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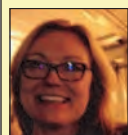
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Wow what a Festival! Falmouth Beer Festival smashed all records with its move to Events Square in the heart of Falmouth. The highest number of attendees ever, consuming 250 beers, 85 ciders, 20 Craft Beers and 45 Bottles of Gin, its future as Cornwall's number one Beer and Cider Festival has been secured. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, to our dedicated volunteers and our generous sponsors. Without you all, this would not be possible. A huge congratulations to the producers of Cornwall's Champion Beer and Cider 2018, Woodmans Wild Ale and the Polgoon Vineyard and Orchard, very well deserved.

CAMRA Kernow, the Falmouth Beer Festival and this newsletter is entirely managed, run and produced by volunteers who are passionate about Cornwall's real ale, cider, pubs and clubs. The success of Falmouth Beer Festival enables us to proactively promote our passions through a number of campaigning activities. You can see through this edition of One and Ale a number of activities where we get out and about visiting pubs, breweries, cider farms and festivals both locally and throughout the country. Both branch and committee members continue to generate ideas and activities, we would love you all to get involved. Getting involved in the Campaign for Real Ale is simple, just have a real ale or real cider in a pub or club! Join us at any of our events if you fancy visiting a new pub, area of the county or festival. Even better why not invite us to your town and introduce us to your favourite pubs and beers, by hosting a Walkabout.

We do need your help, more volunteers means we can do so much more, protecting and promoting Cornwall's Pub, Breweries and Cider makers! We would like to host more Walkabouts, Re-run our Real Ale & Cider Town Guides, produce some bus route beer trails, host a couple more festivals, focus further on promoting Cornish Cider, host tasting events, food and beer pairing events with local Cornish produce.....and more! We need organisers, designers and surveyors to help us bring together these ideas. Would you be prepared to deliver this newsletter magazine around your local area?

Our next tasks include preparing for the Royal Cornwall Show—6-8 June 2019, selecting our pubs for the Good Beer Guide and selecting the Pub of the Year and Cider Pub of the Year for 2019, these are open for everyone to get involved with.

Can you volunteer a few hours to help us out? If you can please drop me a line, come to one of our events and say hello or speak to any of the committee and get involved.

Cheers all!

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SOME FALMOUTH BEER FESTIVAL AWARD WINNERS

For a full list of the winners following the judging of beers and ciders at the Falmouth Beer Festival 2018 go to Page 11



Stuart Woodman's Sweet & Dandy was declared Supreme Champion Beer of Cornwall



Simon & Sarah Treen picked up Bronze for Resolve Stout



Des Archer of Padstow Brewery awarded a Gold certificate for Padstow IPA in the Strong Beer Category



Steve Bidwell accepted the award for Champion Mild on behalf of Pete Elvin at Penzance Brewery



Marco Amura of St Ives Brewery for achieving Silver with XPA Golden Ale



John & Kim Coulson of Polgoon Cider presented with their certificate and trophy for Champion Cider Mounts Bay Scrumpy



Titanic Brewery's MD Keith Bott is presented with certificate by Steve Willmott for Cherry Dark achieving Silver at Falmouth Beer Festival in the Out of County category

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WEDNESDAY WALKABOUTS CONTINUE

JOIN US ON ONE OR MORE OF OUR POPULAR AFTERNOON TOURS

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| Wednesday Walkabout 5 December Hackney Wick London | | After spending a leisurely afternoon at the Pig's Ear Beer Festival in The Round Chapel, Hackney we will take the Overground train to Hackney Wick, where we will visit the brewery taps of Crate Brewery and Howling Hops Brewery plus the Beermerchants Tap | All welcome <i>Make your own travel and accommodation arrangements</i> |
| Friday Walkabout 28 December Falmouth | | Yes, ok it's a Friday, but it's the annual Twixmas Walkabout around various pubs of Falmouth. Expected to start in The Packet Station (Wetherspoons) on The Moor about 12.00 noon. See further details nearer the time on branch facebook page | All welcome |
| Wednesday Walkabout 23 January St Just | | Suggest we catch the 13:10 A17 bus from Penzance bus station that arrives St Just bus station 13:36. Start in The Star Inn, followed by a stroll around the other 3 (they're not far apart). Options of 16:17, 17:17 or 18:17 bus back to Penzance. newsletter@cornwall.camra.org.uk if you're coming | All welcome Contact email Or text 07960 716930 |
| Wednesday Walkabout 27 February A5 Bus Route Tour | | Various options to start later and finish earlier. The full tour starts Newquay Bus Station Route A5 to Airport. Walk down hill to Falcon St Mawgan. Leave 12:31 bus to St Merryn Farmers Arms, followed by return bus to Mawgan Porth Merrymoor Inn and later bus up the hill to Travellers Rest Trevarrian. Last bus leaves 18:23 to Newquay. | All welcome Bring your OAP Bus Pass or buy a Day Rover Email or text if coming |
| Wednesday Walkabouts Do you want these to continue? | | Social Secretary Ann Burnett Is standing down at the March AGM Please come forward and volunteer for this committee post | Nominations to Branch Secretary Craig Allen By 16 March |

Wednesday Walkabouts Continue

There are more Wednesday Walkabouts to enjoy
They start earlier nowadays to enable everyone to get there in good time and catch transport home.

