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Once again, summer is upon us. Time to venture a little further than your local and visit some of our lovely country pubs. Many of the pubs in the outer reaches of our branch area can be got to by public transport (with bus and rail companies offering group tickets). For those of you feeling a bit more energetic, why not follow many of the public footpath in our wonderful countryside to enjoy these fine alehouses. Please also look at the diary page to see the branch organised outings (non camra members are also welcome).

I would like to thank those who have contributed in submitting article for Drakes Drinker and request our readers to submitted articles for futures issues. We also need companies to advertise in Drakes Drinker to help it to continue being published.

Please drink wisely and be safe.

CAMRA'S AGM



sue's proper job

I'D like to say that, unlike Lady Godiva, we were all decently clad when CAMRA's AGM sent us to Coventry. But you should have seen some of the tee-shirts...and the hats!

It was a serious conference and there were some sober moments – though happily not that many as we took full advantage of an excellent selection of 70 ales in the members' bar and several local hostelries

I could go on at length about the different motions – drip trays, minimum



Colin Valentine

unit pricing and that hoary chestnut cask breathers – but if you weren't there you can find it all online.

No. The real point of Conference is to meet up with old friends and for Fran and I that starts with 'our gang'. Two of them are Sue and David who have been our best mates for 25 years; at the time they were then mine hosts at the amazing Star Inn at Weaverthorpe on the Yorkshire Wolds which made it into my CAMRA Good Pub Food guide Top Ten. Quite simply, Sue's regional cooking and David's cellarmanship and championing of fledgling breweries all those years ago defined what a great pub should be. The other is CAMRA stalwart Jane, our friend from the many years we lived in St Albans, home to CAMRA's national HQ.

Next is Colin Valentine who, at the end of this year's conference, stood down after eight years as CAMRA Chairman. He has been an outstanding leader through turbulent times but Fran and I first met him when he was Scottish director and we were doing a preconference recce of Edinburgh for What's Brewing. Did he take us on a pub crawl? No, he took us to the Malt Whisky Society in Leith; unsurprisingly he's been a friend ever since.

Then we met up with Iain Dobson, the first person to be made MBE for services to beer. Iain was CAMRA's National Secretary when the campaign was run in an old house in St Albans. He has always hidden his encyclopaedic knowledge of pubs, brewing and associated legalities behind an astonishing capacity to lead us astray; in short, the perfect pub crawl partner.



Iain Dobson talking to our friend David

You can't mistake that tall bloke who always wears the same striped rugby-shirt and gets to his feet saying in a strong Hertfordshire accent "Steve Bury, Sarth 'Erts CAMRA" (our old branch); then delegates know sparks will fly.

We've known Michael Hardman, also MBE, one of the four original founders of CAMRA, almost since it started; for Fran and I have been members for over 45 years, and have only missed one AGM.

And there are all the others – CAMRA members, brewers, publicans – who we only see once a year. Sadly, each year now, there are faces missing – some too old to make the trip, but there is a lengthening 'obituary' list accorded posthumous applause.

Roger Protz, internationally famed beer writer and broadcaster, twice editor of What's Brewing and many editions of the Good Beer Guide, who first recruited me as a CAMRA writer, does not fall into either category but was missing this year due to a minor operation. We'll buy him a pint of Caledonian in Dundee next year. See you there?



conference with Steve Bury addressing the platform

BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

Here is the branch diary of meetings, events 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.

For further details, please email or ring our Social Secretary, Andy Richardson, on socials@ plymouth.camra.org.uk or 07546 937596 or our Branch Contact, Ian Daniels, contact@plymouth.camra.org.uk or 01822 616861.

For details of **Regional Meetings, Events and Socials,** members are asked to sign in and see Members' Area.

Visit Kingsbridge By Bus Saturday 23 June 2018 10:45

We will visit Kingsbridge and the South Hams on Saturday 23rd June 2018. **Meet at the bus stop by Pizza Hut,** lower Royal Parade, at 1045 to catch the Stagecoach Bus no 3, and buy a South West Explorer (£8.30) or a Group Explorer ticket for up to five adults (£16.60, about £3.20 each).

Arrive in Kingsbridge at approx 1215. Further details to follow nearer the time.

Branch Social Meeting - July 2018 Wednesday 4 July 2018 20:00 Blue Peter

The July branch social meeting will take place in the **Blue Peter**, 68 Pomphlett Road, Plymstock, PL9 7BN, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.

