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PHOTO – Newly-refurbished pub, the Lockdown Bar & Grill, Southway

Welcome to the Second Edition of Drake's Drinker, produced by unpaid volunteers of the Plymouth Branch of CAMRA, during the Covid-19 pandemic and at the start of Lockdown 3.

We hope that you enjoy reading our news

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Hi, Fellow Beer and Cider Lovers.

It's been a bad year for pubs, breweries, cider producers, beer festivals and beer & cider lovers in general. With Covid-19 restrictions, lockdowns and Tier Levels being put in place since March 2020, the hospitality trade has taken a bashing. Plymouth CAMRA had planned a beer festival to celebrate Mayflower 400 and, along with beer festivals up and down the country, they were all cancelled.

Now in 2021, we have reached a milestone for the Campaign for Real ale. On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1971, four young men formed the "Campaign for the Revitalisation of Ale". They were in the *Krugers Bar* in Dunquin in the Republic of Ireland, and it was famous for being the most westerly pub in Europe. So, we will be celebrating 50 years of age, in some form, this year, but probably not in a public house.

The cost of joining CAMRA in 1971 was 25 pence. That's new money (5/-, five bob in old), having gone into decimalisation in the February. The first Annual General Meeting took place at the *Rose Inn*, at Coton Road, Nuneaton, in 1972 and by the next AGM, CAMRA had 5000 members.

Today we have just short of 180,000 members and that is a slight drop on previous years. We can put this down to Covid-19 for the membership drop, due to our 150+ beer festivals and other activities being curtailed during a normal year. I would like to think we will pick up again in the near future.

When we are back to normal, hopefully this year, we need your help to support breweries, pubs and clubs. You can encourage your friends and family to join the campaign, supporting their local pub or club. It's about keeping the unique *British Pub* alive,

Cheers, Bob Holmes and the Plymouth CAMRA Committee









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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".

# **Great British Beer Festival Winter 2021**

Join the GBBF Winter 2021 At Home, between the  $19^{th} - 21^{st}$  March 2021

Join us for the Great British Beer Festival Winter at Home – *an interactive*, immersive and on-demand virtual festival that you can enjoy where you want, when you want.

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#### Contact

CAMRA – The Campaign for Real Ale Ltd, 01727 867 201 or email <u>events@camra.org.uk</u> or visit the website <u>https://winter.gbbf.org.uk</u> for full details, with tickets from £5.00 (no beer included) or £39.00 (including beer delivered to your door).

#### Four Classic British brew Pubs.

When the first edition of the Good Beer Guide was published in 1974, the traditional home-brew house was, like real ale in general, on its last legs. Only four such establishments were known to still exist at that time (there are now in excess of 100 brew pubs across the UK). These four classics are:

All Nations, Madeley, Shropshire\* Blue Anchor, Helston, Cornwall Olde Swan (Ma Pardoe's), Netherton, West Midlands\* Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire\*

\* brewing ceased for a short period, but has been revived.



## Pub Chain, Star Pubs & Bars, Fined For Repeated Breaches

The *Star Pubs and Bars* chain has been fined £2 million for multiple infringements of the Pubs Code over the last three years. The Pubs Code Adjudicator (PCA), Fiona Dickie, fined the *Heineken-owned* company for serious and repeated breaches.

Fiona Dickie said "The PCA found that the company had committed 12 breaches, with the result that it had frustrated the principles of the Pubs Code. As well as identifying how the company had offered stocking terms that had acted as a deterrent to tenants pursuing a Free-of-Tie tenancy, the PCA highlighted systemic corporate failures by *Star* in its approach to compliance."

In the damning report, the PCA said *Star Pubs and Bars* failed to heed statutory advice and did not engage frankly and transparently with its tenants, or meet the standards required of a regulated business when engaging with the PCA. Dickie also said that "she hoped that the fine would act as a deterrent to other pub-owning businesses from future non-compliance."

