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PHOTO – Fawn Club owner, Angie Rowland, is presented with the Branch Club of the Year 2023 award by Vice Chair Ian Dickinson. Many congratulations to her and all of our 2023 winners – see article on page 11.

Welcome to the Baker's Dozen Edition of Drake's Drinker, produced by unpaid volunteers of the Plymouth Branch of CAMRA.

We hope that you enjoy reading our news



Hop Off The Press

Hi Everyone,

Stannary Brewery Taproom Publican's & Trade Event.

Early in February, our Social Secretary, Andrew Richardson, received an email from the Stannary Brewery inviting up to two members of the Plymouth CAMRA Committee to a Trade Evening at the Stannary Brewery Taproom, Tavistock. This was held on the evening of Monday 27th February in order to help to build bridges and ties for members of the trade. Andy asked if two other members of the committee could attend, meaning the Chairman, the Brewery Liaison Officer for the Stannary, Ian Daniels, and himself. This was agreed, but unfortunately the BLO could not make it on the night.

The event was well represented by publicans and even the owners of the Vessel Beer Shop were there. I tried the brewery's beers and had "Fat Head", an American brown ale at 7.4%, this was available in cask, which I preferred, and also on keg. "Reverse Camber", a West Coast IPA at 5.9%, "PL19", a craft lager at 4.2%, "Who am I", a NEIPA at 4.1% and, the one that was my favourite of the evening, "Longhorn", a flavoured porter at 4.8%, were also tried. Longhorn is described as a salted caramel with white chocolate porter. This was a collaboration brewed with the help of the licensee of the Walkhampton Inn, Frazer, choosing the ingredients.

If you've never been to the Stannary Brewery Taproom, please make the effort to visit. But be aware it's only open Fridays 11am -10pm and Saturdays 3pm-10pm.

Cheers, Bob Holmes and the Plymouth CAMRA Committee

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Branch Diary



Please see the branch website for further details about any of these events. If your local pub is holding a beer or cider festival, please email details to webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk

Branch Website Diary page [Branch Diary](#) (link)

May 2023

Sat 13th May 1200 for prompt 1230 start. **Branch AGM 2023**, Fortescue, 37, Mutley Plain PL4 6JQ. Membership cards are required.

Thur 25th May Branch Tasting Panel Social, 2000, Providence Inn, Providence Street, Greenbank PL4 8JQ. No experience necessary. All welcome!

Sat 27th May City Centre Stroll, Vessel Beer Shop, 184 Exeter Street, PL4 0NQ at 1300.

June 2023

Sat 10th June South West Regional Meeting and Social, Imperial Inn, New Road, Exeter EX4 4AH, 1200.

Sat 24th June Plympton Pub Crawl, meet at 1200 at the Sir Joshua Reynolds, Ridgeway, Plympton, from 1200.

Thur 29th June Branch Tasting Panel Social, 2000, Providence Inn, Providence Street, Greenbank PL4 8JQ. No experience necessary. All welcome!

July 2023

Sat 1st July Rame Peninsular Cornish Beer and Buses 2023. See details here [Rame Beer and Buses](#) (link)

Wed 5th July Branch Meeting, Lounge Inn, Stopford Place, Devonport.

Sat 22nd July – Visit to the Sunshine Beer Festival 2023, Teignmouth, details [Visit Details](#) [link]

Thur 27th July Branch Tasting Panel Social, 2000, Providence Inn, Providence Street, Greenbank PL4 8JQ. No experience necessary. All welcome!

Up And Coming Beer Festival News

If you are the licensee and would like to advertise your local pub beer and/or cider festival, please email webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk and we will advertise your event free of charge on our website and in Drake's Drinker. Further details of all beer festivals listed here can be found on our website beer festival page – [Local Beer Festivals](#) (link)

The **London Inn PSM Ale and Cider Festival** is taking place until Thursday 1st June. Details [London Inn PSM Ale and Cider Festival](#) (link)

The **JDW Devon Real Ale and Cider Festival** will take place from Monday 22nd until Monday 29th May in all six JDW pubs in our branch area. Details here [JDW Devon Ale & Cider Festival](#) (link)

South Devon CAMRA Sunshine Beer Festival 2023 takes place from Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd July. Details here [Sunshine Beer Festival 2023 Details](#) (link)

The **Great British Beer Festival 2023** takes place from Tuesday 1st to Saturday 5th August at Olympia, London. Details here [GBBF 2023](#) (link)

Abbfest 2023 takes place from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th September. Details here [Abbfest 2023](#) (link)



Betty's Back!

One of Cornwall's much-loved breweries which collapsed into administration last year has been taken over by another Cornish beer producer. **Goodh Brewing**, based in Indian Queens, has bought the Skinners Brewery that went into administration last year after struggling with rising costs and loss of business during the pandemic.



Despite a crowdfunding campaign for the company in 2021, which raised £80,000 in three days, the “heartbroken” owner Steve Skinner announced the news last October. The company has been operating for more than two decades, having been established in 1997.

New owner Louis Simpson said: “The team at Goodh is extremely proud to be taking over such an iconic Cornish brand in Skinners. We will be brewing from both Newham and Indian Queens. Brewing of the Skinners beers is scheduled to begin in the next few days, and we have returning head brewer Paola

Leather at the helm. Betty Stogs (pictured visiting Plymouth Beer Festival in 2011) and all of her friends will be back on taps directly!” Goodh (Cornish for wild) is hoping to restart brewing at the Newham Industrial estate, Truro.

Extra Special Tribute To Coronation

St Austell Brewery is celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with the release of a new bottled-conditioned beer. Extra Special Tribute is the first in a series of limited-edition takes on the company’s flagship Tribute pale ale, which will be released once a year.

To celebrate King Charles III accession to the throne at the age of 74, the brewery’s first batch of Extra Special Tribute is 7.4% ABV. Its deep golden colour is testament to the beer’s strength.

Made with all-British hops – Sovereign, Target, and Harlequin – it boasts stone fruit and citrus flavours, complemented by orange notes. The Cornish Gold and Maris Otter barley used to make the beer is all grown by farmers in Cornwall – a fitting tribute to the King’s 70-year tenure as the Duke of Cornwall.

St Austell brewing director Georgina Young said: “We’re very excited to be releasing a limited-edition beer for the Coronation. What better way to raise a toast to our new King?”

“It’s the same Tribute recipe that people know and love, but with more strength and an extra special twist for an extra special occasion. In honour of His Majesty, we’ve brewed it using 100 per cent English hops and Cornish barley. It’s bottle-conditioned too, meaning flavours of madeira and sherry will continue to develop over time as the beer matures.

