

Drake's Drinker



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PHOTO – We're back to socialising again now! See the Combined Devon CAMRA Branches social article on Page 18 for details.

Welcome to the eleventh Edition of Drake's Drinker, produced by unpaid volunteers of the Plymouth Branch of CAMRA.

We hope that you enjoy reading our news





Hi, Fellow Live Beer and Cider Lovers,

The 2023 Good Beer Guide is now out, so make sure you get hold of a copy. Pubs are still suffering with around 12 a week closing due to rising costs. Even the Wetherspoon pub chain has struggled with their share price has more than halved in the last 12 months. Pubs and Restaurants need the government to bring in energy price support for these venues, or we will see mass closures. PLEASE SUPPORT PUBS!

Well enough of the bad news, I came across an old newspaper cutting whilst tidying up the other day. The article is a few years old, but its headline caught my eye. Headline states "Beer can cut stroke and heart attack risk". Pull the other one you might say but read on!!

A few years ago, a study of 80,000 adults conducted by Pennsylvania State University in the USA found a pint or two a day could help reduce the risk of having a stroke or developing heart disease. The research, conducted among Chinese adults, discovered a moderate daily alcohol intake (that would include ale) helps top up your high-density lipoprotein (HDL), or good cholesterol.

A research team at the University of Scranton, Pennsylvania, USA, found dark ales and stouts can curb heart attack rates by cutting down the risk of atherosclerosis (furred up arteries) by half. Studies by both Harvard Medical School and the American Stroke Association have shown people who drink moderate amounts of beer can also cut their risk of strokes to half, compared to non-drinkers. When you drink beer, your arteries become flexible and blood flow improves significantly.

Finnish researchers, led by Dr Tero Hirvonen of Helsinki, studied 27,000 middle aged men and concluded that "each bottle" of beer consumed per day was estimated to reduce risk by 40%. Scientists at Indiana University believe simply tasting beer increases the amount of dopamine in the brain and thus makes drinkers feel calmer and more relaxed. But only after a taste, not a pint. Studies dating back to 1977 have suggested beer drinkers can be up to a fifth less likely to develop cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

So, there you have it, we don't drink to forget, cheers!

Cheers, Bob Holmes and the Plymouth CAMRA Committee







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Branch Diary



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Branch Website Diary page Branch Diary (link)

November 2022

Weds 9th 2000 Branch Social Meeting and Social, Prince Maurice, Eggbuckland.

Saturday 12th Join CAMRA Kernow's visit to Bodmin and Wadebridge, depart Bodmin 1013.

Thurs 24th 2000 Branch Tasting Panel Beer Tasting and social, 2000, Providence Inn, Providence

Street, Greenbank PL4 8JQ.

Saturday 26th 1200 Mutley and Greenbank Social, Roam Brewery Tap, New Victoria House,

Western Park Road, Peverell, PL3 4NU. See website Dairy Page for details.

December 2022

Thursday 29th 1200 Barbican Bimble, meet at the Minerva Inn, 31 Looe Street, Barbican, PL4 0EA. See website Diary Page for details.

January 2023

Weds 11th 2000 Branch Social Meeting and Social, Venue TBC – see website Diary Page.

Thurs 26th 2000 Branch Tasting Panel Beer Tasting and social, 2000, Providence Inn, Providence Street, Greenbank PL4 8JQ.

February 2023

Weds 8th 2000 Branch Social Meeting and Social, Venue TBC – see website Diary Page.

Thurs 23rd 2000 Branch Tasting Panel Beer Tasting and social, 2000, Providence Inn, Providence Street, Greenbank PL4 8JQ.

Up And Coming Beer Festival News

If you are the licensee and would like to advertise your local pub beer and/or cider festival, please email webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk and we will advertise your event free of charge on our website and in Drake's Drinker.

Further details of all beer festivals listed here can be found on our website beer festival page – <u>Local Beer Festivals</u> (link)

Bristol CAMRA Beer Festival 2022, City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR, from Thursday 17th until Sunday 20th November 2022. Please note this is ADVANCED TICKET ONLY!

Exeter CAMRA Festival of Winter Ales 2023, Corn Exchange, Market Street, Exeter EX1 1BW from Thursday 19th until Saturday 21st January 2023.

SIBA Maltingsfest 2023 will take place at Osbourne Park, Newton Abbot TQ12 4AA (on the green opposite the former Tucker's Maltings building) from Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd April 2023.



Top Guide's Star Turn



As CAMRA marks the publication of the 50th edition of the *Good Beer Guide*, the Campaign has urged brewers and pub operators to use "the carrot, not the stick" when it comes to boosting flagging cask ale sales.

At an event celebrating the publication, CAMRA chief executive Tom Stainer said suggestions cask could be removed from pubs found to be keeping and serving it poorly should be approached with caution.

Discussion among some industry bodies about falling cask sales has focused on quality. Among the speakers at the launch held at the Star Tavern in London's Belgravia, was Paul Nunny, director of guide sponsor Cask Marque. Nunny said some of the decline in cask sales post-lockdown is because "a lot of pubs are destocking, which is not a bad thing, because if they're not serious about it, the quality deteriorates and the consumer's going to be disappointed."

Tom said: "Every pub should be offering really well-made cask beer. That's what CAMRA wants to see, and so it should be the carrot, not the stick. Get the quality of cask ale right, serve it well, and people will love it. We should support pubs to do that."

He added that rather than simply call for cask to be sold at a higher price, as some brewers have, pubs should approach it as they do the wine list, with ascending price points. "Cask ale doesn't always have to be the cheapest beer on the bar, but it should have accessible pricing, and really well-made, special beers should be priced in the same way as specialist lagers or wines."



a theatre bar, it's also a great place to meet for a pint."

The Star, owned by Fuller's, is one of just five pubs that have been in every edition of the guide since it first appeared in 1974. Fuller's chief executive Simon Emeny said cask accounts for 25 per cent of beer sales in its estate, and the business recognises real ale drinkers pick the pub for a bigger group. "If you let yourself down with the range or quality of cask beer, that group will give the pub a wide berth."

The guide also continues to expand the range of venues it includes. CAMRA Croydon and Sutton branch chair Dave Lands said of the new listing this year for the Cryer Arts theatre in Carshalton, Surrey: "It doesn't feel like just

Pictured above at the Launch are, from left: Simon Emeny, Paul Nunny, Tom Stainer and CAMRA London director Geoff Strawbridge.





CAMRA Chair Invites New PM TO The Pub

CAMRA's National Chairman Nik Antona (pictured) said: "I'd like to offer my congratulations to Rishi Sunak on behalf of CAMRA and our 160,000 members. We look forward to working with the new prime minister to tackle the crisis facing pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers across the UK.

"I want to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to him to join me at the *George and Dragon* in his constituency to talk further about CAMRA's aims for the industry. This community-owned local, a previous winner of our National Pub of the Year award, is a fantastic example of everything a pub can be. I believe it is urgent that UK's pubs, social clubs, breweries and cider producers are made a priority by government.

"The sector needs ongoing support on energy bills lasting beyond April 2023, the positive reforms from the alcohol duty review to be implemented as quickly as possible, a cut on VAT for on-trade food and alcohol and reform of the business rates system."

