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Spring 2026

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## **YAPTON 34th BEEREX 2026**

**15th-17th May 2026**

**Yapton and Ford Village  
Hall, Main Road, Yapton**

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## **Eastbourne Beer & Cider by the Sea**

**15th-17th May 2026**

**Western Lawns, Eastbourne**

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## **Spring Equinox Beer Festival**

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## YAPTON 34TH BEEREX 2026

The 34th Yapton Beerex is returning to Yapton and Ford Village Hall, Main Road, Yapton on the 15th 16th and 17th of May 2026.

The hall stands on Yapton Village Green which affords the opportunity for al fresco relaxation over a pint or two. The middle weekends in May have in recent years provided some great weather, so fingers crossed.

In addition to 48 perfectly cooled real cask ales this year there will again be a Craft Beer bar, 15 ciders and perries and the return of our excellent caterer Hey Amigo!

We are also retaining our world beer bottle fridge, "Bières Sans Frontières".

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Session times are below with ticket prices. You don't need a ticket for Sunday but please bring ID if you are lucky enough to look under 25. Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome and free.

- Friday 15th May 12 noon to 9:30pm - £10
- Saturday 16th May 12 noon to 9:00pm - £10
- Sunday 17th May 12:00 noon to 3:00pm - FREE. (Drinks choice likely to be limited in this session)

THIS YEAR ADVANCE TICKETS ARE **ONLY** AVAILABLE ONLINE (Not in pubs or by post).

Advance Friday and Saturday tickets purchased online by CAMRA members will entitle them to receive £8 worth of beer

tokens on arrival at the hall. (The remaining £2 is to cover some of the significant costs of running the festival)

We really need to manage numbers as we have limited capacity so to encourage online tickets sales CAMRA members buying tickets on the door (should any be available) will only qualify for £4 worth of beer tokens.

Non-members can get £8 worth of beer tokens if they sign up and join CAMRA on the day.

Glasses are again to borrow not to keep. Cash and cards will be accepted for everything with tokens for sale to buy drinks.

The 500 and 700 Stagecoach bus services operate regularly between Littlehampton and Chichester and beyond (500 from Barnham station) on all 3 days of the festival. Compass route 66 also serves Bognor and local villages on Friday and Saturday mornings and afternoons.

A link to the ticketing website can be found on QR code on our posters at various venues and in this publication. Any updates will be posted on [westernsussex.camra.org.uk/yapton](http://westernsussex.camra.org.uk/yapton) and this site will also link to an interactive beer list in the fullness of time.

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

If you would like to volunteer to work serving and/or setting up and taking down please contact Paul on 07940 527045. Beer and food is provided!

Cheers!

**Tony Ashcroft and Paul Dunn**  
*Festival Organisers*

## Eastbourne's Beer & Cider by the Sea Festival is Back



Organisers are lining up another sensational showcase at this year's Beer & Cider by the Sea festival. Held on Eastbourne seafront from 15 – 17 May 2026 – tickets are on sale now!

The Western Lawns venue will once again be celebrating producers up and down the country with a superb range of quirky brews, award-winning ales, new collaborations and one-off creations, alongside a lively music programme at each session.

With over 140 real ales, craft beers, artisan ciders and perries carefully curated by CAMRA, festival goers will also be able to enjoy one of the widest ranges of Sussex brews in the region.

Organised by Eastbourne Borough Council and CAMRA, the CAMRA team will also be on hand to guide visitors through the beers,



ciders and ales available. An array of gins, Pimm's, Prosecco, wines and cocktails will also be on offer, alongside street food stalls with tasty treats.

For music fans, the brew-tiful summer festival atmosphere will be washed down with a lively line-up of bands and performers on stage in the festival tent, including larger-than-life tribute act Fat Freddie & The Queens, LARGE 90s, The Big Kahuna party band and 80s fun with Eclectic Dreams – plus more acts to be announced.



The festival is the perfect way to kick-start the summer and with sessions regularly selling out in advance, now is the time to secure those tickets early.

Beer & Cider by the Sea returns from 15 – 17 May with sessions from 5pm – 10pm on Friday, 11am – 4pm and 5pm – 10pm on Saturday and 12pm – 5pm on Sunday.

CAMRA members can enjoy £2 off all adult tickets on Friday and Saturday sessions and £1 off the Sunday session.

Children are welcome on Saturday and Sunday afternoons with free child tickets available for the final Sunday session.

To book call 01323 410611 or visit the Seafront Office at Lower Grand Parade, Eastbourne BN21 3AD or book online at [www.EastbourneBeerFestival.com](http://www.EastbourneBeerFestival.com).

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# SUSSEX PUB SCRATCHINGS

News of new developments and updates on the Sussex pub scene will be gratefully received by the Editor for consideration in Scratchings. The standard disclaimer on page 30 applies to all items.

## ■ AMBERLEY



The **Black Horse** has new owners who will continue the gastrobar business model. The

pub is being refurbished with a reopening planned for March 2. It will also have accommodation available.



The **Sportsman** will mark its second anniversary as a community pub with a beer festival running 26-29

March, featuring a curated range of 15 cask ales, along with craft kegs, ciders, food, and live music. This year it will be a double celebration, as the pub was recently named the Arun & Adur Branch Pub of the Year 2026.

## ■ ARUNDEL

The **Swan Hotel** is closed.

There's a new manager at the **Eagle** who has introduced new cask ales onto the bar.

## ■ BEXHILL



The **Brickmaker's Alehouse** will be holding a Spring Beer & Cider Festival from 10th - 12th April, starting at 12 noon.

Just down the road the **Albatross Club** will be holding its next Beer Festival from 1st to 3rd May.

## ■ BOGNOR



In December the **Dog & Duck** moved again, this time to the **Claremont Inn** in Scott Street, now to be known as the **Dog & Duck at the Claremont**. Four cask ales are

served in this comfortable and welcoming establishment. The pub is running a beer festival from 13-15 March starting at noon on Friday where 16 cask ales are planned.

## ■ BRIGHTON

**Hector's** - this former Brewdog pub in Grand Parade has re-opened as Hector's - an independent free house being run by well known Brighton landlord Ben Murray. Currently serving two cask ales and a real cider, plus a wide selection of keg fonts serving craft beers and lagers.



The **North Star** is the former **All Bar One** in Pavillion Buildings. It is operated by Team Domenica - a charity

dedicated to helping young people with learning disabilities and autism train to help find work opportunities. Currently serving one-two cask ales at very reasonable prices.

## ■ BURGESS HILL

The **Brickworks** are celebrating their 2nd Birthday Party on weekend of 14th March. There will be a collaboration birthday beer (Hefeweizen) with the Brunswick in Hove for their Winter Festival. Also, they are aiming to launch The Brickworks Brew Club in April.



