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FROM THE EDITORS

Clcome to the winter edition of Barrel Organ, a local beer magazine for the Salisbury & South Wiltshire, and Heart of Wessex branches of the Campaign for Real Ale. Our magazine is read by pub-goers and drinkers, both CAMRA members and non-members alike. I hope you enjoy this issue and thank you to all who have submitted articles and help distribute the magazine.

Our next Salisbury festival is Winterfest 2019 which will be held on the 25^{th} & 26^{th} January 2019 at the Royal British Legion club. Planning is well under way and it is amazing to think that this is the 22^{nd} event.

Once again we are looking for some interesting beers and hope to feature beers and possibly even breweries you have never tried before. Dark beers will be on the agenda but if that's not your thing don't be put off as of the 24 beers we plan for at least 14 are not dark and these will include some powerfully hopped beers and some traditional - but not boring - bitters.

Tickets will go on sale sometime soon and you can get them from the Wyndham Arms, Village Freehouse or by post from "Winterfest" 20 Cornwall Rd, Salisbury SP1 3NL. Include how many tickets you want for which sessions, a contact number, an SAE and a cheque payable to Salisbury & S. Wilts CAMRA.

To find out more email winterfest@salisburycamra. org.uk or look at the website www.salisburycamra. org.uk

Our next issue is due out early February 2019, please forward any contributions to barrel.organ@salisburycamra.org.uk by the end of December.

Cheers

Kathy, Paul, Will & Derek Editors, Barrel Organ magazine

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MY BARREL ORGAN RAMBLINGS

(Odstock and Nunton)

aving somehow managed to miss at least the last two delivery rounds due to Motorhome Winter Wanderings I was determined to make sure I made the May edition of Barrel Organ and also to have a pint or two at each venue of my round.

Having been delayed in the collection of them until later in May due to more days away I decided that not only would I make sure I had time to have the above mentioned pint or two but would also do my round on foot as best I could.

Our previous two deliveries had been taken on by Paul and Lynne Simpson and to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary we had invited them to stay on the late May Bank Holiday and had decided that a walk at lunchtime would be good provided the weather was dry, the aim being to visit my first two points of call the Yew Tree and Radnor Arms.

We set off from Rowbarrow and traversed the Lime Kilns open space and then followed the well-trodden and defined path through the next crop field to join the Avon Valley Path to get to Odstock and onto Nunton. The path by the hedge up to Dogdean Farm is well defined and used and it was a delight to hear farmland birds such as yellowhammers, whitethroats and corn buntings on our walk.

Having left the farm behind us I warned as we got into the next hollow that this particular field could be a little wet underfoot but with recent dry weather should be okay. How wrong I was and we all ended up once or twice putting our feet into puddles hidden in the long grass and reeds.

Having survived the swamps we then got onto the road near Odstock and after an hour's walk we arrived at the Yew Tree Inn. The pub was busy as it was Bank Holiday Monday, and had a particularly busy Sunday as Gordon and Emily Morison had celebrated 2 years at the pub with a party and BBQ and estimated they probably had 250 plus customers attend.

Beers on offer were Summer Lightning, Flack Catcher, 6X and Doom Bar, I had the Flack Catcher that was good as I thought that Summer Lightning was possibly a bit strong at 5% ABV for an early afternoon drink with another pub still to visit.

Garden at the Yew Tree



Pub and Garden from the road



Having finished our drinks we continued onto the Radnor at Nunton. We followed the Avon Valley Path across the farm fields from Odstock it joins the road past the Yew Tree on the left. Again the path is well defined through the fields and avoids walking along the road until you reach Nunton and then follow the lane between the houses to the main road and the Radnor Arms.

The pub was busy with both drinkers and diners and we had decided that we would have something to eat here for lunch and decided that 3 starters would be enough to share plus a bowl of chips. The food was all good and we sat out on the deck overlooking the River Ebble in the pub garden.

Beers on offer Gritchies English Lore (our first pint), Andwell Spring Magic (second pint), GFB and Doom Bar.

