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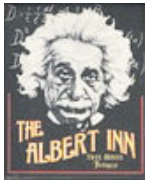


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# WELCOME

to the Summer 2025 edition  
of South Devon CAMRA  
branch magazine.



Welcome to Summer 2025 News and Brews from South Devon CAMRA. In this issue we are celebrating 50 years since our branch's creation with reminiscences from one of our original members, who I am pleased to say is still active in the branch.

The pressure in the brewing industry continues with the announcement recently that Exmoor brewery in Wiveliscombe is merging with Hogs Back Brewery in Surrey and closing their Somerset site. Brewers and pubs are really stuck between a rock and a hard place with rising material and employment costs coupled with an inability to increase prices and still sell their products.

On a lighter note, we have our Totnes Beer and Cider Festival in Totnes Civic Hall from 3rd to 5th July. This will feature our Festival beer, Totnes Pale, brewed specially for the festival by Teignmouth Brewery.

*Tickets are available via our website or by scanning the QR code below*

And discounted entry is available for TQ9 residents and CAMRA members (subject to proof) and if you join CAMRA at the festival you will get two free pints.

Look forward to seeing you there.



Cheers for now,  
Lawrence Stringer  
Editor



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## BRANCH MEETINGS & SOCIAL EVENTS

*Branch meetings all start at 7.30pm unless stated*

Date	Event / Location
June 6	<b>Launch of our Festival Beer</b> brewed by Teignmouth Brewery The Watermans Arms, Totnes, 2pm Your chance for a pre festival sample.
June 10	<b>South Devon CAMRA AGM</b> TQ Beerworks, 1A Abbey Crescent Torquay TQ1 5HB.
June 18	<b>Mid Week Social to Teignmouth</b>
July 8	<b>Branch Meeting</b> The Albert Inn, Bridgetown, Totnes
July 16	<b>Mid Week Social</b> 93 bus trip, stopping at various pubs on route
Aug 12	<b>Branch Meeting</b> Queen's Arms, Station Hill, Brixham
Aug 20	<b>Mid Week Social</b> A leisurely wander around the pubs in Kingskerswell
Sep 9	<b>Branch Meeting</b> Henry's Bar, Torbay Road, Paignton
Sep 17	<b>Mid Week Social</b> No7 bus from Newton Abbot heading towards Totnes stopping at the Two Mile Oak, Tally Ho, Littlehempston and on to the pubs in Totnes.
Sep 27	<b>Saturday Social</b> Newton Abbot bus station at 11.00 am Trip to Widecombe and Manaton / Bovey Tracey on the Haytor Hoppa. Rugglesstone Inn, then Kestor at Manaton or Bovey Tracey on the return trip.

## BEER FESTIVALS 2025

Date	Event / Location
June 27-29	<b>Albert Inn Summer Beer Festival.</b> Albert Inn, Bridgetown, Totnes
July 3-5	<b>Branch Beer Festival - Totnes Beer and Cider festival</b> Totnes Civic Hall. See the advert on page 10 Discounted entry for CAMRA members and TQ9 residents.
Aug 15-16	<b>Ramsfest 2025</b> at Kingsteignton Football Club. Opens 6pm on 15th
Aug 22-25	<b>Summer Rails and Ales</b> at Staverton station (South Devon Railway). Access from Totnes or Buckfastleigh. <a href="http://www.southdevonrailway.co.uk/event/summer-rails-ales">www.southdevonrailway.co.uk/event/summer-rails-ales</a>

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## PUB & BREWERY NEWS

**Albert Inn, Bridgetown, Totnes** "My thanks again to those who voted the Albert South Devon CAMRA Pub of the Year, to those who attended the presentation and also all those who made the Sausage & Cider festival another huge success," says Giles Hawkins, the very proud and happy landlord.

Life carries on unabated however for South Devon CAMRA's top pub (see centre pages) with the announcement of the dates for the Summer Beer Festival. - 27/28/29 June. There should be approximately six beers from across the country (selected by the Albert's PLO "Grizzly") plus a range of Bridgetown beers and "special" from Bridgetown brewer George (while stocks last). Food will be available and Saturday night music will come from the ever-popular Bens Band. "It should be another great weekend," says Hawkins.



