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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As year starts to hot up the number of breweries in the county has reached an all-time high with no fewer than 40 listed. Over the past months we have seen the Woodman's join the brewery trio at Ponsanoch, along with Fowey River Brewery and Tin Miner's Brewery establishing.

This past month or so I have been visiting pubs between Tintagel, Padstow and St Austell. I have found some absolute gems I had not previously visited. Many St Austell pubs, maintained to some really high standards and some free houses. In the 12 pubs visited each had 2 or more beer pumps, a very positive reflection of beer sales. I counted 4 breweries being represented in these pubs, mainly St Austell, some Sharps, and once I saw both Tintagel and Padstow. In this area there are about 9 breweries, I met a couple of chaps who had travelled 10 miles to have a pint of Tintagel Cornwall's Pride in the White Hart, St Tooth. There does seem to be a desire for diversity from the beer drinkers I talk to and we do have a myriad of fantastic beers being produced. Have we reached a saturation point, is the trade being monopolised, is there a lack of custom for a variety of beer or do publishers not know our views ???hmmmm. At the point of writing this we have a campaigning trip planned to visit the free houses in the east of the county in order to visit some of these pubs that do showcase a variety from our local brewers and also to visit a couple that play it safe to promote the benefits that a diversity in beer range may bring. I am sure the next edition of the One & Ale will reflect the reception this campaign received.

The CAMRA Kernow Committee and local members have been out and about these past months celebrating and recognising the success of the county's pubs and breweries as you will see through this edition, we even crossed the border into deepest darkest Devon to visit the Plymouth Barbican Pubs and Gin Distillery. As this year sees our 40th Anniversary we have a whole host of activities being planned throughout the county to engage as many members as possible. Our 40th anniversary is the same date as our AGM to be held at Skinner's Brewery on Saturday 18th March. This is where we vote in the committee and review the year's activities whilst looking forward to the next twelve months. If you are a CAMRA member who is looking to become more active this is the ideal opportunity to come and share your ideas and support for the forthcoming year. We welcome nominations for committee positions; if you would like to be considered for any position, please send your nomination to Craig (secretary@cornwall.camra.org.uk). All nominations do require to be seconded by another CAMRA member, any contested positions will then be voted upon at the AGM.

I will finish with a reference to Craft Beer, which you may recall from the last edition I do support. Craft beer is springing up throughout county, here's three great examples. On recent visits to

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Truro, the Sonder Bar was a breath of fresh air. Yes we can now get a Black Flag Beer (Brewed in Goothavern) in Truro (7 miles away) alongside some other Cornish Craft Beers. In Newquay the recently opened No5 Brewhouse also offers Cornish Craft. The well-established Hand Bar in Falmouth, has a selection of Cornish Craft and Cask alongside a diverse range of world-wide beers. Many pubs are starting to replace a tap or two on the bar with Cornish Craft. Also, keep an eye out on your travels, if we see Carlsberg disappearing and being replaced with Cornish products, how can that be a bad thing!

On 11th March we have the Wander around Penryn's delightful hostesses planned as a Branch Social. Meeting at the Tisbury Scholar, Penryn at 12 noon. I would love to see you there. See the www.cornwall.camra.org.uk web site for full diary dates and non CAMRA festivals.

MEMBERSHIP PRICE INCREASE

The National Executive of the Campaign for Real Ale has decided to increase membership rates in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI). This will take effect as of **1st April 2017**.

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Non DD	Single	Overseas	£40	£41.50	£1.50
Non DD	Single	Concession	£18.50	£19	£0.50
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THE PLYMOUTH BEER TOUR WITH A PLYMOUTH GIN TWIST

The Famous Five (oh and a few others!) Cross the Bridge into Devon

On Saturday 21st January a grand representative group of CAMRA Kernow members caught various trains over the border into Devon, to alight at Plymouth for a trip to the Plymouth Gin distillery. Now, you might say this is not the usual beer trip that CAMRA members are so good at - and you would be right, it was a beer tour with a gin twist!

We gathered in the Gog and Magog next to Plymouth Gin for a quick one to whet our whiskies before starting our tour of the Gin Distillery at 12.30pm. The guide gave us a very comprehensive history of Plymouth Gin which started its life in 1793. We learnt about the distilling process as well as having the opportunity to examine and smell the botanicals used to flavour Plymouth Gin. This was followed by the much anticipated tasting of the gin mixed with a drop of water, which enabled us to appreciate the delicious gin flavour. A sample of Stone Gin was also enjoyed. We adjourned to the cocktail bar for a Gin and Tonic, packed with lots of ice and felt that we could sit in the bar all day working our way through the cocktail list, but no...the Pub Crawl awaited....

