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Hop Off The Press

I would like to start by offering Plymouth CAMRA Branch condolences to the families and friends of the following Pub Landlords who have sadly passed away since the last publication of Drakes Drinker:

Phil Cawse – Nowhere Inn, Greenbank

Steve Smith – Fortescue Hotel, Mutley

Peter Wright – Three Crowns, Barbican.

As a branch, we have a busy few months of social trips and events. These will include trips to Bristol, Ivybridge and Falmouth. There will also be a Rail Ale Festival at Plym Valley Railway. Please

see the diary page on our website for full details. Our social trip are open to camra members and others who wish to come and join us for a good day out.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of support from the branch members in forming a festival committee, there will be no Plymouth CAMRA Beer Festival in 2017. I would like to remind branch members that this is your beer festival and it takes a lot of work to make it happen, so your input in any future beer festivals will be appreciated.



As usual we would like to have more people to submit articles for Drakes Drinker.

Andy Richardson

Editor



East Cornwall Pub Crawl, by train and bus.

One Saturday earlier this year, nearly fifty CAMRA members braved the inclement weather and embarked on a campaigning trip to some of the hard to get to rural pubs around Gunnislake and Callington. Roger, our trip organiser, arranged for a coach to pick members up at various places throughout Cornwall – a big thankyou to Roger – and at Gunnislake Station for members from Devon and Somerset.

We arrived at the centre of Gunnislake, our first stop, and walked a short way down the hill to The Rising Sun, which is an oak-beamed country inn dating from the 17th century and lies in a conservation area. It had a good choice of 5 real ales. The exposed stone walls and wooden beams allow for an extensive display of chinaware, while the beautiful terraced garden affords views of the Tamar Valley. A true community pub with live music most weekends and it also hosts activities, including games nights.



After a quick hike back up the hill and a short ride, we arrived at The Rifle Volunteer, St Ann's Chapel, which was built as a mine captain's house in around 1800, then converted to a coaching inn during the mid-19th century. The main bar leads into a large conservatory with views over the garden and panoramic views across the Tamar Valley. This is where we were treated to plates of pasties (meat and vegetarian) which we were all very grateful for. There was a great range of beers available.

The third pub on our trip was The White Hart, Chilsworthy, which is a cosy rural community pub and is tucked into the steep northern slopes of the Tamar Valley near the prominent landmark of Kit Hill. It has wood-burning stoves set in two stone chimney breasts in what used to be separate bar rooms. There were horse brasses and other such artefacts. There was a small restaurant and garden to the rear enjoying spectacular views over Dartmoor and the Tamar Valley. There was a small restaurant and garden to the rear enjoying spectacular views over Dartmoor and the Tamar Valley.



When we arrived at the next village, Metherell, we had a choice of two pubs both within walking distance of each other, the Carpenters Arms and the Cross House Inn.



The Carpenters Arms was located down a network of country lanes. It is a 15th century pub which is full of character and atmosphere. The public bar had slate with heavy black beams that held in place massive exposed stone walls. There was also a larger lounge which also functions as a dining area. There was also outdoor seating on the sun terrace.

The Cross House was a large, comfortable, solidly-built rural family run pub. It has a small function room and separate dining area, with an extensive garden with a play area. Families and dogs are welcome. The car park was very large and was able to accommodate our coach while we frequented the facilities and sampled the beers within the pub.



The last pub on our tour was The Bull's Head, Callington which is a 15th century pub located in the center of Callington. The pub has been under the same family ownership for many years, and is frequented by many locals. The bar includes a comfortable lounge with vast stone fireplace, fairly low oak beams, latticed windows and a profusion of brass. The pub supports darts teams, and there is live music every Friday.

This superb day discovering some of the less well known Free Houses in East Cornwall was a campaigning event with strategic objectives, fundamentally to support Rural Pubs at the worst trading time of the year, to entice non-active CAMRA members to join us and in hope of persuading licensees to expand their beer range to encourage more beer drinkers. I must say the beers were definitely not boring as you can see by the list below, a wonderful and diverse selection. It was also great to meet members that have not been out on the trips before; we hope to see you again.

If you were not able to join us this time, please do drop into one of the pubs – you won't be disappointed. On behalf of CAMRA I would like to say a big thank you to all the pubs that looked after us throughout the day with snacks, lunch and a great range of beers. A massive thank you, too, to the bus driver who waited round for us while we enjoyed our day out and to Roger, the transport secretary, for organising the day.