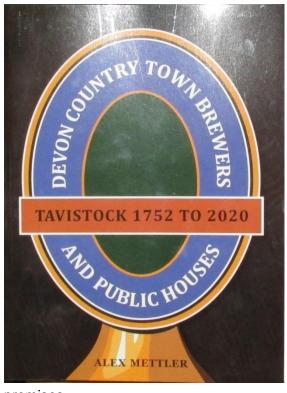




Book Review



Devon Country Town Breweries and Public Houses – Tavistock 1752 – 2020



Hot on the bookshelves of Tavistock, this is a must-buy publication for those who love pubs and the breweries which brewed the beers for them, starting in 1752 to the present day. Why start from 1752 – it is simply the date of John Wynne's Field Book to the plan of Tavistock of 1751 and 1752.

It is jointly published by the **Tavistock Heritage Trust** and the **Tavistock Local History Society**, both Registered Charities, and compiled by **Alex Mettler**.

It is packed full of information on 548 pages about the history of brewing beer, the town and parish of Tavistock, plus chapters detailing the common brewers and a very extensive chapter on all known alehouses, coaching inns and public houses within the parish. For those who wish to abstain from alcohol, there is even a chapter detailing all the known Temperance Hotels of the town in the nineteenth century!

There are very many photographs, both black and white and in colour, plus reproduced newspaper advertisements for inns, hotels and breweries, town plans and Sale Notices of various

premises.

Discover how many known breweries have been operating in the town, find out who owned them, and when; find out how much they were sold for when they changed hands. Discover who owned the land they were built on and how much rent innkeepers paid. Discover which brewery was started by a grocer, and whether any had a joint venture with a bank. Find out everything there is to know about the **Bedford Brewery**, **Brook Street Brewery**, **Gill & Rundle**, **Hilton & Son**, **Johnstone & Soltau**, **White & Skinner and the Tavistock Brewery**, and others. And don't forget about the **Bere Brewery**, **Dartmoor Brewery**, **Morwell Brewery** and **Stannary** breweries of today.

It chronicles the trials and tribulations of brewing beer for just the one inn, to the mass production of today, including the competition of brewers from Cornwall, Devonport, Plymouth and Stonehouse, the effects of the Temperance Movement lobby and from the sometimes-unwelcome involvement of the local magistrates and the Dukes of Bedford.

The Pubs chapter details over 80 known public houses (as we know them today) in the town and parish of Tavistock. When I say public houses, I also mean licensed hotels. Did you know that there were up to **33** licensed public houses or inns at one time – compare that to today? Find out when they were trading as such, for how long, who were the innkeepers/licensees, who owned the building (and land they stood on), how much rent they paid and much, much more. There are a few where all that is known is the name, such as the Duke of Wellington and the Seven Stars.



Book Review



Are there any former public houses still in use today as an ordinary house or as a shop of some description? Which former hotel is now trading as a fast-food establishment? Which of today's pubs have been trading as a pub for over a hundred years?

For those interested in **facts and figures**, there is a record of tariffs for the Bedford Hotel over the years: in 1916, a double room was 8/6d (8 shillings and sixpence), but visitors servants board was 5/-! By 1955, this had increased to between 21/- and 22/6d, and then to £25.00 by 1988. Also included are the census returns of all those involved in brewing beer from 1841 to 1911 – is there a relative of yours listed?

An extensive chapter gives an insight into the rise of the Temperance movement lobby in the early 1830's and details the rise of the Mechanics Library and Institute from 1836. The Temperance movement abstained from alcohol consumption. The library was well stocked with many books donated by the Duke of Bedford, and opened in May 1838. It was decided that "A Temperance coffee shop would be a better associate of the Mechanics Library than a drinking room of any description". And what would they say now that one of them has been serving alcoholic drinks since 1981?

This is a truly remarkable book of reference showcasing a remarkable period of social history in Tavistock and will have something for everyone.

Book Reviewer Ian (Dickie) Dickinson, Plymouth CAMRA

The book is available at:

Tavistock Guildhall Visitor Information Centre, enquiries@tavistockguildhall.org
Book Stop, in Tavistock bookstoptavistock@gmail.com
Tavistock Heritage Trust https://www.heritageintavistock.org and Tavistock Local History Society secretary@tavistockhistory.co.uk

Softback £24.99, Hardback £34.99 plus p/p £5.50.







Plymouth CAMRA's POTY 2023

The Plymouth CAMRA Pub Of The Year Competition 2023 runs as follows:

Each Plymouth branch member who appears on the CAMRA national Membership System on 1st December 2022 will be contacted by the Plymouth Branch Committee via email. Each member will be entitled to vote for their choice of up to three cask ale (Live Beer) pubs, plus a cider & perry pub (which may be one they have already voted for), and a club. Members are advised to include the address of the pub they are voting for, as there are numerous pubs called King's/Queen's Head/Arms, etc. Votes without the address will be excluded if there is any doubt!

Voting By Branch Members

Voting opens on **Sunday 1**st **January 2023 and closes at midnight on Tuesday 31**st **January 2023**. Members can vote for their Top Three Pubs, Best Cider Pub and Best Club, by downloading the voting form from the branch website, and then sending the completed form, either by post or by email, to the address on the voting form. Voting forms will be available on the branch website, under the POTY tab on the left hand side menu, just before New Year. Voting is only open for Plymouth Branch Members, so Member login is required to be able to download the Voting Form.

The Second Round Judging

As usual, we will have a City and a Country Pub Of the Year. Members votes will be counted, with each pub scored as first awarded three points, second two points and one point for third. Those pubs not administered by the City Of Plymouth Licensing Authority are located in the Country POTY area. The highest scoring pub in each area will go forward to final judging, along with the two pubs with the highest average NBSS scores for their area. If it is the same pub as voted by members, the second highest average score will be used, or as determined by the Branch Committee.

Members votes only will be used to determine the Cider and Perry POTY and Club OTY, due to reduced numbers of these establishments eligible.

The Judging Forms will be available at the End of January 2023 – again Member login will be required. There will be a maximum of two City pubs, two Country pubs, two cider pubs and two clubs in the final judging round. Pubs in each category will be marked according to the CAMRA POTY Judging Criteria, each pub has a maximum score out of 80. We will be judging the top two City Pubs, the top two Country Pubs, the top two Cider pubs and the top two Clubs. The pub achieving the highest average score from this vote off will be the branch City and Country POTY 2023.

Third Round - Winner Selection

Part Three. The judging forms used in Part Two will be returned to the Branch Committee during February and March 2023, and by 31st March at the latest, either by post or via email.

All judging scores for each pub will be totalled up and divided by the number of judges to give an average score for that pub. The pub, or club, with the highest score will be the Branch City and Country POTY 2023.

The Branch Committee will ensure that all winners comply with current CAMRA policy, and the results announced at the Branch AGM in April or May 2023 (date TBC).





Energy Bill Support Plea From Brewers And Pubs

Pubs and brewery bosses have written to the government to ask for support with their towering energy bills this winter. Bosses of six of the UK's largest breweries and pub companies said soaring costs would result in closures and "real and serious irreversible" damage.