“We’re excited to be starting this new annual tradition and already looking forward to unveiling next year’s extra special batch of Tribute. Watch this space.”

Padstow Day Trip

It was the start of the half term holiday on a lovely sunny day. I decided to take advantage of the weather and head west to Padstow, a place I hadn't been to before.



I could have travelled from Plymouth to Padstow on the bus for a £2 single ticket, but decided two hours on a bus is a bit much. I opted to take the train to Bodmin Parkway, and then get a bus from there using a £5 travel Cornwall ticket. Marvellous value: any bus, anywhere, all day.

The first bus to arrive at the train station was to Wadebridge, which I took. After alighting, I had about 30 minutes to wait for the Padstow bus, so I visited the nearby community centre for a cup of tea.

Eventually the bus arrived and we were off to Padstow. The bus stop is right on the quayside just opposite the National Lobster Hatchery. As the weather was glorious, there were many families enjoying the sunshine

Padstow itself is famous for its fish and Rick Stein, who really put it on the map – so much that I was surprised that he opened his first restaurant way back in 1975.

After a quick mooch around the harbour area, I headed off to visit one of the five pubs in the town that I had targeted.

The first pub I visited was just past the excellent Tourist Information Centre. The Old Custom House, a St Austell brewery pub conversion (above), was sampled and it wasn't too bad either.

Just around the corner was The Harbour Inn (again a St Austell pub) and the Blue Ribbon 'Oss was even better (beer picture on the right), though, like most of the pubs I visited, food was the main driving force.



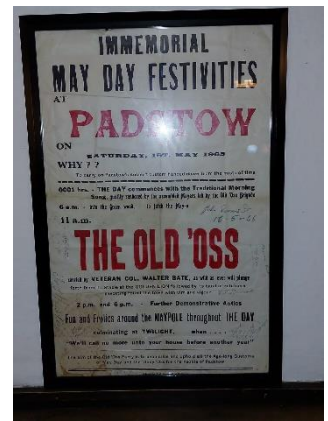


Padstow Day Trip



The London Inn, once again a St Austell pub, was next on the agenda, slightly different in the sense that, along with the focus on food, there was also accommodation. Hicks (left) was the obvious choice and very pleasant it was too.

The next pub I visited was possibly the best, The Golden Lion Hotel (below left), the only free house in Padstow. The pub itself is apparently the headquarters of the original Obby Oss Festival (below right), which takes place on the 1st May.



Apparently up to 30,000 people descend to see the festival, a good time not to visit Padstow. Tintagel Brewery Castle Gold (below right) was the best on offer, and guess what?.... no food was served !

A couple of the other pubs visited by the harbour side were The Old Ship Hotel (below centre) and virtually next door to The Shipwrights Inn (below left), again St Austell Brewery pub, so nothing much to add here.

Heading back to the bus station, I passed one of Rick Stein's restaurants and had a quick glance at the menu. However, it was time to catch the bus back to Bodmin Parkway before catching the train back to Fun City.



Phil Ward

Burgh Island For Sale



An island and hotel where Agatha Christie based two of her novels is on the market for £15m. Burgh Island, off Bigbury-on-Sea, South Devon, comes with a Grade II-listed white art deco hotel where the thriller writer stayed. The island and hotel were sold in 2018 for about £8.4m.

Owner Giles Fuchs said the hotel, which won planning permission for a £7-10m redevelopment in 2022, was a "demanding mistress". The tidal island is accessible by a vehicle called a sea tractor at high tides.

The planned upgrade includes a new west wing for the hotel, extensions to the bar and 14th Century Pilchard Inn [[Pilchard-1, WPO-2]] on the island, new staff rooms, a spa and a new restaurant on the mainland.

"I'm not the man for that job because once you start that, you need to do the whole thing," Mr Fuchs, director of Office Space in Town, told BBC Devon News. It's also a substantial amount of cash and I don't want to find another £7m, thanks very much. We've got a big business in London, and I could divert funds but the hotel was always about a love story; it was saving something that had been around for years that our family fell in love with. To divert more funds doesn't make any sense to us. We want to buy more buildings in London."



He said the "huge amount of emotional effort" involved in running the hotel had "taken its toll. She's a demanding mistress and I ended up getting more and more involved at the expense of my life and other businesses," he said.

Turnover had risen from about £2.4m in 2018 to about £6.3m last year, he said, adding: "I'm really pleased we've turned it around."

A former care home earmarked for staff accommodation, as well as a cafe and

Warren Cottage at Bigbury-on-Sea, were not part of the sale and would be leased to the hotel, he said.



Real Cider & Perry



The Definition of Real Cider and Perry

CAMRA defines real Cider or Perry as being fermented from the whole juice of fresh pressed apples or pears, without the use of concentrated or chaptalised juices.

The word 'chaptalised', as used in the definition, refers to a process where the alcohol level in a cider or perry is increased by the addition of sugar to an unnatural level for storage before it is diluted with water to the desired alcohol content for sale.

The following is a list of all known real cider and perry producers in Devon and Cornwall.

Axminster Craft Cider, Bollhayes Cider, Brimblecombe's Cider, Bulkamore Orchard Cider, Chucklehead Cider, Cockeyed Cider, Cornish Orchards, **Countryman Cider** (Milton Abbot, near Tavistock), Courtney's, Crackington Cider Co, Crispin's Cider, Cuckoo Valley Cider, Farmer Jim's, Find and Foster, Four Elms Cider, Fowey Valley Cidery & Distillery, Gould Ciders and Perries, Gray's Devon Cider, Green Man Cider, Gulval Goose Cider, Hancock's Cider, Haye Farm Cornish Cider, Haywood Farm Cider, Heron Valley Cider, Honey Wood Orchard, Hunt's Cider, Indicknowle Cider & Farm Shop, Kernowek Bevvies – Davvers Cider, Lyme Bay Winery and Cider, Mortestone Drinks Co – Shipwrecked Cider, Polgoon Vineyard and Orchard, Reddaway's Cider, Ridge and Furrow Cider, Ripe Cider, Rock Hill Cider, Rull Orchard, Sam's Cider Produced By Winkleigh Cider, Sampford Courtenay Cider, Sandford Orchards, Silly Buckers Cider, Skreach Cider, Smith Hayne Orchards, Sprywood Cross Cider, St Ives Cider, Touchwood Cider, Trevibban Mill Vineyard and Orchards, Trevor's Farmhouse Cider, Tucketts Farm Cider, Venton Devon Cyder, Wallen Down Farm – Cosdon Cider, Wasted Apple Co & Yarde Cider.

