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Worthing Beer & Cider Festival 2026

The Arun & Adur Worthing Beer & Cider Festival is back at Rooms, on the first floor of the Guildbourne Centre in Chapel Road, Worthing. BN11 1LZ. Join us on **Friday 23 October** and **Saturday 24 October 2026** for a fantastic celebration of real ale, cider and perry, featuring an outstanding selection from independent breweries and cider producers from across the UK. The venue is easy to reach, just a 12-minute walk from Worthing railway station, with town centre bus stops located immediately outside the Chapel Road entrance.

Festival Sessions

There will be three ticketed sessions:

Friday 23 October

- 11:00am – 4:00pm – £10.00
- 5:00pm – 11:00pm – £10.00

Saturday 24 October

- 11:00am – 7:00pm – £10.00



The festival is a ticket-only event, with all tickets available to purchase online via the branch website www.aaa.camra.org.uk/wbf or through CAMRA's ticketing platform, Tckty. (Scan the QR code).

CAMRA Members

CAMRA members receive £10 worth of drinks tokens with their admission on production of their membership card. Members purchasing tickets are effectively pre-purchasing £10 of drinks tokens while guaranteeing their place at the festival.

Ticket Availability

To ensure everyone enjoys the festival in comfort and safety, attendance at each session is limited to 300 people. We strongly recommend booking tickets well in advance to avoid disappointment. Entry on the day may be possible, but only if returned or unsold tickets remain available.

The Beers, Ciders and Perries

Once again, Henry Kirk has curated our beer list, with a particular emphasis on smaller independent breweries. As always, we are committed to supporting local independent producers while also bringing beers from further afield. This year we are particularly looking forward to showcasing breweries from the Sheffield area, giving visitors the opportunity to sample beers that are rarely available in Sussex.

We currently plan to offer:

- 40+ cask ales
- 10 craft Keg/KeyKeg beers
- 10 real ciders and perries

Whether you're a seasoned beer enthusiast or simply looking to discover something new, there will be plenty to tempt your taste buds.

Beer Glasses

There will be no souvenir festival glass this year. Instead, we will be reusing and recycling existing stocks of CAMRA festival glasses. We therefore ask that you do not take your beer glass home. Reusing our existing glasses is a more environmentally sustainable approach and helps us keep ticket prices as low as possible.

Tokens

Beer, cider and perry can only be purchased using festival drinks tokens. Tokens are available from the Token Desk, located just inside the entrance. Unused tokens may be refunded up until Time is called at the end of each session. We accept cash and Visa or MasterCard debit and credit cards (contactless or Chip and PIN) for token purchases, up to a maximum transaction value of £50.

Food and Other Drinks

The Humble Pie Company will once again be serving a delicious range of freshly made pies and other food, including vegetarian and vegan options. Wherever possible, their products are prepared using fresh Sussex ingredients, reflecting our commitment to supporting local independent businesses.

For those who prefer something other than beer or cider, they will also be offering a carefully selected range of wines and other alcoholic drinks.

Please note that purchases from the Humble Pie Company can be made by cash or card. Festival drinks tokens cannot be used at their stand.

Festival Charity

We are proud to support our local veterans' charity, Care for Veterans, a Royal Star & Garter Home, dedicated to providing specialist care and support for veterans and their families in Worthing and across our group.

Care for Veterans offers residential nursing care, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, day care, and wellbeing services, helping veterans live with dignity, independence, and the best possible quality of life.

If you would like to support this wonderful cause, the easiest way is to place any unused festival drinks tokens into one of the collection boxes located near the exits. Every donation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

Festival Sponsor

We are delighted that UnBarred Brewery, the award-winning independent brewery with breweries in both Brighton and Worthing, has agreed to sponsor the Festival.

Their generous support plays an important part in making the festival possible, and we are extremely grateful for their valued sponsorship.

Smoking & Vaping

It is a requirement of the venue that smoking and vaping are not permitted inside the festival venue (including the terrace), within any enclosed areas of the Guildbourne Centre, or anywhere in the adjacent High Street Multi-Storey Car Park. Visitors wishing to smoke or vape should use the designated outdoor smoking area—please ask at the Token Desk for directions.

We Look Forward to Welcoming You

We look forward to welcoming you to another fantastic Worthing Beer & Cider Festival. More information can be found on the Arun & Adur website: www.aaa.camra.org.uk/wbf.

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 freehold of the **Sportsman** has been purchased by the community on 14 Aug, making it now a fully community owned and run pub. To mark this huge milestone, the pub has held a celebration on 22-23 Aug, with exclusive cask ales brewed in collaboration with Aleworks Brewing Co. and Newtown Brewery. The Sportsman's next beer festival will be held on 1-4 Oct, featuring 18 cask ales, along with craft kegs and real ciders. Driven by the success of the previous edition, this festival will see the first ever increase in number of casks and ciders on offer.

■ Bells Yew Green

The **Brecknock Arms** is holding its annual beer festival from Fri 4 to Sun 6 Sep. No further details at the time of writing but in the past there have been up to ten or twelve cask beers from Sussex and Kents breweries, in addition to the normal offering from Harvey's in the pub. In a recent visit, the Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and food were fully up to standard.

■ Billingshurst

The special beer (Signal Box 150, 5.5%) brewed by Brolly to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Billingshurst station signal box was hugely enjoyed at the **Billi Tap** in July.

The cask ale at the **Kings Arms** was also in very good condition.

■ Burgess Hill

The **Only With Love** tap room launched mid Summer and is now all systems go. It's open all weekend, with a fantastic array of street food and their full lineup of award winning beers and AFs. There is also live music and great DJs each weekend. The new Only With Love Tap is a relaxed, informal and dog-friendly space for friends and families to get together, graze and share quality time.

At the **Signalbox**, there is a full programme of events. 16 Sep-4 Oct Oktoberfest; 14-25 Oct Cider Festival; 28 Oct-1 Nov Firebird Tap Takeover; 11-22 Nov Autumn Beer Festival; 25-29 Nov Flying Trunk Tap Takeover; 5 Dec Signalbox 3rd Birthday Party. And looking forward to the festive season: 27 Dec Festive Bingo; 28 Dec Big Fat Quiz of the Year. As always, cheese altar every Sunday, pub quiz every Wednesday, Toads knockout competition on the last Saturday of the month. Check the website for full info.

■ Crawley

After a few months of closure, the **Moonraker**, a sports pub, has re-opened, serving a decent pint of Harvey's Sussex Best, thanks to new landlady Tanya.

