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The 19th South Downs Beer & Cider Festival will take place at the usual venue, Lewes Town Hall, on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June 2015. There will be around 90 cask beers for

you to sample, along with a range of bottled beers, ciders and perry. Non alcoholic drinks will also be available, along with a range of hot food and snacks, including vegetarian options supplied by local firm Circa Events. The festival will as usual be music free.

All sessions will be admission by ticket only. Tickets will be on sale from 1 May at the **Gardener's Arms, Harveys Brewery Shop** and the **Brewers Arms**, Lewes, and the **Evening Star**, Brighton. Alternatively, please apply by post to: South Downs Beer Festival Tickets, 139 Elm Grove, Brighton, BN2 3ES, stating session required and **enclosing a SAE and cheque**, payable to **"South Downs Beer & Cider Festival"**.

The ticket prices are:

Friday 19 June	11.00 - 15.00	£4.00
Friday 19 June	17.00 - 22.30	£6.50
Saturday 20 June	11.00 - 18.00*	£5.00

*or until the beer runs out.

Customers will receive a **free festival glass** very kindly sponsored by Harveys Brewery, and a programme with tasting notes. The festival always receives a great deal of support from Harveys Brewery. This year they are celebrating their 225th anniversary and this will be reflected on the glass and by a special brew! In addition, CAMRA members will receive £2.00 in beer tokens per session on production of their membership card. We have plans for one-off brews and 'first available' beers at this event.

19th South Downs Beer & Cider Festival

This year's charity is SERV Sussex (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers), who provide nighttime transportation of blood, blood products and other urgent medical items for NHS hospitals across Sussex. Please give generously.

18th South Downs Beer & Cider Festival Report

Last year's festival got off to an exciting start when Harveys ales were delivered by the



Harveys Dray, pulled by Monty and Guinness, with a little help from

Edmund Jenner and Barney the Patterdale (photographs courtesy of Terry Shearing).

A total of 1312 people attended. 81 different beers were available, along with 10 ciders and 3 perries. 5028 pints of beer were consumed and the cider and perry sold out. A total of £1311 was raised for the charity Headway, based in Chailay.

Two breweries shared the Beer of the Festival award: Harveys with St. Richard's Ale, a 5.0% speciality beer brewed with six different varieties of hops from six different Sussex growers and named in honour of the Patron Saint of Sussex; and Kissingate with Stout Extreme Jamaica, a 6.0% stout with subtle rum flavours. Cider of the Festival was Uncle Stoat's from Hassocks, and Perry of the Festival was Black Pig Orchards from Danehill.

Ruth Anderson
Festival Organiser



Your Editor avoids making a habit of hanging around outside pubs waiting for them to open, but I had taken an early train and arrived at my destination, the Watchmaker's Arms, well ahead of schedule.

Still, it leaves me with

time enough to take a photo or two and salivate at the sight of the chalk board on display advertising the day's ales. And I suppose it is some kind of accolade to be Brighton and Hove's first micro pub's first ever lunchtime customer.

The two couples behind the venture, Dave and Ali White and Rick and Ruth Evans, had originally planned to open a micro pub in Richardson Road, Hove, at the former York House Wines off-licence. That those plans did not come to fruition can now be seen as a blessing in disguise because the Watchmaker's Arms is situated in a much more convenient location, a busy commercial parade just a hundred yards south of Hove railway station.



I check my watch – just past 12noon – and hear the turn of the lock behind me. I enter a light and airy interior to receive a warm and friendly greeting. Five beers are on gravity dispense from a cool room behind the bar, prices from

The Watchmaker's Arms

£3.60-£4.00 depending on strength. I began with Top Notch Hop Festival followed by Naked Streaker, both in excellent condition. Still to come over the next days are offerings from Hurst, Brighton Bier, Downlands, Kissingate, Ilkley, Bristol Beer Factory and, all the way from Salford, a cask from First Chop Brewing Arm.



For those who like real cider, there are three from Wobblegate. Buy a Growler for £2.50 and take some beer and cider home with you. Wine is also available. The pub is dog-friendly - the pooch-in-residence is called Muffin. And the pub gets its own name from the fact that it occupies premises that, a very, very long time ago, was a watchmaker's.

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The Quaffer

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. 3 applies to all items.

■ BARNHAM



On 23 March, the **Murrell Arms** was celebrating achieving Asset of Community Value status and, in common with the other

c.600 pubs in the UK that have done the same, were offering a 10p a pint discount for the day!

■ BEXHILL ON SEA

Geoff Wentworth, Head Steward of the **Albatross Club** (RAFA), left last November to open his own pub in Tunbridge Wells, near to where he lives. Geoff was hoping to also continue his work at the club, where he increased the range and quality of the real ales, but sadly, due to the unreliability of the train services recently, this was not possible. The club's reputation for friendly service and good quality ales is now being enthusiastically maintained by Karen Pelham and Peter Fell, who have taken on extra responsibilities. The club has recently been voted South East Sussex Club of the Year 2015, having previously won from 2012-2014. Geoff's new pub, the **Pantiles Tap**, Tunbridge Wells, is a beer lover's paradise.

■ BOGNOR REGIS

Oxfords has opened in the High Street. Advertised as a Bar & Eatery, it has no real ale. This establishment was last known as **Oceans** although it has had many names over the years. Most older people still call by its original name, the **Orlando**.

■ BRIGHTON

Specialist beer shop **Bison Beer Crafthouse**



opened at 7 East Street on 27 March. It stocks an eclectic range of over 300 world beers to take out in bottle or growler. There will be Meet the Brewer evenings and customers can learn to brew their own beers in a upstairs brewschool directly opposite at the **Fishbowl**.

Opened on 19 March in the Kings Road Arches on the seafront is the Drink In Brighton pub, the **Tempest**. The interior is fashioned as a warren of caves. A range of Sussex-brewed real ales is available.



What was previously **Circus Circus** (and originally the **Stanford Arms**) is now a Brakspear pub, the **Joker**. In February it was found to be serving on its three hand pumps, Wychwood Hobgoblin, Brakspear Oxford Gold and Marston's Sweet Chariot.

Komplas Restaurant & Bar (previously the **Brewery Tap**), North Road, has **Harveys Best**.

A planning application has been submitted to add a fourth-storey rooftop bar and garden to the **Bright Helm** (JDW) in West Street and to convert the second and third floor flats into "letting bedrooms". Wetherspoon have also applied to refit one of the retail units in the former Co-op in London Road.

■ CROWBOROUGH

What was previously the **Welcome Stranger** has been completely refurbished and is now the **Railway Tavern**. This Shepherd Neame pub in Jarvis Brook reopened in March, the new tenant having carried out some of the refurbishment



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work himself. The new name is appropriate as it was originally the Railway Hotel when it was opened in 1871. There is now more space for food and the pub now opens at 7am for breakfasts, except Sundays. There is still plenty of room for drinkers while outside is a large garden. Three of the brewery's beers are served, including a seasonal.

■ CROWHURST

New management have taken over the **Plough** after previous landlord, John Saunders, retired due to ill health. We understand that the parish council are applying for Asset of Community Value status to protect the only pub in the village.

■ EASTBOURNE

The Coronet Bar in the **Cavendish Hotel**, one of the town's prime hotels, offers Long Man Best Bitter. The hotel is opposite the grandstand on the seafront and the bar has a nice relaxing atmosphere with occasional musical entertainment in the evenings. There are sea views from the balcony and a good all-day menu.



The town's only seafront pub, the **Crown & Anchor**, has had a major internal makeover. There are three Greene King ales, a guest on the

hand pumps and good value food served all day.

A £1.15-million refurbishment of the **Cornfield Garage** (JDW) has seen an extension on the rear, almost doubling the size of the pub, while the outside garden area has been upgraded.

In 2013 the Grade-II listed Tally Ho pub in the Old Town reopened as the **Two Bulls Steakhouse**. Recently, the impressively restored Tally Ho Lounge Bar opened on the

premises offering one real ale, Timothy Taylor Boltmaker, which may change in the future. It is a very comfortable venue with leather seating and soft music.



The **Town House**, Seaside Road, has had a complete interior refurbishment and change of tenant.

Although primarily

marketed as a Craft Beer Bar and Pizza Restaurant, there are two hand pumps on the bar and a recent visit found Harveys Best Bitter on sale.

■ EAST GRINSTEAD



The **Ounce & Ivy Bush** (JDW) hosted a beer-tasting session in February featuring Oakham Ales. About a

dozen or so CAMRA members (and others) enjoyed a talk by one of the brewery managers and got to sample some of the ales on hand pump. A selection of bottled beers from the same brewery were also tried on what proved to be a pleasant evening.

The **Rose & Crown** in the High Street remains closed and boarded up, with the freehold for sale. A shame as this could be a good pub in the right hands.

■ EAST PRESTON

Irving Wee Malc's and Skinner's Betty Stogs were in good form on a recent visit by the Sussex Bus to the Pub group to the **Clockhouse**. This popular bar is a regular outlet for Hammerpot beers.

■ GRAFFHAM

The **Foresters Arms** reopened in December under new owners who bought it outright and have spent quite a lot of money on structural and cellar work. They are currently (February)



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trying out lots of different local independent breweries. A very well kept Firebird Heritage XX

may become regular as it has proved popular. Langham, Hogs Back and Arundel breweries were also delivering during this same visit. In the summer there are plans to have four beers, all local.

