

Drake's Drinker

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PHOTO – Happier Times from the Barbican Christmas Bimble 2017– no social distancing, no table limits and great times!

Welcome to the Fifth Edition of Drake's Drinker, produced by unpaid volunteers of the Plymouth Branch of CAMRA, during the Covid-19 pandemic and Lockdown 3. We hope that the end of Lockdown is in sight!

We hope that you enjoy reading our news



Hop Off The Press

Hi, Fellow Beer and Cider Lovers.

With the Hospitality Sector hopefully being able to open fully on the 17th May (TBC), what effect and damage do we think has been done? After the first lockdown last year there was a 40 odd document issued by the government to Pubs, Restaurants, etc. for the requirements of reopening safely. The hospitality industry spent millions of pounds in setting up their venues in accordance with the guidelines to make them Covid safe. Then they suffered a major blow and were shut down again. It was rumoured that only 2.5% of possible Covid cases could be linked or traced to the hospitality industry. Meanwhile, supermarkets were less robust in their Covid safety protocol. It was after the pubs and restaurants suffered enforced closure, and Covid cases were still rising, that the government then decided to bring in the wearing of a mask in shops.

Breweries and pubs have lost millions of pounds, gallons of beer has been poured away, not once but twice since Covid hit our shores. But there is a bright future on the horizon, top industrial analysts have predicted, when pubs open again. There will be a boom in the public wanting to eat and drink out. They also state that the price of a pint could rise on average by 18p per pint. But please do not let that put you off. Please support your pubs and let's not see our unique traditional British boozer's close.

Some entrepreneurs and businesspeople have already looked towards the future. Sarah Willingham of Dragon's Den fame can foresee a massive surge in the British public wanting to get back into pubs and restaurants, once we get the green light from May 17th (TBC). Since December last year, Sarah has raised £6m for her company "Firm Nightcap PLC" and floated it on the stock market during the 2nd week in January. She has already made her first acquisition in the London Cocktail club with investment coming from celebrity chef Raymond Blanc. Sarah Willingham is one of a number of hospitality entrepreneurs foreseeing a boom in customers demand for pubs, bars and restaurants, once social distancing restrictions start to ease.

Rooney Anand, a former chief executive with Greene King, has raised £200m to buy more pubs for his Redcoat Pub Company. Even the controversial Tim Martin, of Wetherspoons pub chain, raised money through selling shares, and it is estimated to have reached £100m to rebuild his estate and buy more pubs. So, the future is looking good, but it needs to continue beyond a few months. Let's not lose our local pubs and our small local breweries. We need to keep supporting our unique British real ales and the British public house.

Cheers, Bob Holmes and the Plymouth CAMRA Committee



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Branch Diary



In line with Government Lockdown restrictions, all official CAMRA activities, such as branch meetings, social activities and beer festivals, have been postponed, or in reality, cancelled until further notice.

We all hope that we will be able to get back to “normal”, as soon as it is safe to do so. This will obviously not be normal, but a “New Normal”.

Some Technical Brewing Terms 3

Finings Substances used to clarify beer.

First Runners The wort* run off from the mash tun before sparging** or the addition of fresh liquor to extract more sugar from the grains.

Flocculation The natural clumping together of yeast cells.

Grist The mix of malt and other cereals that, with liquor***, forms the mash****.

Gyle A batch of beer.

Hot Break Boiling of wort to remove proteins and other material.

Infusion Mashing process involving soaking grains in hot liquor***

Key

* the unfermented sweet, sugary liquid produced by the mash.

** spraying mashed grains with hot water to gain more extract.

*** brewing water

**** the mix of grains and hot liquor that starts the brewing process.

The Roadmap

A "roadmap" for easing Covid restrictions in England has been announced by the UK Government on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Easing of the restrictions will take place in four stages, with a minimum of five weeks between each stage. After the first stage in March, further lifting of the restrictions will only happen if certain conditions are met – such as the vaccine rollout going to plan. The aim is for all restrictions to be lifted, but this will not happen until 21st June at the earliest.

Stage one is in two parts: 8 March 2021 and 29 March 2021 Achieved!

Stage two No earlier than Monday 12 April 2021: Achieved!

- **Restaurants and pub gardens** will be allowed to serve customers sitting outdoors, including alcohol

Stage three No earlier than Monday 17 May 2021:

- **Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors**

Stage four No earlier than Monday 21 June 2021:

- All legal limits on social contact will be removed
- No legal limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, funerals and other life events. From April, the government will run pilots for events such as large weddings, festivals and work conferences. This will help to determine how measures such as enhanced testing might allow large groups to attend without social distancing
- Nightclubs will be allowed to reopen

What are the four tests for easing restrictions?

Each stage will be a minimum of five weeks apart. Four conditions must be met at each stage before proceeding to the next one:

1. The coronavirus vaccine programme continues to go to plan
2. Vaccines are sufficiently reducing the number of people dying with the virus or needing hospital treatment
3. Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospital admissions
4. New coronavirus variants do not fundamentally change the risk of lifting restrictions



Where Are They Now No 9



Prince Alfred, 2,
Clarence Place,
Stonehouse, PL1 3 JN

Situated on the corner of Clarence Place and Adelaide Place, just down the road from the old Royal Naval Hospital, the pub was probably built around the mid-19th century, and named after the second son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who was born in 1844.

