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# FROM THE EDITOR



I'm delighted to welcome you to the latest issue of CAMRA/Angle.

For regular readers you'll note that there's a new Editor on board – that's me. When Allan Willoughby gracefully bowed out of his Editorship, I was delighted to be appointed as the new torchbearer for the magazine.

A huge thank you to all the contributors and to the Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead (SWM) CAMRA Branch for all of their help and support. Do make sure to get involved with the Branch and make the most of all that they do, enjoy the beers, the outings and make some new friends along the way!

First up in this issue is the Maidenhead Beer Festival, taking place on Thursday 26 – Saturday 28 July. With over 100 beers, 20+ ciders, great food and live music it deserves its place in anyone's diary I'd say. (See page 15 for full details.) If you can't make the dates, there are plenty of other social activities to get involved with all summer, so turn to page 8 to join in the fun. (On the page opposite you will find the all-new beer themed crossword - enjoy!)

If your beer plans lie further afield, then any of you planning to head out to the States should take a look at the lively report on Florida's St. Petersburg Beer Scene. It's packed with descriptions of the delicious and sometimes fairly off-the-wall brews happening on the other side of the Pond.

On the topic of brews, we cover what's new from the brewers and also which CAMRA pubs are hosting beer festivals in the coming weeks. CAMRA itself comes under the spotlight as we review the results of the annual AGM which, as many of you will have seen, were thought provoking.

A final note – as Windsor-based publishers, real ale is very close to our hearts. For the past eight years we have run our own beer festivals in Manchester and Doncaster with CAMRA, and I'm lucky enough to be a judge of the CAMRA Club of the Year Awards. Guess what? I love my job – who wouldn't!

**Sean Ferris**  
Editor

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## The Rt Hon Theresa May MP and RBWM Council Support Pubs

"I recently received a letter of congratulations from our MP, Theresa May, with regards to the Pub of the Year 2018 Award presented to the Craufurd Arms by the Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) Branch. The support that we have received from our Prime Minister and the RBWM [Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead] Council has been remarkable and much appreciated.



"With the fate of so many of our pubs hanging in the balance it is good to know that the RBWM councillors and officers are prepared to step up to the plate and address the loss of so many community assets.... as is the case of the Barley Mow.(EI [ei publican partnerships]).

"The North Star (EI) and the Crooked Billet (private developer) both in Westborough Road, The Red Lion in Oakley Green (Punch/Patron Capital) and The Swan in Clewer (Wellington) are all under threat. It may well be that community or private ownership are the only way to save our pubs from oblivion. It's worth bearing in mind that once these community hubs are lost they are lost forever.

"I hope with the help of our council and elected officials more can be done to preserve our heritage and ensure that we can celebrate our unique hostelrys for years to come.

"Please invest in and support your local pub and help reduce social isolation – use it or lose it."

**Mark Newcombe**  
Pub Protection Officer  
SWM CAMRA

## Windsor Pub Opening



The Piper in Windsor's popular Peascod Street opened in some style on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with customers given a bagpipe welcome from a genuine Scottish piper.

Previously the Junction Bar, and before that Bar 51, the pub has had a chequered recent history and had been closed for some time. The new owner is Gillian Bayldon-Pritchard who also runs the Queen Victoria and Horse and Groom in Windsor plus the Watermans Arms in Eton. She has transformed the pub with a complete refurbishment and it is now a smart and welcoming venue.

The pub is Scottish themed with a large range of Scottish whiskies and gins plus food. Real Ale lovers are also not neglected with six hand pumps that feature some great Scottish beers. Manager, Colin (pictured) said that transformation would be completed when Council permission for outside tables is finalised



The pub is also unique in featuring a range of original artwork which is all for sale. Windsor has gained not just a pub but a new art gallery!

## GBBF rocks with Planet Rock

The Great British Beer Festival (GBBF), taking place from 7 - 11 August at Olympia London, has teamed up with Planet Rock for a whole day of unforgettable music on Thursday 9 August. Joining us will be:

- Broken Witt Rebels
- Danny Bryant
- The Dust Coda
- Bad Touch
- Mollie Marriott
- Fireroad



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## SW&M Branch Announces Winners

### CAMRA Club of the Year The Maidenhead Conservative Club

The Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead branch of CAMRA are pleased to announce that the Maidenhead Conservative Club, Maidenhead has won the branch Club Of The Year, 2018 award. Following this award, the club goes on to the Regional

finals. Many congratulations to Lorraine and Brian and the team for winning two years in a row.



### CAMRA Pub of the Year Craufurd Arms

A year ago the Craufurd Arms in North Maidenhead was up for sale under the glaring eyes of potential property developers. Fast forward and from virtually nowhere the pub has not only been saved by the local community, it has been voted by local CAMRA branch members as their Pub of the Year.



### CAMRA Cider Pub of the Year The Barleycorn, Cippenham

Has become the 2018 Cider Pub of the Year

in recognition of its good range of real ciders. Pictured is landlord Odhran receiving his Award.



## Refurbishment for Jolly Woodman

The Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common is now open after a full refurbishment, although the outside is still work in progress. The six hand pumps have Rebellion IPA as a regular with five changing beers from local and regional micro-breweries.

The new landlord also runs the Bootlegger, High Wycombe and The Whip Inn, Lacey Green, both of which are in the Good Beer Guide 2018.



## Rewards and Awards

In April CAMRA volunteers from the 2017 Maidenhead Beer & Cider Festival assembled at Windsor & Eton Brewery to be rewarded for their commitment and dedication at the 2017 Maidenhead Beer & Cider Festival.



Steve is presenting the CBOB certificate to Paddy Johnson.

Branch members were also invited to celebrate the brewer's Knight of the Garter winning gold in the Golden Ales section of the London

& South East Regional heat of CAMRA's competition to find the Champion Beer Of Britain (CBOB). Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead CAMRA provided free beer and food for the volunteers and the Brewery provided a free cask of Knight of the Garter for everybody to enjoy.

Volunteers also celebrated Weird Beard's winning Beer of the Festival, Night of the Ryeclops.



Alan Molloy, left, meets Weird Beard Head Brewer, Ben.

## Old Court Bar Reopens

The Old Court Bar, St. Leonard's Road in Windsor, has reopened after a necessary rewire. The Arts Centre – formally known as The Fire Station – is now under new management and the bar is being run by Windsor & Eton Brewery. Check out their range of craft keg beers and a cask ale, Windsor Knot when I visited.



