

Drake's Drinker



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PHOTO – This is what a real ale bar should look like (Rising Sun, Gunnislake, 12/2016)

Welcome to the Third Edition of Drake's Drinker, produced by unpaid volunteers of the Plymouth Branch of CAMRA, during the Covid-19 pandemic and Lockdown 3. We hope that the end of Lockdown is in sight!

We hope that you enjoy reading our news



Hop Off The Press



Hi, Fellow Beer and Cider Lovers.

The Prime Minister has announced this week his Roadmap to the easing of the restrictions placed upon all of us due to Covid-19, with a speculative calendar of when, he hopes, the restrictions can begin to be eased. We have listed the pertinent details of The Roadmap on Page 5, but the basic dates for us, as pub, beer and cider lovers, are April 12th, when, it is hoped, pubs with gardens will be able to open for outside drinking and dining. If all goes well, we can hope to be back inside the pub from 17th May.

This month, on Tuesday 16th March, we will be celebrating our 50th birthday, unfortunately we won't be celebrating in a pub together – but we will do when it is safe to do so. We will be able to celebrate safely at home, however, and some local breweries are able to deliver beer directly to our doors, such as Dartmoor, Roam and Summerskills (and they can also deliver Countryman and Hunts cider).

Details for local breweries providing home deliveries can be found on our website, *Pulling Together*. Please see the article on Page 13 for details. If you fancy trying beers from further afield and nationally, please try out the Brew2You App.

With the Roadmap now giving us a way ahead, we will be publishing a list of pubs on the website which are known to have an outside space, such as a beer garden. However, we will need your help in making sure that we list the pubs that will be opening, when they are permitted to do so, and what the pub will be offering. Please email our webmaster, Ian Dickinson, with the details webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk 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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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".

Great British Beer Festival Winter 2021

Join the GBBF Winter 2021 At Home, between the 19th – 21st 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.

Included in the price of your ticket is a box of fantastic beers, ciders or perries and a login code for access to a vast array of online content including beer tastings, brewery tours, recipe ideas, industry Q&As, pub history talks and so much more.

Contact

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

beer delivered to your door).

Some Technical Brewing Terms 1

Adjunct A cereal other than barley used in beer.

Aeration Allowing oxygen into the wort* to aid fermentation.

Alpha acid Acid in hops that provide the bitterness Attenuation The degree to which wort* is fermented.

Autolysis the breakdown of yeast in aged beer, giving umami flavours.

Bottom-fermenting Yeast mostly sits at the bottom of the wort* while fermenting

(lager)

Bright Beer Beer that has been filtered or fined, leaving no yeast in

suspension.

Burtonization Adding salts to the liquor** to replicate the water of Burton-

Upon-Trent.

* the unfermented sweet, sugary liquid produced by the mash.

**brewing water



The Roadmap



A "roadmap" for easing Covid restrictions in England has been announced by the UK Government on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Easing of the restrictions will take place in four stages, with a minimum of five weeks between each stage. After the first stage in March, further lifting of the restrictions will only happen if certain conditions are met – such as the vaccine rollout going to plan. The aim is for all restrictions to be lifted, but this will not happen until 21st June at the earliest.

Stage one is in two parts: 8 March 2021 and 29 March 2021

Stage two No earlier than Monday 12 April 2021:

 Restaurants and pub gardens will be allowed to serve customers sitting outdoors, including alcohol

Stage three No earlier than Monday 17 May 2021:

• Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors

Stage four No earlier than Monday 21 June 2021:

• All legal limits on social contact will be removed

- No legal limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, funerals and other life events. From April, the government will run pilots for events such as large weddings, festivals and work conferences. This will help to determine how measures such as enhanced testing might allow large groups to attend without social distancing
- Nightclubs will be allowed to reopen

What are the four tests for easing restrictions?

