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CAMRA Campaign for Community Pubs

While every Soap on TV has a Community Pub many real communities are in danger of losing or have already lost their community pubs. In 2005 research showed that 26 pubs a month closed in Britain and today this figure is thought to be higher. It is not theme pubs or chain bars which go but the pubs at the very heart of their community. In response to this CAMRA have announced the first ever Community Pubs week for 17th - 24th February 2007. In this week they hope to raise awareness of the problems facing both urban and rural community pubs and to try and encourage communities to use their pub rather than risk its loss.

CAMRA Chief Executive Mike Benner said:

“We know people care about their communities as, in a terrific show of support, four million people recently signed a petition calling for the Government to do more to save rural post offices. The threat to the community pub is extremely dire and unless we do something to curb the trend CAMRA fears many communities will find their local pub torn from them.”

In preparation for Community Pubs Week we urge local licensees to get involved with the campaign and put on events and promotions for people in their communities to enjoy. These will feature on CAMRA's website. If you want to get involved you can get promotional beer mats, posters and advice sheets from CAMRA from the beginning of December 2006 by contacting CAMRA on 01727 867201 or by emailing cressida.feiler@camra.org.uk. If you are planning an event contact our Pubs Officer Richard at rjknox@btinternet.com

Community Pubs in Our Area

As a CAMRA branch we are delighted to say that we have a lot of thriving pubs which are a focal point for their community and are supported by it. We have several which were closed or threatened with closure and which have been saved following locally run campaigns. These include: The Cross Keys at Upper Chute, The Butt of Ale in Paul's Dene Salisbury, The Wyndham Arms in Dinton and the Apple Tree at Morgan's Vale where the community refuse to give up and the council have refused change of use for the currently derelict site. A Campaign can save a pub but its long term survival lies in people using it.

The future of all of our Community Pubs lies in remembering:

A Pub is for Life Not Just Christmas - Use it or Lose it!

Travels with my Guide.

We had a few days away, recently, exploring the delights offered by other parts of Wiltshire. Naturally our Good Beer Guide accompanied us as it always does, and we found a good camping site at Brokerswood, a little west of Westbury. The Guide listed a pub nearby called The Kicking Donkey so we set off on a cross-country stroll to find it, but were distracted by **The Full Moon**, in neighbouring Rudge. This was a welcoming little place with two real ales, and befitting it's position on the Somerset border, a local cider, although that was keg.

We never did manage to try the Donkey but there were five handpumps, one of which was Gem, from Bath Ales, and there was also a real cider. The area was well supplied with GBG listed pubs, in Dilton Marsh, and in Bratton, and I expect other acceptable pubs not in the Guide. The only other disappointment was failing to come across any brews from Keystone Brewery, but we had only a few days. Well worth a visit, we thought, and even better with a Guide to hand.

Hilton

Still Crawling

We have had a few trips out in a minibus recently and not been disappointed with the pubs or beer. October took us up the Wylve Valley to the **Bell** (Sth Newton), **Royal Oak** (Gt Wishford) **George** (Codford), **Carriers** (Stockton) and **Bell** (Wylve). We found Hidden and Keystone Beers on the trip. The regional meeting was held in Salisbury in November at the **Village**. We also visited **Deacons**, **Bird in Hand** and **Victoria & Albert** (Netherhampton). Between them they had a wonderful selection of quite local beers. November also saw us on the bus to the Earl of Normanton (Idmiston) where we enjoyed the relaunched Cheriton Beers and the Cross Keys (Upper Chute) and Hatchet (Lower Chute) which has shed its Greene King range.

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PLUS A WARM WELCOME FROM
FRANK, ANNIE AND STAFF

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

The Cuckoo Inn



The Cuckoo Inn
Hamptworth is a warm, friendly and traditional pub run by Tim Bacon. Just North of the New Forest

accessed from the A356 at Landford. It is well known for providing a good selection of beers all served from the cask also 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
Tel: 01794 390302**


Pub & Brewery News

It has been all go at the **Hidden Brewery** recently as they have had to buy more casks to be able to meet demand for their beer. Hidden Potential won Beer of the Festival at Bath Beer Festival in October and they have bought their second Pub - a renowned Real Ale Pub in Bristol - The Cornubia. A new Brewery, **Small Paul's Brewery** has opened in Gillingham Dorset . Tom Brown's on Wilton Rd Salisbury has had a lot of work outside and inside and has reverted to it's old name of **The Halfway House**. It looks good and I'm expecting the beer to be as well. Adrian Leonard has taken over the **Boat House** in the coach station. He is trying out a number of plans including early breakfasts. The beer is Greene King and the Abbot Ale I had was good. A number of other pubs have re-opened after refurbishment including: **The Bull** (Downton), **The Old Inn** (Allington), **The Queens Arms** (Bowerchalke) and **The Crown** (Cholderton).



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BREWERS OF SUMMER LIGHTNING

Winterfest 10

2nd & 3rd February 2007

Fri 6.30—11.00

Sat 11.00—3.30

Sat 6.30—11.00

Castle Street Social Club

Scots Lane

Salisbury

Tickets £5

Music Saturday Evening Only

NO SMOKING

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



The Old Mill

Netheravon

01980 670631

Regular Beers

Spire Ale 3.8% ABV

Pigswill 4.0% 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)

www.stonehengeales.co.uk

Branch Events

December

Wed 6 th	Branch Meeting	20.00 Village
Sat 16 th	Christmas Social	Boathouse
Wed 20 th	City Crawl	20.00 Rai D'Or, 21.00 Deacons, 22.00

January

Wed 3 rd	Branch Meeting	20.0 Royal George
Sat 20 th	Tisbury by train	
Wed 24 th	City Crawl	20.00 Wyndham Arms, 21.00 Winchester Gate, 22.00 Anchor & Hope
Tue 30 th	Winterfest Set Up	

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

Why not Join CAMRA NOW!!!!

Save ££££££

Membership fees increase in Jan 2007

Use the form below before it's too late.

JOIN CAMRA TODAY

Fill in the form and send it with a cheque (payable to CAMRA Ltd.) to:
Membership Secretary, CAMRA, 230 Hatfield Rd, St Albans HERTS AL1 4LW.

Rates: Single £18 Joint £21 per year

(Concessions available)

Name.....

Address

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Postcode.....

I/We wish to join the Campaign for Real Ale.

Signature.....

Date.....

Salisbury and South Wilts Branch BO Dec 2006



QuadHop 3.9%

A very hoppy crisply refreshing lower gravity bitter.



Chimera IPA 6.8%

Award-winning real IPA with the alcohol and hops to survive at trip to India (we believe). Available in bottles.



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