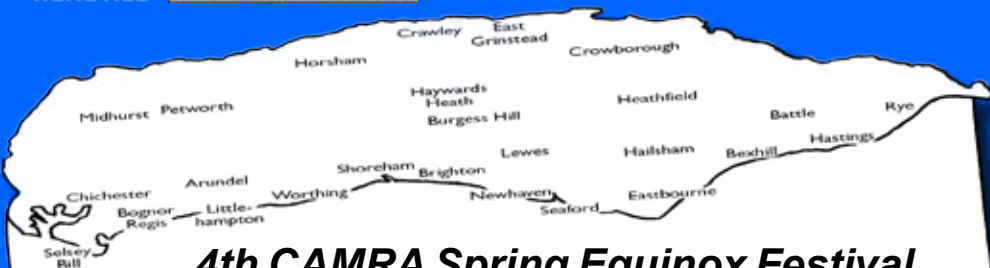




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We are delighted to announce that the 2017 CAMRA North Sussex Equinox Beer & Cider Festival will start with a Friday evening session, followed by two Saturday sessions. The venue remains the Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham town centre, RH12 1JF, which is about 15 to 20 minutes' walk from the railway station, maybe less from the bus station. The beer list will have over 50 beers, with a balanced mix of winter and spring ales available. All of our excellent branch brewers will be featured, plus other local favourites and some gems from further afield. Those who like cider and perry will also find a strong selection of both available. Live music will feature at the Saturday evening session only, with an excellent local act booked.

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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 p. 46 applies to all items.*

## ■ BARNHAM

Work finally started in August to convert the former **Barnham Bridge Inn** to a Tesco Express store. Built in 1906 opposite the station entrance to serve the large cattle market that stood nearby, the pub closed in 2010 and was boarded up, becoming increasingly derelict as years went by. After sale to Tesco the interior was quickly stripped out but then all work



stopped for nearly 2 years. The loss of the Barnham Bridge Inn left Barnham residents with only one pub - the Murrell Arms (see below), although pretty soon of course they will have 3 supermarkets!

The **Murrell Arms** on Yapton Road has been awarded Fuller's Master Cellarman status in recognition of high standards of cellarmanship and bar management. Real Ales on



sale are London Pride, HSB and a changing Fuller's seasonal beer.

Customers of the Murrell are delighted that both Fuller's and landlord Joe Murphy have resisted any temptation to change the pub significantly and it remains a traditional 2-bar

village local with a fascinating collection of local memorabilia and pictures on display inside, plus a range of military artefacts added by Joe. The unusual bar game of Ring the Bull can still be played in the main (right-hand) bar.

## ■ BELLS YEW GREEN



Harvey's tied house, the **Brecknock Arms**, sells IPA and a seasonal offering. It's

well worth a visit for it's well kept beers. The pub is just a short walk from Frant Station.

## ■ BEXHILL ON SEA



Bexhill residents have been wondering if they will ever see a gleaming new Wetherspoon's

pub, but now, 18 months after being granted planning consent, there's some signs work has started at the former Picture Playhouse Cinema in Western Road. However, local press reports indicate that it won't be opening in 2016.

## ■ BOGNOR REGIS

The Belle Vue Hotel is under new ownership and renamed the **Pier Hotel Bar & Diner**. The unused hand pumps have been ripped out.

The **Alex** has re-opened after refurbishment and has had a fourth hand pump installed. However, until trade picks up they are only using two of them, which when visited were dispensing Sharps Doom Bar and Bath Gem.



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## ■ BOLNEY

The **Eight Bells** has been sold and a new licensee will move in during October.

## ■ BRIGHTON

The Aquarium, Steine Street, Brighton is now called the **Plotting Parlour** serving coffee and cake in the afternoons before switching to cocktails in the evening.

The **Brighton Rocks**, a cocktail bar, in Rock Place, has a lease available for £125,000.

The **Crown & Anchor**, Preston Road, Brighton has six pumps permanently dispensing three Long Man beers and three varying guests such as Arundel and Langham.

The **Hikers Rest**, Coldean Lane has closed and will reputedly become a restaurant. Although saved from closure in 2015; having been sold by Punch to its previous tenants this change has happened under the Permitted Development regulations amendment.

A change of use under Permitted Development has also been used at the former **Dyke Pub & Kitchen** (see separate article on page 35). With the Dyke failing as a food-led pub in an area of Brighton close to Hove it remains to be seen if a restaurant will be a success in this area.

The **Monty**, formerly the Montpelier, Montpelier Place, has the lease available for £55,000.

The Norfolk, Western Road, Brighton is now renamed the **Revelator** – a Southern USA themed bar.

## ■ CAMBER

The **Owl** (formerly the Green Owl) has increased its beer offering and is concentrating on local brews. Long Man Best Bitter is a regular, and a changing seasonal beer comes from the nearby Romney Marsh Brewery, while

the third handpump has a changing guest. Three Legs, Old Dairy and Weltons have all featured.

## ■ CHICHESTER

The **Four Chestnuts**, formerly in the *Good Beer Guide*, has had a more up and down recent history, and closed in August following the departure of the tenant. The pub is controlled by Punch Taverns and they are currently advertising the tenancy – misspelled as “Four Chestnuts” - on their website at £6,350 ‘Ingoing’ plus rent of £24,000. It is not known if and when it may reopen. The Chestnuts has been the long-standing home of the Chichester Folk Song club, who have now moved to the Chichester Inn.

The **Chantry** is the new name of the refurbished former Slug and Lettuce in South Street. The pub now has four handpumps and on visiting was selling Sharps Doom Bar and Ringwood Razorback with LocAle guests Dark Star Original and Langham Halfway to Heaven. It also has craft keg beers from Brew Dog and Camden Brewery.

## ■ CRAWLEY

The **Black Dog**, Northgate, has closed again, and Enterprise Inns are seeking a new licensee.

The **Brewery Shades** has been voted North Sussex Cider Pub of the Year

The **Half Moon**, Southgate is temporarily closed whilst it is being changed into a Greene King managed house.

The **White Hart** said goodbye to licensees Stuart and Angie, and it is now a Harvey’s managed house.

## ■ COWFOLD

The **Hare & Hounds** has now been let out. An enthusiastic young couple have taken on the pub.



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## ■ DURRINGTON

The **North Star**, a busy food led Ember Inn, returns to the 2017 *Good Beer Guide* still offering a good selection of ales from the Mitchell & Butler portfolio and usually Harveys Sussex Best Bitter or another LocAle.

## ■ EASTBOURNE

Old Town's 12th century coaching inn, the **Lamb**, has upped its game in recent months and have gained LocAle accreditation from the local CAMRA branch. They serve a selection of Harvey's draught beers and well regarded food.

The last remaining pub in Eastbourne's theatre land, the **Buccaneer**, has six handpumps with four likely to be active at any one time. As well as the regulars at least one is a changing beer chosen from Mitchells and Butlers guest beer list: we particularly liked Purity's Mad Goose from rural Warwickshire. The manager was formerly at Harvey's Blackboys Inn so knows all about good cellarmanship. CAMRA members receive a 20p a pint discount when showing their membership cards.

The **Lodge Inn**, St Anthony's Avenue, has been reduced to a pile of rubble. Closed and moribund for in excess of 5 years, it never sold real ale, but it does mean that another local pub has been consigned to history.

The former **Cavalier**, has just been completely refurbished. However, it is very unlikely that it will re-open as a pub, with a wine bar being mooted. It is though, as yet, unclear what type of business will actually occupy the site.

## ■ EAST CHILTINGTON

The freehold of the **Jolly Sportsman** pub and restaurant is available for £715,000.

## ■ EAST GRINSTEAD

The **Open Arms** has new owners. The **Ship Inn** has reopened after being refurbished. Fred Jones has returned to run the **Sportsman**.

## ■ EAST PRESTON

The **Clockhouse Bar** is a welcoming free house at the sea end of the village and is a new entry to the 2017 *Good Beer Guide*. Owned for some years by former local CAMRA branch secretary



Colin Bradshaw, it has three ale pumps often including Skinner's Betty Stoggs, one from

Hammerpot (Bottle Wreck Porter in winter) and/or another LocAle.

## ■ FAIRLIGHT

The **Cove** closed its doors early in September. Nothing definite is known about its future, and although there are rumours circulating the village, *Sussex Drinker* will not publish anything until something is confirmed.

## ■ FELPHAM

The **Old Barn** currently has four hand pumps dispensing their regular beer, Dark Star Hophead and two guests plus a real cider. On a recent visit these were Flack Manor Flack Catcher, Fullers Red Fox and Lilleys Red Rabbit cider. They also had one cask on gravity dispensing Cottage Memphis Belle.

The **George** offers two regular beers; Dark Star Hophead & Fullers London Pride. There is a third handpump which in the winter dispenses a guest beer and in the summer a changing cider.

## ■ FINDON

The parent group of **Black Horse** is in receivership and the pub has now closed.

## ■ ASHURST WOOD

The Three Crowns reopened in September, as 'La Pergola' Italian Restaurant & Bar. No news as yet as to whether real ale will be sold.



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## ■ FLETCHING

The **Rose & Crown**, High Street is for sale with a price tag of £500,000 for the freehold.

## ■ FRAMFIELD

The **Hare and Hounds** has been revamped and redecorated by new owners, a family who come from a pub in Eastbourne.

## ■ HALNAKER

The **Anglesey Arms** has been made an Asset of Community Value by Arun District Council following a successful application by Halnaker Parish Council

## ■ HASTINGS

It's not every day we report on a newly built pub but in Hastings the **Conqueror's March**,



on the junction of The Ridge and Stonestile Lane, has opened its doors. It's very much a food pub which offers a large seating area in different sections and a large car park. Up to five beers from the wide range of Marston's portfolio are on offer. On a recent visit Ringwood Boondoggle and Banks's Bitter were enjoyed.

Three young enthusiasts, inspired by the brewpub and craft ale movement in the States,



reopened the **Imperial** in Queens Road with a completely different line-up. Using new stainless steel equipment on site they're brewing their own 'Brewing Brothers' ales. On a visit, shortly after opening, Brewing Bros Extra Pale at 5% was found

occupying one of the three handpumps. The others had Long Man and Three Legs beers, on that occasion American Pale Ale and Red Ale respectively. Real Pizzas, baked in a wood fired oven by a real Italian, are served from 1 to 10pm. They're open every day except Monday.

Following the article in the previous edition of the *Sussex Drinker*, the **Jolly Fisherman** has not been able to serve real ale consistently, despite the intention of its proprietors to keep polypins in the café. We offer apologies to any of our readers who visited in search of real ale and found none.

## ■ HORSHAM

The **Black Jug** have hosted a Meet the Brewer event with Long Man Brewery which attracted people from a wide area around Horsham.

The **Queens Head** (Hall & Woodhouse) has reopened after a short refurbishment and is now under new management.

Sadly, the **Tanners Arms** will not reopen as a pub and will be converted for residential use after the developers successfully challenged the Asset of Community Value, with Horsham DC agreeing that there were sufficient pubs within a reasonable distance.

We welcome Sarah and Bob to the **Boar's Head**, Worthing Road, currently they are running traditional hours until they settle in. They sell beers from the usual Hall & Woodhouse range, and have a full really good looking day and evening menu. Please check with the pub for opening times.

The **Bear**, Market Square, has reopened after a short closure, again selling ales from the Hall & Woodhouse range.

