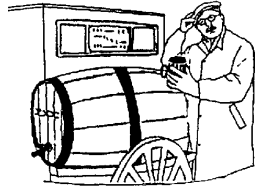




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CAMRA Parliamentary Mass Lobby

On the 12/12/12 a delegation from Salisbury CAMRA joined over 1000 CAMRA members, publicans and brewers at Parliament to ask their MP to support the campaign to scrap the beer duty escalator. At our meeting with John Glen MP, we pressed the case for a long-term freeze in beer duty. Duty has risen 42% in the last three years which means that coupled with the increase in VAT to 20%, you now pay over £1 in beer duty and VAT for every single pint you buy in the pub.

Government policy in increases in tax on beer and the VAT rise are fuelling a shift in beer consumption away from pubs with over 50 having shut in Salisbury postcode area since the year 2000 alone. Half of all



Salisbury CAMRA meet John Glen MP

beer is now sold in supermarkets as beer drinkers seek to avoid tax rises while HMRC report a huge increase in smuggling. Nationally, in just six years there has been a 30% collapse in the volume of beer sold in pubs as more than 7,000 have closed forever.

Mr Glen was interested in that last year, beer tax rose over 5%, yet the increase in yield was just 0.3%. He reiterated his support for the pub & brewing sector that supports over a million jobs nationally, many locally within his Salisbury constituency. He undertook to speak to key members of the government's Treasury team, speak against the duty escalator and write directly to the Treasury.

The acid test of course is what the Chancellor chooses to do at the next budget on the 20th March. **Mr Osborne, it is over to you!**

Final Crawl of 2012

We ended the year of city crawls with our visit to the pubs in Salisbury which are in the current Good Beer Guide. Sadly the Anchor & Hope didn't have any real ale so we were one down on the full house of 8 - if the Duck in Laverstock counts as the city. A few people started there and enjoyed the welcome and the Hop Back beers. I joined at the **Wyndham Arms** where it was good to see the **Hop Back Entire Stout** making its winter appearance. The **Winchester Gate** had the seasonal **Rudolph - from Upham** brewery not Stonehenge and **Andwell Gold Muddler**. The very busy **Rai D'or** had **Downton Elderquad** and **Stonehenge Bodyline**. So that meant we had seen three of our very local brewers represented.

We moved away from the very local at the **Kings Head** with **Cotleigh Reinbeer** and **Butcombe Christmas Steps**. Then to **Deacons** where we found the **GFB** to be a little stale. Finishing at the **Village Freehouse** we sampled the **Flack Manor Double Drop** and their winter special the **Blackjack Porter** which has rapidly become one of my favourites. Although it was only 14th December we felt we needed to finish with the **Downton Winter Solstice**. A good evening of generally very good real ale and lively friendly pubs. Apart from the King's Head all of the beers we had were LocAle - brewed within 30 miles of the pub. By the time this goes to press the selection for the 2014 Good Beer Guide will be well under way so this was everyone's time to make their final decisions on the currently represented city pubs.

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- ◆ 5 Real ales & 2 Trad Ciders
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Current Closures

A number of our pubs are still closed, we are waiting the outcome of a planning appeal on the Butt of Ale which could see the end of a community pub and a long walk to their nearest real ale for the residents of Paul's Dean. The Malmesbury Arms on Wilton Rd is shut as is the George in Codford.

Several of the pubs which shut earlier in the year are open again with the Porton Hotel and Old Inn in Allington given a new lease of life. If your local has re-opened and you want to keep it running its partly up to you to use it. Fancy a takeaway? Why not go to the pub instead.

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Get the Bus!

I don't suggest the public transport around here is great but if you live in Salisbury there are still several options for getting out to a pub in the evening.

The New Year Social this year saw 20 branch members finding time to enjoy some good beer, good food and a good chat at the **White Horse** in **Quidhampton**. Peter and Sara have been there just over a year and offer a friendly welcome to their country pub convenient to the city. The buses may only be hourly but they stop outside the door. Our social featured the ever popular **Sharps Doom Bar** and two LocAle beers, **Tam O'Shanter from Plain Ales** and **106 Jack FM from Sixpenny**.

The **Amesbury Crawl** in January saw a record 18 people meet at the **Bell** which is having a new lease of life as a Wetherspoons. After **Mordue Workie Ticket** and **Marstons Old Empire IPA** we split into two groups so as not to swamp the other pubs. I tried the **Wadworth 6X** in the **Antrobus Arms** where there was also an Upham brewery beer - this Hampshire brewery seems to be appearing a lot in the area. We joined the other group in the **New Inn** as the Kings Arms was without real ale. The atmosphere was very friendly and the **Marstons Pedigree** and **Jennings Cumberland Ale** were both in good condition. My group then moved to the **George** for some **Butcombe Bitter** and **Sharps Doom Bar**, the Butcombe was a bit sour but the Doom Bar was at its best. Finally we all regrouped at the **Bell** where I tried the **Marstons Burton Bitter**, **Stonehenge Pigswill** and **Salisbury Brewery English Ale** before getting the bus home.

If the visits written about here sound like your kind of fun why not join us .. Details in the programme on the back page.

Branch Events

February

Wed 6th Branch Meeting 8pm The Chough
Sat 9th Minibus Winterslow, Pitton, Farley
Wed 20th Salisbury Crawl Anchor & Hope, Market Inn,
Cosy Club, Slug & Lettuce, Mill

March

Wed 6th Branch Meeting 8pm Cycling Club, Salt Lane, Salisbury
Sat 16th Minibus Allington, Cholderton, Bulford
details tba
Wed 20th City Crawl Lazy Cow + Harnham

April

Wed 6th Branch Meeting 8pm Wyndham Arms Salisbury

Socials contact Jill 01722 330445

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

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