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On behalf of the Plymouth CAMRA, I would like wish everyone a very enjoyable time over the next couple of months. Especially over the festive period, but please remember a pub is for life and not just for Christmas. Please keep a check on the Branch diary page on our website for future CAMRA brewery and pub crawls

For Plymouth CAMRA Branch members, please take the time to vote for your Pub of the Year 2019, before the end of January.

Another important date for you calendar is on Saturday 16th February at 12.00noon for a prompt 12.30pm start, for the selection of pubs to go into the 2020 Good Beer Guide. This meeting is being held at Porters on Looe Street.

Our annual Barbican Bimble will be on Saturday 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.

Sue's proper job

PUB EVOLUTION



RETURN with me, dear drinker, to the days before pubs. Why on earth would we do that? I hear you cry. Because before pubs there were ale houses, and before ale houses...

Before ale houses beer was brewed by women in kitchens from manorhouse to farmhouse to hovel; be you lord, lady or peasant you drank homebrew.

I learned this, and much more, at a recent one-day conference in Birmingham entitled 'The British Pub: evolving or dying?' held by my 'club', the British Guild of Beer Writers.

And it was the first speaker, drink historian (what a job!) Mark Hailwood, who transported us back to the 16th century "when pubs emerged as central to the community" – though the word pub was not used for another 200 years. Instead you had taverns mainly serving wine to the upper classes, inns which were B&Bs for travellers, and alehouses, the humblest of the three, purveying cheap ale on a small scale.

It was the introduction of hops 400 years ago, acting as a preservative as well as delivering that palate pleasing bitterness, which led to the start of commercial breweries; and the rest, as he said, is history...



Our conference was held in the Button Factory bar/eaterie and its owner, David Bruce, founder of the Firkin chain, spoke next – and a firkin' entertaining speaker he turned out to be taking us from his first lowly job at Courage Brewery 50 years ago to the day he stumbled on a boarded up pub in East London and borrowed £10,000 to open a brew pub. Once again, the rest is history...



Tavern, Warstone Lane, grade 11 listed and described by Geoff in his book as ‘poised between florid late-Victorian taste and the simpler architecture of the inter-war years.’ Fran and I admired the ‘extensive tilework by Carters of Poole’ in cream and green, intricate corncicing, stained glass windows, and panels of ‘scantly clad damsels disporting themselves’ before installing ourselves in a tiny corridor wide bar with one table flanked by basic plank type seating on each side. Four handpumps dispense a changing range of ales, the fifth a beer Drake’s Drinker readers know intimately – Sharp’s Doom Bar!

Literally history was a talk on ‘the golden age of pub building’ by architectural historian Geoff Brandwood who has been closely involved in CAMRA’s national inventory for 20 years. Among those he featured was the Cider House, not that far from us in Newton Abbot, but he also showed slides of exquisitely ornate bar interiors created by the Victorians – Liverpool’s Philharmonic is one of the most famous - through to the art deco of the thirties. He pondered the meaning of the word taproom (if any of you know please tell me!) and reminded us of the late 19th century pubs compartmentalised into seven or eight little bars (again, do you know any round here?) Before leaving I snapped up his delicious new book Britain’s Best Real Heritage Pubs, full of gorgeous colour photography, a steal at £9.99 (published by CAMRA Books).

The day ended with one man’s (successful) effort to open a micro-pub including the excellent wheeze of customers voting to chuck out any barroom bores who drone on and on... By then we needed a drink so repaired to nearby Rose Villa



To end on a local note, although David Bruce left the Firkins behind long ago, we do still have a nebulous link here at the far end of Union Street; in glorious technicolour yellow, it’s the Firkin Doghouse. A solitary handpump graces the bar, but the pub serves no cask ale.

Words Susan Nowak / Photos - Fran Nowak

BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

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**.

Christmas Meal - December 2018

Friday 7 December 2018 19:00 Boringdon Arms

Join us for our annual Christmas meal at Boringdon Arms, Turnchapel, starting at 1900 with food being served at 1930.

2 Courses - £12.95 3 Courses - £15.95

Menu choices and £5.00 deposit required by 30th November. Please email Andrew Richardson, editor@plymouth.camra.org.uk, for further details.