The **Anchor Hotel**, Market Square, has reopened after a refit, with six hand pumps in place of the preceding four. These sell some

beers from the Greene King list and some local beer, plus one cider.

### ■ HOVE

An application to convert what was the **Alibi**, 22 Victoria Terrace, Hove into a shop is under consideration with Brighton & Hove City Council.

### ■ ISFIELD

The **Laughing Fish** is now open for Post Office services provided by Ridgewood Post Office, on Thursdays between 10 am and noon.

### ■ JEVINGTON

The **Eight Bell's** first beer festival in August was a great success. As it's not on a bus route or easy to cycle to it's not been on some of our correspondents' itineraries. However the excellent food and beer line-up has encouraged



some of us to take a healthy walk over the Downs from Willingdon, which takes just over an hour. Four

handpumps dispense regular and changing beers, including from local micros, all in good shape.

### ■ KIRDFORD

The tenancy of the **Foresters** is available.

### ■ LEWES

The **White Hart Hotel** is for sale at £2,000,000 (Two million pounds).

### ■ LITTLEHAMPTON

The **New Inn** is a first time entry in CAMRA's *Good Beer Guide*. The only GBG listed pub in the town. James Crossley keeps an ever changing list of beers from Enterprise Inns. A board by the bar gives what's coming in the future.

### ■ LOWER HORSEBRIDGE

In August the **White Hart** was listed as an Asset of Community Value, after being nominated by a group of local residents not wanting to lose their local. In September planning consent was refused for a developer's



plans to demolish this historic pub and replace it with six dwellings, including two

on the car park opposite, much to the relief of many in the area. It remains to be seen what will happen next but the pub remains open as we go to press. It serves affordable food with Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and Sharp's Doom Bar on the handpumps.

### ■ PEASE POTTAGE

The **Black Swan**, has reopened after refurbishment

### ■ PEASMARSH

The **Horse & Cart Inn** was reopened after restoration by new owners in the Summer. It now offers three local beers. A recent visit saw Long Man, Three Legs and Romney Marsh. There is an extensive menu featuring home cooked pub favourites, including pizza.

### ■ PORTSLADE

The **Stanley Arms**, a regular in the *Good Beer Guide* and Ale Trail, is back on the market with a freehold price of £400,000.

### ■ RIPE

Since the sale at auction of the **Lamb Inn** a couple of months ago it is unclear who has purchased the pub or what the new owner's intentions are. An earlier offer to the residents of Ripe to purchase the pub from former owners, Shepherd Neame, failed to provide the necessary funding. There has been no further communications from the residents of Ripe



with the local Branch, although The Lamb still has a current Asset of Community Value attached to it for at least another 2 years.

### ■ ST LEONARDS ON SEA

The **Dripping Spring** may well have a new landlord by the start of the new year, however the **Tower** remains a must for lovers of real ale and cider with six beers on offer and cider and perry also on the bar. With beers from near and far it is always interesting to see what is on offer.

The **North Star** has been selected once again for the *Good Beer Guide*. Rother Valley beers are often available along with Harveys Sussex Best Bitter and



Timothy Taylor Landlord both being regulars. The pub is always busy and the staff knowledgeable. Loyalty cards are offered.

### ■ SCAYNES HILL

At the **Inn on the Green**, the lease is available for an undisclosed price.

### ■ STONE CROSS



Harveys have completely refurbished the **Red Lion** in the summer. It's now

manager run rather than a tenancy, which seems to be the trend for larger establishments. Food now features more prominently, putting the new dining room and kitchen to good use, while the bar areas and new outside seating continue to cater for drinking customers. To celebrate a

busy beer festival was held in September which included live music and a hog roast.

### ■ STORRINGTON

The **Moon** has recently been accredited with the cask marque. They are able to get ales from the SIBA delivery list. On a recent visit, they had Langham Sundowner and Sadler's Mellow Yellow, a 4.1%, pale ale. Both ales were in very good condition. Sharp's Doom Bar is the regular ale. Thatchers Cheddar valley cider was also on sale.

### ■ TWO MILE ASH

The **Bax Castle** won the award for Marstons Family Friendly Pub for the South for 2016.

### ■ WIVELSFIELD GREEN

The current owners of the **Cock Inn**, David & Jo Hunter, who bought the community pub from Punch eight years ago, have put the pub on the market for £650,000. Both the Hunters and Nick Earee from agents Fleurets are anticipating selling the pub as a going concern. David is quoted as saying "It's definitely not going down the line of becoming a Co-Op or anything like that!"

### ■ VINES CROSS

The **Brewers Arms** has now reopened and resumed its normal trading hours of 12 until 11 each day following a fire that saw the pub closed for a time. The interior had been well refurbished with the original layout intact. The Harveys Sussex Best Bitter was in good form plus there are always a couple of guest beers on offer.

### ■ WOODGATE

The **Prince of Wales** at Woodgate has been made an Asset of Community Value by Arun District Council following a successful application by Aldingbourne Parish Council

## ■ WORTHING

Harveys superb Old Ale arrived late September at the **Parsonage Bar & Restaurant** and will remain for the season.



Les Johnson's new micro-pub on South Street, immediately north of West Worthing

station, is now open and has been named the **Green Man Ale & Cider House**.

The **Selden Arms** Winterfest will take place from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th January. This annual event always features an impressive range of ales and is very popular with locals and those from further afield.



**Brooksteed Alehouse** have been awarded CAMRA Sussex & Surrey Pub of

the Year and will now compete with the winners of other regions in the Super-regional Round, the last sixteen of the national Pub of the Year competition. The results of this round are embargoed until the publication date of December's What's Brewing. For more information on the PotY competition go to [www.camra.org.uk/pub-of-the-year-competition-procedures](http://www.camra.org.uk/pub-of-the-year-competition-procedures).



The **Hare & Hounds** makes a welcome return to CAMRA's *Good Beer Guide*. A central Worthing pub

in the Enterprise stable. Tenant Pete Wilson has

five real ales on pump. Lately Bass Best bitter and Wadsworth 6X have been the rotating 5th beer.

The **Sir Timothy Shelley** is a welcome newcomer to GBG 2017. This Wetherspoons pub always offers at least two ales from local micro-brewers in Sussex, Surrey or Hampshire. Look out for regular 'meet the brewer' evenings.

The **Royal Oak** lease is up for sale.

The **Wheatsheaf** has been refurbished and has reopened.



Lancing's newest real ale outlet, the **Stanley Alehouse**, is a new entrant into the *Good Beer Guide* after

being open for only two years. Steve and Hannah Bennett offer at least three real ales, with Downlands Devils Dyke Honey Porter and Langhams Arapaho being particularly popular with the locals. There are also several ciders available.

At the **Castle Ale House** all ale is £3 a pint until further notice.

## ■ WISBOROUGH GREEN



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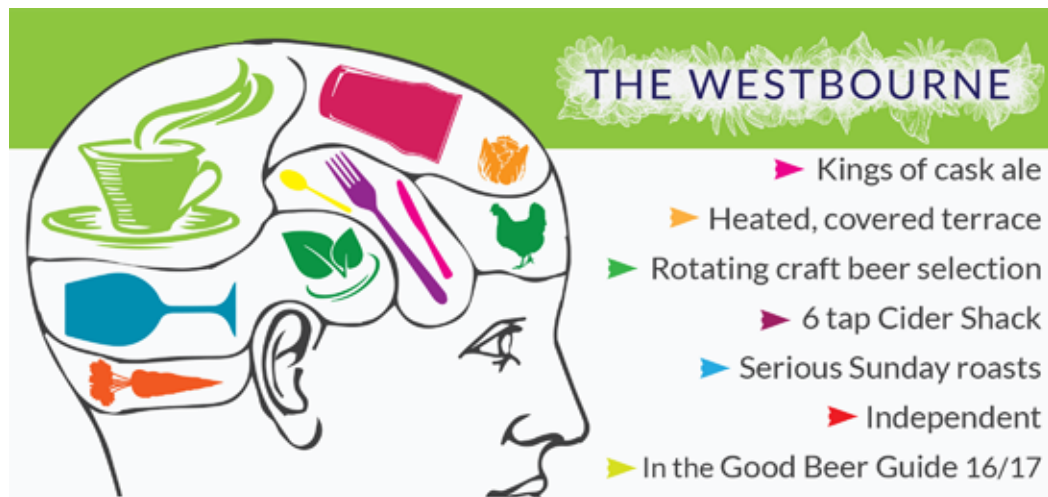
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Some of you reading this may also be interested in Pete Brown's bi-monthly Trains to London Pubs (TTLP) group (see the Diary Dates).



### November

**Thursday 3 Lewes;** Lewes & Barcombe: meet Lewes bus station for 11.35 Compass 122 to Barcombe for Royal Oak. Return to Lewes on 13.55 Compass 122 to Brewers Arms (GBG) in search of Bonfire Boy.

**Thursday 10 Lagness & Bognor;** Meet Chichester bus station to catch 11.38 Stagecoach 600 to Lagness for Royal Oak (Fullers) then carry on to Bognor for Hatters (GBG). Later back to Nyetimber for Inglenook (GBG & Branch PotY). Return to Chichester via Stagecoach 600 which runs every 20 minutes until 18.40.

**Wednesday 16 Billingshurst & Horsham;** Either 10.30 Metrobus 23 to Washington for 11.12 Compass 100 to Billingshurst OR 11.03 train from Barnham. Visiting both the Kings Head & Kings Arms. Buses depart for Horsham hourly at 58 past the hour for Malt Shovel (GBG) or / and Anchor Tap (Dark Star).

**Wednesday 23 Brighton;** Meet Quadrant from 11.30 onwards. Choice of pubs to visit to be decided on the day by the participants.



### December

**Friday 2 Staplefield, Cuckfield & Haywards Heath;** 9.58 Metrobus 271 from Old Steine Brighton OR 10.57 from Perrymount Road Haywards Heath to Jolly Tanners (GBG) arr 11.12. Then 12.19 to Cuckfield for Rose & Crown / Talbot / WHeatsheaf. Then 14.41 Metrobus 89 to Haywards Heath for Lockhart Tavern (Dark Star).

**Friday 9 West Marden & Chichester;** Meet at Chichester bus station (front lay-by opp rail station & Foundry ph) for 10.55 Emsworth &



District 54 to West Marden for Victoria (GBG)  
Christmas Ales Festival on the day. Return to  
Chichester at 14.59 for Chichester Inn (GBG)  
(bring CAMRA membership cards ) and Dolphin &  
Anchor (w/sp).

**Thursday 15 Laughton & Lewes;** Meet 11.30  
at John Harvey Tavern then 12.20 Compass 143 to  
Laughton for Roebuck. Return to Lewes at 14.35  
for Snowdrop (GBG) and other good pubs in  
search of Harveys Christmas Ale.

**Thursday 22 Worthing;** Meet Brooksteed (GBG  
& Sussex PotY) at noon. Then somewhat later  
Anchored (GBG) and other good pubs.

**Thursday 29 Shoreham;** Meet Piston Broke at  
11.30 then onwards to Old Star (GBG) and Duke  
of Wellington (GBG).



## COMPASS TRAVEL January

**Thursday 5 Lewes;** Meet Swan ( Southover High  
St ) at noon, then on to the Kings Head and a crawl  
round some of the pubs we rarely visit.

