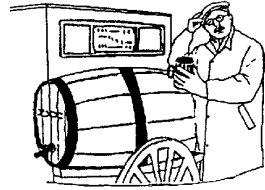


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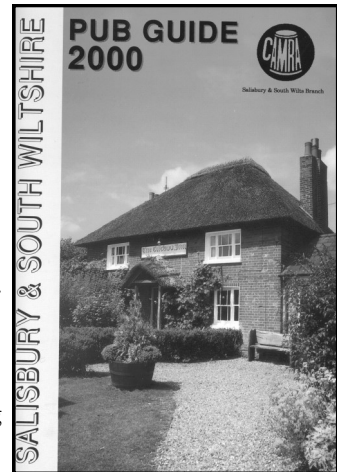
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New Pub Guide Launched

Salisbury & South Wilts is about to receive its first definitive pub guide for five years. Launched on 27th November at the Bull Hotel, Downton, the guide is the work of a devout team of CAMRA members and contains details of over 200 pubs in and around Salisbury. Pete Wood, editor of the guide, explains “CAMRA guides generally concentrate on beer and particularly real ale in pubs. In this guide we have hopefully considered all aspects of our local hostellers: their history, situation, facilities and of course the ales”.

The last pub guide produced for the area was a Wiltshire guide produced in 1994. It listed as the most abundant inns around Salisbury “Gibbs”.... remember them? For the CAMRA members involved in surveying the pubs it has been an opportunity to visit many pubs not normally frequented by this breed of real ale loving animal. It has, quite frankly, been a huge surprise. We can be proud of our pubs, they are quite exceptional and generally of a far higher quality than those surveyed five years ago.

The Salisbury & South Wiltshire Pub Guide is on sale from 27th November priced at £4.95. It will be available from most Salisbury bookshops and the Tourist Office.



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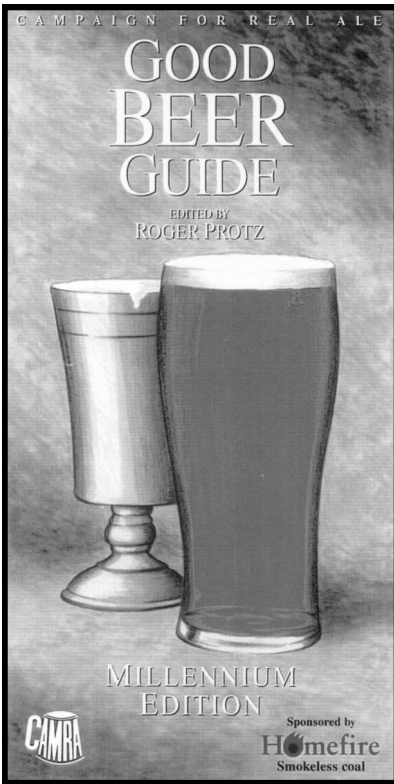
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CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2000



The definitive guide to real ale was launched last month amid a hail of complaints from its readers. The guide was to be changed in format in a bid to increase popularity but the proposed change has prompted many regular readers to voice their concern.

A proposal to reduce the number of “full” entries from 5000 to 4000 and have 1000 lesser entries was made at this year’s AGM and has begun to be implemented. Although this year’s guide remains in its traditional guise, the 2001 issue was to be a turning point in this popular publication’s history. Roger Protz, editor, has now been asked to assess the strength of feeling against the proposed change. His tour of CAMRA regional meetings was certainly welcomed and lively debate from both sides means that the future of the guide is still being considered.

Salisbury has many pubs worthy of the guide yet surprisingly has an allocation of only 18. The local CAMRA branch members consider nearly 200 pubs each year for inclusion but sadly always have to let some excellent pubs miss publication. This year’s entries are:

The Dove Inn, Corton; Bull Hotel, Downton; Swan Inn, Enford; Cuckoo, Hamptworth; Earl of Normanton, Idmiston; Hatchet, Lower Chute; Blackbird, Deacons Alms, Devizes Inn, Royal George, Tom Brown’s, Village Freehouse & Wyndham Arms, Salisbury; Pelican Inn, Stapleford; Bear, Wheatsheaf, Wilton & South Western Hotel, Tisbury.

Although we make every effort to get to all of the pubs in our area, we can always overlook some. If you have any suggestions for next year’s guide let me know; write to me at the address opposite and give me your opinion. The guide remains a vital addition to the discerning drinker and particularly those who travel. It contains more than just beer tasting notes; in addition details on accommodation, children’s areas, food, beer gardens and much more.

