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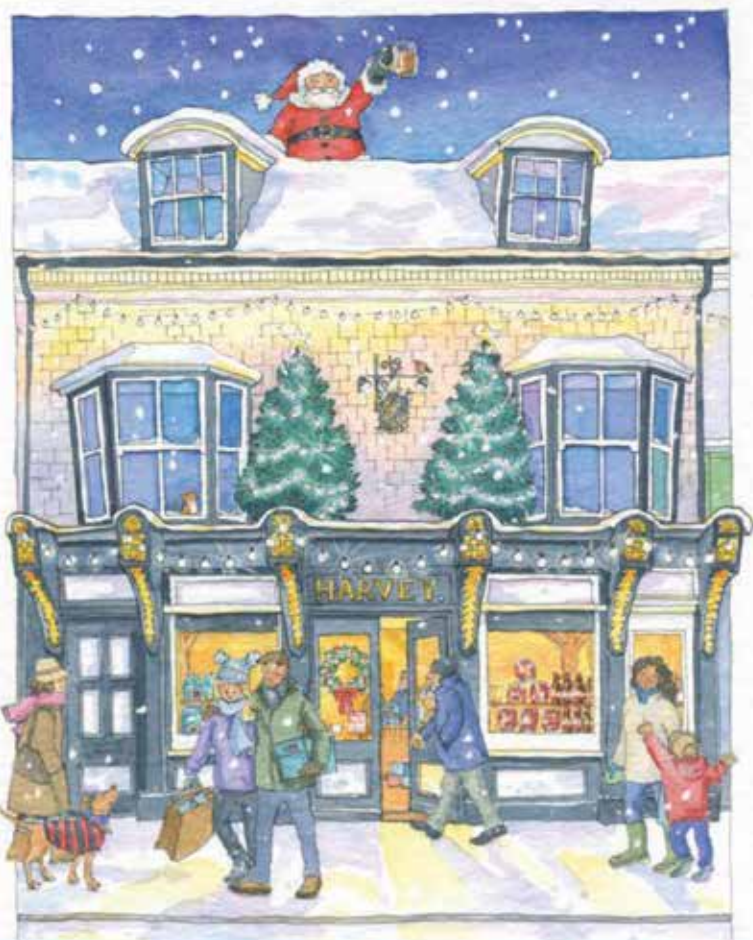
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Horsham Drill Hall, March 24th & 25th 2023



We are hoping that the 2023 CAMRA North Sussex Spring Equinox Beer & Cider Festival will be able to go ahead next March, again at the Drill Hall in Horsham town centre on the evening of Friday March 24th and two sessions on Saturday March 25th.

As Horsham locals will know, the future of the Drill Hall has been uncertain for several years, and we don't anticipate knowing for definite whether it is available until December.

We will post news online at northsussex.camra.org.uk/equinox, and on Twitter @CAMRAEquinox once we know for certain, along with details of how to get tickets. Alternatively, you can contact us by email at camra.equinox@gmail.com.

Fingers crossed for some good news and then full steam ahead to get everything in place for March 24th. Hope to see you there.



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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 30 applies to all items.

Please use WhatPub.com 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.

■ ASHURST WOOD



The reopened **Three Crowns** has been featuring Harvey's Sussex Best as a regular cask beer, with St.

Austell Proper Job often available too.

■ BEXHILL

The **Sovereign** re-opened recently and real ales are expected to be on the bar soon.



The **Brickmakers** ran an excellent Beer Festival in September.

■ BRIGHTON

Brighton Beer Dispensary, Dean Street, has closed. The pub was first opened as the Brighton Beer Dispensary in 2014 by local brewery Brighton Bier in partnership with Late Knights brewery, replacing the Prince Arthur pub. Later Brighton Bier left to pursue their own pubs and bars, opening the Brighton Bierhaus. After Late Knights was dissolved, the pub was taken over by Southey Brewing which also has locations in Dulwich and London. Management cited

various reasons for the closure including the rise in energy costs, Brexit and "other issues" which meant they did not expect to survive. They thanked customers for their support over the years. During the 1970's in its previous guise as the Prince Arthur, the pub was the venue for Friday lunchtime socials of the newly formed Brighton (as it then was) branch of CAMRA.

■ BURGESS HILL



The **Watermill Inn**, World's End, celebrated its 150th anniversary on Sunday 28th August with live

music, barbecue, a raffle, and children's entertainment.

■ CHAILEY

At the time of writing, the **Five Bells** is closed for refurbishment, please check before visiting.

■ CHILGROVE



The **White Horse** is under the same ownership as the **Royal Oak** in East Lavant. Both have rooms and are

justly known for their restaurants, but drinkers are always welcome. Both have a house beer from Caledonian to supplement their Langham ales.

■ CHICHESTER

A new craft beer bar has opened just off South Street. The **Crafty Bishop** has no hand pumps, but the 6 keg lines concentrate on beers from local breweries. It is expected that space heaters will arrive to make the outside area more comfortable in the coming months



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■ COMPTON

The **Coach & Horses** is currently up for sale

■ DANEHILL



The **Coach & Horses** continues to serve two well kept ales. Harvey's Sussex Best is the regular beer,

with a guest ale which changes from time to time. 360 Degrees ales quite often feature on the bar, and the very local Black Pig Cider is also available.

■ EASTBOURNE



If you are walking the South Downs Way, ending at Eastbourne, visit the **Ship** in Meads village where the

Harvey's Sussex (and Old in season) and the Long Man beers are always well served.