Garden at the Radnor Arms





Diversity, milk available in glass bottles from the local farm



For our return home we decided to make the walk a little easier and a little drier by using the

road from Nunton to Odstock about a 20 minute walk and then from off the Odstock Road at the bottom of the hill to take the footpath on the left and then up through the fields by the Hospital and then across the fields to home at Woodbury Rise.

It should be noted that both of these pubs can also be easily reached by bus using the 44 Woodfalls service or the 29 Shaftesbury service to Odstock and then take the 20 minute stroll to the Radnor. It is also possible to walk from the Radnor to the Bournemouth Road to pick up the frequent X3 service.

Chris Harris

Winterfest XXII

Fri 25th & Sat 26th Jan 2019

Fri 6.30—11.00 Sat 11.00—3.30

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Tickets on sale in November



Support for our local breweries is at the heart of CAMRA, we always try to keep a close relationship through our Brewery Liaison Officers but there is nothing to beat a brewery visit and tour. We had been trying to arrange a trip to see our friends at Hop Back Brewery for some time and finally managed to visit on Saturday 22nd September. To make the trip even better, we were also invited to visit Downton Brewery Company which is only a very short walk away.

For those who braved the weather the day started with a tour of Downton Brewery. Martin Strawbridge, owner and head brewer gave us a detailed history of the company and the brewing plant. The brewery has a strong bond with its neighbour and older cousin Hop Back who provide it with yeast; Martin admitting that this is probably unbeatable and he is delighted he is able to use it. Martin also uses the mill at Hop Back to mill his malt. He explained that the brewery originally sold all of their beers through Hop Back but this is no longer the case. Whilst some of his ales are distributed through Hop Back, most of his sales are now through their own free trade accounts.

Enough of this business talk... Let's face it, we were there to try the beer. How lucky were we? Quadhop, New Forest Ale, & Honey Blonde were available; and at 11:00 most felt the Quadhop was a sensible place to start. But to finish, we were spoilt to be offered the amazing Chimera IPA (6.8% ABV) and Imperial Stout at a whopping 9% ABV, both were terrific.

Martin escorted us on the short walk to Hop Back Brewery where Steve Wright, Head Brewer and company director welcomed us. As ever, the tour started with a fine selection of their wares - GFB, Crop Circle and the monthly special: Pacific Jade all three in great condition.

It's been some time since we visited the brewery and whilst we never need a specific reason to visit any brewery, on this occasion we were keen to see some major changes. Steve explained that he had recently invested in a new 'copper' (actually a stainless steel boiler).





It had been specifically designed for the brewery allowing them to brew 20 and 50 barrel brews. Unlike most breweries, the copper is not heated with big gas burners, an external heat exchanger heats the wort using steam from a new steam boiler that has been cleverly shoe-horned into the brewery. As the wort returns to the copper from the heat exchanger it enters in such a way as to form a whirlpool effect, leaving the trub (solids) in the centre whilst the wort is pumped from the perimeter of the copper. This provides a much greater control of the boil and improves the quality of the wort going to the fermenter. Steve was very clearly excited about the changes which, he says, reduce the brewing day because the wort comes to the boils much faster and improve overall beer quality, something the brewery have never compromised.

The tour improves with a look at the many fermenters and storage vessels and ended with a look at the bottling plant. Whilst Summer Lightning is bottled by another company, all the other beers and Downton beers are bottled at Hop Back.

Our thanks to Martin and Steve for their time in showing us around the two breweries. Informative as always and a real pleasure being able to undertake some serious quality control of the products for them.

Ian Turner
Salisbury & South Wilts CAMRA

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PUB & BREWERY NEWS

Dark Revolution



The tap room with an ever changing range of beers has had a makeover to create more seating for the growing number of customers coming to drink or to enjoy a wood fired pizza every Friday, serviced by the amazing Slinky Fox. Bi fold

lose the view over the airfield during the colder months plus seating outside and provide blankets for the customers who like the freshness of the evening. In the pipeline are Kettle Sours and Verve a new Pilsner lager is lagering in the tank ready to be launched in a couple of weeks & a new canning line makes an

doors have been installed so we don't

enlarged range available direct from the brewery.