Unlike households, businesses aren't covered by a regulated energy price cap. This means there is no protection from suppliers charging the maximum amount per unit of energy.

One of the bosses who joined the warning, William Lees Jones, managing director of the **JW Lees pub group**, said publicans have been experiencing 300% increases in their energy costs.

The pub and brewery owners from six companies – *JW Lees, Carlsberg Marston's, Admiral Taverns, Drake & Morgan, Greene King* and *St Austell Brewery* – sit on the board of the British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA). In an open letter to the government, they urged immediate intervention, including a support package and a cap on the price of energy for businesses.

The government has previously said no policy will be announced until the new Prime Minister takes office in early September. On Friday 26th August, the energy regulator Ofgem, which sets the price cap on household bills, said the cap would rise by 80% in October. Many energy intensive businesses across various sectors will also face cost pressures that could be passed on to consumers through higher prices.

Breweries, which use CO2 in the production of beer, have also warned that they will be affected by the closure of one of the country's largest CO2 producers, CF Fertilisers – which is halting production due to high energy costs.

Nick Mackenzie, the boss of *Greene King* – one of the UK's largest pub groups, with over 3,100 pubs – said the sector needed "immediate government intervention".

"We could face the prospect of pubs being unable to pay their bills, jobs being lost and beloved locals across the country forced to close their doors, meaning all the good work done to keep pubs open during the pandemic could be wasted," he added.

"Government needs to extend the energy cap to businesses as well as households," William Lees Jones wrote.







Energy Bill Support Plea From Brewers And Pubs Cont.

'Energy bills more than rent'

Chris Jowsey, boss of *Admiral Taverns* which has 1,600 pubs agreed, and said his tenanted pubs now pay more in energy bills than they do in rent.

Emma McClarkin, chief executive of the BBPA, warned that the rise in energy bills would cause more damage to the industry than the pandemic did if it didn't receive support in the next few weeks.

"There are pubs that weathered the storm of the past two years that now face closure because of rocketing energy bills for both them and their customers," she added.

It comes as the number of pubs in England and Wales continues to fall, hitting its lowest level on record, according to new analysis. The research found that there were 39,970 pubs in June, down by more than 7,000 since 2012. According to *Altus*, who compiled the report, 400 pubs in England and Wales closed last year and some 200 shut in the first half of 2022 as inflation started to eat in to profits. That brought the total number of pubs down to its lowest level since Altus's records began in 2005.





Plymouth CAMRA Archives

The Plymouth CAMRA branch website now includes a dedicated Pub, Brewery and News Archive, which can be accessed from this link, <u>Pub, Brewery and News Archives</u> (link).

We have made the navigation as simple as we can and provided the Pub, Brewery and News Archives as separate areas to make your search much easier to achieve.

- 1. The <u>Brewery Archive</u> (link) contains all known former (defunct) breweries of the South West of England as far as we know. They are listed by CAMRA Good Beer Guide County. Login is not required to view these details. If you know of any errors or omissions, please email webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk with details.
- 2. The Pub Names Archives are available in three parts:
 - 2.1 <u>Pre WW II Plymouth Pubs</u> (link) which contains all the pubs known to be trading in the three towns of Devonport, Stonehouse and Plymouth. These are listed by the type of alcohol license held at that particular period of time, and also shows the pub owner at that time. Login is not required to view these details.
 - 2.2 <u>Lost Pubs of Plymouth</u> (link) is a selected list of those pubs lost to the branch since about 1994. This includes pubs that have been converted to another use, such as a shop, student or domestic housing or have been demolished. Login is not required to view these details.
 - 2.3 <u>Plymouth CAMRA Pub Name Archive</u> (link) contains over 1 300 pub names known to have been used the Plymouth CAMRA branch area. These are listed alphabetically in four lists and has taken many, many years of research so these lists require CAMRA member login to view sorry!
- 3. The <u>Pub and Brewery News Archive</u> (link) currently shows all of our previously published pub and brewery news items since June 2015. In time, we hope to add news items from earlier than this.





Where Are They Now No 27



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.







Pub News



Hotel Mount Batten serves three regular live beers – Jail Ale, Bass and Tribute. The Bridge Inn, also at Mount Batten, also serves three ales: Topsail, Otter Bright and Tribute, although payment is card payment only. The Clovelly Bay Inn at Turnchapel is also serving three ales, all from St Austell recently (Anthem, Proper Job and Tribute). The Boringdon Arms, also at Turnchapel had London Pride, Sharps Atlantic and Sea Fury, and confirmed that CAMRA discount is still available here, despite the previous report stating it wasn't. The Royal Oak, at Hooe, served Dartmoor Jail Ale and Sharps Atlantic recently. Around the corner, the Victoria Inn had Dartmoor Jail Ale on handpump. The previously unknown cocktail bar, The Vault, Mutley Plain, is closed and is "To Let". Steel Brew Co Tap Room has closed unexpectedly with immediate effect at the end of August *The Ford*, Alexandria Road, Ford, is under the new management of Graham Eaveson from late August and serves two Live Beers (real ales), believed to be Courage Best and Ringwood Boondoggle. Live musical entertainment is planned for Saturday evenings and Sky Sports is also available. The Victualling Office Tavern, Stonehouse, is due to reopen on Wednesday 9th November. It has been completely refurbished from top to bottom - new bar, kitchen, toilets and garden. It will serve food and two real ales (unknown at present). It will be run by father and son, one of whom is named Owen (apologies to the other owner - Ed). Brunel View, 7, Barne Road, St Budeaux, now serves one real live beer regularly, and have served Doom Bar in very good condition. Duchy of Cornwall, Stonehouse, has served Salcombe Gold, Dartmoor Legend, Jail Ale, Greene King Abbot Ale, Summerskills Blondie, Bolt Head, Devon Dew and Indiana's Bones in the last couple of months - one to watch! Morley Arms, Laira Bridge, closed in late October, hopefully for a short period of refurbishment to welcome in new owners? Chichester Arms, Chillaton, has been closed since 2015 and now has change of use planning application awaiting a final decision (decision was due 31st October). The *Fortescue*, Mutley, no longer serves food on Sundays. The Pickwick Inn, St Ann's Chapel, has been closed since January and is on the market. Councillor Stuart Watts said making it a community asset would "buy us breathing space" to keep it as a pub. A decision is due soon.

Beer Scoring

The following brief details cover the period from 1st April to 31st October 2022 inclusive. We have received a total of 1, 628 beer scores for 124 different pubs (averaging 13 beer scores per pub), submitted by 60 CAMRA members (average of 27 each) from 30 branches, including 21 Plymouth branch members. The Plymouth members submitted 1, 421 beer scores (averaging 67 each); 39 non branch members submitted 207 scores (averaging 5 each). These members came from local branches including Cornwall, Exeter, South Devon and Somerset, and from further afield including Gloucestershire, Birmingham, Oxford and Bath.

Thank You all very much! Beer Scoring informs the Branch that those named pubs are open and serving cask conditioned Live Beer (real ale), or not, if zero scored. It also helps us to monitor the quality and consistency of the real ales available, and to help keep What Pub as up-to-date as possible.