Eastbourne is gaining a reputation for its craft beer offerings at **Ninkasi** (Enterprise Centre near the station), **Bottle Grove** (Grove Road) and **Beerarama** (Bolton Road). Also visit the **Belgium Café** at the seaside end of Terminus Road.

In early October, besides Eastbourne Beer Festival there was the 3rd Tap Takeover in Hastings/St Leonards. All 14 venues reported huge numbers of visitors. So, a real boost for the local pubs.

■ EAST GRINSTEAD



Tucked away up a side entry off London Road, under a building called the Old Mill (not to be confused with the

Dunnings – see below!), the **Engine Room** offers a good ever-changing range of cask and keg beers, sourced both locally and from further afield. A range of ciders is also available. It's worth keeping an eye out for the Beer Festivals that are held here.

Sad to report that the Sportsman has stopped selling cask beer. In recent years it had been Harvey's Sussex Best from a stillage behind the bar, but sales had declined for some time.



At the other end of the town, the **Old Dunnings Mill** (Harvey's) usually has up to four of their ales available,

including seasonal ones. An excellent pint of the recent Harvey's In Harmony collaboration with Burning Sky was had here.

■ FAIRLIGHT



The **Cove** now has a second handpump. In addition to the regular Harveys' bitter, there is now a changing guest beer.

Sharp's Doom Bar was on offer on a recent visit.

■ FAYGATE



The beer at the **Frog & Nightgown** was on fine form on a recent visit, as were the pizzas.



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■ FOREST ROW



The **Hop Yard** hosts occasional Beer Club events, where a local brewer presents guided tastings,

discussions about beer making etc., etc. Three Acre featured in September and 360 Degrees are in on 17th November.

■ HASSOCKS



The owners of the **Hassocks Hotel** have applied for planning permission to demolish a derelict

outbuilding to form an overflow car park.

■ HAYWARDS HEATH



At the **Hop Sun**, Triangle Road, after a successful Hoptoberfest, and some Halloween merriment,

Heathen Brewers and The Hop Sun Tap are looking forward to Christmas and having plenty of dark beers on tap. The taproom is now hosting a monthly quiz, see the website for the next date. Fresh locally roasted coffee is now available, as well as hot and cold food options. New beers on the taps include a rich porter, a partially green-hopped pale, and a collaboration beer with nearby neighbours Bestens. Open Thursday to Friday 15:00 – 21:00, Saturday 12:00-21:00, Sunday 12:00 – 19:00.

The **Lockhart Tavern's** Ocktoberfest ran from 23rd September – 3rd October and included cask beers from local breweries Burning Sky and Downlands, with others



Ocktoberfest beers from Paulaner and Hacker-Pschorr.

■ HASTINGS



The **Plough** in West Hill is now under new management, with Becky being appointed Bar Manager. She

hopes to have a guest beer alongside Harvey's BB and Timothy Taylor Landlord.

■ HENFIELD



The **Henfield Club** always stocks two cask ales from Downlands Brewery, Best and a rotating seasonal. Old Ale will be

making its first appearance of the year in early October. Card-carrying CAMRA members are always welcome.



The **Old Railway**, Upper Station Road; the popular Sidings Garden Kiosk has now closed until Spring 2023. However, from

Saturday 8th October, some kiosk favourites will be served directly from the pub. This includes bacon and sausage baps and a FULL English Breakfast. The pub will be open from 9 am on Saturdays and



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■ HORSHAM

The **Horsham Tap** at the Horsham brewery is now open Thursday to Saturday, and was very busy for the Old night with Ray Welton there as a guest brewer. They will have a guest beer or two in addition to their own range.

Sadly, as one opens another closes, with the Chapeau Brewery and Taproom closing at the end of October.

■ HOVE



Wetherspoon's have announced their intention to dispose of the **Cliftonville**, George St, as part of their

plan to close 32 of their pubs nationally.

This is in response to losses due to the Covid lockdowns, the subsequent loss of sales, and the general rise in operating costs.

Apparently the first floor of the building needs some extensive work, but Wetherspoon's are hoping to sell it as it is. If no buyer can be found, the pub will stay open.

Shortly after this news broke, Wetherspoon's issued a statement showing a rise in sales and reduction in losses for the year.

■ LAVANT



The **Earl of March** has been closed for refurbishment. It reopened on October 10th

under new management. Initially the real ales will be Harvey's Best and a Bedlam beer.

■ PETT



Robin Lyon and his team continue to offer a warm welcome at the **Royal Oak** to both drinkers and diners.

Recently accredited with Cask Marque status, the pub has four handpumps, at least one of which pours a local ale. The Real Ale Finder app will show the up-to-date selection. Recently enjoyed were Rother Valley Boadicea and Long Man Rising Giant.

■ SALTDEAN

Julie Karuzas, landlady of the Barley Mow, Kemp Town, Brighton has applied to open a micropub in Lustrells Vale, called **Sheridans**. The proposed pub would focus on selling cask ales and craft beers from small breweries, with some local wine and prosecco flavoured with liqueurs. Mrs Karuzas said she had no plans to sell mainstream lagers such as Stella or Carlsberg – or to sell spirits.

■ STAPLEFIELD



The **Jolly Tanners** is up for sale, and Chris and his team will be greatly missed. Fingers crossed the new owners

will continue the great range of ales,

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particularly the dark ales that were always available.

■ ST. LEONARDS



The **Duke** has been sold at auction and it is anticipated it will re-open as a pub.



