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Behind The Bar



CAMRAngle, the free magazine for the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA branch returns for another issue full of stories and updates about your local pubs and brewers.

This edition is dedicated to the branch's annual pub awards and the return of beer festivals over the summer. Read on to see who has won the coveted **Pub of the Year** award, and relive the first **Maidenhead Beer and Cider Festival** since before the coronavirus pandemic.

Sadly, this will be my last edition as Editor due to work commitments. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Editor, creating an online version of the magazine during the national lockdowns and overseeing the long-awaited return to print. Getting to talk to local brewers and publicans has been an eye-opening experience that I will treasure forever. The SWM CAMRA branch's Chair, Allan Willoughby, will take over the role of Editor, but if you are intrigued about the position or simply want to contribute to the magazine, why not come along to our local branch meetings? The SWM CAMRA committee are incredibly friendly and are always keen to welcome new volunteers to the campaign.

Enveloped in the shadows of soaring energy bills and the cost-of-living crisis, pubs are currently in a dark place. Considering how hard the pub and brewing trades fought to survive throughout the pandemic, it would be a tragedy if the energy crisis forced local pubs and breweries to close their doors.

As the foliage withers and the days begin to shorten and grow cold, one hopes that the changing of season is not an unfortunate metaphor for the current climate of the pub and brewing industries, who now need your support more than ever.

Matt Rogers,
Editor



Whatpub is CAMRA's online pub guide. Upheld by thousands of volunteers, it features over 96% of Britain's real ale pubs. You can use Whatpub to search for pubs across the UK, ascertaining key features such as opening times, facilities and details of the ale and cider on offer.

More importantly, Whatpub serves as a beer quality survey for your local CAMRA branch. One would hope that as you start to read this

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magazine, you are enjoying a well-maintained pint of beer. If your local pub is serving ale and cider of a good standard (or indeed of a poor quality), the SWM CAMRA branch needs to know! CAMRA members can submit 'beer scores' to the website www.whatpub.com. The beer scores are used to help the SWM CAMRA branch select the best pubs to feature in CAMRA's 'Good Beer Guide,' and aids the formulation of the coveted 'Pub of the Year' shortlist. To submit your beer score, simply **join CAMRA** and as a member you will be given a login that enables you access to all the features of Whatpub.

Local Pub News

All the news from your local pubs in the area

The Barleycorn Cippenham

The Barleycorn won second place in the local Cider Pub of the Year competition. Well done to Odhran Byrne (pictured right) and his team!



The Bounty Cookham

The Bounty's winter opening hours are Saturdays and Sundays only, from noon till dusk. Weekday hours will resume from 1st April.

The Corner House Windsor

The Cornerhouse has been transformed into a sports bar, televising matches on HD screens seven days a week. The pub continues to serve a vast range of keg and cask beers.

Christmas and New Year bookings are now open. To make a reservation and view the festive menus, visit the pub's website:

www.thecornerhousepub.co.uk



The Golden Ball Pinkneys Green



The award-winning fine dining company CC Supper Club has taken over the Golden Ball gastropub. The Breakspear pub now serves traditional British cuisine including fantastic roast dinners with up to four Breakspear ales.

The Golden Ball recently won the Best Sunday Roast Award from the Breakspear Hospitality Awards 2022.

The Jolly Gardeners Old Windsor



The Jolly Gardeners has been nominated as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) by the Old Windsor Parish Council. Jane Dawson Chair of the OWPC said, "Old Windsor Parish Council are delighted that we have secured an ACV for the popular and historic Jolly Gardeners and are very grateful for all the help and support we have received from various individuals and organisations."

The Lord Grenfell Maidenhead

To make a reservation for Christmas and New Year parties, visit the pub's website: www.thelordgrenfell.co.uk.

The popular music themed bottomless brunches have returned every second Saturday of the month from 11am – 2pm. Imbibe unlimited cocktails and prosecco for two hours with a range of breakfasts whilst enjoying quizzes, dance competitions and singalongs. The themed brunches are a ticketed event, so make sure to book in advance: Halloween Brunch 29th October, Naughty 00s Brunch 12th November and Christmas Brunch 10th December.



The Maiden's Head Maidenhead

Landlord of the Maiden's Head Lee Wright (pictured right) and local Andy Hall raised over £1700 for Prostate Cancer UK with a 45-mile charity bike ride, which started and finished at the pub.



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Off The Tap Maidenhead



The pub's lease was due to end in August 2022, but the pubco owners Ei Group Plc have granted a new five-year lease, which ensures that Off The tap can continue trading in the current site until 2027. Landlord Toby Denney said, "we are delighted for the staff and our customers that Off The Tap will be staying at its current premises for a further five years after building a strong relationship with the town and its locals, and we are looking forward to an exciting future."

The Swan Clewer Village



The Swan is hosting a Halloween Freak-end Party on 29th – 30th October with live music and spooky themed food and family friendly activities. The Datchet Border Morris Group will be dancing at the pub on 31st October.

Celebrate Guy Fawkes night at the Swan on 5th November with

a roaring bonfire, local bands and a BBQ in the courtyard. Check out the Swan's website and social media channels for more upcoming events.

The Vansittart Arms Windsor

After a major refurbishment to both the pub and the beer garden, the Vansittart Arms has reopened under new management. The covered garden can now house 90 seated guests, and the bar has four cask hand-pumps. Advantage Card holders can get 10% off food orders Monday to Thursday and children can eat for free on Saturdays.

Enter the Vanni quiz every Wednesday at 7:30pm for a chance to win a £40 bar tab.



The White Horse Hedgerley

The White Horse has won second place in the local Pub of the Year competition. Well done Kevin Brooker (pictured centre right) and his team.



The Windlesora Windsor



The JD Wetherspoons pub closed following the expiry of its lease in May. The staff were offered positions at the other Windsor Wetherspoons pub, The King and Castle.

Club News

Maidenhead Conservative Club Maidenhead



The Maidenhead Conservative Club has won the local Club of the Year award. This is the sixth consecutive time the club has won the title! Congratulations to the Conservative Club's Chairman Nigel Brady (pictured left), Steward Gordon Marshall (centre) and the management team.

Pub News

Want your pub featured next time? Contact the Editor:

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Hoppy-lujah!

Windsor micro-pub wins Pub of the Year again!

Few phrases in the English lexicon can make you desire a beer quite as quickly as the utterance of 'A Hoppy Place.' Quite literally the definition of pint-sized, the family-owned micro-pub and bottle shop in Windsor has become a heavy weight prized fighter in the local pub scene, boasting of a Pub of the Year award and a SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) Craft Beer Retailer of the Year award in 2021. A gargantuan feat considering the pub first opened its doors just six months before the Coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent national lockdowns. Founded in August 2019, owners Naomi and Dave Hayward and Jason Whitehead have established a craft beer emporium with eleven keg lines, two rotating cask lines and five real ciders alongside fridges brimming with a bountiful selection of British and international beers, making the pub a must visit destination for craft beer and cider lovers.