CAMRA National Chairman, Nik Antona, welcomed the show of muscle by the PCA. Nik said "This is a good and deserved outcome for *Star* tenants, and a landmark moment for the PCA. We are glad the PCA has used its financial penalty powers for the first time. We hope this will send a clear message to regulated Pub Companies that they cannot get away with breaching the code. We want to see further investigations from the PCA to make sure that other regulated Pub Companies are complying.

"The pub sector is under threat due to the coronavirus crisis, and lack of proper financial support from central government. Pub Companies need to be supporting their tied tenants through this, and, at a very minimum, this should mean fulfilling their basic obligations under the code. As we see further forced closures, we are again calling on Pub Companies to do the right thing and cancel rent for publicans unable to trade. We are also looking forward to the Pubs Code review, which we hope will expand the enforcement options available to the PCA so that it can act more quickly and decisively to clamp down on abuse of the code in future."







Swan Inn, 6, Cornwall Beach, Devonport PL1 4PD

A stalwart of Plymouth's real ale scene during the seventies, eighties and nineties, the Swan was built towards the end of the 18th century, trading as a public house for over 200 years. It is thought to have been named after a 300 ton sloop of this name, built in the adjacent dockyard during the 1760's. At that time, the street was known as North Corner Street, for this was the extent of the dockyard, and the ferry to Torpoint ran from here.

Beer-wise, the 1984 CAMRA Good Beer Guide described the pub as having a "Great atmosphere, great beer"! Ales at that time included *Eldridge Pope Dorchester Bitter & Royal Oak; Golden Hill (now Exmoor)* 

Exmoor Ale; Hook Norton Old Hookey; Marston Owd Roger; St. Austell Hicks Special; Ushers Best Bitter & Founders; & Wadworth 6X – what a great selection, and I must agree with the author! The following year, regular weekly folk music started on Tuesday evenings.

Sadly, by the time of publication of Moor To Sea – A Devon Real Ale Guide in 1993, the beer range had become much less of local interesting ales, with the likes of Draught Bass, Ruddle's Best & County, and Webster's Yorkshire Bitter replacing those previously mentioned, and the pub was sadly converted into flats in 1997.





#### **Business Rates Plea**

Pub bosses have issued urgent pleas for equitable business rates and greater government clarity as the third national shutdown in England unleashed another wave of pain on the High Street. *British Beer & Pub Association* Chief Executive, Emma McClarkin, said "A fair and sustainable Business Rates system is critical to support our sector, both now and into a strong recovery. Pubs overpay on Business Rates by some £500 million a year. Given the current circumstances they find themselves in, and the fact that they are a vital community hub, that is simply not right or fair. Companies that operate overwhelmingly online must also pay their fair share, which is why we are calling for a Digital Sales Tax that levels the playing field.

"A much-improved Business Rates system is required, too. It is an unsustainable path for our sector right now, and must change if pubs are to survive Covid-19."

### South West Brewer Plans 100 Job Cuts

*St Austell Brewery*, of St Austell, Cornwall, has confirmed that it is looking to cut up to 100 jobs, and said the coronavirus pandemic is to blame. The family brewer, which also owns *Bath Ales*, and more than 180 pubs throughout the West Country, said it had started its' "organisational review" back in July, with a view to finalise it late in 2020. The brewery said it had been hit badly by the Covid-19 restrictions, despite an increase in activity in the summer and a rise in sales to supermarkets and directly to customers via its mail-order service. While *St Austell* would not say how many jobs would be lost as a result, it did confirm that it could be "up to 100", which is about 10% of its workforce.

*St Austell* Chief Executive, Kevin Georgel, said "When the coronavirus crisis hit, and our pubs were closed, we experienced a 90% fall in revenue. The six months since have been very challenging and we've been communicating with our teams, including those on furlough, about the significant financial impact we've faced. The pandemic continues to have a knock-on effect and, despite re-opening our pubs, our trading levels are much lower than last year. As a South West business, this will hit us particularly hard, because we're so reliant on summer trade."





