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Yapton And Ford Village Hall, Main Road,
Yapton. 12-14 May 2023 (see pages 3 & 11)

Spring Equinox Beer & Cider Festival,
Horsham, 24-25 March (see pages 12-13)



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Yapton Beerex, Yapton and Ford Village Hall, Main Road, Yapton. 12th-14th May 2023

YAPTON BEEREX IS BACK FOR 2023!



The 31st Yapton Beerex had been planned for 2020 and then we were all locked down. This lasted throughout parts of 2021 and although all restrictions were finally lifted in February 2022 this did not give volunteers enough time to plan a May beer festival.

It is with great pleasure that we can report that Yapton Beerex is now returning to Yapton and Ford Village Hall, Main Road, Yapton on the 12th, 13th and 14th May 2023.

If you haven't been before this is a very unusual event in that the hall stands on Yapton Village Green which affords the opportunity for al fresco relaxation over a pint or two. The second weekend in May has in recent years afforded some spectacularly good weather, so fingers crossed.

In addition to 50 perfectly cooled real ales there will be a KeyKeg bar, ciders and food. Cash and cards will be accepted for everything with tokens for sale to buy drinks.



be on hand to guide you through the various styles.

A vintage bus (open topped classic Southdown vehicle weather permitting) will

These will have been selected from both national and local sources by CAMRA volunteers who will

run on Saturday afternoon to and from The Murrell Arms near Barnham Station at regular published intervals for a very reasonable £1.50 per journey (cash only please – right change appreciated).

Session times and prices are:-

- Friday 12th May; 6pm to 11pm; £8
 - Saturday 13th May; 11am to 9pm; £8 all day; £4 from 5pm
 - Sunday 14th May; 12noon to 3pm; £4
- Friday and all day Saturday ticket holders will get a free half pint cask ale/cider voucher and card carrying CAMRA members additionally get a £2 voucher for the session they attend.

A link to the ticketing website can be found at www.westernsussexcamra.org.uk and this site will also have festival details, links to Facebook and Twitter pages, a bus timetable and an interactive beer list in the fullness of time.

You can also purchase tickets at the following pubs:-

Maypole Yapton, **Wilkes Head** Eastergate, **New Inn** Littlehampton, **Hornet Ale House** and **Chichester Inn** Chichester, **Inglenook** Pagham, **Hopp Inn** Selsey, **Fox and Finch** West Worthing, **Dog and Duck** Bognor Regis.

Tickets **may** be available on the door but if they have all been presold then this won't happen so we would recommend purchasing in advance as numbers are limited.

If you want tickets by post or any further details or would like to volunteer to work serving and/or setting up and taking down please contact Paul on 07940 527045.

We look forward to reacquainting ourselves at this friendly local event.

Cheers!

Tony Ashcroft
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 30 applies to all items.

Please use [WhatPub.com](https://www.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.

■ BEPTON

The **Country Inn**, closed since 2020, will reopen in 2023. The restaurant and bar will be supplemented by a separate coffee shop.

■ BOGNOR REGIS

TAO is now **Rocks** and is much as before but a greater café emphasis during the day. It is in the same ownership as the Pass café in Chichester.

■ BILLINGSHURST

The **Kings Arms** has been closed for a couple of months, no news yet on any reopening.

■ BRIGHTON



A Brighton manor house will be converted into a 'pub hub club' alongside accommodation for 566 students under a recently submitted £150m redevelopment plan. The developer's plans for Moulsecoomb Place will see the current accommodation blocks for the University of Brighton, which house 163 students, demolished and replaced by four new blocks. The scheme in the former manor

house and tithe barn, originally built in 1790, will also include a new community hub, a social club and an events space with guest rooms, alongside the pub.

The **Battle of Trafalgar** sees the departure of long-standing tenant Mel. Hopefully the transfer of management will happen quickly and the pub will remain open during the transition.

The **Craft Beer Co** has closed due to a management issue. It is not known for how long it will remain closed but hopefully it will re-open shortly.



Formerly called Oast, this pub in Preston Street has a new tenant and has re-opened under the name the **Brick**. It has three new cask lines and will have keg beers from small independent Czech and German

breweries. We wish Mark Hazel (ex Evening Star, Brighton) every success.

The **Newmarket** on the A27 between Kingston and Falmer is closing and has been bought by Starbucks coffee.

■ CHICHESTER

The **Rainbow** closed at the end of 2022 when the lease was terminated. Its future is uncertain.

■ CHILGROVE

The company that owns the **White Horse** as well as the **Royal Oak**, Lavant and the **Well-Diggers** near Petworth, has merged with Butcombe pubs. What effect this will have on the beer offering remains to be seen ...



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■ CRAWLEY

The **White Knight** in the Pound Hill area of the town has closed and re-opened as a restaurant.

■ EASTBOURNE

The South East Sussex Branch of CAMRA enjoyed its Eastbourne Christmas event with a South Street Shuffle. This involves beers at **Bibendum**, the **Dolphin**, the **Dewdrop** and the **Eagle**. All the pubs were welcoming with a varied selection of ales in good condition. A small group went on to **Beerarama** where a beer served on KeyKeg, Polly's Ginger Nut, was enjoyed.

Adrian and Annabelle continue to delight Harvey's lovers at the **Hurst Arms**, where they regularly have five different cask ales.

■ EAST GRINSTEAD

The **Engine Room** always has a good variety of cask and keg beers sourced locally and from farther afield, along with a range of ciders. Their 4th Birthday is coming up, and there will be a Dark and Strong festival on the weekend of 10th-12th March to celebrate this, featuring Porters, Stouts and ESBs. For full details (not available at time of going to press), please see their website.

The Harvey's pub, **Old Dunnings Mill**, is on the outskirts of the town. A selection of the Lewes brews are available, but interesting to note that Sussex Mild features regularly.

