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Welcome to another issue of Drake's Drinker. There are a few things happening over the next few months that may interest most of our readers.

- 1.** Plym Valley Railway will be holding their 2nd beer and cider festival from the 28th to the 30th of September. Why not hop on the pard and ride to Coypool and visit this event and take a ride on the trains.
- 2.** October is Camra Cider month. On your travels, why not visit on of the many pubs in Plymouth and West Devon that serve real cider. Please see list on Plymouth Camra website – www.plymouth.camra.org.uk and scroll to the pubs serving cider.
- 3.** We have a visit to Teignworthy Brewery in Newton Abbot on Saturday 20th of October (Places are limited – Please see diary page in this issue for details), this is our way of saying goodbye to Tuckers.

One again I would like to thank all those involved in producing and distributed our branch newsletter to pubs in Plymouth and South West Devon.

If you wish to contribute with an article, help distribute newsletters in the future, or wish to advertise in Drake's Drinker, please contact me - editor@plymouth.camra.org.uk.

Safe and happy dinking on your journeys around the fine ale and cider houses in our branch area and further afield.

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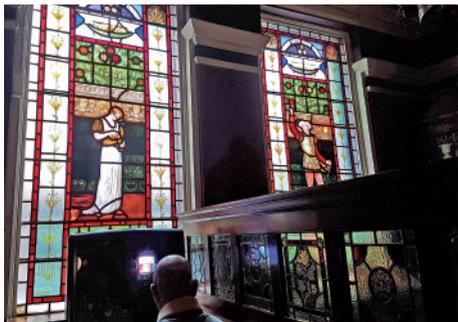
Done!

ON the hottest day of the year we drove over 300 miles from Plymouth to Bridlington for a stopover before a final hundred at 30C to Newcastle the following day. Boy, did we need a drink...

And Newcastle did not fail us. Not only is it home to some of the finest hostelries in the UK but local breweries too, so some of the beers were unfamiliar. And as these pubs are mainly old with thick stone walls the interiors are cool – in the best sense of the word.

While driving 400 miles for a pint is purpose enough, we were there for another reason, a 50-year reunion bash at Newcastle Uni where Fran was a student. On our arrival the night before, we met up with his best mate from all those years ago, Colin, in a Wetherspoons. OK, not one that existed when my husband was a lad, but it is in a stunning historic building of exposed stone, beams and pantile roof built round a central courtyard. To be honest, the beer wasn't one of the chain's more memorable line ups – but the Quayside setting below the landmark trio of Tyne bridges certainly is.

At the wonderful Crown Posada nearby both building and beers are memorable. Listed on CAMRA's Regional Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors the long narrow bar is dominated by soaring stained glass windows; you could be in church. And certainly this is a real ale shrine. While the Good Beer Guide lists Allendale and Hadrian breweries, on our visit the six handpumps were given over to six rodents – the Rat range brewed at the Rat and Racht microbrewery in Huddersfield (where I was born). I loved White Rat, pale and almost aggressively hoppy, and high strength King Rat, alongside their brethren Ratman and Robin, Mutant Rat, Black Forest Rateau Stout, and Rat Burglar...



Next morning I was half an hour late meeting my husband at Lady Greys for two reasons: firstly, I was looking for the wrong road (if I'd checked GBG I'd have known it was Shakespeare Street) and secondly I got trapped by a Gay Pride march so vast it made national TV news. Yet another time a cooling pint seemed in order.

This beautiful pub with its circular bar opposite the Theatre Royal well deserves its L for Locale serving Mordue Northumbrian Blonde plus seven changing ales which often include Hadrian Bolder, Allendale and Wylam breweries.

On this visit, sadly, we did not make it to the Keelman at Newburn, a Grade 11-listed former pumping station which is home to the Big Lamp brewery, but I can highly recommend the beer, bed and breakfast (though we did manage to fit in a quick half at Camerons Lion Brewery tap in Hartlepool).

Instead we sought Sunday lunch at the Heart of Northumberland in Hexham, a Pub and Kitchen serving as hearty a plateful of roast lamb with all the trimmings as any soul could desire. They have five handpumps, always including beers from Wylam and Allendale breweries plus Taylor Landlord (made with Northumbrian hops) and two guests.