At the **Welcome**, Long Man and Lakedown beers were tasted on a recent visit and found to be

very good. The **Tower** will be holding a Beer Festival from 24th to 26th February 2023. At the **Nag's Head** there are five real ales and beers from Gun and Harvey's are always on. There is live music on Sunday afternoons.



Local beers are now available at the **Royal** including Gun, Long Man and Dark Star. Usually two of these are being

served. Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter is available and in good condition at the Old England. At the **Bo-Peep** Harvey's BB and Purity Mad Goose have been served recently.

■ TURNERS HILL



The **Crown** was mentioned in the last edition of Sussex Drinker, and recent visits have found that Wye Valley HPA seems to be a

more regular beer on the bar. The quality of the three ales in the pub is very good.

■ UPPER HARTFIELD



The **Gallipot** has Harvey's Sussex Best as the regular with one or two changing guests. 360 Degrees

Session Pale has been noted there a few times during the last few months. Excellent food too.

■ WARNINGLID



At the **Half Moon**, a pint of Long Man Rising Giant hit the spot with an excellent meal a few weeks ago.

■ WEST HOATHLY



The **Cat** has four well kept ales available, usually all from Sussex brewers. As expected, Harvey's Sussex Best is always

available, together with Firebird Parody. A recent visit found two from Long Man on the bar, including an exceptionally nice Old Man.

■ WINCHELSEA BEACH

The bar at the Ship has been closed for some time whilst the owners concentrated on their butchers and deli business. The pub has now been reworked to be a café with a bar and a single hand pump dispensing Harvey's Sussex Best. They will have a guest beer or two in addition to their own range.

Stuart Elms 1946- 2022

We sadly learned of the passing of Stuart Elms on 13th August.

Stuart was an active CAMRA member and especially of the Arun & Adur Branch over the years.

He became branch treasurer in 1995 and in 1996 was acting chairman as well and then continued as chairman for a number of years.

He was actively involved in the first branch beer festival, taking delivery of the beers and sorting out which bars they went to. He continued to volunteer in subsequent festivals.

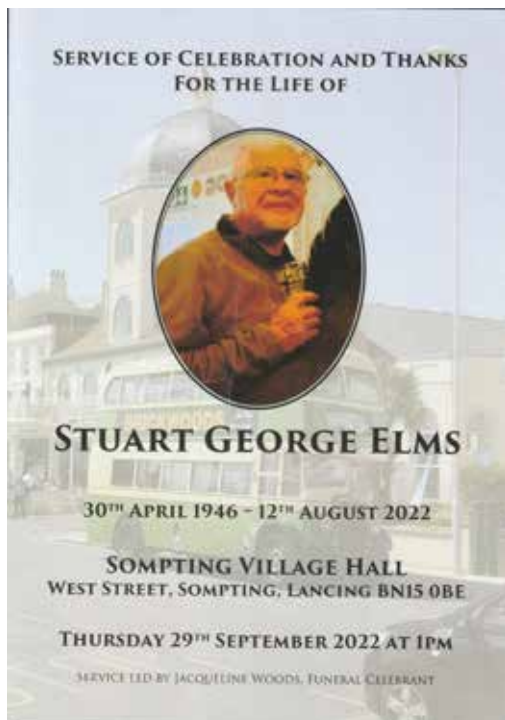
He started the Bus To The Pub scheme (BTTP) with planned trips to support out of town pubs. In later years he organised distribution of Sussex Drinker for the branch including delivering many himself to country pubs, often combining this with his BTTP trips.

He was keen on promoting the Locale accreditation and was regularly seen in pubs in the area, including many of the newer small bars and micropubs where he enjoyed sampling the regularly changing ales.

Stuart was a former employee of Southdown Bus company. It was therefore a fitting tribute that for his funeral his son had arranged a double decker Southdown Bus to take mourners from Brooksteed micropub to the service and back again.

The service was well attended with a full bus. Afterwards we raised a glass or two to him at Brooksteed.

He will be missed by many of us.



Bus to the Pub (Btpp)

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."

If you would like to be added to their mailing list, please contact whu@maxmalkin.plus.com or phone 01243 828394.

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](https://sussex.camra.org.uk/breweries) page on the Sussex branches website <https://sussex.camra.org.uk/breweries>

1648

East Hoathly

1648 will be looking to brew

Triple Champion 4.0%,

Winter Solstice 4.3% dark ruby, spicy and warm with a subtle hint of ginger,

Signature 4.4%, **Gold Angel** 4.8%, **Warrant** 4.8% dark porter plus of course

Laughing Frog 5.2%. All brews will be clear and bright plus there will be a range of double dropped bottled beers for clarity.

BLO Barry Blewitt

360 DEGREES

Sheffield Park

The brewery continues to produce a core range of four cask ales of which one is usually seasonal. They have produced a green hop beer for this October and are likely to do a dark ale for some of the Winter season. The brewery also supports



branch beer festivals - most recently having three casks and three craft keg beers at the Sussex Branches beer festival at The Bluebell Railway..

BLO Jason Phillips

ADUR

Steyning

Adur Brewery has just completed another successful open day with CAMRA members joining us from all over Sussex, Kent and Surrey. We are pleased to include **Black William** in our 5 litre mini keg offering.

BLO James Pounds

ARUNDEL

Ford, Nr Arundel

Very successful Brewfest event with over 40 breweries being represented and 10 collabs beers with the likes of Emperors, Sussex Small Batch, Howling Hops, Hand Brew Co, Unbarred and Unity. The brewery's

Untappd score continues to grow, now at 3.67 and with the addition of Bruce Tucker (ex Vibrant Forest) as Head Brewer this should continue the brewery's upward trajectory.