#### Local Pub News

The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, made a television address to the country at 2000, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, following a sustained daily increase in Covid-19 infections, and announced a new National Lockdown. This announcement enforced closure of all hospitality venues, including pubs, bars, hotels, etc. Hospitality venues are only permitted to provide delivery of food and drink only. This prevents all takeaway or collection from pubs for the foreseeable future.

If you are aware of any hospitality venues providing these services during the latest Lockdown 3 period, please email <u>webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk</u> with details of services being provided, and a link to where the details are advertised, such as social media page or website – Many Thanks ! Stay safe!

The *Southway* pub, Southway, is now named the **Lockdown Bar & Grill**, serving food all day, every day. There is plenty of outside eating areas around the front and side of the pub with bench tables, and a children's play area. The pub is now part of the HSL Group, and not Victoria Inns. *Chandler's Bar & Bistro*, Queen Anne's Battery, is now renamed the **Waypoint Bar & Bistro**. The **West Devon Club**, Tavistock, has served up to four cask ales for "a while". However, entry is currently restricted to Members Only at this time. **Bonne Sante Plymouth** is a national chain of eateries with a cocktail bar, and has opened in the Custom House, The Barbican, PL1 2JP, Tel 01752 310263, a Restaurant & Cocktail Bar. *Henry J's*, Mayflower Street, city centre, has been sold, completely refurbished and is now trading as **Fleet Street**, with a London theme throughout.

For a list of pubs which MAY be offering food and drink deliveries, please follow this link <u>Pubs Offering</u> <u>Takeaway or Delivery Services - from 31st December 2020 - Plymouth CAMRA</u> Please use the link to the pub social media page or website to check the latest information – we cannot keep up with this rapidlychanging situation.

For the full list of those pubs which reopened offering substantial meals and table service only following the November 2020 Lockdown 2, please follow this link <u>Pubs Serving Substantial Meals - 2nd to 30th</u> <u>December 2020 - Plymouth CAMRA</u>

For an historical list of all those pubs known to have reopened following the first Lockdown, please follow this link **Pubs Which Reopened Following Lockdown**, March - July 2020 - Plymouth CAMRA



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Anchor House: The 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 shop remains open for collection on Wednesdays and Saturdays as usual, despite Lockdown. Ring for a delivery slot; **Bulletproof**: The Taphaus was closed just prior to Lockdown, due to a customer testing positive for C-19. However, the Taphaus did reopen again for takeaway or eat-in, with Zephyr burgers available whilst dining in. See the Bulletproof Facebook page for details; **Dartmoor**: They were still brewing prior to the latest Lockdown and are listed on Pulling Together website and deliver nationwide via their own web store. Free local delivery within the local area to Tavistock, Princetown and Plymouth, with details available on their website (restrictions apply); Ivybridge: Ivybridge had continued brewing and bottling throughout the pandemic. Their beers continue to be available at the weekly Ivybridge Weekend Markets throughout December, although cases of beers are in short supply at the moment; *Morwell*: Have suspended all brewing due to their location in a Tourist Attraction; Noss Beer Works: They are listed on the Pulling Together website, and are now available for direct delivery in Plymouth and the South Hams area of Devon, or for collection from the brewery (post-report compilation: collection from the brewery is no longer permitted). Church Ledge, Mew Stone and Ebb Rock are available in 500 ml bottles, 5L mini kegs and bag-in-box (10L & 20L) - see Facebook for full details, or ring 07977 479634 and ask for sales; *Roam*: Roam were still brewing, and the Tap was open for takeaway/collection only Tuesday – Friday 1100 – 1600, Saturday 0800 – 1200 (post-report compilation: the Tap is now closed!). Beers can be ordered for delivery on Fridays only; Stannary: The Brewery has continually adapted to the Covid situation since March by first offering takeaways, NHS staff discounts and free local delivery. Further changes to date are full national delivery from June, and the installation of a canning machine. The majority of the output is now canned, with some smaller run specials in bottles, and Stannary Pale Ale being available in cask form. This can be purchased from the taproom turned shop in 2 or 4 pint carryouts (post-report compilation: this is no longer permitted); Steel Brew Co: Brewery currently take orders on their website, with free delivery locally and a cost of £6.00 for the rest of UK. You can also collect at the brewery, Thursday-Saturday 11am-2pm (post-report compilation: this is no long permitted!). For additional information visit their website; *Summerskills*: The Foxhound at Brixton are still authorising the sales and taking payments for Summerskills beer which Norm can then home deliver. Beer purchased through the Foxhound can also be collected from the brewery and pre-ordered beer collected from the pub (collection from the pub is no longer permitted). The brewery is also managing orders through CAMRA's Brew2You app and is featured on the Pulling Together page. The beer is bottled by South Hams Drinks. Summerskills have the core range: Start Point; Westward Ho! Tamar Best Bitter; Devon Dew; Bolt Head; Indiana's Bones. In addition, there is: Stout; Devon Frost; Turkey's Delight; Whistle Belly Vengenace; & Plymouth Porter. They also had their annual brew of Plymhop in September. As well as the brewery's beers, Norm can also deliver Hunts and Countryman cider.