Each stage will be a minimum of five weeks apart. Four conditions must be met at each stage before proceeding to the next one:

- 1. The coronavirus vaccine programme continues to go to plan
- 2. Vaccines are sufficiently reducing the number of people dying with the virus or needing hospital treatment
- 3. Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospital admissions
- 4. New coronavirus variants do not fundamentally change the risk of lifting restrictions





Where Are They Now No 5





Commercial Inn, 75 Lambhay Hill, Barbican, PL1 2NR

The advent of the railways in the mid 19th century led to small hotels and inns specifically looking for newly generated travelling custom, and the name Commercial was fairly common at this time. It is believed that there were several in and around the Three Towns, with Devonport having a couple, Stonehouse at least one and Plymouth three or four.

This one, on Lambhay Hill, survived for a very long time, despite most of the other buildings around it being redeveloped over the years. It was a beer house, that is licensed to sell just beer and cider, until the mid 1950's when it acquired the license from the Newport Inn in Edinburgh Road, Devonport, when that pub became a casualty of the South Yard extension to the Dockyard.

In the Devon CAMRA guide, Moor To Sea – A Devon Real Ale Guide of 1993, it was described as

a small one-bar pub with an emphasis on food at lunchtimes, and served Ferguson's Dartmoor Best Bitter on one handpump.

The pub had a very loyal local trade, but was situated "just too far" from the Barbican to be one of the busier pubs. It was, though, a very friendly pub. The walls were adorned with nautical memorabilia, with loads and loads of Royal Navy ship crests and other such items. It still managed to stock one real ale which was served on gravity direct from the cellar, usually from a local brewery such as Summerskills.

Despite the best efforts of the previous licensees, the pub closed upon their well-earned retirement in January 2014





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."





Pub & Brewery News



Local Pub News

The Government have published the long-awaited Roadmap To Easing Of The Covid-19 Regulations on Monday 22nd February 2021. In it, the Prime Minister announced that the first of four stages would commence on Monday 8th March with Part 1, followed by Part 2 from Monday 29th March 2021.

Stage Two will start no earlier than Monday 12th April 2021 when **pubs and restaurants with gardens** will be allowed to serve customers sitting outdoors, including alcohol, is no earlier than Monday 12th April 2021. Stage Three will commence no earlier than Monday 17 May 2021, when **pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors**.

Stage four will commence no earlier than Monday 21 June 2021, when all legal limits on social contact will be removed.

There will be a minimum of five weeks between each stage, the easing of which will require the successful passing of four tests – please see "The Roadmap on Page 5 for more details. All dates are subject to change!

During the various stages of the Pandemic, Plymouth CAMRA have tried to maintain up-to-date lists of pubs providing services as permitted during those periods, and we aim to do so again, when pubs are permitted to re-open during the easing of restrictions.

If you are aware of any hospitality venues providing services during the easing of restrictions, please email **webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk** 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!

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 rapidly-changing 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 Pubs Serving Substantial Meals - 2nd to 30th
December 2020 - Plymouth CAMRA





Winter is coming

Join the Great British Beer Festival Winter At Home 19th - 21st March 2021

A virtual on-demand festival, showcasing exceptional beers, ciders and perries from the UK

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: winter.gbbf.org.uk



Happy Birthday!



This month, the Campaign for Real Ale will be fifty years of age, a big milestone in our organisation's history! That first meeting on 16th March 1972 with four friends discussing the quality, or lack of quality, in beer at that time could not have imagined how their feelings would strike such a chord with so many people.

Sadly, we won't be able to celebrate our fiftieth birthday in a pub this year (yet), but we would hope to be able to do so later in the year when it is safe to do so.



With this in mind, I have taken a look back to our fortieth birthday, which took place on Wednesday 16th March 2011, where we held a joint social with the University Plymouth Real Ale and Cider Society (UPRACS). We decided to hold a joint pub crawl around Mutley and Greenbank, to enable the students to join us in an area close to their halls/accommodation.

We started off in the Mannamead, Mutley Plain, which has a great

area to meet people in you would expect, there was a good selection of real ales and real ciders available, although what they were, I can't remember! From the Mannamead, we moved down the road to the Fortescue for another great selection or real ales and real ciders. We had made some publicity material for the occasion, a special Fortieth Birthday card, which we gave out to customers and left on a couple of pub tables.





