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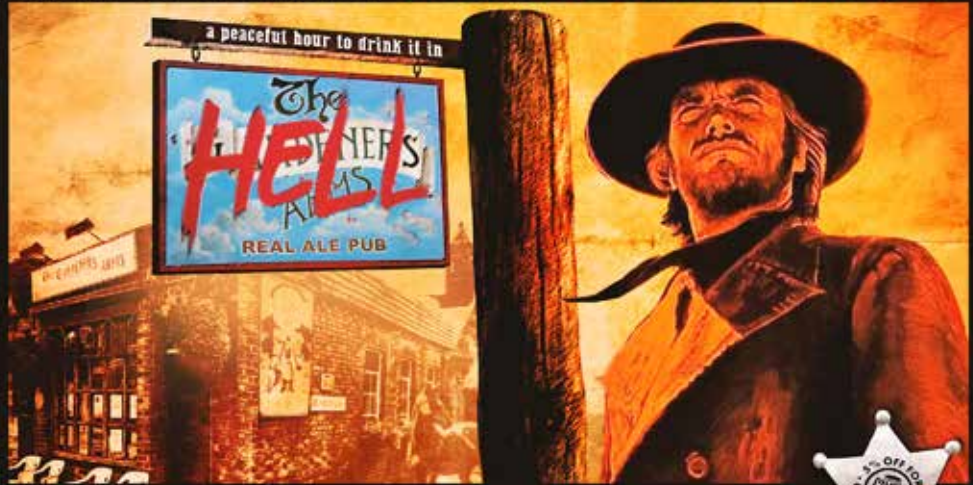


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27th CAMRA South Downs Beer & Cider Festival

Corn Exchange, Lewes, 20th-21st June 2025

We are pleased to announce that the 27th CAMRA South Downs Beer & Cider Festival, will be held at the Corn Exchange, Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 2QS, on the 20th and 21st of June 2025. We trust that you will enjoy your session with us, the team have sought out seventy beers together with a selection of real ciders, perries. Also, we will have a number of membrane keg (KeyKeg) beers.

New events for this year include a 'Meet the Brewers' session held for the first hour of the Friday lunchtime session; Games on the Saturday; Enter a Homebrew Competition (see website [27th South Downs Beer Festival 2025 - Brighton & South Downs CAMRA](#)) and as we are hosting a Champion Beer of Britain judging session you can taste a future CAMRA Champion beer style winner.

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 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 £5 worth of tokens on production of a valid membership card.

Catering

Food including vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options will be available from the vendor in the back yard. 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.

Festival charity

Yet to be confirmed. 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.



5th Bluebell Railway/CAMRA Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival

The Sussex CAMRA Branches, in association with the Bluebell Railway, will be running their Beer and Cider Festival from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st September 2025.

As you travel between all the stations along the Bluebell line, you can try over 100 different real ales, plus real cider and perry are also available throughout the festival.



As in previous years, the main bar will be in the engine shed at Sheffield Park station. It will serve over 80 ales from cask and keg along with a great range of cider and perry, with live music on Friday evening and throughout Saturday and Sunday.

For the first time there will be a bar at Kingscote station, in addition to the bars at Horsted Keynes and East Grinstead stations, with live music at

Kingscote and Horsted Keynes during the day on Saturday and Sunday.

The Sheffield Park bar is open 12-10 Friday, 11-10 Saturday and 12-5 Sunday. The other station bars will be open daytime only.



Tickets include travel on the steam trains between all stations and a Festival Glass. CAMRA members are eligible for Bluebell Railway member discounted tickets for the event, so should choose the BRPS Members tickets, and then present their CAMRA membership ID when they arrive at the event.

For tickets and full event details, including the additional bus service between Haywards Heath and Sheffield park, please go to the Bluebell website bluebell-railway.com/beer-festival/

The festival is run by volunteers from CAMRA and the Bluebell Railway, who make this great festival what it is. We are always looking for more volunteers to join us to have fun serving at the bars or supporting the logistics and setup.

We'd love to hear from you if you can volunteer for all or part of any day of the Festival. Please email secretary@northsussex.camra.org.uk for more details.

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and the Evening Star in Brighton.



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.

■ BELLS YEW GREEN

The dates for the annual beer festival at the **Brecknock Arms** are Friday 5th September until Sunday 7th September, opening times and beers to be confirmed nearer the time.

■ BEXHILL

We are sad to report that the **New Inn** is now closed. The Sackville pub is now the Sackville Bar and Grill and no longer offers real ale.

■ BOLNEY

The **Wobblegate** team are now brewing onsite, as well as making cider, and Bolney beers should be on tap in the Tap Room from June.

■ BURGESS HILL

At the **Signalbox**, there are upcoming beer festivals: Summer beer festival 9/7-20/7 Oktoberfest 17/9-5/10. In addition, there is a complimentary buffet every Sunday, pub quiz every Wednesday and comedy on the second Monday of the month.

The **Brickworks** now has up to two cask lines with a third hopefully planned for June. North Garden beers are always featured.

At the **Six Gold Martlets**, the pub will be having another tap takeover and meet the brewer in the end August bank holiday (brewer tbc). They do now have Jaipur as a constant ale until the end of July at only £2.79 a pint.

■ COUSLEY WOOD

The **Vine** is believed to be currently closed.

■ CRAWLEY

May 4th was again celebrated at the **Brewery Shades** with live music, and a number of Star Wars beers were featured over the May Day bank holiday weekend.

■ CROWBOROUGH

The Easter beer festival at the **Cooper's Arms** proved to be a great success once again. During the summer months, the pub is open on Wednesdays to Saturday, 5pm until 10pm, and opens at 2pm to 8pm on Sundays.

■ DURRINGTON

The **Golden Lion** pub in the Strand (to the west of Worthing) closed a while ago. It underwent a significant refurbishment and re-opened on 22nd May 2025 with a new name the **Castle**.