August Pub Crawl - August 2018 Saturday 4 August 2018 12:00 Prince Maurice

The August social gathering will take place in the **Prince Maurice**, Church Hill, Eggbuckland, PL6 5RJ, starting at 1200, followed by a pub crawl. We will then visit the **Tamar**, Moorshead Road, Crownhill, PL6 5AD, at 1330, the **Golden Hind**, 260 Mannamead Road, PL3 5RJ, at 1430 and others, as decided by those present on the day. All welcome!

Branch Social Meeting - September 2018 Wednesday 5 September 2018 20:00 Lord High Admiral

The September branch social meeting will take place in the **Lord High Admiral**, 33 Stonehouse Street, Stonehouse, PL1 3PE starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.

October Pub Crawl - October 2018 Saturday 6 October 2018 19:00 Falmouth Beer Festival

The October social gathering will take place in the **Falmouth Beer Festival**, TBA, followed by a pub crawl. Details TBA.





Billy Holmes - A True Gentleman, RIP

It is with much sadness that we have learnt of the sudden death of long-standing Plymouth publican, Billy Holmes, on Sunday 6th May. He was 21, and a bit (I never got round to asking how much this bit was!).

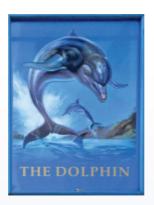
I first met Billy, in the Dolphin of course, back in 1990, when I went into the pub on a non-weekend evening for the first time. Billy was behind the bar, pouring a pint of Bass into my glass and making small-talk. What did we talk about – beer, of course! But Billy had time to talk to every one of his customers, however busy he was.

In October 1992, Plymouth CAMRA volunteered to make the Regional Launch of CAMRA's flagship publication, the Good Beer Guide (1993 edition), and asked Billy if we could launch it at the Dolphin. He thought for at least a second, and then readily agreed!

Billy was so chuffed to hosting a major CAMRA event that he put on a magnificent seafood buffet; local breweries Summerskills and Ferguson's donated some beer, as did Bass; we had BBC Spotlight and TSW TV camera's here, as well as BBC Radio 4 and the Plymouth Evening Herald and Western Morning News. We presented a parchment plaque to commemorate the day, which was the first of many over the years, the most recent being City Pub Of The Year Runner Up in 2016.

In later years, Billy has suffered from ill health, but was still active in the pub — on his bar stool in the corner — supping a glass or two of wine, spinning yarns about anything and everything.

Sadly, Billy was unaware that the Dolphin had been voted Plymouth CAMRA City Pub Of The Year Runner Up for 2018, the forth time in five years, as the result was only announced a couple of weeks ago, and I hadn't found the time to see him and let him know. I bitterly regret not having done so.





Plymouth CAMRA would like to send our sincere condolences to Billy's family, friends and staff at the Dolphin at this difficult time.

Ian Dickinson

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May 2018 - Pub and Brewery News Wednesday 2 May 2018

The following pub and brewery news was reported at the Branch Social Meeting on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

Pub News

Swan Inn, Noss Mayo, recently acquired by Patron Capital from Punch Taverns, is reportedly closed (hopefully for refurbishment). The **Complex,** at Keyham, may also be closed, as is the **Morley Arms,** Laira Bridge. **The Mildmay Colours,** Holbeton, has changed hands recently, and serves 3 or 4 real ales, as has the **West Hoe. The Notte Inn,** Barbican, has re-opened. Turnchapel Village Weekend will take place over the weekend of July 21st. **The Clovelly Bay Inn** will hold a Cider and Sausage festival, and the **Boringdon Arms** an Ale and Pie festival.

Brewery News

Roam Brewing Co are brewing an IPA in aid of local charity, Plymouth Drake Foundation, named Drake's Pale Ale (ABV 4.8%) and officially launched the beer at Lord High Admiral, Stonehouse, on 4th May.

April 2018 - Pub and Brewery News Monday 9 April 2018

The following pub and brewery news was reported at the Branch Committee Meeting on Monday 9th April 2018.

Pub News

The Walrus is confirmed as being open; the Two Trees is closed, as is the China House (for refurbishment). The Ford, Ford; the Herbert Hotel, Keyham; the Duchy of Cornwall, Stonehouse; the Queen's Dock Inn & Three Ferrets, Morice Town, no longer serve real ale. The Newmarket Tavern, City Centre, has had a refurbishment and now only has two real ales, although none were available on a recent visit. The Trout 'N' Tipple, Tavistock, recently had South Hams Pandamonium and Summerskills Devon Dew on sale, which is unusual for the area. There are new tenants in the West Hoe, The Hoe – we would like to wish them all the very best in their new venture!

