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Editor's Comments

By the time you read this edition of One & Ale you will probably have broken your New Year resolutions. Hopefully not, especially if you resolved to take a more active part in Cornwall CAMRA's activities and National CAMRA campaigns.

One resolution I hope you did make was to start beer scoring every time you visit a pub. See elsewhere in this issue how to do this if you haven't done so before. Each CAMRA branch in the country uses beer scoring as an assistance in selecting suitable pubs for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide, the Campaign for Real Ale's annual publication listing by county the best pubs in which you will be guaranteed a good pint of real ale.



It is too late if you think you can influence by beer scores which pubs will be in the 2015 Guide as the figures received up until the end of December 2013 are used for this. The 2014 Good Beer Guide was published in October 2013 and the 2015 version will appear on the bookshelves at a similar time this year.

The Good Beer Guide is not only a listing of good pubs but also has a comprehensive description of the country's breweries.

There have been so many developments in the brewery sector with many new breweries starting up that it has become essential to obtain a copy of this book every year.

If you haven't got your 2014 GBG we still have some in stock at Cornwall the telephone 01272 867201; www.camra.org.uk.

The first of hopefully many beer festivals that I intend to visit this year started with Exeter. Run by Exeter & East Devon branch of the Campaign for Real Ale and hosted by Exeter City Football Club, this



was their 25th Winter Ales Festival. Held on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th January I enjoyed a few 'pint winter ales' in the company of several Cornwall branch members as we all travelled up on the same train. Nothing organised, but we were all of the same mind, and took the train to St James Park station which made it a very short walk to the football ground and the festival. In fact I probably



did more walking at the festival, where you could meet some interesting people including Simon Hall from BBC Spotlight, who opened the festival. That's him on the left and me on the right in the picture above.

In the next edition of One & Ale I should be reporting on a few more beer festivals—I bet you can't wait!

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WhatPub is the online guide to every known real ale pub in the country (and those that don't sell real ale) and is now open to view by anyone whether a member of the Campaign or not. It is essential that CAMRA members keep the information as up to date as possible. This is also the site where you enter your beer scores. Any enquiries with regards to Cornwall Branch beer scoring should be directed to coordinator Steve Barber and pub details forwarded to pubs officer Rod Davis. Contact details for these branch committee members are given on Page 23.

Another deadline that passed on 31st December was your chance to vote for the Champion Beer of Britain (CBoB). I understand from Rod Davis, our branch coordinator for this, that the number of votes cast was low for the Cornwall Branch considering that we have well over one thousand members now. If you want to support your local breweries and increase the chance of their beers being selected for judging at the Great British Beer Festival held at Olympia, London in August you should complete the form that appears in What's Brewing online at www.cbobvoting.org.uk.

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A BOOK AT BEER TIME

Diversity is a much bandied word these days especially in the pub trade but one Cornish pub is leading the way with the first council affiliated community library. The Star Inn at Vogue, St Day recently opened its doors not only to the thirst for beer but also the thirst for knowledge. In conjunction with Cornwall Council and The Pub is the Hub (a government funded body to keep rural communities alive, and backed by Prince Charles himself), licensees Mark and Rachel Graham have converted the former pool room into a small library. As well as the usual bookshelves there is a brand spanking new computer and internet access using the new Cornwall superfast broadband. The new service is free for all to use exactly as you would find in a main library with Mark or Rachel even able to sign up new members to the library service and issue library cards if required by those customers who are not currently members.



Mark & Rachel's youngest son Logan shows off his book, while Rachel helps daughter Keira with her spelling and library shelves in the background, that just might work!

and Rachel took over. The pub is known locally as 'The Office' as you will regularly bump into a tradesman, plumber, electrician and the like, as well as suppliers of eggs or meat. When we asked Mark and Rachel if the library was the last of their unusual projects they replied: "With the economic climate as it is and something like forty pubs a week dosing throughout the country, we think it's imperative that pubs evolve for the modern age and take on these new challenges. They must reinvent themselves for today's lifestyle. He who sits on his laurels is lost. Watch this space for the next madcap idea

A second community library in a pub has been opened in Cornwall at The Ship Inn, Lerryn.

Part Terry from Cornwall County Library Services said: "We are delighted to begin the start of a unique partnership. This pilot scheme is an opportunity for people in rural areas to access library and internet services seven days a week in a warm and welcoming environment. A bonus is that it has the benefits of high quality library books from the whole of Cornwall's library stock rather than unmanaged second-hand local donations."

While many pubs operate book swaps and informal lending, The Star Inn is the first to work in partnership with a local authority to provide the full library service, with the added advantage of the mobile library vans attending regularly to keep the books up to date. You don't have to wait for the library van to call any more, you can just pop down to The Star at your own convenience and use the facilities like you would in a council library, and they will be open longer hours too.