Pub & Brewery News



Cider News

The Fortescue, Mutley Plain, now appears to be only selling cider from Lilley's. Summerskills are now offering Devon Dabber cider in their drinks portfolio. *Countryman Cider's* Vintage Gold Label won Cider of the Festival at Poole Beer Festival, held on 28th and 29th October. Many congratulations to Vernon and all at Countryman Cider! Please click on this link <u>Plymouth Branch Cider and Perry Pub Guide</u> to see those pubs in our branch area serving real cider. If you have any cider news, please email us on <u>cider@plymouth.camra.org.uk</u>

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, <u>LocAle Scheme</u> (link)

CAMRA Member Discount Scheme and CAMRA Voucher Scheme

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

Cask Marque Accreditation

There are no Branch area pubs who have gained or lost Cask Marque Accreditation recently.

Brewery News

Anchor House: No news. Has anyone seen or heard of anything about them recently? Brewery Liaison Officer (BLO) post vacant – any volunteers please contact branch Vice Chair. Bere (BLO Bob Holmes): Bere Brewery are now doing Taproom openings again on Saturday's (cash only), check their website for the dates. They are still doing sales on Wednesday's and Saturday's, please check with their website. The brewery continues to brew their 6 regular beers and their seasonal beers with their High Cross Harvest beer now ready for sale. It is ABV 4.2%, uses fresh harvest hops (green). Cotts Winter ale, ABV 5.4%, will be ready in November. The brewery are currently not doing sales on a Saturday but continue to do their beer sales on Wednesdays 4.30-7pm. Check their website and Facebook site for any updates and to see when Jeremy sets up his stall in Bedford Square Market, at Tavistock (normally on Saturdays). Bulletproof (BLO Alan Warden): The brewery have taken on two new members of staff recently, doubling their workforce to four. The Bulletproof Brewing Tap Haus, Mutley Plain, is now open six days a week: Monday 1500 - 2300; Tuesday to Friday 1500 - midnight; Saturday midday to midnight; closed on Sundays.







Pub & Brewery News

Dartmoor No real updates to the brewery in terms of real ales brewed, although the brewery is continuing to monitor the current situation regarding pubs in the current economic climate. As a result of this, there is no current confirmation that *Dragons Breath* will appear in the Autumn. *Ivybridge* (BLO Andrew Richardson): Their new Tap and Bottle Shop opened during the summer. Morwell (06 June 2022, BLO Bob Holmes): They are still brewing for the Ship Inn on the Morwellham Quay site, with casks as well their bottled beers which are also available in the shop next door. However, they still brew their 3 main beers, Adit, Hop and Miner, and occasionally brew Morwell Gold. It is believed other places sell their bottled beers, one being Bicton Botanical Gardens. They now have a couple of ciders under the title of Morwellham Orchards. The ciders are called Medium Cider and Tamar Drop. Noss Beer Works (03 Jun 2022, BLO Andrew Richardson): The brewery continues to brew both cask and bottled beers for the take home market. Church Ledge, ABV 4.0%, Mew Stone ABV 4.3% and Ebb Rock ABV 4.9% are still available in both cask and bottle, with Black Rock ABV 4.0% making occasional appearances in cask, and is always available in bottle. Santa's Little Helper ABV 4.5% was available during the last winter season in cask – watch out for it this year! *Roam* (BLO Andrew Richardson): They hosted a Jubilee Beer Festival from Thursday 2nd until Saturday 4th June 2022. Approximately 15 beers were available, plus some collaboration beers brewed with selected other Devon Brewers, including Ivybridge, New Lion, Steel Brew Co, and Firebrand from Cornwall. Roam have also brewed a new beer, Back Bone, ABV 5.1% pale ale. Roam Brewery Oktoberfest 2022 took place on Friday 30 September and Saturday 1 October, at Roam Brewery Tap, Peverell. Stannary (BLO Ian Daniels): The brewery recently won 4 SIBA South West beer awards in their classes. Gold medals for Fathead and Repeat Offender (also best in class). Also, silver medals for Half Pint Mafia and Hare Trigger IPA. Steel Brew Co (BLO Bob Holmes): Sadly, the company announced that they had ceased trading "with immediate effect" on Thursday 25/8/22. The Steel Brew Co Tap also closed at that time. **Summerskills** (BLO George McCarron): Summerskills have contracted a cider producer to produce a cider for them for the summer – Devon Dabber ABV 6.0% – possibly for longer, depending on how things go. It is currently available in the Minerva Inn, Barbican. They are also supplying JDW with Tamar for the Autumn. The whispers about a new brewery near Tavistock have proved to be correct. **Tavistock Brewery**, of Peter Tavy, have been five years in the making. They brew three beers currently, Golden Ale ABV 4.3%, English Ale ABV 4.5% and Master Ale ABV 4.9%. there are more details on the branch website brewery page.

Sadly, Cornish brewer **Skinner's** announced that it was to enter administration in early October after 25 years of beer-making. The Truro-based firm, founded in 1997, posted on Twitter that it was "deeply saddened" by the move. "Our strong hope is that a buyer can be found," said Steve Skinner, founder of the brewery which employed 35 people in 2021 (we echo Steve's thoughts – Ed).





Pub Companies 9



PUB COMPANIES - ASSOCIATED BODIES

A number of bodies exist to represent the interests of pub companies or their licensees, whilst other groups (such as CAMRA) champion pubs on behalf of their customers and therefore have a strong interest in the way pub companies operate.

British Beer & Pub Association Formed in 1904 as the Brewers' Society but renamed in 2000 to reflect its growing pub company membership. Its members are responsible for 90% of the beer brewed in Britain and own around 20,000 of the country's pubs; interestingly, the biggest pub company, Stonegate, is not a member. The Chief Executive is Emma McClarkin who succeeded the long-serving Brigid Simmonds in 2019. The BBPA positions itself as 'the voice of the beer and pub industry' and campaigns for lower taxes and less regulation to 'enable growth and investment' in the trade. It provides members with guidance, specialist insight, research and statistics, including a 'licensee forum' offering free advice on matters such as cellar management, property & planning, licensing & regulation and health & safety.

British Institute of Innkeeping This is a membership organisation with charitable status whose remit is "to raise professional standards across the sector". Its 9000 members are drawn from all areas of the trade – tenants, managers, free-traders, pub chefs, bar-staff etc. Helplines cover issues like human resources, legal, licensing, tax, environmental health and market knowledge. It also sells services to tenants through their pub companies and in several regards can be seen as a commercial partner of these companies, some of whom offer free BII membership to their tenants/lessees. Several companies are corporate BII members.

Federation of Licensed Victuallers Association Another membership organisation, this one aims to look after the interests of self-employed licensees and was formed in 1992. The advice, help and guidance it offers includes matters like contracts of employment, health & safety, staff induction and working time regulations. It has a direct financial/commercial link with Stonegate who offer free membership to all their tenants/lessees. When the Pubs Code came in, the FLVA notably did not support the Market Rent Only option.

