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Hop Off The Press

As the days are getting colder and the nights darker, it is so easy to want to relax in the comfort of your home. It is also nice to wrap up warm and venture out to your local pub and show your support.

For Plymouth CAMRA Branch members, please take the time to vote for your Pub of the Year 2018, before the end of January.

Another important date for you calendar is on Saturday 24th February at 12.00noon for a prompt 12.30pm start, for the selection of pubs to go



into the 2019 Good Beer Guide. This meeting is being held at Porters on Looe Street.

Our annual Barbican Bimble will be on Friday 29th December, starting at the Minerva on Looe Street.

Once again we would like our readers to submit articles for future publications. We are also looking to hear from any businesses wishing to advertise in Drakes Drinker.



As the festive season fast approaches, I hope you all have a good time.

Andy Richardson Editor





NOW here's a riddle for you. My favourite pub meal in Plymouth is at a pub that doesn't serve food. What's more, I can eat it six nights a week in summer (should I be that greedy), but only two in winter...

It's at the Grade Two listed Dolphin Hotel on the Barbican, for my money serving the best kept real ale in the city; a pub I visit most weeks. On bright summer evenings it attracts sailors from near and far, be they swanky yachties or trawlermen. In winter it is a pub where the blazing fire warms my cockles, for Fran and I have quite an adventure just getting there...

We live on the other side of Plymouth Sound so take the foot ferry from Mount Batten across to the Barbican. In summer it's a breeze but on dark winter nights can be a chilly and choppy experience - it takes a wind of almost Ophelia proportions for our skipper to cancel the ferry.

And here I solve the opening riddle. His bright yellow boat operates until something like 11pm every night in summer but in winter runs late Friday and Saturday nights only, finishing around 6pm the rest of the week.

And now to reveal the rest of the riddle. The meal we eat is cooked not in the Dolphin but at Harbourside fish 'n' chip shop next door. It is our chippy of choice, though others swear by one of its neighbours – the Barbican is not short of good fish 'n' chip purveyors. At any rate we love their succulent white cod in the crispest of batter and perfect chips – variety of potato used written daily on the board.



And we're allowed – nay, encouraged - to eat it in the Dolphin. It is something of a ritual; Fran gets in a couple of pints of St Austell's Proper Job and grabs seats; I order the fish and chips next door, pop back to the pub for a few slurps while our supper is cooked, then collect it. When we've finished I carefully roll up all our debris and dump it in a litterbin on the quay; but not if one of the cheery barmaids spots us. "I'll take that," she says and whisks it all away.

At this point I must tell you that in my view straw-hued hoppy Proper Job is the definitive partner for fish and chips. And in the Dolphin it is kept to perfection, like their other seven ales including Draught Bass (not often you find that), Skinner's Betty Stoggs and Dartmoor Jail Ale all dispensed by gravity straight from the cask, cool but never chilled.

The Dolphin is also featured in the famous "fat lady" paintings by the late local artist Beryl Cook. Two hang on the walls – much more beer, fish 'n' chips and I'll start to look like them...

As is only right in Plymouth, we are spoiled for fine fish. Just round the corner The Ship cooks superb fish, chips



and home-made 'mushy' using dried peas soaked overnight (£13); fish cakes are homemade too. The fish comes from a trawler that ties up only feet away, and I defy anyone to make better tartar sauce than their chef. So I'm especially glad it has won national fish 'n' chip pub of the year, and is holder of the Fish2Fork sustainable fish award.

A St Austell hostelry, their fish comes in beer batter made with maltier Tribute - and you get seaweed salt to shake over it.





Words Susan Nowak / Photos - Fran Nowak

BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

Here is the branch diary of meetings and socials for the next few months. All branch social meetings start at 2000 unless indicated otherwise. Mid-week pub crawls usually start at 1900, other weekend socials as indicated.

Please get in touch with our Branch Contact, Ian Daniels, contact@plymouth.camra.org.uk or 01822 616861, or Andy Richardson, our Social Secretary, onsocials@plymouth.camra.org.uk or 07546 937596 for further details.