This bar is attached to the Old Court (Arts Centre) and is run by Windsor & Eton Brewery.

On the bar (at time of writing) they have Republika, Eton Rifles, White Riot & GUARDSMAN in keg, a range of bottled beers and a rotating cask ale from the brewery.

## Cask Ale Week 2018



To celebrate its 10th anniversary, Cask Ale Week 2018 has been launched with a new look, incorporating the shape of the cask end and a pump handle.

"It's a stronger identity with good standout, whether used in black and white or colour. It should look good on any materials being produced by branches for their activity from 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September," said Frances Brace, promoter of Cask Ale Week

Organiser Cask Marque Director Paul Nunny, said that the 10th birthday is a good time to celebrate cask ale and recognise its uniqueness and its contribution to pubs.



"With the choice of food and drink venues increasing all the time, it's crucial to promote what's special about pubs. In my book – and the book of many CAMRA members – that means cask-conditioned beer," he said.

"There's a growing market for natural, unadulterated food and drink produced in an environmentally-friendly way. Real ale contains no added gas, so readily falls into the 'natural' category. The process of brewing cask ale is completed in the cellar, making it unique and different from other beers. We should value this, and do more to educate people about it."

Visit the Caskfinder App at [cask-marque.co.uk](http://cask-marque.co.uk) or use this QR code.



## CAMRA's Good Beer Guide Belgium

The 8th edition of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide Belgium is an indispensable companion for anyone visiting or living in Belgium.

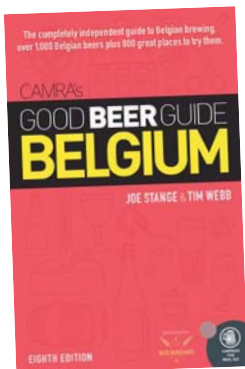
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([www.beermerchants.com](http://www.beermerchants.com)) the guide is co-authored once again by Tim Webb and Joe Stange.

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## AS WE GO TO PRESS...

Tim Page has stepped down as CAMRA's Chief Executive after three and a half years. During this time he has been instrumental in executing a major strategic review of CAMRA, as evidenced at April's AGM (see pages 11-12 for more details).

National Chairman Jackie Parker said: "On behalf of the National Executive would like to thank Tim for his contribution to the Campaign during his time with us and we wish him all the very best for the future."

## Out and About Eye-catching episodes

Seen anything strange on your travels? Then send us your shots to [editor@swm.camra.org.uk](mailto:editor@swm.camra.org.uk)





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# BRANCH DIARY



*July 12's Branch Meeting will be held at the ever popular White Horse, Hedgerley.*



**Socials and meetings for your diary. Come along for good banter and even better ales! Newbies are very welcome. For full details visit [www.swm.camra.org.uk](http://www.swm.camra.org.uk) or use the QR Code above.**

## JUNE

**14**

Branch Social at The Twyford Summer Beer Festival, The Bear, Maidenhead, from 1pm.

**15 & 16**

Branch Social at Perseverance Summer Beer Festival, Wraysbury from 1pm.

**15 - 17**

Perseverance Summer Beer Festival

**23**

Berks CAMRA Branches do the Bermondsey Beer Mile. Meet outside Bermondsey tube station at 11 am

## JULY

**1**

Hedgerley Ramble. 10am, White Horse, Hedgerley.

**6 - 8**

Fag 'N' Firkin Beer Festival - Derehams Inn, Loudwater.

**12**

Branch Meeting. 7:30pm at the White Horse, Hedgerley.

**23**

Beer Festival build.

**26 - 28**

MAIDENHEAD BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL.

See page 15 for details

**29**

Festival take down.

## AUGUST

**4**

Branch Social at The Egham Beer Festival (United Services Club Egham) from 1pm.

**15**

Branch Meeting. 7:30pm at the Carpenter's Arms Windsor.

**25**

Branch Social at the multi-award winning Nag's Head in Reading, from 2:30pm. 12 Cask beers, 8 Keg beers and 15 Ciders.

**31 - 1 September**

Windsor Craft Beer Festival 2018, Windsor & Eton Brewery.

## SEPTEMBER

**1**

Branch Social at The Windsor & Eton Brewery Beer Festival from 1pm.

**12**

Branch Meeting. 7:30pm at the Tower Arms Hotel, Richings Park, Iwer.

**22**

Oxford Pub Walk. Meet at 1pm Oxford Town Hall.

## KEEP FIT & ENJOY BEER AT THE SAME TIME!

The Hedgerley Real Ale Ramble has been held on a quarterly basis for more than 10 years and is a great way to keep fit and enjoy some excellent beers and good company at the same time. The walk covers about eight miles and takes in three of the area's best real ale pubs - The Blackwood Arms, The Royal Standard at Wooburn Common and The White Horse in Hedgerley (in that order).

We meet at Hedgerley Pond, which is very near the White Horse, at 10.00am and then take a scenic route which varies from walk to walk to keep things interesting for regular participants. Lunch is optional and is taken at the Royal Standard before returning to the White Horse around 4.30pm.

Between them these pubs have around 25 different real ales for our thirsty walkers to savour, more than enough to keep anyone happy!

The next Hedgerley Real Ale Ramble will take place on **July 1**.

All are welcome, please call Mark the walk leader on 01753-534777 if you have any queries and to reserve a dining place, as the Standard does get very busy on Sunday lunchtimes. Come and join us!