■ HASTINGS

It looks likely that the **Havelock** will have changed licensees by the time you read this. We are hoping that this does not affect their beer quality.

The **Dripping Well**, Cambridge Road, was serving Young's Bitter and Wadworth Henry's IPA on a recent visit.

■ HARTFIELD

The **Hay Waggon Inn** has underperformed for quite some time, a bit strange considering its prime location and that accommodation is also available. The owner has called time on this free house and it closed on Friday 19 February. The freehold is for sale. Yours for £850,000!

■ HOVE



What was previously the Bell has reopened after a complete renovation as the **Urchin**, advertised as a

“shellfish & craft beer” pub. One of the team behind this Enterprise Inns lease venture is Nigel Lambe, once MD of W J King. In addition to the hundred or more craft beers on offer, mostly in bottle with some on draught, are three real ales on hand pump: Harveys Best, Dark Star Hophead and Long Man American Pale Ale.

The **Watchmaker's Arms**, Goldstone Villas, is due to open in May. This first micro pub in East



Sussex will have five ales, four of which will be local, and sit-down service.

■ LANCING

The Sussex Bus to the Pub group have greatly enjoyed our two visits to the fourth and latest micro pub in West Sussex, the **Stanley Ale House**, where we found a good selection of local ales from the likes of Downlands, Goldmark and Goldstone.

■ LAUGHTON

The **Roebuck** will be reopening on 15 May as sister pub to the Snowdrop Inn, Lewes.

■ LEWES

The **John Harvey Tavern** has become an excellent meeting point for the Sussex Bus to the Pub group when travelling to outlying villages. The beer quality is very good at this Harveys Brewery Tap, and we have been fortunate to have enjoyed some of the excellent ‘County Town’ series of monthly specials.

The **Black Horse** was offering Burning Sky Plateau and Porter, Downlands Best, Isfield Straw Blonde and a couple of Greene King beers on a recent visit by the Sussex Bus to the Pub group.

■ MAPLEHURST

The **White Horse** continues to be efficiently run by Simon and Beth, who have been here for well over thirty years. They have won the North Sussex Branch Pub of the Year a number of times and have achieved the award for 2015. The regular beer continues to be Weltons Pride ‘n’ Joy, keenly priced at £2.85 a pint. It was good to see beers from Ballard's, Isfield and Kissingate breweries on sale during a visit in March. Local JB Cider is also still available.

■ MARESFIELD

An early-March visit to the **Chequers**



confirmed that this historic pub has been under the ownership of Old English Inns (Greene King) for the past eighteen months

or so. The previous owner was celebrity chef Marco Pierre White. Two real ales were on offer: Greene King IPA and Abbot Ale; the latter was tried in good condition and very fairly priced at £3.49 per pint. The staff were friendly and the food excellent value.

■ NEWHAVEN



The **Jolly Boatman** free house now serves an ever-changing range of beers from Sussex and Kent small breweries, including

Long Man, Hurst, Whitstable and Weltons. The pub is about to undergo a refurbishment.

■ NYETIMBER



The **Inglenook** is delighted to announce the arrival of a fourth guest ale pump, which will be dedicated to showcasing beers from

Dark Star. The other three pumps will remain subject to constant and rapid change, and will feature the very best of contemporary UK brewing art. This Western Sussex Branch Pub of the Year 2015 was chosen as the exclusive venue for the first of Downlands Brewery's Experimentale ales – Devils Dyke Salted Caramel (5.0%), which was well received. Customers were able to provide feedback via a short questionnaire to help Downlands to fine tune and develop the brew.

■ OVING

The **Gribble Inn** reopened on 21 March with all the Gribble beers on tap and in good form.



The pub will be open all day, seven days a week, and food will also be available all day. A nice line in new furniture is enhanced

by the inevitable redecoration. And the new thatch looks great, too.

■ POLEGATE



Since Harveys gave the **Dinkum** a makeover, the quality of ale has been very good. This has probably been

down to the fact that the new tenant was formerly a trouble-shooting manager for Harveys, and certainly knows how to keep a proper pint of Best!

■ RYE

The **Standard Inn** reopened late last year, having been beautifully restored. The extensive renovation exposed original 15th-century carved beams and brickwork, and provides a clean and spacious ambiance. Four cask ales were on offer during a recent visit, all in good condition, including locally brewed Three Legs Amber Ale and Old Dairy Standard Farmer Ale. The Inn has five B&B rooms and serves food.

■ ST LEONARDS ON SEA

Louisa and her excellent staff at the **Tower** were thrilled to hear that they have been voted South East Sussex Branch Pub of the Year 2015. With six hand pumps, four of which dispense ever-changing beers, plus two real ciders available, this pub remains well worth a visit by all who like real ale and cider in excellent condition and at a reasonable price.

The **St Leonard** was delighted to win a prize in the recent Fat Tuesday Festival and continues to offer three ever-changing ales with many from local breweries.

There are always four ales available at the **Horse & Groom**, often including a local beer. Prices remain very reasonable.

■ SELMESTON

The **Barley Mow** reopened under completely new management on Friday 3 April. The landlord, Michael, is very enthusiastic, as is his cellarman, Russell. Three hand pumps were serving Harveys Best and Long Man Long Blonde (regulars), and Harveys Georgian Dragon (on rotation). Both Harveys ales were excellent quality and the price for the Best was a very reasonable £3.60 a pint.

■ SIDLESHAM

What was previously the Anchor is now the **Grey Stag**, still, we understand, belonging to a Pubco but with new tenants. Spruced up, with a large restaurant, it retains three hand pumps dispensing Wychwood Hobgoblin, Wells Courage Best and Caledonian Flying Scotchman. Prices are above average.

■ WALBERTON



Both the **Holly Tree** in this village, and the **Woodmancote Inn**, **Woodmancote**, have been acquired by Jonathan David

Marshall, owner of the Gardener's Arms, Lewes. The previous owners will be retained as consultants for a period of fourteen months. The beer supply contact has already been transferred from Heineken to H T White. Andrew, manager of the **Holly Tree**, understands there will be a swift improvement in his available range – and presumably also at the **Woodmancote**.

■ WALDERTON

The **Barley Mow** is under different ownership and management. New managers are Rex and Bees, a very pleasant couple. Rex has complete

control over what real ale is stocked. One of the five hand pumps is for a house beer by Firebird, not a re-badge but brewed specially for the pub. The other four dispense an ever-changing range of mainly Sussex and some Hampshire beers. Quality is very good. Although out in the country the pub is easily accessible via the 54 bus, which stops on the main road with a comfortable ten-minute walk.

■ WEST HOATHLY



The Sussex Bus to the Pub group were greatly impressed by the excellent service at the **Cat Inn**, and fine beers on offer from Black

Cat, Larkins and Harveys.

■ WESTFIELD

The **New Inn** (previously the Old Courthouse) reopened recently after being closed for a few years. On a recent visit to this village free house, four ales were on offer, all in good condition, together with excellent food at reasonable prices. Great news to see a pub reversing the current trend of closures.

■ WORTHING



Alehouse & Kitchen opened in March in part of a former church at 10 High Street, under the ownership of the Chapman Group, initially offering two of their own on-site micro brewery beers, including Cheeky Chaplain (3.8%),

created under the direction of Lee from Hammerpot, as well as guest and craft beers.

An Easter visit found the **Spyglass** (formerly an Anchor Springs pub), on the seafront, closed

and advertised for sale.



The team behind the Wandering Goose have bought the lease of Barneys in Portland Road. It will be renamed the

Libertine, sell craft beer and food and have a first-floor gin bar.

■ YAPTON

It is always a pleasure for the Sussex Bus to the Pub group to return to the **Maypole Inn**, which offers up to six ales, usually including Dark Star Hophead and a dark beer.

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The Sussex Bus to the Pub group attracts participants from many areas of our fine county and has been running for some five years, so if you too would enjoy visiting different pubs with fine ales in friendly, informal and convivial company without the constraints of the car, then 'Bus to the Pub' (BttP) may just appeal!

Often there is a short paved or metalled road walk from the nearest bus stop to the pub. If it is more than an half mile then we will show an approximate distance and if it is across footpaths which could be muddy or uneven, then you will also see a walking boot symbol.

With so many good pubs struggling to survive in the current economic climate and County Council budget cuts threatening the subsidised bus services that serve many rural communities, join us in 'supporting them'.

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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).

Important note : many of the rural routes that we use are subsidised by local councils. With government funding to County Councils continuing to be reduced year on year, cuts can and do occur at short notice. Currently we know that Compass will have made some changes in West Sussex from April and we still wait to learn the full extent of the upcoming East Sussex CC cuts which are likely to be introduced this spring. **Any changes to this programme will be advised to those on our mailing list, so do please join (see below).**



May

Wednesday 6 to Maplehurst and Shoreham; either 10.00 Stagecoach 17 from B'ton to Crabtree (or 10.27 Metrobus 23 to Copsale turning) then walk to White Horse (GBG) approx. 1.75m from Crabtree (or 2m on road from Copsale) then back to Old Star.

Monday 11 to Funtington, East Ashling & Chichester; 10.33 train from B'ton to Chi. to meet Dolphin & Anchor for 13.05 E&D 54 (from Cathedral) to Fox & Hounds then Horse & Groom (both GBG).