So What Is NOT Considered to be Real Cider By CAMRA?

Many of the most widely available brands of cider and perry do not meet the CAMRA definition of 'real'. This includes products like Bulmers, Westons, Thatchers, Lilley's, and Magners – which are either made from concentrated juice or chaptalised. However, the list of producers above is constantly being updated.





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Pub Of The Year 2023 Results

This is how Plymouth CAMRA determines our branch Pubs of the Year. All branch members are emailed in early December each year to vote for their top three pubs (for live beer (real ale)), plus their top cider and perry pub, plus their top live beer (real ale) club. Each member therefore has up to five votes. We then look for the top two pubs within the city area and the top two rural pubs – i.e. not within the Plymouth licensing area – for the POTY judging. The pubs finishing top go into the judging competition for the live beer POTY competition. The Cider and Club competitions are simply the top two pubs/clubs in each category, as voted by members.

We then use the pubs with the highest beer scoring average as the second pub in each live beer category, making two in the City and two in the Rural competitions. Volunteer judges then visit these pubs in turn, hopefully several times during the two-month judging period. A judge must visit both pubs in a category; they do not have to visit all finalists in all categories.

The judging scores are then added together and divided by the number of judges to give an average score for each pub. The pub (or club) with the highest average score will be the branch Pub Of The Year.

The Final Standings

With over 400 pubs in our branch area, all of these pubs are winners – so many congratulations to each and every one of them! We will arrange presentations during the next few weeks, and further photos will appear in the next edition of Drake's Drinker.

City POTY 2023

Winner	Fortescue , 37, Mutley Plain, Plymouth PL4 6JQ
Runner Up	Dolphin Hotel, 14, The Barbican, Plymouth PL1 2LS

Rural POTY 2023

Winner	Walkhampton Inn , Walkhampton PL20 6JY
Runner Up	Imperial Inn, 28, Western Road, Ivybridge, PL21 9AN

Cider POTY 2023

Winner	Walkhampton Inn , Walkhampton PL20 6JY
Runner Up	No award, due to change of ownership

Club Of The Year 2023

Winner	Fawn Club , 39, Prospect Street, Greenbank, Plymouth PL4 8NY
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Overall Plymouth CAMRA Pub of The Year 2023

The pub gaining the highest average score by our judges is the, **Walkhampton Inn, Walkhampton**. Many congratulations to Frazer and his staff, and to the many customers of the pub!



Pub Closures Surge



Pub closures have soared in the first quarter of this year, and the trade's industry body says energy costs are to blame. The British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA) warned the average energy bill for a pub would rise by **£18,400 a year** from last month (April) with the Energy Bill Relief Scheme ending.

BBPA chief executive Emma McClarkin said: "Energy bills are decimating our sector with extortionate costs wiping out profits and closing pubs at a faster rate than the pandemic.

"Pubs that were profitable and thriving before the energy crisis are being left with no option but to shut up shop. We have been raising the alarm for months that energy costs are posing an existential threat to pubs across the country and these figures are evidence of that.

"It is essential that the government intervenes to ensure energy suppliers are offering the option of renegotiation to pubs locked into unmanageably high energy contracts.

"Make no mistake, the longer this goes on the more pubs will be lost forever in communities across the country, something must be done immediately to save them."

Analysis of official government data by the commercial real estate intelligence firm Altus Group shows the overall number of pubs in England and Wales, including those vacant and being offered to let, dropped to 39,634 at the end of the first quarter to 31 March.

More than 150 pubs have disappeared for good from English and Welsh communities over the first three months of 2023, according to new figures.

The rate of pubs being demolished or redeveloped for other purposes has increased by almost 60 per cent at the start of the year as bumper energy bills have hammered the sector.

It showed 153 pubs vanished for good compared to the 39,787 pubs recorded in England and Wales at the end of 2022. The 51 pubs a month reduction was up from a drop of 32 during the whole of 2022.





Energy Bill Support Plea From Brewers And Pubs Cont.

'Energy bills more than rent'

Chris Jowsey, boss of **Admiral Taverns** which has 1,600 pubs agreed, and said his tenanted pubs now pay more in energy bills than they do in rent.

Emma McClarkin, chief executive of the BBPA, warned that the rise in energy bills would cause more damage to the industry than the pandemic did if it didn't receive support in the next few weeks.

"There are pubs that weathered the storm of the past two years that now face closure because of rocketing energy bills for both them and their customers," she added.

It comes as the number of pubs in England and Wales continues to fall, hitting its lowest level on record, according to new analysis. The research found that there were 39,970 pubs in June, down by more than 7,000 since 2012. According to **Altus**, who compiled the report, 400 pubs in England and Wales closed last year and some 200 shut in the first half of 2022 as inflation started to eat in to profits. That brought the total number of pubs down to its lowest level since Altus's records began in 2005.





Plymouth CAMRA Archives

The Plymouth CAMRA branch website now includes a dedicated Pub, Brewery and News Archive, which can be accessed from this link, [Pub, Brewery and News Archives](#) (link).

We have made the navigation as simple as we can and provided the Pub, Brewery and News Archives as separate areas to make your search much easier to achieve.

1. The [Brewery Archive](#) (link) contains all known former (defunct) breweries of the South West of England as far as we know. They are listed by CAMRA Good Beer Guide County. Login is not required to view these details. If you know of any errors or omissions, please email webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk with details.
2. The Pub Names Archives are available in three parts:
 - 2.1 [Pre WW II Plymouth Pubs](#) (link) which contains all the pubs known to be trading in the three towns of Devonport, Stonehouse and Plymouth. These are listed by the type of alcohol license held at that particular period of time, and also shows the pub owner at that time. Login is not required to view these details.
 - 2.2 [Lost Pubs of Plymouth](#) (link) is a selected list of those pubs lost to the branch since about 1994. This includes pubs that have been converted to another use, such as a shop, student or domestic housing or have been demolished. Login is not required to view these details.
 - 2.3 [Plymouth CAMRA Pub Name Archive](#) (link) contains over 1 300 pub names known to have been used the Plymouth CAMRA branch area. These are listed alphabetically in four lists and has taken many, many years of research so these lists require CAMRA member login to view – sorry!
3. The [Pub and Brewery News Archive](#) (link) currently shows all of our previously published pub and brewery news items since June 2015. In time, we hope to add news items from earlier than this.