■ Crowborough

The **Cooper's Arms** held its third beer festival of the year over the recent August Bank Holiday. Unusually, the Indian Summer Beer Festival ran over the full four days of the holiday weekend, including the Monday. Up to twelve cask ales were available as well as craft ciders and lagers. Outside of festivals, the pub usually has up to three cask ales available, as well as at least one real cider. The pub was also included in the Daily Telegraph's recent list of the best 20 pubs in Sussex.

■ Danehill

The owners of the **Coach & Horses** are looking to retire, and are looking for buyers for this excellent *Good Beer Guide* pub.

■ East Grinstead



The **Engine Room** had a cask of Signal Box 150 (English IPA, 5.5%) brewed by Brolly in collaboration with Amberley Museum to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of

Billingshurst signal box, which is now on public display at the museum. A very popular brew which quickly sold out. The annual Oktoberfest is being held from Fri 25 to Sun 27 Sep with a good



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■ Eastbourne



The **Wolf on the Corner** in South Street is delighted to have obtained permission for outdoor seating – a boon to its customers this summer, and a welcome respite to ale-trailers who complete the South Street Shuffle in the direction starting at **Bibendum**, then

Dolphin, Dewdrop, Eagle, and Wolf.

The **Gun Brewery Saffrons Taproom** in the centre of the Saffrons Sports Complex continue to delight with it's Chummy Bluster and Zamzama on cask and up to thirteen keg offerings.

■ Eastergate



Western Sussex branch gathered at the Wilkes' Head, to bid a fond farewell and to present a certificate to

Trevor, Sonia and Nina, who are moving on after 18 years of serving excellent beers. The Wilkes was branch Pub of the Year 2012, 2014, 2023 and 2025, Sussex Pub of the Year 2012, 2013 and 2014. They were Regional Pub of the Year in 2012. A testament to the quality of the beers on offer. We wish them the very best for the future. We also extend a warm welcome to Sue and Aaron who are taking over in early August.

■ East Hoathly

Unfortunately, the recruitment of the new full-time

manager of the **King's Head**, mentioned in the last Sussex Drinker, did not work out and ended by mutual agreement. However, an interim manager has stepped in on a part-time basis until a permanent replacement can be appointed. Although refurbishment of the rest of the pub was completed some time ago, it was decided that the kitchen required major work to bring it up to the desired standard. This has taken longer than hoped but is now nearing completion so that the pub will be able to offer a full food menu again very soon.

■ Eridge Green

The quality of the cask ale offering at the **Nevill Crest & Gun** has greatly improved under the present management, with three changing beers and Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter usually available. A pint of Beano from Only With Love Brewery was greatly enjoyed during a recent visit. The pub also offers a very comprehensive food menu.

■ Fairlight

The **COVE** in Waites Lane, Fairlight continues its contribution to the local events scene, including its regular and popular music event Folk, Blues and Beyond, presented and performed by Jason McNiff. There are also other innovative, even esoteric occasions, such as the recent celebration of Bob Dylan A Razor's Edge, to which admission was free provided a hat was worn! A welcome return to the pub, after decades of absence, is a pétanque court. Free instruction of the "rules of boules" is provided, no pitch fee is required, just the purchase of drinks by the players. The pub serves Harvey's Best Bitter from one handpump and frequently has a beer from a more local brewery on the other. A recent selection included a fine pint of Long Man NEIPA.

■ Faygate

Welcome to Isabelle & Carn, the new owners of the **Frog & Nightgown**. On a recent visit, the beer range from Harvey's and Surrey Hills was unchanged and continued to be of high quality.

■ Five Ash Down

The present licensees of the **Pig & Butcher** have completely transformed this Harvey's-owned pub over the last few years. It is now a friendly village

local, usually with at least three Harvey's beers on offer and a large food menu (not Mondays or Tuesdays). Frequent events are held, including live music sessions. When visited recently, the food was excellent and the Harvey's Sussex Best bitter in very good condition.

■ Forest Row



The Flying Trunk Tap Room celebrated its first birthday in July with an eclectic selection of their own beers and a

few guests, along with some special activities. Rich and Kate were surprised and delighted to be presented with a Bronze award from the London & South East heats of the Champion Beer of Britain competition, for Good Natured in the Real Ale in a Bottle/Can category. A late summer party is planned for the 26 Sep near to the Autumn equinox, and there will be a mini beer festival on the 31 Oct with 10 beers on. These events are likely to feature some new Flying Trunk brews; check their Instagram nearer to the time.

■ Frant

Members of North East Sussex CAMRA recently visited the **George Inn**, a cosy and traditional village pub in the High Street. The cask Pave the Way from Bermondsey brewery, Big Hug, was in excellent condition and much enjoyed. The pub also has Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter as its regular beer, as well as a good food menu.

■ Glynde

Steamworks Glynde continues to offer a selection of Long Man on tap, keeping it local. Still a popular choice for food and drink.

The **Trevor Arms** has celebrated its first year anniversary and shows no sign of easing up. With up to four hand pumps and a further 15 lines, local ales are the star of the show here. Now the home of Fourman Brewery, the pub has its own beer too.

■ Hadlow Down

In a tumultuous world, only a few things remain constant; the **New Inn** is one of them. It continues to offer cask ales from the Harvey's range, usually with three available, and in very good condition. The pub was included in a recent Daily Telegraph list of the top 20 in Sussex.

■ Hastings



Crown

Hastings Tap Takeover is being held 2-4 Oct this year, taking place at many venues from the **Crown** in the Old Town in the East to the **Tower** in St Leonards in the West, each venue showcasing a different

independent brewery for the weekend.



Tower



Dolphin

Hastings Old Town Cider Festival is being held at the usual seven regular venues from the **Dolphin** in the East to the **Albion** in the West, each venue

having at least four different real ciders available for the week.



Albion



Autumn season.

The **First In Last Out**, the FILO Brewery Tap, will be changing its summer seasonal ale to their ginger flavoured ale Ginger Tom aka Old Town Tom for the

The **Jenny Lind** in the High Street is holding a Dark Beer Festival during the last week of October.

Currently at the **Imperial**, Queens Road, Brewing Brothers have taken over the closed **Duke of Wellington** in Hastings Old Town, and aim to have a bar available by October and a pizza oven installed by the new year. We wish them success!

Mary Redmond and Nick Richards opened **Eel & Bear** eight year's ago in Waldegrave Street. A combination of bottle shop and tasting room, it has built up a loyal following. They have handed over the reins to Claire Thomsett and we wish her every success.