The following pubs were sold to those pub companies indicated, by Punch Taverns in March 2018, although the licensees will probably not know about it!!!

Punch To Patron Capital

Burrator Inn, Dousland; Dolphin Inn, Kingston; Drake Manor Inn, Buckland Monachorum; Duke of Cornwall, Ivybridge; Duke of York Hotel, Tavistock; Eagle, City Centre; Exeter Inn, Modbury; London Inn, Horrabridge; Queen's Dock Inn, Morice Town, Plymouth; Seymour Arms, Greenbank; Swan Inn, Noss Mayo; & Tavistock Inn, Tavistock.

Punch To Star (Heineken UK)

Boringdon Arms, Turnchapel; Dolphin Hotel, Barbican, Plymouth; Ming Dynsaty, Billacombe, Plymstock; Queen's Arms, Tamerton Foliot; Shakespeare Hotel, Plymouth; Ship's Tavern, Elburton; Stoke Bar & Grill, Stoke; Stoke Inn, Stoke; Union Inn, Tavistock; & Woodside, City Centre.

Brewery News

Sadly, Paul and Joanna have stopped all brewing at *Moorstone* for the foreseeable future. Further details will be added when known.

Roam Brewing Co, formally Tavy Ales, have been awarded Gold in the **CAMRA** Champion Beer Of Britain, regional heat, for Tavy Porter. Pictured on the left is Brewery Liaison Officer, Andrew Richardson of Plymouth **CAMRA** branch, presenting Jon (centre) and Don with their award at the SIBA Tucker's Malting Beer festival in April 2018.

Summerskills Brewery, of Billacombe, have scooped two Bronze Awards recently, also in the CAMRA Champion Beer Of Britain Competition, regional heats, for Bolt Head (in the Strong Bitter category) and also for Indiana's Bones (in the Old Ale & Strong Mild category). In the picture on the right, Brewery Liaison Officer, Lee Norton (pictured left, of Plymouth CAMRA branch), presented Norman, owner of Summerskills, with both awards at the SIBA Tucker's Malting Beer Festival in April 2018.

Many congratulations to Jon, and all at Roam Brewing Co, and to Norman, and all at Summerskills Brewery!



March 2018 - Pub And Brewery News Wednesday 7 March 2018

The following pub and brewery news was reported at the branch meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

Pub News

The **Bluebird**, Higher Compton, no longer serves real ale; **Rising Sun Inn**, also Higher Compton, now serves only Sharp's Atlantic and Doom Bar during the week, with the third pump a changing guest beer at weekends (until it runs out); **Cherry Tree**, Ham Drive, no longer serves real ale; **Two Trees**, Union Street, is reportedly closed **(Post Meeting Note:** sadly, it has been confirmed as closed); **Hunting Lodge**, Cadleigh Park, Ivybridge, now serves Dartmoor Jail Ale, Sharp's Atlantic and Doom Bar, and St Austell Tribute; **Unicorn**, Plympton, now serves one real ale, Doom Bar, and have slightly amended their opening hours (opens at 0900, not 0800); **Post Office Inn**, also Plympton, is reportedly now closed; **Walrus**, Athenaeum Street, is also reportedly closed; **Jolly Miller**, Estover, does not serve real ale (not even bottles?); scaffolding has been erected outside of Caffeine Club, North Hill, **Roundabout**, Drake Circus and **Union Rooms**, Union Street, while they remain open; a planning application has been submitted on behalf of JDW for 59, Broadway, Plymstock, PL9 7AF (the old Co-Op) for conversion of existing unit into several retail units, including new pub; there are 31 branch pubs serving real ale without photos on What Pub; there have been no Cask Marque additions/deletions during February 2018.

Pub Beer Festivals - please see Local Beer Festivals for further details

Wed 14 – Sun 25 Mar – JD Wetherspoon Spring Beer Fest, during their usual opening hours

Mon 26 Mar - Mon 2 Apr Tamar, during their usual opening hours

Thur 29 Mar - Mon 2 Apr Minerva Inn, Thur-Sat 1130-2359, Sun 1300-2230, Mon 1130-2300

Fri 30 Mar - Mon 2 Apr Walkhampton Inn over Easter weekend

Fri 21 – Sat 22 Apr **Clovelly Bay Inn,** Turnchapel, on Fri 1800-2300 and Sat 22 1200-2300

Fri 27 – Sat 28 Apr Boringdon Arms, Turnchapel between 1200 and midnight both days

Fri 25 – Mon 28 May Mary Tavy Inn Beer, Sausage and Mash fest over late May BH weekend, during usual pub hours

SIBA Maltings Beer Festival - please see Local Beer Festivals for further details Thursday 19 Apr – Sat 21 Apr, opening at 1700 – 2300 Thu; 1200-1600; 1700-2300 Fri; Sat 1200-2300.