It was not a very large hostelry, but served its

community very well, firstly as a beer house only until 1960, when it gained a full publican's license. Like a lot of Stonehouse pubs, it was a Plymouth Breweries pub and served Courage Heavy and Best.

The loyal local following was not enough to keep the pub in business, and it sadly closed in 2010, before finally being converted into domestic use in 2012.



Pub & Brewery News

Pub News

From these last few weeks, it would appear that Bistro 35, Modbury, has closed and is up for sale at £600k; The Brewery Tap, Stonehouse, Facebook page did not appear to work; this is the new one: www.facebook.com/99TheTapStonehouse; The VOT, Stonehouse, is also reportedly for sale at £525k; an old report from the Herald appeared to show that the Maritime Inn, Barbican, was for sale in September 2019; Roam Brewing have advertised for a new manager for the Roam Tap, and intend to open on Thursdays – Sundays from 27th May when the new manager has been appointed; the Cherry Tree, Pennycross, has a new manager, Michelle Lee – we wish her well in her new position; Peter Tavy Inn started outside service from Friday 30th April; Queen's Head, Tavistock, also started outside service from Saturday 24th April; the Nowhere Inn, Gilwell Street, intends to reopen for Inside Service from Monday 17th May (TBC); the Providence Inn, Greenbank, also intends to reopen from Wednesday 19th May (TBC); the Tavistock Inn, Tavistock, has a new licensee; Trout N Tipple, Tavistock, are open for outside service, food purchase is required; Too Hoppy bar and bottle shop, also in Tavistock, has also reopened; & Stannary Arms, Tavistock, has been refurbished inside ready to reopen when inside service is permitted (17th May TBC).

Re-Opening Pub Lists.

As at 2359 on Monday 3rd May, we had details of 208 branch area pubs either open for outside service (118), or confirmation that they would only open when inside service would be permitted (82) or were providing takeaway service or planning to reopen later (June or July) (8). This leaves 200 pubs where we have no details!

These details are now provided on the branch website on a new dedicated page [Alphabetical Pub Reopening Lists-April 2021 - Plymouth CAMRA](#), (link) which contains an alphabetical list of all pubs, including either their Facebook link, if known, or website link, if available. This has taken an extremely long time to produce, but should now make it much easier to track in the future, should we find ourselves in Lockdown again.

I would like to thank those Committee Members who have helped me to populate these details. However, I would like to remind everyone that the Primary Method of flagging reopening dates for pubs is always What Pub, first and foremost.



Pub & Brewery News

There are a number of pubs without any weblinks (currently 118), so please take some time and conduct some research to help me populate these pubs – I can't do it all by myself. I will not assume anything wrt pubs reopening; several will not reopen in May, such as the Plume of Feathers (21st June). All pubs will need to be surveyed again, as none have been since early 2020. All survey forms are available in the members area of our website (sign in required). They will be out of date, so please print them off and explain to the publican (not bar staff or table service staff).

Pub Ownership (of the building).

What Pub Management Tool, Pubzilla, has received numerous updates/enhancements during the last few months. PZ Admin have also made some major auto updates to pub data records, mainly correctly populating the pub ownership and pub operator details. Who actually owns the building and who actually runs the business are very often confused to mean the same thing – they are not, and will affect the cost of a pint and/or food. Basically, very high prices means that at least two companies need to make a profit (plus the brewery and food suppliers, obviously). This breaks down to the large National operators, as follows:

- Admiral Taverns: 3 pubs
- Ei Group: 20 pubs, including 3 operated by Craft Union
- Greene King: 4 pubs;
- Heineken UK: 11 pubs, including 3 run by Inn Management
- Mitchell's and Butlers: 5 pubs)
- Punch Taverns: 11 pubs
- Red Oak Taverns 1 pub
- St Austell Brewery: 9 pubs
- Stonegate: 5 pubs
- Wellington Pub Co: 4 pubs
- JD Wetherspoon: 6 pubs
- Whitbread: 2 pubs
- **Individually owned** (pub actually owned by a named individual): 34 pubs
- **Other Owners** (not an individual person: such as Treford Inns, Duchy of Cornwall, Cornwood Inn Action Group, Parish Councils, etc): 28 pubs



Pub & Brewery News

Brewery News

As stated on page 7 above, **Roam Brewing** have advertised for a new Brewery Tap Room Manager, and, when appointed, will be opening on Thursdays from 27th May, as well as Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; **Ivybridge Brewery** have now moved into their new premises in Ivybridge, and are now brewing beer again. **Dartmoor Brewery** have produced a new Limited Edition beer, Ice Warrior (6.0%), available in bottles direct from the brewery. Two new breweries may be coming soon, both in Cornwall. **Lowlands Brewing**, from St Minver near Wadebridge, and **Mussel Shoal Brewery**, from Porthleven. Both are at the planning/building stage at this moment in time and not currently brewing.

