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As the days get darker and the Festive Season approaches, Plymouth Camra hope that our readers have a good time, but please remember to be safe and drink responsibly.

As a Camra Branch we have 1019 members in the Plymouth and West Devon area, if you are a member of our branch, please take the time to vote for your Pub of the Year, before the end of December. Voting this time is in two stages, please look out for the voting form and rules in this edition of Drakes Drinker. If you are a publican, please do your bit in promoting your pub in this competition by encouraging Camra members to vote for your pub.

Our annual Barbican Bimble will be on Saturday 28th December, starting at the Minerva on Looe Street and visiting various hosteries around the Barbican and Hoe area (this event is open to non Camra members). Christmas hats, jumpers or any other fancy dress will be encouraged. 2019 saw the return of our Beer and Cider Festival. With the Mayflower 400 celebrations in 2020, we hope the festival will be busier and I imagine the event will have a bit of a nautical theme. We will look forward to seeing old friends and new at the festival in July.

Once again we would like our readers to submit articles for future publications. We are also looking to hear from any businesses wishing to advertise in Drakes Drinker.

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SUE'S PROPER JOB

The Brewery Bible (South West)

Words: Susan Nowak | Images: Fran Nowak

In Plymouth we are happily poised on the border between two great brewing counties, Devon and Cornwall – so I'm pleased that a pint sized new guide to breweries visits the South West for its inaugural edition.

The Brewery Bible is edited by a friend and sometimes fellow judge at beer and cider tastings, Adrian Tierney-Jones, who has won many awards for beer writing and can instantly tell you what ails ale when it fails to please.

And I'm especially pleased that the very first Devon entry is for a Plymouth brewery I've never heard of – Anchor House Brewery with Smeaton's Tower on their logo. So new it's not in the 2020 Good Beer Guide; and so pleased

was I, I immediately phoned them and spoke to founder Tomas Jackson.

I asked him where they are, and then discovered they are a peripatetic brewery, using other brewers' kit to produce small batch brews. The last was a traditional style pale ale called Anchor House but the aim is experimental beers; for Mayflower 400 next year they plan New England style six per cent cloudy pale ale using US and UK hops called Sub Zero because they'll add the hops after the boil.

Our local Vessel beer shop – supporter of new breweries – gets a page. Perhaps surprisingly, Summerskills of Plymouth does not get a write-up; but they and Roam Brewery, whose



brewery tap in Peverell only opened in August (on Friday nights and all day Saturday only), are both included in the list of Devon pubs.

On a recent trip to a pub well liked by Plymouth CAMRA, the Blisland Inn near Bodmin Moor, my husband went AWOL with the landlord to visit nearby Dowr Kammel (Crooked River in Cornish) Brewery. It's not in the 'Bible' so I'd like to mention them here as they grow two fields of Perle hops flavouring amber ale Demelza plus nine other beers including Blisland Gold served in the pub, and powerful Big Cat IPA at 7.7 per cent, all brewed with their own Cornish spring water – and they "try to brew on sunny days to harness the Sun's power whilst brewing" and

store beers underground in a man made beer cave in summer.

But the book's not all about smaller breweries. Two of the nation's biggest, St Austell and Sharp's in Cornwall, are both featured. Likewise longstanding Dartmoor Brewery in Princetown, producer of iconic Jail Ale, which celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year.

Stretching right across the West Country as far as Gloucestershire with features such as beer and cheese pairing, and the marvel of malts, it's a chatty and useful guide published by Altum Media, price £6.99; visit thebrewerybible.com



BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

23 November 2019

Day Trip to Bristol

Saturday at 09:00

Come and join us on a Day Trip to Bristol, via Falcon Bus, and concentrating on the King Street area. Contact our Social Secretary, Andrew Richardson, on 07546 937596 or socials@plymouth.camra.org.uk. It is intended to catch the 0650 Falcon Bus, which costs £29.00 per seat. However, Five travel for the price of two, so please contact Andy to let him know your intentions.

23 November 2019

South West Regional Meeting

Saturday at 12:00

The South West Regional Meeting will take place in the FAMOUS ROYAL NAVY VOLUNTEER, 17-18 King Street, Bristol, BS1 4EF, followed by a social pub crawl taking in some delightful Mild Ales, in CAMRA Bristol's Mild Ale Promotion. The meeting will take place at 1200 for a prompt 1230 start.