Fortieth Birthday





I'd like to say that the balloons on the left were for our celebratory occasion, but they weren't on this occasion! The photo on the left shows a rather younger-looking me (holding the card), Colin (our social secretary), Jez (UPRAKS) and Roger (our treasurer, who sadly passed away in 2014). Vernon is hiding rather too closely to the bar, but I seem to remember that he bought the round — what a nice chap!

From the Fort, we went into Greenbank and into the Providence Inn, Providence Street. Being a small locals pub, the students didn't know that it was there.

Here, we've got Jez, Vernon, Colin, Jez, Roger, Norm and Dave Biss.

From the Provi, we went round the corner to the Clifton Inn, which the Students used to meet in for the society socials at that time.







Fortieth Birthday



And from the Clifton, we continued down the hill towards the city centre and finished in the Fawn Club, Armada Street. And here's me with the card which we left in all of the pubs.







Pulling Together



Like pubs, breweries were not initially deemed as essential businesses at the beginning of the pandemic. However, this changed quite early on, and a large number of breweries joined the Pulling Together Campaign to publicise, free of charge, what customers were able to order.

The Pulling Together website, <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.



Unusual Pub Names 2

Bucket of Blood Phillack, Cornwall Case Is Altered Warwickshire

Bull & Spectacles Staffordshire Cat & Custard Pot Kent
Bull, Blackbird and Thrush Kent Chemic Tavern Leeds

Cape of Good Hope Warwick Chip Shop Inn* Chip Shop, Devon

Carts Bog Inn Northumberland Coal Exchange

* now trading as Copper Penny Inn

Hampshire





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 25 February 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 pto@plymouth.camra.org.uk

Plymouth CityBus – visit www.plymouthbus.co.uk/ (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 www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Plymouth/ (link)

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

telephone 01392 427711, disability helpline 01392 889749

Please email southwest.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com

Tally Ho Coaches – visit www.tallyhocoaches.co.uk/ (link)

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Target Travel – visit www.targettravel.co.uk/ (link)

Langage Business Park, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon PL7 5JY telephone 01752 242000 Please email admin@targettravel.info

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King Charles Business Park, Old Newton Road, Heathfield, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 6UT telephone 01626 833664. Please email info@countrybusdevon.co.uk

Traveline South West Journey Planner

Combine journey's by bus, train, coach and ferry for travel in the south west. **Visit - www.travelinesw.com/** (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 www.gwr.com/ (link)

Write to GWR Customer Support, FREEPOST RSKT-AHAZ-SLRH, Plymouth PL4 6AB

Cross Country Trains – visit www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/ (link)

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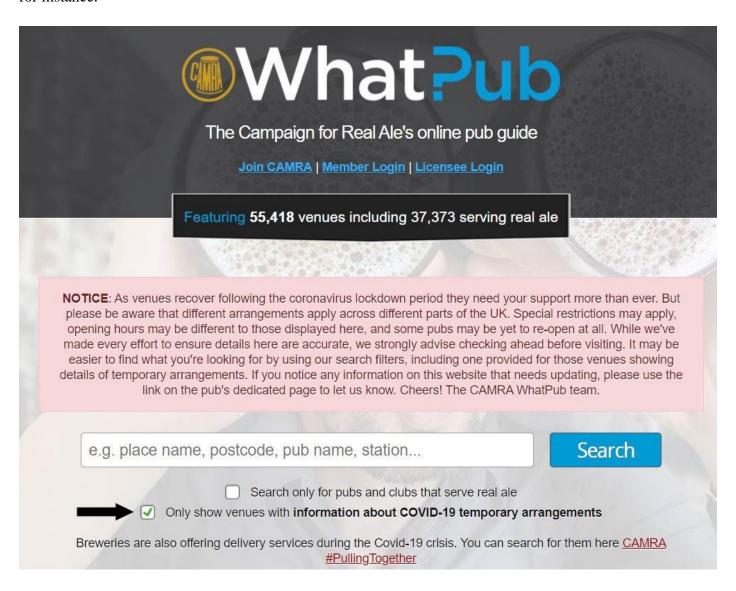
01392 381381 (from Devon) or 08453 459181 (from Somerset)

tsadvice@devon.gov.uk



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 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.

