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## Victoria & Albert - Pub of the Year



Joe Morris from the Village Freehouse (Pub of the Year 2004) presents the certificate for Pub of the Year 2005 to Pete & Maggie of the Victoria & Albert.

Each year CAMRA branches across the country choose their best pub to go forward into the CAMRA National Pub of the Year Competition. This year the Victoria & Albert in Netherhampton was voted Salisbury & South Wiltshire Pub of the Year.

Pete and Maggie were delighted when they were informed of the decision in February and decided to make big event of the presentation in April - including live music and fireworks. That's one of the things the V & A does well - party!

**What makes a Pub of the Year?** It's a CAMRA award so the first thing is excellent Real Ale so our branch Pub of the Year will always be one we have selected for the Good Beer Guide. After that it must be welcoming, promote real

ale and support what CAMRA stands for. It can be any style, country or city, with or without food but it has to be a pub that you want to go back to not just for the beer. The V & A has 4 beers available and a cellarman who knows how to keep them in top condition. Some are local brews, others from afar but always an interesting selection. They have had over 700 different ones in 2 years! The welcome is very friendly but gives you the choice of joining in the chat at the bar or finding a space to yourselves. For a summer afternoon and evening you can't beat the garden for space - and a convenient serving hatch!

**Will they be National Pub of the Year?** There's a long way to go before that happens, the next stage is regional Pub of the Year competing with up to 11 others for that title. Then there is super-regional Pub of the Year which cuts the original 150 or so entries down to 5. Good Luck V & A we have high hopes.

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FRANK, ANNIE AND STAFF

**We're in**  
**The Good Beer Guide**

#### **Your Public House Officer Calling**

Almost two years to the day after its closure the **Butt of Ale** (Sunnyhill Road, Salisbury) has **reopened** and a community has its heart back. Two years of campaigning have saved the pub from development into housing. This pub should never have been closed it was obviously viable. A great time was had by all on the night the pub reopened. CAMRA wish the new landlord and landlady, Shane and Michele, a long and happy time at the Butt. **Why not pay them a visit and keep it open?**

There was concern that the **Pembroke Arms, Fovant** was to shut permanently. This caused a great deal of concern to local residents and a very well attended public meeting resolved to retain the Pembroke Arms as a viable pub. However, a new owner has bought the business and the pub is again **open with trade growing**. As a 17<sup>th</sup> century ivy-clad building with views from the garden across to the nearby hills and its own museum of WW1 artefacts, the Pembroke Arms is worth a visit and CAMRA wish Mr Habgood every success with his pub.

Tucked up on the Hampshire border is the **Cross Keys (Upper Chute)**. A planning application for a change of use into a private residence was very speedily rejected by Kennet District Council. They have adopted a local plan in which buildings that are currently used or were last used to provide a useful community function (including shops, post offices and pubs) will be retained in social or community uses wherever possible and they apply it. It appears the Cross Keys has now been sold and I will tell keep you informed of any news.

In **Morgans Vale**, a further attempt to get planning permission to redevelop the site of the **Appletree Inn** for housing has again been refused. Residents are very active and are trying to find a way to rebuild their pub.

As I write, I hear that the appeal against refusal of planning development of **Three Horseshoes (Bishopstone)** had been upheld and it can now become a private

residence. A gem with many fond memories, the Three Horseshoes (commonly called Freda's) was a very special public house. To give you an indication, the description in our 2000 Pub Guide was:

'Not to be missed is 'Freda's, where you'll find Wiltshire's longest serving landlady. To step inside is to step back in time, no fake artefacts here! Unfortunately there's no one to follow this grand old lady. The old juke-box is still only 10p a record, when in use, as conversation wins the day..... **The pub closed in January 2002. RIP**

I hope the rest of the year will be quiet, as apart from the normal movement of landlords, I am not aware of any impending pub closures but let me know if you do. Prevention is better than cure and as you will see from the above it can take a long time for planning procedures to go through the system and in the meantime your pub is shut. **CAMRA will campaign, fight each case on its merits and hope that some more people will realise what an asset a pub is and use it.**

### Use it or lose 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. I will also be at all sessions of our Summerfest. I hope to see you there

*Richard*

### Summerfest 2

**8th & 9th July 2005**

**Fri 6.30—11.00**

**Sat 11.00—3.30**

**Sat 6.30—11.00**

**Castle Street Social  
Club**

**Scots Lane  
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**Tickets £4**

From Ottakars, Village Freehouse, Wyndham Arms, Salisbury, or by post from 'Summerfest' 32 Linkway, Salisbury, SP1 3EP. Send SAE, state which session contact phone number and enclose cheque payable to Salisbury & S. Wilts CAMRA

### Brewery News

Two of our local Breweries have received awards recently. **Hidden Quest** won its class and was second over all in the Small Independent Brewers Association (SIBA) beer festival in Newton Abbot in April.

**Downton Chimera IPA** a true IPA at 6.8 % was awarded Beer of the Festival at Bristol CAMRA festival.

We were warmly welcomed by **Woodfordes Brewery** in Norfolk when we presented them a certificate for Wherry as Beer of the Festival at this year's Salisbury Winterfest.

## HIDDEN BREWERY

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OLD SARUM	4.1 %	REGULAR
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HIDDEN QUEST	4.2 %	REGULAR
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## Branch Events

### June 2005

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Branch Meeting	20.00 Royal George
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cycle Ride	10.30 Rugby Club to Malet Arms
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coach Trip	19.00 Coach Station to Chalke Valley
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	City Crawl	20.00 New Inn, 21.00 Royal George, 22.00 Win-

chester Gate

### July 2005

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cycle Ride	11.00 Leisure Centre to Woodford Valley
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Summerfest	
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Branch AGM	20.00 Village Freehouse
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Coach Trip	Mystery

### August 2005

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Branch meeting 20.00 Winchester Gate  
Coach trips - Chris White 07989185049 Cycle rides - Ian Turner 01722 331134  
Items for Barrel Organ hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk 01722 333839

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