

Drake's Drinker



WINTER 2020 EDITION



PHOTO – Newly-reopened pub, the Mountain Inn, Lutton, after a six year closure

Welcome to the First Edition of Drake's Drinker, produced by unpaid volunteers of the Plymouth Branch of CAMRA, during the Covid-19 pandemic and Post-Lockdown 2.

We hope that you enjoy reading our news







You will all be aware that the world has changed considerably since the last printed copy of *Drake's Drinker* hit the pubs and clubs of Plymouth and the surrounding area. *So what has been happening, I hear you ask?*

In a nutshell, the UK Government ordered a National Lockdown back on March 23rd 2020, having advised everyone in the country to avoid visiting pubs, clubs and restaurants on Friday 20th March. However, some pubs and breweries were able to offer takeaway meals and drink.

CAMRA immediately launched, in conjunction with SIBA (the society of independent brewers) and Crowdfunder.com, the **Pulling Together Campaign Pulling Together - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale** (link) whereby we would publicise, free of charge for publicans and breweries, where people could obtain beer and food for takeaway, collection or direct delivery to homes. We also launched, a short time later, an online store for those breweries which did not already have such facilities, **Brew2You Home - Brew2You** (link)

The enforced closure of all non-essential businesses, including pubs, was to last until Saturday 4th July. When pubs, etc did re-open, we – customers – were not permitted to mix with more than six people, either inside or outside.

The Government wanted to help the Licensed Trade with a special promotion of "Eat Out To Help Out", whereby the Government would pay 50% of your meal costs on Monday to Wednesday when eating in a pub, etc.

Cheers, the Plymouth CAMRA Committee



Branch Diary



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

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



Pub & Brewery News



Pub News

All pubs, as non-essential businesses, were forced to close for on-sales to the general public back on 20th March 2020. However, off-sales were permitted, and a number of pubs did manage to provide a service whilst following the Government safety guidelines. Some provided just drinks for collection, some both food and drinks. Some even offered a delivery service.

From our records, we were aware that about half of the branch area pubs offered a takeaway service, or reopened from 4th July until the second Lockdown on 5th November. We maintained a record on the Branch website, with a link to it on the Home Page. These pubs are listed <u>Pubs Which Reopened Following Lockdown, March - July 2020 - Plymouth CAMRA</u> (link). This list was accurate up to and including *Monday 2nd November 2020* – as accurate as we were aware of.

Following the **second Lockdown** during November, the Government restrictions changed considerably, and meant that pubs could only serve alcohol with a "substantial meal" for on-sales, and households could not mix inside a licenced premise. These pubs are listed **Pubs Serving Substantial Meals - December 2020** (camra.org.uk) (link). This list was accurate up to **Wednesday 16**th **December 2020** (when this news magazine was compiled, but the website will be up to date).

We are working very hard to keep this list of venues which serve food up to date; we have listed all the licenced premises in our branch area where they were known to serve food prior to March 2020.

Despite the restrictions, two branch area pubs reopened – the **Cornwood Inn**, **Cornwood**, and the **Mountain Inn**, **Lutton** – after an extended period of closure.





Brewery News



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, <u>Pulling Together - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale</u> (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 *Anchor House* brewery website appears to have been discontinued/unavailable. However, they still have a presence on Facebook, and have recently made a collaboration brew with *Firebrand Brewing*, of Altarnun, Cornwall (Altarnun Brewery Co/Penpont), a 6.0% cherry stout, available in cans.

Bere Brewery continue to do their off sales every Wednesday 4.30-7pm and every Saturday 3-5pm. Please check for updates on their website and Facebook page.

Bulletproof Brewery opened their taproom on Mutley Plain on Tuesday 15th July 2020, with table service only until Covid restrictions Lifted.

Dartmoor Brewery have maintained their core range of beers throughout, with beers available nationally (for a charge) and locally free of charge (restrictions apply).

Ivybridge Brewery – have continued brewing and bottling their beers, which are available at the weekly Ivybridge Weekend Markets.

Morwell has suspended all production due to be located in a Tourist Attraction.

Noss Beer Works have also continued brewing throughout so far, with all three beers available for collection or local delivery.

Roam Brewery recommenced brewing after a short pause due to the restrictions, and beers are available for collection from the Tap Room, or delivery.

