



Cornwall CAMRA Branch Meeting

Agenda & Committee Reports
Saturday 19th November 2016
The Bell Inn, Launceston



Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Acceptance of previous minutes
3. Summary of Committee Reports
 - Falmouth Beer Festival Round-up
 - Revitalisation feedback
 - 40th Anniversary Ideas & Forthcoming Events
 - Longest serving Licensee Family Award
4. Lockup/Storage - All
5. Champion Beer of Britain Nominations Update – Rod
6. Branch Pub of the Year action plan - All
7. Royal Cornwall Show - Bob
8. What pub Clubs – Rod
9. Real Ale Definition – Steve B
10. Committee positions 2017 –All
11. AOB - All

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Chairman's Report – Bob Bunce 9/11/16

As we head into winter our the focus of our campaigning primarily looks towards Rural pubs with this visit to Launceston a more challenge destination to get to followed by a February visit to the far east pubs. Many thanks to Roger for stepping in as transport secretary and facilitating suitable transportation that is proving very amenable to most, we look forward to many more such trips.

We keep getting great feedback about the branch website, which is great as we try to move into a digital age. BUT, we really don't want to leave anyone behind. I received feedback last week from a member who doesn't have an email address, has always been active in different regions but today finds it difficult except for the what pub and one and ales he reads. This is how we solved it for him....



All the content is downloadable from the branch website, do you have a pub near you who would display the diary dates and other branch information?

Saturday 17th September - Revitalisation Event

The Revitalisation visit saw James Lynch introduce the approach and direction that the revitalisation event was exploring and the interactive electronic response session saw a good number of the south west CAMRA members expressed their view. Run across two sessions the views even between the two groups were quite contrasting between those principled by the original path of cask conditioned ale and those engaging a wider range of products. You will have received a 3rd questions which is more direct to this particular subject and now asks you views and potential reactions if certain directions are taken. The closing date was Monday 14 November hopefully every got the reminders. The final **Revitalisation** Committee proposals will be presented to the National Executive in December 2016 and then shared at the Bournemouth AGM in April.

Saturday 3rd October - Regional Meeting

We has a great turn out for the regional meeting held at the New Inn, Tywardreath, where a vast array of subjects were discussed including ACVs and various challenges regarding understanding progress and our ongoing plight to try and register any. Our previously captured views on What's brewing the GBG and regional website were all feedback. There was a call for young member's representatives to attend the next regional meeting, as many branches are struggling to attract young members. The full minutes can be downloaded from the Branch Website Members area <http://www.cornwall.camra.org.uk/dl.php?id=44290>

Saturday 3rd October – Falmouth Beer Festival

Thank you to all of the committee members and volunteers that have made it possible to hold the festival again this year, especially those from out of county who travel miles to be part of the festival every year. The profile that CAMRA gains from the Falmouth Festival certainly burns bright for Cornwall CAMRA and our brewers. The Cornish tent still remains the most iconic display of local beer seen in any beer festival that I have been to.

Saturday 17th December - Christmas Lunch

Not many places left now, 6 in fact, as 44 have already confirm their seat, so last chance to pay your deposit if you fancy joining us for lunch. If not you're welcome to join the Truro pub tour at 3pm starting at the Ale House.

European Beer Festival's

I have often had conversations with members regarding foreign beer festival and trying to organise trips as a group. Not so much organise more arrange to meet at a place and time, hopefully with someone knowing a little more about the areas. We a page has been created on the Website to support this....[European beer festivals](#). Anne has offered to be a contact point for the Zythos Beer Festival Trip in April. Shout if you would like to get involved.

CAMRA Kernow's 40th Birthday

Through feedback there has been a whole range of ideas 40th Birthday Events received. We're working through dates for events which primarily centre on pub tours up and down the county. A couple of confirmed dates for the diary. Please keep an eye on the

21/01 Plymouth Gin Distillery Visit and Barbican Pub Tour

11/02 Eastern Free houses Campaigning Tour

Other suggestions on the table

- Vintage bus pub crawl of the A30 by-passed pubs

- Falmouth pub walk
- Pendean Tour pick up from Penzance
- Cider trip
- Seven Star's Longest Serving Licensee Family Presentation
- Celebratory Branch Logo for the year
- Brewing a Celebratory beer
- Beer Festival overlap
 - Shirts for the year with the Logo, also use at Fal Fest. Suggested theme comparing 40 years of CAMRA to the Darwin visiting Cornwall 180 Years ago.
 - Old Peculiar 40p a pint as per the first Falmouth Festival Poster
 - Early years memorabilia display at the Festival as part of the membership stand

Secretary's Report – Craig Allen 9/11/16

Nothing further to add at this point in time.

