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Hop Off The Press

I would like to start by wishing our readers a very happy and fun filled 2018 and hope you get to enjoy many of the ale and cider festivals that will soon be announced in our branch area.

It was nice to see so many Camra members (from Plymouth, South Devon and Exeter and East Devon branches) join our annual Barbican Bimble. We also had a good turnout for our Mutley and Greenbank social evening in February. Please keep checking the diary page on the Plymouth CAMRA website for future events.



The summer issue will have the results of Plymouth Camra pub of the year voting, and the committee would like to thank the members that took the time to vote for their favourite pubs in our branch area. If you look at the pub news section of this newsletter, you will see that a number of pubs have reopened in our branch and let's hope many more will follow.

I would like to remind members the Branch AGM will take place at the OPM Suite on Saturday 14th April at 12pm for a prompt 12.30 start (please see website for further detail).

I would like to thank those who have contributed in submitting article for Drakes Drinker and request our readers to submitted articles for futures issues. We also need companied to advertise in Drakes Drinker to help it to continue being published.

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Communuty Pubs Month – April Mild Month – May Cider Month - May Andy Richardson Editor



Breton

LIVING down here in the heel of England might seem a bit of a distance from where it's at, but nothing could be further from the truth. The world is our oyster – and mussel too, for just across the Channel is Brittany with its wonderful moules et frites and Breton cider.



When Fran and I drive our car onto Brittany Ferries en route to Roscoff we know we won't go short of scrumpy, but in the boot is a crate of bottle-conditioned beers; for France, despite its superiority in most matters gastronomic is not, to be fair, our equal in ale.

The great thing about Roscoff is that you do not absolutely need to take your car (though useful for bringing back food and booze). We have gone as foot passengers, walking downhill into the nearby port passing (or not) bars on the way.

Hotels are plentiful and not pricey; we dump our baggage then head out to dine. Our favourite meal is, quite simply, seafood and Brittany boasts some of the best in the world. A simple plate of shellfish starts around eight euros or push the boat out with a magnificent platter of fruits de mer – fresh crab, mussels, oysters, cockles, whelks, clams, tiny shrimps and giant langoustines starting around 25-30 euros; add a lobster and it's 50. It's also famous for crepes, large and lacy, with fillings both sweet and savoury; freshly caught fish (and fish soup), local sausages, and signature Breton apple cakes. Not forgetting those mussels, often cooked in cider.

Unlike their fellow French, a Breton will not automatically pour a glass of wine but may well opt for cider, and it can be superb. In this region the golden cider of Cornouaille (French Cornwall) using seven varieties of apple was the first French cider to gain appellation controlee made from pure juice with a natural sparkle.

And, oui, there is some quaffable beer – and not just the Belgian bottled beers or abbaye styles served in Roscoff. In recent years breweries have opened across Brittany, often producing dark or amber ales. Award-winning Rosko brewery in



nearby Keraval brews non-filtered, nonpasteurised bottled beers; Rosko blanche is wheat beer style, there's a blonde raspberry beer, L'Epopee des Johnnies is named for French onion sellers, Rosko Pale Ale at six per cent is an American style IPA, a complex oak-aged barley wine at 10 per cent won a Medaille d'Or last year in the Concours National de la Biere - and their take on 'British bitter' is Kerav'ale! As I said earlier, Plymouth is gateway to the world so our journey is not quite over. In Autumn we went on a four-day trip to northern Spain staying just up the coast from Santander in Cantabria. I was expecting only Rioja and sherry but to my surprise this is another region with a great cider tradition and it doesn't come more artisan.

The still cloudy brew called sidra is fermented by the natural yeasts on the apple skin, with no sugar added and is intensely dry and quite sour; let's say an acquired taste. Traditionally it is poured



with the bottle held high above the glass, and there is a sediment – or in sidra bars might be served straight from the cask.