**Thursday 12 Petworth & Byworth;** Either  
11.05 Stagecoach 1 from South St Worthing OR  
10.45 Compass 99 from West St Chichester to  
Petworth square for a short walk to Stonemasons  
Inn (GBG). Return to the square for bus to  
Byworth for Black Horse (GBG).

**Thursday 19 Brighton;** meet Mike J at noon at  
Waggon & Horses for an interesting crawl to  
some of the Brighton pubs not often visited.

**Wednesday 25 Newdigate;** 12.15 Metrobus 21  
from Crawley bus station (stop H) to Parkgate  
(Newdigate) for Surrey Oaks (GBG & East Surrey  
PotY). Return to Crawley at 14.21 for Brewery  
Shades (GBG).



## METROBUS February

**Thursday 2 Steyning & Lancing;** 11.55 B&H 2  
from Shoreham High St to Steyning for Norfolk  
Arms (GBG), return to Shoreham at 13.40 then  
catch a Stagecoach 700 to Lancing and walk up to  
Stanley Ale House (GBG).

**Wednesday 8 Newhaven & Rottingdean;**  
Meet Alan at Lewes Bus Station for 11.05

Compass 123 to Newhaven for Hope (GBG) then  
on to Jolly Boatman. Then catch B&H 12 to  
Rottingdean for Queen Victoria (GBG).

**Thursday 16 Horsham;** Meet Maltshovel (GBG)  
at noon, then on to Piries Bar (GBG) and Anchor  
Tap (Dark Star).

**Friday 24 Littlehampton;** Meet George (w/sp)  
at noon then a walkabout. Pubs to be visited to be  
decided on the day by the participants.

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being planned months in advance, bus time  
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## The Sussex Breweries Pages

Information here is generally supplied by the Brewery Liaison Officers (BLO) named at the end of each report. The Brewery Liaison Coordinator for London & South East Area is Peter Page-Mitchell. This report is compiled and edited by Peter Adams, Deputy Brewery Liaison Coordinator for Sussex.

### 1648

East Hoathly, 01825 840830.  
[www.1648brewing.co.uk](http://www.1648brewing.co.uk)  
 The Brewery's regular beers **Signature** (4.4%) and **Triple Champion** (4.0%) are still selling well this year. We are extremely proud of our **Sacred Solstice** (4.3%) winning the bronze award at the SIBA Festival this year, so look out for the darker version **Winter Solstice** (4.3%) that is brewed with smoked barley and a hint of ginger spice in the background. The ever popular and full bodied **Warrant Porter** (4.8%), with a gentle hint of rye, is back to be enjoyed as the colder nights draw in. The brewery also has a new arrival of Champagne yeast which will go into a new, as yet unnamed, brew which is planned for launch towards the end of next February.

**BLO David Platt**

### 360°

Sheffield Park, 01825 722375.  
[www.360degreebrewing.com](http://www.360degreebrewing.com)  
**BLO Jason Phillips**

### ADUR

Steyning, 01903 867614.  
[www.adurbrewery.com](http://www.adurbrewery.com)  
 No changes for the Adur Brewery, beers are still selling well at the usual outlets and at the Steyning and



Shoreham Farmers' Markets. As a co-operative we are always looking forward to new members joining the team in a variety of roles. The recent beer festival at Steyning Cricket Club was a resounding success, thanks to all who came and participated.

**BLO Nigel Watson**

### ALEHOUSE & KITCHEN

Worthing, 01903 238392.  
 Richard, the manager of the Alehouse and Kitchen, has recently left and his replacement has not been in contact despite our efforts. The brewery remains active but we are unaware of its specific plans at this time.

**BLO Tim Walker**

### ARUNDEL

Ford, nr Arundel, 01903 733111.  
[www.arundelbrewery.co.uk](http://www.arundelbrewery.co.uk)  
 The brewery appointed a second brewer in July, Brenden Quinn, who made a name for himself with speciality beers at London craft breweries Gipsy Hill and Fourpure, a role which he will be able to develop further at Arundel. Brenden joins Paul Williams at the mash tun; Paul's expertise having helped the brewery to get where it is today. Recent 'specials' have included **Big Love**, a

raspberry wheat beer, and a coffee milk stout (both 5% ABV), while the collaborations have continued with two Brighton-based operations. Bison Beer Crafthouse used the brewery's kit for its **DIPA** (8.5% ABV with orange zest), while the Lost and Found Microbrewery used it for **Golden Pale Ale** (GPA) and a super-hoppy **American Pale Ale** (APA). The brewery is currently working on refinements to its best-selling **Sussex Gold**, having brewed some in the summer using the original yeast strain. The next new beer will be Brenden's **Session IPA**, the first of a planned range of 'hop-forward' brews. The forthcoming seasonal beer, **Autumn Breeze** (5% ABV), will be a pumpkin based ale available from mid October, with the mighty **Barley Wine** (10% ABV) aged in wooden whisky barrels again available at Christmas in very limited quantities.

**BLO Jeff Vinter**

### ASHDOWN ALES

Withyham, 01892 770532  
[greatbeers@ashdownales.co.uk](mailto:greatbeers@ashdownales.co.uk)  
**BLO Jason Phillips**

### BALLARD'S

Nyewood, 01730 821362.  
[www.ballards-brewery.co.uk](http://www.ballards-brewery.co.uk)  
**BLO Barry Woodward**

### BARTLEBYS

Brighton, 01273 275012  
[info@bartlebysbrewery.com](mailto:info@bartlebysbrewery.com)  
**BLO Allen White**

### BEACHY HEAD

East Dean, 01323 423313.  
[www.beachyhead.org.uk](http://www.beachyhead.org.uk)  
 The brewery continues to remain busy even in these uncertain and challenging times. The **Parson's Porter** is gaining in popularity as it becomes available in more outlets. The recent very successful Eastbourne beer festival was helped out by Roger the brewer coming to the rescue when ale was not delivered by a couple of other microbreweries. As

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the Beachy Head sheep centre, (where the brewery is situated), has closed, an auction is to be held for the livestock. The brewery will provide a bar for this event. Unfortunately the annual bonfire celebrations at East Dean have been cancelled this year. As the brewery always provides the bar many people will be deprived the extra chance of sampling Beachy Head ales. Everything is now ready for the open day at the end of October and a new strong bitter is planned to be brewed by the end of the year.

**BLO Tony Harman**

## BEDLAM

Albourne, 01273 978015.

[www.bedlambrewery.co.uk](http://www.bedlambrewery.co.uk)

In the usual merry-go-round of breweries, the young and talented brewer Horacio was tempted away to Brewdog. (He was sent with a few layers of Bedlam T shirts to survive the Aberdeenshire winter).

Meanwhile, the not so young Paul, the former Headmaster from Dark Star, turned up at Bedlam and has refused to leave - the brewery are offering a prize for the best suggestion of what they can do with him.

Meanwhile, the proudly obsessive Head Brewer, Fabio impressed groups of brewery visitors from the nearby Hurst Festival with his ability to talk without taking a breath about the science of malting, hop growing and brewing.

Bedlam's harvest ale, 4.4% **Pilgrim** was brewed and sold in record time.

The purpose of this green hop beer is to help the brewing team to top up their tan as they harvest the Sussex and Pilgrim hops from their own vines on the Albourne Estate, the fact that it's been very well received by beer lovers has been a bonus.

**BLO Peter Mitchell**

## BEERCRAFT

Hove

[www.beercraftbrighton.co.uk](http://www.beercraftbrighton.co.uk)

Local bars have been 'gypsy brewing' over the summer on the pilot kit to

produce beers that represented their bars. Involved were Brighton Beer Dispensary, Black Dove and Brew Dog Brighton. The brewery can now concentrate on brewing more of their own beers again and will be focusing on some darker styles over the winter with some Belgian and German ales. Recent brews included a Green Hop Pale made with fresh picked Fuggles hops from a Hove garden and a Breakfast Stout using Small Batch coffee beans.

**BLO Peter Mitchell**

## BEER ME

Eastbourne, Belgian Café. 01323 729967.

The winter seasonal, **beer.me IPA** will be available from November. There will also be Christmas beer this year, which has been maturing away since September.

**BLO Scott O'Rourke**

## BLACK CAT

Framfield, Uckfield.

[www.blackcat-brewery.com](http://www.blackcat-brewery.com)

Black Cat have just installed two new fermenters to double output to meet current demand and to offer their complete range of beers all year. They also provide the opportunity to make seasonal ales and experiment with new recipes. The order has been placed for the 10-barrel plant which will increase output four-fold from the end of January. Black Cat beer was invited to the Great British Beer Festival for the first time this year, has featured at many local beer festivals and was particularly delighted to win both the Premium Strong Ale category and overall champion at the SIBA South East Region Beer Competition 2016.

**BLO John Packer**

## BRICK HOUSE

Patcham, Brighton.

[brickhousebrewingco@gmail.com](mailto:brickhousebrewingco@gmail.com)

There is nothing new to report on this brewery.

**BLO TBC**

## BRIGHTON BIER

[www.brightonbier.com](http://www.brightonbier.com)

**BLO James Eddleston**

## BURNING SKY

Fire, 01273 858080.

[www.burningskybeer.com](http://www.burningskybeer.com)

The run down barn next door to the brewery has now been beautifully restored and will be used as a dedicated barrel store used for aging various beers.

The cask 4.8% **Porter** will be available once again from November to January.

A number of bottled conditioned bottles will be available around Christmas, including a very small release of the **Imperial Stout** that has been ageing in Oak since April; A **Saison Reserve** aged on gooseberries and a special release blended **Saison** that has been aged for two years in white wine barrels.

A 3.5% **Saison** that has been aged in white wine barrels will be available in keg later this year or early next year.

**BLO Ruth Anderson**

## CROOKED BROOK

Cophorne, 07595 262247

[www.crookedbrook.co.uk](http://www.crookedbrook.co.uk)

In September, Simon and Juha decided to sell the brewery. More details on their website. Anyone interested should contact [info@crookedbrook.co.uk](mailto:info@crookedbrook.co.uk)

**BLO TBC**

## DARK STAR

Partridge Green, 01403 713085.

[www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk](http://www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk)

This year's Hopfest took place over the first weekend in October and raised several thousand pounds for The Dark Star Foundation. Thanks to all who played at, cooked at, served beer at and of course attended for making it a great weekend. Keeping with the music theme, we shall be welcoming the super talented Jarrod Dickenson to play at the brewery in March, fresh from supporting The Waterboys and Bonnie Raitt. More



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info on that can be found on the Dark Star website.

Meanwhile, aside from festival organising, the test brewing kit has been in full flow, working on some new additions for the 2017 beer line-up, as well as the brewing team debating which favourites we keep on the brewing schedule – I would like to say it was a series of meetings resulting in an answer, but it was more like a series of friendly squabbles resulting in compromise. For the remainder of this year, we shall be brewing **Crème Brûlée**, **Winter Solstice** and **Imperial Stout** alongside our permanent brews. The report would not be complete without wishing our outgoing MD, Paul Reed, all the very best as he retires from the business to no doubt spend more time with the grandkids. His leaving party was attended by a vast amount of people including current and past employees as well as a few brewers.

**BLO Clive Watson**

## DOWNLANDS

Small Dole, 01273 495596.  
www.downlandsbrewery.com  
**BLO Roger Coton**

## EWHURST ALES

Ewhurst Green, 01580 830049.  
www.ewhurstales.com  
Regrettably nothing to report, as despite a number of attempts to contact the brewery, there has been no response.