Wednesday 20 * change of date to Friday Street; either 10.00 Stagecoach 17 from C'Hill Sq (or 10.27 Metro 23 from W'tg) to H'sham Bus Stn for 11.49 Metro 93 to Kingsfold then footpath walk (approx 1.5m, with some stiles) to Royal Oak (GBG).

Friday 29 Around Kemp Town; meet Crown from 11.30 then a wander including Hand in Hand (GBG) and then back to Goldstone Villas, Hove for the Urchin.



June

Thursday 4 to East Wittering and Selsey; 10.03 train from B'ton to Chi. for 11.01 Stagecoach 52 to Shore then onto Seal (both GBG).

Thursday 11 to Rudgwick; meet Horsham Bus Stn. for 11.31 Arriva 63 to Kings Head and nearby Firebird Brewery tap.

Thursday 18 Micro pub wander; meet Watchmaker's, Hove from noon, then head west.

Monday 22 to Laughton; meet from 11.30 in Lewes at JHT then 12.15 Compass 143 to the Roebuck Inn then back to Snowdrop (GBG).

Saturday 27 to Cuckmere Valley and the Berwick Inn festival (tbc); either travel by B&H 12x from B'ton to meet at Seaford Library for 11.42 CV 42 to Littlington. Milton Street &

Wilmington and on to Berwick; or meet Lewes Bus Stn for 13.05 Compass 125 to Berwick turn and walk (approx. 1m) to pub or train to Berwick.



July

Wednesday 1 to South Chailey, Offham & Lewes; meet in Lewes at JHT from 11.30 then 12.30 Compass 121 to Horns Lodge (GBG) then back to Blacksmith's Arms and finish at Brewers (GBG).

Thursday 9 Along Brighton Lewes Road area; meet W'tg at Swan (GBG) from noon then 'Bevy' & Gladstone.

Friday 17 to Compton, West Marden, Walderton & Stoughton; 09.33 train from B'ton to Chi. for 10.50 E&D 54 (from outside bus stn) to Coach & Horses (GBG) then Victoria, Barley Mow & Hare & Hounds (GBG) with short road walk.

Thursday 23 to Salehurst and Battle; meet B'ton stn. for 10.32 train to St. Leonards Warrior Sq. then 11.46 St'coach 305, or train, to Robertsbridge for short walk (approx. 1.5 m) to Halt then back to Bull (both GBG).

Thursday 30 to Petworth and Earham; 11.05 St'coach 1 from W'tg to (or 10.45 C. 99 from Chi.) to Angel then 13.15 Compass 99 to George (GBG); return via Chi or poss. Petworth.



August

Saturday 8 to to Groombridge, Colemans Hatch & Hartfield area; meet Three Bridges Stn. for 10.56 Metro 291 to Crown, then Hatch (GBG) and Hartfield area.

Monday 10 to West Chiltington and Steyning; 11.05 Stagecoach 1 from W'tg South Street to Five Bells (GBG) then onto Chequer.

Thursday 20 to Bexhill & Hastings; Meet Brighton Stn for 10.32 train (buy ticket to Hastings) for Albatross Club & Jenny Lind (both GBG) etc.

Thursday 27 Around Worthing; meet Brookstead Alehouse from 11.30 then onwards from 1pm.

For further info or to join our mailing list Email stuartelms@ntlworld.com or ring 07817 058 928

Bus to the Pub, Pub of the Year Presentations

The Sussex Bus to the Pub group run an annual Pub of the Year award in which people vote for the best pubs that they have enjoyed visiting during the year. The spring issue published the 2014 'top ten' pubs in order of voting popularity. Certificates have now been presented to the winner and runner-up.

Congratulations go first to the Hand in Hand brewpub, Kemp Town, Brighton. BttP co-organiser Stuart Elms is pictured below presenting the winner's certificate to Brenda Robbins (owner), Gary Sillence (brewer) and Matt Davies (manager).



Congratulations go also to the Inglenook Hotel, Nyetimber. Tony and Edna Honour and Gary Crossley are pictured below with their runner-up certificate.



Bru News

The Sussex Breweries Pages

Information here is mostly supplied by the named Brewery Liaison Officer. The Brewery Liaison Coordinator for London & South East Area is Peter Page-Mitchell.

1648

East Hoathly, 01825 840830.
www.1648brewing.co.uk
The brewery is having some old varieties of hops grown locally, including the popular Cascade variety. If they are of good quality, a new craft ale will be coming out of this development. The fermenting vessels are now refurbished so the brewery can get back to full production. Look out for **Bee Head** (4.6%), **Sacred Solstice** (4.2%) and **Lammas Ale** (4.2%) at the Eastbourne Lammas Festival, last weekend in July.

David Platt

360°

Sheffield Park, 01825 722375.
www.360degreebrewing.com
The brewery exhibited in February at the Craft Beer Rising Festival, London, and is now regularly supplying beers to the Stand Up Inn, Lindfield. They are running the bar at the Heathfield Show on 23 May (see this issue's diary dates). **Oatmeal Stout #45** is available for a limited period in bottles, while **West Coast #50** is now in larger, 500ml bottles.

Jason Phillips

ADUR

Steining, 01903 867614.
www.adurbrewery.com



The beers are selling well at Steining and Shoreham Farmers' Markets and at pubs in the Brighton area. The brewery is organising a beer festival as part of the Steining and Horsham Food Festival over the weekend of 19-20 September, and will showcase locally-produced beers.

Nigel Bullen

ANCHOR SPRINGS

Littlehampton, 01903 719086.
www.anchorsspringsbrewery.com
The brewery's restaurant bar, the Contented Pig, is serving a full and varied all-day food menu and stocking the brewery's bottle-conditioned beers. It has a pleasant rear courtyard for the clement weather. **Black Bart** is currently (April) back on hand pump next-door at the Crown Inn Brewery Tap.

BLOTBC

ARUNDEL

Ford, nr Arundel, 01903 733111.
www.arundelbrewery.co.uk
The brewery has a pair of new drays which are smartly badged to match the company's new corporate image. Spring seasonal, **Spring Tide**, 4.6% Golden Ale brewed with Challenger

hops, is now in trade until the end of May, when the popular **Summer Daze** (4.7%) takes over. Award-winning **Black Stallion** also gets a special push in the CAMRA Mild Month of May. The company is developing food and beer pairings, which were much to the fore in February during the year's first brewery tours, when the food included sausages and burgers made with **Sussex Dark**, 5.5% Old Ale, and served in freshly baked buns from Slindon Bakery.

Jeff Vinter

BALLARD'S

Nyewood, 01730 821362.
www.ballards-brewery.co.uk
Ballard's reach their 35th anniversary this June and will brew a special beer to celebrate, details to follow. **Midhurst Mild** has been awarded Silver in the Mild Category of the CAMRA London & South East Regional Champion Beer of Britain Competition 2014. Inn Brighton pubs will be taking the brewery's beer for the six months from April to September. The next "Beats at Ballard's" music night is Saturday 23 May.

Barry Woodward

BARTLEBY'S

Coachwerks, 19 Hollingdean Terrace, Brighton, BN1 7HB, 07845 297195 / 01273 275012.
www.bartlebysbrewery.com
info@bartlebysbrewery.com
Idle Bo (5.0% Stout) appeared at the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival. A license has been obtained for on and off-sales at the brewery and two gigs have so far been held, with more to come. What is now being worked out is the best way to do off-sales without bottling, but using re-useable containers.

BLOTBC

BASILINE

Small Dole, 01903 879111.

www.baselinebrewing.co.uk

With the spring focus on pale ales, coming up are **Halcyon Hop Haze**, (4.0%) single hop Chinook APA; **Englander Weissbier**, (4.0%) English take on a German-style, bitter-citrus, clear wheat-beer; **Mash Up**, (4.0%) fusion of Czech Pilsen and English Pale Ale; and **Gold Admiral**, (4.9%) a quintessentially English Pale Ale with First Gold and Admiral hops. There will also be a "people's pint" designed by the brewery's customers. The shop will be serving ale from the cask in 2-pint containers or 5-litre mini-kegs. Special rates if you bring your own container! It also stocks bottled beers from Baseline and other breweries, as well as Belgian beers.

Peter Mitchell

BEACHY HEAD

East Dean, 01323 423313.

www.beachyhead.org.uk

More 18s have been ordered to cope with increased sales. Roger has decided a more focused approach to sales and promotion is needed, so a brochure is being prepared to be circulated to the trade. Bottling has ceased at the brewery and the equipment is now at the Belgian Café, Eastbourne, where their own brewing has commenced.

Tony Harman

BEDLAM

Albourne, 07955 684041.

www.bedlambrewery.co.uk

Developments move at a pace, including planning for the expanded brewery with another four or five people joining the team. Hopefully, the bottled range will go nationwide in the next few months as there is a switch to 330ml bottles, which will be screen

printed. The first lager brew is aimed to hit the market by late May. If any readers are looking for a career in the brewing industry, please contact info@bedlambrewery.co.uk, as positions will be available including sales, brewing, warehouse and delivery drivers.

