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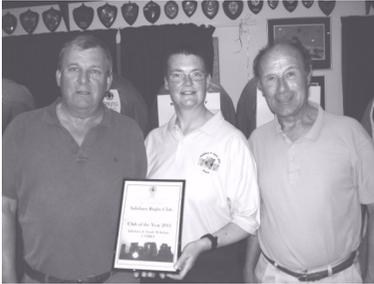
Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

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Award Winning Newsletter

Club of the Year 2011 - Salisbury Rugby Club



The last edition of Barrel Organ reported that the Wyndham Arms was voted Salisbury CAMRA pub of the Year 2011 and now we are pleased to announce Salisbury Rugby Club as CAMRA Club of the Year 2011. The certificate was presented at the recent Beer Festival which had a good selection of ales and ciders and was really busy with people trying old favourite ales and new ones. The enthusiasm the Rugby Club has for promoting real ale, as

demonstrated by the festival which helped them to the Club of the Year title. As well as winning the local award, the Rugby Club are entered into the regional competition which is due to be judged over the summer. Sadly the judges won't be able to enjoy the beer festival but they should appreciate the real ale quality in the bar. Good luck in the next round.

As well as presenting Pub and Club awards we have presented one of the joint winners and the runner up with their certificates for **Beer of the Festival at Salisbury Winterfest in January.**



Andrew is pictured presenting Anthony Costello from **Dunham Massey** with their winners certificate for **Chocolate Cherry Mild** to add to a good collection of awards displayed in the brewery shop. In late March a group from the branch visited Sixpenny Brewery to present the certificate for Marley's Ghost.

Dunham Massey is on National Trust land in Cheshire and they brew with local ingredients including their own green hops in season. Congratulations and keep brewing excellent real ales ready for our next Winterfest.



Pay £1 in tax or drink a pint of Beer? - Its NOT your choice

At the last budget the tax on beer increased so that on average every pint of beer bought in a pub pays over £1 in duty and VAT to the Government. The only country in Europe with higher beer tax is Finland.

Mike Benner, CAMRA Chief Executive, said:

'It is incredible to consider that Britain's beer drinkers are forced to endure the second highest rate of beer tax in Europe, particularly when the Prime Minister promised a "pub friendly Government" with the pub at the heart of the Big Society. By penalising the vast majority of responsible pub goers, the Government is not getting to the root of the problem, which remains cheap alcohol sold in an irresponsible manner in the off trade.'

The last Government increased the Duty on beer by 60% but on spirits by only 25% and it is planned to further increase beer duty by 2% above inflation for each of the next 3 years. CAMRA are calling on the Government to cancel this escalation and to freeze beer duty as a long term measure to help save our traditional pubs. Good pubs should be the social heart of our communities but they are being forced to close as people take the cheaper option of drinking at home or in the streets.

New Pub Fund Launched

With 1300 pubs closing in 2010 CAMRA has launched a fundraiser to raise funds specifically for Pub Campaigning. You can make a direct donation to the fund (www.camra.org.uk/donate) or buy tickets in the raffle (www.camra.org.uk/raffle) and why not consider joining the other 124,360 CAMRA members campaigning to save our pub and ale heritage.

And some Good News

We are pleased to hear that the Pembroke Arms in Fovant, the Kings Head in Chitterne and the Butt of Ale in Pauls Dene Salisbury have all re-opened. Also we have a new brewery in the area - between Wylde and Dinton is the West Country Brewery whose beers are just making it out into pubs and will be available at Beerex. After a visit to the brewery the other week I can recommend the Blond to you so look out for that and any others in a pub near you.

Cask Ale Week is Coming.....

The first week in October is Cask Ale week fun jointly between CAMRA and Cask Marque. If you are wondering what to do in October why not put on a cask ale event. Let us know at CAMRA and we will help advertise it for you. There are ideas and free publicity material on the CAMRA website www.camra.org.uk

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Wot More Crawls...

The latest minibus outing was to the Winterslow area. The first stop was the **Silver Plough in Pitton** where the **Hopping Hare** proved a fresh citrusy start to the evening. The **Hook & Glove in Farley** was offering **Hop Back Halcyon Daze** and **Palmers Best**. Both were good with the Hop Back being the favourite - it's good to see some of the other Hop Back beers around in the area. The **Lions Head** had Yeovil **Ruby** - all of the beers I've tried from Yeovil have been well worth trying. Finally a new beer from **Flack Manor in Romsey - Flack Catcher** and **Hop Back Crop Circle** were enjoyed in the **Lord Nelson, Winterslow** and the wonderful food and friendly welcome there are still being talked about.

On foot we have toured the Catherine St area and Wilton Road. Sadly on both occasions some of the pubs didn't have real ale and some had closed early as it was quiet but most of the beer was in good condition. The **Coach & Horses** had **Deuchars IPA** and the **Queens Arms** had **Greene King Alepril Fool** - both a pleasant change from the usual beers seen everywhere in the area. **Cloisters** were safe with **Ringwood Best, Sharps Doom Bar** and **Hop Back Summer Lightning**. Along the Wilton Rd The **Halfway House** had a pleasant pint of **Tom Browns** and the **Horse and Groom** had **Wells Bombardier**. We had **Ringwood Best in the Railway Tavern** and as ever the **Cat** was more original with **Tom Browns** and **Stonehenge Heel Stone**. We finished the evening in the **Village** with **Hop Back Old Master** and **Downton Quadhop** - the best of the evening.

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Great Dane 4.6% (June - July)
Eye-Opener 4.5% (Aug - Sept)
Bodyline 4.3% (Nov)
Rudolph 5.0% (Dec)

Branch Events

June

Sat 11th Minibus to Alderbury Whaddon, Landford, Hamptworth

Fri & Sat 17-18 Beerex

Wed 22nd Tisbury Crawl 1823 train 1840 Crown, 1900 Benett 1930
Boot (for food), 2100 South Western

Sun 26th Bike Ride to Yew Tree Odstock

July

Wed 6th Branch AGM 8pm Chough

Sat 9th Minibus to Stockton, Langford, Stapleford, Codford

Wed 20th City Crawl Slug & Lettuce area

August

Wed 3rd Branch Meeting 8pm Village

Socials & Minibus contact Jill 01722 330445

More details about events on www.salisburycamra.org.uk

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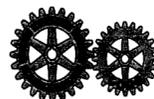
The Rai d'Or,
69 Brown St,
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Tel. 01722 327137

Historic freehouse dating from 1292, now a cosy pub with a relaxed bar bistro atmosphere. Reasonably priced Thai food is served 5.30 -10.30 but book a table as the pub is often full mid-evening although bookings can usually be made on the day. Early and late evenings usually don't need booking but it is still best to call ahead. There is always room for drinkers at the bar (enjoy the CAMRA discount if you stay for more than one pint). We specialise in local microbrewed ales including Downton, Stonehenge and Bowman. Dark Star is also regularly on. If you want to guarantee a table mid-evening just for a drink, call ahead and tell us your requirements.



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