Pub Heritage Updates 1



CAMRA's Pub Heritage Group shares news and updates about pubs with historically significant interiors across the country. Visit their website at <https://pubheritage.camra.org.uk> for more details.

New grading system for Real Heritage Pubs

The **CAMRA Pub Heritage Group** has adopted a revised method for grading buildings identified as Real Heritage Pubs. It has moved away from the former National Inventory (NI), Regional Inventory (RI) and Some Regional Interest (SRI) categories to a star rating system within a single National Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors.

Three Star Pubs are those of exceptional national historic importance. They will have stayed wholly or largely intact in terms of layout and fittings for the last 50 years or retain rooms or features that are truly rare or exceptional (or display a combination of the two). Around 300 pubs are in this category, comprising of most of the former NI and some of the RI pubs which have been promoted.



Pub Heritage Updates 1

Two Star Pubs are of outstanding national historic interest. They have interiors where the intactness, rarity or exceptional features are somewhat lower than the Three Star pubs. RI pubs close to the intactness of former NI and some ex-NI pubs are in this category.

One Star Pubs are of special national historic interest. They have either readily identifiable historic layouts or retain rooms or features of special interest, but more significant changes are allowable than the first two categories. These are largely ex-RI, though the best of the SRI pubs are also included.

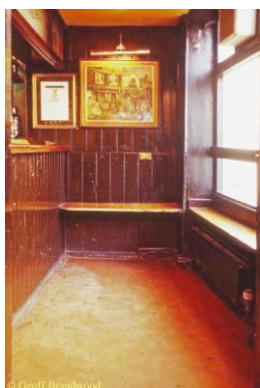
The new grading system is now live on the Pub Heritage website here.

Following recent visits by members of the **Pub Heritage Group**, there have been changes to the grading of the following London pubs:

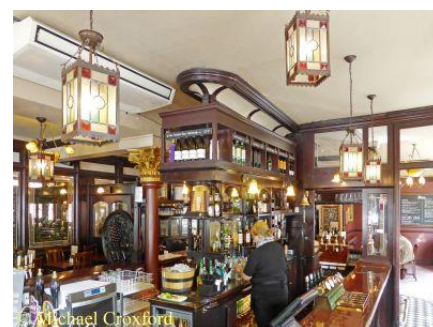
Park Tavern, Wandsworth, Greater London South West.

Built in 1902, the Park Tavern (main image above on page 16) has been upgraded to Two Star for the number of fittings retained from a 1926 refit, including an impressive inglenook fireplace.

Dove, Hammersmith, Greater London West.



The snug and front left-hand rooms have barely changed in 100 years, seeing the Dove being upgraded to Three Star. The tiny snug is claimed by the **Guinness Book of World Records** to be the smallest public bar in Britain (see photo left).



Bunch of Grapes, Hammersmith, Greater London South West.

Built in 1844, the Bunch of Grapes (photo above right) retains much of a late Victorian refitting, including rare partitions and snob screens, back painted mirrors and possible inter-war bar fittings. The pub has been upgraded to Three Star.



Pub News

Pub News

The VOT, Stonehouse, want to run a beer festival in a warehouse in RWY. Walkhampton Inn held their Easter weekend beer and cider festival. The Prince Maurice, Eggbuckland, held their Spring festival over the Coronation weekend. JDW also held their Spring Beer Festival at the end of March. The Seymour Arms, Greenbank, reopened on Monday 27th February, under a new pub manager, and joined the CAMRA Members Discount Scheme. Unfortunately, the pub changed hands again in May and details need to be checked again. The Tamar, Crownhill, reaffirmed their membership of the Discount Scheme (10/%/pint). The Trehill Arms, Ivybridge, is closed with the lease available for offer. The Brewery Tap, Stonehouse, closed on Saturday 15th April. However, the Steel Brew Co Tap Room re-opened on Saturday 15th April; it is unclear when brewing will recommence. The **Pickwick Inn, St Anns Chapel** near Kingsbridge, reopened in November 2022 after being closed since January 2022. We would like to apologise for the late notification of this news, and we wish the new publicans all the very best in their new venture. We have very few up to date details for the pub at this time. The Odd Wheel, Wembury, will reopen in June under new licensees, Lucy and Jack Fry, along with Jon Pilkington and his fiancée Hannah, after some renovations. The Fisherman's Arms, Barbican, and Nowhere Inn, City Centre, are no longer members of the Plymouth CAMRA Discount Scheme.

Beer Scoring

The following brief details cover the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 inclusive. We have received a total of 3 172 beer scores for 146 different pubs, submitted by 90 members from 39 branches, including 26 Plymouth branch members. The Plymouth members submitted 2 795 beer scores; 64 non branch members submitted 377. These members came from branches including Cornwall, Exeter, South Devon and Somerset, and from further afield including Gloucestershire, Birmingham, Oxford and Bath.

Thank You all very much! Beer Scoring informs the Branch that those named pubs are open and serving cask conditioned Live Beer (real ale), or not, if zero scored. It also helps us to monitor the quality and consistency of the Live Beers (real ales) available and helps us to keep What Pub as up-to-date as possible.

Cider News

The Real Ale, Cider and Perry Campaigns Committee, of CAMRA, have issued a new list of known real cider and perry producers. The branch website Devon Cider Producers page has been updated and are listed on Page 27. Rock Hill Cider is listed, but there are no known details for them – the Deputy regional Cider Coordinator is investigating.

Plymouth CAMRA LocAle Scheme

There are currently 70 establishments listed as being accredited to the Plymouth CAMRA LocAle Scheme. These are listed on the branch website.





Pub & Brewery News

CAMRA Member Discount Scheme and CAMRA Voucher Scheme

There are currently 20 establishments listed as being members of the CAMRA Member Discount Scheme, and a further nine which are part of the CAMRA Voucher Scheme, making 29 in total. Please give these pubs your support if/when you go out! These are listed on the branch website.

Planning Applications

The RAOB Club, North Hill, is being converted into 82 student bed accommodation. Planning application 22/00701/S73 refers.

Cask Marque Accreditation

The West Hoe, Plymouth, and Bedford Hotel, Tavistock, are no longer CM accredited. There are no other known CM changes in the last couple of months or so.