During the various stages of the Pandemic, and the various restrictions placed upon the Hospitality Trade, Plymouth CAMRA have tried to maintain up-to-date lists of pubs providing services as permitted during those periods. We aim to do so again, when pubs are permitted to re-open during the easing of restrictions.

If you are aware of any hospitality venues providing services during the easing of restrictions, please email webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk with details of services being provided, and a link to where the details are advertised, such as social media page or website – Many Thanks ! Stay safe!





Pulling Together



Like pubs, breweries were not initially deemed as essential businesses at the beginning of the pandemic. However, this changed quite early on, and a large number of breweries joined the Pulling Together Campaign to publicise, free of charge, what customers were able to order.

The Pulling Together website, [Pulling Together - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale](https://pullingtogether-camra-campaign-for-real-ale.org.uk/) (link) lists all known breweries and pubs which are providing beer sales (and other options) direct to the public during the Covid-19 pandemic, the first pandemic in 100 years.

There is no known UK brewery brewing at anywhere near their usual production levels for this time of year, as the majority of beer is sold direct to the Licensed Trade for consumption in Licensed Premises.



Unusual Pub Names 4

Four Topped Oak
Gate Hangs Well
Goblin Ha' Hotel

Green Man & Black's Head Royal Hotel
Gribble Inn

Cheshire
Leicestershire
East Lothian
Derbyshire
West Sussex

Hark To Mopsey
Hat & Beaver
Hazel Pear Inn
Hoy & Helmet
Jabez Clegg

West Yorkshire
Leicester
Cheshire
Essex
Manchester

[Cite your source here.]



The **CAMRA LocAle Scheme** is an initiative that promotes pubs stocking locally-brewed real ale. The scheme builds on the growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of “green” issues. List correct as at 01 May 2021.

Avonwick

Avon Inn, Avonwick, TQ10 9NB
Turtley Corn Mill, Avonwick, TQ10 9ES

Bere Ferrers

Olde Plough Inn, Fore Street, PL20 7JG

Bittaford

Horse & Groom, Exeter Road, PL21 0EL

Brixton

Foxhound Inn, Kingsbridge Road, PL8 2AH

Buckland Monachorum

Drake Manor Inn, Buckland, PL20 7NA

California Cross

California Inn, PL21 0SG

Chipshop

Copper Penny Inn, PL19 8NT

Clearbrook

Skylark Inn, PL20 6JD

Dousland

Burrator Inn, PL20 6NP

Ermington

Crooked Spire Inn, The Square, PL21 9LP

Hemerdon

Miner's Arms, PL7 5BU

Hexworthy

Forest Inn, PL20 6SD

Holbeton

Dartmoor Union Inn, Fore Street, PL8 1NE

Mary Tavy

Mary Tavy Inn, Lane Head, PL19 9PN

Meavy

Royal Oak Inn, PL20 6PJ

Milton Combe

Who'd Have Thought It Inn, PL20 6HP

Modbury

Exeter Inn, Church Street, PL21 0QR
Modbury Inn, Brownston Street, PL21 0RQ



Noss Mayo

Ship Inn, PL8 1EW

Plymouth

Artillery Arms, 6 Pound Street, Stonehouse PL1 3RH
Brass Monkey, 12-14 Royal Parade, PL1 1DS
Bread & Roses, 62 Ebrington Street, PL4 9AF
Brewery Tap, 99 Edgecumbe Street, PL1 3SZ
Britannia Inn, 2 Wolseley Road, Milehouse PL2 3BH
Clifton Inn, 35 Clifton Street, Greenbank PL4 8JB
Dolphin Hotel, 12 Barbican, Barbican PL1 2LS
Fareham Inn, 6 Commercial Road, Coxside PL4 0LD
Fawn Members Club, 39, Prospect Street, Greenbank PL4 8NY
Ferry House Inn, 888 Wolseley Road, Saltash Passage PL5 1LA
Fisherman's Arms, 31 Lambhay Hill, Barbican PL1 2NN
Fortescue Hotel, 37 Mutley Plain, Mutley PL4 6JQ
Gog & Magog, 58 Southside Street, Barbican PL1 2LA
Golden Hind, 260 Mannamead Road, Hartley PL3 5RJ
Kitty O'Hanlon's, 5 St Andrews Street, City Centre, PL1 2AH
Mannamead, 61 Mutley Plain, Mutley PL4 6JH
Maritime Inn, 19 Southside Street, Barbican PL1 2LD
Masonic Inn, 65 Devonport Road, Stoke PL3 4DL
Minerva Inn, 31 Looe Street, Barbican PL4 0EA
Noah's Ark, 32a Courtney Street, City Centre PL1 1EP
Nowhere Inn, 21 Gilwell Street, City Centre PL4 8BU
Plymouth Hoe Club, 1-2 Osbourne Place PL1 2PU
Porters, 20-21 Looe Street, Barbican PL4 0EA – (closed)
Prince Maurice, 3 Church Hill, Eggbuckland PL6 5SR
Providence Inn, Providence Street, Greenbank PL4 8JQ
Pub On The Hoe, 159 Citadel Road, The Hoe PL1 2HU
Stoke Inn, 43 Devonport Road, Stoke PL3 4DL
Swan Inn, 15 St Andrews Street, City Centre PL1 2AX
Thistle Park Tavern, 32 Commercial Road, Coxside PL4 0LE
Union Rooms, 19 Union Street, City Centre PL1 2SU
West Hoe, 24 Bishop's Place, The Hoe, PL1 3BW