28 November 2019

Tap Takeover

Thursday at 12:00

The Tap Takeover in the Union Rooms is planned for Saturday 30 November between about 1200 and 1400, where there will be a large number of Salcombe Brewery beers available. Other JDW Pubs are Britannia Inn, Gog & Magog, Mannamead, Stannary Court and Queen's Head Hotel - tap takeover times will vary in each pub.

Here is the branch diary of meetings, events and socials for the next few months. All branch social meetings start at 2000 unless indicated otherwise. Mid-week pub crawls usually start at 19:00, other weekend socials as indicated.

For further details, please email or ring our Social Secretary, Andy Richardson, on socials@plymouth.camra.org.uk or 07546 937596 or our Branch Contact, Ian Daniels, contact@plymouth.camra.org.uk or 01822 616861.

For details of Regional Meetings, Events and Socials, members are asked to sign in and see Members' Area.



6 December 2019

Branch Christmas Meal

Friday at 19:00

Pub On The Hoe

The Christmas Meal 2019 will take place in Pub On The Hoe, 159, Citadel Road, The Hoe, PL1 2HU, on Friday 6th December, starting at 1900. Please contact our social secretary, Andrew Richardson, on socials@plymouth.camra.org.uk or mobile 07546 937596 by 1800 on Monday 25th November to book your places. A non-refundable deposit of £5.00 per person is needed to confirm your place.
ALL WELCOME!

28 December 2019

Barbican Bimble

Saturday at 12:00

Get those festive jumpers out, give the turkey a rest and come and join us for a festive stroll around the Barbican area. Meet at the Minerva Inn between 1200 and 1300, then on to a selection of real ale gems in and around the Barbican. Pubs will be decided on the day, but could include Porters, Maritime Inn, Queens Arms, Dolphin Hotel, Fishermans Arms and Pub On The Hoe.
ALL WELCOME!

8 January 2020

Branch Social Meeting

Wednesday at 20:00

Pub On The Hoe

The January 2020 branch social meeting will take place in Pub On The Hoe, 159, Citadel Road, The Hoe, Plymouth, PL1 2HU, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering. You are politely reminded to bring your Membership Cards with you, as we will be discussing our Pub Of The Year process.
ALL WELCOME!

21 December 2019

Tap Takeover

Saturday at 12:00

The Tap Takeover in the Union Rooms is planned for Saturday 21 December between about 1200 and 1400, where there will be a large number of South Hams Brewery beers available. Other JDW Pubs are Britannia Inn, Gog & Magog, Mannamead, Stannary Court and Queen's Head Hotel - tap takeover times will vary in each pub.

15 February 2020

South West Regional Meeting

Saturday at 12:00

Venue TBC

New Voting Criteria for POTY 2020

Following discussions since the 2019 branch AGM, the branch, at an open branch meeting held in September 2019, voted unanimously to amend the POTY voting criteria.

FIRST ROUND – Shortlist Voting

- 1) Each member of the branch, as listed on the National Membership Database on 1 December, can submit POTY votes either via email or by post, between 1st and 31st December. Members can vote for their Best City Pub, Best Country Pub, Best Cider Pub and Best Club, by downloading the voting form from the branch website.
- 2) The NBSS Coordinator will download and analyse data for the period 1st January to 31st December, on a date in early January. This will determine the highest averaging pub and club in each category, except cider. The NBSS Coordinator will also use the Confidence Rating part of the software. This will determine the best city pub, country pub and club, by beer score. Please do not attempt to score cider by using the National Beer Scoring System!
- 3) The highest voted pub in each category in 1) above, and highest averaging pub in each category in 2) above will be nominated. If they are same establishment, then the second-placed establishment from NBSS will be selected.
- 4) These results will be announced at the January Branch Social Meeting.

SECOND ROUND – Selection Surveys

- 4) The top two establishments from the FIRST ROUND in each category above – City Pub, Country Pub, Cider Pub and Club – will be surveyed by Branch Members using the standard CAMRA POTY Judging Form. Marks out of 10 are awarded for:- Quality of Beer/ Cider/Perry (X weighting factor (2)) ; Style/Décor/Furnishing and Cleanliness; Service, Welcome & Offering; Community Focus and Atmosphere (X weighting factor (2)); Alignment with CAMRA principles; & Overall Impression; to give the venue a score out of 80.
- 5) Members do not have to survey each category of pub; however, they MUST visit each pub in a category that they do wish to judge for their vote to count.

6) Surveys MUST take place between the January Branch Meeting and the February Meeting/Social – roughly four weeks should be sufficient time. Judging forms may be submitted electronically or by post; paper forms MUST arrive prior to the February Social Meeting.