■ EASTBOURNE

New tenant, Annie, of the **Hurst Arms** (a Harvey's tied house), who took over last November, has had three ales on the bar. Her intention is to increase this to two regular beers and two seasonal, which has been seen at times, but sometimes lack of availability from the brewery has reduced the number.

Also a Harvey's tied house, the **Victoria Hotel** is rapidly establishing a reputation for it's food, served Friday to Sunday. On a recent visit it's Sunday lunch was excellent washed down with Harvey's Sussex Best, and Harvey's Old Ale.

Andy and Jo at the **Crown** in Old Town hosted another successful beer festival over the Easter weekend. Expect another beer festival over the August Bank Holiday

■ EAST GRINSTEAD

The **Engine Room** held a very successful dark beer festival before Easter, at which their Pub of the Year and Cider Pub of the Year awards were made. Their Summer beer festival, featuring mainly Sussex and other local beers, will run from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd June. Otherwise, their usual array of interesting ales, ciders and other drinks, along with music and other events, continues to prove popular.

■ FOREST ROW

The **Swan** held a small Sussex beer festival over Easter. Beers from Long Man were featured, along with 360 Degrees and Flying Trunk.



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■ FRAMFIELD

Lorraine and Peter, licensees at the **Hare & Hounds**, have recently retired from this very successful pub which has featured in the *Good Beer Guide* for several years. The new licensees, Jamie and (another) Peter, hope to build on the pub's excellent reputation for food and drink, which should be helped by the fact that Jamie has been the long-time chef at the pub. Cask beers usually include Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter, supplemented by up to two other beers, often from local breweries, or Harvey's Old Ale when in season. Real cider from Big Nose and Beardy is also usually available.

■ HARTFIELD

The **Anchor** was renamed the **Bear** last year. It offers Harvey's Best and Long Man beers as well as comprehensive food menus and accommodation.

■ HAYWARDS HEATH

At the **Hop Sun Tap**, all of the freshest Heathen Brewers beers will be pouring over the summer alongside an ever changing range of guest beers including local favourites 3 Acre, Silver Rocket, Only With Love, and Burning Sky just to name a few. Alongside the established run clubs, quizzes, and music evening, new ambient DJ sets have started up. Plenty to choose from for everyone.

■ HENFIELD

The **Henfield Club** has had a refurb during May ready for another summer on the Ale Trail and has just acquired a Toad in the hole to add to the other pub games available. A minimum of two ales from Downlands, and card-carrying members can be signed in

■ HORSHAM

Unacceptable lease renewal terms have forced local legends Sam and Marie-Clare to announce that they will be leaving popular town centre pub the **Malt Shovel** at the end of July, their family home for twelve years. The impact that the family has had on the local community, particularly the real ale and the music scenes, has been substantial so their departure would be a major blow to many.

The **Beer Mine** is now licenced to serve its draft beers on the premises, as well as to take away. Work to build a cold room, to enable the seating area to be expanded, is in progress.

■ HOVE

The **Neptune** is now offering a 5% discount on all cask ales to CAMRA members; they just need to show their valid membership card. Beer wise, they have Greene King Abbot Ale and Harveys Best Bitter as our regular offering, plus three guest ales that rotate regularly. They also have on keg Longman Helles lager plus Silly Moo cider brewed in Cowfold.

■ LINDFIELD

The **Stand Up Inn's** ale rotation currently includes Firebird, Long Man and Gun. In addition local keg beers from Loud Shirt, Abyss and Unbarred are featuring. Open mic nights on the first Tuesday of each month and quizzes on the last Tuesday. The next toads tournament takes place in early September.

■ LYMINSTER

The **Six Bells** reopened recently with new licensees Jules and Emma, who both have extensive hospitality experience and are keen to make The Six Bells a community go-to. It had been closed for almost three years but has had a significant investment and full refurbishment. The pub features a welcoming bar and dining area, with a focus on serving quality pub food made from fresh, locally sourced produce. The makeover has seen addition of open fires, leather banquette seating, freestanding leather armchairs, kilim rugs and retro machinist-style bar stools. There is also a snug, a private dining room for up to 12 seated or 30 standing guests, and a separate function room with its own bar and patio access. The pub's garden and courtyard have also been overhauled, with seating for 50 added. A brand-new commercial kitchen allows the pub to offer an extensive menu, featuring light bites and hearty pub classics, all made with seasonal fresh produce.

■ OVING

An old village pub near Chichester caught fire for the second time in less than two months. A fire



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broke out at the **Gribble Inn** on Friday afternoon April 11. This comes after a blaze left the same pub badly damaged on 27 February. The main pub, a quirky 16th. Century thatched cottage, once the home of a Miss Gribble, descendant of the locally famous Gribble family who owned most of the land around, has been a traditional village pub for over 40 years and shares the premises with the Gribble Brewery. Established in 1980 using a five-barrel plant, the Gribble Brewery is the longest-serving brew/pub in the Western Sussex area. Independently owned since 1991, it is run by the Licensee as Brewer/ Manager. A number of local outlets are supplied.

■ PETT



The **Cove** recently celebrated the third anniversary of reopening under the new management of Lydia & Henry.

Despite the unpropitious choice of April Fool's Day 2022 the pub has been a success since then. Two handpumps pour Harveys' Sussex best bitter and a guest ale, frequently from a local brewery. When last visited, Gun Brewery's On the Plush was the guest ale. Up to date details of the ales on offer can be found on the Real Ale Finder app.

■ PETT LEVEL

The **New Beach Club** continues to serve excellent ales from its 5 handpumps. Reflecting its LocAle status, it now showcases various brews from local breweries. Recent examples

have been Long Man Crafty Blonde, Lakedown Ace Face and Rother Valley Smild, all at very reasonable prices. The latter was tasted and was in fine form. Up to date details of the ales on offer can be found on the Real Ale Finder app. Occasional visits by CAMRA members are welcomed. A welcome improvement for



wheelchair users and other less nimble members has been the recent installation of a disabled ramp, enabling access to the

bar area and other facilities.

