



Twenty Years On



On 23rd July, the Friday night of their beer festival, a special presentation was made to Tony Lewis, licensee of The Black Eagle, Factory Road, Hockley. Tony, who had spent most of his working life in the theatre, took over what was a rather run down pub way back in 1990. Work was undertaken to improve the place and unearth some of the features that has been covered up in 1960's "modernisation". Real ale was introduced along with good food and once established, The Black Eagle has never looked back, winning numerous Birmingham CAMRA awards along with a string of food awards. Tony has presided over this little gem for the last twenty years, having high standards in



spite of its location. The question must be asked that if Tony can do this, why do we not have more little gems in other insalubrious areas of the city? We wish Tony and his team the very best in the years to come.