■ **Horsham**

The **Bear** now regularly has a dark beer on its range of four casks. They will be one of the venues for the Hop & Vine event on the first weekend of September.

■ **Henfield**

The **George** is unfortunately closed again, and its future is uncertain,

The **Henfield Club** continues to thrive following recent refurbishment with a busy calendar of events CAMRA see Facebook theHenfieldClub. Snooker, darts and toad in the hole are all played. Always two cask ales from Downlands, card-carrying CAMRA members can be signed in.

■ **Lewes**

The **Brewers Arms**, is hosting its annual beer festival between Fri 13 - Sun 15 Nov, with a quiz being held at 8pm on Sun 15. Booking for the quiz is advisable.

■ **Lindfield**

The **Stand Up Inn** will have a new roster of cask ales for September - drop by to see and taste the latest. Meantime, open mic and quiz nights continue through the autumn on first and last Tuesdays of the month respectively.

■ **Oving**

While the **Gribble** is yet to recover from the two latest devastating fires, it is believed that the former brewery building is to become a bar.

■ **Pett**

The **Royal Oak**, in Elm Lane, is a friendly country pub renowned for the quality of the ales it serves. Using all four handpumps means there is always a selection of ales available to suit every taste, usually including at least one from a local brewery. Recent offerings have included three from Battle - Arrowhead, Crossfire and Storming Norman, all in excellent condition. Confirmation of the pub's cellarman ship is provided by its CaskMarque status, whilst up to date information on the beers at this LocAle pub can be found on Real Ale Finder. An extensive and varied menu from the pub's own kitchen includes pub classics. Additionally on Monday evenings wood fired pizzas are provided by Bell'e Buono Pizza Napoli. Live music events take place on Sunday

afternoons. On a more mundane, though vitality important note, the pub holds regular quizzes and other events to support local charities and others further afield, including the Pett Level Rescue Boat, Pett Church Restoration Fund and the Army Benevolent Fund. Recently the money raised at the quizzes enabled a generous donation of over £2500 to Hastings and Rother Samaritans.

■ **Pett Level**

Although the **New Beach Club** is a members only club it offers complimentary entry as guests to CAMRA members who visit on an occasional basis. There are five handpumps serving ales from local and regional breweries, all at attractive prices. Reflecting its LocAle status, it now showcases beers from local breweries. On a recent visit two were from Romney Marsh, Golden and Murmuration. Both were in fine form. The Real Ale Finder app provides details of the beers currently on offer. Lovely meals are provided by SteVee's Kitchen.

The **Smuggler**, which closed as a pub in 2018 and despite an extensive refurbishment in 2023 never reopened as a hospitality venue, now has a new lease of life. It is now known as The Smuggler Retreat and is a wellbeing, fitness and events centre. Fortunately the drinks bar area has survived the latest iteration, and in the evenings is now a licenced wine and craft beer bar, which will be open to all. Maybe there will be real ale and cider, once again, after 8 years?

■ **Ringmer**

The **Anchor Inn** - Greg and Cara (The Juggs Kingston) took over at Easter and soon went about refurbishing the popular garden area complete with an outdoor screen. The cellar is well looked after with Harvey's Best as popular as ever, plus at least one or two local options including a pale beer and cider selections. Live music and quiz nights are becoming regular fixtures making it a village favourite.

■ **Rudgwick**

Refurbishment work is under way at the **Kings Head**, with re-opening planned by the end of the year.

■ Rye

The **Inkerman Arms** at Rye Harbour has reopened under new proprietors and is offering cask beers from Long Man and Fullers.

■ St Leonards

The **Horse & Groom** in Mercatoria is to have a new landlord/landlady, as Pamela, who had done a great job of ensuring the pub has remained a must to visit, has moved on.

The **Heist** in Norman Road has a handpump, with a pump clip to indicate which cask beer is available from gravity. The happy hour, 3pm–5pm, has proved very successful.

Nearby, in Western Road, the **Prince of Wales** has opened a back room and garden also to the rear, so much more room in this excellent small establishment. Owners Hastings Project Brewery have recently produced a beer at Burning Sky Brewery.

■ Sidlesham

The **Anchor** is now under the same ownership as the Inglenook (Pagham). As a result, a more adventurous range of cask ales can be expected.

■ Smock Alley

The Five Bells retains its charming traditional atmosphere. 3pm closing is maintained all week and at weekends; the pub reopens at 5.30pm. On a recent visit the five hand pumps had ales from Triple FFF, Vale, Tring (two, including a mild), and the Hampshire favourite Flower Pots Bitter, which was in excellent condition.

■ Staplefield

The **Victory** reopened in July. Open Wednesday to Sunday, serving Harvey's Sussex Best.

■ Thakeham

The **White Lion** recently served Harvey's Best, Long Man Long Blonde, and Arundel Sussex Gold. Two other hand pumps were not in use.

■ Uckfield

The new licensee of the **Alma Arms**, Anna Reed, took over some months ago. She is also the licensee of another Harvey's pub, the **Bull's Head** at Boreham Street, which has been a *Good Beer Guide* regular for several years, and plans to

divide her time between the two. The Alma usually has at least three Harvey's beers on offer, including seasonals when available. On several recent visits, the beer quality was very good indeed.

■ Washington

Regular buses from all four directions serve a stop close to the **Frankland Arms**, which served Landlord, a very well kept Harvey's Dark Mild, and Harvey's Best on a recent visit.

■ West Chiltington

The **Queen's Head** served Harvey's Best, Landlord, and Wadworth 6X on a recent visit.

■ Whatlington

Once the Royal Oak, an oft visited free house, it was sold to Shepherd Neame and eventually closed. It was purchased by a new proprietor from Sicily whose aim is to "*blend traditional pub culture with his Mediterranean heritage*", hence the new name, the **Oak & Olive**. It has a single handpump from which beers from Greene King, Harvey's and Long Man have been dispensed on various occasions.

■ Winchelsea

The **New Inn**, in German Street, dates from the 18th Century, originally being a coaching inn, and is now a quality dining pub with rooms. It also has two bars with four handpumps, two of which were in use on a recent visit, serving real ales, being Lakedown Sussex Pale and Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter. There is a lovely pub garden in which to relax and enjoy a pint or two.

■ Withyham

At the time of writing (late July), the **Dorset Arms** was still closed for refurbishment following the fire in April. Intending customers should refer to the pub's website for the latest news.

■ Yapton

The **Maypole** continues to champion local breweries. On a recent visit, Downlands and Sunken Knave were represented.

