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Lions Head Roars Again

We were delighted to hear that the Lions Head at The Common in Winterslow has re-opened. When it closed earlier in the year there were great concerns that a change of use would be applied for and that it would be sold for housing. We were all set to campaign for it to remain a pub but never needed to. This is a lovely pub with a good community spirit so why not visit them and see for yourself.

But its not all Good News

The Tollgate in Salisbury has closed and an application made to convert it into 5 homes. This used to be a popular pub owned by Hall and Woodhouse and was often packed out even on damp midweek evenings. The building is listed and has been allowed to fall into a very poor state of repair. Last year the car park was sold and developed as housing but it seems the owners did not see fit to invest the money raised by that in repairs to the pub. This isn't the first Salisbury Pub which Hall & Woodhouse have let fail at least partly due to lack of investment - do you remember the Bull in Fisherton Street?

Should we be watching the New Inn?

If you know of pubs which are being allowed to fail or are being deliberately run down please let us know.

If you have a local you love to visit remember to go there even when the nights are long and cold - they need your support.



Food & Drink - Drunk Dry!!

Abbey Stores once again organised the beer tent at the Food & Drink Festival in the Market Square on 23rd September. CAMRA volunteers manned the real ale & cider bar there and were rushed off their feet over lunch as lots of you enjoyed a glass of real ale or trad cider with your burgers and sausages. Many people were long term fans of real ale and cider but others were trying these traditional local drinks for the first time. If you enjoyed the ale there but haven't braved another taste then try some at your local pub or get along to Abbey Stores and buy some real ale in a bottle or draught trad cider.

Why not come along to a beer festival as well? Dates for those in Salisbury are on the back page.

CUCKOO, HAMPTWORTH 2007 BEER FESTIVAL

This was held over the period 13-17th. September in glorious weather. It was well attended with patrons coming and going. The choice of over 50 cask beers was astounding for a rural but very popular pub. I took the opportunity to go on the Saturday afternoon and present the landlord, Tim Bacon, with his CAMRA licensee pack in recognition of inclusion in the 2008 GBG on behalf of our branch. Having performed that duty I then moved on to the beers, beginning with Batemans Dark Mild. This I followed with Archers Stand and Deliver, Wadworth Horizon, Castle Rock Hemlock and to finish Slaters Bitter. All were in excellent condition as would be Tim's wont.. The entertainment during my visit was provided by the OWTZIDERS (a folk group) playing traditional instruments, no electronic amplifiers required.

On first moving to Manchester for some time with his work one of our members explores.... with the assistance of an ancient Good Beer Guide, The Beer House I tracked down is now closed. However, a couple of blocks up the Rochdale Rd is the **The Marble Arch**. A brewpub, it must have one of the smallest commercial brew-kits in the country; a tiny mash tun, copper, and fermenter sit in an area the size of my kitchen (not large), and somehow manage to generate at least five regular brews plus the odd special. About a five minute walk away is **The Crown and Kettle**. A beautiful old building with terrific ceilings, and very interesting, and ever-changing beers. I had some Downton beer there that I didn't even know was brewed - Apple Blossom. Walking on about a hundred yards down Oldham St. one comes across the splendid tiled exterior of **The Castle Hotel**, and investigating the interior reveals a well run pub with the full range of Robinson Ales and a mosaic of the late landlady on the wall with her ashes incorporated into the grout. Now that is commitment to one's pub! It was a bit of a smokey before the cigarette ban and as something like 38% of Mancunians smoke so that bit of legislation has been an enormous boon for those that don't. ...*More Next Time!*

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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
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Still Crawling.....

Since the last Barrel Organ we have had two crawls and a minibus tour with few disappointments on beer quality.

In October, 13 of us (probably a record) we took the bus to Wilton and visited the Wheatsheaf for Sharps Doom Bar, the Greyhound for 6X and Deuchars IPA the Bell for 6X and Ringwood Best and finished with Badger Best & Tanglefoot in the Bear.

We were delighted to see that the Greyhound once again has real ale and hope the new licensees will have a successful time with their new menu and welcoming atmosphere.

November was quieter with three of us braving the rain in Salisbury. We started with Adnams Broadside or Shepherd Neame Spitfire in the Anchor and Hope then went to the Coach & Horses who had Greene King IPA and Ringwood Best. After another Ringwood Best in the Frothblowers we made the long trek from there to the Red Lion who now have Ringwood Best and Bass. It's a pity they don't have the guest beer any more as they often had something a bit different in those days.

..... and Bussing.....

In November we took a minibus trip along the Bourne Valley visiting the Black Horse in Hurdcott (6X & Ringwood Best) Winterbourne Arms (Adnams Broadside & Hop Back Summer Lightning), Porton Hotel (Ringwood Best, Summer Lightning & Taylors Landlord) Crown at Cholderton (6X & Ringwood Best) and ending at the GBG listed Earl of Normanton in Idmiston (Flowerpots Bitter & Stottige Stout and Triple FFF Hallelujah). We had to give the Old Inn at Allington a miss as it was closed - let us know if it has re-opened yet?

.....and visiting a brewery

Having just mentioned Flowerpots beers at the Earl, I probably shouldn't mention our trip to Bowman's Brewery in Hampshire in the same article. Bowman's was set up by the brewers from Cheriton when they were 'asked to leave' by the landlord who has renamed his brewery Flowerpots.

A BIG Thank You to Martin for hosting us and showing the new set up he has in his ex-chicken shed. The hospitality was tremendous, the chat about the brewery interesting and the weather ... I can't remember.

Bowmans Quiver, Swit One & Eldorado which contains elderflower have been seen in several pubs around Salisbury and South Wiltshire - one is often in the Village on Wilton Rd. They are light, bitter and aromatic. The slightly darker beer Wallops Wood

Winterfest 11

Fri 29th February
&
Sat 1st March 2008

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

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



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.



Also a range of monthly specials contact Martin 01722 322890

Branch Events

December

Sat 1st Tisbury Crawl 6.40 Salisbury station,
7.10 Boot
Wed 5th Branch Meeting 8pm Conrans
Fri 21st Christmas Crawl 7.30 Wyndham, 8 Royal George,
8.30 Rai D'Or, 9.30 Deacons, 10 Village

January

Sat 5th New Year Social 7.30 Rai D'Or (£12 to Andrew)
Wed 9th Branch Meeting 8pm Village
Wed 23rd City Crawl 8pm Market Inn, 9pm Haunch
10pm White Horse

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Advance diary Dates

Salisbury Winterfest 11 is on Feb 29th and March 1st 2008

Salisbury Beerex is on June 27th & 28th 2008



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