



Memory of Len Irving 1947 – 2011

Tragically Len Irving died suddenly in June 2011. Len had been an active member of CAMRA for many years acting as the Worcester Branch's point of contact and distribution co-ordinator for the region's CAMRA quarterly magazine *Pint Taken*. More recently he became a Brewery Liaison Officer and secretary to the branch.

Len was also very active in the organisation of the Worcester CAMRA Beer, Cider and Perry festival. He didn't mind getting mucked in during the setting up and taking down. He sat on the festival committee for several years and last year took over the cooling manager role.



Needless to say Len liked his real ale and often attended social trips where you would see him enjoying a few halves but never a pint. In fact I think I have only seen Len with a pint once and that was as a prop whilst a photograph was taken for an awards ceremony!

It was whilst Len was combining his love for real ale with his other love of travelling around the West Country in June that he suddenly had an heart attack.



Len will be greatly missed by many. He was quietly spoken but always happy to engage in discussions on all sorts of topics. He was a great listener and would provide good advice and support when it was really needed. He was a true gentleman, always with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.

Thanks to Cannon Royall for brewing a special ale for us in memory of Len called "Irving Beerlen" a 4.2%, extra pale ale with an interesting selection of hops. I'm sure Len would have loved it.



The 2011 festival is dedicated to Len Irving.