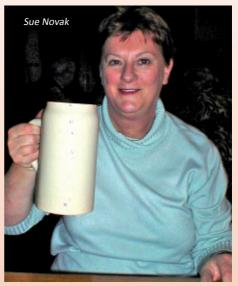
It could partner the famous dish of the region which I loved, a hearty stew of haricot beans, cabbage, a whole small black pudding, whole spicy sausage and thick slice of belly pork. Not till I got home





was I told Santander also has a brewery called Smach somewhere near the airport producing an IPA, brown ale and wheat beer. Apparently they do tours – if you go let me know.

Back on the ferry our tastebuds were challenged again. Their restaurant buffet is legendary, endless dishes of seafood, smoked salmon, meats, charcuterie, salads, quiches...then as generous a display of desserts. They also serve Breton cider but no real ale so I think there is a slot here for a strong bottle-conditioned local beer such as St Austell's Big Job. After all, the crossing is so smooth there's no risk of stirring up the sediment...



BRANCH DIARY & EVENTS

Branch Social Meeting Wednesday 7 March 2018 20:00 Millbridge Inn

The branch social meeting will take place in the Millbridge Inn, 23, Molesworth Road, PL1 5LZ, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.

Branch Annual General Meeting 2018 Saturday 14 April 2018 12:00 OPM Suite

The branch AGM will take place in the OPM Suite, Ford Park, Plymouth, PL4 6RN at 1200 for a prompt 1230 start. Any motions or items for discussion must be made in writing and submitted to the Branch Secretary, Ian Daniels, on secretary@plymouth.camra.org.uk. All branch positions are subject for election. Any nominations for positions must be made in writing, with a proposer, a seconder and a statement from the volunteer (who cannot be a proposer or a seconder) stating their willingness to stand. Any motions, items for discussion and nominations must be submitted in writing at least 7 days prior to the meeting to the Branch Secretary, and include membership numbers. Only Plymouth branch members can submit motions, stand for election and vote. Only items on the Agenda will be discussed, unless of an urgent nature. Valid Membership Cards are required, and will be checked prior to the commencement of the meeting. Members wishing to attend are asked to submit their intentions to the Branch Secretary to enable the correct catering requirements to be made. Thank you very much in advance.

Plymouth Branch Committee

Branch Social Meeting - May 2018 Wednesday 2 May 2018 20:00 Queen's Head Hotel

The branch social meeting will take place in the Queen's Head Hotel, 80 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ, starting at 2000, followed by a social gathering.





It was a glorious day during the August Bank Holiday weekend, when seven of us met up to visit Teignmouth and Shaldon. None of us had visited before except the "Good Captain" so we were all looking forward to it.



After departing from the train at Teignmouth we headed off to the nearby Weatherspoon's The Jolly Brise to participate in a bit of breakfast. Upon arrival we headed up to the top floor where there was a glorious outdoor eating area complete with its anti-seagull netting. Only one person had a drink Silver Stallion from Exmoor Brewery which apparently was very good.

After breakfast we headed off to take the foot ferry to Shaldon. There were a lot of people waiting in the queue but we were lucky to be able to get on the first ferry. The ferry itself was interesting. Painted on the side were fake gun port holes, it was a throwback to the Napoleonic era, as a way of fooling any French spies in to believing the boats had cannons on board.

The beach was packed with families enjoying the holiday sunshine. It was the last weekend of the Shaldon Regatta so there were lots of activities to entertain the children.

The first pub visited was The Ness, a large pub with accommodation. It is a very luxurious venue. It is a Hall and Woodhouse pub which serves mainly Badger beers. We sat in the large beer garden with its fantastic views over the estuary towards Teignmouth. On offer were Thirsty Ferret and a wonderful Union Joker which went down very well.

The next venue visited was The Conservative Club. The Good Captains navigational skills worked wonders on this trip but the expected beer festival was held the weekend before so timing was amiss somewhat. We were again felt most welcome. On offer were two guest beers Harvest Moon from St Austal Brewery and Reel Ale from Teignworthy, as well as the regular Tribute Ale and Family Reserve cider.

