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PHOTO Here we are again – still socialising at the Combined Devon CAMRA Branches social last October, as we enjoyed it that much!

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

We hope that you enjoy reading our news





Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a festive Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I also hope to think that you spent some of your Christmas money supporting the pubs over the festive holiday period. Well, I know 22 CAMRA members spent some of their money at our traditional Barbican Bimble that took place on Thursday 29th December. Starting off at the Minerva Inn at midday, the choices of ale were St Austell Tribute, Salcombe Xmas Tide and Summerskills Turkey's Delight.

The next pub we ventured to was the Three Crowns. Three choices of Dartmoor Jail Ale, Doom Bar and Salcombe Gold. We moved on to the Ship Inn, unfortunately they had run dry of cask beers, but some members decided to stay and have a bottle of St Austell Proper Black (a dark strong 6% ale).

Others moved on to the Queens Arms, where they had Dartmoor Jail Ale, Sharp's Doom Bar, St Austell Tribute and Timothy Taylor Landlord. I nipped into the Gog & Magog (prior to visiting the Queens), where I had a nice pint of Greene King Abbot Ale. After the Queen's Arms, we visited the famous Dolphin Hotel, and a nice pint of Draught Bass was sampled. Next was the Admiral MacBride which also had Dartmoor Jail Ale, Salcombe Gold and one other (I can't remember !!!!). Up the hill to the Fisherman's Arms, we were presented with Summerskills Famous Mr Jones (their house beer), Dartmoor Legend and St Austell Tribute Extra. The last port of call was the Gipsy Moth on Citadel Road.

By the time some of the party had reached the Gipsy Moth, quite a few had already departed. Not that they were light weights but, coming from our neighbouring CAMRA branches, they had trains/buses to catch. I would like to thank all those who turned up for this seasonal social, and hope that next December we have another big turnout.

Cheers, Bob Holmes and the Plymouth CAMRA Committee







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Please see the branch website for further details about any of these events. **If your local pub is holding a beer or cider festival, please email details to <u>webamster@plymouth.camra.org.org.uk</u>**

Branch Website Diary page **Branch Diary** (link)

February 2023

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

Sat 25th 1200 Good Beer Guide 2024 Selection Meeting, Fortescue, 37, Mutley Plain PL4 6JQ. <u>Membership cards are required</u>.

March 2023

Wed 8th2000 Branch Social Meeting, Navy Inn, 34, Southside Street, Barbican PL1 2LE.Sat 25thTavistock Pub Crawl, starting in Tavistock at about 1215 – see website for further details.Thurs 30thBranch Tasting Panel Beer Tasting and Social, 2000, Providence Inn, Providence Street,Greenbank PL4 8JQ.

April 2023

Fri/Sat/Sun 21/22/23National CAMRA Member's Weekend, AGM & Conference, SheffieldSat 22ndSocial visit to the Maltingsfest, Newton Abbot – See website for travel details and timingsThurs 27thBranch Tasting Panel Beer Tasting and social, 2000, Providence Inn, Providence Street,Greenbank PL4 8JQ.

May 2023

Sat 13th May 1200 for prompt 1230 start. **Branch AGM 2023**, Fortescue, 37, Mutley Plain PL4 6JQ. <u>Membership cards are required</u>.

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 <u>webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk</u> 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</u> <u>Festivals</u> (link)

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 20th to Saturday 22nd April 2023.







The 2023 Budget

This is a time of crisis for pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers. The multiple fiscal events held by Government in 2022 – including the September 'Mini-Budget', November's Medium Term Economic Plan and the Autumn Budget Statement – failed to give the trade the stability and support it needed.

CAMRA has been warning the Government about costs for businesses spiralling at a point when consumers are facing their own cost-of-living pressures, and many can't afford to visit the pub as often.

Now we need your help to ensure that the Chancellor understands that this is make or break for pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers.

What's needed now?

We're calling for Government to take three key steps at the Spring Budget to provide meaningful support to pubs, social clubs, brewers and cider makers:

- Reduce duty charged on draught beer and cider served in pubs and taprooms by 20% from August 2023, helping venues compete with the likes of supermarket alcohol.
- Introduce a new, lower, business rates multiplier for hospitality businesses in recognition of their community value with funding for devolved governments to do the same.
- Increase support with energy bills for beer and pub businesses from April.

CAMRA will also put together a comprehensive submission to the Treasury asking Government to consider a wider range of issues affecting the licensed trade. This includes making capped bus fare schemes permanent to make travel to pubs sustainable and affordable, raising the legal minimum juice content of cider to increase quality, and making sure the new draught duty rate for beer and cider is applied in Northern Ireland.

The producers and venues we love are in need of urgent campaigning support, so the most important thing we can all do it make sure MPs know that these issues are important to us as consumers – and voters.

So what support is currently available?

- Energy bill support is in place for businesses until April 2023.
- Alcohol Duty Review reforms won by CAMRA will begin in Great Britain in August 2023, with the new draught duty rate applying to containers of 20L and above.
- Some extended business rates relief is available for hospitality businesses in England in 2023/24.