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The **Signalbox** latest events include a Burning Sky Tap Takeover

over the Easter weekend (3rd-6th April), the Spring Beer Festival (29th April - 10th May), a Downlands Brewery Tap Takeover (22nd-25th May). As ever there is a pub quiz every Wednesday, cheese altar every Sunday, and comedy night on the 2nd Monday of the month. In addition, four new keg lines are being installed dedicated to cider, nitro stout, gluten free pale and Belgian beer. Also, North Garden Brewery is planning the Burgess Hill Beer Trail for the first bank holiday in May. This will be a collaboration brew with Lost Pier, and possibly a couple more (TBC) and put on at a number of venues across Burgess Hill.

The manager at **Six Gold Martlets**, Ellie Lawrence who has overseen the pub's first appearance in the *Good Beer Guide* is heading across the county to Horsham. More news to follow.

## ■ CHICHESTER

After a short period of closure, the **Crate & Apple** has reopened under new ownership. It is now open for breakfast at 10am, Monday to Saturday.

From December 2025, the **Crafty Bishop** has new owners, but no sign yet of cask ale.

## ■ CRAWLEY



The **Brewery Shades** put on an excellent range of Scottish ales for Burns Night. They

have similar plans for St Patrick's Day, plus their next beer festival will be in the first week of May.

## ■ EASTBOURNE

Conveniently located across from Eastbourne railway station and celebrating thirteen continuous years in the *Good Beer Guide*, the **London & County** continues to impress with its range and quality of cask ales. On a recent visit the Exmoor Beast was excellent.



Located in the Old Town area, the **Crown** will be holding another of its excellent beer festivals over Easter (Thursday 2nd

– Monday 6th April). Expect some unusual beers and, if the weather is good, enjoy them in the pub's unexpectedly large garden (up the steps at the rear of the building).

Just east of the pier, and the only pub in the town across from the beach, expect good food and well-kept ales at the **Crown & Anchor**. On recent visits the Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and the Morlands Old Speckled Hen have been in great form.

## ■ EAST GRINSTEAD



The **Engine Room** is holding its Strong and Dark Beer Fest from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th March. Expect an

eclectic range of beers along with food and live music. Since opening in February 2019 more than 2,500 different beers have been sold and, to celebrate, Engine Room MMD (a well-hopped 5.5% IPA) was specially brewed by Flying Trunk with a little help from a few ER staff and regulars, and which went down very well. Naming clue: check Roman numerals!

## ■ FAIRLIGHT

The **Cove** in Waites Lane, Fairlight continues its regular and popular music event Folk, Blues and Beyond, presented and performed by Jason McNiff. Another recent event was a Meet the Brewer with the team from Three Acre Brewery. The pub serves Harvey's Best Bitter from one handpump and frequently has a beer from a more local brewery on the other. Recent offerings have been Three Acre Old, and Pig and Porter Funky Claude. Both were in fine condition on recent visits.

## ■ FELPHAM

The **Fox** has planning permission for five letting rooms. This popular local, with its accent on Palmer's beers, goes from strength to strength, bringing in customers from all parts of the community.

## ■ FORD



The **Ship & Anchor** at the Marina is now under the stewardship of Philip and Rita, having been repainted and with

substantial work ongoing, including a new raised decking area overlooking the River Arun. It is open seven days a week from 9am until 11pm (food until 8pm). The handpumps are serving well-kept Hogsback TEA, Harvey's Best, Timothy Taylor Landlord and Ringwood Forty Niner.

## ■ FOREST ROW



The **Flying Trunk Tap Room** continues to feature a variety of their beers including regulars

Tomtits Bitter and Highgate Porter, along with occasional and one-off brews. There is usually a home-made food offering available. Music

events and quiz nights are held from time to time. Opening times vary seasonally so please check social media, where the 'what's on' board is also featured.

## ■ HASTINGS OLD TOWN



A Dark Beer Festival was held at the **Jolly Fisherman** in January which included two barley wines, notably the 11.3% Thomas Hardy's Ale, now brewed in Sussex at Hepworth Brewery. This April also sees 10 years since Oliver took over the premises, and I believe another firkin of Thomas Hardy's Ale will be available then!



Talking of dark ales, the **First In Last Out** had a rather tasty dark winter ale of their own, FILO Yo Ho Ho at 6.5% and fortified with dark rum, it was very impressive.



Staying on the dark ale theme, the **Dolphin Inn** has had a dark ale continuously on one of their six

handpumps since October 2024, regularly changing between porters and stouts, and with Harvey's Old Ale whilst in season brought into the mix. So, dark ale lovers can always get one at the Dolphin, and usually at the Jolly Fisherman and Jenny Lind too.

Finally, coming up in the Old Town will be Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Music Festival 13-17 February and Hastings Traditional Jack in the Green 1-4 May.

## ■ HAYWARDS HEATH



The **Hop Sun Taproom** has the regular runs, quizzes, music & comedy nights, board games, DJ nights and so

much more to carry on going from strength to strength! New Heathen beers are on offer, with old favourites, plus guest beers from all over Sussex, and a few specials from the US, and around Europe

## ■ HORSHAM



The freehold of the **Malt Shovel** has been bought by a locally based pub company, North & South Leisure, and

after a refurbishment it re-opened on Feb 13th, with the new owners stating their aim to restore it to the great community ale & music venue that it was under Sam & Marie-Clare's stewardship.

Jodie and her team have left the **Bedford**, as North South Leisure were unable to agree a long-term deal with Stonegate. The pub reopened on Feb 12th, with Firebird Parody and Gun Scaramanga initially available.

## ■ HORSTED KEYNES



The Harvey's Sussex Best in the **Green Man** was on good form on a recent visit, and the landlords were very keen to

be involved in the Branch's 2026 Ale & Cider trail.

## ■ HOUGHTON

The **George & Dragon**, a Marston's freehold owned pub, has reopened after a refurbishment.

## ■ HOVE



**Beer Belly** is a new micropub and bottle shop opened Dec 2025 on Victoria Terrace, Kingsway. 2-3

cask ales and 3 real ciders from local producers and 10 craft keg beers from further afield.

The **Watchmaker's Arms** will be celebrating



their 11th birthday over the early spring bank holiday weekend (1-4 May). They will have 10 casks and 4

kegs plus some specials available for the period.