Contract brewing for the Yeastie Boys every two weeks and an upcoming co lab with them next week which is a Peached Iced Tea Sour 4.5%.

Keystone

Winter seasonal beer Keystone Porter (4.5% abv) coming on stream over the next month.

Small Paul

Busy supplying beer festivals, both local and nationally and is taking orders for December. Blackberry Mild is the current new seasonal beer. A new fermenter has been purchased and should come on line at the beginning of November.

Stonehenge

The summer period was phenomenally busy on both beer sales and the bottled water. Stig, Anna Marie and team have been working flat out and are now glad that things have calmed down somewhat, just in time for Stig to get a few days off to celebrate his 60th birthday. Seasonal beer Mystic is being brewed rolled out in October followed by the ever popular Rudolph over Christmas.

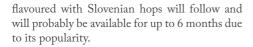
Downton Brewery

The last couple of months have been particularly busy with the brewery being asked to supply beers to numerous beer festivals across the South and East of the country as well as to pubs. Preparations for Christmas are also underway with the brewery's mobile bar appearing at the Salisbury Sunday festive markets (25th November to 23rd of December) and at the Winchester Christmas market.

Chocolate Orange Delight (5.8%) will of course be available over the Christmas period as will an extended range of wheat stouts all in the region of 5%. The range will include Stouts carrying the flavour of Espresso, Coconut Milk, Mint Chocolypse, Port Stout and a brand-new edition, Fudgemental. The latter will carry the flavour of salted caramel.

The New Year sees the return of seasonals with Cerberus (4.2%) in January and Apple Blossom (4.3%) starting in February to herald that Spring is on the way. Slovenian Dream (4.5%) pale ale





The brewery shop is open until 4 o'clock weekdays, extended to 9 on Fridays. Due to demand "Firsty Friday" has taken over from Thirsty Thursday with the brewery's bar open on Fridays from 5 until 9pm.

Gritchie's Brewing Company

Owned by the film director Guy Ritchie and situated on his Ashmore estate on the Wiltshire Dorset border. The Brewer is Adrian Peskin who has worked at a number of breweries including Harbour, Beavertown, Weird Beard and Sunny Republic. When we visited there was a lot of building work going on with cement lorries coming and going. It is understood that this will be a centre for corporate entertainment primarily associated with the estate's shoot.

The brewery has a 20 barrel plant and is currently brewing once a week at 75% capacity. Two real ales in production currently, English Lore (4%) and Summer Lore (3.6%). Being part Bavarian, Adrian is keen to develop a Bavarian style lager. He is also testing some dry hopped beers.

The barley for the English Lore, Marris Otter, is grown on the estate and malted at Warminster. The brewery has its own borehole with water drawn from the chalk aquifer. Adrian advised that it needs treating before it can be used for bitter and light beers.

Production of Summer Lore is coming to an an end for this year and will be replaced in early November by a yet to be named Winter Stout at 4.8%.

Hopback Brewery

Steve Wright treated the Branch to the full tour of Hop Back Brewery. Steve was very keen to highlight their new steam boiler and copper. The copper is now heated by steam using a shell &

tube heat exchanger which the liquor is pumped through to heat it. The pipe back to the copper is fixed tangentially to the copper wall causing a whirlpool effect which forces the solids to the centre of the vessel allowing a cleaner product to be pumped to the fermenter. The new copper also heats the liquor more quickly and accurately leading to a 3-hour reduction in the brewing day. The tour concluded with a look at the bottling plant.

Our thanks to Steve for taking the time to show us around.

Forthcoming seasonal beers:

November

Red Ember ABV 4.6% – this dark strong malty winter brew returns. Deep red in colour with a strong malty flavour with hints of chocolate and a spicy finish of ginger and coriander.

