

# Drake's Drinker



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PHOTO - Happier Times from the Cheers For Beers 2016- no social distancing, no table limits and great times!

Welcome to the seventh Edition of Drake's Drinker, produced by unpaid volunteers of the Plymouth Branch of CAMRA. We hope that the end of the pandemic is in sight!

We hope that you enjoy reading our news



# Hop Off The Press

CAMRA :

Hi, Fellow Beer and Cider Lovers.

The Hospitality Sector, and the rest of society, has now reopened with all the legal restrictions of the previous 18 months removed in law, but now remain with us to use our judgement, wherever we are, and for whatever we are doing.

The Chancellor has listened to thousands of CAMRA members from across the whole of the country who have long called for a change in the way alcohol is taxed. A new, lower rate of duty for draught beer and cider served in pubs and clubs establishes an important principle in the taxation system – that pubs are a force for good in our communities, and should be supported to help them survive and compete with the likes of supermarkets. But this new system will not be implemented until 2023.

In the meantime, measures like duty freezes and a 50% cut in business rates in England for another year are to be welcomed. Our pubs and breweries are still recovering from the pandemic, face rising bills and costs and will continue to need as much support as they can get so they can rebuild their businesses and thrive in the years to come.

Cutting tax for lower ABV drinks will incentivise lower strength alcoholic drinks, whilst new financial support for smaller producers – including cider producers – and continuing discussions around a 50% minimum juice content are encouraging news for both cider makers and consumers. These measures should help to improve quality and choice at the bar. CAMRA will continue to engage with the Government on the planned reforms to Small Brewers Relief and call for a solution that doesn't require some of the smallest breweries to have to pay more tax.

The introduction of a Draught Duty Rate is a gamechanger for cask beer drinkers, cider and perry drinkers and the Great British local. This is something CAMRA has campaigned on for many years and we are delighted that the Government has listened, supported our locals and introduced the important principle that beer, cider and perry served in a pub or social club should be taxed at a different rate to alcohol bought at places like supermarkets.

CAMRA has previously commissioned research that showed that a Draught Beer Duty rate could pull consumption into pubs and social clubs from the off trade, providing a boost to pubs and local economies.

We hope that pubs and producers will make sure drinkers see the impact of this revolutionary policy on the price of their pints, to encourage them to return to their locals – please try and use your local pub and club, otherwise there is a distinct possibility that we will lose them!

Cheers, Bob Holmes and the Plymouth CAMRA Committee







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# Branch Diary



#### December 2021

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December Barbican Bimble** – After another very difficult trading year for licensed premises, we hope to be able to hold our annual stroll around the Barbican. We usually meet in the Minerva Inn, Looe Street, between 1200 and 1300. However, we do realise that some of you may prefer to be in your own family and friend groups and may wish to follow your own pub crawl.

For those of you who may wish to join us, at whatever time during the day, the following pubs are known to serve good quality real ales: Maritime Inn, Dolphin Hotel, Queen's Arms, Gog & Magog, Fisherman's Arms and Pub On The Hoe. All these pubs have some outside drinking areas – don't forget your winter hat, coat umbrella AND CHRISTMAS clothing!

#### **Beer Festival News**

The Exeter CAMRA Festival of Winter Ales will take place at the Exeter City Football Club on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022, and opens from 1100 until 2300 each day. See the website Diary Page for full details.

Some	Technical	Brewing	Terms 5
	1 Common		

Pasteurisation Heat treating beer to kill off yeast cells and bacteria.

pH The level of acidity in liquor\* or in a mash.

Pitching Adding yeast to a brew to start fermentation.

Priming Adding new sugars to a beer during packaging to encourage

new fermentation.

Racking transferring beer into casks or kegs.

Saccharification The conversion of starches in malt into sugars.

Sparging Spraying mashed grains with hot water to gain more extract.

Specific gravity The density of a liquid compared to water; it indicates the

amount of fermentable material.

Strike heat The starting temperature of the mash.

Top-Fermenting Yeast mostly sits at the top of the wort while fermenting (ale)

Trub Proteins, yeast and other solid matter extracted during

brewing.

Ullage Waste beer; also the space above beer in a container.

Wort The unfermented sweet, sugary liquid produced by the mash.

\* brewing water





## CAMRA's Budget Response

# Budget's historic change to the way beer is taxed recognises that pubs are a force for good in our society

Changing the tax system to better support pubs can help the Great British local thrive – but more pubs, breweries and drinkers should be able to benefit, say CAMRA

### Responding in full to the Autumn Budget announcements, CAMRA National Chairman Nik Antona said:

"The Chancellor has listened to thousands of CAMRA members who have long called for a change in the way alcohol is taxed. A new, lower rate of duty for draught beer and cider served in pubs and clubs establishes an important principle in the taxation system – that pubs are a force for good in our communities and should be supported to help them survive and compete with the likes of supermarkets.