Like all champions, the pub returned to the ring to defend its title. The Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA branch is happy to announce that A Hoppy Place has retained the illustrious local Pub of the Year



Photo by Allan Willoughby

Left to right: Dave Hayward, Yvan Brax, Naomi Hayward, Jason Whitehead and Charlotte Thomson

award for a second consecutive year. CAMRA exclusively interviewed co-owner Dave Hayward about winning the branch's top prize once again.

"We are really happy to have won the award," said Dave graciously. "We have consistently provided good beer under very different circumstances over the past two years, one digitally and the other in person, but we've been a constant whereas other outlets haven't been. When we won last year, we were one of the only pubs to provide and deliver beer to the local community throughout lockdown, whilst hosting online beer events and tastings. This year however, we have had pretty much a normal year of trade, so I am proud that we have achieved the award again. It proves that even though A Hoppy Place Windsor doesn't

necessarily look like a pub, we know how to consistently serve beer of a high quality and people appreciate that."

A Hoppy Place is renowned for its range of contemporary beers and copious beer styles, from incredible imperial stouts to super sour saisons and everything in between. "When ordering beers, I am like a kid in a sweetshop," grinned Dave. "I am very proud of our beer selection, and ordering the beer is my favourite part of my job. Co-owner Jason makes sure we also have a wide selection of real cider too." If the world is your oyster, then A Hoppy Place's stock is nothing but pearls, as the pub has the ability to serve beer and cider from any brewery in Britain - a rarity in the current pub industry. Most pubs are owned by Pubcos (pub companies) who impose a contractual beer-tie, forcing



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The small but mighty Hoppy Place in Windsor



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Above: The pub celebrates its third year anniversary
Left: A Hoppy Place Oktoberfest

we continue to campaign for more independent free-of-tie outlets in this country. SIBA and CAMRA have both started to talk about this more now."

Aside from a great beer range, the micro-pub has become noted for a very affable atmosphere. "The Windsor bar feels like you've walked into your mate's lounge for a pint," said Dave. "We work really hard to make sure everyone feels safe, happy and can find friends in our space. People who have never met before start talking to each other and most of our closest friends are people we have met in that bar. We've even had a proposal in the pub - I don't know of many places that can say that! We are all about community and I think that is why people come to our pub- it allows people to talk to each other and enjoy great beer."

The potent mix of high-quality beer and intimate atmosphere

landlords to select beer from a very limited number of big-name breweries at premium prices. A Hoppy Place however is not under such restrictions. "We are neither tied nor beholden to anyone, so we can order the most exciting beer this country has to offer," Dave said passionately. "The fact that we can sell whatever we like makes us different as we have the choices that other publicans may want to have but can't." He lamented that this freedom of choice is not widespread across the nation's pubs. "I really hope the

are exemplified by the events staged by the micro-pub. Monthly 'Meet the Brewer' evenings see craft brewing royalty such as Wild Card Brewery and Tartarus Beers descend upon the inconspicuous pub, and sommelier led beer and food pairing sessions have become a local favourite. "The highlight of my calendar is our Oktoberfest week, because we dress up with lederhosen and dirndl dresses and go full bore with big two-pint stein glasses," said Dave. "Great lager is to be celebrated, and we bring in unfiltered, unfinned authentic festbier especially for the event."

So, what next for the award-winning Windsor venue? In the immediate future, the plucky little pub will receive a well-deserved refurbishment to celebrate it reaching the ripe old age of three years. Looking further ahead, a

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Dave Hayward

trilogy of titles is clearly the target, but Dave gave a stark warning about the current plight of the pub trade. "I want us to challenge for the Pub of the Year again, but it is too soon to talk about future plans as we need to get through the next twelve months," said Dave seriously. "It's going to be a challenging time for the industry, especially with the energy crisis we are now in. Pubs still aren't seeing the numbers they were pre-pandemic, so if we can keep going and keep attracting new customers over the next year, we'll be happy. We are a bit off the beaten track, but we are worth finding."

Hop, skip and jump into the award-winning Hoppy Place!



SWM CAMRA Chair Allan Willoughby (far right) and Vice Chair Nick Wooldridge (second left) present the award to the Hoppy team

More info

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Mighty Maidenhead

The return of the Maidenhead Beer and Cider Festival



Photo by Matt Rogers



The act of people coming together to collectively celebrate great beer and cider is what makes a beer festival so magical. To sample a beer and to discuss the beverage at length with friends, family or indeed other attendees is an unforgettable experience, and after two years of national lockdowns, online meetings and social distancing it is only human to crave the camaraderie of a festival once again. For the first time since 2019, the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA branch could finally host their flagship event – the Maidenhead Beer and Cider Festival.

The two-day beer festival was officially opened by the Borough Town Crier Chris Brown on Friday 8th June, and the first pint was pulled by Royal Borough Deputy Mayor Gary Muir.

The local festival has had a nomadic history, changing venues

multiple times from the modest origins within the carpark of the Maidenhead Football Club, to the largescale festivities at Desborough College and even a successful virtual beer festival last year during lockdown. For the ninth rendition of the Maidenhead festival, a new location was needed yet again as both Desborough and the Maidenhead Rugby Club (the planned venue for the cancelled festival in 2020) were both being refurbished over the summer. The NMCC Sports Bar (formerly the North Maidenhead Cricket Club) amid the beautiful and spacious Summerleaze Park was a perfect place to stage an outdoor festival. "Last year's online festival was fantastic and raised valuable funds for FoodShare, Maidenhead's food bank, but we couldn't wait to get back into the community and serve drinks in person to everyone," said Chair of the SWM CAMRA branch Allan Willoughby. "We were nervous as the pandemic had meant we had to start from square one again with a new venue, but the NMCC is without doubt the best location we have ever had."

Regardless of location, a beer festival is only ever as good as its drink selection, and the

Maidenhead festival certainly didn't disappoint. A total of 60 cask and keg beers were available, from traditional bitters and dark milds to contemporary fruited sours and New England pale ales. Berkshire brewers were well represented with beers from Stardust Brewery, Bond Brews and Elusive Brewing to name just a few, as well as beers from all corners of Great Britain. Cider lovers were well catered for with 20 different ciders and perries, ranging from conventional dry varieties to sweeter flavoured styles. Local cideries Seven Trees and Tutts Clump were present alongside cider makers from Wales, Herefordshire and many more.