■ FAYGATE

The **Cherry Tree** is a former King & Barnes pub dating from the 17th Century, adjacent to the A264. It's been closed for some time and become increasingly derelict. There have been 'For Sale' signs on the building for quite some time, but there has been no news on its future.

■ HAILSHAM

The **George Hotel** continues to impress with its wide variety of well-served cask ales often from Hurst and Three Acres.

The **White Horse Inn**, Bodle Street Green,

has re-opened with new-comers, Liz and Russ, at the helm. Harvey's and Long Man are regulars with beers from Lakedown also making an appearance. Food features traditional pub favourites, focussing on locally-sourced ingredients.

■ HASTINGS

It is sad to report that the **Duke of Wellington** in the High Street closed at the end of October 2022. They wish to thank all their customers for their support.

The excellent cluster of pubs in the Old Town (Dolphin, First In Last Out, Crown, Albion, Jenny Lind, Cinque Ports and Jolly Fisherman) continue to delight visitors and regulars alike with their well served cask ales which usually include local offerings.

■ HORSHAM

Horsham has a new beer shop, called the **Beer Mine**. It's in the Carfax, by the bandstand, selling several beers from cask as well as having some well-stocked fridges full of bottles, cans and mini-kegs.

■ ICKLESHAM

The **Robin Hood**, a family run pub, supports the local community and beyond by providing good food and ales, both reasonably priced. There is always at least one beer from a local brewery. When last visited it was good to have a pint of Three Acre Ruby Porter, particularly as most local



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■ LEWES

The **Royal Oak** is changing tenants. The new tenant is rumoured to be lined up minimising disruption hopefully.

The **King's Head** has re-opened after a period of refurbishment under the



management of a respected local landlord who also has the Black Horse. Two or three real ales served. Well done Dec!

■ LODSWORTH

The **Hollist Arms**, under new ownership as recently as 2020, closed in October 2022, having failed to recover from Covid.

■ MIDHURST

The **Half Moon** on the A272 has reopened, though neither its website nor Facebook page reflect this.

■ PAGHAM



The Honor family, who own the **Inglenook** have decided to retire after nearly 50 years

running the pub, restaurant, and hotel. They will retain the ownership of the buildings, but have set up a new 10 year leasehold with Andy Standon, for the entire facility from 21-11-2022. Andy's intention is not to make any changes in terms of beer selections, and retain the services of Gary Crossley, who will be responsible for the policy of continuous changes to the cask and key keg offerings. Many of you will know Gary and that he can be relied upon to put on some exciting beers. The day-to-

day running of the business will be the responsibility of General Manager, Phil Southgate who has worked at the Nook for five years. All other personnel will remain the same, and a new Head Chef - Sam Walker, is the only new appointment. The Nook was winner of our CAMRA branch's Pub of the year in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2020, and the Western Sussex CAMRA branch wish all success to the new management team, and a well earned retirement to the Honor family.

■ PETT

There is progress towards the reopening of the **Smuggler** which closed in 2018.

Following the successful conversion of the pub garden overlooking the sea into an outdoor café serving food and soft drinks, the building work is now progressing towards converting the premises into a restaurant with rooms. Thankfully the original stone fireplace is being retained. The plans show a small bar area so hopefully the owners will also retain the tradition of providing real ale when it reopens.



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

is a great supporter of the Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat, for which it holds charity events. The pub has four handpumps, at least one of which pours a local ale. Recently enjoyed were Rother Valley Blues & Long Man Old Man. The Real Ale Finder app will show the up-to-date selection.

■ PEVENSEY

It is disappointing to report that the **Smugglers** has closed citing lack of business.

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■ **RINGMER**

The Greene King pub, the **Green Man**, is serving Harvey's Sussex Best in addition to 2-3 Greene King ales.

■ **SOMPTING**

The **Gardeners Arms**, which closed a few months ago has re-opened with a new tenant, who has a six-month lease but hopes to extend it. No food served weekdays but a Sunday Roast is planned. Opening hours are correctly shown on WhatPub. Harvey's Best and Fullers London Pride were on at time of visit.

■ **SOUTH CHAILEY**

The **Five Bells** has re-opened under a new tenant after four months closure.

■ **ST LEONARDS**

Sadly, the **Duke** has yet to reopen.

Three local real ales are regularly available at the **Piper**.



The **Nag's Head** is still offering up to five real ales, usually including Gun, Long Man and Harvey's.

Five real ales were on at a recent visit to the **Horse and Groom**. The Greene King Abbot Reserve was superb.

Heist indoor market and bar in Norman Road will now be offering two cask beers following the successful launch of their ESB.

A recent visit found three beers from Pig and Porter at the **St Leonard**. All were in excellent condition.

The **Tower** regularly has six real ales and is holding a Beer Festival from 24-26 February.

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9th CAMRA Spring Equinox Festival Horsham Drill Hall, 24-25 March

We are delighted to confirm that the 2023 CAMRA North Sussex Spring Equinox Beer & Cider Festival is able to go ahead again.

The venue remains the Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham town centre, RH12 1JF, which is about 15 to 20 minutes' walk from the railway station and less from the bus station.

The beer list will have over 50 beers, with the usual balanced mix of Winter and Spring ales, about 8 of which will be served from KeyKeg. All our excellent Branch brewers will again be featured. Sussex cider makers will again feature on Stringer's Cider bar, with a mix of traditional and flavoured ciders and perries.

Kinsbrook vineyard from West Chiltington will again be joining us with their range of still and sparkling wine.

For the first time we are delighted that Christine Cryne is able to join us this year to host Beer and Cheese tasting events. Christine has hosted many such events at CAMRA festivals, with the sessions lasting about 90 minutes and will show how the complexities of the flavours in beer marry with the luscious flavours in cheese. They will run on the Saturday at 1pm and 7pm, with tickets costing £15, in addition to your festival admission ticket.

Hot and cold food and snacks will be available at all sessions.

