Celebrating the Real Ale Scene in Sussex

Sussex Drinker

Autumn 2022

Free





Sussex Branches
Beer Festival
at The Bluebell Railway
Fri 23 – Sun 25 September
Sheffield Park Station,
Station Approach, Uckfield
TN22 3QL
(See pages 3 & 19)

Beer & Cider Festival
Fri 28 - Sat 29 October

Fri 28 - Sat 29 October Guildbourne Centre, Chapel Road, Worthing, BN11 1LZ (See page 21)





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Eastbourne Beer Festival

Fri 7 – Sat 8 October

Winter Garden, 14 Compton Street, Eastbourne BN21 4BP (See page 25)

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Sussex Branches Beer Festival at the Bluebell Railway returns for its second year Friday 23 - Sunday 25 September



A great selection of local Sussex and National ales will be available together with a carefully curated selection of cider and perry.



Located in the iconic engine shed at Sheffield Park Station you will enjoy the atmosphere as rolling stock is shunted from the yard to the mainline adjacent to the cask ale bar.

A program of live music is planned for Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday sessions. For those who prefer no music the Friday afternoon is planned to be free of live music.





Changes to make this vear even better include a areater selection of hot food options from the Bluebell Railway and visiting food truck partners; Water stations:

Frequent shuttle train services to additional unique beers at East Grinstead and Horsted Keynes; and The Bessemer Arms station bar is hosting a craft beer Taproom Takeover and offering wine and spirits throughout the festival.

Tickets on sale from the Bluebell Railway events page of their website. I hope to see you there.

> **Jason Phillips** Festival Organiser

SUSSEX PUB SCRATCHINGS

News of new developments and updates on the Sussex pub scene will be gratefully received by the Editor for consideration in Scratchings. The standard disclaimer on page 26 applies to all items.

Please use <u>WhatPub.com</u> for details of all Sussex pubs, and we've made every effort to ensure details on WhatPub are accurate, however we strongly advise checking ahead before visiting, by phone, website or Facebook page.

■ BATTLE

The Battle Tap as well as Battle Organic Cider's outlet, both in the High Street, were mentioned in the Summer edition. They are unconnected businesses and almost opposite each other, making Battle an even more interesting town.



The **Battle Tap** is open every day, serving both cask and keg brews, primarily from Battle Brewery. Located one mile away from Battle, the Brewery itself

also has a bar: it's walkable from the town in 20 minutes across the countryside. A map and details are on the website, www. battlebrewery.com.



Battle Organic Cider Bar now opens on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12 to 7 pm. serving

their locally produced real cider. Our article in the previous issue (page 22) featured Battle Cider. The magazine can be downloaded from the CAMRA Sussex website if you don't have the previous edition to hand.

The **Railway** is worth a visit too, with Harvey's Best and a guest: Dartmoor Legend from the West Country was enjoyed here recently.

BEXHILL ON SEA

Congratulations to **Traffers Bar**, Egerton Road, which is *South East Sussex branch's LocAle Pub of the Year 2022*! It's awarded for supporting local breweries, serving their products with interest and enthusiasm.

■ BODLE STREET GREEN

The **White Horse** in this quiet settlement to the north-east of Herstmonceux closed last year.

BOGNOR REGIS

If you tire of the retail parks of Bersted, the **Friary Arms** on Shripney Road is well worth a visit for a quiet pint or two. A fine Fuller's HSB and Sharpe's Sea Fury were on hand pump on a recent visit.

The **Waverley** on the sea front at the western end of town now serves three or four Langham's ales to enjoy with the sea views.

■ BRIGHTON

The **Hole in the Wall**, is planning a number of tap takeovers in the next few months, including The Kernel - July 14th, North Brewing - August 11th, Track brewing - September 9th and Left-Handed Giant - October 14th. All will feature cask beers and they aim to do one every month moving forward.

■ CHICHESTER

The **Bell**, opposite the Festival Theatre, is no longer a part of the Ei group.

■ CHILGROVE

The **Little Monster brewery** at Crows Hall Farm now has a taproom which is open on selected weekends. It is a ten to fifteen



TWENTY₁₂



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CRAWLEY

The **Swan** has much improved under Val and team and is a welcoming place serving an excellent pint of Fuller's London Pride. The pub runs a breakfast club for members of the armed forces and veterans (afVbc), on the 2nd Sunday of the month. When visiting check out the pod in the patio garden.

The outdoor music events at the **Brewery Shades** have been very successful and continue during weekend afternoons in August.

CROWBOROUGH

The **Cooper's Arms** are now open on Wednesdays, making opening hours Wednesday to Saturday 5 - 10 pm, and Sunday 2 pm - 8 pm. Apart from the regular Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter there are usually two or three others, sourced nationally, all in top condition.

EASTERGATE

The June beer festival at the **Wilkes' Head** was a great success, with 22 casks being lovingly emptied. Five or six real ales are always available; a recent favourite has been Return to Flight, a resurrection by Downlands of the original Dark Star APA.

FAIRLIGHT

The **Cove** in Fairlight reopened in April and continues to impress under the management of Henry David and Olivia Loveridge. Grace Dent, the Guardian's restaurant critic, praised the food (1st July), concluding that "The Cove is just a recently reopened pub with a paint job and a new menu near a beach in East Sussex, and it's trying to make the locals happy. It doesn't need to make waves nationally, but somehow I think it will". Meanwhile, beer drinkers will be encouraged to learn that the sole handpump serving Harvey's Best will shortly be supplemented with another, creating a choice of real ales.