A stroll downhill took us to the Tannery, a beautifully restored Edwardian building, Locale accredited with eight handpumps, current local CAMRA Pub of the Year.



From there we upped our game to 12 handpumps of changing ales (one serving Plum Porter) at the unmissable Boathouse Inn next to Wylam's level crossing. We indulged ourselves with 5.8% hoppy blonde Wey-Aye from local Firebrick Brewery. Fifteen CAMRA awards proudly adorn one wall. It seemed a fine place to end our trip "oop North."



Words Susan Nowak / Photos - Fran Nowak

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**.

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.

Regional Pub Crawls - Mutley and Barbican Saturday 29 September 2018 18:00 Fawn Private Members Club Two regional pub crawls will **Done!** place on Saturday 29 September, both starting at 1800.

Please note that some Regional Officers and National Committee Members may well be in attendance.

Pub Crawl No 1 will start at **Mannamead**, followed by **Fortescue Hotel**, then **Clifton Inn**, **Providence**, **Fawn Private Members Club** and finishing at the **Nowhere Inn**. Please note that real ale and real cider are usually available in all of these pubs.

Pub Crawl No 2 will start at **Fawn Private Members Club**, followed by **Nowhere Inn**, then **Bread & Roses**, **Minerva Inn**, **Porters** and finishing in the **Dolphin Hotel**.

Please note that real cider is usually available in the first four pubs on this crawl.

October Pub Crawl - October 2018 Wednesday 3 October 2018 19:00 Union Inn

The October social pub crawl will start at the **Union Inn**, starting at 1900, followed by a pub crawl to include **London Inn**, **Stannary Court**, **Post Office Inn**, & **Sir Joshua Reynolds**.

Visit Falmouth Beer Festival 2018 Saturday 6 October 2018 09:00 Plymouth Railway Station

Meet at **Plymouth railway station** by 0900 to get tickets to Falmouth, leaving on the 0923 (arr 1111 TBC, new timetable due). Cost is £7.15 with railcard, £10.80 without.

This will be followed by a short pub crawl around Falmouth for those who wish.

More details are available by following this link **FALMOUTH CAMRA KERNOW BEER FESTIVAL 2018**
Later train is 0950, arrive Falmouth 1141.

BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

Visit Teignworthy Brewery Saturday 20 October 2018 09:45 Plymouth Railway Station

Come and join us for a visit to Teignworthy Brewery, of Newton Abbot. Meet at the train station by 0945 for GroupSaver Tickets. Train costs are £4.15 with railcard, £7.10 without. Places are limited, so please contact our Social Secretary, Andy, to book your place on socials@plymouth.camra.org.uk or on **07546 937596**.

This will be followed by a pub crawl of Newton Abbot, with return to Plymouth by about 1830.

Branch Social Meeting - November 2018 Wednesday 7 November 2018 20:00 Lounge

The November branch social meeting will take place in the Lounge, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.

Saturday 17 November 2018 10:00 Salcombe Brewery visit

We will visit Salcombe Brewery by minibus on Saturday 17th November. Places are limited to 25, so please contact our Social Secretary, Andy, to book your place on socials@plymouth.camra.org.uk or on **07546 937596**.

Cost of the brewery tour and buffet lunch is £16.00, plus the coach cost (about £10.00). Further details to follow nearer the time.

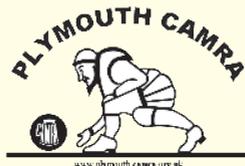
Pub Crawl - December 2018 Wednesday 5 December 2018 19:00 Venue TBC

Join us for pre-Christmas drinks, meeting in the TBA, starting at 1900, followed by a pub crawl. Details TBA.

Barbican Bimble 2018 Saturday 29 December 2018 12:00 Minerva Inn

Get those festive jumpers out, give the turkey a rest and come and join us for a festive stroll around the Barbican.

Meet at the **Minerva Inn** between 1200 and 1300, then on to a selection of real ale gems in and around the Barbican.