Dickie from Plymouth CAMRA had very kindly put together a very comprehensive list and map of the pubs we could visit, both in the Barbican area and en route back to the station. At 1.30pm we met up with the rest of the group in the Queen's Arms ready to start drinking beer and visiting pubs. The group had grown to about 35 of us by now. The Maritime on Southside Street was next on our list and we split up, some to eat and others to visit this pub and some of the other pubs on the route separately. This turned out to be a good idea since we weren't all queuing at the bar for a drink at the same time! Throughout the tour we kept bump-



Part of the group moved on to the Ship on Quay Road, a very busy St Austell Brewery pub, then into the Dolphin, a historical pub on the Barbican, well known for its draught Bass served straight from the barrel. On our visit it had 8 different beers on the bar, served by gravity. It is also the setting of several of the artist Benji Cook's paintings, some of which are displayed on the walls.

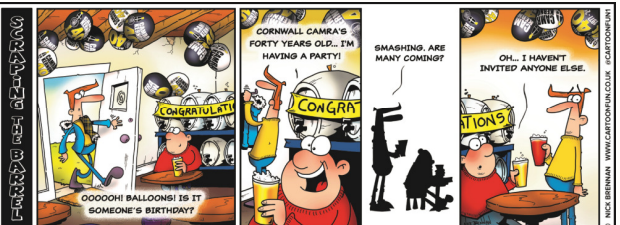


The Ship Bob Bunce and Pete Martin



Yes, there really were other people on our tour, not just these two!

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Next some of us ventured up the hill and off to the right to find the Fisherman's Arms, tucked in behind the Barbican. An open fire and large armchairs greeted us in this Free-house, definitely a pub to sit in cosy on a cold winter's day. We lingered longer in this pub before moving back down the hill to The Minerva where we found half the group installed on long benches and tables.



We were happy to join them and partake of the beer in the oldest pub in Plymouth - dating from 1540.

It was recommended that we then go 'off piste' and try out the Bread and Roses pub, Plymouth's only Social Enterprise pub for community and arts events. The pub was very interesting architecturally and the beer was great too! As it came to that time when some of us were ready to make a dash to the station for trains home. Several of us set off together, then lost each other, but still ended up on the same train going home. The pubs we visited were interesting historically as well as serving good beer. The selection reflected our Cornish heritage in some pubs but we did manage to drink some out of county beers. The Plymouth Gin tour was enjoyed and much discussed by all, and we all concluded that it had been a Grand Day Out!

Article discussed by everyone, written by Ann and photos by Sonia!

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CAMRA IN CORNWALL - THE EARLY DAYS

Current CAMRA Kernow Branch Chairman, Bob Bunce, asked me founder member Bob Teague to write a few words about the origins and early days of the Cornwall Branch. So here goes, back to the late 1970s....

In 1975 I first encountered CAMRA when, with a friend studying at Reading University, we went on a student 'beer trip' by minibus to a hatched pub called The Six Bells in Warborough, South Oxfordshire. Instead of the usual student-style bar blitz, we went to a side room to join - a CAMRA meeting. Here a man outlined what CAMRA was all about and his enthusiasm, and Brakspear's ales, got me hooked. On return to Cornwall I joined CAMRA.

Origins

For many months that was it in Cornwall. *What's Brewing* turned up with tales of brewery closures as the then 'Big Six' brewing conglomerates got fatter at the expense of local breweries while the range of cask ales got thinner; and there was the *Good Beer Guide* to direct you to pubs selling cask-conditioned beer. Otherwise, apart from one or two like-minded friends, being a CAMRA member was a bit like being a member of the Easter Island Ski Club - you had the badge but were unlikely to take any part in its activities. For Cornwall, that started to change in 1976. By then CAMRA was five years old and, as its national membership grew (into four figures), its organisation necessarily grew with it; being broadly what we have today. A HQ in St. Albans and a network of branches grouped into regions.

In July 1976, Joe Goodwin (South-West Regional Organiser) sent a memo to all CAMRA members in Cornwall seeking help to start a branch. A further memo from Joe and a letter from Plymouth Branch's Bob Rendle (Cornwall Area Organiser) confirmed that the first meeting was planned for Friday 18 March 1977 at the New Inn, St. Columb Major, a Devonish house (sadly, now closed).

Inaugural Meeting

Those founder branch members attending the meeting were: Bill Flocks (elected first Chairman) Tom Rowse (Secretary/Vice-Chairman) Richard Cunningham (Treasurer) Gerry Basin, Merton Creasey, Arne Cunningham, Chris Dennis, Howard 'Bomber' Hoskin, Mark Kessell (landlord of the New Inn), Brian Phillips, John Reed, Andy Ring, Pete Sugden and Bob Teague. (Of the founder members, I believe Messrs Flocks, Creasey, Hoskin and Phillips have gone to the great sun in the sky.) That meeting got us up and crawling, so what happened next?

The Beer Scene

Briefly, the beer scene in Cornwall when the branch was formed was - Two main breweries - Devonish (Redruth) and St. Austell which both had sizeable tied house estates. The Blue Anchor, Helston. One of only 4 brewpubs in the UK at the time. Pockets of Courage and Watney pubs. A few genuine free houses.