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.



#### Unusual Pub Names 1

Angel and Greyhound Baltic Fleet Bears Paw Bees In The Wall Bell & Jorrocks

Oxford Liverpool Cheshire Cambridgeshire Kent Belted WillCumbriaBlazing DonkeyKentBlue Lias,WarwickshireBree LouiseEuston, LondonBriton's Protection, Manchester





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 14 January 2021.

#### Avonwick

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

Bere Ferrers	Ermington
Olde Plough Inn, Fore Street, PL20 7JG	Crooked Spire Inn, The Square, PL21 9LP
Bittaford	Hemerdon
Horse & Groom, Exeter Road, PL21 0EL	Miner's Arms, PL7 5BU
Brixton	Hexworthy
Foxhound Inn, Kingsbridge Road, PL8 2AH	Forest Inn, PL20 6SD
Buckland Monachorum	Holbeton
Drake Manor Inn, Buckland, PL20 7NA	Dartmoor Union Inn, Fore Street, PL8 1NE
California Cross	Mary Tavy
California Inn, PL21 0SG	Mary Tavy Inn, Lane Head, PL19 9PN
Chipshop	Meavy
Copper Penny Inn, PL19 8NT	Royal Oak Inn, PL20 6PJ
Clearbrook	Milton Combe
Skylark Inn, PL20 6JD	Who'd Have Thought It Inn, PL20 6HP
Dousland	Modbury
Burrator Inn, PL20 6NP	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



### Local Bus Companies.

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

Plymouth CityBus – visit <u>www.plymouthbus.co.uk/</u> (link)
Plymouth Citybus Limited, 1 Milehouse Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, Devon, PL3 4AA telephone 01752
662271. Please email <u>customer.services@plymouthbus.co.uk</u>

Stagecoach South West – visit <u>www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Plymouth/</u> (link) Stagecoach South West, Belgrave Road, Exeter, Devon, EX1 2LB telephone 01392 427711, disability helpline 01392 889749 Please email southwest.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com

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

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**Great Western Railway** – visit <u>www.gwr.com/</u> (link) Write to GWR Customer Support, FREEPOST RSKT-AHAZ-SLRH, Plymouth PL4 6AB

**Cross Country Trains – visit <u>www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/</u> (link) Office: XC Trains Limited, Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, SR3 3XP** 

National Rail Enquiries – visit <u>www.nationalrail.co.uk/</u> (link) Train times and fares **03457 484950** (24 hours)