No, not Woolwell – way up past Newcastle! After months of waiting, fine tuning and planning, the time had finally arrived. This year's excursion was way up north to Northumberland. After last year's successful trip to Birmingham and the pre covid trip to Bristol, these annual trips have become very popular.

Our main base of operation was Alnwick, famous for its medieval history as well as a setting for various TV shows and movies. It is a lovely market town situated by its magnificent castle. I travelled up a day later than the others, arriving on Tuesday, after a seamless rail journey via London. The nearest railway station is Alnmouth which is a mere 5 kms or so from Alnwick. I bought a 3 day bus pass for £15 for unlimited travel in the region. After checking into my excellent bed and breakfast, I caught the bus to Craster, where I would meet up with the other guys.

The local bus service was excellent and quite frequent as well, I couldn't fault anything. My first port of call was The **Jolly Fisherman** with its lovely terrace overlooking the sea and small harbour, with Dunstanburgh Castle looming ominously on the distant clifftop. Mr Lea and his Mexican brother were there, as well as The Colonel, who had travelled from Blackpool, and our leader – the Good Captain.

Apparently, Mr Lea had, earlier in the day, had a swim in the North Sea; a brave man indeed! The pub itself was very nice with its excellent views, but the menu – $\pounds 9$ for a scotch egg – no thank you! Just behind the pub, on the landside, was the famous "Craster Kippers" fish smoker, so the lovely smell of wood smoke was very noticeable. The pub itself was very popular with visitors, and one of the beers on offer was a light ale 79 AU196 from Three Brothers Brewery. Very good it was too.

Then it was off back to Alnwick and a quick visit to **The Ale Gate** micro pub, which at the time of our visit, had a jazz jam session in the background. A very pleasant way to end the evening.

The following day was a very hectic one indeed. We all met up at the bus station and caught the bus to Seahouses for our boat trip around the Farne Islands, famous for a variety of seabirds and seals. Believe me; you smell the island before you see the birds! Puffins are the favourite birds to see. The boat crew were very knowledgeable and apparently the grey seals are much endangered, though we saw quite a few. All the birds use the island as a breeding and hatching area. The puffins spend most of their lives at sea, so we were lucky to see them.



maritime history.

The boat crew were very skilful and got extremely close to the rocky coastline – a hat is well advised to be worn – "just in case"! There was a brief sighting of a dolphin, but I didn't see one.

After a lovely couple of hours, we hit land and ventured into The **Old Ship** pub (left). On the outside a non-descript sort of pub, but what a gem on the inside! A sort of museum to all things nautical, ranging from fishing to commercial shipping. A smorgasbord of historical





After a few pints, we were off to visit Banburgh and its famous castle and beach. Both were magnificent in their own right. I didn't venture into the castle; instead, I tried to walk around the outside but to no avail, so I headed to the nearby pub.

One thing we all noticed was how clean everywhere was with no litter. This may be because of the lack of fast-food places and coffee outlets. It is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and it is pristine. The many tourists we did see seemed to be middle aged or retired.

A couple of the pubs visited were The **Lord Crewe** where Alnwick Brewery Amber Ale and Bebanburg Gold, from Banburgh Brewery, were both sampled and in the **Castle Inn** (right) Born Brewery from Scotland ruled the roost.

On the way back to Alnwick, we stopped in the village of Embledon and visited The **Blue Bell** pub, a traditional pub serving Cullercoats Brewery



beers. Lovely Nelly was an excellent drink enjoyed overlooking the village green, a very nice spot indeed. I even had time to have a quick go on the tyre zip wire in the play park.



Arguably the best pub in Alnwick was the must visit **John Bull**, (left) a very traditional pub with no music, food or card payments. An excellent Whapweasal from Hexhamshire Brewery was my choice. Also on offer was an impressive choice of over 120 malt whiskies! A great pub which I didn't want to leave.

However, it was time for me to leave Alnwick, as my bed and breakfast didn't have a room for me on the Friday night, so the Good Captain and I made our way to Amble where I had booked a room in the **Mason's Arms** (below).

After checking in, we were off to sample what Amble had to offer. It was certainly bigger than we had anticipated. Our first port of call was to the **Cock and Bull** micro pub (below left on page 7), situated near the harbour; it was extremely popular! On offer were four live beers, including the first porter on our trip (yippee!). Cheese was another speciality offered which we didn't try.





A North Eastern Adventure



We left after a few pints and headed to an industrial estate to visit **Brewis Beer Company Brewery and Tap House** (below right). They served mostly keg beers all brewed on site, and as well as offering various street food options available during the week. They offered 10 beers including stout, cider, a sour beer, lager and IPAs to mention a few.

It was soon time for the Good Captain to depart and catch the last bus back to Alnwick. I headed back to the **Cock and Bull** before retiring to the **Mason Arms** where an excellent golden tap from Great North Eastern Brewery was served.

The following day I checked out and headed back to Alnmouth to meet up with the Good Captain and travel back to London on the train.

On our arrival into London, we had time to visit the **Eagle**, a Sam Smith Brewery pub in Maida Vale, where various beers were sampled.



