

NEWS AND BREWS

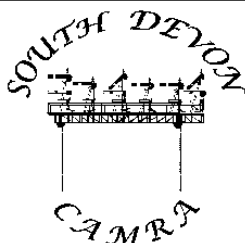
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Welcome to **NEWS AND BREWS**

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I learnt a new meaning to an old adjective recently. The Chairman of SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers), when welcoming us to the SIBA Beer Festival at Tucker's Maltings, explained that if he called anyone 'darling' by mistake, it was not a term of endearment, but to indicate someone who wasn't listening. Since then, the scandal of a 2% rise on beer duty in the budget has been eclipsed by worse scandals, but the one that entertains me, is that the First Treasury Minister in the land, needs to employ an accountant to fill out his tax return....at a cost to you and me.

The SIBA festival was a great success as always, and RCH won Supreme Champion with their East Street Cream. The revelation for me was beers from Moors brewery, not one of my favourites in the past. However, the new brewer has breathed new life into the beers, and I found them fresh tasting and delicious. I hope they will be appearing at our Beer Festival in September.

You will see details on the front page, and I hope you will be able to make it over there to the Newton Abbot Racecourse to join us.

Cheers! Tina Hemmings, Editor



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PUB NEWS

Dartmoor Brewery is brewing **Gold** for the Devon County Show. The beer will be available at selected outlets for a short time afterwards. Dartmoor also soon plan to release a new beer called **Summer Ale** 3.6% abv.

The owners of **The Ruggleston Inn** in Widecombe have bought **Blackawton Brewery**, and are planning to move the brewery back into the South Hams in early 2010.

The **Plough Inn** Ipplepen failed to sell at auction recently. The pubco Enterprise is continuing to market it as a pub.

Big celebrations occurred at **The Golden Lion**, Brixham last Bank Holiday, as Lynn and Dave, the licencees, got married. The festivities continued the whole weekend as their annual Beer and Music festival coincided with the happy event.

Heavitree Brewery has sold **The Old Rydon Inn** in Kingsteignton to Charlie and Amy Tinnyunt, who worked there in 1998 as chef and waitress. The pub is a listed building and was a farmhouse in the 11C.

The **Exeter Inn** at Ashburton is now serving Dartmoor IPA as their regular beer, with a changing selection of guest beers.

Watch out for **LocAle** stickers in your favourite pubs. They denote that the beer has only travelled 30 miles or less.

The **Pig and Whistle Inn** at Littlehempston held a celebration on 17th April, with live band, to mark the end of their refurbishments. These include a decking area outside for summer dining, altering the décor to make it more like a pub and less like a road-house, and laying a lovely slate floor in the bar.

I hear that the beer was in excellent condition at **The Vigilance**, J D Wetherspoon's Brixham outlet, during their recent festival.

Otter Brewery has launched a new beer called **Amber** 4.0% abv, which is available in around 24 pubs in Devon. The beer is spicy with a traditional bitter aftertaste, and is definitely worth trying.

South Devon Camra recently had a meeting at the **Trademan's Arms**, Scorriton. Doombar and Tribute were on draught, and the Tribute was just magnificent.

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AND MORE PUB NEWS....

The **South Devon Diesel Society** has its '**Rails and Ales**' weekend festival over August Bank Holiday weekend. As their festivals are always great fun, and what is more always sunny, see you there!

The Ship in Kingswear has increased its range of beers to include Tribute, O'Hanlon's beers and some guest beers, following a welcome relaxation by Heavitree.

The **Maltsters Arms**, Tuckenhay are holding a beer festival from 18-21 June on the theme of Creature Comforts – beers include **Cotleigh** birds, **Exmoor Beast**, and other critters. There is a canoe regatta on Sunday-proceeds to RNLI. Contact the pub for details of mooring, accommodation etc. 10% discount for card-carrying CAMRA members.