The CAMRA Good Beer Guide is on sale priced at £11.99 from bookshops and (probably cheaper) from many of the pubs listed above.

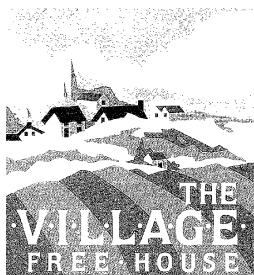
Another One Bites the Dust

The (other) Wyndham Arms at Dinton has been forced to close due to poor support. The valley has now lost three pubs in as many years with the Wyndham Arms following in the footsteps of the Black Horse at Teffont, the Maypole at Ansty and The Lancers at Sutton Mandeville. The trend is alarming and unfortunately becoming more and more frequent. For village pubs, extortionate duty rates and poor or non-existent public transport means that unless they provide something very special, they face a slow and painful death.

For all publicans times are not easy. Profits are low and business is becoming harder to find. Where tied pubs are suffering we are seeing an increase in new tenancies. How can we be expected to pay over £2 a pint when in France the same drink would cost over 50 pence less? A cut in duty is overdue and CAMRA is fighting hard to achieve this and, hopefully, save a few desperate pubs.

What can you do to support your local pub? Simple, use it. If it is not what you want ask the landlord to consider changing it. Surely it is better for him and the area to retain custom. Without it your pub could follow the dozen or so in the area that have already closed.

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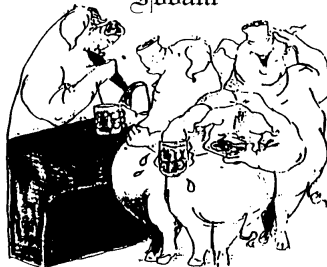
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Jane Goes..... North!

On the western side of Newcastle upon Tyne lies the small mining village of Newburn. Famous for very little, other than having the first ever council houses in the United Kingdom, Newburn is home to the North East's oldest microbrewery - the Big Lamp. I recently had a family commitment locally and ended up booking in to the Keelmans Lodge for two nights.

Now I readily accept that a good reason is needed to travel so far, and not all of you will have a young grandson being christened nearby, so I would like to share a few of the plus points with you.

The Big Lamp brewery has been operating for about seventeen years and has won an impressive amount of awards at various CAMRA festivals. The Keelmans Arms is their brewery tap and is a careful conversion of a water pumping station, retaining much of the original architecture. Situated in open parkland and near the river the pub has ample parking as well as a play area for children. The management recognise the needs of families and a no smoking area indoors is provided, as well as a varied menu, although I dragged my ensemble to the local chippie where deep fried jam sandwiches vied with battered crème eggs and mars bars and some of the best haddock I've had in years.

The brewery offers a range of beers, covering the range of ABV's as well as seasonal brews. I sampled more than several and, without claiming to be a connoisseur, can honestly say that all were enjoyable and appeared to be in good condition. I was told by my son in law that the lagers were not always as well presented, but that is not a

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quibble in my book.

The brewery does trips at £4.50 per head, but my itinerary did not allow for this, so I compensated by meeting with the Chairman of the Tyneside and Northumberland branch, Ray Heelbeck at the bar, where he was acquitting his role as BLO (Brewery Liaison Officer) with style. Ray told me of the difficulties faced by the local branch and, believe me, we live in a small country.

The pub also has a purpose built accommodation block, opened in 1998, with double rooms, all en suite, at very reasonable prices - including a 50% discount for second nights at weekends. Within easy stroll of the Keelman are several other pubs offering national and local brews as well as many interesting walks nearby and, of course, the UK's number one party city is only a short bus ride away. All this and Hadrians Wall too!
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Oh to visit Clare again! by Hilary Bird

Down some windy roads in rural Suffolk is Clare ... Not the girl but the village which

is home to Nethergate Brewery, which is home to Umbel Magna, Champion beer at Salisbury Winterfest 2.

Umbel Magna was also the winner at Winterfest 1 and when we went to present their certificate at the Chappel beer festival we didn't get the chance to meet the brewer.

This year we were determined to meet the brewer and headed East, arriving at the brewery just in time for an afternoon taster. (Had we arrived earlier it would have been just in time for a morning taster – this is the way with breweries).

