

As I said every year, including last year, we have had our ups and downs but it's been a good year:

1. Our membership is over 200 and we were awarded the National CAMRA Membership award that Dave Casewell, our Membership Secretary will expand on further.
2. Dave Laughton our esteemed Pubs Officer is stepping down tonight and we as a branch owe him a great deal. He has managed to get our What Pub scores on stream and has ensured that the POTS/POTY is done fairly and squarely, despite some out of branch rumblings. He tells me he is not leaving the branch and will assist the incoming Pubs Officer in ensuring a smooth takeover. Congratulations to the Pubs of the Season winners and especially to the White Lion Inn in Whissendine for winning the 2019 Pub of the year.
3. We now have three breweries with the welcome addition of the Uppingham Brewhouse opening earlier this year. Our Local beers are so good that both Bakers Dozen, Ketton and Grainstore Brewery, Oakham have made through to the finals of this year's Champion Beer of Britain. The results will be out just before the AGM so expect an update as soon as possible.
4. Our Beer festival went very well, numbers were slightly down, this may have been to the heat of the Saturday, I don't think I would have gone out that day! We had proper coolers that ensured we were able to serve top quantity beers curated by Russ Hibbitt, many thanks. The "team" led by Dave Casewell made sure we got things done. Sadly, we upset the Council with our banners and What's Brewing let us down but all in all a good festival enjoyed by many. Never found out what happened to the 35 Mancunians though. We need fresh blood to run things if we are to have a festival in 2020 though.
5. Rutland CAMRA are now members of Discover Rutland, our local tourist board, who now recognise how important our Campaign is for tourism in the County. I have represented the branch as a few of their events to promote our cause.
6. We are still in the Good Beer Guide as an independent county.
7. Our website, www.rutlandcamra.org.uk is up and running and we are getting more and more hits. The event calendar is popular. We attracted visitors from Arizona to this year's festival as they saw it on the Discover Rutland website and found us, apologies to them for having to Morris dance.
8. I am still on the Public Affairs Committee of CAMRA, we hold quarterly meetings and are considered to be a force to be reckoned with in Government.
9. Tiny Pint went out just before the festival and I hope we get another one out soon.
10. Branch meetings are still well attended, other branches would be envious at the percentages we get.

Almost finally we should be all grateful to those who serve on our Committee for doing so much work promoting the Campaign here in God's County.

I am happy to stand again as Chairman and press officer and Editor of Tiny Pint, please feel free to stand against me - please.

Thank you to all who have helped, we have achieved a great deal but we must find a way of enthusing members and encourage them to be more active in the branch.

Jon Whowell Branch Chairman 8th August 2019

Attached Press Officer and Tiny pint report:

Press Officer Rutland CAMRA 2019 AGM report

We received reasonable coverage for our festival

We mainly use the website new page as a way of disseminating information and this is proving a useful tool

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Tiny Pint Rutland CAMRA 2018 AGM report

3 Issues of our magazine – The Tiny Pint - have been produced over the last year. Please keep articles and high-resolution picture coming in.

Many thanks to all our advertisers for their support

Jon Whowell

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