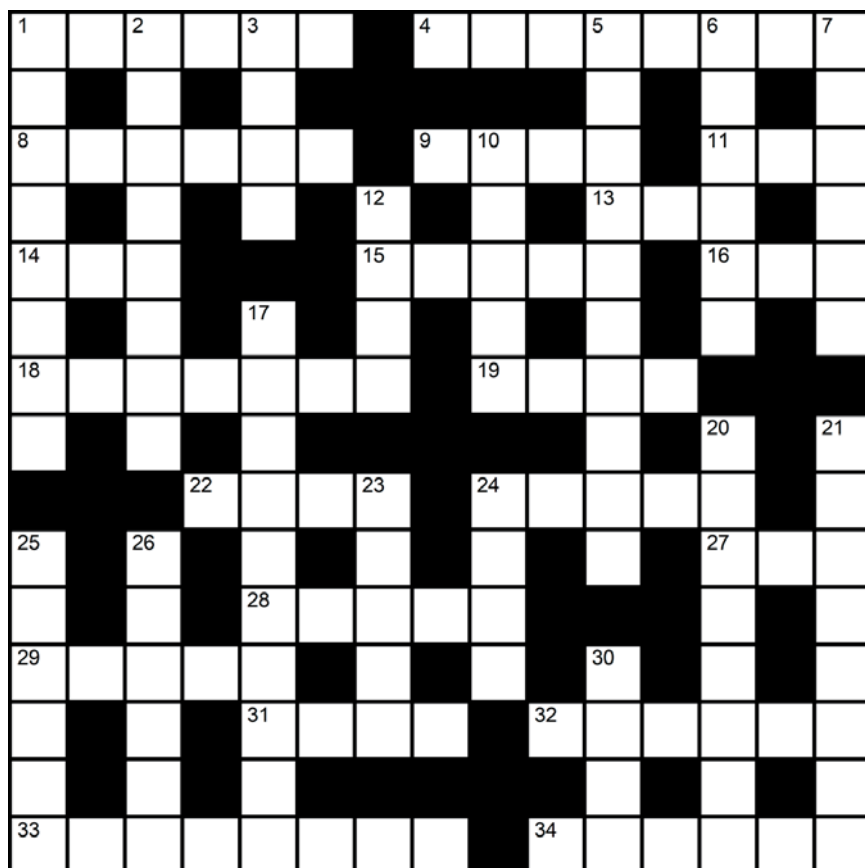


# QUIZ CORNER

Welcome to the all-new Quiz Corner. Test out your beer prowess on our new beer-themed cryptic crossword



You'll find the answers on page 15



## ACROSS

- 1 Laughed out loud and loafed? (6)
- 4 Take back in a robber's crime. (8)
- 8 Braces used for Scottish poles. (6)
- 9 'Rats!' to the old monarch. (4)
- 11 Take in half a breath. (3)
- 13 Object less, when thinking of relations. (3)
- 14 Yield in fish trap. (3)
- 15 See 25 down. (5)
- 16 Beekeeper has to scratch out a living. (4)
- 18 Spy on me clumsily to get names. (7)
- 19 Jumps into beer-making! (4)
- 22 Make beer in the Hebrew tradition? (4)
- 24 Rupee's exchanged for strained food. (5)
- 27 Have extra bits to make a belt. (3)
- 28 Lemon-flavoured fruit? (5)
- 29 Bridgeable, but un-graded good book? (5)
- 31 Throw at steamer. (4)
- 32 So-called pubs... (6)
- 33 Rich gene modification for good pint quality. (8)
- 34 Glares at suggestion they're not real ale! (6)

## DOWN

- 1 And 21 down. Simple residences can be transformed into pubs!
- 2 Alibi, not taken as a drink! (8)
- 3 It's currently at the Cordon-bleu Rotisserie. (4)
- 5 Ban tender ones who serve pints? (10)
- 6 Key you won't need for a real pint! (6)
- 7 How could you be acrimonious about a drink? (6)
- 10 Hug so interpreted as to be Wind in the Willows? (5)
- 12 Tries out isotherms for resistance. (4)

- 17 Dry theorem translated into strength measurer. (10)
- 20 Beer gave shape to drink. (8)
- 21 See 1 down. (8)
- 23 Strolls round to rub out bulwarks. (5)
- 24 Decorate Cockney for his beer. (4)
- 25 And 15 across. Pious club he joined - in the boozier!
- 26 Incombustible? Don't consult the drink! (6)
- 30 Parrot, about to yield roster. (4)

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### SOUTH BUCKS COUNCIL

- The Bull, Iver - currently boarded-up
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- Fifield Inn, Fifield
- Crown, Burchetts Green
- Craufurd Arms, Maidenhead
- Dew Drop Inn, Hurley
- Boundary Arms, Pinkneys Green
- Jolly Farmer, Cookham Dean
- Ye Olde Red Lion, Oakley Green
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# CAMRA'S ANGLE POST AGM

**The Campaign for Real Ale's (CAMRA's) AGM, held in Coventry on 21 April saw members voting on the future positioning of the 47-year-old organisation.**

Almost 18,000 members voted to remove the organisation's current 'objects' in the Articles of Association – the statement of what the Campaign exists to achieve – and to approve new objectives designed to make the organisation more inclusive, relevant and welcoming:

1. To secure the long term future of real ale, real cider and real perry by increasing their quality, availability and popularity.
2. To promote and protect pubs and clubs as social centres as part of the UK's cultural heritage.
3. To increase recognition of the benefits of responsible, moderate social drinking.
4. To play a leading role in the provision of information, education and training to all those with an interest in beer, cider and perry of any type.
5. To ensure, where possible, that producers and retailers of beer, cider and perry act in the best interests of the customer.

However, despite 72% of members agreeing to the measure, the 75% percent threshold was not met to approve the recommendation to add one additional object to CAMRA's Articles of Association, which was to 'act as the voice and represent the interests of all pub goers and beer, cider and perry drinkers'.

The changes will see CAMRA put increased focus on educating members (and non-members) about different types of beer. It also sees campaigning for real cider and perry added to the objects for the first time, as well as recognising pub and club protection as a key object for the organisation.

CAMRA's outgoing National Chairman, Colin Valentine said: "We need to do all we can to reassure all members that our core campaigning objectives remain focussed on real ale, cider and perry as ever. Those who called for more far reaching changes, which has not been supported in the vote, and those who disagreed with any change, can be confident that their contribution to the Campaign remains as valued as ever – and that all members can continue to work together to achieve common objectives."