After a quick stop for food and beer supplies, it was time to catch our train back to Fun City.

An excellent trip indeed. Northumberland is well worth a visit, and it is a well- kept secret. A beautiful area steeped in history and so clean. Cornwall without the crowds. Moving between villages on the buses was mostly seamless, so a big thank you goes out to the Good Captain for his planning.

We await the next event! [We do indeed - Editor!]

Phil Ward







The Definition of Real Cider and Perry

CAMRA defines real Cider or Perry as being fermented from the whole juice of fresh pressed apples or pears, without the use of concentrated or chaptalised juices.

The word 'chaptalised', as used in the definition, refers to a process where the alcohol level in a cider or perry is increased by the addition of sugar to an unnatural level for storage before it is diluted with water to the desired alcohol content for sale.

The following is a list of all known real cider and perry producers in Devon and Cornwall.

Axminster Craft Cider, Bollhayes Cider, Brimblecombe's Cider, Bulkamore Orchard Cider, Chucklehead Cider, Cockeyed Cider, Cornish Orchards, **Countryman Cider** (Milton Abbot, near Tavistock), Courtney's, Crackington Cider Co, Crispin's Cider, Cuckoo Valley Cider, Farmer Jim's, Find and Foster, Four Elms Cider, Fowey Valley Cidery & Distillery, Gould Ciders and Perries, Gray's Devon Cider, Green Man Cider, Gulval Goose Cider, Hancock's Cider, Haye Farm Cornish Cider, Haywood Farm Cider, Heron Valley Cider, Honey Wood Orchard, Hunt's Cider, Indicknowle Cider & Farm Shop, Kernowek Bevvies – Davvers Cider, Lyme Bay Winery and Cider, Mortestone Drinks Co – Shipwrecked Cider, Polgoon Vineyard and Orchard, Reddaway's Cider, Ridge and Furrow Cider, Ripe Cider, Rock Hill Cider, Rull Orchard, Sam's Cider Produced By Winkleigh Cider, Sampford Courtenay Cider, Sandford Orchards, Silly Buckers Cider, Skreach Cider, Smith Hayne Orchards, Sprywood Cross Cider, St Ives Cider, Touchwood Cider, Trevibban Mill Vineyard and Orchards, Trevor's Farmhouse Cider, Tucketts Farm Cider, Venton Devon Cyder, Wallen Down Farm – Cosdon Cider, Wasted Apple Co & Yarde Cider.

So What Is NOT Considered to be Real Cider By CAMRA?

Many of the most widely available brands of cider and perry do not meet the CAMRA definition of 'real'. This includes products like Bulmers, Westons, Thatchers, Lilley's, and Magners – which are either made from concentrated juice or chaptalised. However, the list of producers above is constantly being updated.







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 Live Beer (cask ale) 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 opened on **Sunday 1st January 2023 and was due to close at midnight on Tuesday 31st January 2023.** However, due to a technical error, this has been <u>extended until the 8th of March Branch Meeting</u> in the Navy Inn, Barbican. 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 in early March 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 March and April 2023, and by 30th April 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 will be announced at the Branch AGM on Saturday 13th May 2023.





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.

- 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 30

Phoenix Tavern, 9, Phoenix Street, Stonehouse, PL1 3NW



It was situated by the stage door of the Palace Theatre, a street that was built in the latter half of the nineteenth century, along from the old gas works. Apparently, being so close to the theatre, it was not uncommon to see the stars of the shows popping in and propping up the bar wearing full make-up and costumes during the interval and between shows!

Publicans generally spent between three and five years here before moving on. However, Ernest Tucker was licensee here from 1920 until 1959, Charles Williams from 1899 until 1919 and Iris Mosely took over from Ernest in 1959 until the Palace

Theatre's first closure in 1965.

This was a one-roomed locals pub situated in downtown Plymouth, close to the infamous Union Street. In the Devon Real Ale Guide of 1990, it was described as a "smartly appointed one-roomed bar with a potent jukebox!" They maintained the traditional two sessions per day, from 1200 – 1500 and 1900 – 2300, 1200 – 1400 and 1900 – 2230 on Sundays. The pub served Draught Bass in those days. Things hadn't changed much, as it was still described as a "smartly appointed one-roomed bar with a potent jukebox" in the Devon Real Ale Guide – Moor To Sea in 1993! The pub did serve meals at lunchtimes.

In the late 1990's, the Phoenix had a reputation for promoting young musicians and local groups. Sadly, this didn't continue and trade dwindled, with the pub finally closing in early 2013. Change of use to an auction house was granted on 19 February 2014.