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

ABYSS

Abyss Brewery is heading across the border into Kent this October to attend Time & Tide's annual Rising Tide festival in Canterbury. Back at the brewery, the autumn release schedule is packed with seasonal specials. Highlights for September and October include the fruit-forward **Rave** (a cherry sour) and the cocktail-inspired **Peyote** (a margarita sour). There are other brews to look forward to, including their **Marzen Fest Bier**, along with **Eggers Hops**, (a collaboration with New Moon). Rounding off the autumn releases are **Tropical Thunder** and a smooth, seasonal **Nitro Stout**.

BLO Graham Eaton

ARUNDEL

Next event at the Arundel Brewery Taphouse will be Oktoberfest in late Sept with a selection of this year's festival beers from Spaten, Paulaner & Hacker-Pschorr plus some specials from closer to home.

The brewery has been working flat out during the Summer so Autumn is a nice opportunity to brew something different.

BLO Jonathan Purdom

BEAK

Beak remains as busy as ever with several success stories to share.

This year's These Hills festival in August was a record-breaker, marking their most successful event to date. On the beer front, their July release of Greens has reached a major milestone, currently sitting as the highest-rated TIPA in the UK. Keep your eyes peeled for news on their new Brighton site, with an update expected early next year.

BLO Graham Eaton

BREWING BROTHERS

The Duke of Wellington, Hastings Old Town (closed for some time) has been bought by Brewing Brothers and it is anticipated there will be a bar available for Hastings Old Town Week, which is at the start of October.

BLO Peter Page Mitchell

BROLLY

Brolly and Kissingate will be collaborating on a new Winter Beer Festival on Sat Nov 21st. Midday until late. There'll be live music, beer-poking food and plenty of special cask beers from the two breweries. The festival will take place at Brolly Brewing

with a Meet the Brewers event during the day too.

BLO Tim Ayre

FLYING TRUNK

Flying Trunk are planning a late summer party on 26 Sep which is close to the Autumn equinox.

They are going to brew a special

Firefly beer for this. They are also planning a beer festival for the 31 Oct (1pm-9pm) featuring around 10 beers including all three stouts of the Past Your Bedtime series along with a new beer - **EST** (Extra Special Tomtits) - a strong premium version of Tomtits best bitter.

The Taproom continues to feature the regular Flying Trunk range plus occasional guests, along with new beers or new versions of regular ones.

Recently these have included **Sundown** (red lager bier, 4.5%), **Wanderlust** (golden ale cold-brewed with a Kolsch yeast, 4.6%), and **Caped Crusader** (Belle Tout enhanced with cape gooseberry, 4.8%)."

Flying Trunk are brewing a collaborative beer with Moon Brewery from Brighton. This is a strong hoppy pale at around 5.5% ABV, and it is planned to be on at the Taproom sometime in September.

BLO Jonathan Samways

GOLDMARK

Goldmark has begun a new chapter. On the 6 Aug the brewery passed into the hands of new owners Ethan and Spence, who took the helm following founder Mark's decision to step back from the day-to-day after signing a new recording contract and heading out on tour. Rather than see Goldmark wind down, Ethan and Spence — who had

long dreamed of the opportunity — stepped in to keep the brewery brewing and to build on what Mark started.

BLO Roy Bray

HAND

News at Hand is that the Yard, their new East Worthing site, is now in the first phase of production while Hand awaits the installation of their bigger tanks, which should be installed by the time you read this. The first packaged batches are out in the wild now and they're looking forward to some new special releases including a 3.8% cask pale called **Maray**; as well as welcoming back some of Hand's regular seasonal brews. The first of these will be **Fest**, their 5.5% Märzen lager that they release annually to celebrate Oktoberfest. This year Hand will also be bringing out a Hopfenweisse at the same time. The tap room at the brewery is currently open Saturdays 12-10pm while they await planning, which is imminent. For updates on tap room opening, events and new beer releases please follow yard by hand brew co on Instagram.

BLO Henry Kirk

HARVEY'S

The brewery recently announced a number of changes within its brewing teams. Peter Yarlett, first joined Harvey's in 1995 for a holiday job and moving on to a number of different roles elsewhere before returning to Harvey's, has stepped up to Head Brewer. Henry Kirk is now second brewer. Cameron Elder, an eighth-generation decedent of the brewery's founder, has recently joined the brewing team as third brewer.

Miles Jenner, after forty years as Head Brewer, remains Production and joint Managing Director. Miles explained that their aim was to ensure continuity while encouraging innovation. Twelve months after purchasing the intangible assets of the Brighton Bier Company at auction, they have kept their promise to create a limited-edition collaborative brew using one of their best-known brands, **South Coast IPA**, which will be available on draft in pubs during August. This follows recent collaborations with Beak Brewery and The Hastings Project.

BLO Ian Hodge

HBC

As well as the usual events, HBC are excited to once again be taking part in the Horsham Hop & Vine Takeover 4-6 Sep, with 17 venues this year it promises to be even better than last year's stellar event. Details of this event can be found on Facebook & Instagram.

This is followed swiftly by the Horsham Beer Festival 18-19 Sep, and as last year's festival this will be held at the brewery and not the Drill Hall. At time of writing tickets are still available from the brewery or online. 2 Oct is Old Night at the brewery where we will be launching the **Old Ale** along with a performance from the Broadwood Morris Dancer troupe, one of the best nights of year.

BLO James Thornton

HEPWORTHS

They are 25 years old this year and Andy is now stepping back a little as he is only at the brewery in the mornings now. They are

now brewing with four other breweries on site. They are Crafty Brewing, Ridgeway, Goodwood, Unltd. They have now been inspected and accredited by the soil association and Marks and Spencer. The taproom is open Tue-Sat 10am-4pm.