## THE MOTIONS

### SR1

To approve the deletion of Article 2 in CAMRA's Articles of Association, other than the following wording: "2. The objects for which CAMRA is established are:" – **84.1% in favour**

### SR2

To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(a) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(a) to secure the long term future of real ale, real cider and real perry by increasing their quality, availability and popularity;" – **88.8% in favour**

### SR3

To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(b) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(b) to promote and protect pubs and clubs as social centres and part of the UK's cultural heritage;" – **92.1% in favour**

### SR4

To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(c) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(c) to increase recognition of the benefits of responsible, moderate social drinking;" – **89.3% in favour**

### SR5

To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(d) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(d) to play a leading role in the provision of information, education and training to all those with an interest in beer, cider and perry of any type;" – **78.2% in favour**

### SR6

To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(e) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(e) to act as the voice and represent the interests of all pub-goers and beer, cider and perry drinkers;" – **72.6% in favour**

### SR7

To approve the insertion of the following Article 2(f) in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "2(f) to ensure where possible that producers and retailers of beer, cider and perry act in the best interests of the consumer." – **88.4% in favour**

### SR8

To approve the deletion of Article 3 in CAMRA's Articles of Association, and to replace it with the following: "3(a) CAMRA is formed as an independent, volunteer led, non-party political body to pursue its objectives. 3(b) CAMRA will operate in a transparent, inclusive, enthusiastic and welcoming manner, at all levels." – **92.4% in favour**

### SR9

To approve the deletion of Article 4 in CAMRA's Articles of Association, and to replace it with the following: "4. In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise CAMRA shall have power:

- (a) to purchase, acquire, sell, exchange and otherwise deal in any way, whatsoever with freehold, leasehold or other property, chattels and effects;
- (b) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner and on such terms as may seem expedient;



(c) to co-operate with and assist in any way, including the investment of monies, by way of purchase of shares or the making of loans, whether secured or unsecured, or in any other manner whatsoever, any other organisation or corporation or company which is sympathetic to the objects of CAMRA;

(d) to participate in bank direct debiting schemes as an originator for the purpose of collecting membership subscriptions and any other amounts due to CAMRA; in furtherance of this, CAMRA may enter into any indemnity required by the banks upon whom direct debits are to be originated, and any such indemnity may be executed on behalf of CAMRA by its authorised company account signatories;

(e) to undertake, encourage and provide finance for research or experimental work connected with the said objects or any of them;

(f) to manufacture, sell, treat and deal in all kinds of services, commodities, substances, materials, articles and things;

(g) to maintain the necessary governance, structure, capabilities and financial resources to deliver its objects;

(h) to establish and support branches, acting individually or jointly in voluntary association, whose objects are the same as the objects of CAMRA and to supply or aid in the establishment and support of clubs or associations whose objects are sympathetic to the objects of CAMRA;

(i) to carry out all or any of the foregoing objects as principals or agents or in partnership, co-operation or conjunction with

any person, firm, organisation, company or corporation and in any part of the world;

(j) to develop products and services which promote the Campaign as widely as possible, grow and diversify the membership and activist base and generate campaigning funds;

(k) to form partnerships and alliances with those organisations whose aims and objectives align with its own on individual issues;

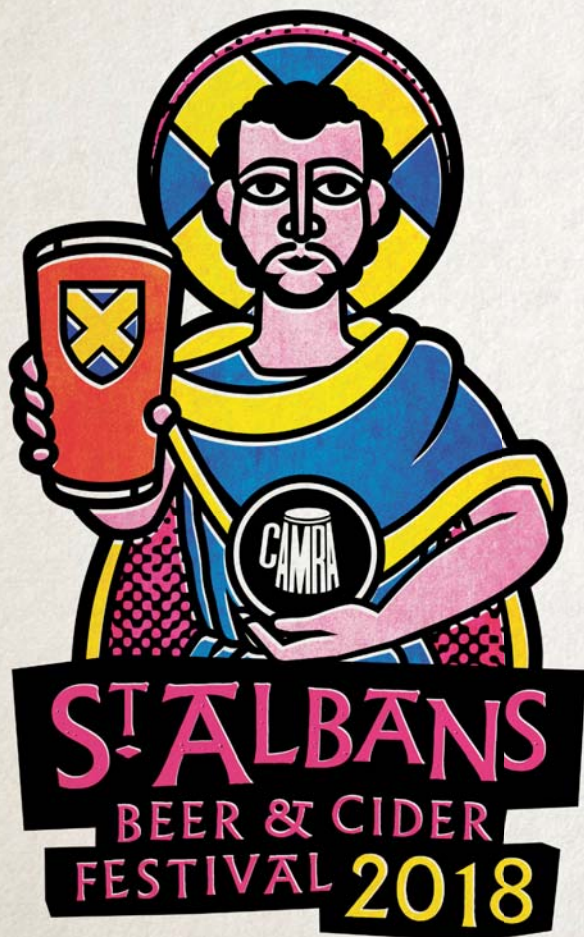
(l) to do all such other things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the said objects or any of them." – **87.5% in favour**

## SR10

To approve the addition of the following at the end of Article 25 in CAMRA's Articles of Association: "..., and such written notice of intent has been signed by not less than 50 Members." – **89.1% in favour**



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- Acre - Windsor
- Barleycorn - Cippenham
- Barley Mow - Cox Green
- Bear - Maidenhead
- Bexley Arms - Windsor
- Boatman - Windsor
- Bounty - Cookham
- Boundary Arms - Pinkneys Green
- Conservative Club - Maidenhead
- Corner House - Windsor
- Craufurd Arms - Maidenhead
- Crooked Billet - Maidenhead
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- Emperor - Farnham Royal
- Fox & Castle - Old Windsor
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Live music is detailed on the festival website, [www.mbcf.camra.org.uk](http://www.mbcf.camra.org.uk) and regular updates will appear on the festival Facebook, Twitter and Instagram sites. For those looking for a more peaceful experience there will be a 'quiet zone' hall adjacent to the main bar.

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The festival kicks off with Chris Brown, the Royal Borough town crier reading his proclamation just after we open. The event is family friendly with plenty of things to keep the kids occupied. For the newbies, the college, situated in Shoppenhangers Road, is only a 5-minute walk from Maidenhead railway station and is well signposted. It's also easy walking distance from Maidenhead United FC's grounds - worth noting for Wycombe Wanderers and Maidenhead United supporters.

This year we have made the entrance more flexible; for £5 you're in with a souvenir glass (take it home or return it on leaving), with a £1 reduction for borough residents Advantage Card holders, even better it's just £3 entry for CAMRA Members....remember to carry your cards! As before we will be running cashless bars with a token system pricing a pint at £3.90, while drinks below 4% strength will receive a 10p voucher return due to CAMRA policy. Any

unused vouchers can be redeemed at the exit or donated to our wonderful festival charity.

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Sponsors of the festival this year, for which we are eternally grateful, include The Bear in Maidenhead High Street and Grant & Stone, family-run Builders and Plumbers Merchants and Electrical Wholesalers. CAMRA is a not-for-profit organisation and has been campaigning for real ale, cider and perry, pubs and drinkers' rights since 1971. Any surplus from the festival is used to fund these activities.

