

# *LABEL of the YEAR 2014*

*Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2014*

*Label of the Year Judging.*

This meeting will be hosted by Sadler's Ales at the Windsor Castle Inn & Brewery, 7 Stourbridge Road, Lye, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY9. There is a charge of £10 a head for this event which includes a buffet and a tour of the brewery. The meeting will start at 12.30 and we have the main room of the restaurant from until 5pm.



As the number of members that can be accommodated is limited you're advised book your places early by emailing our Treasurer via our 'Contact Us' page.

Lye is just east of Stourbridge and travel from Birmingham can be either via the Birmingham to Worcester rail service from Birmingham Snow Hill station or by bus. Not all trains stop at Lye



but those at 23 and 53 minutes after the hour from Snow Hill do (you will need to check). Lye station is approximately 200 yards south of Sadlers; turn left out of the station yard and the brewery/pub is on the right at the crossroads. Alternatively there is a No 9 bus service to Stourbridge which passes the pub. It leaves from Colmore Row outside Snow Hill station with a very regular service - every 9minutes on weekdays

There is limited parking available at the Windsor Castle pub, but 100 yards to the right there is a free public car park. Across the yard, there is a Balti Bazaar for those interested in this type of food - their car park is for customers only!

Lye high street also has many Balti /Asian restaurants and another local pub, The Shovel at Lye, normally has about 10 local real ales, however those attending may be hard pressed (or content) to get through the ten pumps at Sadlers!

It is unlikely that a Premier Inn now under construction will be open by October. Other options as are as follows, The Talbot, Stourbridge High Street, Premier Inn/Beefeater in Hagley & Copthorne Hotel in Merry Hill.

*Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2014*

*Label of the Year Event.*



This year's Label of the Year meeting is to be hosted by the Windsor & Eton Brewery. The brewery is located at 1 Vansittart Estate, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1SE, near the Alexandra Gardens, just off Duke Street.

The meeting will start at 12:30 and finish around 4.30-5.00. The afternoon will include a tour of the brewery (the meeting venue is in the brewery itself). Along with all the normal attractions of a raffle, charity sales and auction (see pictures below) a buffet is available. Inevitably we have to levy a £10 per person cost for the venue, tour and refreshments.

There are two routes to Windsor by rail from London depending on whether you travel from Paddington or Waterloo. There is a ½ hourly service from Waterloo to Windsor & Eton Riverside taking approximately 1 hour or alternatively a 20 minute service from London Paddington to Windsor and Eton Central taking about an hour and requiring a change at Slough. Windsor & Eton Central station is around 800/900m from the brewery, Windsor & Eton Riverside is about a 1.5 K walk.

The brewery is situated on an industrial estate so parking should be available and there are likely to be spaces on a Saturday. Public car parks are limited and expensive, and the situation for on street parking is not known.

A selection of some of the labels to be offered in the auction are shown below (not to same relative sizes). Although the Maclays Oatmalt Stout is not perfect, it dates from 1894 – 1901 so is therefore a genuine antique and should create some interest. Book you places with Des Clarke (see previous page) and don't miss out!

