

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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Following the appearance of our Chair, Mrs Alwen Thomas, in the *Western Telegraph* and the *Tenby Observer* presenting our Branch Pub of the Year award to *Cresselly Arms* landlord Steve Adams in April, a photo of Alwen appeared at the top of the front page of the *Western Telegraph* on 22nd May presenting our Cider Pub of the Year award to CAMRA member Nicola Morris, manageress of *The William Owen*, Haverfordwest. A full report of this event, attended by a number of Branch members, appeared inside the paper.

Branch Publicity Officer Jon O'Brien has clearly hit the spot again with his professionally drafted Press Statements, successfully raising the profile of our Campaign in the County media.

BRANCH APPOINTS CIDER OFFICER

CAMRA exists to promote not only traditional Real Ale but traditional real Cider and Perry, as our Cider Pub of the Year presentation in the last item shows. To that end, at our April meeting we elected Jimmy Whitworth our Branch Cider Officer, responsible for promoting real cider and perry in the pubs of the County.

Jimmy is a professional cider maker himself, running Pontymeddyg Cider of Dinas Cross. He is also a member of the Council of the Welsh Perry and Cider Society, so he is well qualified for this important role.

DRINK UP IN A BREWERY SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISED FOR OUR MAY BRANCH MEETING

The Branch proved we really can organise a drink up in a Brewery by organising just that for our May Meeting. The usual good turn out of members met in the Old Farmhouse Brewery near St Davids. Our hosts Mark and Emma made us very welcome, and apart from conducting Branch business we enjoyed their splendid range of local ales. Afterwards we relaxed over a few more in their capacious barn.

Another enjoyable afternoon, as we try to make sure our Branch meetings are, mixing a bit of necessary business with a lot of sociable pleasure and enjoyment of the finest in the County's ales. Why not see for yourself at our next Branch Meeting

GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL AT MILFORD HAVEN BEER FESTIVAL

Branch members, other CAMRA members and friends had an excellent time at the Milford Haven Round Table's Beer Festival on 25th May, enjoying a fine selection of ales at this annual highlight of the local beer year. Just one of the many enjoyable events the Branch attends throughout the year. Why not share in the fun, taste the ales, and join us?

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This month's Branch Meeting is also in a local brewery, which doubles up as a record shop.

Getting there:

Or get the T5 bus from Fishguard to Haverfordwest at 11.50, 12.04 from Letterston Square, arriving Haverfordwest Bus Station at 12.21. There is a 301 Haverfordwest Town service from the Bus Station at 12.50 dropping off at the Leisure Centre, a short walk from the venue, for those who do not fancy the uphill walk from the Bus Station.

There are T5's north leaving Haverfordwest Bus Station at 1615 arriving Letterston at 16.34 and Fishguard at 16.48 and 1704, Letterston 17.23, Fishguard 17.43.

WEST WALES AREA PUB, CLUB and CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR WINNERS SOON – WATCH THIS SPACE!

Each of our three West Wales CAMRA Branches, ourselves, Carmarthenshire and Bae Ceredigion, have been visiting and judging each other's pubs, cider pubs and clubs of the year. The results have been submitted to the Regional Director for Wales, Chris Charters, and he will be announcing the winners soon, hopefully in time for our July Newsletter. Watch this space!

WEST WALES BEER TASTING PANEL BEING SET UP – VOLUNTEERS STILL WELCOME

Interested in learning more about tasting ale? West Wales CAMRA is planning to set up an Area Beer tasting panel. To do this, we need volunteers to undergo a one-day Beer Tasting Course provided by CAMRA nationally. The cost is under £20 for the day, and you get to taste a variety of beers. It is hoped to hold the course later this year. Several Branch members have already indicated they are interested but we can still accommodate a couple more. If you are interested contact ao.westwales@wales.camra.org.uk

PUBS AND BREWERIES NEWS

FISHGUARD PUBS JOIN FORCES TO PROMOTE REAL ALE AT TOWN'S JAZZ FESTIVAL

Fishguard pubs are planning to launch a "Real Ale Trail" around the town to coincide with the annual AberJazz Festival over the August bank Holiday. Local CAMRA members will be helping them. Watch this space for further news.

