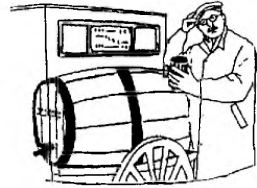




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Wyndham Arms Salisbury Pub of the Year 2015

Congratulations to the Wyndham Arms; Salisbury and South Wiltshire Pub of the Year 2015. Branch members joined regulars at the Wyndham Arms in Salisbury to congratulate the pub on being voted Salisbury and South Wilts CAMRA's Pub of the Year 2015, the third time the pub has won the title. Chairman Derek Blackshaw presented the winner's certificate to licensee Lisa Saberton. The Pub of the year is one which as well as having excellent real ale does that bit extra to promote real ale and the



British pub culture. Each year local CAMRA members select a town and a country pub of the year, one of which also gets the overall title and goes forward into the regional competition. Joining the celebrations was Steve Wright, head

brewer at the Hop Back Brewery, which first started brewing in the cellar of the Wyndham Arms and still owns the pub. Steve was collecting yet another award for theirback's prize-winning Entire Stout; Bronze Medal in the Stouts category in the London and South East regional finals of Champion Beer of Britain.

This years Country Pub of the Year is the Victoria & Albert in Netherhampton which will be awarded at their quiz night on 14th April. Why not come along and join the fun.

Winterfest 2015

The festival in January was at the new venue of the Royal British Legion Club –which proved an excellent venue with the added delight of hot food. The top three beers in the Beer of the Festival vote were all stouts and porters with a fairly local winner in **Red Cat Mr M's Porter**. The brewery in Winchester has a bar which we will be visiting on 18th April to present their certificate.

We had excellent feedback from the public including these comments

"This was our first festival, we enjoyed it a lot, we will come again."

"Nice mix of beer styles and friendly servers"

"Lacks dancing girls - Otherwise perfect."

We return there next year on January 29th & 30th - any volunteer dancing girls?

Campaigning works!

Beer Tax - We were delighted by the news of another 1p drop in beer duty and a 2p drop in cider duty announced in the recent budget.

The last two cuts have already had a huge impact, saving over 1,000 pubs from closure and keeping the price of a pub pint down. Independent research by CEBR forecasts that the price of a pub pint will now be more than 20p cheaper than it would have been had the beer duty escalator remained in place.

A third cut in beer tax is a huge vote of confidence in the importance of pubs and brewing. It will help ensure the sector returns to long term growth after many years of pub closures and falling beer sales, caused in part by a 42% beer tax increase between 2008 and 2012, and throw a lifeline to struggling community pubs across the country.

Fair Deal for Pubs - the campaign for fairer agreements between pub tenants and the pub owning companies has led to changes in the law being proposed. There was concern that legislation would lose the right for tenants to be offered a rent only option making the pub free of tie but it has now passed through both houses and received Royal assent with this option intact.

We are delighted that this "Mullholland's Law" - named after the MP who originally tabled it, has survived. To celebrate the legislation passing through the House of Lords a special beer called Mullholland's Law was unveiled in the House of Commons bar. This beer is brewed by Paul Briscoe of Briscoe's brewery who featured at our Winterfests between 1999 and 2005.



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We have a number of beer and cider festivals planned for this year

Easter Cider Festival
3rd - 6th April

Spring Beer Festival
22nd - 25th May

Summer Beer Festival
20th - 23rd August

Autumn Cider Festival
18th - 20th September

As usual they will feature unusual and prize-winning ales and ciders, so put the dates in your diaries now.

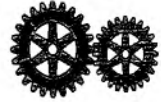


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Get on the Bus....

Our most recent minibus tour was along the Bourne valley and once again reminded us of the lovely country pubs we have in the area and the quality of the beer they sell.

The **Winterbourne Arms** had relatively recently changed hands and the welcome was good as was the beer with **Otter Amber and Bitter**. Its good to see the Otters returning to the area. The **Crown at Cholderton** had a tasty local beer with **Andwell Resolute** from Hampshire. Next we went to one of my favourite pubs - the **Malet Arms in Newton Tony**. They always have an interesting selection and I especially enjoyed the **Ramsbury Flintknapper** and **Stonehenge Spire Ale**.

Butcombe beers are being seen here again and the **Old Inn at Allington** had their bitter on offer. Finally we called in at the **Earl of Normanton in Idmiston** with the ever popular **Flowerpots Bitter** and a crisp hoppy 5% bitter **Fallen Angel from Church End brewery**.

A great way to visit the country pubs - in a minibus with like minded ale enthusiasts - why not come along sometime.

Festivals, Festivals and more Festivals

A number of pubs are planning festivals so my diary is filling up - the **Duck in Laverstock** are having a beer & cider festival over the early May Bank Holiday, the **Rugby Club** in mid May, the **Winchester Gate** on the late May holiday and the **White Horse in Quidhampton** in June.

Also on 3rd of May **Harnham Sports & Social Club** are having a festival and are also celebrating being voted the **branch Club of the Year**.

Branch Events

April

- Tue 14th Country Pub of the Year Presentation and Quiz night
Victoria & Albert Netherhampton 8pm
- Wed 15th City Crawl 8pm Five Bells, Pheasant, Anchor & Hope, Coach &
Horses
- Sat 18th Beer of the Festival presentation to Red Cat Brewery and Winchester
city crawl 9.56 train from Salisbury

May

- Fri 1st Minibus to Chilmark, Dinton, Barford St Martin 7pm Names to Chris
- Wed 6th Branch Meeting 7.30 Pembroke Arms Wilton
- Wed 20th City Crawl 8pm Chapter House then Harnham

June

- Wed 3rd Branch Meeting 7.30 Village Freehouse
*For Minibus trips and more details contact Chris MacMahon
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