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Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

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Will YOU visit the pub this Christmas? - and throughout next year? If not your local could look like this!

With pubs closing at a rate of 31 every week, CAMRA is working harder than ever to support local pubs. Our research shows that 84% of people think a pub is as essential to the community as a shop or post office.

We have several campaigns targeted towards saving pubs:

Planning - Currently pubs can be converted to restaurants or even shops without requiring planning permission. You can't object to the change except by objecting to new signage. We want changes to be made to the planning laws to prevent this. For more information and how to lobby your MP or Wiltshire Council about this go to <http://pubsmatter.org.uk/>.

Registration as an Asset of Community Value - this helps slow the process of selling a pub for development as housing and opens the door to community ownership of pubs. Around the country more and more pubs are being run by community organisations. Many of these would be closed by now if locals hadn't stepped in. Salisbury CAMRA are working with pubs, communities and parish councils to get key pubs listed as assets of community value. So far 7 in the Salisbury CAMRA area are listed including the George in Shrewton, Bell in Wylke and Duke of York in Salisbury. Others have been rejected by the Council and the decision is being appealed. For more information contact our Pubs Officer pubs@salisburycamra.org.uk.

Beer Duty - we are delighted at the apparent commitment by the government to reduce the amount of tax on beer with a drop in duty on at two consecutive budgets. This helps brewers and publicans and we hope this commitment will continue after the next election. Keep lobbying your MP about this, we have shown that such pressure works.

Pubco Reform - Some pub owning companies charge their tenants high rents and also a premium price for the beer and other products which they must buy from the Pubco. The government has recognised that these practices are killing traditional pubs and are planning to introduce a Pubs Adjudicator and a Statutory Code to protect thousands of licensees from unfair business practices. We await progress with this and hope the rules introduced will be hard hitting enough. It has just been announced that this code will include the requirement for companies with over 500 pubs to offer a market rent only option to their tenants which should make them free of the Pubco tie.

These are all important issues and please support them but on top of them the best and most enjoyable way to keep your local pub open is to visit it with your friends this Christmas, and in January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, De...



Bus About - Pitton, Farley and into Hampshire.....

Nine members plus two guests made the trip on 31st October 2014 to Pitton, Farley, Winterslow and West Tytherley in all visiting five pubs.

We started at the Silver Plough which had its usual good number of eaters and had on offer three Hall and Woodhouse ales being Fist Call, Tanglefoot and K & B Sussex bitter, the First Call I had was in good condition although Badger is not one of my favourites.

We then moved on to the Hook and Glove at Farley, there were a few locals in the bar and also some people eating in the lounge, it was quite odd that the evening was warm enough for some customers to be sitting outside. They had four beers on offer, Bowmans Wallops Wood, Hop Back Citra and Autumn Glow and Wadworth Henry's IPA. Unfortunately the Wallops Wood was past its best although drinkable was not as clear as it could be, the other ales tried by other members looked okay.

We then moved onto the Lord Nelson where they had Downton German Pale Ale and Wadworth 6X, there were a good number of customers in the bar area although the lounge where we were was empty.

The Lions Head was next and also busy, they had a particularly nice Cottage Brewing Ghost Train a little strong at 5.2% but all who had this said how good it was with a good taste of dark chocolate from the roasted malt, They had Goffs Merlin coming on next and also had London Price on offer.

We finally crossed the border into Hampshire to visit the Black Horse at West Tytherley which was well worth the visit. They had four ales on offer Red Cat Best, Palmers Dorset Gold, GFB,



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**Salisbury & Sth Wilts CAMRA
Pub of the Year 2014**

f @thevillagefreehouse

Open at 2pm throughout the
Christmas festivities
(except Christmas Day)
4 - 11 Mon - Thu
11 - 11 Fri - Sat
12 - 11 Sun

Selection of Quality Cask Ales

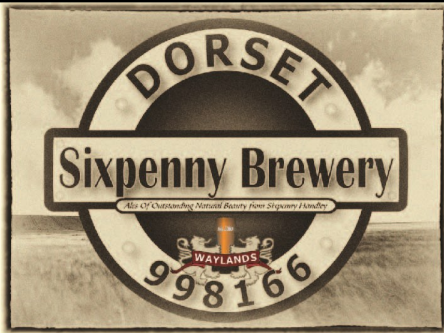
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Thur	4.30pm - 6.00pm
Fri	4.00pm - 6.30pm
Sat	11.30am - 13.00pm
Sun	CLOSED



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



- Historic freehouse (1292)
- GBG Listed
- Previously CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year
- Local Ales
- Local Cider
- Reasonably priced Thai food

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(front door closes at 10.50 p.m.)**

Bowmans Swift One, the Red Cat Best was okay however it was at the end of the barrel and some of the beer was off, however it was then replaced with Plain Ales Intrigue which was excellent.

Overall we had a very good evening as all the pubs had a good number of customers which makes for a good atmosphere. Why not join us on one of our minibus trips - details overleaf or contact social.secretary@salisburycamra.org.uk.

Mine's a Pint - and other Pub News.

I called in at the Village Freehouse the other evening to be greeted by a very small glass! Are you sure you want a half? You can have a third. That's two pubs in the area I know of which sell beer by the pint, half and third which is ideal if you want to try more different beers from their selection or want a beer which is stronger than your regular choice. The other pub is the Bennet Arms in Tisbury but I expect there are others - let us know and we can tell others the news.

In the same area, the Wilton on Wilton Rd near St Paul's roundabout has reopened and returned to being The Wilton after a while as Bacchus. The beer is good, a choice of 3 real ales, mainly local. They have a range of events - Quiz, Poker and by the time you read this I hope to have sampled the Pudding Club! On a sadder note the Cuckoo in Hamptworth closed very suddenly for a refurbishment and we don't have a date for it's reopening.

Let us know what's going on in Pubs near you so we can let others know where is worth a visit if they fancy somewhere new.

Branch Events

December

Fri 19th Salisbury GBG Pubs Start Wyndham Arms 7pm then Winchester Gate, Dust Hole, Rai d'Or, Kings Head, Village, Duke of York

January

Wed 7th Branch Meeting 8pm British Legion Club

Sat 10th New Year Social White Horse Inn Quidhampton—contact Chris

Wed 21st City Crawl 8pm Slug & Lettuce then Mill, Haunch of Venison, Market Inn, Cathedral Hotel

Fri 30th & Sat 31st Winterfest

February

Wed 4th Branch Meeting Kings Head

For Minibus trips and more details www.salisburycamra.org.uk or contact Chris on social.secretary@salisburycamra.org.uk or 07776 234017

Items for Barrel Organ hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk 01722 333839

If you support the Aims of CAMRA why not become a member and get involved for details go to www.camra.org.uk

Winterfest XVIII

**Fri 30th & Sat
31st Jan 2015**

Fri 6.30—11.00

Sat 11.00—3.30

Sat 6.30—11.00

NEW VENUE!!

**British Legion Club, Endless Street
Salisbury SP1 1DL**

21 Real Ales plus 2 or 3 ciders

Hot food available at all sessions.

No Music

Tickets on sale at Village &
Wyndham Arms or contact
Winterfest@salisburycamra.org.uk

£5 including glass

Salisbury & South Wiltshire CAMRA



The Winchester Gate

A genuine free house

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

Our next event is our Winter mini-beer festival, starting at 4.00pm on Friday 9th January and running through till Sunday 11th January.

There will be half a dozen or so Winter beers for you to enjoy.

A list will appear on our website soon, but Titanic Plum Porter has been requested and will be there!



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