## ■ ICKLESHAM



The **Robin Hood**, a family run pub, supports the local community and beyond by providing good food and ales,

both reasonably priced. Generous support of local charities continues with the pub hosting special events and quiz nights to raise funds. The most recent recipient of the generosity of the patrons has been the Army Benevolent Association. Cider aficionados will already know that the pub is famous for the number on offer, at least a couple of dozen, maybe more. Having been voted Cider Pub of the Year in both 2024 and 2025 by the local branch of CAMRA, the pub is hoping to repeat these successes in 2026. Judging is already underway and no doubt the

results will be in soon. The number of handpumps pouring cask ale has now increased to four. On a recent visit on offer were Bass Ale, Belhaven Haunted Highlander, Romney Marsh Plum Porter and Harvey's Old Ale. The latter was sampled and was in fine form. A modest discount on the price of a pint of ale or cider is given to members of CAMRA. Cash is the preferred method of payment in view of the high charges made by banks on the use of cards, though of course these are accepted.

### ■ LINDFIELD

The **Stand Up Inn** will be hosting a toad tournament after Easter whilst open mic night, pub quiz and now a sip and paint evening are monthly features

### ■ PETT



At the **Royal Oak** in Elm Lane, Robin Lyons and his team continue to offer a warm welcome to both drinkers and diners. An

extensive and varied menu from the pub's own kitchen includes pub classics. Additionally on Monday evenings meals are provided by Bell'e Buono Pizza Napoli. Four handpumps means there is always a selection of ales available to suit every taste, usually including at least one from a local brewery. Recently enjoyed were Rother Valley Boadicea and Pig & Porter Yes, No, Wait, Sorry! The Real Ale Finder app will show the up-to-date selection. Live music events take place every Sunday afternoon. The pub holds regular charity events. Recent beneficiaries have been the Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat, Army Benevolent Fund and Hastings Samaritans.

### ■ PETT LEVEL

The **New Beach Club** is very popular and continues to serve excellent ales from its five handpumps. Harvey's Sussex Best is always on. However, reflecting its LocAle status, it showcases various brews from local breweries. Recent examples have been Long Man Bitter,

Romney Marsh Plum Porter and Waterworks Pissoir, 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. Lovely meals are provided by Cockles and Dreams. Whilst this is a private club, occasional visits by CAMRA members are welcomed.

### ■ PETWORTH

The **Stonemasons Arms** reopened after a long closure with three cask ales available.

### ■ RUSTINGTON

The **Quill** (previously Georgi Fin) closed for a short while in January 2026 for a refurbishment and new toilets - one being accessible. A welcoming pub with several ales available primarily from local brewers. The pub also has a charcuterie plus visits from food vans.

The **Windmill** closed in 2025.

### ■ SHOREHAM BY SEA



The **Duke of Wellington** will be holding their annual Beltane Beer Festival from Thursday 30th April to the Monday Bank

Holiday, Monday 4th May. See [thewelly.co.uk/whats-on](http://thewelly.co.uk/whats-on) for more details nearer the time.

### ■ SOUTH HEIGHTON



The **Hampden Arms** is the Sussex Express Pub of the Year 2014 and 2025. A friendly and inclusive local,

this is a country pub located between Brighton and Eastbourne in East Sussex, serving a wide selection of traditional English ales, lagers, ciders, wines, spirits, soft drinks, also tea and coffee. The food menu is limited at present to

pizzas and Kim's famous chunky chips, Tuesday curry night (pre booking essential), and Thursday unemployed retired dining lunches (pre booking essential). The pub offers a welcoming atmosphere with a garden, pool, darts, Sussex Toads, music, and more. Catering to both local regulars and visitors, this is a quintessential English country pub experience. Watch the website or Facebook for current events.

### ■ STAPLEFIELD



If you haven't visited the **Jolly Tanners** yet since it reopened a year ago

after a major re-furbishment, it's well worth a trip. Alongside the food, they are focussing on local cask ales, with three or four usually available, and in very good condition on recent visits.

### ■ ST LEONARDS



Opening in 2021, **Collected Fictions** in London Road now has a handpump serving a variety of cask

ales. It is being given an award by the local branch of CAMRA for being the bar with the top rated beer scores in 2025.

The **Piper** is restarting it's £4.00 a pint from 1pm - 4pm on Thursdays.



**Heist** in Norman Road now has a handpump serving cask ale, alongside its keg offerings. A Zwicky Keller Lager was

very much enjoyed on a recent visit.

Hastings Project Brewery are hoping to re-open the **Prince of Wales** in Western Road, at the end of February.

The ever-popular **Tower** is thrilled to receive another South East Sussex Branch Award, this time for the pub with the highest rating beer scores in 2025

### ■ WALDERTON



The **Barley Mow** reopened with new owners in November of last year; a welcome return for this welcoming

local, popular with drinkers and eaters alike. On a recent visit, two Harvey's and two Firebird ales were on the handpumps, in excellent condition.

### ■ WEST ASHLING

What used to be the skittle alley of the **Richmond Arms** is now the Richmond Bar. Beers from Harvey's and Langham were available on a recent visit. While the excellent restaurant remains, the pub atmosphere of former times is hopefully coming back to this old hostelry sitting picturesquely by the village mill pond.

### ■ WORTHING

The **Tasting Room** is evolving alongside the brewery. As the home of Merakai Brewing, the bar will offer a more consistent range of fresh, on-site beers, alongside rotating small-batch releases. Beer brewed just metres from the taps doesn't get any fresher. Food plays an important role in this next chapter. They are working with Tern to bring a carefully considered bar menu to the space — simple, seasonal dishes designed to sit naturally alongside our beers. They will also be launching a crowdfunder to expand their tap line and support the bar's next phase of growth, helping to offer more choice while keeping the space rooted in quality, community, and craft.



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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](#) page on the Sussex branches website [sussex.camra.org.uk/breweries](http://sussex.camra.org.uk/breweries)

### 1648

The King's Head, East Hoathly, home of the 1648 Brewery, is in the process of being sold to a community benefit society (KHCBS). The acquisition of the pub by the KHCBS includes the 1648 Brewery premises and its four BBL brew plant. The brewery has been without a brewer since August, so it is currently in a dormant state. Upon acquisition, KHCBS will consider the future role of the brewery as part of the operating model of The King's Head pub, and its future development in serving the community. As such, KHCBS would like to hear from anyone - individual or business - that they would like to explore the options for future operations of the brewery, either in conjunction with the King's Head pub, or as a separate entity. Some reconfiguration and recommissioning of the brewery will be required before brewing operations can recommence. If this opportunity is of interest,

please email [info@kingsheadcbs.org.uk](mailto:info@kingsheadcbs.org.uk) with 1648 in the subject line for more information, to view the brewery and have a detailed one-to-one discussion or meeting with a member of the KHCBS. For more information on Kings Head Community Benefit Society, please visit:

[www.kingsheadcbs.org.uk](http://www.kingsheadcbs.org.uk)

### BLO Barry Blewitt

### ALEWORKS

Aleworks have completed their brewery upgrade and have things running smoothly. For special events and festivals, they will be producing seasonal cask ales in addition to their normal production ales. Currently planned are a double chocolate porter and a modern English IPA, using modern English hops. Having completed on the brewery upgrade, they are looking outward and planning to develop relationships with free houses to have their beers regularly available.