If you would like to join us after work we can continue the Walkabouts later into the evening, just get in touch!

Keep an eye on the Branch Diary dates for more details of each Walkabout nearer the time, but start times and locations are listed above.

There will be local buses available between villages where we are doing a tour, so come along and enjoy the afternoon out with us over a beer!

We look forward to seeing you!

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OUT & ABOUT WITH CORNWALL CAMRA A BRANCH DIARY

25 August—Return to the Forgotten Corner

August Bank Holiday weekend continued to treat us with hot and sunny weather. I hope some of these pictures remind you of our sunny summer now that we're into the depths of winter.

The Forgotten Corner of Cornwall is that area along the banks of the River Tamar and the Rame Peninsula. Our East Cornwall Social Secretary and Public Transport Officer, Roger Webster, organised a trip to visit a couple of rural pubs that started by a hired coach meeting the train at St Germans station. The sharp-eyed reader might notice



that this was loco-hauled. This Saturday-only service is unlikely to be in this format in 2019. The narrow lanes to access our chosen pubs meant we were restricted to a mini-coach, but we soon made our way and arrived at **The Wilcove Inn**. The first stop had been or-

ganised to coincide with their Bank Holiday beer festival and required a slippery walk along the banks of the Tamar. Andy and his son Ben looked after us with a well stocked real ale bar set up on the car park.



A slippery walk along the tidal access above and Roger Webster with Andy right. Editor Steve Willmott is pictured below trying a few tasters supplied by Andy's son Ben.



One of the interesting ales on offer was from Collyfobble Brewery in Derbyshire called Sup-Wiyo. This brewery was only established in 2018. Meanwhile the rare Proper Black was supplied by St Austell Brewery.



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Forgotten Corner continued—On to St John



Once we were able to prize several of our party out of their comfy sofas in the sunshine we boarded our bus, that had been wisely driven from our drop-off point to the car park of the Wilcove Inn, and made our way through some very narrow and steep

lanes to the village of St John.
The St John Inn



This pub had been closed for about five years before the current licensees Rob and Gil took it over just

over a year ago. We were made most welcome as we took over the pub on a quiet Saturday afternoon and were treated to a selection of beers and ciders all selected and ordered by Rob into what is a true

free house. Many months had been spent on renovations while retaining the full character of the village pub that existed before closure.



Opening times are currently Thursday and Friday evenings, and all day Saturdays and Sundays. Normally no food,



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Thanks once again to Roger Webster (pictured right) for organising an interesting and enjoyable day out.



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29 August Wednesday Walkabout Pentewan and Mevagissey

Another gathering of regular Wednesday Walkabouts and out of county CAMRA members who were down here on holiday met up in St Austell before taking the bus to our first stop which was the village of Pentewan.



Our first pub stop was new to us all as it only opened earlier 2108 and was called Into the Woods.



Unfortunately we caught Billy and Frankie Tonks on the hop as the Doom Bar was about to run out. A second hand-pump may have been added by now and we were informed there is pool every Thursday and karaoke every Sunday.

A much longer established pub was next, the Ship Inn, a St Austell Brewery house.



This had a choice of four real ales, Cornish Best Bitter, Tribute, HSD and Bath Prophecy. Many of our party took advantage of the fine weather and used the beer garden before walking back to the bus stop to wait for a delayed No.24. It would have been quicker to use the Pentewan Cycle Trail.

Eventually arriving in Mevagissey most of us made straight for The Fountain, one of six pubs in this small Cornish fishing village with narrow streets, lots of tourists wandering about and traffic trying to cope with it all. If you do travel by car be sure to park in the large car park on the edge of the village and don't dream of towing a caravan any further than Pentewan!



The Fountain is one of three St Austell Brewery pubs in Mevagissey and is tucked slightly away, hiding behind a mass of greenery. The interior is largely unspoilt and serves excellent quality Cornish Best Bitter, Tribute or HSD.

Another pub that hides away in its own courtyard is The Cellar Bar. On our visit there was only one real ale available, but this was Sharp's Original and of very good quality for this more rarely seen beer. A lively bunch of locals welcomed us.



