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Success for first Parliamentary Pub Quiz

A team led by MPs Therese Coffey and Simon Hoare quizzed their way to victory in the inaugural All Party Parliamentary Beer Group and PubAid Pub Quiz, held yesterday (5 February). Team 'Bling' lifted the winners' trophy ahead of fierce competition in a packed room in the House of Commons with 20 MPs taking part as well as other parliamentary colleagues, brewers, pub companies and journalists.

With Mark Labbett – aka The Beast as seen on *The Chase* – as quizmaster, the 100+ contestants worked in teams to answer questions on everything from sport and science to music and movies – as well as a beer round.

The quiz was held just a month ahead of the World's Biggest Pub Quiz, organised by PubAid with Prostate Cancer UK. More than 1,200 pubs have already signed up to run the quiz between 3-7 March and PubAid hope that the final number will at least match last year's, when 1,500 pubs took part, raising £190,000 for hundreds of charities.

MPs who took part in the Parliamentary Pub Quiz are being encouraged to also attend a World's Biggest Pub Quiz in a pub in their constituency.

Mike Wood, chair of the All Party Parliamentary Beer Group, said: "We're delighted with this first Parliamentary Pub Quiz, and congratulate Therese, Simon and their team as worthy winners. Not only was the evening a lot of fun, it also served as a reminder of the vital role that pubs play in communities up and down the land, which includes raising more than £100 million for charity, every year."

Nick Bish, representing PubAid, said: "Everyone loves a good pub quiz and tonight's was no exception. We're looking forward to early March when hundreds of pubs will be hosting the World's Biggest Pub Quiz, raising money for worthy causes including Prostate Cancer, and giving their customers a great reason to come out to the pub and enjoy socialising with other quizzers."

The World's Biggest Pub Quiz is completely free of charge to pubs, who receive two sets of questions, posters and social media assets to encourage customers to take part. Pubs can register now at www.worldsbiggestquiz.pubaid.com. Although the quiz is scheduled for 3-7 March, pubs who want to take part but can't run the quiz during that week are welcome to run it at any other time in 2019. Pubs are encouraged to support official partner Prostate Cancer UK, but are also free to support another charity of their choice.

Mark Labbett appeared courtesy of Redtooth, the largest supplier of pub quizzes in the UK, with more than 3,000 pubs receiving their weekly quiz from Redtooth. Redtooth also organise the country's largest pub poker league, host regional and national quiz competitions, sporting dinners, casino nights and have a range of top quality authenticated sporting memorabilia. www.redtooth.co.uk

Caption: the winning team (l-r) Therese Coffey MP; Carys Major, parliamentary assistant; Simon Hoare MP; Tom Stainer, CAMRA chief executive; Mike Wood MP, chair of the All Party Parliamentary Beer Group; Dan Horrocks, parliamentary assistant and quizmaster Mark Labbett

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Notes to editors

PubAid is a working party created in 2009 to highlight the work done by UK pubs for charity, sharing the message that UK pubs raise over £100m per year.

The PubAid Steering Group is led by co-founder Des O'Flanagan and includes a number of well-known figures from the pub world, who lend their time and other resources to help spread the positive messages about pubs' role at the heart of their communities.

The All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group was set up in 1993 and has a membership of over 350 MPs and Peers. The Beer Group's objectives are to broaden recognition of the enormous contribution of brewing and pubs to the UK economy from grain to glass - and to celebrate the unique role that beer and pubs play in our society.

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