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Famous Beer Advertising Slogans 2

6. "Follow the bear" Hofmeister
7. "Good for You" Guinness
8. "Good things come to those who wait" Guinness
9. "He who thinks Australian, drinks Australian" Foster's

10. "I bet he drinks" Carling Black Label

SNIPPET DONE

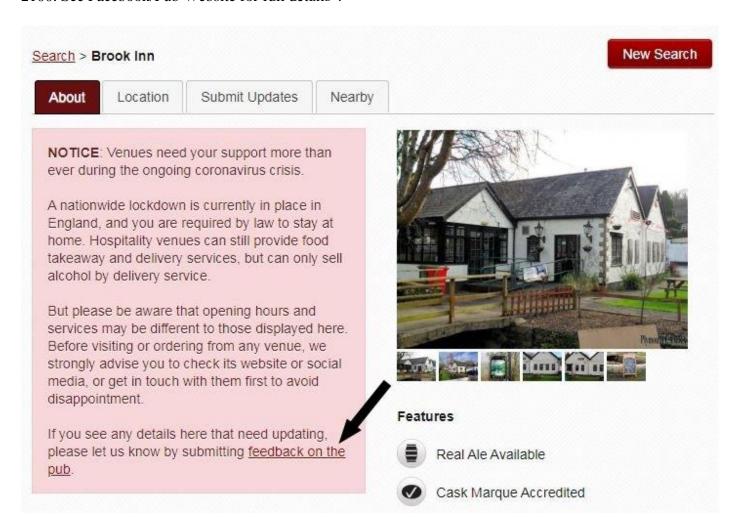


What Pub Help



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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Real cider is made from fresh apple juice, and real perry is made from fresh pear juice. Naturally fermented and free from concentrate or artificial processing.

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Traditional British Beer Styles No 4



7. English Golden Ales, ABV 3.0% - 6.4%

It's often said that necessity is the mother of invention. The hot English summer of 1995 called for the popularisation of this quenching brew, to rival the popularity of imported lagers. *Intensely quenching*.

Also called summer ale, this refreshing beauty pours bright, light golden, and is topped with a thin layer of white. It looks perfectly refreshing – which is the intention, with a low ABV and a clean, cool hop bight. The nose is fresh and spicey. The flavour leans on the hops, but in true English fashion still maintains a core of biscuity maltiness. After a nicely hopped, intense body, the finish is long, clean and dry. A great summer beer served cooler than many English brews for a wonderfully thirst-quenching pint.

Three examples of this brew:

Hop Back Brewery Summer Lightening ABV 5.0% – this has a powerful aroma of peppery Goldings hops and citrus fruit, with lightly toasted malt, tart fruit and earthy hop resins on palate and finish.

Castle Rock Brewery Harvest Pale Ale ABV 3.8% – brewed with three American hops and pale malt, this ale offers tart citrus fruit, biscuit malt and tangy hop resins.

Summerskills Brewery Start Point ABV 3.7% – a golden-coloured ale with a clean and fresh nose. Sweet upfront with a delicate bitter finish.

8. Strong (Premium)/Extra Special Bitters, ABV 4.4% - 6.4%

The biggest of the bitter bunch of styles, this fine brew climbs the ABV scale, but maintains drinkability – gaining an enhanced complexity from the elevated amounts of raw materials used. *Crown jewels*.

If it were just about names, extra special bitter would get all the attention. It would be the "Belle of the ball" and poor, old, ordinary bitter would be the wallflower. But in truth, extra special stands on the shoulders of ordinary, with just enough added hops, malt and alcohol to be fitting for the title. While the style is broad, the typical strong/premium bitter is medium-bodied, complex and well-balanced. They can be as light as gold or as dark as copper in colour, and are usually capped with a layer of white foam. Despite more full hop and malt flavour than other bitters, they still come in fairly drinkable. Typically chock-full of fresh English hops, they are balanced by the rich, nutty malts so critical to English beers. In some, dark fruits and spice enter in both aroma and taste.