Cornwall Council member Adam Paynter added: "This is a fantastic idea. Any initiative that encourages people to read is great and this is an innovative way of combining two great community assets—the library and the pub, that are under threat of closure."

The new library was officially opened by local author Colin Leoman, a village resident, who writes under the pseudonym Hal Morris. He signed and donated his new book Jackanories and Bedtime Stories to the new venture.

Mark and Rachel are already running another unique diversity project in another part of the pub by having a unisex hairdressing salon, Star Cutz, run by Caz King who is a fully qualified hairdresser and beautician six days a week. While only in its infancy it is proving to be extremely popular. Your Editor took advantage of having a hair cut (yes-it didn't take long!) just before the CAMRA meeting in December that was being held in the pub.

Another patron of the service Sam Matthews said: "It's a great idea as it's getting difficult to park in the towns now and get to a hairdresser, and when you have children it's doubly difficult. Here I just park in the pub car park for free and I'm there." This brings a whole new meaning to being "half cut down the pub"! (That was Mark's comment-Ed)

Your Editor is somewhat of a regular at The Star for a pint of real ale, but has always appreciated the diversification that has taken place there since Mark

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HARBOUR BREWERY BEERS ONTO SAINSBURY'S SHELVES

Harbour Brewing Company's bottled IPA is set to hit the shelves in Sainsbury's stores up and down the country. The Bodmin-based brewery has recently secured a prestigious spot within the supermarket's respected beer line-up.

Each year Sainsbury's run a competition open to any brewer, micro or otherwise, searching for beers to add to their shelves. Harbour entered their bottled IPA last year in the Great British Beer Hunt competition and the supermarket were impressed. The IPA came close to winning the competition and the beer buyers were so impressed that they have now placed a regular order for bottles of the beer to be stocked on their shelves throughout the country.

For a brewery to secure a major national listing like this within its first two years is unusual.



"It's a big achievement for us and it's good to be flying the flag for Cornwall again with this national listing" said Eddie Louthouse, partner in the brewery with head brewer Rhys Powell.

"But it's hard work too, brewing such large volumes, along with bottling and packaging the beer on an ongoing basis".

"It's good promotion for the brewery, and gets our beer out to a market we wouldn't normally get to", he continued.

Our head brewer Rhys Powell. An easy drinking, light golden ale with a subtle blend of hops that creates refreshing bitterness combined.

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Harbour fans need not worry, however, that the brewery will be going corporate now, and focusing on IPA. "We're craft brewers at heart and we have plenty of exciting new beers up our sleeve for 2014", added Eddie.

"But as independent brewers without access to a huge number of pubs, we rely greatly on bottled beer sales, which until now have only accounted for a small proportion of our sales".

Harbour Brewing Company was launched in 2012 on a farm site at Trekllick, Kirland a couple of miles outside Bodmin, operating on a ten barrel capacity, American-designed plant.

Business partners Eddie Louthouse and brewer Rhys Powell hatched their plan to open a new brewery having met in a pub in Padstow (hence the name 'Harbour'). Rhys, originally from South Wales, is a Heriot-Watt trained brewer who had been working at nearby Sharp's Brewery, while Eddie has experience in hospitality, having run the family business, The Atlantic Hotel and Doom Bar in New Polzeath.

Further information available from the brewery by telephoning 01208 832131
Email eddie@harbourbrewing.com



Rhys Powell on the left and Eddie Louthouse are going to be busy brewing and distributing their bottled IPA to Sainsbury's

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HAVING A WALES OF A TIME

BY PAUL GILES

After last year's holiday taking in a wide variety of British countryside (see Dudley to Derbyshire in previous issues of One & Ale) and seeking out heritage pubs along the way, it was always my intention to have a follow-up. I have in fact managed two so far with hopefully more to come in future years.

In May a trip that I will summarize briefly took me to the Welsh Valleys, Brecon Beacons, Pembrokeshire and the Gower Peninsula.