Ticket prices are:

Friday 6-10pm £7

Saturday 11:30-4.30pm £9

Saturday 6:30-10pm £6.

Your entry fee includes a festival glass, which can be returned at the end of the event for a £2 refund if you wish.

CAMRA members will again be able to claim a free pint on presentation of their membership card, although restrictions may apply to certain beers.

Please bear in mind that we again anticipate that the Saturday afternoon session will sell out several weeks in advance.

As well as being able to purchase tickets in Horsham from the Malt Shovel, Beer Mine and the Anchor Tap, Crawley's Brewery Shades and East Grinstead's Engine Room they are also available online at northsussex.camra.org.uk/equinox, or use



the QR code. Postal applications (cheques payable to CAMRA North Sussex and please include a stamped addressed envelope) can be made to The Treasurer, 16 Cobbles Crescent, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8HA.

For more info, including a beer list in due course, contact:

camra.equinox@gmail.com, or

northsussex.camra.org.uk, or twitter @CAMRAEquinox.

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>

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East Hoathly

Spring beers will include **Hop Pocket** 3.7%, **Triple Champion** 4.0%, **Sacred Solstice** 4.3% **Signature** 4.4% **Saint George** 4.5% and **Laughing Frog** 5.2% plus possibly a new one.

BLO Barry Blewitt

360 DEGREES

Sheffield Park

The brewery have introduced three seasonal darker beers for the Winter season. Two are available in cask now:

Twanky Dillo a 5% India porter and **As You Were** a 4.7% red ale. The excellent **Mutiny** coconut chocolate stout 4.9% made a brief appearance in cask but is now keg only.

The Taproom at the brewery in Sheffield Park now has a permanent pizza kitchen to ensure customers don't go hungry.

BLO Jason Phillips



ABYSS

The brewery continues to brew an ever expanding range of modern style keg beers which are produced in rotation so that availability of each varies. As well as selected outlets, these are also available in the onsite taproom (open Thursday – Sunday) or from the online shop, with local deliveries every Friday and courier deliveries for further afield. Special events are often held in the taproom, including the regular Brewhouse Flea on the first Saturday of every month, when Stanley Road Store brings makers, artists, vintage clothing, food, and flowers to the brewery yard, joining the usual offerings of tacos by Carlito Burrito and ABYSS beers. Full details and current opening times are on the website at: abyssbrewing.co.uk

BLO: John Quick

ARUNDEL

Ford, Nr Arundel

The brewery is now up and brewing at their Brewhouse Project site with four beers now in the tank and a new Brewhouse Best bitter available in both keg & cask. The plan for 2023 will be to move all operations from the current Ford site into the Brewhouse Project site. Recent collaborations with **Run The Jewels** and **Top Jaw** have scored extremely highly on Untappd and similar small-batch collaborations are planned for 2023.

BLO Tony Ashcroft

BATTLE

Battle

Battle Brewery continues to grow and in the new year, plans to offer a new range of keg beers alongside the first range of canned products. The final beer to go to bottles released at the beginning of December, **Harold's Eye PA**, has proven very popular and completes the range of bottles available all year round. Battle Tap also continues to be very popular and keeping prices low on all their draught products, they still offer a delivery service every week usually on a Thursday. Battle Tap is open on the High Street from 11am till late.

BLO Mac McCutcheon

BESTENS

Scaynes Hill, Haywards Heath

Besten's Assistant Brewer, James Harley, will be starting his own brewery. He will install his own fermentation

tank at Bestens and aims to commence cuckoo brewing in Scaynes Hill in the Spring of 2023. He will be producing both cask & keg beers.

BLO Jeremy Brinkworth

BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

Horsham

The winter Project Cask beer is a rather tasty **Whisky Stout** (4.5%). This is alongside the normal **Rock bitter**, **Comic Genius IPA**, and **Saxon Warrior** golden ale. There is also a **Black IPA** on the keg. Spring ales expected to be (Feb/March time) a 4.5% **Juicy Pale Ale** on cask and a 5.5% **West Coast IPA**.

BLO Terry Shouler

BREWING BROTHERS

Hastings

A recent Brown Beer has proved to be very popular.

BLO Peter Page-Mitchell

BROLLY

Brolly is on the move from Wisborough Green to the recently vacated Chapeau Brewing premises in Horsham. They are aiming to have six cask lines when they reopen in April/May.

To enable the move, they are running a crowdfunding campaign, a link for this can be found on their website.

BLO: Timothy Ayre

BRZN

BRZN BEER has, as of January, moved to a new, larger brew site, having outgrown the shipping container that previously housed them. The move includes expansion of the plant and sufficient space to

expand a great deal further. Notable new seasonal beers include **Smoke Me A Porter I'll Be Back For Breakfast** a 5.3% smoked porter in cask as well as new versions of our Kviek range - **I Don't Understand The Question And Won't Respond To It** 5.8% oat pale in cask and keg. **Raptor Enclosure** 4.4% pale ale becomes the first core beer available year-round.

BLO Miriam Harper

DARK STAR

Asahi/Fullers Brewery plan to brew some of the Dark Star beers at the Meantime plant in Charlton. However, Meantime do not brew cask beer so some decommissioned equipment from the Dark Star brewery is planned to be moved to and installed there. In the meantime there appears to be some brewing of Dark Star APA and Revelation (as well as Hophead) at Chiswick.

DOWNLANDS

Small Dole

The mash tun is full and resting with a one off 9% empirical stout, the enzymes now converting all those stored sugars into accessible sugars for the yeast to play with later.

BLO Peter Mitchell

FAUNA BREWING

Arundel

The brewery was initially established in July 2021 with the intention of brewing on the Norfolk Estate in Arundel. Brewing currently takes place in Chichester but there are plans for a new brewery

to be set up in Arundel which is expected to happen in the near future. There is an excellent taproom which is very popular. Beers are currently in cans and key keg the core offerings being **Pango Table Beer** (2.8%) and **Wild Dog IPA**. The brewery is ecologically friendly, its motto being Save and Protect.