Three examples of this style:

Moorhouse's Brewery Pendle Witches Brew ABV 5.1% – pale bronze beer with pale and crystal malts and Fuggles hops, offering vanilla and pear-like fruit, balanced by spicey hops.

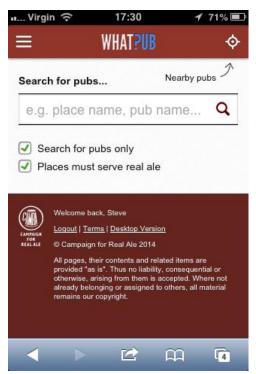
Otter Brewery Otter Ale ABV 4.5% – malt dominates from nose to throat. Sweet fruit, toffee and caramel with a dry aftertaste, full of flavour.

Fuller's ESB ABV 5.5% – one of the first of the style to export to America, its' influence abroad is on-going and far-reaching. A fruit-caramel blend on the nose, the body is full-flavoured and bursting with English hoppiness.



CAMRA Members have been able to play an active part in their local Branch for many years, without having to commit to devoting a lot of extra time to the cause. Beer scoring is an easy way to do this!

Beer scoring enables a number of things – firstly, it lets us (the Branch) know that *A Pub* is open and trading – which is very important in these very difficult trading times. Secondly, it also lets us know how the beer is being kept in *A Pub*. It also shows us what different real ales are being sold in branch area pubs which have been Beer Scored.



A full explanation, and screenshots, are available on the Plymouth CAMRA website, **National Beer Scoring System - Plymouth CAMRA** (link)

Beer scoring is very easy to do, even when you are enjoying a meal and a pint in the pub, if you have a smart phone or a tablet/iPad.

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

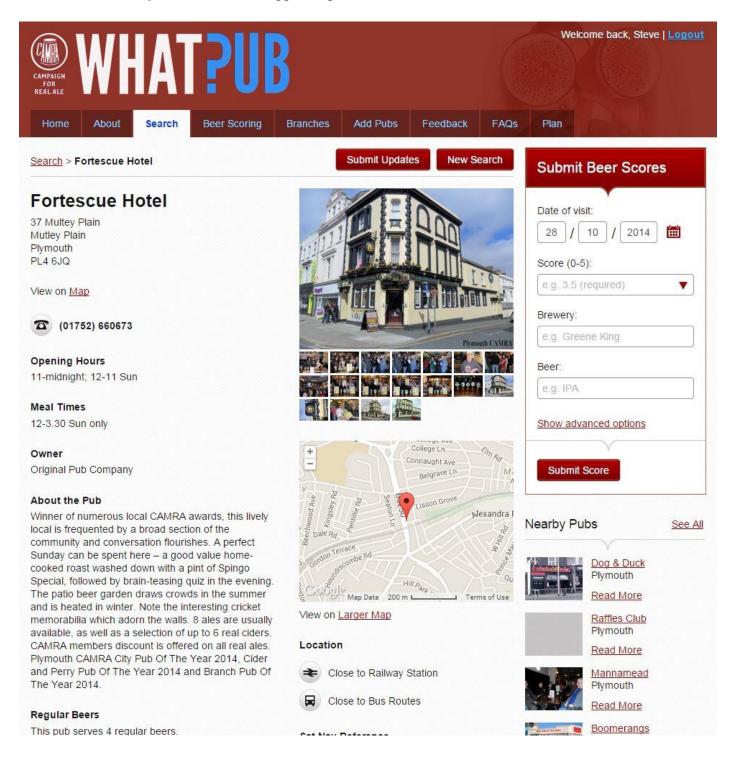
You will need to sign in with your current CAMRA membership number and your password in order to beer score, by tapping on the Login. Enter your number and password.

The screen will be similar to the one shown below on Page 24.