The rotating guest beers coming soon included Poldark Ale from Tintagel Brewery as well as an eye catching Nude Beer- an American pale ale commemorating the opening of Britain's first nude beach at Brighton in 1978 from Butcombe Brewery . It is an interesting concept as Butcombe Brewery opened in 1978, so they have a range of beers called "The 78 Range" and every month offer a different beer commemorating different events from 1978, including Invader-named after the space invader game



(remember that) and Union- hoppy ale named after the winter of discontent industrial dispute of 1978. My thanks to the steward of the club for the informative information.

The next stop was at The Clifford Arms a gastro pub serving Jail Ale, Hanlons Yellow Hammer and Butcombe original.

Another interesting event around Shaldon due to the regatta was the number of Mannequins dotted around the village in various places where children had to find and mark off their treasure map. Some were of famous people including Donald Trump as well as various pirate characters. A grand total of 35 to try and find.

The Shipwright Arms was the next pub visited with its outside BBQ area and enclosed beer garden serving Pedigree Amber ale, Otter Brewery Summer Light, The excellent Rev James original at 4.5% as well as Sharps Atlantic.

The London Inn next to the famous Shaldon Bowling Club was the next venue visited, a Heavytree pub offering Dartmoor IPA, Otter Ale and Proper Job which had unfortunately run out on our visit. The visit was marred by Sir Talbot Buxomley, now known as Lord Talbot since the election, lost one of his spectacle lenses in his beer. Temporary repairs were tried using sellotape donated by the bar. Alas, this did not work and he was referred to as Jack Duckworth for the rest of the day.

Then it was off over the water to Teignmouth and a visit to The Ship Inn, which was mega busy as it hosted an outdoor music festival featuring easy listening 60s and 70s music. The pub offered Otter, Tribute, Proper Job and Bass unfortunately all served in plastic glasses for obvious reasons.

The last pub visited was a real gem, The Blue Anchor, a well-known real ale pub and South Devon's Camra pub of the year. They were hosting their August Bank Holiday beer festival, with too many beers to mention, as one can imagine. A lovely way to finish an excellent day out.

So with the quite extensive variety of beers to be found in Teignmouth and especially in Shaldon it is well worth a visit, especially if the sun is shining.



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Pub and Brewery News – September, October and November 2017.

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Pub News - September 2017

The Modbury Inn, Modbury, is now serving a House Beer, brewed by local brewery, *Summerskills*, named Airdale Ale at 4.1%; Royal Standard, Mary Tavy, has re-opened as a licensed café called Scumptious; the Market Inn, Tavistock, Who'd Have Thought It Inn, Milton Combe and the Rising Sun, Compton, all enquired about the LocAle Scheme; King's Head Tavern, Bretonside, re-opened with the appointment of the ex-manager of the Cherry Tree, Ham Drive, which remains open despite previous fears.

Brewery News – September 2017

The *Stannary Brewery* will be relocating to the unit currently occupied by Tavistock Hire Centre within the Pixon Trading Centre, Tavistock; due to a number of reasons, *Moorstone* have temporarily stopped producing Cask Ales for the time being, with bottle conditioned beers still available as usual; new breweries found this month include *Two Tone Beer*, (Shebbear, N Devon), *Dark Place*, (East Devon), *Croft*, (Bath), *Cosmic*, (Bristol), and *Fierce & Noble* (Bristol).

Pub News - October 2017

The Tavistock Inn, Tavistock, and Rising Sun, Compton, are considering joining the LocAle Scheme; Michael Jonas, previously manager of the Brass Monkey, is rumoured to be

taking over the Golden Hind, Mannamead, "soon"; the Prince Maurice, Eggbuckland, is holding their Autumn beer festival 13-15 October; all JD Wetherspoon pubs are taking part in their Autumn beer festival 11-22 October; the Old Coach House Inn, Ottery near Lamerton, has changed to the Coach House Hotel, and now serves two local real ales, and is open to all; Mousetrap, North Hill, is now trading as Old Tom's Gin Palace and Bar, offering over 40 gins and "craft" beer.