Treasurer's Report - Matt Stribley 8/11/16

Finance – Cash in Bank

On the 8th November 2016, we had £48,136 in the bank.

Finance – Recent Financial Activity

The recent period has been very busy mainly due to the Falmouth Beer festival. In the period August to October cash movements were; £33k expenditure and £84K income (excluding the £5k borrowed from HQ).

Finance – Immediate Liabilities

One and Ale – the next £2k printing bill will be in December.

HMRC – We owe them £14k, which will be paid in December.

Falmouth Beer Festival – I estimate that there remain up to £25k of invoices to pay in the next month. Mainly beer, glasses, clothing and other miscellaneous items.

CAMRA HQ – we borrowed £5k which need to be returned ASAP

Other matters

The move to CAMRA's new financial system COBAS didn't take place this year as hoped - due to one thing and another. I completed the application, responded to HQ's questions in a timely way but then nothing happened but I didn't chase. I have written to them suggesting that we try again in February at the start of our FY.

Summary

Our financial position looks healthy and we will be able to meet all our immediate liabilities and should have surplus to return to HQ.

Pubs Officers Report – Rod Davis 11/11/2016

Pubs closed since September:

Closed pubs now reopened: 2

Brand new pubs opened: 0

Pub Award

Good news for the *Admiral Benbow* in Penzance. In recognition of the historical importance of parts of the interior of this rather quirky old pub, CAMRA have listed it on their National Inventory of Historic Pub

Interiors. The branch will present the commemorative certificate to the landlady at 12.30 on Saturday 10 December, members present are then invited to follow up with a walking crawl of some of the town's other real ale pubs. See the branch website/diary of events for further details.

Pub Changes

A few changes since the last report in September. There have been a few temporary closures but these have reopened after changes of licensee and/or refurbishment – the **Halfway House** in St Jidgey, which apparently closed earlier in the summer, has come back to life following refurbishment and change of management. The former St Austell house the **Sir Humphrey Davy** in Penzance, which was sold as a free house and reopened in April, is still apparently closed with no signs of life. This is (was?) being run by the partner of the current landlord of the **First & Last**, also in Penzance – and this never or rarely appears to be open either, although one recent member reported that it opens evenings only from 17.00. Any further information, especially on the Humphrey Davy would be welcome. And in Helston, the **Bell Inn** is reported closed, our informant saying the licensees claim to be victims of the arrival of Wetherspoon's in the town.

A report received from a Somerset member suggests that St Austell Brewery is planning to close the **Chain Locker** in Falmouth for a few weeks in the New Year, for a refit and change of tenant, said to be himself transferring west from a GBG pub in Somerset. It is planned to have the pub open again before Easter.

In more St Austell Brewery pub news, it seems they have sold two more of their estate. A small community pub, the **Mount Ambrose Inn**, on the edge of Redruth, and the **Railway Inn** at Illogan Highway, have both been transferred to Keltek Brewery, bringing their pub holdings up to six. The latter was the subject of a battle late last year between the brewery, who wanted to sell it for development, and the locals, who wanted to keep it as a pub. The locals seemingly won the argument having got the place listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

Finally, in regard to applications for planning consent to change two already closed pubs, Cornwall Council has agreed the developers' wishes to change the **Old Stag** in Liskeard into a dwelling. So that old pub, handy for the railway station, has gone forever. The **Butcher's Arms** in nearby St Ive is still being fought over, though – the locals want their pub back 'as was', the developers want to change it into a local shop/garage with extensive alterations to the bar area in an attempt to appease the locals by keeping at least a licensed bar. However, the plans appear to suggest this will reduce the old bar area by two thirds, and not be in keeping with the original at all. The pub is ACV listed, but the planners are still considering their decision.

Openings

Back in Redruth, the **Rose Cottage** has opened again after some 14 months closed and boarded up. So far, though, no sign of any real ale reappearing on the bar; I recently received WhatPub feedback from the pub solemnly telling me that three ales were on offer: Hoegaarden, Urquell Pilsener, and Bass Smooth! Clearly they have missed the point here, but I have gently put them in the picture about the nature of real ale. So far no response, though.

Assets of Community Value

A potential breakthrough with Cornwall Council is in prospect. Our branch Chairman and I are shortly going to meet the Council officer in charge of the ACV register, so we hope we can exchange views and clarify each other's positions in a positive fashion. We'll report back to the branch but with luck we'll get those pubs so far nominated by members on to the register., and put an obstacle in the way of anyone wishing to do a similar job to the Old Stag.