The **Cherub Inn** at Dartmouth is putting in another pump, making 5 in all. The latest will be a dedicated Otter pump, featuring the full range of **Otter** beers, and joins the 3 house beers, **St Austell's Proper Job**, **Sharpe's Doombar**, and **Dartmoor IPA**. The fourth pump has a changing guest beer from anywhere and everywhere. Recent beers have been from Orkney Brewery and Wooden Hand in Cornwall.

The **George Inn** at Blackawton plans another Beer Festival to coincide with Dartmouth Regatta week. It is likely to be a great success, if the Worm Charming festival on May Day weekend was anything to go by.

Bays Chosen

Bays Brewery is having a busy time of late. This award-winning brewery has recently brewed a new beer, which J D Wetherspoons has chosen as its house beer for outlets in Torbay. The 4.2 abv beer will be called Warmer Wether, is a classic bitter, an amber beer with a fresh hoppiness, and which will be followed by seasonal beers throughout the year. In addition, they hope to launch another new beer, named Devon Dumpling, 5.1 abv, a strong golden ale with spicy hops and a sweet finish, which may make its first appearance at the Occombe Farm Festival on 6th June.

In August, Bays Breaker bottled beer will be supplied to 450 Sainsbury outlets nationwide in Sainsbury's 2009 national beer competition. They are competing for a contract to supply Sainsbury's for a minimum of 6 months, and are up against 14 other bottled beers. They will be supplying 40,000 bottles of Breaker in the next four months, and the winner will be the first beer to sell out. So go and get your Breaker from Sainsbury's and support this local brewer.

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PUBLICANS FROM HELL

Now let us make this very clear. The overwhelming majority of pub landlords are polite, friendly, welcoming and often witty or entertaining. However, this article covers the tiny minority who range from the eccentric to the downright insulting.

The first group rule their fiefdom of a pub with an iron fist and woe betides anybody who steps out of line. Often they are run by elderly women with their pubs in pristine condition with immaculately polished and neatly arranged furniture and often with floral displays. What is wrong with that you may ask? Your every move and action is carefully scrutinised and good 'tongue lashing' rebuke is never far way. The problems arise when you first walk in as you are eyed up and down for any signs of dirty clothing/shoes or social deviance and subsequent minor misdemeanours become elevated into international incidents and the inevitable threats of ejection. If you try to rearrange the furniture to cope with larger groups you are reminded that the table only seats four and that you should put the chair back. Never attempt to move the flowers (even slightly) so as to see the person on the other side of the table. Loud conversations are generally prohibited and spilt beer, or not using a beer mat, a capital offence. Signs warn against playing cards or darts or gambling and more generally having a good time. In the end you just feel uncomfortable and forced to leave of your own accord before committing yet another 'sin' and being asked to leave.

The second group see themselves as the social elite, encourage customers of the 'right background', and would rather have customers drinking champagne or Pimms, than downmarket beer. I remember surveying a pub for a local CAMRA guide, and trying to get information out of this publican was like extracting blood from a stone. He finally enquired as to what sort of person

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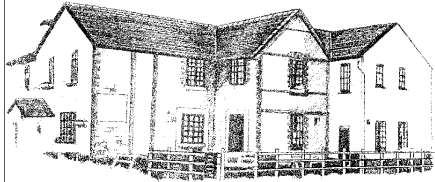
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More Beer at the Union

The Union Inn at Moretonhampstead have reported an upturn in trade since the smoking ban as the pub used to get very smoky however much they tried to ventilate it. Their recent beer festival (10 beers + usual ones) was very successful. Exmoor Beast was the first to sell out. They are currently serving Union IPA 3.9% supplied by Red Rock and it is proving very popular. Red Rock brewery has not named it themselves, which allows the publican to choose an appropriate name. According to our tester, it is an excellent beer, and I have heard that it will be making an appearance at the Kingskerswell Summer Moon Festival next month as Summer Moon IPA on 19-21 June. See www.kksummermoon.co.uk for beer list.