**BLO Kris Cymer**

## FILLO

Hastings, 01424 420212.  
www.filobrewing.co.uk  
With the festive season approaching, FIlO's **Our Auld Ale** (6.5%) and **Cardinal** (4.6%) will be making a welcome return to supplement the regular beers; **Churches Pale**, **Crofters Gold** and **Old Town Tom**, which remain as popular as ever in various pubs throughout Sussex & Kent.

**BLO Bill Turner**

## FIREBIRD

Rudgwick, 01403 823180.  
www.firebirdbrewing.co.uk  
The latest two beers to be launched were **Harvest Ale**, 4.5% ABV (cask) brewed with green hops and **Firefest Marzen**, 5.5% ABV (craft keg and bottle), a Bavarian style amber lager - ready for the Oktoberfest season. The recent Big Nibble event held in Horsham Carfax was a great success. The next event is the Winter Brew Fest to be held at the brewery on Saturday November 26. The day will include beer tasting, live music, food and a bouncy castle for accompanied youngsters. **Christmas Ale** 6.5% ABV made with English malts will be available in bottle for the first time this year and launched at the Brewfest. This season's **Old Ale**, 4.5% ABV in both cask and bottle, plus all the regular ales will be available to purchase in the well stocked shop, there will be the usual Christmas offers on the day. All are welcome. The much awaited bar is now complete, it is spacious and comfortable and is complemented by a juke box and table football. The brewery now has extended opening times at weekends. Check Facebook for details. For craft ale enthusiasts Firebird will have a market stall on the two Saturdays in the run up to Christmas again in the Carfax in Horsham. For rugby fans the brewery will be showing all big matches of the Six Nations from Saturday 4th February 2017, beer and Rugby - what's not to like? Details and times of all events will be available on the brewery Facebook page.

**BLO Roger Tofts**

## FRANKLINS

Bexhill, 01424 731066.  
www.franklinsbrewery.co.uk  
The brewery is moving to new premises in Ringmer where they will be installing a bottling plant. Until then there is little to report, but watch out for further announcements.

**BLO Mac McCutcheon**

## GOLDMARK

Poling, nr Arundel, 01903 297838 / 07900 555415. www.goldmarks.co.uk  
Goldmark have fitted a sixth 2300 litre fermenter to meet demand. **Vertigo Pilsner** continues to grow in sales and will be available in cans for Christmas. The beer is brewed and canned in the brewery. Mark has brewed some new beers to add to the canned range available from the website, **Humbucker Double APA** 8.5% ABV and **Mosh Pit IPA** 5.6% ABV add to the #BeersThatRock range. **Black Lion Porter** 4.8% ABV is back for the winter together with **Secret Santa** 4.6% ABV. Pubs are advised to pre-order as these sold out well before Christmas last year  
**BLO Jim Waterston**

## GOLDSTONE

Ditchling, 01444 257053 / 07748 153735.  
**Amarillo** (4.5% ABV) and **Ruddy Duck** (4.1% ABV) have been ordered for the sixth CAMRA Real Ale & Cider Festival at the Spa Valley Railway based in Tunbridge Wells, taking place in October. Seacider production is still dominating the company.  
**BLO Paul Free**

## GREYHOUND

Smock Alley, West Chiltington, 07973 625510  
www.greyhoundbrewery.co.uk  
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Thanks to all that came to visit the brewery's bar at this year's CAMRA Worthing beer festival, in October at the new venue, where brewery bars were set up for the first time. There was good feedback, the brewery did well and the team enjoyed talking to customers about their beers. The brewery was delighted when **Amber Eyes Golden Ale** won Overall Beer of the Festival.  
Core beers: **Blonde Bird Golden**



**Pale Ale** 3.9%ABV; **Amber Eyes Golden Ale** 4.2%ABV; **Good Ordinary Bitter** 3.8%ABV; **B-46 Dark Amber Ale** 4.6%ABV; Seasonal: July to October **Tree Frog Hoppy Pale Ale** 4.9%ABV. Available from the end of October: **Booster American Brown Ale** 4.4%ABV; **Blackbird Porter** 5.4%ABV; **Rainbow Eyes Copper Ale** 5.2%ABV, through the autumn with further new beers planned for the end of the year.  
**BLO Ray Pilkington**

## GRIBBLE

The Gribble Inn, Oving, 01243 786893. [www.gribbleinn.co.uk](http://www.gribbleinn.co.uk)  
Gribble Brewery continues to flourish with a new beer for Christmas in development. Plans for a new fruit beer were aborted, however. Both the **Sussex Quadhopper** (4%ABV) and **Pig's Ear** (6%ABV) appeared at the Nottingham Robin Hood Beer and Cider Festival in October.  
**BLO Chris Wright**

## GUN

Hawthush Farm, Gun Hill, Heathfield, 07900 683355.  
[beer@gunbrewery.co.uk](mailto:beer@gunbrewery.co.uk)  
Two new beers have now joined the permanent range: **Velo Dog Strong Pale** (5.5%ABV) brewed using pale malts and a mix of U.K. and U.S. hops and **Base Ejection Smoked Rye** (4.7%ABV) which uses German beech smoked malt to give a subtle smokiness that combines with the spiciness from the rye.  
A limited edition beer, a Sorachi / Simcoe **Double IPA** (7.4%ABV) is currently available in key kegs only. The brewery's trading area continues to expand and now includes regular deliveries to London.  
**BLO Steve Obey**

## HAMMERPOT

Poling, nr Arundel, 01903 883338. [www.hammerpot-brewery.co.uk](http://www.hammerpot-brewery.co.uk)  
Good times at Hammerpot, with new blood added to the sales and

distribution team and production close to its all time high. As ever Lee's head is full of development plans that await the right opportunity, but the team was very pleased with its appearance at the newly created brewer stands at the Worthing Beer Festival and the opportunity to showcase its latest creations, the highlight probably being the 5%ABV **RIPA**, and to further its mission to get all of Worthing writing with Hammerpot pens! 2017 looks bright for the Vinery!  
**BLO Tim Walker**

## HARVEYS

Lewes, 01273 480209. [www.harveys.org.uk](http://www.harveys.org.uk)  
Harvey's have reintroduced the apostrophe to their name. This coincided with the rebrand, which included new pump clips whilst still retaining some tradition including the wonderful Sussex phrase 'won't be druv'.  
The brewery collected a number of accolades at the 2016 World Beer Awards, including 'World's best strong porter' for the **Prince of Denmark**; UK's best bitter over 5% for **Tom PAINE**; UK's best pale barley wine for **Elizabethan Ale**; UK's best porter for **1859 Porter** and the UK gold medal for the **Lewes Castle Brown Ale**. Well done, thoroughly deserved!  
As I am sure most of you will be aware, Harvey's have reintroduced keg beer, last available in 2000. **Gold Bier** (4%) and **Malt Brown** (4.8%) are now available on keg and in a can. A third beer **Black Stout** (4.8%) will also be available on keg in the near future. **Sussex Best Bitter** is also available in a can and is proving very popular in the Harvey's shop!  
The **Sussex Champion** beer, brewed using only Andrew Hoad's 'Sussex hop' from Salehurst in Sussex is now available in a bottle from the brewery shop.  
**BLO Ruth Anderson**

## HASTINGS BEER CO

St Leonards-on-Sea, 01424 572050 / 07708 259342..  
[www.hastingsbrewery.co.uk](http://www.hastingsbrewery.co.uk)  
There is still no news of the re-commencement of brewing.  
**BLO Peter Page-Mitchell**

## HEATHEN BREWERS

Haywards Heath, 01444 456217 / 07825 429428.  
[www.heathenbrewers.co.uk](http://www.heathenbrewers.co.uk)  
Award winning **Hoppler Effect** made an appearance at the Eastbourne beer festival and the collaboration brews with Top Notch went down very well at the September celebrations of the 175th anniversary of the railway coming to Haywards Heath. Bottles of the 7.5% **Aged Chuffer** smoked ale are available from the Grape & Grain in the town and will be ready for drinking by Christmas.  
One of the Heathens visited namesake US brewers Heathen Brewing in Vancouver, Washington State, receiving a very friendly welcome from the American tribe. A 'Double Heathen' collaboration brew is under discussion. Other new beers include **Heathen Marmalade**, a 5.8% bitter made with, er, marmalade.  
**BLO Ruth Anderson**

## HEPWORTH

Horsham, 01403 269696.  
[www.hepworthbrewery.co.uk](http://www.hepworthbrewery.co.uk)  
The brewery is now fully up and running at the impressive new Adversane site. Finishing touches are being put to the Brewery shop which should be opening in time for the Christmas period, although this will initially only be on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The visitor centre with bar is also nearing completion and should be open for visits in the New Year.  
The new site includes separate plant for Goodwood Estates, Laine's and Beer Counter (Ridgeway) Breweries who should all be brewing soon. This will free up some capacity on the Hepworth plant, currently used for



contract brewing, to be used on their own products.

Most of the plant in Hepworth's Brewery is presently that from the Horsham site, but there is to be a new steel masher and some conditioning tanks are to be replaced. It is also planned to add another bottling line to the existing facility. Cask sales have increased slightly over the last few months. **Daws IPA** is now permanently available as a keg and bottle conditioned product, and will occasionally appear in a cask version. The current seasonal ale is **Red Export**, and **Old Ale** is due to be launched in November and available through to March. There will also be the spiced **Christmas Cracker** at 4.8% ABV for the festive season.

**BLO Chris Stringer**

## HIGH WEALD

East Grinstead, 07836 291430.  
andy@highwealdbrewery.co.uk  
The summer has been a time of consolidation at High Weald with a move to a larger unit on the same premises and continued promotion of the four core beers through markets, free houses and other outlets over an increasingly wide area. The beers have also featured at festivals ranging from small village events up to the very large CAMRA Nottingham festival where they vied with over 1200 other cask ales. Membership of SIBA's BeerFlex scheme has helped to get High Weald beers into a larger range of pubs.

**BLO Jonathan Samways**

## HOP YARD

Forest Row, 07769 313410.  
raphy@hopyardbrewing.co.uk  
No new developments to report this quarter. Golden Ale (5.0% ABV) continues in full production, using plant at the Westerham Brewery and is supplied to local outlets. The Forest Row 100-litre plant is used for the bottle-conditioned version and test brews. The busy bar and shop are

open seven days a week and offer a range of beers, most of which are not locally available elsewhere, along with ciders.

**BLO John Quick**

## HURST

Hurstpierpoint, 07866 438953.  
www.hurstbrewery.co.uk  
Regrettably nothing to report, as despite a number of e-mails and phone calls to the brewery, there has been no response.

**BLO Steve Floor**

## ISFIELD

Framfield, 01825 750633 / 07803 716758.  
enquiries@isfieldbrewing.co.uk.  
After a good summer **Ethel Red**, (4.4% ABV), is now available up until Christmas or into the New Year depending on demand. The first batch of **Flapjack Oatmeal Stout**, (5.3% ABV), was brewed last month and after its six week maturation period will be available from early-mid December and on sale throughout the winter. Get your orders in early to avoid disappointment

**BLO TBC**

## KEMPTOWN

Brighton, 07967 681203  
garysillence@hotmail.co.uk  
**BLO Keith Newell**

## KILN

Burgess Hill, 07800 556729.  
www.thekilnbrewery.co.uk  
Alongside the already established **Boardwalk**, **Brewlin Rouge** and **Bricks and Porter**, there two new brews; one is the recently released **Mischief Maker** which is a hoppy red ale (3.8% ANV) which is getting good reviews, the other beer is being released on 1st November, **Slide Away**, described as a juicy west coast pale ale (4% ABV.) Bricks and Porter won the Sussex Micro Beer of the Festival at October's Eastbourne Beer Festival.