We only had time to visit one more pub on this occasion which was the Kings Arms. Again a free house, so the choice was interesting with Keltek Magik, Phoenix or St Ives Boilers.

If you make your own way to Mevagissey the other pubs you might also try are, The Ship Inn (St Austell brewery), Sharksfin (St Austell brewery) and Harbour Tavern (Free house normally serving Doom Bar, Betty Stogs and Tribute).

Thanks to Ann Burnett again for another great Wednesday Walkabout.

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12 September Wednesday Walkabout—Perranporth

Another sunny Wednesday made for a pleasant walk across the beach at Perranporth where some usual faces met up in The Watering Hole. Yes, Martin plus bag was among them (see page 16). Most of us plumped for the St Austell Proper Job that was in top form.



While moving on to The Perranporth Inn we popped in to another beach bar Alcatraz built to replace the bar that used to be part of the Ponsmere Hotel. No real ale was available so we did some campaigning for a change. We were made very welcome at the Perranporth

Inn and had a choice of a couple of Skinner's beers or St Austell Tribute. Unfortunately it was soon time to move on and we walked along the main street past the tourist souvenir shops to The Green Parrot a Wetherspoons outlet. Formerly a pub of the same name it retains many pub features and is dangerously comfortable—but we had to move on!



Just around the corner, and on the way back to the bus stop for those who had further to travel home, we went in The Tywarnhayle Inn (know locally as The Ty). Here we found several beers from the

Skinner's range, including a house beer 'specially brewed' for the pub called High Tyde. At 4.2% it's probably the standard house beer blend found in other pubs by different names. The pub was pleasantly quiet before the evening rush when everyone would start leaving the beach. One or two of us still had time to take in one more pub that was The Seiners Arms. Overlooking the beach from the opposite side to the Watering Hole, our starting point, the bar had an interesting range of real ales, including two from out of county. My choice was Little Critters Little Hopper. We met Mike Crewes who came straight from work and who lives in Perranporth. This demonstrates that Wednesday Walkabouts are not restricted to retired gentfolk who've nothing better to do. Why not join us on our next one? See Page 4 for details.



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FALMOUTH BEER & CIDER JUDGING RESULTS

Supreme Champion Beer Of Cornwall 2018

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Runner up - Skinner's - Penny Come Quick
Third place - Firebrand - West Coast Session IPA

Champion Cornish Mild 2018

Gold - Penzance - Mild
Silver - Coastal - Merry Maidens Mild
Bronze - Forge - Light Mild

Champion Cornish Porter 2018

Gold - Cornish Chough - Fire Raven
Silver - Cornish Crown - Porter
Bronze - Bude - Black Rock

Champion Cornish Stout 2018

Gold - Skinner's - Penny Come Quick
Silver - Sharp's - Cross Haven Oatmeal Stout
Bronze - Treen's - Resolve

Champion Cornish Golden Ale 2018

Gold - Firebrand - West Coast Session IPA
Silver - St Ives - XPA
Bronze - Black Flag - Chameleon

Champion Cornish Bitter 2018

Gold - Kelttek - Magik
Silver - Skinner's - Betty Stoggs
Bronze - Skinner's - Cornish Trawlermans

Champion Cornish Best Bitter 2018

Gold - Forge - Tamar Source
Silver - Sharp's - Atlantic
Bronze - Forge - Litehouse

Champion Cornish Strong Bitter 2018

Gold - Padstow Brewing Co - IPA
Silver - Blue Anchor - Spingo Special
Bronze - Penpont - Beast of Bodmin

Champion Cornish Speciality Ale 2018

Gold - Woodman's Wild Ale - Sweet and Dandy
Silver - Skinner's - Skinner's - Hops and Honey
Bronze - Skinner's - GTA

Falmouth Beer Festival Out of County

Gold - Quantock - QPA
Silver - Titanic - Cherry Dark
Bronze - Bristol Beer Factory - Independence

Champion Supreme Cider of Cornwall 2018

Winner - Polgoon - Mount's Bay Scrumpy
Runner up - St Ives - Forager
Third place - Bearded Brewery - Suicider

Cornish Fruit Cider

Gold - Bearded Brewery - Moustache Mango
Silver - Cornwall Cider Co - Rhubarb and Custard
Bronze - Bearded Brewery - Unshaven Maiden

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**Cornish Gins
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**Revellers Enjoy
the Outside Spaces**