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Cont.....would use this guide. Before I could answer, he said, "I hope this won't encourage the riff-raff from Portsmouth or Aldershot to pay a visit". Neither was he sympathetic towards CAMRA members, nor myself, especially since I was asking such impertinent questions. He was fond of playing classical musical to raise the tone, and no doubt to discourage the riff-raff, and on my next social visit, Sibelius' Finlandia was in full flow. He obviously recognised me from the previous visit and I thought I would engage in polite conciliatory conversation whilst ordering the beer. I casually remarked, "How pleasant it was to hear Sibelius in a pub". He then replied if I didn't like it then I should get out. My money was promptly refunded and I was shown the door! No doubt, in his eyes, that was one less piece of riff-raff.

The third type are just plain rude or insulting. Many years ago I visited a pub with a friend of mine who, given the fashion of the day, had long hair. He was looked up and down and asked whether he was a man or woman and he should be careful as to which toilets he used. Having taken this broadside we then attempted to hang up our coats only to be told that they should go on the floor, as they were only suitable for the dog to lie on. We persevered and ordered two bitters only to be asked whether we wanted cherries and an umbrella with them. No doubt, jokes about homosexuals would have followed. Was this meant to be humorous or was it straightforward social prejudice? As we did not wish to drink with bigots and English 'rednecks' we left and went somewhere more welcoming.

I know that the above represent very much the exceptions, but they can still occasionally be found plying their trade. Has anybody out there got any similar experiences?

Bob Southwell, AKA The Grumpy Old Man.

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As the Cider Bar was such a success last year too, we will be sourcing up to 25 ciders and perries, from Devon, Somerset and all points west.

For Rocks Sake will supply the music on Friday, and we hope to be able to present the popular **Morris Brothers** on Saturday night.

So come along and enjoy the craic!

The Wild Goose at Coombeinteignhead always has May and December Beer Festivals. This May, the landlord used it as an opportunity to celebrate his coming a close second in the annual survey of South Devon Good Beer Guide pubs to find the South Devon Pub of the Year.

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My wife, daughter, her Lakeland terrier and I went there on the Sunday; the beautiful weather ensured we were guaranteed to have a lovely day.

On arrival, we sat out in the sun on the platform while I bought the drinks; there were 16 real ales on offer and a draught cider, all in tiptop condition. Time passed in an agreeable and relaxed manner as the ales were sampled in the warm sunshine; there is something very satisfying enjoying a drink watching steam trains come and go. There were two railway carriages on the platform for seating, plus outside tables, which were well used. Most customers had bought snacks and this was just as well as the caterers had run out of pasties, and further supplies were not expected - a pity as we had been looking forward to one each.

We went for a walk alongside the river, the dog having a great time, then back to the station for further refreshment before home for a very late lunch. If you want good beer in a lovely setting, I think this venue takes some beating, so go along to the next one in August.

Tony Woodwork

Royal Oak, Pub of the Year 2009



South Devon CAMRA is pleased to announce that the Royal Oak in South Brent is our branch Pub of the Year for 2009. Andrew and Carol were thrilled to receive the award again (having previously won it in 2007) and said that they could not have done it without the

the support and hard work of all their staff.

The photo above shows them with many of their team, and several South Devon CAMRA branch members. After the presentation, which was held on the 26th March, we all tucked into the excellent buffet on the left of the picture. The theme of the buffet was beer, and virtually all the food was prepared with beer. It included butter beer soup; black stout BBQ rib; chicken liver parfait with tomato and real ale chutney; sweet chilli, garlic and ale battered mushrooms; mussels cooked in ale and Everard's black stout and dark chocolate brownies.

The Royal Oak will now go forward to the regional competition, where they will be judged against the other Regional winners from Cornwall, North Devon, Exeter, Somerset, Avon and Gloucester. We wish them the very best of luck.