■ FITTLEWORTH

The listed **Swan Hotel** dating back to the 15th century, and closed since December 2020, has been purchased by the Hollist Arms, Lodsworth licensee. A reopening date and further details will be provided in the next Sussex Drinker.

HANDCROSS

The **Royal Oak** has been closed and up for sale for a while, but refurbishment work has now commenced and the pub will hopefully reopen in the near future.

HASTINGS

The Old Town's real ale pubs like the Albion, Crown, Dolphin Inn, Jenny Lind and Jolly Fisherman continue to offer an excellent choice of ales. The **Albion** remains a cashfree zone, accepting only card payments. The **Crown** now has cask beers from Battle and Pig & Porter with a regular keg stout from Sussex brewery Only with Love.



The **Plough Inn** in Priory Road offers four real ales. Reopened in March, with friendly and helpful staff, it's now the only pub left on

West Hill. Refurbished inside and out with a large garden at the back.



The **Seadog**, a new venture near the station, offers two real ales, often from local breweries, with friendly, knowledgeable

staff and excellent food.

The **Jolly Fisherman**, East Beach Street, opens 2 pm at weekends and 4 pm during the week. Recently they had two ales on offer from breweries afar, a pale ale and a milk stout. Often they stock a craft keg

Traffers Bar

Traffers is a quiet, cosy, traditional community pub with good beer, pub grub, quiz nights, happy hour and function room.

Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and two changing ales, always from Sussex or Kent breweries.

South East Sussex CAMRA Branch LocAle Pub of the Year 2022





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stout from Kent brewer Time and Tide, and have two to eight real ciders and perries, including local ones.

HAYWARDS HEATH

The **Lockhart Tavern** will be repeating its successful Oktoberfest in the autumn with plenty of German beers and food. A tap takeover is also imminent. Details will emerge on social media.or give them a call!

The **Tap** (Bestens plus guests) is offering £1 off all cask beers every Sunday!

The **Hop Sun Taproom** has recently celebrated it's first anniversary of opening, featuring a range of Heathen Brewers special beers for the event. They will be hosting a special tap takeover at the end of September in the Oktoberfest spirit. They are hosting more community groups in their events space, so get in touch if you have an idea that is in need of a space to host it! Opening hours: Mon-Wed Closed; Thu & Fri 3pm-9pm; Sat noon-9pm; Sun noon-7pm.

HORAM

The **May Garland** closed in June for reasons unknown.

LINDFIELD

The **Stand Up**, which always features a range of local Sussex ales now has a regular quiz night (last Tuesday of the month) as well as an open mic night (first Tuesday of every month). A toad in the hole tournament is planned for September.

PETT



Here's Robin
Lyons with 150
different pump
clips. These
have graced the
pump handles
at the **Royal Oak**, during

Robin's first year. They're from more than 40 breweries, demonstrating that Robin and his team have a passion for real ale. As

well as these continuously changing ales, Harvey's Best is served. Meals are served Wednesday to Sunday with accommodation available too.

RYE

A new microbrewery, started by David Roder and his team at the **Waterworks** micropub, could be opening as soon as August. It's located in old dairy buildings to the north of Rye and will be producing Waterwork's own-brand ales, including their popular uRYEnal bitter, which up to now have been brewed at other facilities. There'll be a taproom too, to serve not just their own output but a changing line up from other microbreweries in the district, just like at the Waterworks itself.

At Rye Harbour the **William the Conqueror** now has a 10 metre long mural across the garden lawn. It's been painted by a local graffiti artist and features local landmarks including Rye Castle, the Church, the river and a windmill.

SCAYNES HILL

The **Sloop Inn** has added two huts to the garden, one for food and the other for beer. On a recent visit that included two ales from the local 360° Brewing Co.

SELSEY

After a short period of closure the **Crab Pot** has reopened, with a dash of red paint



inside and a revised layout, as the **Hopp Inn**. It is now family-run, with Jade still in cheerful charge. Bar food is also available.

■ SHOREHAM-BY-SEA

The **Duke of Wellington** is holding a beer festival, starts 5pm Thursday 25th to Monday 29th August with 25 real ales, 10 ciders, delicious food, and live music.

SIDLESHAM

Best known locally for its excellent carvery. the **Anchor** also usually has three well-kept ales from the Marston group on hand pump.

ST LEONARDS ON SEA

The **Duke** in Upper St Leonards was refurbished inside and out during the first lockdown. It's still offering two Gun beers and is currently for sale, freehold.

The Welcome, Tower, Nag's Head, and White Rock Hotel all offer a good range of real ales with a choice of LocAles too. The **Tower** is introducing keg beers alongside its real ales and ciders.

TURNERS HILL

The **Crown** is popular for food but also has three well kept ales available. Harvey's Sussex Best and St Austell Tribute are the regular beers, plus a regularly changing guest which was Wve Vallev HPA on a recent visit.