Brewery News

Stannary Brewery, Tavistock, have completed their move into the unit next door; **Summerskills** November Porter is now available all year, and is renamed Plymouth Porter, with an reduced ABV of 5.1%; **Roam Brewing Co** will be launching a Special IPA to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Drake Foundation; **Wizard Brewery,** Ilfracombe, have been sold and re-launched, brewing one beer initially, with a second due out now; **Yelland Manor,** Barnstaple, are due to launch a new beer, Tarka Special 4.1%, to celebrate the new Sunday train service; Big Rabbit, formally of Cullompton, have relocated to Glasgow, trading as **Merchant City Brewing;** Otter are concentrating on their kegged lager at the moment; & the **Topsham Brewery** plant has been sold to a restauranteur on the banks of Loch Ness.

SUPERIOR PALE ALE

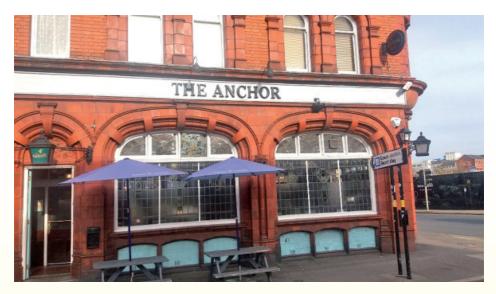


QUALITY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

the Location?

Late last year I took a trip up-country. Unusually I went by National Express coach to Birmingham where I wanted to visit The Anchor Inn, which is located right next to Digbeth Coach Station. It calls itself Birmingham's premier real ale pub. As it was the only pub visited in Birmingham I can't really compare it to any other pub so I can't pass judgement.

It is a traditional type of pub with its stained glass windows and an unusual heated foot rail around the bar. Arranged around the pub's walls were lovely old fashioned leather bound benches.



On offer was a very palatable Wye Valley bitter 3.7% but the outstanding beer was Goats Milk from Church End Brewery at 3.8%. A gold medal winner at the 2017 Great British beer festival. Extremely drinkable. There were also 4 keg beers on offer with 1960's soul and blues background music. Well worth a visit sort of pub with its excellent décor and ale in a very central location.





Then it was on to my next destination via a totally revamped New Street Train Station. A welcome improvement on the previous station.

My destination has been reported to have the most listed buildings in the country which made me want to visit.

After arriving at the Grade 2 listed railway station I checked into my accommodation situated above the pub with a view of the Castle just behind. A former Citizen of this town was Charles Darwin.

My first hostelry visited was the Loggerheads which dates from 1780 and used to be a coaching house. There is a list of all the licence holders since it opened, which is unusual. A lovely pub with uneven flooring so be careful. It has open fireplaces, wood panelling and a higgledy piggledy layout. If you are hungry, do not visit as it does not serve food. On offer were Hobgoblin – Gold, Jennings Sneck Lifter – dark ale, Ringwood Brewery Boon Doggle and Barks Amber. A great find.

My next pub was the nearby Three Fishes set in a wonderful timber framed building dating from around the 16th century. There was an impressive choice of beers. A light station Bitter from Stonehouse Brewery at 3.9%, Three Tuns Stout 4.4% from Three Tuns Brewery one of the oldest breweries in the country dating from 1642. Also on offer was Timothy Taylor – Landlord. Moonshine Pale Ale from Abbey dale Brewery Sheffield at 4.3% and Crakaddle a strong 5.2% pale ale from Thornbridge Brewery. There is food served but be careful of the low ceilings.

Then came my favourite drinking establishment of this country town; The Nags Head. Still run by the same landlord for the past 34 years. It has a very quirky beer garden with the garden walls which date back to about the 14th century. It offers no food but had an impressive list of beers which included

Oracle from Salopian brewery 4.8%, Sharps Sea Fury, Titanic Plum Porter and Timothy Taylor Landlord. A proper pub with a friendly atmosphere.