Clare is small, Nethergate Brewery is small although Clare's church is enormous. The brewery is on the main street and like many micros is fairly cramped with fermenting vessels crammed into every corner. They have a 30 barrel brew line and can manage about 100 barrels per week. The malt is mostly Maris Otter and they mill it themselves. No sugars are used to brew, just malted barley and in some beers a little torrified wheat for better head retention. They use pelleted hops in the copper for bitterness and pass the hot wort over whole aroma hops as it drains from the copper before passing through the heat exchanger.

We were given a very interesting tour by the deputy brewer and microbiologist. Never before have I seen so much evidence of microbiology in a small brewery and as we chatted in the office –cum– lab I couldn't help wondering why I'm in my current lab not one at a brewery.

We presented the brewery owner with the certificate and a pair of souvenir glasses from the festival which they were delighted to have won.

The taster? – that was their IPA and their Autumn beer. The IPA is a real IPA, very very bitter, no stinting on the hops there. The Autumn beer is a mid brown to chestnut colour quite malty but with a strong underlying bitterness.

We left with some bottled Old Growler and the taste challenge to compare the original bottled version with the bottle conditioned.

We saw the brewery but again failed to meet the brewer who was ill so we'll have to visit Clare again.

Eclipse Beers should be DARK by Hilary Bird

OK it seems ages since we all got into astronomy and waited for the last solar eclipse of the millennium (if you ignore the one in 2000). Rename the article 'Eclipse beers should have been dark' if you prefer.

We headed off to Cornwall for that week in August to see the sights and watch the sun disappear and eat some pasties and drink some beer. We were on the look out for specials brewed for the eclipse and wondering what names they would be given.

We found 4 special beers in all, not as many as expected. The Crown at Lanlivery

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About CAMRA by Pauline Godwin

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- ◆ Creating market conditions for Real Ale to be more widely available.
- ◆ **Demanding more consumer choice** (*Which has enabled hundreds of small breweries to thrive*)
- ◆ **Campaigning for 'value for money'**. (*The high press profile of our annual price surveys and our demands for full measures are examples.*)
- ◆ **Lobbying for licensing reform.** (*We have already achieved some success in this, with all-day opening and we continue to campaign for greater flexibility.*)
- ◆ **Campaigning for decent pubs.** – (*Why should your 'local' be destroyed by some faceless executive from the other end of the country – and indeed, from other countries!)*

These are only a few of the issues on which CAMRA campaigns. Despite our successes, CAMRA is needed more than ever now. Consumer choice is once again under threat with recent moves for further consolidation within the industry. Mergers and take-overs, with consequent brewery closures, the rise of massive pub chains offering limited choice to the consumer, scandalous rates of excise duty – *resulting in millions of pints of beer coming across the channel, threatening many UK breweries and making pubs unviable.* CAMRA continues to lobby hard on these and many other issues.

With membership at an all-time high, we are a powerful voice for the drinker and pub-user, but we could be even more powerful with your support. **Membership costs less than the price of a pint per month**, and you would become a part of a flourishing and vital consumer organisation. By joining CAMRA, you would:

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Get the chance to join in local branch activities. (*CAMRA has a very active social side, including monthly branch meetings, pub-crawls, brewery visits, cycle rides, mini-bus and train outings, running two beer festivals, and visits to other local festivals – campaigning can be fun!*)

Get discounts on many CAMRA products (*including books, clothing and sports bags, as well as concessions at CAMRA beer festivals.*)


Obtain many other benefits. (*Including the possibility of share options in your favourite breweries, seminars, technical advice and information, locally produced*

magazine, etc.)

Salisbury and South Wiltshire branch of CAMRA, like all branches, are unpaid volunteers. We are combining a special recruitment social with the launch of our new local pub guide at 'The Bull' at Downton, Saturday 27th November 1999, during the lunchtime. We would be delighted to see you. Why not bring a friend? Come along and have a few beers with us. During November and December membership is offered at the special rate of only £12 a year or £15 for a joint membership (2 people at the same address). If you join on the day you will have the opportunity to buy copies of the new local guide and the internationally recognised Good Beer Guide at substantially discounted members' rates.





If you can't make it on the day, look out for the CAMRA leaflets in pubs in and around Salisbury. The yellow stickers indicate the concessionary rates.

Join **CAMRA** and protect your pint, your pub, and your choice!