BLO Tony Ashcroft

BALCOMBE

Balcombe

No change in production, all output is sold through Half Moon, Balcombe.

BLO Paul Sanders

BATTLE

Battle

The Brewery will be expanding its focus on production of new products and expanding the range of keg beers which will be brewed as permanent core range products and will always be available alongside the current core products. This will be possible due to new unitanks being installed in October, significantly increasing the brewery's output. The Brewery Bar is now closed for the year, but their selection of products is still available to buy from the brewery Mon-Fri 11-4 and through their online offering platform, usually delivered every Thursday just in time for the weekend! Their High Street Taproom remains very popular and is the best place to sample their freshest selection of beers as well as rotating guest products and plans for cocktails too! Open 11-11 7 days a week.

BLO Mac McCutcheon

BEER ME

Eastbourne

Beer Me have been working on a special new beer, **Bay Blonde**, a 4% triple hopped blonde for their new outlet Massilia Bay in Pevensey Bay. It is an exciting time at the brewery as they expand across Sussex. The new outlet will initially have four taps and several bottle conditioned specialties. The beers will continue to be served from the 10 taps at the Belgian Cafe in Eastbourne.

BLO Scott O'Rourke

BENCHMARK

Eridge Green

Spiralling costs of energy and the erratic supply and increased costs of raw materials has meant that continuation is no longer economic for a brewery working on such a small scale. It has unfortunately been forced to close.

BLO Richard Saunders

BESTENS

Scaynes Hill, Haywards Heath

Bestens has now completed its move from Lower Beeding to new premises at Scaynes Hill, outside Haywards Heath. New tanks due in mid-Sep will more than double their capacity. Bestens Beers were at the recent Horsham Beer Festival Spinning Sun - The annual charity beer release supporting The Early Birth Association (EBA). A 5.2% NEPA this year, will be

available exclusively via our website, our Shiny Beer Wagon in The Orchards Shopping Centre and at The Tap in Haywards Heath. There is a planned cask collaboration with Heathen Brewers in November. A tap takeover at The Old Bike Store in Worthing for their birthday week in November, with an exclusive birthday beer brewed with the team from the pub.

BLO Jeremy Brinkworth

BREWERY 288

Petworth, brewery288.co.uk

Brewery 288 is a new micro brewery just south of Petworth. Brewing began in November 2021 on a 2.5-barrel plant. The focus is on bottled beers, the core beers being **Sussex Ale**, **English Pale Ale**, **Amber Ale** and the recently introduced **Petworth LS** (Low Strength). There are plans for this beer to be made available on cask initially in pubs in the Petworth area. It is also intended to brew a **Winter Ale**.

BLO Chris Payne

BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

Horsham

Cask is Rock best bitter at 4%, **Saxon Warrior** golden ale, now 5%, **Comic Genius** session IPA 4% **Keg** is an American pale ale 4.8%, **Legend** craft lager 5%, **Ozymandias Stout** and **Comic Genius IPA** 6%.

Charlie is established as the

brewer and putting his own slant on some of the recipes. As of the 25th of November, a **Whisky Stout** 4.5% will be added on cask, as will a **Black IPA** 5.5% on keg tap.

BLO Terry Shouler

BREWING BROTHERS

Hastings

The Tap Room in the Ivy House Lane site is now open - check website for opening times - with inside and outside seating/tables.

There are plans to expand the range of beers on offer which may include some cask beers. On a recent visit cask beers from BB were sampled in the Stag, All Saints Street, Hastings Old Town.

BLO Peter Page-Mitchell

BURNING SKY

Firle

The brewery continues to thrive. **Plateau** (3.5%) and their premium strength pale ale **Aurora** (5.6%) remain at the heart of their cask range. **What Gives IPA** (4.4%) has been available recently. **Porter** (4.8%) and **Robust Porter** (5.8%) are always well received. The recent collaboration with Harvey's **In Harmony Pale Ale** (4.2%) was a great success. It was well-received at the Bluebell Railway Beer Festival run in association with the Sussex Branches of CAMRA in late September. Recent can releases include: **Tough Questions** (5.2%), brewed in collaboration with their

friends at Rock Leopard Brewing; **Out of Vogue West Coast Pale** (5.4%); **Farmhouse Larger** (4.8%); **Victoire Pale Ale** (4.8%), which has been brewed especially for Tate Modern's Cezanne exhibition (available only through the brewery's on-line shop and Tate outlets); **Blanche Witbier** (4.5%) inspired by the Belgium tradition; and **Rustic Table** (3%) makes a welcome return. **Luppoletto Pils** (5.2%) remains extremely popular in cans and key.

They have released two new 750 ml bottles, **Table Beer** (3.7%), and **On Returning** (5.5%), brewed in collaboration with their long term friend Kelly Ryan (now of Boneface Brewery in New Zealand) is a **Pilsner Malt**. The brewery team continues to expand.

BLO Ian Hodge

CHAPEAU BREWING

Horsham

The brewer had a short holiday recently so no beer produced through most of August. During this period the tap room sold more than was expected so stocks were depleted, this was exacerbated by ordered malt not arriving. No new beers to report this period. Brewery now closed.

BLO Paul Sanders

CLOAK + DAGGER

Worthing

cloakanddaggerbrewing.com

A new brewery in Worthing.