Some of the Beers seen on the day

Brains Rev James, Cornish Chough Cadgwith Crabber, Cotleigh Barn Owl, Cottage Rebellion, Dartmoor Jail Ale, Driftwood Lou's Brew, Exmoor Ale, Wadworth Horizon, Moorstone Ruby Red, Otter Amber, Sharps Doom Bar & Special, St Austell Tribute & Trelawney, Tavy Ales Best, Teignworthy Reel Ale & Spring Tide, Urban Island DSB

BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

Mountbatten, Turnchapel and Hooe Pub Crawl Wednesday 2nd August 2017 7:00 pm Hotel Mount Batten

There will be a pub crawl of Turnchapel and Hooe. From the City, catch the Stagecoach No 2 bus. Meet at the Hotel Mount Batten at 1900, then on to the Clovelly Bay Inn, Boringdon Arms, then a stroll around Hooe Lake and on to the Royal Oak, finishing at the Victoria Inn.

Tavistock Survey Trip Saturday 19th August 2017 12:00 pm Cornish Arms

We will have a Campaign Survey trip around a selection of Tavistock pubs. Meet at Stand A21, Royal Parade, City Centre, at 1040 for the Stagecoach X1 1055 to Tavistock. We will decide on the day where we will go, but expect to visit the following pubs: Bedford Hotel, Tavistock Inn, Union Inn, Queen's Head Hotel, Cornish Arms and the Duke of York Hotel.

Branch Social Meeting Wednesday 6th September 2017 8:00 pm Providence

The branch social meeting will take place in the Providence, 20, Providence Street, Greenbank, Plymouth, PL4 8JQ, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.

Day Trip To Bristol Saturday 16th September 2017 6:30 am Test Pub

Come and join us for a day out in Bristol. Meet at Plymouth Coach Station at 0630 for the Stagecoach Falcon service to Bristol at 0700. Group tickets are available direct from the driver - please make yourself known to us !

We will arrive in Bristol at around 1015 and have breakfast in a local café to prepare for the day ahead. It is anticipated that we will be able to visit two breweries during the day. Our return is planned for 2000, arriving back in Plymouth by 2310.



BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

The Hoe Pub Crawl Wednesday 4th October 2017 7:00 pm Pub On The Hoe

There will be a social pub crawl around the Hoe area of the city, starting at the Pub On The Hoe, at 1900. We will then go on to the Waterfront Pub & Eating House, West Hoe, Salumi Bar & Eatery and finishing at the Mount Pleasant Carvery. South West Regional Meeting - October 2017

Saturday 7th October 2017 12:00 pm Test Pub

The CAMRA South West Regional Meeting will take place in the Con Club, 23 Bridgeland Street, Bideford, North Devon EX39 2QA, on Saturday 7 October at 1200 for a prompt 1230 start. Please note that this is a social club, and not a political club. Travel details to follow nearer the time.

Please see BIDEFORD CON. CLUB for details of the venue.

Visit Falmouth Beer Festival Saturday 21st October 2017 9:00 am Test Pub

We plan to take the train down to Falmouth to visit Falmouth CAMRA Beer Festival, followed by a little trip around some selected Falmouth pubs afterwards.

Full details will be provided nearer the time.

For full and up to date beer festival details, please see FALMOUTH BEER FESTIVAL 2017

Branch Social Meeting Wednesday 1st November 2017 8:00 pm Waterloo Inn

The branch social meeting will take place in the Waterloo Inn, 30, Waterloo Street, Stoke, Plymouth, PL1 5RS, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.

Ivybridge Campaign Day Saturday 18th November 2017 11:30 am Sportsman's Inn

A Campaign Survey trip around Ivybridge will take place on Saturday 18th November 2017. Meet at Stand A13, Royal Parade, City Centre, at 1130 for the Stagecoach Gold 1140 to Torbay (arriving in Ivybridge at 1207). Day rider tickets are available from the driver.

Return to Plymouth by around 1800.

We will start at the Sportsman's Inn, then on to the Trehill Arms, Exchange, Old Smithy, Duke of Cornwall and finishing at the Imperial Inn.



Pub & Brewery News

Pub and Brewery News – June, July & August 2017.

