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## A 'hoppy' trip to Brighton.



Mark Tranter, Head Brewer and a founder of Dark Star Brewery accepts a certificate for Hophead Bitter from Branch Chairman Richard Knox (the handsome one on the right)

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October representatives of the local CAMRA branch made a trip to Brighton to present the Dark Star Brewery with a certificate to commemorate their Hophead Bitter gaining second position in our Summerfest 2005 beer festival.

The presentation was made in the Evening Star public house. This is where the Dark Star brewery started in 1994 when half of the cellar was converted to brewing. Due to the high demand for the beer, the brewery expanded and moved to new premises near Haywards Heath in 2001.

Dark Star produce a range of regular and seasonal beers and have won at several CAMRA beer festivals with Hophead and with two darker beers Espresso Stout and Dark Star Porter. They have also won a number of SIBA awards in their time.

Dark Star brew a number of dark and light beers and also an uncloudy wheat beer flavoured with the same ingredients as Hoegaarden.

If you are thinking of visiting the pub and want to know what beers to expect look at the website [www.eveningstarbrighton.co.uk](http://www.eveningstarbrighton.co.uk) for a list of what is in the cellar.

Following the short (three hour!) presentation during which the selection of Dark Star beers were sampled, a tour round Brighton's 'golden triangle' of CAMRA good beer guide pubs followed. Never more than 500 yards from the railway station with direct trains to Salisbury, this was a splendid day out. Well done Dark Star.

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**Save Gales Brewery Campaign**

The Campaign to save Gales of Horndean continues. Following the take over by Fullers there are fears that they will stop brewing Gales beers move production - we know they have been test brewing them in Chiswick. There is concern that some of Gales 111 pubs will be sold or closed.

It is unlikely that London Gales would taste as good as Horndean Gales largely because Fullers use a bottom fermenting yeast and Gales use a top fermenter.

It was announced in mid January that 31 of the Gales staff are being made redundant as administration work is centralised although a distribution base at the site is promised.

To date no details of the brewery's future have been announced Fullers deny that they have the rumoured planning permission to keep the façade and build apartments and piazzas behind it.

Fullers also say they are committed to retaining the Gales Pubs

If you have any news of Gales or want to join in the campaign go to [www.savegales.org.uk](http://www.savegales.org.uk)

**SALISBURY BEEREX**

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## Pub & Brewery News

**Stonehenge Ales** have had a new floor installed within the building they can increase production by adding more fermenters. We hope to visit in the spring and check it out.

**The Apple Tree** at Morgans Vale which burnt down in 2003 has been refused change of use by the Secretary of State - John Prescott. The only higher level of appeal is the court and very expensive so it looks like they'll have to seriously look into rebuilding a pub. Maybe an ideal opportunity for a community venture.

Has the **Cross Keys** at Upper Chute re-opened yet?

## Peterborough by Pub

We recently had an evening in Peterborough so as usual consulted the Good Beer Guide to find some decent beer. There are 9 Pubs in the 2006 Guide, 8 within our walking distance of the B&B. We decided to visit three of them.

We started at Oakham Brewery Tap which serves a range of Oakham beers and several guests, they had fewer beers than usual - just 9. The JHB, Elgoods Black Dog and Bishops Farewell were lovely and we also enjoyed the Black Hole Porter The Thai food was excellent as well!

Our second pub, also owned by Oakham was Charters, an old gravel barge moored near the town bridge. They had 15 beers with some guests the same as those in the Brewery Tap. I especially liked the Salamander Three French Hens.

Finally we visited the Palmerston Arms which had 12 beers available. The Challenger IPA and Copper Dragon from Skipton went down a treat. We decided against Summer Lightning finished up with a Batemans Dark Mild and a Black Hole Porter which had aged more than in the Brewery Tap and I thought was better for it.

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## Branch Events

### February 2006

3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

Winterfest

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

Tisbury Crawl Salisbury station 6.45 Boot 7.20

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

Gosport Winterfest arrange own tickets

### March 2006

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>

Branch Meeting

8pm Village

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

City Crawl

8pm Old Ale House, 9pm Wig & Quill,

10pm Rai D'Or

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

Visit to Hop Back

10.40 X4 Bus from Salisbury  
or 11 am at the brewery

### April 2006

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>

Branch Meeting

8pm Winchester Gate

Items for Barrel Organ [hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk](mailto:hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk) 01722 333839

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