LOCAL COMMUNITY OWNED PUB Y CROSS FORGES AHEAD

Last month we reported that Y Cross, Hayscastle Cross, was open again. Branch members visiting report that the ale is back in excellent condition from two handpumps. Extensive refurbishment and upgrade works are under way behind the scenes.

OLD FISHGUARD PUB TO REOPEN

The *Farmers' Arms*, Fishguard, on the town square beside the Library and opposite the *Royal Oak*, which has lain derelict for years, is now being refurbished and it is hoped it will reopen as a real ale pub by the end of the year at the latest.

NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS...

The *Royal George*, formerly a noted real ale pub in the upper town of Solva, is still closed and still up for sale. Its future is uncertain. Meanwhile the proprietors of the *Gate*, Scleddau, are leaving at the end of October and the future of the pub is also uncertain. The *Taberna Inn*, Herbrandston, a former Branch Pub of the Year, several times Branch Cider Pub of the Year and in the Good Beer Guide for many years, is now closed and up for auction. Again, its future as a pub is uncertain.

Our Pubs Preservation Officer, Alan Kilbey, is monitoring all these developments lest an application go in for a change of use, meaning the premises could cease to be a pub. Pubs are closing all over Wales now – but CAMRA is fighting to keep them open. Your membership helps us do so.

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.

NATIONAL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM CAMRA HEADQUARTERS REGARDING THE GENERAL ELECTION

"A General Election has been called for 4 July and we want to make sure that the next Government will stand up for pubs, beer and consumers."

"CAMRA will be publishing a manifesto, laying out what steps we want to see taken and creating an e-lobby for consumers to let candidates know what matters to them. Nationally, CAMRA will write to the main political parties, and we'll be keeping our campaigning issues in the public eye across the press and social media."

"It is vital that branches remember that CAMRA is not party-political. There are also very specific rules about what we are able to do as an organisation - including around spending and contact with parliamentary candidates."

"The Campaigns & Communications Team will issue full guidance covering what we can and cannot do. Please do not take any action until this has been published, as there are potentially serious consequences to breaking these rules."

Keep an eye on the National Website <https://camra.org.uk/> and your e-mails for the CAMRA manifesto.

NEW IMPROVED CAMRA NATIONAL WEBSITE

CAMRA nationally is trialling a new, revamped National website, “CAMRA Experience”. It can be found here:

https://www1.camra.org.uk/?_gl=1*plifbt*_ga*NjMzNDgwNjIOLjE2NTc5MTE3NjI.*_ga_6FED8KZD8E*MTcxNjk4ODc2Mi4yOS4wLjE3MTY5ODg3NjluNjAuMC4w&_ga=2.85893791.780035853.1716988762-633480624.1657911762

Take a look and click on the feedback link at the top of the Home Page to let CAMRA know what you think of it.

OTHER ITEMS

NEW CAMRA PUBLICITY MATERIAL FOR OUR PUBS NOW AVAILABLE!!

We now have lots of the new CAMRA Recruitment Leaflet – “Join the CAMRA Story” in English and Welsh, plus stands and posters. They need to be got out to our pubs.

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.

WHATPUB, CAMRA’S PUBS AND CLUBS DATABASE, NEEDS YOU!

Every establishment selling alcohol to the general public to drink on the premises is meant to be on the CAMRA WhatPub database, maintained in Pembrokeshire by our Pubs database Co-Ordinator, Paul Padget, and his team. See

<https://whatpub.com/>

Given the large area we cover with a relatively small number of active members, we often struggle to keep the information on WhatPub up to date. If you see something wrong or out of date on a pub’s entry, please go the bit at the bottom of the entry where it says

“Seen some incorrect or missing details?”

[Send an email to the CAMRA branch](#) with your updates.”

Click on the link (which is pub-specific - the one above is an example for the *Royal Oak* in Fishguard) and e-mail us with your corrections. Visiting CAMRA members and indeed members of the public do this, which the Branch appreciates, but we could do with more updates from local members who are more likely to know the pub and so be able to provide accurate information.

Also please feel free to score the beer you drink – see “*Submit Beer Scores*” link on the right hand side at the top of the WhatPub entry for each pub. You’ll need to log on with your CAMRA

Membership Number and password to do this, but it greatly helps us to choose the best pubs to go in the Good Beer Guide each year.

MEET CAMRA MEMBERS NEAR YOU FOR A SOCIAL PINT

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!

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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