### BLO Ian McIntyre

### ARUNDEL

Big news is that Brewfest will be back on July 3rd/4th at the Arundel Taphouse with some crazy collabs and awesome music! Tickets will be released soon!

### BLO Jon Purdom

### BATTLE

Battle Brewery has appointed a new head brewer, Craig Blumschein, who has come up from South Hams in Devon. Craig is bringing fresh energy and ambition to put Battle Brewery firmly on the map. With a focus on well-crafted beers, the first release will be **Stormin Norman**, a brand-new porter, expect a rich satisfying brew. More new beers are already in the pipeline for Battle Brewery, watch this space.

### BLO Mac McCutcheon

### BREWING BROTHERS

Now have three handpumps in the Imperial, Hastings with **Fugg Life Bitter** on regularly and a session pale, **Still Dipping**, on regularly as well. For the most part beers are brewed on the Ivy House Lane site where there are now 12 fermenters.

### BLO Peter Page Mitchell

### BROLLY

Brolly attended the Houses of Parliament at the end of January, with several other Sussex Producers, during which discussions were held regarding VAT and beer duty reductions.

The Fermentarium is progressing well with an opening date around the end of March.

This will be a music venue opposite the brewery, adding extra capacity and serving Brolly beer. They will be brewing

**Perch** again in March. This is a Burton style cask ale that was originally brewed in collaboration with Thornbridge, based on a recipe from 1777. They are planning a beer & music festival to celebrate the opening of the Fermentarium (date tbc).

### BLO Tim Ayre

## BURNING SKY

After a really busy Christmas and New Year, they continue to be in full swing. Their exceptional **Porter** has been seen on pub hand pumps recently and sells out quickly, which is hardly a surprise. Regular cask condition ales are expected to continue this year. As reported in the last edition, **Arise** and **Quench** are available in cans from selected Waitrose stores and were on the shelves in the Haywards Heath branch very recently. Releases of canned and 750ml bottles are anticipated throughout the year. Their website is comprehensive and user friendly.

**BLO Ian Hodge**

## FIREBIRD

The team at Firebird are busy expanding the brewery to include the unit next door. A new cold store is being created, the existing fermenters will be relocated and a new brewhouse installed. There are also plans for extended permanent seating at ground level, and, for the summer months, outside at the front of the building. In view of this there are no plans for significant changes to the beers, though as usual some single hop brews are likely over the coming months.

**BLO Dave Sharp**

## FLYING TRUNK

The core beer range is currently **Tomtits** (4.0%; bitter), **Highgate** (4.2%; porter), **Forest Way** (4.2%; IPA) and **Belle Tout** (4.8%; hazy IPA). The on-site tap room normally stocks most of these on draught (cask or live membrane keg) and in bottle conditioned form (when

available). Others from the range will continue to appear occasionally, as will some new brews. **Tomtits** is also being made available through some local free houses. New beers produced recently include **MMD** (5.5%; one-off beer for the Engine Room pub's 2,500th different beer, hence the name!), **Wojtek** (5.0%; Christmas beer) and **Belle Quince** (4.8%; Belle Tout with added quince).

**BLO Jonathan Samways**

## GUN

As we enter 2026 the feeling in the brewing and wider hospitality industry is one of stoic determination. Whilst the Government seems determined to continue with an increasingly toxic tax regime that punishes hospitality and independent breweries, we try not to grumble (too much). We're lucky to be part a great industry that brings untold pleasure to millions. One of the rewards for running a brewery and two taprooms is being at the heart of the local community. To that end, in late 2025 we launched what we called the Gun Community Initiative - an initiative to support anyone who wants to host their own clubs or workshops - with no charge from us - right here at the brewery. So far, we have people running regular games nights, a collage club, calligraphy workshops and even a very popular star gazing evening with a local astronomy club. If you have a passion you'd like to share, get in touch and let's have a chat. On the beer front, we've got at least eight cask and seven keg specials planned for this year, so plenty to look forward to.

On other fronts, the Saffrons Taproom should soon see the addition of a private party space, alongside an extended sun terrace, making this unique Eastbourne venue really something special. If you haven't paid us a visit there - or at our brewery taproom on Gun Hill - surely the time has come!

**BLO Keith Brown**

## HARVEY'S

Of particular significance, 2026 marks Miles Jenner's 40th year anniversary as Harvey's Head Brewer. They remain as busy as ever, although the frantic period of Bonfire and then Christmas and New Year is obviously over, only for them to look towards an early Easter. Seasonal brews are expected to continue as usual, with the anticipated welcome return of **1859 Porter** towards March and April. Maintenance of their heritage site is continuing as planned. Brewery tours are expected to resume from around April and should continue through the Spring and Summer months. Bookings can be made via their website.

**BLO Ian Hodge**

## HAND BREW

The brewery have a new site in East Worthing. Still currently only brewing at the Hand in Hand Brew Pub until the brew kit is installed but expect further news soon and new beers to celebrate the move.

**BLO Henry Kirk**

## HBC

As well as the core range of beers **Micks Mild** will be returning for Mild in May. In terms of events as well as the

monthly quiz and fortnightly vinyl nights HBC will be showing the Six Nations and will be supporting Horsham Football Clubs Beer Festival on the weekend of 13th-15th March. HBC will be having a beer festival on 1st & 2nd May, at time of writing circa 20 beers with approx. 6-10 Mild's featuring.

**BLO James Thornton**

## HEATHEN

Fresh brews of **Rotations IPA**, and **Emergency Chairs** lager will be gracing the hand pulls and taps over the coming months, alongside the new releases of **Huh?** a deep and easy drinking stout, and **What?!** a softly spicy dubbel.

**BLO Jeremy Brinkworth**

## KISSINGATE

After an incredibly busy Christmas period the quieter months of January and February have provided much needed time to reflect and create new recipes for the new year. Two beers are due for launch and will be available in the coming weeks. Several major festivals have placed orders early to secure the specialist beers the brewery is most well known for. Like most breweries with onsite taprooms there is a fine balance between producing beer and providing a place for hospitality. Maintaining a warm and friendly atmosphere at Kissingate is most important to Gary & Bunny where staff are often well-trained and enthusiastic members of their own family. Private functions, Curry Evenings, Pie & Mash Nights, Pizza Nights all keep the social calendar full. Details of all events can be found on the brewery website 'Events

Page'. Kissingate's annual Spring Festival will be held on Saturday 23rd May.