BLO Post Vacant

DOWNLANDS

Small Dole

Back at the start of 2022 the brewery closed for a few weeks to make changes in the building so that they could increase capacity again. While they are not yet back to pre-Covid sales volumes other efficiency changes have been made mean that they feel positive about the future and the additional fermenter space means the brewery can focus even harder on the flavour and quality of their beers.

BLO Peter Mitchell

ESCAPIST

The Escapist Craft Beer Bar in Crane Street, Chichester have opened a brewery at Hambrook in the Sussex countryside this year.

Escapist Brew Co. are now up and running and can be sampled at their Chichester premises. The first of their core range is Testing One Two. A 4.6% Hazy pale made with an even split of Citra and Mosaic. There are also a number of one off pales and IPA's available as the guys continue to experiment with hop combos, all of these are currently in Key Keg format. Their future plans are to expand the range to include sours, dark beers and DIPAs, as well as a hefeweizen and a Kolsch. Web site theescapistchichester.co.uk.

BLO Paul Dunn

FILO

Hastings

The small batch ale **Bourne Again** (4.1%) a light, refreshing, easy drinking ale has been well received over the summer months. This will shortly be replaced by **Cardinal**, (FILO's dark porter, brewed with chocolate malt), which should be ready by October, in time for Hastings Bonfire celebrations.

BLO Bill Turner

FIREBIRD

Forest Row

Old Ale will be available from the end of October (replacing Citra). **Festive** will be brewed for Christmas (replacing Paleface). The doppelbock **Force of Habit** and **Coffee Porter** will also be available in keg and can. They are investing in a centrifuge and a new fermentation vessel. The former should allow more variation in the proportion of yeast removed. Friday and Saturday evening sessions are very popular and no additional events are currently planned. Next summer sees the 10th anniversary of the brewery so expect something then. The King's Arms in Horsham now stocks **Heritage** as a regular beer.

BLO Dave Sharp

FLYING TRUNK

Forest Row

After a slow start not helped by the summer heat,

brewing of some new and experimental beers has got under way. The have included **Petrichor** (pale, 4.7%), **Past Your Bedtime** (stout 6.8%), and **PYO** (an IPA with locally picked blackberries). All available in cask and bottle conditioned formats. Flying Trunk are keen to sell through festivals as well as other outlets.

BLO Jonathan Samways

GREYHOUND

West Chiltington

They continue to brew cask beer as well as selling beer in bottles and cans. All their brews are unfiltered, vegan friendly and cask/bottle/ can conditioned.

BLO Colin Penniford

GOLDMARK

Poling, nr Arundel

Goldmark are opening up the brewery for tours at the end of each month. Two hour tours include a 10 beer tasting session. The brewery is still making special one off brews biweekly in cask.

BLO Jim Waterston

GUN

Gun Hill, Heathfield

With the good weather over the summer, the brewery taproom, with its south facing terrace looking over the South Downs, and rotating series of street food offerings, has been a lovely spot to be and is proving very popular! As we move towards Autumn, the plan is to erect a stretch

tent to provide shelter and create a flexible indoor / outdoor space. If you haven't paid a visit yet, we would urge you to do so. There are seven keg and four cask lines all serving brewery fresh beer. A great spot to while away an afternoon! The next special brew to come out is a 5.3% **Festbier**, an Oktoberfest style lager. This will be followed by a **Green Hop** cask beer in September. August saw three beers awarded stars at the 2022 Guild of Fine Foods Great Taste Awards. This is the 4th year in a row, that the brewery has been successful in the awards. An outstanding achievement.

BLO Barry Blewitt

HAIRY DOG

Wivelsfield

The latest beer to be released is **Mango Mutt** (4%) - a fruity pale ale. The tasting notes describes it; thus, lashings of Mango and sprinkling of lime on a light oaty malt base.

BLO Paul Free

HAND BREW CO

Brighton

The world-renowned visual artist, David Shrigley, finally adds a beer to his portfolio. Teaming up with Hand Brew Co, he delivers a perfect grapefruit pale ale called **Toadlicker** (find out more and pre-order it here: www.handbrewco.com/davidshrigley). Of course, he also makes other great stuff. Their **Original Pale**

Ale, infused with grapefruit!

A trio of American hops: Cascade & Chinook deliver refreshing high notes of pine, and lime zest, while Citra brings softer, juicier orange and peach. Then they added a high quality pure grapefruit extract for a refreshing twist. This beer is brewed with malted wheat and barley for a full body and subtle malt character which allows the hops to shine.

BLO Peter Mitchell

HARVEY'S

Lewes

The recent Independent Family Brewers of Britain (IFBB) beer festival in Harvey's back yard was a great success. Over thirty iconic regional beers from across the UK were all in excellent condition. Roger Protz gave two talks in the margins and was available throughout to sign copies of his latest acclaimed book *The Family Brewers of Britain*. Copies are on sale in the Brewery shop. Other beer festivals are being planned, including the possibility of a Lewes area festival next year. The recent collaboration with Burning Sky **In Harmony Pale Ale** (4.2 abv) was really well-received, including at the recent Bluebell Railway Beer Festival run in association with the Sussex Branches of CAMRA in late September. Other collaborations are being considered.

Two seasonal green hopped brews, **Southdown Harvest** and **Star of Eastbourne** will be available during the Autumn. **Old Ale** has made its usual welcome return, including with the traditional 'dancing-in of the old ale' which went ahead on the 1st October after a two year Covid enforced hiatus. Bonfire Boy will be available as usual in November. A final commemoration brew of **Elizabethan Ale** is planned. Huge energy price rises and increased raw material costs are of concern. Hop crops have been deeply affected by the recent high temperatures and lack of rain.