Starters

Homemade Soup of the Day (V) - With a warmed Roll and butter

Luxury Prawn Cocktail - Large Atlantic Prawns with crisp iceberg lettuce and our special Homemade Cajun Marie Rose sauce

Luxury Pâté - With a fresh toasted Baguette & Salad Garnish

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Main Course

Traditional Roast Turkey - With Roast Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets, Seasonal Vegetables, Stuffing and Festive Gravy

Luxury Slow cooked Beef Casserole - With Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Luxury Fish Pie - Cod, Smoked Haddock and Large Atlantic King Prawns in a rich sauce, topped with Creamy Mashed Potato and served with Seasonal Vegetables

Mediterranean Stuffed Peppers (V) (GF) - With Seasonal Vegetables, Stuffing and Gravy

Dessert

Traditional Christmas Pudding - With your choice of Clotted Cream, Ice Cream, Pouring Cream or Custard

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Luxury Ice Cream - 3 Scoops of locally sourced Devon Ice Cream

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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.

Branch Social Meeting - January 2019

Wednesday 9 January 2019 20:00 Gog & Magog

The January branch social meeting will take place in the [Gog & Magog](#), Barbican, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.

February Pub Crawl - February 2019

Wednesday 6 February 2019 19:00 Sportsman's Inn

The February social gathering will meet in the [Sportsman's Inn](#), Ivybridge, starting at 1900, followed by a pub crawl of Ivybridge.

Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting

Saturday 16th February 2019 12:00 Porters, Looe Street

GBG Selection Meeting [Porters, Looe Street](#), 12:00 for a 12:30 start. Only Plymouth Branch members can vote and you will need to bring your membership card

The Blisland Inn, Minibus Social

Saturday 23 March 2019 Guildhall Car Park

A March branch social will take place to The Blisland Inn, Blisland, meeting at 1000 at the car park of [Treasury Bar And Restaurant](#), followed by a pub crawl by minibus. Details TBC.



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Pub & Brewery News

Pub & Brewery News – September – November 2018

Wednesday 5 September 2018

The following pub and brewery news was reported at the Branch Meeting on Wednesday 5 September 2018

Pub News

Morley Arms new signs have just gone up and is now advertising opening date and B&B; It has been reported that **Pub On The Hoe** may increase its discount to local **CAMRA** members; **Leaping Salmon Inn**, Horrabridge has reopened; & There were no **Cask Marque** additions or deletions this month. **Waterloo Inn**, Stoke has closed; **The Tamar Inn** is closed for refurbishment

Brewery News

Summerskills has a new beer “**Akela**” a 4.8% IPA; Stannary are showcasing 2 beers from the **New Lion Brewery Totnes**. A 6.5 barrel plant is on order; Bays have won a Silver medal in the GBBF Strong Beer Category for **Devon Dumpling**.



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Teignworthy Brewery and Tuckers Maltings

Tour – Dan Scott

On Saturday 20th October an animated group of CAMRA members gathered at Plymouth station to head to Newton Abbot for a tour of Teignworthy Brewery and Tuckers Maltings. The group was led by Andrew Richardson, our Social Secretary. The day started off well thanks to a train that was on time and also had the courtesy to declassify a first class carriage so we could enjoy the trip to Newton Abbot in (relative) luxury! With a comfortable start to the trip, we made it to the brewery for 11:00am and a prompt start. John from Teignworthy would be our guide on this tour.



On our arrival, glasses of Teignworthy's Reel Ale, a very pleasant 4.0% bitter, were handed out and we started on our tour of Tucker's Maltings. As it turned out, this would be the final tour that would see the Maltings. Now it has closed down, it was a rather poignant fact that certainly touched us all.

The first stop on our tour was the Steeping Tanks. These are filled with water and barley, where the grains will be soaked. This is to encourage germination of the grain. The water will be changed and the barley steeped further before being dropped onto the malting floor below, our next stop. At this point the grains are not yet classed as malt.



The stone malting floor, previously home to the SIBA Tucker's Maltings festival, stood completely empty. The barley would be spread out over the floor and turned as the grains germinate and shoots started to show. The germination allows the enzymes in the malt to develop and the internal structure of the grain changes, breaking down the cell walls. The grains used to be moved using some rather ingenious barrows and turned with rakes. From here we were shown to the smaller malting floor. This is roughly half the size of the main floor.