Brewery News – October 2017

Darkplace is a new brewery based in Colyton, near Exeter, but details are scarce at the moment – more to follow when known; *Moorstone*, of Mary Tavy, are going to fully focus on producing their bottle conditioned beers for the time being, and have gained **CAMRA** RAIB Accreditation; *Stannary*, Tavistock, have expanded to a 6 BBL plant and will relocate within the Pixon Trading Estate later in the year. There are now 6 core beers – Pale Ale, Fathead, Tokyo Dawn, Chocopolis, Saison Du Soleil and Aurora – in their range, with Verdi brewed for their Oktoberfest with locally-grown Challenger hops. They celebrated their first birthday over the August bank holiday weekend; *Summerskills* reported an increase in trade recently, and have released a new vegan-friendly beer, Urban Brew Coffee Stout 4.1%, in bottle conditioned format. The Prince Maurice, Eggbuckland, is now selling Whistle Belly Vengence permanently, replacing Best Bitter, and was formally sold at the pub under the name "Royale". Guzz Ale 4.6% is currently on the JDW portfolio. The green hop beer, Plymhop Ale, is now available again. *Two Tone Brewery*, Shebbear near Holsworthy, is another new brewery, with all beers named in connection to the Two Tone record label, of Coventry, where one of the owners comes from. Bottle conditioned beers will initially be brewed, for sale in local farmer's markets. It has also been confirmed that *Pitchfork Ales* are now brewing on the old RCH site. All other local breweries report "business as usual".

Pub News - November 2017

The Turtle Bay Plymouth, part of the national Turtle Bay chain, opened on Sunday 22nd October, specializing in Caribbean cuisine and has over 40 different rums/cocktails. The Swan Inn, St. Andrews Street, joined the LocAle Scheme and now offer a 30p/pint discount to card-carrying **CAMRA** members on all real ales – thank you very much! The White Thorn Inn, Shaugh Prior, has reopened under the ownership of local musician Michael Mathieson, better known as Mad Dog McRea. Jail Ale and Tribute are always on, with two locally-sourced guest beers. Michael Jonas, a previous manager of the Brass Monkey, has returned to Plymouth and is now managing the Tamar, Crownhill. Sadly, Good Companions, city centre, has finally been demolished.

Brewery News – November 2017

All breweries are gearing up for the Festive Season, with brewing of the festive beers already well under way. There are two new breweries in North Devon, *Taw Valley* of North Tawton and *Buckland Brewers*, of Buckland Brewer, near Bideford. *Tow Tone Beers*, of Shebbear, North Devon, may have to be renamed, as a brewery of a similar name exists in Columbus, Ohio, USA (named 2 Tone). Shortts Farm, of Suffolk, UK, also brew a beer named Two Tone (a 3.8% mild ale), along with a number of other musically-named beers. Good Companions, Mayflower Street, has finally been demolished for the city centre regeneration project. Ordulph Arms, Tavistock, is due to reopen in time for Christmas.

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

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Back in June, on one of the hottest days of the year so far, I decided to dust off my bicycle and go on a bike ride. For someone who is so out of shape to put it mildly, this is easier said than done.

So off I potted. I headed off towards Saltram House gardens along the Plym Valley bicycle route, running by the river and Chelson Meadow. The route is mainly tarmacked until you reach the wooded areas in the Saltram Estate, which of course offers no traffic to contend with until you reach Marsh Mills flyover. Not to worry though as there is a dedicated bicycle lane under the bridge and you just follow directions towards Plym Valley (railway) bicycle route. Plym Valley Railway is a heritage line run entirely by volunteers and is a must see attraction for anyone interested in history or steam trains.

The bicycle route follows the old railway line that used to run towards Tavistock. It is very popular with both cyclists and walkers, so dogs and children are hazards to be careful about so having a bell is very important.

The route itself is very slightly uphill and passes over numerous bridges and viaducts as well as quite a long tunnel which does have some lighting in. The whole route has been tarmacked so it is very easy on your tyres and comfort.

On route there was a group of bird watchers on a viaduct with observation binoculars watching Peregrine falcons, which was a good place to stop and take a breather.

The route passes by the Royal Marine barracks at Bickleigh ever onwards and upwards towards Dartmoor.



