



# St Helens & Districts CAMRA Newsletter

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## CAMRA News

Cask Ale Week is an annual event run by Cask Marque to celebrate Britain's cask ale. This year it will be taking place between **September 20<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

During Cask Ale Week, many pubs and breweries will put on events, promotions and festivals to show their support of real ale, attract new customers and gain some positive exposure.

CAMRA members and branches can support this initiative by organising their own events dedicated to promoting real ale. They can also use the **CaskFinder app** to take part in the World's Biggest Ale Trail. There are extra prizes for Ale Trailers who visit 12 new pubs during the 10 days that make up Cask Ale Week.

For more information: [www.caskaleweek.co.uk](http://www.caskaleweek.co.uk)



## 2018 Pub Saving Award

The Pub Saving Award aims to recognise and celebrate the achievements of groups that have successfully campaigned to save their local pub. Last year's award was won by the Harrow CBS group who successfully saved the Harrow, Stockbury, Kent by purchasing the pub themselves – a brilliant and inspirational campaign. The awards generated a great deal of positive publicity for the winning pub, the two runners up and for pub saving campaigning generally.



Nominations for the 2018 award should be sent to [paul.ainsworth@camra.org.uk](mailto:paul.ainsworth@camra.org.uk) (Tel. 01226 217195). The closing date is 5 December.

## Champion Beer of Britain Nominations

Nominations are required for entrants into the North West Champion Beer of Britain (CBoB) competition. The winners from this area competition are put forward as finalists to the national Champion Beer of Britain competition at the Great British Beer Festival and the National Winter Ales Festival.

The CBoB voting system gives every CAMRA member the opportunity to have a say in who wins and becomes CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain. Don't moan about which beers get judged at GBBF, get involved and vote for your favourites. Spread the word once you've voted [#votecbob](#).


There are 11 categories for the competition: Milds; Bitters; Best Bitters; Strong Bitters; Golden Ales; Speciality Beers; Old Ales and Strong Milds; Porters; Stouts; Barley Wines and Strong Old Ales; and Real Ales in a Bottle.

This website [www.cbobvoting.org.uk](http://www.cbobvoting.org.uk) allows you to nominate up to five beers, in order of preference, in each of the eleven categories to be put forward for the CBOB competition. You do not have to nominate all the beers in one go. You can alter your selections anytime up to **01 November 2018**.

Not all Beers are eligible for CBOB, mainstream beer styles like Bitters, Best Bitters, and Strong Bitters & Golden Ales have to be available for at least 7 months of the year. Other beer styles have to be available for a lesser period depending on the rarity of the beer style.

Initial nominations for CBoB are made at a local level so only beers that are produced in the area near you (based on your registered address) will be available for nomination.

To Vote login to the CBoB website [www.cbobvoting.org.uk](http://www.cbobvoting.org.uk) using your CAMRA member login details.



## Campaign For Real Ale

### Champion Beer of Britain

**Champion Beer of Britain Nominations**

Nominations are required for entrants into the London/South East Champion Beer of Britain competition. The winners from this area competition are put forward as finalists to the national Champion Beer of Britain competition at the Great British Beer Festival and the National Winter Ales Festival.

**You will be able to make nominations using this site from 01 September 2017 until 01 November 2017.**  
After the closing date, no further nominations or changes to your nominations will be possible.

There are 11 categories for the competition: Milds; Bitter; Best Bitters; Strong Bitters; Golden Ales; Speciality Beers; Old Ales and Strong Milds; Porters; Stouts; Barley Wines and Strong Old Ales; and Real Ales in a Bottle.

This website allows you to:

- Nominate up to five beers, in order of preference, in each of the eleven categories to be put forward for the CBOB competition.
- Please select the beers from the drop-down lists below.
- If you only want to vote for a few beers that is permitted.
- You do not have to nominate all the beers in one go. You can alter your selections anytime up to 01 November 2017.
- Not all Beers are eligible for CBOB, mainstream beer styles like Bitters, Best Bitters, and Strong Bitters & Golden Ales have to be available for at least 7 months of the year. Other beer styles have to be available for a lesser period depending on the rarity of the beer style.
- Nominations which select the same beer more than once within a category will be considered as "spoiled papers" and will not be counted.

Submit Nominations

Proxi Nomination: Members of a branch committee are allowed to add nominations on behalf of branch members who do not have access to the internet. These proxi nominations will be flagged when you download the nominations. Tick the checkbox if this is a proxi nomination, and enter the membership number and the name of the member you are entering nominations on behalf of.

Membership Number:  Member's Name:

**Milds**

Nomination 1st (5 points):

Nomination 2nd (4 points):

Nomination 3rd (3 points):

Nomination 4th (2 points):

Nomination 5th (1 points):

**Bitters**

Nomination 1st (5 points):

Nomination 2nd (4 points):

Nomination 3rd (3 points):

Nomination 4th (2 points):

Nomination 5th (1 points):

**Best Bitters**

Nomination 1st (5 points):

Nomination 2nd (4 points):

Nomination 3rd (3 points):

Nomination 4th (2 points):

Nomination 5th (1 points):



**DUNDEE** CAMRA Members' Weekend, AGM & Conference  
 Caird Hall  
 5th - 7th  
 April 2019

**Caird Hall, Dundee**  
**5 - 7 April 2019**

Hosted by Scotland and Northern Ireland Branches

Please register online at [agm.camra.org.uk](http://agm.camra.org.uk) or complete the form below and return to: CAMRA, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans AL1 4LW.