THIRD ROUND – Winner Selection

- 7) The establishment receiving the highest average score in each category will be the winner of that category. The establishment achieving the highest average score will be the Branch Overall Pub Of The Year.
 - 8) The Branch Committee will ensure that all final POTY Nominations meet current CAMRA criteria, excluding those that do not, and nominating the next highest as a replacement.
 - 9) In the event of a tie, the Branch Chair will have a casting vote.
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Plymouth CAMRA Branch “Pub Of The Year 2020”



Voting Form



NAME

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

JOINT MEMBER: Y / N

	PUB NAME	PUB ADDRESS
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
Cider		
Club		

Return To: Plymouth CAMRA POTY, Flat 6A, Fort Stamford, Stamford Lane, Turnchapel, Devon PL9 9TU no later than Tuesday 31st December 2019.

Or email to plymouthpoty@plymouth.camra.org.uk

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PUB & BREWERY NEWS

The following pub and brewery news was reported at the November Branch Social Meeting on Wednesday 6th November

Pub News

Trout 'N' Tipple, Tavistock, is now under new tenants again, as is the Royal Oak, Hooe, where Aaron (Pub On The Hoe) is in temporary charge for an unknown period. Nowhere Inn, City Centre, has re-opened and continues to offer a CAMRA Members Discount of 20p off pint/real ale – Thank you very much Simon Barrett (new licensee). Paperwork to support the application to grant the Mount Pleasant, Millbay, as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) has been received and acknowledged by the city council for consideration until 28 December. A week of festive merriment at the London Inn, Plympton St Maurice, begins with a Festive Real Ale beer festival during the usual pub opening hours. Duke of York Hotel, Tavistock, is under new management again, and serves Doom Bar. Dolphin Inn, Kingston, is also under new management, as is the Blacksmith's Arms, Lamerton - believed to be the current tenants, (TBC). Great Western Railway Staff Association Club, Laira, Laira, serves at least one cask ale in very good condition, but has up to three at weekends. Summerskills Indiana's Bones was seen there recently. It is now open to new members. Hyde Park Social Club, Mutley, has no real ale, but will admit non-members for a nominal charge of £2.00. Indian Inn, Stoke, now serves at least one cask conditioned real ale on weekends, recently Summerskills Plymouth Porter. Walkhampton Inn, Walkhampton, now serves four real ciders and one real perry. King Billy (King Billy), formally known as the Bristol Castle, has been refurbished and re-opened recently. However, real ale is not available here. Sadly, it has been reported that Helen Gaye, long-standing of the Warren House Inn, Postbridge, passed away suddenly recently - we send our condolences to her family and friends at this sad time.

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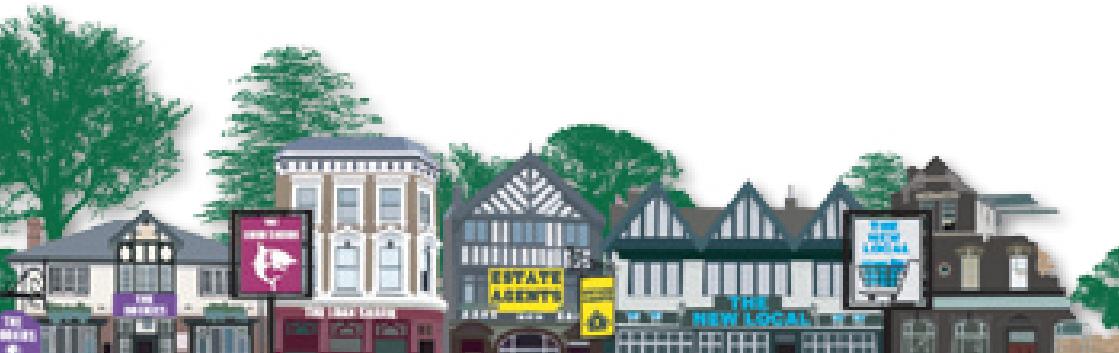
Dolphin Inn, Kingston, has lost its' Cask Marque accreditation, due to the change in management. No other local branch area pubs/clubs gained/lost Cask Marque accreditation recently.