The **CAMRA** Discount Scheme enables pubs to promote their business to our members easily, and to hopefully encourage more trade. The discount given will be advertised free of charge in our branch magazine, **Drake's Drinker**, as well as on our website www.plymouth.camra.org.uk and the National **CAMRA** website. We can also provide posters to advertise the offer to visitors. If you are the licensee of a pub and are interested of taking part in this scheme, please contact our Branch Vice Chairman, Ian Dickinson, at vicechairman@plymouth.camra.org.uk.

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Pub News – June 2017

The Cherry Tree, Ham Drive, Pennycross, is rumoured to be closing “in August”; the Bluebird, Eggbuckland, has a new licensee; the Sir Joshua Reynolds and the Post Office Inn, both on the Ridgeway, Plympton, have raised issues about their rents in the local paper, as has the Colebrook Inn, also in Plympton, which may be forced to close “soon”; the Morley Arms, Laira Bridge, is now for sale “Freehold”; the Vessel, Exeter Street, is now open for on-sales as a bar daily, except Mondays; sadly, the River Cottage Canteen, Royal William Yard, closed unexpectedly; & the Stannary Brewery Tap is open between 1900 and 2300 every Thursday, and will be open between 1200 and 2000 on Saturday 24th and between 1200 and 1800 on Sunday 25th June, with a BBQ available on both days.

Brewery News – July 2017

Moorstone Brewery, Mary Tavy, launched their third beer, Theo's Brew, at the recent Mary Tavy Inn Beer Festival; and Jon at Tavy Ales will be launching a new premium beer soon, named Sound Bitter, which will be around ABV 5.0%.

Pub News – July 2017

The Boringdon Arms, and **Clovelly Bay Inn**, both Turnchapel are holding festivals over w/e 28/29 July (beer, and cider/sausage). Open Fri 1600/1800 – 2300, and 1200 – 2300 Saturday, which coincides with Turnchapel Community Day; **Pub On The Hoe**, **The Hoe**, joined Discount Scheme – 10%/pint, and gained Cask Marque accreditation wef 8/6/17; **Butcher's Arms**, Stonehouse, has been converted to the Hutong Café, nothing remaining of pub; **Firkin Dog House**, Union St, have had two reports in 3 months of no real ale; **Forest Inn**, Hexworthy, is now open 7 days a week; **Dartmoor Inn**, Merrivale, has been advertised for sale; **Plymstock Inn** is reportedly closed; **River Cottage Canteen & Deli**, Royal William Yard, closed unexpectedly recently; **Noah's Ark**, **City Centre**, closed for refurbishment and re-opened on Friday 14th July; **Edgcumbe Arms**, Milton Abbot, have new licensees, as does the **Market Inn**, Tavistock, who are very keen to increase their real ales on offer; the **White Thorn Inn**, Shaugh Prior, may reopen later this year.



Pub & Brewery News

Brewery News – July 2017

Art Brew, N Devon – new beer range, suitable for vegetarians and vegans; **Barnaby's Brewhouse**, Staverton – new brewery, “craft lagers”, no real ale; Camel, Camelford – renamed **Dowr Kammel**; **Fat Belly**, N Devon – new brew pub at Cottage Inn, Lynbridge; Forge relocated 7 miles from N Devon to Cornwall; **RCH** has ceased brewing and closed; **Pitchfork Ales** are a new brewery and have taken on some RCH beers; **Salcombe** have relocated 1 mile to new brewery premises; **Two Beech**, S Devon, may be relocating soon; Two Tone Beer, Shebear, N Devon – new brewery, no details available; **Wooden Hand** – have a completely new beer range.

Pub News – August 2017

Royal Standard, Mary Tavy, appears to be re-opening soon as a licensed café/restaurant under a new name; the **Leaping Salmon**, Horrabridge, has been sold to a village resident, who has a background in hospitality, with plans to reopen the pub after some refurbishment; the **Copper Penny Inn**, Chipshop, is apparently for sale; the old City Centre post office, Old Town Street, may be opening as a new restaurant, Turtle Bay; the **Colebrook Inn**, Plympton, has re-opened under new tenants, as has the Plymstock Inn; and there is some local interest in Yealmpton in trying to gain ACV status for the **Volunteer Inn**. **Kings Head**, Bretonside reopened.