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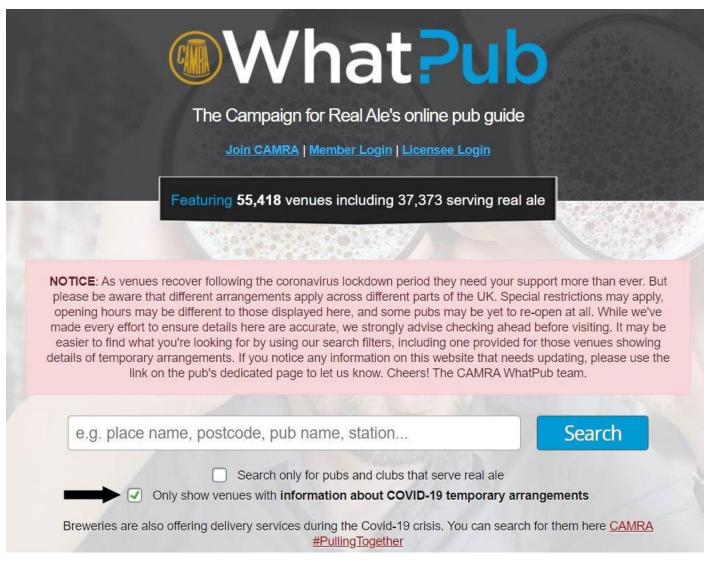
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# What Pub

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

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



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

Famous Beer Advertising Slogans 1	
1. "After one, you'll do anything well"	Whitbread Tankard
2. "Australian for beer"	Foster's
3. "Australians wouldn't give a XXXX for anything else"	Castlemaine XXXX
4. "Bang on !"	Wells Bombardier
5. "Bitte, ein Bit"	Bitburger



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

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

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#### 3. Sweet Stouts, ABV 3.0% and above

While the health effects of beer today are rarely touted, not so long-ago, sweet stout was marketed as just that - a nutritious choice for the masses. *Sweet and comforting*.

This one pours deep, oily and opaque. Its intimidating black colour seems to bid the drinker beware. In contrast, the aroma is inviting, with sweet maltiness and creamy, burnt sugar notes rising from the glass and light layers of vanilla, chocolate, dark fruit and coffee are not uncommon. After a sip, inhibitions are gone – it is a comforting brew with a viscous mouthfeel meant for sipping, but with an ABV that allows for a few pints at a time. The addition of milk sugar, or lactose, counters the dry mouthfeel of other stouts. Initially an alternative to bitter dry stouts or boozy Russian Imperial stouts, sweet stouts still finds its niche drinker today.

#### Three examples of this style:

*St Peter's Brewery Cream Stout ABV 6.5%* – pours a deep black with a well-suited light brown head. Fullbodied roastiness blends with layers of dark fruit, caramel and dark bitter chocolate. Smooth, and a Must-Try beer for the style (cask).

*Bristol Beer Factory Milk Stout ABV 4.5%* – a very sweet full-bodied black stout, with lactose creaminess. Finishes with smoky roast bitterness (cask).

**Beowulf Brewery Dragon Smoke Stout ABV 4.7%** – this stout is named after the dragon that is slain by the hero, Beowulf, in the famous Anglo-Saxon epic poem. It is black with a light brown creamy head. Tobacco, chocolate, liquorice, and mixed fruits hints on the aroma. Bitterness fights through the sweet and roast flavours and eventually dominates. Hints of a good port emerge (cask).

#### 4. Oatmeal Stouts, ABV 3.8% to 7.0%

A bowl of piping-hot porridge can be a comforting morning ritual. The addition of oats to stout has the same effect, creating a soft, creamy and delicious beer. *Added Creaminess*.

In brewing, it's the simplest, sometimes seemingly insignificant, changes that can entirely shift the final product. The addition of oats to stout is just an example. Adding a rich creaminess, the mouthfeel is soft and the flavours complex. The roastiness becomes rounded around the edges, and the dryness of other beers within this style becomes slightly sweeter. There can be notes of dark chocolate, roastiness, dark fruits and even nuttiness, but the mouthfeel steals the show. Creamy, smooth and soft, this brew seems made to accompany dessert.

#### Three examples of this style:

*Belvoir Brewery Oatmeal Stout ABV 4.3%* – this is a rich, creamy and delectable dark stout, with coffee, chocolate and sweet grain character.

*Black Isle Brewery Hibernator ABV 7.0%* – Roasted malts, hedgerow fruits, espresso and liquorice in this complex winter warmer.

*St Andrew's Brewery Oatmeal Stout ABV 4.5%* – a smooth, full-bodied Scottish Oatmeal Stout. Strong coffee, chocolate and dark fruit flavours balanced against a blend of UK, American and New Zealand hops to create a rich, silky aftertaste.



