

# BARREL



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## Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

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### Sixpenny Success

Sixpenny Special from Sixpenny Brewery in Sixpenny Handley won the festival goers vote as beer of the festival at the 30th Salisbury Beerex in June. Several members of CAMRA visited the brewery to present Scott Wayland with a certificate.

This year Beerex featured 66 different real ales from 33 breweries some local and others from across the country. There was also a number of ciders and a perry on offer. It was a great success with about 1000 people enjoying the selection and the music. Next year Beerex will be on 17th & 18th June so look out for details and do come and enjoy the festival.



### On Yer Bike.....

As well as the pub crawls and minibus outings reported here we organise monthly Summer Sunday bike trips to country pubs. Our intrepid cyclists generally leave Salisbury about 10.30 and others drive out to meet them at the chosen pub. This year they ventured to the **Malet Arms at Newton Tony** with a choice of 4 beers, all in good condition with Stonehenge Spire Ale voted the best cycling beer. August saw a visit to the **Black Dog at Chilmark** which has a range of Wadworth beers - the 6X was the favourite. The final trip in September was to the **Horseshoe at Ebbesbourne Wake** with a choice of 5 beers including two from Otter brewery which seems to be making a come back in the area. The return via the **Fox & Goose at Coombe Bissett** allowed the Adnams Southwold Bitter to be appreciated as well.

**Fantastic Festivals** - The Bank Holiday weekend was awash with beer festivals, I managed several and was able to sample a good range of beers from near and far, listen to some good music and soak up a friendly atmosphere—and some sun. The **Winchester Gate, Yew Tree at Odstock, Bear at Wilton** and **Kings Head at Whiteparish** all met the mark and the **Chough** had good beer and I hope got busier than when I found it.

## Guiding you to the Best

The Campaign for Real Ale launched the 38th edition of the Good Beer Guide on September 16th. It features the 4500 pubs with the best real ale in the UK as selected by CAMRA members across the country. It is updated every year by CAMRA volunteers and no one can pay for an entry. It also features a staggering 767 breweries - 4 times the number in existence when CAMRA was founded in 1971. In the past year 76 new breweries have opened and although some have closed there are still 56 more than in the 2010 Guide. In 1971 there were 4 pubs brewing their own beer, now there are 136. This is good news for the beer industry which saw a 5% increase in Real Ale sales against a 2% overall drop in the beer market. We just need to make it easier for beers from these microbreweries to get into pubs so CAMRA is campaigning for new laws on beer supply and the end of uncompetitive pricing practices by some pub companies. You can buy a copy of the Guide online from CAMRA and you can get in on your mobile so you are always able to find the nearest best pub.

28 - 29th January  
Salisbury CAMRA

## Winterfest 14

Castle St Social  
Club  
Scott's Lane  
Salisbury

Note the date and  
watch this space for  
details

## Join CAMRA

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### The Rai D'Or Salisbury CAMRA Pub of the Year 2008

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Historic Freehouse dating from 1292 is a small, cosy pub with a relaxed bar bistro atmosphere.

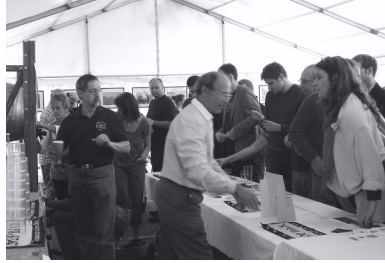
At peak times its best to book a table if you want to dine on our excellent, reasonably priced, authentic Thai food - served 5.30 -10.30

We welcome drinkers at the bar where we specialise in local microbrewed ales including Downton, Stonehenge, Bowman, Yeovil and have a CAMRA discount if you stay for more than one pint.

**Open Mon - Sat 5 - 11**

## Real Ale - Real Food

The beer tent at the Salisbury Food & Drink Festival helped to provide the real ale and Salisbury Market square was full of people enjoying the real food. I really enjoy this event as we get to introduce real ale to people who have never tried it before as well as those regulars who come along to try the range of local ales Abbey Stores have sourced for the event.



## In the Bus

Our recent outings to Winterbourne Stoke & the Woodford Valley and Redlynch, Nomansland & Woodfalls have again found some really great pubs serving some excellent real ales. The **Bell at Winterbourne Stoke** welcomed us with Otter Bitter and Wells Bombardier and we finished the evening at the **Black Horse in Durnford** with Yeovil Glory and the Hop Back monthly beer - East Kent Goldings. The Lemony Cricket at the **Wheatsheaf** was less lemony than last years brew but was kept well. The **Lamb at Nomansland** was as busy as ever but we found space in the garden to enjoy the ales especially the Flack Manor Double Drop. The **Woodfalls Inn** has become a steakhouse and the food looked very good and the Ringwood Ales came up to scratch. The find of the evening for Ale and atmosphere was the really friendly **Old Inn at Woodfalls**.



The Old Mill  
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### 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  
(Feb - May)  
Eye-Opener 4.5% ABV  
(June - August)  
Old Smokey 5.0% ABV  
(Sept. - Nov.)  
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*We work, you drink!*

## Branch Events

### October

Wed 6<sup>th</sup>

Branch Meeting 8pm Winchester Gate

Fri 15<sup>th</sup>

Visit to Plain Ales & Warminster

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>

Whiteparish Crawl 5.35 bus from Salisbury 6pm Fountain,  
6.50 Parish Lantern, 7.55 Kings Head 8.44 return bus.

### November

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

Arts Centre Quiz 7.30 for 8

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

City Crawl 8pm Old Ale House, 8.45 New Inn, 9.30 Wig & Quill

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

Minibus to Quidhampton, Burcombe, Dinton - contact Jill

### December

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Branch Meeting 8pm The Boat House

Minibus details from Jill 01722 330445

Items for Barrel Organ [hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk](mailto:hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk) 01722 333839  
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## The Old Mill Beer Festival 2010

**21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Ticket Book only £9.95 per person  
Includes 8 half pint tasters and £30.00 worth  
of offers to be used at The Old Mill.

**Local Ales from Keystone, Hopback, Wessex,  
Sixpenny Handley, Stonehenge Brewery  
Also Greene King.**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Let the tasting begin!**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – BBQ**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Spit Roast**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Hog Roast**

**Plus Entertainment!**

12 noon until late everyday (BBQ, Spit Roast  
& Hog Roast available from early evening)

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