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We all Love Old Photos

Especially those of places we know which have changed so much. A new book from Akeman Press "**The Inns of Wiltshire in old photographs**" has plenty of them to look at. But its not just the photos, there is plenty of information about the featured Inns, their history and what they are like now.

Having recently witnessed the saga of the **Pheasant at Winterslow**, falling from success as a Brewers Fayre through a number of owners, a car wash and finally conversion to housing, I found the write up for this one especially poignant. I knew it was a historic coaching Inn and that it had been called the Winterslow Hut. I assumed this was an old coaching name as there are several other 'Huts' on the old main roads but I now know that name is even older having been a stopping place for drovers taking livestock to London. But did you know it used to be on the other side of the road?

There are some lost pubs I could reminisce about - **Freda's**, the **Black Horse at Teffont** and others gone long before my time but most of the featured pubs are still there and still offering the hospitality that makes our traditional meeting and drinking establishments what they are.

If you like more than old photos this book makes an interesting read in a friendly but informative style. The cover price is £10 and it is available from the Cross Keys Book Shop.

We are still committed to fight the tie..... and stop pubs closing

Once again the Office of Fair Trading has said it does not intend to take any action to prevent pub company abuses of the beer tie. In June 2009 CAMRA submitted a complaint to them about the unfair trading practices which means Pubcos can tie their tenant to getting their beer from them and then charge them much more than the beer would cost on the open market. In October 2009 the OFT said they would take no action and CAMRA mounted a legal challenge to the decision. This prompted the OFT to agree to review further evidence which CAMRA provided. Now they are still saying that they will take no action. Mike Benner, CAMRA chief Executive said:

"The OFT's own analysis recognises that tied pub landlords on average pay around £20,000 more for their beer every year as a result of being tied and unable to purchase beer on the open market. CAMRA, unlike the OFT, recognises that higher costs imposed upon tied pub landlords will inevitably be passed onto consumers through higher prices, under investment and pub closures."

He also said that:

“Today's OFT decision does nothing to change the fact that the Business Secretary, Vince Cable MP, has publicly stated that the pub companies are on probation and that they will face legislative action if they fail to reform by June 2011.”

and that CAMRA continues to campaign for a fair deal for tenants and consumers.

The number of pubs closing, especially community pubs, is probably the biggest current threat to Real Ale. You can help save pubs by remembering that they are there and using them. If you visit a pub at Christmas remember to visit it in January, February and beyond - and I don't mean once a month. If you don't it may not be there next Christmas.

To do more you can contact your MP and urge them to support the Protection of Local Services (Planning) Bill. The Bill would give local councils the power to ensure that local services (and particularly community pubs) were not demolished or changed into other uses such as a betting shop or supermarket chain store without following the proper planning process.

All you need to do is contact your MP and ask them to support this bill by supporting EDM 1009. There is more information on the CAMRA web site.



Our LocAle campaign continues to attract more pubs and in October the **Duck Inn at Laverstock** and the **Kings Head in Whiteparish** gained accreditation. If you always stock at least one locally brewed real ale why not apply for accreditation - it costs nothing. locale@salisburycamra.org.uk

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.

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FROM FRANK, ANNIE AND
STAFF

We're in
The Good Beer Guide



Still Crawling...

In October we got the bus to **Whiteparish** for an evening tour of the three pubs there. The last bus back to Salisbury is 8.44 so we got to the **Fountain** as they opened so started off with Wadworth 6X and Ringwood 49er. Then up the hill to the **Parish Lantern** for Plain Ales Intrigue, Flack Manor Double Drop and Downton Honey Blonde and some tasty food. We decided to end at the **Kings Head** as it is closest to the bus stop - which proved to be a wise move. We enjoyed their Three Castles Autumn Daze and Goddard's Ale of Wight and presented them with their LocAle certificate. All but the Goddard's were brewed within 30 miles of Whiteparish and with the Parish Lantern and Kings Head accredited it certainly is a LocAle village.

It was good to see the **Plain Ales** in Whiteparish as just a few days previously we had visited the brewery. James started brewing in 2009 in Chitterne and almost immediately moved to larger premises in Sutton Veny. He has already won awards at CAMRA festivals. We were welcomed with a choice of Innocence, Intrigue and Indulgence - all in superb condition and ranging in style from the light crisp hoppy Innocence to the dark, malty Indulgence. We chatted about the brewery, why he became a brewer (not for the easy life and huge profits it seems) and which beer to order for the Winterfest in January. Don't wait 'til then to try them, we see them around in quite a few local pubs especially towards the Plain.

We left the brewery and headed into **Warminster to the Fox & Hounds** - run by Chris Pitcher, onetime owner of the Pelican. He hasn't forgotten how to keep his beer well and his customers happy. The three available were Wessex Warminster Warrior, Fox's Best - the brewery is a secret and Greene King seasonal beer - Fireside. If you are in Warminster its worth the short walk from the centre.

Branch Events

December

- Wed 1st Branch Meeting 8pm The Boat House
Fri 10th 5.40 no.44 bus 6.15 Wooden Spoon, 6.45 Kings Arms,
7.30 White Horse, 8.25 Bull.
Fri 17th City GBG pubs crawl Winchester Gate 7.30 then Anchor & Hope,
Wyndham Arms, Royal George, Rai D'Or, Kings Head, Deacons, Village Freehouse.

January

- Wed 5th Branch Meeting 8pm Royal George
Sat 8th New Year Social Duck Laverstock - Contact Jill
Wed 19th City Crawl see web site for details
Tue 25th Winterfest Set up
Fri & Sat 28th & 29th Winterfest

February

- Wed 2nd Branch Meeting 8pm Winchester Gate

Socials contact Jill 01722 330445

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

Items for Barrel Organ hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk 01722 333839

THE WINCHESTER GATE WINTER BEER FESTIVAL 3 - 5 DECEMBER

Don't miss our Winter beer festival

Up to 12 real ales plus cider with seasonal beers from Green Jack, Tirril, Salopian, Conwy, Mauldons, Elland, B&T and Vale plus the usual local ales.

Live music on Friday and Saturday night from Robb Blake, Pete Leonard, Paul Blake, Dan Sowerby and more.

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Winterfest XIV Fri 28th & Sat 29th Jan 2011

Fri 6.30—11.00

Sat 11.00—3.30

Sat 6.30—11.00

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Salisbury

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