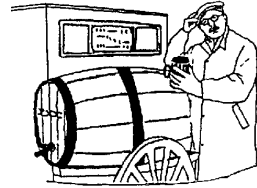


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Beerex Success

June 27th & 28th saw the most successful Beerex since it returned to the Arts Centre in 2006. Saturday night was sold out well before the event and in total over 1000 people came along to enjoy good beer, good music and a great atmosphere. If you tried the **Elderado from Bowman Ales** or saw the queue to get a taste of it you won't be surprised to learn that it was voted **Beer of the Festival**.

The volunteer staff were kept busy looking after beer from its delivery on Wednesday until the end of Saturday night. The work before the event is vital to keep the beer in tip top condition and at the right temperature for drinking. You certainly voted with your glasses and drank over 4000 pints of real ale between you. A hall full of people enjoying the ale and seeing, some for the first time, the huge range of styles and flavours on offer is the best sight after all the hours of planning and setting up of the event.

If you enjoyed yourself this year or realise you are missing a great event come along next year and make it an even greater success than this year. This year's festival was in aid of the STARS Appeal so keep an eye out for news on how much was raised.

If you fancy another beer festival there are plenty more happening locally and if we hear about them we try to mention them all in Barrel Organ.

Winterfest Beer of the Festival

A group from Salisbury CAMRA nipped down to Bath to present a certificate to **Bath Ales** for the success of **Dark Hare** as landslide winner of the Winterfest Beer of the Festival. Owner Paul and brewer Gerry were delighted with the



certificate and that the newly developed stout had been so successful since it appeared on the scene late in 2007. It was originally brewed for bottling to test out the new bottling plant and has proved so popular in cask it keeps making an appearance - when there is a gap in the brewing schedule for the other brands. The photo shows a relaxed and chatty presentation in the sunny garden of the Hop Pole - one of Bath Ales pubs. We will be featuring another of Bath Ales brews at the

Winterfest in 2009, come along to find out which.

After enjoying the Spa, Gem & Barnstormer at the Hop Pole we headed round to the Royal Oak Freehouse on Lower Bristol Rd for their Folk Music and Beer Festival. With 10 pumps, a visit there is always a bit of a festival but for this event they changed over so often we had a choice of 15 during our visit.



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Festivals on the Horizon

The Antrobus Arms in Amesbury have one on Sunday August 24th tickets available in advance. The second weekend in September sees festivals at the Cuckoo Hamptworth and the Organ Warminster. The following weekend is the Langford Beer Festival and on Sunday the Food & drink festival in Salisbury Market square with the ever popular beer tent run by Abbey Stores. Finally we know about Octoberfest at the Victoria and Albert in Netherhampton on October 4th. Then don't forget Winterfest on 30 & 31st Jan 2009.



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Still Crawling

June & July crawls were both 'out of town' visiting Tisbury and Amesbury. We managed to see all the pubs in **Tisbury** starting at the **Bennet Arms** where the beer is always reliable and the **Ironsides** from **Hampshire** was very refreshing. **The Boot** had **Ringwood Best, Jennings Cumberland Ale and Moorhouses Blond Witch** it is good to see Ron looking well and his beer selection making the most of the choice Marston's offer him. **The Cross** was under relatively new management with a very enthusiastic landlord planning a long term stay at the pub. It needs a bit of stability there so please get along and make it a success. We enjoyed a good chat and an **Old Speckled Hen**. **The Crown** had a choice of **Young's Special, Ringwood Best and Courage Directors** and we ended up with Pat (congratulations on the much deserved MBE) at the **South Western** with the ever tasty choice of **Young's Bitter and Wadworth 6X**. The **Amesbury** trip started with **Summer Lightning** at the **Greyhound** and they had **Addlestons Cloudy** cider on offer which two of our group enjoyed. The **George** was a bit disappointing as they usually have more than one ale but only had **Boddingtons Cask** on that night. The **New Inn** had a choice of **Wadworth 6X, Ringwood Best, Shepherd Neame Spitfire, Summer Lightning** and **Hampshire Ironside** which I really enjoyed. Finally off to the **Antrobus** where we always get a good pint - they had decided to clean all of the lines so had no real ale on offer. A hasty dash got us onto an earlier bus so we ended up enjoying a pint of **Downton Quadhop** in the **Village Freehouse**.

I missed the bus trip in June to the **Lamb at Nomansland** and the **Cuckoo at Hamptworth** but the reports were of a great evening with a good choice of ales in both pubs—and the other one but I'm not sure which it was....

Visiting the Cuckoo reminded everyone that a minibus trip to their beer festival is long overdue!!



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Wed 6th Branch AGM 7.30 pm Boat House
Sun 10th Bike ride to Bishopstone etc 10.30 Scats
Wed 20th City Crawl Wilton Rd 8pm Halfway House, 9pm
Malmesbury Arms, 10 pm Village

September

Wed 3rd Branch Meeting 8pm Village Freehouse
Sun 7th Bike ride to Chilmark 10.30 Scats
Wed 17th City Crawl New Street 8pm New Inn, 9pm Queens Arms,
10pm Wig & Quill
Sat 13th Minibus to Cuckoo Beer Fest names to Chris
Sun 21st Food & Drink Fest All day help needed names to Hilary

October

Wed 1st Branch Meeting 8 pm Boat House TBC

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