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Keystone's First Pub - the Benett Arms Tisbury

At the start of March Keystone Brewery opened their first pub taking over the Benett Arms in Tisbury which closed in December. On its second night I found a lively busy pub with a choice of three real ales, two from **Keystone, Gordon Benett** the house beer and **Bedrock** and **Bellringer Maximus from Abbey Ales** in Bath all in excellent condition. The plan is to have one or two Keystone beers and a changing, mainly local guest. The new Manager is Jenny and she is keen to hear what everyone wants from the pub. By the opening it had been painted, the floorboards uncovered and sanded and a mural painted on part of the floor. The games area remains and the main bar has seating at tables and some comfy chairs with the window seat in the bay becoming more of a feature. It has the feel of a friendly basic pub for a quality drink and a good chat. There are plans to serve food, starting with soup and rolls.

We wish Alasdair, Charlie, Jenny & Sam well with the new venture, it's well worth a visit and only a short train ride from Salisbury.



Sam pulling pints in the Benett Arms

Chancellor Guzzles 1/3 Pint

Not a comment on drinking habits but with the latest rise in duty of 5% about 1/3 of the cost of a pint of beer goes to the treasury as Duty or VAT and the duty has increased by 40% since 2008.

CAMRA has launched an e-petition and MP Andrew Griffiths - Chairman of the Parliamentary Beer Group has tabled an Early Day Motion on the subject. Go online www.camra.org.uk/saveyourpint and sign the petition and contact your MP asking them to sign the motion.

'The fact Britons are forced to pay over 40% of the EU beer tax bill, but consume only 13% of the beer sold in Europe, is remarkable. British beer in a pub is so heavily hit with duty and VAT, the tax man's whirlwind hikes translate to him guzzling a third of every pint served, a shadow cast over the beer drinker depriving people of an affordable night down their local.'

Stop Press - Butt of Ale sold for development - Help us Save a Community Pub.

Branch Awards

Each year Salisbury & South Wiltshire CAMRA select a Pub of the Year and recently we have also selected a Club of the Year. To be eligible for Pub of the Year you have to have excellent real ale so be one of the branch's Good Beer Guide entries and be a great pub. It doesn't matter what type of pub, cosy country or town so long as you do what you do well, support real ale and welcome people in for a drink. For Club of the Year you should have good real ale and be a welcoming place for a drink.

Salisbury & South Wiltshire CAMRA Pub of the Year 2012 is the **Victoria & Albert in Netherhampton** and the Club of the Year is **Redlynch Sports & Social Club**. These have both been entered into the regional competition which ultimately leads to the National title.

Beer of the Festival

The Beer of the Festival voted by drinkers at the Salisbury Winterfest was:

Winner - Sixpenny Black

Runner Up - Oakham Citra

Look out for news of presentations to Pub, Club and Breweries.

Fancy a Pint in the New Forest?

Get a copy of the New Forest Pub Guide, extensively researched by Southern Hampshire CAMRA it features all of the pubs in and around the National Park. On Sale in Tourist Information & Cross Keys Bookshop in Salisbury.

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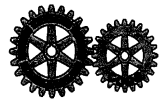
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The Cuckoo Inn



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

Pub of the Year 2009



Planning a Mild May

In May, CAMRA celebrate Mild Beers a speciality style in danger of dying out. These are not all weak and dark but generally are less hoppy than bitter. They can be mid brown to black and vary in strength from about 3% to over 6%. We are asking around to find out who will be featuring Mild in May and to date the Village Freehouse and Winchester Gate in Salisbury will be. Look at our website for more details and if you are planning a Mild May let us know and we'll put it on the site.

On the Bus - Our regular minibus outings to country pubs have been popular this year with trips down the Chalke Valley and on to Salisbury Plain. In the Chalke valley the Radnor Arms in Nunton has recently become free of tie, as the Fox and Goose Coombe Bissett did several years ago. By coincidence both had Doom Bar and Sixpenny Original. The Yew Tree in Odstock had Hop Back Entire Stout and Fuggles and the White Hart had 6X and Ringwood Best. The Queens Head is now the only Badger Pub and had the seasonal Firkin Fox alongside the Best. So a good choice of good beer along the way.

On the Plain we found Stonehenge Pigswill at the Bell in Winterbourne Stoke, 6X and Plain Ales Innocence at the Rose and Crown in Tilshead. It is good to see the Kings Head in Chitterne open again and we enjoyed 6X, Doom Bar and Innocence. Another evening of good beer reminds you how many good country pubs there are locally.

Branch Events

April

Wed 4 th	Branch Meeting	8pm Wyndham Arms
Sat 14 th	Minibus Woodford Valley	
Wed 18 th	City Crawl - Qudos, Conrans, 5 Bells, Pheasant, Cycling Club	
Sat 28 th	Presentation to Sixpenny Brewery Bus No 184 10.40am	

May

Wed 2 nd	Branch Meeting	8pm Village
Wed 23 rd	Pub of the Year Victoria & Albert Netherhampton 8.30	
Sat 26 th	Bus to Alvediston No 29 11.45 from Bus Station	

June

Wed 6 th	Branch Meeting	8pm Chough
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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

A genuine free house

The Gate is one of a few pubs in Salisbury completely free of tie. An ever-changing range of real ales from around the country. LocAle accredited and Salisbury & South Wilts CAMRA Pub of the Year 2010.

Don't miss our early summer beer festival that will take place over the weekend of the Queen's Jubilee holiday.

From Thursday 31st May till Tuesday 5th June.

Around 15 ales plus ciders. Live music & BBQ evenings.

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Monday - Friday
6pm - midnight

Saturday
2pm - midnight

Sunday
2pm - 11pm

- ◆ 5 Real ales and 2 Trad Ciders
- ◆ Belgian & German Bottled Beers
- ◆ Quiz night Tuesdays



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