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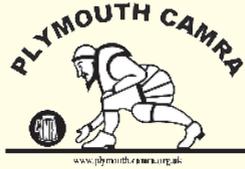
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Pub & Brewery News



Pub and Brewery News – June, July and August 2018

Pub News - June 2018

Sam Donaghy has moved to the **Mannamead**, Mutley Plain, from the **Stannary Court**, Plympton, as cask ales manager, and has plans to hold regular “Tap Takeovers”. A new beer stillage has also been installed. **The Tavy Club**, Tavistock, is undergoing a refurbishment by owners, Royal British Legion, with new tenants being sought. **The Challaborough Bay Holiday Park bar – the Waterfront Bar and Restaurant** – has gained Cask Marque accreditation. **Drake’s Drum**, Plymstock, remains open whilst undergoing a refurbishment.

Following the AGM, the Branch Committee would like to encourage more members to beer score when visiting pubs. This is to try and help us to see any trends – good or bad – with beer quality in our branch pubs. For advice on beer scoring, please visit our website, www.plymouth.camra.org.uk/beerscoring. Members can beer score **Done!** any branch area.

We would like to wish all publicans and licensees all the very best following the number of refurbishments taking place and notified to us this month. We would also like to wish Sam all the very best in his new position at the **Mannamead**.

Brewery News

There is no significant news about any of our breweries this month.

Pub News - July 2018

A licensing application has been made to open a new bottled beer shop/bar in Tavistock; **Duke of York**, also in Tavistock, now serves **Dartmoor** Jail Ale, alongside **Sharp’s** Doom Bar. The lease for the **Prince of Wales**, Princetown, is for sale; it was reported that the **Mannamead**, Mutley Plain, directed customers to **Doom Bar** and other real ales, during the current CO2 shortages; **Lord Louis**, Plympton, was not selling any draught beers last week; **Horse & Groom**, Bittaford, host a charity Beer Festival this coming weekend (6th, 7th and 8th July); & **Heaven Restaurant**, Exeter Street, now appear to have re-branded to Fuel. There were no **Cask Marque** additions of deletions this month.

Following the AGM, the Branch Committee would like to encourage more members to beer score when visiting pubs. This is to try and help us to see any trends – good or bad – with beer quality in our branch pubs. For the period from 1st April 2018, we have had 500 beer scores provided by 45 members for 101 different pubs – TVM! For advice on beer scoring, please see www.plymouth.camra.org.uk/beerscoring. Members can beer score any pub in any branch area.

Pub & Brewery News



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Pub News - August 2018

Brewery Tap, Stonehouse, has been awarded LocAle accreditation; **Two Trees**, Union Street, may be demolished soon; **Walkhampton Inn**, Walkhampton, are holding a cider festival, with about 25 real ciders available, over August bank holiday weekend; **Fortescue**, Mutley Plain, will close for refurbishment at closing time on Sunday 5th August, and is due to reopen on Thursday 16th ; the **Boringdon Arms**, Turnchapel, will hold a pie and ale festival in October; Fuel, formally Heaven Restaurant, Exeter Street, has now re-branded to Fuel. **Bigbury Golf Club** now serves **St. Austell** Cornish Best Bitter, plus one varying beer from **St. Austell/Bath Ales**. There were no **Cask Marque** additions or deletions this month.

Done! Brewery News

Stannary have ordered a new 6.5 BBL brew plant from China to celebrate their second birthday; **Bere brewery** will launch a new beer "soon".

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Great Beer at the GBBF!

by Dan Scott



I attended the Trade and Press Day of the Great British Beer Festival on Tuesday 7th August, held once again at Kensington Olympia, and accompanied by guest photographer and father **Done!** This year the bar managers had been able to choose the names of their bars. The name selection criterion for the managers was to be the name of a pub that was significant to them. Our first stop was to bar B11, The Royal Oak, for a bit of quality control on the (excellent, but then I am biased) Summerskills Bolt Head. It had travelled and conditioned very well. With over 1,000 beers at the festival, CAMRA decided to introduce a rotating hand-pump system. This would be interesting. Other things on offer were a small selection of wines, Fishers gin and Fever Tree tonic water and non-alcoholic beer.

Adopting a geographical beer picking system, brews from Yorkshire, Scotland, London and various other counties were sampled. The beer selection enjoyed being too numerous to list here. Memorable beers include Marble's Pint (3.9%), Five Point's Derailed Porter (5.9%, key keg), Beowulf's Strong Mild (7.4%) and my personal favourite beer of the festival, Lenton Lane's Phoenix Cherry Mild (4.5%). Remembering CAMRA's aim to promote responsible drinking, we had both chosen to use ½-pint glasses. Or it may be because they hold a perfect ratio of gin to tonic. Who knows?