"The NMCC is without doubt the best location we have ever had."

Allan Willoughby

Attendees voted Dorking Brewery's Featherweight as 'Beer of the Festival.' An unfiltered pale ale, Featherweight is an incredibly sessionable beer, full of succulent orange and grapefruit flavours that defy the low alcohol content

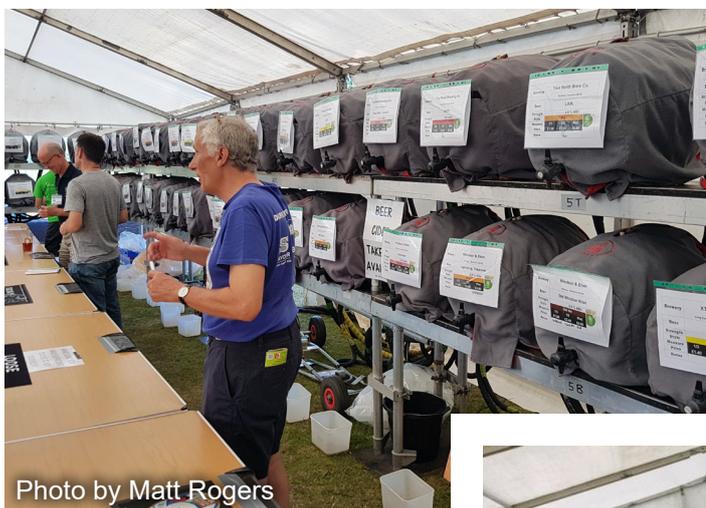


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Clockwise from left: The cask beer range; Yugo Mizuguchi (pictured centre) was given a warm welcome by the SWM CAMRA committee; The festival proved popular with the public

(2.8%). Festival Organiser Alan Molloy said, "I thought it was a wonderfully tasty beer for such a low ABV. A brilliant and well-deserved winner."

Few festivalgoers enjoyed the beers quite as much as Yugo Mizuguchi, who had flown all the way from Japan specially to visit the Maidenhead festival. "This is my first CAMRA festival, and it is amazing, there are no festivals like this in Japan," gushed Yugo. "Japanese drinkers do not know how wonderful English-style bitters are. You are protecting your traditional styles of beer and it is something I admire." Yugo's favourite beer was Stardust Brewery's English Bitter – a fine choice indeed!

Celebrated beer tutor, Christine Cryne, led a cheese and beer pairing session, taking participants' tastebuds on an adventure with combinations including the beer Elsie Mo by Castle Rock with a wensleydale and apricot cheese. The fruity golden ale delightfully accentuated the sweetness of the cheese. In contrast, the lemon notes of the wheat beer Fabrique Belgique from By The Horns Brewing Co. cut through the creaminess of a camembert perfectly. The combination most liked by attendees was the Stout



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Porter by Anspach & Hobday with a mature stilton. The powerful, dark roasted flavour of the porter held its own against the strong blue cheese in a way that most wines would struggle to match.

The crowds were entertained by local musicians of various genres ranging from hard rock to funky Ska and even a full concert band. With the addition of radiant sunshine all weekend, the atmosphere was nothing short of joyous.

The Maidenhead festival always raises funds to support a local charity, and this year was no different as £444 was gladly donated to the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. This vital charity supplies specialist care for hundreds of children with life threatening conditions across Berkshire. Fiona Devine, CEO and Co-Founder of Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service thanked the SWM CAMRA branch for supporting the charity: "we are thrilled that the event raised £444 for our charity, and we are so very grateful for everyone's support. The support we receive from our local community is so crucial to us

as we are almost entirely reliant on donations, fundraising and gifts in Wills to run our vital children's hospice service. It means every penny given really does make a big difference to the lives of local children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, and their families, who rely on us."

The SWM CAMRA branch is grateful for all the hardworking volunteers who helped organise and run the flagship festival. "I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers, who without their help the festival would not happen, and it was great to see so many familiar faces again after such a long time," expressed Alan Molloy.

The return of the Maidenhead Beer and Cider Festival was a triumph, welcoming 1200 visitors and selling out of both beer and cider. The event can now only get bigger and better, so The SWM CAMRA branch hopes to see you again in 2023!

More info

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Branch Social Programme

Social calendar for the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA branch

The SWM CAMRA committee organises many social events which are open to CAMRA members and non-members alike.

The social calendar dates are subject to change, so for up-to-date information please refer to the 'What's On' section of the website: www.swm.camra.org.uk or contact our Social Secretary Sarah Pelendrides at: social.sec@swm.camra.org.uk

BRANCH MEETING



Wednesday, Oct 12th - 7:30pm
The Carpenter's Arms - Windsor

Come along and help shape the future of our branch. We are always looking for members to get involved no matter how little time you can devote. The Carpenter's Arms is a Nicholson's pub near Windsor Castle.

BRANCH SOCIAL



Saturday, Oct 15th - 7:00pm
The Moon & Spoon - Slough

The Wetherspoons' 'Autumn Real Ale Festival' takes place 12th - 23rd October. Join the branch at The Moon & Spoon in Slough.

BERMONDSEY BEER MILE



Saturday, Oct 22nd - 12:00pm
Bermondsey Station - London

A branch social in southeast London, visiting the pubs and taprooms of Bermondsey. The 'Bermondsey Beer Mile' roughly spans over a mile and a half of streets and railway arches, so bring suitable footwear!

Meet outside the Bermondsey Underground Station (Jubilee line) and we will walk to the Kernel Brewery Arch 7 Taproom and then onwards in a southerly direction.

DATCHET BEER FESTIVAL



Saturday, Oct 29th - 12:00pm
Datchet Village Hall - Datchet

The Datchet Beer Festival takes place between 28th - 29th October. This is a ticketed event, so make sure to buy yours in advance before they all sell out:

www.datchetbeerfestival.co.uk

Meet up with the SWM CAMRA branch on Saturday 29th during the 'The Connoisseur's Afternoon' session from 12pm - 5pm.



EGHAM BEER FESTIVAL



Wednesday, Nov 2nd - 5:00pm
Egham United Services Club

The 38th Egham Beer Festival takes place between 3rd - 5th November. Join the SWM CAMRA branch for the exclusive CAMRA preview night on Wednesday 2nd to experience the festival and this multiple award-winning venue for yourself.

For more information visit: www.eghambeerfestival.co.uk

BRANCH MEETING



Wednesday, Nov 9th - 7:30pm
The North Star - Maidenhead

Branch meetings are open to all CAMRA members, and are a great way to meet your local CAMRA committee. We are always looking for members to get involved and help shape the future of the branch.