Details of the festival food offering will be announced in the near future and we are planning to offer wine and summer style drinks this year. We are pleased to announce that this year's charity is Maidenhead Care, providing Good Neighbour help and practical support for the elderly, unwell or disadvantaged people of Maidenhead. Please dig deep and support this worthy cause.

So that's it in a nutshell. Put the dates in your diary and come along to what promises to be a cracking event.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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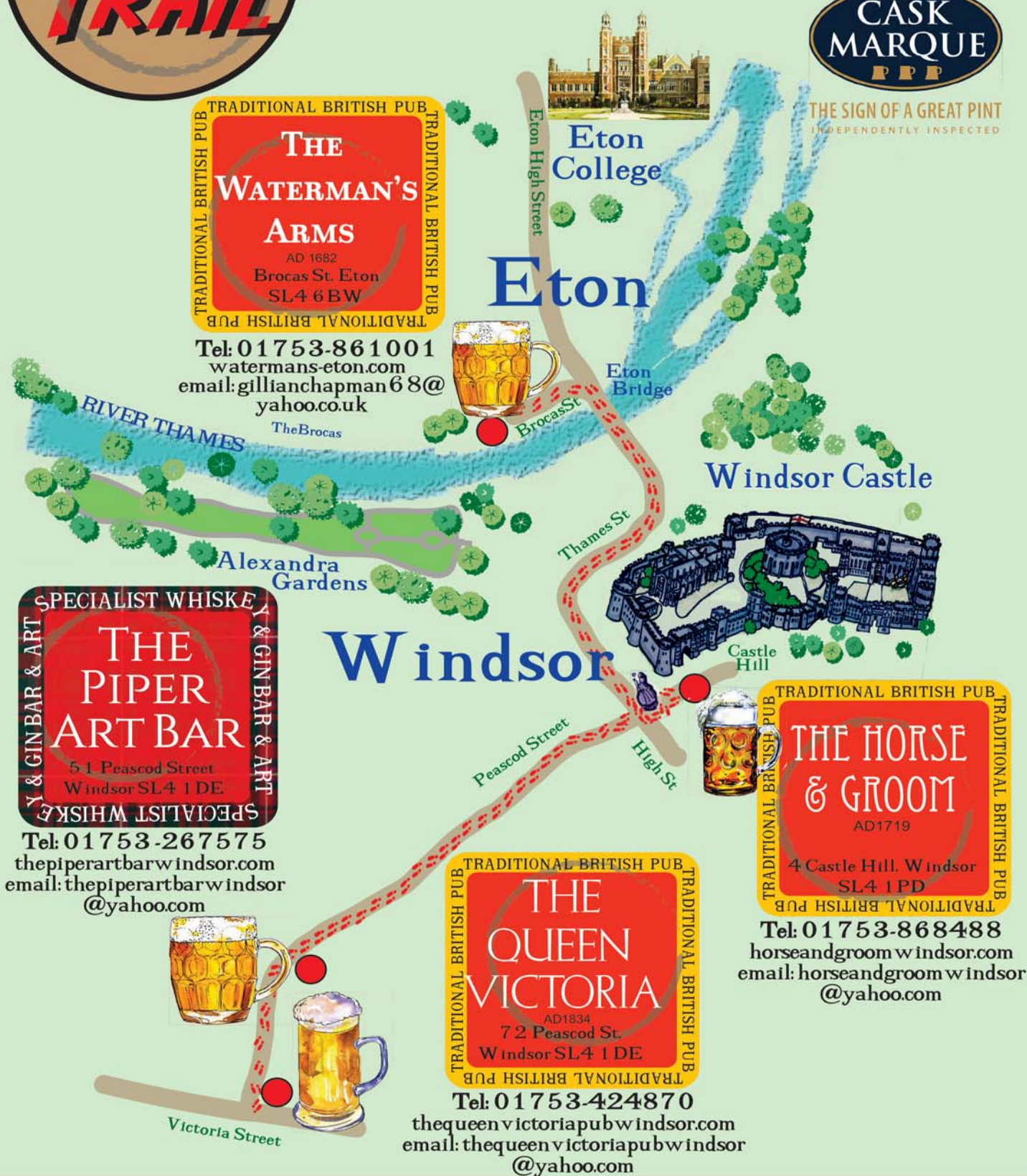


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# AN INVITATION TO PARLIAMENT

## Kevin Phillips, Branch Public Affairs Officer, reports on CAMRA's Annual Parliamentary Reception

It is not every day that an invitation to attend Parliament pops up in an e-mail inbox, but that is exactly what happened in February when I was invited to attend CAMRA's Annual Parliamentary reception. This year, the decision was made to invite a branch Public Affairs Officer to this prestigious event and my name was fortunate enough to be chosen.

Influencing the great and the good on key issues affecting beer and pubs is key to CAMRA achieving its aims and this event is a good example of the work CAMRA does in this area. Last year CAMRA's successful lobbying contributed to a number of big wins in Parliament. These included achieving significant planning protection for all pubs in England; a freeze on beer duty in the Autumn budget and an extension to the £1000 business rate relief for pubs in England for another year. The announcements in the Budget were worth approximately £147 million to the beer and pub sector.

That was last year, however, and as we all learnt in the pre-reception briefing for the CAMRA team, there is an equally big agenda to achieve this year. The briefing was held in a meeting room just off historic Westminster Hall and conducted by Ellie Hudspith from CAMRA HQ. The

briefing outlined the classic lobbying three-point plan of first outlining the background to the issue, then moving to thanks for whatever progress has been made and finally asking for the support needed. We were also reminded that when an MP attends an event such as this, although they may have come along for a beer, they expect to be lobbied so don't worry about approaching them even if they are in a group.

The briefing then moved on to the key issues for lobbying including:

- A long-term freeze on beer duty
- Permanent rate relief
- Faster progress on pub code implementation
- Further planning protection for pubs
- Wider recognition of the important community and social value of pubs
- Ensuring that the needs of traditional cider makers are recognised

Fortunately, comprehensive briefing notes on the above had been sent out earlier in the format of the three-point plan so despite there being a lot to learn, I felt reasonably confident I could hold my own in any forthcoming discussions.