Eventually having reached

the landscape of the moors, I asked some people where the nearest pub was. Believe you me, I needed a drink as I was absolutely shattered. The Skylark at Clearbrook was the nearest. There were loads of bicycles parked up in the large beer garden. On offer were the usual offerings of Tribute, Jail ale, Legend and Doom bar from St Austell Brewery, Sharps brewery as well as Dartmoor brewery.



The first drink hardly touched the side and all the beers went down really well. The large garden was not only popular with cyclists but families and couples enjoying the good weather having a drink or a meal. So after a couple of leisurely hours it was time to head back towards Plymouth. This was certainly a lot easier as I didn't pedal at all until I reached Plym Bridge.

When I got to Marsh Mills flyover I decided to follow Embankment road (which is a lot flatter than going through the Saltram Estate) and eventually crossed the Plym River via the new bicycle bridge next to Lara Bridge.

So if you want to do a bit of walking or cycling I do recommend the Plym Valley route and a refreshing award awaits you!

Phil Ward

Additional note: a great day's cycling and drinking can be had by starting off at Clearbrook and taking in Meavy, Dousland, Yelverton, Milton Combe, Buckland Monachorum and Horrabridge. Make sure that you don't drink too much though, for obvious reasons!

A PINT OF "OLD"

A pint of old is subject to the most ridiculous names. Here are some of the more bizarre names from over the years:

Old Accidental Old Big 'Ead Old Buffer Old Cloa **Old Cock's Throat Charmer** Old Croak Old Drav **Old Engine Oil Old Fart Old Forgetful Old Gaffer Old Goat Old Grovne Old Herbaceous Old Horse Whip Old Knobbley** Old Lag **Old Leg Over** Old Ma Weasel **Old Mortality Old Needles's Eve Old Peculier Old Pondwater Old Red Eye Old Rot** Old Sea Dog **Old Slug Porter Old Speckled Hen** Old Stoatwobbler Old Tackle Old Thunderbox **Old Trout**

Brunswick Wild Walker Garton Mitachell's Hop House Froa & Parrot Worldham Harviestoun Rohinwood Green Dragon Dark Tribe Cropton Willv's Rockingham Mildmav Arbor Marhle Daleside Ales of Kent Strathaven Unicorn Inn Theakston Yates Brown Cow Quay Bushv's RCH Greene King Spectrum Chalk Hill Green lack Kemptown

Old Bat Old Bloomer **Old Cantankerous** Old Cock Up **Old Codger Old Dark Attic** Old E'fer **Old Expensive Old Fecker** Old Fossil **Old Gavel Bender** Old Growler **Old Grumblebelly Old Hornv Old Jock Strap** Old Knuckle Shuffler Old Lech **Old Lubrication Old Moggie** Old Mottled Cock Old Pecker **Old Pedantic** Old Recumbent Old Remedial **Old Scatness** Old Slapper **Old Soporific Old Speckled Parrot Old Stone Throw Old Thumper** Old Tosser **Olde Home Wrecker**