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.

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A full explanation, and screenshots, are available on the Plymouth CAMRA website, <u>National Beer Scoring System - Plymouth</u> <u>CAMRA</u> (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.

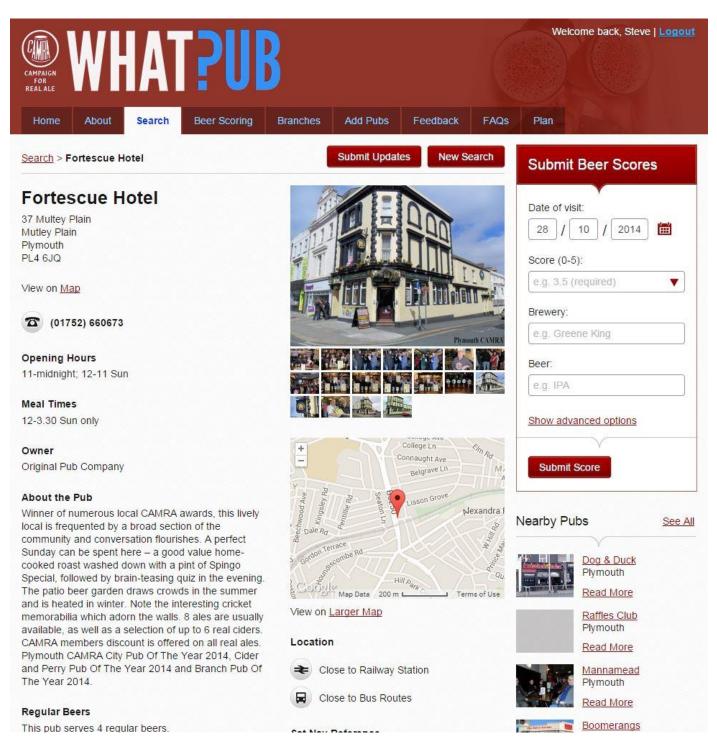
As can be seen on the left, for a smart phone, start the What Pub App. You will see a Button at the top right of the screen which states "Nearby Pubs". Simply tap the button and you should get a refreshed screen showing the pub that you are currently in.

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.



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 14 January 2021.

DISCOUNT

#### **PUB NAME**

**ADDRESS** 

Boringdon Arms Bread 'N' Roses Dolphin Hotel	<ul><li>13 Boringdon Terrace, Turnchapel PL9 9TQ</li><li>62 Ebrington Street, City Centre PL4 9AF</li><li>14, The Barbican, PL1 2LS</li></ul>	10p/pint 10%/pint 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	
<b>S</b> 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!

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!





**Pym Arms**, 16 Pym Street, Devonport PL1 4RG

Situated just behind Aggie Weston's, on the corner of Pym Street and Drummond Place, off Albert Road, Devonport, it was a haven for real ale drinkers during the 1980's and 1990's.

My 1984 CAMRA Good Beer Guide shows the beer available to be *Eldridge Pope IPA* and *Royal Oak, Halls Harvest Bitter, St. Austell Hicks Special Draught, Usher's Best Bitter and Wadworth 6X*, all served on gravity. The pub description was simple – "see the only

water-cooled beer in Plymouth". By 1987, regular guest beers appeared on the bar, and younger customers had found the pub – "Where young clientele create a brash and



breezy atmosphere".

A total refurbishment saw the bar move to the outside wall around 1989/1990, and St. Austell XXXX Mild was a popular addition to the menu – the "only real mild for miles", described the beer drinkers 1990 Bible. The youngsters were still there, although a tad older. and the pub was described as "Plymouth's premier beer drinkers pub", although I'm sure that some people will dispute this !!!

Sadly, these heady days weren't to last after Arthur and Mo retired, and no one else

could create the kind of atmosphere that they managed, despite much effort and hard work. The pub closed in the mid 2000's, and is now in

residential use.