Branch Social Programme

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BRANCH SOCIAL



Saturday, Nov 19th - 2:00pm

The Nag's Head - Reading

A great opportunity to visit the multi award-winning Nag's Head pub in Reading, which boasts an astounding 12 cask and 14 keg ales, alongside 15 different ciders and perries. Have an afternoon of fantastic beer in good company.



MID-WEEK BRANCH SOCIAL



Wednesday, Nov 30th - 7:00pm

The Lord Grenfell - Maidenhead

All are welcome to join us for a mid-week social from 7.00pm at The Lord Grenfell, which is part of the Big Smoke Brewery pub chain and has a great range of cask and keg beers.

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ANNUAL WINDSOR CHRISTMAS PUB WALK



Saturday, Dec 10th - 1:00pm

The Swan - Clewer Village

Get into the festive spirit with the branch's annual Windsor Christmas pub walk. This is a real highlight of the local social calendar.

The Christmas event will begin at the community owned pub, The Swan, in Clewer Village at 1.00pm and will continue to explore the wonderful pubs of Windsor for the rest of the day. All are welcome - the more the merrier!

BRANCH MEETING



Wednesday, Dec 14th - 7:30pm

The Vansittart Arms - Windsor

We are always looking for volunteers to get involved and help shape the future of the branch. These branch meetings are open to all CAMRA members and are a great way to meet your local committee members.

The Vansittart Arms has recently reopened following a complete refurbishment.

CHRISTMAS MEAL BRANCH SOCIAL



Saturday, Dec 17th - 6:30pm

The George Inn - Eton

Join us for a gourmet meal and an evening of Christmas festivities at the flagship pub of the Windsor & Eton Brewery, The George Inn, at 6.30pm. All places must be reserved on receipt of full payment of £40.00, which covers a three-course meal, festive trimmings, your first drink and a small tip for the hard working staff.

The meal will take place in the pub's Hope House private dining room. Please notify the branch of any allergies, intolerances or special requirements in advance, so the pub can accommodate your needs.

To book a place, please contact our Branch Secretary, Paul Beardsley, no later than **17th November 2022** at:

secretary@swm.camra.org.uk



More info

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Trooping the Colour

Third time's a charm for Cider Pub of the Year

The last time CAMRAngle interviewed The Windsor Trooper, it was clear that something special was brewing. The sheer level of enthusiasm and passion displayed by General Manager James Waud was electrifying. "We all have this relentless drive to keep going, and what I enjoy most about working at the pub is the desire to improve it," James said last year.

Since reopening the once dilapidated pub in September 2019, the team at The Trooper have achieved more in three years than most publicans do over a decade. Following an extensive renovation of the interior, the pub quickly gained a local reputation for serving well-maintained ales and in particular real ciders. So much so, that the local Cider Pub of the Year runners-up award was bestowed upon the pub in 2020 and 2021. It is a testament to James's work ethic that despite this remarkably rapid rise up the ranks of the local pub scene, The Trooper was never going to settle for just second place. Further success only seemed inevitable with such zealous ambition propelling the pub forward.

The Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA branch can now happily announce that The Windsor Trooper has been



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The Trooper has become one of Windsor's best pubs



Photo by Dave Hayward

SWM CAMRA Vice Chair Nick Wooldridge (far left) presents the awards to Scott Maclean (centre) & James Waud (right)

awarded the Cider Pub of the Year 2022. CAMRAAngle exclusively interviewed James about winning the coveted cider prize.

"The team and I were delighted to win the SWM CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year," beamed James. "After being consecutive runners-up during two very turbulent years, to actually win it felt like a huge achievement. We have been here three years now, but due to the numerous coronavirus lockdowns, the pub still feels quite new to us. Having a winning certificate definitely feels like The Trooper is on the map now for all the right reasons."

James accredited the pub's owners, Mark Powell and John Cusworth, who also run the award-winning cider pub The Mermaid in St Albans, for the cider expertise The Trooper has become synonymous for. "They have passed on their insight to myself and the staff here," explained James. "Ever since we reopened the Windsor Trooper in 2019, we have made sure we have had a fine cider selection. The range

and assortment have grown along with the popularity of the pub, and now we try to stock up to ten ciders of various strengths and flavour profiles at any one time." A 'tasting mix' of three different third measures of a pint is a very popular option for those wishing to sample the extensive array of ciders available at the pub.

"The team is delighted with the accolades The Trooper has received so far but the real work starts now."

James Waud

If it was ever in doubt that The Trooper deserved the accolade of Cider Pub of the Year, shortly after receiving the award the pub hosted its first ever cider festival over the Jubilee bank holiday weekend. James had been eager to build a 'Great Wall of Cider' since before the initial coronavirus lockdown. 30 different ciders and six perries were enjoyed alongside live music and BBQs, with many of the



Clockwise from top left: The delicious range of cask beer and real cider; The renovated beer garden can now host large events; The pub is full of collectible breweriana

ciders selling out on the first day. “If anything, the award put more pressure upon us, but the cider festival was a great success,” said James. “It’s almost impossible to comprehend just how busy that bank holiday Thursday was, doubling what we had taken when the England reached the UEFA Euro final last year.” With the cider festival proving so popular, James and the team are currently toying with the idea of staging The Trooper’s first beer festival in the near future.

Not just content with winning the Cider Pub of the Year title, The Trooper also achieved a podium finish for the esteemed local Pub of the Year award, earning a well-deserved third place in the competition. With a range of delicious well-kept ales including Oakhams Citra and Adnams Southwold Bitter amongst many others, it is easy to see why CAMRA members voted for the pub. What is surprising however is simply how quickly The Trooper has catapulted itself into contention for the main branch award. Having been voted one of the top eight pubs in the Slough, Windsor and



Maidenhead area in 2021, the pub has leaped a massive five places for the bronze spot. “Getting third place for Pub of the Year was a shock to be honest,” exclaimed James. “It does show the huge strides this pub has made and it’s wonderful for the hard work to be recognised. Cider is what initially got us noticed, but our real ale sales are fantastic now, and I’m delighted with the number of compliments we get on the quality of the beer we serve as well as the variety compared to most pubs in the area.

It’s felt like such a slog getting it to this point, but the pub now has a wonderful atmosphere, very welcoming staff, supportive regulars, live music every Thursday and a real focus on quality beer and cider.”

Despite finally claiming the Cider Pub of the Year award, the staff aren’t resting on their laurels. The epitome of a dedicated pub team, it is nothing but forward march for The Trooper. “I still feel The Windsor Trooper is in its infancy. So far, we have managed to change its reputation and have pretty much renovated every inch of the place, but we still have not



completed a full year of trade without a lockdown. Myself, my assistant Scott Maclean and the rest of the team are delighted with the accolades The Trooper has received so far but the real hard work starts now, at the very least maintaining its current reputation. You can rest assured that all the Trooper’s staff are focused on making this pub the best it can be,” said James, his electric enthusiasm bubbling up once again. “Who knows, maybe Pub of the Year isn’t such a crazy dream after all?”