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A Tale of Three Festivals by Richard Godwin

CAMRA generally, and this branch in particular, readily supports any (legal!) activity directed towards the promotion of real ales. With this in mind we were pleased to be approached by three landlords for help and guidance in setting up mini beer festivals over the summer period. For each of the festivals we supplied easy-pour taps for the casks, lighting and cabling, beer tokens, posters, leaflets and advertising, as well as advice, and of course a large number of well trained beer samplers!

The first call came from Mike Willoughby at the Pembroke Arms Hotel at Fovant. A real ale enthusiast himself, Mike wanted to extend local interest in these types of beers and chose to put on a selection of 13 ales. Many were from local breweries such as Ringwood, Stonehenge Ales and Hopback, plus a few from outside the region. This mostly outdoor event proved a success, despite one heavy downpour, with both a barbeque and a souvenir stall aimed at collecting for the Fovant Badges Society. Evening entertainment was provided by “The Tofs”. Mike was very happy with the outcome (over 75% of the beer being sold on the one day!) and fully intends to hold a similar event next year.

The other two festivals asking for CAMRA help unfortunately clashed on their dates, both being run over the August Bank Holiday. This may not seem so bad, but the pubs are only a couple of hundred metres apart!

Nick Deschamps, landlord of the Horse and Groom on Wilton Road in Salisbury, was trying a beer festival for the first time and chose to have 9 beers, again from both local breweries and from further afield. As it was another outdoor event Nick was worried about the weather but it stayed fine over the weekend, which may well have had the reverse effect of reducing attendance, being a Bank Holiday. The event was enough of a success, however, for Nick to consider another festival next year. It also raised funds for a sizeable donation to the British Heart Foundation. Well done, Nick and staff!

The third beer festival was held at the Blackbird, Churchfields Road where the popular “Puffing Billy” series of festivals was reinstated, this time with a change of date from early July to late August. It was its usual success except for the blow out of a keystone causing a cask to deposit its 9 gallons on the floor overnight! The theme of the festival was the ‘Resurrection of Billy’, beer having names which reflected the theme being chosen from around the country, including ‘Resurrection Ale’, ‘Billy’s Requiem Ale’ and ‘Stairway to Heaven’. This last named beer, which became the festival favourite, tinged the event with sadness due to the untimely death of the friend who had recommended it. He will be sadly missed.

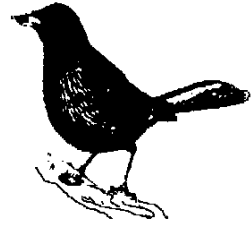
It was unfortunate that the festivals clashed on dates but there were two other festivals in the area also at the same time which we were not able to support as fully as we would have liked. We hope that the festivals at the George at Shrewton and the Woodfalls Arms at Woodfalls proved as successful and popular.

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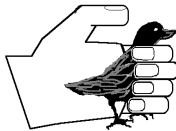
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Two Breweries and a Long Thin Festival by Richard Godwin

One of the better things about being in CAMRA is getting involved in beer festivals. Apart from the obvious enjoyment of the ales at such events, there is the fun and hard work of organising and helping. One other aspect of the beer festivals are the presentations made.

In this branch we run two beer festivals: the June Beerex and the February Winterfest. Both of these have a voting system where the customers vote for their favourite beers and breweries. The breweries that are thus selected are given a certificate showing the date of festival and the category in which they have won. (*Many such certificates may be seen in Hopback's Wyndham Arms*). This year Beerex winners included Harviestoun Brewery, Clackmannanshire in Scotland and Skinners Brewery in Cornwall – both of which had to be visited by members from the branch! (*the details of these particular visits were given in the last issue of 'Barrel Organ'*). Other certificates to be presented were to Hanby Brewery for their excellent Shropshire Stout and to the Sarah Hughes Brewery for their Dark Ruby mild. Since these breweries are both in the Midlands it was arranged to make the presentations over the same weekend.

The Sarah Hughes Brewery is based at the Beacon Hotel in Sedgeley, part of the Black Country. It is a small 19th Century tower brewery retaining many of its original features, supplying the Beacon itself and many wholesalers. John Hughes, grandson of the founder, was presented with a commemorative glass. He was pleased that the beer was proving popular in Salisbury. Guy, Head Brewer, was given the certificate in recognition of his skills, but unfortunately had to dash away as he was in the middle of brewing. After sampling some of the products we too had to dash - over to Shropshire to the Hanby Brewery.

This brewery is in complete contrast, being set up in 1990 and sited in a new industrial unit which was built by Jack Hanby and his partners. We were made very welcome in their tasting room with several samples of excellent beer to try. We were then given a tour round the brewery before setting off to our accommodation.



