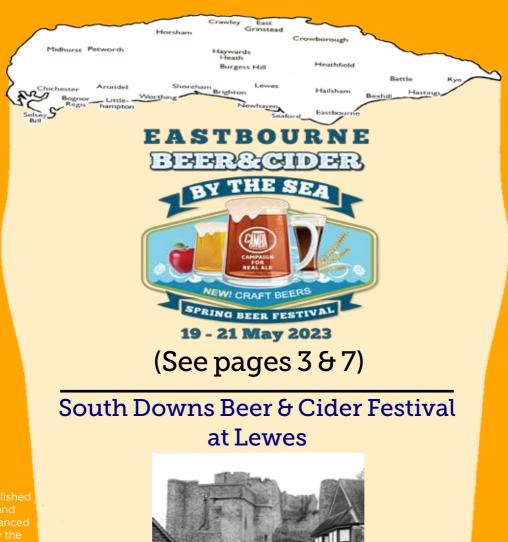
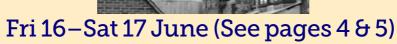
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Eastbourne, Beer & Cider By Sea, 19-21 May 2023

It's time to raise a glass for the return of Beer & Cider by the Sea - the popular threeday festival taking place on Eastbourne seafront in May. This stunning location on the Western Lawns adjacent to the promenade and sea offers the opportunity for alfresco drinking, relaxing over a pint or two while enjoying live bands throughout the weekend. Last year afforded some spectacular weather, so fingers crossed. There will be extensive seating available inside and outside in the sun.

It's a great way to get ready for summer!

Beer and cider enthusiasts can enjoy a greater range of styles than in previous years. 45 cask ales and (new to this festival) 15 KeyKeg ales have been selected by CAMRA volunteers from local and national breweries, many of which are award winning. As in previous years there will be a Cider bar, which offers a range of real Ciders, Perries and fruit Ciders not forgetting a gin and wine bar. All this to be enjoyed with entertainment and live music.

In addition to your drinks from national and local award-winning breweries and producers, there will be tasty food stalls and pop-up retailers. CAMRA volunteers will be on hand to guide visitors through the carefully selected styles of beers, ciders and ales available.

Sessions

- The first session is 5pm-10pm on Friday 19 May
- Two sessions -11am-4pm and 5pm-10pm - on Saturday 20 May.
- All-day session from 12pm-5pm on Sunday 21 May.

Family sessions are on Saturday afternoon and all day on Sunday.

Entertainment

The musical line-up includes performances from Rewind 45 and Hot Detroit, which will take to the stage on Friday evening, followed by The Stray Dogs and The Pat Butchers during Saturday's afternoon session and The Do Theys and Fat Freddie & The Queens in the evening.

Sunday will welcome Stage Door Jazz, Andy T King as Elvis, and closing the festival will be Brotherhood.

Festival goers can also take a ride on Eastbourne's Big Wheel, which is located on the Western Lawns right next to the festival and will be open during the daytime sessions.



:Visit Eastbourne

25th South Downs Beer & Cider Festival Lewes Corn Exchange Friday 16th–Saturday 17th June 2023

Introduction

We are pleased to announce that the 25th CAMRA South Downs Beer & Cider Festival. will be held at the Corn Exchange, Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 2QS. We trust that you will enjoy your session with us, the team have sought out more than seventy beers together with a selection of real ciders. perries and specialty ciders (cider with additional fruit!). Also, we are hoping to have a limited number of membrane keg (KevKeg) beers from our local breweries. If you are new to CAMRA, we are not just about promoting real ale and cider but campaigning for consumer rights: be this keeping pubs open as these are the best place to drink real ale and cider: but also on taxation, which affects the price of your drink.

Ticket Details

See advertisement for Sessions, Ticket Prices, and availability at outlets, by Mail Order and On-line; QR Code on the advertisement goes direct to the on-line purchasing site.

CAMRA Membership Stand

This is in the main hall. The staff will be happy to explain the many benefits of CAMRA membership; and will be even happier to sign you up! If you are already a member or join on the day, this is where you can pick up your £2 worth of tokens on production of a valid membership card. CAMRA and other Merchandise, bottled water, crisps, nuts and other snacks can also be purchased here for cash only, Tokens will not be accepted.

Catering

Food, including vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options will be available in the Main Hall. Hot and cold drinks, including tea and coffee will also be available. No tokens, please, only cash will be accepted here. A separate queue may be in operation for our volunteer staff. This enables them to get back to the bar to serve you. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Tokens

Beer, Cider and Perry can only be purchased using tokens; Tokens sheets can be purchased at the Tokens area in the Main Hall; unused tokens can be refunded for cash up until "TIME" is called at the end of each Session; payments for purchase of Tokens sheets may be made by cash or using Debit/Credit Cards, Barclaycard or Mastercard Only, either contactless or by chip and PIN, up to a limit of £50 with a minimum of £5

Facilities

Disabled toilets: the toilets adjacent to the entrance hall are accessible. Please note that no-one under the age of 18 is permitted; this includes babies and young children. Dogs will only be allowed if kept quiet and on a lead at all times.

Festival Charity

We are proud to have as our festival charity this year, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The easiest way to give is to place any unused tokens in the collecting box near the exit; we will remit the value of these donations in full to Guide Dogs, or you can choose the traditional way with donations in collection boxes.

25th South Downs Beer & Cider Festival 2023



Lewes Corn Exchange Town Hall Fisher Street Lewes East Sussex BN7 2QS



Friday16th June11am - 3pm£6.00tFriday16th June5pm - 10.30pm£8.00tSaturday17th June11am - 7pm‡£6.00t+Or until the Beer sells out, if earlier.