**Revellers Inside Enjoy
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PUB NEWS

UPDATES

To update the situation with the **Masons Arms** in Falmouth and the **Seven Stars** in Penryn, both reported on last time as being closed and bought by the former owner of Wooden Hand Brewery, work has been seen to be progressing in the Masons with a view to reopening it as a pub, but with a change of name. Meanwhile, the Penryn locals are seeking to have the Seven Stars listed as an ACV, whilst the speculation (as yet unconfirmed) is that the upstairs of the pub is being turned into a number of bedsits (think students), that a micro-brewery is also going to be set up in the pub, and the bar re-opened. Other reopenings after periods of closure for refurbishment and/or change of licensee are both of the Scorrier pubs, which were simultaneously out of action for a while. The **Fox & Hounds**, owned by Keltek Brewery, reopened in late September under new management, after some work to repair structural defects found after the previous long-serving landlady Sue Swift retired. And by the A30 slip road round the corner, the **Plume of Feathers** has received an external coat of dark blue paint and some internal refurbishment, and is reported up and running again after some weeks of closure. Although it apparently doesn't open until 16:00 each day, so no lunchtime sessions there! It was apparently closed due to 'corporate insolvency', the previous owners presumably having leased it from freeholder Punch Taverns.

In the same area, free house the **Treleigh Arms** has been under new ownership for a while, but previously unreported. It has had a new coat of paint and new sign attached; the new proprietor is called Wendy McBride and replaces long-serving licensees Clive and Muriel Welch. Meanwhile, another Punch Taverns pub has also changed hands, the **Plume of Feathers** in Pool. And in the village of Millbrook, in east Cornwall's 'forgotten corner', the **Devon & Cornwall** (Punch Taverns again!) appears to be up for sale once more.

More to the north, the **Winds of Change** in South Petherwin (near Launceston) has been sold, as the landlord has retired. The pub has closed for a few weeks for refurbishment and redecoration, and the new proprietors hope to get the bar open again around the end of November. New landlord Chris Ubee has stated that, as a keen real ale drinker himself, he intends it to be a pub that sells food rather than a restaurant with a bar, so we can expect good real ale to be on offer in an area generally poorly served with decent such pubs in the past. The name of the pub is to change, by the way – to the **Frog & Bucket!**



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CLOSURES

The apparent sudden closure at the end of September of a Good Beer Guide entry was reported by a visiting CAMRA member from North Hampshire Branch. The **Ship Inn** in Wadebridge (Punch Taverns again – is there something special with them?) showed every sign of being abandoned when he turned up, with menu display cases empty and apparently no furniture visible through the windows. With a bit of further digging following this report, I found that for several days afterwards, people were arriving and banging on the door, expecting to have a meal which had been pre-booked with the pub but clearly was not going to be honoured. At this stage, again, we can only speculate on what has happened – disgruntled landlord clearing his pub and chucking the keys in the till, maybe? Time will, no doubt, eventually tell. Finally, not a new closure but confirmation that one closed for almost a year will not reopen. Planning permission has been

granted for the **Lamb & Flag** in Canonstown, near St Erth, to be changed into residential use, and for separate housing to be built in the car park.

Rod Davis, Pubs Officer

We need information

Whether a CAMRA member or not you can let us know about pub closures, re-openings, changes of licensee, the availability of real ale or cider.

Email our pubs officer Rod Davis
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WHAT IS REALLY INSIDE MARTIN'S BAG ?

Each Wednesday Walkabout, Martin from Plymouth reliably comes over the Tamar to join us. He has attended nearly all of our Wednesday Walkabouts and we have got to know him well.....or so we thought! We decided at the Perranporth Walkabout that we would all take a guess as to what Martin could possibly bring with him each time in his orange Sainsbury's Bag for Life. This bag seems to have a personality and fame of its own and has appeared in numerous photos in One and Ale!



We set about guessing and decided that he may have:

- Another bag or two
- A train and bus timetable
- A bottle opener and corkscrew
- A beer mat
- A coffee cup and lid
- A beard trimmer
- A button which fell off his shirt
- A passport to cross the border
- An old copy of One and Ale
- A notebook

We were mostly correct, but no beard trimmer! When we asked Martin to reveal what really was in his bag he carefully listed the following.....

- 2 pens, one which worked and one which has lost the top
- A list of people's names and numbers which weren't in his phone
- Glasses case which contained a pair of safety glasses!
- Sunglasses
- A sunhat
- A book of Sudoku
- Some sweeteners
- The toilet key for disabled toilets
- A Wetherspoons Guest Ale Tasting notes books
- Several beer mats including one advertising the Falmouth Beer Festival
- A CAMRA membership form
- A jumper
- Sandwiches

The only thing which we didn't guess, and probably would have been unlikely to guess was a TV remote control! This set us all off laughing! Martin did say however that since it is a generic remote control he is able to change the channels in pubs if he doesn't want to watch what is being shown on the TV! Watch this space, you might find your evening in the pub watching a football match has mysteriously changed to Eastenders!