UCKFIELD



Harvey's tenancy, the Alma Arms. now opens throughout the week from midday. As we

publish this they are hoping to recruit a new chef so are currently unable to offer food until they find one. However, they continue to offer a good range of Harvey's beers. including Sussex Best Bitter and Harvey's seasonal brews when available, all in very good condition. In spite of the current lack of food the pub continues to be well supported by the local community, with regular and occasional one-off events, including a quiz and acoustic nights.

WIVELSFIELD GREEN

The **Cock Inn** generally serves Harvey's Sussex Best and two other local guest ales.

The Montreal Arms, Brighton



Charlie Southall, the owner of the Montreal Arms, where many of the distinctive green United Breweries exterior tiles were destroyed, had been given a year to replace them.

After issuing a temporary stop notice following complaints from local residents, Brighton & Hove City Council has issued a new stop notice and an enforcement notice requiring the tiles to be reinstated, there is an exception to permit tiles to be removed to allow for repairs to the lintels. According to a council spokesperson, "The enforcement notice also requires the reinstatement of glazed ceramic tiles to all elevations where they have been removed or damaged as a consequence of the unauthorised works. The timescale for compliance is one year after the notice takes effect." (May 24, 2023).

Mr Southall launched an appeal against the enforcement notice. This appeal is now live on the planning inspectorate's website, which states interested parties have until 3 August to comment.

Residents now fear he will argue the building is beyond repair and will need to be demolished, particularly after supports were put in place once the tiles were removed.

The appeal, which effectively pauses the enforcement notice, will be heard via written representations only.

Bru News

The Sussex Breweries Pages

Information here is generally supplied by the Brewery Liaison Officers (BLOs) named at the end of each report. BruNews is compiled by Roy Bray. A complete list of the breweries operating in Sussex, and their contact details, can be found on the breweries page on the Sussex branches website https://sussex.camra.org.uk/breweries

1648

East Hoathly 1648's summer favourites are on sale at their East Hoathly pub, the Kings Head. The amber **Lammas Ale** (4.2%) has just been brewed and regulars **Signature** (4.4%), **Bee Head** (4.6%), **Hop**

Pocket (3.7%), Triple Champion (4.0%) and Laughing Frog (5.2%) follow for the autumn. Potentially a surprise new one will appear before the winter dark ales.

BLO Barry Blewitt

360 DEGREES BREWING Sheffield Park

The brewery continues to increase production. There are now four regular casks available throughout the year - **Tacoma** 3.9%, **Bluebell Best** 4.3%, **Session IPA** 4.3% and **Fastback** 5.2%. These are also available in 5ltr minicasks direct from the brewery or via mail order.



The Taproom is building a regular clientele open on Fridays and Saturdays 12-9pm and 12 - 7pm Sunday with hot street food trucks changing each week and listed on the brewery website 360degreebrewing. com/taproom/.

BLO Jason Phillips

ABYSS

Framfield

Abyss continue to brew a range of modern keg beers, produced in rotation so that availability varies. The taproom license has been extended, with longer opening hours, while the garden has been enlarged with new plantings. It's very busy, especially at weekends. Full details and current opening times, generally Thursday to Sunday, can be found on the website (abyssbrewing.co.uk).

BLO John Quick

ADUR

Stevning

With **Ropetackle Gold** released, Adur had another of their favourite brews for the Steyning Beer Walk on 11th June. They are also considering producing five litre cans for the party and barbecue season. Interest in the beers has been strong with membership numbers at this democratic co-operative looking up.

BLO James Pounds

ARUNDEL.

Ford, Nr Arundel
Arundel Brewery is now the highest rated cask and keg brewery in West Sussex, according to users of the Untappd beer-rating app. Building on this success, the new brewing team, led by Bruce Tucker, continues to innovate with some exciting new brews in the pipeline.

BLO Tony Ashcroft

BATTI.E

Battle

Battle Brewery continue to expand their range with no less than four beers in keg form and plans for a fifth at the end of July. The seven core cask beers remain popular with local venues, as well as loyal drinkers in the High Street taproom and first time visitors alike. Ten varieties in bottles can be purchased at the taproom, direct from the brewery or delivered locally on a Thursday. The two latest additions to

the key range are a **New England IPA, NEIPA** (4.5%),
and a double dry-hopped

hazy **Session Pale** (4%). Both have proven to be extremely popular at the taproom and when the brewery bar is open. The High Street taproom is open 11 am to 11 pm seven days a week. The bar at the brewerv is open 12 - 4 pm on Fridays, and 12 - 6 pm on Saturdays. The brewery is open Monday to Thursday, 11 am - 4 pm, for takeaways and order collections only. Brew Day Experiences can be booked, please contact hello@battlebrewery.co.uk for details.

BLO Mac McCutcheon

BESTENS

Have moved to their Haywards Heath micropub. The Tap, South Street.

BLO TBC

BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

Horsham

A new brewer, Charlie, is due to take over after Robin moved on. Citrus Ale is the current seasonal, served alongside the core range of three. The autumn range is due to appear in September.

BLO Terry Shouler

BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

Worthing

The three core cask ales are in continuous production:

Scombrini IPA (4%), Swiss **Cottage Best Bitter** (4%) and Stormtrooper Golden

Ale (5%). The current seasonal ale is Citrus Pale which, unsurprisingly, is a citrusy pale ale (4.5%). A

cask smoked porter will be launching in September, and two new beers will be on kea: Red IPA and

Oktoberfest Helles Marzen (both 5.5%).