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PUB NAME	ADDRESS	DISCOUNT 10%/pint		
Brass Monkey	Royal Parade, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 1DS,	10%/pint 3/ ?!!!!! \%		
Bread & Roses	62 Ebrington Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 9AF	10%/pint		
China House	Sutton Wharf, Coxside PL4 0DW	20%/pint		
Dolphin Hotel	14, The Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LS	15p/pint		
Fishermans Arms	Lambhay Hill, Barbican, PL1 2NN	10%/pint, 20% on food		
Fortescue Hotel	Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JQ	10%/pint and half		
Golden Hind	Mannamead Road, Plymouth, PL3 5RJ	10%/pint and half		
Horse & Groom	Exeter Road, Bittaford, Ivybridge	10%/pint		
Jack Rabbit	7-9 Howeson Road, Derriford PL6 8BD	20%/pint		
Miner's Arms	Hemerdon, near Plympton, PL7 5BU	30p/pint		
Minerva Inn	31, Looe Street, Barbican, Plymouth PL4 0EA	* See below		
Noah's Ark	32A, Courtney Street, City Centre, Plymouth PL1 1EP	10%/pint, Guest Beers only		
Nowhere Inn	Gilwell Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL4 8BU	10%/pint		
Olde Plough Inn	Fore Street, Bere Ferrers, PL20 7JG,	10%/pint, ale & cider		
Pub On The Hoe	159 Citadel Road, The Hoe, Plymouth, PL1 2HU	10%/pint		
Sir Joshua Reynolds	25 Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW,	10p/pint, 5p/half		
Stoke Inn	Devonport Road, Stoke, Plymouth, PL3 4DL,	10%/pint		
Swan Inn	15 St. Andrews Street, City Centre, PL1 2AX,	30p/pint		
Tamar	Morshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5AD	10%/pint		
Waterloo Inn	30, Waterloo Street, Stoke, PL1 5RS	10%/pint		
Who'd Have Thought It Inn	Milton Combe, Yelverton, PL20 6HP	6%/pint		
W Britannia Inn	2 Wolseley Road, Milehouse, Plymouth, PL2 3BH	50p off vouchers		
W Gog & Magog	Southside Street, Barbican, Plymouth, PL1 2LA	50p off vouchers		
W Mannamead	Mutley Plain, Plymouth, PL4 6JH	50p off vouchers		
W Queen's Head Ho	otel 80 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8AQ	50p off vouchers		
W Stannary Court	Ridgeway, Plympton, PL7 2AW	50p off vouchers		
W Union Rooms	Union Street, City Centre, Plymouth, PL1 2SU	50p off vouchers		
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 prefix denotes JD Wetherspoon outlets accepting CAMRA member vouchers – please check the reverse of your voucher to ensure that it is still in date!

Trip to Norfolk

In November we had a week's holiday in Norfolk. Both my wife and mother-in-law have bad backs and legs so cannot travel for any length of time, a golden opportunity to sample beers on the journey.

The first stop was 2 nights near Cheltenham and chance to explore new pubs. I went to the Royal Oak at Andoversford and had a pint of Bert's Cotswold Ale from Marston's brewery, not a bad beer but this was not my style of pub so I decided to revisit the London Inn at Charlton Kings just outside Cheltenham on the A40. The landlady, who hails from the Launceston area, remembered me from my last visit in August and served me a very good pint of Rev James from the Brains brewery of Cardiff.

The next day my wife wanted to go shopping in Cheltenham so I was 'forced' to have a lunch in the Old Restoration. I had a half of Butcombe's Original followed by a half of Butcombe's Gold. I preferred the Original so had another half of that. Both beers served in excellent condition by very helpful staff.

It was on now to stay for one night with my nephew in Whittlesea, Cambridgeshire and a visit to his local, the Letter B. This pub has numerous awards for cider but the beer was excellent. First was a pint of Massey's Original mild followed by Digfield's Chiffchaff an outstanding amber gold pale ale. Wow the rest had a good act to follow, but onwards with a pint of Xtreme milk stout from Peterborough and finished off with Tidd Steam Roadhouse Bitter. The Letter B is an outstanding locals pub.

Now for Cromer on the North Norfolk coast leaving our caravan with my brother at Felmingham near North Walsham on the way. Where we were staying at the Cromer Country Club the only beer the bar stocked was bottled from the Humpty Dumpty brewery. The selection was Reedcutter, Jubilee Mild, Red Mill & Humpty Dumpty Ale. So, it was just a 10-minute fast gallop along the cliff path into the town and a good selection of the town's pubs.

Wednesday, it was into the red Lion Hotel with its Victorian tiled floor and open fires for Woodford's Nelson's Revenge (a moreish pint) and then the Kings Head, a 400-year-old local's pub and reacquainted myself with Woodfords Wherry.

The next day my brother joined me and then another gallop into Cromer and the White Horse Inn for a delicious pint of Exmoor Fox. It was then on to the Wellington known locally as the 'Wellie' for Adnams Lighthouse and Norfolk Brewhouse Moon Gazer Amber Ale supped beside a roaring log fire. We then finished up at the Albion, known as the 'Alion' for a few years on account of the letter B missing from the sign. The present tenants had only been in the Albion for 6 weeks but served up good pints of Adnams Ghost Ship to us.