As for beer, the pubs of the four breweries mentioned above usually sold only those breweries' beers, occasionally alongside Draught Bass. What little variety there was could be found in the few free houses, but nothing like the range you can get today. Proper bottled beer comprised the widely-available bottled-conditioned Guinness Extra Stout (often bottled by local



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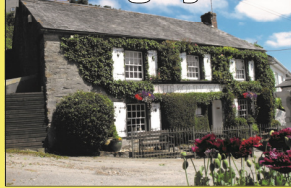
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breweries in those days) and, a great favourite of mine, Worthington White Shield which, although it could be found in certain pubs. Incidentally, thanks to the railways, Bass was probably the first national brand of beer and, through trade agreements with local brewers such as St Austell, Draught Bass could sometimes be found in their tied houses along with other Bass products.



In the late 1970s Devonish beers were mostly keg/top pressure and, like many other small regional brewers at the time, seemed to be moving away from cask. On the other hand, St. Austell still produced a relatively large proportion of cask beer (with wooden casks greatly in use). There may have been a decision by St. Austell to keep, at least partly, to the old methods of brewing and dispense as was the case with Bateman's and Holt's to name but two brewers who kept the faith in cask beer. However I recall hearing that it was a simple case of lack of funds to invest in going all-out for keg beer production. Whatever the case, St. Austell pubs were a good bet for cask beer and the brewery found itself in a good position to benefit when the tide turned in favour of cask beer. St. Austell is thriving today, whereas Devonish is just history.

Courage's pubs were mainly in east Cornwall and with small pockets of pubs further west, e.g. in Penzance and Truro, served by its now closed Plymouth brewery. The few Watney houses were mostly in east Cornwall. The long-gone Tverton Brewery (formerly Starkey, Knight & Ford) was a Whitbread-owned brewery in 1977 and its beer could be found in Cornwall, mostly in the free trade.

Early Campaigning

What did we do in those early days to promote real ale - well, we drank it!

Today, with branch membership over 1,200, it is still hard work keeping on top of the ever-changing pub and brewery scene in Cornwall. I believe there were just 44 CAMRA members in Cornwall in 1977 when the Branch was formed. Back in the 1970s it was not such a dynamic beer environment, but with such a small number of members and Cornwall's transport and geography to contend with, it was difficult to gather information about pubs. Indeed, for several months, intelligence about south-east Cornwall continued to be gathered mostly by our friends in the Plymouth Branch until we were able to cover that part of Cornwall. Also an understandable issue was that, with most of



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the committee members coming from St. Austell or Truro, a lot of the early activities took place in that area. Nevertheless, progress was made with regular meetings and that most enjoyable method of campaigning - the monthly coach trip.

Friday evening trips to places such as Padstow, Lostwithiel, Penzance and, of course, Helston helped bring CAMRA to the attention of landlords and drinkers. When thirty people suddenly walk into a pub on a wet evening in November asking for cask beer, the locals wanted to know "Woss on?" and we explained what CAMRA was about. Our regular transport was provided by R&M Motors. Roy, the driver, was tolerant of our little follies, bawdy sing-songs on the way home and often made diversions to help wobbly CAMRA members get to their front doors. Informal, fun and quietly effective campaigning in those early days.



Joe Goodwin pictured left
Each month the Branch Secretary would receive a large brown envelope with the latest instructions from HQ in St. Albans - a request for a report on local brewers, a price survey to complete, a change to branch accounting procedures, etc. Much of this was beyond the resources of the new branch and was put to one side, but I don't remember HQ giving us grief about it. I'm sure they knew how difficult it could be for new branches to get on top of everything required by a

growing national organisation and the inevitable bureaucracy involved. After all, we were only volunteers! Gradually, as membership and capacity grew, I think the Branch did most things that came its way from St. Albans.

Beer Festivals

In my view, beer festivals are the best form of campaigning when it comes to informing potential converts to the delights of cask beer. It's the practical side of campaigning to back up the verbal theories expounded to promote cask beer. It will be of no surprise, therefore, that within 18 months of its birth, the Cornwall Branch had run its first beer



festival.
This took place over two sessions at the City Hall, Truro on Saturday 5 August 1978. Session beers were 30p a pint, with stronger ales such as Theakston's Old Peculier 40p. Looking at the brewers listed in the programme, it's pleasing to see (Continued on page 11)



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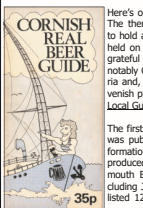
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many who were true to the cask ale cause in 1978 remain so today, e.g. Arkells, Robisons and Wadsworth. From this successful first festival, the branch slowly grew the annual festival to be the major event in Cornwall's beer drinking calendar and added a Winter Festival too. This all helped spread the word and increase membership. I helped to organise the old City Hall (now Hall for Cornwall) festivals and there was a relaxing informality about it all. We bagged and borrowed what we could, muddled through when something unforeseen cropped up and had a good time. Going back many days after a festival, the Hall would still smell of stale beer - not something the current Hall for Cornwall would tolerate with a ballet due on stage next!