Finally, please tell me via pubsofficer@cornwall.camra.org.uk or any other convenient means, of corrections, updates or additions to the above, or any other bits of pub news that might be of interest to the members, and it will be reported on the Branch website and (hopefully) in One & Ale.

Tasting Panel Chair's Report – Steve Barber 7/11/2016

I closed the 2016 Tasting Year on 8 October, so that I could prepare the nominations for Champion Beer and Winter Beer of Britain competitions (CBoB/CWBoB) by the deadline of 31 October, allowing for doing likewise for Devon panel, a day working at Falmouth Beer Festival and a family holiday. Here is my year-end report on beer tasting.

Results

- We had 1176 cards for all beers including carryover of 413 cards (1188 cards in 2015 with 108 carryover). The number of new cards was well down on last year, by 31%
- All cards were for Cornish beers
- There were 442 Cornish beers in the Brewery Information System (BIS) (357 beers in 2015), a growth of 24%
- There were 15 further Cornish beers for which we had at least 1 card that were not in the BIS
- We had 1144 cards for Cornish beers that were in the BIS
- We had 32 cards for Cornish beers that were not in the BIS
- We had at least 1 card for 200 Cornish beers whether eligible or not

We have to consider beers in the BIS that are eligible for CBoB/CWBoB by availability.

- There were 341 Cornish beers in the BIS that were eligible for CBoB/CWBoB
- We had at least 1 card for 181 Cornish beers that were eligible for CBoB/CWBoB

Then we had to restrict our possible nominations to those eligible beers that had enough cards to qualify.

- We had enough cards for 117 eligible Cornish beers for CBoB/CWBoB

We also write Tasting Notes for the breweries section of the Good Beer Guide and potentially the Good Bottled Beer Guide.

- There were 297 Cornish beers in the BIS that were eligible for Tasting Notes
- We had at least 1 card for 168 Cornish beers that were eligible for Tasting Notes

Again, we had to restrict beers to those that had enough cards.

- We had enough cards for 112 eligible Cornish beers for GBG Tasting Notes

For all these qualifying beers, I prepared a table of profiles as required by Paul Moorhouse, the National Tasting Panel Coordinator. By 31 December, I have to write new or updated tasting notes and enter them into the BIS.

CBoB/CWBoB Nominations

For each of the 11 beer categories, the beer with the highest overall score for style won the Panel's nomination (top two beers for Bitter, Best Bitter and Golden Ale categories). They are shown in Table 1. The scoring was very close at the top with a number of very worthy beers coming as runners-up. I submitted these nominations to Paul (National TP Coordinator) and Rod (Regional CBoB Area Coordinator), for combination with the results of the Members' Vote to decide the beers in each category that will go forward to be judged at regional Area Competitions over the coming year for the next round of the competitions.

Table 1

CATEGORY	BREWERY	BEER NAME
Mild (ABV up to and including 4.0%)	Penzance	Mild
Bitter (ABV up to and including 4.0%) (1)	Skinner's	Betty Stogs
Bitter (ABV up to and including 4.0%) (2)	St Austell	Trelawny
Best Bitter (ABV more than 4.0% up to and including 4.6%) (1)	Penzance	Brisons Bitter
Best Bitter (ABV more than 4.0% up to and including 4.6%) (2)	Sharp's	Original
Strong Bitter (ABV more than 4.6%)	Sharp's	Special
Golden Ale (no specific ABV limits) (1)	Padstow	Padstow May Day
Golden Ale (no specific ABV limits) (2)	Skinner's	Porthleven
Speciality Beer	Cornish Crown	Red IPA
Old Ale/Strong Mild (ABV more than 4.0% to less than 6.5%)	Tintagel	Gwaf Tan
Porter (no specific ABV limits)	Bude	Black Rock
Stout (no specific ABV limits)	Skinner's	Pennycomequick
Barley Wine/Strong Old Ale (ABV 6.5% or more)	Blue Anchor	Spingo Special
Real Ale in a Bottle	Coastal	Erosion

Thanks to all the Cornwall tasters. We now start again on next year's tastings, using both the paper and online tasting cards.

NBSS Coordinator's Report – Steve Barber 7/11/2016

This quarter has seen a steady improvement in pub beer scoring and I thank all those members who have helped us in this way. Please keep it up.

Scores

The number of pub beer quality scores for this year starting 2 January 2016 to 6 November 2016 is 4413 in 4342 visits, including a few scores for premises not in WhatPub. This scales to 5198 scores (last year 3809), a 36% increase. We are now 85% through the scoring year.

