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Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

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Salisbury Branch Pub of the Year 2014



This year members of Salisbury & South Wiltshire CAMRA voted the **Village Freehouse** as the Pub of the Year for 2014. To win this the pub has to serve good quality real ale and promote it to customers. It can be any style of pub, from a city pub for a drink to a country pub with a lot of diners. What ever it does it must do it well being welcoming and a part of the local community. The Village has a strong band of regulars

and plenty of conversation as well as music and sport. The presentation on 1st March (see photo) was well attended showing the support the pub has across all groups of people. Adrian Leonard thanked his customers for making the pub such a friendly and community focussed pub.

As well as Pub of the Year, this year we voted a town and country pub of the year. The town winner was the Village and the country winner is the **Earl of Normanton at Idmiston**, Sadly we can only put one pub forward to the next stage of the National Pub of the Year Competition and for that the Village was the overall winner.

Clubs also feature in the branch awards and this year they selected the **Railway Social Club** in Salisbury. Look out for the presentations to both the Earl and the Railway Club and congratulations to all of the well deserved winners.

Beer of the Festival

The winners of Beer of the Festival at Salisbury Winterfest as voted by festival goers were: Winner Windermere Pale from Hawkshead and Runner Up Jarl from Fyne Ales.

Beer Duty Cut for Second Year running

A year ago we were delighted to hear the news that beer duty was to be cut by 1p. This year we were even more delighted to hear that it was to be cut by another 1p. At last the Chancellor seems to have heard us and realised that our high beer taxes are affecting our traditional pubs and our traditional drink.

We are now hoping the government will hear our calls for them to act to help save pubs by:

- Pressing ahead with plans for a Pubs Watchdog to protect licensees from high rents and beer prices charged by large pub companies
- Closing planning loopholes to ensure pubs cannot be lost without planning permission being sought

Currently about 28 pubs shut every week and 16 of these are leased or tenanted mainly from the large pub companies which we believe treat landlord unfairly with high rents and high beer prices. We want a watchdog to monitor this.

Currently pubs can be converted to shops with no need for planning permission. All of a sudden you local is a shop. We want planning laws to be changed to address this.

Find more at www.camra.org.uk

Stonehenge Ales

The Old Mill
Netheravon
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Spire Ale 3.8%
Pigswill 4.0%
Heel Stone 4.3%
Bodyline 4.3%
Eye-Opener 4.5%
Five Rings? 4.5%
Great Bustard 4.8%
Sign of Spring 4.6%
Danish Dynamite 5.0%
Old Smokey 5%
Rudolph 5.0%

Public Beer Sales at the Door

www.stonehengeales.co.uk

**The Rai d'Or,
69 Brown St,
Salisbury SP1 2AS
Tel. 01722 327137**



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.)**

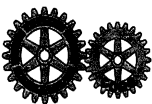


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Salisbury Arts Centre
 Rotary COGS
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 bring you
BEEREX 34
Fri & Sat 13th & 14th June 2014
 About 60 Real Ales and music at each session
 Tickets on sale 11th March
 Salisbury Arts Centre
 Box Office 01722 321744
www.salisburyartscentre.co.uk

Out and About

We have been out in our minibus again, why not join us - details are on the back page.

In February we headed along the Chalk valley and found welcoming pubs busy with regulars enjoying drinks and food but pleased to squeeze us in for a beer.

The **Radnor Arms in Nunton** has recently changed hands and had just re-opened after a refurb. I enjoyed some **Hop Back GFB, Caledonian Flying Scotsman** and a chat with the new landlord in a fresh clean bar. We moved to a vibrantly busy **Yew Tree at Odstock** where the **Exmoor Gold** and **Tetley's Yew Tree** were very refreshing. I had the malty seasonal beer from **Badger - Holey Moley at the Queens Head in Broadchalke**. The **White Hart in Bishopstone** welcomed us with **Ringwood Best** and **Sharps Doom Bar** before we headed to our final destination of the **Fox & Goose in Coombe Bissett** with **Greene King Old Speckled Hen** and the crisp clean **Sixpenny 6D Best**.

We try to get to all pubs in our area every year or two and we are normally pleased to find good quality beer and a range of local and national brews. Get out and about and explore the tastes on offer locally.

Branch Events

April

Wed 2 nd	Branch Meeting	8pm	Pembroke Arms Wilton TBC
Wed 16 th	City Crawl	8pm	Five Bells, Red Lion, Ox Row, Old Ale House

May

Fri 2 nd	Minibus	7pm	TBC
Wed 7 th	Branch Meeting	8pm	Benett Arms Tisbury
Wed 14 th	City Crawl	8pm	TBC
Fri 30 th	Minibus	7pm	TBC

For Minibus trips and more details contact Chris 07989 185049

More details www.salisburycamra.org.uk

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Details are on our web site www.salisburycamra.org.uk

The Winchester Gate

A genuine free house

The Gate is one of the few pubs in Salisbury that is completely free of tie.

Our Spring beer festival is from 4.00pm on Friday 23rd May to closing time on Monday 26th May.

About 15 ales plus ciders. There will be live music and a BBQ on Friday & Saturday.

Look at our website for a list of beers.

113-117 Rampart Road
Salisbury
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www.winchestergate.co.uk

SALISBURY RUGBY CLUB

BEER FESTIVAL

Fri 16th May

7pm to Late

Sat 17th May

2.00pm to Late

**20 Real Ales
Ciders & Food**

Tickets £5-00

from

**Salisbury Rugby Club
(01722) 325317**