*Pictured left to right: Toby Perkins MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Pubs, Colin Valentine, former CAMRA Chair and Jake Berry MP, Minister for Pubs.*



By now, it was approaching 7 o'clock and we were led off down a labyrinth of corridors to the Terrace Pavilion where the reception was being held. It was the time of evening when I always get a bit thirsty so I did ask a colleague when the beer would be available. I was pleased when he replied that beer o'clock was very near and a good selection would soon be available. We then entered the impressive setting of the Pavilion Room which overlooks the Thames and has some great views of the floodlit buildings along its banks. There was also a great view of the row of real ale and cider casks in the room including Rudgate Ruby Mild - which is one of my favourite beers - so I entered the fray in good spirits.

The reception began with an amusing speech by Toby Perkins MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Pubs, followed by a speech from the then CAMRA Chair, Colin Valentine. The Pubs Minister Jake Berry was presented with a 'thank you' card recognising the announcements on beer duty and business rates in the Autumn budget and Lord Roy Kennedy received a Parliamentary achievement award for his work on securing changes to the Neighbourhood Planning Bill which led to planning protection for pubs. After replies from both of them, the important business of lobbying began.

The event was well attended with 60-70 MPs as well as Peers, journalists and key industry figures in a very social setting so it was not difficult to engage a number of MPs

in discussions. They all seemed very receptive and in addition to lobbying matters, I had some good discussions about the beers on offer at the reception.

As I had previously heard a speech from the Conservative Minister for Pubs, Jake Berry, I was interested to hear from his Labour counterpart, so sought out Gill Furniss who displayed a particular interest during our discussions in the community value of pubs. (She told me that in addition to pubs, she was Shadow Minister for Steel, Postal Services and Consumer Affairs so had a very full agenda.)

I also talked to a number of the attending CAMRA team and for the first time met then Chief Executive Tim Page, who said he believed strongly that the Government should use Brexit to cut taxes for pubs and that he was considering another mass lobby of Parliament later in the year. One consideration was having a lower rate of duty on draught beer in pubs once the country is no longer bound by EU directives. (Apparently, this has been successful in Australia.) He said a further possibility was a lower rate of VAT for pubs.

As the reception drew to a close, I decided against wangling an invite to the Strangers Bar as heavy snow was forecast and instead headed for Paddington and the train home. I did, however, have time for a quick one in the Mad Bishop and Bear Pub at the station where I reflected quietly on a very enjoyable and hopefully productive evening.



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# BREWERY NEWS

## WINDSOR & ETON

### Windsor & Eton Brewery celebrates



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To celebrate May 19's Royal Wedding, Harry and Meghan's Windsor Knot was launched.



In a busy year, the brewery also has also launched a new logo. (pictured left)

The core cask beers remain as: Knight of the Garter, Guardsman, Windsor Knot and Conqueror. All day Pale Ale has taken over from Parklife during the Summer while the core keg beers are Republika, Eton Rifles, Treason & White Riot. The Summer seasonal is Eton Boatman, a 4.3% Golden Ale.

Special beers on offer during the Summer are:

- **June** - Molotov, a pale ale for the World Cup.
- **July** - Firefly, a blonde ale.
- **August** - A brand new beer in the style of an American Pale Ale.

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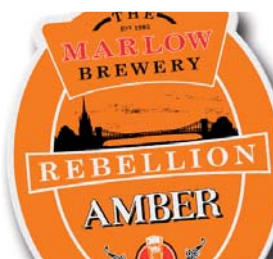
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## REBELLION

### Monthly beers from Rebellion

Rebellion is proud to present the next beers coming up in its World Greats series. They are:

- **June** - Saint, 4.2% (dark and malty)
- **July** - Unifier, 4.2% (tawny and hoppy)
- **August** - Revolutionary, 4.2% (red & fruity)



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### Rebellion White

The summer seasonal bottle beer (5.0%) will be a revival of a bottled beer Rebellion used to brew years ago. White is a Belgian style Witbier, with 35% wheat malt & special yeast creating the characteristic spicy, clove and banana aroma, and fine white foam. Additions of lemon and orange peel with Lemondrop hops gives a distinctive citrus character. Serve well chilled in a wide glass to enjoy its refreshing and aromatic qualities. Any slight haze is natural, and typical of this style of wheat beer.

### Blonde

Blonde, will be available at the start of June. Light golden, with a citrusy hop character, it is the perfect beer for enjoying with a BBQ.

### Brewery Development

Work is going well in the construction of the external production area which is almost ready to hold two 75 barrel fermentation tanks. We're expecting the tanks to arrive at the end of June and they will be installed in July.

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## CRAZY DAVE'S CIDER

### Gold Award for Crazy Dave's Cider

Crazy Dave's Cider received a Gold Award from the SE Berks CAMRA branch for Berkshire Rebel, being best cider at last year's Ascot Beer & Cider Festival. Celebrations took place in Crazy Dave's Cider Shed in May.



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## XT BREWERY

### New look for XT Brewery

XT Brewery has launched their all new look beer branding. The new designs for the pumpclips and bottles across the range gives a fresh new look on the bar, while keeping with the colour themes and graphical designs that have become the signature of the XT brand. The revitalised brand shows the solid commitment XT have to the long term future of cask beer whilst also wanting to promote their beer in keg, bottle and can.



There will be a new semi-permanent summer ale available from XT – appropriately named **XT-18** it's a 4.2% golden beer – freshly and generously hopped with mellow English and American greens for that perfect refresher in the longer days.

The Animal beers are joined by the latest creation: **Animal Stag** – which is a 4.6% pale ale filled with multi layered New Zealand hops.

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## SALT HILL CIDER

### Greg Davies from Salt Hill Cider on 10 years of making hand made Berkshire cider

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- Urban Fox, 6% naturally dry organic Berkshire cider
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- Village Green Cider, 6% medium cider with a hint of ginger on the finish

"This new cider is our final seasonal brand produced especially to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the fantastic seminal Kinks album 'Village Green Preservation Society' which captured the essence of England at the time and still resonates to this day!

"Hopefully Salt Hill Cider will be around at a fair few pubs and



festivals around the local area over the summer months before we disappear forever as the last of the swallows leaves these shores for sunnier places.

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## SIREN BREWERY

### Siren release new White Tips

Siren Craft Brew have launched the Spring 2018 incarnation of White Tips, their 4.6% hybrid Witbier/Session IPA first conceived back in May 2014.