Here's one final point on the early festivals. The then licensing laws required a licensee to hold an Occasional Licence for events not held on licensed premises. The Branch was grateful to the support of local licensees, notably George Wright, landlord of the Victoria and, later, the Coach & Horses; two Devonish pubs sadly no longer open in Truro.
Local Guides

The first local guide to Cornish real ale pubs was published in 1977, coinciding with the formation of the Branch. However, it was produced by a small team from the Plymouth Branch, led by Bob Rendle and including Joe Goodwin (see picture page 9). It listed 121 pubs serving real ale. The 1978

edition was the first produced by the Cornwall Branch and listed 141 real ale pubs. This number rose to 216 pubs in 1979 and 270 in 1980, so progress was being made in those early years, although the majority of Cornwall's 600 pubs remained keg or top pressure outlets.

The Good Beer Guide (GBG)

This is how the 1977 GBG's introduction to Cornwall began:

"Cornwall suffers, like many other holiday areas, from pubs which cater largely for tourists - especially the unadventurous who opt for well-known keg beers instead of trying the local brews."

I think this comment remains largely true, but it is an area that has improved greatly since the 1970s. Although local pubs still carry national brands (spelling deliberate) and Euro-fizz, the beer-loving visitor to Cornwall can find a fine range of beers from out many innovative local breweries.

The 1977 GBG lists 74 pubs in Cornwall, 73 of which sold beer from the small range produced by the breweries mentioned in 'The Beer Scene' above. The exception was The Mill House at Trebarwith Strand which served the exotic Listers PA, from far off Trowbridge. Things are a bit better today when it comes to beer variety in Cornwall.



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WHY I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BOURNEMOUTH 2017

This April, I will be joining CAMRA members from across the UK in the seaside resort of Bournemouth for CAMRA's Members' Weekend, which includes our National AGM and Conference.

I have been attending the CAMRA Members' Weekend for almost 30 years, well before I was active nationally, never mind National Chairman. Those of you who were in Norwich in 2013 may remember that I still have my glass from my first AGM weekend, as they were then called, in Norwich in 1990. Even prior to becoming Chairman, I always made an effort to travel to whichever corner of the country the weekend was held and have only missed one since then - and was even organiser in Edinburgh in 1998. It has always been, and still is, an opportunity to meet with old friends, make new acquaintances and socialise with other CAMRA members from across the country.

Most importantly, the Members' Weekend is a fantastic opportunity for any member across the organisation - whether you have just joined, been a member for 20+ years, active or inactive - to shape the future direction and purpose of CAMRA.

As Chairman, I now have the great responsibility of making sure that the AGM and Conference part of the Members' Weekend is run successfully and open to every single one of our 185,000 members. This year, that responsibility is even greater than ever before.

Following 50 consultation meetings across the UK and three national surveys, we have now seen the proposals that were put forward by the Revitalisation Project Steering Committee on CAMRA's future. Whether you agree or disagree with the proposals, took part in the consultation events or stayed at home, the Members' Weekend will be the opportunity to discuss them inside and out ahead of a decision next year.

Over the weekend, members will be able to consider the Revitalisation Project and proposals on the future of CAMRA in a series of discussion groups. It will be your chance to have a say on the Revitalisation Project's findings and represent your views in the debate. A final decision on the proposals will then be taken at the Members' Weekend in 2018.

I am proud to chair an organisation that is a true democracy - where every member has the opportunity to feed into our policies, direction and future. I never forget that without our huge membership base and dedicated volunteers, there simply would not be a CAMRA.

I hope you will consider joining us in Bournemouth this year. The closing date for registration is Friday 17th March 2017. For more information simply visit camragm.org.uk.

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Foundations Laid

In its early days the Branch functioned as a group of like-minded people getting together to talk and drink cask beer. We simply did not have the resources to do much of what HQ was expecting of well-established branches. However, as the 1970s progressed and membership grew, we gradually got better at the administrative side of running the Branch to HQ's requirements. Also, without doing anything dramatic (there was no local brewery closing where we could protest or parade a coffin), we steadily raised the profile of cask beer in Cornwall by the campaigning methods outlined above.

I believe this laid good foundations for the Branch to develop into what it is today, although, basically, what we were doing in the 1970s is still being done today assisted by modern tools such as the internet and social media. In the end though, you've just got to keep drinking the stuff!