Salcombe Brewery have continued brewing, and have produced a number of special bottled beers available for delivery via the brewery website. One beer was barrel-aged in a whiskey barrel, and one in a bourbon barrel.

Stannary Brewery have re-opened their Tap for collection only on Fridays and Saturdays – see their Facebook page for further details.

Steel Brew Co currently take orders on their website, with free delivery locally and a cost of £6.00 nationally. You can also collect at the brewery, Thursday-Saturday 11am-2pm. For further info, see their website.

Summerskills Brewery have also brewed throughout, when permitted, with pre-ordered beers available for collection from the Foxhound Inn, Brixton, or by delivery locally. They also supply cider from Countryman & Hunts.





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 16 December 2020.

Avonwick

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

Bere Ferrers

Olde Plough Inn, Fore Street, PL20 7JG

Bittaford

Horse & Groom, Exeter Road, PL21 0EL

Brixton

Foxhound Inn, Kingsbridge Road, PL8 2AH

Buckland Monachorum

Drake Manor Inn, Buckland, PL20 7NA

California Cross

California Inn, PL21 0SG

Chipshop

Copper Penny Inn, PL19 8NT

Clearbrook

Skylark Inn, PL20 6JD

Dousland

Burrator Inn, PL20 6NP

Ermington

Crooked Spire Inn, The Square, PL21 9LP

Hemerdon

Miner's Arms, PL7 5BU

Hexworthy

Forest Inn, PL20 6SD

Holbeton

Dartmoor Union Inn, Fore Street, PL8 1NE

Mary Tavy

Mary Tavy Inn, Lane Head, PL19 9PN

Meavy

Royal Oak Inn, PL20 6PJ

Milton Combe

Who'd Have Thought It Inn, PL20 6HP

Modbury

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





Noss Mayo

Ship Inn, PL8 1EW

Plymouth

Artillery Arms, 6 Pound Street, Stonehouse PL1 3RH Brass Monkey, 12-14 Royal Parade, PL1 1DS Bread & Roses, 62 Ebrington Street, PL4 9AF Brewery Tap, 99 Edgecumbe Street, PL1 3SZ Britannia Inn, 2 Wolseley Road, Milehouse PL2 3BH Clifton Inn, 35 Clifton Street, Greenbank PL4 8JB Dolphin Hotel, 12 Barbican, Barbican PL1 2LS Fareham Inn, 6 Commercial Road, Coxside PL4 0LD Fawn Members Club, 39, Prospect Street, Greenbank PL4 8NY Ferry House Inn, 888 Wolseley Road, Saltash Passage PL5 1LA Fisherman's Arms, 31 Lambhay Hill, Barbican PL1 2NN Fortescue Hotel, 37 Mutley Plain, Mutley PL4 6JQ Gog & Magog, 58 Southside Street, Barbican PL1 2LA Golden Hind, 260 Mannamead Road, Hartley PL3 5RJ Kitty O'Hanlon's, 5 St Andrews Street, City Centre, PL1 2AH Mannamead, 61 Mutley Plain, Mutley PL4 6JH Maritime Inn, 19 Southside Street, Barbican PL1 2LD Masonic Inn, 65 Devonport Road, Stoke PL3 4DL Minerva Inn, 31 Looe Street, Barbican PL4 0EA Noah's Ark, 32a Courtney Street, City Centre PL1 1EP Nowhere Inn, 21 Gilwell Street, City Centre PL4 8BU Plymouth Hoe Club, 1-2 Osbourne Place PL1 2PU Porters, 20-21 Looe Street, Barbican PL4 0EA – (closed) Prince Maurice, 3 Church Hill, Eggbuckland PL6 5SR Providence Inn, Providence Street, Greenbank PL4 8JQ Pub On The Hoe, 159 Citadel Road, The Hoe PL1 2HU Stoke Inn, 43 Devonport Road, Stoke PL3 4DL Swan Inn, 15 St Andrews Street, City CentrePL1 2AX Thistle Park Tavern, 32 Commercial Road, Coxside PL4 0LE Union Rooms, 19 Union Street, City Centre PL1 2SU West Hoe, 24 Bishop's Place, The Hoe, PL1 3BW **Plympton Plymstock**