Brewery News

All local breweries are now well prepared for the Christmas period with Christmas Specials waiting to hit the streets – we wish them all a Very Merry Christmas time! We were informed of yet another new brewery in our patch, Ivybridge Brewing Company, a community brewery providing opportunities for people with learning disabilities – Good Luck to them. Volunteers are still required for the position of BLO for Anchor House, Billy Ruffian's and Steel Brew Co, as well as Ivybridge. If you would like to volunteer, please email the South West Brewery Liaison Coordinator, Ian (Dickie) Dickinson, on southwest.coordinator@breweryliaison.camra.org.uk with your name, CAMRA membership number, and the position(s) you are volunteering for. And finally, Salcombe Brewery will be launching a new beer in January 2020, called Salcombe Lite. As the name suggests, it will be a refreshing 2.5% ABV hoppy beer, just right for the new year!

Plymouth CAMRA would like to wish all new publicans, and brewers, all the very best in their new ventures!

And a very special congratulations to Mandy of the Drake Manor Inn.





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THE JOYS OF BEING A PLO

(That's Pub Liaison Officer to you...)

At a recent CAMRA branch meeting I attended, some attendees expressed surprise at some of the duties of a PLO, and how they might undertake them.

As I responded to one or two questions, it was suggested that, in the interest of potential PLO's, CAMRA members and indeed publicans, I might like to put my thoughts on paper on what might be involved....

First off, I went to two publicans, both of whose hosteries are in the 2020 Good Beer Guide, for their thoughts.

"I think a PLO should help their pub towards getting in, and staying in, the GBG, as that is the mark of a good pub which keeps good beer. Also a PLO should promote CAMRA to the pub and its' patrons – WITHOUT PRESSURISING THEM," says Giles Hawkins from the Albert Inn.

OK – so sometimes CAMRA members – and indeed CAMRA itself - have not got the best reputation. (The expression "beer bores"

springs to mind....) Hence a bit of tact and diplomacy is needed – imagine someone much less qualified than you at your job telling YOU how to do it better.....

A second clue in how to be a good PLO is in the title itself....Liaison....

"In my humble opinion the role of a Pub Liaison Officer is self-explanatory. It is to liaise with or to advise and maybe suggest different things to pub landlords that they may have seen work elsewhere or to warn against things that they may have seen fail," says Palk Arms landlord Mike Rowland

"I don't think it is in the remit of a PLO to instruct or to take any control away from the Landlord/Landlady. Pubs rise or god forbid fall for millions of reasons, but the best pubs tend to be ones of unique character and style not ones that have a formula for success thrust upon them", he argues.

So.....liaison....the PLO should be in regular contact with the landlord – this



can be in person for a pint, or by phone for a quick chat. Build a relationship with your landlord. Sadly I know of PLO's who visit their charge once a quarter – announce their presence like some high-powered Civil Servant, and expect free beer in return for giving a lecture on CAMRA and the perfect pint.

Communication....A quiet conversation between you and your charge often produces points of/for discussion. Trust has to be earned, especially by the PLO

– remember you may be trying to help, but it is the landlord's business at the end of the day, so if something is said in confidence to you, it should remain that way.

By the way - don't forget to Beer Score – and perhaps more importantly - explain the beer scoring process to the publican. This helps the landlord understand CAMRA's aims – and if a regular or two happens to see/hear this, so much the better.

Remember we are ALL there to promote

CAMRA, not brow-beat people. A publican will appreciate encouragement, and will certainly appreciate you helping to promote the pub. With this last point in mind, PLO's have the perfect opportunity to do this.

Your branch magazine has pages reserved for pub info – one of your tasks should be to obtain and supply information to the editor. It need not be too detailed – the dates of a beer festival – a revamp of the pub, community involvement for example. Who knows, when you ask mine host to stock the magazine, it may lead to an advert – helping both branch and publican.

So there you have it. I don't suggest my "way" is perfect (to be fair I am not the most rule-minded CAMRA member in the world!), but it works for me....and the landlords I liaise with....

- Grizzly

(PLO Albert Inn, Palk Arms, Bay Horse Inn)

ALES FROM THE DARK SIDE

- Darker beer styles
for Autumn and Winter -

Once British Summer Time comes to an end, the days shorten and the temperature dips, it's natural to seek out textures and flavours that soothe and warm our cold bones. Darker beers may express deeper, more heavily toasted characteristics, reminiscent of other comforting roasted foods and drinks such as coffee, spices, dark caramel and chocolate.

STOUTS

Look for a jet-black colour and expect a dark and roasted grain character with burnt fruit, espresso or cappuccino coffee, liquorice and molasses. The beer should have a deep bitterness to balance the richness of malt and fruit.

PORTERS

Porters tend to be dark brown in colour, and are sweeter than stouts, often with fruity, and chocolate notes.