■ PORTSLADE

The **Stanley Arms** are planning to hold a Beer Festival on 24th, 25th, and 26th, of October. Details to follow later. They have recently launched a new website: <http://thestanley.com/> which list current Beers on tap and entertainment.

■ RYE

After a period serving just two real ales, for the last year the **Standard Inn** has had its third handpump in constant use. All three have local ales, usually from three different breweries.

South East Sussex CAMRA Pub of the Year, the **Waterworks**, continues to serve a wide range of real ales and ciders, and impress customers with its conviviality. Visitors continue to be surprised that all the knick knacks around the pub, and even the chair they are sitting on, can be bought and taken away!

■ SCAYNES HILL

The **Sloop Inn** has reopened after refurbishment. Kate and her team will welcome you. Long Man Long Blonde and Harvey's Sussex Best are being served.

■ SHOREHAM

The **Duke of Wellington** has provided the following: "Our annual Summer Beer Festival will be held on the August Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 21st August to, and including,

Monday 25th August. There will be 25 real Ales, 10 Ciders, food and loads of Live music. The rest of our line up remains as usual, always 7 real Ales, 2 box Ciders and a whole line up of other tasty options. Live Music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and a whole host of other things going on throughout the week!"

■ **STAPLEFIELD**



The **Jolly Tanners** has now re-opened after extensive renovation, the conservatory is now the comfortable dining area of a

one bar open plan design with snugs and there is a bar menu and a la carte menu too. Hattie and James are the bar managers and there are 4 hand pumps with 2 beers from Asahi, namely Fuller's London Pride and Dark Star Hophead, Harvey's Sussex and another changing local beer..

■ **WINCHELSEA**



The **New Inn** actually dates from the 18th Century, originally being a coaching inn. Now a quality dining pub with rooms, it has two bars with four handpumps serving real ales. On a recent visit, on a hot summer's day, an excellent pint of Ruddles Best was

enjoyed in the lovely pub garden.

■ **WORTHING**



The **Brookstead** micropub continues to sell cask ale as well as keg. Typically three cask ales, five keg and

several ciders available. Sometimes the

manager buys pins instead of firkins to keep the beers turning over, so beers change regularly.

The **Georgi Fin** micropub which is in the Goring Road Shops to the West of Worthing changed ownership in late 2024. The new owners had agreed to change the name and it is now known as the **Fynn**. The owners have made a few changes to the pub to put their mark on it, but



kept the ethos and welcome the same, this change of name keeps a link to the old name in the same spirit. Staff and

customers of the Fynn were seen at the Worthing tap takeover proudly wearing T shirts with the new name and logo.



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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>

360 DEGREES

Things have been very busy here in the brewery with new equipment and upgrades to existing equipment, and installation of all new floor throughout the brewery! Also a couple of new beers, **Monkey Wrench** DDH Pale 5.5%, **Neighbours Hazy** Pale Ale and **Rosehip, Hibiscus, Raspberry, Sour**. New cask ale all day every day.

BLO Roy Bray

ALEWORKS

They have more than tripled production capacity with a new 1000 litre brew. system which is purpose designed for open fermented ales. To suit the new system, they are now using only whole cone hops, creating even tastier brews. They are also developing some more traditional Ale styles, with their own modern approach. They have also started working with a new Malting company, using only floor malted Organic malts which have a beautiful rich flavour. In March they took on a permanent line for their nitro stout, Parlour, at the Crown Inn in Dial Post. Their **All-Day**



Succa beer was given an honourable mention at the CAMRA Spring Equinox beer festival. Aleworks have also been selected as finalists for the Southeast in the UK Start-Up Awards. Busy, but they are looking forward to a great year!

BLO Ian McIntyre

ARUNDEL

We recently brewed a heritage IPA called **Tindall's** for Weald & Downland Museum in can and cask which we will be in local pubs during the Summer. We also re-brewed **Uptown**, our flagship NEIPA which has been well received and will be available in cask at Yapton Beerex.

BLO Jonathan Purdom

BATTLE

It is a year now since Battle Brewery changed ownership and in that time with considerable investment many exciting changes have taken place. The Tap Room in Battle High Street has been refurbished and the exterior given a fresh look.

A major rebrand has taken place with some adjustment to recipes all

of which have been well received. Two new keg products have also been launched both as draught and in cans **Royal Rumble Extra Pale** 3.8% and **Knight Rider IPA** 5.4%. A new lager is also imminent. The priority now is to expand out into the trade, so far this is going well. I was fortunate to join the Brickmakers Ale House on a trip to the brewery in early March, this was excellent.

BLO Mac McCutcheon

BEAK

What's on at Beak over the next couple of months? Our beer festival These Hills will be taking place on 9-10 August. These Hills is a two-day festival of food and drink in the idyllic setting of Glynne Place. You can expect 40+ beers from around the world, low intervention wine and cider, as well as street food and live music. Tickets are available now with discounts available if you by 4+ tickets! Our taproom in Lewes is open Friday (6pm - 10:30pm), Saturday (12pm - 10:30pm) and Sundays (12pm - 6pm). Keep an eye on the taproom section of our website to see what events/ live music and street food will be on offer. We also have some super exciting beer releases and collabs over the coming months - keep an eye on our website and socials for more information!

BLO Graham Eaton

BREWING BROTHERS

During the past month 'Deforestation' was on in the Salehurst Halt. An excellent **Mosaic Pale Ale** was sampled in the Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill. For the recent Jack in the Green celebrations an **O! Jack Pale Ale** was produced for many pubs in Hastings Old Town.