BLO: Chris Payne

FIREBIRD

Rudgwick

This December was the brewery's busiest ever. **Old Ale** will be available until the end of February, when it will be replaced by a new single hop beer. **Paleface** will continue to be available but Festive will cease until the autumn. **Citra** will be available in the summer. A tenth anniversary event is expected in late June or early July.

BLO Dave Sharp

FLYING TRUNK

Forest Row

A new brewery which took over the former High Weald premises and brewing kit in Forest Row in early 2022 with cask and bottle conditioned versions appearing, after some trial brews in May. **Engine Oil** stout (6.2%) was at the Engine Room, EG, festival in June, and they have followed this up with **PYO** pale with blackberries (5.8%), **Good Natured** (4.7%) and **Petrichor** (5.5%) pales, **Past Your Bedtime** (6.0%) stout, and **Christmas Cheer** (5.5%). In December there was a

brewery open day, and a partial tap takeover at the Engine Room. Beers have also appeared at the Evening Star, Cobbetts in Dorking and other outlets. Kate and Richard are keen to get involved in festivals, and are looking to expand capacity by adding FVs at some point.

BLO Jonathan Samways

GREYHOUND

West Chiltington

Still producing a variety of beers, some in cask and many in bottles/cans available by mail order. See greyhoundbrewery.co.uk.

BLO Colin Pennifold

GUN

Gun Hill, Heathfield

New Year was welcomed in at the brewery with a sold out New Year's Eve party. Drink was taken. January sees the release of **Gun Control** a 2.5% low ABV table beer. More specials will follow soon with an American brown cask ale next in the line-up. The Taproom continues to grow in popularity as people discover it. If you haven't been yet, do plan a visit. It's open every Thursday to Sunday, serving a full range of cask and keg beers. A rotating series of Street Food vendors means you can have a bite to eat whilst you enjoy your beer. Planned events in the Taproom include a food market, Quiz Night, Vinyl Night and a Retro Gaming Night. More events will soon be confirmed - see the website for what's coming up.

BLO Barry Blewitt

HAIRY DOG

Wivelsfield

The brewery has thanked everyone who supported them in 2022 and is looking forward to a Happy New Year. A couple of new food trucks are making their debuts. In 2022 the brewery introduced three new pale ales; **Howler** - 3.8%, **Growler** 4.5% a juicy pale ale and **Mango Mutt** 4% a fruity pale ale.

BLO Paul Free

HAND BREW CO

Brighton

The end of the year has mainly been about dark and cask beers for at the Hand Brew Co. The brew team were over at our Brighton brewpub, the Hand in Hand making their annual specials, **CHOP** (oatmeal stout) and **A-OK** (old ale). Just in time for the weather to show who's boss and those cosy, candle-lit pub corners calling out for dark and cask! They also brewed our annual **Staggering in the Dark** / **SID** (imperial stout) and popped open and bottled the barrel-aged version that had been working its slumber-magic for 10 months. We had a great launch for that over at the Evening Star in Brighton with accompanying mince-pies and brandy-cream.

BLO Peter Mitchell

HEATHEN

Haywards Heath

2022 was a year of progress and expansion for Heathen; The Tap Room was fully refurbished, including an upstairs space available for meetings etc. They recruited

more staff and had several special events at the Tap Room, some of which are detailed below.

The beer details have been covered in my quarterly reports.

Thu 29 Sep to Sun 2 Oct was the Oktoberfest Tap

Takeover. Jenny and Dan scooped in the malt, dug out the spent grain and produced our **On Your Marks** festbier lager which went down a storm. Added to this was a great selection from the classic Munich Oktoberfest breweries.

Following on the heels of a fantastic Hoptoberfest celebration the brewery was chuffed to have it confirmed that they were serving up one of Sussex's finest 2022 brews. Congratulations to Mark for his **Hoppler Effect** voted beer of the festival at CAMRA's prestigious Bluebell Railway Beer Festival. Halloween was celebrated with a few spooktacular brews and the obligatory sausage or two.

Walk ins at the Tap Room are most welcome, open from 3pm Thursday, Friday and from noon Saturday & Sunday. No need to book, drop by with the kids, dogs, papers, prams, boots, and macs and make yourself at home. This year there was plenty more room at the inn, the fermenters have moved to the abattoir, some of the barrels have done their magic! And so, the front room and mezzanine floor are ready to welcome you.

BLO Paul Free

KILN

Burgess Hill

2022 saw the introduction of **Atomic**, a 4.2% US style blonde and the return of previous beers such as **Leaps & Bounds**, 3.8% pale ale also **Bricks and Porter**, 5.6% smoked porter.

BLO Paul Free

KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding

As with all breweries the team at Kissingate has had to find ways of reducing the impact of soaring costs. The taproom is now a good support for the business as more folk are keen to seek out real cask-dispensed beers. A variety of savoury and sweet bakes are always available from the brewery kitchen. Sales of bottled beers increased significantly through 2022 and investment in new equipment is imminent. The return of Kissingate's **Choc & Vanilla Oatmeal Stout** 4.8% and **Murder of Crows** 10% imperial stout were well received over the Christmas period. Harvest beer **Little Green Nutter** 5.0% will be available throughout the winter months due to popular demand. There are several events planned throughout the year, details can be found on the brewery website Events page. Kissingate's annual Spring Festival will be held on Saturday 13th May 11am-8pm.

BLO Roy Bray

LAKEDOWN

Lakedown big news is that they have a planning

permission to build the new brewery at Lakedown (in the field behind their taproom). This is very exciting, and they've started the groundworks already. They hope to be up and running by mid-summer 2023. New 4000sq ft brewery will have a 15bbl gravity kit and eight 4000L fermenters, so they'll have lots of opportunity to expand. Lakedown will be pushing hard to build their business this year and they hope to introduce some new beers in the coming months.