IMPERIAL STOUTS AND PORTERS

Imperial stouts and porters turn their respective characteristics up to 11. To the drinker deciding what to choose at the bar the prefix Imperial often indicates a higher ABV and a more intense flavour experience. Imperial Stouts and Porters might also have completed the final leg of their fermentation in wooden barrels which may have previously contained spirits adding to the complexity and depth of flavour of the beer. The mouthfeel can be more viscous



and syrupy and, when combined with a higher level of alcohol, Imperial Stouts and Porters can be enjoyed slowly and savoured in thirds or halves. Preferably next to a roaring fire.

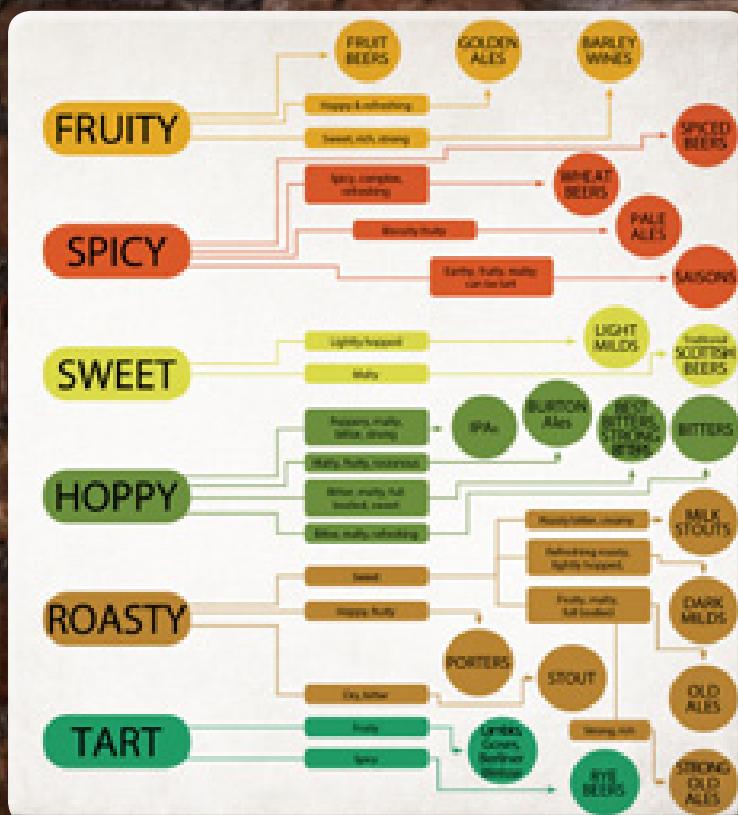
MILK STOUTS

Milk Stouts incorporate milk sugar (lactose) to give a silky and creamy texture and mouthfeel. The addition of lactose produces a sweeter beer and, in combination with darker malts, is likely to present flavours and aromas you might associate with other wintry treats like puddings and desserts e.g. chocolate, vanilla, honeycomb and caramelised or burnt sugar. Modern

experimentation in brewing that combines the high alcohol content of Imperial Stouts and Porters with lactose, spices and other flavouring additives (like chocolate or marshmallows) produces something in between styles and might be referred to as a pudding or a pastry stout.

MILDS

Usually dark brown in colour, due to the well-roasted malts although pale milds can be found. Look for a rich malty aroma and flavour, with hints of dark fruit, chocolate, coffee and caramel, with a gentle underpinning of hop bitterness.



- Meet the - **PUBLICAN**

The second in a new series where we find out a bit more about some of the local pub landlords.

Introducing Mark Cameron with his wife Sue who have been at the Avon Inn, Avonwick, TQ10 9NB for the last four years. Mark arrived in Avonwick from Bristol via North Yorkshire.



How did you get into this industry?

By mistake, I've been a builder all my life, but drunkenly decided one night to buy a pub. It's been a steep learning curve, but very rewarding.

First or most memorable ale?

Bass, it opened my eyes to real ale and I have never looked back.

What is the most enjoyable aspect of running a pub?

The locals, without them there is no pub.

What is the least enjoyable aspect of running a pub?

Not being able to take holidays. It's hard to plan a break around the demands of running a busy pub.

Explain your beer choice?

I'm passionate about supporting local brewers. There is so much

good beer being made in Devon, why go anywhere else.

What sort of community / clientele does your pub serve?

My pub has a thriving local presence and a constant passing trade, comprising of holidaymakers, hikers, bikers and casual walk-ins.

What makes your pub different?