**BLO Paul Free**

## KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding, 01403 891335  
www.kissingate.co.uk  
Kissingate's October Festival was another huge success despite some heavy showers early in the day. Visitors from near and far enjoying the late afternoon sun included a delegation from Isle of Man CAMRA Branch. A total of 14 beers were on offer throughout the day including new collaboration beer **Hop Collider** 4.0% ABV and Kissingate's **Green Hop** 5.5% ABV. Gary said he was particularly grateful to CAMRA members who harvested hops from their gardens for this year's green hop brew. The Hope in Carshalton (CAMRA London Pub of the Year 2016 winner) ordered a one-off special beer **Smoked Out Stout** 5.0% ABV which showcased alongside a Windsor & Eton brew at their award winners' presentation night. Kissingate will also provide five special beers for the Pigs Ear Beer Festival which will be held in late November. There are two new beers ready for launching before the year is out. One will be **Black Cherry Mild En Plus** 6.5% ABV. The other is a closely guarded secret. The production of core beers remains at full stretch as always. The next big brewery event is Kissingate's Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday 17th December, 11am to 8pm, no tickets required. Information can be found on the brewery website 'Events' page.

**BLO Roy Bray**

## KITCHEN GARDEN

Sheffield Park, 01825 790775  
www.kitchengardenbrewery.co.uk  
**BLO Jason Phillips**

## LAINÉ

The North Laine, Brighton, 01273 683666.  
www.drinkinbrighton.co.uk/north-laine  
The brewery underwent a re-launch at the end of September, with a new name – Laine Brew Co; a new brewery capable of producing 40,000

pints per week and six new beers. The six new beers are: **Bestest**, a 4.3% cask bitter made using British hops; **Double Golden Ale**, a 4% cask ale made with US hops; **Source Pale Ale**, a 4.1% keg everyday beer; **Ripper Session IPA**, a 4.9% hoppy keg; **Neon Angel**, an ever-changing range of keg beers, high in alcohol and hops, the current version is a 9.2% double IPA; **Word**, a 4.4% real lager; **Revelator**, a 5.9% keg full on IPA and **Twisted Lips**, a series of sour beers. The current version is a 4.1% **Tropical Sour**.  
**BLO Ruth Anderson**

## LANGHAM

Lodsworth, 01798 860861.  
[www.langhambrewery.co.uk](http://www.langhambrewery.co.uk)  
Busy times up at Lodsworth, the two new fermenters are now in use alongside a new conditioning tank ready for the keg plant. The new seasonal beer is **Autumn Ale** 4.4% ABV, a smooth reddish amber with a subtle honeyed finish. **Decennium** 4.0% ABV is blond and zesty and still selling well.  
**BLO Peter Luff**

## LISTER'S

Ford, 01903 885950 / 07775 853412.  
[www.listersbrewery.com](http://www.listersbrewery.com)  
This month sees the beginning of a very special partnership for Lister's with Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. In honour of the brewery's namesake, pet dog Lister, they will be donating 5p from every pint and every bottle to Battersea. New packaging promoting the partnership is hitting pumps and shelves now. There will be more exciting news about this in the coming months, so watch this space. Lister's range of beers continues to be available up and down the country with new wholesalers on board in Kent and the Midlands as well as continually expanding the local market.  
**BLO Glenn Johnson**

## LITTLEHAMPTON

The Brewery appears to have ceased

trading.

## LONG MAN

Litlington, 01323 871850 / 07976 777992.  
[www.longmanbrewery.com](http://www.longmanbrewery.com)  
The brewery was delighted with QUADRUPLE success in the World Beer Awards: **Best Bitter**: United Kingdom's Best Bitter up to 4%. **APA**: United Kingdom's Best Pale Ale. **Old Man**: United Kingdom Silver, Mild Dark Ale. **Long Blonde**: United Kingdom Silver, Golden Ale.  
**Scary Man** is back! This popular dark seasonal makes its annual return for October. **Inn Keeper** will make its second appearance as a December guest beer. After a successful debut in 2015 this fruity winter warmer returns for its second seasonal slot. The brewery wishes a fond farewell to their drayman Richard Flowers.  
**BLO Scott O'Rourke**

## OLD PRENTONIAN

Sompting, 07708 690237.  
All good at OPB, the small but elegantly formed web site is now live as above.  
They had beer in the Worthing beer festival and are supplying The King's Arms in Arundel for a meet the brewer type event in November. Apart from that, focus is on continuing to try and grow, get more suppliers etc. They are also considering whether a venture into the micropub/brewpub market would be viable.  
**BLO Tim Walker**

## OLD TREE

Brighton, 07413 064346.  
Preston Barracks, Lewes Road, Brighton.  
Old Tree are soon to be launching their **Kefir Beer**, probiotic beer which will be one of their three main drinks as soon as it's finished. They also have Blackberry and Apple Mead (Melomel), an ancient mead brewed with raw Callune Honey and wild yeast. All are available at Silo, Gardner Street, Brighton and their BrewHouse

Cafe at Field, Preston Barracks, Lewes Road, Brighton. Ebulis, their elderflower bubbly is now infused with sea-buckthorn berries giving it an extra fruitiness and bright orange colour as the leaves on the trees start to fall. They are soon to depart on the biggest Old Tree Apple scrumping adventure yet, aiming to harvest 2500 litres of juice from small orchards that would otherwise go unharvested.  
**BLO Andrew Coleman**

## PELLS BREWING CO-OP

The Elephant and Castle, Lewes.  
**BLO TBC**

## POLARITY

Worthing, 07872 105300  
[www.polaritybrewing.co.uk](http://www.polaritybrewing.co.uk)  
Polarity Brewing are now up and running having launched their first beer **Rosetta's Comet IPA** at Worthing Beer Festival, which sold out before the close. Currently they are 'cuckoo brewing' at Riverside, who have been kind enough to accommodate them until they have their own set up and premises. They are working on their second beer which will be a Traditional English Ale (T.E.A.) with an orange twist and also have a Smoked Wheat Bier and a darker ale in the pipeline for the new year, so watch this space!  
**BLO Gemma Mackay**

## PIN UP

Southwick, 01273 411127.  
[www.pinupbrewingco.com](http://www.pinupbrewingco.com)  
Ten members of the Brighton & South Downs Branch visited the brewery in September and were given a look-round by Jonny Booth, the brewer. They saw the new mezzanine floor and fermenting vessel for the new key kegs that the brewery is filling. The brewery continues to prosper with a mixture of craft and cask beers, with bottling due to be brought in-house soon. Outside bars at music festivals continue to be a profitable outlet for their beers.  
**BLO Adrian Towler**

## RECTORY

Street, 01273 890570.

**BLO TBC**

## RIVERSIDE

Unit 6, Beeding Court Business Park, Shoreham Road, Upper Beeding, West Sussex, BN44 3TN, 01903 898030

[www.riversidebreweryltd.co.uk](http://www.riversidebreweryltd.co.uk)

The brewery provided four casks of ale at the Riverfest festival in Shoreham over the August bank holiday weekend, which all sold out on the Saturday. As the brewery is only a few miles up the road they were able to restock for the Sunday and Monday sessions. The first batch of Mead has now been bubbling away nicely since the start of August and should be ready by the end of October. **Leaping Lord**, 6.65% ABV, will be the dark winter seasonal beer. It has been racked and is slightly spiced, mmmm the smell of Christmas, again it will be ready by the end of October. Riverside have entered into an agreement with the guys from Polarity Brewing who are using their brew kit and premises until they are fully up and running with their own. Their first beer an IPA, Rosetta's Comet is conditioning in the Riverside warm room and was launched at the Worthing Beer Festival, where the last cask of Riverside's **Rambling Monarch**, their summer seasonal beer was available..... *Last of the Summer Beer*, maybe a TV opportunity.

**BLO Phil Boiling**

## ROTHER VALLEY

Northiam, 01797 252922 / 07798 877551.

[www.rothervalleybrewery.co.uk](http://www.rothervalleybrewery.co.uk)

[sales@rothervalleybrewery.co.uk](mailto:sales@rothervalleybrewery.co.uk)  
A new winter ale will be available in November and December called **In Excelsis**. This is a 6.0% ABV strong fruit beer. Next year another of the Hop Resurrection series is being planned, more details to follow.

**BLO Dawn Lincoln**

## THREE LEGS

Udimore Road, Brede, East Sussex  
[thethreelegs.co.uk](http://thethreelegs.co.uk) info@  
[thethreelegs.co.uk](http://thethreelegs.co.uk)

Sales of all beers remain very good, both to pubs and from the Brewery Tap at the brewery and brewing remains at full capacity. The seating layout at the Brewery Tap has been changed for the winter, to provide some cover. A log burner has also been installed to keep customers warm and cosy during the colder months.

Two special bottled beers are currently available, **Foreign Extra Stout**, 6.6% ABV and **Wheat**, 4.7% ABV that has been aged in Chardonnay wine barrels. Both are selling very well, but might last until Christmas. However, to be sure of trying one of these, it would be best to get there soon.

**BLO Peter Harrison**

## TOP NOTCH

Haywards Heath, 07963 829368.

[www.topnotchbrewing.co.uk](http://www.topnotchbrewing.co.uk)

Having promised to re-brew **Mayday**

**Oatmeal Red**, 4.3% ABV, it proved to be a popular decision, selling out early in the lunchtime Saturday session of the Eastbourne Beer Festival.

**Risky Shift** 4.8% ABV hoptimised pale ale appeared at Worthing Beer Festival. Five U.S. hops; Chinook, Mosaic, Centennial, Citra and Simcoe added in six different hop additions to create the perfect hop profile!

The brewery is hoping to announce some interesting collaborations over the winter/spring period and is looking forward to being a regular supplier to Dark Star's Lockhart Tavern in Haywards Heath over the coming months.

**BLO Keith Newell**

## TWO TRIBES

Horsham, 01403 272102

[www.twotribesbrewing.com](http://www.twotribesbrewing.com)

[unbarredbrewery@gmail.com](mailto:unbarredbrewery@gmail.com)

A slightly tweaked version of **Jago IPA** at 4.2% ABV, named after Head

Brewer Jordan's new son, is now permanently available in cask. A 5% Rye IPA will also be available in the autumn, along with a 5% White IPA flavoured with bitter orange for Christmas.

In their keg and can range, **Session IPA** won Best Innovation in Beer at the recent Beer Marketing Awards, and their new **Island Records Jamaican Porter**, at 6.2% ABV, infused with coconut, rum and vanilla, is particularly worth trying.

**BLO Mike Head**

## UNBARRED

Hove, 07850 070471.

[www.unbarredbrewery.com](http://www.unbarredbrewery.com)

Jordan's latest beer was a White IPA that went down a treat at the Watchmakers Arms in Hove. For Christmas there will be 200 bottles of **Brighton Strong**, a 7.8% ABV Belgian style strong ale infused with honey. Bison and Quaff in Brighton are likely stockists.