BLO Peter Page Mitchell

BURNING SKY

The Brewery has had a good start

to the year and remains exceptionally busy, particularly with cask ales. They were pleased to visit Thornbridge recently where they brewed a collaboration ale (sadly now almost certainly sold out). **Plateau** and **Aurora** remain the core cask ales with monthly specials. In June, **Summertime** (ABV 4.5%) will be available in cask - a clean drinking summer pale ale brewed with Maris Otter and wheat malts, a delicate spicing and blend of classic European and New Zealand hop varieties. In July, **What Gives** (ABV 4.4%) will be the special cask: it's an extra pale malt with Cara and a hint of pale crystal malts and a generous use of Chinook, Centennial, Ahtanum and Columbus hops. Two, as yet unnamed, 750ml bottled beers are planned for release in the early Summer. **Rustic Table Beer** (ABV 3%) and **Celebrated Summer** (ABV 5.8%) are currently available in 440ml cans.

BLO Ian Hodge

FLYING TRUNK

At the time of writing Flying Trunk's new tap room is nearly ready to open. It's a light relaxing space near the local bus stop for the 270 and 261 routes. There has been a brief brewing hiatus, but they were able to provide four beers for the recent Worthing tap takeover event - **Light's Out** (8%), **Belle Tout** (5.5%), **Forest Way** (4.2%) and **Faun** (4.3%). There are a couple of new brews coming up, which will be regulars at the tap room. Details of these along with the opening date, times etc. will be posted in the usual places.

BLO Jonathan Samways

GUN

A big thank you to London & SE CAMRA for awarding **Zamzama IPA** a bronze award in the London & Southeast Regional Champion Beer of Britain IPA (English and

New World) Category. At 6.5% it's a mighty cask beer and one with a dedicated fan base. As a footnote, it was also the first of our beers to win an award, when 10 years ago, it won the Sussex Micro Beer of the Festival at the CAMRA Eastbourne Beer Festival. Our thanks to CAMRA for their support over the last 10 years.

In further CAMRA news, we were delighted to see members of Northeast Sussex & West Kent CAMRA branches at Fuggles Beer Cafe in Tunbridge Wells, where we were presented with two awards. Our thanks to all members who attended and to the team at Fuggles for hosting. 2025 is set to be a busy year for Gun Brewery, with plans a plenty! On the beer front, we have at least 12 specials in the pipeline, half of which will be cask. The vintage Airstream Land Yacht bar has been booked in for a number of festivals & events, so hopefully you'll see it out and about at events you attend. The popularity and reputation of the Taproom continues to grow. If you haven't had the opportunity of visiting us here at the brewery taproom, do try and come over. As well as a full selection of our core beers, you'll find taproom exclusives - ideas dreamed up by our brew team and brewed for fun on our test kit. If you're a music fan, try and visit on a Friday to catch our free Vinyl or Live Music nights. If comedy or quizzes are your thing, then Thursday is the day to look out for. We also run a Sunday Market every month and many more stand-alone events - check the events calendar on the website for further details.

BLO Keith Brown

HANDBREW

Hand Brew Co have been planning a very busy summer of new beer releases including plenty in cask!

Shaka Lo - their first 0.5% beer will be launched in mid-May, an AF version of their Original Pale - **Shaka Hand's** annual community collab of foraged elderflower saison, **Dayglow Hedgerow**, will be brewing on May 29th, out at end of June and for the first time ever they'll be racking off some into cask. This summer will see the re-release of **Lobo Hazy Pale** 5.2% which they will be bringing into their permanent range on cask, can and keg.

Look out for collabs galore from Hand Brew Co, including a NEIPA with local brewery BRZN, a Hopfenweisse with London brewers Hackney Church, Watermelon Margarita Sour for Worthing and Brighton Pride with Edinburghs Closet.

BLO Henry Kirk

HARVEY'S

The brewery remains as busy as ever. The core range of cask ales remain widely available and there are the seasonal specials to look forward to, including **Lewes Castle** (ABV 4.8%) in May and into June and **Tom Paine** (ABV 5.5%) in July. Recently they were thrilled to welcome people from the Craft Beer Channel as they filmed an episode from their excellent docu-series Keep Cask Alive. With that commitment to cask ale as strong as ever, the new canning facility located in the brewery is now fully operational with a range of canned beers on sale both online and in the brewery shop. Bottled **Pegasus Round** (ABV 4.2%) is available with one pound from every bottle sold being donated to the Support our Paras Charity (Pegasus Round is an attempt to break the record for rowing around Great Britain in the Summer of 2025 to raise funds for the Charity). Regular brewery tours have restarted and can be booked using

their online booking facility. The brewery is, once again, kindly sponsoring not only the glasses for the Lewes Beer Festival but also the Ale Trail Passports.

BLO Ian Hodge

HEPWORTH

Hepworth & Company Brewers are delighted to celebrate 25 years of Brewing in Sussex this September. Plans are underway for Celebration Ale & events: please check the website for updates. Or pop into the Shop & Taproom on site Wednesday-Saturday 11am-4pm for more details, brewery tours and tastings.

Draught beer always available for takeaway!

BLO Roy Bray

KISSINGATE

Kissingate's new creation **Chocolate Cherry Dipper** 4.5% won best dark beer at the Spring Equinox Beer Festival held at the Drill Hall in Horsham. There was also a surprise win at the Isle of Man Beer Festival for Best National Beer with Imperial Stout **Raisin the Bar** 14.0%. The brewery team remain busy balancing production tasks with a full social diary. Demand from beer festivals up and down the country has increased significantly this year due to recent successes. The North Sussex CAMRA Ale Trail has been a well thought initiative encouraging ale lovers to venture out and support pubs and brewery taprooms in the local area. Brewery owners Gary & Bunny have recently announced their wish to sell the brewery. It is hoped that under new ownership the Kissingate beers that have enjoyed much acclaim over the past 15 years will be brewed long into the future. Details of all Kissingate events can be found on the brewery website.