The first pub stop on day one was **The Station** in Aber-gavenny. Although not on the National Inventory (NI), this superb little pub makes it into CAMRA's Heritage Pubs of Wales book and also the Good Beer Guide (GBG). After the long drive from Cornwall my half of Wye Valley IPA (Herefordshire Pale Ale), 4%, NBSS=4, went down a treat. Would love to have lingered longer but still had to drive to my first two nights B&B at Dukestown, Tredegar; superb homely accommodation at Roseland Guest House. Sadly, the local pub, **The Oak**, looked a soulless establishment, ie neither customers nor real ale were visible through the windows. However now on foot, I was able to follow directions given by Susie, Roselands splendid hostess, that took me to **The Nags Head** where my efforts were rewarded by a choice of one ale: Felinfoel Stout 4.1%, NBSS=3, a very nice rich dark

brew with a thick creamy head. The following day I went on a whistlestop tour of the Brecon Beacons. On my travels I found the NI Three Tuns, Hay-on-Wye transformed into a trendy bar and eatery; **The Boars Head**, Brecon, Breconshire Brewerys tap, closed and similarly the Red Lion, Llandovery, which I later discovered now just opens on Fridays and Saturdays. That evening the Susie Pub Guide despatched me to the **Mountain Air**, where after about another two mile walk I was again rewarded by one ale: Wadsworth Henrys IPA, 3.6%. Suits my taste but couldn't score it any more than NBSS=2. The Mountain Air had obviously undergone a serious 1970's makeover in which it was still languishing. The 'best bits' were the two 4x2 TV screens showing, not Bay City Rollers pop videos but close-up photos in glorious technicolour of every item on the extensive pub menu - virtually everything accompanied by chips and peas (with the exception of the Banana Split and Knickerbocker Glory!).

The next day, Thursday, saw me heading west through some splendid valley scenery. Taking in Treherbert and Treochy, Pontedawe (twice due to lack of signage!), hence to Pembrokeshire and Haverfordwest for four nights. My local here was to become **The Oak** (another one!), just across the road from my guest house. Not the most characterful pub in town but by far the friendliest and with

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Felinfoel Best Bitter, Double Dragon and Stout - all apparently on handpump. I hadn't paid attention to my first pint of Best Bitter being poured but this was obviously not real ale. Only later that evening did I read in my GBG of this brewery's habit of having some of their ale served cask conditioned and scoring NBSS=4, became my tipple of choice in this pub for the next few evenings. I would add that the GBG **Pembrokeshire Yeoman**, also close to my B&B, **The College Guest House**, is also well worth a visit with Draught Bass, Flowers IPA plus two interesting and changing guest ales.

On Friday I toured the Pembrokeshire coast, walked out to some magnificent headlands and stopped off at **The Royal Oak**, Fishguard; Brains Bitter, NBSS=3; and had evening meal at **The Black Lion**, Cardigan; Fullers London Pride, NBSS=3. Heading back to base I sought out the NI **Dyffryn Arms**, Pontfaen, a splendidly basic and unaltered rural hostelry where my half of Bass was dispensed from cask into a glass jug then hence to my glass. All that effort was rewarded with an NBSS score of 4.5. Delightful!



Dyffryn Arms, Pontfaen

track next to the church which led past the waters edge to the **Old Point House**. According to the CAMRA Heritage Pubs of Wales book you can get out off by spring tides here for up to an hour and a half. It was very old and characterful, small and busy and

Royal Oak, Fishguard
I'd arranged to meet some old family friends living in Pembroke on Saturday. They took me to a pub at Angle, which never to my own devices I'd never have found. We turned into a rough



Old Point House, Angle

the Felinfoel Double Dragon scored 3.5. Unfortunately we did not get trapped by the tide!

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Two interior shots of the Old Point House, Angle

Sunday, my last full day in Wales was filled with a trip to the Gower Peninsula. En route I sought out Paxtons Tower, an impressive stone folly in Carmarthenshire followed by **The Annaford Hotel**, an intended lunch stop which from its entry in the GBG led me to expect something most impressive.

The reality was a large pink, rather run down and deserted looking building with no visible signage once past the entrance drive. I beat a hasty retreat and stopped instead for a late lunch on the Gower at the **Greyhound**, Llanrhidian, a very busy and foody

pub, also home to the recently established (2011) Gower Brewery. I don't recall which of the ales I sampled, but with my rather old fashioned tastes in ale, I'd describe it as simply OK.



After a lovely walk on the hills at the end of the Gower it was time to head back to Haverfordwest and The Oak for my final dose of Double Dragon before returning to Cornwall the next day.

If you would like to follow in Paul Giles' footsteps you will need to obtain CAMRA's Real Heritage Pubs of Wales. £9.99 with a £1 discount for members obtainable from www.camra.org.uk/shop

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PUB NEWS

The Old Orchard Inn, Week St Mary
Saturday 23rd November 2013 saw the long awaited re-opening of the pub in Week St Mary, North Cornwall. Formerly known as the Green Inn and closed for nearly three years, new owner Jason Orchard and his family have undertaken a major refurbishment and renamed this village pub. The name comes from Mr Orchard's surname. Opening hours will vary once the 2014 holiday season kicks in and no food on a regular basis is planned until Easter, but private functions can be catered for until then. Open 5pm til late Mon-Fri; 12.00 til late Sat/Sun. Three beers should be permanently available on the hand-pumps, with St Austell Tribute and Tintagel Castle Gold being the regular Cornish beers and Greene King IPA as a guest beer. The building dates back to the seventeenth century when it was built as a school headmaster's house. It has been completely refurbished from the former Green Inn and now boasts three bars, with four serving areas and a restaurant/dining area. Darts, pool and a video jukebox provide entertainment in this family friendly pub. Disabled access, car park, child friendly, no dogs. Smoking shelter outside garden.

