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## New Pub Guide Launched

How do you know where the Pubs are and what they have to offer ?

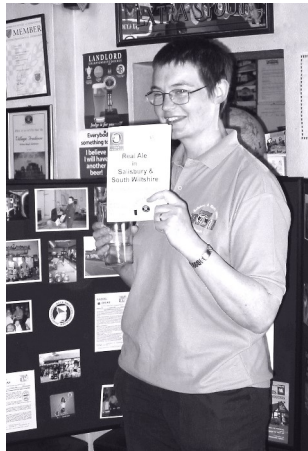
May 21st saw the answer to this as we launched our new Pub Guide. Featuring all of the Pubs in Salisbury and South Wiltshire, it provides the would be drinker with the answer.

Spire FM and Ottakars staff joined local CAMRA members and

others for the launch in The Village Freehouse and found out why we think it is important to spend so much of our time encouraging you to get out and about to the pubs of Wiltshire.

The guide lists the name, address and phone number of the 180 pubs in the area and for the 165 which sell Real Ale, it also lists the beers, the opening hours gives a description of the pub including facilities such as food, garden, parking etc . Importantly it also helps you get there by public transport showing which pubs are near to stations which bus routes serve each pub.

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## Village Freehouse - Pub of the Year

Every year we chose our Pub of the Year from the 150 or so pubs in the Salisbury & South Wiltshire branch area. It will always be one of the Pubs we have selected for the Good Beer Guide as selling quality Real Ale is a priority.

After the Ale we look at the Pub - how welcoming is it? Is it part of the community? Does it support CAMRA 's aims? At the meeting to select this year's Pub of the Year, The Village Freehouse was the unanimous choice making it the first Pub to win the title twice in the 6 years the branch has run the competition.

As the certificate was presented, Ian our Chairman, left everyone present in no doubt as to

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why this is our best Pub. When they were Pub of the Year in 2001, Joe Morris was running a pub with a good choice of unusual Real Ales. It was a favourite point of call for real ale lovers visiting Salisbury and offered a warm welcome to visitors. Since then it has improved again and again with Adrian Leonard joining the team and adding an extra spark to the choice of real ales.

The Village supports local brewers, frequently featuring beers from Stonehenge, Hidden and Downton Breweries. Beers are also selected from far and wide, often when one of the regulars recommends them from their own travels. As well as supporting CAMRA locally and nationally - they always have a dark beer and May has truly been Mild Month - Joe is proud of the membership number '1' in the scheme allowing Pubs to be members of the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA). Community involvement? The annual bike ride on July 3rd will raise thousands for the Reynaulds and Scleroderma charity.



Ian, Adrian & Joe

# THE VILLAGE FREE HOUSE

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## Summerfest 1

2nd & 3rd July 2004

Fri 6.30—11.00

Sat 11.00—3.30

Sat 6.30—11.00

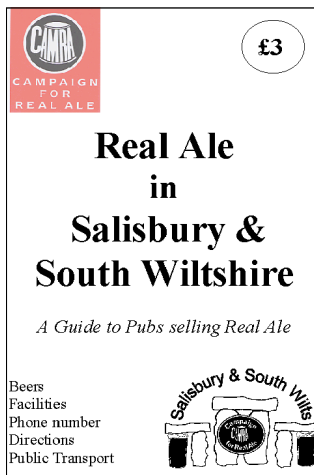
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Surprisingly for such a rural area almost all of the pubs are accessible by public transport at least during the daytime.

A major part of CAMRA's campaigning is in support of pubs, without them there is nowhere to drink the real ale we have worked so hard to save. The tradition of the British Pub, be it a thatched country pub, a city centre venue or a residential local is as valuable as the tradition of real ale.

Throughout the country pubs are closing and communities are losing their facilities and focus. Over the past 10 years South Wiltshire has lost numerous pubs from villages, towns and city. If you read the article from our Pubs officer you can see which pubs are currently under threat of development as housing. But a pub is not just a building - it needs people to use it and to use it regularly. This Guide, and those produced by other CAMRA branches are there to help you to use the pubs and thereby help them survive for future generations with their own editions of the Guide.

## **Your Public House Officer Calling**

This branch of CAMRA covers a large area from almost the Berkshire border in the northeast down to Tisbury in the southwest, Salisbury Plain in the north moving right down to the New Forest in the south. With over 150 establishments in a city, various towns, villages and hamlets there is normally plenty of news. I plan to use this column to keep you informed of what is happening with the pubs in this area with particular emphasis on planning applications involving closure of pubs. Pubs are part of the history of the towns and villages in which they reside and they represent a large part of the social life of these areas – they should not be lost, to us or future generations, without good reason. This is why the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Branch of CAMRA have a Public House Officer – me!