The beer, still ranked in ratebeer.com's Top 50 Wheat Ales, available in **cask, keg and bottle**, is a perfect accompaniment to barbeques through Spring and Summer. Siren use a traditional Belgian wit yeast to work in harmony with the vibrant citrus zest of Orange, Lime and Grapefruit, before a healthy hop dosing of Centennial, Cascade, Motueka and Simcoe. This is a carefully balanced, thirst-quenching and sessionable drink that is sure to pull you in wave after wave.



Siren brewer Sam Squires said: "Working here at Siren, I'm lucky enough to be involved with lots of weird, wonderful crazy brews, one-offs and seasonals. White Tips for me is the one to get excited about. It involves a lot of zest and was born out of us spotting a space for the style. White Tips is mid 4% ABV, dry-hopped and features bucket loads of zest and juice flavours."

Also, Siren Craft Brew's 2017 collaboration with Reubens Brews, recently named amongst the year's top US beers, is getting a UK release.

Brewed at Reuben's Seattle HQ early last year, Home was lauded in well-respected US magazine Draft's Top 25 Beers of 2017. Bidding to repay the favour, Reuben's UK-born Founder Adam Robbins visited Berkshire in February to join up with Siren's top man, Kyle Larsen, and brew a UK batch.



A true collaboration, Home from Home combines ingredients and ideas from both sides of the Atlantic, including unique house yeast strains and favoured grain combinations. The partnership sourced Ethiopian Biftu Gudina coffee for sweet, fruity and almost hoppy notes for the UK version, complemented by Mosaic, Galaxy, Motueka and Citra.

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## CHILTERN BREWERY

### Chiltern Charity Ale raising £11k for charity



Five pence of every pint of Chiltern Brewery's annual charity beer sold is going to **#SupportSophieEdes**.

Sophie Edes, the three year old granddaughter of a retired member of The Chiltern Brewery team, was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome, an illness which means she will be unlikely to ever speak or walk.

Every pint of the new ale sold will raise 5p for the JustGiving campaign, helping the Edes family buy specialist eye-gaze equipment for Sophie

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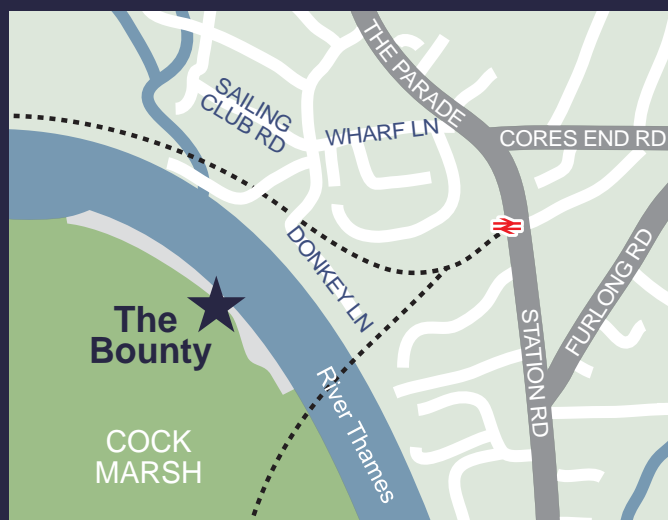
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# THE ST. PETERSBURG BEER SCENE

(Florida, not Russia that is, says Alan Molloy.)

When Michele and I visited Florida back in 2014 there were 45 breweries in the Tampa Bay area on the west coast of Florida. Now, there are 78 with 11 preparing to open. It is an amazing place to drink "off the wall" beers. Americans know no bounds to what they brew, whether it's a cucumber sour, a Belgian quadruple or a mango IPA!



Shortly after we arrived we headed out to the Brandon Meet the Brewers Festival, using a great 'BOGO' deal (Buy One, Get One). In the US, festival tickets generally include entry, glass

and as much beer as you can drink in a given time, in this case four hours. There were 24 brewery stands to taste from. It was a good start to the holiday! I was amazed by a Brown Ale from Flying Boat Brewery which was only 4.1% ABV but had excellent malty flavours and body. For a stout, nobody beats the Dunedin Brewery's Leonard Croon's Oatmeal Stout which I've been drinking since I started visiting Florida in 2006. Then Michele started to rave about 7venth Sun Brewing's Biere au Citron Farmhouse Ale and I have to say it was a stunning example of the Belgian style. Back to our hosts, long-standing friends Robert and Nancy who live in St. Petersburg, what a lucky guy Robert is, with seven breweries within a 10 to 15 min drive and one you can walk to. On our 2015 visit there were only three, so our first port of call was to see how the original three had survived. Cycle Brewing had not expanded at all, although rated number 1 in the US by ratebeer.com.



They specialise in oak aged porters/stouts with serious flavour and alcohol strength! Green Bench Brewing, a larger operation based in an old garage had also not expanded. However, the third, 3 Daughters, had grown massively.

Four years ago 3 Daughters had just taken over an old factory building and rattled around in the premises.

Now they have added an additional two 100 and two 130 barrel fermenters and I was told they had a 300 barrel fermenter in a new warehouse. The main building has a fully automated canning line, a new decked out bar and

loads of extra seating. In other areas they had two ping pong tables, chess board tables and an American version of shove ha'penny. I had the lowest ABV beer, Floating Dock IPA - 4.2%, which tastes like a real IPA despite its low ABV.



Most American craft beers start at 5% and go on up to 10/11% for an imperial stout and DIPAs. I also tried the Red Ale, 5.9% - very good with loads of malty flavours although a little sweet. The Raspberry & Vanilla Stout, 5.2% had a little bit too much raspberry for my taste, which drowned out vanilla and malt flavours. Finally I tried the Black Sail IPA, 6.5%, easy drinking but not as hoppy as Windsor & Eton's Conqueror.

Next, we visited the four new breweries, St. Pete Brewing, Cage Brewing, Pinellas Ale Works (PAWS) and the nearest, Flying Boat Brewing.

Tom, the owner of St. Pete Brewing, moved to St. Pete in 2003 where he started home brewing. During this time, he financed over 100 microbreweries with his finance company eLease which enabled him to learn more about the business side of the industry and become passionate about opening a brewery. In 2012 the city council allowed microbreweries to create and sell their craft beer from the brewery. Previously, it could only be sold to a distributor. Sadly, we were disappointed with their beers so it will be interesting to see if they are still there when we next visit.