BLO Matthew Walker

BREWING BROTHERS

Hastings After successful crowdfunding (thanks, everyone) the brewery equipment in Ivvhouse Lane is being moved to the next door building and a new taproom developed on the site, hopefully opening in August, Jack in the Green Ale proved very popular for the May Day celebrations and is now called Attenborough, This, along with casks of Belushi and Everly, has been tasted in

reported to be excellent. **BLO Peter Page-Mitchell**

local venues and can be

BRITHOP

Rinamer Dan and Stuart were opening their taproom in early July. It's at the brewery site near Ringmer, with views towards Lewes cliffs, offering a 'very spiritual experience for those who swing by for a swift half'. Initial opening hours are Saturday 12 -8 pm and Sunday 12 - 6 pm. 1990s Britpop is a huge part of their history and branding, so they plan future events, including promoting fresh up and coming artists.

BLO TBC

BURNING SKY

Firle

Burning Sky were delighted to have participated at the Brewhaven craft beer festival, held in the atmospheric surroundings of Newhaven Fort, More recently, they were at the successful Beak Brewery 'These Hills' local festival and the Little Summer Beer Bash in Cornwall. That's an intimate brewer-run festival co-hosted by Verdant, DEYA. and Left Handed Giant. This vears festival was at the Verdant Brewery and Taproom in Penryn, with 35 of Verdant's favourite brewers, for a day of drinking, music, and fine food.

A return collaboration is being scheduled with Harvey's brewery. In cask, Aurora and Plateau remain

very popular. Luppoleto Pils, a keg lager, outstrips demand. It's worth keeping an eye out for their specials. Purchases can be made on their website and at selected local retailers.

BLO Ian Hodge

DARK STAR

Partridge Green Remote ownership doesn't seem to stifle innovation with six new brews highlighted below.

Orbiter (4%) is a new best bitter with a twist. Brewed with American Amarillo and classic East Kent Goldings hops for a citrus hit. Amber in colour, it combines a rich. malt character with full-on fruit hoppiness.

Rhubarb Rising (3.5%) is a new fruity and tart, unfined and hazy, Belgian-style Saison.

Skylab (4.2%), named after the US Space Station, uses a trio of American hops. A crisp, zesty session IPA.

Planet Hop (4.7%) is an American-style IPA but brewed with modern British hop varieties.

Sunquake (4.8%) is a juicy California IPA.

Nordland (5%) is brewed with Norwegian farmhouse yeast yet it's a fruity tropical IPA

BLO Clive Watson

FILO

Hastings

Three FILO beers featured on the bar at the summer Hastings Beer and Music Festival, All were in excellent form.

BLO Bill Turner

FLYING TRUNK

Forest Row

Flying Trunk is a new brewery in Forest Row, whose production started in late July with a new Pale Ale. It's located on a compact site and will start with small batches, initially in bottles and cask.

BLO Jonathan Samways

GOOD THINGS

Eridge

Rebuilding continues after a lightning strike and fire in July 2021. It is now clear that the new brewery will not be finished until the early part of 2023.

BLO John Packer

GUN

Gun Hill. Heathfield The new brewhouse is now fully operational making brewing far more efficient: what once took two or three days can now be achieved in one. This has freed up time and allowed Gun to plan a programme of small batch specials for the rest of the

vear.

The first of these, a **New** England IPA, NEIPA (6%), sold out in the blink of an eye. The next brew, a dry hopped cask IPA, uses Simcoe and Amarillo hops and having a target 5% aby is already in the brewing tank, so should be in pubs soon. The new cold store is a game changer, making stock rotation far more straightforward. The store remains at a constant temperature, even on the hottest days, ensuring that beers leave in perfect condition.

The taproom, open from Thursday to Sunday, is growing in popularity. A changing roster of visiting street food traders is listed on the website, along with further details (gunbrewery.co.uk).

BLO Barry Blewitt

HARVEY'S

Lewes

Harvev's were thrilled to have been awarded CAMRA's Champion Bottled Beer of Britain (CBBoB) 2022 for their Imperial Extra Double Stout (9%). To celebrate, they will be presenting the draught

version at CAMRA's Great

British Beer Festival in London; it's aged four years in cask.

Harvey's were also delighted

to have been awarded Bronze for Sussex Best Bitter at the Society for the Preservation of Beer from the Wood's Woodfest, held at the Turk's Head. Twickenham, in May. Following that, they've ordered a number of wooden casks with the intention of having one beer from the wood available at the brewery shop in Lewes. The first ever Harvey's beer festival will be on 9th and 10th September in the Brewery Yard to celebrate Heritage Weekend! Beers from more than 30 iconic regional brewers will be there too. They're all other members of the Independent Family Brewers of Britain (IFBB) whose 'heritage sites' have evolved over the centuries. maintaining traditional systems of brewing and inspiring local loyalties. It's a ticketed event with CAMRA volunteers helping out. See the advert on page 28. Another collaborative brew with Burning Sky is being scheduled and others planned, following some exciting exchanges at the recent Lewes 'These Hills' Beer Festival. The new Prussian-hopped Pilsner has proved to be a

Tom Paine is the seasonal cask beer for July and

every sense.

surpassed expectations in

great success on keg and has

August. The hopping regime has been altered and the results are very promising, affording greater consistency and ease of dispense. South Down Harvest follows in September. It's hoped to resume the traditional launch of Old Ale on the first Saturday in October, with dancing taking place in the rear vard, a short walk from the church.