Another interesting pub visited was the Coach and Horses which dates back to 1861 and has been a regular entry in The CAMRA good beer guide. It has a wonderful old style bar with lovely wood panelling and a cosy snug area with its own large open fireplace. Not forgetting all you foody fans, there is a large eating area with an extensive menu. The beers on offer included Nelson Mandela from Six bells brewery at 5.8% and Tumbledown Dick from St Ann's brewery at 4.5%.

These were just a few of the more interesting pubs visited, so if you have an interest in history and architecture this town is well worth a visited. I was surprised that I didn't see any local CAMRA publications but I made a point of leaving a few Drakes Drinker magazines.

All in all, with its close proximity to Birmingham and also Wales it's an interesting spot to visit.





If you hadn't guessed by now, the location is Shrewsbury in Shropshire.

Phil Ward

CAMRA Members Vote For Change

Members of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) have voted to approve all but one of its' National Executive's (CAMRA's Board of Directors) recommendations designed to take the organisation into the future.

CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

Almost 18 000 members voted online and at CAMRA's AGM, held in Coventry on April 21st, to express their views on changes to CAMRA's Articles of Association (AAs) to redefine the 47-year-old organisation's purpose and campaigning activities.

Members' voted to remove the organisation's current "objects" in the Articles of Association — the statement of what the Campaign exists to achieve. In place of the old objects, members voted to approve recommendations to add in new objectives for the Campaign, designed to make the organisation more inclusive, relevant and welcoming:

- To secure the long-term future of real ale, real cider and real perry by increasing their quality, availability and popularity;
- 2. To promote and protect pubs and clubs as social centres, as part of the UK's cultural heritage;
- 3. To increase recognition of the benefits or responsible, moderate social drinking;
- 4. To play a leading role in the provision of information, education and training to all those with an interest in beer, cider and perry of any type;
- To ensure, where possible, that producers and retailers of beer, cider and perry act in the best interests of the customer.

However, despite 72% of members agreeing to the measure, the 75% threshold was not met to approve the recommendation to add one additional object to CAMRA's Articles of Association:

1. To act as the voice, and represent the interests, of all pub-goers, and beer, cider and perry drinkers.

The changes will see CAMRA put increased focus on educating members (and non-members) about different types of beer. It also sees campaigning for real cider and perry added to the objects for the first time, as well as recognising pub and club protection as a key object for the organisation.

CAMRA's out-going National Chairman, Colin Valentine, said: "The recommendations for change that the NE made to The Membership were based entirely on feedback received from Members when we consulted with them as part of the Revitalisation Project.

"It was the largest consultation CAMRA has ever carried out, and we listened to the views of over 25 000 of our members, who filled in on-line surveys and attended consultation meetings across the country.

"We were determined to give every single member the right to have the final say on the recommendations by voting on the changes to the AAs. The Membership have taken advantage of that right, and made its' views clear. "We're delighted that all but one of the Special Resolutions was approved, which shows the majority of members agreed with the consultation findings, that CAMRA needs to change to remain a relevant and effective campaigning organisation.

"The hard work now starts to define new strategies to position CAMRA where our members have told us they want it to be. We appreciate that, while the majority of members voted in favour of most of the recommendations, there is some disagreement about how we deliver the required changes.

"We need to do all we can to reassure all members that our core campaigning objectives remain focused on real ale, real cider and real perry, as ever. Those who called for more far-reaching changes, which has not been supported in the vote, and those who disagreed with any change, can be confident that their contribution to the Campaign remains as valued as ever — and that all members can continue to work together to achieve common objectives."



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CAMRA DISCOUNT SCHEME

CAMRA has over 190,000 members nationwide, with about 1,000 members locally. All of these are thirsty real ale drinkers, and love a good deal!

The CAMRA Discount Scheme enables pubs to promote their business to our members and hopefully encourage more trade. This discount offered will be advertised free of charge on the branch website, www.plymouth.camra.ora.uk, and the National CAMRA website, and in this magazine from time to time. We can also provide posters to advertise the offer to visitors.

If you are the licensee of a pub, and are interested in joining this scheme, please contact our branch Vice Chairman, Ian Dickinson, on vicechairman@plymouth.camra.org.uk

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 NEW FOR REA special promotions are on offer. List correct to 3 May 2018.