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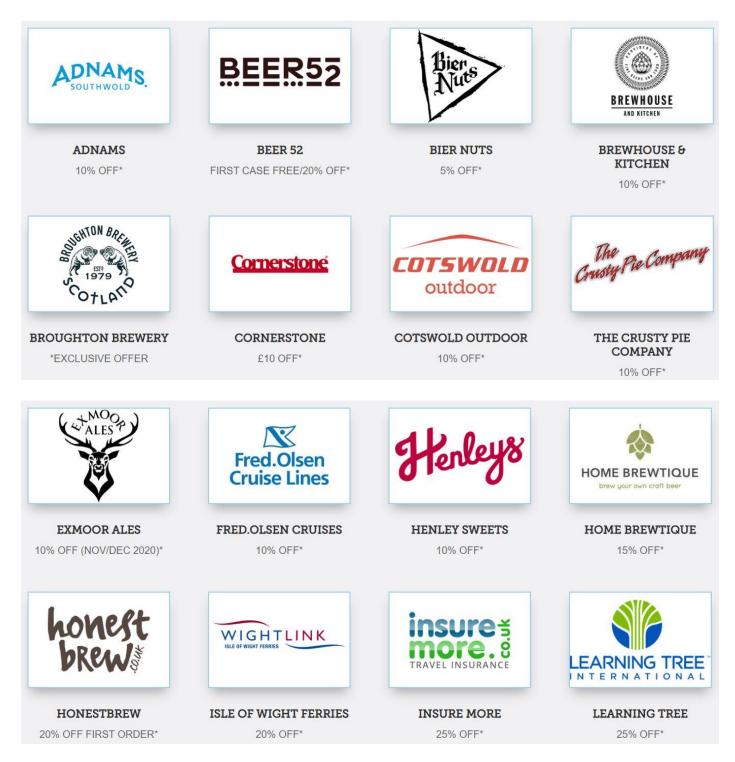
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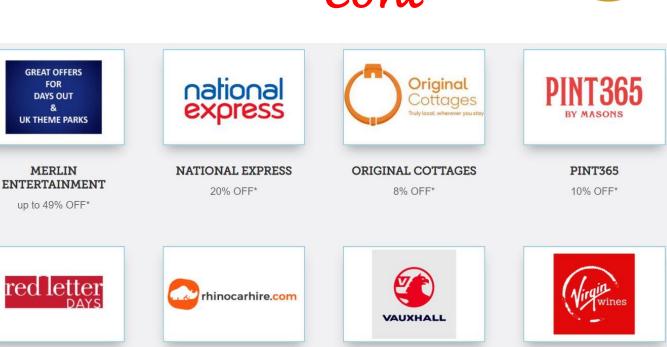
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#### Five Facts About Barley:

1. Barley has been cultivated by man for nearly 10 000 years, and has been used to make beer for much of that time.

2. Barley for brewing grows in two varieties, two-row and six-row, based on the number of seeds on the stalk.

3. The long whiskers that surround the seeds are known as awns.

4. Barley is also differentiated by the time of year in which it is sown – hence winter barleys (sown in the autumn and grown through winter to be harvested in summer) and spring barley (sown in spring and harvested in late summer).

5. There are numerous strains of brewing barley, the best known British strains include Maris Otter, Optic, Fanfare, Halcyon, Pipkin, Alexis, Chariot and Pearl



This broad style has variety, but it all started with the intention to get good beer to people who were far away. *Tropical voyager*.

Another stout with just enough differences from the base to qualify as a style. Originally, foreign stout was brewed stronger and hoppier to withstand the voyage to more tropical parts of the British Empire. The style is typified by bittersweet roastiness and smooth darkness, but it can vary from there. Some are sweet and fruity, while others lean more bitter and dry. Even within the style, there are subsets: tropical versions evoke sweeter notes of an almost rum quality, and exports tend to focus on bitterness and roasted malt. Generally, both of these sub-styles show signs of coffee, bitter chocolate and no hop flavour.