BLO Ian Hodge

HORSHAM

Amazing news! The new brewery tap will open at the end of August, just two doors down from the brewery in Blatchford Close. It will be open most evenings, check the website for details

(horshambrewervcompany, com). In the meantime, the brewery is proving very popular for evening drinks every Thursday and Friday evening.

The Drill Hall in Denne Road is the venue once again for the next Horsham Beer Festival, being held on 9th and 10th September. Tickets can be bought from the brewerv.

A lovely cherry sour was brewed recently: it's very drinkable and not too sour. It will definitely be brewed again so watch out for it!

BLO Nigel Bullen

KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding Kissingate Brewery continues to brew an extensive range of cask and bottled beers. Suzy Rodger, who many will know manages the taproom, has joined the brewing team and is learning the craft well. A Platinum Jubilee commemorative strong pale ale, Above & Beyond (6%), has been well received and featured at this year's South Downs Beer Festival. The return of **Old Tale Porter** (4.5%) has made a welcome return, and Horsham Ditty Pale (4%) will be added to the permanent schedule due to its popularity. Bunny and Gary still manage a very busy diary with their tours and various events. Make a note in the beer calendar for Kissingate's October Festival: Saturday

BLO Roy Bray

LONG MAN

Litlington

The next small batch brew is American Red Ale, a 4.6% hoppy rye ale with Columbus, Centennial and Chinook hops. This is being followed by Sleeping Giant, a 3.8% sessionable, refreshing pale ale. The new large fermenting tanks, visible from the road. are now fully operational, heralding enhanced keg offerings, including a new New England IPA which will soon be available in cans.

8th October, 11 am to 8 pm.

BLO Richard Scullion

MISSING LINK

West Hoathly

Missing Link are very busy with brewing and open days at the weekend. Most of the beers are KeyKeg, and very good.

BLO TBC

ROTHER VALLEY

Northiam

New beers for this summer are Brew 3700, which is a 3.7% golden ale, and an American hopped version of Level Best, called Level Zest.

BLO Dawn Lincoln

SUSSEX SMALL BATCH

As previously announced. collaborations with other brewers have begun. The first collaboration brew is with Goldmark, a strong imperial stout named

Midnight Hour. **BLO Colin Pennifold**

THREE ACRE

Blackbovs.

As promised, two further beers have been released:

Blood Orange Pale (4.9%) and Mighty Mosaic Pale (4%). In addition, West

Coast Pale (3.8%) has been relaunched with a new and improved recipe.

A brewery tap takeover was held at the Hopyard in Forest Row in early July. It's hoped to run similar events in the future. Another new venture is contract brewing and interest from other breweries is welcome.

BLO John Quick

UNBARRED

Hove

Unbarred brewed their lowest aby beer to date, a Mango Berliner Weisse 50-50 blend with Alfonso Mango, in collaboration with Mash Gang. Coming up is a Watermelon Mojito Gose,

Honeycomb Milkshake and

a very special gluten-free **Cold IPA**, brewed for their birthday celebrations in August. To mark their third birthday, Unbarred will be taking over Brighton pubs for a beer trail. Catch them at upcoming beer festivals in Manchester, London and Birmingham. The central Brighton taproom is open Tuesday to Sunday.

BLO John Quick

WATCHMAKER'S ARMS

Hove

Business is reported to be good at this nanobrewery in a micropub by Hove station.

BLO Peter Mitchell

King's Head Rudgwick

"The Pie, Pudding and Ploughman's Pub"

Food served every Lunchtime and Wednesday to Saturday evenings A great base for walkers and cyclists using the Pub on the 82128, large car park for customers. Arriva bus route 63 (between Guidford & Horsham vis Cranleigh)



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Sat 6th Aug 2pm AT/DC Natalie Maclean and Shane Hill duo Sun 6th Aug Mailman Eddie Miller

Sat 13th Aug 11am Roly Annett, 2pm AT/DC 4PM, Shane Hill guitar Jazz Sun 14th Aug 2pm Emma Ruth , 4pm Waking the Neighbours

> Sat Aug 20th 2pm Dragonfly Sky , 4pm Eddie Miller Sun Aug 21st 2pm Jon McDevitt , 4pm Acoustica

Sat Aug 27th 2pm tbc, 4pm tbc Sun Aug 28th 2pm Mailman 4pm Brand G Mon Aug 29th 3 till 6pm Eddie Miller

Sat Sept 3rd 2pm Virginia Thorn , 4pm Jamie Morgan Sun Sept 4th 2pm Dragonfly Sky 4pm AT/DC

Spotlight on

BREWER

Hand Brew Triple Beer Launch

June saw the multi-venue, multi-beer event that officially launched our summer specials: our new pilsner 795, Hatch and the return of Dayglow Hedgerow. Brewers were at our three sites delivering tasting sessions, and the beers were paired with a selection of savoury and sweet snacks.