I wasn't going to mention any particular pubs or people who stand out from the early days; we all have our favourites and personal memories. We know those people who have gone the extra mile in the cause of real ale. However, I feel I must mention one person, the late Bill Fishleigh from Carleean near Helston. Bill moved to Cornwall after working in a senior position in the NHS in Somerset. He was passionate about real ale and his second home was the Blue Anchor in Helston. When he arrived (later becoming Branch Chairman), Bill's drive and commitment proved to be just what the Branch needed to move from its early years in the late 1970s into the fully-fledged Branch we have today. As Branch Secretary at the time, I know Bill

would not leave a job half-done or an opportunity lost to promote our wonderful national drink.

I'll end by thanking CAMRA for all the fun and friends I've made while in pursuit of the perfect pint in the perfect pub. Something I've not achieved, but I'm still looking! Also, thanks to my wife, Sue, who bought me a CAMRA Life Membership! I hope you've found my ramblings of interest and apologies for any inaccuracies. Cheers!

Bob Teague, Founder Member



That's me behind Bill Fishleigh talking to Sid Cannon in the Blue Anchor brewery

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PUB NEWS

In East Cornwall, two regular Good Beer Guide pubs have recently lost their long-standing licenses, widely known for keeping their real ales in tip-top condition. Charlie and Carole Edgeler came to the Jubilee Inn at Pelynt in October 2007, fresh from managing the Norway Inn near Truro, and have now retired after 9 happy years as tenants of the St Austell Brewery pub. The new tenants of the pub reportedly also run the Edgcombe Inn at Cremyll. Meanwhile, down the road in nearby Polperro, Alan and Sonja Crookford have given up running the Crumplehorn Inn after more than 11 years at the helm of this well-known free house. They haven't exactly retired, however, having moved to Boscastle to rest awhile and think about their next project. Meanwhile, new owners have taken over the 'Crump' and promptly declared they had no intention of wrecking any changes on the operation of the pub, which is a free house selling three or four different Cornish real ales. To this end, the same staff have been retained, which means the cellar bar management looks likely to continue as before to the same high standards. CAMRA Kernow wishes Charlie and Carole a long and happy retirement, and a successful future career for Alan and Sonja.

2017 began with a pub closure on 7 January: the Brea Inn shut its doors, again, after the landlord confessed on social media that he had not realised how high were the capital costs of running a free house, and had eventually run out of money. A classic little country village pub tucked away in the former mining area of Brea just south of the Camborne area, it has had a bit of a chequered history in the last few years, with licensees coming and going and the pub suffering long periods of closure in between.

During the year 2016, at least 12 pubs which were open in January are believed to have finished the year with their doors closed. However, only 3 are known for sure to have gone permanently: the Four Winds in Falmouth, sold by St Austell Brewery after a sudden closure a year ago and now burnt down after a mysterious fire, the Dolphin Inn in Newlyn, which became a general store, and the Hop & Vine in St Austell, now given over to residential use. Five of the pubs can only be said to have an uncertain future, as they are closed but with no indication of what is likely to happen next. They are, in Falmouth, the Cutty Sark (closed early 2016, refurbished, reopened, then closed again), and Waterman's (closed by the Council apparently, over 'noise issues'); the Britanni Inn in Chacewater; the Church House Inn in Lunkinhouse closed in April (finance issues), in Penzance the ex-St Austell house Sir Humphrey Davy reopened in April then closed suddenly 3 months later; and out on the Lizard, the Three Tuns in St Verena closed on the summer. Meanwhile, St Austell Brewery sold two of their pubs to Kettle Brewery: the Mount Ambrose Inn in Redruth, and the nearby Railway Inn at Illogan Highway. The new owners are currently seeking tenants to run them and hope to have them open again 'in the Spring'. Finally the Chain Locker in Falmouth is having a lengthy refurbishment by St Austell Brewery and should open again by Easter with an experienced manager from a GBG pub in Somerset.

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However... partly offsetting these closures we had some new openings in the county, and 3 reopenings of pubs which had been closed for a long while. The William IV in Madron came alive again in January, and the Rose Cottage in Redruth reopened its doors in September (but with no real ale). Interestingly, there were also 3 'micro-pubs' making an entry on to the Cornish pub scene. First off was Trebarded Tavern in Redruth selling one local real ale, followed by the Pilchard Press in St Ives which pursues a vigorous policy of offering up to 6 microbrewery ales and a cider or two, frequently changed; and then the Tom Thumb opened in Newquay, describing itself as a 'speakeasy' bar. And then another new arrival next door to the Cutty Sark, called the Townhouse, with 3 Skinner's ales available in December.

Change of ownership for two pubs in Newquay has seen The Cribbar former Wetherspoon on Beach Road and nearby Walkabout being bought by the Stonegate Group. This pub company was established by former management personnel of Wetherspoon and also own the Red Lion and Salvoes Arms in the town. CAMRA discount is usually offered on a range of real ales.

So in summary, we lost 3 pubs permanently, but gained 6 either new or reopened, and have 5 more in an uncertain limbo which might well reopen eventually (6 if we add in the Brea Inn, just closed as reported above). Not a bad count compared with national average and some other areas of the country.