Pub News

The **Noah's Ark**, city centre, seems to be serving a varied selection of live beers, including Bays Devon Dumpling, Brains SA, St Austell Tribute and a varied range of ales from Hunters. **Morley Arms**, Laira Bridge, is open and serves Sharp's Atlantic, Doom Bar and a guest beer (which was a Summerskills beer recently). The **Odd Wheel**, Wembury, has closed, with all furniture being removed just before Christmas. The building is owned by the **Wellington Pub Company**, the largest free-of-tie pub estate in the UK with approximately 850 tenanted pubs. The **Mary Tavy Inn**, Mary Tavy, was serving Dartmoor Jail Ale, St Austell HSD and Greene King Abbot Ale on 29th December. Also on the 29th, just up the road, the **Elephant's Nest**, Horndon, was still operating as a B & B only – this has now been reflected in WP as temporarily closed. However, all bar stock and furniture still appears to be in place.

Beer Scoring

The following brief details covers the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st January 2023 inclusive.

We have received a total of 2 616 2 (2 326 last month) beer scores for 138 different pubs (135 last month), submitted by 80 members (78 last month) from 37 branches (36 last month), including 25 Plymouth branch members (25 last month). The Plymouth members submitted 2, 312 beer scores (2, 036 last month); 55 non branch members (53 last month) submitted 304 (290 last month). These members came from 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 live beers available, and to help keep What Pub as up-to-date as possible.

Cider News

There is a new real cider and real perry list of ciders <u>UK Cider and Perry Producers</u> here.

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.

Planning Applications

The **RAOB Club**, North Hill, is being converted into 82 student bed accommodation. Planning application 22/00701/S73 refers.

Cask Marque Accreditation

The *Ferry House Inn*, Saltash Passage, has gained CM accreditation in the last couple of months or so. The Elburton Inn, Elburton, and the Prince Maurice, Eggbuckland, are no longer CM Accredited.

Brewery News

Anchor House: Nothing has been seen nor heard from Anchor House since a Facebook post in early May 2021. I can only assume that they have ceased trading, sadly. Bere (BLO Bob Holmes): Their Cotts Winter ale was brewed and bottled in November and is still currently available. No other newsworthy information to report. Bulletproof (BLO Alan Warden): Bulletproof are open as normal, nothing new to report. The brewery is doing well. **Dartmoor** (BLO Ian Packham): 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. Ivybridge (BLO Andrew Richardson): No news at this time. Morwell (BLO Bob Holmes): No new information to report, still active and supplying the Ship Inn pub on the same site with cask and bottled beers. Noss Beer Works (BLO Andrew Richardson): Nothing newsworthy at this time. Roam (BLO Andrew Richardson): Nothing newsworthy at this time. Stannary (BLO Ian Daniels): Nothing newsworthy at this time. Summerskills (BLO George McCarron): Summerskills are brewing Devon Dew for JDW. Their Core Cask Beers are: Start point 3.7%, Westward Ho! 4.1%, Tamar Best Bitter 4.3%, Devon Dew 4.5%, Bolt Head 4.7% and Indiana's Bones 5.6%. Other Regular Cask Beers: Stout 4.4%, Devon Frost 4.5%, Whistle Belly Vengeance 4.7%, Dragon Pioneer IPA 4.8%, Plymouth Porter 5.0% and Bunker Hill 5.1%. Some Seasonal and Occasional Beers: St George's Ale 4.0%, Scrum-Half Nectar 4.1%, Urban Brew Coffee Stout 4.1%, Plymhop Ale 4.3%, Menacing Dennis 4.5%, Blondie 4.6%, Winter Warmer 4.6%, Ninja 5.0%, Christmouse 5.1% and First Light 5.5%. Tavistock Brewery (BLO Vacant): New brewery located in Dartmoor National Park and overlooking Peter Tavy. Tavistock Brewery is a family run business which has been 5 years in the planning and design. They set about renovating a farm building previously used as an old dairy and brewing commenced in mid-2022. They brew three beers currently, Golden Ale ABV 4.3%, English Ale ABV 4.5% and Master Ale ABV 4.9%, which are available in a small but growing number of local pubs and bars.





Pub & Brewery News



Selected Other Regional Brewery News, not located in our branch area.

Sadly, Black Tor have ceased production and have entered administration. Hanlons, Newton St Cyres, continue to brew and supply beers to a growing number of Plymouth pubs under the Hanlons name, as well as their Prescott Ales brand of beers with a motor racing theme. Hunters are being offered for sale at a reported £250, 000; it is unclear if they are still trading as we go to publication. Salcombe, Ledstone, South Devon, have continued with their small batch brews, one of which was Maya, ABV 4.5% stout, available in cask and 330 ml cans. Infused with organic cacao nibs during brewing, this smooth chocolate session stout has hints of caramel and coffee and has a velvety smooth finish. They have also produced limited edition Heaven Hill bourbon barrel-aged porter ABV 6.2% (with just 200 750ml bottles) and Speyside barrel-aged porter ABV 6.2% (200 750ml bottles). Both use Island Street Porter as the base beer. Ocean Cider ABV 4.5% is also available in 500 ml bottles. All beers are available direct from the brewery or for home delivery, with free delivery on all orders over £50.00. A buyer for Skinner's has been found, but no further details have been released by the Administrators. South Hams, Kingsbridge, are still brewing, with their beers available in a growing number of Plymouth pubs. Wild Beer entered Administration in December, with all Beer Brands purchased by Curious Brewery, of Ashford, Kent. Yeovil unexpectedly ceased trading on 21st June 2022. The brew plant was sold by the Liquidators to Silhill Brewery, Solihull, West Midlands, in October 2022. Howl, Par, Cornwall, Lost, Newquay, Cornwall, Shoals, Porthleven, Cornwall and Tewkesbury, Tewkesbury, are new breweries starting up in the last few months or so.