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REBEL BREWERY TO EXPAND

Rebel Brewing Company in Penryn is entering its fourth year with ambitious plans for growth. Addressing visitors to the brewery's anniversary trade night, brewer Guillermo Alvarez said the brewery had tripled production since moving to the Kernick Road Industrial Estate site last year and had seen quality and consistency improve. "We have striven for perfection," he said, acknowledging how drinkers' frank criticism had helped them improve their portfolio of beers.

He revealed: "We are gearing up for a massive year and are considering installing a forty barrel brew plant, leaping into the 'big boys' category." And he promised: "What we get will not be any ordinary kit, but will give us the capability to innovate even more in our brewing styles and build upon our past successes."

What Guillermo was referring to here was the Gold Award for Champion Beer of Cornwall for their Mexi-Cocoa at the Falmouth Beer Festival in October last year. A very distinctive chocolate and vanilla stout at a hefty 8.5% alcohol by volume, it can often be found on the bars of front or Beewolf in Falmouth.

Don Ross pulled a pint of their Gold Top Milk Stout at the anniversary trade night 23rd January.



SAGA OF THE RIVER COTTAGE BEER QUEST

From the moment that the well-known Chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall decided that what was missing from the menu for his outlets was beer exclusively brewed for River Cottage. This set him on a quest to find a brewery in the SW Region that would be willing to produce a beer to his own personal specification.



The artwork for the pump clip and bottle label was all designed by River Cottage staff in liaison with Skinner's. The bottle label is the most informative I've ever seen, every detail you would need is there.



SAGA OF THE RIVER COTTAGE BEER QUEST

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missing, only to appear at the end of the tour with a bucket full of massive flat field mushrooms which was passed on to the kitchen staff.

Our group finally entered the farmhouse where we were served with the first glass of draught River Cottage EPA and the beer was officially launched by Steve, who gave a presentation, explaining the reasons for the hop choices.

Steve accompanied by Graeme and John were setting off on a 3 day tour of the River Cottage outlets, beginning in Bristol. This trip obviously would mean tasting some of the local brews.

This National Launch was followed by a local launch held on Friday 6th December at the Old Ale House, Truro, upstairs in the recently re-furbished "Hop Store" function room.



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FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENERY BEERS

Granite Rock Brewery in Penryn have launched a new beer to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

that led the bishop to establish the ecclesiastical college. The Porter was a sell-out at Falmouth Beer Festival in October last year and is also sometimes available at the bar, from the popular real ale and cider bar on Custom House Quay in Falmouth.



Individual photographs of local servicemen have been used in the set of four labels, each one depicting the name and rank of its subject, on a background of Penryn town centre as it looked in the early 1900s.

Dave Willmot, director and co-founder of Granite Rock, said: "We wanted to pay tribute to the soldiers' collective memory and commemorate the sacrifice that so many local families made in the First World War.

"We want to emphasise the region's historical identity with a range of beers that people from all over could enjoy and connect with," said co-director Frances Williams.

Set up only last year, Granite Rock Brewery and Home Brew Supplies provides an informal and friendly atmosphere to chat about beers and the making process, learn new techniques and sample current works in progress.

discussions on home brewing.

For more information or to call in at the shop visit Unit 19 Kernick Road Industrial Estate, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 9EP. Telephone: 01326 379251. Email: enquiries@graniterockbrewery.co.uk.



OUR WEBSITE— www.cornwallcamra.org.uk

The Cornwall branch of the Campaign for Real Ale has a different form of web site to one that you might normally encounter when surfing the net.



Our new site is based on a bulletin board layout (see picture), and while it may look a little daunting initially, it's very easy to use once you're familiar with it.

The site is split into a few main topics, such as News, Diary Dates, and Beer Festivals, and clicking on any of these will take you to a page listing all the topics under that heading.

One of the reasons that we've created this site is in the hope that it will be kept much more up to date than is possible with a conventional site, typically run by just one person.

Registering is very easy and is covered in the "How To" video. All you need to do is provide a user name and password (which you can make up yourself), your email address, your name, CAMRA membership number (if you're a member), and what your relationship with CAMRA is (via a drop down menu - eg. non-member, Kernow Branch Member, etc.).

