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Thank you very much for reading this far. I hope that we can have a long and mutually-beneficial relationship.

Cheers,

Andy Richardson,

Editor, Drake's Drinker.

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GOING FOR A BURTON



On a recent trip up country I decided to pop into Burton upon Trent and visit the National Brewery Centre.

My overnight accommodation, situated just across the road from the railway station, used to be an old grain warehouse belonging to Midland Railway. Unfortunately they didn't have a store room and I couldn't check in until 3pm. So suitcase in hand I potted off to visit the museum. The entrance fee also includes 3 tokens for drinks in the Brewery Tap next door. There was a tour starting at 1.30pm which I duly joined.

As with most museums time is really short so I couldn't see everything in detail. The tour itself lasts about 90 minutes or so but you are free to revisit all areas at will. Of course Burton is famous for its beer which was due not only to its famous water but also excellent transport system. (It was said that it was impossible to rob a bank and get away as there were 34 railway crossings in the town.) At one time Burton brewed about 25% of the total beer brewed in the UK.

The museum closes earlier in the winter season at 4 pm, so after my visit I went to sample the beers in the Brewery Tap next door. The Heritage Brewing Company brews the beers on sale on site. There were 6 heritage beers on sale, some long since gone but have been resurrected using old recipes. The brewery opened in 2011 and is hoping to bottle the beers for general sale this year. On offer were the following: Victoria pale ale 3.5%, Offilers Best bitter 4%, originally from Derby closed in 1965; Charrington Oatmeal Stout 4%, originally a London brewer which merged and was finally taken over by a bigger brewery in 1962, with the name finally disappearing in 1975. Also on offer were St Modwens Golden Ale 4.1% named after the patron saint of Burton, Charrington IPA 4.5% and finally Masterpiece IPA 5.4% named after a dray horse.



All the beers were very good indeed.

After the museum I popped into a few local watering holes. My favourite was Coopers Tavern, a free house owned by Joules brewery. It has been a pub since 1771 and has been run for the last 10 years by landlady Mary Bagley. The actual bar area is very small with a couple of beer barrels as tables. On offer on my visit were 9 beers served from cask as well as two handpulls. Of course, Bass is the most famous beer on offer brewed just over the road. The pub has won many awards including West Midland cider pub of the year from 2008-2011, also National Cider pub of the year in 2011 as well as Staffordshire pub of the year in 2015. Well worth a visit.

Around the corner was The Devonshire Arms a Burton Bridge Brewery pub. It started brewing beer in 1982 and is now the second biggest brewer of beer in Burton. On offer was Burton Bridge bitter 4.2%, a very light in colour Stairway to heaven at 5% and a guest beer from Grainstore brewery in Rutland by the name of Leicestershire Red Kite 3.8%.

Also visited were two recently opened micro pubs. Firstly The Last Heretic, named after the last person executed for heresy in England in 1612 who was from Burton. The pub opened in May 2016. Also visited was the Weighbridge Inn opened in September 2016 in the old coal yard offices behind the old grain house warehouse, which is now a Travelodge. They sell mostly Wentwell brewery beers but have at least 2 guest beers from other microbreweries.

So with its excellent travel connections and interesting beers to drink, this town is highly recommended. I went for a Burton and you can too!

Phil Ward

BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

Here is the branch diary of meetings and socials for the next few months. All meetings start at 20:00 pm unless indicated otherwise. Please contact our Branch Contact, **Ian Daniels**, contact@plymouth.camra.org.uk or **01822 616861**, or **Simon** our Social Secretary socials@plymouth.camra.org.uk or **01752 290750** for further details.

Branch Meeting - March 2017 Wednesday 1st March 2017 8:00 pm King's Arms

Branch Social Meeting will take place at the King's Arms, Oreston, at 2000, followed by a social gathering.

Stonehouse Saunter Friday 31st March 2017 8:00 pm Lord High Admiral

Take a trip with us around the Stonehouse area of Plymouth, meeting at the Lord High Admiral at 1200 on Saturday 18th March 2017. Further details will be added closer to the time, and the date will be confirmed.