In true Generation Game style we had guessed a cuddly toy, but this was sadly lacking....until I discovered a small elephant cuddly toy which we managed to slip into Martin's bag when he wasn't looking and which he subsequently discovered before the end of the day! We felt it was appropriate given that the famous bag has an elephant on it too!

Martin and his famous bag came to the Falmouth Beer Festival too, so the train timetables were useful and the advertising on the beer mat obviously worked! Good thing we didn't have the TV on at the Festival or we could all have been watching Friday lunchtime's Bargain Hunt!

Ann Burnett

CIDER WITH LINDA



On a hot summers day there is nothing more refreshing than a cider. I personally like it cold, women tend to prefer sweet and men dry. Fruit cider was the thing this year at Falmouth. We had Snails Bank, Elderflower Gin and tonic, pineapple and grapefruit and raspberry ripple that tastes just like ice cream. Moutashe Mango from Bearded Brewery and Red Diesel Strawberry Cider from Gwatkins to name just a few. Although cider has been around for hundreds of years. Sheppys has been around for over two hundred years. Once there was only dry, cloudy and real scrumpy now they vary in every way. Be brave come over to the other side. Come work with us at Falmouth beer festival we sold over 3000 pints of the nectar. Leave the beer to the grumpy old men as there is a whole new world out there.

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21-23 September—Newquay Beer Festival

The Cornwall Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale worked closely together again this year with the Towan Blystra Lions to organise the sixth beer festival at Hendra Holiday Park. Since 2013 the Lions have raised over £30,000 for charity at these events. 55 real ales and 20 ciders were on tap for us to try.



Although the changeable weather kept numbers down on the Friday, once it faired up attendance picked up leaving very little, if any left over at closing time on the Sunday.

Porky organised the entertainment with Qwest highlighting the Friday night (they later played at Falmouth Beer Festival) and

Newquay Town Band had them dancing on the benches on Sunday afternoon.

19-20 October—Driftwood Spars

As a kind of wind-down from the Falmouth Beer Festival the Driftwood Spars at Trevaunance Cove, St Agnes held a mini-festival with ten real ales added to those available in the main bar. Another hot sunny weekend meant many of us made use of the extensive beer garden and were treated to two new beers freshly brewed by Driftwood Head Brewer Pete Martin. A green hop beer with hops provided by CAMRA Kernow member Pete Dopson and a single hop beer using a variety still in the development stage and that has still to be named.

Pete pictured right with Bob Bunce



24 October—Wednesday Walkabout Padstow

Another good turnout of CAMRA members, including a few from other branches, didn't actually do a lot of walking as the pubs in Padstow are pretty close to each other. We all met in the Golden Lion and agreed that the Tintagel Castle Gold was on top form.



Moving on to the London Inn we found no less than five of the St Austell Brewery range.



By now it was 3pm and we had an appointment to make a presentation to Padstow Brewery for them achieving Gold in the Strong Beer Category at Falmouth Beer Festival (See Pages 3 & 11) with their IPA. The presentation took place in Pint of Padstow, the brewery's tasting and gift shop in the centre of the village. Two beers, Padstow Pale and Padstow Pride were here to try. Meanwhile Padstow Windjammer was on at the Old Ship our last pub



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BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY *by Steve Willmott*

For several years I have been interested in attending the Classic Buses, Beer & Walks Weekend that takes place on the Isle of Wight each October. Up until this year the event has always taken place the week before the Falmouth Beer Festival when I have been occupied with the setting up of the festival. Moving Falmouth forward two weeks as we did this year meant I was able to go. Travelling by train to Portsmouth and Southsea I took the hovercraft over to Ryde on Thursday 11th October and having settled into my hotel in Sandown I explored two of the seven pubs listed in WhatPub. The first was **Old Comical** where it was very quiet, encouraging me to move on after a pint of London Pride. On entering my next choice the **Castle** (Good Beer Guide 2019-listed) I walked into a bizarre scene of Halloween come early. More of this later, but I was able to purchase the event guide and set about doing my homework for the next few days over a pint of Goddards Fuggle de Dum. Many pubs around the Island would be holding mini-beer festivals and the Castle would have 14 racked up in their Ale Barn with a further 6 on the main bar.



Friday after my hotel breakfast and 9.30 start of my concessionary bus pass I was able to travel to various towns and villages. Back in Ryde the bus dropped me right outside the Wetherspoon, **S.Fowler & Co**, that is a former drapery store of the same name. A bit of a mistake, but I ordered a pint of Island Brewery RDA. This stood for 'Real Dark Ale' and at 5% helped me try to ignore the TV screens that were showing the Royal Wedding Harry and Meghan. On the bus again I soon arrived in Newport, where my next Wetherspoon beckoned me

for lunch. The **Man in the Moon** is impressive in a former Congregational Church. The Ossidian I had here was



past its best and so was soon crossing the Island on the bus again, over to Ventnor. I last visited the Isle of Wight for a day probably ten years ago but had called in to the Ventnor Brewery, formerly Burt's that closed in the 1980s. Unfortunately Ventnor also closed in 2009.