The screenshot shown below on Page 24 is for a laptop/tablets, but it is pretty similar for the smart phone. Once signed in, you can then go ahead and score the beer for the pub you are currently sat down in.

For the example below, for the Fortescue, Mutley Plain, you can tap the Calendar button and add the date. Then you can tap the upturned triangle and select your beer score – please remember that this is NOT whether you like the particular beer, but how it has been kept and served to you.

Next, click/tap in the Brewery box and start typing the name of the brewery and select from the auto fill list. A list of that brewery's beers will then appear – please select from that list.



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 25 February 2021.

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!

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!



Where Are They Now No 6





Hill Park Hotel, 32 Hill Park Crescent, Greenbank PL4 8JP

Mid 19th century Greenbank was exactly that — lush green fields close to a hill — but one of the first terraces built was Hill Park Crescent. The old Greenbank Prison — later used as a police station and by the health service — was built by 1849, just around the corner. There is some thought that the Governor may well have lived here for some time — note the watch tower at the very top of the building.

Our book "Moor To Sea – Devon Real Ale Guide" described the Hill Park as a "large, two-bar estate pub with occasional weekend disco." Back in 1992, they served three real ales – Courage Best and Directors, and Wadworth 6X. By 1994, with new licensees and new ideas, the Hill Park was the first pub in Plymouth to serve Sharp's Doom Bar permanently, just after Sharp's had started out. They stayed here for 8 or 9 years, building a good reputation for their real ale.

Sadly, after a number of changes in licensees, the pub was closed in 2011 and converted into student flats in 2013.





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*EXCLUSIVE OFFER



CORNERSTONE

£10 OFF*



COTSWOLD OUTDOOR

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20% OFF FIRST ORDER*



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20% OFF*



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VAUXHALL

£500 OFF*

VIRGIN WINES

50%+ FIRST BOX OFFER*

Please note all benefits and rates are subject to change.

World's Top Beer-Producing Countries

	Million HL		Million HL
1. China	410.3	11. Ukraine	32.0
2. USA	230.1	12. South Africa	27.6
3. Russian Federation	114.0	13. Netherlands	26.5
4. Brazil	106.3	14. Venezuela	24.9
5. Germany	100.6	15. Canada	23.7
6. Mexico	82.3	16. Romania	20.8
7. Japan	61.3	17. Czech Republic	19.8
8. UK	49.5	18. Colombia	19.0
9. Poland	35.6	19. South Korea	18.6
10. Spain	33.4	20. Belgium & Luxembourg	18.0



Traditional British Beer Styles No 5



9. Pale Ales, ABV 3.0% - 6.4%

Once dubbed "pale" simply because it wasn't dark, pale ale has now become a style with boundaries as wide as the world that brews it. *Bitter's bigger brother*.

English pale ale has been described as a bottled bitter. While the distinctions between these two styles can be ever-so-slight, there are a few. Generally, a member of the pale ale family is bigger, stronger and more substantial than its brother in the bitter family. A glass of pale ale can be golden to deep orange to amber in colour. The head is most-consistently off-white and thin – just a fine layer remaining through the life of the pint. On the nose, sweet caramel notes are mixed with spicey or herbal aromas. On first sip, there is a blend of nutty and toasted malts and a solid hop bitterness, but dark fruits, sweetness and caramel can be present as well. Its smooth body has a lingering, clean finish.

Three examples of this style:

Adnams Brewery Ghost Ship ABV 5.5% – stunning beer from Adnams with violets, citrus fruit and "malt biscuit" grain on aroma and a palate with a dry and bitter finish.

Skinner's Brewery Cornish Knocker ABV 4.5% – smooth golden-coloured ale, with marmalade hops and malt aroma. Citrus and flora hops blend with biscuit malt with hints of toffee.

Roam Brewery Tavy IPA ABV 4.8% – golden-coloured ale, dominated by hops and fruit from start to finish. Slight fruit/straw aroma, with a citrus/hoppy dry taste and a dry and bitter finish.