Salisbury and District Council have adopted a local plan that states under Policy PS3 that 'the change of use of premises within settlements that are currently used, or have been used for retailing, as a public house or to provide a community facility central to the economic and/or social life of the settlement, will only be permitted where the applicant can prove that the current or previous use is no longer viable'. This is an excellent policy. However there is a caveat, the advisory notes suggest that the policy is designed to protect the 'last pub in the village' rather than every pub in the centre of Salisbury. The fact that there is a local plan does itself discourage exploitative development. I certainly feel that, for example, the Duck, Laverstock was saved from oblivion because it was made known that planning permission to use the site for housing was unlikely to be given. The pub was sold to Hopback who have revitalised the pub and it is again a centre for village activities.

### **So what pubs are under threat in 2004?**

**Barley Mow, Greencroft Street, Salisbury:** Closed. Conversion to housing approved. No objection from CAMRA. Given the excellent pubs very close by it was impossible to find solid grounds to oppose this development.

**Rai D' Or, Brown Street, Salisbury:** Open. There is an application to close this pub and convert it into housing. CAMRA have objected to this application because this pub is of great historical importance. Fortunately, the present landlord appears to be making a success of the pub and it is a very pleasant pub to visit. **Use it or lose it!**

**Butt of Ale, Sunnyhill Road, Salisbury:** Closed. This was a successful pub serving the Paul's Dean Area of Salisbury which is up for development as housing depriving the area of its last public facility. A planning application, for 10 houses on the site, was rejected by the council under PS3 (and other reasons) following strong objections and an effective campaign by local residents. The developers have appealed against this decision and submitted new plans for 7 houses on the site. Local residents are still very active in opposing development plans – they want their pub back. CAMRA have strongly objected to all applications to redevelop this pub.

**Appletree Inn, Morgans Vale:** Destroyed. This pub was destroyed by fire in 2003. An application to use the derelict site for housing was subsequently received by the council. CAMRA objected to this application because of the loss of amenity. There is strong local opposition to this development and the

## The Cuckoo Inn



**The Cuckoo Inn** at Hamptworth is a warm, friendly and traditional pub run by Tim Bacon.

Situated just to the north of the New Forest boundary accessible from the A36 at Landford.

It is well known for providing a good selection of beers, i.e Hopback, Pots etc., all served straight from the barrel. The Cuckoo also serves excellent food and snacks.

Children are welcome and can be accommodated within the enclosed garden that surrounds this pleasant English pub.

*Private garden with barbecue and Petanque terrains available by arrangement.*

**Hamptworth, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 2DU**  
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application was turned down under PS3. The site owner feels a rebuilt pub would no longer be viable but the residents are approaching breweries and pub companies who might be interested in rebuilding a pub on the site.

**The Three Horseshoes, The Alley, Bishopstone. Closed.** Freda was Wiltshire's longest serving landlady and the pub shut on her retirement. Unfortunately there was no one to follow this grand old lady and the pub was sold in 2003. The council has now received a planning application - for change of use from public house to residential property. A section of the village is opposed to the loss of the pub believing it still to be viable. A decision on the planning application is awaited.

Are other pubs in this area under threat? Probably and I will keep you informed of any changes in future issues. However, the best way of ensuring a pubs future is to use it.

If you have any news or comments please get in touch with me at [richard.knox@salisburycamra.org.uk](mailto:richard.knox@salisburycamra.org.uk) or join CAMRA and come along to our branch meetings.

## Pub Crawl Ditched!

Do you remember the weather on March 13th? It rained, and rained a lot more. This was the day we realised CAMRA pub trips really are meant to be memorable, and I don't just mean beer memories.

We headed from Salisbury out to the New Forest to the Royal Oak at Fritham. The first time I had ever visited this gem of a pub at the end of a narrow no through road. stopped for an hour and set to on the selection of real ales, the Grand Union Gold was wonderfully refreshing and the RCH Pitchfork was as good as usual, finishing off with a small Ringwood Fortyniner I was ready for the next pub. On stepping outside into the rain ..... where was the coach? We walked up to where it had parked and discovered it ... Just before we left the pub the driver had moved to make way for a passing horse box and found the soft edge of the ditch. With the bus stuck at a rakish angle there nothing for it but another beer (or few) in the Royal Oak! It was about an hour before the replacement bus arrived and we headed off to the Cuckoo for their excellent beer and food.

Come along on a pub trip ... you never know what can happen.

## THE HISTORY OF BREWING IN

**CANADA** - From our Canada Correspondent

Civilization and brewing go hand in hand. Some historians claim that humans gave up their nomadic way of life to allow for their brew to ferment, rather than for their bread to rise. It makes sense, as it takes longer for beer to brew than for bread to rise.

