Wells



*1902 OS Map showing the pub's location*

# Celebration of Birmingham Beer Festival

Birmingham Branch are hosting a brand new festival, celebrating local breweries and great beer. Taking place at Birmingham Brewing Company in the vibrant Stirchley from 24th - 26th September 2026, CoBB is a unique festival showcasing and championing the very best of Birmingham and the West Midland's independent brewing scene.

With free entry to the festival, CoBB offers the perfect opportunity to discover new beers, revisit old favourites and celebrate Birmingham. Festival goers will be able to enjoy a broad range of beers from local breweries, all selected to highlight the quality and diversity of brewing talent, right here on our

doorstep. There will be at least 30 real ales, real cider and perries from breweries across Birmingham, the Black Country and West Midlands.

We're also to be hosting the local launch of the Good Beer Guide 2027 on Thursday 24th September, where copies will be available to buy at a reduced price.

We're excited to partner with Birmingham Brewing Company, whose award-winning brewery and taproom provide the perfect home for a festival dedicated to the very best of Birmingham and the West Midland's independent brewers.



**24 - 26 SEPT**

**Celebration of  
Birmingham  
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*Birmingham Brewing Company,  
Stirchley*

**CAMRA  
Birmingham**

**Opening  
Times**

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
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## Hail to the Ale

This is the section where we update you on news related to pubs, clubs, off licences or breweries in our area. We rely heavily on you, our readers, to keep us updated so, as always, if you hear of anything you feel we or others should know about then please do drop us a line at [pubs@solihull.camra.org.uk](mailto:pubs@solihull.camra.org.uk).

Following on from the previous report that the Navigation, in Lapworth, has reopened, it usually has Timothy Taylor Boltmaker and Navi Hazy Pale (sourced from 52 Degrees) on handpull.

As well as Batham's Bitter, the Three Tuns in Henley-in-Arden now also has Batham's Mild as a regular beer.

Staying in Henley, the Mount now has a real ale, usually from Purity.

The Mallard pub in Tidbury Green, a Brunning & Price conversion of a listed farm house, is set to open in September.

Plans for the redevelopment of the former Missoula and Luna unit on Solihull High Street have been signed off. It is set to be transformed into a pub and restaurant, together with a 26-room hotel.

Paul Wigley - Pubs Officer

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## Membership Matters

One of CAMRA's main aims is to see good quality real ale, cider and perry in well run thriving pubs and clubs across every community. It does this by encouraging responsible beer drinking and pub-going with beer festivals, Good Beer Guides, awards, and by lobbying government for change to support the industry. Within CAMRA there's plenty for everyone, whether you are a dedicated campaigner, a beer or cider connoisseur looking to learn more, or you want to meet up with people who have the same love for a pint of real ale/cider in a well run local pub on a social day trip with fellow CAMRA members.

There are various reasons why lovers of real ale and cider should become a member of CAMRA; locally they will be joining over 520 people in our branch and well over 140,000 nationally, in supporting the campaign which is still going strong after more than fifty years. There's strength in numbers - politicians pay attention to an organisation with so many members.

Membership provides many other benefits including:- £30 of Real Ale/Cider vouchers, which are valid at Wetherspoons, plus many other pub companies, an online quarterly colour magazine titled "Beer", which is packed with great articles by award winning writers all about real ale pubs, beer, and breweries, included with this is our online newspaper called "Whats Brewing" informing you of all the latest beer and

pub news as well as detailing events/beer festivals from around the country.

You will also be entitled to free admission at every CAMRA organised beer festival across the country, and if you join at any CAMRA festival you will get a voucher for an additional 2 free pints to use at the festival. With membership prices starting from £34 per annum (which works out as just 65p per week) and including all of the above benefits, I think you will agree this represents great value for money in the current economic climate.

You can become involved in your local branch, including social events such as brewery visits, pub crawls & weekends away meeting new friends, helping out at local beer festivals or campaigning. The majority of our branch meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at a local pub, where we also enjoy a pint or two of real ale. Within a new member's branch welcome pack there is a voucher for a FREE PINT, when attending your first Solihull CAMRA Branch meeting. All our activities are listed in this magazine and on [www.solihull.camra.org.uk](http://www.solihull.camra.org.uk) with contact details for each event. To join, visit [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk) and save postage. So come on, what are you waiting for? Join up, Join in, Join the Campaign.

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Membership Secretary

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