Our geographical selection system became a little unstuck a few hours into our day when we decided to sample some American beers on the International Cask Bar. They were all still at the port in Southampton. Subsequent investigation via

the Press Office revealed that there was a delay in the ship docking and that the container of US beer had yet to be unloaded, although they would be on later in the week.

As we lamented the lack of Brooklyn Brewery's Black Ops C&K Distillare Orange Brandy edition at a heady 11.5% and Stony Creek's kettle-sourced Hibiscus and Ginger Gose at a far more reasonable 4.5% we settled for free packets of Mr Porky's pork scratchings from the nearby trade stall and some less adventurous brews. As it approached 3pm the area around the stage became gradually more crowded as people waited for



the announcement of the Champion Beer of Britain. Prepped and ready to make a run for the relevant bar, we waited for the announcement. The overall winner was Siren Craft – Broken Dream Breakfast Stout at 6.5%, inconveniently located at Bar B17, The Dambusters Inn, on the other side of the festival. Having learnt from previous years, we headed quickly over whilst the crowds were still working out where to go and arrived to find a queue had begun to form.

Done!



Broken Dream is a very worthy winner, especially compared with a few of the more dubious entries from the past. Smooth and creamy, it dances over the palate leaving sprinkles of chocolate, coffee and smokiness over the tongue. Deep black in colour, it is a brew that you savour and enjoy.

Finally, after many excellent brews, we contemplated our day and past years at the festival. As we were handed bags to put our glasses in on exiting, there was definitely something missing at this festival and it was the atmosphere. Every part of the festival had lots of space, space usually filled with trade representatives, journalists and customers. In previous years when a glass was dropped

on the floor, a self-deprecating cheer that rippled throughout the entirety of the festival occurred. This year that cheer would be lucky to move onto the next bar. It is sad to say but the festival seemed far too quiet, even for a trade day. I can only hope that business picked up later in the week.

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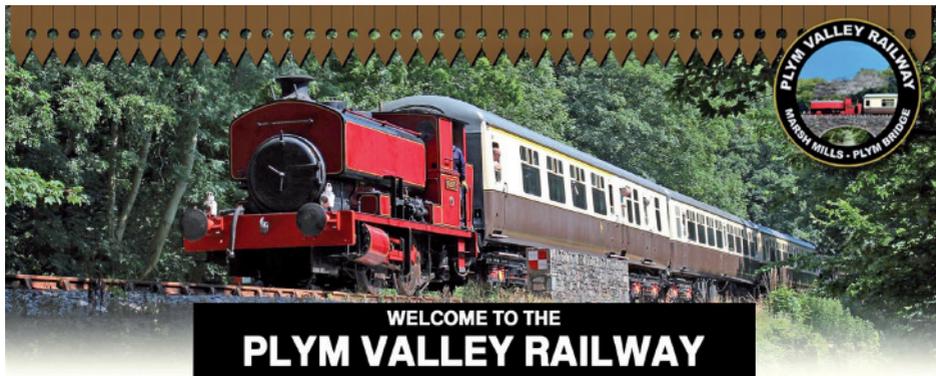
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The Plym Valley Railway is a 1.5 mile heritage railway situated on the outskirts of Plymouth, Devon. Trains run every Sunday between Easter and Halloween and include Brake Van Rides or Marsh Mills-Plym Bridge by a steam or diesel locomotive.

Upcoming Events:

Father's Day – 17th June

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Rails & Ales – 28th-30th September

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www.plymrail.co.uk Facebook: Plym Valley Railway



A FEAST FOR THE EYES

As a regular commuter through Mutley Plain, it is all too easy to notice all the closed down businesses and count how many barber shops and estate agents have sprung up. Overall the street is pretty dismal. There is, however, one building worth looking at especially if you're stuck at the traffic lights; the Hyde Park Public House.

The building itself is situated on an island surrounded by busy traffic. It closed down in 2012 but after a campaign to have it listed as an "asset of community value," it has since reopened.

