

Mild Ale is usually of low gravity and hop rate, hence rounder, normally slightly sweeter, and distinctly less bitter on the palate and in aroma than more highly hopped bitters. Mild is usually (but not always) darker in colour than bitter, through the use of a higher roast malt or caramel.

This traditional style of beer, dating back over 400 hundred years, has unfortunately disappeared from many pubs and is in a Rare Style of Ale in certain areas of Britain.

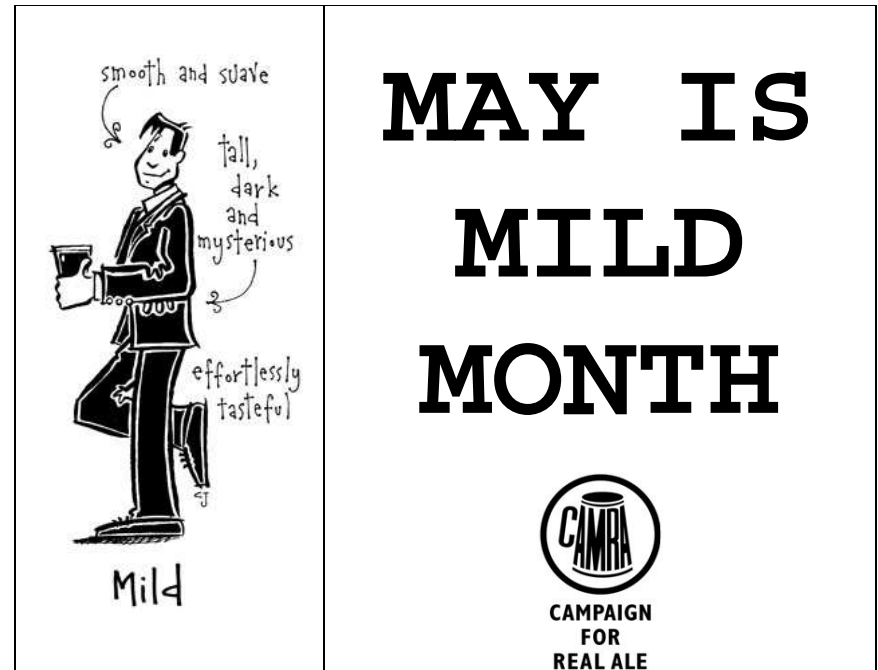
On the CAMRA website <http://www.camra.org.uk> you will find a section dedicated to mild including a description of mild, seasonal and regularly available milds, cooking with milds, and details of Mild Month events in various areas.

This annual event is a celebration of Mild, a beer style applauded by those in the know but increasingly difficult to find at the bar though popular at Beer Festivals. The number of breweries rediscovering the delights of mild is on the increase, as is its steady increase in popularity in Bristol and District over the last couple of years, with several pubs now stocking one as a regular or guest ale.

Provisional details of Local Mild Month events are shown in this leaflet, which will be updated on the web site www.camrabristol.org.uk/, before you set out on a trail please check final details on our web site.

“BADRAG” will publish on www.camrabristol.org.uk/ what milds licensees plan to stock and postcodes for digital mapping - please email any updated information to BADRAG@camrabristol.org.uk and don't forget to tell us the name and address of the pub/bar and it's phone number so that details may be checked.

“BADRAG” Campaigns for bars to stock Rare Styles of Real Ales Stouts, Porters, Old Ales, Milds, Barley Wines and Low ABV Bitters.



MAY has once again been designated Mild Month by the Campaign for Real Ale supported locally by the Bristol & District Rare Ales group “BADRAG”, and a considerable number of local licensees, breweries and pub companies.

Enjoy this Rare Ale Style of Mild in May!

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Thursday 1st May starts the Month with a Mild Tutored Tasting in the Robert Fitzharding in Bedminster at 8pm. Run by members of the Tasting Panel, there will be several Milds to taste, followed by a mild crawl to the Albert and Assembly.

During the first Bank Holiday Weekend, on **National Mild Day Saturday 3rd May is a Bristol Harbourside & Centre Mild Ales Trail** led by Laurie Gibney (mob tel on the day 0781 392 0626) will probably follow a route starting from *12 Noon at The Orchard – Hanover Place (just behind the SS Great Britain see <http://old.ssgreatbritain.org/visiting/location.php> to get there), then The Cottage, Nova Scotia, Bag O’Nails, The White Lion, The Bank, The Commercial Rooms, The Famous Royal Naval Volunteer, The Fishmarket and The Cornubia.*

All will be welcome to join BADRAG for their monthly gathering **on Thursday 8th May** at *The Ship* in Bristol’s Lower Park Row. Theakston’s Mild and Old Peculier are on draught there throughout the year.

Saturday the 10th of May BADRAG Mild trail through South Gloucestershire & North East Bristol by walking, public transport and taxi! For further details send your contact detail to BADRAG@camrabristol.org.uk or telephone the trail leader Laurie Gibney on 01275 798479 (mob tel on the day 0781 392 0626). A First Day South West bus ticket will cost you £6.20 from your first bus driver, plus a few pounds for the taxi which we would like to book in advance so we would like to know numbers . The pubs we plan to visit are *The New Inn at Mayshill Nr Yate from 11:45 am, Rising Sun at Frampton Cottrell, Staple Hill Oak and Red Lion at Staple Hill, Cross Hands at Fishponds, Old Tavern at Stapleton, Duke of York and The Miners Arms at St Werburghs.*

You may fancy a **Mild Seaside Saunter in Weston Super Mare on Saturday 17th May**. Groups of three or four by train to Weston should ask for “Groupsave” tickets, the third and fourth travel “Free”! Graham Teague (01934 822821) is the Trail leader (mob tel *on the day only* 0776 696 8731) starting at *Off the Rails – Weston Super Mare Railway Station from 11am, The Dragon, Major from Glengarry, The Raglan, Cabot Bars, The Royal Hotel, White Hart, & Off the Rails* and maybe others

Back in Bristol, the second Bank Holiday Weekend will see Laurie Gibney on 01275 798479 (mob tel on the day 0781 392 0626). leading a **Clifton & Kingsdown Mild Ales Trail on Saturday 24th May**. Starting at 12 noon in *The Portcullis – Wellington Terrace at Clifton, then Hope & Anchor, Eldon House, The Berkeley, Quinton House, Victoria, Robin Hood, Micawbers, Hillgrove Porter Stores, Hare on the Hill, Colston Yard, Zerodegrees and The Ship.*

And last but not least, on **Saturday 31st May Mild Month will be seen out with a Bath Mild Ales Trail – by prior booking only** email BADRAG@camrabristol.org.uk) for details, led by Kirsten Elliott who with Andrew Swift devised and run the “Great Bath Pub Crawl” and have written books on Bath Pubs. If you travel by train think of using Groupsave as for the Weston Trail above. Pubs that might be included not necessarily in walk order are *The White Horse The Golden Fleece and The Royal Oak at Twerton, Raven, Star, King William, Curfew, Bell, Old Green Tree, Volunteer Rifleman, and Coeur De Lion.*

All trails are expected to start in the late morning and end early in the evening, and they will allow extra time for a bite to eat once or twice during the trail. Keep an eye out for final details nearer the date on www.camrabristol.org.uk/ or ask a friend to do so