However, I remembered my next pub the **Volunteer Arms**, but soon discovered that these days it doesn't open until 4pm. Never mind as the current owner Graham Perks also has a micropub in the next street called **Perks**. Here I had an Adnams Ghost Ship in preference to the Draught Bass, the only other alternative. When I went back to the Volunteer at 4.30 it was packed to the door! However, being on my own I was able to squeeze in and order a pint of Goddards Starboard. Goddards is one of the three breweries in business on the Island.

I thought I would return via Ryde Wetherspoons for Fishy Friday, but found they had run out of fish by 6.30pm! Having eaten some alternative I left as it was uncomfortably busy and got off the bus on the outskirts of Sandown to drop into **Caulkheads**. Finding this pub unusually quiet for a Friday night I soon discovered a possible reason. My pint of Goddards Duck's Folly was £4.50 a pint.

The Saturday and Sunday of my stay on the Isle of Wight was taken up with the Classic Buses and Beer part of the event. I don't remember doing much Walking, but the option was there for those that chose to do so.

Some of the classic buses are pictured here, but the Isle of Wight Steam Railway also took part by holding a beer festival at their Havenstreet terminus, while the Isle of Wight Railway uses old London Underground trains on their line from Ryde Pier to Shanklin.



The story will continue in the next issue of One & Ale.



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GOOD BEER GUIDE PUB SELECTION

The 2019 Good Beer Guide is now available from the online CAMRA Shop, or our Cornwall Branch Pubs Officer, Rod Davis at the next meeting.

You may be asking how the selection process works for each year's Guide? Well the hunt for suitable candidates to go into the each Good Beer Guide is a constant one. As the editor of the guide restricts the Cornwall Branch to the number of entries we are allowed to submit, only the very best, who sell consistently good real ale throughout the year, get selected. Contrary to popular belief, nobody gets 'dropped' out of the Guide – it is effectively scrapped each year and the CAMRA membership has to sit down and argue its way through a new set of candidates and do a re-write. To help us in our selection, 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. This information is then used during the meetings in January and February each year to assist with the selection process.

The easiest way to score beers is by using the online pub guide WhatPub (<http://whatpub.com>) using your membership number and chosen password. 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. 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 this 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. To make this selection system work at its optimum we need many more members of CAMRA to submit their scores.

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A PIES AND PASTIES TOUR A BEER EXPEDITION TO CORNWALL BY NINE BEER HOUNDS

Our group was indeed eclectic, age range mid-forties to 60, from various parts of the country (and one from Pennsylvania U.S.A.), CAMRA members from four different branches, all knowledgeable about ales and craft beer having travelled far and wide to sample different styles.

Pub by pub, this is how we fared, having selected Falmouth as our base following Rod Davis' excellent recommendation - it is indeed 'pub central' in that part of Cornwall. Our base within Falmouth was the Greenbank Hotel, which also has its own pub - where the adventure began.

14.09.18 The Working Boat - Greenbank Hotel, Falmouth

Off to a good start, well-kept ales (3 were available including their own house ale) very nice food, bar staff up for a laugh - after the long journey down just what we needed. The stunning view on a very pleasant evening, sitting on the terrace there, was hard to drag yourself away from. The Portleven by Skinners tasted fresh on and I also tried



Mike and Barry Ward on the terrace at The Working Boat

their local Working Boat beer - brewed locally by Black Rock Brewery, very drinkable. However, Stuart (one of our two Northerners) had just flown in (literally) and after a livener for him, we were off.

The Hand Bar - Falmouth

Described by the group as more like a bar than a pub, it had beers from far and wide and an eclectic clientele. Sputnik was a Northern brew, an IPA style, well hoppy but the Cornish Bitter by Harbour Brewing was a good quencher. It's the kind of place that needs to decide what clientele it's aiming for. Not singled out as outstanding by anyone when re-viewing the pubs visited.

The Seven Stars - Falmouth

Now this was more like what we expected from a Cornish pub. I had a glorious pint of Sharps Special, gravity poured from the barrel followed up by a Padstow Windjammer for contrast. Welcoming bar staff and a bizarre interior adorned with Christmas lights made The Seven Stars well worth seeking out in the eyes of the group.