Brewery News – August 2017

The **Stannary Brewery**, Tavistock, may be relocating within the Picton Industrial Estate to a more suitable unit within the next few months; it has been rumoured that **Dartmoor** no longer supply “House Beers” to pubs; Bere brewery beers are available at Tavistock Farmers Market every 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm; **Braunton Brewery**, Barnstaple, closed in May, after the sale of the equipment to a Brew Pub Group in Cape Town, South Africa; **Country Life**, of Bideford, recently won three awards at the SIBA Beer Festival, Tuckers Maltings; the **Dartmoor Brewery**, Princetown, building has now increased in size to improve space and storage capacity. Dartmoor IPA has been re-launched by adding slightly more hoppiness. Also, the sale of each pint will provide financial support to Dartmoor Rescue; **Exeter Brewery** won two awards at the SIBA Maltings Festival; **Moonchild**, Okehampton, continue brewing unfiltered, unfiltered, unpasteurised small batch beers; Moorstone, Mary Tavy, have now received the Real Ale In a Bottle (RAIB) CAMRA accreditation. They are now supplying 6 local outlets around Tavistock and just into Cornwall; **Noss Beer Works**, Lee Mill, continue brewing their three ales, selling to outlets around the region; **Salcombe Brewery** have successfully relocated one mile up the road to their new, purpose-built brewery and visitor centre at Ledstone; **Summerskills** have again brewed their Stout, Devon Frost and Out Back And Home and featured at the **Horse & Groom**, Bittaford, “Brewery Of The Week initiative; and **Tavy Ales**, of Beliver, report an increase in sales following their success at the CAMRA national Winter Ale Festival for Tavy Porter.

We would like to wish all new licensees and brewers all the very best in their new ventures!



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QUALITY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Peter Wright – Three Crowns

A legendary landlord has tragically passed away and hundreds of locals have shared their memories of a man they called “a true gentleman”.

Pete Wright was the landlord of the Three Crowns for more than 25 years and those who knew him have paid heart-felt tributes to the man they loved and admired.

Annabel Hebb, proprietor of Annabel’s Cabaret, told The Herald: “He was a true gentleman and an old school landlord, a massive supporter of the military. He will be truly missed.



“I had some good rounds of spoof, as did many others; it was proper military game with lots of alcohol.”

Jack Fry, bar manager at the Mount Pleasant, had known Pete for many years and worked for him at the Three Crowns as a DJ.

He said: “He was a true legend of the Barbican and a fantastic bloke, Rest in Peace Pete. I’ll raise a glass of port for you.”

Jack told the Herald that Pete had always been a massive supporter of the marines and the commandos and that the pub was covered in memorabilia.

Neil Mctighe, a good friend of Pete’s said that he was a “good and loyal friend” and that he had “lots of great memories of swilly” with him.

Jack Davey, a musician shared his grief over losing his dear friend but also memories he will cherish for a lifetime.

“I first met Pete when I moved to Plymouth from Ireland ten years ago. My Irish music and comedy show played at his pub every Sunday night for a few years and we became friends.

“He took great pride in his pub and his customers. He loved the Royal Marines who drank there regularly and enjoyed my tributes to the forces too.

“I found him to be a really solid old school landlord, which is a rare thing these days. If he said he was going to do something he would do it, and always ready to help anyone that needed it.

“We shared many a great laugh together after my shows in the Three Crowns.

He added: “The Barbican will be a lesser place without his character down there. He’ll be sorely missed by all of the Plymouth music community. My thoughts are with his family, rest in peace Geezer.”

Courtesy of Plymouth Herald

Phil Cawse – Nowhere Inn



Phil Cawse was, until his recent sad passing after a long battle with cancer - the well-known, much-loved and respected landlord of the Nowhere Inn in Plymouth from 2004-17.

Under his guidance the pub became a veritable mecca for people of all ages and walks of life, especially for those who loved alternative music, and where respect and tolerance of all was the norm. People felt welcome and comfortable there, despite the pub's somewhat ramshackle appearance.

Phil was a landlord of the old school, welcoming and friendly to all who walked through the door. While he stood no nonsense in his pub, he was always there for his friends, always there with advice, help, or happy just putting the world to rights in his own unique style.

Phil made the Nowhere into a well-known live music venue, especially for up-and-coming local bands. Phil himself was a guitarist who played in bands, most notable the Bus Station Loonies. Many of those bands queued up to play at the recent Philfest held in his memory.

Phil always cared about his customers, and one of his proudest moments came when the Nowhere Inn made it into the CAMRA Good Beer Guide for the first time in 2016.