**BLO Mike Head**

## WELTONS

Horsham, 01403 242901.

[www.weltonsbeer.co.uk](http://www.weltonsbeer.co.uk)

Weltons is now the largest producer of real ale in Horsham. The bar in the brewery is finished now and there will be regular monthly Friday evening drinking sessions. There will be more brewery events and the brewery will be open for off sales on Saturdays, see website for details. New beers include an All Black PA with New Zealand hops and beers brewed to enjoy while watching Rugby, such as Golden Taf, Azuri, Gold, Le Coq, English Pride, 4.9% Red Rose Mild, Tamashanta Scotch Ale in 80/- style and Tipperary Stout. Look out for a beer in March brewed for WWI and WW2 hero Ira Jones. The whisky rye beer and the Dr Frenches Old Remedy Porter, both around at 8.2% are aging nicely. Ray Welton reports that the free of beer tie legislation recently introduced is starting to work for small brewers.

**BLO Nigel Bullen**





# CIDER HOUSE NOTES

As we come into the new season, and during Cider and Perry Month (October), we can welcome in the new Regional Cider Coordinator for Surrey and Sussex, Paul Sanders, who was confirmed in post on Friday 7th October at the last APPLE meeting.

If the next Regional Cider Competition is held next March, at the next Sussex Branches Beer and Cider Festival (yet to be confirmed, but rumoured to be taking place 23-25 March), it will be his task to coordinate it, so please give him all the support that he needs to make it happen and run smoothly.

To this end, I am listing here all the cidemakers that I know of in Surrey and Sussex and would ask everyone to let him know of any amendments or additions to this list. To contact him, email [paul.s.sanders@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.s.sanders@btinternet.com)

- Appledram, W. Sussex (winding down on production prior to retirement!)
- Battle Cider, E. Sussex (not heard of/from for a while)
- Bignose and Beardy, E. Sussex
- Black Pig Orchards Cyder and Perry, W. Sussex
- Dreyman's Cider, W. Sussex
- Hunts of Sedlescombe, E. Sussex (mainly bottled)
- JB Cider, W. Sussex
- Oakwood Organic Cider and Perry, E. Sussex
- Pookhill Cider, E. Sussex
- Portslade Wild Thing, E. Sussex
- Seacider, W. Sussex
- Silly Moo Cider, Trenchmore Farm, W. Sussex
- Slugbite cider (aka Hurst Brewery's cider),

E. Sussex

- South Downs Cider, E. Sussex
- Sunny Jim Cider, W. Sussex (but made in Surrey)
- Uncle Stoat's Handcrafted Sussex Cyder, E. Sussex
- Village Green Cider, W. Sussex
- Wobblegate Cider, W. Sussex
- Surrey Garden Cider Company, Surrey
- Vachery Cider Company, Surrey
- Old Rudgwick Cider Society (ORCS), W. Sussex, a community orchard production.

There are also a few very small producers about, but as they keep changing I have not included them here; quite often they only produce for their own use anyway.

The number of cidemakers in Surrey and Sussex has risen dramatically over the 10 years or so that I was RCC; I think there were only about 6 in total in 2005. This seems to be echoed in the number of breweries and microbreweries starting up all over the place too.

On a separate note, John Batcheldor of JB cider has been ill recently, and currently on treatment for cancer of the colon; he would like to express many thanks for the labours of everyone in picking apples for him over the last couple of weekends, especially Ursula and her team and Paul Rickard and his team. North Sussex Branch will be helping out in the orchard on the 23rd October, too.

Date for your diary: Wassail at White Horse, Maplehurst, 7.30pm then on to JB's orchard, Saturday 7th Jan 2017.

**Jackie Johnson**





# PRESSING NEWS

Hello, my name is Paul Sanders and I'm the new Regional Cider Coordinator for Surrey and Sussex (RCC). I have volunteered to take over the role from Jackie Johnson, and I thank her for all her hard work over the years.

For those of you who do not know me I am the Chairman of the North Sussex branch. I live in Crawley, which places me right in the middle of the region. I have to confess to not being an expert on cider and perry, but I am willing to learn! I have a feeling there are some members out there who will make my education happen, OK I'm hoping.

I intend to make these reports both informational, and I hope educational, as I intend to let you know what I learn about cider,

as much as what is happening in our cider and perry world. I will try to not preach to the converted or train you to suck eggs, however I feel that a lot of real ale drinkers (myself included) do not know what real cider and perry is, which I feel means they are missing out, although that probably leaves a lot more cider for the rest of us to drink.

If you have any information about pubs serving real cider/perry (I'll come back to 'real' this in a later article) and new commercial producers, please e-mail me at the address listed in the mast head page.

**Paul Sanders**

*Regional Cider Coordinator Surrey & Sussex*



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# BEER FESTIVALS AND OTHER DELICENTS

**CAMRA EVENTS IN BOLD.** For FREE inclusion in this column, contact the Editor; for PAID advertisements contact Neil Richards. Copy-by date and contact details on p. 46.

**Nov 12-13** Open Press Day, Village Green Cider, Fen Cottage, East Street, RH10 4QA, from 8am until 9pm. Open days with lots of apple pressing, free BBQ lunch, free Apple Juice, free cider in exchange for hard work, or if anyone wants to pop along and just watch they are welcome to the lunch and some apple juice.

**Nov 18** Train to London Pubs, TTLP32. West London: Acton, Ealing and Hanwell areas including the Aeronaut, Ealing Park Tavern and with a bit of luck two new local micropubs. To be included on mailout list contact Pete Brown, 01243-552908, [peteb@custardtowers.plus.com](mailto:peteb@custardtowers.plus.com).

**Nov 25** Xmas ales night at Welton's brewery in Horsham, RH13 5PX, where many of their 12 Xmas beers will be available.

**Nov 26** Firebird Brewfest. Christmas ale 6.5% plus Old ale and Festive 51 should all be available. See Firebird Brewing Facebook page for more details.

**Dec 4** Ballard's Brewery Annual Charity Walk. Brewery open for beer sales from 10.00, followed by cross-country (or road) walk to several local pubs. Western Sussex CAMRA bus will run from Worthing and points along the coast to the Brewery and back. Seats for the bus by advance ticket purchase only, price £11 per seat. For more information or to purchase bus tickets contact Pete Brown, 01243-552908, [peteb@custardtowers.plus.com](mailto:peteb@custardtowers.plus.com)

**Dec 9-11** Victoria Inn at West Marden winter beer festival. There will be a Bus to the Pub trip to this event from Chichester on Friday 9th December. Emsworth & District bus no 54

leaves from the stop outside Chichester Bus Station, opposite the rail station and Foundry pub at 10:55am, also picking up in West Street four minutes later.

**Dec 17** Kissingate Xmas BeerFest from 11am to 10pm at the brewery in Lower Beeding. [www.kissingate.co.uk](http://www.kissingate.co.uk). At least 12 beers on stillage including 3 new release specials, plus cider, perry, wine, tea, coffee and soft drinks. Festive food throughout the day and evening, and a BBQ if the weather permits.

**Dec 29** Horsham Pub Crawl. All welcome to join North Sussex members, on a visit to a number of Horsham pubs. Contact [socialnscamra@gmail.com](mailto:socialnscamra@gmail.com) for more details.

**Jan 7** Wassailing at JB's Orchard. Meet at the White Horse, Maplehurst, RH13 6LL, from 5pm, before heading to the orchard 7.30ish

**Jan 21** Train to London Pubs, TTLP33. A visit to as many of the weekend-only Microbrewery Taps around south London as we can get to in the day, e.g. Clarkshaws, Mondo, Brixton in SW, Hop Stuff, Monkey Chews, Canopy in SE. To be included on mailout list contact Pete Brown, 01243-552908, [peteb@custardtowers.plus.com](mailto:peteb@custardtowers.plus.com).

**Jan 27-29** Selden Arms Winterfest, 41 Lyndhurst Road, Worthing, BN11 2DB, 01903 523361. 30 real ale festival focussing on dark beer and one off specials.

**Feb 24-25 CAMRA SPRING EQUINOX FESTIVAL**, Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham RH12 1JF. New Friday 6-10pm session, then Sat 12-4 and 6-10. Contact [camra.equinox@gmail.com](mailto:camra.equinox@gmail.com) for more details.

The Dyke pub, on the corner of Dyke Road and Highcroft Villas, in Brighton, has become an upmarket furniture store almost overnight. The former Tamplins pub was built in 1896 on the site of a former site of a pub called the Windmill Inn, named after William Trusler's mill, whose name it adopted before becoming the Dyke Road Hotel, then the Dyke Tavern. It is reputedly haunted by a 'Grey Lady' ghost. Of recent memory it was a 'basic' hostelery until around 2008. Under ownership by Martin Webb's Pub & Kitchen Ltd, it became the Dyke Pub and Kitchen focusing on food and specialising in wood fire cooked pizza.

According to pub campaigner Dale Ingram this demonstrates a need for reform in the planning laws to protect pubs. Application for change of use was made under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2016 (SE2016/332). The amendment requires developers looking to use their permitted development rights to send a notice to the local authority notifying them of a change of use of a pub to retail premises, offices or restaurant/cafe.

If no response is received by the developer from the local authority that the pub has been listed or nominated as an ACV (Asset of Community Value) within 56 days the change of use can take place. However unlike other planning applications there is no obligation to make this public, therefore the pub-goers and other interested parties are unable to take pre-emptive action.

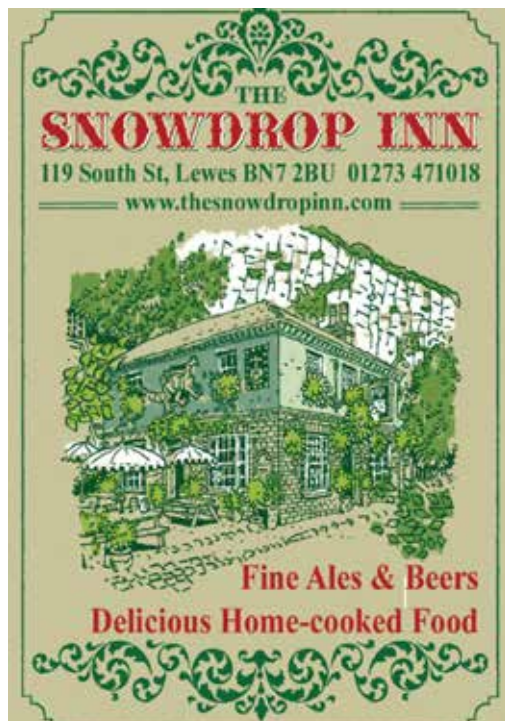
A campaign group Save the Brighton Dyke, has been formed as apparently it was still possible for an ACV to be awarded, a petition has been launched on [www.change.org/p/brighton-hove-city-council-save-the-dyke-pub](http://www.change.org/p/brighton-hove-city-council-save-the-dyke-pub).

Martin Webb said the pub was struggling to make a profit over the last 18 months. "We've

## The Dyke Pub & Kitchen

done absolutely everything we can to keep the pub going. I've thrown the book at it and I've have used my whole 30 years of experience to try and make it work but it still hasn't turned around. If you went there on a Saturday evening it was a ghost town – that was the problem."

There are fears that this could be a half-way house towards the premises becoming residential; Keith Newell chairman of Brighton & South Downs Branch of CAMRA has contacted the Chair of Brighton & Hove City Planning Committee to express his concerns about the issue and he was assured that he would be notified regarding any future planning applications and decisions with regard to the closed pub.