**The Palk Arms, Hennock**, has kick-started its summer with the welcome return of their Sunday Summer Music Sessions in the beer garden (which also includes BBQs). The pub is also proud to announce that its kitchen has been awarded a 5-star hygiene rating.

Landlord Mike Rowland also revealed that he was also the recent recipient of a trip around the Sandford Orchard cidery (which included sampling!). "It was a reward for being one of the top 60 highest sellers of their products", he said.

**Stonegate Group**, Britain's largest pubco has launched a new concept in 220 of its pubs. Designed to celebrate individuality, community and everything loved about the local pub, Stonegate look forward to welcoming you to The Peoples Pub soon. (thanks to *The Morning Advertiser* for this information).

## BREWERY NEWS

**Bays Brewery, Paignton** has launched their second charity brew of the year 'Claw', a copper-colored pale ale that will see Bays partner up with Paignton Zoo for a special-edition 'animal ale' that's fierce in flavour. Packed with purr-fectly balanced citrus flavors and refreshing fruity notes, this 'Charity Brew' celebrates plans for a new pool for the zoo's Sumatran tigers, set to be revealed later this year.

Director of Bays Brewery, Peter Salmon, said: "As a Torbay-based family brewery that's approaching its 18th year, our roots are firmly planted in the Devon community, and we're incredibly proud to give back to the people and organizations that make this region so special.

"Our 'Charity Brews' aren't just about creating great beers – they're about making a meaningful difference. Whether it's protecting our coastlines, supporting the region's habitat, or helping local families in need, we're thrilled to raise a glass for these worthy causes in 2025."

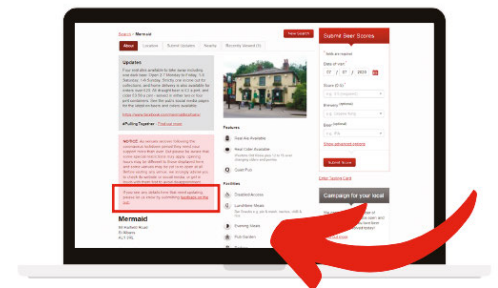
**Bridgetown Brewery, Totnes**. Brewer George (Looby-Loo) Langabeer is in high spirits after receiving a Bronze award for his Brutus Mild from CAMRA South & South West CBOB Coordinator Steve Murray following the CBOB beer judging at the recent CAMRA Members AGM in Torquay. To celebrate he is already working on specials for the Albert Inn's Summer Beer festival.

"I'm very proud that I won an award against my peers," said a happy George, who reminds publicans and beer festival organisers that his beers can be ordered through the brewery.

**Salcombe Brewery, Salcombe** have opened their new Tap room and Microbrewery in Island Street. This will showcase the range of Salcombe Breweries beers and we wish them every success in this new venture.

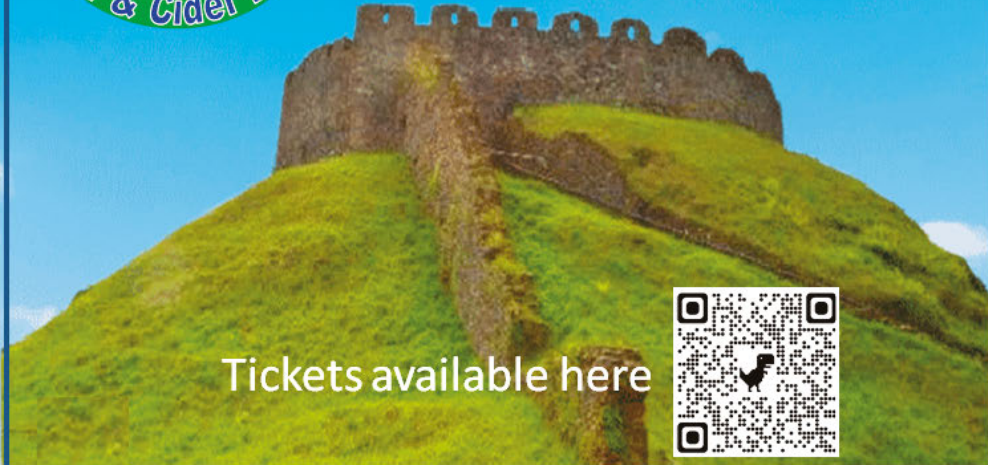
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## HOW DO PUBS, BARS AND CLUBS GET INTO CAMRAS GOOD BEER GUIDE?