On the Friday my brother and I went looking for a righthanded waking stick for mother-in-law and on the way back stopped at the Fishing Boat at East Runton and had a disappointing pint







of Fireside by Greene King. After lunch it was a walk past the golf links to Overstrand White Horse for refreshment (alas I cannot remember the beer) before returning back on the bus.

On Saturday, still looking for the walking stick, we visited North Walsham. My bro said to me that there was a new small pub just opened in the town, so I looked it up on 'What Pub'. "It's to new to find it in there" was the comment, but up it popped, Norfolk's only micro pub (alas it does not qualify for the smallest pub as it has seating for 20 upstairs). In the Hop In we treated ourselves to Dark Star Beer: Equinox and Panther Beer: Winter Porter before returning back to Cromer.



On Sunday my brother went home leaving me to take mother-in-law out for a jolly. A quick drive to Mundesley and the Ship Hotel for halves of Wolf Beer Poppy Ale and Golden Jackal, delicious. Then back to Cromer and lunch in the Red Lion Hotel washed down with a cracking pint of St Peter's Beer: Ruby Red. After depositing mum, I then took a cliff walk back into Cromer for another good

tasting session. First it was on to the pier and the Pavilion Bar for a pint of Woodford's Readlighter whilst taking in the view over the sea. It was then on to the 'Wellie' to resample the Norfolk Brewhouse Moon Gazer Amber Ale, delicious supped next to the roaring fire before trotting up the road to the Red Lion Hotel for some Lacons Encore and then returning back to our holiday home.

The next day it was back out shopping for the right-handed walking stick, success! We then stopped off at the Red Lion Hotel in Cromer for lunch which I washed down with a pint of Lacons Encore.

On Tuesday we packed up then collected our caravan from my brother's house in Felmingham then travelled down to Haverhill in Suffolk to do the Xmas pressie run for the grandkids. That evening I visited my old local pub, the White Horse at Ridgewell, Essex and spent a good evening with Robin the landlord. The beers we sampled together at Robins suggestion was Bishop Nick, Heresy and Mardler's from Woodford's brewery, an excellent selection. The following afternoon my daughter Alison with the grandkids joined me in the Waggon & Horses at Great Yeldham, North Essex, for a drink and hand over the Christmas pressies. The beer drunk was Nethergate's Dirty Dick, very moreish.

We headed for home Friday morning and stopped half way on the journey at Stockbridge in Hampshire for the night. After I had set up the caravan and TV for my wife & motherin-law it was of to check out the pub situation about a mile walk away. First up was the White Hart to quench my thirst with a good pint of Fuller's Red Fox. This pub was a bit posh for my liking so with a bit more exploring I discovered the Three Cups Inn. This was a much more friendlier pub with a roaring log fire to ward off the chill. I first tried the house beer, 3 Cups Ticket from Itchen Valley, a bit on the light side for my taste but not bad at all. Before heading back to the van, a pint of very good Red Shift from the Yeovil Brewery helped me up the hill.

We arrived home on Saturday afternoon having been away for 2 weeks covering 757 miles, visiting more than 18 pubs & bars and sampled over 35 beers. Wonderful!! this might be a repeated exercise!



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MAL DE MER

We were well into Autumn for this trip. It was November and Doris was out of the water for the winter. Whatever could we do? Luckily Sandyman was still available so a little Autumn excursion again to Cornwall. I have realised that all the trips so far have been in Cornwall, assuming that IOS are in Cornwall and of that I am not sure. We decided on Looe – we all like Looe, don't we?

We had a bit of a wind against us as has been normal for 2017 with only one friendly wind all year. It was a bit cool and we needed the wet gear (especially after a cheeky wave got Mal full on in the chops) so we decided to use the engine once again. We left Plymouth at 0935 and arrived at Looe at 1315 with a bit of motor tacking recording 17.5 miles on the log. The visitors' berth is at West Looe as the east side is reserved for commercial vessels. We tied on to the wall by the steps for the ferry. Looe dries out but Sandyman has bilge keels and can take the ground, and we have showers etc. right next to the berth, so all is nice and handy.



