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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.

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING:

June Ale Adventure in Bridgend and Garth

Half a dozen Branch members, and a member from Carmarthenshire CAMRA, travelled by train to Bridgend on Saturday June 17th to visit two notable brewpubs in the area.

In Bridgend, we visited the *Coach Inn*, home of the Coach Inn Brewery, and sampled a fine selection of ales. Then we made a short train trip up the valley to Garth, followed by a short walk to the nearby village of Cwmfelin, where the *Cross Inn*, which houses the Cerddin Brewery, awaited us. A good range of their ales were on offer, and were comprehensively sampled and thoroughly enjoyed by our party.

We then returned to Haverfordwest in time for the last bus home, thanking Branch Social Organiser Nick Miles for organising this splendid ale adventure in the face of repeated postponements caused by rail strikes, engineering works etc.

Branch Pub of the Year Presented to *The Rampin*, Cilgerran, at June Branch Meeting

At a well-attended monthly Branch Meeting on Saturday 24th July our Chairman Nigel Skipper presented a well-deserved Pub of the Year award to the *Masons' Arms*, Cilgerran, generally known as the *Rampin*. Members then adjourned to the sunny beer garden to enjoy the pub's excellent ale and discuss branch beers in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. After the Branch business was completed more relaxation and conviviality over said ale continued.

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

PUBS AND BREWERY NEWS

MWY O NEWYDDION DA I'R GROES, CAS-LAI

Mae £244,000 wedi'i ddyfarnu drwy'r Gronfa Perchnogaeth Gymunedol i fynd ymlaen i brynu'r *Croes*, ym mhentref Cas-lai, sy'n siarad Cymraeg yn bennaf, ar gyfer cymuned y pentref.

Yn ddiweddar gwnaeth gwirfoddolwyr ymroddedig o Cas-Lai bob ymdrech i godi dros £210,000 i arbed eu tafarn leol annwyl rhag cau. Maent bellach wedi derbyn grant o £244,250 gan Gronfa Perchnogaeth Gymunedol y DU i ganiatáu i'r dafarn ddod yn eiddo i'r gymuned. Mae hwn yn un o ddim ond chwe phrosiect Cymunedol yng Nghymru i dderbyn y chwistrelliad hollbwysig hwn o gyllid. Mae'r tîm lleol a frwydrodd i achub eu tafarn bentref wrth eu bodd.

Cefnogodd CAMRA Sir Benfro eu hymgyrch o'r cychwyn cyntaf. Rydym yn eu llongyfarch ar eu llwyddiant ac yn edrych ymlaen at fwynhau peint da yn *Y Croes*, pan fydd yn eiddo i'r gymuned.

Gweler <http://ycrossinn.cymru> am y stori lawn a sut y gallwch CHI helpu gyda'r camau nesaf.

Adroddiad llawn isod, yn uniaith Saesneg yn anffodus.

Eisiau mwy o straeon Cymraeg sydd wedi'u hysgrifennu'n well yn eich Cylchlythyr Cangen? Cysylltwch â ni os gallwch chi ein helpu ni i'w hysgrifennu. Gweler isod.

MORE GOOD NEWS FOR THE CROSS INN , HAYCASTLE CROSS

£244,000 has been awarded through the Community Ownership Fund to go ahead and buy the *Cross Inn*, in the largely Welsh-speaking village of Haycastle Cross, for the village community.

Dedicated volunteers from Cas-Lai recently made every effort to raise over £210,000 to save their beloved local pub from closing. They have now received a grant of £244,250 from the

UK Community Ownership Fund to allow the pub to become community owned. This is one of only six Community projects in Wales to receive this vital injection of funding. The local team who fought to save their village pub are delighted.