BLO Roy Bray

KISSINGATE

The re-launch of Kissingate's multiple award winning **Six Crows Stout** 6.6% was a good decision despite worries that the hot summer may slow down sales. **Nooksack APA** 5.0% originally brewed in collaboration with Twickenham Fine Ales has as expected, been one of the most popular beers leaving the brewery this year. The bottled version of **Black Cherry Mild** 4.2% won Gold Champion Beer Of Britain London & Southeast (Specialty Beer Category) for the third year in succession and will progress to the national judging rounds later this year. Rare beers such as double mashed **Murder of Crows** 10.0% and **Raisin the Bar** 14.0% have been brewed along with two one-off specials. Core beers such as **Chennai IPA** 5.0%, **Choc Cherry Dipper** 4.5% and **Kissingate Sussex Bitter** 4.0% continue to dominate the brewing schedule. A wide selection of beers including some surprises will be available at Kissingate's annual October Festival on Saturday 17 Oct. The brewery team continue to host dozens of open and private events and conduct brewery tours on a weekly basis. Kissingate's peaceful rural location is perfect for those looking for an escape to the countryside. For news regarding

all Kissingate Events visit

www.kissingate.co.uk

BLO Roy Bray

LANGHAM

With Autumn and some cooler weather approaching we can look forward to some seasonal products to pair well. **Autumn Red Ale** (4.7%) is released at the beginning of September. With Crystal Rye malt giving hints of spice and red fruits. Sussex hops bringing citrus and spice, this red ale is sure to go well with food. To coincide with harvest we have released our **Saison** (3.2%) in keg and can. Wheat, Maris Otter and Vienna malts bring lovely base for the Goldings, Fuggles and UK Chinook hops to shine. Expect classic rustic farmhouse ale flavours from the yeast and a light citrus character from the hops. As always our flagship ales **South Downs Best Bitter**, **Hip Hop** and our **Session IPA Alaris** are available.

Events: Industry event open day 11 Sep; Beer Festival with guest beers from local breweries – 12 Sep; Autumn Family Day (Bonkers for Conkers) – 17 Oct. For updates and events please visit us online. Or visit our Shop & Taproom on-site, open Thursday to Saturday. Draught beer can be preordered online for takeaway.

LONG MAN

The brewery has two guest cask ales available throughout October, **Long Man Plum Porter** is back after its launch in 2025, along with a green hop bitter in collaboration with Tibbs Farm. In November cask lovers can look forward to the return of **Wild Man IPA** (5.2%) after a year away, and December will see the annual return of **Inn Keeper**. The new canning line is now installed and

operational and the brewery looks forward to continuing to bring new and exciting brews in this format. **Seven Sisters Pale Ale**, a 3.7% session able pale ale with the iconic landmark on the can is now available in both can and keg. The malt forward German style Märzen lager will be available in late September also in keg and can. The Brewery Shop & Tasting room remains open seven days a week for drinking in and take away, and brewery tour dates are available via the brewery website.

BLO Richard Scullion

ONLY WITH LOVE

We'll soon see the return of our amazing **Stroop Belgian Pale Ale**, as well as welcome returns for **Kerfuffle Juicy DDH Pale**, and our annual NEIPA Peacherine hop banger **Peachy**. Plus a host of Oktoberfest and stouts as we head into winter - with our SIBA Gold winning **Firecracker** back on the cards for Bonfire Night. As of September, our **Easy AF** and **Juicy AF** can also be found nationally across around 300 Co-Op stores across the UK.

BLO Jeremy Brinkworth

THREE ACRE

The biggest headline is that **Bonfire Beer** (6.7%) recently won the overall champion award in the SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers and Associates) South East cask beer competition. Because of the continual delays with the signal box in Uckfield, the brewery has applied for planning permission for a second taproom, the Storehouse in Heathfield High Street. The target decision date is early September and so far, most of the letters from the public

are strongly supportive.

A new cask beer is a traditional IPA called **Sundowner** (5%), which has bold stone fruit notes and a hint of pine. Also just released is **Hop Swap #1**, the start of a new series of single batch special beers, showcasing hops. This one is brewed with Centennial, Cascade and Amarillo.

BLO John Quick

UNBARRED

It's been a busy year so far at Unbarred Brewery. Their new Worthing production brewery is now fully operational, increasing capacity and allowing the team to keep up with demand for our core range while giving even more room to experiment with new beers. The site is dedicated to production, while cask brewing continues at the Brighton brewery.

The team are already looking ahead to the colder months, with the first brew of this year's **Stoutzilla** safely resting in barrels. Alongside that, there is an exciting fruit-forward beer in the works, plenty more **Joosy** on the horizon, and a packed schedule of fresh releases still to come before the year is out.

The refurbishment of the Brighton taproom has recently been completed, creating more indoor standing and seating space to enjoy fresh Unbarred beer alongside pizza throughout the week. Following the departure of their long-serving Lead Brewer, Gary, in July, the team are delighted to welcome Jordan Fancey as new Lead Brewer as an exciting year of brewing continues.

BLO Graham Eaton

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Spotlight on

BREWERIES

Harvey's head brewer steps down after 40 years



Pictured, from left, Cameron Elder, Peter Yarlett, Miles Jenner and Henry Kirk

Sussex brewery Harvey's has announced a series of appointments within its brewing team, marking the next chapter in the brewery's long-term succession plan.

After 40 years as head brewer, Miles Jenner will now lead the brewery in the role of production director, while continuing as joint MD.

Jenner will initially head the production function supporting the next generation of brewers as they step into senior leadership roles and ensuring the continuity of the brewery's distinctive brewing tradition.

As part of these changes, Peter Yarlett has been appointed head brewer.

Yarlett first joined Harvey's in 1995 in what began as a holiday job, returning during university vacations while studying chemistry at the University of Exeter.

After graduating, he spent a gap year with Harvey's before going on to complete a master's degree in brewing and distilling at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh.

Seven years later, following employment as a brewer at Meantime in London and Hogs Back in

Surrey, he returned to Harvey's as third brewer. He was promoted to second brewer in 2010 and has now stepped up to head brewer.

Jenner said: "Our aim was to ensure continuity, while encouraging innovation and it is exciting to see this long-term objective come to fruition. I could not wish for a more capable or enthusiastic brewing team."

Three Acre has sights on 2nd micropub site

A specialist East Sussex brewery, started by three school friends, has its sights on a second micropub venue while it works hard to overcome hurdles and complete formalities to open its first.

Three Acre Brewery was created nine years ago by Jamie Newton, Peter Mayhew and Chester Broad who grew up in the village of Blackboys where the brewery is located.

In a strange twist of fate, Three Acre's second proposed micropub in nearby Heathfield could turn out to be its first after unforeseen bureaucratic delays in opening a converted signal box in Uckfield.



Renovation work is underway at Uckfield's old signal box to create a micropub but red tape is causing delays

"It's so frustrating", explains Chester. "We have passed through so many hoops, including planning permission and a premise licence to sell alcohol at the historic signal box, but inevitably with such an old structure there is a hold up with further works needed by Uckfield Town Council who own the structure. Once completed, we can take over the lease and begin our final fitting out

stage."

Undeterred, the entrepreneur trio have found what they believe are ideal premises in bustling Heathfield, a short distance from the brewery but in the opposite direction to the signal box. They're poised to submit a planning application to Wealden District Council.