BLO Roy Bray

LAKEDOWN

It's been a good month here at Lakedown. After launching their AF Beer **Sound** in January, it picked up a Silver at the World Alcohol Free Awards. Since launching their Sound juicy, they have added to the range with an AF Pilsner. Their ESB was well received and sold out in record time, a nod to the revival of the style of late. Looking ahead the brew team are launching a Chef Range collaborating with a number of high-profile chefs with profits going to the Prept Foundation.

BLO Barry Blewitt

LANGHAM'S

2025 has got off to a flying start in a year which celebrates a significant milestone in the Brewery's history. Not only is Langham turning 20 this year, witnessing the complete change in the brewing landscape during those years, but will be transitioning ownership to Charlie Long (Fuller's and Wimbledon Brewery). After years of love and dedication Lesley Foulkes and James Berron have crafted a brewery whose commitment to quality, character, and community are well renowned and Charlie is looking forward to building on that legacy. *"I am very excited for what the future holds for Langham Brewery. I plan to build on our strong reputation for quality beer, ensuring brands such as Hip Hop and Best remain a favourite whilst expanding our offering: introducing a full core range in keg and can formats, and continuing to produce seasonal and limited-edition brews for the Taproom and local pubs. When it comes to brewing, balance, depth and sessionability are key principles for me—bringing out a full spectrum of flavour from four incredible ingredients. Ultimately, it's about offering people more ways to enjoy great*

beer whilst maintaining quality'.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Tap this Summer (New hours to be announced shortly on website). In beer news following the success of winning Locale with Auld Ale at Yapton Beerex we are looking forward to our Saison re-released in the coming months, taking part in the Great British Beer Festival. For the rest of the summer calendar, we have a **Hazy Pale Ale** (5.5%), incorporating continental hops on cask for June (vegan); **NZ Hopped XPA Cask** (3.3%) and a new Lager on keg to be announced shortly.

BLO Peter Luff

LONG MAN

The Summer months will see the launch of small batch cask ales, made to suit the season. Look out for favourites such as **Golden Tipple** in June, **Mosaic Pale** in July and **Sleeping Giant** in August. Throughout 2025 the brewery will be launching new keg & can beers. These small batch beers are crafted to showcase a range of styles and hops, the first of these, a 6% NEIPA is available now, and a single hop Citra (5.4%) is imminent.

Brewery Tours & Tastings are running throughout the summer, with new dates just added right through to September! The Litlington Brewery Shop & Tasting Room, has games, cards and at least 6 Cask and Keg beers always available. It's a great place to while away a summer day. There is also outdoor seating shared with Cadence Café.

The brewery will be at several events in the area this summer, including Eastbourne Carnival, Tennis Week and at the brand-new Eastbourne Farmers Market outside the Towner Gallery in The Devonshire Quarter, starting Saturday 7th June.

BLO Richard Scullion

MISSING LINK

Beers on at the Brewery:

Macaque, **West Coast IPA**, **Chimpanzee DIPA**, **Lemur NEIPA**, **Bonobo NEPA**, **Gibbon APA**, **Howler NZ Pilsner**, **Marmoset Session Pale Ale**, **Mandrill Berry Sour**, **Vervet Mocha Porter**, **Apple Cider**.

THREE ACRE

This year is likely to be one of consolidation for the brewery rather than expansion, but that doesn't mean that there will be a reduction in the number of new and experimental beers produced, along with many of the old favourites. The brewery remains a champion of cask beer, with about 98 per cent of its production in this format. A new bottling plant has been obtained but at the time of writing wasn't yet in regular use. The very popular **Skyllark Stout**

(4.6%) has been added to the list of core beers in place of **IPA** (5%) which is no longer brewed. **Best Bitter** (4%) and **Session Pale** (3.7%) also are available all year round. Two recent introductions are **Galaxy's Rain** (3.4%), a juicy pale full of Mosaic hops with citrus and passionfruit flavours, and **Cloud Drifter** (5.3%), a hazy IPA. Future introductions include **Farmer's Bitter** (3.8%), likely to be a core beer, **Sussex Mild** (3.3%), **West Coast Pale** (5.6%), **Southern Strong Ale** (7%) and for the green hop season later in the year, **Harlequin Green Hop** (5%). The brewery has submitted a planning application to Wealden District Council in connection with the proposed Uckfield taproom and the decision should have been made by the time this article is published. Obviously, even if the

decision is favourable, a considerable amount of work remains to be done before the venue opens.

BLO John Quick

UNBARRED

In the coming months you'll see Cask Joosy return along with some other favourites like **Major Hazer**, **Mango Pale & Catching Waves**. Our monthly cask offering continues with a new **Hazy Pale** and some other cask specials slotted in along the way. Our taproom is now open Mondays so you can join us all week long to enjoy a wide selection of beers (keg and cask), takeaway cans and pizza. Keep an eye on our socials for taproom and brewery events, new beers and news!

BLO Graham Eaton



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Spotlight on

BREWERIES

Flying Trunk

Tucked away in the heart of Forest Row, Flying Trunk Brewery is proof that good things come in very small packages. A true nano-brewery, Flying Trunk is run with heart, hands, and just enough kit to keep the beer flowing - think homebrewing scaled up a notch, with all the love and experimentation still intact.

What makes Flying Trunk different? For starters, their size. Being tiny means they can stay nimble, constantly experimenting with different hops, malts, and styles, keeping things fresh and creative. Every beer is naturally conditioned and unfiltered (V) - so its life comes in the traditional way courtesy of the yeast, not from a gas bottle.

Forest Way IPA (4.2%), currently brewer Rich's favourite, has won plenty of local hearts. Named after the beautiful walk that traces the old Three Bridges to Groombridge railway line through the village and the Weald, it captures the spirit of the brewery: grounded, local, and a little bit magic.