If you have any pubs news please contact pubsofficer@cornwall.camra.org.uk

ONE & ALE

MAKING A PIG'S EAR OF IT

Reading an interesting feature in the Autumn edition of BEER magazine about lost breweries in London sowed the seed for a visit next time I was planning to travel to the capital. The Pig's Ear beer festival took place in Hackney the last few days of November and saw me both visit the festival and sightseeing my way around former breweries. Pig's Ear is cockney rhyming slang for beer, but I've entitled this article the way it is because of the things that went wrong. Taking advantage of the 20% CAMRA discount on National Express coach fares I booked the overnight Newquay to Victoria. Setting off at 22:15 there were only 2 other passengers, picking up 2 more at Bodmin Morrison's (because of the roadworks). We took a route into Plymouth that I did not recognise so that the coach could be filled with diesel at the NE depot. I overheard the driver admit that we only just made it as his low fuel warning light was on when we left Newquay! We picked up more passengers in the new coach station in Plymouth including a family with a very young baby that was screaming (fortunately not all the way to London) and an elderly couple who claimed the seat I was sat in with most legroom.

Although warm enough on the coach I could see a heavy frost outside and had sympathy for those getting on at places like Bridgwater in the middle of the night. My Smartphone battery was getting low but the charger wouldn't work when plugged in on the coach. So I was glad to get a table near an electric socket in Wetherspoons on Victoria railway station (opens at 06:00). Our coach was due in at 06:15 but was 15 minutes late due to the M4 being closed for roadworks and diversion onto the old A4 through Newbury. After recharging myself with a full English and my

phone battery I took the tube to Monument and looked at the column that commemorates the Great Fire of London (1666-2016 is 350 years). You can climb a spiral staircase to the top for a small charge, but it doesn't open until 10 o'clock. Instead I walked across London Bridge to the base of The Shard (see picture left), but my knees went wobbly at the £30 price tag to take the lift to the viewing platform at the top, and the fact I would probably cling to the floor eyes tightly closed wishing I could get down to the bottom again. Just before you cross Tower Bridge on the south bank of the Thames you see Anchor Brewhouse at Horseleydown, which dates



back to the 16th century. In 1787, it was bought by John Courage and what you see today is mainly an 1895 rebuild that was finally closed in 1981 and converted to offices and luxury flats. On the north side of the river you enter St Katharine Docks and more luxury flats, but also the Dickens Inn pub (left) and former site of the Red Lion brewery. In business since at least 1492 it was here in 1736 that

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The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has presented Penzance Beer Company, based in Crowlas, with five awards picked up at October's Falmouth Beer Festival, including a cup for champion Cornish beer.

There was a silver category award for Mild, and gold category awards for Crowlas Bitter and Scilly Stout. Scilly Stout was named runner-up champion beer and took the champion beer of Cornwall award, too.

The presentation to brewery and Star Inn owner and brewer, Pete Elvin, was made by Dugg Polman, deputy chairman of Cornwall CAMRA, in front of a busy pub. "I'm astounded we got so many awards across the board," said Pete. "I want to thank my loyal customers - without them I wouldn't be brewing these beers."

He thanked his staff, too, led by manager Emma Blewett. "If they weren't doing such a great job I would be able to end so much time in the shed!"

Penzance Brewing Co brews four regular beers - Crowlas Bitter, Potion No 9, Brisson Bitter and Mild - which are always on tap at the Star. A rota of other beers includes last year's biggest hit, Hopmystic, a fresh and tropical tasting golden beer, and, of course, the rich and delicious Scilly Stout.



Simon Kirby Beer Today

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BREWERY NEWS

Several new breweries have appeared on the scene over the past few months while our longer established ones seem to go from strength to strength. One or two hiccups along the way have seen Penpoint and Rebel up for sale, but soon purchased with brewing commencing once more shortly afterwards.