"Our task before this new duty rate is implemented in 2023 is to make sure that the new, lower draught duty rate applies to beer and cider served in smaller containers too, so that as many pubs, breweries and consumers as possible can benefit. We will be using the Government's consultation on how this new system should operate in practice to make this case.

"In the meantime, measures like duty freezes and a 50% cut in business rates in England for another year will be welcomed. Our pubs and breweries are still recovering from the pandemic, face rising bills and costs and will continue to need as much support as they can get so they can rebuild their businesses and thrive in the years to come.

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## New Draught Duty Rate

#### CAMRA says 'Cheers' to the Chancellor for new Draught Duty rate

CAMRA welcomes ground-breaking new policy for cask beer and cider drinkers

Commenting on the Autumn Budget announcement of a new Draught Duty rate for beer and cider served in pubs, CAMRA Chairman Nik Antona said:

"The introduction of a Draught Duty Rate is a gamechanger for cask beer drinkers, cider and perry drinkers and the Great British local.

"This is something CAMRA has campaigned on for many years and we are delighted that the Government has listened, supported our locals and introduced the important principle that beer, cider and perry served in a pub or social club should be taxed at a different rate to alcohol bought at places like supermarkets.

"CAMRA has previously commissioned research that showed that a Draught Beer Duty rate could pull consumption into pubs and social clubs from the off trade, providing a boost to pubs and local economies.

"We hope that pubs and producers will make sure drinkers see the impact of this revolutionary policy on the price of their pints, to encourage them to return to their locals.

"We look forward to campaigning for future reductions in Draught Duty, to make sure that consumers, brewers and publicans can enjoy the maximum benefits of this ground-breaking new policy."





## Where Are They Now No 15



#### Crown Hotel/Inn (General Moore), 28 Manor Street, Stonehouse, PL1 1TW



The Crown Hotel/Inn, Stonehouse, was established as a public house for well over 100 years, before changing its' name in 1983 to the General Moore, as shown in the image to the right from May 1984 (thank you to Lee for the image), in honour of the Commander of the British Land Forces during the Falklands Conflict of 1982.

The pub was run by three generations of the Parker family from the 1930's. The first was Charlotte, the great grandmother of Sally who very kindly sent in some photos of

the pub which are on the branch website. After Charlotte died, her son Jack and then grandson, Colin (Sally's father) became the licensees.

Due to its' location, we believe that is had a strong affiliation with the Royal Marines, as shown by its' name change to the General Moore in 1983, as shown in the photo above on the right. It has not been listed in any of the CAMRA guides that have been published over the years.

The pub reflected the customers and clientele of the day. Sadly, it is believed to have closed in the late 1990s/early 2000s. The pub is now operating as the Oasis Project community cafe, as shown in the image below left from March 2017. Please contact Plymouth CAMRA if you have any further details.







## Pub & Brewery News



#### **Pub News**

There is very little pub news to report this month, other than the fact that most pubs are still facing difficulties with the ongoing situation wrt the covid pandemic and sector confidence. On the pub front, the Cellar Bar at the **Fortsecue**, Mutley Plain, is being converted into a Craft Beer Bar. In Tavistock, the **Duke of York** and **Trout N Tipple** are still believed to be shut, whilst the **Tavistock Inn** has been rebranded to the Tavistock Hotel and Inn. The **Elephant's Nest**, Horndon, Mary Tavy, is operating as a B & B only at present. A new beer was available in the **Drake Manor**, Buckland, Monochorum, in the last month or so, Crapstone Brewery 30-Miler (ABV 4.3%). There are no further details on this brewery at present.

Thatchers and Weston's cider is no longer considered real cider by the APPLE Committee of CAMRA.

#### Plymouth CAMRA LocAle Scheme

There are currently 70 establishments listed as being accredited to the Plymouth CAMRA LocAle Scheme. These are listed on the branch website.

#### **CAMRA Member Discount Scheme and CAMRA Voucher Scheme.**

There are currently 21 establishments listed as being members of the CAMRA Member Discount Scheme, and a further nine which are part of the CAMRA Voucher Scheme, making 30 in total. Please give these pubs your support if/when you go out! These are listed on the branch website.

#### **Brewery News**

All local breweries have been brewing their Christmas and Winter seasonal beers, with *Ivybridge* producing a new bottle conditioned beer, Equinox, which is an ABV 4.6% American pale ale. *Roam* have announced their membership rate for 2022 at £70.00 – see Roam social media/website for details.





## Mídlands Booze Cruise





A few months ago, I was invited by *Gorgeous George* to join his crew in an adventure along the canals and waterways of The Midlands. There were 6 souls on the quest to explore the pubs and locks of the area.

