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Beer tax e-petition reaches landmark 100,000 signatures

We are delighted to hear that the petition calling for the abandonment of the beer duty escalator has exceeded 100,000 signatures which means it has triggered a parliamentary debate on the issue.

What is the beer duty escalator? Introduced by the last government in 2008 and retained by the current one the duty on beer is automatically increased by 2% above inflation each year. Since 2008 this means over 40% increase in beer duty so a third of every pub pint sold is swallowed up by the government. This is at the same time as 4500 pubs have closed and the government have voted to do something to help save pubs.

"I very much agree with what my hon. Friend says. I am a big supporter of British pubs, and I want us to be a pub-friendly Government. And yes, I am going to a pub this week. I cannot say where it is, because otherwise it would be discontinued, but I am looking forward to it." David Cameron Prime Ministers Questions 3rd Nov 2010

I drink Lager so I'm not affected. Oh yes you are, the escalator affects all beers not just real ale (but not wines, spirits or cider).

What happens next? With a Parliamentary debate now in prospect, **CAMRA is ramping up the pressure on Government by announcing it is to hold a Mass Parliamentary Lobby in Westminster on Wednesday December 12th**, with over 1,000 people expected to attend from all corners of the UK to voice their discontent at punitive tax increases on Britain's National Drink. Attendees will be asking to speak to their respective local MPs, and seeking their support to protect the nation's historic beer and pub industry.

And from Colin Valentine our National Chairman

'CAMRA's next step is not to rest on our laurels but to maintain the impetus with our Mass Parliamentary Lobby, which will reinforce to MPs the groundswell of support for this campaign. With all the battering it has taken, the beer and pub sector still manages to contribute over £21 billion a year to the UK's GDP, and supports one million jobs, so it's about time the Government honoured its pledge to be "pub friendly".'

Join CAMRA www.camra.org.uk 144,156 members can't all be wrong

Victoria & Albert Netherhampton - in the country's top 16 pubs

With the launch of the Good Beer Guide 2013 on 13th September the regional winners in CAMRA's Pub of the Year competition were announced. Our branch pub of the year - the Victoria & Albert, Netherhampton - has been judged as the best in Wessex and Channel Islands region.

Why not join us on October 9th at 7.30pm in the pub to present their certificate and wish them well in the next round of the competition.

Eight get Down to Downton....

We try to get around all of our pubs by minibus, foot or public transport so on September 22nd we set out on the tea time bus to Downton making time to visit the 4 pubs there.

We started at the **Wooden Spoon** where the **Jennings Cocker Hoop** was enjoyed by us all but we had to leave just as the pub was getting livelier and pop a few doors down to the King's Head. The **King's Head** was quiet but it was still early and we had some of the **Ringwood Best** before the long walk to the White Horse.

The **White Horse** was our food stop which was very tasty and was accompanied by a good selection of ales. Between us we tried the **Taylor's Landlord**, locally brewed **Hop Back Summer Lightning** and **Ringwood Best** which all hit the spot.

We just had time to visit the Bull before the last bus home. This is owned by Marston's who now own Ringwood Brewery so they had **Ringwood Best** and **Fortyniner** which you don't see very often.

A pleasant evening out - why not bus it there yourself or join us on a trip out sometime.



Winterfest XVI

Fri 25th & Sat 26th Jan 2013

Fri 6.30—11.00

Sat 11.00—3.30

Sat 6.30—11.00

**Castle Street Social Club
Scots Lane
Salisbury**

21 Real Ales plus cider

No Music

Filled Rolls available each session

Tickets on sale soon

The Duke of York

34 York Rd,

Salisbury SP2 7AS

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Monday - Friday

6pm - midnight

Saturday

2pm - midnight

Sunday

2pm - 11pm

- ◆ 5 Real ales & 2 Trad Ciders
- ◆ Belgian & German Bottled Beers

- ◆ Quiz night Tuesdays

BEER FESTIVAL

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Draught Lagers

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Salisbury
01722 504723

PLUS A WARM WELCOME
FROM FRANK, ANNIE AND
STAFF

We're in
The Good Beer Guide



The White Horse Inn

Quidhampton

*Traditional Homemade menu and
Daily Specials Board*

Selection of Cask Ales and Cider

Beer Garden



The Loft' Function Room suitable
for up to 80 People with optional Skittle Alley
and Bar

Function Marquee available for the Garden

*Petanque Court and Garden Games
including 'Smite'*

Live Music - See Website for Details

Opening Times

11.30 - 3.00 and 6.30 -11.00 *Mon to Sat*

12.00 - 3.00 and 7.00 to 11.00 *Sun*

food available

12.00 - 2.00 and 7.00 - 9.00 *Mon to Sun*

Lower Road, Quidhampton, Salisbury

SP2 9AS 01722 742157

<http://whitehorse.quidhampton.org.uk>

Approaching the £4 Pint

You can age people by how much a pint cost when they started drinking. I come in at 45p and now I am looking at £4 as a soon to be reality. **Why?**

Tax on beer has increased a lot and much more than on spirits. Beer is no longer the cheaper option. Most pubs and especially in this area are owned by companies who just own property so have to buy in all their drinks. A brewery tied pub means the brewery gets all the profit on the beer not just the point of sale profit. A landlord with a freehold pub can buy beer direct from breweries or via a wholesaler and can sell whatever they like. A Pubco landlord has to buy from the company list at the price they are charging (around 50% extra) and if they want a local beer not on the Pubco list the SIBA agreement adds about 50% extra again.

As reported locally, many pubs are paying business rates set 5 years ago and trade has dropped since then as people find less time and money for going to the pub and drink less or drink at home.

Now is the time to support your local pub and not moan constantly at the prices. If you don't you won't be able to get any beer there for any price - unless it is one that Tesco are planning on converting to a Tesco Metro. You'll have beer but not the ambience.

Festival Foray - There were fewer pub festivals than often over the August Bank Holiday. I visited a few and all had excellent ale choice and quality. The **George in Shrewton** had plenty of local beers with a selection from **Stonehenge** including the lovely **Eye Opener**. The **Benett in Tisbury** had their first festival with such good company and beer I almost missed the train! The **Bear in Wilton** had their music stage and beers from far and wide **Betty Stogs from Skinners** in Cornwall is always a welcome friend of mine.
More recently - It was good to enjoy the return of **Summerlite** to the **Village on Wilton Rd.**

Branch Events

October

Sat 6th Minibus to Keystone Brewery Boot - Berwick St James, Bell - South Newton, Swan - Stoford. Depart Salisbury 10.30am contact Jill

Tue 9th Pub of the Year Presentation Victoria & Albert Netherhampton 7.30

Wed 17th Cider Crawl 8pm Anchor & Hope, Wetherspoons, Cat, Duke of York

November

Wed 7th Branch Meeting 8pm Royal George

Sat 10th Evening Minibus trip Destination TBC contact Jill

Wed 21st City Crawl Fisherton St & Bacchus

December

Wed 5th Branch Meeting 8pm Wyndham Arms

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

Stonehenge Ales

The Old Mill
Netheravon
01980 670631



Regular Beers

Spire Ale 3.8%

Pigswill 4.0%

Heel Stone 4.3%

Great Bustard 4.8%

Danish Dynamite 5.0%

Seasonal Beers

Old Smokey 5% (Jan - Feb)

Sign of Spring 4.6% (Mar - May)

Great Dane 4.6% (June - July)

Eye-Opener 4.5% (Aug - Sept)

Bodyline 4.3% (Nov)

Rudolph 5.0% (Dec)

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