**BLO Roy Bray**

## LAKEDOWN

A lot happening at the Sussex brewer with lots of brewing improvements and beers being introduced. On the brewery side fermentation capacity has been increased by 20,000L to 50,000L. There has also been new research, cleaning and power facilities installed. On the beer front, old favorites', e.g. **Kicking Donkey** bitter and **Sussex Pale** continue to be brewed alongside some more recent additions, such as **Marquee** (American stout), an extra special **ESB** (5%) and **Gateau** (black forest stout 5.1%). There is also now a craft cider offering **Wealdebeest** (gluten free, vegan 4.7%).

**BLO Barry Blewitt**

## LANGHAM

Now that the wet months are (nearly) over, we are very excited to be rolling out the first phase of our rebrand with stunning new pump clips starting to appear in your favourite pubs. The visuals may have changed but the beers you know and love have not. A sneak peak can be seen in our advert. Speaking of all-time favourite Langham beers, we are proud to announce that our one and only Best Bitter has been crowned the Gold Champion in the Premium Bitter category. The final blind judging took place at last year's Pigs Ear Beer Festival after selection of entrants by CAMRA members and panels of trained tasters. In other big news at Langham

Brewery is the arrival of our very first low-alcoholic beer, Rise, at a crisp 0.5%. Brewed with UK hops and barley, its assertive bitterness, bright lime zest, and sweet citrus notes create a refreshing, flavour-packed pint that genuinely rivals its stronger counterparts. A delicious beer that fits around real life, not the other way round.

Our Spring seasonals are:

**Voyager** – lager 3% (keg),

**Alaris** – session IPA 3% (keg),

**Contour** – IPA 5.6% (keg),

**Saison Terroir** – farmhouse ale 3% (keg), **Sundowner** - golden ale 4.2% (cask).

Taproom side, we are excited to reopen with the fresh lick of paint (and possibly more, an ongoing process to be certain) with one of our first events this Spring, we are turning the spotlight from us onto some of our amazing producers whose products we stock in the taproom during our Markers Market on the 11th of April 2026, also featuring children's entertainment and rural craft stalls. The tap room will be open and providing our award winning beers, along with food from the Falafel Box starting off our food truck season in the taproom.

Whether ordering online or popping round the taproom for a pint, why not enjoy a discount on us for this Spring as the sun, no doubt, will come back to grace us with its presence.

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## LONG MAN

The brewery is in the process of commissioning a new canning line which will significantly increase production capacity for cans and will look to expand the

range of beers available over the course of 2026. **Vintage Old Man** is back, at an ABV of 5.4% for this year, and selling fast through its limited run of just 500 bottles. For cask, in addition to **Long Man Best** (winner of the SIBA Southeast Champion Cask Award), **Long Blonde** (3.8%), **Old Man** (4.3%) and **Rising Giant** (4.8%), March sees former Eastbourne Beer of the Festival, **Long Man Oatmeal Stout** (4.4%) return in cask, and this year in keg and can too. The cask offering for May is the refreshing extra pale **Sleeping Giant** (3.8%) and June cask sees **Rye Red Ale** (4%) back for a second year. Planned guest keg and canned beers this year include a new NEIPA, single hop Simcoe and several more to be announced later in the year.

Brewery Tour & Tasting

Experiences are available to book on the brewery website, and the Shop & Tap Room is a popular place for a pint and is open seven days per week.

**BLO Richard Scullion**

## MERAKAI

A new 400-litre brewery was recently officially opened, now based right in the heart of Worthing and operating from our home, the Tasting Room — now known as *Merakai Brewing at The Tasting Room*. Brewing on site means beer doesn't get fresher. From tank to glass, our beers are served exactly where they're made, giving drinkers a direct connection to the process, the people, and the craft behind every pint. This move gives us the freedom to experiment with small-batch and seasonal beers, explore casks, and invite our community in through brewery

tours, brew days, and fresh tasting experiences. It's all part of how we brew: crafted with purpose and rooted in connection. In April, we'll launch our International Women's Collaboration Brew Day beer, with profits supporting charity, alongside a crowdfunder to help expand our fermentation capacity.

**BLO Jonathan Purdom**

## NORTH GARDEN

New seasonal cask beers:

**Riverdance** (Irish red), **Cascades** (golden ale) and **Peaks** (English pale ale).

**BLO Jeremy Brinkworth**

## ONLY WITH LOVE

This brewery has now moved to Burgess Hill to a large site and hoping to open a taproom at the new site in the spring more details later.

**BLO Roy Bray**

## THREE ACRE

The brewery enjoyed a very busy period during the run-up to Christmas and New Year, which was followed by a surprisingly busy January. However, towards the end of that month, work was in hand towards a major internal refurbishment of the brewery premises and reorganization of the brewing equipment and vessels to make best use of the added space afforded by the acquisition of the building next door, mentioned in the last *Sussex Drinker*. In addition, yet another fermentation vessel has been purchased, which will increase the total fermentation capacity to over 37,000 liters. Unfortunately, due to market demand, it is planned to reduce the ratio of cask to keg products from 80:20 to 45:55 by the middle

of this year. Although not visible from the outside, work is underway on converting the old Uckfield signal box into a brewery tap. All the remaining signaling machinery downstairs has been removed and work started on repairing the fabric of the building, installing new plumbing, etc. All this is taking longer than hoped because of the inevitable unforeseen problems associated with restoring any old building.

**BLO John Quick**

## UNBARRED

It's full steam ahead at UnBarred Brewery in 2026. February saw the return of **Dank Juice**, their 7% triple dry-hopped IPA, and March brings another collaboration with their friend and artist Thumbs—keep your eyes peeled. They have also taken on a new production site in Worthing, boosting capacity and helping to keep pace with demand—meaning more UnBarred beers heading your way. The Worthing site is production-only, allowing the brewery to enhance quality control, increase output, and push experimentation even further. Meanwhile, their Brighton taproom remains open daily for fresh beer and pizza—pop in and explore the range.

**BLO Graham Eaton**

## WATCHMAKERS ARMS

The Bezel Best Bitter has been brewed and will be available shortly. The Dark Beer festival at the Watchmakers will run for three days from the 13th of February. Two dark beers have been brewed with the popular Pendulum Chocolate and hazelnut Porter and a Stout.

**BLO Steve Obey**

## North Sussex Isle of Man CAMRA trip to Kissingate

Back in April 2025, the annual Isle of Man Beer Festival was held in the Villa Marina in Douglas. There's always an interesting and varied choice of ales from the island and across the rest of the UK available and this year, several from Sussex featured, some for the first time.

As always, the quality of the ales was very high and many votes were cast for the 120 plus ales available, but the overall winners came from Sussex.

Back in 2016, Kissingate Brewery received the Beer of the Festival award, for their Black Cherry Mild and nine years later the award went to Kissingate Brewery again, this time for Raisin The Bar, a very popular choice in a closely run contest.