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Joint Membership # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to volunteer, please indicate when you can help and the staffing officer will contact you in due course. Your information will be treated in accordance with CAMRA's Privacy policy. [camra.org.uk/privacy-policy](http://camra.org.uk/privacy-policy)

**Tue AM/PM Wed AM/PM Thu AM/PM Fri AM/PM Sat AM/PM Sun AM/PM**

Please circle if you have any specialist skills: first aider / callerman / local knowledge / logistics / customer service / other.  
 (Closing date for postal & online registration is 25th March 2019)

Find out more by emailing [volunteer.services@camra.org.uk](mailto:volunteer.services@camra.org.uk) or call 01727 798456

## Pub & Brewery news

### Pub news

St Helens CAMRA covers a large area that extends from the top end of Rainford (the Junction) across to Haydock, Clock Face, Sutton, Parr, Thatto Heath, Eccleston, Windle, Sutton Heath, Moss Bank, Knowsley, Whiston, Rainhill, and on through to Prescot and Whiston. If anyone has any real ale or pub news from any of these areas or thinks that we could have a meeting or walk about between a few pubs please get in touch.

If any St Helens CAMRA area pubs would like to get beer or event information out via the Twittersphere just include the [@StHelensCAMRA](https://twitter.com/StHelensCAMRA) name in the Tweet to draw our attention to it & we'll be happy to retweet it to our followers.

### Brewery news

#### Conch Brewing

This new nano brewery opened in July 2018. They are currently producing bottles of imperial stout. Contact them via [@BrewingConch](https://twitter.com/BrewingConch).

#### Connoisseur Ales ([www.connoisseurales.com](http://www.connoisseurales.com))

The brewery opens its doors to the public on the first Saturday of each month from 2-10pm with an on-site bar with up to eight beers on draught as well as real ciders. The brewery also opens every Thursday between 5 and 8pm for bottle sales.

Melwood ([www.melwoodbeer.co.uk](http://www.melwoodbeer.co.uk))

The brewery has opened a Shakespeare themed micro pub called the 'The Bard' at 57 High Street, Prescot.

George Wright Brewing Company ([www.georgewrightbrewing.co.uk](http://www.georgewrightbrewing.co.uk))

Please note the recent announcement: "Following the takeover at George Wright Brewing co. we would like to welcome customers old and new. We are sticking with our traditional popular favourites, such as Cheeky Pheasant and Blonde Moment amongst other great cask beers. We are also moving into crafty, edgy keg lagers full of exciting hops. More focus on getting our bottled beer into bars/shops and hopefully installing a canning line in the near future".

*If anyone would like to include any Pub & Brewery news in the newsletter please send it us via email [pubsofficer@sthelenscamra.org.uk](mailto:pubsofficer@sthelenscamra.org.uk).*

## Branch News

### Cider Pub of Year presentation

A certificate for the Regional Cider Pub of the year was presented to The Cricketers Arms on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



The award was presented to landlord Andy Evans by the regional cider coordinator Linda Harris, with the regional CAMRA director, St Helens CAMRA chair Gill Yates, and other Merseyside branch cider reps, also in attendance. Andy gave a speech, laid on some food and ran a free mini cider tasting session.

### Beer Garden Survey

We are doing a survey of all the pubs in our area (St Helens, Prescot, Whiston) that sell real ale and also have a beer garden. If you can provide any information in this regard can you please send it us via email [newsletter@sthelenscamra.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sthelenscamra.org.uk).

### Beer tasting Training

Training for CAMRA members on 'How to taste beer' will be held at the Ship & Mitre pub in Liverpool on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## Forthcoming Events

### CAMRA socials

We are thinking about organising a pub walk in Lancaster in the near future. Please let us know if you are interested in coming along.

Another trip to the Ossett Brewery in West Yorkshire will take place on September 15<sup>th</sup>, leaving from the Cricketers Arms. Speak to staff at The Cricketers for more information and to book your place.

## 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](mailto:newsletter@sthelenscamra.org.uk).*

## NEXT Committee Meeting

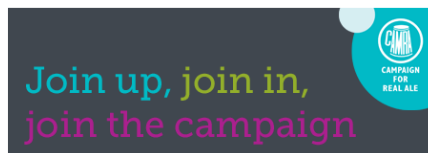
The next Committee meetings will be held on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at The Commercial Hotel (12 Station Road, Rainhill, L35 0LP) at 8pm, and on October 10<sup>th</sup> at The Bull and Dog, Clock Face.

Committee meetings usually take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## NEXT Branch Meeting

The next Branch meeting will take place on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at The Rioja, Duke St. The October 24<sup>th</sup> branch meeting will be held at The Talbot Alehouse.

Branch meetings usually take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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).



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>