BLO Ian Hodge

HEATHEN

Haywards Heath

The latest version of

Hoppler Effect IPA (7%)

and **Taproom Brew #1**

(5.1%) - märzen or

märzenbier which is a pale

lager seasonal that

originated in Bavaria, were

supplied to the Bluebell

Railway Beer Festival. New

beers available at the

Taproom include a rich

porter, a partially green-

hopped pale, and a

collaboration beer with

nearby neighbours Bestens.

BLO Paul Free

HEPWORTH

North Heath

Hepworth have now

celebrated their 21st

birthday making them one

of the longest established

breweries in the county.

They have come a long way from those early days in the station yard at Horsham to their modern brewery north of Pulborough where they have just had a Grand Opening of the new Tap Room next to the ever popular Brewery Shop.

Cans now form a significant part of the business and there is a new canning line in place producing some 3,000 cans per hour. Their award winning APA, appropriately named **The Right Stuff** is doing well and is a very fine example of this modern style of beer.

BLO Chris Payne

HORSHAM

Horsham

The new brewery tap opened in September just two doors down from the brewery in Blatchford Close, Horsham RH13 5RG (a short walk from Horsham station) and has already proved to be a great success. It is open every Thursday and Friday until 10.30 pm and up to 9.00 pm every Saturday. The brewery continues to try interesting new brews. Rohan's daughter Lucy will brew **Doomsday** again, a 7.2% American amber with cinnamon notes. **St Leonards American Brown** (7.5%) and **Curveball IPA** (4.5%) also went down well recently. The brewery also recently welcomed Ray Welton as a guest brewer to provide the beer for the Old

Ale evening in October. Hopefully this can become an annual event.

BLO Nigel Bullen

KILN

Burgess Hill

Atomic, a blonde cask ale (4.2%) is continuing to be very well received and is selling well.

BLO Paul Free

KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding

Kissingate Brewery has hosted many events throughout the year including a collaboration with two nearby distilleries who set up their gin and rum bars in the brewery courtyard. Kissingate's new **Black Cherry** gin is produced in Horsham by Cabin Pressure Spirits with inclusions of cherries and hops used in the **Black Cherry Mild** 4.2%. Beer production is steady with high demand for cask dark beers despite the summer heat wave. A bumper crop of hedgerow First Gold hops were harvested in the brewery garden by local folk and used to brew this year's harvest beer **Little Green Nutter** 5.0%.

Blackeyed Susan 6.8% and **Black Cherry en plus** 7.0% will be available from November. The brewery taproom continues to showcase at least nine cask beers which include core favourites and the occasional special. There are always local ciders to enjoy too. Kissingate's

annual October Festival was held on Saturday 8th October.

BLO Roy Bray

LITTLE MONSTER

Tillington, Petworth

Little Monster's taproom is now open occasionally at weekends at The Courtyard, Crows Halls Farm, Chilgrove, Chichester, PO18 9HW but please check before going there to the best of your ability as opening hours can be hard to find and it is not always open.

BLO Tony Ashcroft

LONG MAN

Litlington

The brewery is barrel ageing a batch of its **Old Man** to be hand bottled and released late in the year as an anniversary beer. A brand new cask will appear from the 1st October -

Oatmeal Stout. Brewed in the style of a London porter but with a large portion of oats added to the grain bill, and finished with roasted cocoa nibs. It will have notes of coffee and chocolate.

Wild Man IPA (5.2%) and **Inn Keeper** (4.8%), a fruity winter warmer, will return in cask in November. Four Long Man Creation beers, available in can and keg are receiving great feedback, and are available in craft beer outlets around Sussex. Long Man has been nominated for Sustainable Business Practices, and Hospitality Business of the Year at the Eastbourne

Business Awards to be held in late September. Brewery Tours and Tastings continue and can be booked on-line.

BLO Richard Scullion

LOUD SHIRT BEER

Brighton

EXP01 is now a permanent fixture on the Loud Shirt Brewing Co cask lineup.

This is an easy drinking pale ale, derived from their EXP experimental range, boasting Ekuanot hop with notes of lemon and lime. As a new core beer, EXP01 will form the foundation of their cask resurgence as they look to bridge the gap between traditional and progressive brews.

Renovations are underway on their taproom in Kemptown, with a new bar, serving cask and keg, and offering 10% discount to all CAMRA members on Taproom purchases (just in time for the world cup). Discount Code for the online shop: "camra10".

BLO Adrian Heft

THREE ACRE

Blackboys,

Following July's successful tap takeover at the Hopyard in Forest Row, a beer tasting at the same venue took place in mid-September as part of their beer club series. The Dark Beer Season campaign continues, with **Ruby Porter, Bonfire Beer** (6.66%) and **Charcoal Mild** (3%) having been released in recent weeks, with **Christmas Old Ale** (5.6%)

due in mid-November. For Christmas, Best Bitter, Ruby Porter, and Christmas Old will be available in bottles, with a wide range of beers in 5L mini casks and 10L beer boxes. **Blood Orange Pale** (4.9%) has become a semi-permanent feature, due to its popularity. A branded mobile bar is also planned for outside events in 2023.

BLO John Quick

UNBARRED

Brighton

UnBarred are looking into increasing their production in their current brewery site and continue to open their Brighton taproom for drink-in and takeaways. They are continuing to launch limited edition beers alongside their regular range. Joosy in cask was very popular. Up next up in cask will be a beer brewed originally in Jordan's shed (Head Brewer and Founder) **The Long Black**. Their birthday across Brighton in August was great fun, and we'd like to thank everyone who made it what it was. As we head into winter, the brewery is gearing up for the return of **Stoutzilla**.