Brewery News

Anchor House (BLO Vacant): No News. I can only assume that they have ceased trading, sadly; **Bere** (BLO Bob Holmes): Sadly, they decided to cease all production at the end of April, citing the huge rises in utility bills being the main reason. We wish them well for the future; **Bulletproof** (BLO Alan Warden): Beers are being brewed in London as a "Drop Project". Beer is £5.70/pint! **Dartmoor** (BLO Ian Packham): No real updates to the brewery in terms of real ales brewed, although the brewery is continuing to monitor the current situation regarding pubs in the current economic climate; **Ivybridge** (BLO Andrew Richardson): nothing newsworthy to report; **Morwell** (BLO Bob Holmes): nothing newsworthy to report; **Noss Beer Works** (BLO Andrew Richardson): Nothing newsworthy this month; **Roam** (BLO Andrew Richardson): They brewed a beer, Run The World, for International Women's Day in March; **Stannary** (BLO Ian Daniels): nothing newsworthy to report; **Summerskills** (BLO George McCarron): they brewed a special beer for the Coronation, Coronation Ale; & **Tavistock Brewery** (BLO Vacant): New brewery located in Dartmoor National Park and overlooking Peter Tavy. Tavistock Brewery is a family run business which has been 5 years in the planning and design. They set about renovating a farm building previously used as an old dairy and brewing commenced in mid-2022. They brew three beers currently, Golden Ale ABV 4.3%, English Ale ABV 4.5% and Master Ale ABV 4.9%, which are available in a small but growing number of local pubs and bars. If anyone would like to become the official Brewery Liaison Officer, please contact the branch Vice Chair.

Sam Congdon, of The Vessel, hopes to get his new brewery up and running by June. The delay has been down to the flooring needing to be re-laid. Sadly, **Hunter's**, **Black Tor** and **Epic Beers** have entered voluntary liquidation.





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, [CAMRA Pulling Together Website](https://www.camra.org.uk/pulling-together) (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.



The Origins of Selected Beer Names Three

Crack Shot (Daleside) – English Civil War Royalist, “Trooper” Jane Ingilby

Cross Buttock (Jennings) – a throw in Cumbrian wrestling

Dark Lord (Batemans) – Thomas Fairfax, an English Civil War officer

Directors Bitter (Courage) – beer originally reserved for Courage Board of Directors

Doff Cocker (Three B's) – a person who removed waste from the shuttle in a weaving machine.



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 15 May 2023.

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 Edgumbe 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
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
Tamar, 1-7, Morshead Road, Crownhill Plymouth PL6 5AD
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
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



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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

Plymouth Citybus Limited, 1 Milehouse Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, Devon, PL3 4AA
telephone 01752 662271

Visit their website <https://www.plymouthbus.co.uk/> (Opens in a new window)

Please email customer.services@plymouthbus.co.uk

Stagecoach South West

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

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disability helpline 01392 889749

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Telephone 01752 893480 or 0333 456 0231

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Please email info@countrybusdevon.co.uk

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Visit <https://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/> (Opens in new window)

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What? Pub

To help the unpaid volunteers to try and keep up with news about what pubs may be able to provide during the current difficult trading 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:-

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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 Origins of Selected Beer Names Four

Doom Bar (Sharp's) – sandbank off the north Cornish coast

Double Header (RCH) – a two-engined steam train

Elsie Mo (Castle Rock) – Low Colour Maris Otter (LCMO) malt

Flying Shuttle (Thwaites) – revolutionary weaving device, invented by John Kay in 1733

Gonzo Imperial Porter (Flying Dog) – Hunter S Thompson's "gonzo" journalism



Black Sheep Brewery To Appoint Administrators

Black Sheep Brewery has said it intends to appoint administrators after failing to attract new investment. The North Yorkshire brewery, which employs about 50 people, said in April it was undertaking a review to look at funding options, including a potential sale or merger.

The Masham-based company said it had been “hit very hard” by the pandemic and rising costs.

The board said the decision to appoint Teneo Financial Advisory would protect the interests of its creditors.

Chief executive Charlene Lyons said the company had done its “utmost to deliver new investment” but it had not been possible. “We are progressing with our discussions around a sale of the business,” she said.

In a statement the directors said: “**Black Sheep Brewery** has great products, a compelling brand and is supported by a dedicated team of people which is capable of delivering great results for the business in a different structure.

“We are focused on achieving continuity of the business and employment and thank everyone for their support so far. We have taken the decision to protect the business and its creditors, during this period, by filing a notice of intention to appoint administrators.

“The business has been hit very hard by the pandemic and the sudden rise in all costs. Covid loans were useful but, in the end, could not sufficiently compensate for reduced cash flow in the long term. It has been the perfect storm, but the team is confident that with a new structure Black Sheep will thrive and grow as the team sets course in a new direction.”

CAMRA’s Real Ale Cider and Perry Campaigns Director Gillian Hough said: “The fact that one of the UK’s most recognisable independent family brewers has put out a notice to appoint administrators shows just how serious the cost-of-business crisis is for brewers and cider makers. Despite some support being available, CAMRA believes that government simply hasn’t done enough to ensure that brewers are not forced to close by events beyond their control.

“**Black Sheep** is still brewing and producing beer, while its board is working hard to secure a sale of the business which will protect jobs and ensure it can continue to trade.

“Imminent hikes in fixed costs like business rates and alcohol duty mean brewers and cider makers across the UK will be facing the same ‘perfect storm’ as the Yorkshire brewery. **Black Sheep** ales appear regularly at CAMRA events and its cask range is a much-loved sight at bars across the nation’s pubs, so we hope a solution can be found which secures **Black Sheep’s** future.”



Real Cider & Perry Producers

The following producers are known to produce real cider and perry, as defined by CAMRA – see definition on page 9. One of the producers – Countryman Cider – is located in our branch area. Go on, give Countryman a try the next time that you're in the pub!

Devon (35 producers)

Axminster Craft Cider, Bollhayes Cider, Brimblecombe's Cider, Bulkamore Orchard Cider, Chucklehead Cider, Cockeyed Cider, **Countryman Cider** (Milton Abbot, Tavistock), Courtney's, Crispin's Cider, Farmer Jim's, Find and Foster, Four Elms Cider, Gray's Devon Cider, Green Man Cider, Hancock's Cider, Heron Valley Cider, Honey Wood Orchard, Hunt's Cider, Indicknowle Cider & Farm Shop, Lyme Bay Winery and Cider, Mortestone Drinks Co – Shipwrecked Cider, Reddaway's Cider, Ridge and Furrow Cider, Rock Hill Cider (TBC), Rull Orchard, Sampford Courtenay Cider, Sam's Cider Produced By Winkleigh Cider, Sandford Orchards, Silly Buckers Cider, Smith Hayne Orchards, Sprywood Cross Cider, Tucketts Farm Cider, Venton Devon Cyder, Wallen Down Farm – Cosdon Cider, and Yarde Cider.