For details of **Regional Events**, members are asked to sign in and see **Members' Area**. Stoke Pub Crawl Wednesday 6th December 2017 7:00pm Britannia Inn There will be a pre-Christmas pub crawl around the Stoke area, starting in the Britannia Inn, 2, Wolseley Road, Milehouse, commencing at 1900.

Branch Christmas Meal 2017 Saturday 9th December 2017 6:00pm Pub On The Hoe

The branch Christmas meal will be held in the **Pub On The Hoe**, at 1800 for pre dinner drinks, expecting to sit down for dinner at 1930. Please see Branch website for further details.

Barbican Bimble Friday 29th December 2017 12:00pm Minerva Inn

It's that time of the Christmas Season of Goodwill to blow the cobwebs away and wear that Christmas jumper in public for the first time! The Barbican Bimble will start in the **Minerva Inn**, Looe Street, PL4 0EA, from 1200. The route includes **Porters, Ship Inn, Fishermans Arms, Queens Arms** and **Dolphin Hotel.** Christmas Jumpers are encouraged to help us all get in to Christmas Spirits !

Branch Social Meeting Wednesday 10th January 2018 8:00pm Boringdon Arms

The branch social meeting will take place in the **Boringdon Arms**, 13, Boringdon Terrace, Turnchapel, Plymouth, PL9 9TQ, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.



BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

Pub Crawl Of Mutley and Greenbank Wednesday 7th February 2018 7:00pm Mannamead

There will be a pub crawl around the Mutley and Greenbank area, commencing at 1900 in the Mannamead.

Other pubs may include the Fortescue Hotel, Clifton Inn, Providence, Fawn Private Members Club and the Nowhere Inn.

South West Regional Meeting - February 2018 Saturday 17th February 2018

The CAMRA South West Regional Meeting will take place in the Venue TBC in Exeter & East Devon branch area, on Saturday 17 February 2018 at 1200 for a prompt 1230 start. Travel details to follow nearer the time.

Good Beer Guide 2019 Selection Meeting Saturday 24th February 2018 12:00pm Porters

The branch Good Beer Guide 2019 Selection Meeting will take place in Porters at 1200 midday for a 12.30 start, to allow for maximum discussion of all nominated pubs.

Please sign in to the **Members' Area** and download the November 2017 branch meeting minutes for a list of those nominated pubs (only available to Plymouth CAMRA members). Please note that this date may have to be amended (standby date is Saturday 10th February 2018).





Pub and Brewery News – September, October and November 2017.

The **CAMRA** Discount Scheme enables pubs to promote their business to our members easily, and to hopefully encourage more trade. The discount given will be advertised free of charge in our branch magazine, **Drake's Drinker**, as well as on our website **www.plymouth.camra.org.uk** and the National **CAMRA** website. We can also provide POS material to advertise the offer to visitors. If you are the licensee of a pub and are interested of taking part in this scheme, please contact our Branch Vice Chairman, Ian Dickinson, at **vicechairman@plymouth.camra.org.uk**

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Pub News - September 2017

The Modbury Inn, Modbury, is now serving a House Beer, brewed by local brewery, *Summerskills*, named Airdale Ale at 4.1%; Royal Standard, Mary Tavy, has re-opened as a licensed café called Scumptious; the Market Inn, Tavistock, Who'd Have Thought It Inn, Milton Combe and the Rising Sun, Compton, all enquired about the LocAle Scheme; King's Head Tavern, Bretonside, re-opened with the appointment of the ex-manager of the Cherry Tree, Ham Drive, which remains open despite previous fears.

Brewery News – September 2017

The *Stannary Brewery* will be relocating to the unit currently occupied by Tavistock Hire Centre within the Pixon Trading Centre, Tavistock; due to a number of reasons, *Moorstone* have temporarily stopped producing Cask Ales for the time being, with bottle conditioned beers still available as usual; new breweries found this month include *Two Tone Beer*, (Shebbear, N Devon), *Dark Place*, (East Devon), *Croft*, (Bath), *Cosmic*, (Bristol), and *Fierce & Noble* (Bristol).