The fourteenth Eastbourne Beer Festival was held at the Winter Garden from the 6th to 8th October, it could well be the last for a while in the current format, as the redevelopment of the Devonshire Park means that the Winter Garden will be closed from October 2017 and that when it reopens a substantial part of the accommodation usually used will no longer exist.

The total number of tickets sold was 3,837, with Friday and Saturday evenings sold out as usual, but room for people to buy tickets on the door for Saturday lunchtime and Thursday evening. 11,882 pints of beer were consumed and 2,200 pints of cider and perry, a drop in the former but an increase in the latter.

Three awards are voted for by those attending. The Beer of the Festival was Bad Kitty, by Brass Castle, a brewery from Malton in North Yorkshire making its debut at this year's festival. The Beer of the Festival from a Sussex Microbrewery was Bricks and Porter from Kiln Brewery of Burgess Hill, another brewery making its debut this year. The third award, for the best beer brewed outside Sussex, went to Oakham Brewery for its Green Devil IPA.

CAMRA holds an annual Champion Beer of Britain competition. Members nationwide vote for their favourite beers in a number of different categories. When the votes are totalled up, the top beers in each region are tasted by panels of judges at various beer festivals. The top two go through to the next round from where the winners are tasted in the final at The Great British Beer Festival in August.

Two categories' tasting heats were held at Eastbourne, Best Bitters and Speciality / Unusual Beers. The top Best Bitters were West Berkshire Brewery's, Good Old Boy with joint runners up Sixpenny Brewery's, 6D Best Bitter and Surrey Hills Brewery's, Shere Drop in a

## Eastbourne Beer Festival

dead heat. The top Speciality / Unusual Beers were Canterbury Brewers', Foundry Red Rye and runners up Bingham's Brewery's, Vanilla Stout, (Winner of Champion Beer of Britain 2016).

We were surprised and pleased to host a group of American brewers and other interested persons at one of the sessions. They were on a tour of UK breweries and brewpubs and with a gap in their schedule, decided that a visit to our festival would be the best use of their time. Good to report that they declared themselves most satisfied with their decision. The photograph below shows the group from America with festival organisers Phil Cozens and Peter Adams.



There is a chance that a date for a festival next year in September may become available, before the Winter Garden closes for the redevelopment programme.

If not a different venue will mean a different type of festival, likely to be smaller, which will definitely have to happen for 2018.





CAMRA Arun & Adur held Worthing Beer Festival in Assembly Hall, a much larger venue, this year which many thought was risky as the average attendance at beer festivals across UK has declined in recent years. However, the real ale scene in Worthing is stronger than ever with numerous pubs and micro-pubs serving great ale and cider so the beer festival committee were confident that the town could support a larger event and set about making plans.



After months of planning the festival took place on 14th and 15th October and the results were incredible. The festival sold a total of over 1800 tickets, signed up 133 new CAMRA members and the vastly increased range of 103 real ales and 25 cider/ perries were all but sold out.

The Friday night session was the busiest as expected having sold a staggering 750 tickets, a number that was impossible to achieve at the

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previous venue. The Saturday night session has historically been the quietest session but this was also very busy with around 500 people there to round off a highly enjoyable and refreshingly new look event.

Numerous customers gave highly positive feedback as they left the festival complimenting the team for having the vision and determination to make it happen which was very satisfying for all involved. Our volunteers were all outstanding and are having a deserved rest before we begin planning the next festival but we can certainly be very optimistic about the future of Worthing Beer Festival which is now firmly on the map.

### Mike Taylor

*Branch Chairman & Beer Festival Organiser*



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# SPOTLIGHT ON

# BREWERIES

## Greyhound Brewery



Greyhound Brewery has won Silver at the 2016 International Beer Challenge.

Congratulations to Nick & Sarah Allen of Greyhound Brewery, West Sussex who have won a silver award for their Blonde Bird, Golden Pale Ale at the 20th International Beer Challenge in only their second year of brewing!

The competition this year saw more than 700 of the world's finest beers representing around 30 countries from all over the world. All countries well known for their beer making traditions were of course represented, but also Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Brazil, Italy and Spain. The judging took place under strict rules, with a keenly observed blind tasting of the full range of entries by a panel of 60 of brewers, beer writers, retailers, importers and Camra members.

Nick and Sarah started brewing as a hobby in 2012, initially making beer in their kitchen with

a small whole grain brewing kit. Gradually over the next couple years the equipment was increased in size to 200 litres, all kit moved out to the garage and the beer recipes were refined. In the summer of 2014 they received delivery of a second hand five barrel brewery from Grain Brewery in Norfolk. In November 2014 carried out their first test brew in their double garage where the brewery remains today and after a few changes and minor adjustments their first beers were sent out to local pubs in March 2015.



The vessels have now been increased in size to seven barrel capacity. They supply cask conditioned and bottled beers to local pubs, restaurants and beer festivals.

## Ray Pilkington

### Harvey's producing new keg beers

The Lewes based champion of cask ale, Harvey's is to produce three new keg beers; Gold Bier (4%), Malt Brown (4.8%) and Black Stout (4.8%). With many of the recently

established small breweries majoring on keg beer, it would appear that Harvey's are after a slice of this market.

Harvey's spokesman Bob Trimm said "We wanted to make a range of new beers that people wouldn't necessarily expect to see from Harvey's but still maintains our reputation for quality beers."

It should be remembered that Harvey's produced keg beer up to the year 2000 when the kegging equipment was damaged by flooding.

The extract from below is taken from Harvey's website:

*"Harvey's Brewery is renowned throughout the South East of England for its wonderful range of traditional cask ales. These ales are unpasteurised and are known as the champagne of beers. We believe this is achieved by selecting the finest raw materials and combining them with unique 'local' conditions brewed within a traditional brew-house."*

Your writer for one sincerely hopes that renown is not damaged by Harvey's latest venture.

**Paul Free**

## **Long Man Brewery scoops four medals at World Beer Awards**

The Long Man Brewery snatched four coveted awards at the World Beer Awards this week.



The Sussex-based brewery took first place for its American Pale Ale in the Pale Ale category

while the Long Man Best Bitter won in the Bitters up to 4% ABV category.

The brewery's Long Man Long Blonde and its Long Man Old Man beers also achieved silver medals in the Golden Ale, Old Ale and Mild categories respectively.

Head brewer Jamie Simm said: "We are immeasurably proud of the four awards we have achieved at this year's World Beer Awards. It's a great reward for the hard work that the production team put into creating consistently good beer.

"We're not trying to reinvent the wheel when it comes to brewing, we are simply trying to create quality beers that we and other people like to drink."

The brewery has achieved a total of 17 awards since it was first founded in 2012.

Based in Litlington, East Sussex, Long Man Brewery takes pride in its environmentally conscious ethos. Barley is grown on surrounding farm land and electricity is generated by solar panels, while waste products, such as water and spent grain, are re-used, composted or fed to livestock.

Duncan Ellis, director of Long Man Brewery and third generation farmer at the Church Farm base, said: "We believe that by looking after the land around us and sourcing everything we can from within the vicinity of our brewery, we can produce the very finest of Sussex ales as well as giving back to the land and community that we rely on to sustain our business."

In 2014, the brewery teamed up with Eastbourne's Curious Beer Club to produce Craft Pier, in an attempt to raise money following the town's pier fire.

Up to £100,000 from beer sales were donated to

support businesses affected by the fire.

The brewery has won a string of regional and national awards in the past, such as a bronze medal in the Best Bitters and Pale Ales category in this year's SIBA South East Regional Awards and a silver medal at the International Beer Challenge in August 2015.

The company was also a finalist in the Sussex Small Business category at the Sussex Business Awards last year.

In 2015, Long Man also started exporting its products to Sweden and Finland, with further plans to export to other parts of Europe.

### **Brighton brew in running to be named best in the world**

A Brighton brewer's experimental beer is in the running to be named best in the world after scooping a gold medal at a prestigious industry awards ceremony.

Brighton Bier's Downtown Charlie Brown won the best experimental beer in the UK title at the World Beer Awards.

The makers scooped two gold medals and a bronze at the competition which received more than 1,500 entries from around the globe.

Company bosses say the awards will raise the global profile of the company as they prepare for their first international export later this year.

Brewery founder Stephen Whitehurst said the brewery would look to expand its operation in order to meet demand.

He added: "We were competing with some of the biggest and most-recognised brewers in the industry including Brewdog and Beavertown and to show that we are at their level is going to help with spreading our name further afield.

"We're lucky because Brighton is already a

recognisable brand, it has a global appeal because of the mods and the rockers.

"I think the market for craft beers will keep growing and growing, if you look at the States for example.

"I think the market will become more competitive and then pubs and wholesalers will become more discerning in what they buy."

The brewery began life in 2012 in the Hand in Hand brewpub in Upper St James's Street before moving to a new brewery with 7,500 litre per week production in Roedean Road.

Their beers are now widely available around the city, including at their own pub The Brighton Beer Dispensary in Dean Street, and are now spreading around the country including as far away as Scotland.

Mr Whitehurst said the company was now preparing for its first exports to Japan and Italy in time for the autumn and joked that their World Beer Award haul placed them 39th in the Rio Olympics medal table.

He added: "We would have already sent some beer to Japan but we are having trouble keeping up with demand.

"We will definitely look at expanding the brewery, whether at the current site or a new site, we need to look at the best way of doing that."

### **Brewery head's taste for change**

After 16 years at the helm of Dark Star brewery former MD and founder Paul Reed has decided to move on to another challenge as part of the team at Bedlam Brewery.

Bedlam Brewery was launched in early 2015 and in a short period an ambitious and talented team have come together including German



born and trained head brewer Fabio Israel.

Dark Star is based in Partridge Green while Bedlam is in Albourne near Hurstpierpoint.

Fabio's influence has seen Bedlam launch its first Lager brew, a German styled Pilsner, brewed to 4.2% and available on draft and by the bottle.

All of the energy required for brewing comes from solar panels, they plant and harvest their own hops and supply local farmers with all of their spent grain and hops for free, which they then use as feed for their cattle.

### Three Legs Brewing Company

The brewery started about 3 years ago as a collaboration between three university friends, Ben, Sam and Tom who share a passion for brewing. Ben and Sam brew the beer and Tom makes wine in Spain, then imports it to the UK.

The brewery had humble beginnings, consisting of just a 120 litre plant, based in an old metal shipping container. Brewing was occasional and often experimental but they soon realised that what they were making was proving very popular. Things then got serious when they moved to the adjacent and current converted farm barn and it quickly became a full four barrel plant.

Initially they supplied a few country pubs and the beers were very well received and as production increased so did the outlets. Their beers also started to appear at festivals, both Camra and pubs, as far afield as Worthing and now make a regular appearance at the Eastbourne Winter Gardens festival in October.

Ever enterprising, they then started to sell direct to the public at the brewery. Thus was created the Brewery Tap, complete with full length bar and external seating. It is open Thursday 12.00 to 6.00 and Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 7.30

and attracts a great many thirsty drinkers, especially on Saturdays. One litre bottles are available to take out and can be brought back for refilling. Apart from Tom's wine, Paso Primero, several other wines are sold as well as their bottle conditioned beers, local bottled cider and apple juice.

