

Press Release from the Rutland Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA)

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Rutland's Pub of the year 2019 announced – “pure magic.”

The Rutland branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has awarded its 2019 Pub Of The Year to The White Lion Inn in Whissendine.

Pubs across the County are judged on a number of criteria including beer quality, welcome, and community involvement.

Jon Howell, Chairman of Rutland CAMRA said “Judging the 60 pubs we have in the county is hard work – honestly! Our teams have visited all the pubs, and sports clubs that sell real ale. The White Lion Inn is a great example of what a proper pub should be. Landlord Chris Stevenson and Landlady Yolanda Rees have built up an enviable business offering great beer and food. Their team provides excellent hospitality. So well deserved winners.”

Landlord of The White Lion Inn, Chris, said “As you can imagine Yolanda and I are really pleased to get this award. We try and go the extra mile to make the the pub a welcoming place. The team here are amazing and we are lucky to have a good base of locals supporting us. We occasionally have conjuring shows here but this award is pure Magic.”

The White Lion Inn will go into the East Midlands Pub Of The Year competition that could lead to the National finals.

Also announced was that the Rutland CAMRA Spring Pub Of The Year has been awarded to the recently refurbished Exeter Arms in Uppingham.

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Rutland CAMRA has over 200 members making it one of the largest membership based organisations in the County www.rutlandcamra.org.uk

CAMRA nationally has over 190,000 members dedicated to providing reals ales and ciders in real pubs and clubs for real people.

The White Lion Inn is much more than the average local pub. Welcoming families and dogs, it boasts a bar with 4 real ales a cosy seating areas, 2 real log burning fires, bar, restaurant, function room and 8 en-suite bedrooms. <https://www.whitelioninn.com/>. Tel 01664 474233. 38 Main Street, Whissendine Rutland LE15 7ET