10. Barley Wines and Strong Ales, ABV 6.5% and above

Big and bold, yet also subtle and soft, barley wines are the perfect contradiction and make a beautiful evening sipping drink. *Mouth-filling and malty*.

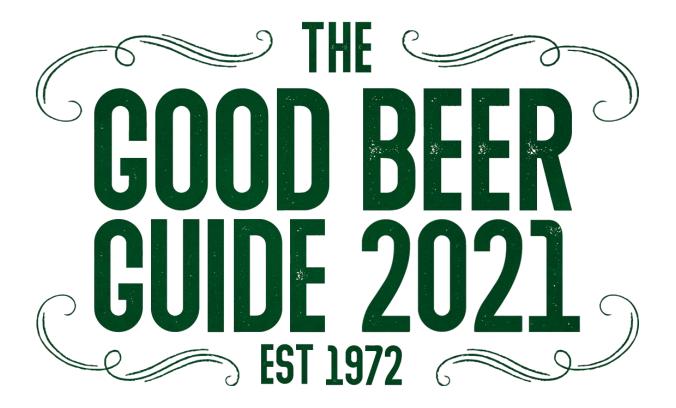
Prepare yourself. With an ABV of up to 12%, and complexities in every category, barley wines can be unexpected and delicious. The colours vary, but typically is medium-dark, with some examples starting on the orange side of amber, and others creeping towards mahogany. It has a bit of a head, but not one to linger, which veils, just for a moment, the blend of incredible aromas below – from caramel to dark fruits, spices, apples, toffee and oak. The palate can show just as vast an array, with a mouthfeel that is smooth, coating and chewy. There is balance, but typically the malt nuances shine.

Three examples of this style:

Fuller's Vintage Ale ABV 8.5% – this beer is brewed annually and will improve in bottle over several years. English malts and hops combine to produce a beer with woody, orange fruit and spicy hop notes (usually in bottle, but the occasional cask does appear).

Coniston Brewery No 9 Barley Wine ABV 8.5% – hops and alcohol dominate with appropriate sweetness and fruit on the tongue. A full-bodied and balanced beer (cask only).

Burton Bridge Brewery Tickle Brain ABV 8.5% – straw-coloured light mild, smooth but tangy, and sweetly refreshing with a faint hoppiness (bottle only).





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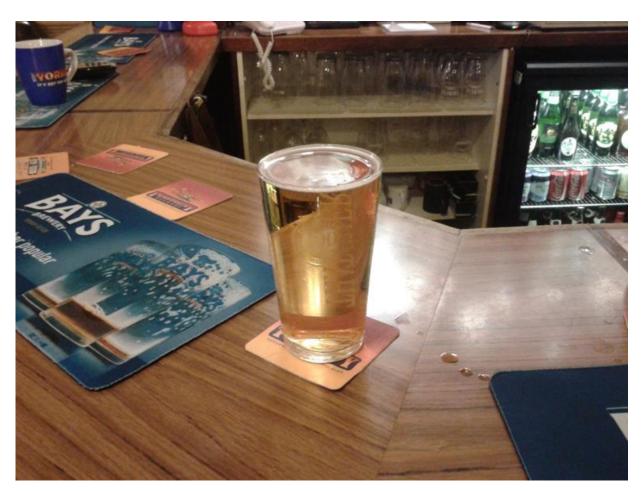
A Pint Of The Usual, Please!



Sadly, at the time of writing, pubs must remain closed unless they offer a delivery service for alcohol whilst we are in the third Lockdown. The Prime Minister's Roadmap outlines plans for us to come out of Lockdown, hopefully the final Lockdown. BUT there are a number of caveats for this to happen, and nothing is set in concrete.

The earliest date that we can look forward to is **Monday 12th April 2021**, when, it is hoped, that pubs and restaurants with gardens can open – but there is no guidance yet on how this may work. We can still order beer and cider for delivery direct from brewers and cider producers – please see the Pulling Together website (details on Page 13).

If all goes well, pubs and restaurants will be permitted to seat customers indoors from Monday 17th May 2021.



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. But please

Stay Safe!