The Storehouse, site of Heathfield's planned micropub

"We are excited to announce that we are applying for planning approval to open a micropub on Heathfield's High Street", explains Peter Mayhew.

"The unit is ideally

situated on the corner of Cherwell Road, by the mini roundabout in the heart of Heathfield, and we are delighted to have already verbally agreed a long-term lease of No.48."

"It's a lovely building, with big windows and a spacious main area, exposed brickwork, and it even comes complete with a stained-glass window of an oast house", he adds. "We're naming the new venue,



The Three Acre's head brewery, Jamie Newton, with head of security at The Storehouse venue, site of Heathfield's planned micropub

The Storehouse, a nod to the building's roots and past use."

The vision is to create an independent, quality drinking and social venue, in the centre of Heathfield, run by a local brewery, for the local community. There will be an outdoor space for customers to enjoy a beer and the last of the evening sun as well as an emphasis on offering a range of high-quality and locally-produced ales, wines, spirits, cider, soft drinks, food and bar snacks.

The move will also be welcomed by the myriad crowdfunders who backed the Signal Box plans as their free beer tokens will also be redeemable at the Heathfield venue.

"We've had our roots in Heathfield since the very beginning", says founding director and head brewer Jamie Newton who went to Heathfield school. "Our plan is to make The Storehouse a hub for music, quizzes, talks, exhibitions and

more and we are really excited about the opportunity and what it can offer to local people."

During Covid lockdown, the brewery delivered beer to hundreds of houses in and around Heathfield while its horsebox bar has been stationed at Le Marche for the last four years and plans are in place for August's event as well.

"While we're on the subject of Le Marche, we've already seen firsthand that nowhere has a love for quality local beer quite like Heathfield", adds Jamie. "We can't wait to welcome you all and begin serving some of the best beers and produce you can find – the vast majority of which will be produced a stone's throw away."

Work should soon get underway to ready the Heathfield premises for opening later this year, while the team are also forging ahead with their plans for the Uckfield signal box.

Old and new combine for Spring

Two Sussex breweries, one with more than 230 years of brewing heritage and the other one of the UK's most exciting modern craft breweries, have come together to create a collaborative beer.

Harvey's and Beak breweries have launched Spring, a limited-edition 4.5 per cent ABV golden ale brewed at the latter's site in Lewes (above). Brewed with a blend of Harvey's and Beak's yeast, it opens with fresh grapefruit and bright citrus notes before soft tropical character builds from a generous dry hop of New Zealand Cascade hops.

UK Harlequin and Cascade hops provide a clean, zesty bitterness, while heritage Plumage Archer malt from Warminster lends a light bready sweetness and smooth, rounded body. Slightly hazy and highly drinkable, Spring bridges traditional Sussex brewing with contemporary hop-forward character.

The beer's pump clip features illustrations of Harvey's joint MD Miles Jenner alongside Beak's distinctive Beak Man character, reflecting the collaboration.

Community Pub Set for Full Ownership as The Sportsman Secures Future



Big news for The Sportsman: after more than two years of hard work and determination, we have raised enough funding to buy the pub outright. In a major milestone for the village, announced at our Annual Members Meeting on 20 April, The Sportsman is

on track to become a fully community-owned asset.

It's a remarkable achievement. What began as a campaign to save a much-loved local from an uncertain future has grown into a thriving, community-powered success story.

We've had our challenges, particularly the withdrawal of a key government grant in 2024. Thankfully, a number of local private lenders have stepped forward to top up the funds raised from 141 shareholders, giving us a total of nearly £792,000.

Financially, the business is now on a much firmer footing, with historic VAT issues resolved and we have turned round a small loss in 2024 to a profit in 2025. Grants from Horsham District Council have supported some small-scale improvements including a "proper" coffee machine and four electronic bikes which we plan to hire out.

One of the most impressive achievements has been financial resilience. We had expected to need to use summer profits to carry us through the winter, traditionally a difficult period, but our January-March 2026 results show every month in the black.

We couldn't have done it without our manager, Jo Westland, who brings a wealth of hospitality experience and who goes well beyond the call of duty to keep the pub running smoothly.

She's supported by a team of staff and volunteers who deliver everything front and back of house – and underneath in the cellar - as well as organising events, maintaining the building and helping out whenever needed.

And people are noticing. Visitors, some returning after years away, have been quick to praise the atmosphere, often describing it as a 'proper pub', full of character and warmth.

The Sportsman was voted the third best pub garden in West Sussex by readers of the West Sussex County Times, quite an achievement for a pub which has almost no actual garden, to quote our Chairman, Roger Agate. It has also been welcomed back into CAMRA's *Good Beer Guide* for both 2026 and 2027 after a 25-year absence, and was recently named Pub of the Year by the local CAMRA branch — an award recognising quality, service and overall experience.

Events have helped bring the community together too. Four beer festivals have been held so far, each building on the last, with March's event selling out completely. Our twice-monthly quiz is regularly over-subscribed. Various village groups now meet regularly in the pub. We have also attracted media attention, featuring in the i, West Sussex County Times, West Sussex Gazette and soon in All About Horsham Magazine.

While securing the funds to purchase the pub is a huge step forward, there is still work to do. Loans will need to be repaid, reserves built up, and further investment made to help the business grow.

That's why we're now calling on the community once again. We need help with long-term fundraising and grant applications, we could do with more legal and specialist financial expertise on the committee, and hands-on help with admin, social media, technology, and running the pub's e-bike scheme.

The Sportsman has come a long way, and its future is looking brighter than ever. But its continued success will depend, as it always has, on the support of the community it serves.

If you'd like to play a part, now's the time to step forward – because this isn't just a pub. It's your pub.

Kate Pluck

*Deputy Chair of Community Sportsman
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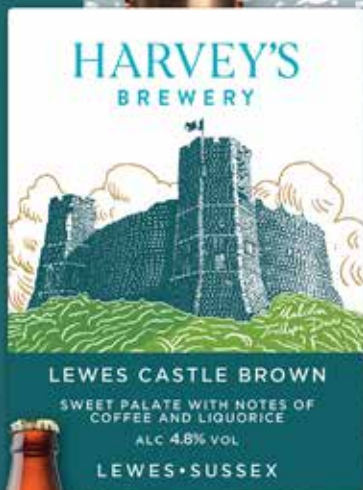
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First one is presentation to the Five Bells, West Chiltington. Branch Chairman Malcolm, presenting Country Pub Of The Year to Bill and Jean. The photo actually shows the Five Bells being awarded Country

POTY for both 2025 and 2026, since for various reasons the 2025 award did not get handed over last year.



