

Chad Sams interviewed by Julie Christie

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Julie: This is Julie Christie interviewing Chad Sams from the Iron Horse in of Cardiff about the storms of June 8-11th of 2007.

Chad: Chad Sams

Chad: Um, I don't know. Worked on Friday uh probably around about 5.30 the water all started to all come in. Um, a few funny things were that of one of the ladies across the road in the chemist was stuck and one of the blokes who was actually drinking inside the pub took his clothes off and in his undies swam across and rescued her.

Julie: How deep was the water then?

Chad: Deep, probably knee high, probably took 3-5 minutes before it fully reached our knee height. Um, we had kegs that we stuck around the back of the bottle shop floating down the street, cars floating down the street, it was pretty havoc, never seen nothing before like it, um.

Julie: Were you worried.

Chad: No I wasn't worried there was a lot of people that were worried but I was actually, um, I don't know, I suppose it was a different experience. I sort of enjoyed it all, you know, I just made sure everyone at work was alright. The people at work were panicking, staff and patrons, we just made sure they were alright and when it was safe for them to leave, and we let them leave, and when it wasn't we sat them all up on the tables and chairs so they couldn't get wet.

Julie: Have you had a chance to see them since?

Chad: No, only the staff that work here, I haven't really seen, a few patrons have come back but the patrons that have come back were the ones that really weren't worried about it all. They'd actually seen one before so they've been here done that I guess. It was a first thing for me, like I said I enjoyed it, I wasn't panicked or anything like that.

Julie: At what time were you able to go home?

Chad: I was probably able to go home at 9 o'clock, around about but I stayed back and helped. The actual water rose up to knee high and then it went back down and then it rose back up and I reckon that's and probably it all went down at about 9 or 9:30.

Chad: No, no trouble, we um, you know I got home in a 4 wheel drive but still on the roads there was a little bit of water but nothing major. Probably up near the Crossroads cause I live at Speers Point as we were going down towards turning off to Crossroads, down to go towards Speers Point there were a lot of cars all banked up on the traffic lights and that, we had to stop obviously they were broken, the sides of the road up on the medium strips we had a power pole down across Boolaroo so we had no power for one or two days. Other than that

we didn't get hit at Speers Point we were pretty lucky