UK Hospitality The organisation sees itself as the 'single, authoritative voice representing the broad hospitality sector'—so not just the licensed trade but also the likes of visitor attractions, nightclubs and bowling alleys. It resulted from a 2018 merger of the British Hospitality Association and the Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers and membership is offered to operator and supplier companies plus affiliates like educational establishments. Kate Nicholls is the Chief Executive. Its current campaigning priorities are 'the future workforce of the sector, tackling the excessive tax burden the sector faces and ensuring regulation on business is proportionate'. Members can access a variety of advice services, including cost savings, employee retention and legislative compliance.

Forum of British Pubs The FBP was founded in June 2020 by redoubtable tenants' rights campaigner Dave Mountford (the Pub Defender) and Ian Cass, Managing Director of the Forum of Private Business, primarily to protect British pubs and the people who run them. They aim to support all publicans, and tied tenants in particular, as well as being a strong campaigning voice with government and the industry. In their view, there is much bad business practice and unfair behaviour in the latter and the absence of a fair, level playing field keeps many licensees in a state of perpetual jeopardy. There has also been, they say, no true representation until they came along for pub tenants at government level. To help address the imbalance, FBP gives its members access to expert advice and guidance on general and legal issues and, especially, on using (or trying to use) rights under the Pubs Code.







Scottish Licensed Trade Association Founded in 1880, this is the leading licensed trade body in Scotland. It is consulted by governments, national boards and the media, and members are also represented at local level through a series of local and regional trade associations. Membership is open to all Scottish licensed trade outlets.

Pubs Advisory Service PAS was set up to help tenants obtain high-quality independent advice and support to grow their business. Areas on which it can advise include rent reviews, business rates, unworkable business plans mis-selling of agreements and the Market Rent Only option. It also provides pre-entry advice for people looking to enter the trade. It has represented many tenants in Pubs Code and other arbitrations.

Campaigning Organisations As well as CAMRA, several other groups have emerged to campaign on pubs issues generally:

The **Campaign for Pubs** was launched n June 2020 to campaign for a "better, freer and fairer, more sustainable" pub sector. It aims to unite publicans, campaigners, suppliers and customers "in a single mass membership organisation fighting to protect pubs".

Protect Pubs (founded 2014) is a "community led campaign organisation and advice forum for all those who love pubs and want to see them at the heart of British culture". Its Facebook page has over 2500 members.

Fair Deal for Your Local, and its predecessor Fair Pint, has been campaigning for reform of the beer tie since 2007 and claims to have been the first campaign to get the beer tie and the behaviours of the large pub companies on the political agenda. It was set up and is run by tenants and former tenants.

Beer Ingred	dients In Other La	anguages One	2	
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Beer Brands



Beer Brands Owned By A-B InBev.

Bass, Beck's, Belle Vue, Boddingtons, Bohemia, Brahma, Budweiser, Diebels, Flowers, Franziskaner, Goose Island, Harbin, Hertog Jan, Hoegaarden, Jupiler, Labatt's, Leffe, Lowenbrau, Marathon, Michelob, Oranjeboom, Piedboeuf, Quilmes, Rolling Rock, St Pauli Girl, Skol, Spaten, Stella Artois.

Beer Brands Owned By Heineken.

Adelscott, Affligem, Amstel, Beamish, Bintang, Caledonian, Ciney, Cruzcampo, Dos Equis, Dreher (Italy), Edelweiss, Fischer, Furstenberg, Gosser, Hacker-Pschorr, Hapkin, Heineken, Krusovice, Kulmbacher, Lapin Kulta, Maes, Moretti, Mort Subite, Murphy's, Newcastle Brown, Paulaner, Pelforth, Sagres, John Smith's, Sol, Starobrno, Tatra, Tecate, Tiger*, Warka, Wieckse Witte, Zipfer and Zywiec

* joint venture

Beer Brands Owned By Carlsberg.

Aldaris, Baltika, Carlsberg, Duckstein, Feldschlossen, Grimbergen, Henninger, Holsten, Hurlimann, Kanterbrau, Kronenberg, Mythos, Okocim, Poretti, Pripps, Ringnes, Super Bock, Svyturys, Synebrichoff, Tetley's, Tuborg and Utenos.

Beer Brands Owned By Molsen Coors.

Blue Moon, Carling, Cobra, Coors, M & B, Molsen, Sharp's, Stones, Worthington's.

<u>Chronology of Notable British Breweries 5.</u>

Felinfoel (1830), Holt's (1849),

Donnington (1865), Charles Wells (1876, now trading as Wells),

Traquair House (1965), Exmoor (1980, as Golden Hill),

Wychwood (1983), Daleside (1988),

Dartmoor (1994, as Princetown), Copper Dragon (2003),

Thornbridge (2005), Brew Dog (2007)



Devon Branches Social





After weeks of trying to find and agree on a convenient date, around seventy members of Exeter and East Devon, North Devon, South Devon and Plymouth CAMRA branches held a combined social afternoon in the *Beer Engine Brew Pub, Newton St Cyres, near Exeter*, on Saturday 29th October. Not to be left out, Cornwall branch also joined in the fun, with some from further afield!

It was decided that it would be easier for the pub if we had a buffet meal, booked in advance. Our branch Social Secretary, Andrew Richardson, collected our names and passed them on to the Exeter

Social Secretary, Martyn Shepherd.

We left Plymouth for Exeter on the 1049 train and waited a few minutes for the 1219 connection to Newton on the Okehampton line. There were a good number of CAMRA members waiting on Platform 3B, so we joined them and loitered a while! There were enough of us that we easily took over the front carriage – Newton station can only load/unload one carriage – so please remember that when you go there yourselves. Do not forget to inform the guard/driver that you wish to alight at Newton, otherwise you'll get a lovely view of the station and village as you drive slowly through!

The Beer Engine brew pub was established in 1983 and is the oldest working microbrewery in Devon. The brewery is visible in the downstairs (sports) bar in the pub through multiple viewing windows. Seasonal beers are also brewed to complement the existing core range.

Most of "Our Lot" headed straight to the downstairs bar and started to queue for the beer. I was doing my David Bailey impression, so was a little late on the scene after taking the photo above.



Entering the pub via the front door, the furniture is neatly laid out for drinking or dining, with the bar located at the end. There were five beers on this bar and five beers in the downstairs (sports) bar. This bar can be accessed via the staircase or directly from the garden, but there are a couple of steps to get to the actual bar itself. There were three TV screens for those wishing to watch televised sports.



Further round from the main bar is a more comfortable seating and dining area. The food menu looks to be wide and varied, including steak, chicken, fish and venison, as well as vegetarian options.



Devon Branches Social





The six beers on offer today were *Rail Ale*, an ABV 3.8% session bitter. This is a straw-coloured beer with a fruity aroma and a sweet, fruity finish; *Leaves Online*, an ABV 3.9% session bitter. This is an amber session beer with malt taste and a lingering dry bitter aftertaste; *Piston Bitter*, an ABV 4.3% session bitter and is a mid-brown coloured, sweet-tasting beer with a pleasant, bittersweet aftertaste. *Luggage Porter*, an ABV 4.4% session porter, a dark brown beer with chocolate and fruit in the taste with a dry aftertaste; *Golden*

Arrow, an ABV 4.5% golden-coloured beer with a hoppy aroma and malty sweetness evident. The taste is also predominately hoppy, leading to a bitter aftertaste; this was only available downstairs and shot out of the pumps! & **Sleeper Heavy**, an ABV 5.4% premium bitter: A red-coloured beer with a fruity, sweet taste and a bitter finish.