795 - Sustainable Pils is a pilsner brewed in collaboration with Brook House Hops. We selected Pilgrim, Progress and Goldings hops grown in the UK by Brook House Hops in place of traditional German noble hop varieties. We also switched out traditional German pilsner malt for a UK grown pale malt. Through using ingredients produced closer to home rather than further afield and natural carbonation, we have considerably reduced the carbon footprint from our ingredients, with the total distance between our suppliers and our brewery being just 795 miles. Expect delicate herbaceous hop aromatics, sweet and bready malt flavours and a lasting hop bitterness, all rounded off with a crisp and clean finish thanks to a cool and slow lager fermentation.

Why did we make 795 and what's in the name?

We're always thinking about our long-term sustainability and how we can further reduce our carbon footprint. One area we've been looking at is the source of our raw ingredients. Our lager, Yuba is brewed with imported German ingredients - typical for the style - which got us thinking: can we make a lager as good as Yuba, but with ingredients sourced closer to home? We collaborated with Brook House Hops

(pioneers of British Hops) to make a crisp, clean, naturally carbonated lager - and the ingredients only travelled 795 miles to get to us. 795 is available in Keg and Can. 4.4%.

Hatch - Chocolate Orange Fudge Porter is brewed in collaboration with our friends and family at The Fudge Patch, a small but perfectly formed vegan fudge shop in Greenwich Market. Hatch is an indulgent, chocolatey, viscous and rich porter, with a vibrant burst of orange. Layers of dark malts and additions of fudge from The Fudge Patch give Hatch its sumptuous and decadent flavour profile, which when combined with zesty orange make for a nostalgic combination reminiscent of a classic chocolate treat. Hatch is available in Keg and Can. 5.0%

Dayglow Hedgerow - Elderflower Saison is a clean saison brewed with locally foraged elderflowers! This beer was made in collaboration with Cloak + Dagger and released just in time for the sunny weather. A lightly peppery and citrusy fermentation profile supports an intensely floral and sweet aroma of elderflower. Bittered just enough to keep the sweetness in check, and fermented nice and dry by a farmhouse Saison yeast. Deliciously refreshing and remarkably complex. Dayglow Hedgerow is available in Keg and Can. 4.5%.

New Beer: Jukebox Track 3 about to drop

Fans of our dank, juicy double-dry hopped IPA Jukebox series will be pleased to note that our third iteration is due to drop in July. The third edition has been liberally hopped with Sabro, Centennial and Idaho 7. Bursting with intensely tropical Mango, Papaya and Coconut, backed up with a

tickle of sharp and sherbetty citrus. As usual, we've packed a bunch of oats and wheat into the grist to give the beer a creamy and soft mouthfeel. Jukebox is available in Keg and Can. 6.2%.

Hand Brew Co Boxed!

You can now find Hand Brew Co in The Bier Company subscription box, where members of their Bier Club get to savour eight rare and exclusive beers from eight independent breweries each month. We collaborated with The Bier Company on a 5.6% NEPA called HYPNOS as part of their 'Head in the Clouds' box.

Hand Brew Co Boxed!

Makers Fair at the Toad: The Toad in the Hole welcomed its very first Record Fair and Makers Market this June, showcasing the wares of six different local and independent businesses. The pub was transformed into a treasure trove of curiosities, with local DJs providing a vibrant buzz and market stalls tucked round every corner for people to peruse.

Summer Spraycation: An all day Street Art festival was held at our Brewery and Taproom in which 11 artists were invited down to showcase their skills, painting onto custom made graffiti walls set out across our Brew Yard. Visitors could grab a pint from our Taproom and watch as the art took shape around them. A dedicated kids graffiti wall gave youngsters the opportunity to get involved and try something new. Soul Food was on offer from the fantastic Momma Cherri and DJ's provided a lively soundtrack to the day.

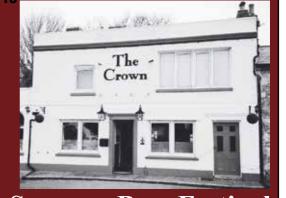
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North Sussex Equinox 2022 Beer of the Festival trips

A group of festival volunteers ventured to Bristol in the heatwave in mid July and managed to visit several tap rooms from the ever increasing number of excellent Bristol brewers, along with a few city centre pubs.



The photo above shows Mike Head, Festival Organiser presenting the Dark beer of the Festival to Rob, brewer at New Bristol brewery, for their Cinder Toffee Stout. While there, we were able to try their 7% Expresso Martini version of the beer, and hopefully both versions will be available at Equinox 2023.



This followed an equally enjoyable trip to 360 Degrees at Sheffield Park in late May, where we presented the Light Beer of the Festival to Robin, the MD, for their Azacca Pale, in their impressive tap room.

Watchmaker's Arms, Hove, Cider Pub of the Year and Runner-Up Pub of the Year.

In the Summer edition of the Sussex Drinker we erroneously captioned pictures of the proprietors of The Watchmakers Arms with the previous owner's names. Many apologies to Ruth and Rick. The photo should have been captioned as below.



The team at the Watchmakers Arms with Ruth on the left and Rick on the right.