Y Cross Cas-lai Community Benefit Society Ltd Chairman, Geraint Evans, expressed his profound gratitude, stating, *"this wonderful grant makes it possible for us to create the pub and community hub we dreamed of creating. We are very grateful to receive this incredible funding boost. It's also a massive thank you to all our friends, families, local residents, and numerous businesses, including the current owners, who continue to put in so much time, effort and goodwill to make this all happen."*

Of the small team of local volunteers who pulled all the elements of the funding application together, Mr Evans had a very special thank you: *"you told our story and set out our mission in your own words and that passion and commitment clearly shone through in the application, thank you"*. Pembrokeshire CAMRA supported their campaign from the start. We congratulate them on their success and look forward to enjoying a good pint at Y Croes, when it is owned by the community.

See <http://ycrossinn.cymru> for the full story and how YOU can help with the next steps.

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 IS YOUR FAVOURITE PEMBROKESHIRE PUB?

We invite members to tell us which is their favourite pub in Pembrokeshire, and why. E-mail the Secretary at the e-mail address below.

WHAT WE'RE DOING NEXT:

July Branch Meeting, Saturday 15th July at 2pm at the *Corner Piece*, Rudbaxton. This is a noted local real ale pub and a Branch favourite.

Bus T5 at 11.50 a.m. from Fishguard, 12.04 from Letterston arrives around 12.10. The 12.40 from Haverfordwest Bus Station arrives about 12.45. The driver will stop at or opposite the pub on request.

T5 at 16.20ish arrives Letterston 16.34 and Fishguard 1.48 (there are buses at 17.10 and 18.40 also). T5 at 16.10ish arrives Haverfordwest at 16.21, the next bus, the last, at 18.10.

July Branch Social, Saturday 22nd July, at Core of the Poodle, 26 Market St, Haverfordwest

SA61 1NH from 1pm onwards. The pub, which brews its own SIBA-award-winning beer, is inside what appears at first to be just a record shop! Until you go in...

Bus T5 at 11.50 a.m. from Fishguard, 12.04 from Letterston arrives 12.20. 1830 is the last T5 back.

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.

Aberaeron Beer Festival Saturday 12th August, noon onwards, Aberaeron Yacht Club

This Beer and Cider Festival featuring up to 15 real ales and 12 real ciders from Wales and the Borders will take place at the Yacht Club on the seafront of this elegant resort. Three one-third pint paddles will be available to help you sample all that's on offer, as will carry-outs if you want to take more home with you. There will also be live music (not necessarily an unmixed blessing it must be said!) and food from the Yacht Club's on-site restaurant. This will be our August Branch Social. Watch This Space for transport details!

Joint Social with Bae Ceredigion CAMRA Saturday 23rd September, Cardigan Brewery

Our neighbours in Bae Ceredigion have invited us to join them on a social and brewery tour to the Bragdy Aberteifi/Cardigan Brewery brewpub, *Y Bryn a'r Bragdy*, at Brynhoffnant on the A437 north of Cardigan. We are happy to accept. Apart from its own beers, the brewpub also does very good pizzas. We shall be travelling on the trusty T5 bus, leaving Haverfordwest at 11.35 and arriving at Brynhoffnant outside the brewery at 13.34. The 16.23 from Brynhoffnant arrives in Haverfordwest at 18.21. Keep the date free!

We also intend at some point in the next few months to have a joint Social with our other neighbours in Carmarthenshire CAMRA, probably at the *Station House*, Whitland, venue for our very successful joint social last January.

Carmarthen Beer Festival, St Peter's Hall, Carmarthen, Thurs 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th October!

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https://www.facebook.com/carmarthenbeerfestival/?locale=en_GB

We shall probably have a Branch Social at this event.

Carmarthen would still welcome volunteers to help with the Festival. Interested? Contact our Secretary on secretary@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk to put your name down.

Branch Annual General Meeting, and Christmas Dinner, 1pm, Saturday 16th December at the Corner Piece, Rudbaxton.

Keep the date free! You can't say we don't give you plenty of notice for the most important Branch Meeting of the year and one of the most enjoyable social events in our calendar.

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 now also have CAMRA “Summer of Pub” Posters, Beer Mats and Window Stickers. They too are available from the Secretary 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 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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