BLO: Krzysztof Cymer

LITTLE MONSTER

Tillington, Petworth

2022 has been a tough and difficult year just like most but at the same time a very exciting year for Little Monster. They moved into their new brewery just north of Chichester back in January so it's been a year of finding their feet and enjoying the new place. They also hired Jordan Fancy (ex-Staggeringly Good) as their head brewer back in September and he has fitted in really quickly and taken over 90% of the brewing with Brenden backing him up which leaves Brenden with more time to run the business.

Beer wise Little Monster is still brewing all their core range (YUL, Coast, Manaaki, Takk, etc.) plus a number of new specials on a monthly rotation. Jordan has introduced a new sour series called **Acid Monsters** of which the first two went

down really well. The next two should be available as this goes to print. A new **Chocolate Salted Caramel** stout was launched for Christmas.

BLO Tony Ashcroft

LONG MAN

Litlington

The Brewery has had another successful year, gaining more World Beer Awards including a World's Best, International Brewing Awards, SIBA awards and another Sustainable Business accolade. Moving forward, 2023 promises to be an exciting one at Long Man. In addition to the core cask range of Long Man Best, Rising Giant, Long Blonde, and Old Man, a new Small Batch Calendar for 2023 launches with a brand new beer for January. **Long Man Session Pale** (3.4%) is a beautifully balanced pale ale with hints of tropical fruits and a pleasant hop bitterness. Light, refreshing and drinkable. **Number Eight**, a 4.4% balanced bitter is back for the Six Nations in February. March brings back **Golden Tipple**, a 4.7% golden ale. Look out for a different guest ale every month in 2023 including a Coronation special. The barrel-aging project, Vintage Old Man, was delayed but is now on track for early 2023, promising an intense depth of flavour from the bourbon barrels.

New keg and can beers are on the way and the brewery will continue to develop it's Shop & Tasting Room and on

site experience throughout the year. Brewery Tours continue and are extremely popular, and further investment in brewing equipment and infrastructure is planned. The Brewery wishes to thank everyone for their support in 2022, its 10th year.

BLO Richard Scullion

LOUD SHIRT BEER

Brighton

Loud Shirt Brewery has now opened its taproom in Kemptown, which will showcase all their new beers and is soon to have cask available as a permanent fixture. The new Loud Shirt team are working on bringing on some new cask beers during 2023 and can't wait to share them with you. The taproom will be open for the Six Nations and as always offering a 10% discount to CAMRA members.

BLO Adrian Heft

RIVERSIDE

Sadly Riverside Brewery is now closed. This is due to owner Keith Kempton's business partner moving out of the area and with other non-related issues couldn't commit the time to assist Keith in running the business which is too big to run alone. Keith says that he will still keep the brewery if he can find a new business partner so if anyone reading this is interested in assisting in running this excellent brewery, please let him know.

BLO: Chris Payne

ROTHER VALLEY

The last year was positive, with sales of core beers increasing.

There has also been a very successful brewery swap programme.

BLO: Dawn Lincoln

SUSSEX SMALL BATCH

Still producing a range of interesting stouts, including more recent additions such as **Chocolate Cherry** and **Treacle Toffee**. Most production is canned, but a select few Worthing pubs have a cask version from time to time.

SSB won beer of the festival at the Worthing Beer Festival in October 2022 with **Zucotto Stout** (barrel aged).

BLO: Colin Penniford

THREE ACRE

Blackboys,

Blood Orange Pale (4.9%), which has become a semi-permanent offering due to its popularity, recently won a SIBA Gold Award, judged to be the best pale ale in a bottle or can in the South East of England, including London. **Christmas Old Ale** (5.6%) was re-released over the festive period with double the output volume of last year. The new horsebox bar debuted in December. This all-new pub on wheels serves cask beer from four hand-pulls. In addition, the brewery's beers are now regularly available at the Crowborough Cross Wetherspoons. Plans for 2023 include aiming to open the first drinking venue, where the beers can be

enjoyed on-site. Fundraising for this will kick off in the new year and anyone interested in backing this should contact the brewery.

BLO John Quick

UNBARRED

Brighton

The brewery is looking forward to another exciting year. There will be a focus on more collaborations and events, along with more limited releases and more cask beer! Their recent **Amazonian Zing**, a 2.5% Berliner Weisse created in collaboration with tea mixologist Bird & Blend has been a great beer for January.

The taproom continues to be open Tuesday – Sunday for drink-in, and takeaway, over the coming months they will have plenty of events & beer launches - they will be shouting about these soon.

BLO Graham Eaton

VINE

This brewery was mothballed during the lockdowns when the brewer moved onto another position. The owner/licensee said he had no immediate plans to reactivate it. The pub itself changed hands in 2022. It was visited last week but no home-brewed beer was found.



PRESSING NEWS

Hi cider and perry drinkers, I hope I find you hale and hearty.

I'm pleased to be back in the printed pages of our newsletter. By the time you read this we will have celebrated cider month (October) and may be looking forward to Christmas and that other great winter tradition of wassail! Look out for cider makers or pubs that run wassail events, these can be great fun but are usually outside, so you'll need to dress appropriately. Most occur during January often the first Saturday with much merriment including the local Morris dancers.

One of the fun things that I have done this year has been judging cider pub of the year, this allowed me to travel to the pubs that made the final, King's Ditch (Tamworth, Staffordshire) Pebbles Tavern (Watchet,

Somerset) Queen's Head (Allens Green, Hertfordshire) and the ultimate winner Hop Inn (Hornchurch, Greater London). All four pubs were great with their own unique features. Congratulations to the Hop Inn, well worth as and not too hard to visit from our area.