	PUB NAME	ADDRESS	DISCOUNT 3
	Brass Monkey	Royal Parade, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 1DS,	10%/pint
	Bread & Roses	62 Ebrington Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 9AF	100//
	China House	Sutton Wharf, Coxside PL4 0DW	20%/pint %
	Dolphin Hotel	14, The Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LS	20%/pint 20%/pint 15p/pint
	Fishermans Arms	Lambhay Hill, Barbican, PL1 2NN	10%/pint, 20% on food
	Fortescue Hotel	Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JQ	10%/pint and half
	Golden Hind	Mannamead Road, Plymouth, PL3 5RJ	10%/pint and half
	Horse & Groom	Exeter Road, Bittaford, Ivybridge	10%/pint
	Jack Rabbit	7-9 Howeson Road, Derriford PL6 8BD	20%/pint
	Miner's Arms	Hemerdon, near Plympton, PL7 5BU	30p/pint
	Minerva Inn	31, Looe Street, Barbican, Plymouth PL4 0EA	* See below
	Noah's Ark	32A, Courtney Street, City Centre, Plymouth PL1 1EP	10%/pint, Guest Beers only
	Nowhere Inn	Gilwell Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 8BU	10%/pint
	Olde Plough Inn	Fore Street, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JG,	10%/pint, ale & cider
	Pub On The Hoe	159 Citadel Road, The Hoe, Plymouth, PL1 2HU	10%/pint
	Sir Joshua Reynolds	25 Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW,	10p/pint, 5p/half
	Stoke Inn	Devonport Road, Stoke, Plymouth, PL3 4DL,	10%/pint
	Swan Inn	15 St. Andrews Street, City Centre, PL1 2AX,	30p/pint
	Tamar	Morshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5AD	10%/pint
	Waterloo Inn	30, Waterloo Street, Stoke, PL1 5RS	10%/pint
	Who'd Have Thought It Inn	Milton Combe, Yelverton, PL20 6HP	6%/pint
	W Britannia Inn	2 Wolseley Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, PL2 3BH	50p off vouchers
	W Gog & Magog	Southside Street, Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LA	50p off vouchers
	W Mannamead	Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JH	50p off vouchers
	W Queen's Head Ho	tel 80 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ	50p off vouchers
	W Stannary Court	Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW	50p off vouchers
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Say cheers to Drake's Pale Ale; raising funds for local people

The Plymouth Drake Foundation is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year. As part of our celebrations, the Roborough based Roam Brewing Company, run by brewer and owner Jon Clargo, have launched a commemorative beer.

Drake's Pale Ale will be available at various Plymouth pubs from today. For the beer connoisseurs it is a crisp hoppy limited edition beer which uses only the finest hops, is smooth and 4.8% proof. Roam Brewery are very generously donating 10p per pint to the charity.

The Plymouth Drake Foundation is an umbrella Charity. We work with donors and partners to raise funds which enable us to provide grants and help to community groups and organisations in Plymouth; supporting projects which improve the health and well-being of people in our local communities.



Pictured (from left to right) Jamie Watts (PDF Trustee), Jon & Brian Clargo (Roam Brewing Company) and Andy Richardson (CAMRA)

The Plymouth Drake Foundation supports the Youth Hardship Fund, through the Zone, which helps young people in crisis. We helped to set up the Veterans Memory Cafe in Crownhill, found funding to help the Drake Sea Cadets purchase three new safety boats and helped the Dartmoor Search & Rescue Team get financial advice that saved them precious funds; to name a few of the groups that we have supported.

Our current round of funding, the Imagine Fund, is supporting projects that give young people help in raising their aspirations and self-esteem and improving life prospects. The New4You Youth group, Mount Batten Centre Charity Trust, Hope4Summer and Friends of the Plymouth School of Creative Arts were all successful in being awarded funding.

Our only significant overhead is a part-time Office Manager and a part-time Charity Shop Manager. The rest of the work is all done by a strong group of Trustees and volunteers.

For more information contact us at office@plymouthdrakefoundation.co.uk or 01752 764455

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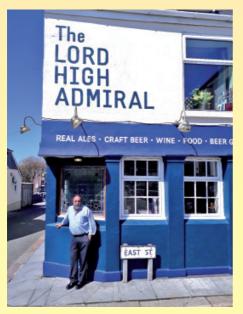
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MAL DE MER

This Mal de Mer nearly didn't happen as I am currently boatless, neither Sandyman nor Doris being back in the water yet. You can see from the photograph what we are reduced to. So all we had was the dinghy but as that likes to throw us into the water, Mal and I decided that discretion is the better part of valour and that the trip should be undertaken on foot. We did it on the Sunday of the first May Bank Holiday weekend and had a tour of Stonehouse in lovely sunny weather.