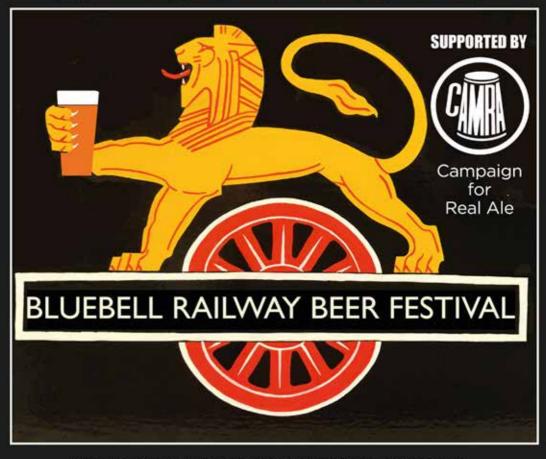
Bus to the Pub (Bttp)

Bus to the Pub is organised on a weekly basis, all the trips are on Thursdays, generally meeting at noon, usually visiting three pubs.

Max is the coordinator: "We mainly travel by train whilst buses are used as well. We visit various locations across Sussex but our core area is between Worthing & Lewes because of the high volume of great pubs with an excellent choice of great beers."

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Branch Pub of the Year

The Brickmaker's Alehouse in Bexhill made an immediate impact on the local real ale and cider scene when it opened in November 2019. It's operated by South East Sussex CAMRA members, Martin Payne and Robin Hill. It's listed in the 2022 Good Beer Guide then straight away was voted branch Pub of the Year as well as runner up for Cider Pub of the Year. In June branch chair, Peter Adams, presented both awards to Martin and Robin in front of a good gathering of branch members and locals.



The picture shows Robin (left) and Martin with their awards.

Branch Cider Pub of the Year

The Waterworks, Rye is South East Sussex branch Cider Pub of the Year, adding to awards made in 2019 and 2020.



The photo shows branch vice chair, Roger Green (right), presenting the certificate to the landlord, David Roder, in May.

Branch Club of the Year

South East Sussex branch's AGM was held at the Albatross (RAFA) Club in Bexhill. The occasion was also used to present the Albatross with the branch Club of the Year award, plus another for ten consecutive years in the Good Beer Guide.



Pictured are branch chair, Peter Adams, centre, with Dorothy, the club chairman and Jody, club steward at the time. In addition, on Friday 8th July during a busy session, another CAMRA Club of the Year award was presented, this time for the whole of Sussex.



The photo shows CAMRA's Peter Page-Mitchell with chairman, Dorothy.

Beer of the Festival (2019)

Pig & Porter Brewery at High Brooms. Tunbridge Wells, won the Beer of the Festival (non-Sussex breweries) at the October 2019 Fastbourne Beer Festival, It had been planned to make the award at the next brewery open day, but this was postponed due to the pandemic. The next opportunity came up in April this year, but as it clashed with the National Members' Weekend in Eastbourne, the award was made by Richard Saunders, one of the North East Sussex members attending the open day.



The picture shows brewery staff with the certificate.

Vice Chairman retires

After eleven years as vice chairman, branch contact and festival organiser, Phil Cozens stepped down from these roles at the Branch AGM in April.



Branch chair. Peter Adams (right) presented Phil with an award to acknowledge the very hard work, skill and

dedication he has given, particularly as festival organiser, and added that Phil's work, often unseen, as vice chair and branch contact had been invaluable to him and the branch. We're very pleased that he remains an active branch member.

24th Worthing Beer & Cider Festival Guildbourne Centre, Worthing Friday 28 - Saturday 29 October



The Worthing Beer & Cider festival is back this vear at a new venue. Rooms on the first floor of the Guildbourne Centre in Chapel Road.

Worthing. It will take place on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th of October 2022.

This town centre venue has been newly refurbished and has been given an industrial feel. The festival will take place in the large auditorium.

We are planning for the tickets go on sale on or around the 1st of August and should be available from our usual outlets and on-line (details vet to be finalised).

Session times are shown below: Friday 28th October, 11am - 4pm, Friday 28th October, 5pm - 11pm, Saturday 29th October, 11am - 9:30pm* and a late entry ticket for Saturday 29th October, (after 5pm).

* or until the beer runs out.

The Guildbourne Centre is a 12 minute walk from Worthing Station, and the town centre bus stops are right outside the Chapel Road entrance.

More detailed information will be made available on the Arun & Adur website (aaa.camra.org.uk/wbfest2022.html) or watch out for our posters and flyers.

The fall and rise of Worthing pubs

Having lived in Worthing for over 36 years I have seen quite a few changes in the pub and beer scene in and around the town.

Back then there were many traditional local pubs, but if you looked in the Good Beer Guide you might have found a pub listed because it had just one cask ale!

The pub of note for a good choice of ale was the Vine in Tarring which was always busy especially when they had beer festivals.

Since then the town steadily lost many pubs.

Names such as Globe, Half Brick, Wigmore, Elms, Wheatsheaf, Dolphin, Clifton Arms, Jolly Brewers and Downview. These pubs (and more) have changed use to business or residential use or have been demolished. The loss of any pub is a pity.

There have however been a substantial number of pubs which have kept going over the years, even after covid, continuing to serve their customers good ale and in most cases food as well. Examples include the Selden Arms, Hare & Hounds, Ye John Selden, Egremont, Alexandra, George & Dragon, Thomas A Becket, Cricketers and Old House at Home.