March your squad straight to The Windsor Trooper for a fantastic pint!

More info

-  www.thewindsortrooper.com
-  97 St Leonards Road, Windsor, SL4 3BZ

HOP-a-doodle-doo!

New era dawns for A Hoppy Place in Maidenhead



Photo by Bob Stapleton - www.bsp360.com

The opening of a new pub is akin to witnessing the blossom of an incredibly rare flower. Seldom seen in the unforgiving environment of soaring energy bills and the cost-of-living crisis which threatens to wilt most blooms, it is heartening to see that a particularly vibrant flower has unfurled its petals in Berkshire. It gives the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA branch great pleasure to announce that Maidenhead has gained a new pub!

Naomi and Dave Hayward and Jason Whitehead, the family team behind the award-winning Windsor micropub, A Hoppy Place,

have expanded to Maidenhead with a second outlet. CAMRA exclusively interviewed Dave about the latest Hoppy Place venture.

The pub sports a modern industrial design with exposed venting and ductwork with a bare concrete ceiling from which large vintage Edison-style lightbulbs suspend. The contemporary aesthetic is enlivened with a contrasting colour palette of electric orange and bright blue, invoking a sense of joviality. Floor to ceiling windows flood the open plan plot with light, making it appear even more spacious. "It's bright, colourful, airy and

there are multicoloured beer boards everywhere," described Dave. "We've tried to make it as welcoming a space as possible."

"There are not enough outlets like A Hoppy Place that will guarantee an interesting experience with a different beer each time you visit."

Dave Hayward

As you would expect from the team that has won the local Pub of the Year award twice in a row at their Windsor site, the beer selection at A Hoppy Place Maidenhead is nothing short of astounding. Fourteen keg lines, three rotating cask hand pulls (including a permanent beer from local brewer Stardust Brewery) and beer fridges bursting with nearly 200 cans and bottles, it's hard not to feel overwhelmed by the sheer scale of choice.

From lagers, bitters and pales to the more eccentric pastry sours and fruity Berliner Weisses, the exhaustive beer list has something for everyone. "The combination of



www.ahoppyplace.co.uk

The stylish craft beer bar is in the new Trinity Place complex



Photo by Matt Rogers

The opening weekend was a massive success

the space we have created and the beer that we have, gives people the platform to go to the pub and discuss what they are drinking,” explained Dave. “I think too often beer is in the background, as people will meet up with their mates and not remember (or even care) what they were drinking by the end of the night. We hope people come to A Hoppy Place because the beer is great and they want to talk about it at length – it is a big part of the ‘Hoppy’ experience.”

For the pub’s launch, the Hoppy team collaborated with three local brewers to produce beers especially for the grand opening. The beers included ‘The Illusion Of Being Awake,’ an espresso stout from the Reading based Wild Weather Brewery. “We’ve got absolutely brilliant local beer that isn’t showcased in enough premises for my liking and chief amongst them is Wild Weather, who typify what I love about the beer industry,” said Dave. ‘Citra Pils’ was a refreshing pilsner style beer with subtle floral and citrus aromas from Stardust Brewery. “We have formed a close relationship with Stardust, who have been very supportive of the

Windsor pub, and I would love them to have more of a presence in Maidenhead,” added Dave. Finally, the single hopped pale ale, ‘Simcoe,’ with flavours of passion fruit and grapefruit from Ascot Brewing Company was named after Naomi’s and Dave’s golden retriever, which also happens to be Dave’s favourite style of beer hop. The pump-clip features Simcoe the dog wearing a luchador mask.



Despite opening in June, A Hoppy Place Maidenhead has been years in the making. “More than one pub was a goal from very early on,” revealed Dave. “There are not enough outlets like A Hoppy Place that provide an inviting place and will guarantee an interesting experience with different beer each time you visit.” Having lived in Maidenhead for almost a decade, Dave and Naomi initially had reservations as to whether the town would embrace a craft beer bar. “Three years ago, we thought the town wasn’t ready for it,” admitted Dave, “but in the last 18 months especially, we’ve seen so many signs of development and uplift that we thought now was the right time.”

The new pub was certainly

worth the wait as it opened with aplomb, welcoming both the local community and resident brewers such as Siren Craft Brew, Elusive Brewing and Windsor & Eton Brewery. Events manager at Siren Craft Brew, Matt Lincoln, was very impressed with the new pub. “This place is beer nirvana!” exclaimed Matt. “Anyone can come here, regardless of their beer background or what they have grown up drinking, there is a beer here for you. Maidenhead is super lucky to have it.” After receiving praise from leading figures of the local brewing trade, Dave said, “getting that level of positivity from some of the people I respect most, in the industry I idolise, is incredible and I am deeply humbled by it.”

The real litmus test was always going to be how the public would react to the new pub, and it would seem that the local community has immediately fallen for A Hoppy Place Maidenhead. “Our first weekend was sensational and exceeded our expectations,” beamed Dave. “Every week since has been above what I planned for. Maidenhead has given us a fantastic reception so far.”

For those worried that A Hoppy Place Windsor will be neglected following the opening of the Maidenhead pub, Dave was quick to reassure that the original micro-pub will never be forgotten. “We love our Windsor bar, and the Maidenhead pub wouldn’t have been possible without it,” reaffirmed Dave. “We rotate our staff around both sites, so our customers can go to either pub and receive the same welcome and experience. That synergy means an awful lot to us.”

Hop into A Hoppy Place Maidenhead to experience beer like never before!

More info

 www.ahoppyplace.co.uk

 Unit C, Trinity Place,
Maidenhead, SL6 1TJ

Local Brewery News

All the news from your local breweries in the local area

Ascot Brewing Company

www.ascotbrewing.co.uk



Ascot has added four more beers to its 'dISruption' craft range. 'Crack In The Fabric Of Time' is a sessionable double dry hopped West Coast IPA, offering strong flavours of pine and resin with tropical aromas and a subtle hint of caramel.

The indulgent pale ale 'Strangely Desserted' is full of strawberry and vanilla aromas with a malty, biscuit background for a cheesecake-like flavour.



'BRU-1' is the tenth addition to the single hopped 'Battle Royale' line and features melon and pineapple flavours with a sweet berry finish.

'Cereal Thrilla' is a rich and creamy Breakfast stout with an intense palate of coffee, chocolate and vanilla. The use of oats in the brewing process creates a thick, smooth mouthfeel.