From here the malt requires kilning to dry out. This will halt the germination process and the degree of kilning will determine the final colour of the malt thanks to the Malliard Reaction that takes place in the grain. The first area we were shown was the kiln itself, where gas burners produce the heat needed to dry the malt. In 1984 Edwin Tucker & Sons Ltd received an award for an energy saving due to the air recirculation system used within their kilns. From here we went up to the kiln rooms. There are two, side by side at the top of the building. Here the grains were spread out over the floor to be dried. After the hot air circulated throughout the room, it was released through vents in the roof. The kilns are located in the centre of the building, with malting floors on either side. The idea being that all malt comes to the centre for the process to be completed.



From here the malt is shaken through what is essentially a sieve. This removes the roots and any other remaining waste products such as stones that may have been hiding amongst the barley. The malting process has been completed and the malt is bagged up. It is finally ready to go to the customer and be used to produce some refreshing real ale.



After our tour of the Maltings, we were provided with lunch and some Beachcomber at 4.5%. The group was then shown around Teignworthy Brewery. The brewery itself has been fitted into various rooms within the Maltings and spread over a number of levels. On the top level is the mash tun and copper. Here the malt is steeped in hot liquor before the wort, a sticky sugar substance, is transferred from the mash tun into the copper. At this point hops are added and the wort is boiled for an hour. Towards the end of the boil, more hops are added for the aroma. As the boil ends and the hop debris and protein within the wort has settled, it is chilled and transferred to a vessel within the fermenting room located on the middle level. Yeast is added to the wort and after a week, beer is produced and racked off into casks on the lower level. The casks are then left to condition before

being sent out to pubs for customers to enjoy a wonderful pint of locally brewed ale. After a very enjoyable trip and some souvenir shopping, our Social Secretary led us downstairs to the Taphouse to do just that. A wonderful way to end the tour.



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Railway Taps

If you enjoy travelling around the UK and venture by train there are a few renowned drinking establishments which I have visited over the last few years. Last year I visited two of them and made some notes.

The railway stations where you can find these gems of drinking venues are at Euston Station, Sheffield station, Harrogate station and York station. These Railway Taps are run by Tapped Brew Company with a partnership with Pivini and Bernard Czech Brewery.



I will start at Sheffield which opened in 2009 in the old station refreshment room, which dates back to 1904. The décor is very Victorian with lovely leather furniture and lots of wood.

It has won the National CAMRA pub design award in 2010 as well as the Great British Pub award in 2016. On offer were 10 cask pumps, 1 cask cider, 13 kegs and 243 bottles of various drinks, so you will find something to sample.

Next door there is a brewery which brews beers to sell in the other sister pubs in the chain. They offer tasting sessions (not only with beer but also whiskey and wine), as well as educational tours to interested parties, but is not usually open to individuals. It has become a well-known venue with the travelling CAMRA membership doing Sheffield ale tours, as well as the general travelling public. As a result it can get very busy. Be warned though, prices are on the high side but quality and quantity is assured of course.

I have also visited both the Harrogate Tap as well as the York Tap, though no notes were taken at York which is the most pleasant architecturally with its unusual round bar.

The Harrogate Tap has only been opened a few years and was Harrogate CAMRA pub of the year in 2015 and is a popular craft beer house. On offer were 105 bottles of both ale as well as lager from not only the UK and Europe but also from New Zealand and America. The price of bottles range from £2.90 up to £9 for a SKA Nefarious porter from Imperial Porter an 8% 500ml bottle from America. The strongest UK ale was 10% Siren Tidal wave double IPA at £6.80 for a 330ml bottle.

As well as its bottle beers there were 12 cask ales and 7 kegs with one cask cider. There is also an unusual permanent fruit beer from Belgium at £6.20 a pint. Again the décor is very pleasant with lots of wood and leather and on cooler days an open fire.

So if you ever find yourself waiting for a connecting train, it is worth popping into a railway tap to help you on your way.

Phil Ward



Plymouth CAMRA Branch “Pub Of The Year 2019”

Voting Form

NAME

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no later than Thursday 31st January 2019. Or email to plymouthpoty@plymouth.camra.org.uk

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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 one pub in each category. Please also include the pub address and area.

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 Thursday 31st January 2019.**

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



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# CAMRA DISCOUNT SCHEME

The Campaign for Real Ale has over 1,000 members in the Plymouth area, and over 190,000 members nationwide. 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. The discount given will be advertised free of charge in our branch magazine, **Drake's Drinker**, as well as on this website and the National CAMRA website. We can also provide posters to advertise the offer to visitors. If you are the licensee of a pub and are interested in taking part in this scheme, please contact our Branch Vice Chairman, Ian Dickinson, at [vicechairman@plymouth.camra.org.uk](mailto: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.