There is an excellent independent website worthingpubs.com which lists pubs past and present and is well worth looking at.

Fortunately things started to improve.

In August 2011 the Parsonage in Tarring began selling cask ale and opened the bar and garden to non-diners. Nearly 2 years later in 2013 Anchored opened, being the first micropub in Sussex, introducing the concept of a small bar with good ale and conversation without the distraction of TV, piped music or gaming machines. It was followed by Brooksteed, Green Man, Georgi Fin and Fox & Finch, all offering the same basic format but each with its own style

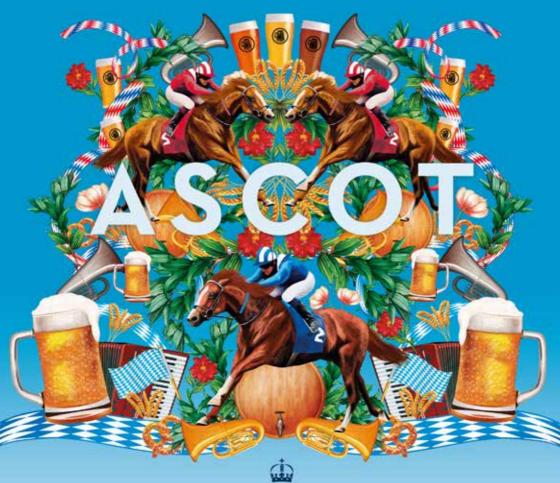
reflecting the owner's ideas. Worthing has also had a number of small bars open in the same time period such as Goose, Grizzly Bear, Beer No Evil, Old Bike Store, Wax Cactus and Whiskey Rooms. These offer a varied selection of drinks (mainly keg beer rather than cask) but each has its own character and all are worth a visit. There are even food outlets such as Beach House and Level One offering local beers.

More recently there has been a welcome revival of some older pubs. New owners or licensees have made changes and turned them back into thriving pubs once again. Examples are the Corner House (one of the oldest pubs in town, formerly Anchor, Jack Horner, Stage), Park View (Lamb), New Amsterdam (White Swan, Swan), Cow & Oak (Royal Oak). The former Beechwood Hall Hotel was bought by Brewhouse & Kitchen and after a significant refurbishment is now popular with a number of beers brewed on site. The most recent change is the Toad in the Hole (Castle, O'Conners, Tap & Tankard) which has been taken over by Hand Brew Co who also opened a tap room at their new brewery on Garcia trading estate in West Worthing.

Nowadays residents and drinkers in Worthing are spoilt for choice and many of the pubs have a selection of beers which change regularly- a far cry from the days of one fixed cask ale in a pub.

I know that there are quite a few pubs I have not mentioned which continue to be popular and serve their customers well; this article simply cannot mention all of them. I advise looking at the CAMRA whatpub.com website to look up all the pubs in the town.

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13 Aug Brollyfest Beer and Music festival, Wisborough Green, 1-10pm. Tickets and details from www.brollvbrewing.co.uk/events.

20 Aug Live@Langhams2022, Langham Brewery, 1pm-10.30pm. Beer and music fest: six live acts: street food. See advert on page 14.

25-29 Aug Duke of Wellington, Shoreham by Sea Beer Festival, starts 5pm Thu 25 to Mon 29 Aug with 25 real ales. 10 ciders, food, and live music.

26-29 Aug Malt Shovel Beer Festival, Malt Shovel, Horsham.

26-29 Aug Crown Eastbourne -Summer Beer Festival, see page 17.

27-29 Aug Petersfield Summer Fair

9-10 Sep Harvey's Brewery Beer Festival, Brewery Yard, Lewes, see advert on page 28.

10 Sep Horsham Beer Festival, Drill Hall. Horsham. Run by the Horsham. Brewing team, this long running event returns to the Drill Hall on Sept 9th and 10th

16-18 Sep Brickmaker's Alehouse, Sea Road, Bexhill. Autumn Beer Festival starting each day at 12 noon.

23-25 Sep Sussex Branches Beer Festival at The Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park Station, see pages 3 &19.

7-8 Oct Eastbourne Beer Festival.

Winter Garden. One of the largest festivals in Sussex, this year with two sessions each day (11.30 am to 4 pm and 6 to 11 pm). The Friday daytime session is 'quiet' with no music. Saturday daytime has light music while live bands return for the latter part of the evening sessions. 100 cask ales plus ciders and perries. Advance booking is advisable with a discount for CAMRA members. For details see visiteastbourne.com/beer-festivals.

8 Oct Kissingate Brewery, Lower Beeding - Autumn Festival 11am-8pm. 14 beers, cider, full bar and BBQ

9 Oct Bonkers for Conkers @ Langhams, Langham Brewery

28-29 Oct Worthing Beer & Cider Festival. Guildbourne Centre. Worthing, see page 21.

28-30 Oct Albatross (RAFA) Club. Bexhill, Autumn Beer Festival.

13 Nov Brewers Arms, Lewes Annual Beer Festival, Brewers Arms, Lewes.

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CPotY: Brewery Shades, Crawley; CotY: none

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CPotY: Waterworks, Rye;
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Beer Festival: TBC

PotY: Hornet Ale House, Chichester; CPotY: none CotY: none

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