Plympton

Colebrook Inn, Colebrook Road, PL7 4AA
London Inn, 8 Church Road, PL7 1NH
Stannary Court, 95-99 Ridgeway PL7 2AA
Union Inn, 17 Underwood Road PL7 1SY

Plymstock

Drake's Drum, 19 Radford Park Road, PL9 9DN



Postbridge

East Dart Hotel, Sat Nav 50.5949, -3.9097, OS Ref 652792, PL20 6TJ
Warren House Inn, Sat Nav 50.613, -3.8752, OS Ref 674809, PL20 6TA

Princetown

Dartmoor Inn, Merrivale PL20 6ST
Plume of Feathers Inn, Plymouth Hill PL20 6QQ
Prince of Wales Hotel, Tavistock Road PL20 6QF

Ringmore

Journey's End Inn, TQ7 4HL

Shaugh Prior

White Thorn Inn, PL7 5HA

Sparkwell

Treby Arms, PL7 5DD
Welbeck Manor Hotel, PL7 5DF

Tavistock

Bedford Hotel, Plymouth Road, PL19 8BB
Queen's Head Hotel, 80 West Street PL19 8AQ
Trout 'N' Tipple, Parkwood Road, PL19 0JS

Turnchapel

Boringdon Arms, 13 Boringdon Terrace PL9 9TQ
Clovelly Bay Inn, 1 Boringdon Road PL9 9TB

Walkhampton

Walkhampton Inn PL20 6JY

Wembury

Odd Wheel, Knighton Road PL9 0JD



Public Transport

Local Bus Companies.

If you have any questions about public transport in and around Plymouth, please contact our Public Transport Officer, George McCarron, on pto@plymouth.camra.org.uk

Plymouth CityBus – visit www.plymouthbus.co.uk/ (link)

Plymouth Citybus Limited, 1 Milehouse Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, Devon, PL3 4AA telephone 01752 662271. Please email customer.services@plymouthbus.co.uk

Stagecoach South West – visit www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Plymouth/ (link)

Stagecoach South West, Belgrave Road, Exeter, Devon, EX1 2LB

telephone 01392 427711, disability helpline 01392 889749

Please email southwest.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com

Tally Ho Coaches – visit www.tallyhocoaches.co.uk/ (link)

Tally Ho Coaches, Station Yard Industrial Estate, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 1ES

telephone 01548 853081 Please email info@tallyhocoaches.co.uk

Target Travel – visit www.targettravel.co.uk/ (link)

Langage Business Park, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon PL7 5JY

telephone 01752 242000 Please email admin@targettravel.info

Country Bus – visit www.countrybusdevon.co.uk/index.html (link)

King Charles Business Park, Old Newton Road, Heathfield, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 6UT

telephone 01626 833664. Please email info@countrybusdevon.co.uk

Traveline South West Journey Planner

Combine journey's by bus, train, coach and ferry for travel in the south west. Visit - www.travelinesw.com/ (link) telephone 0871 200 2233 (calls cost 10p/min from a BT landline, price at December 2017)

Train Companies

Great Western Railway – visit www.gwr.com/ (link)

Write to GWR Customer Support, FREEPOST RSKT-AHAZ-SLRH, Plymouth PL4 6AB

Cross Country Trains – visit www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/ (link)

Office: XC Trains Limited, Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, SR3 3XP

National Rail Enquiries – visit www.nationalrail.co.uk/ (link)

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The Campaign has provided, for a number of years, a national pub website, which we have called What Pub, and is available [UK Pub Guide, Campaign for Real Ale • whatpub.com](https://whatpub.com) (link). This lists over 55 000 pubs, clubs and hotels throughout the whole of the United Kingdom, with over 37 000 of these establishments serving real, cask-conditioned ale.

This website is maintained and managed by unpaid volunteers on a local level, in the case of Plymouth CAMRA by four local volunteers. We update the website whenever we are aware of changes to a pubs details, or made aware by people providing details of any errors or changes, such as telephone number has changed, for instance.