Branch Annual General Meeting 2017 Saturday 22nd April 2017

The Branch Annual General Meeting 2017 will take place at a Venue TBC, in the function room at 1200 for a prompt 1230 start. Membership cards are required.

Any items for the agenda, and nominations for committee positions, should be sent to the Branch Secretary, Ian Daniels, on secretary@plymouth.camra.org.uk to arrive by 1200 on 15th April 2017.

Nominations should be in writing, with a proposer, a seconder and a statement indicating the willingness of the volunteer to stand for the post. Membership numbers of all three members must also be included.

Members wishing to attend should indicate their intention to contact@plymouth.camra.org.uk to enable the correct catering arrangements to be made.

Visit Tucker's Maltings SIBA Beer Festival 2017 Saturday 29th April 2017 9:45 am Tuckers Maltings, Newton Abbot

Meet at the train station at 0945 for the 1002 train towards Newton Abbot (Group Saver Tickets). The plan is flexible, but expect to leave the festival in mid afternoon for a slow "bimble" around Newton Abbot. All timings are subject to change

Tuckers Maltings beer Festival - 2016

I was approached in 2016 by Norman from Summerskills brewery if I was interested in volunteering to work at this year's festival again. I said yes so the process was started. I wasn't sure who to contact as it is a SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) event and not a CAMRA festival.



My first impression upon arrival was the very wet conditions of the grass area and in the marquee which was extremely wet and muddy. This was owing to heavy overnight rain as well as a high tide. This tends to cause the nearby river to swell and burst its banks and the water spills up out of the gutter and manhole covers outside the entrance.

After signing in and picking up my staff pass and glass, I proceeded to start serving. The beers near the entrance were the top end of the alphabet so my patch was the general area from S to Z. One of the other volunteers recommended to me to sample Sign of Spring 4.6% from Stonehenge brewery, before it ran out. It was a speciality beer green in colour and very nice it was too. This beer tended to be the first drink that many people tried owing to its unique colour. Sure enough, after a couple of hours the barrel ran dry. Saturday was the last day of the festival so barrels were running out quite often.

The festival itself is held over 3 days and has grown to become one of the most popular festivals in the area. It is organized by SIBA and is held every year in April. This year's festival was the 24th festival since it started in 1993 with only 8 breweries involved. It has grown to include 100 breweries present with about 270 different beers on show. The south west branch of SIBA covers an area from Cornwall up to Wiltshire. Devon has the most breweries with 31 and the Channel Isles have the least with 2 breweries present. Tuckers Maltings is only a short walk from Newton Abbot Railway station so attracts many people from around the country.

An interesting observation I noticed was the number of women who were very discerning and very knowledgeable about their beers. Many women seem to enjoy dark beers not necessary because of the strength but mainly because it is a beer they have never tried before. As well as the vast array of beers on show there is also food and entertainment available and of course a chance to meet up with old friends.

If you have never volunteered to work at a beer festival before it is a worthwhile experience. So why not sign up especially as the up- coming Plymouth beer Festival, which has a new venue and many more people will be required to work in many different areas. So climb on board and help your branch have a successful festival.

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Hop Off The Press

April and our Branch AGM are fast approaching, if you are a member of the Plymouth Branch of CAMRA and you feel you are able to help why not apply for one or more of the following position:



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- Branch Website Coordinator
- Branch Young Member Contact
- Branch Public Affairs Officer
- Branch Public Transport Officer
- Branch Pubs Officer
- Branch Pub Protection Officer

The Branch Annual General Meeting 2017 will take place at a Thistle Park Tavern, in the function room at 12.00 for a prompt 12.30 start. Membership cards are required.

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There will be two meeting to be held with regard to the future of Drakes Drinker on the following dates:

Thursday 7pm on 9th March at the Mannamead, Mutley Plain, Plymouth

**Saturday 11th March 1pm on 11th March
(Venue to be confirmed – Please see website)**

Once again we would like articles for Drakes Drinker. So on your journeys around ale and cider establishments, please take the time to write something for future issues, photos are also welcome.

Pub & Brewery News



The following pub and brewery news was reported at the branch meeting on Wednesday 11th January 2017.