I was in a round with Sidney Cyderman and started on the Rail Ale from the main bar, where there was no queue. We carefully barged our way downstairs, having taken the top off our beers, as the sports bar queue started on the stairs! I managed to secure a seat in front of the TV and the masses of fellow Leicester fans (I was the only one, but, hey, I was determined to enjoy myself!), as we were at home to Manchester City. The brewery can also be seen via a number of viewing windows downstairs in the sports bar, as shown in the photo on the right.





Most of our gang of about seventy decided to take root in the garden area under the garden awning. And why not – the weather was very pleasant even though it was October. After about an hour or so, the excellent buffet was brought out for the masses to join an orderly queue. There were baguette rolls, French bread pizzas, quiches, several different spiced and flavoured chicken drumsticks, pitta breads and dips. That was the best buffet I had had in a very long time.



Once everyone had been fed, local branch Chair, Steve Murray, made a presentation to the Beer Engine owner, Will Maltby. The Beer Engine had been voted Exeter and East Devon branch Rural Pub of The Year 2022.

From my visit on that Saturday, I'm not surprised that the Beer Engine won this prestigious award – many congratulations to Will and his team!





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 01 November 2022.

Avonwick

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

Bere Ferrers

Olde Plough Inn, Fore Street, PL20 7JG

Bittaford

Horse & Groom, Exeter Road, PL21 0EL

Brixton

Foxhound Inn, Kingsbridge Road, PL8 2AH

Buckland Monachorum

Drake Manor Inn, Buckland, PL20 7NA

California Cross

California Inn, PL21 0SG

Chipshop

Copper Penny Inn, PL19 8NT

Clearbrook

Skylark Inn, PL20 6JD

Dousland

Burrator Inn, PL20 6NP

Ermington

Crooked Spire Inn, The Square, PL21 9LP

Hemerdon

Miner's Arms, PL7 5BU

Hexworthy

Forest Inn, PL20 6SD

Holbeton

Dartmoor Union Inn, Fore Street, PL8 1NE

Mary Tavy

Mary Tavy Inn, Lane Head, PL19 9PN

Meavy

Royal Oak Inn, PL20 6PJ

Milton Combe

Who'd Have Thought It Inn, PL20 6HP

Modbury

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





Noss Mayo Ship Inn, PL8 1EW

Plymouth

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

"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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NOTICE: Venues need your support more than ever during the ongoing coronavirus crisis.

A nationwide lockdown is currently in place in England, and you are required by law to stay at home. Hospitality venues can still provide food takeaway and delivery services, but can only sell alcohol by delivery service.

But please be aware that opening hours and services may be different to those displayed here. Before visiting or ordering from any venue, we strongly advise you to check its website or social media, or get in touch with them first to avoid disappointment.

If you see any details here that need updating, please let us know by submitting feedback on the pub.



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Real Ale Available



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Greene King (1799), JW Lees (1828), Everards (1849), Hydes (1863), Wadworth (1875), Holden's (1915), Pilgrim (1992), Hop Back (1987), Sharp's (1994, now part of **Molson Coors**)



Britain's Brewing Heritage



MP Steps In To Fight For Nation's Brewing Heritage

Burton MP Kate Kniveton has joined calls for more to be done to preserve the nation's brewing heritage following the announcement by Molson Coors to close the National Brewery Centre, which closed in October.

Kniveton said: "I have received many emails from constituents who are concerned about the proposals by Molson Coors and what this means for the collections currently held at the National Brewery Centre.

"No one wants to see these lost and, while I am grateful for the commitment by Molson Coors and ESBC [East Staffordshire Borough Council] to display these elsewhere, we urgently need to know more details about these plans.

"It is right that these discussions about Burton's heritage are held publicly, so all those with an interest have a chance to input and share their own ideas about the future of the collection. We all care about protecting Burton's brewing history for future generations and ensuring we retain a focal point for the exhibitions to attract visitors to our town.

"I have invited Molson Coors to attend a public meeting and address some of these questions and concerns. I understand it is considering this, and I have today extended the invitation to ESBC so it too can share their views on how they can help to protect these valuable historic assets."





Where to go? Billy suggested Falmouth, as he hasn't been there before, and I was last there in 2015 for the beer festival. Why not, I thought. We were joined at the railway station by Mr Lea.

The journey took about two hours with a change at Truro. Both trains were very busy, as one might expect. After alighting at Falmouth Town station (not Docks), we headed off into the centre of this magnificent place. The streets were very busy with people enjoying the fine weather.

Our first stop for a quick half was at *The Windjammer*. It is really an eating place with Table Service. A really nice outside balcony ensured a lovely view of the harbour and all the usual boating activities. *Padstow Brewery* Windjammer went down well, considering it was relatively early.

Our next port of call was possibly the best Falmouth has to offer — *The Front*, with its amazing choice of about eight ales as well as numerous ciders. It's easy to find as it is just behind Trago Mills right on the quayside. A great location with excellent views across the harbour from the outside seating area. Just a couple of the various beers sampled were Voodoo from *Ossett Brewery*, as well as a Cloud Cuckoo from Truro-based brewery, *Treens*. Both are very likable indeed. What a location and what a choice, well worth a visit.

Another interesting pub visited (though not entirely for the beer) was *Beerwolf Books*. Not sure how to describe it really, is it a pub or a bookstore? Hard to tell. Loads of ales and ciders with old pinball machines dotted about (not working) and an extremely large collection of books both new and second hand; all available to buy, read or take away. A novel idea indeed. (*That's an awful pun, Phil – Ed!*) A library with beer. Sir Lancelot from *Tingtagel Brewery* was most excellent.

Moving further into the town square, a visit to the *Seven Stars* and their magnificent Bass was enjoyed overlooking an old-fashioned carousel ride which was proving to be very popular.

Across the square was *The Pennycomequick*, a St Austell pub which had on offer the unique JBs Best Bitter, which was lovely.

Just up the road was *The Moth and The Moon* where we sat on the roof-top terrace overlooking the town, enjoying by this time of the evening, I have no idea, but whatever we drank it was splendid!

A great day out indeed and it was nice to see Billy with a smile on his face.

Falmouth is the place to go for a variety of very different drinking places, each unique in their own way. What's more, it's not all Doom Bar and Tribute but a whole lot more. Worth a visit. Enjoy!

Phil Ward



The Amazing Cider Man



Almost 90% of drinkers back CAMRA's call to raise the minimum juice content of cider to guarantee quality – AND help to save traditional orchards!

Members of the public polled by YouGov have given their overwhelming support to a call to change the rules on as the minimum amount of juice required to be in a pint of cider, in order to improve quality and safeguard the nation's orchards.

A YouGov survey found that 93% of people think that the preservation of traditional orchards is important – with 87% of respondents supporting raising the "minimum juice content" of cider to help halt the decline of orchards.