WhatPub
The Campaign for Real Ale's online pub guide

[Join CAMRA](#) | [Member Login](#) | [Licensee Login](#)

Featuring **55,418** venues including **37,373** serving real ale

NOTICE: As venues recover following the coronavirus lockdown period they need your support more than ever. But please be aware that different arrangements apply across different parts of the UK. Special restrictions may apply, opening hours may be different to those displayed here, and some pubs may be yet to re-open at all. While we've made every effort to ensure details here are accurate, we strongly advise checking ahead before visiting. It may be easier to find what you're looking for by using our search filters, including one provided for those venues showing details of temporary arrangements. If you notice any information on this website that needs updating, please use the link on the pub's dedicated page to let us know. Cheers! The CAMRA WhatPub team.

e.g. place name, postcode, pub name, station... **Search**

☐ Search only for pubs and clubs that serve real ale

➔ ☒ Only show venues with **information about COVID-19 temporary arrangements**


Breweries are also offering delivery services during the Covid-19 crisis. You can search for them here [CAMRA #PullingTogether](#)

However, due to the pandemic, things have changed slightly. We no longer make changes to the pub opening hours, or food timings, due to the rapidly-changing situation due to the pandemic. Instead, we make amendments to an additional field, which we have called Covid-19 Temporary Arrangements. Before you click in the Search Box, tick the “**Only show venues with information about COVID-19 temporary**”


arrangements", just below the search box as shown by the arrow above, then type in your search criteria, such as Plymouth, or Tavistock, or Ivybridge, or whatever – see screenshot above.


You can search using a pub name, or postcode, or Plymouth (CAMRA), if you wish. You can also tick the **"search for pubs and clubs that serve real ale"** as well if you wish. Using the search criteria "Plymouth CAMRA", we get the following screenshot.

Search results for Pubs in 'Plymouth' CAMRA branch View On Map New Search










Showing results 1 to 10 of 229  Order by: [Name](#) [Town](#)

NOTICE: In some parts on the UK, venues are still shut due to COVID-19. Where venues are open, normal opening hours and other temporary changes may be in place. Where we have confirmed that venues are open but have made changes to usual services, or to see venues that are offering takeaway and delivery services please use the additional service filter below.

☒ Only show venues with **information about COVID-19 temporary arrangements** 

 **1620 Pub & Eatery**
60 Notte Street
Barbican
Plymouth
PL1 2AG

Pub Features

This lists the total number of establishments we are aware of that are open under the present trading conditions following Government guidelines (229 pubs, clubs and hotels). You can sort this, in order, by Pub Name, or by Town.

Famous Beer Advertising Slogans 4

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|--|-------------------|
| 16. "Probably the best lager in the world" | Carlsberg |
| 17. "Reassuringly expensive" | Stella Artois |
| 18. "Refreshes the parts other beers cannot reach" | Heineken |
| 19. "Sharp to the bottom of the glass" | Harp |
| 20. "Some things get better, given longer Ale" | Greene King Abbot |

What Pub Help

To help the unpaid volunteers to try and keep up with news about what pubs may be able to provide during this Lockdown Period, please use What Pub in the usual way and search for the pub. Then click on the “Feedback On The Pub” link at the top of the pub entry, as shown below by the arrow. Then just fill in the details about the services being provided, such as:-

“Food and drink deliveries are available on Tuesdays to Sundays, from 1200 until 1400, and 1700 until 2100. See Facebook/Pub Website for full details”.

[Search](#) > **Brook Inn**

New Search


AboutLocationSubmit UpdatesNearby







NOTICE: Venues need your support more than ever during the ongoing coronavirus crisis.

A nationwide lockdown is currently in place in England, and you are required by law to stay at home. Hospitality venues can still provide food takeaway and delivery services, but can only sell alcohol by delivery service.



But please be aware that opening hours and services may be different to those displayed here. Before visiting or ordering from any venue, we strongly advise you to check its website or social media, or get in touch with them first to avoid disappointment.

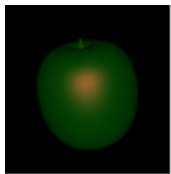
If you see any details here that need updating, please let us know by submitting [feedback on the pub](#).





Features

-  Real Ale Available
-  Cask Marque Accredited



The Amazing Cider Man

An occasional series of ramblings from one of the branch's biggest fans of the apple juice. In this article, the Amazing Cider-Man talks about May – one of CAMRA's "Cider and Perry" months.

After spending some not inconsiderable time at a guest house at Her Majesty's pleasure (I didn't do it, guv; it was Colonel Mustard in the library) I have been released at the right time..... May!

So thoughtful of them.

Yes, May is one of the best months of the year. Bluebells, the Eurovision Song Contest, the promise of summer, the FA Cup final (no Argyle in the final this year) and CIDER!!

Both cider and perry have reached a certain maturity from when the fruit was first crushed into juice last autumn. It's also the month when our wonderful orchards come into bloom.

Obviously the worldwide pandemic ("There's no need to say the word "worldwide" –Ed) has put a bit of a dampener on the occasion for the second year running but, fingers crossed, we can now confidently plan for events in May 2022.

Some ideas for Cider and Perry month May 2022

- Contact a Devon or Cornwall producer (there is a list on the Plymouth CAMRA website ([Devon Cider Producers - Plymouth CAMRA \(link\)](#))) to see if they welcome visits
- Arrange a tasting with friends at a convenient venue
- Attend the Plymouth CAMRA cider crawl (but only when organised events are approved – Ed) or organise your own
- Go online to discover ways of cooking with cider and apples
- Curl up with a good book such as CAMRA's Good Cider Guide
- Try varieties of apples and pears that you haven't eaten before
- Wash yourself in a bath full of pear juice – it's lovely!

No excuses – you have just under a year to organise something!