The outside of the building is adorned with a selection of flower baskets, which add some colour to the area. There is an outside beer garden as well as benches to the side. In addition you will find a covered eating area adorned with hundreds of beer mats on the ceiling.



On entering the pub it has a feeling of stepping back in time, with an amazing display of old memorabilia from the 1960s and 70s. Each item will definitely jolt a few memories I am sure. There are literally dozens of old signs and advertising hoardings everywhere. There are also TVs dotted around showing old TV adverts from the era. Oh, memories from a lost childhood!

This is a popular place to eat and drink, with the rear garden being particularly busy when the sun is out.

After speaking to the bar staff asking if it was ok to take some photos for the Drakes Drinker magazine, I was invited to see the recently opened upstairs gin lounge.

There are approximately 320 different gins on offer. It is a scene of splendid comfort, with numerous luxury leather bound easy chairs to relax in while you sample the various gins. The pub also offers afternoon teas on Saturdays and Sundays.

So if you are looking for a pub that's different from your average boozier, then head for the Hyde Park and relive your childhood. One piece of advice: beware of the traffic and use the pedestrian crossings!

Enjoy this feast for the eyes.

Phil Ward



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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.org.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 special promotions are on offer. **List correct to 3 May 2018.**

PUB NAME	ADDRESS	DISCOUNT
Brass Monkey	Royal Parade, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 1DS,	10%/pint
Bread & Roses	62 Ebrington Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 9AF	10%/pint
China House	Sutton Wharf, Coxside PL4 0DW	20%/pint
Dolphin Hotel	14, The Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LS	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 2SD	20%/pint
Miner's Arms	Hemerdon, near Plymouth	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 Hotel	80 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ	50p off vouchers
W Stannary Court	Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW	50p off vouchers
W Union Rooms	Union Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 2SU	50p off vouchers



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- Bold** Newly accredited to scheme
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Alcohol-free beer?

Not what it used to be ... By Dan Scott

Non-alcoholic beer... It makes people just cringe thinking about it. The bland mass-produced lager, which then has the alcohol extracted through reverse osmosis, to leave an insipid horribly flavoured substance that you are expected to drink. And somehow you are expected to enjoy it? Everybody I know would rather have a fizzy drink, juice or water. That is my personal view on non-alcoholic beer, or should that be was my view?



At this year's Great British Beer Festival, I was handed a voucher for non-alcoholic beer made by a Dutch company called Braxzz. Intrigued as to what CAMRA was playing at alongside a grudging moral responsibility to promote responsible drinking as a branch committee member and regional officer, I wandered over to the stand and was pleasantly surprised by what I saw. Rather than the gnat fizz that usually has the audacity to "grace" pub fridges across the country with its presence, a range of two low-alcohol IPAs and an alcohol free porter was on offer. There was a distinct brand with a range of offerings rather than a similarly labelled lager bottle hiding behind its alcoholic brethren. Already this was a great improvement to what we have all seen in the pubs of Plymouth and beyond. I spoke to Justin Rivett from Braxzz, who lead me through the three brews on offer with great enthusiasm.

The first brew sampled was the Orange IPA at 0.2%, a straw coloured beer styled upon American IPAs. A strong citrus aroma, which followed through into the flavour before trailing off to leave a gentle bitterness. It was definitely off to a great start.

A portion of the Rebel IPA, also at 0.2%, was then offered up. This beer is based upon the English IPA, with a surprising chocolate aroma. Pale and moderately hopped, balanced by a few malt flavours including a little chocolate and crystal. A bitter aftertaste rounded things off nicely.

The third and final beer was the alcohol-free Porter. Strong chocolate and coffee flavours and aroma with a full-bodied mouthfeel. There was a gentle bitterness throughout to complement the darker malt flavours. If I had to place an ABV on this during a blind tasting, I would have guessed it to be approximately 4.5%.

All three brews were unlike any low/non-alcoholic brews I have had in the past and, should I have just been handed samples without being told what they were, would have thought they contained a reasonable percentage. Justin explained that the secret was to use a non-fermented product rather than to remove the alcohol from an existing beer. As you remove the alcohol, you inevitably remove some of the flavour as well. All Braxzz brews containing alcohol have added it instead, allowing them to not compromise on the flavour whilst still offering low-alcohol brews. This explains why the company slogan is “Zero Compromise”.