November/December/January

Winter Lightning ABV 5.5% - Brewed with Fuggles and East Kent Golding hops very lightly spiced this chestnut ale is deceptively drinkable December/ January Pickled Santa ABV strong spicy limited edition Christmas Ale.

December/ January

Elf & Hoppiness ABV 3.9% - Pale chestnut coloured easy drinking Christmas brew with juicy hops and seasonal spices to get you in the celebratory mood.

February will feature a new recipe to be called New Zealand Pale with an ABV of 4.0%.

Sixpenny Brewery

Congratulations to Sixpenny Brewery as the Sixpenny Tap has now returned to the Good Beer Guide after two years absence and the Tap is also the "Country Pub of the Year" for the East Dorset Camra Branch.

The autumn/winter seasonal beer, Sixpenny Black, was due to become available at the end



of October in time for the Brewery's second "Octoberfest". The Black is described as "a honey porter, rich and full flavoured, brewed with chocolate and brown malts, dark and smooth".

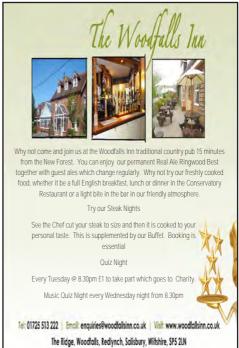
In August, the Brewery was represented at the Great British Beer Festival by two of its regular beers, IPA and Best. In the same month, 19 members and guests from our Branch (Salisbury & S Wilts) visited the Sixpenny Summer Open Day on a coach trip from Salisbury. An auction at the Open Day raised approximately £3000 for the Bloodwise Charity.

Future events at the Brewery include The Big Curry Lunch (11th November) in support of the Soldiers' Charity (ABF) and the Christmas Open Day (December date to be decided) with carols, Mummers play, music, barbecue, etc. Meanwhile, the fortnightly Monday "Fish and Chips" evenings continue (October 1st, 15th, etc)

until they stop over the winter and Pizzas are still available on Friday evenings (5 – 7.30pm). Details and dates of events are usually posted first on the Sixpenny Facebook page.









A legacy of cider making continued...



SOUTH WILTSHIRE PUBS IN THE GOOD BEER GUIDE

Ifteen pubs in Salisbury and South Wiltshire have been voted into the latest edition of the Good Beer Guide published by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). They include the Radnor Arms in Nunton, three miles south of Salisbury. It is the first time that the Radnor Arms has been voted into the Good Beer Guide by local CAMRA members with personal experience of pubs in the South Wiltshire area. The landlady Louise Penny was presented with her Good Beer Guide certificate by Ian Turner, chairman of the Salisbury & South Wilts branch of CAMRA, and Andrew Hesketh, the branch secretary.

"I think it is very exciting and a great achievement," said Louise. "It is hard work looking after these lovely ales, it takes a lot of time and effort." Louise took over the running of the pub a year ago on behalf of licensee Jason Schinkel, who also has the Bat & Ball in Breamore, near Fordingbridge. She was already familiar with the Nunton pub as her father Richard was landlord from 1983 to 1999 and so she lived there as a child.



Another of the fresh entries in the Good Beer Guide is the New Inn, a traditional pub in New Street in the centre of Salisbury. Rachel Cox been landlady of the





New Inn since 2009 and has made it an extremely popular venue. Born in Somerset, Rachel gained huge experience running pubs in London, some of them in extremely challenging locations, and has found Salisbury a much more congenial place to run a business. It is the first time that the New Inn has been in the Good Beer Guide since 1983

Ian Turner, chairman of the Salisbury & South Wilts branch of CAMRA, said: "We are lucky to have so many good pubs in this area and inclusion in the Good Beer Guide is a tremendous accolade for the very best of them".

Altogether 130 pubs in the area covered by the Salisbury & South Wilts Branch of CAMRA were eligible for inclusion in Britain's premier guide to real ale but CAMRA members chose only the top 15.