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

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





Postbridge

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

Princetown

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

Ringmore

Journey's End Inn, TQ7 4HL

Shaugh Prior

White Thorn Inn, PL7 5HA

Sparkwell

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

Tavistock

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

Turnchapel

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

Walkhampton

Walkhampton Inn PL20 6JY

Wembury

Odd Wheel, Knighton Road PL9 0JD

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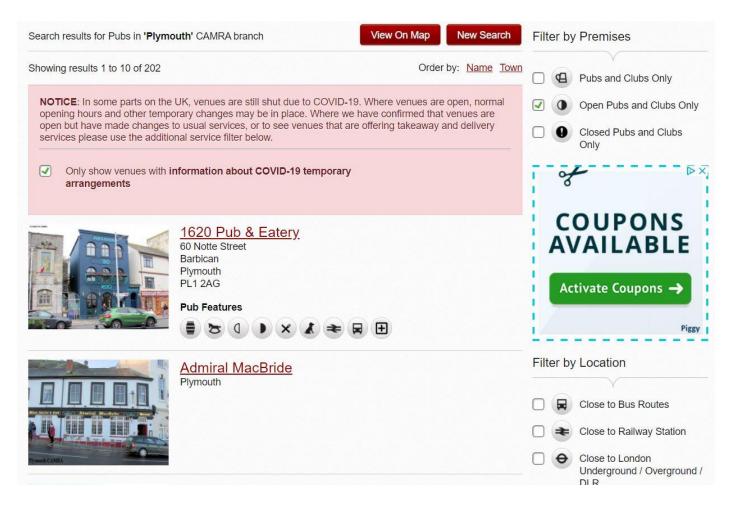
The Campaign has provided, for a number of years, a national pub website, which we have called What Pub, and is available <u>UK Pub Guide</u>, <u>Campaign for Real Ale • whatpub.com</u> (link). This lists over 55 000 pubs, clubs and hotels throughout the whole of the United Kingdom, with over 37 000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

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



However, due to the pandemic, things have changed slightly. We no longer make changes to the pub opening hours, or food timings, due to the rapidly-changing situation due to the pandemic. Instead, we make amendments to an additional field, which we have called Covid-19 Temporary Arrangements. Before you click in the Search Box, tick the "Only show venues with **information about COVID-19 temporary arrangements**", just below the search box, then type in your search criteria, such as Plymouth, or Tavistock, or Ivybridge, or whatever – see screenshot on the left.

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



This lists the total number of establishments we are aware of that are open under the present trading conditions following Government guidelines (202 pubs, clubs and hotels). You can sort this, in order, by Pub Name, or by Town.



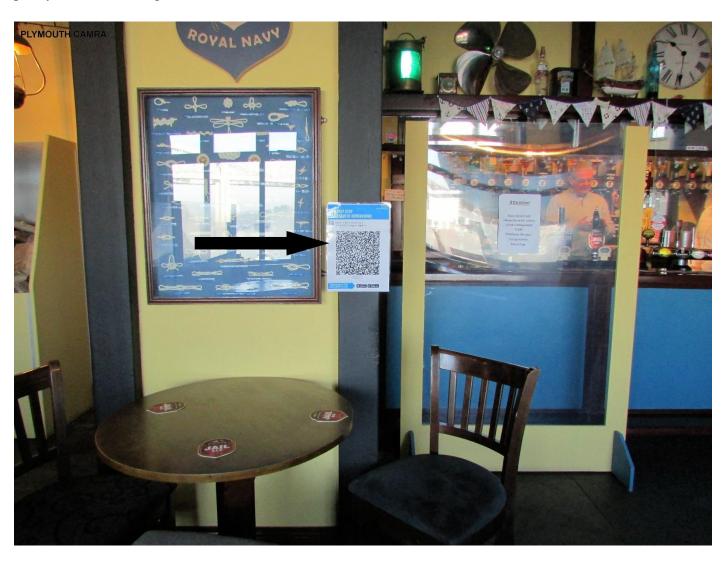
Some Selected Covid-19 Pub Enhancements



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, pubs were classed as non-essential businesses and were forced to close from Friday 20th March until Saturday 4th July 2020. Government issued guidelines for businesses for them to reopen. This article is not official Government policy, as that is liable to change, often at short notice.

As each and every pub building is different, how they are implemented will be slightly different, but the following is shown to indicate what two pubs have done.

In all cases, each pub must collect contact details for every group of people who visit (keeping to Government policy if/when it changes).