Second is presentation to The Selden Arms in Worthing. Branch Chairman Malcolm, presenting POTY finalist certificate to Abby, Tom and Lucy.

Both pubs have been in the *Good Beer Good* for many years and regularly receive awards.

Brighton & South Downs Branch Awards

Following the announcement of Pub and Cider Pub of the Year winners in the Summer edition of *Sussex Drinker*, Brighton & South Downs branch have been busy presenting the final awards. Congratulations to all.

The Watchmaker’s Arms, Hove, is no stranger to winning branch awards and this year is no different, as they are both Runner Up Pub of the Year and Highly Commended as Cider Pub of the

Year.



Rick (right) and Ruth receive one of their two certificates from Committee Member and Pub Buddy, Richard Williams



The Foghorn, Hove, was awarded Runner Up Cider Pub of the Year. Below is the team from The Foghorn receiving their award from former Regional Cider co-ordinator, Jackie Johnson (right).



And last, but by no means least, The Haus on the Hill, Brighton, was awarded Highly Commended in the Pub of the Year competition. Ali, (left) is presented with his certificate from Honorary Branch President, Pete Coppard.

Brighton & South Downs Ale Trail

With the Brighton & South Downs Ale Trail concluding on 30 September, now is the time to collect those final stamps! To claim your prizes, please ensure your passport includes your name and your chosen prize(s), then deliver or post it to the address listed in the passport no later than 16 October. We also value your feedback; please include your highest and lowest-rated pubs, as this helps our committee select venues for future trails.

Looking ahead, the annual Brewers Arms Beer Festival in Lewes kicks off on Friday 13 November. Prizes will be available for collection at the festival on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November (times to be advised). A further collection event will be announced in due course. Please see details at

<https://brighton.camra.org.uk/aletrail>

Graham Eaton

Brighton & South Downs branch

31st Brighton & South Downs Ale and Cider Trail Walk: 1st August 2026

Many real ale fans are also walking enthusiasts: a truism which was fully in evidence on 1st August, as nine CAMRA members and non-members gathered at opening time at the Gardeners Arms, Lewes, for a country walk encompassing seven pubs on Brighton and South Downs Branch's 31st Ale Trail.



At 11.00am, in an already busy and vibrant pub, a nine-mile downland walk with three intense climbs lay ahead; for now, though, plenty of convivial conversation over some excellent pints (an Oakham/Thornbridge collaboration for this

writer). The ascent from Cliffe High Street to Lewes Golf Course, and another long uphill stretch en route to Glynde, passed quickly amid the chat, and the busy Steamworks at Glynde station was a welcome stop, with three real ales available. The recent and hugely welcome reopening of the near-neighbouring Trevor Arms offered the group an ideal lunch stop, wisely arranged in advance by Branch Social Secretary Owen Sharp. (Our group of schoolfriends have been participating in the Ale Trail, where possible, for the last 10 years, and Owen has skilfully organised dozens of rural walks which have allowed the 'Downlands Class of 97' and their friends and spouses to see the best of the Sussex countryside while supporting some fine pubs. As part of the local Branch's increased social activities, our well established Saturday walks were thrown open to the wider CAMRA membership.) The group enjoyed excellent lunches at the Trevor Arms, new on the Ale Trail this year after its extended period of closure. No longer a Harvey's house, it offers well-kept ales from Gun and Burning Sky, plus an extensive keg menu. Food is emphasised at what is now a destination pub, well-placed for walkers between Lewes and Seaford – although on this very warm day none of the other patrons appeared to be dressed or equipped for the hike we were doing! The staged nature of the walk, with multiple stops, allowed participants to come and go as required, and we bid farewell to two of the group here.

Recently completed improvements to pedestrian and cycle facilities alongside the A22 made the half-hour walk to the Ram Inn at Firle much easier than before. Missing the lunchtime rush at what is, in truth, another food-led destination pub allowed the group to relax in the garden with well-kept pints of Harvey's Sussex Best (a Long Man ale was also available). Next came the dreaded ascent of Firle Beacon: a difficult scramble up an exceptionally steep, narrow, chalky path, followed by a gentler but long climb diagonally across the slope. The views across the Weald to the North Downs, with an intriguing Firle Estate folly in the foreground, are always worth the effort – and once the trig point is reached, it's downhill all the way to Seaford.



The second group photograph of the day commemorated the achievement. Pleasant breezes accompanied our descent into suburban Seaford and a walk through the town centre to the Old Boot Inn, a sprawling, traditional pub with a reliably good range of ales (five were on for our visit).

Not far away in this compact town is the original branch of Steamworks, which like its sibling at Glynde occupies buildings at the railway station – bringing life back to formerly deteriorating infrastructure (a positive aspect of micropubs which is often overlooked). Three ales were offered, and the vibe is cheerful and vaguely continental in a sophisticated “bar-café” fashion. Direct access to Brighton-bound trains also helps, and those who remained headed to Newhaven to try the Newhaven Tap – another micropub, newly opened and newly on this year’s Ale Trail. Live music and outside tables brought life to a High Street which has struggled for many years, and two Gun ales were offered. A full and extremely enjoyable day concluded with a rail journey back to Brighton, where the temptations of the various Ale Trail pubs near the station were resisted (for now).

Many thanks to Owen for organising and publicising this highly successful and enriching event, at which new connections were made, productive discussions and exchanges of ideas took place, and all participants had excellent beer, good exercise, and fun. Look out for similar events in the future!

Matt Davis

(photos by Owen Sharp)

28th South Downs Beer & Cider Festival

We hope that all those that attended the festival as customers enjoyed themselves and were able to find drinks that they liked.

The beers of the festival – cask was the Watchmaker’s Chocolate & Hazelnut Pendulum Porter, the beer of the festival – membrane keg was Abyss/Titch Hill Halugalu. Cider of the festival was Ascension Wrath and Perry of the festival was Black Pig Perry. All of these were voted for by consumers at the festival.

Whilst the attendance was slightly under what we were hoping for, we received a lot of complimentary comments on the range and the quality of the drinks at the festival. My thanks go out all those CAMRA volunteers looking after and dispensing the drinks – well done.

Paul Free

Festival Organiser

North Sussex

Steam Town and New Bristol Beers of the Festival presentations

The Equinox team had two hugely enjoyable trips during the Summer to present their beer of the festival awards.