Kate, the other half of the Flying Trunk team, has a soft spot for a good strong stout - so naturally, they've brewed a trilogy. Two have already won CAMRA gold awards, and hopes are high that the third (Lights Out - 8.0%) will complete the set.

Operating with basic, hands-on equipment isn't just a style choice - it's necessity turned into something honest and deeply satisfying. Brewing here feels natural - slow, thoughtful, and simply something Rich and Kate love doing to build on their previous experience in homebrewing and catering.

And now, tucked among the trees of the Ashdown Forest, Flying Trunk is opening its very own taproom. It's a relaxed, welcoming space where everyone's invited - whether you're a local popping by on a walk, a curious beer lover, or just someone looking for a calm spot to unwind. Imagine, quiet corners, good conversation, and the gentle hum of community. It's less of a bar, more of a little hideaway - a place to feel at home. Opening times will be posted in the usual places.

Jon Samways

Brewery Liaison Officer



The fourth Worthing Tap Takeover took place over the weekend of 25-27 April 2025.

19 independent venues took part each serving beer from a brewery which had not been used before by any pub in the last three years. Good weather helped this event to be a great success, with some venues selling out of beer from their featured brewer. In order to encourage venues to use independent brewers all year round, to take part in the Tap Takeover they must pour independently owned breweries as part of their day to day business and this must equate to at least 50% of their beers throughout the year. One landlord commented that he enjoyed being part of the collaboration between venues in the town and how it had brought new visitors to his pub. This event re-inforces that Worthing is a great town for beer lovers with many pubs & bars as well as a wide choices of places to eat. Congratulations to Gemma, Gareth and Lawrence for organising the event and thanks to all of the venues which took part.

Colin Pennifold

Bus to the Pub (Bttp)

Bus to the Pub (Bttp) is organised on a weekly basis. All trips are on Thursdays meeting at noon and usually visiting three pubs.

We mostly travel by train but also use buses as well. The majority of the locations visited are urban ones as town pubs usually have a better choice of beers.

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Brighton & South Downs Branch

Brighton & South Downs branch are delighted to announce the winners in our 2025 Pub of the Year (PoTY) and Club of the Year (CoTY) voting as below. Congratulations to all!

Pub of the Year – Watchmakers Arms, Hove;
Highly Commended – Hole in the Wall, Brighton / Stanley Arms, Portslade / Foghorn, Hove / Brewers Arms, Lewes

Cider Pub of the Year – Signalbox, Burgess Hill;
Runner up – Piston Broke, Shoreham by Sea

Club of the Year – Keymer & Hassocks Social Club; Runner up – Henfield Club



Congratulations to the Watchmakers Arms, being voted Pub of the Year. Receiving the award is Rick (centre), along with Ruth and Luciano.



Adrian Heft (left, branch Pubs Officer) made the presentation at the Hole in the Wall to Carla, Nathan and Fi (above).

“We are very pleased at the Stanley Arms to receive the highly commended award for pub of the year 2025. A big thanks to all our amazing staff and customers. We have run the Stanley Arms for 6 and half years, we are very proud of

this 1881 traditional Victorian pub in the heart of the Portslade community. We are a free house so we can have a variety of real ales of our choice available, in this Camra award winning pub.

We support Harveys brewery who have recently installed our brand new hand pumps, thank you to Harveys team, they are amazing. We always have Harveys beers available all year round. Many Thanks, Lizzie and Ash.”



Presentation to The Foghorn in Hove, with (above) Ian, Jessamy, Niall, Tim, Adrian (Pubs Officer), and Mark



Turning to our presentations to clubs, branch member Eddy Reynolds (right) presented the Runner-Up award to Dave Page, President and Rob Laughton, secretary of Henfield Club to congratulate them on their hard work making the club a ale destination.



The award certificate for Runner-up in the Brighton & South Downs Branch 2025 Cider Pub of the Year was presented to Graham Eaves, Landlord of the Piston Broke in Shoreham-by-Sea on the 22nd of April by John Kirkland, CAMRA South East Regional Finance Officer on behalf of the Branch.

Lewes Ale Trail Treasure Hunt

As part of the Brighton & South Downs CAMRA Real Ale & Cider Trail we are running a treasure hunt that takes in some of the pubs on the trail, so you can have some beers and spot the clues en-route.

If you're not doing the Ale Trail – no problem, you can still join in.

Saturday 9th August

start between 1.00 and 2.00 pm

at the **Black Horse Inn**, 55 Western Road, Lewes, BN7 1RS

(www.blackhorselewes.co.uk)

finish between 4.00 and 6.00 pm

at **The Brewers Arms**, 91 High Street, Lewes, BN7 1XN

(www.thebrewersarmslewes.com/home-2)

Teams of 1 to 5 people - entry £2 per person, £1 with CAMRA card Prizes for the winners

(note – the route involves walking around 1 ½ miles with a few hills)

30th Brighton & South Downs Anniversary Ale and Cider Trail

The Trail will commence on Sunday 1 June and run through to 30 September 2025.

The launch event will be at The Hole in the Wall from Noon Sunday 1 June – get your Trail off to a good start by collecting your passport here.

We will also be congratulating The Hole in The Wall with an award as the favourite pub from the 2024 Ale and Cider Trail as voted by you.

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.

On the Saturday 5 July, we are planning a bus trip to some of the country pubs to make it easier for people to get to them. The cost is held at £25 per person.

Arrangements can be made to book a lunch at one of the pubs in advance (see the page for 30th Ale Trail on our Website.

The tickets for the bus trip will be available online from our website here: <https://tckty.camra.org.uk/e/383/bsd-ale-cider-trail-bus-tour-2025>

Graham Eaton

Brighton & South Downs Branch



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Equinox beer festival weekend continues to thrive



North Sussex Branch held another highly successful Spring Equinox festival at the Drill Hall in Horsham this March.