One thing that has emerged is our updated cider definition which you will find here camra.org.uk/beer-and-cider/cider/promoting-real-cider-and-perry/ where there are lists of producers that we believe meet this definition. This is a useful tool for those who wish to source and drink real cider and perry. Feel free to explore these resources and there is more information on cider and perry on our learn and discover platform camra.org.uk/beer-and-cider/

Wassail, Paul Sanders

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Spotlight on

BREWERIES

Asahi to close Dark Star Brewery Asahi is set to close Dark Star Brewery at its Partridge Green site due to the brewery operating “significantly below capacity”.

According to the Japanese drinks company, the decision to close Dark Star is set to see Asahi move the entire Dark Star beer portfolio over to its Meantime Brewery in Greenwich, London and no longer brew beers in its Sussex home.

Speaking to the drinks business, a spokesperson at Asahi said: “We have put forward a proposal for Dark Star to cease trading at its current site, in Partridge Green West Sussex, as of 31st December 2022, and for operations for the brand to move to the Meantime brewery in Greenwich. This is not a step we have taken lightly, however there are significant challenges in the current economic and operating environment that make this the right course of action for the business and the brand. The Dark Star site operates significantly below capacity which is unfortunately not sustainable.”

The spokesperson added: “We believe strongly in Dark Star and remain committed to building for its future success. The Dark Star beers will remain exactly as they are today – brewed to the same recipe and taste expected by its loyal fans, whilst retaining its distinctive visual brand identity. Our absolute priority right now is to support all colleagues who may be impacted by this proposal, and we are currently in the process of consultation with them. It would therefore be inappropriate to provide any further detail at this time, but we will share more on our plans for the brand and its future brewing arrangements in due course.”

Dark Star, which began in the basement of

the Evening Star pub in Brighton before expanding and brewing in West Sussex, has been historically revered as one of the most influential breweries in the British craft beer revolution prior to becoming a pawn in the acquisition trail.

During Dark Star’s beginnings, names such as Mark Tranter, now head brewer and founder of Burning Sky, was responsible for creating the Hophead recipe and helped to make the brewery hugely successful before differences over the directors’ thirst for expansion led to his departure – a move that saw Tranter set up his own now award-winning brewery in Firlie rather than churn beer volumes to meet demand.

Dark Star, which in February 2018 then sold out to London brewer Fuller’s for an undisclosed sum, was initially lured into a buyout with Fuller’s promises to invest in the brewery and increase sales of its beer brands, such as Hophead, APA, Dark Star Original and Revelation.

At the time, Fuller’s stated how it saw strong potential for Dark Star, particularly Hophead, and insisted Dark Star would continue to operate as a standalone business and also continue brewing at its Partridge Green site.

However, despite claims of looking after Dark Star and suggestions that the business would continue as usual, by January 2019, Fuller’s shocked the beer industry by selling 100% of its beer business to Asahi for £250 million. At the time of the sale, the deal was criticised heavily by beer fans and the wider sector who lamented it was the ‘end of an era’ in British brewing. The sale also saw the ‘once craft’ Dark Star Brewery and its much-heralded beers along with Fuller’s flagship beer London Pride and the historic Griffin Brewery handed over to the Japanese drinks

giant.

Asahi, which was founded in 1889, when it was called the Osaka Beer Company, is known for its Asahi Super Dry lager as well as Asahi Draft lager and Asahi Gold brands. In terms of its kudos-inducing brands however, industry sources highlight how those under Asahi's ownership have been bought rather than nurtured. For instance, in October 2016, Asahi also completed a £1.3 billion acquisition of Miller Brands UK, also giving it control of the Peroni, Grolsch and Meantime beer brands.

Meantime, which also began as a craft brewery, attracted by the huge sums big beer had to offer, sold up in a surprise sale to SAB Miller for £120 million back in May 2015 before AB InBev snapped up SAB Miller for £71bn in December 2015.

Asahi then waded in and paid AB InBev £2bn for the Peroni, Grolsch and Meantime brands in a deal that was alleged to soothe

competition concerns around a large takeover of SABMiller. At the time, AB InBev said the deal was conditional on its £71bn takeover of SABMiller going ahead with the sale of the three brands designed to appease competition concerns raised by European regulators regarding the combined firm's share of the market.

The takeover, dubbed 'Megabrew' in the beer world, was the beginning of the creation of a global drinks titan responsible for the sale of one in three beers worldwide, giving rise to the understanding that when a large company plans a buy-out, there is often an even larger company eyeing the deal for a bigger buyout later down the line.

Industry sources speculate how Asahi's moves have been shrewd in its beer brand acquisitions over the years and each decision has been strategic. The drinks behemoth has operations in the Netherlands, Italy, the UK, France and Canada.

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South East Sussex Branch Awards

The Crown & Anchor, Eastbourne, Community Pub of the Year is the first ever CAMRA award for this pub which licensee Heidi has transformed, popular with regulars and visitors alike.



She is shown accepting the award with pub manager Olly (centre) watching on.

When Mike Corfield took over as landlord at the Bull's Head, Boreham Street, he improved standards all round, the pub returning to the Good Beer Guide in 2011 and winning three CAMRA branch awards since.



Pictured are CAMRA members seen marking his retirement, Mike in the centre holding the certificate we presented. Most unusually, three pubs selected for the 2023 *Good Beer Guide* were each in the *Guide* for the first time ever.



At the White Dog Inn, Ewhurst Green, landlady Harriet is seen (above) receiving her notification from branch member Phil, she commenting that CAMRA awards definitely have a positive effect on trade.

Branch member Peter visited the recently renovated and reopened Nag's Head, St. Leonards-on-Sea, under licensee Denise.



The two are seen outside the pub with her copy of its debut *Guide*.

CAMRA Brewery Liaison Officer for Battle Brewery Mac called in at the brewery's tied pub, the Battle Tap, with the notification that it had made the *Guide* for the first time.



Rob the bar manager is pictured in front of his casks with his *Good Beer Guide* poster.