Peter Mitchell

BEER ME

The Belgian Café, 11-23 Grand Parade, Eastbourne, BN21 3YN, 01323 729967.

www.thebelgiancafe.co.uk

This new brewery in the basement of the Belgian Café is still in the start-up phase with a capacity of 2.5 barrels, currently serving only the café itself. Two Belgium-style beers are currently on offer - **Dark** (6.0% Dubbel) and **Blonde** (6.7% Helles) - with two new styles expected in the coming months.

Scott O'Rourke

BLACK CAT

Framfield, Uckfield.

www.blackcat-brewery.com

Both **Original** and **Hopsmack** are now brewed all year round. The demand for latter is generated by more sales following expansion of the market to the pub close to the brewery. Paul has purchased a stillage racking system to hold up to 12 firkins with auto tilt cask holders. He can now bottle almost 900 bottles in one go in a drive to expand into the bottling market. Rather than bottle-conditioned beer, he bottles cask-conditioned bright beer using the new system.

John Parker

BRIGHTON BIER

Brighton, 07515 956976 / 07967 681203.

www.brightonbier.com

The increased capacity of the new brewery is enabling a distribution

growth beyond the existing, established customer base. This will significantly increase beer availability in the Brighton area and beyond. Late April saw the launch of the first bottled beer: this 4.0% signature pale ale called, simply, **Brighton Bier**, will be permanently available. Watch out in the summer for new versions of **Dealer's Choice IPA** and additions to the **Cyclops Eyedrops** series of full-strength ales.

Peter Hartley

BURNING SKY

Firle, 01273 858080.

www.burningskybeer.com

Due to demand exceeding supply the brewery is installing two more fermenters, six additional 750-litre oak vats and even more wine barrels, all to be used for ageing. A small bottling plant has been purchased and will be used to produce a number of bottle-conditioned beers. These include the new **Saison à la Provision; Cuvée**, a blend of the Saison and a Lambic (made in Belgium and aged at the brewery); **Flanders Red**, aged for a year in oak and inspired - to quote the late, great Michael Jackson - 'by the great burgundies of Belgium'; and a **Porter**, aged in a Brettet foudre for six months. Burning Sky was voted by Ratebeer as the 4th best new brewery in the world (out of 3800). The brewery has been invited to the biennial Toer de Geuze in Belgium, where a number of Belgium breweries and blenderies open their doors to the public.

Ruth Anderson

DARK STAR

Partridge Green, 01403 713085.

www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk

The brewers have been busy with replays of some old favourites,

Seville, Six Hop and Victorian Ruby Mild, and trying to pass them off as specials. And in line with their aspiration to look busy while doing very little, **Hophead Vic Secret**, in January, was **Hophead** with the Australian hop as substitute for the usual Cascade; while **American Red**, for February, was a champion homebrew recipe brewed under the supervision of Andy Parker, its homebrew creator.
Clive Watson

DOWNLANDS

Small Dole, 01273 495596.
www.downlandsbrewery.co.uk
The core beer range has been restructured: **Root Thirteen** replaces **Truleigh Gold**; **Best** replaces **Ruskin's Ram**; **Pale** and **Dark** become permanent fixtures; newcomer **Bramber** (4.5% hoppy amber ale) is added. **Devils Dyke** remains unchanged. **Daytripper** is back for the summer along with a number of one-off specials including **Darker Shade of Pale** (Black IPA), **Devils Dyke Salted Caramel**, and a variety of IPAs.
Roger Coton

FILLO

Hastings, 01424 420212.
www.filobrewing.co.uk
The FILO will be celebrating 30 years of brewing this year, so check the website for news of any special events and/or brews etc. Regular beers **Churches Pale**, **Crofters**, **Gold**, **Mike's Mild** and **Old Town Tom** remain popular in many Hastings pubs, as well as various outlets throughout Sussex and Kent.
Bill Turner

FIREBIRD

Rudgwick, 01403 823180.
www.firebirdbrewing.co.uk
New ales are **Sorachi Ace**, 4.1% brewed with the single Sorachi hop, and **Noble IPA**, 6.0% traditional

strong ale using Goldings and Fuggles hops. Also new is **American Amber West Ale**, 6.5% using Cascade and Simcoe hops, in keg and bottle. On draught only until May is the new (4.1%) spring ale, **Boxing Hare**. For the summer, **Pacific Gem**, 4.2% single hop variety bitter using the Pacific Gem hop from New Zealand, is available cask and bottle. Also sold in the on-site shop are **Bohemia Pilsner** (4.8%), **Fireweisse** (5.0% Weissbier) and **Flemish Blond** (5.4%), all available in keg and bottle. **Barnabus** (7.0% Doppelbock) is now in bottle only.
Roger Tofts

FRANKLINS

Bexhill, 01424 731066.
www.franklinsbrewery.co.uk
Franklins are pleased to announce that their beers will feature at the County Cricket Ground, Hove for all Sussex four-day and forty-over games. New beers to be introduced include a Red Rye, an APA and a new IPA. They hope to have new kit installed by the end of the summer, increasing capacity and allowing an expansion of range to include kegged and bottled beers.
Mac McCutcheon

GOLDMARK

Poling, nr Arundel, 07900 555415 / 01903 297838.
www.goldmarks.co.uk
Due to demand, the brewery has doubled its fermentation capacity with the installation of two new, state of the art, 2000-litre fermenters, designed by Mark to chill the beer extra cold, especially for the European-style beers. **Harvest Glory** (3.8%) is on the pumps for spring. **Vertigo Craft Lager** (4.8%) and **Red IPA** (4.3%) will be available in craft bottles in August to add to the current range. The brewery celebrated two years trading with the release of a Double IPA (8.5%),

available in June from selected venues only.
Jim Waterston

GOLDSTONE

Ditchling Common, 01444 257053.
www.goldstonebrewery.co.uk
Amarillo (4.5%) and a gold, seasonal **Trip Hop** (5.0%) were supplied to the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival. Beers coming up include **Belma**, 4.0% American Pale Ale, and **La Moutte** (The Seagull), 3.9% French-style blonde beer. Bottle-conditioned beers suitable for vegans are available in branches of the local Hartley's off-licence.
Paul Free

GRIBBLE

The Gribble Inn, Oving, nr Chichester, 01243 786893.
www.gribbleinn.co.uk
Production is currently increasing since the pub reopened on Saturday 21 March, eight months following the fire. The new thatch makes for an imposing sight for the village. **Gribble Ale** and **Fuzzy Duck** continued to be brewed while the fire damage to the pub was remedied and were served in the makeshift but cosy Brewery Tap. Free of tie for ale sales guest beers are planned for the coming weeks.
Chris Wright

GUN

Heathfield, 07900 683355.
beer@gunbrewery.co.uk
The first regular cask ale, **Pale Ale** (4.6%), is now available in several local pubs, including the Griffin, Fletching and Trevor Arms, Glynde. There is a same-strength bottle-conditioned version, available locally at Noble Wines, Uckfield, and Middle Farm, Firl. The brewery has its own 30-metre-deep well and uses the water for all of its beers. There is room to expand to a 10-barrel plant

and at least five more beers are in the pipeline, including a 3.8% session beer and a full-strength IPA.

Steve Obey

HAMMERPOT

Poling, nr Arundel, 01903 883338.
www.hammerpot-brewery.co.uk
A very busy start to the Vinery year. Positive feedback has been received on the new **Mosaic Pale** (4.1%) and the mighty **Baltic Porter** (8.0%). Look out in the coming months for **Madgwick Citra** (5.0%), **Summer** (3.7%), plus **American Pale** and **Australian Pale** (both 4.1%).

Hammerpot are now operating monthly prize draws through their Facebook page so 'Like' them, keep up to date with what they are doing, and you could win yourself some beer! Finally, Lee has been closely involved in Worthing's new micro at the Alehouse & Kitchen brewpub, brewing and developing new beers on their open-plan, in-house plant.

Tim Walker

HARVEYS

Lewes, 01273 480209.

www.harveys.org.uk

There have been many good reports of the County Town beers brewed on the micro plant for the County Town Hop. These have so far been **Scotch Ale** (5.0%), **Oat Malt Stout** (4.5%) and **Tipper Ale** (5.0%).

Jack Wilkinson

HASTINGS

St Leonards-on-Sea, 01424 850961 / 07708 259342.

www.hastingsbrewery.co.uk

The traditional beers - **Best**, **Blonde**, **Porter**, and **Stout** - are being phased out to concentrate on a modern, hop-forward range. Regulars will be **Session Pale** (3.8% cask, 4.0% bottle- and keg-conditioned - formerly Handmade 17), **Mosaic Pale** (4.8% and 5.0% -

formerly Handmade 15), **Four Cees APA** (5.5% and 5.7% - formerly Handmade 14:3 Cs APA), and **Slovenian Brown** (6.0% and 6.2% - formerly Handmade 13: Slovenian India Brown Ale). The spring seasonal is **Down Under IPA** (5.8% and 6.0%), with six Australian and New Zealand hops. Summer seasonal will be **Mini IPA** (around 4.5%), hopped with Falconer's Flight, a US blend. Additionally available in bottle and keg will be a variety of Saison beers. All beers will become available can-conditioned in 330ml lined-aluminium cans, superior to bottles for both taste and recycling. Keg-conditioned **Mosaic Pale** won a Gold award in the Champion Premium Bitters, Pale and Golden Ales in Keg category at the SIBA National Beer Competition, March.