Gorgeous George, accompanied by his dog *Emma*, was of course the leader, and had many years of experience. He was aided by his brother, *Campbell*, who kindly volunteered to be the ship's cook. The rest of the crew was made up of *Airfix*, Martin (*The Bag*), Chalky and I (*The Mutineer*).

We had a meeting to discuss costs, route, materials etc. Then the bombshell landed – the original boat booked had been taken into maintenance, but they had given us a larger boat as replacement which was new this year. Things were looking up.

We headed off from Fun City early in the morning to try to get to our pickup point for a noon departure. We were met by the staff, who gave George a quick tutorial of the boat, and then we were off.

We started off from Wigrams Turn Marina, near Warwick. We were going to be travelling along the **Grand Union Canal** towards Northampton. The narrow boat itself was 70 feet long and was equipped with all the mod cons including showers, toilets and a full kitchen.

As 50% of the crew had virtually no experience, the first set of locks was a steep learning curve. The passing of other boats always had a friendly response. A lot of people also helped at the lock gates, especially if two boats were using them at the same time. A lot of people also took along their dogs.



Airfix came across a small shop and bought some badges for the crew. Gorgeous George was "The Admiral", The Bag became "Chief Engineer", Campbell "Galley Slave", Andy "Lock Labourer", Chalky "The Pirate" and I was "The Mutineer". The dog became "General Dog's Body". A nice touch.

We moored up near the village of **Braunton** and went off to visit the nearby village pubs. The **Wheatsheaf** was the better pub, and Wainwrights light IPA was very good. Our final pub

visited was quite a walk away down towards the canal, the **Admiral Nelson**, a great setting right next to the canal lock. Titanic Iceberg, Everards Tiger and Sunchaser golden ale were all enjoyed. In fact, most of the beers sampled on our trip were light beers; I don't think we saw any dark beers at all. We ate later at **The Boathouse**, where most people had cheesy chips and Marston's Pedigree.



# Midlands Booze Cruise



The first night turned out to be a bit noisy due, to the Chief Engineer's snoring which, as it happened in the end, all of us were snoring like troopers. Quite a brass section indeed!

The next day, we set off quite early as we had a total of 13 locks to navigate. Around lunchtime, we arrived at the **New Inn**, which had just opened, so we moored up and popped into the pub. Ringwood Razorback and Wychwood Hobgoblin were on offer. We couldn't have a Sunday roast, as we had not booked a table in advance.





After our stop, we were off again at a very sedate pace. A water stop soon followed to top up the tank. The funniest moment of the day was when the dog fell into the canal, but was quickly rescued by *The Admiral*. Dinner was cooked on the boat by the *Galley Slave*, goulash, was served and it was very good, too! We had a different washer-up person every day to help with the chores.,

Yet another early start the next day. Apparently, you are not supposed to move your boat before 0800, as it disturbs people who are moored up or sleeping. Also, a lot of people also live

on their narrow boat, and some are very well equipped indeed. We then had to navigate our way through the darkness of the **Blisworth Tunnel**. It is about 2.8 kms long so we had to put lights on.

The **Boat Inn** was our next pub visited, with a fine selection of 7 ales. The *Chief Engineer* sampled all 7 and followed up by having gunpowder-strength rum! On the other side of the lock was a small boating museum showing the history of the canal system – very interesting.

On Tuesday, we headed off towards **Northampton** where we moored up for the night. In the afternoon, we headed off into Northampton town. We passed about 5 pubs that were not open, until we came to **The Fish**, where we all sat outside



in the pedestrian precinct. Just around the corner was a Weatherspoon's. The *Lock Labourer*, who is boycotting "spoons", made his way to the **Pig and Pen**, and we later met up with him and stayed for a couple of hours. On offer were 6 beers including St Austell Trelawney ale.



## Midlands Booze Cruise





Nearby was a micro pub, the **St Giles** ale house, but unfortunately it closed at 7pm so we couldn't stay long. The last pub visited was the best by far, the **Malt Shovel**, full of pub memorbillia almost like a museum m – a must visit pub and a CAMRA award-winner. A mainly ale and cider pub with about 6 ales to sample. A real gem.

Overnight, there was a very heavy rainstorm, but we woke up in the morning with the boat at an angle as we had run aground! Someone had apparently left the lock open (I blame

the *Lock Labourer* – Editor!) and drained the water! As a result, we were late leaving.

The following day it turned a lot colder but was still sunny. The **New Inn** was visited but we were defeated sitting outside. A hearty stew was prepared before mooring up near the village of **Welton**. It was a bit of a job getting the *Galley Slave's* mobility scooter up to the road, due to the steep, slippery path. The **White Horse** was visited with its 5 ales on offer. The locals were very friendly and some of our crew participated in a game of Northamptonshire Skittles. An excellent end to the evening.