Pubs

These scores cover a total of 427 pubs. We now have 77% of Cornish pubs (based on 558 traditional pubs in WhatPub) with at least one score, but only 175 pubs (31% of the total) with sufficient scores to have any confidence in the statistics (a minimum of 4 scores from at least 4 members or an equivalent combination). 103 pubs (18%) have only one score. 131 pubs (23%) have no scores at all, and 149 pubs (27%) have some scores but not enough. The average score so far is 3.2 ('quite good'), with 10 pubs scoring a 'zero' (no real ale in a pub where real ale was expected) and 32 pubs scoring at least one 'five' (perfect).

Members

239 CAMRA members have contributed so far, averaging 18 scores each. 52 of our 1175 CAMRA Kernow members (4.4%) produced 2743 of the scores (62%). The other 187 members come from 96 other Branches.

Coverage

Running my usual coverage calculation, I estimate that the quality of 1.3% of beer drunk by CAMRA Kernow members in Cornish pubs is reported, based on 4 beers per week per member. No change.

To score the quality of beer in pubs, go to <http://whatpub.com>. If you want to know why we ask members to score pub beer and how to do it, please read the regular article in One & Ale, look at our website, <http://www.kernow.camra.org.uk/> or the CAMRA national website, <http://www.camra.org.uk/nbss> where there are two videos <http://youtu.be/LKNBGsyQ1Ak> and <http://youtu.be/hPXtRnV6vko>. We need this information to help us select pubs for the next GBG (2018) next January. Thanks for your help.

Reminder of the Scores (Andy Shaw scale)

0 No real ale available in a pub where real ale was expected

where beer is available:

0.5 Undrinkable	1 Unpleasant	1.5 Poor	2 Mediocre
2.5 Ordinary	3 Quite Good	3.5 Good	4 Very Good
4.5 Excellent	5 Perfect – award this score rarely for beer that could not be better		

Membership Secretary's Report – Steve Wilmot 7/11/2016

Members Joining since 3/9/16 – 5/11/16	+39
Lapsed Cancelled Members 3/9//16 – 5/11/16	-21
	=+18

Total Membership on 5 NOVEMBER 2016 has reached 1230

The period reporting on is 2 months as opposed to the normal 1 month due to no meeting being held because of the Falmouth beer festival taking place in October and the branch hosting the regional meeting in that month as well. But I am happy to report a continuing increase in membership, with 6 new members joining at Falmouth. I do think this figure could have been improved upon and look forward to changes being implemented at future festivals where recruitment of new members receives a higher priority. St Ives and Falmouth festivals have previously achieved recruitment figures of 15-20 and the Royal Cornwall Show tried for the first time this year, which was primarily a recruitment drive, achieved 17 new members. Recruitment sources for the period 3/9/16-5/11/16 are shown below.

Website	8
Friend	6
Wetherspoon	7
Falmouth Beer Festival	6
Plymouth Beer Festival	2
Newsletter	2
Membership Leaflet	2
Campaign of Two Halves	2
What's Brewing	2
Continual Gift Promotion	1
CAMRA beer festival	1
CC by phone	1

News Letter Editor's Report - Steve Wilmot 7/11/2016

The deadline for submission of articles for the winter edition is today in order that printed copies can be received back to commence distribution on 1 December.

The editor thanks all those who have already made a contribution of an article, picture, news snippet or piece of gossip and will make every effort to include them in this edition.

Many thanks go to Chris Mason the newsletter advertising manager for continuing to receive sufficient adverts to cover the cost of printing.

Thanks also go to those members able to help with distribution of the newsletter to pubs, clubs or other outlets deemed suitable. The editor does get feedback from some distant sources and it is obvious from this that it is not restricted to the county boundary.

Beer Festival Organiser - Falmouth Beer Festival report 2016 – Dugg Polman 8/11/2016

This was my first festival and was a big learning experience. I have been involved, on the committee, with the festivals since 2001 but have always had duties that kept me away from the biggest part of the set up, so it was good for me to be able to get involved and help in this setup.

Despite not selling out of beer and having many left over we should be on or near the budget, so can consider the festival to be a success.

The overall numbers through the door were almost what was budgeted for. We were expecting 4,950 and we had 4,830, though they didn't drink a lot of beer. They did however drink a great deal of cider as the cider bar nearly ran out.

There were many compliments from the paying public from the conduct of staff to the presentation of the festival. I think this is a good reflection on the volunteers who worked over the festival and my thanks go to all those who set up, took down and worked throughout.

The charity, BATS, made an amazing total of £1,700 and are very happy. They also had quite a few enquiries about skippering or helping with the boat, so had a good festival experience.