Peter Page-Mitchell

HEATHEN

Haywards Heath, 01444 456217 / 07825 429428.

www.heathenbrewers.co.uk

Heathen Honey (5.5% West Coast IPA) was well received at the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival, while **Heathen Rhubarb** (4.5% Bitter) has been going down well at other festivals and outlets such as Savannah Cafe Bar, Haywards Heath. Next brew in mid-April will be **ipaD**, Dark IPA.

BLOTBC

HEPWORTH

Horsham, 01403 269696.

www.hepworthbrewery.co.uk

Hepworth are trialling a new 5.5% **IPA** to celebrate their supplier's award-winning hops, to be available in casks and possibly as a bottle-conditioned version. **Dark Horse** will again be available during April/May. **Russian Red** has been renamed **Export Red**. A new range of ten 'craft' beers are being bottled for Marks & Spencer, with the

possibility of an additional ten beers next year.

Chris Stringer

HIGH WEALD

East Grinstead, 07836 291430.

www.highwealdbrewery.co.uk

The three core beers have been selling well in local free houses and in various micro pubs on the South Coast. Andy is also concentrating on finding outlets for the bottle-conditioned versions in farm shops and local events and markets (including Forest Row Community Market and Knockholt Farmers Market). They are also available at Middle Farm, Firle, Market Square, East Grinstead and the Bedford Beer Cave, Tunbridge Wells. A new strong English Pale Ale, **Iron Ridge** (6.0%) made its successful debut at the North Sussex CAMRA Spring Equinox Beer Festival; a limited brew so far, it may reappear at a later date. Following last year's success, there will be 'specials' again at this year's festivals at the Anchor Inn, Hartfield, and Ashstock, Ashurst Wood..

Jonathan Samways

HOP YARD

Forest Row, 07769 313410.

www.hopyardbrewing.co.uk

Bottles of **Golden Ale** (5.0%) are now available in the local market. For future plans check the brewery Facebook page (www.facebook.com/hopyardbrewingco) or Twitter feed.

BLOTBC

HURST

Hurstpierpoint, 07866 438953.

www.hurstbrewery.co.uk

An ESB is planned for possibly late summer/early autumn. **Summer 700** seasonal ale will be brewed again, probably in early June depending on the weather. **Watchtower** (5.5% Black London Porter) was very well received at the

Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival and in pubs across Sussex. Obviously a good decision to brew it all year round! It joins **Founder's Best** (4.2%), **Keeper's Gold** (4.4%) and **Oldland Sussex Pale** (3.7%) in the current repertoire of beers. If you are a publican, look out for them on the SIBA/Enterprise lists very soon.

Steve Floor

ISFIELD

Framfield, 01825 750633.
www.isfieldbrewing.co.uk
A new full-time sales and business development executive has been employed and is proving his worth - spring has seen a surge in sales. A new brewery floor and the installation of two more fermenters has doubled capacity to meet the increase in demand. Alongside the ever-popular **Straw Blond** are two newer ales, **Ethel Red** (4.2%), and **Equinox** (4.0%). The former is based on last year's popular **Autumn Red**; the latter is a light and floral amber ale to celebrate spring. The above new website is up and running with Facebook and Twitter feeds.

John Parker

KEMPTOWN

The Hand in Hand, Brighton, 07967 681203.
The brewpub remains busy and there are no changes to the brewery. **Gold** (4.0%) appeared at the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival.

Peter Hartley

KILN

Burgess Hill, 07800 556729.
www.thekilnbrewery.co.uk
The bottled beers are appearing regularly in the Quench Bar, Burgess Hill. It is hoped to start putting the beer into casks very shortly.

Paul Free

KING BEER

Horsham, 01403 272102.
www.kingbeer.co.uk
The new, stronger 5.5% version of Kiwi pale ale, **Warrior**, is going down well, particularly at the North Sussex CAMRA Spring Equinox Beer Festival, where it, **Old** and the special **Smokin' Choc Porter**, brewed with the North Sussex branch for the festival, were all well supported in the Beer of the Festival voting. The brewery is now supplying keg lines to pubs, together with kegs and casks from a range of brewers through its Beer Collective operation. With Ian Burgess on a period of extended leave, the team is delighted to have Iain Masson join them for a few months. Iain set up Kite Brewery and Portobello Brewery and brings a wealth of experience to the team.
Mike Head

KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding, 01403 891335.
www.kissingate.co.uk
New beer **Pernickety Pale** (4.5%) was officially launched at the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival. The beer is brewed to an uncompromisingly exacting recipe which inspired its name. **Sussex** has now overtaken **Black Cherry Mild** as the brewery's best seller. Sales of dark beers **Six Crows**, **Stout Extreme Jamaica** and **Smelter's Stout** have increased significantly despite the warmer weather. The brewery continues to receive visitors from near and far. An influx is expected for the popular annual Spring Festival on Saturday 30 May.
Roy Bray

LAINE

The North Laine, Brighton, 01273 683666.

www.drinkinbrighton.co.uk/north-laine
The new brewer is Chris Parkin, who commenced work before Christmas and was previously employed at Bedlam Brewery. He has already brewed new beers **Long Hop**, light 4.2%, **North Pacific**, hoppy 4.8% red, and has plans to produce a 4.0% Saison using either German Hallertau or Hersbrucker hops. The brewery will once again be providing beers for the legendary Spielgeltent during the Brighton Fringe Festival: **Long Hop**, **Summer Sessions**, **IPA** and **Laine's Best** will all be available.
Ruth Anderson

LANGHAM

Lodsworth, Petworth, 01798 860861.
www.langhambrewery.co.uk
Busy times up at Lodsworth. Spring is now with us so 'tis the season for the great zesty taste of **Flor-Ale**, 3.8% light blond with floral hop notes and a pleasant, sweet finish, available until the summer solstice.
Peter Luff

LISTER'S

Ford, 01903 885950 / 07775 853412.
www.listersbrewery.com
Lister's continues to grow and have taken over another unit at their Ford site to provide more production and storage space. As well as continuing to supply pubs locally, they now deliver regularly to north Hampshire, Wiltshire and in and around Horsham. Head brewer, Phil, is developing two further beers, **Golden Ale** and **Westmorland Dark Mild**. Both should be available for the spring and summer.
Glenn Johnson

LONG MAN

Litlington, 01323 871850 / 07976 777992.

www.longmanbrewery.com
With fermenting vessels No.7 & 8 being recently installed, production has been increased to 800 firkins a week. A second cold store has been built to cope with the extra demand. With **Sussex Pride** (4.5%) back having had a successful run as the spring seasonal, Jamie has come up with another excellent new beer: **Session IPA** (3.8%) will run for the May/June period. **Golden Tipple** (4.7%) will then show as the summer ale from June/July. Plans for the onsite shop are progressing well, as is the potential for limited, public tours of the brewery this year.
Scott O'Rourke

NAKED

Lancing, 01903 791230.
www.nakedbeerco.co.uk
Two new beers this year have been **Tom Foolery** (6.5% Cascara Porter) and **Get Lucky** (American Pale Ale). Another new beer available soon is a 5.0% Milk Stout made from some exotic malts and a new ingredient - Biscoff biscuits! The brewery has also got its beers into London, with the Crown & Anchor, Brixton the first to take them on in the capital. The first keg beers will be **Get Lucky** and **Indecent Exposure**.
Roy Bond

PIN UP

Southwick, 01273 411127.
www.pinupbrewingco.com
Pin Up have almost finished their fermenter extensions with one more to come. They have also ordered the first parts of their new brewhouse, which should be built in the next few months with all other tanks following over the coming year. The new brand has been launched and is now on the new bottle stock. Products should be in keg as well as cask around August.

Adrian Towler

RECTORY

Streat, 01273 890570.
Black Cap Stout and **Riding Best Bitter**, both 5.0%, appeared at the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival.
Jack Wilkinson

ROTHER VALLEY

Northiam, 01797 252922 / 07798 877551.
www.rothervalleybrewery.co.uk
The brewery would like to thank local artist Richard Stone for his input and skill on their recent pump clips and also to announce that they finally have a website, address above.

Dawn Lincoln

TOP NOTCH

Haywards Heath, 07963 829368.
www.topnotchbrewing.co.uk
Red Rye Pale Ale (5.0%), produced in collaboration with Downlands Brewery, was available at the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival, while **Flare-Path** 5.0%, appeared at the North Sussex CAMRA Spring Equinox Beer Festival.