Tickets





ADMISSION BY ADVANCE TICKET ONLY PER SESSION for Friday (both sessions) & Saturday all day. TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: Harveys Brewery Shop, Brewers Arms & Gardener's Arms, Lewes; Evening Star, Brighton TICKETS BY POST FROM: 32 Buchans Lawn, Crawley

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TICKETS ON-LINE - See QR Code SDBF 2023 - Tckty. (camra.org.uk) Admission on Saturday only after 5pm FREE entrance on the door only, space permitting. †Price includes programme and glass sponsored by: Harvey's of Lewes £2 FREE beer tokens at Membership Stand for card carrying CAMRA Members Further information on website www.brighton.camra.org.uk

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

ASHURST WOOD

The **Maypole** has a new landlady, Sarah Hume, who has worked at this popular village local for a number of years.

BEXHILL

The town continues to be a destination for real ale, with recent successful beer festivals at the **Brickmakers Alehouse** and the **Albatross Club** (CAMRA Members welcome). Also worth visiting are **Traffers Bar** (now LocAle accredited) and the **Picture Playhouse**.

BODLE STREET GREEN



The **White** Horse opened last autumn under the capable hands of Liz and Russ. The pub is

now fully operational with a full meal service from Thursday to Sunday. Beers are offered from Harveys, Long Man, and Lakedown. On a recent visit the Lakedown English Pale and the Long Man Rising Giant were in top form.

BRIGHTON

The **Brighton Beer Dispensary** remains closed, although there are signs of building work and renovations taking place at the premises. The **Craft Beer Co.** closed temporarily in early 2023, although reports suggest that it is hopeful that it will reopen by the end of April.

The **Hanover** pub closed in March, to be demolished to make way for a housing development.

There appears to be no repair work taking place to the distinctive green exterior tiles at the **Montreal Arms**.

CROWBOROUGH



Since the Covid pandemic the **Cooper's Arms** current opening is restricted to evenings only from

Thursday to Saturday and 2 - 8pm on Sunday. This is likely to be extended to include Wednesdays during the summer. Food is no longer available. Despite this, the pub remains busy when it is open with a loyal band of regulars who continue to enjoy the excellent beers on offer. These usually include Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter along with two other changing cask beers sourced nationally. Selected good keg beers and lagers are also available. The legendary beer festivals remain on hold until the planned extension of the main bar is complete and extra hand pumps installed.

CRAWLEY

The **Brewery Shades** has further improved its beer range by adding a well-stocked fridge with cans. A cherry sour was also recently available and was selling well.

EASTBOURNE

When near the sea front or the theatres consider a visit to the **Stage Door**. Regular beers (5) include Harveys and Long Man often including their seasonal ranges.



19 - 21 May 2023

Western Lawns Fri 5pm-10pm Sat 11am-4pm Sat 5pm-10pm Sun 12pm-5pm



Cask Ales Craft Beer (Key Keg) Bottled Beer Ciders & Perries

Entry discount for CAMRA members Tickets Available at EastbourneBeerFestival.com or can also be purchased at Eastbourne Visitor Centre on Compton Street.



EAST GRINSTEAD

The **Engine Room** continues to purvey an ever-changing selection of cask and keg beers sourced locally and from farther afield, along with ciders, canned beers, gins and other drinks. The 4th Anniversary Dark and Strong festival in March was a great success and featured some fine Porters, Stouts and ESBs. For full details of opening hours, beer availability, music, other events, etc., please see their website.

FERRING

The Snug Micro Bar, situated at the back of Rassasy Farm Shop and deli, is the hidden gem of Ferring. Cosy, warm and comfortable. The Snug is a place to meet and eniov a wonderful time with other happy people. It also has outdoor seating where the sun can be enjoyed until late into the evening to watch the world go by. Focusing, as Rassasy Farm Shop and Deli does, on local produce. The Snug celebrates everything good about West Sussex with their local lagers, ales and wines. Recently, it has introduced a great number of spirits such as local gins, vodkas, rums and brandies. Live music can be experienced regularly with local singers and songwriters; Art and Wine Sunday evenings at the end of each month; A hog roast the first Sunday in each month. And finally, because of the guality cheese in the deli, The Snug holds cheese and wine evenings every guarter. Visit www.rassasyferring.com to find out more.

The **Henty** has a beer festival planned for last weekend of July.

HAYWARDS HEATH



The **Hop Sun Taproom** is in the planning stages for a new event celebrating all things

sour beer, and mixed fermentation.

Summers Gone Sour will feature a number of the team's favourites from guest breweries, as well as new Heathen releases. A new barrel aged wild ale is being readied to package, alongside a series of new fruited quicker sours. Details will be available on the website soon.

HORSHAM

The **Kings Arms** had a successful Firebird tap takeover in March and is holding a beer festival on the last weekend of April.

A number of Horsham pubs and the **Beer Mine** shop put on special beers to entice festival goers over the weekend of the Spring Equinox beer festival, and reported that they had a very busy weekend.

At time of writing, the **Bear** was closed with a 'To Let' sign displayed. Also, new licensees were being sought for the **Dog & Bacon**.

HOVE

The **Cliftonville Inn**, a Wetherspoons pub in George Street, has closed with effect from March 2023, as it has been sold to Indigo Inns. Currently, major works are taking place to the interior. At the time of writing, a date for re-opening is unknown.