Pub News

There have been no Cask Marque changes to the official list of pubs by Cask Marque; the licensee of the **Morley Arms**, Laura Bridge, is looking at retiring at the end of March – we would like to wish him all the very best for the future; the **Trout 'N' Tipple**, Tavistock, is now offering up to four real ales, which are in pins; the **Mussel Inn**, Down Thomas, is being sold free of lease by Enterprise Inns; & **Bread & Roses**, Ebrington Street, City Centre has joined our **Pub Discount Scheme**, offering members **10% off a pint** – thank you very much. Please show them your support by visiting Bread and Roses.

Brewery News

CAMRA have decided January 2017 Pub and Brewery News to change the way in which the “CAMRA Says This Is Real Ale” for bottle conditioned beers is verified. Basically, the brewery are responsible for sending the bottled beer(s) to Brew Lab in Sunderland, along with a cheque for £15.00 to cover the technical issues involved in testing the beer for fermentable products. One bottle of each beer is sufficient for testing. The brewery should contact CAMRA head office in the first instance for full details on 01727 867201 and speak to reception.

Rebel – despite vociferous denials – went into administration in late December, but were very optimistic that they will be taken over “soon”. Brewing is temporarily suspended. Post Meeting Note: Clear Brew, the cellar management company, have made a successful offer for Rebel – we wish them well in their new venture! Big Rabbit, Cullompton, ceased production in November, with no definite news; Moor Beer, Bristol, received CAMRA RAIB Accreditation for their CANNED beer range, the first brewery to do so!! Rocket Science Craft Ales, Bristol, have been very difficult to get hold of during 2016, and have now been deemed to have ceased production, as their beers haven’t been seen and emails/phone calls go unanswered; Towles’, Bristol, have also ceased production. No further news available; North Curry, Somerset, owner Peter has retired, leaving his son, Jack, to brew on the plant under his own brewery name, Beat Ales, with an office in Bristol; Kettlesmith, near Bath, is a new brewery, established in Dec 2016, brewing cask, keg and bottle (unknown if RAIB); Penpont, Cornwall, ceased brewing temporarily (Nov and Dec), but are believed to be brewing again (Jan 2017). It is unclear if their Firebrand branded beers are still available; DEYA, Cheltenham, is another new brewery producing keg-only beers at present, as are Verdant Brewing, Falmouth; Bale Ale, Brentor, are a small micro brewery with one ale available so far, Haytor Rebel BPA, on bottle conditioned form. Owner/brewer James has contacted Head Office re gaining CAMRA RAIB accreditation; Tavy Ales have released a new beer, Tavy Golden Ale, ABV 4.0%.

December 2016 Pub And Brewery News. The following pub and brewery news was reported at the branch committee meeting on Monday 28th November 2016.

The Brixton Village Stores, Old Road, Brixton, PL8 2BS, now sells over 100 bottled beers from around the country, including Summerskills, Dartmoor, South Hams, and Timothy Taylor. Unfortunately, it was reported that **Mussel Inn**, Down Thomas, has closed; **Newmarket Tavern** is now serving a House Beer named Newmarket Nectar ABV 4.1%, which is brewed by Caledonian Brewery, as well as Dartmoor Jail Ale, St. Austell Tribute and Shepherd Neame Spitfire; some good news – the **King’s Arms**, Tamerton Foliot, has reopened. **The Swallow**, Bretonside, is now serving real ale again.



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Ale city - Sheffield

Think of Sheffield and what do you think of? Some people may say steel or snooker, others may say Hillsborough or even The Full Monty, but ale? Well, after reading an interesting article on the BBC website entitled "Is Sheffield the real ale capital of Britain?" I thought I must go and find out.

Public transport is very good and very reasonably priced which also includes an extensive tram system. After taking a trip on the tram from the railway station to get my bearings of the layout of the city, I found out the historic area of Kelham Island was the general area to head for.



Bar in the Harlequin

My first pub visited was The Harlequin which was Sheffield CAMRA cider pub of the year in 2011, 2013 and 2016. Well what an eye opener. Not a particularly attractive pub but more than made up by what was on offer inside.