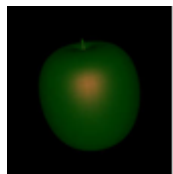
Cornwall (18 producers)

Cornish Orchards, Crackington Cider Co, Cuckoo Valley Cider, Fowey Valley Cidery & Distillery, Gould Ciders and Perries, Gulval Goose Cider, Haye Farm Cornish Cider, Haywood Farm Cider, Kernowek Bevvies – Davvers Cider, Polgoon Vineyard and Orchard, Ripe Cider, Skreach Cider, St Ives Cider, Touchwood Cider, Trevibban Mill Vineyard and Orchards, Trevor's Farmhouse Cider, Wasted Apple Co and Westward Farm Dry Cyder (Isles of Scilly).

Somerset (61 producers)

Ad Astra Cider, Barley Wood Orchard, Beard & Sabre, Bennetts Farmhouse Cider, Bere Cider Company, Blackmore Vale Cider, Branch Cider, Bray's Cider, Bridge Farm Cider, Burrow Hill Cider Farm, Chant Cider, Cider Syndicate (The), Crafty Nectar – own brand ciders, Crest Cider, Crossman's Farmhouse Cider, Dick Willows Farm, Dowding's Cider, Ex-Press Cider, Ganley & Naish, Ham Hill Cider, Harry's Cider Company, Heck's Cider Farm, Honey's Cider, Iford Cider, Impens 8 Cider, Kicking Goat Cider, Lawrence's Cider, Letchford's Cyder, Loader's Cider, Loader's Cider, Moons Cider, Nempnett Cider – Piglets Choice, Newt in Somerset (The), Parrett Cider Company (The), Parson's Choice Cider, Pennard Organic Wines and Cider, Perry's Cider, Pilton Cider, PULPT Cider, Rawlins Family Cider, Rich's Farmhouse Cider, Ridgeway Cider, Secret Orchard Cider, Sheppy's Cider Farm, Smith and Evans Wine – Half Moon Cider, Southdown Cider, Stone Broke Cider – Hewletts Mill, Taunton Cider, Tor Cider Company, Torre Cider Co, Tricky Cider, Wadys Cider, Watchet Cider Company, Wattles Cider, West Croft Cider Farm, Wilcox Cider, Wild Cider, Wild West Cider, Wilding Cider, Wilkins Cider and Worley's Cider.





The Amazing Cider Man



What temperature is best for Cider?

The answer to this question is very easily defined as down to a drinker's choice. However, it is not always as simple as that, as pubs frequently serve from wherever it suits them best. Most frequently bag in boxes (BIBs) are stored on the counter, and bottles in the fridge. To my mind, this is how I prefer having a choice of cider, so I am a happy man when faced with this choice, but recently while visiting new pubs during Pub of the Year nominations I entered two well-known pubs only to be faced with BIBs from the fridge, no choice.

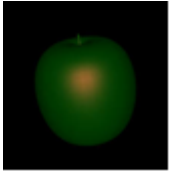
In my quest to answer the question of temperature, I am very influenced by cidermakers I visit, and they generally serve from barrels or BIBs at room temperature, and I find this shows off a tannin-heavy West Country cider to its very best. At room temperature, cider does show off its flavours very well and the varietal variation helps massively in the tasting and single varieties really showcase the Tannins well. Cold temperatures seem to subdue these wonderful variations and averages out the taste somewhat.

In 2005, a certain Irish "cidemaker" launched cider over ice, which really propelled cider into the limelight and helped the popularity of the drink and for a long while pubs followed suit, offering ice every time cider was ordered. Other cidermakers followed suit, asking pub chains to stock in the fridges. By 2012, fruit-flavoured ciders took the market by popularity, rising by 80% in just one year and again the brands preferred Fruit Ciders sold at temperatures from the Fridge.

Before I write any further, I confess my view of cider is 90% influenced by what suits a local cider and, to me, that is served at room temperature whether Dry, Medium or Sweet. Tempting fate when drinking Sweet Ciders, I prefer them cooler, but I have a real bias for Dry or Medium at room temperature. Once again, my own taste is swayed on a warm day sitting outside in lovely sunshine, on days like this I really enjoy some ciders cooler and if it is really hot, I really enjoy a fruit cider straight from the fridge. I actually feel fruit-flavoured cider is better served cold. I acknowledge this is personal choice.

My plea to pubs is please give me choice. Please don't stick BIBs in the fridge if it is your only option, try putting an inline cooler of the lines of your best Live Beers (real ales) and feel the waft of discontent from live beer drinkers. Us Cider Folk may be lenient customers used to being swayed by the market men, but please give us choice. BIBs stacked on the bar and a selection of ciders in the Fridge, and I guarantee you will have happy customers. Well as long as you don't serve just lines from the newly demoted not "Real Cider" makers that have been called out as not meeting the definition of Real Cider. More on that discussion another time.

The best temperature to serve cider, is how I choose to drink cider and only by having a choice will I be a happy customer!



The Amazing Cider Man



Just like beer, cider and perry comes in a variety of styles and tastes. It's all about finding the right style to suit you.



Please visit the main CAMRA website, [UK Cider and Perry Producers](#) to find a comprehensive list of British cider and perry producers. Fortunately, cider in the UK is undergoing a bit of a revival.

In Devon and Cornwall, there are 51 producers of cider and perry listed – what we need is more of it available in local pubs! CAMRA celebrates real cider and perry and works hard to highlight the pubs that serve them.

Use our online pub guide, What Pub, to search for pubs serving real cider and perry and filter by using the apple symbol. Or please click on this link [Plymouth Branch Cider and Perry Pubs](#) for those pubs in our branch area.

CAMRA campaigns for real cider and perry



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



Traditional British Beer Styles No 22

41. 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.

42. 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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37 Muley Plain
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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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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 30 May 2023.

DISCOUNT	PUB NAME	ADDRESS	
	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
	Fortescue Hotel	Mutley Plain, PL4 6JQ	10% pint & half
	Gipsy Moth	159 Citadel Road, The Hoe PL1 2HU	20p/pint real ale
	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
	Seymour Arms	10, North Street, Greenbank, PL4 8DL	10%/pint real ale TBC.
	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.