It is a well-maintained classic country pub, filled with curios and friendly locals, everybody's welcome.

How do you see the pub industry in the future?

The pub is the heart of the community, if everyone supports their local there is a future. Good beer and good company equal good times.



The Avon Inn, Avonwick



Sue (Right) and her Team



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CHARITY APPEAL

This newsletter is FREE and is written, produced and distributed by volunteers.

If you have appreciated their efforts, please make a donation to your pub's charity appeal.



CAMRA DISCOUNT SCHEME

The CAMRA Discount Scheme enables pubs to promote their business to our members and hopefully encourage more trade. The discount given will be advertised free of charge in our branch magazine, Drake's Drinker, as well as on our website and the National CAMRA website. We can also provide posters to advertise the offer to visitors. If you are the licensee of a pub and are interested in taking part in this scheme, please contact our Branch Vice Chairman, Ian Dickinson, at vicechairman@plymouth.camra.org.uk

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 or restricted when special promotions are on offer.

The new CAMRA Discount Scheme commences on Monday 1st July 2019. Current members are as follows:

PUB NAME	ADDRESS	DISCOUNT
Boringdon Arms	Boringdon Terrace, Turnchapel, Plymouth, PL9 9TQ	10p/pint
Bread & Roses	62 Ebrington Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 9AF	10%/pint
Dolphin Hotel	14, The Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LS	15p/pint
Fareham Inn	6, Commercial Road, Coxsidge, Plymouth, PL1 0LD	10p/pint
Fishermans Arms	Lambhay Hill, Barbican, PL1 2NN	10%/pint, 20% on food
Fortescue Hotel	Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JQ	10%/pint and on half pint
Golden Hind	Mannamead Road, Plymouth, PL3 5RJ	10%/pint and on half pint
Horse & Groom	Exeter Road, Bittaford, Ivybridge	10p/pint
Jack Rabbit	7-9 Howeson Road, Derriford PL6 8BD	20p/pint
Miner's Arms	Hemerdon, near Plympton, PL7 5BU	30p/pint
Minerva Inn	31, Looe Street, Barbican, Plymouth PL4 0EA	* See below
Olde Plough Inn	Fore Street, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JG,	10%/pint, for both real ale & cider
Pub On The Hoe	159 Citadel Road, The Hoe, Plymouth, PL1 2HU	10%/pint
Sir Joshua Reynolds	25 Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW,	10p/pint, 5p/half
Tamar	Morshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5AD	10%/pint
 W Britannia Inn	2 Wolseley Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, PL2 3BH	
W Gog & Magog	Southside Street, Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LA	
W Mannamead	Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JH	
W Queen's Head Hotel	80 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ	
W Stannary Court	Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW	
W Union Rooms	Union Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 2SU	
S Brass Monkey	Royal Parade, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 1DS	
S Roundabout	2-4 Drake Circus, City Centre, Plymouth PL4 8AQ	
S Noah's Ark	32A, Courtney Street, City Centre, Plymouth PL1 1EP	

** Minerva Inn offers a discount on all real ales via a monthly Loyalty Card, which costs £1.00. The card is valid between 1130 - 1500 Mon - Fri. Real ales are then £3.00/pint.*

S prefix applies to all Stonegate outlets which accept CAMRA Member vouchers for both real ale and real cider/perry – please check the front of the voucher to check that it is still in date!

W prefix applies to all JD Wetherspoon outlets which accept CAMRA Member vouchers for both real ale and real cider/perry – please check the front of the voucher to check that it is still in date!



M A L - D E - M E R

(Île de Batz)

“Le passeport, ou pas de passeport?”



Well I promised you Mal for this one, but he didn't make it because he didn't have a passport. I've been on at him since Christmas to get his passport otherwise he's not going to France. "I want a blue one," he said. "Look Mal, Brexit ain't gonna happen so get your passport pronto." Well I've told you how it ended up. Since starting to write this article our leader has suspended parliament, that's been ruled illegal, we've got a deal but is it going to go through? Probably another extension. Mal is still without a passport and I've told him if he hasn't got it by Christmas, I'll

have to get someone else for next year's trip (round Ireland).