The following day was basically making our way back to the marina where we picked the boat up from. We spent some time cleaning the boat the best we could. The staff were amazed at our efforts! In all, we had travelled about 60 miles and navigated through about 60 lock gates.

Special thanks go to The Admiral and his brother, The

Galley Slave, for inviting us, and for the excellent food cooked and the organization. I must also mention the Lock Labourer for his entertaining skills, and the Chief Engineer for his musical prowess!

An excellent well organised trip, and of course the weather made it nice as well.

Phil Ward (AKA the Mutineer)





# Midlands Booze Cruise











# Pub Companies 1



#### PUB COMPANIES - WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO

Pub and Club Campaigns Committee feels that many members would find it helpful to have more information about the companies that control many of our pubs. This is the first in a series of articles that will provide the facts on pub company practices and operations, explaining in particular how their business models work and what this means for both licensees and, ultimately, us as customers. The aim is to let the facts speak for themselves so that members can make up their own minds about the positive or negative effects of these practices on our pubs and the folk who run them.

**1. A POTTED HISTORY OF THE PUBCO.** Fifty years ago, when CAMRA was formed, the pub landscape looked very different. For a start, there were many more of them – some 75000 against around 47500 now. The majority of pubs (52000 or so) were owned by breweries. The 89 small and regional breweries had 13800 of them and the rest were in the hands of the 'Big Six' – Bass Charrington, Allied, Whitbread, Scottish & Newcastle, Watney/Grand Metropolitan and Courage/Imperial.

Most of the other 23000 pubs were free houses (in name anyway – many tied their beer supplies to a big brewer in return for loans and discounts). Companies that just owned pubs were few and far between – the likes of Sir John Fitzgerald in the north-east and Heavitree in the south west (though they tied themselves to Bass).

Just about every pub-owning brewery rigorously imposed a supply tie on its own products. As late as the mid-1980s, I remember a Greene King Director recoiling in horror at my suggestion that they allow a few guest beers in their pubs. As a result, new breweries found outlets hard to come by and we customers were hardly spoilt for choice, as a glance at a Good Beer Guide of that era will reveal.

Then, in 1989, along came the Beer Orders. The story of this epochal legislation (for better or worse) is superbly told in Laura Hadland's recent *Fifty Years of CAMRA* book but, in essence, the government acknowledged the stranglehold on the industry exercised by the Big Six and, among other things, capped their pub ownership at 2000.

By now, because of closures and sell-offs, the Big Six owned fewer pubs between them but the Orders still meant around 11000 pubs coming onto the market. We, of course, dreamed of a new golden age of multi-handpumped free houses galore, but the reality was sadly different. Companies were quickly established, usually with close links to the Big Six, to hoover up these pubs in big batches then negotiate supply deals, invariably with the company who previously owned the place. Enterprise Inns, for instance, started off with the purchase of 368 pubs from Bass, and that's where they bought the beer from.

In the years that followed, wheeling and dealing saw companies variously grow, collapse, merge, acquire, dispose – it was very difficult to keep up with who owned what. Some companies concentrated on managed pubs, some on tenancies, a few on a mixed model. Behemoths emerged – by 2004, Punch Taverns and Enterprise each owned more than 8000 pubs, though both had accumulated so much debt that they ran into trouble come the financial crash and subsequently retrenched. We'll have a closer look at the current pub company scene in the next article.







A brief history of **Punch Taverns** illustrates the volatility surrounding pubcos from the 1990s onwards. Punch formed in 1997, purchasing a tranche of pubs from Bass. Two years later, they bought Inn Business (mostly former Whitbread pubs) and then the rump of the Allied estate. The managed pubs were spun off into a separate division called Spirit. In 2003, they acquired their 3100-strong rival Pubmaster plus a couple of smaller companies. Next, Scottish & Newcastle's managed pubs were snapped up and added to Spirit. By 2011 the impact of the crash was being felt, calling for a 'strategic review'. Spirit was demerged and, in 2015, sold to Greene King. Come 2016, a takeover bid totalling £403m (plus the taking on of a billion pounds of debt) was accepted; 1900 pubs went to Heineken with the remaining 1300 residing with Patron Capital, though the Punch brand has been retained.

In the meantime, the treatment of their tenants by many of the Pubcos had become a major issue and, after years of campaigning, the Government was persuaded, in 2014, to announce a statutory Pubs Code aimed at regulating their practices and ensuring fair treatment for tenants. We'll return to the Code in a future article. In this context, though, it needs mentioning that the currently accepted definition of a pub company embraces breweries that own pubs – and nowadays most such companies have separate management structures for their pub and brewing operations.

