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CAMRA News

Revitalisation Project

Following the largest consultation CAMRA has ever carried out, members have voted to approve recommendations to add in new objectives for the Campaign, designed to make the organisation more inclusive, relevant and welcoming:

- To secure the long term future of real ale, real cider and real perry by increasing their quality, availability and popularity
- To promote and protect pubs and clubs as social centres as part of the UK's cultural heritage
- To increase recognition of the benefits of responsible, moderate social drinking
- 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
- 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:

- 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.

CHANGES TO DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with new General Data Protection Regulation requirements CAMRA has made some changes aimed at giving members more control of their data.

We encourage you to update your CAMRA contact preferences by signing in to your account at www.camra.org.uk and selecting 'Edit your membership information'.

Please note, members will no longer be sent What's Brewing and/ or BEER magazine automatically unless they express a preference to get a printed version.

Branch News

May is Mild Month

CAMRA promotes Mild throughout May. The St. Helens Branch will be organizing a Mild Ale Trail on Saturday May 26th 2018 (for more information see Forthcoming Events section below).

Up until the 1960s Mild ale was the most popular beer style in England and it is beginning to make a come back. Modern milds are mainly dark coloured ales with a relatively low alcohol by volume (ABV) of 3% to 3.6%. Milds can also come in lighter hues and strengths up to 6% ABV, for example, Dark Ruby Mild (6.0%) brewed in Dudley by Sarah Hughes.

Mild ales brewed in the region include:

Brewery Name	Beer Name	Beer ABV	Brewery Town
Connoisseur Ales	Bloody Mild	3.7	St. Helens
George Wright	Mild	4.0	Rainford
Coach House	Gunpowder Mild	3.8	Warrington
Frodsham	Old Fort Ale	3.7	Frodsham
Front Row	Number 8	3.7	Congleton
Southport	Dark Night	3.9	Southport
Spitting Feathers	Dark Velvet	3.8	Waverton
Tipsy Angel	Angelic Mild	3.6	Warrington
Wapping	Stevedore	4.5	Liverpool
Woodlands	Mild	4.0	Stapeley
Holt	Mild	3.2	Manchester
Hydes	Owd Oak	3.5	Salford
Irwell Works	Tin Plate	3.6	Ramsbottom
Lees	Brewer's Dark	3.5	Manchester
Outstanding	Outstanding Mild	3.3	Bury
Phoenix	Monkeytown Mild	3.9	Heywood
Prospect	Nutty Slack	3.9	Wigan



Pub & Brewery news

Connoisseur Ales (www.connoisseurales.com)

Connoisseur Ales is celebrating Mild May by giving away a bottle of Bloody Mild with every case of beer sold. The brewery opens its doors to the public on the first Saturday of each month from 2-10pm, and every Thursday 5-8pm. There is an on-site bar with up to eight beers on draught as well as real ciders.

Melwood (www.melwoodbeer.co.uk)

The brewery has opened a Shakespeare themed micro pub called the 'The Bard' at 57 High Street, Prescot. Beer available this month includes FATHER TED 4.2 – A traditional bitter using all English hops; floral flavoured challenger & herby pilgrim.

George Wright Brewing Company (www.georgewrightbrewing.co.uk)

If anyone would like to include any Pub & Brewery news in the newsletter please send it us via email pubsofficer@sthelenscamra.org.uk.

Forthcoming Events

St. Helens CAMRA Socials in 2018

Mild Ale Trail, Saturday May 26th 2018

The St. Helens Branch will be organizing a Mild Ale Trail on Saturday May 26th 2018

ALL WELCOME

We will meet at 1pm in The Bard Prescot (57 High St, Prescot L34 6HF) then move on to the Skew Bridge Alehouse in Rainhill. From there we will travel into St Helens and aim to visit pubs that have mild on draught, currently this includes the Talbot Ale House, The Cricketers Arms, The Cowley Vaults, the Turks Head, The Lamb and The George.



Southport Food and Drink Festival, Saturday June 2nd 2018

The Southport Food and Drink Festival is a 'foodies' paradise with a little something for everyone (<https://www.visitsouthport.com/whats-on/southport-food-and-drink-festival-p150071>). Set in the beautiful Victoria Park, there will be entertainment from local bands throughout the day so once you have chosen what to eat you can sit on the grass, chill out and soak up the atmosphere.

There are still places available. Tickets costs £6.50 and can be purchased from bar staff at The Cricketers Arms. The bus will leave at 11am from The Cricketers Arms and return by 6pm.

Abbeydale Beer Festival in Sheffield, Saturday July 7th 2018

Over 100 beers will be featured across cask and keg, with a wide selection of cider and other goodies too. There will be a range of food stalls, an eclectic mix of entertainment, and an incredible atmosphere (<http://www.abbeydalebrewery.co.uk/blog/post/?id=1831&blog=Sunfest-2018>).

There are still places available. Tickets costs £12 and can be purchased from bar staff at The Cricketers Arms. The bus will leave at 10am from The Cricketers Arms and return by 6pm.



If anyone would like to publicise an event in the newsletter please send it us via email newsletter@sthelenscamra.org.uk.

Articles

If anyone would like to write a short article or news story for the newsletter please send it us via email newsletter@sthelenscamra.org.uk.

NEXT Committee Meeting

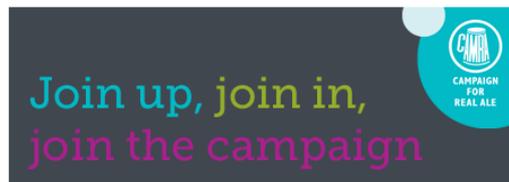
The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday June 13th 2018 at The Turk's Head at 8pm.

Committee meetings usually take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. All CAMRA members are welcome to attend these meetings. Committee meetings are always held at local pubs that serve real ale. All are welcome to attend our Committee meetings, but only Committee members can vote.

NEXT Branch Meeting

The next Branch meetings will take place on May 23rd at the Cowley Vaults at 8pm, and June 27th 2018, venue to be decided.

Branch meetings usually take place on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current issues and have a general catch up with local brewery, pub, and beer festival news. Most meetings are quite informal and fairly short (on average between an hour and an hour and a half). Our CAMRA Branch meetings are always held at local pubs that serve real ale.



CAMRA is more than just promoting great beer.

- It's very sociable - you'll meet others who share your interest in all things beer (or cider/perry!)
- CAMRA offers a range of training for volunteers - including Emergency First Aid, Food Hygiene, Stewarding and Health & Safety
- You'll gain skills to enhance your CV
- CAMRA volunteers are a wonderful mix of people, of all ages, from all walks of life

If you are interested in joining CAMRA all the relevant details can be found at <http://www.camra.org.uk>

