

# BARREL

## CAMRA ORGAN



### Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

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#### Winterfest Round Up - Good Beers and helping the Bustards

Salisbury Winterfest, held on January 29th & 30th was a great success with Friday eve and Saturday lunch sessions sold out and 22 real ales delivered to us in excellent condition.

The punters voted locally brewed **Downton Chocolate Orange Delight** the beer of the festival with **Matthew's Brassknocker** from Bristol runner up. They are a real contrast with the Downton brew a 5.8% porter style beer with more than a hint of chocolate and orange while Brassknocker is a very bitter, crisp citrus flavoured beer at 3.8%.

On March 13th members of the branch visited Downton Brewery to present brewer Martin Strawbridge with their certificate. Martin explained how he brews such distinctive beers and talked a little about the brewery's plans for the future. He also let slip the secret of where the chocolate & orange flavours come from. We were able to sample the **New Forest Ale**, the current seasonal - **Mad Hare** and some **Dark Delight** - the base brew for the Chocolate Orange Delight. We visited the **White Horse** for some lunch and some excellent **Downton White Horse** - which is re-badged New Forest Ale.



We always run a charity box for unused tokens and this year one of the charities was the Great Bustard Group because one of our helpers spends a lot of time working with Bustards and they have their own beer and pub. On March 3rd members of the group came along to the branch meeting to collect the cheque and tell us a bit about their work and the Bustard re-introduction programme.



## Wot more Breweries?

Over the past few months a number of new breweries have appeared in the fairly close area and another is promised. Near to Chippenham are **Braydon Ales**, the **Crown Inn in Pewsey** is now brewing its own beer although it is unlikely that much will stray from the pub - look for it at local beer festivals. **Plain Ales** have moved from Chitterne to Sutton Veney and Waylands Brewery from Surrey have arrived in Sixpenny Handley as the **Waylands Sixpenny Brewery**. Finally - Nigel Welsh from Ringwood, before the Marston's take over - is apparently about to open a new brewery in **Romsey**.

So it is even harder to choose the local beers for our beer festivals as the choice and quality is ever improving. We found Braydon Ales on our pre-christmas crawl and at the **Cross Keys in Upper Chute** Sixpenny Dark was on the bar for our New Year Social - on 6th March.

## And more Crawls....

The February city crawl took in St John's St and Ivy St area. We started in **Curiosity at the Kings Arms Hotel** and some well looked after **Greene King Old Speckled Hen** - nice to see another of their beers than the IPA - then maintained the hotel theme with some tasty **Hop Back Crop Circle in the White Hart**. **Cloisters** had a choice of **Ringwood Best and Doom Bar** - both quite pleasant and I had the **Hobgoblin** at the **Queens Arms**. We finished up at the **Rai D'Or** where **Downton Nelson's Delight** and **Honey Porter** - one of my favourites - were on top form.



### QuadHop 3.9%

A very hoppy crisply refreshing lower gravity bitter.

### Chimera IPA

6.8%

Award-winning real IPA with the alcohol and hops to survive at trip to India (we believe). Available in bottles.



Also a range of monthly specials contact Martin 01722 322890

## SALISBURY RUGBY CLUB BEER FESTIVAL

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Fri 7.00 - Midnight**  
**Sat 7.00 - Midnight**

**Tickets On sale from April**  
**at the Clubhouse**  
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**Bar Games**

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**further details and tickets**



## THE VILLAGE FREE HOUSE

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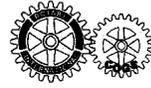
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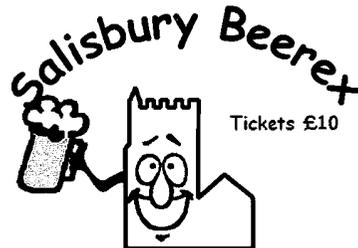
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Open 12:00 - 12:00 Daily



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18 - 19 June 2010

Tickets on sale from 27 March 2010

Salisbury Arts Centre  
Box Office: 01722 321744

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT EACH SESSION

### And More Festivals

The beer festival season is upon us... The February minibus trip visited the **Yew Tree** festival of 6 beers which I'm told by those who went were in excellent condition and the festival had a real lively buzz to it. I went to **Overton** festival on Friday 12th March and others visited on Sat lunch. My favourite beer was **Cheriton Porter from Flowerpots** so I was delighted to hear it had won beer of the festival. There are several festival adverts in this Barrel Organ and the **Parish Lantern in Whiteparish** has one over Easter

### Its not just about Beer

CAMRA is working hard to safeguard the full traditional British drinking experience - the Real Ale and the Public House. With the election coming up we are lobbying prospective MPs with the beer charter—the Manifesto for real pubs. It says that existing **planning laws** give little protection to communities wanting to keep their local open so greater planning powers should reside with the local councils. **Community pubs** should be a cornerstone of any sensible drinking policy and where they are the hub of a local community they should have 50% rate relief. Beer should be **taxed less** with an end to the repeated above inflation rises in duty on beer. If a pub is being sold the community and the current lessee should have the **right to buy** it as a pub.

For more go to [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)

## Branch Events

### Apr

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting 8pm Winchester Gate  
Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Minibus to Wylve Valley Names to Chris  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> City Crawl 8pm Slug & Lettuce, 9pm Market Inn, 10pm Red Lion

### May

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting 8pm Huntsman  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Assoc British Brewery Collectibles at Village  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> City Crawl 8pm Devizes Inn, 8.30 Royal Oak, 9.30 Butt of Ale  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Bike Ride to Woodford Valley  
Fri 28 Visit to Winchester Gate Festival & Pub of the Year presentation

### June

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Branch Meeting 8pm Railway Club  
Minibus details from Chris 07989185049  
Items for Barrel Organ [hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk](mailto:hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk) 01722 333839  
[www.salisburycamra.org.uk](http://www.salisburycamra.org.uk)

## *The Winchester Gate*

*Good beer, good food and  
good music at a fair price*

The Gate's May beer festival takes place over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend – from 28 to 31 May.

There will be up to 15 different beers plus a couple of ciders. A barbecue and live music will add to the fun.

We are delighted that the Gate has been named as Salisbury & South Wilts CAMRA Pub Of The Year for 2010. Our thanks to all those who voted for us.

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The Crown Inn  
Alvediston

## Spring Beer Festival

May 21st, 22nd & 23rd

Local Real Ales and Ciders

Live Music all Weekend

Home Cooked Food

BBQ

Ring Dave or Linda for details

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