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Victoria & Albert Netherhampton

- Salisbury CAMRA Pub of the Year 2007



Pete & Maggie receive a certificate for Pub of the Year 2007

On May 10th several members of Salisbury CAMRA headed to the Victoria & Albert, Netherhampton to present them with a certificate awarding them Branch Pub of the Year 2007. It was also Maggie's birthday and the party was in full swing when we arrived. As ever the beer was excellent and the atmosphere friendly - if rather wet from the continuous rain.

The branch Chairman presented Landlord's Pete Martin and Maggie Scott with their certificate

saying that the award was well deserved as the Victoria & Albert provides excellent Real Ale a community focus and supports the work of CAMRA to keep a good choice of quality real ale available in pubs which are a pleasure to visit. Future generations should continue to have pubs like the Victoria & Albert not just soul less drinking sheds or cheap cans in front of the TV.

In previous years the Pub of the Year has been chosen by discussion within branch meetings. This year was the first time it was selected by a vote open to all members in the branch so more people could, and did, have a say in the selection.

The next stage in the national CAMRA pub of the year competition is the regional award where pubs from the CAMRA branches in Wessex are judged against set criteria.

The other pubs at this stage are:

Bermuda Triangle Parkstone, Blue Raddle Dorchester, Yarbridge Inn, Brading, IOW, Plough Inn Little London nr Tadley, Hole in the Wall Southsea, Three Horseshoes East Worldham nr Alton, Guide Dog Southampton.

Good Luck V&A - and we'll have the result for the October Barrel Organ.

National News

April 21st & 22nd saw 2 members of the Committee in Wolverhampton at the CAMRA Members Weekend and national AGM. There were lots of topics for discussion including an open forum on the Brewing Industry in the 21st Century which allowed us to say what we think CAMRA should do about breweries being taken over and closed.

We discussed how we should keep records of pubs closing and what we can do to get warning about plans to convert them into housing or similar.

We also considered the effect the sale of alcohol as a loss leader by supermarkets was having on excessive drinking and on pubs as it is so much cheaper to drink at home. As the government are clamping down on pubs with happy hours then they should do the same for supermarkets where on occasions the beer is cheaper than water.

Was it all serious discussions? The local branches had arranged a brewery open day with lots of their breweries and we visited some wonderful pubs.

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Local News

The Lions Head at the Common in Winterslow has suddenly closed and may be after change of use for housing. The residents of Winterslow need to be ready to lobby the council if a planning application is made. Salisbury District Council has a policy of refusing change of use for the 'last pub in a settlement' and the Lions Head is certainly that—it's a fair trek from The Common to Middle Winterslow. Also if there is evidence that someone has made an offer to buy it as a pub it is obviously considered to be a viable business. CAMRA will support you but be ready to save your pub.

Congratulations

At the recent South West SIBA festival in Newton Abbot, Keystone brewery of Berwick St Leonard won the Speciality Beers class with Gold Spice - a grown up ginger beer. Hidden Spring and Stonehenge Danish Dynamite were runners up in Premium and Strong classes and Hop Back Entire Stout was 3rd in the bottled beers. won the



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Out & About

CAMRA have been on their travels again - to the pubs around the area.

The city crawl in April took us along Devizes Rd where both the **Royal Oak** and the **Devizes Inn** had 'GFB' to **Deacons** who had 'Elder' from Flowerpots Brewery in Cheriton, St Austell 'Doombar', 'GFB' and 'Summer Lightning'.

Flowerpots brewery is in the building used by Cheriton Brewery but with different brewers.

Finally we went to the **Village** with Stonehenge 'Sign of Spring', Northumberland 'Legends of the Tyne - Bobby Mitchell' 'Quadhop' and 'Landlord'.

May saw us in Amesbury where we visited the **Greyhound** with 'Bombadier' and 'Old Speckled Hen', the **George** where they had the new beer from Caledonian—'XPA' which is stronger and very slightly darker than the Deuchars IPA. The **New Inn** had '6X', 'Spitfire', 'Green King IPA' and 'Ringwood Best' and finally the **Antrobus**. The best beer of the evening was in the **Antrobus** where we had 'GFB', '6X' and 'Hidden Pleasure' to choose from.

The April minibus trip visited Bulford, Enford &



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East Chisenbury. The **Rose & Crown** at Bulford had 'Greene King IPA', 'Old Speckled Hen' and 'Morlands Original'. We sat out in the evening sun at the **Swan** in Enford and enjoyed Stonehenge 'Heel Stone' and Wychwood 'Hobgoblin'—not often seen in this area. At the **Red Lion** East Chisenbury we admired the Iguana as we enjoyed Cottage 'Wessex Spring' and Blindmans 'Golden Spring'. It is good to see so many beers available from relatively local small breweries.

May is Mild Month

A few local brewers produced a Mild for May. **Three Castles brewery** in Pewsey had **Mad Spring Mild** at 4.7% available at The **Village Freehouse**, alongside **Tower Mild** from **Southport Brewery**. **Hidden Brewery** went beyond the low hops of a mild and produced a one with NO hops. The local branch were visiting Hidden Brewery and their pub the **Bell at Wylfe** on 11th May for a tasting and were asked before then to suggest names for the mild from which one would be chosen. On 11th May **Hidden Hops** was launched and proved a talking point. I didn't get there but reports are that it is tasty once you are used to their being no hops. We wait for other comments and hope to try it at Beerex.

Branch Events

June

Wed 6 th	Branch Meeting	20.00 Railway Club
Sat 16 th	Minibus trip	Alderbury, Whaddon Whiteparish
Wed 20 th	City Crawl	20.00 Ale House, 21.00 Wig & Quill, 22.00 Rai D'Or

29 - 30th BEEREX

July

Wed 4 th	Branch AGM	20.00 Village
Sun 8 th	Bike Ride to Malet Arms	10.30 Rugby Club
Wed 18 th	Downton Crawl	
Sat 28 th	Minibus Trip	Mystery destination

August

Wed 1 st	Branch Meeting	20.00
Sun 5 th	Bike Ride to Woodford Valley	10.30 Leisure Centre

Names for Minibus Trips to Chris 07989185049

Details for cycle rides contact Ian Turner 01722 331134

Branch Contact Mike Bird 01722 333839

Items for Barrel Organ hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk 01722 333839

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