Sadly, most breweries and public houses will feel the effects of the very large costs of utilities at the moment and are in great need of our support – please support your local pub!

Beer Festival News

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.

Is your local pub holding a beer or cider festival soon? Are you a publican and are organising a beer or cider festival soon? If so, please contact the branch and we will publicise your event Free Of Charge within these pages AND on our website! Contact webmaster@plymouth.camra.org.uk with full details, please.

Website Hit Counter

The free-to-use Visitor Hit Counter was installed on the branch website on Thursday 8th September 2022, with a reading of, erm, zero! We had 345 hits in September, 336 hits in October, 541 hits in November, 389 hits in December and 453 hits in January 2023 (total 2064).





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 theAssociation 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.

This has been repeated due to the current cost of utilities and may help with lobbying.

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Water	<i>Dutch</i> water	<i>German</i> wasser	<i>Portuguese</i> agua
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Нор	hop	hopfen	lupolo
Yeast	gist	hefe	levandura
Oats	haver	hafen	aveia
Rye	rogge	roggen	centeio
Wheat	tarwe	weizen	trigo



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>CAMRA Pulling Together Website</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.



The Origins of Selected Beer Names One

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The month of December heralds some great things: festivals, parties, time off work and also the Christmas Jamboree! Following the success of last year's Gunnislake to Calstock jolly, our leader, The Good Captain, decided this year we would have a look at the South Hams.

We all met up on Royal Parade to catch the Stagecoach Gold bus to Totnes, 15 of us in high spirits in various Christmas attire!

After a rather "noisy" journey with attendees in high spirits, we arrived in Totnes. We immediately headed off to a small park next to the river where the Good Captain proceeded to hand out Christmas hats and paper cups, before opening a bottle of port for everyone to share. A nice touch indeed!

Our first pub visited was the **Albert Inn** (right), which is home to Bridgetown Brewery. Here we found the landlord peeling spuds with a "knife", which we found amusing as potato peelers are much easier to use. On offer were Albert Ale, Shark Island and a west country IPA, all were enjoyed and well received.

After a while, most of the party decided to head up the main street to visit a couple of other hostelries. The Bag (complete with his Father Christmas beard and flashing light sweater; see below) headed off to the Lord Talbot, but I didn't fancy the walk up the hill so we stayed a while longer before heading off to the Watermans Arms. This is most definitely a locals pub, complete with a huge open fire, very welcome indeed, and an equally warm welcome.



Nearby I popped into a cheese shop with its excellent selection. Totnes is full of small independent, and sometimes quirky, businesses.



Soon it was time to catch the bus back towards Dartington where we met up with the rest of the group. Upon alighting we headed off towards The New Lion Brewery, (interestingly located next to a school). It is also a community hub and hosts loads of various events for the local community.

Upon arriving, we were asked "are you the choir"? Amid much amusement, they were indeed referring to us, though such a choice of word was, to put it kindly, a slight exaggeration!

After lubricating out throats and vocal chords with a few of the too many beers to mention it was indeed the time for us to "perform". The Good Captain handed out carol sheets, Mad Dog found some bongo drums and we positioned ourselves on the stage for a Christmas carol concert. We sang our hearts out to a small but kind crowd.



Speaking to a family later on the bus, they said we didn't sound "too bad", much to our amazement.

While waiting for our bus to Ivybridge we were entertained by Mr Lea doing some sort of deranged war dance at the bus stop. Upon arriving in Ivybridge, we headed to the Ivybridge Brewing Company, who seemed overwhelmed by our sheer number. It took a long time to get served, but all credit to the staff. The beer was fantastic.

After a short stay, we "divided to conquer" and in various groups headed off into deepest lvybridge. Personally, I went to the Old Smithy and ended up in the Duke of Cornwall, where I was greeted by the biggest open fire of the day. My last pub visited was to the Imperial, though the choice of beers was limited.

The journey back to Fun City was a little hazy, although I was conscious enough to notice some souls abandoning the bus for the sanctuary of home.

About half a dozen souls made it back to the city centre and, upon alighting the bus on Royal Parade, were greeted by a burst water main and a river of water cascading down Royal Parade towards Theatre Royal!

With wet feet we headed to the Noah's Ark (quite apt – Editor!), but it was very busy due the world cup football before heading off to our last port of call, the Brass Monkey, and the evening disco. Tough for us "old farts", was just a watching exercise.

Well, what a Jamboree: a concert, a war dance, good company and good planning. Once again, well done to the Good Captain and we all look forward to our Jamboree in 2023, wherever that will be.









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 15 February 2023.

