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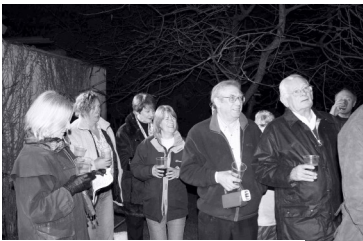
## Apple Tree Inn Re-Opens?



It was almost like old times as regulars from the Apple Tree Inn in Morgan's Vale and members of Salisbury CAMRA held a vigil and enjoyed a pint at the Apple Tree site of on 17th February. The only problem was the state of the pub.

The Apple Tree Inn at Morgan's Vale near Downton, was destroyed by fire in October 2003. Sadly the owners found themselves under-insured and unable to rebuild the pub.

They subsequently applied for planning permission to build 5 houses on the plot. Salisbury District Council refused the application and a subsequent appeal upheld the Council's decision.



Drinks by the Apple Tree

Locals, supported by Salisbury & South Wilts CAMRA have campaigned for the pub to be rebuilt and the site has finally been put up for sale as a pub site. It is understood that there are parties interested in doing just that.

The event was held as part of CAMRA's Community Pubs week

when we try to raise awareness of the value of a community pub. In some areas the traditional pub providing a community focus and a place for neighbours to meet and mingle is under threat. As more pubs across the country close it seems that the community locals suffer in favour of the large theme pubs.



The 'bar' at the Apple Tree

The Apple Tree illustrates how important Community Pubs are and highlighting the plight of places like Morgan's Vale is just what Community Pubs week is all about. Here is the community of regulars who know what it is like to lose their local and really want it back. The council has supported them by not granting change of use for the site so now all that is needed is someone prepared to provide the much needed pub.

Pub regularly selling short measures?- Contact Wiltshire Trading Standards (01722) 328367

If you want to keep your community pub you need to use it so it remains a viable business and safe from developers. If you don't you too could be publess.

If you are reading this in you friendly local, spare a thought for the regulars from the Apple Tree desperate to have their pub back so they can support it. In Community Pubs Week we also celebrated some successes and visited the Butt of Ale at Paul's Dene which was closed, application for demolition and development of housing was made and refused by the council. Again there was a community who wanted their pub back and got it and now use it.



An ex-local makes up for lost time

### Still Crawling

As well as visiting the **Butt of Ale** in Community Pubs week we called in on some other Community based pubs. The **Dust Hole** had Hop Back GFB, then on to the **Tollgate** where we had Badger Best and Tanglefoot. We then visited the **Huntsman** which as an ex-Eldridge Pope pub is now owned by Marstons. They had a choice of Pedigree, Burton Bitter and Jennings Cumberland Ale. It will be interesting to see how the choice changes in these pubs as Marstons have a very wide range of beers.

March city crawl was along the Wilton Road starting at the **Halfway House**. There are new people in here and the pub was busy with a lively buzz of conversation. Opening hours have been extended and there are three Goldfinch beers available Tom Brown's, Midnight Sun and either Flashman's Clout or Midnight Blinder. We tried the Ringwood in each of The **Malmesbury Arms**, which also had 6X, The **Horse & Groom** and The **Wilton**. I thought the best one was in Wilton. We ended

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### The Cuckoo Inn



**The Cuckoo Inn** Hamptworth is a warm, friendly and traditional pub run by Tim Bacon. Just North of the New Forest

accessed from the A356 at Landford. It is well known for providing a good selection of beers all served from the cask also excellent food and snacks. Children are welcome and can be accommodated within the enclosed garden that surrounds this pleasant English pub.

*Private garden with barbecue and Petanque terrains available by arrangement.*

**Hamptworth, Salisbury, Wiltshire  
SP5 2DU  
Tel: 01794 390302**

## SALISBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

### BEER FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY MAY 5TH**

7 pm to midnight

**SATURDAY MAY 6TH**

11.30 am to 3.30 pm

7 pm to midnight

**16 REAL ALES: CIDER: FOOD**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVES**

TICKETS £5 each session

Available April

Further Details from the Club

(01722) 325317

## Winterfest 10

This year Winterfest reached its 10th Anniversary and was once again well attended and greatly enjoyed by those who came along.

Of the 21 beers available there were more dark ones than usual as some of the lighter coloured ones proved difficult to get hold of and were replaced by Porters. It is good to see that there are so many of this endangered beer style still available. AS usual there was the chance to vote for Beer of the Festival and for the first time ever we had joint winners.

**Fyne Ales Pipers Gold** from Scotland and **RCH Double Header** from Somerset. We will be awarding well deserved certificates to these two breweries in due course.

Two of our local brewers put their autumn beers aside to mature for longer so we were treated well matured **Stonehenge Ales Old Smokey** and **Downton Dark Delight**.

Watch this space for **Winterfest 11**

up in **The Village** where we had a choice of 5 beers. The Bowman Ales Quiver was excellent, this is a new brewery in Hampshire set up by the ex-brewer from Cheriton brewery. The Keystone Gold Spice ginger beer had a goodly gingery flavour in a full bodied golden beer.

### Talking of Beer

As we move into spring we see the end of the Winter Beers and the appearance of the Spring Seasonals.

Much talked about is **Sign of Spring from Stonehenge Ales** - the green beer. Also locally brewed are **Hidden brewery's Hidden Spring** and **Spring Zing from Hop Back**.

CAMRA is preparing for **May is Mild Month** and you should be able to get a range of this endangered beer style from the Village Freehouse in Salisbury.

### and Cider

The Cider with Rosie which was popular last year at Beerex and on draught at **Abbey Stores** in Salt Lane has just arrived back there for another season. This batch even contains apples from Abbey stores garden.



### QuadHop 3.9%

A very hoppy crisply refreshing lower gravity bitter.



### Chimera IPA 6.8%

Award-winning real IPA with the alcohol and hops to survive at trip to India (we believe). Available in bottles.



Also a range of monthly specials contact Martin 01722 322890

## Branch Events

### April

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting 20.00 Royal George  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> City Crawl 20.00 Royal Oak, 21.00 Devizes Inn,  
22.00 Deacons  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Minibus to Enford, Chisenbury

### May

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Branch Meeting 20.00 Village  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Bike Ride Wylde Valley  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Hidden Brewery Tasting  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Amesbury Crawl 1935 6 or 8 bus from Salisbury  
20.00 Greyhound 20.30 George 21.15 New Inn,  
22.00 Antrobus 22.50 bus to Salisbury

Names for Minibus Trips to Chris 07989185049

Details for cycle rides contact Ian Turner 01722 331134

Branch Contact Mike Bird 01722 333839

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## Join CAMRA Online

[www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)

## SALISBURY BEEREX 2007

Salisbury Arts Centre

Fri & Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June

Tickets on sale from the Arts Centre  
from

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

£10 (including first 2 half pints)

run by:

Salisbury Rotary & Rotary Cogs

Salisbury Arts Centre

with CAMRA support



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  
(March - May)

Second to None 4.6% ABV  
(June - August)

Old Smokey 5.0% ABV  
(Sept. - Nov.)

Rudolph 5.0% ABV  
(December - January)

[www.stonehengeales.co.uk](http://www.stonehengeales.co.uk)