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Real Ale on the Up

While the pub sales of draught beer are still falling - by 4.5% between April & June 2009, Real Ale trade increased by 1%. While the multinational breweries are moving away from Real Ale to concentrate on their core lager business regional and local breweries are expanding to meet the demand for a quality cask product. Over 3,000 more pubs had Real Ale in June 2009 than in June 2008.



This is great news for Real Ale fans especially with local breweries are more than filling the gap made by declining national brands. However, across the country Real Ale is still a minority drink, it makes up only 34.5% of draught ale sales and just 13.5% of total draught beer sales but these are higher percentages than in 2007.

Have a pint of Real Ale to celebrate it's success and keep on campaigning so more people at least try our traditional national drink .

(Information from The Cask report by Pete Brown www.caskreport.co.uk)

King's Head Beer Festival



As part of the Wetherspoon's beer festival in October this year, their Salisbury pub had a week long festival in a marquee as well as festival ales inside the pub. This was part of Wetherspoon's celebration of 30 years trading and the Salisbury pub was chosen as they had been included in the 2010 Good Beer Guide. The marquee was stocked with 30 ales, some from the regular festival list and many additional ones mainly from fairly local breweries. I enjoyed a **Port Grumpy's Pale Ale** - one

of the festivals 'International Brewer' range. Brewed in the UK but with the foreign brewer, in this case from Port Brewery California, coming over to actually brew their beer to their recipe. The **Box Steam COG** and **Three Castles Heritage** were amongst my favorites but I couldn't resist the darker beers they had on offer especially the **Moorhouses Black Panther** - a stronger version of their Black Cat. Congratulations on such a good range of good beers.

Pub & Brewery News

Congratulations to **Plain Ales** on winning Gold at Weymouth Octoberfest with **Innocence** and to **Keystone** for getting Silver there with **Gold Spice**.

The **Yew Tree** beer festival in November had some old favourites including Black Sheep Best Bitter, Exmoor Gold and Shepherd Neame Spitfire.

The **Kings Arm's on Fisherton St** is now the **Safari Garden** and has one or two real ales. The **Kings Arms Hotel** on St John St is now in the capable hands of Simon & Steve from the **Old Mill in Harnham**. They have **Greene King Old Speckled Hen** - the first real ale there for several years and they plan to re-open the snug. **The Cat Tavern** are also seeing increased interest in real ale since they started varying the choice and getting beers from the SIBA direct deliver scheme and have featured **Downton Dark Delight**, **Box Steam Golden Bolt** with **Blindmans Icarus** proving a real favourite - well worth a visit it seems.

The **October Crawl** was around **Wilton** where the best beers were **Ringwood Best** and **Wadworth 6X** in the **Greyhound** the **Bear** with **Badger Best** and **Tanglefoot**. By now the Bear will have another pump and a range of 3 beers.

The **November crawl** was along **Castle Street**, where none of the beers disappointed us so it made a good night out. The **Black Horse** had excellent **Hop Back GFB**, the **George & Dragon** had **Ringwood Best** and **Doombar**. I was pleased to see **Hobgoblin** and **Pedigree** in the **Avon Brewery** (something more unusual for a Marston's pub around here). The **Downton Tetnang Red** was a great addition to the **Haunch of Venison** and the final stop was the **Ox Row** which also had **Hobgoblin** and the ever tasty **St Austell Tribute**.

Update

It has been confirmed that the Ringwood seasonal beers are sometimes brewed in Wolverhampton so we can no longer count them as LocAle. We hope the brewing capacity at the brewery in Ringwood can be increased to allow all Ringwood badged beers to be brewed there.

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.

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Pub of the Year 2009**



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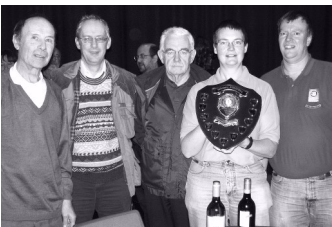
We're in The Good Beer Guide



One more pub has received LocAle accreditation this month - **The Huntsman** in Gigant St. If you always have a local beer why not apply for LocAle accreditation?

CAMRA's Winning team

At the Arts Centre charity quiz night on November 25th Rotary COGS and CAMRA presented a cheque from Beerex for £4500 to the Alzheimers Society. The CAMRA quiz team 'Mine's Two Halves' went on to win the quiz - so beer does help you think!



Pub of the Year

The Regional Pub of the Year is the Prince of Wales in Farnborough. An excellent town pub with a good choice of beer near Farnborough North station (15 mins walk from Farnborough Main).

Branch Events

December

Sat 12th Minibus East Chisenbury, Enford area
Fri 18th Christmas Crawl GBG Pubs. 7pm Winchester Gate then Wundham Arms, Royal George, Rai D'Or, Kings Head, Deacons, Village

January 2010

Wed 6th Branch Meeting 8pm Boat House
Sat 9th New Year Social Cross Keys Upper Chute
£10 names etc to Andrew
Wed 20th City Crawl 8pm Conrans, 9pm Coach & Horses, 10pm Wyndham Arms

February

Wed 3rd Branch Meeting 8pm Winchester Gate

Minibus details from Chris 07989185049

Items for Barrel Organ hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk 01722 333839
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Fri 29th & Sat 30th

January 2010

Fri 6.30—11.00

Sat 11.00—3.30

Sat 6.30—11.00

Castle Street Social Club

Scots Lane

Salisbury

Tickets £5

22 Real Ales & a cider

No Music

Filled Rolls available each session

From Village Freehouse, Wyndham Arms, Salisbury, or 'Winterfest' 84 Downsway, Salisbury, SP1 3QW. Send SAE, state which session, phone number and enclose cheque payable to Salisbury & S. Wilts CAMRA
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