ICKLESHAM



The family run **Robin Hood** has six handpumps pouring ales from both local and regional

breweries, with Battle and Romney Marsh from nearby, and Wantsum from Canterbury on recently. Wantsum Imperium Best Bitter was tasted and much appreciated. Cider drinkers have 12 local ones to choose from. CAMRA members are encouraged and will receive a discount on ale and cider on production of their card. In addition to the usual pub facilities, in the summer on Sundays there is a fortnightly boot sale on the large field at the rear.

The Brewery Shades 85 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1BA



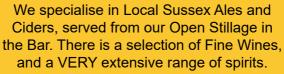


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LAMBS GREEN

A planning application has been submitted for the **Lamb**, for conversion to four flats. The pub has been advertised as 'For Sale' for some time.

LINDFIELD

A new rotation of beers started at Easter at the **Stand Up Inn**, with old favourites like 360 and Lost Pier, but also fresh blood with By The Horns and Big Hug. There is still a regular quiz on the last Tuesday of the month and open mic on the first Tuesday. Things will be more even exciting come September!

MIDHURST



In the early hours of March 16th a fire destroyed much of the **Angel Hotel**, leaving just the front and

side walls standing. The Angel Brewery had stood behind the building from 1866, and was bought by George Gale & Co, together with its 5 pubs, in 1923. CAMRA's Midhurst Branch used to hold its committee meetings there; David Hill, branch secretary in the 1970s writes: "We used to run an annual Jazz Night in the Angel's function room to the rear of the pub. For this event casks of Gales beers were dispensed by gravity. A member of the branch was Frank Baillie author of The Beer Drinkers Companion. As the Angel was close to the Cowdray Park polo grounds there were occasionally celebrity visitors: I remember Ginger Baker staying there when he was learning to play polo. Colin Gibson, the son of the hotel's manager, Norman Gibson, was brought up in the hotel before he became a professional footballer playing for Aston Villa and Manchester United. Farlier customers included H G Wells who taught at Midhurst Grammar School. A

Gales off licence used to be located in the building to the south side of the hotel. I remember it was possible to buy corked bottles of Prize Old Ale there." The fire would be a sad end to a Grade II listed building with a long history. It is to be hoped that attempts will be made at least to preserve what is left.

PETT



LocAle credited, the **Royal** now regularly has ales from local brewers on 3 of its 5 hand pumps. Long Man,

Rother Valley and Three Legs have all featured recently. All of the ales were in the fine condition to be expected from keen cellarman and landlord Robin Lyons.

ST. LEONARDS

The **Royal Albert**, Battle Road, now has two local beers on from Battle and Lakedown Breweries. The pub has recently been given LocAle status.

The **Duke** is unfortunately likely to be turned into accommodation, but the nearby **Welcome** has three local beers on.

In the same part of the town is the **North Star**, where Grant, who last worked behind the bar of the Nag's Head, has taken on the pub and is determined to increase real ale sales.



The February beer festival at the **Tower** was a huge success. Louisa said it was the best yet and she would like to thank all the

volunteers who helped. The pub has now been in the *Good Beer Guide* for 10 years!!

The Crown

Family friendly community pub in the heart of Eastbourne Old Town.

Large enclosed rear garden, Dog friendly, WiFi, Sports TV.

Open Mon-Thu noon-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-midnight, Sun 12 noon-11pm.

CAMRA award winning pub Runner Up Pub of the Year 2017, Community Pub of the Year 2016, LocAle Pub of the Year 2015, Community Pub of the Year 2020



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

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

South East Sussex CAMRA Branch LocAle Pub of the Year 2022





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Meal times: Tue-Sat noon-3pm, 6pm-9pm; Sun noon-3pm

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The **Nag's Head**, serves five real ales, with beers from Gun and Harvey's or Long Man are always on.

At the **Old England**, Harvey's Sussex Best Beer available and in good condition.

At the **Bo-Peep**, Harvey's Sussex Best and Dartmoor Dungeon been available recently.

It was really good to see pubs/bars in Lower St Leonards all doing well with many offering locally produced ales.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA



The **Duke of Wellington** will be holding its annual Riverfest Beer Festival Thursday 24th -

Monday 28th August.



An ever changing range of five cask conditioned ales that always includes one mild, one session bitter, two best bitters and one strong bitter.

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The Alma Arms

remains a Harvey's-tied traditional town pub which, in

addition to the obligatory Sussex Best Bitter, usually offers at least two other beers from the Harvey's range. The pub continues to be busy, especially in the evenings, although food is currently unavailable. However, buffets can be provided by arrangement for special events in the large function room at the rear of the pub. A quiz is held every Thursday and an acoustic night on the last Tuesday of the month as well as other occasional events.

WORTHING

Two pubs in Worthing have recently reopened after significant refurbishment: the **Selden Arms**, the **Cricketers**.

Bus to the Pub (Bttp)

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

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

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



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A golden craft pale ale with a distinctive hoppy aroma and a crisp, clean bitterness on the finish.

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 <u>breweries</u> page on the Sussex branches website

https://sussex.camra.org.uk/breweries

1648

East Hoathly The 1648 Brewery is producing its core range Hop Pocket 3.7%, Triple Champion 4.0%, Signature 4.4%, Laughing Frog 5.2%, and a seasonal ale, brewing with traditional local ingredients water, barley. hops and yeast. The brewery look to produce clear clean beers. The beers are available in the Kings Head in East Hoathly (please check the website for opening times as these are liable to seasonal changes). Home cooked food is available and very popular. A choice of 3-4 real ales and ciders always available plus a choice of three lagers kept in good condition.

