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Celebrating Real Cider & Perry

Over the past few years real cider & perry have become more popular and in this area we see more pubs stocking it and we sell more at our beer festivals.



What are real cider & perry? Real cider is made by pressing apples to release the juice then fermenting it. Any apples can be used in cider production and often mixtures of cider varieties and eating varieties are used. Perry is made in the same way but from pears and only from special perry varieties which have the right levels of tannins. Traditional cider & perry are often cloudy but don't have to be and not are served without micro-filtration or pasteurisation as these remove the yeast leaving a dead, flat product. Real ciders and perries are served from a hand pump or often a cask or box behind the bar.

I have only been told of a few pubs which regularly have real cider and they are listed inside. If your local has cider and is missed off the list - sorry but please let us know for the future.

How are we celebrating?

On October 8th you can **meet our local cider producer** from **Wessex Cider in Fifield Bavant**. Nigel will be at the **Duke of York in York Road Salisbury at 2pm** so why not come along and find out more about this craft product.

On October 19th our regular city pub crawl will be featuring those pubs we are aware of which have cider. Starting at the **Anchor & Hope** in Winchester St. at 8pm.

Food & Drink Festival 2011

September 18th once again Salisbury Market Square busy with the food & drink festival. The beer tent run by Coombe Bissett Stores with CAMRA's help was as popular as ever selling a greater range of real ales than in previous years - 12 in total. It saw the **last ever cask of Wessex Imperial Russian Stroat in Wiltshire** (there will be one in Weymouth in October). At 9% abv this will hit hard by the increase in duty due on drinks over 7.5% so Wessex have decided to discontinue production.

Congratulations

Roger McBride has retired from Hop Back brewery. We wish him a happy retirement.

Paul & Lorraine Cooper have been at the Parish Lantern in Whiteparish for 20 years and are pleased to be celebrating entry in the 2012 Good Beer Guide on this anniversary.

**The Rai d'Or,
69 Brown St,
Salisbury SP1 2AS**



Tel. 01722 327137

Historic freehouse dating from 1292, now a cosy pub with a relaxed bar bistro atmosphere. Reasonably priced Thai food is served 5.30 -10.30 but book a table as the pub is often full mid-evening although bookings can usually be made on the day. Early and late evenings usually don't need booking but it is still best to call ahead. There is always room for drinkers at the bar (enjoy the CAMRA discount if you stay for more than one pint). We specialise in local microbrewed ales including Downton, Stonehenge and Bowman. Dark Star is also regularly on. If you want to guarantee a table mid-evening just for a drink, call ahead and tell us your requirements.

Open Mon-Sat 5-11 p.m.

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Featuring Pub Festivals.....

I was great to see that many local pubs are still running festivals ranging in size from 7 to 48 ales. I have tried to get to them all....

August started with the **Cross Keys Upper Chute** on 13th then the **Crown at Alvediston** 19 - 21. My favourites at these were Sambrooks Wandle Ale and Skinners Betty Stoggs. Over the Bank Holiday I visited the **Winchester Gate, G&D & Slug & Lettuce - Salisbury, George - Shrewton, Duck - Laverstock, Bear - Wilton & White Hart - Bishopstone**. It was good to see that our newest brewery West Country Brewery had made it to several of them and that later in the weekend some beers were finished - a sign of a successful festival! Top marks on range of ales go to the Winchester Gate and George with the Duck and Bear close behind. Favourite beers of the weekend were Oakham Citra, Stonehenge Eye Opener, Blindmans Hoppy Cock, Dark Star Hophead & Keystone Gold Spice.

Into September and the **Cuckoo in Hamptworth** festival was on 8th - 11th and as good as ever. I discovered a new brewery - Vibrant Forest - their Wheat beer was to my taste a good example of a German weizen style. My favourite though was Stout Mary from Ilkley. (She may be invited to Winterfest!) I failed to visit the **Mill in Harnham** - sorry.

Langford Festival September 16 - 17 is one of my favourites and this year was no exception and their decision to get more local beers was well received by many of the group from CAMRA. My favourite was Wessex Old Stouty Porter - is this an alternative to Russian Stoa?

News Bites

Duty changes - from October the duty on beers at or below 2.8% will be reduced by 50% although this won't apply to small brewers who already get relief on duty. A taste test of beers from 2 to 3.5% has shown that even experienced ale drinkers cant always tell which are the lower alcohol beers. Look out for lower strength beers and give them a try. CAMRA is calling for this duty reduction to be extended to ales below 3.5%. At the same time those over 7.5% will see an increase in duty.

Good Beer Guide 2012 is now available from CAMRA or in shops.

There are **99 new breweries** which have opened in the past 12 months and almost **5,500 different beers** brewed regularly (excluding all of the monthly and seasonal specials).

Pubs with real cider

Allington - Old Inn
Alvediston - Crown
Bishopstone - White Hart
Coombe Bissett - Fox & Goose
Ebbesbourne Wake - Horseshoe
Great Durnford - Black Horse
Netherhampton - Victoria & Albert
Newton Tony - Malet Arms,
Salisbury - Anchor & Hope
Cat, Duke of York
Halfway House (sometimes),
Kings Head, Village
Shrewton - Royal Oak
(sometimes)
Tilshead - Rose & Crown, Tisbury
- Boot (sometimes),
Winterbourne Stoke - Bell.
Also Coombe Bissett stores have real ciders including Wessex Cider.

Coombe Bissett Stores

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01722 718852

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Regular Beers

Spire Ale 3.8%
Pigswill 4.0%
Heel Stone 4.3%
Great Bustard 4.8%
Danish Dynamite 5.0%

Seasonal Beers

Old Smokey 5% (Jan - Feb)
Sign of Spring 4.6% (Mar - May)
Great Dane 4.6% (June - July)
Eye-Opener 4.5% (Aug - Sept)
Bodyline 4.3% (Nov)
Rudolph 5.0% (Dec)
www.stonehengeales.co.uk

Branch Events

October

Wed 5 th	Branch Meeting	8pm Wyndham Arms
Sat 8 th	Meet the Cider Maker	2pm Duke of York
Wed 19 th	City Cider Crawl	8pm Anchor & Hope
Sat 22 nd	Sixpenny Brewery 10.40 bus number 184 from bus station	

November

Wed 2 nd	Branch Meeting	8pm Chough
Wed 23 rd	City Crawl	Central Salisbury

December	Wed 7 th	Branch Meeting	8pm Village
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Socials contact Jill 01722 330445

More details about events on www.salisburycamra.org.uk

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Winterfest 15

27 & 28 January 2012

Castle St Social Club
Scott's Lane, Salisbury

Note the date and watch this
space for details

Meet the Cider Maker

Nigel from **Wessex Cider**

at the **Duke of York**
York Rd Salisbury

Saturday October 8th

2pm

Find out more about real cider

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