Pub News - October 2017

The Tavistock Inn, Tavistock, and Rising Sun, Compton, are considering joining the LocAle Scheme; Michael Jonas, previously manager of the Brass Monkey, is rumoured to be

taking over the Golden Hind, Mannamead, "soon"; the Prince Maurice, Eggbuckland, is holding their Autumn beer festival 13-15 October; all JD Wetherspoon pubs are taking part in their Autumn beer festival 11-22 October; the Old Coach House Inn, Ottery near Lamerton, has changed to the Coach House Hotel, and now serves two local real ales, and is open to all; Mousetrap, North Hill, is now trading as Old Tom's Gin Palace and Bar, offering over 40 gins and "craft" beer.



Brewery News - October 2017

Darkplace is a new brewery based in Colyton, near Exeter, but details are scarce at the moment – more to follow when known; *Moorstone*, of Mary Tavy, are going to fully focus on producing their bottle conditioned beers for the time being, and have gained **CAMRA** RAIB Accreditation; *Stannary*, Tavistock, have expanded to a 6 BBL plant and will relocate within the Pixon Trading Estate later in the year. There are now 6 core beers – Pale Ale, Fathead, Tokyo Dawn, Chocopolis, Saison Du Soleil and Aurora – in their range, with Verdi brewed for their Oktoberfest with locally-grown Challenger hops. They celebrated their first birthday over the August bank holiday weekend; *Summerskills* reported an increase in trade recently, and have released a new vegan-friendly beer, Urban Brew Coffee Stout 4.1%, in bottle conditioned format. The Prince Maurice, Eggbuckland, is now selling Whistle Belly Vengence permanently, replacing Best Bitter, and was formally sold at the pub under the name "Royale". Guzz Ale 4.6% is currently on the JDW portfolio. The green hop beer, Plymhop Ale, is now available again. *Two Tone Brewery*, Shebbear near Holsworthy, is another new brewery, with all beers named in connection to the Two Tone record label, of Coventry, where one of the owners comes from. Bottle conditioned beers will initially be brewed, for sale in local farmer's markets. It has also been confirmed that *Pitchfork Ales* are now brewing on the old RCH site. All other local breweries report "business as usual".

Pub News – November 2017

The Turtle Bay Plymouth, part of the national Turtle Bay chain, opened on Sunday 22nd October, specializing in Caribbean cuisine and has over 40 different rums/cocktails. The Swan Inn, St. Andrews Street, joined the LocAle Scheme and now offer a 30p/pint discount to card-carrying **CAMRA** members on all real ales – thank you very much! The White Thorn Inn, Shaugh Prior, has reopened under the ownership of local musician Michael Mathieson, better known as Mad Dog McRea. Jail Ale and Tribute are always on, with two locally-sourced guest beers. Michael Jonas, a previous manager of the Brass Monkey, has returned to Plymouth and is now managing the Tamar, Crownhill. Sadly, Good Companions, city centre, has finally been demolished.

Brewery News – November 2017

All breweries are gearing up for the Festive Season, with brewing of the festive beers already well under way. There are two new breweries in North Devon, *Taw Valley* of North Tawton and *Buckland Brewers*, of Buckland Brewer, near Bideford. *Tow Tone Beers*, of Shebbear, North Devon, may have to be renamed, as a brewery of a similar name exists in Columbus, Ohio, USA (named 2 Tone). Shortts Farm, of Suffolk, UK, also brew a beer named Two Tone (a 3.8% mild ale), along with a number of other musically-named beers. Good Companions, Mayflower Street, has finally been demolished for the city centre regeneration project. Ordulph Arms, Tavistock, is due to reopen in time for Christmas.

We would like to wish all new licensees and brewers all the very best in their new ventures!



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1st – 3rd September

Most heritage railways throughout the country now hold an annual Real Ale and Cider festival. Plymouth's own heritage line, the Plym Valley Railway, experimented in 2016 and decided to hold a more substantial event this year. With the help of Dan Scott and Summerskills Brewery, ten local ales were selected to suit a range of tastes. These were supported by four ciders. The Festival opened on Friday evening when some members of the local branch of CAMRA manned the bar, as they did throughout the weekend. A few visitors were able to enjoy the beers along with a ride in a brakevan propelled by the Sentinel locomotive based on the PVR.

