

CAMRA award for Yew Tree Inn

THE Yew Tree Inn at Peterstow, has been named Herefordshire CAMRA's Cider Pub of the Year for the first time. This will not be a surprise to those who know their real cider, as the lease to the pub was taken on by Mike Johnson of the Ross-on-Wye Cider Company in 2014.

At the recent Award Presentation Mike said that he was 'very honoured and proud'. He said that his aim had been to create not just a good cider pub, but a good local community pub too.

Mike and his family have been making cider at Broome Farm for as long as anyone can remember, and have picked up many awards including Champion Cider Maker at the Big Apple in 2009 and 2011, CAMRA's Pomona Award in 2009, and more recently the Queen's Diamond Award for Excellence in Food and Drink in 2013. They still make cider the tradi-



tional way – no water, yeast or artificial sweeteners – just juice.

Broome Farm hosts the Ross Cider Festival each year on the first weekend in September, and new for 2017 is the Yew Tree Cider Challenge and Festival, due to be held in June.

The Yew Tree even has a Cider Shop onsite, and for those wanting to stay the night, the Yew Tree even has its own caravan and campsite.

Exciting day at Red House Nursery



Bus in collision

THE Emergency services were called to a road traffic collision at Woolhope on February 1st, just after 3.30pm. A car and a bus had collided outside Wessington Court.

However, there was only one person on the bus, the driver, and two people in the car. A spokesperson from the West Midlands Ambulance Service told the *Ross Gazette*: "None of them were seriously injured and they were all discharged at the scene."

Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Ledbury fire crews also attended the scene and made the area safe.

Ross Neighbourhood Plan's 'Green Spaces' interest grows

FOLLOWING an article in the *Ross Gazette* two weeks ago, a number of residents have responded to the Local Green Space questionnaire and others have asked what sites are currently being consulted on.

Residents living adjacent to the following sites have received questionnaires about existing open spaces that have been proposed for designation as 'Open Green Spaces': Roman Way/Archenfield Road, Redwood Close, Redhill Road/Hawthorne Lane, Greytree Road, Fernbank Road (paddock), Mayhill Road, Merivale Lane (paddock) and Falaise Close.

Also proposed for designation, but for which questionnaire distribution has not yet started, have been Cleeve Orchard, Duxmere Drive and Bluebell/Primrose Close.

Additional suggestions are wel-

come; they need to be for small areas that could be built upon but which are important to a local community and that are special or distinctive in terms of (any or all of) beauty, wildlife, history, recreation or tranquillity.

To get them through the demanding planning process is tough, so demonstrable local support is essential.

To suggest, support or oppose a possible Local Green Space, either collect a form from Ross Town Council, Corn Exchange, 7 High Street, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5HL (completed forms can also be returned there), request a form via email to Melvin Reynolds, chair@rossneighbourhoodplan.org.uk, on Facebook @RoWnDp, or at the Plan's Consulting You website rossneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

Full steam ahead for the new Ross Dementia Centre

PROGRESS is going well for the new Ross Dementia Centre (DMC) which is planning to open its doors for the first meeting on March 1st. Dr Simon Lennane of Alton Street Surgery, Reverend Deborah Cornish of Christ Church, and Alan Harrison, a Ross resident, are all delighted with the progress of the DMC.

Based in Christ Church, Edde Cross Street, the new Ross DMC is a modern version of a

lonely activity at home. At Ross DMC carers will be respected as expert care partners and will have access to the integrated and personalised services they need to support them in their caring role.

As Dr Lennane is supporting the Ross DMC, initial members will include some of