Final comments. Pub companies are here to stay. There is nothing wrong with the basic model and, indeed, there are some excellent companies (mostly smaller ones) who treat their licensees well and clearly see their pubs as more than just property assets. It would, though, be difficult to argue that the ways in which some companies operate raise many issues around their custodianship of what aren't just piles of bricks-and-mortar but, in most cases, precious and valued community assets. We'll examine those issues in due course.





# 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 6

Old Thirteenth Century Cheshire Astley Volunteer Riflemen Corps Inn Greater

Manchester

Old Running Footman London Pyrotechnics Arms London
Periscope Barrow-In-Furness Railway & Naturalist Greater

Manchester

Peveril Of The Peak Manchester Road To Morocco Northampton
Pink & Lily Buckinghamshire Queen Dowager London
Pipe & Gannex Merseyside Queen In The West London





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 07 December 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 Tamar, 1-7, Morshead Road, Crownhill Plymouth PL6 5AD 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 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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#### **Plymouth CityBus**

Plymouth Citybus Limited, 1 Milehouse Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, Devon, PL3 4AA telephone 01752 662271

Visit their website <a href="https://www.plymouthbus.co.uk/">https://www.plymouthbus.co.uk/</a> (Opens in a new window)

Please email customer.services@plymouthbus.co.uk

#### **Stagecoach South West**

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

Telephone 01392 427711,

disability helpline 01392 889749

Visit <a href="https://www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Plymouth/">https://www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Plymouth/</a> (opens new window)

Please email southwest.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com

#### **Tally Ho Coaches**

Tally Ho Coaches, Kingsley Close, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Ivybridge, PL21 9LL

Telephone 01752 893480 or 0333 456 0231

Visit <a href="https://tally-ho-coaches.business.site/">https://tally-ho-coaches.business.site/</a> (opens in new window)

Please email info@tallyhocoaches.co.uk

#### **Country Bus**

King Charles Business Park, Old Newton Road, Heathfield, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 6UT Telephone 01626 833664

Visit <a href="http://www.countrybusdevon.co.uk/index.html/">http://www.countrybusdevon.co.uk/index.html/</a> (Opens in new window)

Please email info@countrybusdevon.co.uk

#### **Train Companies**

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Write to:- Freepost, GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Visit <a href="https://www.gwr.com/#/">https://www.gwr.com/#/</a> (Opens in new window)

#### **Cross Country Trains**

Office: XC Trains Limited, Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, SR3 3XP

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To help the unpaid volunteers to try and keep up with news about what pubs may be able to provide during the current difficult 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:-

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# Pub Companies 2



#### 2. THE CURRENT PUB COMPANY SCENE

A pub company is simply a company that owns pubs and there are literally hundreds of them, many with only a handful or even just one pub. We'll concentrate here, though, on the bigger companies who, between them, own over half the country's pubs.

#### **Stonegate**

Founded in 2010 with the purchase of 333 pubs from Mitchells & Butlers, Stonegate grew quite slowly over the next ten years, making a series of acquisitions including brands like Slug & Lettuce, Walkabout and Be At One, until its pub numbers totalled 765. All the pubs were managed houses. A seismic change came in 2020 when Ei Group was bought for £1.27bn, making Stonegate the largest pub company in the UK with 1,270 managed pubs and, as a result of the Ei purchase, 3,200 leased and tenanted businesses.

Ei itself had been founded, as Enterprise Inns, in 1991, initially with 333 pubs from Bass. The company built up its estate, gaining 2,200 pubs in batches by buying them from other companies or taking them over. In 2002, 1,864 pubs were bought from Whitbread and in 2004, 4,054 from Unique. By this time, it owned nearly 10,000 pubs and was in the FTSE 100 list of top companies. However, it was loaded with debt and the 2008 financial crash required a good deal of retrenchment. Ei also started building up its managed estate, including pubs on retail agreements under the Craft Union brand (we'll look at this operating model in the next article). By the time of the sale, it was down to fewer than 4,000 pubs.

**Punch Taverns** – The first article included a brief history of Punch to illustrate the volatility around pubco development. In summary, it grew quickly to around 8,000 pubs, suffered under the crash, sold a lot of pubs including its managed division and was taken over in 2016. 1,900 pubs went to Heineken and 1,300 to Patron Capital, who retain the Punch brand. At takeover time, all pubs were leased or tenanted but it's also now pushing retail agreements (which it calls Management Partnerships). Some pubs were sold but in June 2021 it announced the purchase of Youngs' tenanted division, bringing the current total to 1,282.