In the meantime, the summer is on our doorstep and this is a great time to drink cider and perry. In the Plymouth area we have some fine places to drink the stuff (a couple of my favourites are the Cider House and the Walkhampton Inn) but if pubs aren't your thing, you can get a 20 litre bag in box starting from around £45 for home drinking.

Please support cider producers after what has been an awful 14 months or so.

I'm off for my bath.

See you in Cyderspace!

The Amazing Cider-Man.

CAMRA campaigns for real cider and perry



Campaign
for
Real Ale



Real cider and perry grows on trees

Real cider is made from fresh apple juice,
and real perry is made from fresh pear juice.
Naturally fermented and free from
concentrate or artificial processing.

Visit www.whatpub.com to find real cider and perry pubs



Traditional British Beer

Styles No 8



17. British India Pale Ales, ABV 5.5% and above

IPAs have become a significant feature of the craft beer world. English IPAs, however, differ from their American cousins. **Hops and more hops.**

These beers are hoppier than premium bitters. The benchmark is a Bass recipe from the 19th century, comprised of pale malt, brewing sugar and East Kent Goldings and Progress hops. More modern hop varieties can be used, but they should be English in style rather than New World. The British IPA is spicy and herbal, with a solid malt backbone that, while obviously present, takes a back seat to the hops. In fine examples, the hops aren't simple, but layered with distinct spice – separate, but working in perfect orchestration and harmony. It is scented with spice and herbal hops, yet also has an undercurrent of malt. British IPAs can be intensely bitter with a long, lingering finish.

Three examples of this style:

Driftwood Spars Brewery Special IPA ABV 5.5% – a hoppy English style IPA with a bold and full malt base with fruity, zesty, citrus flavours.

Penzance Brewery IPA ABV 6.0% – a smooth, golden-coloured genuine IPA, with a hoppy aroma. There is a powerful hop bitterness with light malt and tropical fruits, finishing bitter and dry.

Moor Beer Return of The Empire ABV 5.7% – a modern English IPA, showcasing the Jester hop. Light caramel honey malt with honeydew melon, citrus, apricot and peach.

18. New World India Pale Ales, ABV 5.5% and above

IPAs have become a significant feature of the craft beer world. American IPAs, however, differ from their British cousins. **Hops and even more hops!**

These IPAs are “hop forward”, but with a balance of malt, hops and fruit. They are more complex than premium pale ales and blonds, and can have fruit levels akin to New World golden ales being noticeably fruitier than British IPAs. The fruit can be citrusy, tropical or of white wine. Floral notes are not unknown. The malt makes less of an impact than with traditional British versions, although New England IPAs (NEIPAs) tend to have a greater malt balance than the more assertively hoppy West Coast versions.

Three examples of this style:

South Hams Brewery Sherman ABV 6.4% – a strong American pale ale, a thick flavoured beer, very fruity and sweet on aroma, taste and aftertaste.

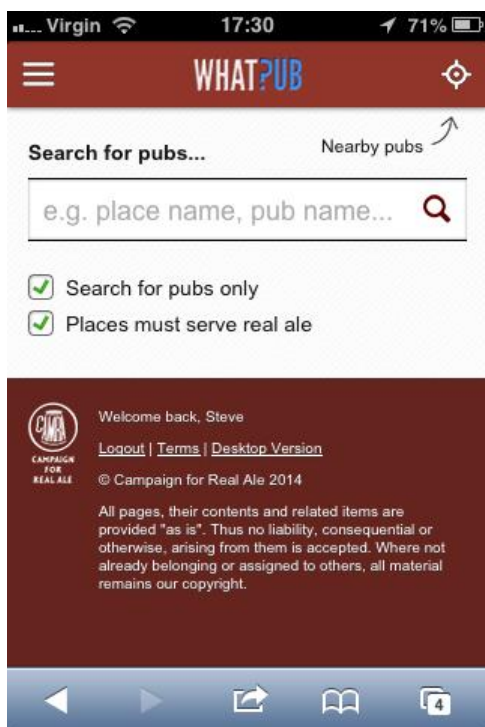
Harbour Brewery Harbour Pale Ale ABV 6.0% – a golden-coloured ale with powerful citrus hop aroma. Intense citrus hop flavour with marmalade, orange and bitterness. Hoppy, slightly dry finish.

Moor Beer Hoppiness ABV 6.5% – a hop forward nose with hints of honey. Full bodied, with tropical fruit flavours and bitterness which increases into the finish.



CAMRA Members have been able to play an active part in their local Branch for many years, without having to commit to devoting a lot of extra time to the cause. Beer scoring is an easy way to do this!

Beer scoring enables a number of things – firstly, it lets us (the Branch) know that **A Pub** is open and trading – which is very important in these very difficult trading times. Secondly, it also lets us know how the beer is being kept in **A Pub**. It also shows us what different real ales are being sold in branch area pubs which have been Beer Scored.



A full explanation, and screenshots, are available on the Plymouth CAMRA website, [National Beer Scoring System - Plymouth CAMRA](#) (link)

Beer scoring is very easy to do, even when you are enjoying a meal and a pint in the pub, if you have a smart phone or a tablet/iPad.

