



Nicholas's funeral will be
taking place on
Wednesday December 21st at
1.00pm
in Parndon Wood Crematorium,
Harlow CM19 4SF
and afterwards at
Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club,
off Springhall Lane,
Sawbridgeworth CM21 9ET

All welcome to have a last drink on Nicholas.

No flowers.

Donations to charities of your choice.

This is a celebration of his life,
so no mourning!

Caroline

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APPLICATION FORM for MEMBERSHIP of

The Real Ale Club of SAWBRIDGEWORTH

to May 2012

If you wish to join or renew Membership of **RACS**, please fill in this form, in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, then send to **JAN MEAD, 23, Crofters, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 0DE** or **NICHOLAS MACY, 26, Riverside Court, Harlow, Essex CM20 2AD** and **INCLUDE** a subscription of £5 per person per year.

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The 5th Sawbridgeworth Beer Festival run by Herts and Essex Borders branch of CAMRA

at the Memorial Hall, Sawbridgeworth,
from Thurs. 27th October to Sat. 29th October 2011

This festival was formerly known as HEBFest, but following discussions with The Gate licensees, Tom and Gary Barnett, it has been agreed that we can use the place name—previously, their August Bank Holiday Beer festival had been known by this name.



The range of thirty-five beers was from all over England, though with several of the most local brews, such as Sawbridgeworth and Green Tye. The two Allgates beers from Wigan were again

several people's favourites. The Sawbridgeworth Coal Shovel Porter, which came second in the Herts blind tasting (see box on next page), was also very well received. Brenda and Michael East savoured the range, Barbara enthused, "Even though I am not a beer drinker, I am enjoying some excellent beers!" The festival was extended to a third day for the first time, which Rob Cherry, the Festival Organiser, said, "The Thursday evening session has proved extremely popular!"

Most of the staff looked very smart in the new Branch

polo shirts, all with our logo but in a choice of colours. Visitors from another CAMRA branch said that this was a very civilised small festival, with great food supplied by Simon the Pieman.

We had some young converts to real ale in on Friday

night. A group of lads from St. Mary's Football Club, Bishop's Stortford came in, dressed as old codgers. When I questioned them, they said that they dressed like that to fit in, as most real ale drinkers were of an older generation! They said that they were recently lager drinkers, but for the past few months they had been using The Wheat Sheaf, Bishop's Stortford' as their local, and they now love their real ale. They certainly sampled plenty at our festival!

The festival was again enjoyed by many drinkers, both local and from further afield.

Chris Sears



HERTFORDSHIRE CHAMPION BEER OF THE YEAR

*Congratulations are in order for Gary and Bob at the Sawbridgeworth Brewery for coming second in this year's competition with their **Malt Shovel Porter**.*

It was a blind judging held at the St Albans Beer festival.

*First Place was **Red Squirrel London Porter** – which was a finalist last year..*



The Presentation date for the
2012 SPBW London Pub of the Year
will be on
Monday January 23rd 2012
at The Royal Oak, Tabard St
(off Borough High St) SE1
Tube: Borough or London Bridge.

Please could you let me know if you are intending to attend.

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A dispatch received last month:

Chiltern Brewery Oak Casks launch

We are thrilled to announce the re-launch of our seasonal draught, **300's Old Ale, in oak casks** and would like to invite you to the official launch at The Farmers' Bar on Friday 25th November at 7pm. If there are any other members of SPBW who may also be interested in joining us for this exciting launch please do forward this email to them.

We are also delighted to welcome our **Guest of Honour, Cllr Jenny Puddefoot, The Town Mayor of Aylesbury**, who has agreed to pull the first pint and celebrate with us. Made by England's only Master Cooper there is a rich and interesting history to the wooden casks. They represent a return to tradition and another innovation that we at The Chiltern Brewery are hugely proud of.

It will also be our great pleasure to present representatives of CAMRA with a special 40th birthday present.

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RACS PUB CRAWL AROUND

THEIR HOME TOWN, SAWBRIDGEWORTH

Wednesday December 7th starting at 7.30pm

The **RACS** Pub Crawl was attended by Jan, Harry, Deb, John, Peter, Ann, Spencer, Keith Caves, Chris and Mark, Pez and Sid, Astrid and Tony. We have collected questionnaires and the comments were as follows :

White Lion — St Peters ale + Full Range of Greene King in excellent condition, comfortable, friendly service, good food and very modern toilets

The Bell - A good welcome, comfortable. Old Hookey, Cumberland and Broadside beer in very good condition. Toilets clean, good food

King William - Quiet reception. Beer ok — Directors and Doom Bar. TV playing in both bars - okish

The Queens Head Comfortable, but tables all laid up for food. Beer — Caledonian Flying Scotsman which was very good - maybe worth another visit

George IV - a very warm reception. Very comfortable bar. Toilets excellent. Three MacMullen beers in excellent condition

The Good Intent No Real Ale and as we walked by 10.30ish it was closed. We never got to **The Bull**