

Ely & District CAMRA - January News

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

Elysian Winter Beer Festival

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CAMRA
6-7 February 2026
16th Elysian Winter Beer Festival
Beer • Cider • Food

The Maltings Ship Lane, Ely CB7 4BB
Friday 6th 11:00-22:00 & Saturday 7th 11:00-20:00
Admission: FREE to CAMRA members with a valid membership card or £5.00 for Non-CAMRA Members. No under-18s or dogs, thanks for understanding.
Facebook: Ely & District CAMRA
Volunteers Wanted!
We're looking for volunteers to help out at the festival. No experience needed. Scan the QR Code to get involved and sign up as a volunteer.



Elysian Winter Beer Festival - WE NEED YOU!

Our beer festival is 100% volunteer run! Join us for a fun weekend putting on the best winter beer festival - we have something for everyone!

Click [here](#) to access our volunteer form - once its filled out, send it to FestivalStaffing@ely.camra.org.uk

Good Beer Guide - VOTE NOW!

Voting is now open until the 8th February 2026, giving CAMRA members a chance to help decide which pubs should make our 2027 Good Beer Guide shortlist. If you're part of the Ely & District branch or any adjoining branches, you can vote online using the link below. Don't leave it to others to champion the pubs you love!

Click [here](#) to access the voting form with your CAMRA login!

Pub of the Year / Club of the Year / Cider Pub of the Year Nominations - OPEN NOW!

We are now accepting nominations for Pub of the Year, Club of the Year, and Cider Pub of the Year - this is your chance to make sure the pubs and clubs you love are recognized!

Please [email](#) your nominations to Megan prior to the 10 February social, at which point we'll put together the short list for a final vote in March.

Click [here](#) to view the procedure and judging guidelines from National CAMRA.

Ely Museum Special Exhibition - Discount for CAMRA Members!

Discover Ely's brewing history at Ely Museum's new temporary exhibition until April! Get half price admission to the Ely Museum with your CAMRA membership card. More info [here](#)!

Other Upcoming Dates for Ely & District CAMRA

Our February Branch social will be on 10 February at 1930 - venue to be announced!

Members of the branch will be visiting Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival by train on Saturday 17 January. Meet us on the 1100 train from Ely!

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

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.