Social Secs Report – Dugg Polman 8/11/2016

There are two socials coming up in the next few months The Christmas lunch on Saturday 17th December, at the Hop Store, Old Ale House, Truro. Please see the website for details.

And the Trip to the Far East pubs on Saturday 11 February 2017. Please contact Roger on publictransport@cornwall.camra.org.uk Telephone: 01579 370335.

In March 11th, there will be a wander around Penryn's delightful hostelries.

Meet at the Thirsty Scholar at 12 noon.

Cider Reps Report – Lin Dopson 7/11/2016

Spotty Dog a cider producer from Wadebridge has now retired. Can we please have this updated on our cider map? There was no Lostwithiel cider festival this year, because they were unable to use the community hall as it is closed at the moment.

Cider judging went well at Falmouth this year.

1st Janets Jungle Juice.

2nd Green Valley (sweet)

3rd Hecks Kingston Black

We have had a e-mail back from Bob Southwell thanking us for everything and how good the judges were he was very pleased. Thanks to Bob Bunce for his help with the judges they all knew there cider.

All the fruit ciders were the most favourites even the men were drinking them. They all went first.

The students had a good go at them all on Friday we kept going on Saturday but we were limited on what was left. All together we sold 4765 pints not bad I thought.

Press Officer Report - Sonia Bunce 8/11/2016

Prior to the Falmouth Beer festival articles were sent to all listed below.

- Darren Norbury Beer Today.
- All eight newspaper contacts supplied by Fran.
- What's brewing.
- Intern at CAMRA HQ.

- Contacted Pirate FM, Radio Cornwall and Heart by email and text.

Articles added to CAMRA Kernow Website.

- Continuous updating of Falmouth Beer Festival twitter with 539 followers.
- Continuous updating of CAMRA Kernow twitter with 1358 followers.

Falmouth Beer Fest Facebook 40,000 People reached

- 22/10 749 hits – Friday pictures
- 21/10 384 hits – Thursday Pictures
- 21/10 1,021 hits – Thursday Pictures*2
- 21/10 861 hits – Thursday Pictures*3
- 21/10 2,645 hits – Champion Beers
- 21/10 543 hits – Thursday Pictures*4
- 20/10 1,362 hits – Thursday Pictures*1
- 20/10 861 hits – Beer Judging Pictures
- 20/10 843 hits – Pre-opening Pictures
- 20/10 4,785 hits – Beer Judging Pictures
- 19/10 1,751 hits – 1 Days till Falmouth
- 18/10 3,660 hits – Festival event invite
- 18/10 896 hits – download the program
- 17/10 1,105 hits – western bar beer list
- 16/10 145 Hits - Falmouth Fest App
- 15/10 789 Hits – Bottle beer range
- 14/10 998 hits – Southern bar beer list
- 13/10 1,709 hits – Northern bar beer list
- 12/10 1,646 hits - 8 Days till Falmouth
- 10/10 1,727 hits – sneak peak Dartmoor ales
- 02/10 1,483 hits – Entertainment
- 25/09 4,487 hits – Ciders list
- 03/09 2,245hits – Count down to Falmouth
- 21/08 2,022 hits – Fal Fest App
- 19/08 1935 hits – Cider ready for festival

Post festival an article has been added to the CAMRA Kernow website and Face book which also has pages for that include the winners of the Beer, Ciders and Perry.

Falmouth packet added an article that I did after the festival with two pages of pictures.

Kernow CAMRA Facebook 3,900 people reached

- 04/11 599 hits - Stuart Howe joins Harbour Brewing Co
- 31/10 171 hits - Newquay Music and Ale Festival's
- 30/10 502 hits - Help out at Exeter Festival of winter ales
- 29/10 385 + 81 hits - 65 years at the Seven stars in Falmouth
- 17/10 127 Hits - Thanks to Falmouth Fest sponsors and supporters.
- 16/10 145 Hits - Falmouth Fest App
- 12/10 101 hits - 8 Days till Falmouth
- 10/10 484 hits- diary dates update inc. Fal Beer Fest
- 07/10 174 hits – Revitalisation Project
- 07/10 498 hits – One & ale download of Falmouth Beer Fest

- 02/10 142 hits – Preston fest
- 30/09 175 hits – Driftwood beer fest
- 26/09 320 hits – Falmouth Beer Fest Cider

AOB - Skinners AGM

Transport Secretary Report – Roger Webster 08/11/2016

We now have 33 booked for the 19th November trip with everyone paid up except for 2 people
There are now 20 booked on the 11th February trip.

Young Member's Report – David Rescorla – To follow