BLO Graham Eaton

Spotlight on

BREWERIES



café bar serving coffees, or one of our alcohol-free beers, to morning visitors, through to a buzzing live music venue on Friday evenings.

“We’re also excited about the design plans, which will take the taproom and shop up to the next level. It’s great to be working with the Chichester College Group

and helping to nurture creativity and design in young people at the start of their career. We can’t wait to see their ideas and work with the winner on turning them into a reality.”

Brinsbury College principal Sally Challis-Manning said: “We’re always delighted to work with local businesses to give our students a chance to work on a real project. We know our students will be enthusiastic about this brief from Hepworth and we’re confident that their talent will shine through in some amazing designs.”

The majority of Hepworth’s beers are gluten-free, vegan-friendly and many are organic. Organic barley is sourced from the Goodwood estate in Sussex, and hops from award-winning hop grower Chris Daws at Bodiam.

Sussex brewer taps in to young talent

A Sussex brewery has opened a new taproom and meeting space.

The development is the latest investment by Hepworth following the recent installation of a canning line, among other developments.

At the same time, Hepworth is launching a competition for students from the Chichester College Group challenging them to create a “next generation” taproom and brewery shop, to open within the next 12 months.

Brewery founder and chairman Andy Hepworth (above left) said: “We’re delighted to have a taproom where we can serve a pint and a bite to our guests. We expect it to evolve into a versatile space – a

Brighton & South Downs Branch News



Brighton & South Down's Pub of the Year, the Hole in the Wall, progressed to the County level competition and finished a very credible runner-up. Their award

certificate was presented by Brighton CAMRA chairman Jason Phillips to Jim and team.



Sussex branches of CAMRA were invited to man the bar at Harvey's first beer festival in the brewery depot yard on 9 & 10 September. The festival was organised on behalf of the Independent Family Brewers of Britain (IFBB) to celebrate the history and tradition of our brewing industry. Over 30 breweries were represented by cask or bottle.



During the event Miles was presented with the award and trophy for the Champion Bottled Beer of Britain for their Imperial Stout by Laura Emson of CAMRA HQ.



The Committee and members of Brighton & South Down Branch recognised the support provided by Miles Jenner over many years by presenting an engraved pewter tankard to mark his 70th birthday.



The second Bluebell Railway beer festival was held over the weekend of 23-25 September.

This event is currently the Sussex CAMRA Branches annual beer festival and for this year expanded the festival to include cask stillage at Horsted Keynes and East Grinstead in addition to the engine shed at Sheffield Park station.

This totalled 90 cask beers and 17 ciders and perries. The station bar was transformed to host 15 craft key keg & keg beers.

Live music was a key part of the festival experience with a great variety of styles on display.

The Friday afternoon was designated 'music free' in acknowledgement that not everyone appreciates music at a beer festival.

The Brewery Shades – Crawley



dispensed from just such a premises; and hence the presence of ghosts in the house to this day!!!

Author's Note: Having been shown round the pub recently. I now share that strong, local and popular belief. It is surely significant and more than a coincidence that the only written records we now have coincide with the

commencement of brewing on the site,

To start this article on the Brewery Shades I can do no better than quote from the CAMRA Good Beer Guide of 2013: *"Arguably the oldest building in Crawley High Street, dating back to around 1400 and complete with two active ghosts"*.

Sadly, it needs to be said here, that there are no longer any surviving written records that stretch back to the year 1400. However, the oldest part of the building has been dated at least to the 15th century. Despite the lack of documented evidence, in Crawley strong, local and popular belief has it that the oldest and most haunted part of the building was once used as a court or jailhouse with a secure area where condemned prisoners were held prior to execution.

Given that we know the original heart of the building was an imposing timber-framed hall-house with a high ceiling; and that the detached building would have stood in its own grounds. It is quite possible that in the late Middle Ages justice would have been

which was underway by the turn of the 17th century. I would imagine that brewing grew slowly, only gradually becoming the dominant activity. But once started it was to continue evermore commercially, and with some evident success; the building grew, gaining a large cellar and a first floor. Brewing continued on the site for over three hundred years, only finishing as recently as 1915 by which time Chantler's Brewery occupied the premises.

A new era in the old building's history was started in 1916 when, after alterations, Chantler's Brewery became: The Brewery Shades, Public House. The first Landlord of which was: Albert Edward Beckett. Once the building became a public house it is interesting to note how closely changes in its ownership seemed to reflect developments in the industry around it.

Owned initially by private individuals or families, like the Chantlers'. It was sold into the 'Trade' during the inter-war years, (Rock Brewery). As at various times the industry



Nicki Gheek (Landlady), with Ben Gheek, her son with his partner

consolidated during the 20th century into fewer and larger groups; so each new owner was larger than the one before. By mid-century the Shades was one of four Brickwood's houses in what was now Crawley New Town. Whitbread bought Brickwood's in 1971. It was in the Whitbread period that Nicki Cheek arrived, first as relief Manager then later as tenant, with Greene King, the present owner.

Nicki has made a big difference to the pub, broadening the ale and cider range considerably and getting into the Good Beer Guide for ten consecutive years!!! before winning: North Sussex Branch Pub of the Year 2022. Also do not forget the various Cider Pub Awards that have been won in the last ten years. The kitchen is surprisingly small, but chefs Scott and Vince and the catering team produce a very wide range of good quality food, which is rightly praised.