Traffers Bar, Bexhill was visited by branch members to make a first award to landlord Ian Ayers. It had been voted LocAle Pub of the Year.



Ian (left) is seen behind his handpumps receiving the award from Peter Adam (right).



A trio of branch members visited Brolly Brewery in Wisborough Green, West Sussex, to present

brewer Brook with the Beer of the Bar award from the Eastbourne National Members' Weekend 2022 Members' Bar. for his beer Burble, an English pale ale.



Another warm welcome that day for that same trio was at Kissinggate Brewery, Lower

Beeding, from our hosts Gary and Bunny. This award was from the 2021 Eastbourne Beer Festival, Sussex Beer of the Festival, to add to their impressive 'wall of awards'.



Peter (left) with Regional Director Paul Sanders

A branch meeting at the end of November was the last for branch member Peter Page-Mitchell as Sussex Area Organiser and Brewery Liaison Coordinator. The branch has enjoyed much support from him not only in those roles but also as an extremely active branch

member. Peter was Branch Chairman, South East Sussex, for 9 years when Eastbourne Beer Festival started. He was the Organiser of the 2009 Members' Weekend in Eastbourne. He was Sussex Area Organiser for 12 years. Alongside this he was the Brewery Liaison Coordinator for Surrey, Sussex and Kent since 1996. He remains as Brewery Liaison Officer for Brewery Brewing Brothers in Hastings and is still active on local Branch issues.



His retirement from these roles was marked by his being presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Brighton and South Downs
Branch Awards

Bev Robbins Shield (Beer of the Festival,
Bluebell Railway 2022)

On Saturday 26th November, the presentation of the Bev Robbins Shield and Beer of the Festival certificates were made by the Brighton & South Downs Branch of CAMRA to Heathen Brewers, at the Hop Sun Taproom, Haywards Heath. As in 2021, it was decided to award it to the brewery that won the most votes at the Bluebell Railway Beer Festival (which was jointly run by the Sussex CAMRA Branches). Heathen 'Hoppler Effect' won the best Overall Beer of the Festival, therefore deservedly was awarded the Bev Robbins Shield. This was a great achievement, as they also won the award in 2021! Can Heathen make it third time lucky in 2023?

The event was attended by a number of CAMRA members. The Certificate and Shield were presented by Brighton & South Downs Branch Chairman, Jason Phillips, to Heathen Head Brewer, Mark Balcombe.



Photo: Mark Balcombe (left) receiving the Bev Robbins Shield

County Cider Pub of the Year 2022

Thursday 10th November saw many CAMRA members gathering to warmly congratulate the Watchmaker's Arms, Hove, on being voted the best Sussex cider pub of 2022. The presentation was made to Rick and Luciano of the Watchmaker's, by Steve Leyfield, Brighton & South Down's branch cider representative.



Photo: Rick, receiving the certificate from Steve Leyfield, with Luciano, and Pub Buddy, Richard Williams, left.



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24th Worthing Beer & Cider Festival Report

This year's festival took place at a new venue, Rooms in the Guildbourne Centre on the 28th & 29th of October. The target number of attendees was 750 which, if all went well, would provide a small financial surplus. We had 45 cask beers, 10 KeyKeg and 10 ciders and Magpies Magnificent Homemade Pies provided food. 40% of the beers and ciders were from Sussex. Overall, the feedback from the attendees was very positive. They liked the range of beers and ciders, the venue and how the festival was organised. Costs were tightly controlled with the focus on providing an interesting and varied range of beers and ciders. There was no live music or entertainment. We were loaned 500 pint glasses from the CAMRA warehouse which were cleaned and reused during the festival.

CAMRA's on-line ticketing system (Tckty) was used to handle ticket sales and a small number of paper tickets were made available for sale at The Selden Arms in Worthing. A total number of 765 tickets were sold of which 153 were CAMRA members. The Selden accounted for 9.5% of the total sales and on the door sales were 3%. The Friday evening session was a sell-out.

New for this festival, the beer and cider list were available on-line and the festival was promoted more on social media. This was all due to the hard work of Jonathan Purdom, our new Social Media Coordinator and Webmaster. The cask beers sold well this year and the first beer to sell out was Langham's Last Bus. This special beer had been commissioned to celebrate the life of Stuart Elms. The fruit ciders and medium ciders also sold well. The dry ciders were less popular. This year the KeyKeg beer sales were steady but not as popular as previous festivals. Dipping data on the cask beers indicated that only 8.5% of the beer remained unsold at the end of the festival.

The remaining beers were all dark/malty.

Jim Brown from Sussex Small Batch won beer of the festival with his Zucotto Barrel Aged stout and Broadoak Cider's Perry won the cider of the festival.

The festival charity, Care for Veterans, attended the event and raised well over a £1000.

All things considered, apart from the usual last-minute hiccups, things went well. For the Branch's first beer festival post COVID the strategy of starting out with a smaller festival proved successful. Getting enough volunteers to staff and organise the festival proved harder than in previous years. If the festival had been any larger, we may not have coped as well as we did.

We are still finalising the invoices and payments etc. but it does look likely that we will make a small surplus.




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Eastbourne Beer Festival, The Winter Garden, 7-8 October 2022

The Festival is run by Eastbourne Borough Council Events Team in collaboration with South East Sussex CAMRA Branch.

Unfortunately train strikes hit the attendance, a large number of 'no shows' reduced sales. Robert Goodsell was Festival Organiser for the first time, ably assisted by Phil Cozens, recently retired from that role.

Local cider makers were well represented and there were fifty Sussex ales and fifty from further afield, with a first ever KeyKeg beer at the festival from Eastbourne microbrewery, Route 21, whose beer Drift was runner up to the Beer of the Festival.

Beer of the Festival: Harvey's (Lewes), Prince of Denmark, Sussex Beer of the Festival: Long Man (Litlington), Oatmeal Stout, Sussex Exemption Beer of the Festival: Saltaire (Shipley, West Yorkshire), Triple Choc, Cider of the Festival: Double Vision, (Maidstone), Elderflower Perry.