Have you ever wondered why some pubs and clubs are stalwarts in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide whereas others, seemingly similar never feature. Perhaps you know its all about the beer quality but wonder how the selection is made and what it is based on. Well read on.

In line with CAMRA's National policy the selection of pubs and clubs for entry to the Good Beer Guide is primarily based on beer scores entered in a CAMRA system – Whatpub. CAMRA members can use this to score the beer they drink in pubs and clubs and the scores range from 0 for no cask ale to 5 for a perfect pint.

This information is collected at branch level and used to produce a spreadsheet of average scores.

CAMRA give each branch an allocation of numbers of entries in the guide. This is based on the available print size and branch areas. South Devon's allocation is 29 which may look small compared to the several hundred pubs and clubs in our branch area and may account for occasional disappointment.

So, how do we decide who goes in the guide and who doesn't? Well, we could just ask our membership to nominate pubs but this might produce bias and wouldn't be fair. We could also leave it to the committee to select 29 pubs at random each year but this would hardly be democratic or indeed fair and would lead to criticism of the committee with the potential of damaging CAMRA's reputation.

What we do is collate the beer scores for all the pubs and clubs and then apply certain rules to ensure the data has some validity. We take an average score for each pub and set it against a benchmark score of 3.5. We also have a minimum number of visits to the establishments concerned and a minimum number of scores in each quarter. This is designed to establish that the beer quality is consistent and to deter misuse of the system. We acknowledge that rural pubs aren't always visited as often as pubs in urban areas so we apply slightly amended rules to them.

So, how does your local pub, where you've been mithered to death by the landlord about the Good Beer Guide, stand a chance of being in it. Next question is, are you a CAMRA member and if not, why not if you like pubs. If you are look at the scoring criteria on our website and don't just score your local pub, get out and about and score the beers in a few. Remember it's the Good Beer Guide, not the Good Restaurant Guide and it's the beer you are scoring on its merits, rather than the state of the décor or car park. Most importantly have fun doing it and we look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon.

Cheers!

*Lawrence Stringer*

News and Brews Editor and South Devon CAMRA membership secretary.

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Real stories, real people, real ale



Recently we announced and presented awards to our Pubs and Club of the Year. The overall award went to **The Albert Inn** in Bridgetown, Totnes, home of the Bridgetown Brewery. The Country pub of the year award was won by **The Tally Ho** in Littlehempston and the Cider pub of the year award went to **The Queens Arms** in Station Hill, Brixham. Our Club of the Year award was won by **Paignton Conservative Club**, Palace Avenue, Paignton.



Well-deserved congratulations to all.

Our pub Liaison Officer, Paul (Grizzly) Adams spoke with the landlord of The Albert Inn:

To say Giles Hawkins, landlord of the Albert Inn in Totnes, was surprised when he was told his pub had secured both the South Devon Branch CAMRA 2025 Town Pub Of The Year and overall Branch Pub Of The Year is something of an understatement. There were several seconds of silence before the words; "Well I never!" were uttered when told of his achievement over the phone (followed by several Anglo Saxon words this interviewer will gloss over!)

"What an honour – I'm overjoyed to say the least. These are my first ever awards," he said once composure had returned. Once word crept out that the Albert had scooped CAMRA awards Hawkins was taken aback by the reaction of locals.

"People have been stopping me in the street to offer congratulations ever since the news broke. I guess the Albert is well and truly on the map now," he added smiling.

The awards were presented by Bob Southwell, Chair of South Devon CAMRA in front of a packed bar of guests and regulars - testament to the popularity of the pub itself - which included the local MP, the deputy mayor of Totnes and local press amongst their number. "There are a lot of cracking pubs in the South Devon area so to win these twin awards is fantastic – it's the culmination of eighteen years of hard work," he said to the crowded bar. "My thanks obviously go to those folk who voted in favour of the Albert," he added to a crowd at the presentations of the awards themselves.

The Albert, which is free of tie and named after the famed scientist, is the only pub situated on the Bridgetown side of Totnes (that's over the river for those who do not know the area) and is a long-standing fixture in the national CAMRA Good Beer Guide. The Grade II-listed building has been on the site since 1700s and has been a pub since around 1830. The Albert is definitely not a flash pub, it's more like wearing a comfortable pair of slippers.



