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**Tales and ales; local author enjoys new beer supporting Henley Literary Festival**

Local author Amanda Jennings took a break from novel-writing to visit the Angel on the Bridge and pour a pint of Writer’s Block, the new ale brewed to support this year’s Henley Literary Festival.

Writer’s Block is a 4.6% ABV rich, red cask ale, brewed at Brakspear’s Bell Street Brewery and available in a number of Brakspear pubs in and around Henley. For every pint sold, 10p will go to the Festival, which runs from 28 September to 6 October.

Ms Jennings, who lives just outside Henley, said: “It’s great to enjoy a pint of Brakspear, a beer that I enjoyed in my younger years.

“I always find a break and a change of scenery help when I’m in need of inspiration for my writing. So now I’ve got the perfect excuse to pop to the pub for a quick half!”

Brakspear marketing manager Emma Sweet said: “The Literary Festival is one of the highlights of Henley’s cultural calendar and we’re delighted to be supporting it with Writer’s Block, which we’re confident will be enjoyed by the many writers and literature lovers visiting the town.”

She added, “This week is Cask Ale Week, when brewers and pubs up and down the country celebrate this uniquely British beer, so it’s great to be offering Writer’s Block, which is a fine example of the the style.”

Ms Jennings published her fourth book, *The Cliff House,* last year. She writes psychological suspense and is working on her fifth novel, due out in 2020

For more information on Henley Literary Festival, visit <https://henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/>

*Caption to attached image (l-r): Author Amanda Jennings with Brakspear marketing manager Emma Sweet enjoying a pint of Writer’s Block*

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