Richard Godwin presents a certificate to Jack Hanby for his Shropshire Stout.

This was in a Banks's pub in Bridgnorth. With their acquisitions of Camerons and Marstons Breweries the range of beers available from Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries (Banks's) is excellent, and we were looking forward to sampling them that evening. It was not to be. We discovered that, purely by chance, we had arrived during Britain's longest thinnest beer festival! We were duty bound to go. Imagine two beer tents, each holding about 40 beers, none of them duplicated. Each tent is situated at one of the two

terminals of the Severn Valley Railway. Run regular steam trains between, with real ale also available on the train as well and this is the Kidderminster and Bridgnorth Beer Festival. Wow! We understand it poured with rain that night but after 2 breweries and a beer festival we can't remember. The things we suffer, on behalf of you and CAMRA!

Competition Time

WIN tickets for Salisbury Beerex 2000 (June 15 - 17). All you have to do is correctly answer the following ten questions:

- 1 Where in the city was the “Belfrey” pub situated?
- 2 Which pub in the city is run by four Mancunians?
- 3 Which pub had gallows nearby, where unfortunate persons were hung, after being sentenced by Judge Jeffrieys.
- 4 Which pub is reputed to be the city’s oldest? (Careful, as more than one makes this claim)
- 5 How old is the original Salisbury Giant and who is his faithful companion?
- 6 Which pub is open from 9am - 11pm every day of the year?
- 7 Which pub has ammonite fossils in its walls believed to be 160 million years old?
- 8 Which brewery first owned the Wyndham Arms in Salisbury?
- 9 Where and what is “Freda’s Pub”?
- 10 In which city pub would you find the “House of Lords”, the “Horse Box” and “Death Row”.

All of these questions can be answered by obtaining a copy of the “Salisbury & South Wilts Pub Guide 2000” which is being launched on Nov 27 and should be on sale at the Tourist Information Office and the following pubs: Village (Wilton Rd), Wyndham Arms (Estcourt Rd), Barley Mow (Greencroft St), Blackbird (Churchfields Rd), Deacon Alms (Fisherton St), Royal George (Bedwin St), Tom Brown’s (Wilton Rd), Cuckoo (Hamptworth), Earl of Normanton (Idmiston), Pelican (Stapleford), Crown (Everleigh), Red Lion (Kilmington), Kings Head (Whiteparish) & Bull Hotel (Downton)

First five correct entries will win 2 tickets to any one session at Salisbury’s Beerex.

Send entries to: P D Wood
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Good luck.

Branch Diary

Date	Event
27th November	Launch of Salisbury & South Wilts Pub Guide, 12:00 at the Bull Hotel, Downton.
1st December	Open branch meeting - Devizes Inn, Salisbury 8:00.
11th December	Christmas Party, the Crown Inn at Everleigh. Coach from Salisbury coach station. Names to Pete Wood.
5th January	Open branch meeting - Bell, Wilton 8:00.
15th January	“Wilton Wobble” - A tour of the pubs of Wilton starting at the Greyhound at 8:00.
29th January	“Look East” coach tour around some of the villages east of Salisbury and hopefully finishing off with curry at Pav’s!
11th - 12th Feb.	Winterfest III - winter beer festival held at Castle St. Social Club. Tickets priced at £3.50 from usual sources and Ottakars bookshop.

For further information, as well as updating and booking please contact Pete Wood (Social Secretary) on Salisbury 501481. Pete is also keen to hear of any other activities planned locally.

My Desert Island Pint by Hilary Bird

Carry on reading - this isn’t a repeat from the last edition, that was my pint for sun, sand and palm trees. Technically a desert is an environment without water and believe it or not the arctic counts as a desert as the water is all frozen. So with a little poetic licence here is my desert Island pint for dark, snow and log fires.

It needs to be full bodied and warming and flavoursome enough to still taste good if it gets a bit cold. As there will be little to do it needs to be a pint that isn’t so strong I wouldn’t be able to sup a few, about 4.5 to 5% ABV should do the trick. Sorry, Sarah Hughes Original Dark Ruby Mild – that rules you out.