BLO Barry Blewitt

BATTLE Battle

Battle Brewery is adding more new beers to their trade list. The popular **1066 Lager** has been brewed for the first time into their brand new 3000L



Unitank and is due to be available for their trade customers by the end of April. They will be releasing two of their popular keg beers **DDH** session pale 4% and **NEIPA** 4.6% both beers should be available by the end of May. The High Street Tap Room continues to be a popular venue with three fresh cask beers and rotating keg beers. The Tap Room is open 7 days a week from 11am.

BLO Ian McCutcheon

BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

Horsham

In early June, the summer seasonal beers will be: **Citrus Pale** (4.5% on cask); **New England IPA** (5.5% on keg); and a Mexican style lager (on keg). From now on, all seasonal beers will be one batch only. These beers will replace the Spring seasonals of **Juicy Pale Ale** (4.5% on cask), and **West Coast IPA** (5% on keg). **BLO Terry Shouler**

BREWING BROTHERS Hastings

Brewing once a week on the Imperial Pub site, producing one off real ales. The last one sampled was **Winter Jandals** 4.7% pale beer. The 10 barrel kit on the Ivehouse Lane site is used for new and more regularly producing repeats of favourites, such as **Gallaghers IPA** and **Belushi** in keg and can form. Occasionally some do arrive in casks. The tap room has been improved and many of the keg beers are available there.

BLO Peter Page-Mitchell BROLLY

Brolly is now full steam ahead with their new brewery site and taproom. The site will operate like a brewpub utilising their existing 2.5BBL kit, with 12 keg lines and 4 cask hand pulls. Local cider, wine and spirits will also be available. They've spent a long time planning the move and they hope to get the doors open by late May. They love brewing modern & traditional styles in cask and keg, as they continue in their quest to convert craft keg beer drinkers into cask lovers. The new site is located at Unit 8. Redkiln Close, Horsham,

BLO: Timothy Ayre

FIREBIRD Rudgwick

The recent tap takeover at the Kings Arms in Horsham went very well. Sales are now well above pre-Covid levels and increasing year on year. This (and the rising cost of energy) means new/replacement equipment and possibly even expansion of the premises in a year or so. Azacca will be replaced by Citra from the end of April. Paleface will continue until October/November when it will be replaced by Festive 51 for the winter. There are tentative plans for new beers, one possibility being a 2.8% offering. Keep an eye on Facebook/website for news of a 10th anniversary event around July.

BLO Dave Sharp FLYING TRUNK Forest Row

Flving Trunk have been refining their range and experimenting with new beers, some on a one-off basis, with some favourites emerging for regular production. A new session strength stout (Nibbs, 3.8%, named after the brewers' dog!) went down well at the Engine Room (East Grinstead)'s 4th anniversary festival in March and at the Egham USC (not CAMRA) festival in early April. Faun (4.3%, a new hybrid pale ale brewed with a mix of malts and a lager yeast) was also at Egham along with the latest version of Good Natured (4.2% English pale). The North Sussex Equinox festival featured Fist Full of Hops (4.6%) on the Light Bar, and **Past Your Bedtime** (6.0%) which shared the Dark Beer of the Festival award. Bottle conditioned beers are sold at the local monthly community market in Forest Row. The April market featured the bottle-only **Big Daddy** (5.3%). Beers are also available from pubs and other outlets, local and not so local.

BLO Jonathan Samways

HORSHAM

These are exciting times at Horsham brewery as more beers have been added to their ever-expanding portfolio. **Parkside Porter** at 4.6%, **Kerve Ball IPA** at 4.5% and **SOOC**, at a mighty 7.0% are all permanent additions and other brews have included **Pirie's IPA** at 5.0% and **Kingston**, a 4.3% golden ale brewed for the King's coronation. Other regular beers are on the website horshambrewerycompany.

com/. The tap room remains ever popular, with guiz nights every second Wednesday of each month and it opens every Thursday and Friday evening (5pm to 10.30pm) and Saturday daytime (11am to 9pm) and take-outs are also available, with discounts on new beers for HBC beer club members. Good news! The beer festival at the Drill Hall in Horsham will be held once again on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September. Tickets are available at the brewerv in Blatchford Close. Horsham RH13 5RG.

BLO Nigel Bullen

KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding A win at the Spring Equinox Beer & Cider Festival in Horsham was a surprise for the brewery team. Kissingate's new beer Horsham Ditty Porter 6% and Flying Trunk's Past Your Bedtime Stout 6% were voted joint dark beer winners despite strong competition from some of the finest breweries in show. Ditty Porter will be available again at Kissingate's Spring Festival in May. The brewery taproom is becoming ever more popular and is most busy on Friday evenings. At least eight cask beers are available including specials that are either re-brews or totally new creations. There are several events planned throughout the year, details of some 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**

LONG MAN

The Brewery's range of cask ales continue, Long Man Best, Long Blonde, Rising Giant & Old Man. Having returned to a full 12 month calendar for 2023, their Small Batch range is being well received and selling out quickly every month in cask to pubs and in 5L mini casks in the brewery shop. May sees the return of New Zealand Pale (3.9%), sessionable, complex and floral, it's a great late spring beer. June brings back an old favourite, Copper Hop (4.2%), a Citra hopped amber ale, and lastly July sees Sleeping Giant, their refreshing 3.8% summer pale, make a return to the pumps. Long Man Pale Ale in keg is hitting more bars, and the new 4% Pilsner is due to release in June in keg and can. There is now more seating in the brewery tasting room at Litlington, seating up to 20 people, and there are always 2-4 cask ales and 2 keg beers on, so why not pop in and see them!