The current beers on offer are Pale 3.7%; Red 4.2%; Dark 4.5% English IPA 5.5% and Wheat 4.7%. They are all available on draft and bottle conditioned.

On 27 August, 20 South East Sussex CAMRA branch members visited and were treated to both excellent hospitality and beer. The full report and photos are on the Branch Reports on their site.

The brewery photos above shows Ben and Sam



behind the bar, with the brewery in the background, plus the well stocked bottle bar.

**Peter Harrison**

## **Bull, Ditchling is Pub of the Year**

The Bull at Ditchling has won two awards in the **Morning Advertiser** organised **Great British Pub Awards** including that of Pub of the Year.

Licensee Dominic Worrall and his team were presented with the overall award by comedian Katherine Ryan at a glittering ceremony held in London's Park Lane on the 5th October.

The pub also took the title of Freehouse of the Year from the awards which involved 88 finalist across 16 categories.

Dominic Worrall and his wife Vanessa took over the pub in 2003; Mr Worrall said the success of the pub was down to its staff and the support of its regular customers.

The Bull is a stylishly-converted 16th century pub at the heart of Ditchling village inside the South Downs National Park with low timber beams, open fires and deep leather sofas.

The real ales on sale will normally include offers from another of Mr Worrall's business interests, namely the Albourne based Bedlam brewery. Incidentally the pub was named after a papal edict and not the animal.

## **Paul Free**



## **Brooksteed Alehouse, Worthing**

The Arun & Adur branch were delighted to learn that Nick & Paula Little of the Brooksteed Alehouse in Worthing have gone forward to the Super-Regional round - last sixteen - of **CAMRA's National Pub of the Year** competition, having prevailed in a very close competition for the Regional round against the Surrey Oaks in Newdigate.

Amongst the other fifteen pubs are several former overall winners, so the competition from herein gets ever stronger :-

- Cross Keys, Thame (Central Southern)
- Stanford Arms, Lowestoft (East Anglia)
- Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse (East Midlands)
- Hope, Carshalton (Greater London)
- Baum, Rochdale (Greater Manchester)
- Rifle Volunteers, Maidstone (Kent)
- Cricketers, St. Helens (Merseyside & Cheshire)
- Steamboat, South Shields (North East)
- Volunteer Arms (Staggs), Musselburgh (Scotland & Northern Island)
- Salutation, Ham (South West)
- Arvon Ale House, Llandrindod Wells (Wales)
- Bottle Inn, Marshwood, Dorset (Wessex)
- Earl Grey, Leek (West Midlands)
- Swan with Two Necks, Pendleton (West Pennines)
- George & Dragon, Hudswell (Yorkshire)

Branch chair Mike Taylor commented that "he was thrilled at what Nick & Paula have achieved after only opening the Brooksteed Alehouse in September 2014"



## Five Bells, West Chiltington



On Saturday 11th June, Mike Taylor, the CAMRA Arun & Adur branch Chair, presented mine hosts

Bill & Joan Edwards with the **Country Pub of the Year** award for 2016, to the great delight of a packed bar.

The Five Bells is a traditional pub, highly regarded by its locals and visitors alike for the quality of its ales, the food which is always freshly cooked and the genuine warmth of the welcome. It is dog friendly and also has five ensuite rooms.

Bill & Joan have been at the pub, situated a mile south of the old village centre, since 1983 - firstly as tenants of the former King & Barnes brewery - then, after a brief stint at another of that brewery's top pubs in Horsham, they returned in 1989 having purchased the freehold.

Ever popular with CAMRA members and thus a regular in the Good Beer Guide, Bill offers five ales - always including a mild, a range of bitters, old ale or porter in the winter - and a traditional cider.

This 2016 award is not the first that Bill & Joan have received from this branch, whilst Bill - who was born in the Queens Head in nearby Barns Green - previously won the prestigious K & B 'best kept cellar' award in consecutive years at both the Five Bells and the Rising Sun during the 80's!

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## Black Cat Brewery

Black Cat, from Palehouse Common, near Uckfield, have been winning top awards despite being one of the smaller breweries in Sussex.

In July they belatedly received their award for **Best Beer of the Festival** as Black Cat Original beat about one hundred others at last year's Spa Valley Railway Beer and Cider Festival.



In the photo are Paul and Kate Wratten at the railway's Tunbridge Wells terminus. Paul and Kate generously brought along four different casks to help celebrate with festival volunteers and members of the West Kent and South East Sussex CAMRA branches. Paul only took over brewing at Black Cat two years ago.

This isn't just a 'one-off' as the brewery's Tzar Russian Imperial Stout (6.8%) won 'Overall Champion', this time at the South East Region Beer Competition, organised by SIBA, the Society of Independent Brewers, in July, competing with over 150 others.

Unless you attended, you've just missed this year's Spa Valley Railway Beer Festival so will have to wait until next October to experience steam and old diesel trains, complete with real ale buffet cars, running along the heritage line between the main site at Tunbridge Wells West to bars at Groombridge and Eridge stations. We hope to report this year's winning beers in the next issue.

## Western Sussex CAMRA – Yapton Beer of the Festival presentations (1) Vibrant Forest Brewery

The Yapton Beer of the Festival was awarded to **Vibrant Forest Brewery** in the heart of the New Forest for their **Radicale Salted Liqueur**. Now, Vibrant Forest are one of those micro-breweries who produce a wide range of ales, all of them reaching a degree of excellence in their field. A healthy gathering of Western Sussex CAMRA members travelled on Saturday 6th of August to Lymington to reach the secluded brewery.



Left: Kevin Robinson, head of Vibrant Forest Brewery. Right: Glenn Johnson, Chairman of Western Sussex CAMRA

On arrival we settled in with pints of the lovely refreshing Belgian Zuur (sour) and Belgian Wit. Also, joining us that day were another CAMRA lot of the South Hampshire

variety to present Kevin with the Southampton Beer Festival beer of the festival award for their Oat and Coffee Stout.

Well nothing would do after that, but to drink some more of the beautiful beers of the Vibrant Forest, with Cydonia and the afore-mentioned Oat and Coffee on cask and a variety of other taps and bottles available, including Wheatwave, Simcoe, Amarillo and Vienna Rye Ale.

There was also barrel-aging much in evidence with wooden casks of Bourbon Oktober, Rum Oat and Coffee and Whisky Oktober Laphroaig 2006 in tongue-lolling view.



## (2) Langham Brewery

On a sunny August Bank Holiday an assortment of CAMRA members visited Langham Brewery for their Live at Langhams day of beer, music, beer, food, more music and more beer. This time there is an added element as Langham have scooped the **Locale of the Festival** award at Yapton Beerex back in May for their very lovely **Jester EPA**. For anyone who doesn't know about Jester, it is named for the Jester hop variety, which is relatively new on the scene and beginning to increase in availability, as an all-English hop which can compete with the 'new world' hops from the US and NZ for refreshing citrus-fruity bitterness and clarity of flavour. Hence EPA, as English Pale Ale.

In the back yard is the performers area, the hot food counter and a bar selling Langham's full range from the pale and hoppy Hip Hop and Florale, through their Saison and Arapaho (APA) to the full on challenge of the Black Swallow and the Aegir Baltic Porter.



Left to right: Pete Brown - Branch Secretary, Western Sussex CAMRA; Saulo Parreira - Brewer Langham Brewery; James Berrow - Owner / Head Langham Brewery; Lesley Foulkes - Sales, PR, Accounts and admin Langham Brewery

Branch Secretary Pete Brown presented the certificate for Langham's Yapton Jester win to applause all around. The details of the speeches themselves are lost in the bottom of a glass of Aegir somewhere, but the day carried on with more beer, until it was time to go home.

**Guy Parfect**

## Philip Wildsmith

At a meeting on 11th October, former Branch Chairman, Philip Wildsmith was appointed Honorary Life President of Western Sussex CAMRA, in recognition of his 27 years service as branch chairman. This award had been unanimously agreed by members at a previous formal meeting and other committee members without Phil's knowledge, whilst he was away.

Phil was presented with an engraved silver tray and two different bottles of Taylor's vintage port, a tipple for which Phil is known to have a particular fondness, to applause of all present. Phil was heard to say in response "My gob is well and truly smacked" which he was duly reminded was the shortest speech he had ever made as a CAMRA branch officer.



## Brewery Shades, Crawley

North Sussex branch have awarded their **Cider Pub of the Year** to the Brewery Shades in Crawley. Nicki has an excellent range of ciders always available, notably those from Village Green of nearby Turners Hill.



Presenting the certificate to Nicki is Paul Sanders, North Sussex Branch Chairman.

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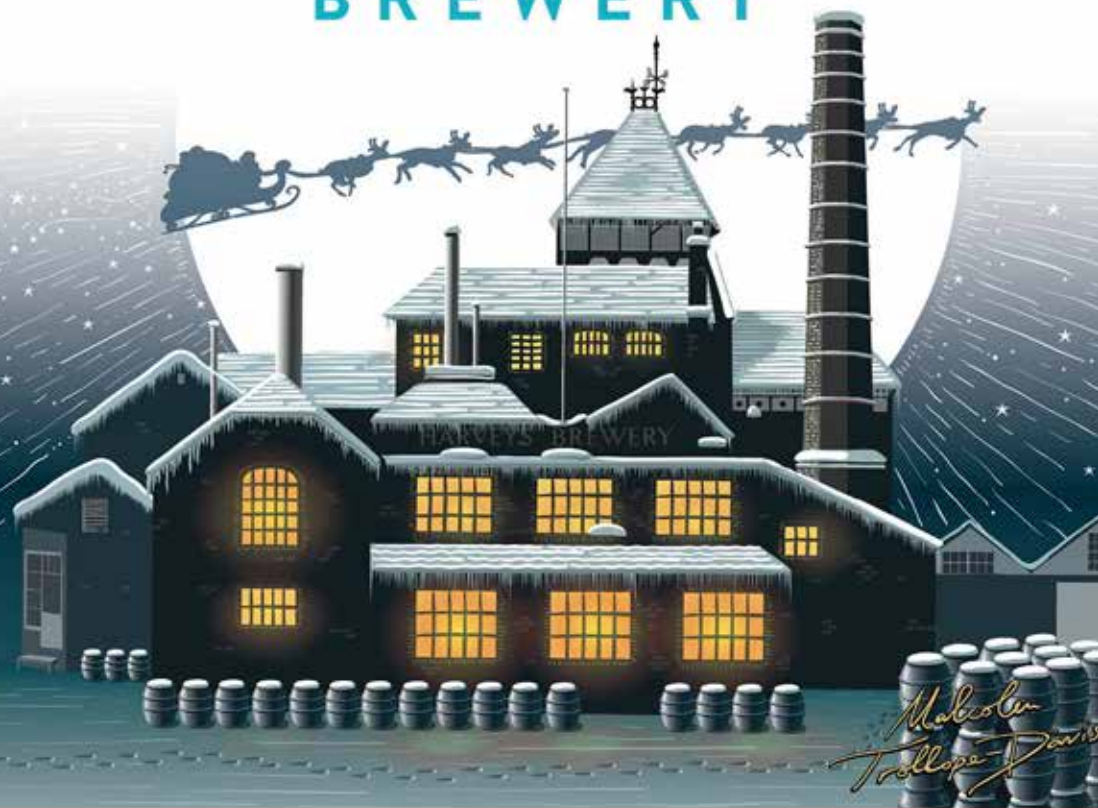
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MALTY & MELLOW  
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