The first pub on the tour was The Lord High Admiral. This used to be a St Austell's house but in the last few months it has changed hands and has some interesting cask ales as well as being a craft beer outlet with some good food being served of the posh burger variety. The beers on offer were New Lion Brewery Pandit, Roam Brewing Drakes Pale Ale, and Tribute.





I had the first 2 and they were both excellent. The pub make over is good with excellent outside seating, and it was doing a good trade.

The next pub was the Brewery Tap. The pub (formerly The Royal) had been closed for quite a while but is now operational again thanks to the good people of Porters in Looe Street. The cask ale on offer was Hunters Half Bore and was good.



This pub has an interesting history. It was indeed the Brewery Tap for Regents Brewery next door in its day. The original pub was bombed in the war and the current modern building stands in its place. There are some worthwhile photos inside. Mal recalls on first being posted to Plymouth seeing the horse drawn drays with a man and boy in aprons delivering to the local pubs. The stables are still standing close to Cremyll Street and are shown in a photograph below. The horses' names were Tom and Clyde.

The next pub on the tour was the Vine at the top of the Cremyll Ferry landing and thanks to that location it has the

honour of being the first and last pub in Devon. The landlord is Craig also a former Royal Marine. The cask ale was Dartmoor Jail but it being a hot day I opted for a pint of Thatchers. One of the customers, Chuggie, was having his





birthday and there was some delicious birthday food available to all. I tucked into chilli, spicy chicken, and sausage rolls which were excellent – thank you Chuggie and Maggie. It was a good happy atmosphere.

The next pub was the Artillery Arms in Admiralty Street, a GBG entry. This is a lovely old building with impressive walls and a monkey racing course on the ceiling. The pub is run by Belinda who kindly came out for the photoshoot. The cask ale was Bass which was excellent. There is usually a guest ale on as well. This was originally 2 pubs, the Navy and Army Inn on the corner plot and the Artillery Arms next door in Admiralty Street, and Belinda has had appropriate signs made up.



The last pub is Mal's favourite, the Victualling Office Tavern or VOT, and he is often to be found in the back garden which is a great sun trap. I have mentioned this before – James does the best pint of Tribute in the city. Way better than the rest and if you are not happy with it in anyway he is happy to change it, although I can assure you this will not be necessary. He had 2 guests from Sharps, Sea Fury and Atlantic. I am told that the VOT is the second oldest pub in Plymouth after the Minerva.

This was a great start to the summer after the long drawn out wet winter. May we have a good summer.

PLYMOUTH CAMRA PUBS OF THE YEAR 2018.



Once again, all Plymouth CAMRA branch members, nearly 1 000 of them, have been asked to vote for their branch pub of the year (POTY). The results, as always, were formally announced at the branch Annual General Meeting held in April.

Members consider the quality of the real ale, cider and perry; choice; service; welcome and overall "feel" of the pubs when making their choices. We have a City POTY, which includes all pubs within the city, Plympton and Plymstock areas; a Country POTY, which includes pubs not within the city area; a Cider and Perry POTY, which includes all branch areas; and a Club Of The Year, again covering all branch areas.

The results are as follows (for Real Ale)

Overall Branch POTY 2018 Fortescue Hotel, 37 Mutley Plain

City POTY 2018 Fortescue Hotel, 37 Mutley Plain
City POTY Runner Up 2018 Dolphin Hotel, 12, Barbican

Country POTY 2018 Royal Oak, Meavy
Country POTY 2018 Runner Up Foxhound Inn, Brixton

Cider and Perry POTY 2018 Fortescue Hotel, 37 Mutley Plain

Club Of The Year 2018 Fawn Members Club, 39 Prospect Street, Greenbank

We would like to congratulate all the winners, especially Tash Smith, manageress of the Fortescue, on her first CAMRA award! There were over 40 pubs nominated this year, with about a third of them located outside the city. I would like to encourage all Plymouth CAMRA branch members to vote in this annual competition – the more members who vote, the more satisfying it will be for the winners! I hope to be counting 1 000 or more voting forms next year!



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 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. List correct to 3 May 2018.