The first pub we visited is the Jolly Sailor in West Looe and very close to our berth. Indeed you can see a jolly sailor standing outside the pub. On offer were Tim Taylor's Landlord, Tribute, Jail, and Doom Bar, and the ones we tried were good. We moved on to the Harbour Moon closer to the bridge where the only ale on was Tribute.

And so to East Looe and the first stop was the Bullers Arms which had Tribute and Doom Bar. We then had a stroll down to the Banjo Pier. It is this shape because it encourages the harbour to drain without silting up. It was designed by Joseph Thomas and he said if it did not work, he would not be charging. He was paid, so well done Mr Thomas.



Next pub was the Fishermans Arms where you will note from the photo that Mal found himself surprisingly welcome. The real ales were Tribute, Doom Bar, and Poppy brewed by the Eagle Brewery.

It was time for a bit of food and we went to the Catch Fish and Chip shop on the quay close to where the ferry comes in. This is the one that used to be Tanner Brothers but it is now independent of them. We had cod and Cornish hake, both excellent.

The remaining pubs in East Looe were Ye Olde Salutation and The Ship. The Sally had Doom Bar but as I am not a fan we went for Rum & Shrub. A little blast from the past was noted in the form of

a sign for Watneys Special bitter which will make the older members shudder and is perhaps the raison d'etre for CAMRA. The Ship is a large St Austell house with HSD, Trelawny, and Tribute.





By this time we had done all the pubs so we walked back to West Looe. The Jolly Sailor had a folk night on and we listened to a couple of songs but we had heard a good sound coming from the Port Byhan Hotel so we went there. A coach party was staying and there was a good singer with a backing track. The beer was Skinners Cornish Knocker 4.5% at £3.60. This turned out to be the best pint in Looe and excellent value, very nicely appointed inside and in our view the Port Byhan was the overall winner.

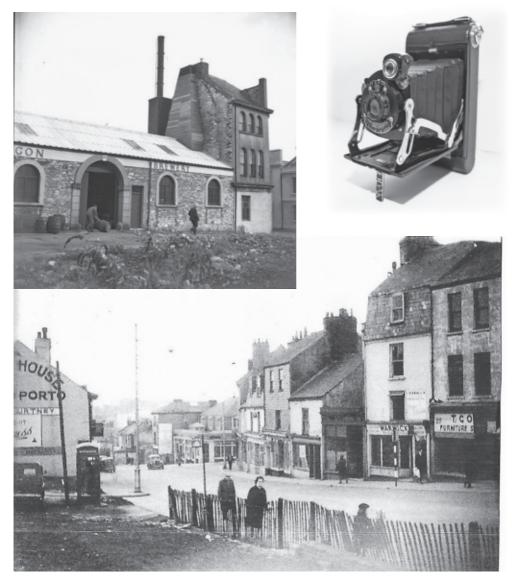
We returned to Plymouth the next day motoring again but without the wind in our face. As I write this it is a windy January. Both Sandyman and Doris are out of the water. I'll have to get Doris launched in time for the next trip.



Bob Kissane

Old Plymouth and South West Devon Pubs and Breweries

Do you have any photographs of old pubs in Plymouth and South West Devon and information / stories about them? Please let me know **editor@plymouth.camra.org.uk**





Plymouth CAMRA LocAle Scheme

The Campaign for real Ale has a scheme called CAMRA LocAle. This initiative promotes pubs which sell locally-brewed real ale, builds on the growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of "green" issues. It is coordinated by local branches of CAMRA, in this case Plymouth branch. In Devon and Cornwall, the distance from the pub to the relevant brewery must be 30 miles or less to qualify. County boundaries and CAMRA branch boundaries are totally irrelevant. List correct to 7 February 2018.

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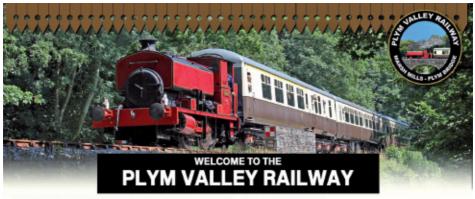
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