"Customers – new and regular - just feel happy and welcome here," Hawkins explains. "I am also very lucky that over the years – and to this very day - that I have always had an excellent team behind me who believe in my ethos to create a relaxing environment and atmosphere for all patrons to enjoy – one in which the staff also enjoy working. If the staff are happy that transmits to my customers," he says. I am lucky that I have a great, loyal bunch of customers, many of whom are friends, including Paul (Grizzly) Adams, South Devon CAMRAs Pub Liaison Officer.

"He (Adams) understands the business and it is a great partnership with him and CAMRA – and I know George (the Bridgetown Brewery brewer) also values his help as his BLO," Giles confirmed.

The Albert, also has a long-standing working relationship with the award-winning independent Bridgetown Brewery to which patrons are welcome to visit whenever protocol allows. What is not quite so well known is that Hawkins himself was the first brewer when the brewery started up in 2008.

"It's true," Hawkins reveals. "When I took the pub over I was a cook by trade. I was told by the owners that they had bought a brewery which was going to be housed in one of the buildings and that how hard could it be to make beer if I was a trained cook? Very hard, as it turned out, especially with running the pub and cooking at the same time" Hawkins says.

So what is next for Hawkins and the Albert?

"I think the trick is to keep trying to improve and keep giving the customers what they want – and deserve. I'd also like to think in the long term that we can win more awards," he says. "That's something else to aim for" he says.

"Running the Albert has been – and still is - a truly fulfilling experience for me – and one which I intend to keep doing for many years to come yet," Hawkins concluded.

As if to prove that Giles and The Albert are determined not just to sit and wallow in their achievements, the next major event at the pub will be the annual Summer Beer Festival which takes place June 27/28/29 (details elsewhere in this News & Brews issue).

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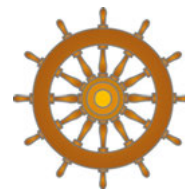
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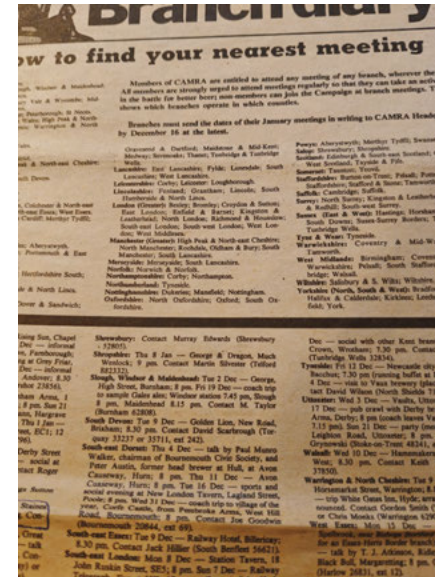
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# SOUTH DEVON CAMRA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

South Devon CAMRA branch was formed in August 1975 with an inaugural meeting in The Black Lion Brixham. By November 1975 the branch was regularly meeting in other pubs such as The Locomotive in Newton Abbot and also taking part in a joint event with Plymouth CAMRA at The Lobster Pot in Hopes Cove. The branch contact in those early days, according to What's Brewing at the time, was David Scarborough.



Not many of the original members are still active in the branch but when I went in search of information, Roger Adams (who was there at the beginning and is still around) kindly wrote this piece for me from his recollections which agree with the What's Brewing entries. Back in 1975, unless you had a Polaroid camera there were no instant photos and no social media so no apologies for the lack of photographic content. There are however the extracts from What's Brewing which are included. It also appears that the branch later had a lull in activity and Roger alludes to this in his article. I was just about starting to drink beer in 1975 so I'll let Roger continue.