As can be seen on the left, for a smart phone, start the What Pub App. You will see a Button at the top right of the screen which states “Nearby Pubs”. Simply tap the button and you should get a refreshed screen showing the pub that you are currently in.


You will need to sign in with your current CAMRA membership number and your password in order to beer score, by tapping on the Login. Enter your number and password.

The screen will be similar to the one shown below on Page 24.

The screenshot shown below on Page 24 is for a laptop/tablets, but it is pretty similar for the smart phone. Once signed in, you can then go ahead and score the beer for the pub you are currently sat down in.

For the example below, for the Fortescue, Mutley Plain, you can tap the Calendar button and add the date. Then you can tap the upturned triangle and select your beer score – please remember that this is NOT whether you like the particular beer, but how it has been kept and served to you.

Next, click/tap in the Brewery box and start typing the name of the brewery and select from the auto fill list. A list of that brewery's beers will then appear – please select from that list.



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Fortescue Hotel

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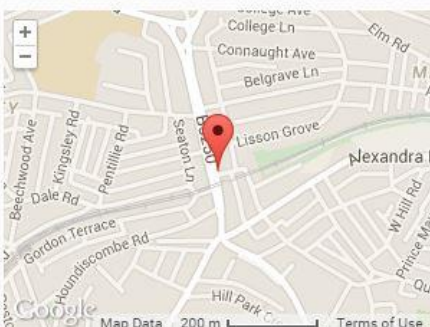


Opening Hours
11-midnight; 12-11 Sun

Meal Times
12-3.30 Sun only

Owner
Original Pub Company



About the Pub
Winner of numerous local CAMRA awards, this lively local is frequented by a broad section of the community and conversation flourishes. A perfect Sunday can be spent here – a good value home-cooked roast washed down with a pint of Spingo Special, followed by brain-teasing quiz in the evening. The patio beer garden draws crowds in the summer and is heated in winter. Note the interesting cricket memorabilia which adorn the walls. 8 ales are usually available, as well as a selection of up to 6 real ciders. CAMRA members discount is offered on all real ales. Plymouth CAMRA City Pub Of The Year 2014, Cider and Perry Pub Of The Year 2014 and Branch Pub Of The Year 2014.

Regular Beers
This pub serves 4 regular beers.




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Location

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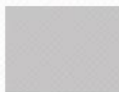
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If the beer you are currently drinking doesn't appear, please check the brewery name. If the brewery is correct, it could well be that the beer you are drinking is a new one, so please select "Advanced Options", where you can then add the name of the beer in the "comments" box.

Once you have finished adding your details, please click/tap "Submit Score" to finish the simple Beer Scoring Process.



The following pub discount information has been received by Plymouth CAMRA and is given in good faith, but is liable to change at short notice. Some discounts may be modified, restricted or withdrawn when special promotions are on offer. List believed to be correct as 01 May 2021.

PUB NAME	ADDRESS	DISCOUNT
Ales and Tails	The Broadway, Plymstock PL9 7AN	10%/pint
Boringdon Arms	13 Boringdon Terrace, Turnchapel PL9 9TQ	10p/pint
Bread 'N' Roses	62 Ebrington Street, City Centre PL4 9AF	10%/pint
Dolphin Hotel	14, The Barbican, PL1 2LS	15p/pint
Fareham Inn	6 Commercial Road, Coxside PL4 0LD	10p/pint
Fisherman's Arms	Lambhay Hill, Barbican, PL1 2NN	15p/pint, 5p/half, 20% food
Fortescue Hotel	Mutley Plain, PL4 6JQ	10% pint & half
Golden Hind	Mannamead Road, PL3 5RJ	10%/pint & half
Horse and Groom	Exeter Road, Bittaford PL21 0EL	10p/pint, 5p/half
Jack Rabbit	7-9 Howeson Road, Derriford PL6 8BD	20p/pint
London Inn*	8, Church Rd, PSM, Plympton PL7 1 NH	See below
Minerva Inn**	31 Looe Street, Plymouth PL4 0EA	See below
Olde Plough	Fore Road, Bere Ferrers PL20 7JG	10%/pint, real ale and cider
Pub On The Hoe	159 Citadel Road, The Hoe PL1 2HU	10%/pint real ale and cider
Sir Joshua Reynolds	25 Ridgeway, Plympton PL7 2AW	10p/pint, 5p/half
Tamar	Morshead Road, Crownhill, PL6 5AD	10%/pint

Key:

* London Inn Grumpy Hour daily deals for all customers.