New breweries to mention are **Fish Key** in Looe where beers have been brewed, HopZit!, a pale bitter at 4% abv; Hip Hop at 4.5%, a golden ale and Brew T, a 4.4% bitter. Meanwhile just down the coast you would expect to find the **Fowey Brewery**, but this was established on the Restormel Industrial Estate further upstream in Lostwithiel in August 2016. Currently believed to be only producing bottled beers you can find out more on their Facebook page. **Tin Miner's Brewery** has established at St Just in Roseland with four beers available so far, Scovan Lode, Mellior Stone, Forys Backs and Cousin Jack. All appear to be 4.2%, but range from blonde, copper, American Pale Ale to Falmouth Oyster Stout. Bottled and draught should be available. Meanwhile at the popular brewing site in Ponsancho (where eventually it looks like there will be three breweries) **Woodman's** are in full production. Woodman's first two beers are **Head Plun Porter**, brewed with local plums from the Koa Parish; and **Wild Milk** which includes heather, yarrow and wild thyme. Beers will be available in pils, key-peg and in bottle conditioned format. Apple based Weizenbocks have been added to the range. Woodman's hope to be able to offer tours in the coming months, which may also incorporate other local breweries. Owner, Stuart Woodman, is a respected forger and chef, so expect to see more unusual beers being brewed from now on. All beers will be seasonal. At neighbouring brewery **Dynamite Valley** the bespoke brewing kit that is currently being used is hoped will be replaced some time in 2017. The fined beers within the portfolio - TNT IPA and Gold Rush - are now being brewed using Brauery meaning DV can now call itself veggie vegetarian friendly. The other beers are unfined. With an increase in production and sales, the intention is to look into canning in the future. Brew Cafe remains Saturday only 12-6pm, but with weekly food provided by Boss Good (Wild Food) with friends and brewery neighbour Stewart Woodman (Woodman's Wild Brew). Log burner installed too which makes visiting an industrial unit far more of a pleasure! Mention of beers being veggie friendly comes the news that most of the **Skinner's** range of bottled beers have received Vegan Society approval. With the exception of Hops 'n' Honey and Penny Come Quick, which include honey and milk respectively, all other ales are veggie and vegetarian. Steve Skinner was also recently presented with a gold certificate for Cornish Knecker at last year's Falmouth Beer Festival. Finally we just have room to report that **Blue Anchor** in Helston have bought a 1200litre brewing plant on which they will produce their beer for the pub. This will be going in behind the old brewery which will be kept and become a visitors attraction. The new kit will arrive at the beginning of March and production will begin at the end of March. The first brew will be Middle. Planning permission is in for a new brewery up at Water Ma Trout industrial Estate. This has been a long term ambition.

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MAKING A PIC'S EAR OF IT

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owner Humphrey Parsons created Parsons' black Champagne by first maturing porter in tall wooden vats. The brewery survived the construction of the docks in 1827, becoming Hoare & Co, whose Toby Jug logo was appropriated by Charrington when it took over and closed it in 1933. The pub is an 18th-century, timber-framed warehouse, which could once have belonged to the brewery and of course was closed at the time I was wandering about.

It wasn't long before I was walking along Brick Lane, taking in all the delightful smells of the myriad of curry restaurants that now trade here, and wondering what smells would have delighted me before Trueman's Brewery was closed in 1988. The brewery buildings on both sides of Brick Lane have preservation orders on them, including the 160-foot boiler chimney, although they are now a busy media, food and entertainment hub in the heart of what is now one of London's trendiest districts. Trueman's held out as London's biggest independent brewer until 1971, when it was absorbed into the Watney empire. The Trueman brand has been revived under new ownership, brewed in Hackney Wick.

After much more wandering about it was time to make my way out to the Round Chapel in Hackney where the festival was due to open at 12 noon. Having previously travelled several times together with Graham Whiting and friends on the train I thought it would be easy enough to find my way by bus, using my old codgers pass for free. There were plenty of buses, but having caught one to Hackney, everywhere started to look familiar and I ended up getting off too early. Anyway I soon spotted a likely beer festival attendee (I can spot them a mile off!) and we walked together to the festival only to find there was still a queue outside at 12.30. We discovered they had been late opening because someone had lost the key to the portaloos. Being an old Methodist Chapel it was never built to accommodate a host of merry drinkers. The picture on the right is me enjoying a half while sat in the gallery that extends ¾ of the way around the first floor level. The East London & City branch of CAMRA organise this festival and had planned the beer stillages on opposite sides of the room. Previously it had been London brewers on one side and the rest of the country on the other. This time it was supposed to be darker beers such as stouts and porters on one side and lighter coloured beers on the other. Evidently some brewers had confused the festival organisers when naming their beers and customers ended up crossing the room several times searching for a particular beer. Yes, you've guessed it, someone had made a Pig's Ear of it.

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GOOD BEER GUIDE PUB SELECTION

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By the time this edition of our newsletter hits the streets the selection process for the 2018 Guide will be almost complete. A meeting was held on 25 February in Bodmin where the difficult job of choosing 62 entries (plus reserves) from some 600 pubs across Cornwall was made. The hunt for suitable candidates to go into the each Good Beer Guide is a constant one. 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.

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 the 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 from Cornwall CAMRA to submit their scores. We ask members to score the pub continuously not just once or twice. Please spend a small amount of time beer scoring and be an active member. The branch has also selected this year's Pub of the Year by members voting for their choice. More news in the next issue.

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Mudgeon Vean Farm, St Martin, Helston, TR12 6DB
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ST AUSTELL BREWERY SMALL BATCH BEERS BEER CLUB

When this edition of One and Ale comes out, St Austell will have been running their small batch brewery for one year. Three dozen new beers have been brewed and been available in the thirty plus pubs, clubs and bars that are members of the club. A list of outlets in the club for 2017 can be found at the end of this article. By working with different suppliers, local and further afield, the brewery have used different hops, malts, yeasts and some more unusual ingredients to produce a huge range of diverse beers. Not only different suppliers, but also a range of brewers and beer drinkers, both from within St Austell, and from other breweries have been involved in producing this range of beers.