Four new CAMRA members were signed up.



Picture shows the team serving at the Sussex Bar.

Report of Saturday Social 19th November to Bracklesham Bay and The Witterings

The day started at Chichester and a bus to The Witterings. This took us on a splashy trip through the puddles to Bracklesham Bay.

The Pond Barn was our first stop, serving Dark Star Hophead and Sharp's Doom Bar with Salt brewery Session IPA and Huckaby NEIPA.

A short stroll took us to The Shore in East Wittering, thoroughly deserving of its inclusion in the *Good Beer Guide*. On offer here were Langham Hip Hop, Palmer's Dorset Gold, Hop Back Summer Lightning and Sharp's Doom Bar.

Next we took the bus to West Wittering and the Old House at Home now renamed the Wittering. Here we had a choice of a Flack Manor Romsey Gold or Little Monster Hop Roots Hot Soots NEPA.

The last pub, as darkness fell, was the Lamb at Shipton Green. Now though, it's leased by Hall and Woodhouse and can only be described as a restaurant serving beer (Badger Best and Fursty Ferret). A frosty greeting awaited us; we hadn't booked a table so we couldn't sit down, despite several tables being empty for the time we were in the pub and despite other groups coming in for a beer and sitting at a table. We were not made welcome. We shook the dust from our feet and made our way back to the bus stop to Chichester.

See westernsussexcamra.org.uk/events for updates on future Saturday Socials.



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BEER FESTIVALS AND OTHER DELICHTS

CAMRA EVENTS IN BOLD. For FREE inclusion in this column and on the Sussex Branches website, contact the Editor; for PAID advertisements contact Neil Richards. Copy-by date and contact details on the contacts page 31. For up to date information on beer festivals and other beer and cider related events in Sussex, and often more details than appear here in print, please visit the Beer Festivals page on the Sussex Branches website, sussex.camra.org.uk/festivals.

17 Feb Langham Quiz Night in the tap

24-26 Feb Tower, St Leonards Beer Festival

10-12 Mar Engine Room, East Grinstead, Dark and Strong festival

24-25 Mar **Spring Equinox Beer Festival**, Horsham, (see pages 12-13)

31 Mar-2 Apr Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill on Sea, Spring Beer Festival

1 Apr A barrel of laughs! Epic Adventures Presents Laugh@Langhams. 4 top notch comedians to entertain you!

1 Apr Stand Up Inn, Lindfield, toads tournament. The Hop Sun, Haywards Heath

held their first toads tournament on Jan 7. A follow up is planned later in the year.

6-10 Apr Crown, Eastbourne, Easter Beer Festival (see page 19)

28-30 Apr Albatross Club, Bexhill, Spring Beer Festival, Friday 28 – Sunday 30 April, Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill on Sea

3-9 May Southwick Ale and Cider fest (see page 32)

12-14 May **Yapton Beerex**, (see pages 3 and 11)

13 May Kissingate Spring Festival will be held on Saturday 13th May 11am-8pm

Branch Diaries

The following are the details of planned meetings and socials of the six Sussex CAMRA branches for Feb-Apr.

Arun & Adur

No meetings or socials published for Feb-Apr. See aaa.camra.org.uk/meetings.html and aaa.camra.org.uk/socials.html for updates.

Brighton & South Downs

No meetings or socials published for Feb-Apr. See brighton.camra.org.uk/diary for updates.

North Sussex

No meetings or socials published for Feb-Apr. See northsussex.camra.org.uk/diary for updates.

North East Sussex

No meetings or socials published for Feb-Apr. See northeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary for updates.

South East Sussex

Wed 15 Feb Jenny Lind, Hastings; Jolly Fisherman, Hastings; Albion, Hastings

Tue 28 Feb Nag's Head, St. Leonards; Tower, St. Leonards, Ten Years in GBG Presentation

Tue 14 Mar Branch Meeting: Queens Head Rye

Tue 28 Mar Dolphin, Hastings; Crown, Hastings; First Inn, Last Out, Hastings, Twenty Years in GBG Presentation

Tue 11 Apr Red Lion, Willingdon; Lamb Inn, Eastbourne; Crown, Eastbourne

Tue 25 Apr Branch AGM: Crown and Anchor Eastbourne

See southeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary for updates.

Western Sussex

Tue 7 Feb Branch AGM, Chichester Inn, Chichester

Tue 21 Feb GBG Selection Meeting, Hornet Alehouse, Chichester

See westernsussexcamra.org.uk/events for updates.

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***PotY:** Hornet Alehouse, Chichester,

***CotY:** Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill on Sea,

***CPotY:** Watchmakers, Hove

Arun & Adur

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Beer Festival: Worthing, 28-29 Oct 2022

PotY: Selden Arms, Worthing

CPotY: none; COTY: none

Brighton & South Downs

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Beer Festival: South Downs 16-17 June 2023

PotY: Hole in the Wall, Brighton

CPotY: Watchmaker's Arms, Hove;

CotY: Keymer and Hassocks Sports & Social Club

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Beer Festival: Spring Equinox, 24-25 March 2023

PotY: Brewery Shades, Crawley;

CPotY: Brewery Shades, Crawley; CotY: none

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PotY: Hare & Hounds, Framfield;

CPotY: King's Head, East Hoathly; CotY: none

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Beer Festivals: Beer & Cider by the Sea 19-21 May 2023,
Eastbourne, 7-9 October 2023

PotY: Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill;

CPotY: Waterworks, Rye;

CotY: Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill on Sea

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Beer Festival: Yapton 12-14 May 2023

PotY: Hornet Alehouse, Chichester; CPotY: none CotY:
none

*PotY: Pub of the Year; CPotY: Cider Pub of the Year;

CotY: Club of the Year



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