

Pembrokeshire Branch's monthly E-newsletter to keep you informed on what CAMRA is doing in our County.

Feel free to contact us (e-mail addresses below) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Better still, why not come along to a Branch Meeting or Social? You will find us a friendly, welcoming bunch of fellow real ale and cider lovers who will be glad to see you.

URGENT UPDATE – CHANGE OF DATE!!

Because of industrial action affecting train services, our October Branch Social at the Carmarthen Beer Festival is now **THIS FRIDAY 7th October** from 12.30 onward at **Carmarthen Beer Festival, St. Peter's Hall, Carmarthen.**

However, some members who can get there without a train will still be visiting the Festival at the same time on Saturday 8th. See below for coach times that day.

Over 40 Real Ales and 8 Ciders to choose from across Wales, England & Scotland. £10 fee grants entry for all three days. Includes commemorative glass, programme, and beer tokens. Extra free tokens for CAMRA members on display of membership card on entry. Breweries from Wales include Conwy, Zoo Brew, Bluestone, Purple Moose, Mumbles, Tenby Harbwr, Glamorgan, Evan Evans, Gwaun Valley and Tiny Rebel. Popular favourites from across the border include Hopback, Thornbridge, Wye Valley, Fyne Ales, Castle Rock and Rudgate.

See <https://www.facebook.com/carmarthenbeerfestival/>

Updated travel info:

11.20 train from Haverfordwest arrives Carmarthen 11.59, connecting with the T5 bus at 09.50 from Fishguard, 10.04 from Letterston (arrives in time to enjoy a good breakfast at the Cleddau Café on the station). 17.36 train from Carmarthen arrives 18.14, in time for the last T5 bus north at 18.30. From Pembroke Dock the 11.09, calling Pembroke at 11.17 and Tenby 11.38 arrives Carmarthen 12.28, and the 16.52 train back arrives Tenby 17.38 Pembroke Dock 18.06 and Pembroke 18.19. 19.09 arrives Tenby 19.53. Change for the 20.03 from Tenby, arriving Pembroke 20.25 and Pembroke Dock 20.36.

As stated above, there will be a further gathering on the Saturday, 8th October, at 12.30 for those members who can get there. **THERE ARE NO TRAINS THAT DAY!** There is a 9.30 National Express coach 508 from Haverfordwest, arriving Carmarthen 11.05, and a 17.20 National Express 508 back arriving at 18.50.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING:

PUB SURVEYING UNDER WAY ACROSS PEMBROKESHIRE

CAMRA maintains the WhatPub website, www.whatpub.com, detailing every pub and club open to the public across the whole country. Keeping it up to date is a mammoth task, for which we largely rely on CAMRA members, and indeed the public, providing updates on outdated information using the link inside WhatPub.

However, Branch members have now started actively visiting pubs in our Branch area, especially out of the way ones, checking and updating the details held on WhatPub. Someone nobly volunteers to be the Designated Driver, taking the rest of our party on a tour of often interesting and sometimes quite remote hostelrys – a pub crawl with a purpose!

Recent expeditions have headed into the remote mountainous hinterland of NW Pembs, dropping in at local gems such as the *Fynnone Arms*, Newchapel, which is in the current CAMRA Good Beer Guide, the GBG-listed *Rampin* in Cilgerran, and the *Butchers' Arms* Tegryn, also in the GBG. The *Butchers'*, where the ale is brewed by the landlord's son, is thinking of holding a beer festival. We shall keep you posted! Other decent Real Ale pubs in that area we visited include the *Nag's Head*, Abercych and the *Salutation* at Felindre Frachog. We also sneaked over the Carmarthenshire border to check out pubs in Cenarth.

Meanwhile, local Branch activists have been surveying pubs in their area and sending updates direct to Steve, our Pubs Database Co-ordinator on PubDatabaseCo-ordinator@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk. We need info on current opening hours, ales available, both regularly and as gusts, and whether and if so when food is served, and so on. See any WhatPub entry for what information is needed.

