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Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

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Regional Matters

Four times a year, members from the branches in Wessex & Channel Islands Region of CAMRA meet to discuss what is going on in the region, how the branches can help each other, who has lost how many pubs to supermarkets (see inside) and similar issues. The meetings are very informal, help over a pint or few and often include a visit somewhere interesting. The November gathering on the Isle of Wight included a visit to Island brewery near Newport with a vintage bus as transport.



The bus ride was nostalgic and our welcome at the brewery was warm. Tom Minshull started the brewery in 2010 with Chris Coleman as brewer and their beers are available at pubs around the Island. We enjoyed some Nipper Bitter at 3.8% ABV and were then invited to sample some Earl's RDA (Real Dark Ale) 5%ABV brewed 2 years ago.

It was a wonderful rich but not cloying traditional stout with the 2 years in cask giving time for the dark malt chocolate and coffee flavours to develop. When it was mentioned that there were only two casks left, one was reserved for Winterfest and I'm really looking forward to tasting it again.

A big thank you to Isle of Wight branch and Island Brewery for such a good visit.



GBBF Update - do you like to visit the Great British Beer Festival in London each year? This year it returned to Olympia as Earl's Court was hosting the Olympics. The future of Earl's Court is still uncertain and people seem to prefer Olympia. Next year it will be at Olympia again but a week later than usual so book the date now.....

GBBF 13th - 17th August 2013 Olympia

Do YOU enjoy Real Ale or Traditional Cider?

Do YOU think our tradition of local pubs is important?

Are YOU a CAMRA member?

If not why not!

Join CAMRA www.camra.org.uk 144,998 members can't all be wrong

Keeping Crawling.....

Our aim to visit all of our pubs every year or two recently took us around St Paul's area on foot and the Bourne Valley by minibus.

We met over a **Taylor's Landlord** at the **Horse & Groom** on Wilton Rd then to recently opened **Bacchus** (was the Wilton) which has become a Bar & Bistro with **Young's Gold** and **Jennings Little Gem** on offer. The **Railway Tavern** opposite the station was busy hosting a darts match and serving **Ringwood Best** and finally the **Railway Club** welcomed us with a choice of **Sharps Doom Bar** and some very tasty **Skinner's Betty Stogs**.

Our visit to the Bourne valley also featured a club as we started with some **Hop Back Crop Circle** in the Rugby Club. We went the long way around to the **Black Horse in Hurdcott** - due to the closed broken cross bridge. It was well worth the detour for the **Ringwood Best** and **Wadworth 6X** there and the **Palmer's Dorset Gold** and **Sharps Doom Bar** at the **Winterbourne Arms**.

We visited the relatively new team at the **Porton Hotel** and enjoyed the **Wadworth 6X** and **Hop Back Summer Lightning** on offer. Finally to the **Earl of Normanton** for their selection of **Flowerpots Bitter** and **Goodens Gold** and a Halloween special **Witches Promise from Triple fff**.

Both trips were good fun with quality real ale and good company in our group and the people we met at the pubs. Keep supporting these community pubs or they may go the way of many others now that about 18 pubs close each week.

By the way - I hear the **Old Inn in Allington** is open again so if you live that way you have a local pub to enjoy once more.

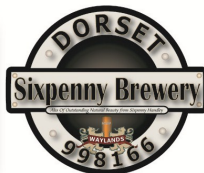
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Historic freehouse dating from 1292, now a cosy pub with real ales and reasonably priced Thai food. The pub is often full mid-evening so if you want to guarantee a table mid-evening, call ahead and let us know if you want to just have a drink. Early and late evenings usually don't need booking but it is still best to call ahead although bookings can usually be made on the day. Even if you don't call ahead, there is always room for drinkers at the bar (enjoy the CAMRA discount if you stay for more than one pint). We specialise in local microbrewed ales - Downton Stonehenge, Keystone, Bowman also Dark Star.

**Open Mon-Sat 5 - late
(front door closes at 10.50 p.m.)**

Fancy Popping to Tesco Express for a pint?

Recent changes to planning regulations mean that no permissions are needed to change a pub into a retail unit. CAMRA are becoming increasingly concerned at the number of pubs being taken over by supermarkets and converted to retail use, mainly supermarkets. Since January 2010 over 200 pubs across Britain have been converted into supermarket convenience stores with another 45 reported to be under threat. Most of these pubs are within local communities and have been providing a social place to meet for many years.

John Denham, MP for Southampton Itchen, said:

'Residents across the country are feeling powerless to intervene as local community pubs are being turned into convenience stores.'

'The Castle, a pub in my own constituency in Southampton, is the latest in a line of pubs being sold by large pub company Enterprise Inns to the giant supermarket chain Tesco.'

'The Government needs to wake up to this looming crisis in the pub industry and look not only at planning laws that allow pubs to be converted so easily, but also at the cosy relationship between national retailers and large pub companies that so often leave local communities feeling left out in the cold.'

Branch Events

December

Fri 14th GBG Pub Crawl of Salisbury 6pm Duck, 7pm Wyndham Arms, then Winchester Gate, Anchor & Hope, Rai d'Or, Kings Head, Deacons, Village.

January

Wed 2nd Branch Meeting 8pm Winchester Gate
Sat 5th New Year Social White Horse Quidhampton details from Jill
Wed 16th Amesbury Crawl - 7.05 X5 bus, 7.30pm Greyhound then Bell, George, New Inn, Kings Arms, Antrobus Arms.
Fri 25th & Sat 26th Winterfest

February

Wed 6th Branch Meeting 8pm Chough
Sat 9th Minibus to Pitton & Farley details from Jill

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



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

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Wyndham Arms or contact**

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**We will be having a small
Winter Beer Festival from
10th to 13th January.**

Put it in your diary!

There will be half a dozen or so ales plus a couple of ciders.

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