Saturday saw the event begin to gear up with excellent food supplied by Julie and Mark of Westcountry Produce. Brake van rides were again available. It was quite a unique experience on both evenings as we supped a few beers whilst dusk settled in the valley and the geese flew overhead on the way to their night time roosts.

We ran our two coach train on the Sunday using our former BR 08 shunter. Sadly, the day can best be summed up by the radio's weather report at midnight. Plymouth was the wettest place in the country with 50mm of rain (on our parade). In spite of this, the PVR hope to make the festival an annual event and next year, perhaps, the beer will not be diluted by the rain.











Plymouth CAMRA Branch "Pub Of The Year 2018" Voting Form



<u>NAME</u> MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

JOINT MEMBER Y/N

	PUB NAME	PUB ADDRESS
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2 nd		
3 rd		
Cider		
Club		

Return To: Plymouth CAMRA POTY, Flat 6A, Fort Stamford, Stamford Lane, Turnchapel, Devon PL9 9TU no later than Wednesday 31st January 2018. Or email to <u>plymouthpoty@plymouth.camra.org.uk</u> ***ONLY VALID WITH NAME AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBER***

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How To Vote For Plymouth CAMRA Pubs of The Year 2018.

Plymouth CAMRA runs four Pub Of The Year (POTY) competitions concurrently – they are: City POTY; Country POTY; Cider POTY; & Club Of The Year. The pub with the highest score will be named as the branch pub of the year, as well as the area where it is located, i.e. City POTY or Country POTY.

Each CAMRA member can vote for up to three pubs in the main competition, starting with your first choice, then second, then third. The first choice scores three points, second two points, and third one point. Please also include the pub address and area.

The cider pub of the year is the pub with the most number of votes, all votes scoring one point. The club of the year is the club with the most number of votes, all votes scoring one point.

You may wish to take into account the following criteria when nominating your choice(s): quality of real ale/cider/ perry; atmosphere; style/décor; sympathy with CAMRA aims; and the service and welcome received in the pub.

Readers are advised that only those pubs listed on the branch website, **www.plymouth.camra.org.uk/pubguide** are eligible for competition. Any other nominations will be excluded.

Voting is open to Plymouth CAMRA branch members only – voting forms are only eligible with a valid Name and CAMRA Membership Number. Joint Members must vote individually, but all members are asked to indicate if they are joint members or not. CAMRA Members can vote using the form printed in this magazine, or sign in to the Members Area of the branch website and download the form from the POTY page, posting the completed form to the address on the form, or alternatively vote via email to **plymouthpoty@plymouth.camra.org.uk**. **No valid name or membership number = NO VOTE.**

In all cases, you **MUST** clearly print your full name and your current CAMRA membership number. All voting will **close at midnight on Wednesday 31st January 2018.**

Plymouth Branch Committee will ensure all winners comply with current National and Branch criteria, and that voters are entitled to vote.

What Pub, Beer Scoring and the Good Beer Guide.

How you can help as a Member.

You are probably aware of the 'Good Beer Guide', CAMRA's flagship publication which lists the best 4 500 pubs in the UK. But what you may not know is how those pubs are selected to appear in the Guide. The answer is that pubs are nominated at the nominations meeting, and then debated at the selection meeting where beer scores are taken into account, including beer scores submitted by CAMRA members from all over the country. Individual beer scorers remain anonymous; it's just the scores that count.

If you are a CAMRA member, you can send in beer scores from the comfort of your own home with your computer, or, if you have a smart phone, whilst you are having a drink in the pub. If you've ever wondered why your favourite pub isn't in the Guide, this may well be because you, and others, haven't entered beer scores rating the quality of beer in that particular pub. By beer scoring, you can contribute to the process of selection of pubs that go in to the Good Beer Guide.

So how do I score the quality of the beer?