#### **Admiral Taverns**

Admiral was founded in 2003 by two families and grew quickly to 2,300 pubs by 2007. Many of these were 'bottom end' houses disposed of by other pub companies. The financial crash had the usual consequences for over-extended businesses and numbers were down to 1,700 by 2011 and continued to fall. By 2017 it was in the hands of Cerberus Capital Management who sold up to a joint venture by Magners cider-makers C&C Group and estate investor Proprium Capital Partners, by which time there were 845 pubs. The acquisition trail was hit in 2019 with 137 pubs coming from Marstons and 150 from Heineken. The big one arrived in July 2021 when Admiral bought 674 Hawthorn pubs from property firm New River taking the estate to over 1,500.

Admiral's pubs are all tenanted or leased and tend to be wet-led community operations. It has a relatively good reputation in the trade though there's certainly no aversion to flogging off pubs as 'development opportunities'.



# Pub Companies 2



#### **Star Pubs & Bars**

In 1995, Scottish & Newcastle, one of the original 'Big Six' breweries, bought another of them, Courage, making the combined group Britain's biggest brewer. By 2011, the pub arm, then known as S&N Pub Co, had 1,500 tenanted pubs and 600 in management. Come 2008, Scottish Courage was gobbled up by international brewer Heineken and the pub business rebranded as Star Pubs & Bars. Many pubs were sold but then, in 2017, as previously mentioned, 1,900 were snapped up from Punch. Again there were disposals and the estate currently stands at 2,500. Star vigorously promote their retail agreement scheme, Just Add Talent. In 2020, it was fined £2m for breaches of the Pubs Code (which we'll cover in a later article)

#### **Greene King**

In 1995, Greene King was a long-established family brewer with 900 pubs, nearly all in East Anglia and the South-East. It then embarked on a ferocious acquisition trail, swallowing up many breweries (the likes of Morlands, Belhaven, Morrells and Hardy & Hanson) and other pub companies. GK itself is now owned by a billionaire Hong Kong property developer. It has some 3,100 pubs, restaurants and hotels, of which 1,200 are tenanted or leased. Its strategy seems to be to move in the managed direction and the 'Pub Ready' retail agreements are pushed hard. GK was once renowned for not letting other people's beers in its pubs but now have a more enlightened attitude.

#### Marston's

The company was known as Wolverhampton & Dudley until 2007 when it rebranded as Marston's, one of the many breweries it had taken over in recent years. At that time, 2,500 pubs were owned but the total is now down to 1,400. The tenanted estate, in particular, has been reduced through sales such as 200 to New River in 2013 and 137 to Admiral in 2019. In late 2020, the company took on the running of 156 Brains pubs in Wales. Also that year, Marston's merged its brewing operations with Carlsberg but this does not directly affect the pub business.

#### Mitchells and Butlers

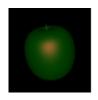
Formed originally out of the old Bass estate, M&B have 1,650 pubs and restaurants. The multitudinous brands include Ember Inns, Toby Carveries, Nicholsons and All Bar One – as can be seen, the emphasis is on food. Pubs are mostly managed though around 50 are on a lease arrangement.

#### J D Wetherspoon

Since opening its first pub in 1979, 'Spoons has expanded to 925 pubs and 50 hotels, all managed. Plans for 18 new pubs are in the pipeline,

#### Wellington

Owned by the billionaire Reuben Brothers, the company leases all its 850 pubs on a free of tie basis.



## The Amazing Cider Man



An occasional series of ramblings from one of the branch's biggest fans of the apple juice. In this article, the Amazing Cider-Man talks about May – one of CAMRA's "Cider and Perry" months. Something to think about for NEXT year!

So thoughtful of them.

Yes, May is one of the best months of the year. Bluebells, the Eurovision Song Contest, the promise of summer, the FA Cup final (no Argyle in the final this year) and CIDER!!

Both cider and perry have reached a certain maturity from when the fruit was first crushed into juice last autumn. It's also the month when our wonderful orchards come into bloom.

Obviously the worldwide pandemic ("There's no need to say the word "worldwide" –Ed) has put a bit of a dampener on the occasion for the second year running but, fingers crossed, we can now confidently plan for events in May 2022.

#### Some ideas for Cider and Perry month May 2022

- Contact a Devon or Cornwall producer (there is a list on the Plymouth CAMRA website (<u>Devon Cider Producers Plymouth CAMRA</u> (**link**)) to see if they welcome visits
- Arrange a tasting with friends at a convenient venue
- Attend the Plymouth CAMRA cider crawl (but only when organised events are approved Ed) or organise your own
- Go online to discover ways of cooking with cider and apples
- Curl up with a good book such as CAMRA's Good Cider Guide
- Try varieties of apples and pears that you haven't eaten before
- Wash yourself in a bath full of pear juice it's lovely!

No excuses – you have just under a year to organise something!

In the meantime, the summer is on our doorstep and this is a great time to drink cider and perry. In the Plymouth area we have some fine places to drink the stuff (a couple of my favourites are the Cider House and the Walkhampton Inn) but if pubs aren't your thing, you can get a 20 litre bag in box starting from around £45 for home drinking.