PUB NAME	ADDRESS	DISCOUNT
Boringdon Arms	Boringdon Terrace, Turnchapel, Plymouth, PL9 9TQ	10p/pint
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	20p/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 on half pint
Golden Hind	Mannamead Road, Plymouth, PL3 5RJ	10%/pint and on half pint
Horse & Groom	Exeter Road, Bittaford, Ivybridge	10p/pint
Jack Rabbit	7-9 Howeson Road, Derriford PL6 8BD	20p/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, on Guest Beers (Not Green King IPA)
Nowhere Inn	Gilwell Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 8BU	10%/pint
Olde Plough Inn	Fore Street, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JG,	10%/pint, for both real 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
Who'd Have Thought It Inn	Milton Combe, Yelverton, PL20 6HP	6%/pint
<b>W</b> Britannia Inn	2 Wolseley Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, PL2 3BH	
<b>W</b> Gog & Magog	Southside Street, Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LA	
<b>W</b> Mannamead	Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JH	
<b>W</b> Queen's Head Hotel	80 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ	
<b>W</b> Stannary Court	Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW	
<b>W</b> Union Rooms	Union Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 2SU	



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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.
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I'm sorry. It's my fault. I forgot about the deadline for the last edition and it came and went. Was a funny summer for me as Sandyman was out of the water until 23 August 2018 and while you were all enjoying the sun, without a boat I just kept my nose to the grindstone and worked. Anyway we're back on the water and soon had another trip undertaken. This one was to Newton Ferrers which is a great little harbour to enter by sea, leaving Plymouth by the eastern side of the breakwater, round Shag Stone and the Great Mewstone, 2° on St Werbergh's Church into Wembury Bay, line up the leading marks on the Yealm, round the 2 red buoys, follow

2nd set of leading marks and we are in. It was about 3 hours before HW but enough water to creep round to Noss Mayo and Pope's Quay outside the Swan where we stayed overnight. And we sailed there - yes, no engine just the wind.





You read that correctly - the good news is that The Swan is indeed open and was doing a fine early evening trade. The beers available were St Austell Tribute, Sea Fury, Doom Bar both from Sharp's, and brewed specially for the pub by Otter, Swan Ale at 3.6%. Mal and I opted for the Swan and what an absolutely brilliant pint(s) it was. Food looked jolly good too and I plan to take my wife there soon. Mal met an old acquaintance; Pete Ede of Ede's pickles in Stonehouse who is also very pleased that The Swan is open.

At this point a tactical decision was required. The tide was going to be in for the duration so the causeway would not be available. To get to Newton Ferrers meant either a long

walk around the end of the creek or a short row across. We opted for the short row across but we wanted to get this out of the way before too much drink was taken. The row went well although the dinghy was a bit low in the water at Mal's end, our combined weights being in the region of 30 stone. On the Newton Ferrers side was The Dolphin. The beers were Bath Gem, St Austell Tribute, and Proper Job. We both had Gem but it was a bit tired and lifeless.

A few doors up, the sounds of jollity were emitting and we went to investigate. It was the Yealm Yacht Club and, as visiting yachtsmen, Mal and I were given a warm welcome and we were served at the bar by



the Commodore. The beers were St Austell Trelawny and Tribute – we both had Tribute and a fine pint it was. Mal spotted the badge of Hasler Company as you can see below.

We had one more pub to visit, The Ship Inn back at Noss Mayo. Back in the dinghy, picking up a lost and floating oar of someone on the way. We walked round the end of the Noss Mayo creek (not so far) and into The Ship. The beers available were Bath Gem, Dartmoor Jail, St Austell Tribute, Noss Beer Works Mewstone, and NBW Ebb Rock. We had the Mewstone and the Ebb Rock and excellent pints they were. At this point Mal ran into his 2nd acquaintance of

the evening, Rocky O'Brien, retired Imprest Sergeant RM. The Imprest Sergeant was impressed that Mal had managed to make it from Plymouth to Newton Ferrers by sea and stay dry. I was impressed that we had got the boat out and gone somewhere, and Mal was so impressed he went and sat in the "tuk-tuk" in front of the pub. In days gone by Mal had the Brown Bear and was invited to play cricket for Attkey Goodman Accountants. They had a match at Newton Ferrers at the ground by the water tower. In that match Mal was wicket keeper and took 2 wickets, which resulted in him being a permanent player for the team. Afterwards they retired for refreshment at The Ship Inn.



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