Most venues will have the NHS Covid-19 QR code for customers to scan if they have the App, in order to assist in Test & Trace. Several codes are generally displayed within the pub at various points to avoid close contact with others, as shown in the photo below left by the arrow.

The **Fortescue Hotel**, Mutley Plain, has introduced plenty of new signage by the entry door/area, with hand sanitising stations at the door, and around the pub inside. There is a one-way system throughout the pub, and an arm-operated traffic light system for the rest rooms.



Covid-19 Enhancements Cont





The photo above was taken in August when it was permitted to order beer at the bar; since then, drinks must be ordered via table service. However, this is the second new Covid sign (the first one is by the front door).

The **Ferry House Inn**, Wolseley Road, Saltash Passage, is slightly different. On entering the bar area, large screens have been erected along the whole of the bar area, as shown below on Page 16, thus protecting both bar staff and customers.



There are still plenty of separate seating areas, of varying sizes of tables and chairs, as shown in the photo below left. Hand sanitising stations are situated around the pub, as shown below right. Each pub is different, but must comply with the latest Government guidelines!







Pubs Known To Have Reopened



It is difficult to make an accurate list in this magazine; please navigate your web browser to https://www.plymouth.camra.org.uk Home Page. (link)

Due to the rapidly-changing situation, and the changing Government guidelines which change as more becomes known about the virus, all pubs were permitted to re-open from Saturday 4th July 2020, whether they served food or not. These pubs are listed **Pubs Which Reopened Following Lockdown, March - July 2020** - **Plymouth CAMRA** (link). This list was accurate up to and including **Monday 2nd November 2020** – as accurate as we were aware of.

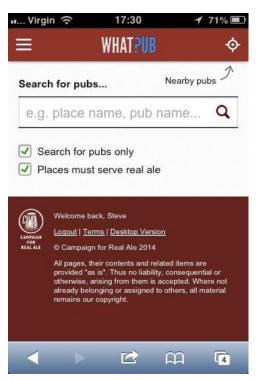
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If your local pub is not listed as "Open", please let us know !!!



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.

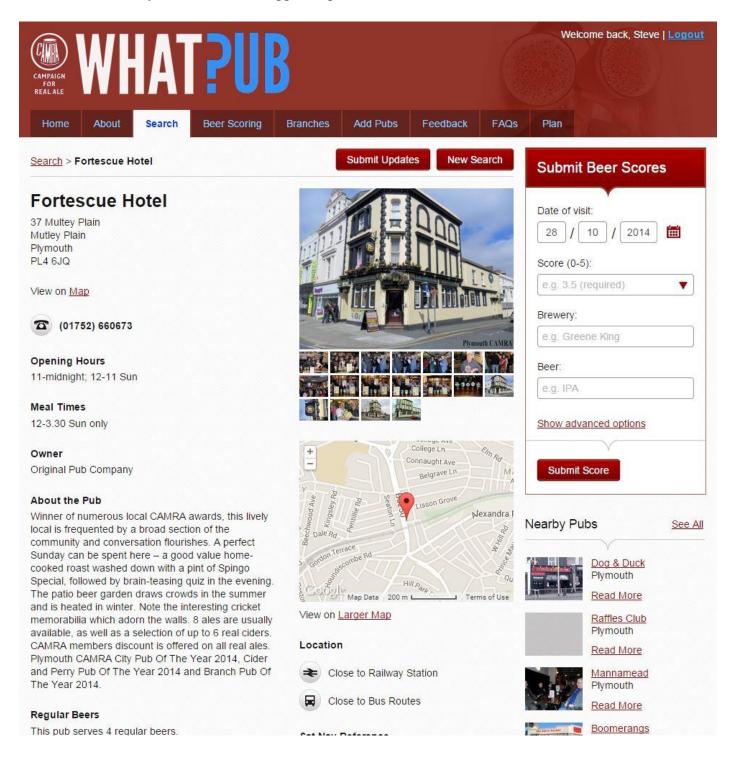
You will need to sign in with your current CAMRA membership number and your password in order to beer score, by tapping on the Login. Enter your number and password.

The screen will be similar to the one shown below on Page 19.

The screenshot shown below on Page 19 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.



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", when you can then add the name 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 16 December 2020.

