

## Drake's Drinker

WINTER 2020 EDITION



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

# Hop Off The Press



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 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020, having advised everyone in the country to avoid visiting pubs, clubs and restaurants on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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  $4^{th}$  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 Díary

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".

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All pubs, as non-essential businesses, were forced to close for on-sales to the general public back on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 re-opened from 4<sup>th</sup> July until the second Lockdown on 5<sup>th</sup> 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</u> **Reopened Following Lockdown, March - July 2020 - Plymouth CAMRA** (link). This list was accurate up to and including *Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>Pubs Serving Substantial</u> <u>Meals - December 2020 (camra.org.uk)</u> (link). This list was accurate up to *Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Pub & Brewery News cont.

Like pubs, breweries were not initially deemed as essential businesses at the beginning of the pandemic.

However, this changed quite early on, and a large number of breweries joined the Pulling Together Campaign to publicise, free of charge, what customers were able to order.

The Pulling Together website, **Pulling Together - CAMRA - Campaign for Real Ale** (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



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**

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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# WhatPub

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, Campaign</u> for Real Ale • whatpub.com (link). This lists over 55 000 pubs, clubs and hotels throughout the whole of the United Kingdom, with over 37 000 of these establishments serving real, cask-conditioned ale.

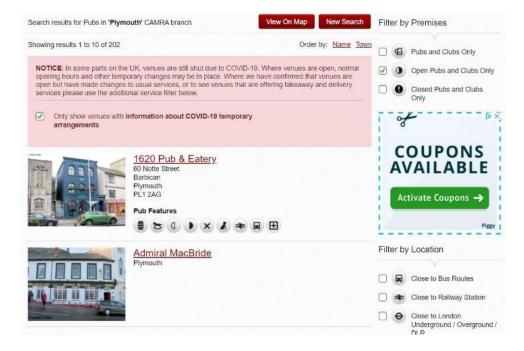
This website is maintained and managed by unpaid volunteers on a local level, in the case of Plymouth CAMRA by four local volunteers. We update the website whenever we are aware of changes to a pubs details, or made aware by people providing details of any errors or changes, such as telephone number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



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.

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## Some Selected Covíd-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.



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).



## Some Selected Covíd-19 Pub Enhancements cont.

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, 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 above right, at the top. Hand sanitising stations

are situated around the pub, as shown above right, lower. Each pub is different, but must comply with the latest Government guidelines!









It is difficult to make an accurate list in this magazine; please navigate your web browser to <u>https://www.plymouth.camra.org.uk</u> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020* – as accurate as we were aware of.

Following the second Lockdown, Government guidance changed and permitted only those pubs serving food to re-open for On-Sales of alcohol, and stipulated that it could only be served with a "substantial meal". These pubs are listed **Pubs Serving Substantial Meals - December 2020** (camra.org.uk) (link). This list was accurate up to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (when this news magazine was compiled, but the website will be up to date).

## 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)



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 9TC	2 10p/pint		
Bread 'N' Roses	62 Ebrington Street, City Centre PL4 9AF 10%/			
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/pi	nt, 5p/half		
Jack Rabbit	7-9 Howeson Road, Derriford PL6 8BD	20p/pint		
London Inn*	8, Church Rd, PSM, Plympton PL7 1 NH			
Minerva Inn**	31 Looe Street, Plymouth PL4 0EA			
Olde Plough	Fore Road, Bere Ferrers PL20 7JG $10\%/p$	int, 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/pi	nt, 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		
<b>S</b> Noah's Ark	32A Courtney Street, City Centre PL1 1EP	10%/pint (guest
beer only) & CAMRA	A vouchers	
S Roundabout	2-4 Drake Circus, City Centre PL4 8AQ	
W Britannia Inn	Milehouse, PL2 3BH	
W Gog And Magog	Southside Street, Barbican, PL1 2LA	
W Mannamead	Mutley Plain, PL4 6JH	
W Queen's Head Hot	tel 80, West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8	AQ
W Stannary Court	Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW	
W Union Rooms	Union Street, City Centre, PL1 2SU	

#### Key:

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

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



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Pubs, clubs and other licensed premises, and breweries, and all other companies associated with the Licensed Trade need our help NOW more than ever! Please join the Campaign, with membership starting at just £26.50. Take a look at some of the Membership Benefits.

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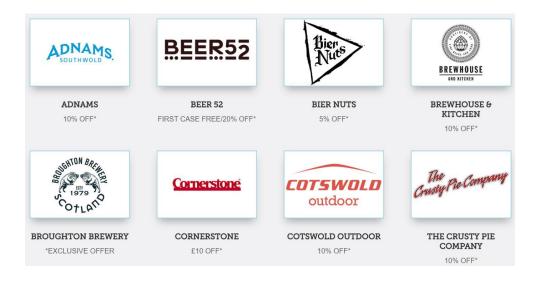
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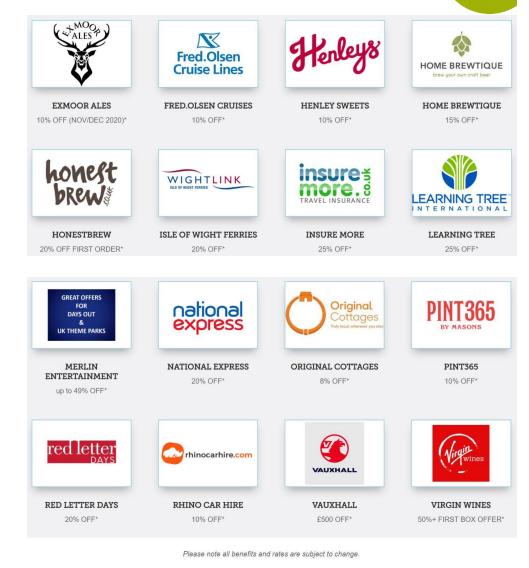




## CAMRA Member Discount Benefits

As a CAMRA Member, you could also benefit from some great discounts with a growing number of other companies with which CAMRA has negotiated. These are being added to frequently.







## Tradítional British Beer Styles No 1

#### 1. Ordínary/Sessíon Bítter, 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.

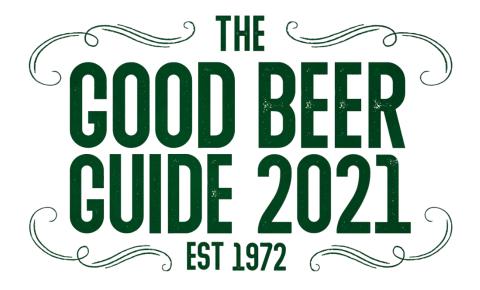
Stuck between Ordinary and Extra Special, this style compiles the best from both siblings, producing a remarkable drinkable, strong but sessionable English ale. It is generally medium gold to copper in colour, and quite clear, with a thin head that lingers just slightly above a minimally carbonated body. 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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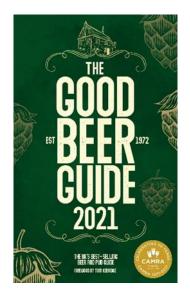
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