Keith Newell

THREE LEGS

7 Burnt House Farm, Udimore Road, Brede, East Sussex, TN31 6BX.
www.thethreelegs.co.uk
info@thethreelegs.co.uk
This new brewery produces very small batch beers, unpasteurised and unfiltered, made with an all-English malt mash, English hops and English ale yeast. Available both bottle-conditioned and in cask, they are so far in three pubs: the Lamb, Wartling and both the Standard and the George, Rye. Staple beers are **Amber** (4.8%), **Traditional IPA** (5.0%) and **Dark** (4.5%), all brewed

with East Kent Goldings. Limited beers (less than 150 bottles of each) are, at the time of reporting, **#2141** (5.5% hybrid IPA) and **#1003** (4.6% heavily-hopped IPA).
BLOTBC

TURNERS

Ringmer, 07710 581042 / 08456 892689.
www.turnersbrewery.com
sales@turnersbrewery.com
Mr Richard Harvey BSc, MBrew, a director of Goddards Brewery, has been employed as a consultant brewer to enhance brewing practices and develop new recipes.
Jason Phillips

UNBARRED

Hove, 07850 070471.
www.unbarredbrewery.com
unbarredbrewery@gmail.com
Benchmark IPA (4.7%) sold out in three hours at the recent Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival. Bottles will soon be available in various outlets in Brighton and Worthing, including Bison Beer, Trafalgar Wines and Anchored in Worthing.
BLOTBC

WELTONS

Horsham, 01403 242901.
www.weltonsbeer.co.uk
Hopburst will be available soon along with six beers for May to include **Rampant Rooster** (5.5%) and **Buckland Shag** (4.7%). Look out for Waterloo-themed Belgian style beers in June to mark the bicentenary of the historic battle, to include **Dukes Toast Saison** (6.6%), **Hugoumont Brown Ale** and **Quatre Bras** (Cherry Kriek). **Hammerpond Dark** will be aged for six months in whisky casks.
Nigel Bullen

STOP PRESS. Kitchen Garden have recommenced brewing.



CIDER HOUSE NOTES

Cider is bursting out all over, blossom ...



We now have two months of the year for celebrating our traditional drinks of cider and perry, as CAMRA has now designated both May and October as Cider and Perry months, with the emphasis on the blossom in May and the booze in October - bloomin' marvellous! As part of our campaign to encourage more people to try a range of real ales, cider and perries, CAMRA is encouraging members to try a real cider or perry in May and to help support British orchards. So use the list of outlets in the previous issue's Cider House Notes to find a real cider pub near you, and start celebrating one of our favourite national tipples.

May is a time when the apple and pear trees in our orchards are in blossom and, without the orchards and tree blossom, we wouldn't have the fruit to make the ciders and perries that are on offer throughout the year. Unfortunately, many of the old traditional orchards have disappeared over the years but, thankfully, in recent years producers have started to plant new trees to keep the tradition of cider and perry production alive. May is also the time when the juice that was pressed the previous year has

fermented through and is ready to drink. Real ciders and perries let you taste the fruit used in their production in the final product, straight from the tree to the glass. We'll be listing events happening throughout the month on the CAMRA website so have a look to see what is going on near you now.



CAMRA secures nearly 20,000 signatures to support small cider makers

CAMRA has launched a new campaign to support small cider makers under serious threat from the European Union (EU), which has demanded the UK Government remove their exemption from excise duty. The proposed action would see small cider producers landed with a tax bill of up to £2,700 every year, making production uneconomic and leading to widespread closures. This tax would apply to very small producers, such as hobbyist or farm-gate producers, who earn up to £10,000 a year. If these producers are driven out of business it will cost jobs, harm the countryside, dramatically reduce consumer choice and cause irreparable damage to one of the nation's most historic industries.

CAMRA fully supports real cider and perries and we see this as a serious threat to a great British industry. As this issue goes to publication, our petition to “protect small cider producers” has secured 19,454 of the 20,000 signatures required. Please help support this campaign by visiting the following link to see if signatures are still required. If they are, please do add yours. <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/protect-small-cider-producers-1>



Dispensary Celebrations

The weekend of 10-12 April saw the first anniversary of the opening of the Brighton Beer Dispensary. To add to the celebrations, the Brighton & South Downs Branch made a visit to present them with their Cider & Perry Pub of the Year Award. Jackie Johnson, Cider Rep, Brighton & South Downs Branch (right) has presented the certificate to managers Jon and Theresa. The Dispensary also received a certificate for being runner-up in the branch's overall Pub of the Year award, so double congratulations!



Crawley Beer & Cider Festival 5th – 7th June

Crawley Civic Hall

THE BOULEVARD, CRAWLEY. RH10 1UZ

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Occupying a landmark position opposite the clock tower, the block of buildings that originally formed North Street Quadrant was erected c.1854. Separate premises accommodating at various times, a naturalist, wireworker, coal company office and a grocer and cheesemaker, became conjoined as the Quadrant Hotel in 1864. Of four storeys and roughly wedge-shaped, the top three floors are stucco-covered with the roof obscured by a parapet. The Quadrant closed for a period of time when the block was redeveloped some years ago. Saved by its English Heritage Grade II listing of 30th March 1999, the pub reopened in 2007.



The ground floor exterior has, in the words of the listed description, “composite pilasters of grey granite supporting fascia with modillion cornice and console stops.” The TOM BOVEY, WINE & SPIRIT IMPORTER signs are of genuine late-Victorian vintage uncovered during the reopening. (People with sharp eyes

The Quadrant, Brighton

will note they were designed by S. JONES & COMPY (PATENT FASCIA), KINGS + LONDON. N.) Tom Bovey was the landlord of the Quadrant at the turn of the 20th century, the period when the extant lower bar was fitted. His wife, Carrie Bovey, carried on the license until 1938.

The ground-floor is on split-levels, the lower bar at the south end being the attraction with some c. 1900 fittings. There is a moulded ceiling, panelled semi-circular chunky counter and a brick and wood surround fireplace between bar front and stairs. At the rear exit to Air Street is a bowed staircase screen with a pair of engraved glass panels, one a replacement. Across the central circular servery is a carved bar gantry that according to the listed description has an “unusual central arch with scrolled brackets and ornate pediment over [and] mirror-panels to either side flanked by fluted Ionic columns supporting bowed entablatures and mirror-glass to toplights.”

The flat-arched front entrance to the lower bar is set back with old panelled and glazed door with a wrought-iron screen over the porch. The left flank wall of the porch has glazed, moulded and coloured tiles. In the curved window at the right can be detected the faint outline of applied letting once painted onto the glass:

The Quadrant
Saloon Lounge
Choice Wines and Spirits
BASS' PALE

Accessed either from the lower bar or by the north east door is the higher level bar, post-war and plain, with the counter being a copy of that



in the lower area. The first-floor room, once called the Clock Tower Bar, and before that the Crystal Rooms, now contains nothing of interest, but architect's plans for first floor alterations of April 1950 do have the virtue of showing how the ground floor bars were then laid out.

The Saloon Bar, now at the lower level, was in 1950 partitioned off from the rest of the pub and entered from either the front porch or the Air Street stairwell. A lift was situated mid-way along the south facing wall. The Public Bar, now the higher bar, was entered either from the existing north east door or by what was a matching front porch entrance to that still existing to the Saloon Bar. At the north-west corner was a Private Bar, adjacent to and of similar size to the Public Bar. Running from the middle of the circular counter to the north wall was a partition with a doorway both separating and giving internal access to these two north bars.

Including the two matching porch doorways along the front, there were,

then, six entrances to the Quadrant, only three of which are now in use. Part of the space that the Private Bar then occupied has been incorporated into the top bar but the remainder is behind the resituated internal west wall. Walk around into Air Street to see the two blocked up doorways that once led into the Private Bar. I would guess that the bar counter in the top bar was replaced when the Private Bar fell into disuse, the room partitions were removed and the front porch entrance to the Public Bar was replaced by the windows and frontage we now see along that side.

The Quaffer



BEER FESTIVALS AND OTHER DELICHTS

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. 3.

May 8-9 Burgess Hill Town Football Club Beer Festival, Fri 4pm-11pm, Sat 2pm-11pm; The Green Elephants Stadium, Leylands Park, Maple Drive, Burgess Hill, RH15 8DL; Tickets £5 includes a free pint! Can be bought at the Club or from Dave Bradbury 07468 605940, thedavebradbury@gmail.com, www.bhtfc.co.uk

May 15-17 26th YAPTON BEEREX, Yapton & Ford Village Hall, BN18 0ET, www.westernsussexcamra.org.uk

May 16-17 Beer Tent Event, Bill Target Memorial Steam Rally, Highbridge Farm, Highbridge Road, Eastleigh, Hants, SO50 6HN, 07778 551352, info@ale-inatent.co.uk

May 22 (also June 19, July 17, July 31) Bluebell Railway Rail Ale Evening, Sheffield Park Station, TN22 3QL, 01825 720800, www.bluebell-railway.com/event/rail-ale-evenings/

May 22-23 The Dean Real Ale and Cider Festival, Midhurst Road, West Dean, PO18 0QX, 01243 811465, www.thedeaninn.co.uk

May 22-23 12th Southwick Beer Festival, Southwick Community Hall, 24 Southwick Street, Southwick, BN42 4TE, 01273 592819, www.southwickcommunitycentre.org.uk

May 22-24 Beer & Cider by the Sea, Western Lawns, Eastbourne, BN21 4UH, 01323 412000, www.visiteastbourne.com/events/beerandciderbythesea.aspx

May 22-24 Kings Arms 2nd Annual Beer Festival, 18 ales mostly from Sussex, Surrey and Kent, 36 Tarrant St, Arundel, BN18 9DN, 01903 882312, www.facebook.com/pages/Kings-Arms/161633347180633

May 22-25 Thomas A Becket Annual Beer Festival, 146 Rectory Road, Worthing, BN14 7PJ, 01903 266643, www.thomas-a-becket.co.uk/whats-on

May 23 Beats at Ballard's: Music Night at Ballard's Brewery, The Old Sawmill, Nyewood, GU31 5HA, 01730 821362, www.ballards-brewery.org.uk