BLO Richard Scullion



PRESSING NEWS

Hello cider (and perry) lovers, this edition ought to arrive off the press at the beginning of May, one of CAMRA's cider months. We nominate May as such as it coincides with the release of last autumns new cider for us to enjoy. There are many cider makers located in Sussex so you can be drinking local and helping the environment, you can find a useful interactive cider map here <u>https://</u> <u>camra.org.uk/beer-and-cider/cider/</u> <u>promoting-real-cider-and-perry/</u>, where we list all the producers in the country that we believe to be producing that meets our definition of real cider/perry. You can look locally or research the cider on offer in a pub.

As the days grow longer and hopefully warmer what could be better that getting

I'd like to talk a little about the C word, in our case it is the first letter in the name of our organisation - Campaign. We do many different campaigns with different aims but the ultimate target of giving you the consumer access to the beer/cider/perry that you like. Some of these target the price of a pint you will often see us making comment and asking you to contact your MP to make them aware of our requests to change duty. These requests often come out around what are known as fiscal events (aka budgets) in the spring and autumn. Even if you are not an active branch member this is probably the simplest and most effective way to campaign for what we all love. What may surprise is we are often pushing at an open door, we are recognised as one of the most organised campaigning groups by Westminster. However there can never be too many voices as many quiet words can raise to a cacophony.

Running in parallel with the above campaign we are also putting pressure on government to provide support for pubs, brewers, and cider makers with their fuel bills. We are also looking for review of business rates to help into some of that new season cider at a pub while on a country walk as reward. We have cider pubs marked up in the Good Beer guide (yes really!) and on WhatPub (whatpub.com). Our branches do their best to keep these tags up to date, but you can help them by contacting them if you believe a pub is selling real cider and perry, we can not have too many eyes on the ground.

Don't forget that the first few days of August sees the return of the Great British Beer Festival at Olympia where you will find a whole bar dedicated to cider and Perry! Hope to see you there.

> Paul Sanders Regional Cider Coordinator

the industry. Again we will also be asking you the consumer to contact your MP, look out for our media or follow our social media and help campaign to save our pubs and brewers.

My last entry is a thank you. A thank you to Peter Page-Mitchell who retired recently as Sussex Area Organiser. He supported all six of our Sussex branches by attending their meetings and festivals especially when I and my predecessors could not, oh and visiting some pubs. His other strings to his bow were to review our entries for the Good Beer Guide and organise the county Pub of the Year competition, you guessed it, getting people to visit pubs. Thank you again Peter. Here is the sales pitch, is there someone out there who would like to take on the role of Sussex Area Organiser? Advice and guidance will be given, if interested contact me at the e-mail address in the contact section

Please visit our pubs, especially over the next couple of months, they need your custom now as never before.

Paul Sanders Regional Director Surrey & Sussex

Spotlight on



360 Degree Brewing Co.

Named after the proximity of the brewery to the Meridian, 360 Degree Brewing Co. was founded in 2013 and quickly established itself as a quality producer of cask ales in Sussex but was struggling to finance the next steps to enable further growth and so was slated to close by April 2020.

However, after the purchase of the brewery



by a small private investment company focussed on alcoholic beverages, Robin Langton was appointed Managing Director. I sat down with him for a pint to catch up on how the business has been transformed and what

developments we can look forward to over the next year.

Fresh investment allowed 360 to completely renew the brewery plant and equipment, and install everything needed to produce high quality ale and craft beer with excellent consistency. It was a key objective for Robin and the team to develop a core range of cask ales where the quality of the product was always consistently excellent. I asked Robin why cask ale was so important to 360 Degree Brewing. "Cask is a big part of our business. Bluebell Sussex Best Bitter is our second biggest seller and all cask accounts for a third of our total production. We need to be in touch with our heritage: brewing cask is where England comes from. It all started here, and Sussex has a fantastic brewing tradition we want to continue."



The brew team are L-R Alex Wells, Ben Filtness (Head brewer), Luke Shepperd.

Increasing the number of staff working at the Sheffield Park brewery has improved the infrastructure needed to expand. The new plant needed more space, and so the brewery expanded into the adjacent unit and opened a taproom at the site. And a dedicated sales team and draymen to get the increase output to pubs and venues across the South East region. The demand for 360's beer at Easter was very strong – 44 hectolitres was dispatched on Maundy Thursday and sales for the week reached 120 hectolitres.

Robin believes that when properly brewed and handled, "cask is king", the pinnacle of beer quality and flavour. The crossover of drinkers from packaged beer in cans or kegs to cask is a real phenomenon. 360 Degree Brewing have a strong product range sold in cans and kegs (some live in key kegs) which requires frequent new beers to be produced to appeal in a very competitive marketplace. Robin told me that he wants to increase the frequency of new cask ales which can showcase the innovation of 360 Degree Brewing and be

Spotlight on Breweries

attractive to drinkers used to the variety of their can and keg beers. New beers coming this year will include a cask English hopped NEIPA, new hop combinations for Double Act in casks, a 'Stock Ale' and hopefully more dark beers flavoured with interesting adjunct combinations – such as a hazeInut coffee porter.



As the days get longer the Taproom at the brewery will come into its own. Already open Friday to Sunday, hours will be extended to Thursday shortly. The onsite pizzeria provides consistent delicious hot food for visitors and the bar showcases the

breweries cask and keg range all served in optimum condition. The nearby campsite now has a dedicated footpath and takeaways are always available during Taproom opening hours. On Sunday the 'Beer Club' sells cask ales at only £2 a pint for both on and off sales.