** Minerva has a loyalty card (cost £1.00) available Mon – Fri 1130 – 1500 for all customers

The following pubs accept CAMRA member vouchers as part payment for real ales and real ciders

PUB NAME	ADDRESS	DISCOUNT
S Brass Monkey	Royal Parade, City Centre, PL1 1DS	10%/pint & CAMRA vouchers
S Noah's Ark	32A Courtney Street, City Centre PL1 1EP	10%/pint (guest beer only) & CAMRA vouchers
S Roundabout	2-4 Drake Circus, City Centre PL4 8AQ	CAMRA vouchers
W Britannia Inn	Milehouse, PL2 3BH	CAMRA vouchers
W Gog And Magog	Southside Street, Barbican, PL1 2LA	CAMRA vouchers
W Mannamead	Mutley Plain, PL4 6JH	CAMRA vouchers
W Queen's Head Hotel	80, West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ	CAMRA vouchers
W Stannary Court	Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW	CAMRA vouchers
W Union Rooms	Union Street, City Centre, PL1 2SU	CAMRA vouchers

Key:

S prefix denotes Stonegate outlets accepting CAMRA Member vouchers – please check the reverse of your voucher to ensure that it is still in date!

W prefix denotes JD Wetherspoon outlets accepting CAMRA member vouchers – please check the reverse of your voucher to ensure that it is still in date!

Where Are They Now No 10



Mutley Tavern, 14 Furzehill Road,
Mutley, Mutley PL4 7JY

The pub was built in the mid-late 19th century on the principal route from North Hill to Lipson, during which time the railway had arrived, and the pub was originally named the Railway Hotel. Mutley Station was just minutes away, but closed in 1939, which is long before my time!

Having never lived in Mutley, it's not a pub that I used to frequent that often, but I do know that the CAMRA Devon Real Ale Guide – Moor To Sea – described it as a “recently refurbished local's pub”,

and served Courage Best Bitter and Wadworth's 6X. That was back in 1993.

One thing that is noticeable from licensee records, is that there were only 10 licensees between 1867 and 1988, which is quite something and suggests that they enjoyed their time at the Railway. The pub became known as the Mutley Tavern, probably in the late 1980's, although I can not confirm the actual date.

Sadly, custom dropped off in the early 2000's, and the pub closed its doors for the final time in 2011. It is now in residential use as student accommodation.



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Beers' Dates of Birth 2

Innis & Gunn Oak Aged Beer	2003	Schneider Adventinus	1907
Jenlain Ambree	1922	Schneider Weisse	1872
Manns Brown Ale	1902	Shepherd Neame Spitfire	1990
Marston's old Empire	2003	Sierra Nevada Pale Ale	1980
Meantime India Pale Ale	2005	Stella Artois	1926
Moorland Old Speckled Hen*	1979	Taylor Landlord	1953
Pilsener Urquell	1842	Wadworth 6X	1921
Robinson's Old Tom	1899	Westmalle Dubbel	1926
St. Austell Tribute	1999	Westmalle Tripel	1934
Samuel Adams Boston Lager	1985	Young's Double Chocolate Stout	1997



Mutley Crown, 9-11 Mutley Plain, Mutley, PL4 6JG

As far as I can remember, the building occupied by the Mutley Crown was built as a supermarket, or as a large shop. I first became aware of the pub when, during the mid-late 1990's, there was a rapid growth in pub refurbishments, and a greater awareness of real ale.

Closeby, the Nottingham changed name to the Freebooter & Firkin, with beer brewed in another Firkin pub in Exeter; the Fortescue became a Festival Ale House under the stewardship of Carlsberg-Tetley (Halls, specifically Ferguson's, whose regional Head Office was located upstairs in the Hyde Park Hotel and with their brewery located in Valley Road, Plympton); and The Hogshead chain converted the shop into a large pub and concentrated on a large range of real ales, with another Hogshead in the old ground floor of Lloyds Bank, Royal Parade.

Real ales came to the fore, and the pub gained an entry in the beer-drinkers bible, the CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2001. Beers were available on either hand pump or directly on gravity straight from the cask, and included Boddington's Bitter, Marston's Pedigree, Wadworth 6X, as well as varying guest beers. It was described as "Traditional-style, large single bar Hogshead, popular with students. A rotating range of guest beers, including one on gravity."

Sadly, the bean counters came in and spent money changing it to the Mutley Crown, removed most of the real ale, and then closed the pub without warning in October 2013. It is now a supermarket Local store, and was changed without any planning permission needed, except to add the new shop signage!!! How ridiculous is that?



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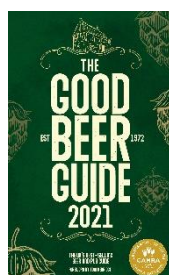
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A Pint Of The Usual, Please!

Sadly, at the time of writing, pubs were still closed indoors when I compiled this whilst we are slowly easing out of the third Lockdown. The Prime Minister's Roadmap outlines plans for us to come out of Lockdown, hopefully the final Lockdown. BUT there are a number of caveats for this to happen, and nothing is set in concrete.

The next date that we can look forward to is Monday 17th May 2021, when pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can reopen for indoor service. There is no longer a requirement for customers to purchase food with alcohol. We can still order beer and cider for delivery direct from brewers and cider producers – please see the Pulling Together website (details on Page 10).

If all goes well, pubs and restaurants will be permitted to seat customers indoors from Monday 17th May 2021.



If you do go to the pub, please remember to be polite to all the staff and be courteous to them – it is not their fault that things have changed! Please also remember to comply with the latest Government guidelines in force, and to wash your hands often. But please, above all,

Stay Safe!