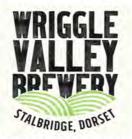
The full list of South Wiltshire pubs to be included can be found in the 2019 edition of the Good Beer Guide, which is now on sale. As well as 4,500 of the best real ale pubs in Great Britain, it includes a comprehensive breweries section. It is available at £11.00 to CAMRA members or £13.00 to non-members plus postage and packing from CAMRA at www.camra.org.uk/gbg

Will Bennett,
Salisbury & S. Wiltshire branch

Editor's note: Choosing the next Good Beer Guide pubs At the beginning of December voting papers to select pubs for the next edition of Good Beer Guide will be sent to all branch members. Only pubs that a branch member has visited, entered a national beer scoring system (NBSS) score for and nominated to the branch will be on that list. The choice then depends on the number of members voting and getting their forms in before 26 January 2019.









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HOW DOES A PUB GET INTO THE GOOD BEER GUIDE?

You probably know about the 'Good Beer Guide', published by CAMRA which lists the best pubs in the UK and that is available both in hardcopy and as a mobile phone app. Do you know however how pubs are selected to appear in the Guide?

The answer is that each branch is allocated a number of places in the guide and each branch has a slightly different method of choosing which pubs will be submitted. The overall criterion however is that the pub consistently serves good quality real ale.

How can we tell the pub is consistently serving good quality real ale? It is largely via beer scores submitted by CAMRA members from all over the country. So, if you've ever wondered why your favourite pub does not appear in the Guide, it could well be because you, and others, have not entered scores rating the quality of beer there. By beer scoring, you can contribute to the process of selection of pubs that go in the Good Beer Guide.

How do I score the beer quality?

You don't have to be an 'expert' to begin scoring your beer. The main thing to remember is that you are simply rating the quality. It is not about what is your favourite beer, for example you may try a beer that is not to your normal taste but what you need to consider is the quality of that beer and score it according to the general guide below. It is a simple system of a range from 0 to 5, with half points being used if your opinion of the beer falls between two categories.

0. NO CASK ALE AVAILABLE

1. POOR.

Beer is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.

2. AVERAGE.

Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, not worth moving to another pub but you drink the beer without really noticing.

3. GOOD.

Good beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to the next pub. You want to stay for another pint and may seek out the beer again.

4. VERY GOOD.

Excellent beer in excellent condition. You stay put!

5. PERFECT.

Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely

How do I submit my scores?

First of all you must be a member of CAMRA. Log in to CAMRA's online pub guide www.whatpub.com. Here you will find a list of over 35,800 real ale pubs from all over the UK; these are not all Good Beer Guide pubs, but are pubs that serve real ale. In order to submit scores via What Pub you need to:-

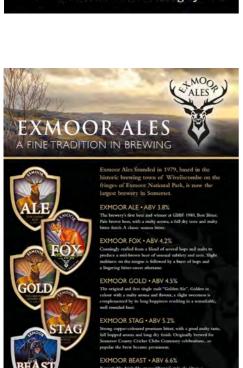
- Login, to do this you need your membership number and your CAMRA password (if you have never logged into a CAMRA site and do not know your password contact your branch secretary or nbss officer and they will tell you).
- 2. You can then search for the pub by name, be careful here as there are many pubs in the country which share the same name, so it is advisable to enter the pub name and the town. In practise you rarely get beyond the first 2 or 3 letters of the town name before a suggestion automatically appears.
- 3. Once you have the page for the pub a 'Submit Beer Scores' box will appear on the right hand side of the screen (computer version) or on the tab bar underneath the pub photo (smart phone version).
- 4. Fill in the date and your score then as you begin typing the brewery name should appear automatically underneath where you are typing. You do not have to enter the name of the beer you are drinking but if you wish to do so once you have entered the brewery name you should be able to click on the arrow in the Beer box and a drop down list of that brewery's beers should appear. In some cases the beer you are drinking may be new or a one off by the Brewery so may not appear on the list, if this is the case you can simply type in the beer name. Select the correct one click 'submit score' and your score will be entered into the database.

It is as simple as that. An added bonus is that it will keep a record of your scores so you can, if you wish, look back to see what beers you have had and how you rated them.