Finally, I ought to point out that our old site is no longer being maintained, but the major search engines (Google, Yahoo etc.) may not quite be up to speed yet and will direct you there instead of to our new site.

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Steve Smith, Fundraising Manager of Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust
"We are delighted that Sharp's is supporting us with such an innovative scheme. Our helicopter is one of the busiest in the UK and without central government funding we are reliant upon the support of local businesses and their customers to help keep us flying."

"Real Ale is a huge part of Cornwall's food and drink culture so it's great that such an iconic Cornish brand is 'on board' with helping us to raise money in Cornwall. Look out for the pump clip attachments in your local pub and please drink responsibly!"

Simon Hollings, General Manager of Sharp's Brewery
"Cornwall Air Ambulance plays a vital role in our community. Everyone at Sharp's admires the fantastic work carried out by the charity and hopefully this promotion will raise awareness of the services it's around Cornwall."

"Cornish Coaster, Sharp's Own and Special were originally brewed by St Ives for the brewery's launch in 1999 and are all exceptional, award winning beers. So next time you're at the bar why not join us in trying to raise £10,000 for the Air Ambulance?"



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ST IVES BEER FESTIVAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The Cornwall Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale has over one thousand members, but as we are stretched from Bude to Sennen it is not very often that we have the opportunity to meet everyone. Beer festivals are an ideal opportunity to do this, but they don't run themselves. The Branch beer festival committee would appreciate your support during the period of the festival. This can either be through assisting in festival set-up, staffing during or a combination of both. If willing to co-operate and to assist with staff rota, please complete and return the form ASAP. Please note that you may be asked to help out in another area if needed.

PLEASE NOTE: For Health & Safety reasons you must wear proper shoes or trainers behind the bar. Flip flops and flimsy sandals are NOT ALLOWED.

Please indicate task preference, along with period(s) of availability for each day. **Note:** submitted form will not receive formal acknowledgement. However, upon arrival you will be fully informed of staffing duties. You may be required to help in other areas if there is a shortage of staff. In addition those setting up volunteers will be advised of specific times to report.

In conclusion, we look forward to seeing you at the festival and can guarantee that you will enjoy yourself whether you decide to help or not.

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Monday N/A Tuesday 27 May - (10.00 a.m.) Maybe earlier
 Wednesday 28 May - from 10.00 a.m.
 Thursday 29 May - from 10.00 a.m.
 Sunday 1 June - Close down

FESTIVAL STAFFING: - Circle preferred tasks and periods when available.

Tasks: - BAR (SERVING) - ENTRY - GAMES - MEMBERSHIP - GENERAL - CLOTHING - CATERING - CATERING PREPARATION - TOKENS

Time Periods:

Thursday 29 th May	6.30 - 11.00 p.m.		
Friday 30 th May	10.00 - 2.00 p.m.	1.30 - 4.30 p.m.	4.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 31 st May	10.00 - 2.00 p.m.	1.30 - 4.30 p.m.	4.00 - 7.30 p.m.

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Please assist us by informing us of the Size of Staff T-Shirt required: S - M - L - XL - XXL
 Please note: If you would like to upgrade to a polo at a cost of £5.00, please state on form, you will not be able to obtain an upgrade unless stated on this form. Upgrade required: YES / NO

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ST IVES BEER FESTIVAL STAFF ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

If you require accommodation, please complete the details below and return ASAP. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment as rooms fill up quickly and are difficult to obtain in St Ives. Please note you consider sharing a twin room as Single rooms are very hard to obtain at St Ives. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The Branch will pay total costs of accommodation. The staff volunteer will then pay Cornwall CAMRA a contribution towards their individual accommodation costs. The contribution to be paid will be calculated against the total amount of time worked over the festival period. Qualifying periods will extend from festival set-up to dismantling. Again the contribution payments will be scaled, with minimum amount of work done attracting the maximum contribution from the volunteer.

Volunteers must work two sessions per day to obtain any reimbursement.

Jan will see volunteers using accommodation during the festival to advise them of their contribution to be paid. It would be appreciated if you could settle your bill before you finally leave the festival. Payment can be made by cash or a cheque made payable to "Cornwall CAMRA". Please see Jan to settle your account.

Accommodation will be available at various venues in St Ives

N.B. Please note only members staffing the festival may use this booking procedure. Please note a 2 week cancellation notice is required, or you may be charged full cost of your accommodation bill.

Circle accommodation requirements.

I require accommodation - TUES - WED - THURS - FRI - SAT night(s) for () Adults.