The Small Batch Brewery has been incorporated into a visitor area, to provide a unique experience for visitors to the brewery. The brewery tap, The Hicks Bar, has re-opened after closure for refurbishment. If you are in the St Austell area, well worth a visit.

Each beer has only been available for a short period, each pub in the Small Batch Beers Club gets one 9 gallon firkin of each beer. The small batch plant has a capacity of 10 barrels, giving 40 9 gallon firkins, one for each pub, one for the Hicks Bar at the brewery, and a couple left over for bottling.

Four of the most successful beers from the last year, Babab, wheat beer, Cardinal Syn, Bad Habit, and Sayson are going to be permanently available as bottled beer in 330 ml bottles. The Cardinal Syn and Bad Habit are Belgian style beers at about 8% A.B.V. I had a very happy time at the Celtic Beer Festival in November with glasses of the two beers, one in each hand to compare and contrast.

Two other beers are now to be brewed on a regular basis, Eureka, and Underdog Session IPA. Unfortunately, they will only be available as keg beer, not in cask.

Robb O'Don, Brewing Team Leader at St Austell, tells me that the brewers love going into the small batch brewery to try out new ideas and old recipes. Ellis Original has been brewed in early January based on a recipe from the old Ellis brewery, Hayle dating back into the early 1900s! Look out for an odd cask or two across the Duchy. Available at the time of writing, is Cousin Jack, an amber 4.0% abv bitter, celebrating England and Exeter rugby player, Cornish man Jack Nowell. It is an excellent pint, and Sp for every pint sold will go to the RNLI.

The 2017 Small Batch Beer Programme starts with "Hop in the Dock" available from 6th March, a 4.5% abv English Ale, using Charles Faram trial variety hops, still un-named. There will be two further beers in March, three on April and three in May.

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THE DIRECT DEBIT GUARANTEE

This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.

If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit, the Campaign for Real Ale Ltd will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request the Campaign for Real Ale Ltd to contact a general confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.

If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit to the Campaign for Real Ale Ltd or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.

If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when the Campaign for Real Ale Ltd asks you to.

You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

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BEER FESTIVALS

Friday 17 March: Cornish Arms Beer & Music Festival, St Merryn
31 Mar-1 Apr: Blue Anchor, Helston
31 Mar-1 Apr: Cornish Arms, Hayle
Friday 7 April: Fools Festival
Sunday 9 April: National CAMRA AGM and Members Weekend, Bournemouth
13-17 April: Minerva Inn, Plymouth
Annual Beer & Cider Festival
Thursday 27 April: SIBA South West beer festival
To Saturday 29: Tuckers Maltings, Newton Abbot
28-30 April: Helston-Lizard Rotary Club
Friday 28 April: National CAMRA AGM and Members Weekend, Bournemouth
Friday 14 July: Merry Moor, Mawgan Porth
To Sunday 18: Compleatly Cider, Ale, Cider & Music
Friday 16 June: Watermill, Lelant
To Sunday 18: Beer & Music Festival 40 ales & ciders
Saturday 24 June: Wadebridge Lions beerfest
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Friday 14 July: Delabole Carnival beer fest
Saturday 22 July: Star Inn, Vogue
Bash Out the Back
Tuesday 8 August: Great British Beer Festival
To Saturday 12: Olympia, London
25-28 August: Bowgie Inn, Cranstock
22-24 September: Newquay Beer Festival
Hendra Holiday Park

If any readers know of any other beer festivals that have dates fixed for 2017 please notify details to the editor.

CAMRA MEMBERS DISCOUNTS

The J D Wetherspoon voucher system is available to CAMRA members in Cornwall, where there are now 10 Wetherspoon pubs; Penance, St Ives, Camborne, Helston, Falmouth, Truro, Perranporth, Newquay, St Austell and Bodmin.

In addition the following pubs also offer a discount on real ale, real cider and/or food upon production of your CAMRA membership card.

Falmouth	Quayside
Falmouth	Clashlocker
Marazion	Fire Engine
Newquay	Cribber
Newquay	Red Lion
St Mawgan	Falcon Inn
Truro	Old Ale House

CAMRA Kernow believe there are more pubs than listed here. Please contact pubsofficer@cornwall.camra.org.uk

BRANCH DIARY

Saturday 11 March: Penryn Walking Tour
12 noon: Meet at Thriny School

Saturday 18 March: Cornwall CAMRA AGM
12 for 12:30: Skinner's Brewery, Truro

Saturday 22 April: Branch Meeting TBA

19-21 October: Falmouth Beer Festival
Princess Pavilion, Melville Rd

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