#### Three examples of this style:

*Guinness Foreign Extra Stout ABV from 7.3% (Irish) to 7.9% (Nigerian)* – pours a deep black with a wellsuited light brown head. Full-bodied roastiness blend with layers of dark fruit, caramel and dark bitter chocolate. Smooth, and a Must-Try for this style.

*Acorn Brewery Gorlovka ABV 6.0%* – a deep malt and hoppy aroma with liquorice throughout. Roast malts, fruit and hops also carry through this full-bodied stout. This black stout is rich and smooth and full of chocolate and liquorice flavours with a fruity creamy finish.

*Ridgeway Brewery Foreign Export Stout ABV 8.0%* – this complex 8.0% ABV stout uses roasted barley and oats as well as dark malts and delivers smoky, chocolate and espresso flavours.

#### 6. Imperial Russian Stouts, ABV 7.0% to 13.0%

It's no wonder that the Russian Tsars of the 1700's loved this brew. Hugely roasty, it coats as you sip – practically a liquid dessert. *A huge beer*.

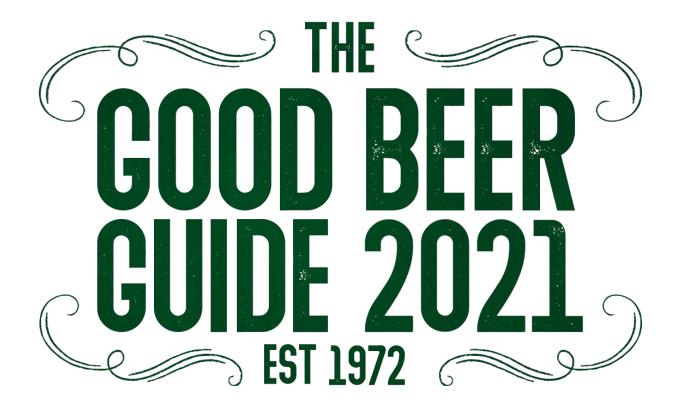
In many ways, imperial Russian stouts are the biggest of beers. Consistently high in alcohol content, they hide it well between a massive malt bill and flavours that range from soft vanilla to dark chocolate and bitter coffee. The mouthfeel is coating, thick and rich, and the colour is opaque black. There is a prevalent forward roastiness that provides the foundation on which each brewer's unique creation is built. A huge beer, and if you're bold enough – or simply intrigued – there is a wealth of amazing beers in this style to try.

#### Three examples of this style:

*Penzance Brewery Scilly Stout ABV 7.0%* – black, full-bodied, creamy stout with chocolate aroma. Chocolate roast malt with liquorice and plums. Long finish with strong roast malt.

*Thornbridge Brewery Saint Petersburg ABV 7.4%* – Good example of an imperial stout. Smooth and easy to drink with raisins, bitter chocolate and hops throughout, leading to a lingering coffee and chocolate aftertaste (cask, and bottle (at ABV 7.7%)).

*Harvey's Brewery Imperial Extra Double Stout ABV 9.0%* – based on a genuine Victorian recipe, this beer has vinous fruits leather, tobacco, smoky malt and peppery hops (bottle only).





The *Good Beer Guide* is a "must-have" for beer lovers. Fully updated, with listings for 4,500 pubs across the UK, all entries have been selected by CAMRA members. The only book with detailed information on the UK's 1,800 breweries, the guide features a foreword by Cornish celebrity chef, Tom Kerridge, and contributions by Martyn Cornell and Roger Protz.

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Sadly, at the time of writing, pubs must remain closed unless they offer a delivery service whilst we are in a third Lockdown. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, Plymouth and the whole of Devon was placed into Tier 2 Restrictions, meaning that we could only have a beer whilst having a substantial meal and sat down at a table. The Lockdown and new Tier system would be reviewed every 14/21 days.



On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 remained in Tier 2, but changed to Tier 3 shortly afterwards. Sadly, the situation changed very quickly, and the Prime Minister announced a new National Lockdown on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, closing all pubs and banning collection/takeaway. Pubs could only continue trading in they provide a Delivery Service.

If you do go to 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. Please

Stay Safe!