I have to admit that tasting these brews has really opened my eyes to the possible non-alcoholic options there are. For those of you acting as the designated driver, or who just want to extend your enjoyment of the evening without resorting to yet another glass of water or pint of lemonade, there are excellent low and non-alcoholic brews out there. I didn't believe they existed until now.



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by Bob Holmes

The event was arranged for a brewery visit and a pub tour within the area close to the brewery. We started off with 20 members boarding a mini bus at Royal Parade on the Saturday morning. Once the Social Secretary had done his head count we departed. Picking up another member at Roborough, followed by another pick up a couple of miles from Bere Alston. The Micro-brewery is at a small holding on the outskirts of Bere Alston. When we arrived at our destination, Ian Daniels (Branch Secretary) was stood outside, making it a total of 23 on the tour. We arrived slightly earlier than what was expected by owners Jeremy and Buffy. **Done!** So Buffy took us all down to the bottom end of their plot of land to show and talk us through their home grown organic hop plants. Yes that's no chemicals, pesticides etc. Even all the waste water from the brewery is returned to the land through a soak away, along with all spent grain, hops and yeast which are composted back into their soil.

She also told us about Jeremy's passion for Homebrewing which led to him starting up the micro-brewery. We all then walked back towards the brewery, which is a separate stand alone building from the main house. On the roof of the building are solar panels which contribute to keeping down the electrical running costs.

Jeremy started to talk about his brewery and about each different beer he brews. All his ales are bottled at the brewery by hand and with the help of our social secretary each different beer was opened, put into small tasting glasses and passed to each visitor. We all had tastes of their 5 main brands, which are Lopwell gold 3.8%, Hallowell IPA 5.4%, Tuckermarsh pale 4.2%, Hole's hole porter 4.5% and Clamoak bitter 5%. My personal favourite was the IPA. After the tasting session, quite a few members purchased bottles from Jeremy. We said our goodbyes and thanked Jeremy and Buffy for their hospitality.

Sales from the brewery take place on Wednesdays from 4.30 to 7pm, but

check with Facebook prior to making a trip out to Homefield, Bere Alston PL20 7JA. They also attend Tavistock farmers market, again check Facebook or their web page for up to date information.



We all boarded the coach and made our way to the Olde Plough Inn at Bere Ferrers arriving at 1pm. They had Cotleigh Dragon slayer 4%, Sharps Doom bar 4%, Cornish crown red IPA 5.9% and St Austells tribute on the 4th pump which unfortunately was

on stillage but not ready. They also had 2x real ciders from Sandfords and a couple of keg lagers of interest, Bays Devon rock and Otter Tarka lager. Most of us took the opportunity to have our lunch here and the freshly cooked BBQ burger with chips at £5 was very good value and also very tasty.

Back on the bus and on to Bere Alston to the Edgcumbe Hotel arriving there at 1345hrs. They had 2 hand pumps with Sharps Doom bar 4% and Moorland Old speckled hen 4.5%. When we came out to board the coach, there was a local eccentric filming us with a small video camera. Andy (branch social sec) went over to speak to him, but his rough Scottish accent frightened him away.



We arrived at the Walkhampton Inn, Walkhampton about 3pm. A new ownership, a refurbishment still taking place since it reopened in November 2017, looks like the new young landlord (Fraser Reed) is keen to make the pub a place to

visit again. They had 4x Countryman's ciders, Sams ciders and Sandfords on the pumps they had Dartmoor Legend 4.4%, Bays Devon Dumpling 5.1% and Sharps Atlantic 4.2%. They also had 15 choices of homemade ice creams including a Sloe gin and berries, which I had a portion of. The chef told me, he was working on some beer flavoured ice creams. Perhaps I might do another visit in the near future.

Our next stop was the Burrator Inn, Dousland. I believe that the landlord is ex Royal marine, it's also a cask marque accredited pub with 4 handpumps. Which this afternoon they had Dartmoor Jail ale 4.8%, Sharps Doom bar 4%, St Austells Tribute 4.2% and Otter Amber 4%. Food is served all day at this pub and is reported to be good value.