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

Key:

- * London Inn Grumpy Hour daily deals for all customers.
- ** Minerva has a loyalty card (cost £1.00) available Mon Fri 1130 1500 for all customers

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

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

Key:

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

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Traditional British Beer Styles No 1



1. Ordinary/Session Bitter, AVB 3.0% - 4.3%

Anything but ordinary, this English staple has a strong history, and a stronger following. It is *Surprisingly Complex*.

A beer drinker from outside of the UK may be reluctant to order a pint of anything dubbed "ordinary" – but there is a very good reason to do so. The lightest in alcohol of the bitter family, this quite sessionable ale is served often – and best – from a cask in a quintessential English pub. It is bitter, with a central, often caramelly, malt character. There are surprising complexities, especially when served in cask, that come through as spicy, peppery and even grassy hop flavours. The hops make for a quenching body and end in a dry finish, with a smooth mouthfeel throughout. There is just a thing sheath of a head, typically off-white, and an ever-so-slight level of carbonation. Colour ranges from light orange to amber.

Three Examples of this beer style:

Coniston Bluebird Bitter – a great example of this style. It pours golden amber, with a thin layered head. There are notes of caramel blended with floral hops and a dry finish.

Adnams Southwold Bitter – brewed since 1967, this is now a classic beer. Copper in colour, with lingering floral hops in the taste.

Triple fff Alton's Pride – brewed with pale and Cara gold malts, and First Gold and Northdown hops, this beer has a resinous, nutty character with a hint of butterscotch.

2. Best/Premium Bitter, ABV 4.4% - 6.4%%

The middle child of the bitter family, and now increasingly referred to as Premium Bitters, this is the brewery's finest crafted brew. *A Balanced Core*.

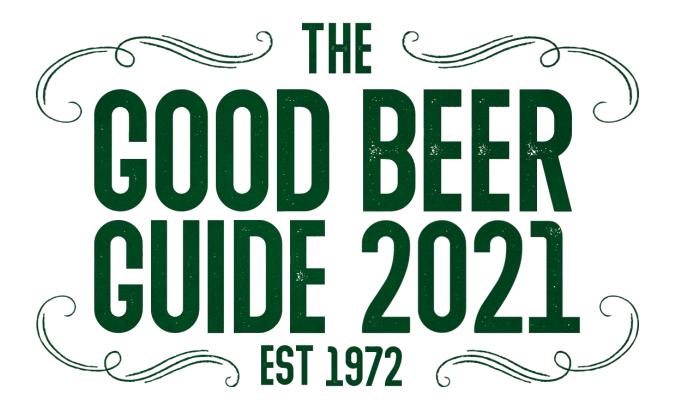
Stuck between Ordinary and Extra Special, this style compiles the best from both siblings, producing a remarkable drinkable, strong but sessionable English ale. It is generally medium gold to copper in colour, and quite clear, with a thin head that lingers just slightly above a minimally carbonated body. While maintaining an overarching theme of bitterness, it has an elevated maltiness when compared to Ordinary Bitters. Best Bitters can be caramelly and fruity, but is always well balanced. At times quite filling, this beer quenches while it satisfies. A favourite in England, this delicious brew is best savoured on cask at an English pub!

Three examples of this beer style:

Fuller's London Pride – smooth and characteristically balanced, the herbal, floral hops meld deliciously into the malt base. Perfectly sessionable.

Timothy Taylor's Landlord – multi award-winning beer from Yorkshire, with an intense bitterness achieved by circulating the hopped wort over a deep bed of Styrian Goldings.

Skinners Betty Stogs – Cornish malt and English and Slovenian hops combine to produce a beer with rich biscuit and fruity bitterness on the aroma, followed by juicy malt and tangy hops in the finish.





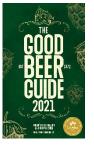
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-A Pint Of The Usual, Please!









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Sadly, at the time of writing, we can only dream of having a pint of the usual whilst standing at the bar. When Plymouth came out of the second Lockdown on Wednesday 2nd December 2020, Plymouth and the whole of Devon was placed into Tier 2 Restrictions, meaning that we can only have a beer whilst having a substantial meal and sat down at a table. This Tier system would be reviewed every 14 days.



On Thursday 17th December, at the first review, large areas of the south east of England were placed into increased Tier 3 levels of restrictions, which closes pubs and restaurants, except for takeaway services only. **Plymouth and Devon are to remain in Tier 2** until the next review.

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

Stay Safe! Cheers!