May 23 Heathfield & District Agricultural Show; Beer tent - run by 360° Brewing - selling various Sussex beers. Free Bus Service and Park & Ride From Heathfield Town Centre to Show Ground, Little Tottingworth Farm, Broad Oak, Heathfield, TN21 8UE, www.heathfieldshow.org

May 23 Spin Up in a Brewery: Beer, Bikes and BBQ, 1pm-8pm, Dark Star Brewery, 22 Star Road, Partridge Green, RH13 8RA, 01403 713085, www.spinupinabrewery.com

May 23-25 Wheatsheaf Beer Festival, Mount Pleasant, Jarvis Brook, Crowborough, TN6 2NF, 01892 667356, www.wheatsheafcrowborough.co.uk

May 29-30 (also Aug 28-30) Brighton Beer & Cider Festival. Presented by Brighton & Hove Food and Drink Festival in association with Nutshell Construction, Hove Lawns, BN3 2WN, www.brightonfoodfestival.com

May 29-31 Glastonwick 2015; Adur's 20th Annual Beer, Music, Poetry & More Beer Festival, Church Farm, Coombes, BN15 0RS, 07756 956483, www.cask-ale.co.uk/beerfestival.html

May 30 Kissingate Brewery Springfest, Pole Barn, Church Lane Farm Estate, Lower Beeding, RH13 6LU, 01403 891335, www.kissingate

co.uk

May 30 Sussex Fringe Beer Festival, part of Milland Food, Drink & Music, 10am-10pm, Milland Recreation Field, Milland, GU30 7NA, www.milland-fdm.com/sussex-fringe-beer-festival

May 30-31 Beer Tent Event, Floral Fringe Fair, Knepp Castle, West Grinstead, RH13 8LJ, 07778 551352, info@ale-inatent.co.uk, www.floralfringe-fair.co.uk

June 5-7 Crawley Beer Festival, 40+ beers from £3.00 per pint, plus 10 ciders and perries; Fri 5pm-11pm £6; Sat 11am-11pm £7; Sun 11am-3pm Free entry; £1 entry discount for CAMRA members - £2 off entry vouchers available at the Crown, Turners Hill and Beer Essentials, Horsham. Tickets available on the door at Crawley Civic Hall, The Boulevard, Crawley, RH10 1UZ, more info at www.thecrownturnershill.co.uk

June 7 Langham tasty ales and ciders from The Crafty Pint at The Anonymous Travelling Market, Cowdray Herb Garden, Midhurst, GU29 0AJ. Delicious street food, artisan makers and producers, arts, crafts and vintage stalls. Demonstrations, dog shows and family fun. Live music all day. Adult entry £1. Children Free. Free Parking. www.theatm.co.uk

June 12-14 The Belgian Café Beer Festival, including home brewer (non-professional) challenge, winner to receive £100 worth of beer to choose from our Beer Menu. The café will collect any beer sample until 31 May latest; 11-23 Grand Parade, Eastbourne, BN21 3YN, 01323 729 967, www.thebelgiancafe.co.uk

June 12-14 Chichester Inn Annual Beer Festival, 38 West Street, Chichester, PO19 1RP, 01243 783185, www.chichesterinn.co.uk

June 13-14 Taste! Artisan Food Festival, wines, real ales and ciders, 10am-6pm, free entry,

Oaklands Park, Chichester, PO19 6AP, 01243 839316, www.tastefestival.net

June 19-20 19th SOUTH DOWNS BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL, Lewes Town Hall, BN7 2Q5, www.brightoncamra.org.uk

June 19-20 KENT & EAST SUSSEX RAILWAY BEER FESTIVAL, Tenterden Railway Station, Kent, TN30 6HE, Fri 6pm-10.30pm, Sat 11am-10.30pm, 01580 240104, www.camra-afrm.org.uk

June 19-21 Three Moles Beer Festival, Selham, GU28 0PH, 01798 861303, www.facebook.com/TheThreeMoles

June 20 Blacksmiths in the Field; Music and Ale Festival as part of the Chichester Festival, BBQ and local ales, 2pm-11pm, free entry, The Blacksmiths, Selsey Road, Donnington, PO20 7PR, 01243 785578, www.the-blacksmiths.co.uk/events

June 20 Langham brewery tour in aid of local charity, Action for AT. On this day before Father's Day give your Dad a gift to show how much you care and we will donate half to research into children's childhood degenerative diseases. From 7.30pm jazzy-cool music by Theo Jackson, contributions requested £10, but not compulsory. Excellent, reasonably priced bar, Old Granary, Lodsworth Lane, Lodsworth, GU28 9BU, 01798 860861, www.langhambrewery.co.uk

June 20 Northiam Midsummer Festival, including Small Scale Beer Festival featuring Local Breweries, Northiam Playing Field, The Plat, Northiam, TN31 6LU, www.northiambonfiresociety.co.uk/?page_id=902

June 20-21 Beer Tent Event, Dene Steam Rally, Starter Gate Farm, Charlwood Lane, Monkwood, Ropley, Hants, SO24 0HA, 07778 551352, info@ale-inatent.co.uk

June 26-28 Rose in June Summer Charity

Beer Festival, 102 Milton Road, Copnor, Portsmouth, PO3 6AR, 02392 824191, www.theroseinjune.co.uk

June 27 Worthing RFC Beer Festival and 7s Tournament, The Rugby Park, Roundstone Lane, Angmering, BN16 4AX, 01903 784706, www.worthingrfc.com

June 28 Beer Tent Event, Shoreham Dogs Trust Open Day, Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre, Brighton Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5LT, 07778 551352, info@ale-inatent.co.uk

July 4 Train to London Pubs, TTLP24, NorthEast London. An excursion up the Victoria Line towards Tottenham, hopefully to include the Beavertown Brewery Tap Room. To be included on mailout list contact Pete Brown, 01243 552908, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com

July 5 Special Celebration of 100 Years of Motorbuses in Worthing plus Real Ale Festival; centred around the iconic Dome Cinema; catch Stagecoach 700 bus to pier for Vintage Bus Services, Food & Drink Festival and more! Further details will be available on flyers at the Yapton Beerex or contact Chris Pearce, 07917 752053

July 10-12 SIBA South East Beer Festival and Competition, Juddians Rugby Club, The Slade, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1HR, 01732 358548, www.siba.co.uk/southeast

July 11 Ashstock Summer Festival with Beer, Bands and other attractions, 12noon-11pm. Bar including around 12 cask ales from breweries within 20 miles of Ashurst Wood. All day BBQ. Music from local bands, plus stalls and fun for the kids; John Pears Field, Wall Hill, Ashurst Wood, RH19 3TQ, 01342 823770, www.ashurstwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

July 17-19 Cricketers 18th Annual Beer Festival with Live music, BBQ, Real Ales & Wine, 66 Broadwater Street West, Worthing,

BN14 9DE, 01903 233369, www.cricketersworthing.co.uk/s_whatson.asp

July 17-19 Horns Lodge Beer Festival, all proceeds to St Peter and St James Hospice, 20+ Real Ales and Ciders, South Street, South Chailey, BN8 4BD, 01273 400422, www.hornslodge.com

July 17-19 Storrington Summer Beer & Cider Festival, part of Storrington Summer Festival, Fri 7-10pm, Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 10am-6pm, Storrington Cricket Green, RH20 4HJ, www.storringtonfestival.com/beer-tent

July 18 SUSSEX BRANCHES LIAISON MEETING, Bull Inn, 4 Market Road, Chichester, 01243 792432

July 18-19 Walled Garden Music Festival, with a selection of local beers and ciders from the numerous micro breweries in the Sussex and Kent area, Brightling Park, TN32 5HH, 01424 838241, www.walledgardenmusicfest.co.uk

July 24-26 Henty Arms Beer Festival, 2 Ferring Lane, Ferring, BN12 6QY, 01903 241254, www.hentyarms.co.uk/Beer_Festival.html

July 25-26 Eastbourne Lammas Festival, featuring 1648 Brewery beers, Western Lawns, Eastbourne, BN21 4UH, 01323 415442, www.lammasfest.org

Aug 2 Langham Brewery Bar at Woolbeding Dog Day. Family fun. Woolbeding Parkland, Midhurst, GU29 9RR, 0844 249 1895, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woolbeding-parkland

Aug 11-15 GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL, Olympia, London, W14 8UX, 0844 412 4640, www.gbbf.org.uk/

Aug 14-16 The New Beach Club Beer Festival, Card-carrying CAMRA members welcome, Pett Level, TN35 4EH, 01424 812080,

www.thenewbeachclub.co.uk

Aug 14-16 Elsted Inn, 3rd Annual Folk, Ale and Blues Festival; ale fest Fri-Sun, music and entertainments Saturday, Elsted Road, Elsted Marsh, GU29 0JT, 01730 813662, www.theelstedinn.co.uk

Aug 15 The Blockheads gig at Dark Star Brewery, 5pm-10.30pm. All profits will be distributed to charities through the Dark Star Foundation; 22 Star Road, Partridge Green, RH13 8RA, 01403 713085, www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk/blockheads/