I'd had 2 weeks in Brittany by the time I got to Roscoff and had found no shortage of micro-brewery beers, bottled or keg (no they don't do cask conditioned). From Roscoff I thought a little trip in Sandyman to Île de Batz would be nice and Sandyman, being a bilge keeler, could take the ground in the drying harbour. Île de Batz is the small inhabited island just over the water from Roscoff. Easy for you to get to – hop on Brittany Ferries, get off at Roscoff and take a vedette over the water. The date of the

visit was Sunday 7 July 2019 which happened to be the day of the Île de Batz half-marathon. I was accompanied by my former boat partner Richard Addison. We could see the marathon from the boat but at that time we couldn't work out what was happening. We waited for the tide to go out and walked ashore and watched the end of the $\frac{1}{2}$ marathon. There are a few pleasant hostels on Île de Batz and I'll give you a tour of them. It is a lovely island with lots of excellent paths and walks and not a lot of vehicles. I fancy booking a gite for a week here at some future date.



First stop, *Chez Therese* bar and mini market where we had some Val de Rance cider which in Brittany is served in china cups. I counted 9 local micro bottled beers on the bar so plenty of choice. Very pleasant but onwards we must go to serve the needs of the Drakes Drinker reader (and my own thirst).

Next stop was my favourite, *Ty Bar Do*, where I found no lesser lady than Brigitte Bardot herself. Yes, we all wondered what she was up to these days. She is happily married and she and her husband have a jolly good bar in *Ile de Batz*, ably assisted by

Stephanie from Belfast. The main draught beer is *Lancelot Blonde*. Other beers are *Duchesse Anne*, *Biere Blanche*, and *Galopin*. Pizzas and oysters – what more can you want? So I had a bottle of *Petite Fripouille*, a *biere ambrée* brewed by *Brasserie De L'Hermine* at 7%.

Next was *Ty Yann*, a restaurant and bar serving *Armorica Abaty*. I enjoyed the bar but could not stay too long as there were others to visit. *La Cassonade* overlooks the water and is a smart bar, creperie, and restaurant with a pleasant vibe and appealing location.

The last bar visited was *Bar du Port* which was not available earlier as it was being used as the main announcement position for the marathon. I had my last drink here where they had *Coreff Blonde Bio* (5%) and *Coreff Dramm Hud biere blonde cuvée* at 7.5%, and yes I did have a small one. All in all, a very enjoyable day out at a great location.

Well have a good Christmas and New Year. In the meantime Mal and I are trying to find a weather window to give me some material for the next article.

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SOME COMMUNITIES RUN THEIR LOCAL THEMSELVES

An ever-growing number of pubs across the UK are now either owned or leased by a local community group. Community-owned pubs offer a new and innovative way for community groups to save their local from closure. It gives local people the chance to run and grow a business that meets the need of individual communities, such as by offering other local services such as shops, post offices or a local library. There are some fantastic examples of pubs that have been turned around through the sheer effort of the local community. Listed below are community owned pubs in Devon:



Tally Ho, Littlehempston



King's Arms Inn, Stockland



Yarcombe Inn, Yarcombe

TOWN	PUB NAME	STATUS	OWNER TYPE	COMMENTS
Littlehempston	Tally Ho	Community Owned	Community Benefit Society	
Stockland	King's Arms Inn	Community Owned	Community Benefit Society	Stockland Community Pub Limited (https://scpl.org.uk/)
Yarcombe	Yarcombe Inn	Community Supported	Individual	Purchase was pursued by Yarcombe Inn Community Benefit Society with an offer for property submitted Nov 2017, but in June 2019 the pub was purchased by an individual couple.
Meavy	Royal Oak Inn	Community Owned	Parish Council	Owned by Burrator Parish Council
Cadeleigh, Tiverton	Cadeleigh Arms	Community Owned	Private Limited Company	Bought by The Cadeleigh Arms Limited (57 shareholders) in 2012
Stoke Canon	Stoke Canon Inn	Community Owned	Community Benefit Society	This pub has been run by volunteers since 2010 operating as Stoke Canon Inn Limited, but not yet purchased. Stoke Canon Community Pub Limited (a BenComm) purchased the freehold in July 2019.



Royal Oak Inn, Meavy



Cadeleigh Arms, Cadeleigh



Stoke Canon Inn, Stoke Canon

WHY NOT GET STARTED IN REOPENING YOUR LOCAL PUB

Introduction

{Include a summary here of what has happened to date, the status of the pub, who is involved in trying to save the pub, and an explanation of what is meant by a cooperative and a community owned pub}

How to stay informed

{Include a summary of how to get more information – Facebook page and/or website; a contact email address; and any options to join a mailing list}

How to get involved

If you would like to help in any way in the setting up of the cooperative, please contact {contact details}. If you have a specific skill or experience that you would like to offer please let us know, and if not just let us know you would like to help, and we will provide a long list of activities and roles that you can choose from.