The Taproom is a great destination for social trips and gatherings. For those who are Brewery Club Members there will be an exclusive event hosted for you later this year. It is not too late to join the club: visit the website <u>360degreebrewing.com/</u> become-a-member/

Jason Phillips Brewerv Liaison Officer

Long Man SIBA Award

A beer that is brewed in an East Sussex village has won gold at a national awards ceremony as it was labelled the best bottled or canned bitter in the country.

Litlington-based Long Man Brewery's Old Man has won gold at the Society of Independent Brewers Association's (SIBA) Independent Beer Awards 2023 in the best bottled or canned bitter in the UK category. The ale won the regional award last year.

SIBA's competitions chair Anneli Baxter said: "The quality of entries into these awards genuinely does go from strength each year, and 2023 was no exception with some superb beers across the board.

"To win at the regional competitions is tough, to then go on to win your national category [is] even harder – being named one of the very best beers in the whole of the UK by an expert panel of judges. Huge congratulations and well done to all of this year's winners."

Bedlam Brewery

East Sussex craft beer brewer Bedlam Brewery has been acquired out of administration by several of the business's directors but will be run with a skeleton staff.

Bedlam confirmed it had entered administration on Friday 17 February despite sales in 2022 being up 40% versus 2021, marking an end to its 11 years of trading.

The brewery, which is based in Plumpton Green, 10 miles north of Brighton, said: *"Following an open and rigorous sales process undertaken by the administrators and their agents, a new company, Renatus Brewing, owned by several of the company's directors, has acquired the Bedlam brand, our award-winning beers and all the current stock.*

"This will ensure continuity of supply and retention of key personnel, albeit with a skeleton team in the near-term including Danny Hoskins, our sales director, Clark Coslett-Hughes, our lead brewer and Chris Mabbott, our lead drayman."

Lakedown appoint Head Brewer ahead of opening of new site



East Sussex based Lakedown Brewery, has appointed Clark Coslett-Hughes as Head Brewer. Clark joins from Bedlam Brewery and

brings with him a wealth of experience ahead of the opening of the new brewery later this year. The news comes just a month after Lakedown recruited ex Dark Star Brewing Co. MD, James Cuthbertson, as a partner in the business. Situated in Burwash amongst the rolling East Sussex hills, the new brewery is an exciting addition to the Roger Daltrey owned Lakedown Fishery. The new brewery is very much a family affair, with Roger, his son Jamie and two sons-in-law's, Des and Chris all involved in the day-to-day running of the business.

Lakedown Brewing Co. Managing Partner, Chris Rule commented: "We're looking forward to Clark joining the team in April as Head Brewer. Having established himself in the Sussex brewing scene over the past few years, we're pleased that he's coming onboard at such an exciting time."

The new site is scheduled to open in the late Summer of 2023.



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South East Sussex Branch Awards

At Eastbourne Beer Festival, October 2022 a new Long Man beer, Oatmeal Stout was voted Sussex Beer of the Festival. In January branch members visited the brewery's visitor centre for the presentation, head brewer Steve (holding the certificate) said that Long Man really valued an award from their local beer festival.



The London & County, Eastbourne was the first Wetherspoon's in the branch area in the Good Beer Guide and this year reached ten consecutive years in it. A group of Eastbourne members met there for a presentation marking this. The manager throughout has been Val Cheung who is seen here with branch members.



Another pub reaching the ten year milestone is the Tower, St. Leonards, a multiple award winner. At the presentation landlady Louisa was pleased to learn that the Tower had also won branch top scoring pub in the NBSS scoring scheme for 2022. A third award was to one of the pub's regulars, Peter Page-Mitchell, who scored beers in 115 different branch area pubs in 2022, the highest in the branch. The picture shows Louisa and Peter with their awards along with pub staff.



The First In Last Out, Hastings became the only the seventh pub in the branch area to reach twenty consecutive years in the Good Beer Guide. At the presentation in the historic pub with its own brewery, branch chair Peter Adams is flanked by wife and husband proprietors Sharon and Mike in front of a typical range of FILO beers.



Brighton & South Downs Ale and Cider Trail

This year's Trail will commence on Friday 2 June and run through to 30 September 2023. With 40 excellent pubs/clubs at which you can get your free passport stamped it is a great way to discover new favourites and revisit some old ones as you collect stamps to win prizes. As previously you only need 20 stamps to get a prize.

This year's Trail will not distinguish between real ale or real cider – so purchase either to get a stamp. There are several new venues on the Trail this year – let us know which are your favourites using the new Top 3 / Bottom 3 voting system in the passport.

We are planning a bus trip to some of the country pubs to make it easier for people to get to them. The likely cost is £25 per person. Arrangements can be made to book a lunch at one of the pubs in advance. If you are interested in the Bus Trip please can you email AleTrailbsd@gmail.com with the subject line "Bus Trip" as we need to know likely numbers to ensure if it viable to organise.

The launch event where you can collect your passport (also available in participating pubs/clubs) and first stamp will be at the Evening Star, Brighton from noon on Saturday 3 June.

YAPTON BEEREX TICKETS 2023 As we go to print the Saturday 13th May all-day ticket allocation has all but sold out so please note that selling venues are unlikely to have any remaining by the time you read this.

A few tickets MAY be available on the door on the day but this cannot be guaranteed.

There are plenty of tickets still available to purchase either online or from selling venues for both Friday and Saturday evening sessions and Sunday.





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Brighton & South Downs Branch Awards

Brighton & South Downs have been busy presenting some excellent pubs and clubs with awards from our 2023 Pub of the Year (PoTY) and Club of the Year (CoTY) competition!