Ant Veal



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Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Tues 9 June 2009	20.00	Branch AGM	Crown & Sceptre, St Marychurch
Sat 13 June 2009	12.30	Regional Meeting	Dartmoor Lodge Ashburton
Tues 14 July 2009	20.00	Branch Meeting	Pigs Nose, East Prawle
Sat 26 July 2009	TBA	Dartmoor Rover Trip around East Devon Bus/Train from Newton Abbot	
August Meeting	TBA	On a Saturday afternoon. Still to be arranged	
Sat 15 Aug 2009	12.00	CAMRA Interclub Social,	Dartmoor Lodge, Ashburton
Sat 17 Oct 2009	12.00	Return trip from Surrey & Hants. CAMRA. Tucker's Maltings and visit Teignworthy Brewery	

Beer Festivals

5-6 June 2009	Occombe Beer Festival	Occombe Farm, Paignton
19-21 June 2009	2nd Summer Moon Festival	Parish Centre, Kingskerswell
26-27 June 2009	Exeter CAMRA-Beer at the Castle	Rougemont Castle, Exeter
27-28 June 2009	Axminster Beer Festival	Axminster Showground
18 July 2009	Ipple Tipple	Playing Field, Ipplepen
24-25 July 2009	Plymouth CAMRA Beer Festival	Plymouth Pavillions
29-31 Aug 2009	Rails and Ales Weekend	Buckfastleigh & Staverton Stations

17-19 Sep 2009	27th South Devon CAMRA Beer Festival	Newton Abbot Racecourse
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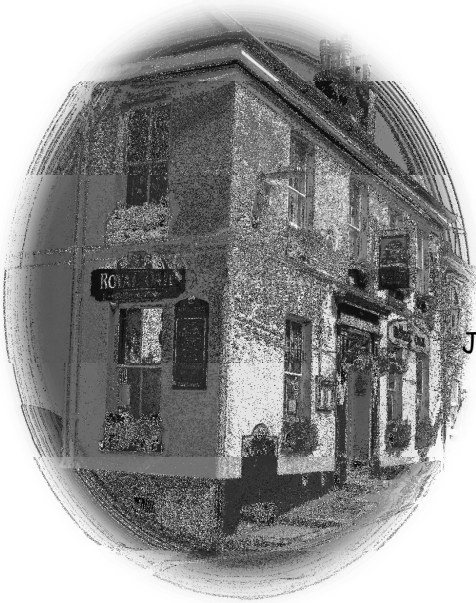
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Thankfully, he found them in time to meet our hosts for the day, Surrey and Hants. Borders

CAMRA branch.

The original Triple fff brew house, which housed the old 5-barrel plant, has now been developed into a shop, as well as supplying off sales. The brewery was to have moved to a not-too-distant barn, but then a much larger unit became available opposite the old brew house, and this now houses £3/4 million worth of investment in a new 50-barrel plant. Back at the old brew house, the barrels used for dispensing off sales were waiting for our on-consumption. On offer were: the C.B.O.B- Alton's Pride (3.8%) ;the brewery's mild - Pressed Rat and Warthog (3.8) ; Moondance (4.2) ;Dazed and Confused (4.6) ; Stairway to Heaven (4.6); and the occasional brew, Apache Rose Peacock (4.2) - my personal favourite.

Some time later, we were treated to what at first appeared to be a barbecue, with a fire being lit beneath a raised metal frame. Then a large (4' diameter) metallic circular tray some 5" deep was placed on top and half-filled with water. In this, rice was cooked in a seemingly industrial quantity, and then transferred to a nearby heated hop-back vessel. The huge pan was then charged with the onions, kidney beans, peppers, tomatoes and chopped chillies that constituted the vegetarian chilli that was for lunch. What it lacked in meat it made up for in heat - and possibly a few too many chillies!

