

Ely & District CAMRA - December News

Welcome to this update of what's happening in Ely & District Branch CAMRA

Cambridge CAMRA Winter Beer Festival Outing

Our friends at Cambridge CAMRA will host a Winter Beer festival at the Cambridge Corn Exchange on December 10th to 13th! As always, CAMRA members will receive free entry to all sessions and the event will feature 90+ real ales, ciders and perries, craft beer, low/no-alcohol beer, and food!

The Ely CAMRA chapter will visit the festival for their first session on Wednesday evening December 10th at 1700. We'll take the 1553 train from Ely and make our way to the festival from there.

Elysian Winter Beer Festival Interest Meeting & Volunteer Drives

The next beer festival committee meeting is on 18 December at 1930 at West End House.

We will be hosting two volunteer drives on 8 January (Cutter Inn) and 15 January (West End House), both from 1730 to 1930. Please join us to learn more about how you can help at the Elysian Winter Beer Festival on 5-7 February, 2026!

Ely & District CAMRA Branch January Meeting

Our January Branch meeting will be on 6 January at 1930 at The Crown in Fordham. Bus 112 from Ely Market Street (times 1808,1905) serves Fordham, but sadly there is no return bus available.

Also, if you come to this event and it is your first time at a CAMRA Ely gathering, you can claim a free pint - just say hi and tell us it is your first time.

Other Upcoming Dates for Ely & District CAMRA

We'll be supporting the Cambridge branch at their Norwich Beer Stroll on Saturday 20 December. Catch the 10:20 train from Cambridge Station 10:25 from Cambridge North or 10:38 from Ely.

Members of the branch will be visiting Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival by train on Saturday 17 January. More details to come!

You can see all of our upcoming events, socials, and meetings on [Facebook](#) or our [website](#)!

New CAMRA E-Lobbying Tool

CAMRA has created an e-lobby tool that takes less than a minute to complete! Tell your MP what you want from the budget to support our pubs, breweries and access to real ale and cider. Please take 1 minute out of your day to complete the exercise: [Campaigning for a fair deal for beer and pubs in the Budget - CAMRA - The Campaign for Real Ale](#)

New Award - Pub of the Season!

The branch is starting a quarterly pub/club of the season award. Please reply to this email with details of the pub or club you think should win and tell us why you think it deserves the award. If you nominate a pub or club we would like you to come and argue your case at the January CAMRA Ely meeting, at which those present will vote to decide where will be our Winter pub or club of the season for Winter 2026.

Ely Branch Committee... seeking more members!

Your branch committee are all members who volunteer. We do so because we, like you, are passionate about having real ale, real cider and excellent pubs and clubs in our branch area. We enjoy it and think you may well too!

If you want to join us, or just find out what is involved, [please email us](#). Our open roles include Pub Protection Officer, Rural Pubs Officer, Socials Secretary, Cider Representative, and Public Affairs. We would also welcome general committee members.

Adopt a Pub Program

Turn your visits to your favourite pubs into action for Ely CAMRA - adopt a pub on behalf of CAMRA! With Ely's large number of city and rural pubs its hard for our small committee to keep track of and support all of the pubs in our district. That's where you come in! By adopting a pub, you can make sure CAMRA stays apprised of news and events for your pub and you can make sure the pub knows all of the ways that CAMRA can support them. Pubs with great community engagement and high standards for real ale should be recognized - with your help we can make sure all great pubs are supported! Please email us [if you are interested in adopting a pub](#).

Beer Scoring

Many thanks to all CAMRA members who have been scoring their beers recently. It helps us to monitor pubs so please score the beers you drink whether they be good, mediocre or poor. Beer scoring is easy to do via the pub's CAMRA website entry - [click here](#) for an example! If you have a smart phone you can score while you drink. If not, you can do it from home later. Your beer scores help us to discover which pubs are serving the best beer and also helps in selecting candidates for the Good Beer Guide. CAMRA's website can also be used to give us feedback on pubs. If you spot that the pub description is inaccurate or the opening hours are wrong, click on "Suggest an edit" and let us know.

News & Events Submissions

Please [email us](#) about real ale news and events that you'd like to have listed in the monthly news.