

Ely & District CAMRA - May News

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

Ely CAMRA Out and About!

The sun is out and so is your Ely & District CAMRA branch! We visited Bury for a lovely beer stroll, volunteered at Ely's Eel Day, and awarded the Rural Pub of the Year Award to Carpenter's Arms in Soham!

So far, we have presented awards to West End House and Carpenter's Arms, we are presenting soon to Drayman's House and Fordham Royal British Legion! We'll put those dates on our website diary and Facebook when they are set!



Save the Fountain Pub!

Your Ely CAMRA branch and many of our members submitted objections to The Fountain Pub's application to East Cambridgeshire District Council for reclassification of its official use away from a pub. We join 206 other objectors including the City of Ely Council - with just 7 in favour! The ECDC will make their final decision on 20 May.

There is a big community effort behind saving this pub thanks to Joe and his "Save the Fountain Pub" Facebook group. They are also working to have the pub listed as an "Asset of Community Value". You can find the "Save the Fountain Pub" Facebook group [here](#).

Ely Home & Garden Show!

Ely Home & Garden Show is on 19 and 20 June - and your Ely & District CAMRA branch will be there!

We'll be pouring beer with Xtreme Ales in the green East of the cathedral on Friday and Saturday! This is a joint venture with Xtreme that will benefit the branch as well! We are looking for volunteers to help at our beer stand with pouring beers, handing out leaflets, and extolling the virtues of Ely CAMRA! Please let us know if you can help by [signing up at the link here](#).

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

We'll be visiting the Wicken Beer Festival on 16 May - meet at The Hereward in Ely at 1300 for Tiger Bus transportation!

The Cambridge CAMRA Summer Beer Festival is 18-23 May - volunteer [here](#)! We'll be visiting as a branch on Monday 18 May - take the 1451 train from Ely Station with us!

Our June Branch Social will be a City of Ely mini pub stroll on Tuesday 2 June at 1930 starting 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 - and volunteer with us at [this link](#)!

Upcoming Dates for Ely & District CAMRA...continued

Our Ely Branch Annual General Meeting is on 7 July at 1930 in the Garden Room at The Prince Albert pub, Silver Street, 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](#). 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 4-6 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.