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## Salisbury & South Wiltshire Campaign for Real Ale

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### Good News for Tied Pubs?

The Government has decided to revoke the Land Agreements Exclusion Order 2004. This meant that pub companies or breweries with tie agreements with their pubs did not have to notify the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) of the details of the agreement. CAMRA believe that this exemption gradually led pub tie agreements to be considered exempt from Competition Laws and that many ties do penalise the pub landlord and go against these Competition Laws. Current law is that any companies with Land agreements have to self assess them against Competition Law, they no longer have to notify the OFT about each agreement - so in many ways the exclusion for Pub owning companies was no longer needed.

From April 2011 Pub Owning Companies will have to self assess their tie agreements and CAMRA are hoping that this will encourage new, less restrictive, agreements to develop. I also makes it clear that tie agreements do have to comply with Competition Law and it should be easier for someone penalised by an agreement to appeal against it.

Currently licensees in Pub company and brewery owned pubs have to buy their beer from their owning company who frequently charge them 50p a pint more than they would pay in the free trade.

Maybe this will bring a sustainable future for more pubs and a fair deal for the consumers.

You may remember from last Augusts Barrel Organ that CAMRA were using their super-complainer status to ask the OFT to investigate competition in the UK Pubs market - they have decided not to and CAMRA are complaining.

You can find out more about this at [www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=313534](http://www.camra.org.uk/page.aspx?o=313534)

### Locale Update

Another Pub in the area has been awarded LocAle accreditation - **The White Horse Inn, Quidhampton.**

If you always have a local beer and want to apply contact [locale@salisburycamra.org.uk](mailto:locale@salisburycamra.org.uk)



### Why Not Join CAMRA

The most successful consumer organisation ever, now with 109,767 members.

Support Real Ale by joining or do more by getting involved with the local branch.

We have regular pub crawls, run beer festivals, object to pub closures and add our bit to the renowned Good Beer Guide Publication. Join online [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk)

## Pubs Un-Tied

We're all used to pubs being part of an estate tied to a brewery, or part of a pub chain. In both cases the range of beers on offer can be limited. This CAMRA branch area is fortunate to still have many independent pubs. The choice of beers is down to the guv'nor, who is able to tailor the range to the customers much more than in other establishments. It means that choice over this set of pubs is much wider than for those with ties, and a visit will usually reveal a tasty & interesting beer. It can also mean the pub character is more individual, rather than décor and atmosphere being dictated from upon high.

There are so many examples, so here's a small sample.

The Horseshoe in Ebbesbourne Wake, towards the west end of the Chalke Valley, normally has 4 beers on gravity from all over the south. This charming old hostelry in a picturesque village also usually has real cider, a splendid menu of high quality food, and a garden and outlook to die for. The 29 bus from Salisbury (Monday-Saturday) allows you to have lunch there; food is available Tuesday-Sunday.

The Swan at Enford has a rare over-road sign gantry. This is a real locals pub – indeed, they part-own it! Local beers rub shoulders with some from further away; the low ceiling and comforting food combine for a cosy atmosphere. The pub is a short walk across the river from the main road that carries the 5/6 bus service from Salisbury for a lunch or early-evening visit, even on a Sunday.

A little north from the Swan, along the back road to Upavon, is the Red Lion at East Chisenbury. At least two micro-brewery ales provide the ideal accompaniment to the locally-sourced food in this recently-refurbished establishment run by people devoted to the highest quality of food and drink.



### The Rai D'Or Salisbury CAMRA Pub of the Year 2008

69 Brown St 01722 327137

Historic Freehouse dating from 1292 is a small, cosy pub with a relaxed bar bistro atmosphere.

At peak times its best to book a table if you want to dine on our excellent, reasonably priced, authentic Thai food - served 5.30 -10.30

We welcome drinkers at the bar where we specialise in local microbrewed ales including Downton, Stonehenge, Bowman, Yeovil and have a CAMRA discount if you stay for more than one pint.

Open Mon - Sat 5pm - 11pm



The Old Mill  
Netheravon  
01980 670631

### 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  
(Feb - May)

Eye-Opener 4.5% ABV  
(June - August)

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

Rudolph 5.0% ABV  
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foods in stock and, dare we say  
it, some very nice wines.

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*We work, you drink!*

Within the city itself, several independents thrive. Conrans Bar on Salt Lane, just behind the bus station, has at least two quality ales from far and wide (perhaps Adnams, Butcombe, Cottage), an eclectic clientele, and wholesome lunches with an Irish slant. Live music on Friday and Saturday evenings enhances the atmosphere.

The Rai D'Or, a pub with a fascinating history, is located on the corner of Brown Street and Trinity Street in the East Chequer, and is open Monday-Saturday evenings. Always two southern-based beers from micro-breweries, such as Bowmans or Downton, are provided by the enthusiastic landlord. The Thai food is so popular that booking is almost essential.

What is common to all these pubs - & many others - is a strong choice of tasty, interesting quality ales that go beyond the usual and are popular with regulars & visitors alike; a good menu; & a warm welcome. And being independent, they are more individual. Seek out and enjoy!

Full details of these pubs can be found in the Salisbury & S.Wilts CAMRA Pub Guide.

Peter Wicks, Bulford

### Country Crawling

Our most recent minibus crawl was along the Avon Valley in December starting at the **Rose & Crown in Bulford** with some **Greene King IPA** and **Old Speckled Hen**, then the **Plough in Durrington** for some **Shepherd Neame Spitfire**. Sadly the Dog & Gun in Netheravon had no real ale but we were able to sample **Stonehenge Heelstone** and **Ramsbury Christmas Cracker** at the **Swan in Enford**. Finally to the **Red Lion at East Chisenbury** for some **Braydon Ales** (a new local brewery) **Pot Walloper** and more **Ramsbury Christmas Cracker**.

My best pint - Ramsbury Christmas Cracker in the Red Lion.

## Branch Events

### February

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Branch Meeting 8pm Winchester Gate  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Minibus to Woodfalls area and Yew Tree Beer Fest  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> City Crawl 8pm Kings Arms Hotel, Cloisters 9pm Queens ,  
Huntsman, 10pm Rai D'Or

### March

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Branch Meeting 8pm Black Horse Castle St  
Thu 25<sup>th</sup> City Crawl with SE London Branch  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Tisbury Crawl with SE London Branch

### Apr

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting 8pm Winchester Gate  
Minibus details from Chris 07989185049

Items for Barrel Organ hilary.bird@salisburycamra.org.uk 01722 333839  
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### TREE, ODSTOCK BEER FESTIVAL

February 12<sup>TH</sup> 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>

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## **SALISBURY RUGBY CLUB BEER FESTIVAL**

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Fri 7.00 - Midnight**  
**Sat 7.00 - Midnight**

**Tickets On sale from April**  
**at the Clubhouse**  
**Castle Rd, SALISBURY**

**Bar Games**

**Call 01722 325317 for**  
**further details and tickets**