

Pembrokeshire Branch is delighted to send you our monthly E-newsletter to keep you informed about 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:

BRANCH PICKS OUR 2025 CAMRA GOOD BEER GUIDE ENTRIES

The main business of our February Branch Meeting, which had to be relocated hastily when the original venue unexpectedly closed, was to pick the Pembrokeshire pubs deemed worthy of inclusion in the 2025 CAMRA Good Beer guide, which is published in September.

Thanks to a massive county-wide surveying effort by Branch members over the weeks beforehand, we feel our selection showcases the best pubs for beer in the County, including some interesting new entries as well as old favourites.

Our thanks to all our surveyors, who went around pubs across Pembrokeshire tasting beer – it's a hard job, but someone has to do it! Also to the *Royal Oak* in Fishguard, for giving us an excellent venue at very short notice.

WHAT WE'RE DOING NEXT:

March Branch Meeting: Saturday 23rd March 1 p.m. (note time!) at the *William Owen (Wetherspoons)*, 6 Quay Street, Haverfordwest. SA61 1BG

The County's only Wetherspoons has a new Manager (see Pub and Brewery News below) and is always a welcoming venue offering a range of ales, and indeed food, at excellent value prices. It is also easy to get to.

Getting there:

T5 bus from Fishguard at 11.50, Letterston 12.04 arrives Haverfordwest Bus Station 12.21.

Buses back at 16.15 from Bus Station arr. Letterston 16.34 and Fishguard 16.48 and 17.04 arr. Letterston 17.23 and Fishguard 17.43. Last bus north departs 18.49.

March Branch Social: Saturday 30th March afternoon, *Trewern Arms Beer Festival*, Nevern.

The Good-Beer-Guide-listed *Trewern Arms*, in the ancient and idyllic country village of Nevern, is holding its annual Easter Beer Festival. Come and join us to enjoy the range of ales and ciders on offer, hopefully in the Beer Garden, weather permitting.

Getting there:

T5 bus leaves Haverfordwest Bus Station at 12.40, Letterston 12.59, Fishguard 13.20, to Nevern Turn at 13.40, whence it is a short walk to the pub.

T5 back leaves Nevern Turn about 15.29 and 17.29, arr. Fishguard 15.42 and 17.42, Letterston 16.04 and 18.02, Haverfordwest BS 16.21 and 18.21.

NEWYDDION TAFARNDAU A BRAGDAI

RHEOLWR NEWYDD I WETHERSPOONS YN HWLFFORDD

Mae Nicola Morris, aelod CAMRA, wedi cymryd yr awenau o reoli’r *William Owen*, unig allfa Wetherspoons yn y Sir. Cyfarfu Swyddogion y Gangen â Nicola yn ddiweddar i drafod sut y gallwn gydweithio i hyrwyddo cwrw go iawn a seidr yn lleol, a gwnaeth ei hymrwymiad i’r nod hwn, a rennir gan Wetherspoons yn genedlaethol, argraff fawr arnynt. Mae CAMRA a ‘Spoons’ wedi cydweithio i gadw cwrw go iawn a seidr i lifo ers blynyddoedd lawer yn genedlaethol, a adlewyrchir gan y ffaith bod 236 o ganghennau ‘Llwyau’ yn y Canllaw Cwrw Da CAMRA 2024 cyfredol. Edrychwn ymlaen at weithio gyda ‘Spoons’ yn lleol, wedi’i gyrru gan yr un angerdd am y diodydd yr ydym yn eu caru.

GŴYL GWRW WETHERSPOONS, Mawrth 6ed i 17eg

Bydd y William Owen yn arddangos detholiad diddorol o gwrw o bob cwr o’r wlad a thu hwnt yn ei Ŵyl Gwrw Gwanwyn. Ymgynghorodd y rheolwr Nicola â’n Cangen ynghylch pa gwrw i’w ddewis ar gyfer ei ‘Llwyau. Y detholiad presennol a fydd yn ymddangos ar ei thapiau yn ystod yr Ŵyl yw:

Bragdy	Cwrw
Adnams	Jester
Birrifico Gregorio	Falstaff
Brains	Red Dragon
Brouwerij de Bock	Germain
Cairngorm	Lairig Brew
Daleside	Spring Frenzy
Hook Norton	Crafty Fox
Leikeim	Chocolate Ale
Liberation	Guernsey Street
Lost Abbey	Bingo Lady
Mad Squirrel	Kodiak
Nethergate	White Stout
Orkney	Boulder Beach
Redpoint	Disco Macaw
Rooster’s	Parts and Labour
Titanic	Chocolate & Vanilla Stout

Anogir aelodau lleol CAMRA i alw heibio a rhoi cynnig ar gwrw na fyddant yn debygol o’u blasu yn ein Sir fel arall. Gallwch ddefnyddio’r tocynnau disgownt a ddaeth gyda’ch cerdyn aelodaeth CAMRA i gael 50c oddi ar beint o’r rhain neu unrhyw ‘Spoons cwrw go iawn eraill.

