

# BARREL



# ORGAN



Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

April 2008

Circulation 1400

FREE Newsletter

## Somerset 2 Rest of the World 0

That was the verdict of drinkers at the 11th Salisbury Winterfest on February 29th & March 1st. **Bath Ales Dark Hare** won by a landslide with almost twice the number of votes of the runner up **RCH Old Slug Porter** which was still a few points ahead of all of the others.

We were delighted with the quality of all of the beers and with the way the drinkers were keen to try the different beer styles on offer. It being a Winterfest we try to get a number of darker beers, milds, porters & stouts as well as dark bitters and a few light hoppy golden ales.

Once again the only less than enthusiastic comment were about the music which it seems in the small venue we use we just can't get right - in past years we have been told its too loud, I don't like Jazz, why can't we have Jazz and so on...

We have decided to concentrate solely on beers in the future (and maybe cider) and the money we save on not having music will be spent on more different beers and maintaining our - we believe - reasonable prices. So you lose the chance to complain about the music but gain more choice and good value in spite of Alistair Darling's efforts to make beer prohibitively expensive and the supermarkets efforts to get us drinking cheap 'beer' at home.

.....

### What have you done - Darling?!

Your 13% hike in beer duty with more promised in the next two years does nothing to curb binge drinking as it encourages cross border shopping and smuggling.

The Pub has been identified as a local service (Sustainable Communities Act 2007) and they provide a regulated environment for people to enjoy alcohol in a social and responsible way.

Yet your duty rise which is estimated will mean a 20p rise in the price of a pint at the pub is another nail being whacked ruthlessly in the coffin of the British Pub. Already 57 pubs are lost permanently every month. We may soon have little choice other than to drink our cheap supermarket 'tinnies' in our homes or on the streets.

Last years bad harvest and the number of hop producers who have left the business means that the price of raw materials has rocketed - hops have more than doubled in price. So just when the producers, retailers and 15 million responsible consumers of one of our traditional drinks need a bit of support you slap them in the face once again.

**Don't let them kill the pub - keep using it. Support Your Community Local**

## A Rural View .....

We all know of the problems facing the trade: a poor summer in 2007, the smoking ban, the credit crunch that affects publicans & customers alike. Perhaps this is hardest for rural pubs, but they're fighting back. How? Here are 6 examples from the S. Wilts area.

**The Bell in Winterbourne Stoke**, the first pub west of Stonehenge on the A303, has seen a big makeover by Enterprise Inns. Not only is it bigger and airier, but the beer range goes beyond the usual, with ales of the standard of Old Hooky available. The menu's improved too.

**The Pelican** (A36, Stapleford) has a keen new publican. Although tied to Marstons, he & the brewery have recognised local taste preferences & already both beers available have been from Ringwood. One of them will always be from that Hampshire brewery.

**The Rose & Crown in Tilshead** has seen facilities improved also. This spring & summer, don't be surprised if breweries such as Hopback, Stonehenge & Wyre Piddle are represented, beyond the Wadworth & Wells/Youngs selection.

Another **Rose & Crown, in Bulford**, is now adding guests to its Greene King range. In recent months, Bateman XXXB, Stonehenge Pigswill & Holden Golden Glow have proved very popular.

**The Earl of Normanton** (A338 between Idmiston & Allington) and the Malet Arms in Newton Tony have long had a reputation for providing beers from local and other small breweries, and as a result have a strong loyal clientele.

All of these pubs - & many others - have a choice of tasty, interesting quality ales that go beyond the usual and are popular with regulars & visitors alike; a good menu; & a warm welcome. That is how they attract & retain customers. All those mentioned above can be reached by bus at lunchtime (Mon-Sat); Bulford still has an evening & Sunday service and they are all in the local guide. Go & enjoy! *Peter Wicks*



30 Salt Lane Salisbury SP1 1EG • 01722 336984

Also at Coombe Bissett • 01722 718852

**We have the widest selection of local, national and world beers in Salisbury and the surrounding area. Draught local beers available to order. We also keep an extensive choice of ciders from craft producers and we offer good value wines.**

*We look forward to seeing you.*

[info@abbeystores.co.uk](mailto:info@abbeystores.co.uk)

[www.abbeystores.co.uk](http://www.abbeystores.co.uk)

Monday - Saturday 8.00 - 7.00



Mill Stream Approach, Castle St,

Salisbury SP1 3TA

01722 414782

email - [theboathousesalis-](mailto:theboathousesalis-)

**Come and Enjoy**

a pint / glass of wine

at

**Salisbury's Premier Summer Pub**

canal side setting by the river Avon

Food Served Daily

11 - 6pm

Function Room

Cask Ales

Guest Beers Coming Soon

## The Cuckoo Inn



**The Cuckoo Inn**  
Hamptworth is a warm, friendly and traditional pub run by Tim Bacon. Just North of the New Forest

accessed from the A356 at Landford. It is well known for providing a good selection of beers all served from the cask also excellent food and snacks. Children are welcome and can be accommodated within the enclosed garden that surrounds this pleasant English pub.