Bond Brews Ltd

www.bondbrews.co.uk

Bond Brews' newest beer, 'Stars and Stripes,' a dry hopped American pale ale with notes of lemon and mango, won the 'Beer of the Festival' award at the Wokingham Festival.

The tap yard is now closed for the winter season and will reopen for monthly open days in April.



Elusive Brewing

www.elusivebrewing.com

Elusive has brewed two new beers. 'Fog City' is a hazy New England style pale ale with peach and apricot flavours followed by an undertone of grapefruit.

'I'm Gonna Bee Honey' is the brewery's 500th beer and is an 11% imperial stout. Brewed with locally sourced honey, the sweet stout has notes of raisins and plums with a luxurious mouthfeel.



Loddon Brewery

www.loddonbrewery.com



The autumn and winter opening hours for the brewery's tap yard are as follows: Tuesdays to Thursdays 9am – 5pm, Friday 9am – 10pm, Saturdays 10am – 10pm and Sundays 10am – 6pm.

Rebellion Beer Company

www.rebellionbeer.co.uk

Rebellion now has a small-scale craft beer project called 'Development Brewery,' allowing for the production of limited-edition brews of experimental flavours and styles. The beers are exclusive to the brewery tap yard and have so far included the styles of grisette, Kölsch and NEIPA.



Public nights have returned to Rebellion. The social events are a chance to eat and drink at the brewery on the first Tuesday of every month. A £20 entry fee includes five pints and a glass, while a £10 entry fee includes two pints and a glass.

Rebellion's beer 'Solidarity' donated 10p for every pint sold in May to support aid efforts in Ukraine. A total of £4102 was donated to the Disasters and Emergencies Committee's Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal.

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Siren Craft Brew

www.sirencraftbrew.com

Siren has released two new beers. 'Shake The Tree' is a hazy pale ale, utilising a mixture of Sabro, El Dorado and BRU-1 for a punch of pineapple and tropical flavours.

'Recurring Theme' is a hazy IPA brewed in collaboration with Stone Brewing. The use of Chinese white tea in the brewing process provides notes of stone fruit. The bitterness of the tea is balanced with fruity hops Strat, El Dorado and Talus for a sweet tropical flavour.



Stardust Brewery

www.stardustbrewery.co.uk

Stardust's dry hopped pale called 'American Pale' uses Cascade hops for pine and resin flavours with a subtle fruity aroma.



Two Flints Brewery

www.twoflintsbrewery.com



A new brewery is coming to Windsor! The Two Flints Brewery taproom will be located in The Arches near Windsor & Eton Central station, with the aim of opening in November 2022. The new taproom (see an artist's impression above) will feature 12 beer lines, showcasing Two Flints' range and guest beers. The brewery embraces hop forward pale ales and IPAs as well as being inspired by Bavarian lager traditions and the fermentation processes of Belgian beer.

Weird Beard Brew Co.

www.weirdbeardbrewco.com



Weird Beard have vacated their Hanwell site, stating that the costs are too high to brew competitively in London post Covid. The brewery has moved to Bury in Manchester.

Weird Beard collaborated with Steel City Brewing to create 'Russian Warship, Go F*** Yourself.' The limited-edition double IPA was made with Polish hops has an incredibly bitter and citrusy flavour. All profits will be donated to the Disasters and Emergencies Committee's Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal.

Windsor & Eton Brewery

www.webrew.co.uk

The taproom is now open from 10am on Monday to Saturday, serving a breakfast menu including pancakes and full English breakfasts. A new American diner style menu has been launched too, including gourmet burgers and hotdogs with vegan and vegetarian alternatives.



The pale ale 'Caught by the Fuzz' is now available in 400ml cans. The beer has a strong peach flavour with spicy notes and a bitter finish.

The hazy NEIPA, 'Marula Matata,' has also returned as a 440ml can. Made with Marula fruit pulp, the beer is sweet and juicy with a smooth mouthfeel and low bitterness.



Brewery News

Want your brewery featured next time? Contact the Editor:

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The Percy Perseveres Part 1

Wraysbury pub earns the esteemed Keith Smith award

The Keith Smith award is arguably the highest honour the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA branch can bestow upon a pub. The annual prize is presented to a licensee in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the real ale and cider scene. The trophy commemorates the life of Keith Smith, who sadly passed away in 2016. Keith was an active member of the local CAMRA branch, keen volunteer and well known for being a prolific collector of apples for the now closed Salt Hill Cider in Slough. This year, the Keith Smith award has been presented to the hardworking husband-and-wife team Nick and Sarah Higney of The Perseverance pub.

The word perseverance is defined by the Cambridge Dictionary as a “continued effort to do or achieve something, even when this is difficult or takes a long time.” This aptly describes Nick and Sarah’s endeavours, who over the past 10 years have transformed The Perseverance into one of Berkshire’s best pubs.

The Perseverance, locally known as The Percy, is a beautifully bucolic pub residing in the picturesque village of Wraysbury. With a traditional beamed ceiling, wooden dado panelling and an



Photo by Kevin Phillips

SWM CAMRA Chair Allan Willoughby (right) presents the award to Nick Higney (left) & Sarah Higney (centre)

inglenook fireplace, this inviting 17th Century establishment paints a picture of British culture and heritage, perfectly befitting the quintessential English village surroundings.

To celebrate winning the award and to commemorate more than a decade of service to the Grade II listed pub, CAMRAngle exclusively interviewed co-owner Nick Higney for not just one article, but a whole series over multiple issues of the magazine, covering the initial reopening of the pub and early struggles, the floods of 2014,

the Covid pandemic and a four-year battle with Pubco owners to become free of tie.

“We walked around, looking beyond the filth and the dirt, and just saw potential.”

Nick Higney

The desire to own a pub started at an early age for Nick, who worked as a humble pot washer and glass collector during his teenage years at the Bamburgh pub of South Shields. “I am very passionate about pubs and the pub industry,” said Nick. “I started that job when I was sixteen to earn a bit of pocket money and I caught the bug for it. It was always my long-term goal to get a pub of my own, because I love working with people and the atmosphere. Being part of the community is really important to me. I wanted a pub that did good food, music and beer.”

That dream became tangible when Nick and Sarah took the plunge and started to view pubs around the Slough and Windsor



Photo by Matt Rogers

The Perseverance is a wonderfully quaint village pub



Photos by Matt Rogers



area in January 2011, including the Golden Harp in Maidenhead (now a Tesco Metro), the Wagon & Horses in Pinkneys Green (now the long-term closed Boundary Arms) and the Sun in Englefield Green (also long-term closed). Over a decade ago, The Perseverance was a far cry from the charming and welcoming pub that it is today. “This place was disgusting at the time,” grimaced Nick. “When you walked in the first thing you could smell were the toilets, it was vile. There was a layer of blue acid smoke in the air as the owner was burning chep pallets in the fire and the extractor fan in the kitchen wasn’t working. We walked around, looking beyond the filth and dirt, and just saw potential. It just spoke to us. It was almost love at first sight, but it was daunting as it needed so much work.”