Cage Brewing started at R-Bar in Treasure Island, and opened its new brewery right off Central Avenue, St Petersburg in January 2016. It's a large corner single storey building with a garden and under cover area to guard against the summer sun. We tried the American Pale Ale, 4%, which was a lovely easy drinking hoppy beer. Then the Amber Ale, 5.9% which was OK but bearing in mind the strength, disappointing. The last beer was Summer Wheatley, a witbier at 4.2%; excellent. After that we crossed the street to Pinellas Ale Works. PAW signifies their friendliness towards dogs.

PAW was also set up in January 2016 with a larger capacity, 15 barrels, but with a smaller brewery taproom than Cage, although they were dispensing 20 of their own beers. All





the beers have doggy names, Wet Nose Wheat, Stay, Fetch, Sit, Off the Leash, Puppy Love, etc. We had Stay, an American Pale Ale at 5.3% ABV, followed by Off the Leash, an IPA at 7% ABV. They were both good to style, however, being hopped-out we finished with Milk Bone, 5% ABV, a sweetish stout. Before leaving I bought some carry outs, an 1888 Jack Daniels barrel aged Russian Imperial Stout, 11.5% ABV which was a gold medal winner. This came in a 22 fl oz bottle, 2 fl oz more than our pint! When we drank it later that evening it was to die for - gorgeous.



The last brewery amongst the four new guys on the block was Flying Boat Brewery named, after the world's first scheduled commercial passenger flight across Tampa Bay on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1914, when Tony Jannus's historic flight changed the way mankind travels forever. I was interested in visiting this brewery as their beers were all lower ABV than the norm. There were 13 beers on tap when we visited and eight were 5% or below. The first we tried was the Woodlawn Pub Ale, 4.5% ABV, described as an American Mild, and damned good it was, a mid-brown colour, but full of malty flavours. Next we moved on to Hangar Brown ale, 4.1% ABV, which was even better. The wheat ale, 4.7%

and the Berliner Roggen Sour, 3.2% ,were both extremely good, but we had to finish on the Greaser Oatmeal Stout at 4.75% - a wonderful finish to an excellent visit.

Whilst downtown, we came across the PedalPub, where 12 people pedal around the breweries being steered by the guide – amazing!

Well that's all for now but if the editor is kind there is another article in the wings, which describes our visit to Dunedin, some 22 miles north of St Pete, where there are seven breweries all within a 5-10 minute walk of each other.



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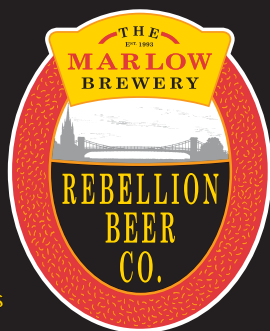


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# LIFE BEHIND BARS!

'The Making of a Manhattan  
- or nearly'

**Ray Williams continues with Chapter 8  
entertaining account of his life behind bars –  
the licensed kind that is!**

I have before me a weighty tome entitled 'Innkeeping', a book which purports to cover every eventuality 'The Man behind the Bar' will encounter during his career. In fact, quite a lot of the problems that can and do occur are not mentioned, although the author does devote six pages to the art of washing up a beer glass. Sadly, this particular advice is rendered redundant today by the blanket ban on the use of tea towels for cleaning purposes!

As a consequence, the trainee licensee learns a great deal of his art simply from experience. And something that he will pick up very quickly is the spotting of under-age drinkers. Factors that tend to give the game away include, on various occasions, a preponderance of youthful pimples, a tendency to shuffle nervously, a failure to look one in the eye and a mumbled, indistinct order. The type of drink to be consumed is, too, an indicator. For instance, it would be most unusual for a 16 year old lad to order a pint of Old Peculier, but a pint of lager or cider, now you're talking!

So, on this occasion, a choice specimen approached the bar exhibiting most of the underage signs. To help him along he was accompanied by an even younger looking female who he referred to as "my bird". Happily, Don, he of the famous pies incident, was propping up one end of the bar looking resplendent in a new suit, every inch the Governor and from him I sought advice.

"He's alright, serve him."

"Looks a bit young, Don."

"No, I know his Dad. He's alright."

None of which made any sense, but my instructions were clear, and I hastened to deal with "He's alright's" order.

"What would you like, Sir?"

"Pint of Lager"

"Carlsberg or Carlsberg Export?"

"First one."

"And the lady?"

"Man'attan."

"Sorry?"

"A Man'attan, like that James Bond."

Ah, thought I, what on earth goes in a Man'attan. Fortunately I suspected my spotty friend had even less idea than I did, so, look confident and get on with it. Firstly, I'm sure it's a vodka base, so, long glass, plenty of ice, shot of vodka, generous splash of lime juice, top up with lemonade, slice of orange, slice of lemon, a cherry and a yellow straw with a papery, balloon thing round it.

"Pint of Carlsberg and a Man'attan, sir."

"Ta, my bird'll like that."



With a mild sense of satisfaction, I moved on to my next less youthful customer. All's well that ends well, you might suppose. Well, it probably would have been, but for the fact that, at 9.30, the bar staff in this pub swapped bars, the saloon bar being considered more salubrious than the public, where our Man'attan drinker lurked. My opposite number on this occasion was a good friend of mine, also named Ray, and at the appointed time we swapped over and carried on with our duties.

I should mention that my pal, Ray, was particularly fond of a very strong lager, in particular, bottles of Carlsberg Special, about 9% A.B.V! These he consumed at a steady rate during the course of the evening and it behove those of his colleagues to keep an eye on him after 10 o'clock, where his faculties started to fail. An indication might be: "Pint of bitter, Ray."

"Pound."

"Oh, and a whisky, straight."

"Two Pounds."

"Sorry, and a box of matches!"

"Three Pounds."

So, on this occasion, when raised voices in the Public bar indicated that all was not well, I surmised that our Ray had been up to his usual tricks. But, happily, that was not the case. A quiet spell in my bar enabled me to pop round and enquire what all the hullabaloo was about, and it rapidly became clear that my pal, the spotty Man'attaner was at the centre of it.

"I aint paying for that. I ordered a Man'attan and that's not a Man'attan!"

"What makes you think it's not a Man'attan then?" said our magisterial landlord.

"Cos a Man'attan's green, and that one's purple!"

Dear old Ray had followed exactly the same principle as I had, except that his Man'attan was based on rum and blackcurrant. And lucky old spotty got it for nothing, renamed a Bronx!



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