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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What Pub

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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Black Prince (St Austell) Bluebird Bitter (Coniston)	Edward, 14 th century Prince of Wales Donald Campbell's land and water speed machines
Bodger's Barley Wine (Chiltern) Chalky's Bite (Sharp's) Russell	a local craftsman/furniture maker TV chef Rick Stein's dog, a little Jack
Clouded Yellow (St Austell)	a Continental butterfly



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."





The following producers are known to produce real cider and perry, as defined by CAMRA – see definition on page 9. One of the producers – Countryman Cider – is located in our branch area. Go on, give Countryman a try the next time that you're in the pub!

Devon (35 producers)

Axminster Craft Cider, Bollhayes Cider, Brimblecombe's Cider, Bulkamore Orchard Cider, Chucklehead Cider, Cockeyed Cider, *Countryman Cider* (Milton Abbot, Tavistock), Courtney's, Crispin's Cider, Farmer Jim's, Find and Foster, Four Elms Cider, Gray's Devon Cider, Green Man Cider, Hancock's Cider, Heron Valley Cider, Honey Wood Orchard, Hunt's Cider, Indicknowle Cider & Farm Shop, Lyme Bay Winery and Cider, Mortestone Drinks Co – Shipwrecked Cider, Reddaway's Cider, Ridge and Furrow Cider, Rock Hill Cider, Rull Orchard, Sampford Courtenay Cider, Sam's Cider Produced By Winkleigh Cider, Sandford Orchards, Silly Buckers Cider, Smith Hayne Orchards, Sprywood Cross Cider, Tucketts Farm Cider, Venton Devon Cyder, Wallen Down Farm – Cosdon Cider, and Yarde Cider.

Cornwall (18 producers)

Cornish Orchards, Crackington Cider Co, Cuckoo Valley Cider, Fowey Valley Cidery & Distillery, Gould Ciders and Perries, Gulval Goose Cider, Haye Farm Cornish Cider, Haywood Farm Cider, Kernowek Bevvies – Davvers Cider, Polgoon Vineyard and Orchard, Ripe Cider, Skreach Cider, St Ives Cider, Touchwood Cider, Trevibban Mill Vineyard and Orchards, Trevor's Farmhouse Cider, Wasted Apple Co and Westward Farm Dry Cyder (Isles of Scilly).

Somerset (61 producers)

Ad Astra Cider, Barley Wood Orchard, Beard & Sabre, Bennetts Farmhouse Cider, Bere Cider Company, Blackmore Vale Cider, Branch Cider, Bray's Cider, Bridge Farm Cider, Burrow Hill Cider Farm, Chant Cider, Cider Syndicate (The), Crafty Nectar – own brand ciders, Crest Cider, Crossman's Farmhouse Cider, Dick Willows Farm, Dowding's Cider, Ex-Press Cider, Ganley & Naish, Ham Hill Cider, Harry's Cider Company, Heck's Cider Farm, Honey's Cider, Iford Cider, Impens 8 Cider, Kicking Goat Cider, Lawrence's Cider, Letchford's Cyder, Loader's Cider, Loader's Cider, Moons Cider, Nempnett Cider – Piglets Choice, Newt in Somerset (The), Parrett Cider Company (The), Parson's Choice Cider, Pennard Organic Wines and Cider, Perry's Cider, Pilton Cider, PULPT Cider, Rawlins Family Cider, Rich's Farmhouse Cider, Ridgeway Cider, Secret Orchard Cider, Sheppy's Cider Farm, Smith and Evans Wine – Half Moon Cider, Southdown Cider, Stone Broke Cider – Hewletts Mill, Taunton Cider, Tor Cider Company, Torre Cider Co, Tricky Cider, Wadys Cider, Watchet Cider Company, Wattles Cider, West Croft Cider Farm, Wilcox Cider, Wild Cider, Wild West Cider, Wilding Cider, Wilkins Cider and Worley's Cider.







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.

CAMRA campaigns for real cider and perry

Campaign for Real Ale

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



37. Dark Mild Ales, up to and including ABV 4.0%

As a low-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 low 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 low in alcohol, but still flavourful, rich and interesting beers.

Three examples of this style:

Moorhouse's Brewery Black Cat ABV 3.4% – a dark mild-style beer, with delicate chocolate and roast coffee flavours and a crisp, bitter finish.

Elgood's Brewery Black Dog ABV 3.6% – black-red mild with liquorice and chocolate. Dry roasty finish.

Mighty Oak Brewery Oscar Wilde ABV 3.7% – roasty dark mild with suggestions of forest fruits and dark chocolate. A sweet taste yields to a more bitter finish.

38. Light/Pale Mild Ales, up to and including ABV 4.0%

The characteristic thread of English maltiness weaves its way through this style, but the tell-tale hops of the bitter family manifest here slightly softer and more restrained. *England's old favourite*.

What used to be a house favourite, on tap at every pub across the English countryside in the 1960's, has seen drastic decline in the last several decades. This softer, less hoppy brew, has relinquished much of its former following to bitters. However, these low-alcohol, light-coloured ales are perfect session brews and still have a place in the English beer family. They have experienced a recent resurgence and are quite fittingly served on cask. Without a great variety of specific distinctions, this style is pleasant, often with lightly fruity notes mixing harmoniously with the soft, English-style hops. The malt backbone is consistent and sturdy, without being overpowering.