There were beers from Exit 33 brewery including Ginger Ninja 6%, a stout at 6%, a strong IPA 5.1% as well as lightweight 3.8% at £2.60 a pint. There was also whisky cask nut brown ale at 6% which has matured for 12 months in oak whisky casks. There were also various guest beers including Clash London Porter from Revolutions Brewing Company as well as Jesters from Raw-Brew Company - classic English pale ale. Alongside an extensive range of beers there were 14 ciders, 40 rums, 40 gins and about two dozen whiskies, so you are bound to find a tippable or two to try. If these are not your cup of tea, there were also 6 European lagers on draft including Erdinger Dunkel. All in all, an extraordinary choice.

The next pub visited was The Riverside located next to the river Don. There was a large beer garden overlooking the river with an outside serving area. This was not your average traditional sort of pub but had the feeling of a yuppie sort of place selling mostly craft beers. Most of the beers on tap were from Black Iris brewery in Nottingham, as well as 3 guest beers. I had a New Zealand style stout Stab in the dark at 5% followed by Bajam Breakfast tropical oatmeal pale ale.

Around the corner from the pub was Kelham Island, which used to be an old industrial area but has now been transformed by new housing as well as The Kelham Island industrial museum. The Fat cat pub, which was my favourite pub visited has been a pub since 1850 and was formally known as The Alma due to the name of the road. It is situated next to the museum and Kelham Island Brewery. On offer were 10 ales and 2 ciders. It is a traditional pub with no music and no electronic machines. A real gem attracting not only local working people but visitors sampling the various pubs in the area.

The Kelham Island Tavern is one of the most famous pubs in Sheffield. It has been Sheffield pub of the year every year from 2004 till 2016. It was also Yorkshire Pub of the year 8 times since 2004 and was voted CAMRA National Pub of the year in 2008 and 2009. There were 8 regular beers and an outstanding choice of 18 guest beers. I guess it is one of the most visited pubs in Sheffield with good reason. It is said that people doing ale trails in Sheffield bring in more money than snooker tournaments.



Another interesting pub not too far away was The Gardeners Rest. On my visit it was being sold as a Community pub with shares on sale from £100 upwards. It hosts various community activities as well as an activity space for the arts. It offers five Sheffield beers as well as seven guest beers. Outside there was a very nice and unusual beer garden with a couple of fire places including a wood burning stove overlooking the river. A real local pub with a strong community feeling about it.

Just up the road was The Forest pub with Toolmakers Brewery next door. On offer were Sonic2 4.2% a light beer, a bitter lynchpin 4% as well as an unusual tasting milk stout Centre punch at 4.5%. There were 6 breweries within a 5 minute walk from the pub.

The Shakespeare Pub re-opened in 2011 after being closed for 18 months after being closed by Punch Tavern pub company .It is an old Georgian coaching inn. It is well known as a live music venue especially for folk music. Since it has reopened it has served over 4000 cask ales and over 400 keg ales. As well as its 10 ales and five guest beers on sale there are about 100 whiskies, 20 gins and a wide variety of bottled beers. There is no food available but has a 1950's jukebox with music from that era.

Another Sheffield landmark is The Sheffield Tap which may lend itself to another article at a later date.

These were just a few of the interesting pubs I visited in Sheffield and with its 57 breweries in the Sheffield and surrounding area you are really spoilt for choice.

If its mainstream beers like Tribute or Doom Bar you are after you may be disappointed.

I my return back via London I wanted to check out a couple of pubs near Russell Square but the heavy rain put paid to my plans, so I decided to re visit a pub I discovered a couple of years ago in Maida Vale.

The Eagle is a Sam Smiths pub only a 5 minute bus ride via Little Venice from Paddington railway station. It is a lovely mid Victorian era décor with lots of woodpaneling and old style lighting and at £3.10 a pint has got to be a real bargain especially as the nearby pub is over £5 a pint. Well worth a visit to help with your long journey back home.



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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 or restricted when special promotions are on offer.