This late 15th century timber-framed hall house, together with its two ghosts has bore silent witness to vast change down the years.

Licensee: Nicki Cheek has been part of that change now for almost 30 years.

Nicki puts her heart and very soul into running the pub; She is both a worthy and proud holder of the Pub of the Year Award, and Successor to Albert Edward Beckett, the First Licensee.

John Keller
North Sussex Branch

South East Sussex Branch Awards

Big Smoke Brewery in Esher, Surrey, won the November 2021 Eastbourne Beer Festival 'Beer of the Festival, Sussex Exemption' award. Three members travelled to the brewery to present it to a member of the brewery staff, (below, second from the right).



Branch Area Beer of the Year for 2020/21 was Battle Brewery's One Hop Wonder. Brewer Ian (left) with CAMRA's Brewery Liaison Officer, Mac, and brewery owners Rob (behind) and Jo, proudly showing off the certificate in the Brewery Tap.



At Harvey's Brewery's first beer festival Miles Jenner, Head Brewer and Joint Managing Director was presented with Beer of the Festival at Eastbourne 2021 Prince of Denmark and Branch Sussex Beer of the Year 2020/21 for Porter.



Peter Adams (left) and Miles Jenner (right)

Country Pub of the Year 2022 is the White Dog Inn, Ewhurst Green, Branch Chair Peter Adams (centre) presented daughter and father team of Harriet and Dale with the pub's first ever CAMRA award.



East Dean's Tiger Inn reached ten consecutive appearances in the Good Beer Guide in 2022. It first entered the GBG as the tap for the then Beachy Head Brewery, but manager Becky has ensured beer standards remained high since then.





Adrian and Annabelle have re-established Eastbourne's Hurst Arms as an outstanding tied Harvey's pub in the area, this year it is

runner up branch Pub of the Year, consistently serving a choice of five Harvey's ales to a high standard.



Ninkaci, a bar in Eastbourne's town centre offering a number of KeyKeg beers is run by the wife and husband team, Jo and Andy. It won the award for the highest average National Beer Scoring System score for 2020/21.



Sussex Pub of the Year

Sussex Branches members surveyed each Branch POTY and the winner is the Hornet Alehouse, Chichester. The presentation on 13th August was received with great applause from local Branch members and locals.



Peter Page Mitchell (Sussex Area Organiser) presenting the Sussex Pub of the Year award to Glenn Johnson in the Hornet, Chichester.

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Worthing Tap Takeover

Worthing has become a great place for beer lovers with a wide range of pubs, bars and other venues to choose from. On the weekend of 22-24 April 2022 a new event took place which confirmed this.

Gemma Clegg and Gareth Harries of Beer No Evil and Laurence Dumbleton of The Old Bike Store got together to organise a “Tap Takeover” with thirteen other venues, making a total of fifteen places taking part. The Bottle & Jug Dept even obtained a special licence to serve beer on the premises.

Each venue featured beer from one brewery, (cask, keg or both) with local and national brewers represented.

The venues were:

- Goose (Beak Brewery)
- Coast Cafe (Cloak & Dagger)
- Anchored (Goldmark)
- Beer No Evil (The Kernel)
- Fox & Finch (Only with Love)
- The Old Bike Store (Pollys)
- Bison Beer (Verdant)
- Bottle & Jug Dept (Little Monster)
- Wax Cactus (Vocation)
- Brooksteed (Unbarred)
- HandBrewco (Burning Sky)
- Selden Arms (Vibrant Forest)
- Toad In The Hole (Hand Brew Co)
- Corner House (Gun)
- Dice (Phantom Brewing Co)

The website (worthingtaptakeover.co.uk) helpfully provided a map with details of each venue and brewer.

The event proved popular, all venues were busier than normal and the event had attracted visitors into the town many of whom were visiting more than one place. It gave drinkers an opportunity to visit new venues, try new breweries and in some cases meet the brewer as well.



The organisers deserve congratulations for a successful event and bringing venues together in a spirit of collaboration and support after a very challenging couple of years.

Plans are already underway for a repeat event next year 14-16 April 2023 so keep an eye on the website and social media, including Facebook(@worthingtto), Twitter(@WorthingTTO), Instagram(@worthingtto) and Untappd

Colin Pennifold





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PotY: Selden Arms, Worthing

CPotY: none; COTY: none

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CPotY: Brewery Shades, Crawley; CotY: none

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Beer Festival: Eastbourne, 2023 TBC

PotY: Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill;

CPotY: Waterworks, Rye;

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Beer Festival: Yapton 12-14 May 2023

PotY: Hornet Alehouse, Chichester; CPotY: none

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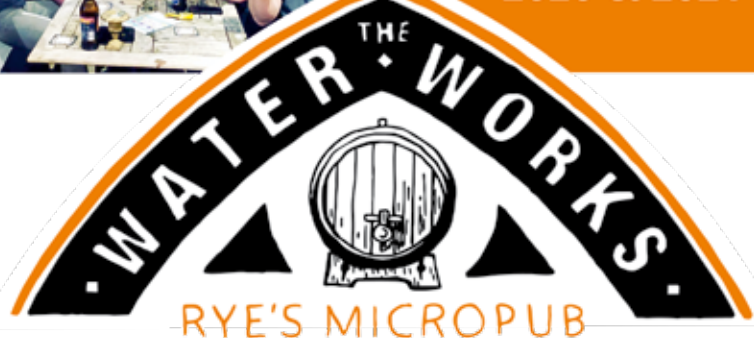
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