You don't have to be an 'expert' to begin scoring your beer. However, it is **not** about **your personal favourite beer receiving the highest scores!** You may try a beer that isn't to your normal taste, but what you need to consider is the quality of that beer, how well the pub has kept it and served it, and score it according to the general guide below. It is a simple system of a ten point range from 0 to 5, with half points being used if your opinion of the beer falls between two categories.

- 0. No cask ale available.
- **1. Poor.** Beer is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.
- 2. Average. Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, not worth moving to another
 pub but you drink the beer without really noticing.
- 3. Good. Good beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to the next pub. You want to stay for another pint and may seek out the beer again.
- 4. Very Good. Excellent beer in excellent condition. You stay put!
- 5. Perfect. Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

How do I submit my scores?

In order to submit your scores you need to login to CAMRA's online pub guide, **www.whatpub.com**, either on a computer or by smart phone. In order to start submitting scores via What Pub you need to: –

1. Login. To do this you need your membership number and your CAMRA password.

2. You can then search for your pub by name. Be careful here, as there are many pubs in the country which share the same name. My advice is to search by the pub name and the town.

The What Pub smart phone/tablet web page also gives you the option to search for real ale pubs nearby, very useful if you are in an unfamiliar town

3. Once you have found your pub, a 'Submit Beer Scores' box will appear on the right hand side of the screen (or on the tab bar underneath the pub photo if you are using a smart phone).

4. Select the date and your score, then, as you begin typing, the brewery name should automatically appear underneath where you are typing. You do not have to enter the name of the beer you are drinking, but, if you wish to do so, once you have entered the brewery name you should be able to click on the arrow in the Beer box and a drop down list of that brewery's beers should appear. In some cases, the beer you are drinking may be new or a one off by the Brewery, so may not appear on the list. If this is the case, you can simply type in the beer name. Select the correct score, one click 'submit score' and your score will be entered into the database.

It is as simple as that. An added bonus is that What Pub will keep a record of your scores so you can look back to see what beers you have had and how you rated them if you want.



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CAMRA DISCOUNT SCHEME

The Campaign for Real Ale has over 1000 members in the Plymouth area, and over 187 000 members nationwide. All of these are thirsty real ale drinkers, and love a good deal!

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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 Miner's Arms Hemerdon, near Plympton, PL7 5BU, where the discount is 30p/pint

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

Noah's Ark 32A, Courtney Street, City Centre, Plymouth PL1 1EP, where the discount is 10%/pint on Guest Beers (not Greene King IPA)

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

Pub On The Hoe 159 Citadel Road, The Hoe, Plymouth, PL1 2HU, where the discount is 10%/pint
Stoke Inn Devonport Road, Stoke, Plymouth, PL3 4DL, where the discount is 10%/pint
Swan 15 St. Andrews Street, City Centre, PL1 2AX, where the discount is 30p/pint
Tamar Morshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5AD, where the discount is 10%/pint
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

W Britannia Inn 2 Wolseley Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, PL2 3BH

- W Gog & Magog Southside Street, Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LA
- W Mannamead Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JH
- W Queen's Head Hotel 80 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ

W Union Rooms Union Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 2SU

W Stannary Court Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW

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* Minerva Inn offers a discount on all real ales via a monthly Loyalty Card, which costs £1.00. The card is valid between 1130 - 1500 Mon - Fri. Real ales are then £3.00/pint.

W prefix applies to all JD Wetherspoon outlets which accept CAMRA Member vouchers for both real ale and real cider/perry – please check the reverse of the voucher to check that it is still in date!

Information correct on 13th November 2017



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Guidelines for Success

By Charlotte Brontë

General

Definition

A beer-drinking pub tour.

Principles

Preparation; simplicity; maximising the social and not the booze.

The principal joy of a pub crawl is the affect of moderate drunkenness on the group: easy chatting due to shared purpose and lower social inhibition. Other advantages: discovery of people and places; teasing other pub-goers with the group identity, purpose, and camaraderie.

'a delicate combination of hedonism and stamina ...' writes Alissa Walker1 in the only online guidance I found worth reading.