Beerwolf Books - Falmouth

Well, this place was very different, an almost Gothic interior with its own book shop (several purchased by the chaps). The very hard-working bar staff dispensed a good selection of ales; I settled for a Penzance Potion No.9, a beer I can describe as an IPA / Golden Ale cross in style but decent nonetheless. This could easily be a student bar with some of the rather obvious student-like patrons scattered about, maybe the book shop attracts that element. Beerwolf Books was popular with our group as it was so very different. However, after a pint the long drive down was catching up with us and we had two more full days to come.

15.09.18 After an excellent breakfast at the Greenbank, we were off to catch the boat to Truro, the fresh air having cleaned the heads and preparing us for Day 2. Having had a note of caution regarding Truro's pubs, I was curious to see what our short crawl prior to a planned tour of Skinners Brewery would yield.

The Old Ale House - Truro The Skinners brewery tap had a heck of a selection available, plus some taps towards the end of the bar. It has a nice roomy interior, so we found a long table suitable for a group and parked ourselves down. I went for a West Coast Session IPA by Firebrand Brewing, a hoppy session IPA for a steady start.

The bar staff were knowledgeable (when asked), obviously the Skinners range was tempting, but without knowing what the brewery had on, we generally steered clear. The group liked the place, you could settle down there for a while and talk beer, football or other miscellaneous rubbish.

The Wig & Pen - Truro

I think the best description of the Wig & Pen was by Mike who said "it looks more like a pub from the outside than the inside". The remark was due to the strange mix of the old and new when inside the place, neither one thing nor the other. Beer choice was limited, most went for the St Austell HSD, a chewy, tangy bitter, very malty. They did have a decent food choice though, which suggests that maybe the direction the pub is taking, so we decided to have some nosh before the brewery tour.



Now 8 strong - one to come, the group among the strange mix of knick-knacks in The Wig and Pen.

After a beer and a feed, we departed for **The White Hart**.

Well, no report from here as the pub itself looked like a nice local, but the beers on offer could quite easily be purchased anywhere in SE England, those being Doom Bar, Tribute and London Pride! So, it was exit stage left and back to the Old Ale House to await our last group member.

Back at **The Old Ale House**, we re-colonised our table, a few more people in there added a bit more atmosphere to this large pub. I recall having a gorgeous pint of Yandaro Imperial Brown Ale, one for the dark side lovers of which we had several in the team.

Now all present and correct, we strolled down to Skinners.

Skinners Brewery Truro - Organised Tour

The tour (booked in advance) has 10 as a minimum group size, a group booking has the advantage of an exclusive tour lasting 3 hours. I should explain we were 10 strong, until one of the group suffered a burst pipe in his flat the day before, which has a flat below - so sadly he had to attend to that instead. Now the organised tour is well worth it, you get 3 hours in the brewery, the tour lasts about 30 minutes, so the remainder is spent in the tasting room. That's my kind of tour!

Our genial host Paul ably accompanied by his glamorous assistant (one of the accounts team) was very knowledgeable about everything Skinners, the history, the beers, why the brewery is where it is etc. The tasting room had a decent selection too and we were encouraged to try them all, among irreverent beer discussions, games of darts and eating the pre-ordered pasties. A great way to spend an afternoon / early evening. Damn good pasties as well.



The team raise a glass to Skinners Brewery, who were great hosts.



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When I checked my notes afterwards (my beer phone app), I had pints of the following:

Lushingtons – an easy drinking pale ale
Skin Dog Cornish Lager – not a traditional lager, almost an intro into Pale Ale, if a tad bland.

Lyonesse – a thirst quenching cider to break it up a bit
Slovenian Dragon IPA – a craft IPA style, not too hoppy though.

7pm came all too quickly, and we boarded a minibus back to The Greenbank to start Falmouth part two. All the group enjoyed the tour of Skinners, between us, we have probably toured around 50 breweries, as a group on these "birthday" trips at least a dozen, but this one was right up there. Now 9 strong, we set out for the three pubs in Falmouth we didn't visit the previous night, kicking off with the 'front.

The 'front – Falmouth Starting at the furthest point (from the hotel) we eventually found The Front. Welcoming bar staff and a decent beer range including a stout (Treen's Resolve) which I was keen to try. It was a very well kept traditional style stout. We all sat outside – not very well lit out there – but this still enabled the Pubs Officer of the Cornwall Branch, Rod Davis, to locate us (by using the beer app to see where we had checked in!). It's the future. Rod joined us for a beer and a lively chat about where we'd been, what we'd been drinking etc. Despite the interior of the 'front looking very cosy, it was time to move on to the Chain Locker. Despite the offer to accompany us, Rod had to catch his train.