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S Noah's Ark	32A Courtney Street, City Centre PL1 1EP	CAMRA vouchers
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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

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Traditional British Beer Styles No 23

43. Red Ales, ABV up to and including 6.4%

As with brown ales and American brown ales, malt is to the fore, often with roast and nutty flavours. Rye may be present, creating a tartness, but should be balanced and not dominate. American brown ales are fruitier. **Warm colour, rich flavour.**

With its rich, red pour, one can immediately see this beer's potential. The colour is a hearty blend of bronze, amber and even edges of blood orange. The head is an advertisement for the malt, looking rich, frothy and tan. And yet, an undercurrent of light earthy hops comes off on the nose as well. From the scent to the body and taste, this brew is a well-rounded balanced treat. It has decent body and a moderate level of carbonation, followed by a typically roasted, dry finish. On the palate, there are light hops and toasted or caramel notes in many examples of the style. It's an easy-drinking pint, one that can be enjoyed with a warm, hearty meal, or as a meal itself.

Three examples of this style:

Summerskills Brewery Whistle Belly Vengeance ABV 4.7% – a full-flavoured, strong, red-coloured ale. It has a roast and malt aroma, with roasted chestnut taste. Sweetness and bitterness mingle in the aftertaste.

Moor Beer Confidence ABV 4.6% – a red-coloured ale, with a rye beer-like spicy, peppery flavour. A rustic unpasteurised quality to its taste, with a sweetness given by hints of stone fruit. It has a pleasant, but short, bitter finish.

Heritage Brewing Heritage Red ABV 4.4% – this is a red-coloured ale with hazel and coffee flavours from the malt, balanced by spicy, floral hop aromas.

44. Scottish Ales, ABV 2.5% to 5.0%

Sociable beers with subtle nuances, Scottish ales are founded on smooth, rich maltiness. **Making the most of the climate.**

Typically pouring amber to dark ruby in colour, a pint of Scottish ale screams malt. And for good reason: Scotland's climate precludes the growth of hops, naturally brewers to accentuate what is more easily available. A solid crown of off-white to light brown laces down the glass. The base is solidly set on the malts, with some examples displaying notes of caramel and sometimes even light smokiness. A medium body makes for a sessionable yet substantial brew, perfectly matched for cool weather. A finish of light hop bitterness is not uncommon – enough for balance, but generally understated. The ales are traditionally classified as 60/- (or light), 70/- (or heavy), 80/- (or export) or 90/- ales are also called "wee heavy".

Three examples of this style:

Stewart Brewing 80/- ABV 4.4% – a superb traditional Scottish heavy. The complex profile is dominated by malt with fruit flavours, giving the sweetish character typical of this beer style. Hops provide a gentle balancing bitterness that intensifies in the dry finish.

Caledonian Brewery Edinburgh Castle 80/- ABV 4.1% – a russet, brown-coloured ale, smooth and creamy with a malty/fruity aroma. The definitive classic 80/- ale, full bodied, complex malt & hop flavours, dry but spicy. Characterised by a superb creamy head and soft hoppy finish.

Orkney Brewery Red MacGregor ABV 4.0% – this is a tawny-coloured ale and has a well-balanced mix of red fruit, malt and hops. Slight sweetness throughout.



Pub Heritage Updates 1

CAMRA's Pub Heritage Group shares news and updates about pubs with historically significant interiors across the country, continued from page 16. Visit their website at <https://pubheritage.camra.org.uk> for more details.

Feeleys, Clapham, Greater London South West.



Upgraded to Three Star, the pub is a rare example of a virtually intact three-room pub layout from 1936, when it was rebuilt by Young's brewery (see photo left).



Winchester, Highgate, Greater London North (see photo above right).

The much-celebrated reopening of the Winchester after years of campaigning by the community was reported by PHG in their October 2022 bulletin. Several changes to the interior were noted to have taken place, including the replacement of the Victorian bar counter with a modern one and the removal of fittings from the impressive publican's office which has been repurposed as a snug. As a result, the pub has been downgraded to Two Star.





Energy Bills Could Break Firms Warns Former Chancellor

Soaring energy bills could be the "straw that finally breaks the camel's back" for small businesses, former chancellor Alistair Darling has warned. Mr Darling, who was Labour chancellor during the financial crisis of 2008, said "bold action" was needed to help the economy.

The energy price cap for households will soar by 80% from October.

But businesses are not covered by the cap and Mr Darling said that after surviving Covid, energy costs risked finishing them off.

Mr Darling described the current situation as a "lethal cocktail" and said it required "bold action" to be taken by the government. Both candidates in the Conservative Party leadership race, Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak, have come under pressure to outline further support for households and businesses following the announcement that energy bills would rise again this Autumn.

The new leader – and Prime Minister to succeed Boris Johnson – will be announced on Monday 5th September.

Ms Truss has so far confirmed she will cut National Insurance and green levies on bills. Mr Sunak has proposed tax cuts on energy bills as part of a £10bn package. It emerged at the weekend that Ms Truss is considering a "nuclear" option of cutting VAT by 5% as well as raising the threshold at which people start paying tax.

In May, the government announced £37bn worth of help for households with the rising cost of living.

But Mr Darling has said the government needed to announce more support. "You've got to announce it now," he said. "Frankly the stuff that's been announced so far might have passed muster earlier this year, it simply won't do now, you need something far more substantial."

Mr Darling said many businesses, "especially the smaller ones who have been struggling through the whole Covid problems over the last couple of years may find that the cost of energy is the straw that finally breaks the camel's back".

He said: "My fear is if the government doesn't do something, you will not just have hardship for individuals and businesses, but you will find that people's spending goes down. And the risk is, at the moment people are saying the chances of us going into recession are 50-50. It could just tip us into recession, which of course would be disastrous for us."

He added: "One lesson I drew from what happened in 2008 is you've got to do more than people expect, and you've got to do it more quickly than people expect, if it's going to work."



Energy Bills Could Break Firms

A spokesperson for the Treasury said it was "making the necessary preparations to ensure a new government has options to deliver additional support as quickly as possible, as the chancellor has made clear".

"And as the current Prime Minister has made clear, no major fiscal decisions will be taken until the new Prime Minister is in post," they added.

On 26th August, energy regulator Ofgem announced a rise in the energy price cap. It means a typical household will pay £3,549 a year for gas and electricity starting in October, up from £1,971 currently. And some economists have warned that could rise even further.

Wholesale gas prices have been rising since last year but have worsened recently because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the Kremlin's decision to squeeze energy supplies to Europe. Small businesses across a number of industries have voiced their concerns over rising energy bills.

More than 750 restaurant and café owners called on the government and Conservative leadership candidates for support through VAT cuts, grants and business rate rebates. In an open letter, the signatories said takeaways were being quoted "eyewatering bills" that were "simply impossible to pay".