THE RANCH – GEM GUDD NEWYDD YN AGOR YN LLANYCHAER

Mae Alan Cole a’i bartner wedi agor tafarn newydd yn Llanychaer, ger y *Bridge End/Bont*, ffefryn y Gangen ers tro. Mae *The Ranch* yn dafarn glyd mewn hen adeilad fferm bren, yn swatio yng Nghwm Gwaun, ar y ffordd B4313 rhwng Abergwaun ac Arberth. Nid yw’r dafarn yn weladwy o’r ffordd, ond

rydych chi'n troi i lawr trac llydan. Mae arwyddion clir wrth fynd tua'r gogledd, ond hawdd ei fethu tua'r de. Dewisodd y perchennog a'r landlord Alun Cole gwrw o fragdy Coles, Llanddarog, sy'n briodol iawn. Bydd oriau agor yn cynyddu i 2pm-10pm o'r Pasg. Dim gwasanaeth bwyd, ond byrbrydau bwrdd caws a bar ar gael. Gem gudd! Dymunwn yn dda iddynt.

Y CROSS, HAYSCASTLE CROSS, AR GAU AR HYN O BRYD

Mae'r dafarn hon, a oedd yn haeddiannol ar restr fer Gwobr Genedlaethol Arbed Tafarndai CAMRA yn ddiweddar, ar gau ar hyn o bryd tra bod materion amrywiol yn cael eu datrys. Gobeithio y bydd y dafarn ardderchog hon yn ail-agor yn fuan, a bydd ein Cangen yn parhau i gefnogi pobl ardal Cas-lai i ddarparu tafarn leol sydd wrth galon eu cymuned.

PUBS AND BREWERIES NEWS

NEW MANAGER FOR WETHERSPOONS IN HAVERFORDWEST

CAMRA member Nicola Morris has taken over the management of the William Owen, Wetherspoons' only outlet in the County. Branch Officers recently met Nicola to discuss how we can work together to promote real ale and cider locally, and were impressed by her commitment to this aim, which is shared by Wetherspoons nationally. CAMRA and 'Spoons have worked together to keep real ale and cider flowing for many years nationally, reflected by the fact that 236 branches of 'Spoons are in the current 2024 CAMRA Good Beer Guide. We look forward to working with 'Spoons locally, driven by the same passion for the beverages we love.

WETHERSPOONS BEER FESTIVAL, 6th to 17th March

The William Owen will be showcasing an interesting selection of ales from around the country and further afield at its Spring Beer Festival. Our Branch was consulted by manager Nicola on which beers to pick for her 'Spoons. The current selection which will appear on her taps over the course of the Festival is:

Brewery	Beer
Adnams	Jester
Birrificio Gregorio	Falstaff
Brains	Red Dragon
Brouwerij de Bock	Germain
Cairngorm	Lairig Brew
Daleside	Spring Frenzy
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Local CAMRA members are encouraged to drop in and try ales they are unlikely to taste in our County otherwise. You can use the discount tokens that came with your CAMRA membership card to get 50p off a pint of these or any other 'Spoons real ales.

THE RANCH – NEW HIDDEN GEM OPENS IN LLANYCHAER

Alan Cole and his partner have opened a new pub in Llanychaer, near the long-standing Branch favourite the *Bridge End/Bont*. The Ranch is a cosy pub in a timber former farm building, nestling in the Gwaun Valley, on the B4313 Fishguard to Narberth road. The pub is not visible from the road, but you turn down a wide track. It is signposted clearly when heading northwards, but easy to miss southwards. Owner and landlord Alun Cole chose beers from Coles brewery, Llanddarog, which is very appropriate. Opening hours will increase to 2pm-10pm from Easter. No food service, but cheeseboard and bar snacks available. A hidden gem! We wish them well.

Y CROSS, HAYSCASTLE CROSS, CURRENTLY CLOSED

This pub, which deservedly made the shortlist for the recent CAMRA National Pub-saving Award, is currently closed whilst various issues are resolved. Hopefully this excellent pub will re-open soon, and our Branch will continue to support the people of the Haycastle area in providing a local pub at the heart of their community.

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.