We all left the brewery at about 4 o'clock, and drove into Alton, and our hosts' Pub of the Year, the Eight Bells, which dates back to 1640. They were serving Bowman's Swift One; Ballard's Best; Stonehenge Spire Ale; the malty Goddard's Fuggle-De-Dum; and also from our end of the country, Sharp's Doom Bar. However, all good things must end, and at 6 p.m., we bade our hosts farewell, to start the long journey home.

Many thanks to Triple fff for their generous hospitality and we look forward to seeing Surrey-Hants Borders branch when they pay us a return visit in October.

Peter O'nions



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A beer that became available in The Fleece while we were there was Skinner's Cornish Spring Tide 3.6%, and this surprised me so much I took a photo of the pump clip (which was unmistakably from Skinner's and in the same style as their others). The beer was full of flavour for a low abv, and was reminiscent of Cornish Blonde.

The Sunday we were there, we headed to Lindisfarne, and were able to cross onto the island at 9.00 a.m., before the rest of the tourists descended. The weather was kind, and the island as beautiful as I imagined, calm and peaceful. From there we drove round the coast between the Holy Island and our digs. We stopped at Low Newton on Sea, and lunched in The Ship, on Craster kippers and The Ship's own ale brewed on the premises, Dolly Daydream 4.3% abv and Sandcastles at Dawn 2.8% abv, both worth making a visit for.

The setting of The Ship was quite delightful, with a small quadrangle of fisherman's cottages facing out to sea and the pub in the corner. Further delights that day were a short stop at Craster, where we investigated opening times for buying the famous kippers; Bamburg with its magnificent castle and a swift half pint of Radgie Gadgie 4.8% abv; a trip to The Red Lion at Alnmouth, a pub with a lovely wood-panelled interior. This pub is featured in the local CAMRA historic inventory, and Northumberland Pit Pony 3.8% abv saw us finish the day's activities.

A trip to Newcastle by train, later in the week, allowed us to have a city pub-crawl around some of the great pubs there. We visited three, all owned by the local Sir John Fitzgerald chain of pubs, and all delightful. At the Bodega, with its striking stained glass ceiling domes, there were 8 ales but we restricted ourselves to 2 each. The Crown Posada, nicknamed 'The Coffin' due to its long thin shape, had an ornate plaster ceiling, handsome stained glass windows, and a 1930's gramophone, which played while we drank Jarrow Bitter 3.8% abv and Hadrian and Borders Gladiator 3.8% abv. Our final call was at the Bacchus, decorated as if an ocean liner, with 8 beers. We were told that they had recently been told that they had won the Pub of the Year for the region, and deservedly so. Jarrow Rivet Catcher 4% abv was stunning, and probably my Beer of the Week, but the St Peter's Honey Porter was close behind.

The local beers we found throughout the region were well brewed, with more hoppiness than we are used to in the South West, and in every pub we called at, were well kept.

I would be more than happy to go back as the people were friendly, the scenery attractive, and the hospitality splendid.



Ipplepen Village Show

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A celebration of beers and cider from South Devon

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Letters Page

Dear Madam Editor - Having acquired a copy of your magazine in my local hostelry, I read with avid interest the article on Real Ale and Tantric Sex, and although tantric sex is something I had not previously heard of, the lady wife and I have always been eager to embrace new ideas and situations.

We do unfortunately not have a bathroom, but a tin bath in front of the fire has served 3 generations of my family adequately. The said bath was carried into the kitchen and placed in front of our wood-burning Aga. This immediately gave rise to a problem – the tin bath does not have a lip wide enough to support candles, but luckily, I had a number of Watney's and Courage beer crates in the barn. I put these around the bath to support the aromatic candles. I then came to my second problem. Mrs Penhallow at the village post office was unable to supply the essential aromatic oils although her husband was very helpful in the provision of bottles of real ale. In absence of aromatic oils, I used a mix of rubbing alcohol, liquid paraffin and the lady wife's rose water.