The Chain Locker - Falmouth A fairly short stroll from the 'front brought us to the Chain Locker. A cosy pub with a good range of beers, friendly bar staff with a sense of humour – and they needed it as our team member who ate the two pasties reminded us of that fact, clearing ten feet of bar area at the same time! Such an event clouds the memory, but I recall a busy pub with a mixed clientele and a nice pint of St Austell Eureka, an American style IPA.

The next scheduled stop was due to be The Oddfellows Arms, so we made the steep climb up there, which didn't do Mike's knee replacements any good at all. When we arrived at the summit, the beer choice was disappointing to say the least, we'd come a long way to sample local ales so unanimously it was decided to move on to Beerwolf Books. Mike had made the climb for now!

Beerwolf Books – Falmouth (again) Busier than the previous evening, so looking even more like a student bar. Mike went book shopping again while we checked out the new beer choices. I went for One Eyed Jack by Blackjack Beers, a porter without much underlying sweetness, so almost stout like. With so many youngsters, we were looking a little bit out of place, so after a beer we returned to the Greenbank – via a kebab shop in the case of a couple of us.

Thanks Rod for the guidance. With so many pubs and bars in Falmouth to choose from, a little local knowledge goes a long way.

This article will be continued in our next issue and will include a vintage coach tour to Helston and Penzance

Bob Jarvis – CAMRA Herts & Essex Borders Branch



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If any readers know of any other beer festivals that have dates
fixed for 2019 please notify details to the editor.

BRANCH DIARY

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| Wednesday 5 December | Pig's Ear Beer Festival, Hackney, London. Train to Hackney Wick in the evening for brewery and bar tours |
| Saturday 8 December | Branch Meeting White Hart, Chilsworthy <i>Coach is being arranged from Liskeard. Book with Roger Webster publictransport@cornwall.camra.org.uk</i> |
| Sunday 16 December | Christmas Carvery at Lanhydrock Golf Hotel. Book meal and coach transport from Bodmin Parkway. <i>Book with rogerwebster@hotmail.com or 01566 779896</i> |
| Friday 28 December | Twixmas Walkabout Falmouth <i>Meet 12:30 Packet Station (Spoons)</i> |
| Wednesday 23 January | Walkabout St Just See Page 4 for details |
| Saturday 9 February | Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting Old Ale House, Truro <i>Members only—sorry, no publicans</i> |
| Wednesday 27 February | Walkabout St Mawgan and A5 bus route. See Page 4 for details |
| Saturday 16 March 12 for 12:30 | CAMRA Kernow Branch AGM St Austell Brewery, 63 Trevarthian Rd <i>Members only—voting for your new committee. Nominations to Branch Secretary preferably before meeting.</i> |
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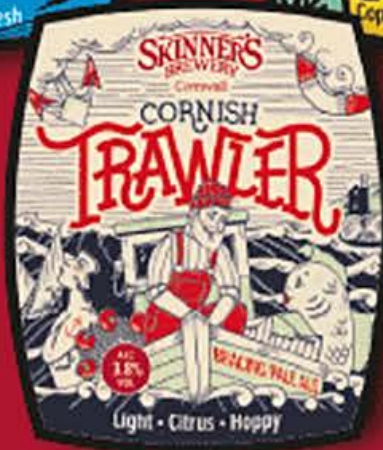
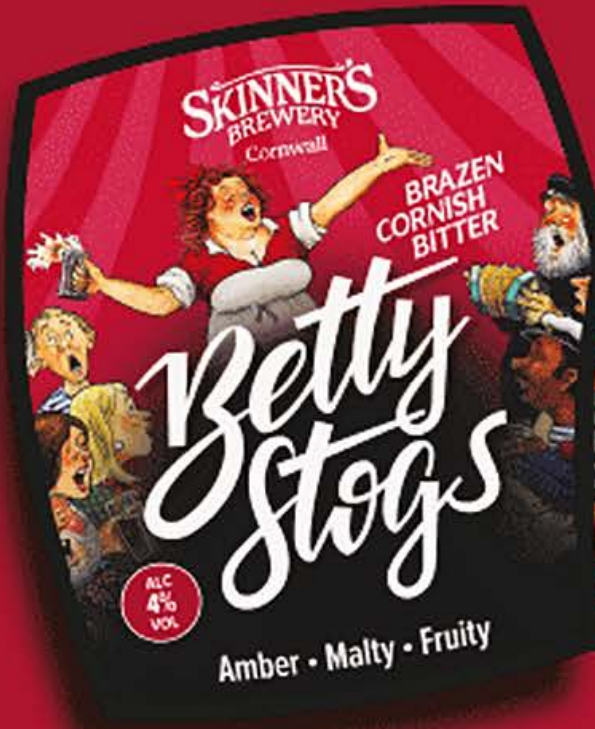
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