Brass Monkey Royal Parade, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 1DS, where the discount is **10%/pint**

Bread & Roses 62 Ebrington Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 9AF, where the discount is **10%/pint**

Dolphin Hotel 14, The Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LS, where the discount is **15p/pint**

Fishermans Arms Lambhay Hill, Barbican, PL1 2NN, where the discount is **10%/pint, 20% on food**

Fortescue Hotel Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JQ, where the discount is **10%/pint, and on half pint**

Golden Hind Mannamead Road, Plymouth, PL3 5RJ, where the discount is **10%/pint, and on half pint**

Horse & Groom Exeter Road, Bittaford, Ivybridge, PL21 0EL, where the discount is **10%/pint**

Minerva Inn 31, Looe Street, Barbican, Plymouth PL4 0EA* **See below**

Nowhere Inn Gilwell Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 8BU, where the discount is **10%/pint**

Olde Plough Inn Fore Street, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JG, where the discount is **10%/pint, for both real ale and cider**

Stoke Inn Devonport Road, Stoke, Plymouth, PL3 4DL, where the discount is **10%/pint**

Tamar Morshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5AD, where the discount is **10%/pint**

Union Inn Underwood Lane, Plympton, PL7 1SY ****See below**

Waterloo Inn 30, Waterloo Street, Stoke, PL1 5RS, where the discount is **10%/pint**

Who'd Have Thought It Inn Milton Combe, Yelverton, PL20 6HP, where the discount is **6%/pint**

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J.D.Wetherspoons outlets do a national beer festival, normally twice a year, one in March and one in October. Other Plymouth pubs that spring to mind are the Nowhere Inn, Gilwell Street who do two ale festivals normally in February and August. Minerva Inn, Looe Street, Barbican also two festivals usually in April and October. Dolphin Hotel on the Barbican one usually held at Easter. Fisherman's Arms, 31 Lambhay Street, Barbican will have twice a year. Brass Monkey on Royal Parade will occasionally have the odd one in the year. Fortescue Hotel on Mutley Plain will have one on August bank holiday weekend. Clovelly Bay Inn at Turnchapel will have four a year, normally on bank holiday periods. Stoke Inn, 43 Devonport road, Stoke will have one on August bank holiday weekend. The Prince Maurice, 3 Church Hill, Eggbuckland will have two, one in April and the other in October.

But going out of Plymouth, I would like to introduce you to the Horse and Groom at Bittaford (just outside of Ivybridge). Their Ale festival is always held on the first weekend of July every year. The village style pub is on the old A38 road from Ivybridge. A bus stop is right outside the pub and a return journey back to Plymouth is the bus stop opposite the pub on the other side of the road. The Stagecoach Gold starts at Royal Parade, Plymouth taking approximately 30 minutes before arriving at the stop next to the pub. Cost is approx. £3, please do not fall asleep on the bus, it goes all the way to Torquay via Totnes and Paignton.

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Beware though, because the last bus back to Plymouth in the evening leaves approx. 21.45hrs. If you would like to stay longer a taxi would be a bit expensive, so you could always arrange a designated driver.

Dawn, Olly and Rose are the owners of this family run pub, they organise the festival to run over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Approximately 35 Ales are available over the weekend. Marquees are set up in the pub car park with a small stage for the music entertainment, Bar and eating areas. Some of the Ales will be inside the pub. The festival will have some of the monies going to a local charity. I have been to this Pub festival the last two years and will be going again this coming July. I recommend that you go early have your tea at the venue, enjoy the ales and entertainment, soak up the atmosphere and make sure you catch that last bus back to Plymouth.



There are many other pubs within the Plymouth and surrounding area that also have the odd Ale festival, so I can only apologise to any readers if I have missed them out. Please take this opportunity to contact Plymouth Camra giving us early notification, so we can post it on our website. Or even contact the Editor of Drakes Drinker to have an advertisement placed in this quarterly magazine

PLEASE MIND THE GAP!



Lee Norton reports from the South Devon Railway Beer and Cider Festival at Staverton station, 27th August.

The South Devon Railway operates between Buckfastleigh and Totnes. It usually serves up three beer and cider festivals a year.

The festival itself is held on the platform at Staverton station. Such a venue is quite unusual, especially now the Minehead fest has “hit the buffers.”

This is a popular event, even in an age where on bank holiday weekends there seems to be a beer festival at every other pub.

On this particular day, the weather was fair and the attendance was good. A relaxed ambience punctuated by the regular arrivals of steam and diesel trains.

Is this worth going to?