Please support cider producers after what has been an awful 14 months or so.

I'm off for my bath.

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## Traditional British Beer Styles No 10



#### 19. Brown Ales, ABV up to and including 6.4%

Originally a working man's brew, brown ale has now found favour with beer lovers from all walks of life. *Light and dark*.

A brown ale is for those on the fence. Less weighty than a porter, but toastier and more malty than a pale ale, brown ales have settled comfortably into a between-ales niche in Beerland. The range of colour within this style is significant, from a translucent light brown, almost amber, to a rich, heart brown, almost black. These differences stem from geography: the darker brews come from the south of England and the lighter from the north. In both styles, however, the malts steal the show, with just a hint of hops in most examples. With this comes toasty flavours and nuttiness, caramel and even fruit.

#### Three examples of this style:

*Tintagel Brewery Cornwall's Pride ABV 4.0%* – a pale, brown-coloured bitter with a malty aroma. Sweet, grainy malt with toffee and summer fruits. Late dried fruit and coffee hints.

*Harbour Brewery India Brown Ale ABV 4.9%* – a smooth copper-coloured strong bitter. Heavy body and balanced sweet malt and bitter hop flavour, with plums, prunes and some butterscotch.

*Maxim Brewery Double Maxim ABV 4.7%* – a fine example of a northern brown ale, brewed with pale, crystal and cara malts, with Fuggles hops. It has an apricot/plum fruity, caramel, malty, nutty taste and a hint of sweetness. Smooth & well balanced.

#### 20. Red Ales, ABV up to and including 6.4%

As with brown ales and American brown ales, malt is to the fore, often with roast and nutty flavours. Rye may be present, creating a tartness, but should be balanced and not dominate. American brown ales are fruitier. *Warm colour, rich flavour*.

With its rich, red pour, one can immediately see this beers potential. The colour is a hearty blend of bronze, amber and even edges of blood orange. The head is an advertisement for the malt, looking rich, frothy and tan. And yet, an undercurrent of light earthy hops comes off on the nose as well. From the scent to the body and taste, this brew is a well-rounded balanced treat. It has decent body and a moderate level of carbonation, followed by a typically roasted, dry finish. On the palate, there are light hops and toasted or caramel notes in many examples of the style. It's an easy-drinking pint, one that can be enjoyed with a warm, hearty meal, or as a meal itself.

#### Three examples of this style:

**Summerskills Brewery Whistle Belly Vengeance ABV 4.7%** – a full-flavoured, strong, red-coloured ale. It has a roast and malt aroma, with roasted chestnut taste. Sweetness and bitterness mingle in the aftertaste.

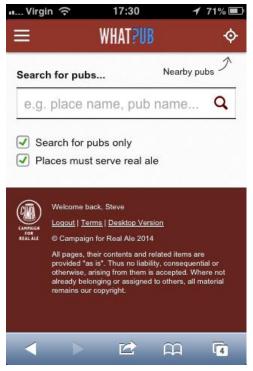
*Moor Beer Confidence ABV 4.6%* – a red-coloured ale, with a rye beer-like spicy, peppery flavour. A rustic unpasteurised quality to its taste, with a sweetness given by hints of stone fruit. It has a pleasant, but short, bitter finish

*Heritage Brewing Heritage Red ABV 4.4%* – this is a red-coloured ale with hazel and coffee flavours from the malt, balanced by spicy, floral hop aromas.



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.

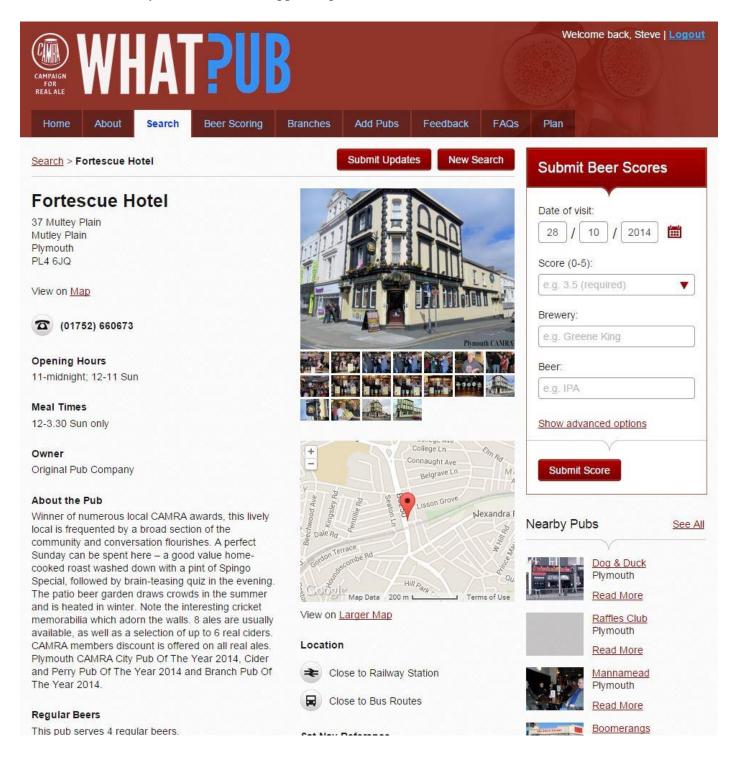
You will need to sign in with your current CAMRA membership number and your password in order to beer score, by tapping on the Login. Enter your number and password.