"The government has waited until the last moment to act before, but now cannot be one of those times. It must work with the Conservative leadership candidates on a plan to support Britain's smallest restaurants before it's too late," said Ibrahim Dogus, chair of the British Takeaway Campaign.

Jon Long, who runs five fish and chips shops in Dorset, said if he had to pay the current market rate for gas and electricity, it would mean the end his business after four generations in his family. He managed to fix his gas and electric rates with his energy provider in 2021 and secured a two-year contract, but many businesses aren't in his position.

"What seemed to be extortionate then now seems like an absolute steal," he said.

The 59-year-old said currently his average bill per shop is about £15,000 per year, but based on current wholesale prices, it would cost him up to £80,000.

"We are on a war footing here. There has been a lot of talk, a lot of sympathy, they (the government) have been listening but no action," he said. "Businesses coming out of contracts need drastic help, and they need it now or we face losing thousands of previously viable businesses."

The Bank of England recently warned that the UK economy will fall into recession later this year as rising energy costs push up the rate of inflation. It recently raised interest rates by 0.5% – the biggest increase in 27 years – in an attempt to cool rising consumer prices which hit 10.1% in July.

Mr Darling said the financial crisis more than a decade ago was different to today's economic climate, but warned the current situation was "just as threatening to people, and to the economy, as the financial crisis was back in 2008. It's not just people on low incomes who are going to be affected by this, it's going to be people right up the income chain," he said.

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Ich Bin Ein Berliner Weisse	Nodding Head	USA
Jean Cloudy Van Damme	Tunnel	UK
Kilt Sniffer	Big Dog	USA
Kripple Dick	Keltek	UK
Moose Drool	Big Sky	USA
Mother-In-Law's Tongue Tied	Bartrams	UK
No-Eye Deer	Goose Eye	USA
Piddle in the Wind	Wyre Piddle	UK

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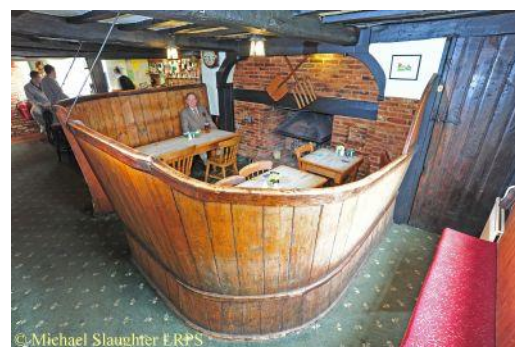
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Green Dragon, Wymondham, Norfolk.



Having previously reported the closure of the Green Dragon in the February bulletin, the 15th-century timber-framed building has reopened after experienced operators Victoria and Graeme MacDonald, who run two other pubs locally, have leased it from Admiral Taverns. For more information, see: Wymondham & Attleborough Mercury.

Crown, Snape, Suffolk. The Crown, a village pub dating back to the 16th century, features a wonderful snug (see right) formed by high-back settles thought to be at least 200 years old. The local press reported in April that it was boarded up and that the tenant had quit. The pub is owned by Adnams, and it is seeking a new tenant.

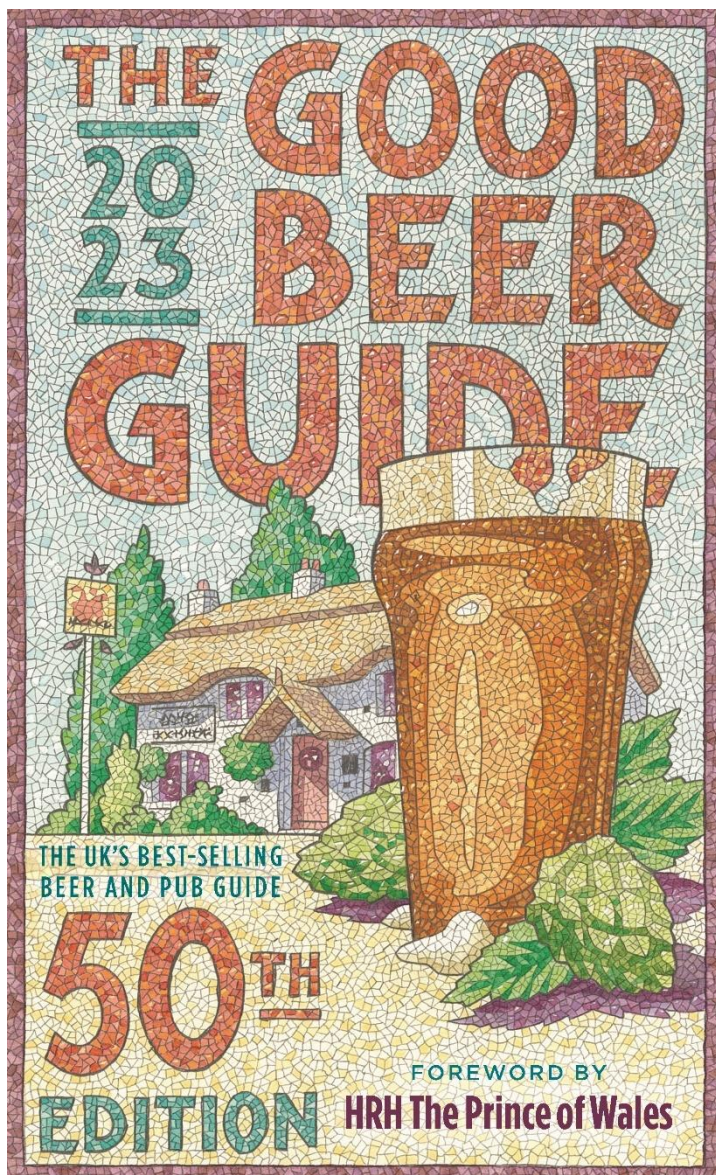


White Lion, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.



The White Lion, owned by Star Pubs & Bars, is included on the inventory mainly for the early 20th-century remodelling by Sheffield brewers Duncan Gilmore & Co. It is currently closed for a refurbishment. Reassuringly, new tenant Daniel Price has contacted the Pub Heritage Group for advice. It was intended to reopen in May, but it seems there is more to do than originally anticipated.





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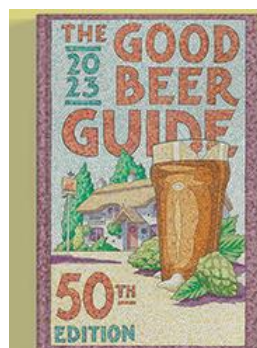
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