If you have an interest in railways, it’s an absolute must. You’ll have a chance to see and ride three or four different trains and enjoy some associated nostalgia. Some memorabilia is also available to buy.

This fest is generally well organised. The beer and cider list is accompanied by another one showing the replacement and standby beers. The bar and products are clearly laid out and there is a nice and simple £10 “starter pack” which provides a glass and six half pint tokens.

The ladies are catered for. Those not here for the beer can indulge in wine, Prosecco or Pimms.

It’s friendly and there are quiet sessions.

What are the drawbacks?

Firstly, if you are getting the train from Totnes, be prepared to pay £9.80 for the privilege.

Although the range was quite interesting, for a festival featuring around 60 beers, one might expect more than one ale to be of 6% or more ABV.

There is a lack of seating and the venue is fairly small. I wonder if Buckfastleigh station might be more appropriate.

All in all, a grand day out. A trip back in time, you might say. If only the beer cost 1d a pint.....

Check out the SDR website for future events: www.southdevonrailway.co.uk



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Plymouth CAMRA LocAle Scheme

The Campaign for Real Ale has a scheme called CAMRA LocAle. This initiative promotes pubs which sell locally-brewed real ale, builds on the growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of “green” issues. It is coordinated by local branches of CAMRA, in this case the Plymouth branch. In Devon and Cornwall, the distance from the pub to the relevant brewery must be 30 miles or less to qualify. County boundaries and CAMRA branch boundaries are totally irrelevant.

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BIMBLING AROUND THE BARBICAN

Wednesday 28th December, time for the annual Plymouth CAMRA Barbican Bimble – an opportunity to blow off the festive cobwebs and wear that grotesque Christmas jumper for the last time.

14 souls this year, which is pretty much in keeping with the usual turnout. It's always a great bash because it's very relaxed and the "feel good factor" is in abundance.

Our first port of call is the Minerva. This creaking old building has a few tales to tell and will usually offer some interesting beer and cider. On this day we were treated to Cottage NPA, St Austell High Speed Death and Jolly Holly and a very nice scrumpy produced by Lyme Bay by the name of Ernie Boy's.

Once we were sure we were up to full capacity, it was time to head down the road to Porters. The pub was well attended and the Bays Devon Dumpling was very pleasant.

Next it was the Maritime. On offer were Maritime Best, (brewed by Tavy Ales) Skinners Christmas Fairy (Dan obviously had a pint of this) and Caledonian Golden XPA.

A walk of approximately nine seconds took us into the Ship. Not the cheapest hostelry but very smart and popular. The real ales available were Proper Job and Tribute. I went into the fridge (not literally) for the wonderful Admiral's Ale. Very nice but it would be excellent if bottled beers were kept at room temperature.

By the time we were nestling in the soft and comfortable bosom of the Queens Arms, our level of relaxation had increased greatly. This pub almost feels like you are in a Great Aunt's lounge and is fantastic for convivial conversation. The beers were almost irrelevant but for the record they were Doom, Tribute, Jail and Otter Ale.

The Dolphin, by contrast, is of course a no – nonsense, spit and sawdust boozier which is a Good Beer Guide regular. For a long time it served only Bass but now it is home to a wide range of ales. We could also choose from Jail, Skinners Betty Stogs, Sharps Doom and Atlantic IPA and also St Austell Tribute and Proper Job.

We then made the arduous journey, with some of us displaying just the suspicion of





a stagger, to the Fishermans Arms. This is another cosy establishment with a friendly welcome and good beer. Behind the bar was Mr Jones from Summerskills and Yellow Hammer from Hanlons.

We then reached the beer – soaked point of the day when some of the party wished to go this way, whilst the others wished to go the other. This is perfectly understandable when the Barbican area of Plymouth is one's oyster. I had been joined by an old friend from Taunton who wished to probe the more dark and devious, so I

took him to the Cider House via the Thistle Park Tavern.

The Thistle was in very good form and served a wonderful pint of Eddystone. Also on offer were Long Man Copper Hop and the timeless XSB.

All in all, a brilliant day..... We had plenty of ale, George's musical jumper got another run out, we enjoyed music and laughter and my friend was never seen again.

Lee Norton

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