Something like Station Porter from Wickwar, or Old Growler from Nethergate would be good as would a recent discovery of Humpty Dumpty Brewery in Reedham with their oyster stout Claud Hamilton. However, I think I’d have to turn to one of my favourite brewers of light and dark beers, Adnams of Southwold, narrowing my choice down to Old 4.1% ABV or Oyster Stout 4.2% ABV. Both are dark, with those nutty malt flavours I particularly like. The Oyster stout is darker, nuttier and very smooth - due to the oysters – but the Old has a slightly crisper bitter finish to it.

No, can’t decide, I’ll take them both!

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A Mystery Tour

CAMRA members need little excuse to find pubs and, as I've said earlier in this issue, we are always on the lookout for more of the area's undiscovered gems.

A bus ride to the fringes of our area generally comes as an eye-opener to many of the branch members visiting some pubs for the first time. So, on a fine Sunday afternoon in October around twenty of us set out for another mystery tour. It's intriguing when you are told to be at the coach

station at 11:00 prompt so that we are able to get to the first pub for opening time... how big is this area we oversee?

Well on this occasion we did venture slightly outside; to the Red Lion at Kilmington, just down the road from Stourhead (and definitely worth a trip if you find yourself at the gardens). Excellent beer and a splendid pub. Next, to one of those little gems I was talking about, the Beckford Arms at Fonthill Gifford - great atmosphere, great beer and very welcoming we all enjoyed it. Last should have been the Wyndham Arms at Dinton but sadly this was the day the pub closed for the last time as I pointed out earlier in this issue so Tisbury was the divert and specifically the South Western. A bite to eat and a last half or two of Tisbury Brewery's finest finished off a splendid afternoon out. Thanks to Pete Wood, as usual, for organising it. We are all looking forward to the next one.

Ed.

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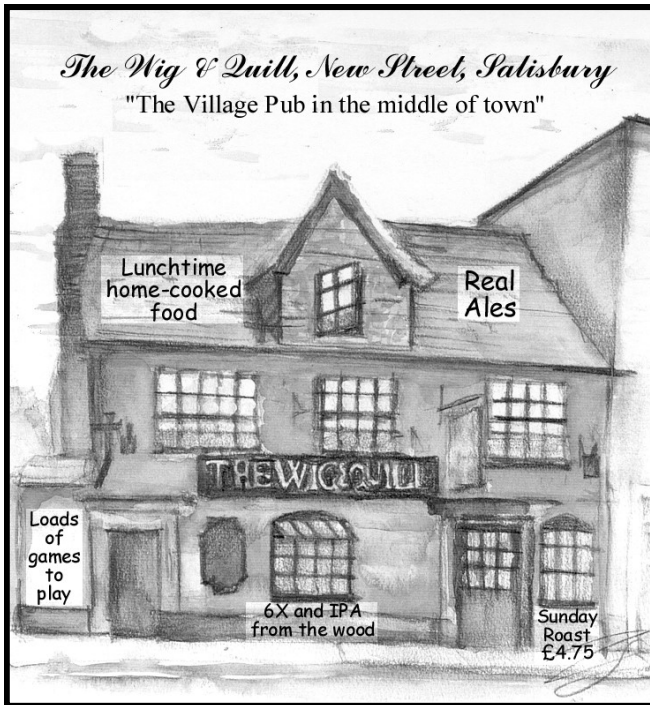
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where we stayed had Sharpe's Elevesens with a clock face on the pump clip set at the time for the eclipse 11:11 on August 11th. It was deep golden brown in colour with some crisp bitterness balancing the malt. I preferred their regular beer Doom Bar but did enjoy an evening of Elevesens. The Old Ale House, also known as The Quay Inn, in Falmouth had Museum Brewery's Total Eclipse which was mid brown and slightly fruity. They also had Skinners' Who Turned the Lights Out, a single hopped amber ale with a clean finish.

The Village in Salisbury had St Austell Daylight Robbery on before we went to Cornwall. This was another mid coloured, quite malty beer with a bit of fruit.

At 11:11 on 11th August we were sat at the top of Hellman Tor near Bodmin with some bottled Daylight Robbery and were amazed by the total eclipse.

My eclipse beer would be black with lots of chocolate malt and roasted barley in it. It would have a firm white head on it which gradually disappeared as you drank down the glass. It would be so quaffable that you would be amazed at how quickly you reached totally empty and how soon you had your glass refilled.

The advantage of this eclipse beer over the eclipse would be – when its over you can experience it all over again. Its name? Totality Dark.

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Because I make such a good job of producing this magazine and you don't give a *****, I'll leave this space blank..... it may be useful to jot down the takeaway order.

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