I then proceeded to anoint the lady wife with the recommended aromatic concoction, which left an oil slick on the top of the bath water. Hastily, I stripped to my long johns and stepped into the bath to accompany the lady wife, with a copy of your magazine in one hand and a bottle of Bays Gold in the other. That is when the hot water hit my nether regions, whereupon I let out a loud cry and rapidly stood upright, causing the oil slicked bathwater to flow across the top of the beer crates supporting the candles. The rubbing alcohol immediately ignited, singeing the fur from the cat, and setting fire to the curtains. On seeing this my wife leapt to her feet, and realising she was naked, grabbed a towel to cover herself, knocking over the bottle of rubbing alcohol, which spilled across the kitchen floor and was set alight by the flaming curtains.

The resultant conflagration has completely gutted our kitchen and caused both the lady wife and myself extreme embarrassment, as all our volunteer fire brigade reside in the village, causing me to be the target of ribald comments in my local inn. I wish therefore to contact the author of the article with a view to taking legal proceedings. Yours faithfully Amos Plinge

Madam - Reading your recent article several thoughts struck me. Are you printing a newsletter about real ale or a lads' mag? This all sounds more like a medieval banquet. Is one night enough time to eat and drink your way through this lot? (And just remember to take all the empty bottles to the bottle bank in the morning.)

Whatever next? Belgian Strong Beers Aid Scuba Diving? Parachute Jumping and Drinking Mild Go Hand-in-Hand?

My final thought, how does the author's wife keep up with him? Name and address supplied

The offending article can be found on our website, in the Spring edition of News & Brews, at www.southdevoncamra.com. Ed

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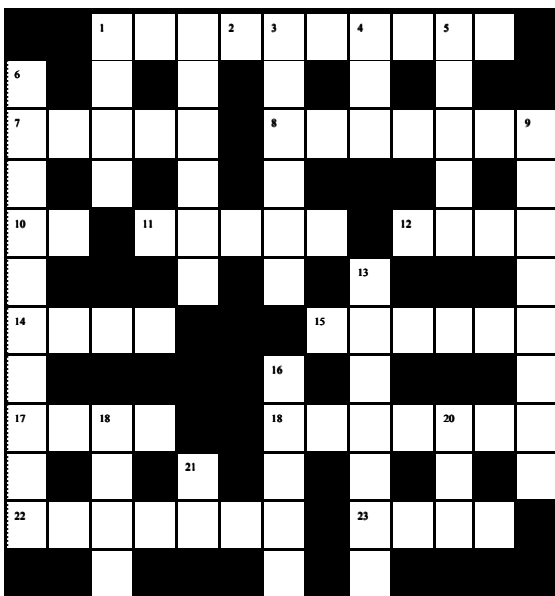
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Across: 1. Was this Devon brewery named after the hand pump? (4, 6), 7. The 'R' that precedes 'C' and 'H' (5), 8. Woodforde's 'Great' beer may be full of Promise (7), 10. Initially, Suffolk's biggest brewer (1,1), 11. Het — ; whose 'Gouden Carolus' beers may be found in this country (5), 12. See 5 down (4), 14. Gallons in a Firkin (4), 15. Leicestershire brewer with Church connections? (6), 17. Degree of difficulty of Kelham Island's Rider (4), 19. York's 'doggy' beer? (7),

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Down: 1. Devon brewery sounds like sports cloth (4), 2. Yorkshire Brewery to end all? (6), 3. The former Topsham and Exminster Brewery (6), 4. Last gasp taken to pressure beer to the bar (3), 5. and 12 across: Goose Eye beer sounds clueless (2-3; 4), 6. Mythical Orkney stout? (10), 9. — Brewer; hop variety from up-country? (8), 13. Battling Exeter brewer? (7), 16. There's one brewing in Cheshire (5), 18. Is Stonehenge brewer Andersen also of the dump? (4), 20. Skinners' Blonde is Titanic's Black (3), 21. McMullen's light bitter found in cake (1,1).

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Peter O'Nions

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