Very well done again to the Watchmakers Arms, Hove, which was crowned as our Pub Of the Year 2023. They can't stop winning awards, as they were runner up in 2022, as well as being 2022 Cider Pub of the Year. The presentation was made to Rick (far right) and Ruth, by committee members Adrian (with the shield), Mark (certificate) and Richard (centre).



Close on their heels was The Foghorn, Hove, which not only was runner-up PoTY, but was awarded the Cider Pub of the Year. Very well done! Below, the team from the Foghorn receive their runner-up PoTY award from Chairman, Jason Phillips (right). Photo below: The Foghorn.



The Duke of Wellington, Shoreham was the other well-deserved runner up branch PoTY - Rob Jones (second right) and team were presented with their certificate by Jason Phillips, branch Chairman (right). Photo below: Duke of Wellington



The branch club of the year (CotY) is once again the Keymer and Hassocks Social Club. Many congratulations to Gordon the Steward for keeping a very good cellar of real ales. A presentation will be arranged to coincide with the club's annual beer festival running from 28 to 30 April 2023.



The Henfield Club always stocks 2 ales from Downlands Brewery, Best and a rotating guest. Card-carrying CAMRA members can be signed in and the Club is looking forward to its Ale Trail debut this year. Well done

to being judged CoTY runner-up 2023 - the photo shows the presentation to Dave Page, Henfield Club President.

For 2023, we also presented some new awards, to highly commended pubs. The competition was a close run affair and the following pubs are acknowledged as highly commended (not in result order). Well done to them all:

- Brighton: The Hole in The Wall, The Evening Star, The Great Eastern
- Lewes: The Brewers Arms, The Gardener's Arms, Elephant & Castle
- Seaford: Old Boot Inn

Graham Eaton Brighton & South Downs branch

North Sussex Branch Pub of the Year

CAMRA North Sussex has awarded its Pub of the Year shield for the second year running to the Brewery Shades in Crawley, with the pub also retaining the Cider Pub of the Year award. The pub has been a jewel on Crawley's High Street for beer and cider lovers for many years, under the stewardship of Nicki Cheek, her son Ben and their team.

Since winning last year, there is now a well stocked fridge of cans, featuring several of their favourite brewers including Vocation, Siren and Tiny Rebel. So if the up to 8 handpumps and great range of ciders don't appeal, there will almost certainly be something in the fridge that will hit the spot.

In another close competition, the Malt Shovel in Horsham came second by just a single vote, with this year's shortlist completed by the Black Jug in Horsham and Kissingate's brewery bar.

The branch would like to again give a huge thank you to Simon Johnson, landlord of the White Horse in Maplehurst, who has beautifully enlarged the shield for us, enabling us to use it for many years to come with the first shield going on the new outer ring this year.



In the photo are a delighted Nicki and Ben in front of the signs they got made after winning last year.

Western Sussex Branch Pub of the Year

On a very pleasant spring day, Members of Western Sussex Branch converged on the Wilkes Head in Eastergate. Beers on offer were Fallen Acorn Hole Hearted, Langham Hip Hop, Timothy Taylor Boltmaker, Irving Admiral Stout and Bowman British IPA.

We soon repaired outside in the sunshine for Branch Chair Richard Earl to present the Branch Pub Of the Year award to Trevor Brown and his staff, followed by welcome sandwiches and rolls provided by Trevor.



The picture shows Trevor Brown receiving the award, with Philip Wildsmith (Honorary Branch President) (left)

Laurie Dooley Western Sussex Branch Social Secretary

North East Sussex Branch Pub of the Year

Early in March our secretary Richard Saunders presented Chris and Antonia of the Kings Arms in Rotherfield with the subbranch's Pub of the Year Award. Cellarman Dan, regulars and CAMRA members were also in attendance. The historic 17th century pub well combines the role of a friendly and welcoming village local with offering an extensive menu of good food in the restaurant area. Usually at least three real ales are available, including Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter, with other local breweries often represented.

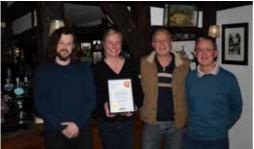


Photo caption: From right to left: Richard Saunders with Chris, Antonia and Dan.

Cider Pub of the Year

The sub-branch's Cider Pub of the Year is again the Kings Head at East Hoathly. This was recently presented to landlord Bob by sub-branch secretary Richard Saunders watched by other members and customers.



Photo caption: Richard congratulates Bob on winning the CPotY.



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Equinox beer festival weekend the most successful ever



After all the uncertainty as to whether the hall would be available this year, we ended up holding our

most successful weekend ever at the Drill Hall in Horsham this March for the 9th North Sussex CAMRA Equinox Beer and Cider festival.

Virtually all our brilliant team of volunteers from last year stepped up again, plus it was great to welcome a few new members to the team. Thank you to each and every one of you, for what turned out to be our slickest ever set up, and a virtually problemfree event.

It was a pleasure to welcome Christine Cryne to the event this year to run two Cheese and Beer tasting sessions on the Saturday. These proved very popular, with lots of super comments from those that attended.

The range of beers were as popular as ever, and record ticket sales enabled us to increase the number on offer from 50 to 54. It was great to have only just over 2 casks worth left at the end, but still 16 on sale at the end for the Saturday evening festival goers. The record ticket, beer and cider sales enable us to raise our highest ever amount towards CAMRA's campaigning activities.