Not so long ago officials at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum discovered traces of beer in a 5,000 year old Sumerian clay jar.

According to the experts "beer represents the easiest way to preserve barley." And when brewed, a crock of beer had about the same amount of carbohydrates as a couple of chunks of bread.

We will never know what came first, but we do know that the first Canadians, whether they be Native, British, French, German or Irish, to name only the earliest pioneers, all enjoyed their beer!

## Hop Back by Bus

In April a few of us caught the X3 bus to Downton for a trip around what is now the largest brewery in our branch area. Steve Wright the head brewer gave us a particularly interesting tour. He took us through the brewing process and showed us and explained how Hop Back do their bottling. They filter beer to remove the yeast before it is bottled, adding a dosed amount back for the bottled conditioned beers.

The brewery is hoping to launch real ale in 5 litre "minicasks" in the near future - which we look forward to trying.

After a good tour and a good chat we sampled a few including Summer Lightning, Entire Stout and the new 6.8% IPA from Downton Brewery .

All very tasty.

Thanks Steve - we'll be back !

**ENGLISH ALES  
SCOTTISH MEASURES  
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PLUS A WARM WELCOME FROM FRANK, ANNIE AND STAFF

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**Regular Beers**

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Bodyline 4.3% ABV  
Heel Stone 4.3% ABV  
Great Bustard 4.8% ABV  
Danish Dynamite 5.0% ABV

**Seasonal Beers**

Sign of Spring 4.6% ABV  
(March - May)  
Second to None 4.6% ABV  
(June - August)  
Old Smokey 5.0% ABV  
(Sept. - Nov.)  
Rudolph 5.0% ABV  
(December - January)

## Found! The Hidden Brewery

In March 2003 the Hidden Brewery was founded, the name originated from the fact it was so difficult to locate. The Brewery is to be found tucked away in the Wiltshire countryside eight miles from Salisbury. The brewery building forms part of a small trading estate in a valley between the two villages of Wylve and Dinton with access being via country roads.

Head Brewer Gary Lumber originally wanted to be a pilot at the age of sixteen but discovered he was colour blind. Bored with flying an office desk he joined Gaymers in 1993 and from there went to Oakhill where he rose from cask washer to Head Brewer learning the trade as he went. His skills enabled him to produce a number of award winning beers for the Brewery and it is these talents that he has begun to exploit at the Hidden Brewery.

Gary launched his first two ales at the end of March 2003.

**"Old Sarum"** (4.1% ABV ) is a traditional well balanced bitter utilising a complex malt and hops combination. The aroma is floral / spicy, full-flavoured with dry bitterness and has a dark ruby brown colour.

**"Quest"** (4.2% ABV) is an amber coloured, fresh tasting bitter, with a malt background. This bitter has a fruity aroma, with a dry finish. Both beers are cask conditioned for ten days before leaving the brewery.

There are plans to produce a range of seasonal beers based on the Hidden theme - **"Hidden Treasure's"** first brew of 25 barrels sold out within 10 days. **"Hidden Pint"** has been spotted locally and **"Hidden Fantasy"** is soon to become a reality.

At the end of the first year's trading, The Hidden Brewery has established itself with more than 100 satisfied clients which consist mainly of Pubs and Clubs, has traded profitably and has established itself on a platform to progress into 2004.

Hidden beers have already proved popular at the Bath Real Ale Festival and Somerset Levels Beerfest. One of the Hidden Beers will be available at Summerfest 2004 , come along to find out which.

**Barrel Organ** is the quarterly newsletter produced by the Salisbury & South Wiltshire branch of CAMRA. It is produced and distributed by volunteers to a number of Pubs in the South Wiltshire area. If it isn't in a Pub near you please let us know and we'll try to deliver it there. Or maybe you would like to volunteer to deliver it to a few pubs. If you want your own personal copy we offer a postal service for £1.50 per year (4 copies) to cover postage. Any articles, news and views or requests for advertising should be sent to the Editor. Hilary Bird, New House, Cherry Orchard Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7JG 01722 333839 or barrel.organ@salisburycamra.org.uk The editor reserves the right to edit all contributions. For other branch matters contact Mike Bird 01722 333839 or email mike.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk  
PRESS DATE - The deadline for articles for the next edition of Barrel Organ is August 15th 2004.

# HIDDEN BREWERY

	ABV	
OLD SARUM	4.1 %	REGULAR
HIDDEN PINT	3.8 %	SEASONAL
HIDDEN QUEST	4.2 %	REGULAR
HIDDEN DEPTHS	4.5 %	SEASONAL
HIDDEN TREASURE	4.8 %	SEASONAL
HIDDEN POTENTIAL	?? %	SEASONAL



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## Third Wednesday Wanders

On the third Wednesday of the month we go for a wander around a few of the pubs in the area. Either in Salisbury or somewhere like Tisbury where we can go by train and walk between a few pubs.