To be taxed and sold as cider, the Treasury currently requires a product to have just 35% juice – this is known as the "minimum juice content". CAMRA is calling on the Treasury to raise the minimum juice content for cider to 50%. This modest increase would help improve the cider's value perception, integrity and reputation – and provide a renewed demand for acres of orchards bearing tannin-rich apples that are currently being wound down due to a lack of demand.



Just like beer, cider and perry comes in a variety of styles and tastes. It's all about finding the right style to suit you.

Please visit the main CAMRA website, <u>UK Cider and Perry Producers</u> to find a comprehensive list of British cider and perry producers. Fortunately, cider in the UK is undergoing a bit of a revival. In Devon and Cornwall, there are 51 producers of cider and perry listed – what we need is more of it available in local pubs! CAMRA celebrates real cider and perry and works hard to highlight the pubs that serve them. Use our online pub guide, What Pub, to search for pubs serving real cider and perry and filter by using the apple symbol. Or please click on this link <u>Plymouth Branch Cider and Perry Pubs</u> for those pubs in our branch area.







Real cider and perry grows on trees

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.

Visit www.whatpub.com to find real cider and perry pubs







33. English Porters, ABV 4.0% and above

The original choice of London's market and dock workers was a blend of three beers. The style has changed constantly since its advent and remains ambiguous even today. *A varied style*.

From a light-chestnut to a black-edged deep brown, English porters have a vast and varied style guideline. Generally, less full-bodied than a stout, some push even this boundary. Typically, an off-white head may approach tan, and generally has decent weight and retention. The texture is soft and smooth, with just enough carbonation to leave a dry, malty, bready finish. In many examples, there are caramel, toffee, chocolate, and light coffee notes – all blended eloquently with the malt core. With its reasonably light alcohol content, this is a perfect partner for hearty dinners of grilled and roasted meat.

Three examples of this style:

Elland Brewery 1872 Porter ABV 4.6% – a sweetish roast chocolate malt taste leads to a long-lasting roasted, slightly bitter, dry finish. Winner of many awards.

Summerskills Brewery Plymouth Porter ABV 5.0% – strong sweet chocolate aroma, flavours of chocolate and toffee. The aftertaste dies off quickly but this is a nice drinkable sweet Porter.

Tintagel Brewery Poldark Ale ABV 4.5% – brown strong mild with malt aroma. Assertive malty flavour with stone fruits, dates, sweet caramel, smokiness and a citrus edge.

34. Baltic Porters, ABV 5.5% and above (to approx. 10.5%)

Originally brewed in England, this beer was exported to countries in the Baltic and Scandinavia, and then adopted by its recipients and crafted into what it is today. *A hardy traveller*.

This dark smooth beauty was brewed bigger and bolder in order to survive the journey from England to the Baltic countries. Since the original journey, however, it has become a distinct, stand-alone style. Dark mahogany to black in colour, it is smooth, full-bodied and almost coating — nearing stout in character. The malt-forward introduction can be a bevy of flavours: caramel, chocolate, roasty notes, liquorice, raisins, prunes and molasses. There is no flavour from the hops, but a balance and a bitterness is attained in their presence. It is sweet on the finish and, overall, a velvety treat. Unknown to many, Baltic porters are worth discovering.

Three examples of this style:

Green Jack Brewery Baltic Trader Export Stout ABV 10.5% – based in Lowestoft, a major port for the Baltic. This beer uses roasted barley and chocolate malt and has dark fruits, chocolate and peppery hop notes (bottle).

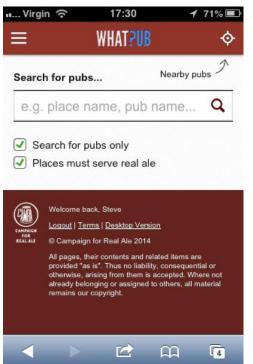
Teignworthy Brewery Russian Porter ABV 10.5% – an extra rich, dry, liquorice flavour, with a smooth marble finish (bottle).

Hopshackle Brewery Baltic Porter ABV 7.0% – intensely fruity, with blackberry and lemon flavours, with dark chocolate and peppery hop notes (cask).



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.

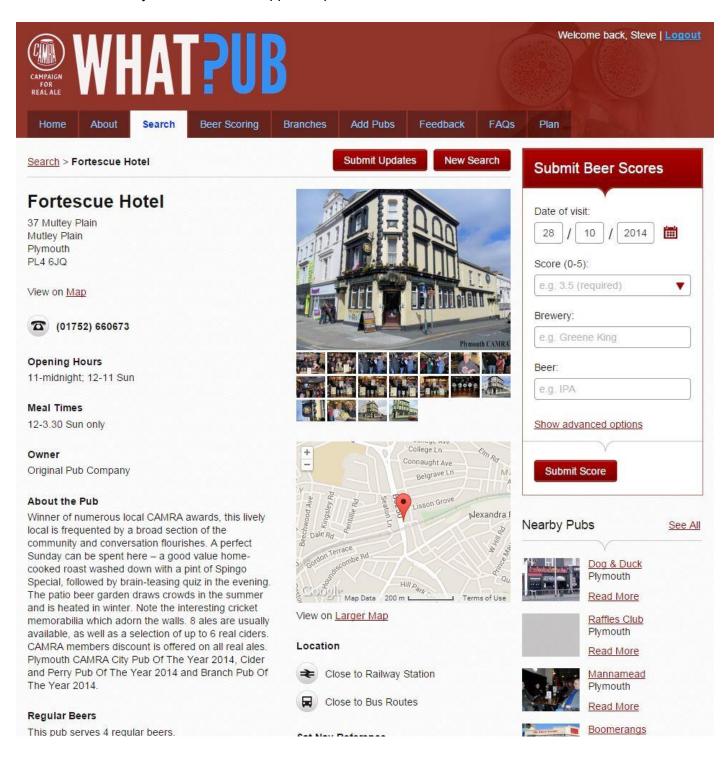
You will need to sign in with your current CAMRA membership number and your password in order to beer score, by tapping on the Login. Enter your number and password.

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 01 November 2022.

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
Gipsy Moth	159 Citadel Road, The Hoe PL1 2HU	20p/pint real ale
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
Sir Joshua Reynolds	25 Ridgeway, Plympton PL7 2AW	10p/pint, 5p/half
Tamar	Morshead Road, Crownhill, PL6 5AD	10%/pint

Key:

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

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

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

Key:

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

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35. Strong Dark Mild Ales, ABV 4.1% and above

As a medium-gravity beer, sessionable but well-built, dark mild ales are the perfect accompaniment to a hearty lunch. *Pleasingly mellow*.

In true English beer-naming fashion, mild is an understated style. With a medium ABV, but still flavourful and solid, this beer becomes the perfect choice for many occasions. This mellow, almost flat ruby/dark-coloured brew is a chameleon of style. It is said that "if the brewer calls it mild – then, by Jove, it is!". Generally speaking, hops are on the light side and malts are prevalent, bringing roasty chocolatey notes. The best of the dark mild family are lower in alcohol, but still flavourful, rich and interesting beers.

Three examples of this style:

Orkney Brewery Dark Island ABV 4.6% – a sweetish roast chocolate malt taste leads to a long-lasting roasted, slightly bitter, dry finish. Winner of many awards.