Room Type required: Double - Twin - Shared Twin - Single

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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PUB NEWS

Pubs Officer Rod Davis updated the Cornwall Branch at the January meeting on the state of play in respect of pub closures and openings.

Pubs Closed and not re-opened

Callington	Coachmaker's Arms	Apr 2013
	Clipper Way	Dec 2013
Falmouth	Repossession by Enterprise, new leaseholder sought.	
Falmouth	Nancy's	Jan 2013
	Plans to re-open under new ownership as Number 4 early February	
Lanreath	Punchbowl Inn	May 2013
	For sale but unlikely to re-open as a pub	
Liskeard	Reported being converted into private accommodation	Apr 2013
Liskeard	White Horse	Sep 2013
	Permanently closed and conversion into flats	
Marazion	Godolphin Arms	Nov 2013
	Closed for refurbishment, re-opening April 2014	
Penzance	Star Inn	June 2013
	Closed with lease for sale. Future uncertain.	
St Martins	St Martins in the Isle	Apr 2013
	For sale, should re-open 2014	
St Martins	Seven Stones Inn	Oct 2012
	For sale, should re-open 2014	

Any pub news gratefully received by Rod Davis
 pubs@camra.org.uk



Mild was once the most popular beer brewed in Britain, its sweet and malty taste (often with hints of toffee and butterscotch) making it a perfect alternative to the deep roasted flavours of porter or stout.

Modern milds tend to be lower in strength (around 3.5%) but strong mild can go as high as 6%. While traditionally a dark beer many Pale Milds are also available and these lighter beers with a full fruity aroma and gentler hop taste are a must try for lovers of golden ales.

The Campaign for Real Ale each year designates the month of May as 'Make May a Mild Month'. Cornwall CAMRA encourages our local brewers to brew this style of ale and promote it in our local pubs. Some need little persuasion like Coastal Brewery in Redruth where brewer Alan Hinde brews Merry Maidens Mild all year round. This traditionally dark beer received a bronze award at the Great British Beer Festival in August 2011.

Pubs that promote mild drinking throughout May include the Bisland Inn, where Cornwall CAMRA hold their annual pilgrimage in May. Cornwall CAMRA's Pub of the Year, The Front in Falmouth, also offers several interesting milds in its selection from the stillage all year round. Look out for more milds at CAMRA beer festivals and revive the interest in what was once Britain's most popular beer.

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MEMBERS WEEKEND & AGM

CAMRA Members' Weekend featuring the National AGM and Conference will be held in Scarborough over the weekend of **25th to 27th April 2014**.

The annual opportunity for members to discuss the campaign's future policy and direction is also a time for socialising with friends from all over the country, visit recommended pubs and go on organised trips. The Members' Weekend is open to all CAMRA members and will be held at The Spa Complex, Scarborough.



CAMRA is a democratic organisation. Its policy and direction is set by its members and its most senior positions—seats on the National Executive—are decided by a vote by members. Members' Weekend includes the Annual General Meeting and Conference for CAMRA where motions to set new policy or amend existing policy, are presented, debated and voted on. Elections are held for members of the national executive. Workshops and seminars are organised for more detailed discussion about CAMRA policy and activities.

If you want to find out the process for submitting motions, visit the camragm.org.uk special website.

Closing date for pre-registering your intention to attend is **Friday 28th March 2014**. Use the above web site to register, or complete the form printed in the What's Brewing newspaper.

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Newquay & Surrounding Area Real Ale Pub Guide

The first of a series of local guides to all the real ale pubs in specific towns in Cornwall has kindly been reproduced for the branch by the Towan Blystra Wetherspoons in Newquay.

All the research was completed by Newquay CAMRA members Bob and Sonia Bunce and formatting for printing completed by them in late October.

Roger Casaly, manager of the Towan Blystra, kindly arranged for Wetherspoons to cover the cost of the first 1,000 copies in time for the launch at the membership promotion event on Saturday 2nd November. Bob and Sonia will be distributing these around the town.

Formatting of a similar brochure for Falmouth is almost complete, with suggestions that Penzance and Truro should be covered as well.



GOOD BEER GUIDE PUB SELECTION

UK & Beer Selling Beer & Pub Guide

CAMRA'S GOOD BEER GUIDE 2014

Now that the 2014 Good Beer Guide is available in all good book shops and can be ordered on line from www.camra.org.uk you may be wondering how new pubs are selected for inclusion.

Unlike most other pub guides entries are not paid for but are recommended by CAMRA members.

Each CAMRA branch is responsible for the entries in its area within the county and each listed pub must consistently serve real ale (and real cider if offered) of good quality.