*Private garden with barbecue and Petanque terrains available by arrangement.*

**Hamptworth, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 2DU**  
**Tel: 01794 390302**

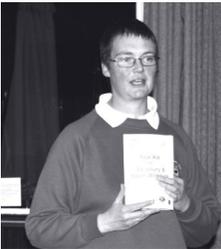
## ENGLISH ALES SCOTTISH MEASURES IRISH CRAIC No Sky TV **DEACONS**

FISHERTON STREET  
Salisbury  
01722 504723

PLUS A WARM WELCOME FROM  
FRANK, ANNIE AND STAFF

**We're in  
The Good Beer Guide**

### Community Pubs - Keep them Alive.....



Salisbury CAMRA Chairman launches the new Guide.

Salisbury CAMRA took the opportunity of Community Pubs Week to highlight the range of pubs available in the South Wiltshire Area and to celebrate those we thought we had lost. The new Local Pub Guide - **Real Ale in Salisbury & South Wiltshire** - was launched at the Butt of Ale. Which was closed awaiting demolition when the last edition of the guide was launched. The atmosphere was wonderful with a really friendly feel to the place and people of all ages and walks of life joining together to celebrate the pub and take part in the weekly quiz. Which, to top it all a CAMRA team won!!

You can buy a copy of the Guide at some pubs, Salisbury tourist Information, Cross Keys Bookshop or contact Mike (see back)

**STOP PRESS - Apple Tree Inn still a pub** - In the last Barrel

Organ we said there was another application to build houses on the site of the Apple Tree in Morgan's Vale. Once again the district Council have refused change of use. If you want to build a new pub for a thirsty community here is your chance.

**Still Crawling .....** We still get about the city and country pubs with our regular minibus trips and crawls. But space is limited to tell you all about them so ... Hidden Brewery are still improving the facilities at the Chough where we had the March meeting. They generally have 4 of their ales available so keep on supporting their venture. The crawl up Fisherton Street found Deacons on its usual good form and Bar 44 well worth a visit especially if you want to watch sport. The Kings Head - Wetherspoons has a beer festival on until 14th April. Otherwise there are usually 3 or 4 ales from their core range.

## Branch Events

### April

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Branch Meeting 8pm Winchester Gate  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Minibus Trip Chicks Grove, Chilmark, Dinton  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> City Crawl 8pm Black Horse, 9pm Avon Brewery, 10pm Conrans  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Social with South Hants at Tally Ho Beer fest names to Chris

### May

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting 8pm Village Freehouse  
Fri & Sat 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> **Rugby Club Beer Festival**  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Harnham Crawl 8pm Grey Fisher, 9pm Rose & Crown 10pm Old Mill  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mon 26<sup>th</sup> **Winchester Gate Beer Festival**  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Minibus trip Odstock, Nunton, Nomansland, Hamptworth

### June

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting 8pm Boat House (to be confirmed)

Branch Contact Mike Bird 01722 333839  
Items for Barrel Organ hiliary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk 01722 333839  
Names for Minibus Chris White 07989185049

### Advance diary Dates

Salisbury Beerex is on June 27th & 28th 2008

Salisbury Arts Centre & Rotary COGS

## **SALISBURY BEEREX**

Salisbury Arts Centre

June 27th & 28th

Fri eve, Sat afternoon, Sat eve

Tickets £10 including first pint

from Arts Centre Box Office

01722 321744

Beer management by CAMRA

Music All Sessions

**Supporting the Stars Appeal**

### Wot—a Supplement...

Peter Woods - long term branch Chairman, Beerex organiser and Salisbury City Fan reports on his adventures while trying to find a drink on away matches. No longer involved in CAMRA he hasn't lost the knack of finding 'those' pubs. If you can't find a copy let us know and we'll try to help.

## **SALISBURY RUGBY CLUB BEER FESTIVAL**

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Fri 7.00 - Midnight**

**Sat 11.30 - 3.30**

**Sat 7.00 - Midnight**

**Tickets £5**

**On sale from April**

**at the Clubhouse**

**Castle Rd, SALISBURY**

**Tel 01722 325317**

**Music Fri & Sat evenings**