Three examples of this style:

Timothy Taylor's Brewery Golden Best ABV 3.5% – light amber and clear, a slight aroma of bready malts mix with fruit. Light in body, it is refreshing and quaffable.

McMullen's Brewery AK ABV 3.7% – this is a classic light mild, brewed at McMullen's family brewery with pale malt and a touch of chocolate malt. Rich and fruity with gentle hop character balancing juicy malt.

Olde Swan Brew Pub Original ABV 3.5% – straw-coloured light mild, smooth but tangy, and sweetly refreshing with a faint hoppiness.



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

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



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

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

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

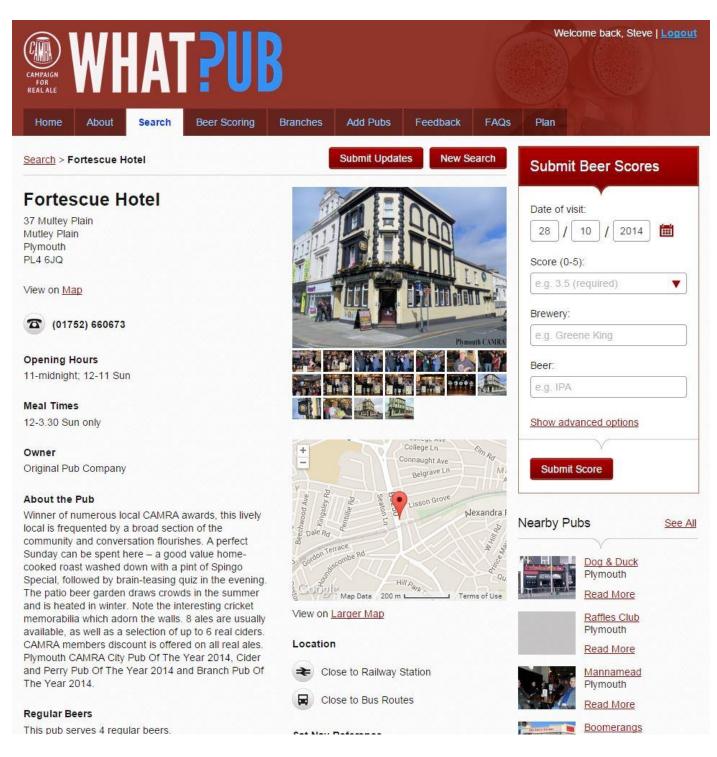
You will need to sign in with your current CAMRA membership number and your password in order to beer score, by tapping on the Login. Enter your number and password.

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

The screenshot shown below on Page 24 is for a laptop/tablets, but

it is pretty similar for the smart phone. Once signed in, you can then go ahead and score the beer for the pub you are currently sat down in.

For the example below, for the Fortescue, Mutley Plain, you can tap the Calendar button and add the date. Then you can tap the upturned triangle and select your beer score – please remember that this is NOT whether you like the particular beer, but how it has been kept and served to you. Next, click/tap in the Brewery box and start typing the name of the brewery and select from the auto fill list. A list of that brewery's beers will then appear – please select from that list.



If the beer you are currently drinking doesn't appear, please check the brewery name. If the brewery is correct, it could well be that the beer you are drinking is a new one, so please select "Advanced Options", where you can then add the name of the beer in the "comments" box.

Once you have finished adding your details, please click/tap "Submit Score" to finish the simple Beer Scoring Process.



The following pub discount information has been received by Plymouth CAMRA and is given in good faith, but is liable to change at short notice. Some discounts may be modified, restricted or withdrawn when special promotions are on offer. List believed to be correct as 15 February 2023.

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 S Brass Monkey	ADDRESS Royal Parade, City Centre, PL1 1DS	DISCOUNT 10%/pint & CAMRA vouchers
S Noah's Ark CAMRA vouchers	32A Courtney Street, City Centre PL1 1EP	10%/pint (guest beer only) &
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 Ho		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!





Traditional British Beer Styles No 21

39. Pale Ales, ABV 3.0% - 6.4%

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

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

Three examples of this style:

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

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

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

40. 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.





Where Are They Now No 31

Mowbray's Railway Inn / Steambridge / Flames Restaurant & Bar 75, Waterloo Street, Stoke, PL1 5RS



With the advent of the railways, there were hundreds of hotels, taverns and inns built across the country to try and entice travellers after alighting trains. Built in the 1850's, this one was just a footbridge walk away from the former King's Road Station, which used to stand on the site now occupied by City College, Plymouth. There is still the Railway Inn, on Albert Road, just down from Devonport Station; the Railway Hotel or Tavern, close to Mutley Station, was converted into accommodation about 12 years ago (see WATN-10, from May 2021).

It was known for many years as Mowbray's Railway Inn, named after Joseph Mowbray who was a foreman working on the railway in the Stoke area. It would appear that he acquired the pub to run it for the many labourers who were unpopular in other establishments in the area.