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 07 December 2021.

<b>PUB NAME</b>	ADDRESS	DISCOUNT
Ales and Tails	The Broadway, Plymstock PL9 7AN	10%/pint
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
Nowhere Inn	21, Gilwell Street, City Centre PL4 8BU	TBA
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

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<b>PUB NAME</b>	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 16





#### Crown Hotel, Cumberland Street, Devonport PL1 4JR

The original Crown Hotel was built in the late 1790's, and was situated at the main entrance to Plymouth Dock (Devonport). It used to have its' main entrance in Cumberland Street, and a Tap Room in George Street.

Apparently, regular Naval parties took place here in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, given by senior Naval Officers and were quite grand affaires. However, I was

never invited!!!

For unknown reasons, the hotel was rebuilt in 1880 but still stands as it was then, today, with the new entrance on the corner of Cumberland and Chapel Streets, but sadly no longer as a pub. I seem to remember drinking Courage Heavy in there in the mid 1980's, downstairs in the Cellar Bar, but I could be wrong.







#### A Pint of "Old" One

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B & TOld Accidental Old Bat Brunswick Old Big 'Ead Wild Walker Old Bloomer Concrete Cow Old Buffer Old Cantankerous Tring Garton Old Cock Up Old Clog Mitchell's Nix Wincott Old Codger Rebellion Hop House Old Cock's Throat Charmer



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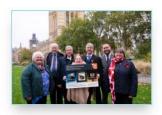
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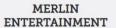
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Old Buffer Garton Old Cantankerous Tring

Old Clog Mitchell's Old Cock Up Nix Wincott
Old Cock's Throat Charmer Hop House Old Codger Rebellion



## Where Are They Now No 17





## White Lion, 12 Clarence Place, Stonehouse PL1 3JW

One of a whole range of pubs along the straight stretch of road between High Street and King Street, Stonehouse, this traded as a public house until late 1995. It stood on the corner of Clarence Place and Battery Street, opposite the wall of the former Royal Naval Hospital, Stonehouse.

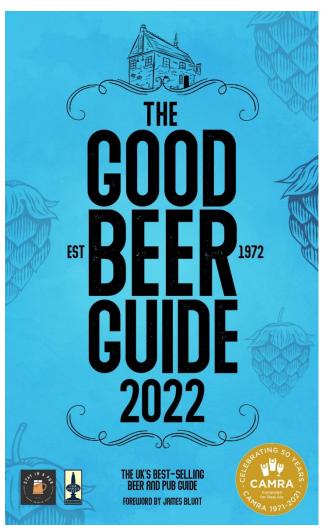
Fortunately for the White Lion, and its' customers, it survived the dark days of the Blitz of April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1941; however,

others close by were not so lucky. At this time, it was owned by Ind Coope Brewery, and, unusually for the area, had a full Public House license.

Sadly, the pub closed its' doors as a pub for the last time in late 1995. After some alteration, it reopened a few months later as, just to confuse people, the White Lion Café. Large black lettering between the windows of the upper floors, and the use of street-level sandwich boards, helped to inform customers of the new use. They specialised in good-value breakfasts and home-made meals, and, unusually for the time, delivered food orders.

After a number of years, the pub/café closed its' doors for the final time and the building is now believed to be in residential use.





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## -A Pint Of The Usual, Please!



Pubs reopened for inside service without food from 17<sup>th</sup> May, and then all legal restrictions were removed from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We have seen lots of innovative ideas from publicans, along with some great expenditure by them to try and keep everyone safe at their pubs.

We have enjoyed a pretty good summer, with some excellent weather and have got used to sitting outside in the garden, or patio areas, many of them newly installed. However, we are now into the Autumn and are looking forward to Christmas – let us hope that we are able to enjoy Christmas with our families and loved ones.

We live in and around Plymouth and fortunately do not usually encounter droughts, so, when visiting our pubs, we should remember to wear a coat for inclement weather, and to also pack a brolly and a hat !!!!!!!



If you do go to the pub, 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, above all,

Stay Safe!