To help us do this, we collect beer quality information through CAMRA's National Beer Scoring System (NBSS) in which members are asked to contribute scores for beers that they have tasted in pubs throughout the year.

The easiest way to score beers is by using the online pub guide WhatPub (<http://whatpub.com>) using your membership number and the same password that you use to enter the CAMRA national website (usually your post code unless you have previously changed to your own choice). Search for the pub on the data base using pub name, town or follow the drop down menus that are there to help. Submit your beer score from 0-5 and all these will be forwarded to the branch coordinator.

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WHAT?PUB

A version of WhatPub optimised for use on a smart phone and a downloadable app are now available, so that you can now score your beer in the pub while you drink it!

If you don't have online access at all (and we appreciate that not all members have) then means of reporting beer scores) you can ask your NBSS Coordinator which in Cornwall CAMRA's case is Steve Barber. He will normally be at any branch meeting with paper forms that he will then be able to enter your scores for you.

Having collected beer scores (the more the merrier) over the year, he will generate a report in January giving the average, best and worst scores for each pub and a confidence factor based on the scores received. The Branch Committee uses this data to draw up a list of eligible pubs with the highest average score, supplemented by other sources of information, and then visits them to update the pub details ahead of a selection meeting in February.

All branch members are invited to that February meeting at which we select our quota for the next Good Beer Guide.

To make this selection system work at its optimum we need many more members from both Cornwall CAMRA, but also from any other branch member elsewhere in the country to submit their scores.

We value the opinions of all members whether active or not and we need as many opinions as possible for as many pubs as possible. This is so we can have confidence in the statistics. We ask members to score the pubs continually not just once or twice. NBSS works across the country not just in our branch area. If you are not yet a member of CAMRA your say won't be counted! See Page 14 to join.

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THE SEVEN STARS CHALLENGE

When updating the Cornwall Branch pub data base and beer scoring using WhatPub I struck me how there were a number of pubs in Cornwall with the name 'Seven Stars'.

Would it be a challenge worth attempting to visit all seven (in one day) preferably by public transport? Let us know how you get on.

Firstly, where does the name 'Seven Stars' come from? A cluster of seven stars called the Pleiades have been used by mariners to navigate their way at night and is part of the Taurus constellation.

In Greek mythology the seven daughters of Atlas, the Titan who supported the planet upon his broad shoulders, were Maia, Electra, Taygete, Alcyone, Celaeno, Sterope and Merope. Six of these were engaged in love affairs with the Olympian gods, including Zeus and Poseidon. These represent the six stars of the Pleiades that shone brightly. One of the stars, however, much dimmer than the rest, represents Merope, who is being shamed for eternity for having an affair with, and becoming pregnant by, a mere mortal, like you and me. So when you begin your attempt to drink in each of the seven pubs in Cornwall you'll know which one to look out for. Actually I'll tell you now—the Seven Stars in Penzance has no real ale (or hadn't when I last checked), but the landlord does make his own cider, and drinking in this pub can be quite exciting if you join in with the regulars.

The seven pubs you need to visit to complete the set are:-

- Seven Stars, The Moor, Falmouth TR11 3QA
- Seven Stars, Trefusis Rd, Flushing, TR11 5TY
- Seven Stars, 10 The Terrace, Penryn, TR10 8EL
- Seven Stars, 3 Parade Street, Penzance, TR18 4BU
- Seven Stars, Church Road, Stithians, TR3 7DH
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PUB NEWS

Bullers Arms, Marhamchurch
After a fifteen month closure this North Cornwall village pub opened its doors again to welcome former locals on 19th January. New owners James Caslake and Nikki Unger have refurbished the toilets, redecorated the bar and laid new carpets. They intend to reduce the 14 guest bedrooms to 8 and redecorate the function room. Various plans by previous owner Peter Rudman to reduce the size of the pub and build houses on the car park were rejected by the Parish Council and Cornwall Council, while attempts were being made to register the pub as a community asset which would restrict any owner's ability to develop it as anything else. Mr Rudman has retained an area of the car park which is being leased to the new pub owners.

Number Four, Falmouth
Formerly Nancy's Bar, No4 Killgrew Street, Falmouth will have re-opened under the new title and after a complete refurbishment and alterations by the time you read this magazine.

Tywarthayle, Perranporth
Temporary closure following the early January storm surge that flooded the pub when the sea almost washed away the Watering Hole on Perranporth beach too.

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Current owner, John Watts, bought Jamaica Inn from thriller writer Alistair MacLean in 1973 for £46,000. Together with wife, Wendy, he has spent a few sleepless nights at what is reputedly one of Britain's most haunted inns. Numerous ghost clubs have held events at the inn over the years and given the building's age and misty location on top of Bodmin Moor this is not surprising.