Organising

- Decide the day and time of day the session your crawl will cover. Obvious sessions are early lunchtime for a tea-time finish and early evening for a late night finish. Daytime crawls are easiest to plan and execute because pubs will be quieter and more available (but not public holidays). Daytime crawls are easier on the body because: (i) they are less time-pressured; (ii) they have more opt-out opportunities (including sight-seeing); and (iii) they allow greater opportunity for a graceful recovery.
- 2. Beware of too large a group. Six to twelve is optimal. Any less and you don't have much of a party; any more and you'll suffer excessively slow bar service. If less: make some new friends! If more: divide the group, appointing a sub-group leader, and send each on different routes, meeting up at a large pub to finish.
- 3. Recruit an assistant to help you plan and execute the crawl; delegate as much as possible.
- 4. Research: identify pubs to visit and how long to spend in each them. Allow one hour to assemble at the start pub; then half hour at each pub longer for pubs of particular interest or for food; allow journey time if significant. 'Dry' run the crawl at the same time of day and day of week, checking for events planned on the day. Build a programme.
- 5. Consider a theme which may include costumes and a song-and-dance act for dramatic entrances.
- 6. At the start pub offer your assistant's mobile telephone number in case people lose contact with the group.
- 7. On arrival at each pub: inform your party of the next pub and arrival time.

Pub Selection Criteria

I suggest:

- 1. Beer offer;
- 2. Exceptional convenience and/ or value;
- 3. Quality social;
- 4. Novelty.

Personal

Planning



- 1. If in doubt, contact the leader to discuss. What's the programme? How many pubs? What food opportunities? What special contribution could you make?
- 2. Check the forecasted weather; dress as light as possible.
- 3. Know your drinking limits.
- 4. Plan your journey home: consider escape options.

Preparation

- 1. Have a good meal a few hours before. Finishing with a greasy burger could be a high-risk strategy!
- 2. Travel light: load your 'beerhunter' jacket with a small bottle of water and a mobile telephone. Consider maps, guides, notebook and pen, pub games, and leisure reading (to temporarily drop out of the party).
- 3. Money: have enough and in small denominations (£5 notes minimise change misunderstandings).

Execution

- 1. Don't start earlier than your party; you will be out-of-mood. Save your capacity.
- 2. Apart from at the start, drink in halves or thirds if the pubs stock the glasses. Don't worry too much about alcoholic strength - the difference will be insignificant over the crawl.
- 3. Some pubs will be better than others (only linger in the better pubs): take advice.
- 4. Which beer? Take advice from those who know the pub and/ or its beer.
- 5. Relax and take your time; err on the side of drinking less if in doubt skip a drink; nobody will insist you buy a drink in these circumstances. Order free tap water with an 'I'm with the pub crawl qualification' if necessary.
- 6. Unless you buddy-up, don't buy rounds: it'll get too complicated.
- 7. If your crawl is multi-sessional (for example: lunchtime, afternoon, and evening): plan a non-alcoholic break (ideally not in the pub with the best beer) and perhaps a short walk, and even a snooze: this will allow regeneration for the next session. A natural mid-afternoon low is to be expected.
- 8. Don't expect a perfect crawl: there will be unknowns and serendipity is part of the fun.

Recovery

- 1. Sober up slowly and socially. Returning home straight after your last drink may be hard landing. Partying-up (with minimal alcohol) with the group is a soft landing.
- 2. Drink water and take Paracetamol before sleeping to minimise hangovers.
- 3. The next day: lie-in, arise slowly, take light to moderate exercise. Consider meeting up again for a hair-of-the-dog-that-bit lunchtime social to re-live the crawl. Don't expect a good day's work.

Feedback

How did these guidelines work for you? Please write to me via the editor.

Reference

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RETURNETH

You left us, Dear Reader, at St Mary's IOS. We had had a great trip in the June heatwave but it was time to return to the mainland and the great city. On the 20 June 2017 we had a day at anchor at Toll's Porth Bay at the NW end of St Mary's. We had a bit of an easterly against us and decided to motorsail into it. At 0320 on 21 June 2017 we weighed anchor and set off bound for Falmouth. In a 10 metre sailing yacht it is wise to put the Lizard between you and the rest of the Atlantic. We had an uneventful trip and after 65 miles at 1700 we pulled up at Falmouth Yacht Haven where we had our first non beach shower since we left – very pleasant.

