

Ely & District CAMRA - April News

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

Congrats to our Pubs & Clubs of the Year!

- City Pub of the Year: West End House, Ely
- Rural Pub of the Year: Carpenters Arms, Soham
- Cider Pub of the Year: Drayman's Son, Ely
- Club of the Year: Fordham Royal British Legion
- Overall Pub of the Year: West End House, Ely

Bury Strolling Social with Cambridge CAMRA!

Join us in Bury St. Edmunds for a strolling social with Cambridge CAMRA on Saturday April 25th, discovering the town's wonderful real ale scene!

From Ely - 0940 - 1050 - Rail Replacement Bus from Ely to Bury

From Cambridge - 1048 - 1126 - Train from Cambridge to Bury

- 1050 - 1155 - Coffee/Tea at Bury Station
- 1155 - 1200 - Stroll from Bury Station to Beerhouse
- 1200 - 1230 - Beerhouse (own ales)
- 1245 - 1315 - Rising Sun
- 1330 - 1415 - Dove
- 1430 - 1515 - Oakes Barn (food available)
- 1520 - 1600 - Masons Arms (food available)
- 1605 - 1705 - Nutshell & Nethergate Tap Room (own ales)
- 1715 - 1745 - Old Cannon Street Brewery (food available/own ales/accomodation)
- 1835 or 2035 bus from Bury to Ely - various trains available for Bury to Cambridge.

Save the Fountain Pub!

Your Ely CAMRA branch is submitting an objection to The Fountain Pub's application to East Cambridgeshire District Council for reclassification of its official use away from a pub. We are engaging the best and brightest in CAMRA to make sure our words are impactful - there is a ton of pub-saving experience inside CAMRA and we're going to use it!

There is a big community effort behind saving this pub thanks to Joe and his “Save the Fountain Pub” Facebook group. Ely cares about its pubs and we are excited to do our part. We encourage all CAMRA members to make their own comments on the planning application by the 28 April deadline - every voice should be heard!

You can find the “Save the Fountain Pub” Facebook group [here](#), and you can make your own personal comments on the planning application [here](#).

Ely Eel Day!

The beloved annual event Ely Eel Day is on Saturday May 2nd - and your Ely & District CAMRA branch will be there!

We'll be pouring beer with Xtreme Ales in the Jubilee Gardens from 1100 to 1600! We are looking for volunteers to help set up, man and take down our stand, also to assist our friends at Visit Ely in marshalling the Eel Parade which starts at Cathedral at 10:30. Please let us know if you can help!

Summer Beer Festival Season

Beer Festivals are upon us and the calendar is filling up! Keep track of all the festivals you care about via our website's dedicated page for local beer festivals - click [here](#)!

Upcoming Dates for Ely & District CAMRA

Our May Branch Meeting will be on Tuesday 5 May at The Carpenter's Arms in Soham at 1930. We'll also be presenting them with the Ely & District CAMRA Rural Pub of the Year award!

We'll be visiting the Wicken Beer Festival on 16 May - times TBA!

The Cambridge CAMRA Summer Beer Festival is 18-23 May - volunteer [here](#)! We'll be visiting as a branch on Monday 18 May - times TBA!

Our June Branch Social will be on Tuesday 2 June at 1930pm at The Hereward in Ely.

The Ely Cathedral Home & Garden Show is on 19 and 20 June - we'll be pouring beers with Xtreme Ales in the greenspace East of the Cathedral. This area is free to enter - come enjoy some outdoor shopping and real ales! Info on times and volunteering to follow!

Our Ely Branch Annual General Meeting is on 7 July at 1930 at the Prince Albert Garden Rooms.

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](#). We will elect a new board at our July Annual General Meeting.

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.

Elysian Winter Beer Festival 2027

The 2027 Elysian Winter Beer Festival will take place on 5-6 February - mark your calendars!

News & Events Submissions

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