Avonwick

Avon Inn, Avonwick Avonwick TQ10 9NB

Turtley Corn Mill Avonwick Avonwick TQ10 9ES

Bere Ferrers

Olde Plough Inn Fore Street Bere Ferrers PL20 7JG

Bittaford

Horse and Groom Exeter Road Bittaford PL21 0EL

Brixton

Foxhound Inn Kingsbridge Road Brixton PL8 2AH

Buckland Monachorum

Drake Manor Inn The Village Buckland Monachorum PI 20 7NA

California Cross

California Inn California Cross PL21 OSG

Chipshop

Copper Penny Inn Chipshop PL19 8NT

Clearbrook

Skylark Inn Clearbrook PL20 6JD

Dousland

Burrator Inn Dousland PI 20 6NP

Ermington

Crooked Spire The Square Ermington PL21 9LP

Hemerdon

Miner's Arms Hemerdon PL7 5BU

Hexworthy

Forest Inn Hexworthy PL20 6SD

Holbeton

Dartmoor Union Fore Street Holbeton PL8 1NF

Mary Tavy

Mary Tavy Inn Lane Head Mary Tavy PL19 9PN

Meavv

Royal Oak Inn Meavy PL20 6PJ

Milton Combe

Who's Have Thought It Inn Milton Combe PL20 6HP

Modbury

Exeter Inn Church Street Modbury PL21 0QR

Modbury Inn Brownston Steet Modbury PL21 0RQ

Noss Mayo

Ship Inn Noss Mayo PL8 1EW

Plymouth

Artillery Arms 6 Pound Street Plymouth PL1 3RH
Brass Monkey 12-14 Royal Parade Plymouth PL1 1DS
Bread & Roses 62 Ebrington Street Plymouth PL4 9AF
Britannia Inn 2 Wolesely Road Plymouth PL2 3BH
Clifton Inn 35 Clifton Street Plymouth PL4 8JB
Fawn Private Members Club 39 Prospect Street
Plymouth PL4 8NY

Fisherman's Arms 31 Lambhay Street Plymouth PL1 2NN Fortescue Hotel 37 Mutley Plain Plymouth PL4 6JQ Gog & Magog 58 Southside Street Plymouth PL1 2LA Golden Hind 260 Mannamead Road Plymouth PL3 5RJ Kitty O'Hanlon's 5 St Andrews Street Plymouth PL1 2AH Mannamead 61 Mutley Plain Plymouth PL4 6JH Maritime Inn 19 Southside Street Plymouth PL1 2LD Masonic Inn 65 Devonport Road Plymouth PL3 4DL Minerva Inn 31 Looe Street Plymouth PL4 0EA Noah's Arm 32a Courtney Street Plymouth PL1 1EP Nowhere Inn 21 Gilwell Street Plymouth PL4 8BU Plymouth Hoe Club 1-2 Osbourne Place Plymouth PL1 2PU Porters 20-21 Looe Street Plymouth PL4 0EA Prince Maurice 3 Church Hill Plymouth PL6 5RJ Providence Inn 20 Providence Street Plymouth PL4 8JQ Pub On The Hoe 159 Citadel Road Plymouth PL1 2HU Stoke Inn 43 Devonport Road Plymouth PL3 4DL Swan Inn 15 St Andrews Street Plymouth PL1 2AX Thistle Park Tavern 32 Commercial Road Plymouth PL4 OLE Union Rooms 19 Union Street Plymouth PL1 2SU Waterloo Inn 30 Waterloo Street Plymouth PL1 5RS West Hoe 24 Bishop's Place Plymouth PL1 3BW

Plympton

Colebrook Inn Colebrook Road Plympton PL7 4AA
London Inn 8 Church Road Plympton PL7 1NH
Stannary Court 95-99 Ridgeway Plympton PL7 2AA
Union Inn 17 Underwood Road Plympton PL7 1SY

Plymstock

Drake's Drum 19 Radford Park Road Plymstock PL9 9DN

Postbridge

East Dart Hotel Postbridge PL20 6TJ Warren House Inn Postbridge PL20 6TA

Princetown

Dartmoor Inn Merrivale Princetown PL20 6ST
Plume of Feathers Inn Plymouth Hill Princetown PL20 6QQ
Prince of Wales Hotel Tavistock Road Princetown PL20 6QF

Ringmore

Journey's End Inn Ringmore TQ7 4HL

Shaugh Prior

White Thorn Inn Shaugh Prior PL7 5HA

Sparkwell

Welbeck Manor Hotel & Sparkwell Golf Course Sparkwell PL7 5DF

Tavistock

Bedford Hotel 1, Plymouth Road Tavistock PL19 8BB Queen's Head Hotel 80 West Street Tavistock PL19 8AQ Trout 'N' Tipple Parkwood Road Tavistock PL19 0JS

Turnchapel

Boringdon Arms 13 Boringdon Terrace Turnchapel PL9 9TQ Clovelly Bay Inn 1 Boringdon Road Turnchapel PL9 9TB

Walkhampton

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Wembury

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