I am sure it will come as no surprise to the readership of Drakes Drinker that

Falmouth is a fine town for the CAMRA enthusiast and we were not let down at all. Pubs visited in the order visited were 'Front, Masons Arms, Seven Stars, and Boathouse. My favourites were the Masons and Seven Stars so I'll concentrate on these. Mal has history with the Masons as



many years ago he was asked to prepare their floral display and the pub won Falmouth in Bloom that year. Anyway that was a long time ago and the publican had changed – it's a jolly nice little pub and we were served by Lorraine from Chesterfield whose acquaintance Mal was delighted to make as he hails from Kirkby in Ashfield. We had fine pints of Tribute and Skinners Cornish Trawler.



The next pub was the Seven Stars over The Moor from the Masons. Amazingly I had not been here before but it is a real must visit pub, an untouched and well-loved gem. Ales of the best and oozing atmosphere. The beers available were Bass, Sharp's Atlantic, Dark Star Hophead, Sharp's Special, Skinner's Porthleven, and Skinner's Cornish Trawler. The ones Mal and I had were jolly good.

You are probably worrying about what we had for supper that night, but worry not. There is a food from the Indian sub-continent which goes down amazingly well after a few beers called curry and that is what we had from Balti

Curries, and very good it was too back on the boat.

The next day we decided to go to The Helford River because that is just such a nice place to go if you have a boat – probably nice in a car but the lanes are a bit narrow and twisty. The moorings are between Helford on the south side and Helford Passage on the north side. Each one has a pub. The attentive reader will

recall that when we visited Bryher the dinghy had got trapped under Anneka's Quay. Although we were able to drag it out the petrol on/off valve on the outboard had got damaged which meant we had no engine. Quite a tide runs up and down The Helford River and being dependent on oars we decided to go to Helford as the landing is nearer. There is a wonderful pub there called the Shipwrights of which I have



great memories going back many years. It is still a great pub serving fine beer (sorry didn't make notes). A problem with Helford however is the number of second homes and holiday lets and it seems to me to be a bit of a ghost town at certain times of the year. We ate on board having the rest of last night's curry and a bit more we cooked up on board.



On 23 June 2017 we left Helford River at 0950 bound for Fowey and had our only decent sail of the whole trip. We had a SW4/5 which meant we had a good run with poled out genoa arriving at Fowey at 1500. Fowey is a lovely town but it is difficult to get anything that isn't St Austell. So we had Tribute at The Lugger which probably serves the best pint of Tribute I know (although the Tribute served by James at the VOT may just be edging into pole position).

Fowey does not have a pub in the GBG these days but last year The Old Ferry Inn at Bodinnick was in it. We went there in the dinghy. It is on the east side of the river where the car ferry landing is. A nice enough pub with

great views. A good selection Sharp's Own, Tintagel Poldark, Sharp's Cornish Coaster, and Sharp's Atlantic. However the beers I had were uninspiring and Mal had gone on to White Rum and coke by then, so a shortish visit. At the

bottom on the hill on the left by the ferry landing is Ferryside, the home of Daphne Du Maurier. Sandyman was moored close by and we had a lovely view of the house. That night, our last, we dined on Spaghetti Lobster on board, which was awarded 'near perfect' commendation by Mal, which I understand is the highest rating.

So the next day we returned to the great city of Plymouth. We mostly motorsailed but once we got round Rame Head and into the Sound the wind was a bit more helpful and we were able to sail the last few miles. We went in on the western side of the breakwater and once inside we were joined by a pod of dolphin who



spent about 20 minutes entertaining us and diving across our bow. We then saw Maggie with her seafood stall on the Hoe and gave her a demonstration of Sandyman manoeuvring under sail. The wind had got up a bit by then and I managed to get the cabin windows under water, much to Mal's alarm. Anyway we got back safe and sound.

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