It says a lot that there were hundreds of people in – and outside - the pub celebrating Phil's life at his wake, and hopefully that will give his widow Yot and son Neil some comfort.

RIP Phil
Grizzly

Steve Smith – 1970-2017

It was in the 90's at The Thistle Park Tavern – then one of the city's premier real ale outlets, run under the dynamic direction of the much respected landlord, known widely as Q – that I first met the sorcerer's apprentice, a young man called Steve Smith. He created an immediate impression: energetic, enthusiastic, and informed, with a real flair for the trade and an easy rapport with a wide range of clientele. He later described his time there as: "where Quentin and I rocked it for three and a half years". My numerous hangovers during that period proved the veracity of Steve's observation. It would not have taken Nostradamus to predict he would soon make his mark.



Fast forward to 2001 when Steve took over the command of The Fortescue. It was a pub I had known well from the mid Seventies through the Eighties but had not visited it for some considerable time. It was run from 1954-88 by Gordon Treganza – known as Mr T. He had his own unique way of how his Lounge and Public Bar should be occupied; a clear distinction was made the connotations of social division and exclusivity – a pre-Sixties mindset. Luckily my colleagues and I wore suits!

A few years after Steve took over; favourable reports were heard on the local CAMRA jungle drum. My first visit in fifteen years confirmed the rumours. It was now a one bar pub with a wide range of real ales dispensed in superb condition. Steve's ethos was 21st century with an inclusive and egalitarian ambience. The staff were welcoming and alternative: Betty the legend obviously and the steadfast Sarah, two amongst many. Then the CAMRA awards started to arrive. From 2008 until the present year, The Fortescue was awarded the local pub of the year – with only one omission in 2012. Here, beyond dispute, was the city's pre-eminent pub. The sorcerer had arrived.

But it was outside the small bubble that is CAMRA, where Steve established himself as someone far more influential than just a purveyor of fine ale. He had an almost innate sense of the importance and centrality of the pub in the community. He tirelessly organised and promoted the darts and cricket teams providing pleasure and companionship for many. The Fortescue hosted a range of events over the years and nothing was too much trouble for the landlord. His Spingo Sunday Lunch reached cult status and provided a focused social event for many. Equally importantly, it has been said to me often: you could not hope for a better friend than Steve Smith.

To describe the last year as an agonising ordeal would be an understatement for Steve and Natasha. On Steve's part he continued the fight in his beloved pub with a positivity and perseverance way beyond most men. The indomitable Natasha, the gatekeeper, and the pillar of strength was always by her "soul mate's" side.

They say you can tell the calibre of a man by his friends; the hundreds in the congregation at St Andrews on Friday confirmed that assertion in spades. Natasha's tribute, delivered under enormous pressure, produced a moment that I doubt anyone will experience again. The reverberating response was not only electrifying but humbling and yet edifying, as was the spontaneous applause. Steve would have been proud of his wife.

At times like this I often recall the words of a simple quatrain:

Most of life is froth and bubble, But two things stand like stone:

Kindness in another's trouble; Courage in one's own.

I can think of no better exemplar to embody the verse's basic human truths, than Steve Smith.

Stand and Deliver? Yes he did.

Michael Allen, August 5th 2017.



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Brass Monkey Royal Parade, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 1DS, where the discount is 10%/pint
Bread & Roses 62 Ebrington Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 9AF, where the discount is 10%/pint
Dolphin Hotel 14, The Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LS, where the discount is 15p/pint
Fishermans Arms Lambhay Hill, Barbican, PL1 2NN, where the discount is 10%/pint, 20% on food
Fortescue Hotel Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JQ, where the discount is 10%/pint, and on half pint
Golden Hind Mannamead Road, Plymouth, PL3 5RJ, where the discount is 10%/pint, and on half pint
Horse & Groom Exeter Road, Bittaford, Ivybridge, PL21 0EL, where the discount is 10p off a pint
Miner's Arms Hemerdon, near Plympton, PL7 5BU, where the discount is 30p/pint
Minerva Inn 31, Looe Street, Barbican, Plymouth PL4 0EA* See below
Noah's Ark 32A, Courtney Street, City Centre, Plymouth PL1 1EP, where the discount is 10%/pint on Guest Beers (not Greene King IPA)
Nowhere Inn Gilwell Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 8BU, where the discount is 10%/pint
Olde Plough Inn Fore Street, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JG, where the discount is 10%/pint, for both real ale and cider
Pub On The Hoe 159 Citadel Road, The Hoe, Plymouth, PL1 2HU, where the discount is 10%/pint
Stoke Inn Devonport Road, Stoke, Plymouth, PL3 4DL, where the discount is 10%/pint
Tamar Morshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5AD, where the discount is 10%/pint
Waterloo Inn 30, Waterloo Street, Stoke, PL1 5RS, where the discount is 10%/pint
Who'd Have Thought It Inn Milton Combe, Yelverton, PL20 6HP, where the discount is 6%/pint
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W Gog & Magog Southside Street, Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LA
W Mannamead Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JH
W Queen's Head Hotel 80 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ
W Stannary Court Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW
W Union Rooms Union Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 2SU