Despite the horrible aesthetics, Nick and Sarah committed themselves and moved into the pub in October 2011, embarking upon the mammoth task of cleaning and redecorating. “It took eight

hours to clean the urinal,” laughed Nick. “I spent three days cleaning the beer taps as they hadn’t been cleaned for three months.”

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Nick Higney

In an early effort to connect and build rapport with the local community, Nick and Sarah left the door open whilst refurbishing the pub, allowing curious passers-by to view the ongoing work. “People could pop in and have a chat with us, so we were building up those relations with locals and getting to know them,” recalled Nick. “In fact, even before we moved in, I was coming here [Wraysbury] to grab a newspaper and have a chat with people.”

Eventually The Perseverance was made respectable enough

Classical pub furnishings can be seen inside The Percy

to finally reopen, an event which Nick clearly remembers. “It was a little bit daunting, but very exciting because we had grand plans for what we wanted to achieve with the pub,” recalled Nick. “The very first pint we poured was at 5:30pm on 17th October 2011, and I even remember who ordered it. The people who were in that opening night are still regulars of ours now, becoming really good friends and sticking with us throughout. Over the course of ten years, each of the characters who we have met along the way have been fantastic. I often think back to that first opening night and reflect how far we and the village itself have come. We were looking at old photos of what the pub used to look like when we first moved in, and it was soulless and characterless. Sometimes you do forget how much of an impact you’ve made. It is really rewarding to think about the sense of community we helped build.”

Read the next issue of CAMRAngle to find out how after opening, the Perseverance carved a local name for itself amid the early years of the pub. Until then, why not visit The Percy yourself?

More info

 www.the-perseverance.co.uk/

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Swanning About

Community pub hosts three-day beer festival

Swans are the most regal of waterbirds. Known for their brilliant white plumage and elegant long necks, they are commonly seen gliding gracefully down the River Thames. Famously, swans mate for life, forming an enduring bond with a partner. Perhaps this is why the populace of Windsor have forged such a strong affection with The Swan pub in Clewer Village.

The Swan is nothing short of a local success story. Since becoming an Asset of Community Value (ACV) in 2018, the once derelict and unloved coaching inn has become a social nucleus for Windsor residents. A clear advocate that pubs are more than just a tavern to imbibe beer, The Swan organises community events on almost a daily basis, from book clubs and charity coffee mornings to mini markets selling local produce and handmade crafts. The Swan even doubles as a vital academic centre for young people who cannot access mainstream education through the pub's Green Room School.

During the summer, one of the pub's largest and most popular community events took place - a three-day long beer festival



Photos from www.facebook.com/theswanclewer/

known as SwanFest. A relatively new addition to The Swan's busy social calendar, the August beer festival was conceived last year to celebrate the second anniversary of the pub's opening and has now rapidly grown in popularity. "This was the second SwanFest we have held at the pub, and this year we were able to expand the event with even more music, activities and beer across all three days," said Anne Tebbatt Chair and Press Officer of the Friends of The Swan committee.

What sets SwanFest apart from other pub beer festivals is its focus upon being a family friendly affair, much like the pub itself, making the occasion a combination of both a beer festival and a wholesome family day out. "The festival had a great atmosphere with something for everyone," said Anne. "The community turned out in force with all age groups attending, from children to our oldest regular, Rene Lowe, who is 100 years old." Children (and adults) took part in face painting sessions and arts-and-crafts activities whilst coming face to face with the monstrous puppeteer Herbaceous Grub and his dinosaur named Dora.

There were even opportunities to break a Guinness World Record. Unfortunately, Windsor is not home to the fastest person to eat M&Ms with chopsticks whilst blindfolded, but much fun was had trying!

"This year we were able to expand the event with even more music, activities and beer."

Anne Tebbatt

Festivalgoers were treated to live performances from local artists including the Marlow Ukulele Band, the Windsor Jazz Collective and even DJ Wildcat Willie who is also the brewery tour host at Windsor & Eton Brewery. The Swan's BBQ was the perfect accompaniment to the sunshine, beer and merriment.

The genial family-centric atmosphere and child-friendly activities didn't stop SwanFest from having a fantastic beer selection. The pub offered over fourteen different beers of varying styles and strengths, including those of Tring Brewery, XT Brewing Company and Thornbridge



SwanFest was popular with locals of all ages

Clockwise from top: Swanfest attracted lots of guests; A punter tries to break a Guinness World Record; Herbaceous Grub and Dora the Dinosaur Brewery to name a few.

The star of the show was a festival beer brewed in collaboration with Windsor & Eton Brewery. The Swan's General Manager, Micky Foden, visited the local brewery to help make a beer especially for the pub's festival. "We wanted something a bit different at SwanFest, and our relationship with WEBrew gives us a unique opportunity to have our own beer alongside some great guest ales," said Anne. The limited-edition beer was a red IPA named 'Feathered Friend' and was brewed with a myriad of hop varieties including Pacific Jade, Citra, Nelson Sauvin, Azacca and Magnum. The ale was of a copper colour with a red tinge and had a crisp, light hoppy flavour followed by subtle fruity aromas. "Feathered Friend brought a lot of chatter from customers - some had even travelled from as far as Northampton to try it!" revealed Anne. "It was very popular and was one of the bestselling beers at the festival, selling out before the weekend was over." The moniker of Feathered Friend was a result of a competition to name the exclusive one-off beer, with local resident Adam Chojnacki



submitting the winning title. Throughout the festival weekend, the Friends of The Swan committee ran a raffle, with prizes donated by local businesses, to raise money for the ongoing renovation of the pub. A dedicated team of volunteers have been refurbishing the Swan since 2019, constructing the bar area, the school room and most recently the kitchen. The next phase of renovation will include significant repairs to the pub's roof. Thanks

to the committee and bar staff selling raffle tickets, more than £1100 was raised over the three days. "Hopefully, this will allow us to remove the rest of the scaffold, which everyone has been looking forward to!" said Anne.

SwanFest 2022 was resounding success, exceeding last year's event completely. Over the three days, 150 faces were painted, 800 BBQ meals were consumed and washed down with more than 170 pints of beer. Don't worry if you missed the festivities, as next year's SwanFest has already been booked. Put a note in your diaries for Friday 11th to Sunday 13th August 2023 and experience the festival for yourself.