Next stop was the Royal Oak Inn at Meavy, we arrived here at 4.20pm and it was still busy. There were 4 ales available, Dartmoor Jail 4.8%, Otter Amber 4%, St Austells Proper Job 4.5%, and Black Tor brewery proving their house beer Meavy Oak ale. A good choice of real



ciders were on offer, Old Rosie from Westons, Sandfords Fanny's Bramble, Knights Malvern gold and Black Rat Perry at 7.5%. Most of us went outside the pub to soak up the warm afternoon sun on the green and admired the old oak tree, which is reputed to be around 900yrs old.

Our last stop before going back into Plymouth was the White Thorn Inn at Shaugh Prior, arriving here at 5.40pm. 3 ales available, Fullers London Pride 4.1%, St Austells Tribute 4.2% and Noss Beer Works Church Ledge 4.3%. A very busy pub for such an early evening on a Saturday. We did a bottle beer draw and then left to get back to Plymouth.

I would like to thank our social secretary for making this event possible. Arranging the coach and getting the cost at £10 per person, not bad for a brewery visit and six stops at pubs on the way back to Plymouth. Also a big thank you to Jeremy and Buffy our hosts from Bere Brewery, who were keen to have some amateur drinking experts from the Plymouth Camra branch sample their lovely ales. Any future social events run by the branch are on the diary page on the Plymouth Camra website.

Cheers Bob

CHAMPION BEER OF BRITAIN



The CAMRA Champion Beer of Britain is one of the most prestigious beer competitions in the world. It is the ultimate honour for UK brewers and has helped put many into the national spotlight.

2018 Overall Winners

	Brewery	Beer	Region
Supreme Champion	Siren	Broken Dream Breakfast Stout	Central Southern
Silver	Green Jack	Ripper	East Anglia
Bronze	Mordue	Workie Ticket	North East England

Done! Milds

	Brewery	Beer	Region
Gold	Greene King	XX Mild	East Anglia
Silver	Rhymney Brewery	Dark	Wales
Bronze	East London Brewing Co.	Orchid	Greater London

Bitters

	Brewery	Beer	Region
Gold	Orkney	Red MacGregor	Scotland & Northern Ireland
Silver	Mighty Oak	Captain Bob	East Anglia
Joint Bronze	Bank Top	Flat Cap	Greater Manchester
Joint Bronze	Acorn	Barnsley Bitter	Yorkshire

Best Bitters

	Brewery	Beer	Region
Gold	Mordue	Workie Ticket	North East England
Silver	Bishop Nick	1555	East Anglia
Joint Bronze	St Austell	Tribute	South West England
Joint Bronze	Salopian	Darwin's Origin	West Midlands

Golden Ales

	Brewery	Beer	Region
Gold	Salopian	Oracle	West Midlands
Silver	Salopian	Hop Twister	West Midlands
Joint Bronze	Abbeydale	Moonshine	Yorkshire
Joint Bronze	Windsor & Eton	Knight of the Garter	Central Southern

Done! Strong Bitters

	Brewery	Beer	Region
Gold	The Dark Star Brewing Co.	Revelation	Surrey & Sussex
Silver	Bays	Devon Dumpling	South West England
Bronze	Kinver	Half Centurion	West Midlands

Speciality

	Brewery	Beer	Region
Gold	Colchester	Brazilian Coffee & Vanilla Porter	East Anglia
Silver	Cromarty	Red Rocker	Scotland and Northern Ireland
Bronze	Derventio	Cleopatra	East Midlands





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Turtle Corn Mill 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
PL20 7NA

California Cross

California Inn California Cross PL21 0SG

Chipshop

Copper Penny Inn Chipshop PL19 8NT

Clearbrook

Skylark Inn Clearbrook PL20 6JD

Dousland

Burrator Inn Dousland PL20 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 1NE

Mary Tavy

Mary Tavy Inn Lane Head Mary Tavy PL19 9PN

Meavy

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
Brewery Tap, 99, Edgcumbe Street, Plymouth PL1 3SZ

Done!

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 0LE

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

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Dartmoor Inn Merrivale Princetown PL20 6ST

Plume of Feathers Inn Plymouth Hill Princetown PL20 6QQ

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Clovelly Bay Inn 1 Boringdon Road Turnchapel PL9 9TB

Walkhampton

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