For the first time the event started with a Friday afternoon session, which was well received and will continue in future years. The Friday evening session again sold out, while the Saturday afternoon was also close to capacity. Our promise to have an excellent range of the 50 beers and 9 ciders/perries on sale right to the end of the event was very much met, and they remained in good condition despite the unusually warm weather.

Kissingate won the Dark Beer of the Festival award for the fourth time, this year with their new Choc Cherry Dipper 4.5% porter, which the team got to enjoy again at the presentation at the brewery's May festival.

For the Light Beer presentation, we are off to West Yorkshire in July to visit Nightjar's brewery tap in Hebden Bridge, to present the certificate for Lost in Ikea, an excellent 4.2% New Zealand Pale ale.

Runner up in the light beer category was local Shipley brewery Aleworks' All Day Succa, with Orkney Man O'Hoy in third. Vocation's Naughty but Nice Chocolate Stout was second in the Dark Beer category, with Flying Trunk's Coffee Way Past Your Bedtime in third.

Local producer Nuthurst Orchards won the Cider/Perry award with their Passion Fruit Cider, with Bignose & Beardy a close joint second with their This Little Piggy and Barcombe Mad.

Horsham and Crawley branch of the Samaritans were our festival charity, with the donations of money and beer tokens raising almost £1100.

After the uncertainty of the last two years, it looks highly likely that we will be back at the Hall for 2026, so please put March 20th & 21st 2026 in

your diaries for our 12th festival.

As ever, a huge thanks to our brilliant team of volunteers, with particular thanks to our first time volunteers from other branches whose support was greatly appreciated.

Cheers from CAMRA North Sussex branch

North Sussex Branch Awards

CAMRA North Sussex has awarded its Pub of the Year shield for the second consecutive year to the Engine Room in East Grinstead.

This year it was a double celebration for the Engine Room, as it also scooped the award for Branch Cider Pub of the Year

This gem of a pub off the High Street has been open for just over 6 years and stocks an ever changing range of up to 8 cask ales, 4 from keg and 5 ciders, along with a full bar and excellent range of cans and bottles, served by a knowledgeable and enthusiastic team.



In the photo are a delighted Nigel, John and other members of the Engine Room team being presented with the POTY shield and certificates by branch chair James.

Pub of the year runner up this year was the Malt Shovel in Horsham, while Cider Pub of the year runner up was the White Horse in Maplehurst. Congratulations to all the shortlisted finalists, the Queens Head in Barns Green, Billi Tap in Billingshurst, Brewery Shades in Crawley, Bear in Horsham, and Half Moon in Warninglid.

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North East Sussex Sub-branch awards

North East Sussex Sub-branch Pub of the Year 2025 was the King's Arms, Rotherfield, for the third year running. Delighted licensees Chris and Antonia were presented with their certificate by Sub-branch Chair John Quick in the company of several local CAMRA members and customers.

Because voting for this year's PotY was so close, it was decided to also award a certificate to the runner-up, the New Inn at Hadlow Down. The certificate was presented to Annie, one of the many local villagers who have kept the pub running after the death of previous landlord Graham. Four Harvey's beers were available on the day, all up to the usual high standard that this pub is renowned for.

The Sub-branch Cider PotY was once again awarded to Bob and Tracey at the King's Head in East Hoathly. This pub always has a real cider available, usually from Kent or Sussex.

Our fourth award was made at an event in March hosted by the Tunbridge Wells Fuggles Beer Café in co-operation with West Kent CAMRA. Gun Brewery received two awards. The first was from the Spa Valley Railway Beer & Cider Festival for third place in the Green Hop Beer of the Festival 2024, presented by Will Longmate. The second award was from North East Sussex CAMRA for Bronze in the CAMRA London & South East Regional Champion Beer of Britain 2024 for Zamzama IPA. This was presented by the BLO for Gun Brewery, Keith Brown. Finally, Fuggles Beer Café was presented with an award certificate by West Kent CAMRA Chair Tony Shea for winning the Tunbridge Wells Pub of the Year 2025. A very enjoyable evening was rounded off by sampling several Gun beers, along with some from other breweries.



Chris and Antonia receive the PotY 2025 award from NES Chair John Quick



Annie with the PotY.2025 Runner-up award for the New Inn



John presents Bob and Tracey with the CPotY 2025 award



Presentation of the award for Zamzama IPA to the Gun Brewery by BLO Keith Brown (left)

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South East Sussex



At a spring gathering of the South East Sussex Branch, South East Regional Director, Paul Sanders presented joint owner, Martin Payne (left) with a certificate for the Brickmakers Alehouse in Bexhill being Regional (Sussex and Surrey) Pub of the Year 2024

impressed by their long-standing and continuing commitment to well-kept cask ales.

Cider Pub of the Year (CPOTY): Hopp Inn, Selsey

The Hopp Inn, Selsey, has been voted CAMRA's Western Sussex Cider Pub of the Year for the second year running. CAMRA has been supporting the production of "real" cider and perry since 1985. For a cider to be "real" it has to be fermented from freshly-pressed juice without the use of concentrates or added sugar. Sarah Tomkins, co-owner of the Hopp Inn, and responsible for selecting the ciders available on tap, says: "Apart from checking that the ciders we offer are "real", it is important to know what your customers want. So I always try to have a dry cider available, and, like with the real ales, I listen to any recommendations the regulars may have". This policy clearly works, since the Hopp Inn was also runner-up in the overall Pub of the Year vote.

Western Sussex

Pub Of The Year Awards

Pub of the Year (POTY): Wilkes Head, Eastergate

On 29 March, Western Sussex CAMRA members turned out in force to celebrate their annual Pub of the Year (POTY) award.