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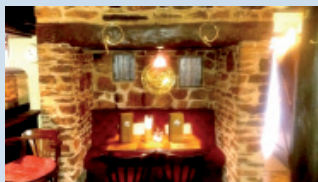
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THE 177 BUS ROUTE JOLLY

On a rather damp July day, four of us met up at the railway station to embark on a bit of a public transport mystery tour of a relatively unknown (to us) part of South Devon. Our leader staggered onto the concourse in the style of the living dead, a spectral and palsied vision tormented by the excesses of the previous night. He clearly needed the hair of the dog, if not the entire pooch.



I purchased a Devon day bus ticket for £9 which enabled me to travel on any bus in Devon. Of course I had to buy a train ticket. Our first point of call was Newton Abbot and then a short stroll to Newton Abbot Bus station. Unfortunately we were too early for The Railway Inn.



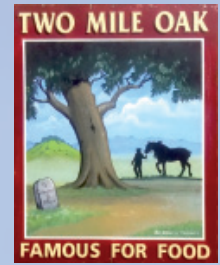
We caught the 177 country bus to Abbotskerswell for a visit to The Court Farm inn. It is a lovely country pub with a very pleasant garden. On offer inside were Bass and Tribute both on pump and straight from the barrel, as well as Jail ale and Otter. It is a lovely stone built pub with very welcoming staff. Lots of horse brasses on the very old beams. The background music was very soothing too. The tribute on

cask was even better than usual, though this was our first pub of the day.

Our next point of call found us doing a bit of off road walking through some pretty muddy fields being observed by some very curious cows.

When we came to a small country lane our leader said "turn left" so off we went in totally the wrong direction as it happened, for a couple of kilometres downhill until we came to a 4 way crossroad. It soon became apparent our leader had problems map reading. Captain Mainwaring springs to mind! After asking a couple of passing vehicles for directions a hasty u turn was arranged.

We eventually arrived at The Two mile Oak on the main road between Newton Abbot and Totnes. It is predominately a food pub; on offer were Otter, Jail and Bass all from the barrel. We retired into



the large beer garden with its car park overlooking a horse riding equestrian centre. Personally I thought the beer was poor but the other thought it was tolerable. Then there was a downpour.

The next stop on our trip was The Wellington at Ipplepen, complete with a handy bus stop right outside the pub. It is a very comfortable hostelry serving Otter, Doom bar and London Pride, although this beer was not available on our visit. On Sundays it serves a carvery in the very large dining area.

Just down the road we were looking for The Plough pub but it had been turned into housing so instead we had a warm welcome from the conservative club. On offer were Jail Ale and a very pleasant Bridgetown bitter.

We left in good time to catch our bus but, bizarrely for Devon, it appeared at the top of the hill 3 minutes early! One of our party still had the energy to gallop like a gazelle to intercept the vehicle before it pulled away, so we were spared the indignity of an hour's wait.

Our arrival at Littlehempston was after 3pm so we were not able to visit the tally Ho. On offer at the nearby Pig and Whistle were Hunters Devon Dreamer, Hanlons Yellow Hammer, Dartmoor and Jail ale. It is a Tudor style pub right on the main road and is popular eating house.



Then it was onto Totnes and a visit to The Albert Inn, which is home to Bridgetown brewery. It is a good old fashioned British pub, which we need more of, as sadly they are dying away. On offer were Bridgetown

Brewery bitter 4.2%, Albert Ale 3.8% and Cheeky Blonde with Citra hops at 4.5%. All beers were well received and this pub is well worth a visit.