Moving forward six months, eight members of the Isle of Man Branch of CAMRA flew into nearby Gatwick Airport and stayed in Horsham for two nights. Apart from visiting some of the excellent pubs, a minibus was arranged on the Saturday to convey the Manx guests, plus a few others, to Kissingate Brewery in Lower Beeding, where they were greeted by Gary and Bunny Lucas and sampled many of their ales.



The Beer of the Festival certificate was presented to Gary by Matt Cox the IOM festival organiser, which is now proudly displayed with the large collection already present. Gary also received a certificate from Roy Bray, this time for a CBOB success.



Later in the afternoon, after a pleasant few hours enjoying the autumn sunshine, the group travelled to The White Horse, in nearby Maplehurst. Simon and Beth Johnson had kindly agreed to open early and again, some excellent ales were available,

together with local cider. The Manx group were fascinated by the pub and spent time exploring and

inspecting the various items displayed. However, all to soon, it was time to depart



back to Horsham and a night on the town. Many thanks to Glyn Baker for the photographs.

## Ale trail launches as MP opens Engine Room's new stillage

The North Sussex Ale Trail kicked off with a visit to their current Pub of the Year, the Engine Room in East Grinstead. The pub upgraded its stillage

and cask lifting equipment during January, and local MP Mims Davies accepted their invitation to cut the ribbon to mark and celebrate the opening. In the photo are Engine Room director Nigel Roissetter with Mims Davies. The Ale trail runs



until May 29th. Full details on the branch website [northsussex.camra.org.uk/aletrail](http://northsussex.camra.org.uk/aletrail).

## North East Sussex Champion Beer of Britain Award



On 30th November North East Sussex CAMRA visited The Gun Brewery and Taproom to present them with a Gold Award for the London and South East Regional Champion Beer of Britain Competition. Zamzama IPA won the IPAs (English & New World) Category.



The certificate was presented to Mark at the brewery by branch Chair Keith. Also present were members from South East Sussex, North Sussex and Western Sussex. A range of complimentary Gun Ales were sampled and all were in very good condition. Members from North East Sussex and North Sussex went on to visit The Lakedown Taproom for some more sampling. This was the first time that the Branch had visited all of its brewery Taprooms in one day.



## South East Sussex South East Sussex Awards

In a regional heat of the Champion Beer of Britain competition, Rye Waterworks Brewery's Pissoir Porter won a silver award.



East Sussex Tasting Panel Chair Steve is seen at the brewery between brewer Tim (left) holding the award and pub landlord David (right).

Four branch members travelled to Bakewell in Derbyshire to present an Eastbourne Beer of the Festival award to Thornbridge Brewery in their tap room.



One of the brewers, Dom (centre) accepted the award and showed them the surviving iconic Burton Union system in use. Based in Chesterfield, the four also had a guided tour of some Sheffield pubs.

The New Beach Club at Pett Level was voted runner up in the Branch Club of the Year competition.



On behalf of the club committee members Carla and Will accepted the award from Pubs Officer Peter Adams (centre) in the November sunshine.

## Western Sussex Western Sussex 2026 Ale trail

Our ale trail returns for 2026. Following feedback the trail will finish a little earlier this year.

We're currently getting together the pubs and also the venues which will be in the trail this year as we speak.

If you would like to get involved in the trail and want more information, please contact a member of Western Sussex CAMRA using the email: [social.media@westernsussex.camra.org.uk](mailto:social.media@westernsussex.camra.org.uk)

### Bev Robbins Shield returns to Kissinggate



Following their success in winning beer of the festival with Black Cherry Mild at the Bluebell beer festival, run in association with Sussex CAMRA Branches, a group of festival volunteers visited the brewery on the Friday before Christmas for

beers and carol singing, and to present the certificate and the Bev Robbins shield. Congratulations again to Gary and Bunny.

## Phil Cozens

Phil joined CAMRA at one of the early Eastbourne beer festivals; by the time the 2009 Members' Weekend was also held there, he was a regular volunteer at the Winter Garden festivals and active member of SE Sussex Branch.



*Phil (right), as Festival Organiser, is seen in Harvey's Brewery Yard presenting a Beer Festival award to Miles Jenner, Head Brewer and Joint MD, in January 2020.*

His practical skills made him invaluable and in time he became Festival Organiser and completed the week of training at a Great British Beer Festival. He became Brewery Liaison Officer for 1648 Brewery and was our original LocAle coordinator at

the scheme's inception.

In 2011 he took on the role of Vice Chair, the supportive and wise sort with whom any Chair would be pleased to work; if things got too serious at a meeting he would make a wise crack to lighten things. When Eastbourne hosted the 2022 Members' Weekend he managed the members' bar.

Sadly when CAMRA took national policy decisions with which they did not agree he and his wife Louise left the Campaign, but we were always pleased to see them at events such as pub beer festivals.

He made a great contribution, his influence remains on how we do things today. His sudden and untimely death at the end of January came as a shock to us all and we offer sincere condolences to Louise and their two sons.

## Passionately independent – Worthing’s fifth town-wide tap takeover



The weekend of 10-12 April will see Worthing’s fifth town wide tap takeover. Where independent venues will each champion an independent brewery from

across Sussex and the UK.

For venues to qualify to take part they must pour at least 50% independent beer all year round. This includes all draft items across cask and keg, and covering the full spectrum of beer, cider and lager. As of January 2026, there are 18 venues currently signed up to take part. So it’s looking to be another successful year!

We have some new venues getting involved which is great to still be growing. Which means we have both new venues opening and other venues actively changing their business model to support Independent breweries.

2025 continued to be a turbulent year for Hospitality and 2026 seems to have started in a similar fashion. We have seen some venues moving towards pouring macro beer rather than supporting independent breweries. And because of this these venues are no longer included in the Worthing Tap Takeover.

Gemma Clegg, co-owner of Worthing’s award-winning Beer No Evil said:

*“Worthing has an impressive reputation for supporting independent craft beer and we’ve continued to grow as a destination for the indie beer scene. And part of this is due to the Worthing Tap Takeover.*

*“In the spirit of continuing supporting independent breweries, we have again stipulated, a brewery which has been included previously cannot be part of this year’s event. One of the main things*

*people said about last year’s event is how much they enjoyed tasting beers from different breweries, some they had never heard of before”* Gemma added.

*“It’s been amazing to see the Worthing Tap takeover continue to grow and we’re excited to have new venues getting involved. It’s down to Worthing’s independent community - it has a great collaborative spirit – and the tap takeover is one of the best examples of it.”* Gemma added.

The nature of the tap takeover means each venue chooses their own brewery to pour and develop new relationships with that brewery. This allows them to showcase their own, unique style – or try something completely new.

Beer lovers will find new takes on old favourites, and those embracing the weird and wonderful will have plenty to try too – from rich barrel-aged stouts, to Belgian-inspired ales and mouth-watering sours.

