

Pembrokeshire Branch is delighted to send you our 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.

HEADLINES:

Good April Branch Meeting

Local Real Ale Pub Community Buyout needs you!

May Branch Meeting, Saturday May 20th at 2pm at The First and Last, London Road, Pembroke Dock SA72 6TX

May Branch Social, Saturday 27th May at Milford Haven Round Table Beer Festival. On the Waterfront from 12 noon.

June Branch Social, Saturday 17th June - Bridgend Brewpub Railway Crawl

Aberaeron Beer Festival Saturday 12th August, Aberaeron Yacht Club

Carmarthen Beer Festival STILL Needs YOU!

RECRUITMENT DRIVE – GET CAMRA PUBLICITY MATERIAL INTO OUR PUBS!!

Siaradwyr Cymraeg dal eisiau!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING:

Good Branch Meeting at *Core of the Poodle* Brewpub, Saturday April 15th

There was an excellent turnout, including some very welcome new faces, at new Haverfordwest Brewpub and Record Shop *Core of the Poodle* in Market Street for our April Branch meeting.

Landlord and CAMRA member Malcolm made us most welcome and we enjoyed some of his fine ales. This establishment is well worth a visit if you are in the town.

Next time why not come along to a Branch Meeting or Social and join us? See below!

PUBS AND BREWERY NEWS

Local Real Ale Pub Community Buyout needs you!

Regular readers will know that our Branch has been actively involved in supporting the efforts of the local community in Haycastle Cross to buy out their 150-year-old local, *The Cross Inn*, since their campaign started. *The Cross* is a fine Welsh country local with community roots generations deep and a decent pint of Welsh real ale always on offer, along with good locally produced food.

As this Newsletter was written they were about 75% of the way to their target and eagerly seeking more shareholders. Interested in owning a bit of a local real ale pub? See <http://ycrossinn.cymru/> for details and how to apply. Cutoff date for buying shares is 21st May.

Your Branch Secretary Steve has already stepped up to invest his own money in this worthy project. CAMRA fully supports community buyouts of local pubs such as this.

Other news?

Any local brewers, or publicans, doing anything likely to be of interest to local CAMRA members please feel free to contact our Secretary and Newsletter editor, Steve, at the e-mail address below and we shall be delighted to share the tidings.

WHAT WE'RE DOING NEXT:

May Branch Meeting, Saturday May 20th at 2pm at *The First and Last*, London Road, Pembroke Dock SA72 6TX

Our first meeting in Pembroke Dock for a while.

Bus T5 at 11.50 from Fishguard, 12.04 from Letterston arrives at Pembroke Dock 1303. If connection missed the 1325 arrives 1403.

The 1718 349 back arrives 1803 in time for the last T5 back at 1830.

Pub landlords interested in hosting a Branch Meeting (much beer is likely to be drunk!) contact the Branch Secretary or Chairman at the e-mail addresses below.

May Branch Social, Saturday 27th May at **Milford Haven Round Table Beer Festival**. On the Waterfront from 12 noon.

Bus T5 at 11.50 from Fishguard, 11.04 from Letterston arrives 12.20, connecting with bus 302 from Iceland at Picton Place (short walk from Bus Station) at 1236 via Merlin's Bridge, Johnston and Steynton arriving 1301.

Going back, 1726 302 to Haverfordwest Bus Station arriving 1755, or 1756 302 arriving 1822, connects with the last T5 at 1830. Rail buffs may wish to stay on the T5 to the Railway Station to catch the 1239 train, arrives 1301. The 1706 train from Milford arrives Haverfordwest station at 1721.

June Branch Social, Saturday 17th June - Bridgend Brewpub Railway Crawl: *Cross Inn Cwmfelin* (home of the Cerddin Brewery) and *Coach Inn* Bridgend (home of the Coach Inn Brewery).

Meet Haverfordwest Station 0900. The 0925 train from Haverfordwest arrives Bridgend 1147. We shall then visit the Coach (10 mins walk from Bridgend station). Then we shall get the 1245 to Garth arriving 1302, or the 1343 arriving 1400. The Cross is 7 mins walk from Garth rail station.

To connect with the last T5 bus at 1830 from Haverfordwest to Letterston, Fishguard etc we need to be on the 1601 from Bridgend arriving Haverfordwest 1811. To catch that train, we must be on the 1519 from Garth arriving Bridgend 1537.

There is also a 1718 train from Garth, arriving Bridgend 1736 connecting with the 1825 to Haverfordwest arriving 2036.

Engineering works may lead to last minute changes to the above timetable - watch this space.

Aberaeron Beer Festival Saturday 12th August, Aberaeron Yacht Club

Keep this date free. This Festival is reachable using the trusty T5 bus from Haverfordwest and Fishguard. We hope to have our August Branch social there. Watch This Space!

Carmarthen Beer Festival STILL Needs YOU!

Carmarthenshire hope to run their Carmarthen Beer Festival again in October this year. They **badly need new volunteers** to help with this, indeed, to make it possible this year,. Volunteers are needed not just serving behind the bar but setting up and taking down the stillages before and after. Some Branch members have already volunteered. Why not join them? Working at a CAMRA Beer Festival is great fun as well as being worthwhile.

Interested? Contact our Secretary on secretary@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk to put your name down. More information as it becomes available.

RECRUITMENT DRIVE – GET CAMRA PUBLICITY MATERIAL INTO OUR PUBS!!

We are starting to get results from our drive to get our excellent “*Ten Great Reasons to Join CAMRA*” recruitment leaflet, and the Welsh-language version, “*Deg rheswm gwyh i ymuno â CAMRA*”, into our local pubs, but we still need to get more out.

Why not pick up some leaflets and stands for YOUR local at our next Branch meeting? Our Secretary has ample supplies and will also demonstrate the origami needed to erect the stands for them ready to go on the bar, with the landlord/lady’s permission of course.

Can you help? Let our Secretary know at a Branch meeting when he will be able to give you the leaflets and stands or contact him by email on secretary@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk. In the latter case we can drop the leaflets and stands round to you or if that’s not feasible post them.

We hope to have CAMRA “Summer of Pub Posters and Window Stickers available too at the next Branch meeting

OTHER NEWS

Siaradwyr Cymraeg dal 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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