Stop swanning about and fly straight to The Swan today!



General Manager Micky Foden (left) helped brew 'Feathered Friend' at Windsor & Eton Brewery

More info
 www.theswanwindsor.co.uk
 9 Mill Lane, Windsor, SL4 5JG

In Remembrance

Celebrating the life of Nigel Vicker



Photos supplied by Nina Vicker

It is with great sadness that the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead CAMRA branch must announce the passing of committee member and dear friend Nigel Vicker.

Nigel passed away peacefully on 31st July 2022 at the age of 63 and will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 29 years Nina and son Huw. A minute's silence was held in memory of Nigel during the August branch meeting.

A larger-than-life character, Nigel was loved by many people and will be sorely missed.

Born 4th October 1958, Nigel grew up in the Bridgend area of South Wales and went on to study chemistry at Bath University. After completing his PhD in 1984 and

a postdoctoral position at Indiana State University, Nigel had a successful career as a Chemist, working within the field of drug discovery. Despite retiring in 2010, he kept up to date with advances in chemical research and continued to publish his writings up until last year.

A CAMRA member for many years, Nigel's drink of choice was a pint of real cider. He took his role as the SWM CAMRA branch's Cider Rep very seriously, visiting cideries across Berkshire and beyond, as well as assisting with the local Cider Pub of the Year competition.

Nigel would love visiting beer and cider festivals, and as an avid follower of horse racing, he had a

particular fondness for the Ascot Beer Festival. Drinking cider while watching the horse racing was a perfect day out. Being a proud Welshman, he would say that the only thing that could improve the Ascot Festival would be if a rugby match was played in the middle of the course on the same day!

A dear friend and colleague, devoted father and loving husband, Nigel was always cheerful and a pleasure to spend time with. The SWM CAMRA branch asks you to raise a pint of cider in Nigel's honour.

If you would like to donate to the British Heart Foundation in remembrance of Nigel, please visit: <https://nigelvicker.muchloved.com/>

CAMRA Member's Incentives

Benefits of joining the Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead CAMRA Branch



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CAMRA Real Ale Discount Scheme



The Real Ale Discount Scheme offers CAMRA members a discount in thousands of pubs all over the UK, from 10p off a pint to a 10% discount across selected products on the presentation of a valid membership card. The following local pubs offer the Real Ale Discount Scheme.

Bray
Maidenhead & Bray Sports Club
Burnham
Old Five Bells
Cippenham
Earl of Cornwall Kings Head
Cox Green
Thatched Cottage
Farnham Common
The Royal Oak
Gerrards Cross
The Etorpe Hotel
Iver
The Red Lion
Langley
The Red Lion

Littlewick Green
The Shire Horse
Maidenhead
A Hoppy Place The Craufurd Arms The Lord Grenfell The Maiden's Head Off The Tap Pond House
Slough
The Wheatsheaf
Stoke Poges
The Fox & Pheasant
Taplow Common
The Feathers
Windsor
A Hoppy Place The Acre The Corner House The Windsor Trooper

Real Ale, Cider & Perry Vouchers



The CAMRA Voucher Scheme entitles members to £30 worth of 50p vouchers, as part of their membership pack, for a discount on a pint of real ale, cider or perry. The vouchers are redeemable at over 1,550 pubs nationwide. See below for local pubs which accept the CAMRA vouchers.

The Watermans Arms	Eton
The Bear	Maidenhead
The Craufurd Arms	Maidenhead
The Fox and Castle	Old Windsor
The Moon and Spoon	Slough
The Horse and Groom	Windsor
The King and Castle	Windsor
The Piper	Windsor
The Queen Victoria	Windsor
The Windsor Trooper*	Windsor

* A 50p voucher can only be used once per day at the Trooper.

Pubs reserve the right to remove an offer at any time, and all offers are subject to change without notice.

The SWM CAMRA branch would like to remind members to be polite to local bar staff when enquiring as to whether a pub offers a CAMRA discount and to be acquiescent if declined.



LocAle Brewery Listings

25 LocAle Breweries are within a 20 mile radius of Maidenhead Railway Station, and produce cask ales to at least one pub on a regular, but not necessarily continuous basis.

Ascot Brewing Company	Camberley
Bond Brews	Wokingham
Creative Juices Brewing Co.	Rickmansworth
Double Barrelled Brewery	Reading
Dolphin Brewery	Reading
Ealing Brewing Co.	Brentford
Elusive Brewing	Wokingham
HedgeDog Brewing	Virginia Water
Loddon Brewery	Dunsden
Lovibonds	Henley-on-Thames
Malt The Brewery	Great Missenden
Moogbrew	Taplow
New Wharf Brewing Co.	Maidenhead
Old Luxters Farm Brewery	Henley-on-Thames
Outhouse Brewery	Wokingham
Paradigm Brewery	Sarrett
Phantom Brewery	Reading
Pinnora Brewing	Pinner
Rebellion Beer Co.	Marlow
Siren Craft Brew	Finchampstead
Stardust Brewery	White Waltham
Thames Side Brewery	Staines-upon-Thames
Thurstons Brewery	Horsell
Twickenham Fine Ales	Twickenham
Windsor & Eton Brewery	Windsor

CAMRA LocAle 2022 Pub Listings

Pubs in the area that are currently accredited as 'LocAle Pubs,' regularly selling a beer from one of the LocAle Breweries, thereby reducing "beer miles" and supporting local brewers.

Cippenham	Littleworth Common
Barleycorn	The Blackwood Arms The Jolly Woodman
Clewer Village	Maidenhead
The Swan	A Hoppy Place Maidenhead The Bear The Boathouse at Boulter's Lock The Craufurd Arms The Lord Grenfell The Maiden's Head Norden Farm Theatre The North Star The Rose
Cookham	Old Windsor
The Bounty	The Fox & Castle Old Windsor Club
Cookham Dean	Paley Street
The Jolly Farmer Uncle Tom's Cabin	The Bridge House
Cox Green	Pinkneys Green
Barley Mow	The Pinkneys Arms
Datchet	Richings Park
The Royal Stag	The Tower Arms
Denham	Slough
The Green Man	The Moon & Spoon
Eton	Stoke Poges
The George Inn The Watermans Arms	The Rose & Crown
Eton Wick	Taplow
The Greyhound	The Oak & Saw
Farnham Royal	Windsor
The Emperor	A Hoppy Place The Acre The Bexley Arms The Boatman The Corner House The Duke of Connaught The Old Court The Prince Harry W&E Brewery Tap Room
Hedgerley	
The White Horse	
Holyport	
George on the Green	
Hurley	
The Rising Sun	
Iver	
The Swan at Iver	
Littlewick Green	
Shire Horse	