If you fancy staying there yourself while considering a purchase, or writing a novel, you have a choice from 17 rooms. Daphne du Maurier's opening lines read 'It was a cold, grey day in late November. The weather had changed overnight, when a backing wind brought a granite sky and a mizzling rain with it, and although it was only a little after two o'clock in the afternoon the pallor of a winter evening seemed to have closed upon the hills, cloaking them in mist. It would be dark by four...'



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NATIONAL WINTER ALES FESTIVAL MOVES TO DERBY



Wednesday 19th February from 4pm, following a trade session, will see The Roundhouse, Pride Park, Derby open for the National Winter Ales Festival. Doors close four days later on Saturday 22nd February.
No advance tickets as this is a pay on entrance event.
Prices are:-
Weds 19 Feb 4-11 £3
CAMRA Members Free,
Thurs 20 Feb 11-5 £2, CAMRA Free
5-11 £5, CAMRA £2
Friday 21 Feb 11-5 £3, CAMRA £2
5-11 £5, CAMRA £2
Saturday 22 Feb 11-5 £3, CAMRA £2
5-11 £6, CAMRA £2
Souvenir festival glasses available £3 (refundable)
Hot & Cold Food available all day.
Entertainment Friday Kings of Leon (Kings of Leon Tribute band)
Saturday Arctic Monkeys (Arctic Monkeys Tribute band)
Tutored tastings Wednesday & Thursday

PADSTOW BREWING Co. AWARDS AND EXPANSION

Less than six months after starting brewing commercially Padstow Brewing Company won its first award for one of its beers at the Falmouth Beer Festival in October 2013.
Head Brewer Caron Archer was, "Absolutely delighted and very surprised" to win Silver in the Champion Cornish Beer category with Padstow IPA, behind Rebel Brewing's speciality beer Mexi-Cocoa.
Husband and wife team Des and Caron Archer have been brewing on a small one barrel plant since May last year.
"The feedback we've been getting about our beers has been very encouraging," Caron said. "It gave us the confidence to make a substantial investment in our brewery premises and new plant."
A new gas-fired ten barrel brewery was installed in November by Johnson Brewing and several beers were able to be brewed in time for Christmas and the Padstow Christmas Fair where the brewery displayed its beers to a large number of visitors at this 'foodie' event.
Padstow Brewing has ambitions for the future.
"We're expanding our customer base, both within and particularly outside the South West," said Caron. "We're developing three new recipes and plan to enter at least one of them together with our award-winning Padstow IPA, into the 2014 SIBA South West beer competition held at Tucker's Maltings in Newton Abbot in April," added Des.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CORNWALL BRANCH

Campaign for Real Ale

Will be held on
Saturday 29th March
at
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Truro, TR1 2DP
12 noon for 12:30 start
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

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BRANCH DIARY

Tuesday 18 February 19:00
CAMRA members only
Saturday 1 March
Saturday 29 March 12-12:30
May (date to be arranged)
Saturday

Good Beer Guide 2015 selection meeting
City Inn, Truro
Brewery Visit
Driftwood Spars
Annual General Meeting
Cornwall Branch
Skinner's Brewery, Truro
Make May a Mid Month
Trip to Bilsland Inn

SITUATIONS VACANT

At the close of the Falmouth Beer Festival in October festival organiser Gerry Wills announced that he will be stepping down from the post. He will be staying on to ease the new incumbent into the post of beer festival organiser during the build-up to the 31st beer festival. Festival Secretary Jan Wills will also be stepping aside.
Any Cornwall Branch member who would like to take on these duties should contact chairman Norman Garlick as soon as possible. His details are shown below under Branch Contacts.
Members are also invited to nominate themselves for any other committee position at the AGM 29/3/14

BEER FESTIVALS

19-22 February National Winter Ales Festival, Derby BeerX, SIBA beer festival, Sheffield
11-15 March Driftwood Spars Beer Festival
14-16 March Boleingey Inn Beer & Ganger Fest
11-13 April Belushi's, Newquay Beer & Barrels Fest
18-21 April Tuckers Maltings Newton Abbot, SIBA South West
24-26 April Driftwood Spars Ale & Sausage Fest
1-5 May Smugglers Den Ale & Pie Festival
1-5 May St Ives Beer Fest
30-31 May Guildhall, St Ives
Volunteers required for all areas and organising committee
20-22 June Watermill, Lelant
25-27 July Falcon, St Mawgan Beer Festival
12-16 August Great British Beer Festival Olympia, London
19-23 August Peterborough Beer Festival
24-25 October Falmouth Beer Festival Princess Pavilion
Volunteers required for all areas and organising committee

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