March saw us in Tisbury with the walk up to the Boot (Branch Pub of the Year 2003) for some excellent Bass and Flowers Original. A large Pizza later we visited The Bennet Arms for Ringwood Best and London Pride then called in to the newly reopened Crown where they were serving Taylors Landlord, Ringwood Best and Hop Back Summer Lightning. Our final call was the South Western for their excellent Young's Bitter although being St Patricks day the challenge there was getting through the door!

In April we met in the Cat Tavern for some Landlord and Ringwood Best. Some went to the Railway Tavern while we sampled the Websters in the Victoria before we met up again in the Kings Arms for some GFB - the usually excellent Moles had just been finished. Finally we crossed the road to Deacons where we did find some Moles.

May started in the Bakers Arms with Wadworths Summersault then some Old Speckled Hen in the Chapter House and London Pride in the White Hart which has only recently started selling Real Ale. We had some Ringwood Fortyniner in Cloisters and ended with Great Bustard and King Alfreds in the Rai D'Or.

**Chimera Wheat ABV 4.7%**

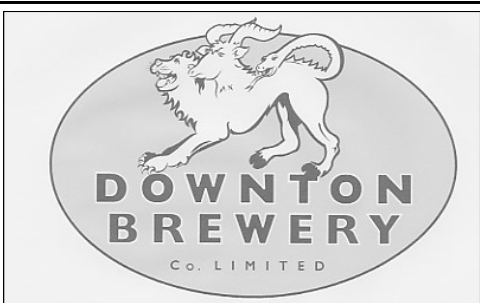
A golden wheat beer, brewed using East Kent Goldings, Pioneer Hops and pale wheat malt. Soft tasting with slight citric fruit flavours and a pleasingly clean aftertaste

**Chimera Gold ABV 4.3%**

Brewed using organic First Gold Hops, and organic pale and crystal Optic malts. Amber gold in colour, with a pleasant hoppy bitterness and citric fruit flavours and a pleasing hoppy, bitter aftertaste.

**Chimera IPA ABV 6.8%**

Traditional very strong bitter IPA brewed using Challenger, East Kent Goldings and Pioneer hops.



**Chimera Red ABV 4.6%**

Brewed with Tettnang and East Kent Goldings, Chimera Red is a copper-coloured beer with a delicious malty bitterness and a subtle floral finish.

For more information contact Martin: (01722) 322890

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## Branch Diary

### June 2004

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> City Crawl 20.00 Tom Browns, 2130  
Victoria & Albert, Netherhampton (weather permitting walk across the Water  
Meadows)

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Romsey 18.50 Salisbury Station

### July 2004

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>/Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Summerfest Castle Street Club

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> SummerLite Village Freehouse

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Branch AGM 20.00 Village

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Coach trip Lunch time

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Wilton Crawl 20.00 Wheatsheaf,  
21.00 Greyhound, 22.00 Bear

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Presentation to Skinners Brewery

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Presentation to St Austell Brewery

### August 2004

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> GBBF

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting 20.00 Winchester Gate

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting Boot, Weymouth

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> City Crawl 20.00 Royal George,  
20.30 Winchester Gate, 21.30 Duck, Laverstock

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Coach Trip Woodford Valley, Dog & Gun

Further dates to be arranged: the branch meeting is on the first Wednesday of every month, there are monthly pub crawls, regular coach trips to country pubs, trips out on public transport and visits to breweries.

**Names for coach trips to Chris White 07989185049**

**Other information contact Mike Bird 01722 333839**

Another way to know what we are doing is to join CAMRA and see it all in What's Brewing the monthly newspaper FREE to CAMRA members.

### Poole Beer Festival ..... What I can remember of it!

This report has to be short because I've managed to mislay the festival programme with all my notes on it. One of the unusual brews available was Brain Damage at 8% ABV but I wouldn't read too much into that. Even if I can't remember the brewer! I think it was from somewhere in Staffordshire and it was certainly lovely. Another beer I can recall having was Gravedigger Mild, brewed by Church End. The festival was well worth attending. There was a lot of unusual beer, a good smattering of darker, stronger varieties, and for those who care about that sort of thing, there was a separate marquee for smokers - mostly to get round non-smoking rules in the main venue.

We try to get to this festival to meet up with friends and relatives from Poole and Southbourne, and it's handy to get on the X3. This year we knew the press photographer so ended up emblazoned all over the Bournemouth Echo.

Hilton

# Cheers!

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