By this time the weather had turned a lot dryer and warmer so it was off up the hill to The Barrel House, which consists of a microbrewery and craft ale house. This place has become something of an institution in Totnes and is well known for its large selection of craft beer. One beer I did notice on offer on the wall menu was Avarice Imperial Stout from Totnes Brewing Company; a whopping 10% and a hefty price tag of £5 a half or £3.30 a third. It went without being tasted. The pub itself is worth a visit, though it does have a “hipster” feel to it.

Then it was off to The Bay Horse with its excellent range of beers from New Lion Brewery including Pandit, Mane Event, and Totnes stout. It is a very busy pub with a large beer garden, perfect when the sun is out.

Our final stop was at The New Lion brewery on the way to the train station. The staff are very knowledgeable and it is a unique drinking environment well worth popping into, though space it at a premium. On draft were the wonderful Pandit, Tea Q9, Totnes Stout and the extraordinary Equinox. If you want bottled beers of various types they are available to take away if required.

So overall a very pleasant day out was had by all ending up at an unusual venue and for the most part the weather played its part.

Phil ward



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MAL DE MER

GOES SCILLY

We went a little further afield this time for our nautically themed trip, to the Isles of Scilly, and we have an extra real ale appreciating companion, Simon. We also have a slightly larger vessel as Doris is a little small for an expedition to the Isles of Scilly, Sandyman a 32 feet sailing yacht. As you can see, we started happy, and this time we stayed happy.



We set off from Plymouth on 14 June 2017 at lunchtime with a good weather forecast, so good that it turned out to be the mid-June heatwave, and in those conditions there is no better place to be than the Isles of Scilly. We arrived about 8.00am on Thursday morning at The Cove, St Agnes where we anchored all day and all night, and had a chance to visit The Turks Head, a former GBG entry where we had ales of the best including Ales of Scilly Schiller, a fine pint indeed.





On the Friday morning we had a short trip over to Porthcressa at Hugh Town St Marys, where we had a day and a night. We were able to use the beach showers at the back of the tourist office. Pubs visited were The Mermaid at the end of the main quay, The Atlantic Hotel, and the Bishop and Wolf. All of these are excellent hostelries serving Sharps Atlantic (what else?), Doom Bar, Betty Stoggs, Tribute, Trelawny, Proper Job, and HSD. There are a fish and chip and Thai takeaway vans behind the tourist office. The vote was that Mal did best with his cod and chips.

On Saturday the plan was to go round to Tresco and visit the Abbey Gardens, Mal being a keen horticulturalist in addition to an expert on beach landings. Having enjoyed the gardens, Mal and Simon walked up to The New Inn at New Grimsby while I went back to move Sandyman up to the water between Tresco and Bryher. There was not enough water to make the short route so I had to go all the way round the outside of Samson and Bryher and was treated to a fine display of Atlantic swell and a great view of the Bishop Rock lighthouse. The others were getting concerned about the time I was taking but I was able to meet them at The New Inn where we enjoyed excellent pints of Skinners Porthleven.



Anchored where we were between Tresco and Bryher we had to go to the pub on Bryher, The Fraggie Rock Inn. No cask ales here but you can buy bottled. A lovely little pub and the food looked excellent but we did not sample it as we were eating on the boat. We experienced the only mishap of the trip at Bryher as the dinghy got itself under Anneka's Quay and the tide came in a bit and trapped it but we were able to drag it out.

The following day was Sunday and Simon's last day before going back to work on the Monday, poor bloke. So we went to the last inhabited island, St Martins. We anchored near the New Quay by the hotel which has re-opened. We had an excellent Sunday lunchtime drink at The Seven Stones where cask ale is top quality and they also serve 5 real ciders (sorry, the photo of the beer pumps didn't come out well so I can't remember but there were a few and they were good and the ciders were Black Rat perry, Old Rosie, Navel Gazer, Healey's Farmhouse, and Rosie's Pig) – and perhaps the best pub garden view. We walked back along the beach, had a rest then ate at the hotel. We had an early start in the early hours of Monday morning



as we had to get over the shallow bit while the tide was in. We got close to Hugh Town ready to drop Simon off for The Scillonian. Mal and I had a day at St Marys, and then moved to an anchorage on the west side of St Marys, returning to the mainland on Wednesday going to Falmouth, but that is another story. The heatwave was still on.

So this time no one fell in the water by mistake, we had the best weather possible, and found top pubs on all the inhabited islands of the Isles of Scilly. What are you waiting for?

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