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Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

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We Petitioned, We lobbied, WE WON!!!!



This years budget proved positive for beer drinkers as the Beer Duty Escalator - which every year puts an inflation plus 2% tax increase on beer - was scrapped. Since it was introduced in 2008, beer tax has increased by 42%. So this years increase didn't

happen and it won't automatically happen next year.... On top of that tax was reduced by 1p a pint.

The numbers of people prepared to campaign for this has made a difference especially as we could present strong reasons for it to be scrapped. As the tax went up the revenue it raised didn't as people stopped buying beer. Increases in the price of beer in pubs is a factor in so many pubs closing, 5,800 since 2008.

In all 108,000 people signed the petition, 1200 CAMRA members met with over 200 MPs - the biggest mass lobby of Parliament ever - and over 8000 members wrote to their MPs.

It's not the end, there are other reasons pub close and beer is still over taxed compared to many EU countries but it's a step and it shows.

Campaign well enough and you will be heard.

Thanks to everyone locally who supported the campaign and enjoy lower price rises.

Pub of the Year / Club of the Year

We are able to announce that the Salisbury & South Wiltshire Pub and Club of the Year have been selected. The Winchester Gate in Rampart Rd is Pub of the Year 2013 and the certificate was presented at the start of their cider Festival in March. Salisbury Rugby Club is Club of the Year and a presentation will be made at their beer festival in May.

We hope to have photos in the next edition.

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Something's Brewing....

Brewing is returning to Salisbury for the first time since Gibbs Mew closed in 1998.

Gary, the new landlord at the Halfway House on Wilton Rd is setting up Sarum Shield Brewery at the pub. The first brews are in the making and are:

Shield Maiden - a golden ale well hopped with Nelson Sauvin and Challenger Hops will be about 4% ABV.

A raspberry wheat beer - yet to be named will be around 4.4 to 4.7 ABV. Once he has the recipes as he wants them they'll be joining the changing selection of ales he already has on hand pump.

The Mild Month of May

Will the weather be mild by May? We certainly hope some of the beer will be!

Once again we will be celebrating Mild beers in May. The Village Freehouse and the Halfway House—both on Wilton Rd plan to have a range of milds but as yet we don't know who else will be joining this party. If you are going mild in May please let us know and we can put it on our web site and we have posters and publicity for you.

Contact hilary.bird@salburycamra.org.uk with your plans.

SALISBURY RUGBY CLUB BEER FESTIVAL

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Still Crawling

Our regular minibus trips to visit our country pubs are proving very popular and almost full to capacity. March saw us in the **Old Inn at Allington** we're glad to see open again and on our visit serving **Everards Tiger**. We braved the ford and visited the ever popular **Malet Arms in Newton Tony** with a great range from **Ramsbury Flintknapper**, **Itchen Valley Pure Gold**, **Hop Back Spring Zing** and **Stonehenge Spire Ale** all in excellent condition. The Crown at Cholderton had **Bath Ales Gem** and **Hop Back GFB**. The **Stonehenge Inn at Durrington** now has real ale, **Sharps Doom Bar**, and the pub has been improved to give it more useable space and welcome families. A Birthday party was in full swing... We ended with **Greene King IPA** and **Old Speckled Hen** at the **Rose & Crown in Bulford**, also recently re-opened. It was good to see them all open and being used by their local communities. Pubs need regular customers to remain viable and to remain the traditional key part of their community.

A sad loss - The planning appeal against the decision by Wiltshire Council to refuse change of use for the **Butt of Ale** in Pauls Dene was upheld. The pub will be demolished and houses built. It's now a long way and a big hill to climb to get home from the pub for the residents of that area now.

Having a Beer Festival or other event.

Let us know and we'll spread the word.

Branch Events

April

Wed 3 rd	Branch Meeting	8pm	Wyndham Arms, Salisbury
Sat 13 th	Minibus		Hamptworth, Landford, Whaddon
Wed 17 th	Salisbury Crawl		Dust Hole, Huntsman, Red Lion, Cathedral, Ox Row

May

Wed 1 st	Branch Meeting	8pm	Village Freehouse, Salisbury
Fri 10 th	Club of Year Presentation		Salisbury Rugby Club Beer Fest
Wed 15 th	Salisbury Crawl		Old Ale House, New Inn, Wig & Quill, White Hart, Cloisters, Queens Arms
Sat 25 th	Bus & Walk	11.55	No2 Boot at Berwick St James, walk or bus to Swan Stoford Beer Festival

June

Wed 5th Branch Meeting 8pm Bacchus

Socials contact Jill 01722 330445

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

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Put it in your diary and watch our website for more details!

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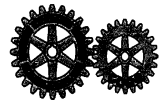
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