Why not join in? Survey your local for us. Or contact Steve, our Pubs Database Co-ordinator, to come on a surveying trip.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

A record number of Branch Members, at least for many years, including some very welcome new faces, gathered in the Pembroke Yeoman, an institution among ale and cider lovers in Haverfordwest, at 5pm on Saturday 24th September. The Branch business was conducted with his usual efficiency by our Branch Chairman Nigel, after which members present settled down to enjoy the excellent Butty Bach and Conwy Kashmir IPA ales, and Gwynt y Draig ciders, in a convivial atmosphere. Proving yet again that CAMRA Branch meetings are not just a chance to take part in the local running of our Campaign, but also really enjoyable and friendly social events at which new faces are always made very welcome.

Why not enjoy yourself and do something worthwhile to make sure we can go on enjoying the beer and cider we love in fine local pubs – come along to our next Branch Meeting?

WHAT WE'RE DOING NEXT:

October Branch Meeting: Saturday 22nd October at 14.00 at The Cross Inn Penally SA70 7PU.

The Branch goes South! Explore this fine village pub near Tenby with us. Branch business will, as always, be followed by a friendly social session.

Bus 349 leaves Haverfordwest Bus Station 12.20 (connecting with T5 at 10.50 from Fishguard, 11.04 from Letterston with time for a pint and/or a bite at Spoons) arrives Penally 13.51. Bus 349 leaves Penally 16.27 arrives Haverfordwest Bus Station 18.13, connecting with T5 north leaving 18.36. Train from Pembroke Dock 13.09, Pembroke 13.17, arrives Penally 13.34. Train back leaves Penally 17.50 arrives Pembroke 18.07 and Pembroke Dock 18.20. From Tenby train 13.45 arrives Penally 13.48, train back from Penally 17.37 arrives 17.41

November Branch Meeting: Saturday 19th November, 14.00, The Swan Inn, Little Haven.

Followed by a crawl of the splendid alehouses of this little seaside village, the *St Brides* and the *Castle*. No public transport unfortunately – contact the Branch Chairman Nigel (e-mail address below) and we'll sort you out a lift.

There may also be a **November Branch Social**, but we haven't decided where yet! Watch this space or come along to the October Branch Meeting and find out.

December AGM and Christmas Dinner: Saturday 17th December, 13.00, The Corner Piece, Rudbaxton.

Always a highlight of our year. Enjoy a sumptuous Festive Feast and enjoy fine local ales whilst electing your Branch Officers for the coming year. More information nearer the time but mark the date in your diary now!

OTHER NEWS

Save the Cross Inn, Hayscastle Cross! More news!

This 150-year-old village pub, which sells good local real ale and is the heart of local life, is being put on the market. The local community would like to save it through a community buyout, similar to the ones that saved the *Tafarn Sinc* at Rosebush and the *White Hart* at St. Dogmael's.

There was a second Public Meeting at the Chapel in the village on Tuesday 27th September, at which the Branch was represented. A leading member of the community group that owns and runs the *Tafarn Sinc* in Rosebush shared his experiences of a successful community buyout of a local pub and shared the lessons learned from that and from running the pub since. Local campaigner Cris Tomos, who has played a leading role in a number of successful community buyouts in our County over the past 20 years, also addressed the meeting. Cris himself is actively involved in this campaign, which must augur well for its success.

The campaigners showed they have done an impressive amount of groundwork and planning and a Committee was elected to take the project forward. By the end of the year, it is expected that it will be evident whether the project is viable. If so, there will be an opportunity for you to buy shares in, or otherwise support, a real Welsh country local. Watch this space!

Siaradwyr Cymraeg eisiau!

Hoffen ni estyn allan at y gymuned Gymraeg yn ein hardal. Mae Ysgrifennydd y Gangen, Steve, yn dysgu Cymraeg (wel, mae e'n newydd wedi basio ei arholiad Myndediad!) ond hoffen ni gynnwys siaradwyr Cymraeg rhugl wrth ysgrifennu erthyglau hon a chylchgrawn Cangen posibl yn y dyfodol. Gallwch chi helpu? Cysylltwch ag Ysgrifennydd y Gangen yn secretary@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk

CHECK OUT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE:

www.pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk

Keep up to date with the latest goings on in the Real ale Scene in Pembrokeshire. Articles and information always welcome to WebsiteCo-ordinator@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk

Cheers!

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