The Dark Beer of the Festival award was jointly won by two wonderful 6% beers from local brewers. Kissingate's dark beers have been a feature of the event every year, and their latest new one, Horsham Ditty Porter, shared the award with first-timers Flying Trunk from Forest Row with Past Your Bedtime Stout. A trip to enjoy the



Ditty Porter is planned to Lower Beeding on Friday May 12th, the day before Kissingate's Spring Festival. We are also very much looking forward

enjoying the feedback on the beer selections to meeting the Flying Trunk team in the

next few weeks, probably at the Engine Room at East Grinstead where their beers are often available.

The Light beer award will see us visiting Shropshire over the Summer to Hobsons brewery, who won with their Old Prickly. There were six runners up in this very even contest, notably including beers from Brolly, Burning Sky, Horsham and Kissingate.

Stringer's cider bar again featured an excellent range of Sussex ciders and perries, and a record amount of cider and perry was consumed.

We invited the Horsham and Crawley branch of the Samaritans to be our festival charity, and another record was broken with the donations of money and beer tokens raising over £1100. Their presence and support was greatly appreciated, and many thanks to all who donated.

We very much hope that the hall will still be available for us to return next March, and with a rejuvenated local branch. Please pencil in March 22nd & 23rd 2024. We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation again to hall supervisor, Rob Boole, for all the support he has given us over the years. Thanks also to the local pubs that helped with ticket sales and promoting the event, and to Jonathan Purdom of Western Sussex branch for producing the online version of the tasting notes.

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| 3-9 May Southwick Ale and Cider fest (see page 32) 12-14 May Yapton Beerex, Yapton Village Hall 13 May Kissingate Spring Festival will be held on Saturday 13th May 11am-8pm 13 May Beer Tour of Lewes, 1pm, Cliffe Bridge, Lewes 19-21 May Beer & Cider by the Sea, Western Lawns, Eastbourne (see pages 3 and 7) 27-29 May Robertsbridge Bank Holiday Beer Festival, Robertsbridge Club 10 Jun Beer Tour of Lewes, 1pm, Cliffe Bridge, Lewes | 16-17 Jun South Downs Beer Festival, Lewes Town Hall (see pages 4 and 5) 16-18 Jun West's Wood Fair 25-28 Aug Beer Festival, Crown, Eastbourne 1-2 Sep Worthing Beer Festival, Guildbourne Centre, Worthing (see website) 15-17 Sep Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill on Sea, Autumn Beer Festival 22-24 Sep Sussex Branches Beer Festival, TBC (see website) 5-7 Oct Eastbourne Beer Festival, Winter Garden Floral Hall, Eastbourne (see website) |
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| Branch Diaries | South East Sussex Tue 9 May Cider Pub of the Year |

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

Arun & Adur

Tue 23 May AGM: Egremont, Worthing, 7.30pm

Fri 16 Jun Branch visit to South Downs Beer Festival, Lewes.

Sat 8 Jul Walking Tour of Arundel pubs and Fauna Brewery, starting at River Arun bridge 1pm

See <u>aaa.camra.org.uk</u>.

Brighton & South Downs

Sat 6 May Branch Meeting, Zoom Sat 3 June Ale Trail launch social, from noon at the Evening Star, Brighton. The Ale Trail runs from June 2 to September 30 See brighton.camra.org.uk/diary.

North Sussex

Tue 16 May AGM: Brewery Shades, Crawley, 7.30pm.

See northsussex.camra.org.uk/diary.

North East Sussex

No diary published for May-Jul. See <u>northeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary</u>. Presentation, Waterworks, Rye Tue 30 May Branch Meeting: First In, Last Out Tue 13 Jun Social: White Horse, Bodle Street Green; Ash Tree, Ashburnham; Bull's Head. Boreham Street Tue 27 Jun Pub of the Year Presentation: Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill Sat 1 Jul Pub Tour: Tunbridge Wells Sat 15 Jul Social: Ypres Castle Inn, Rye; Mermaid Inn, Rye; Standard Inn, Rye; Globe Inn Marsh, Rye; Waterworks Brewery, Plavden Tue 25 Jul Social: Broad Oak, Brede; Red Lion, Brede; New Inn, Westfield See southeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary. Western Sussex Tue 2 May Branch Meeting (Chichester Inn, Chichester. 7pm) Tue 13 Jun Branch Meeting (Little Monster Tap, Chichester, 7pm) Tue 11 Jul Branch Meeting (venue TBC, 7pm)

See westernsussexcamra.org.uk/events.

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***PotY**: Hornet Alehouse, Chichester, ***CotY**: Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill on Sea, ***CPotY**: Watchmakers, Hove

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Beer Festival: Worthing, 1-2 September 2023 PotY: Five Bells, West Chiltington CPotY: none; COTY: none

Brighton & South Downs

Jason Phillips <u>chair@brighton.camra.org.uk</u> <u>www.brighton.camra.org.uk</u> Beer Festival: South Downs 16-17 June 2023 PotY: Watchmakers Arms, Hove:

CPotY: Foghorn; CotY: Keymer and Hassocks Sports & Social Club

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Beer Festival: Spring Equinox, March 2024 PotY: Brewery Shades, Crawley; CPotY: Brewery Shades, Crawley; CotY: none

North East Sussex sub branch

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Beer Festivals: Beer & Cider by the Sea 19-21 May 2023, Eastbourne Beer Festival, 5-7 October 2023 PotY: Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill; CPotY: Waterworks, Rye; CotY: Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill on Sea

Western Sussex

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Beer Festival: Yapton 12-14 May 2023 PotY: Wilkes Head, Eastergate; CPotY: none CotY: none *PotY: Pub of the Year; CPotY: Clider Pub of the Year; CotY: Club of the Year



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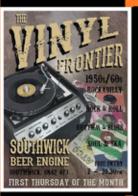


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