Consultation

As the committee develops the details of the plans to create the cooperative, we will consult with the local community to seek their view. The community we will consult will be all the residents of the trading area of the future pub, the pub's future customers.

At this time we would like to seek your views about the kind of pub you would like the {pub's name} to be. Please complete the following questionnaire and return to {address}.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name:

8. If yes, would you be interested in being part of the co-operative?

Address:.....

Yes, as a shareholder No

Email:.....

Yes, as a volunteer

Phone:.....

I need more information about what a co-operative is to decide

1. Do you think we need a pub in the village?

Yes No Don't know

9. Which services would you like the pub to offer? (Please tick all of the following that are of interest to you)

2. How often did you use the pub when it was open?

Daily Every now and again
Monthly Never Weekly

All day opening Bar snacks

3. What did you visit the pub for?

Drinks Food Advertised entertainment
Group gathering e.g. darts Special Occasions
Other (please specify)

Televised sport Wi-Fi

4. If you currently use an alternative pub, where do you go?

Real ales Pool table

5. Would you like the pub to reopen as a pub or something else?

Lunchtime and evening meals

Pub

Internet Terminal

Something else (please specify)

Children's games in the garden

.....

Family Room with children's indoor games

6. If the pub reopened, would you come back?

Garden events, e.g. live music, BBQs

Yes No

Live music nights

7. If the opportunity arose, do you think a co-operative run pub is a good idea?

Themed nights (quiz night, race nights, etc..)

Yes No

Pub games teams (darts, crib, petanque etc...)

I do not know enough about what a co-operative is to decide

Functions catered for (e.g. birthday parties)

Meetings for local community groups, e.g. Coffee Mornings

10. Would you like to see an additional service added to the pub?

Shop Visiting Library

Post Office Visiting Bank

Other (please specify)

11. Is there anything you'd like to change about the pub if it reopened?



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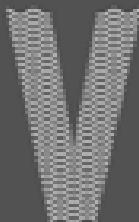
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Bittaford

Horse & Groom Exeter Road Bittaford PL21 0EL

Brixton

Foxhound Inn Kingsbridge Road Brixton PL8 2AH

Buckland Monachorum

Drake Manor Inn The Village Buckland Monachorum PL20 7NA

California Cross

California Inn California Cross PL21 0SG

Chipshop

Copper Penny Inn Chipshop PL19 8NT

Clearbrook

Skylark Inn Clearbrook PL20 6JD

Dousland

Burrator Inn Dousland PL20 6NP

Ermington

Crooked Spire The Square Ermington PL21 9LP

Hemerdon

Miner's Arms Hemerdon PL7 5BU

Hexworthy

Forest Inn Hexworthy PL20 6SD

Holbeton

Dartmoor Union Fore Street Holbeton PL8 1NE

Mary Tavy

Mary Tavy Inn Lane Head Mary Tavy PL19 9PN

Meavy

Royal Oak Inn Meavy PL20 6PJ

Milton Combe

Who'd Have Thought It Inn The Village Milton Combe PL20 6HP

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Modbury Inn Brownston Street Modbury PL21 0RQ

Noss Mayo

Ship Inn Noss Mayo Noss Mayo PL8 1EW

Plymouth

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Fortescue Hotel 37 Mutley Plain Plymouth PL4 6JQ

Gog & Magog 58 Southside Street Plymouth PL1 2LA

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Kitty O' Hanlon's 5 St Andrews Street Plymouth PL1 2AH

Mannamead 61 Mutley Plain Plymouth PL4 6JH

Maritime Inn 19 Southside Street Plymouth PL1 2LD

Masonic Inn 65 Devonport Road Plymouth PL3 4DL

Minerva Inn 31 Looe Street Plymouth PL4 0EA

Noah's Ark 32a Courtney Street Plymouth PL1 1EP

Nowhere Inn 21 Gilwell Street Plymouth PL4 8BU

Plymouth Hoe Club 1-2 Osbourne Place Plymouth PL1 2PU

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West Hoe 24 Bishop's Place Plymouth PL1 3BW

Plympton

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Plymstock

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

Postbridge

East Dart Hotel Postbridge PL20 6TJ

Warren House Inn Postbridge PL20 6TA

Princetown

Dartmoor Inn Merrivale Princetown PL20 6ST

Plume Of Feathers Inn Plymouth Hill Princetown PL20 6QQ

Prince Of Wales Hotel Tavistock Road Princetown PL20 6QF

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