For more about this fantastic weekend, visit [worthingtaptakeover.co.uk](http://worthingtaptakeover.co.uk) or follow @worthingtto on Instagram or Worthing Tap Takeover on Facebook.

A Tap Takeover is traditionally where one venue hosts a particular brewery over a weekend or evening and said brewery is poured exclusively, or as close to it at that venue.

Additional notes:

- The team organising the event has grown from Gemma and Gareth from Beer No Evil and Laurence from The Old Bike Store, to include Jim from The Selden, David from The Brooksteed and Graeme from The Bottle and Jug.
- Only independently owned venues are able to take part.
- All Venues must pour independently owned breweries as part of their day-to-day business model. This must equate to at least 50% of their taps throughout the year.
- Any brewery tied pubs have not been included.

## CAMRA's National Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors

Despite the turmoil in the licensed trade over recent years, Britain remains blessed with many pubs that retain traditional, and often beautiful, historic interiors. Over thirty years ago, a body of CAMRA members began compiling a National Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors. Initially, they aimed to identify and record the most intact pre-war pub interiors, regardless of their architectural distinction. Before long, it was decided also to include pubs with special features or rooms of national significance. By then, around 270 pubs had inventory status.

The next step was to develop regional inventories, capturing interiors that fell short of the criteria for the national list but were nonetheless of significant historic interest. Around the same time, early post-war pubs built on traditional lines and still intact also became eligible for inclusion.

A few years ago, CAMRA's Pub Heritage Group (PHG) agreed to move to a single inventory, based around a grading system using star ratings. Interiors are eligible for consideration if they have remained essentially unaltered for at least 50 years. There are three key aspects for assessments:

Layout - survival of historic layout and internal divisions, either intact or readily discernible.

Historic fittings and decor - particularly old or original bar counters, bar-backs (gantries), fixed seating, fireplaces, plasterwork, vestibules, panelling, tiling and other ceramics.

Notable rooms and features - such as partitioned snugs; counter-less pubs; tiled paintings; snob screens etc.

The rarity of both historic layouts and historic fittings counts very high in the selection process.

The current grading system is simple and easy to understand. Within the single National Inventory of Historic Pub Interiors are three grades:

Three Star pubs are of outstanding historic importance. They will have stayed wholly or



*Lewes Arms, Lewes (Three Star)*

largely intact, in terms of layout and fittings, and/or retain rooms or features that are truly rare or exceptional. Only limited loss of such components is allowable before an interior fails this standard. Currently 303 pubs are in this category.

Two Star pubs are of very special historic interest. They are highly important but fall just short of Three Star levels of overall intactness and/or rarity. Lost elements, often of layout, are clearly in evidence. There are presently 270 such pubs.

One Star pubs, by far the most numerous category (740), are of special historic interest. They have either readily identifiable historic layouts or retain rooms or features of special interest. More significant changes are allowable in this category than for the first two categories.

PHG keeps gradings under continual review and makes changes where appropriate. Generally,



*Prince Albert, Brighton (Three Star)*



*Basketmakers Arms, Brighton (One Star)*

this is because alterations to an interior have impacted on the pub's historic importance. In other cases, members will re-assess current gradings, especially where a pub has not been surveyed for a long time or where a wider range of views is felt to be beneficial.

PHG also campaigns hard to protect and promote these precious heritage assets. Over the years, we've been able to get many of them statutorily listed so that they enjoy an extra layer of protection from unwanted alterations. Where inventory pubs come under threat of closure or unsympathetic change, we'll do what we can to save them. On a positive note, we seek to raise awareness of the delights these pubs provide, through our website and a range of publications.

You can find much more information about the National Inventory, and heritage pubs generally,



*Swan Inn, Falmer (One Star)*



*Cricketers, Brighton (Two Star)*

at [camra.org.uk/heritage-pubs](http://camra.org.uk/heritage-pubs). A complete list of inventory pubs is at [camra.org.uk/heritage-pubs/national-inventory](http://camra.org.uk/heritage-pubs/national-inventory). We also issue a monthly bulletin featuring news about heritage pubs. To subscribe, email [bulletin@pubheritage.camra.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@pubheritage.camra.org.uk) with [Subscribe](mailto:bulletin@pubheritage.camra.org.uk) as the subject.

We are always keen to hear from visitors to the listed pubs, especially where there have been changes that we might not know about. Thank you.

**Paul Ainsworth**

*Chair, Pub Heritage Group*

## Brighton & South Downs Local Inventory

Richard Williams, Pub Heritage Officer, is leading the Brighton & South Downs branch project to compile a Local Inventory of pubs which, while not meeting National Inventory criteria, nonetheless retain historic features of interest. Supporting this initiative, branch Chair Graham Eaton stated: "Safeguarding these heritage assets is vital to celebrating and protecting the unique character of our local pubs."

Our inventory, to be found at Branch Heritage Pub Inventory -

[brighton.camra.org.uk/heritagepubs](http://brighton.camra.org.uk/heritagepubs) remains a work in progress. Suggestions for pubs which might be included are warmly welcomed and can be sent to [PubsHeritage@brighton.camra.org.uk](mailto:PubsHeritage@brighton.camra.org.uk).

## CAMRA Members' Weekend 2026:

### St Albans is ready to welcome you!

All members are warmly invited to join us in St Albans for CAMRA's Members' Weekend, 17–19 April – with plenty happening either side for those who want to make a longer trip of it.

Our team in CAMRA South Herts Branch has been working hard to create a weekend that's not just a great CAMRA gathering, but a true celebration of beer, cider, pubs and clubs across a whole city.

For this weekend we're creating something special called the St Albans City of Ale – a programme of events taking place right across the city in pubs, clubs and venues.

Rather than concentrating everything in the conference venue, we're taking the festival out into the places where great beer is poured every day.

Our pubs (including many of our *Good Beer Guide* pubs) will be part of our City of Ale event, laying on special beers and ciders, running mini beer festivals, tastings, meet-the-brewer sessions, guided pub walks, live music and much more, giving you plenty of reasons to explore. Full details are here [stalbanscityofale.org.uk](http://stalbanscityofale.org.uk).

The new website brings all of this together in one place. You'll find:

- **Confirmed events** — from tastings and tap takeovers to live music and special presentations.
- **Pub trails** — great routes for sampling the city's best real ales, ciders and perries while taking in historic sights.
- **Travel and accommodation info** — handy advice on getting here and where to stay.

Already featured are lively festivals, tastings and entertainment across a range of great venues — and more events are being added all the time.

There's something for everyone, whether you're a passionate cask ale fan, a modern craft beer enthusiast, a cider devotee or just looking forward to a fun spring weekend in a beautiful, historic city.