First up was Eastleigh, to visit Steam Town brewery. We were met by the Brewery Liaison officer, who hosted us at their excellent *Good Beer Guide* brew pub just a short walk from Eastleigh train station, with a large range of their beers to enjoy.



David (left), the owner and brewer, then joined us for a very informative Q&A session in the brewery and the presentation from Mike Head, festival organiser (right).

We then ventured on to Southampton, to visit two GBG micropubs, the Witch's Brew and Bottle & Stoot.



The second trip to Bristol in July proved extremely popular, with 17 of us gathering for the presentation at New Bristol.

Over the hugely enjoyable weekend trip, the number of the excellent pubs and tap rooms visited was well in to double figures for most of the group, despite the sweltering heat. Huge thanks to David and Thomas for organising the itineraries and to all the volunteers for coming along.

6th Bluebell Railway/CAMRA Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival

A reminder that the Sussex CAMRA Branches, in association with the Bluebell Railway, will be running their Beer and Cider Festival from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th September 2026.

The beer and cider list will be available from late August on northsussex.camra.org.uk/.

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

Tickets can include travel on the steam trains between all stations, or for station event entry only, with tickets including a voucher for your first pint and a Festival Glass.

As this is an "In Association" event, not an event wholly run by CAMRA, free tickets are not available to CAMRA members. Instead, 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 www.bluebell-railway.com/beer-festival/

The festival is run by volunteers from CAMRA and the Bluebell Railway. We'd love to hear from you if you can volunteer for all or part of any day of the Festival. Please email sdbcstaffing@gmail.com for more details.

Mike Head

CAMRA Festival Organiser

South East Sussex

Branch Awards

The Branch Pub of the Year was Bexhill's Brickmaker's Alehouse, winning it for the fourth time in five years.



Pictured receiving the award in the pub are proprietors Martin (left) and Robin (centre) being congratulated by Branch Chair Roger.

While attending the Beer & Cider by the Sea festival in Eastbourne, Tom, Director of Long Man Brewery, belatedly accepted the 2024 award for their beer, Old Man, as the Highest Scored Beer of the Year brewed in the Branch Area by CAMRA members in pubs and clubs.



Pictured from the left are the Brewery Liaison Officer for Long Man, Richard, Tom and Branch Chair Roger.

The same award for 2025 of Highest Scored Beer of the Year went to Battle Brewery for Crossfire.



From right to left, Mac McCutcheon, CAMRA Brewery Liaison Officer for Battle Brewery, presents the award for Crossfire, to brewery director, Mike Corfield, and tap room manager, Patrick O'Quigley.

Western Sussex

Beer/Cider/Perry of the Festival Awards for the 2026 Yapton Beerex at the Inglenook, Nyetimber

A large number of Western Sussex CAMRA members turned out for the annual Yapton Beer of the Festival (BOTF) awards as voted for by attendees at the festival at the Inglenook, Nyetimber on Tuesday 14th July. Inevitably, given the distances involved not all the winners could join us but we have made arrangements for all winners to be rewarded with their certificates!

Beer of the Festival (cask)

1st - Electric Bear – Jurassic Thrive

Electric Bear were unable to join us but we have made arrangements for the certificate to be delivered to them by members visiting Bath in August.

LocAle Of The Festival (cask)

1st - Langham Contour

We were delighted that Charlie Long, owner and Head Brewer of Langham Brewery, was able to join us to receive the award for best LocAle of the festival. Charlie was very pleased to win and detailed his plans for Langham which included brewing more lower strength beers for the summer whilst retaining the Langham tradition of strong IPAs such as Contour and dark beers, particularly during the winter months.



Charlie Long (left) receiving the award from Richard Earl, Chair, Western Sussex CAMRA (right). Picture courtesy of Western Sussex member, James Bell.

Key Keg Beer of the Festival

1st – Vault City Strawberry Skies

Given the huge distance involved (from Edinburgh) Vault City couldn't join us at the Inglenook but our joint festival organisers went along to the London Craft Beer Festival to present Joe Cruickshank of Vault City with the certificate which he was delighted to receive. No doubt they cooled off with a Vault City hard slushie afterwards!



Joe Cruickshank (right) receiving the award from joint festival organiser Tony Ashcroft (left)

Cider/Perry Of The Festival

1st – Oliver's Classic Perry

Tom Oliver was delighted with the award and we are currently making arrangements to get the certificate to him.

Silver Pub of the Year for 2025

Last but by no means least, many thanks to the Inglenook for hosting the awards. We also took the opportunity to present the Inglenook with their second place Pub of the Year for 2025.



Harrison (left) from the Inglenook receiving Silver Pub of the Year award from Richard Earl, Western Sussex CAMRA Chair. Photo courtesy of Western Sussex CAMRA member James Bell

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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Sheffield Park Station

18-19 Sep Horsham Beer Festival, Horsham
Tap

19 Sep Tibbs Farm - Hop Fest

25-27 Sep Engine Room East Grinstead
Oktoberfest

25-27 Sep Brickmaker's Alehouse, Bexhill
Autumn Beer & Cider Festival

23-24 Oct Worthing Beer & Cider Festival,
Guildbourne Centre, Worthing (see pages 3 &
13)

Branch Diaries

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

Arun & Adur

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

Brighton & South Downs

See brighton.camra.org.uk/diary.

North Sussex

13 Oct Branch Meeting, Brewery Shades,

Crawley

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

See northsussex.camra.org.uk/diary.

North East Sussex

See nesx.camra.org.uk/diary.

South East Sussex

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Western Sussex

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*PotY: Fox, Felpham,

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

*CPotY: Hopp Inn, Selsey

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Beer Festival: Worthing, 23-24 October 2026

PotY: Sportsman, Amberley

CPotY: Green Man Ale & Cider House Worthing;

COTY: none

Brighton & South Downs

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Beer Festival: South Downs June 2027

PotY: Signalbox, Burgess Hill;

CPotY: Signalbox, Burgess Hill

COTY: none

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Beer Festival: Spring Equinox, March 2027

PotY: Engine Room, East Grinstead;

CPotY: Engine Room, East Grinstead; CotY: none

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PotY: New Inn, Hadlow Down;

CPotY: Cooper's Arms, Crowborough; CotY: none

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Beer Festival: Beer and Cider by the Sea, 14-16 May 2027

PotY: Brickmaker's, Bexhill;

CPotY: Robin Hood, Icklesham;

CotY: Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill on Sea

Western Sussex

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Beer Festival: Yapton May 2027

PotY: Fox, Felpham;

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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