Sarah Hughes Brewery Dark Ruby Mild ABV 6.0% – a dark ruby strong ale with a good balance of fruit and hops, leading to a pleasant, lingering hops and malt finish.

Tintagel Brewery Poldark Ale ABV 4.5% – brown strong mild with malt aroma. Assertive malty flavour with stone fruits, dates, sweet caramel, smokiness and a citrus edge.

36. 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).







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









Energy Bills Could Break Firms Warns Former Chancellor

Soaring energy bills could be the "straw that finally breaks the camel's back" for small businesses, former chancellor Alistair Darling has warned. Mr Darling, who was Labour chancellor during the financial crisis of 2008, said "bold action" was needed to help the economy.

The energy price cap for households will soar by 80% from October.

But businesses are not covered by the cap and Mr Darling said that after surviving Covid, energy costs risked finishing them off.

Mr Darling described the current situation as a "lethal cocktail" and said it required "bold action" to be taken by the government. Both candidates in the Conservative Party leadership race, Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak, have come under pressure to outline further support for households and businesses following the announcement that energy bills would rise again this Autumn.

The new leader – and Prime Minster to succeed Boris Johnson – will be announced on Monday 5th September.

Ms Truss has so far confirmed she will cut National Insurance and green levies on bills. Mr Sunak has proposed tax cuts on energy bills as part of a £10bn package. It emerged at the weekend that Ms Truss is considering a "nuclear" option of cutting VAT by 5% as well as raising the threshold at which people start paying tax.

In May, the government announced £37bn worth of help for households with the rising cost of living.

But Mr Darling has said the government needed to announce more support. "You've got to announce it now," he said. "Frankly the stuff that's been announced so far might have passed muster earlier this year, it simply won't do now, you need something far more substantial."

Mr Darling said many businesses, "especially the smaller ones who have been struggling through the whole Covid problems over the last couple of years may find that the cost of energy is the straw that finally breaks the camel's back".

He said: "My fear is if the government doesn't do something, you will not just have hardship for individuals and businesses, but you will find that people's spending goes down. And the risk is, at the moment people are saying the chances of us going into recession are 50-50. It could just tip us into recession, which of course would be disastrous for us."

He added: "One lesson I drew from what happened in 2008 is you've got to do more than people expect, and you've got to it more quickly than people expect, if it's going to work."





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A spokesperson for the Treasury said it was "making the necessary preparations to ensure a new government has options to deliver additional support as quickly as possible, as the chancellor has made clear".

"And as the current Prime Minister has made clear, no major fiscal decisions will be taken until the new Prime Minister is in post," they added.

On 26th August, energy regulator Ofgem announced a rise in the energy price cap. It means a typical household will pay £3,549 a year for gas and electricity starting in October, up from £1,971 currently. And some economists have warned that could rise even further.

Wholesale gas prices have been rising since last year but have worsened recently because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the Kremlin's decision to squeeze energy supplies to Europe. Small businesses across a number of industries have voiced their concerns over rising energy bills.

More than 750 restaurant and café owners called on the government and Conservative leadership candidates for support through VAT cuts, grants and business rate rebates. In an open letter, the signatories said takeaways were being quoted "eyewatering bills" that were "simply impossible to pay".

"The government has waited until the last moment to act before, but now cannot be one of those times. It must work with the Conservative leadership candidates on a plan to support Britain's smallest restaurants before it's too late," said Ibrahim Dogus, chair of the British Takeaway Campaign.

Jon Long, who runs five fish and chips shops in Dorset, said if he had to pay the current market rate for gas and electricity, it would mean the end his business after four generations in his family. He managed to fix his gas and electric rates with his energy provider in 2021 and secured a two-year contract, but many businesses aren't in his position.

"What seemed to be extortionate then now seems like an absolute steal," he said.

The 59-year-old said currently his average bill per shop is about £15,000 per year, but based on current wholesale prices, it would cost him up to £80,000.

"We are on a war footing here. There has been a lot of talk, a lot of sympathy, they (the government) have been listening but no action," he said. "Businesses coming out of contracts need drastic help, and they need it now or we face losing thousands of previously viable businesses."

The Bank of England recently warned that the UK economy will fall into recession later this year as rising energy costs push up the rate of inflation. It recently raised interest rates by 0.5% – the biggest increase in 27 years – in an attempt to cool rising consumer prices which hit 10.1% in July.

Mr Darling said the financial crisis more than a decade ago was different to today's economic climate, but warned the current situation was "just as threatening to people, and to the economy, as the financial crisis was back in 2008. It's not just people on low incomes who are going to be affected by this, it's going to be people right up the income chain," he said.



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Highest **Tan Hill Inn**, North Yorkshire (1 732 feet above sea level)

Northernmost Baltasound Hotel, Unst, Shetland
Southernmost Turk's Head, St. Agnes, Isles of Scilly
Oldest* Ye Olde Trip To Jerusalem, Nottingham (1189)

The **Old Ferryboat**, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire (possibly 10th century) **Ye Olde Fighting Cocks**, St. Albans, Hertfordshire (possibly 11th century)

Most Common Name* Red Lion/Crown

Longest Pub Name the Olde Thirteenth Cheshire Astley Volunteer Rifleman Corps Inn,

Stalybridge, Greater Manchester

* Oldest and Most Common Name records are in dispute





Where Are They Now No 29

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

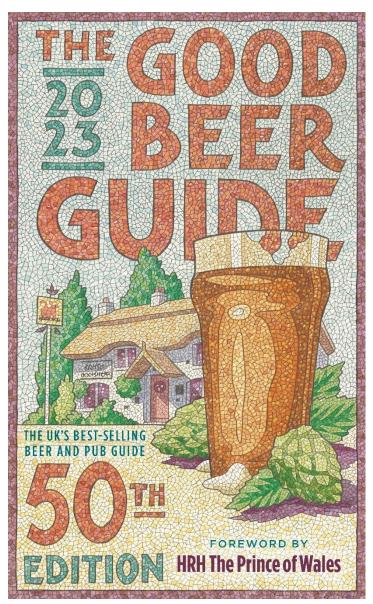
licensed to sell just beer and cider, until the mid 1950's when it acquired the license from the Newport Inn in Edinburgh Road, Devonport, when that pub became a casualty of the South Yard extension to the Dockyard.

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 it 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 last licensees to sell the pub as a viable business, the pub closed upon their well-earned retirement in January 2014 and is now in residential use.





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We enjoyed a pretty good summer, with some excellent weather and we got used to sitting outside in the garden, or patio areas, many of them newly installed. However, we are now into another Autumn but are still enjoying the last

few weeks of warmer weather – let us hope that we are able to enjoy what is left of this year with our families and loved ones in the pubs we love.

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

Lots of pubs in our branch area have invested heavily in their gardens or patios, with new garden furniture and patio heaters. We didn't need heaters near the Clovelly Bay, Turnchapel in August (right), or at the Beer Engine (above in October) but you can see the investment made – please support our pubs during this very difficult time if you can.

When you do go to the pub, please remember to be polite and courteous to all the staff – 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,



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