And what a city it is to explore! St Albans is compact, friendly and packed with history, from the Roman remains of Verulamium to the magnificent Cathedral. It also boasts an exceptionally dense cluster of quality pubs within easy walking distance of each other, the Alban Arena where our conference will be held, and the train station.

Whether you're coming for the beer, the pubs, the people or a bit of all three, you'll find a warm welcome waiting.

More details on registration, travel and accommodation can be found at: [camra.org.uk/members-weekend](http://camra.org.uk/members-weekend).

We can't wait to raise a glass with you in St Albans in April. Cheers!

**Emily Ryans**

*Chair of the Local Organising Committee,  
Members' Weekend 2026*

## 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.

If YOU would like to “join us on our weekly trips” then please contact me at [max204.bgnr@gmail.com](mailto:max204.bgnr@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.



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**13-15 Mar** Horsham Football Clubs Beer Festival

**13-15 Mar** Dog & Duck at the Claremont, Bognor Regis, Beer Festival

**14 Mar** Brickworks, Burgess Hill 2nd Birthday Party

**20-21 Mar** **Spring Equinox Beer Festival**, Horsham Drill Hall, Denne Road, RH12 1JF

**26-29 Mar** Sportsman, Amberley Beer Festival

**27-29 Mar** Engine Room, East Grinstead, Strong and Dark Beer Fest

**2-6 Apr** Crown, Eastbourne Easter Beer Festival

**3-6 Apr** Signalbox, Burgess Hill Burning Sky Tap Takeover

**29 Apr-10 May** Signalbox, Burgess Hill Spring Beer Festival

**30 Apr-4 May** Duke of Wellington, Shoreham by Sea Beltane Beer Festival

**1-2 May** HBC Beer Festival

**1-3 May** Albatross Club, Bexhill Beer Festival

**1-4 May** Watchmaker's Arms, Hove, 11th Birthday Beer Festival

**15-17 May** **34th Yapton BeerEx** (see pages 3 & 5)

**15-17 May** **Eastbourne Beer & Cider by the Sea** (see page 4)

**22-25 May** Signalbox, Burgess Hill Downlands Brewery Tap Takeover

**23 May** Kissingate Spring Festival

**12-13 June** **South Downs Beer & Cider Festival**, Lewes Town Hall

**3-4 Jul** Arundel Taphouse BrewFest

## Branch Diaries

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

### Arun & Adur

**26 Feb** Branch Meeting George and Dragon, Tarring

**12 May** AGM

See [aaa.camra.org.uk/events.html](http://aaa.camra.org.uk/events.html).

### Brighton & South Downs

See [brighton.camra.org.uk/diary](http://brighton.camra.org.uk/diary).

### North Sussex

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

**10 Mar** Branch Meeting Horsham Tap, Horsham

**13 May** AGM Half Moon Balcombe

See [northsussex.camra.org.uk/diary](http://northsussex.camra.org.uk/diary).

### North East Sussex

See [northeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary](http://northeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary).

### South East Sussex

**3 Mar** Branch Meeting London & County

**17 Mar** NBSS Champion Bar 2025

Presentation, Brickmakers Alehouse 5pm

**28 Mar** East Sussex Tour

**7 Apr** Gathering @ Rye, Globe Inn, Rye

**28 Apr** AGM White Rock Hotel

See [southeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary](http://southeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary).

### Western Sussex

See [westernsussexcamra.org.uk/diary](http://westernsussexcamra.org.uk/diary).

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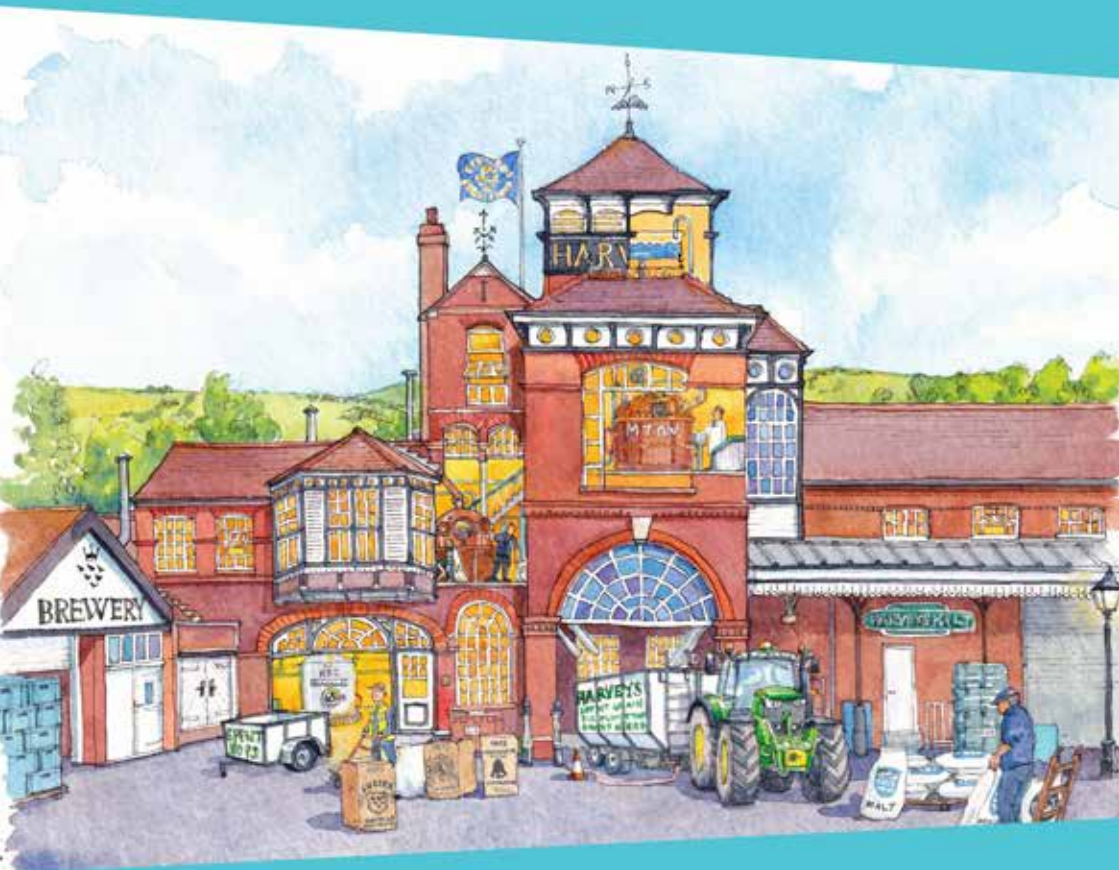
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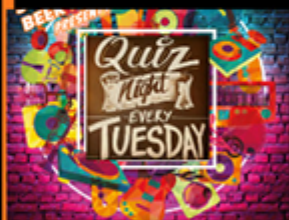
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