It was the last pub in the city to gain a spirit license and was re-christened the Steambridge in the 1980's. I have no idea about whether live beer was served here, and cannot remember when the name changed again, this time to Flames Restaurant and Bar. However, it is believed that it may have been a vegan restaurant at some point.









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."





Energy Bills Could Break Firms

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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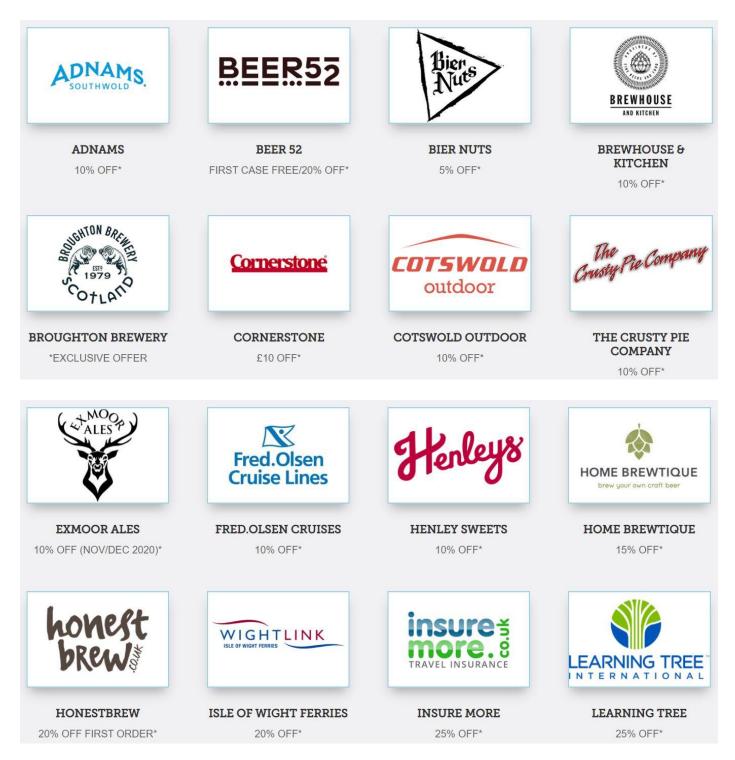
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Daft Beer Names Past & Present Two

Beer Name	Brewery	Country
Dog's Bollock's	Wychwood	UK
Dog's In't Barrel	Old Spot	UK
Elbow Grease Fancy Lawnmower	Summer Wine St Arnold	UK USA
Fat Bastard	River City/Silver City	USA
Fat Tire	New Belgium	USA
Fox's Nob	Highgate	UK
Funky Monkey	Frome (Milk Street)	UK
Fursty Ferret	Hall & Woodhouse	UK
Golden Showers	Dartmouth/Son Of Cid	UK





Where Are They Now No 32

Tiger, Bodmin Road, Whitleigh, PL5 4AX



The Whitleigh estate was built in the very early 1950's, with the pub coming towards the end of the building phase in 1958. It opened in early 1959 as the Tiger.

The name is believed to have some connection to one of the army regiments stationed at Crownhill around that time.

The Gloyne's (Dick and Mary) were the first licensees here, running the pub from opening in 1959 until 1967, when it was a very popular new estate pub. It was also frequented by many officers from the

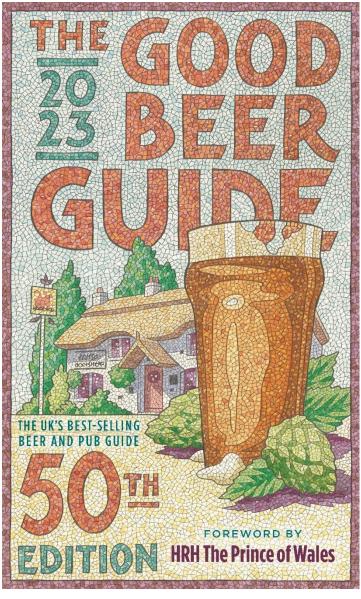
former Plumer Barracks at Crownhill.

Harold Spratt took over in 1967 and stayed until 1979, maintaining the feeling of wellbeing and normality in The Tiger. However, like many other pubs these days, licensees came and went after only a year or two at the pub.

Sadly, the pub was finally closed and was demolished in 2010. A number of houses / maisonettes now occupy the land where this popular pub once stood.







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With the onset of Spring nearly with us, let us try and support our wonderful pubs and get back into our locals to show, and give them, our support – before we lose them! Many pubs have invested many thousands of pounds in upgrading their gardens and facilities, and they now need us, their customers, more than ever to help get back to trading profitably. And they now have to face the double whammy of extremely high energy bills to contend with.

We enjoyed a pretty good summer last year, 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 just about to start the Spring and begin to

dream of the warmer weather – let us hope that we are able to enjoy this year with hope 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 patio areas, with new garden furniture and patio heaters. We didn't need heaters near the Clovelly Bay, Turnchapel last August (right), or at the Beer Engine (above last 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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