One cold day in February 2021 Kevin gave me a bundle of old papers he thought I might be interested in. What's Brewing from 1974/75, brown with age and a bit dusty. This old friend got me started with CAMRA and real ale. We worked together and of course drank together. I had been drinking real ale since 1964! These old What's Brewings showed that the first organised meeting of South Devon CAMRA, to test support was held at the Golden Lion in Brixham in August 1975 and the next one was at the Crown and Sceptre in St Marychurch. My first CAMRA meeting was a bit later probably in February 1976 in the Locomotive in Newton Abbot. The beers were probably Courage or Whitbread. Well I joined and slowly got involved. I couldn't afford life membership then but it would have saved me a fortune. We regularly had meetings at the Crown and Sceptre which was a Courage pub but Roy was an ex Youngs landlord and had connections so London beers appeared occasionally. >>



## SOUTH DEVON CAMRA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS ... CONTINUED

» Beer festivals became the thing to do and a new member who had been involved with organising some in Peterborough or somewhere suggested we do one. A venue was found, the Pullman bar at the Grand Hotel, in a basement. The bar manager was encouraging. We advertised in the papers, with flyers, word of mouth etc. We tried to find some different beers, we had Whitbread, Courage, Inde Coope Burton Ale, Bass and Blackawton. No one else could organise such a choice! The drinkers were happy with any different beers. We had no H & S policy, insurance, security just beer and drinkers, a happy festival.

Several members also belonged to one of the local Morris sides, Newton Bushel. They all loved their ale. They had an annual Ceilidh, dancing, competitions, singing and drinking. This was a fairly large event, morris teams only but there did seem to be a lot of non dancers as well. The event was ambitious, the Racecourse building was the venue, food was planned and beer was needed. Newton Bushel approached South Devon CAMRA to ask if we would organise the bar. We were of course now experts in bars and beers and agreed to do it. The Racecourse building had a good bar so we just had to stock it. Glasses were hired though most morris men had their own mugs usually holding a bit more than a pint. We bought the usual wines, spirits and soft drinks on sale or return, but we had to get some decent beers. By now there were a few enterprising sorts about called beer wholesalers who could arrange to get any beer you wanted, well not quite but certainly a good choice. Our local beer man was Shepherd and Mason who supplied and delivered. We put up the beers, tapped and spiled so all ready for the day. We manned the bar and duly kept quenching the thirsts, a good time was had by all. There was an added bonus for me, because I lived locally I took home all the empty barrels and the beer wholesaler would collect later in the week. Now the casks were not always empty so I made my own stillage in my shed, put the barrels up to settle and a day later I had a few pints for my own consumption.

Other exciting events of this era were carnivals and the Torbay one was a biggy. With the help of the Morris men and the Crown and Sceptre we created a float, a bar, what a surprise. We did it properly, we had a cask of real ale, full at the start, and pub drinkers, sober at the start. This all slowly changed as the procession wended its way round the bay. I am not sure how far we went I can only remember that the cask was empty and we had to buy beer from a pub or two, it was a great laugh.

A more ambitious project was the local pub Guide, DRAG for short, it only meant Devon Real Ale Guide in those days. This was a collaboration of the four Devon CAMRA branches. It meant a lot of pub visiting to collect information of course, fill in forms, pass on to the editor, attend meetings in pubs, drink beer etc. Finally it was ready. I was very keen to get it out to the pubs to be sold on, we needed the money. I fired up the Minor, picked up Brian and drove to the printers in Plymouth. We collected several thousand guides in the back of the car for our branch and set off home. We didn't want to waste the journey and thought we would deliver some to the pubs on the way. The South Hams took a hammering that night. I think we started at the Tower in Slapton, a keen real ale landlord, and worked our way back. I know we shifted a lot of guides that night and drank a lot of beer. Then the next few months was a constant march to sell those guides to as many pubs as possible, some also went to HQ for mail order. We had a lot of pubs in the area then! »

## SOUTH DEVON CAMRA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS ... CONTINUED

» The branch organised coach trips to breweries sometimes in conjunction with Exeter branch, I do remember a trip to Wadworths, the hospitality in the brewery bar was very good. Another to Courage in Bristol included a Firkin pub and a trip to SS Great Britain.

We had the odd brewery in the branch area. One was a very early small brewer Blackawton, the brewery premises were so small that when we visited we had to go in in shifts. Another I was close to was Bates Brewery in Bovey Tracey, ahead of his time Ronny sent beers off with wholesalers and targeted local pubs but had a tough fight against the pub ties. I helped him taking beer to Bristol beer festival and waiting until it was empty and then bringing it back, casks were expensive. There were also Mill brewery in Newton Abbot and Blewitts at the Ship and Plough in Kingsbridge.