Trevor Brown (left) receiving the POTY award from Western Sussex Branch Chair, Richard Earl (right). Photo courtesy of Western Sussex CAMRA member Keith Stevens

This year the award returned to the Wilkes Head, Eastergate, and a certificate and the trophy was presented to a delighted Trevor Brown and his staff. The Wilkes won the award by getting the most votes from local members, all of whom were



Sarah Tomkins (far left) and Jade Tomkins (centre) receiving the cider POTY trophy and certificate from Branch Cider Rep, Heather Lawn (far right). Photo courtesy of Western Sussex CAMRA member, Jerry Goodman

Western Sussex Ale Trail

Western Sussex Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) are holding an Ale Trail around some of the pubs in Chichester, Bognor Regis and surrounding areas. An Ale Trail consists of a list of pubs selling Real Ale and at each one, a 'Passport' is stamped by the participating pubs when you buy Real Ale or Real Cider. When you have completed 20 out of the 30-odd pubs, you can claim a commemorative badge. A commemorative t-shirt is also available. We are running this Ale Trail to celebrate the Branch's 50th anniversary, having been established in 1974 and to commemorate the

publication of the 2025 Good Beer Guide, which lists over 1000 pubs in the UK selling Real Ale. A draught Real Ale, or 'cask ale' is a living product, containing brewers' yeast that continues to ferment (or condition) the beer in its cask as it lies in the pub cellar. The Ale Trail is one way of promoting cask ale and was launched at the Yapton Beerex Beer Festival at the Yapton &

Ford Village Hall on Saturday 10th May. The Beer Festival was held from Friday 9th May until Sunday 11th May. From 1st May, the Ale Trail passport can be downloaded for home printing from: westernsussex.camra.org.uk/aletrail



The list of pubs includes city-centre and out-of-the-way pubs and reputedly a "haunted" freehouse. Advice on bus routes and train stations is given in the Passport,



as well as the pub phone numbers for checking the opening hours. James Bell, Western Sussex CAMRA's Ale Trail co-ordinator said "The Ale Trail is a great way for people to try out a new beer

and to have a bit of fun going to new places at the same time".

For more details see: westernsussex.camra.org.uk/aletrail.

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Jack in the Green festival in Hastings Old Town



Dolphin Inn



Jenny Lind

We've just experienced the annual Jack in the Green festival in Hastings Old Town, celebrated on the May Day public holiday and weekend preceding, where thousands turned up and the procession was the longest I've seen! The procession starts in Rock-a-Nore Road at the Fisherman's

Museum, and where the Dolphin Inn opens before 9am for food and soft drinks, and from



9am the bar is licenced. The Dolphin now has two regular ales with Young's Special returning, and Harvey's Sussex Best of which this year they sold 3 times the usual number of firkins. They also have a semi-regular

Kent Brewery's Quiet American, which sometimes sells out in-between deliveries, usually replaced with Oakham



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Steve Colwell

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16-18 Jun West's Wood Fair, East Dean, see page 23

20-21 Jun **South Downs Beer & Cider Festival, Corn Exchange, Lewes**, see pages 3 and 5.

20-22 Jun Engine Room, East Grinstead, Summer Beer Festival

9-20 Jul Signal Box, Burgess Hill, Summer Beer Festival

2-3 Aug Crafty Bishop, Chichester, Beer Festival

9-10 Aug These Hills beer festival, Glynne Place (Beak brewery), 40+ beers

21-25 Aug Duke of Wellington, Shoreham, Summer Beer Festival, 25 real ales, 10 ciders

21-25 Aug Holly Tree, Walberton, Beer Festival

22-25 Aug Crown, Old Town Eastbourne, Beer Festival, see page 17

5-7 Sep Brecknock Arms, Bells Yew Green, Annual Beer Festival, see page 15

19-21 Sep **Bluebell Railway/Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival**, see page 4

17 Sep-5 Oct Signal Box, Burgess Hill, Oktoberfest

24-26 Oct Stanley Arms, Portslade, Beer Festival

Branch Diaries

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

Arun & Adur

7 Jun Walking Tour of the Pubs of Arundel, noon-5pm

See aaa.camra.org.uk/events.html.

Brighton & South Downs

See brighton.camra.org.uk/diary.

North Sussex

Branch events are on the second Tuesday of the month, starting 7.30pm

6 Jun Branch Ale Trail Draw, Kings Arms, Horsham, 7.30pm

10 Jun Bolney to Staplefield Bus Tour

28 Jun Missing Link Brewery Trip (East Grinstead)

8 Jul Branch Meeting, Foresters Arms, Horsham

12 Aug Branch Social (details tbc)

See northsussex.camra.org.uk/diary.

North East Sussex

See northeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary.

South East Sussex

3 Jun Crown & Anchor Eastbourne Gathering

10 Jun Picture Playhouse, Bexhill Gathering

17 Jun Two Sawyers, Royal Oak, Queens Head

24 Jun PotY Presentation (details tbc)

See southeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary.

Western Sussex

10 Jun Beerex washup meeting, Inglenook, Pagham

See westernsussexcamra.org.uk/events.

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*PotY: Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill,

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

*CPotY: Robin Hood, Icklesham

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Beer Festival: Worthing, October 2025

PotY: Selden Arms, Worthing

CPotY: Green Man Ale & Cider House Worthing;

COTY: none

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Beer Festival: South Downs June 2025

PotY: Watchmakes Arms, Hove;

CPotY: Signalbox, Burgess Hill.;

CotY: Keymer and Hassocks Sports & Social Club

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Beer Festival: Spring Equinox, March 2026

PotY: Engine Room, East Grinstead;

CPotY: Engine Room, East Grinstead; CotY: none

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

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Beer Festivals: Eastbourne Beer Festival,

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PotY: Waterworks, Rye;

CPotY: Robin Hood, Icklesham;

CotY: Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill on Sea

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Beer Festival: Yapton May 2026

PotY: Wilkes Head, Eastergate;

CPotY: Hopp Inn, Selsey CotY: none

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



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