If you are not a member of CAMRA, sorry, you cannot score but you still can use WhatPub to locate and tell you about pubs around the country. This works best of course if you have got the location detector switched on on your mobile phone.

Happy Beer Scoring!







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DIARY DATES Salisbury & South Wiltshire



NOVEMBER 2018

7th OPEN BRANCH MEETING 8pm Anchor and Hope Winchester St, Salisbury (7:30 for Tasting Panel)

21st SOCIAL- CITY SAUNTER

8pm Pheasant, Five Bells, Cycling Club,
British Legion, Avon Brewery

30th SOCIAL – MINIBUS TRIP
7pm from Salisbury Coach Park -Barford
Inn, Barford St Martin; Penruddocke
Arms Dinton; Wyndham Arms Dinton;
Black Dog Chilmark

DECEMBER 2018

5th OPEN BRANCH MEETING
7:30pm King's Head Bridge St, Salisbury
This meeting will incorporate the annual
Christmas Mailout

21st SOCIAL - THE CELEBRATED GOOD BEER GUIDE PUBS SAUNTER 7pm Duck Inn, Wyndham Arms, Winchester Gate, Rai d'Or, New Inn, Haunch of Venison, Duke of York, Village Freehouse

JANUARY 2019

2nd OPEN BRANCH MEETING 8pm Cycling Club, Salt Lane, Salisbury (7:30 for Tasting Panel)

5th WINTER SOCIAL - BANGERS & BEER
 12 midday The Pheasant Salt Lane. See branch website for detail

16th SOCIAL- CITY SAUNTER
8pm Huntsman, Wig & Quill, New Inn,
Old Ale House

25th & WINTERFEST
26th Royal British Legion Club Endless St, Salisbury
Friday 6:30-11; Saturday 11-3:30 and 6:30-11

DIARY DATES Heart Of Wessex Branch

NOVEMBER 2019

6th OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
7.30pm at the Ship Inn, Shaftesbury

21st SOCIAL - THE BELL & CROWN
Zeals (8.15pm) then to the White Lion,
Bourton (9.15pm)

22nd SOCIAL – MINIBUS TRIP
7pm from Salisbury Coach Park
-Compasses Chicksgrove, Greater Good
Fovant, Ship Inn Burcombe, Victoria &
Albert Netherhampton

DECEMBER 2019

4th OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
7.30pm at the Red Lion, Kilmington

19th SOCIAL- SHAFTESBURY starting at the Mitre at 8.00pm then the Grosvenor and the Ship



CRYPTIC BEER QUIZ

Courtesy of Paul Simpson, Salisbury & S. Wiltshire CAMRA

Solve the 10 clues below to reveal the names of beers from our local brewers. Then take the first letter from each answer, in order, to reveal the county town of Dorset.

- 1. This breakfast pastry will blow you away (6,8)
- 2. Ed Molosky is employed as a porter at

Netheravon station (3,6)

- 3. Sounds like a very discourteous Scandinavian?
 (6)
- 4. Tap it, unwrap it? (9,6)
- 5. Completely worn out the loony hen bed was broken up and consumed (5,6)
- **6.** A beer Inspector Morse tried hard to find? (9)
- 7. It's secretly hidden in the energy generated by solar panels (2,1,1)
- 8. Hop in to a bar and break open this refreshing beer (8)
- This broken hole lingers knowingly in the country's knowledge and tradition passed on by word of mouth. (7,4)
- 10. The soviet citizen playing with his little wheel? (7,8)





County town - Dorchester

7. So.L.A. - Dark Revolution 8. Taiphoon - Hop Back 9. English Lore - Gritchie 10. Russian Roulette - Downton Answers:

1. Danish Dynamite - Stonechenge
2. Old Shoeyey - Stonechenge
4. Chocolate Orange - Downton
5. Honey Blonde - Downton
6. Endeavour - Downton
6.



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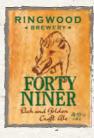














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