A few years later our founder members had moved away or had families to take up their time and our numbers had plummeted. Meetings were still monthly and at different pubs but there were usually only three of us and I had to drive! The Dartmouth Inn in Newton Abbot started having a lot of new beers and attracting some new customers, young people, younger than me anyway. The branch started up again, hooray. More people at meetings, beer festivals, coach trips etc. Beer drinking became fun again, CAMRA South Devon part 2.

Nowadays we are very much an active branch and let's hope it will still be in 50 years time.

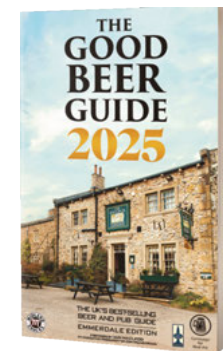
*Roger Adams*

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# HOW MUCH COULD ONE DRINK BRAVADO!

## The Grumpy Old Man reminisces.

It is an obvious fact that as we age the body does not perform as well as it once did. In my youth there was a lot of bravado as to how much individuals could drink. I remember one who was going on a canal boat trip and was looking forward to consuming 100 pints. Blimey that's 7 pints at lunchtime and the same in the evening for 7 days if this was indeed possible, let alone desirable, to experience that cycle of hangover, hair of the dog and more drinking for a whole week. I was never a prolific drinker and 100 pints would be something like 3 months' worth at the very least today. It was a stupid ambition and it be worth reporting that individual died an early death, but not from alcohol problems.

A group of us used to travel in to the Black Country at weekends and catching the 2058 back home from Wolverhampton. It was a long day and we must have consumed a fair amount of beer in the course of the day, and often including 5am starts and getting home around midnight. There is no way that I could do that now finding it difficult to get out of bed before 8am. It was not just the volume involved, but the pace of downing pints before moving on. The final pub was the Great Western below the station. Inevitably, there was a call to leave with just over 10 minutes which was always excessively tight which meant your beer and gone. It's a sharp walk uphill then crossing the bridge to the platform on the far side. Somehow, we always made it, but literally with only seconds to spare. We would have no hope now. Downing would be much slower now and much faffing around including going to the loo as well as sorting out bags etc. The slight slope would see some breathless and bridge and steps would tax knee joints and even if we did make it we would not have recovered before Birmingham. You really needed just over 20 minutes to make the station which was over twice the Olympic sprint time of previous years. How odd it is to measure human decline by how long it took to get from a pub to the railway station.

Obviously, the older you are it is more likely you are to be a variety of difficulties emanating from joints and muscles and including back pain with pub furniture not always being very kind. Beware sofas and other soft furnishings which you very quickly sink almost to ground level. Unless you have exceptionally long arms it is impossible to reach the beer on the table without the effort of sitting up. Trying to actually stand up on leaving is embarrassing as you need some assistance to pull you up. Pubs with lots of tables and chairs present another from the number of legs all pointing in a variety of directions and add one walking stick, a rucksack of shopping and the pub dog rolling around underneath your feet and you a situation which again might require some assistance. Escaping to the garden requires negotiating the benches. Basically, it helps if you are an Olympic gymnast or contortionist to manoeuvre into position. Also, if you have back problems there is no support for the back. »

# HOW MUCH COULD ONE DRINK BRAVADO! ... CONTINUED

» As we get older there is the assumption that we become more intolerant of events taking part around us. I don't think that I have ever meet anybody who actually admits to being intolerant and I don't believe it to be true of myself, but there are my three grumps which probably does make me intolerant.

Firstly, faffing at the bar and quite often by more elderly people. Does this meal come with carrots and can I have broccoli instead. Repeat this process for 3 or 4 people some of which are not at the bar requiring consultations elsewhere. I felt like shouting 'all I want is a pint without carrots' and I will be gone, but of course I never did. A big queue had formed by now and I should have served first, but wasn't.

Secondly, there is the problem of the mobile phone on loud speaker. The banalities of one idiot shouting down the phone give you bonus of hearing similar from a second idiot.

Thirdly, there is the problem of badly behaved children which I have written about before and the accident hazard of their scooters strewn across the floor. Why is this allowed of course you don't need to be old to criticise the above, but when you remember the Good Old Days it becomes a little more personal.

*Bols Southwell  
Aka the Grumpy Old Man*

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