NEWYDDION CENEDLAETHOL

CAMRA YN GALW AR Y CANGHELLOR I “WNEUD 20%” AR DDYLETSWYDD CWRW A SEIDR ISAF YN Y GYLLIDEB

Mae CAMRA wedi lansio'r ymgyrch 'Make it 20%' ar y cyd â SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) ac IFBB (Independent Family Brewers of Britain). Mae defnyddwyr a sefydliadau bragu am i'r Canghellor yng Nghyllideb Mawrth 6ed (yr wythnos nesa!) ymestyn rhyddhad treth drafft ar gyfer cwrw a seidr a weinir mewn tafarndai i 20%. Byddai'r mesur hwn, pe bai'n cael ei fabwysiadu, yn gymwys yng Nghymru.

Byddai gwneud y dreth a godir ar gwrw a seidr drafft 20% yn is na'r gyfradd arferol yn targedu cymorth i dafarndai a chlybiau cymdeithasol lleol, yn cynorthwyo bragwyr bach ac annibynnol y mae eu cwrw yn cael ei werthu'n bennaf mewn tafarndai, ac yn annog pobl i fynd i dafarndai – gan helpu trwyddedes i gystadlu yn erbyn alcohol rhad archfarchnad.

Gallwch chwarae eich rhan yn yr ymgyrch hon. E-bostiwch eich AS lleol (PEIDIWCH â defnyddio'r offeryn CAMRA a ddarparwyd ar gyfer gwneud hyn gan fod ein Hysgrifennydd wedi canfod bod ein

ASau lleol yn sylwi ar e-byst o offer ymgyrchu o'r fath ac yn eu gwrthod) i ofyn iddo ofyn i'r Canghellor, Jeremy Hunt eu defnyddio. y Gyllideb ar 6 Mawrth i:

- 1) Torri treth yn benodol ar gwrw a seidr drafft a weinir mewn tafarndai er mwyn helpu defnyddwyr, cefnogi bragdai lleol a lleihau cyfraddau cau tafarndai.
- 2) Cael gwared ar fiwrocratiaeth sy'n atal tafarndai rhag gwerthu cwrw a seidr i fynd adref o'r cynwysyddion drafft y telir amdanynt.
- 3) Torri TAW ar gyfer busnesau lletygarwch.
- 4) Gwnewch yn siŵr, at ddibenion dyletswydd, bod gan seidr o leiaf 50% o gynnwys sudd o leiaf er mwyn sicrhau cynnyrch o ansawdd i ddefnyddwyr.

Helpwch CAMRA i achub EICH tafarn leol!

Ein Haelodau Seneddol yw Simon Hart yng Ngorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro, e-bost simon.hart.mp@parliament.uk a Stephen Crabb ym Mhreseli Sir Benfro, e-bost stephen.crabb.mp@parliament.uk

NATIONAL NEWS

CAMRA CALLS ON CHANCELLOR TO "MAKE IT 20%" LOWER BEER AND CIDER DUTY IN THE BUDGET

CAMRA has launched the 'Make it 20%' campaign jointly with SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) and IFBB (Independent Family Brewers of Britain). Consumers and brewing organisations want the Chancellor in the March 6th Budget (next week!) to extend draught duty relief for beer and cider served in pubs to 20%. This measure, if adopted, would apply in Wales.

Making tax charged on draught beer and cider 20% lower than the normal rate would target support to local pubs and social clubs, assist small and independent brewers whose beer is sold predominantly in pubs, and encourage pub-going – helping licensees to compete against the likes of cheap supermarket alcohol.

You can play your part in this campaign. E-mail your local MP (do NOT use the CAMRA tool provided for doing this as our Secretary has found that our local MPs spot e-mails from such campaigning tools and reject them) to ask him to ask the Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt to use the Budget on 6th March to:

- 1) Cut tax specifically on draught beer and cider served in pubs to help consumers, support local breweries and stem pub closure rates.
- 2) Remove red tape that prevents pubs making incidental take-home beer and cider sales from draught duty-paid containers.
- 3) Cut VAT for hospitality businesses.
- 4) Make sure that for duty purposes cider has at least 50% minimum juice content to ensure quality products for consumers.

Help CAMRA save YOUR local pub!

Our MPs are Simon Hart in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, e-mail simon.hart.mp@parliament.uk and Stephen Crabb in Preseli Pembrokeshire, e-mail stephen.crabb.mp@parliament.uk

MEET CAMRA MEMBERS NEAR YOU FOR A SOCIAL PINT

Branch members in the Hayscastle and Letterston areas have arranged to meet up regularly on Wednesday afternoons at the *Cross*, Hayscastle, to enjoy a friendly pint together and support their local real ale pub..

Why don't other Branch members in our spread-out, thinly-peopled County do likewise? If you are interested in meeting like-minded ale and cider drinkers near you, drop us a line on

secretary@pembrokeshire.camra.org.uk

with the contact details you'd like us to share and what sort of area you would be willing to meet up in and we'll put you in touch with other members near you who have done the same.

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. No submissions this month, so let's hear from you!

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.

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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