Aug 21-23 West Marden Fest. Celebrating all things local including up to 20 ales, plus music, food, dog show and more. Free half pint to card-carrying CAMRA members - offer valid for one visit during the weekend. Email enquiries@victoriainnwestmarden.co.uk with suggestions/requests for ales to feature; phone pub to make prior arrangement to collect and return festival attendees from Rowlands Castle and Emsworth train stations. Victoria Inn, West Marden, PO18 9EN, 02392 631330, www.victoriainnwestmarden.co.uk

Aug 22 Langham Brewery Bar at Woolbeding Picnic in the Park with great music. Woolbeding Parkland, Midhurst, GU29 9RR, 0844 249 1895, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woolbeding-parkland

Aug 29 Live@Langhams! Closing the annual Madhurst celebrations Mini Beer Fest with 13 Langham Brewery ales including mystery beer! Some really excellent music, mayhem and merriment in Midhurst from 1pm-11pm. www.madhurst.co.uk/www.langhambrewery.co.uk

Sep 4-5 Ale & Arty Real Ale and Music Festival, De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1DP, www.bexhillbeerfestival.com

Sep 4-6 Ale at Amberley 10, Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre, Station Road,

Amberley, BN18 9LT, 01798 831370, www.aleatamberley.co.uk

Sep 5-6 Beer Tent Event, Harvesting the Old Fashioned Way, Oldwick Farm, West Stoke, Chichester, PO18 9AA, 07778 551352, info@ale-inatent.co.uk

Sep 12-13 Beer Tent Event, Eastbourne Steampunk Festival, Eastbourne Seafront, 07778 551352, info@ale-inatent.co.uk. www.steampunkfestival.co.uk

Sep 12-13 Horsham Beer Festival, Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1JF, organised and run by Beer Essentials, 01403 218890, www.thebeeressentials.co.uk

Sep 24 Train to London Pubs, TTLP25, probably to central London. Details TBA. To be included on mailout list contact Pete Brown, 01243 552908, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com

Sep 26-27 HopFest, Dark Star Brewery, 22 Star Road, Partridge Green, RH13 8RA, 01403 713085, www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk/hopfest

Oct 8-10 13th EASTBOURNE BEER FESTIVAL, Winter Garden, Compton Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4BP, 01323 412000, www.visiteastbourne.com/beer-festival

Oct 15-17 Petersfield Beer & Cider Festival: The Autumn Sessions, Festival Hall, Heath Road, Petersfield, Hants, GU31 4EA, www.petersfieldfest.com/wp/petersfield-beer-and-cider-festival

Oct 23-25 5th SPA VALLEY/WEST KENT CAMRA BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL, Spa Valley Railway, West Station, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 5QY, 01892 537715, www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk/events

Oct 30-31 19th WORTHING BEER FESTIVAL, St Paul's, Chapel Road, Worthing, BN11 1EE, www.aaa-camra.org.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON

BREWERIES

Reasons to be Cheerful



Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll in a brewery! In a very shallow attempt to act cool, Dark Star invited the aging but still loud and lively rock band The Blockheads to play a gig in the

brewhouse. Much to the brewery's surprise (and closely followed panic) the band agreed and the event is in the diary for Saturday 15 August. All profits will be distributed to charities through the Dark Star Foundation. In the meantime, the brewery's annual 'Spin Up' festival of bikes, beer and BBQ will be in full sweat on Saturday 23 May (see this issue's diary dates pages).

Dark Star plan to develop a small pub estate across the South East under the separate management of experienced pub entrepreneur, Heath Ball, who operates two sites in London. The aim is to open twenty pubs over the next five years. The first of these - complimenting existing outlets the Evening Star, Brighton and the Partridge, Partridge Green – could open in a

matter of months. The new venues will be traditional town ale houses, relatively small in size and so fit in comfortably with the already existing environment of the local community. Burgess Hill, Crawley, Haywards Heath and Brighton are all targeted as potential destinations. [Ed's plea to Paul Reed – add Bognor Regis please!]

Firebird Seven



Major investment and expansion plans to Firebird brewery will soon be completed.

The four new 2000-litre conical fermenters are now in full production, bringing the total fermenters or conditioning tanks to seven. The indoor beer garden and bar situated on the mezzanine floor are now operational. An extension to the mezzanine floor is planned for the near future and the machinery for the bottled beer is now in full production with the racking to store the bottles nearing completion. Details of the membership scheme will shortly be announced on the brewery website.

Old Tree



Old Tree Brewery is a new, cooperative utilising what we understand to be a 300-litre kit in the basement kitchens of SILO restaurant, 39 Upper Gardener

Street, Brighton, BN1 4AN. In harmony with the restaurant's zero-waste philosophy, Old Tree produces both soft and fermented drinks from up-cycled and foraged fruits. Brewers Nick Godshaw and Tom Daniell manage eighteen acres of Sussex woodland with a view to creating an ecologically sustainable natural food resource. They aim to run Old Tree as a not-for-profit concern predicated on small-scale, local production and distribution. The first beer was Moonface IPA. Follow at www.facebook.com/OldTreeCoop?fref=ts. See also www.silobrighton.com.

Brick House



Brick House Brewery of Patcham, Brighton, BN1 8HQ, debuted at the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival

with Requiem Session IPA (4.0%). The beer has since been selling out very quickly at the Long Man of Wilmington, Patcham, and at micro pubs along the Sussex coast. A bottle-conditioned version was sampled at the Brighton Beer Dispensary. Gavin McCusker is the owner-brewer behind Brick House. Follow at www.facebook.com/pages/Brick-House-Brewing-Co/785304488221985?fref=ts

Alehouse & Kitchen



Pictured is the kit on the open-plan ground-floor bar in the Alehouse & Kitchen, recently opened in part of an old church at 10 High Street, Worthing, BN11 1NU, 01903 238392. Lee of Hammerpot Brewery is currently brewing and developing the Alehouse & Kitchen beers on-site at the brewpub. Follow at www.facebook.com/pages/Alehouse-and-Kitchen/833323550059467?fref=ts

Hop Drop

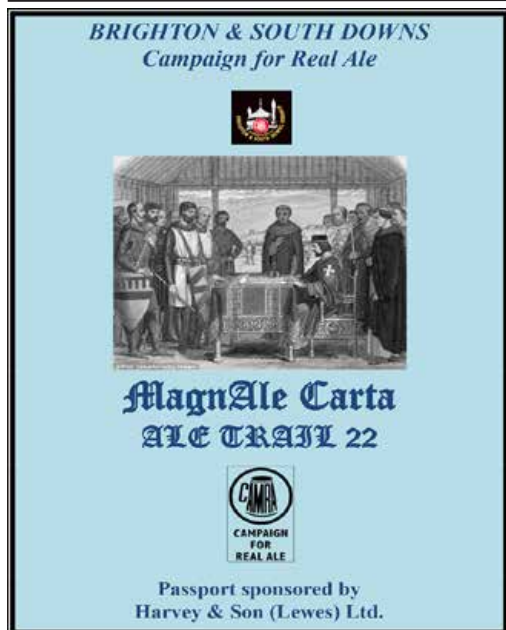


Hop Drop Brewery is a Brighton-based drinks producer established in 2012. Having focused mainly on home brew they have recently, utilising

spare capacity at Turners Brewery, ventured into commercial production. Their Double G has appeared at the Black Horse, Lewes. Follow at www.facebook.com/HopDropBrewery.

LocAle

The following LocAle accreditations are additions to the lists published in previous issues. Walderton: Barley Mow; West Marden: Victoria Inn.



Ale Trail 22

The theme of this year's Brighton & South Downs Branch Ale Trail is MagnAle Carta, marking the 800th anniversary of the charter agreed by King John at Runnymede, near Windsor, on 15 June 1215.

The full particulars of the Ale Trail remain to be confirmed as we go to press; but it will run from the end of May until the end of September and passports will be available from all forty participating pubs.

For updated details on this very enjoyable annual event please continue to check the branch website: www.brightoncamra.org.uk.



Date: Saturday 11 April 2015
 Venue: Brighton Beer Dispensary
 Beer: Brick House Requiem, Session Strength IPA
 ABV: 4.0%
 Dispense: Bottle Conditioned

Sampling Notes: The beer poured clearly and cleanly with a thin white head and an amber body that turned straw-gold when held to the light. Apricot and passion fruits dominated the aroma, followed by grassy notes and a spicy and peppery hop zing. Full bodied for its strength, there was good carbonation and a nice malt-hop balance in the initial fruity taste. Citrus hops then came to the fore leading to a satisfyingly dry finish.

Sampling Sussex Beers

Samplers: Your Editor and Theresa of the Dispensary

Ed's note: this feature is not an outcome of official CAMRA tasting panels but about ordinary pub goers having fun and wishing to share their enjoyment of Sussex-brewed beers sampled in a pub or club. You do not have to be an expert to contribute, just an enthusiast. Please send an article in the above format, along with a good quality image of the beer in its glass, with the bottle or pump clip in shot (or sent in a separate photo), to sussexdrinker@yahoo.co.uk.



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Sussex CAMRA
Pub of the Year 2014

Following the successful day trip last year, it was decided once again that CAMRA North Sussex Branch would run a coach trip to the 6th Annual Winter Ales Festival at the Coopers Arms, Crowborough. Vanessa Mason-Hill



(pictured between Mike Head and Simon Burchill) booked the transport for the day out on

Saturday 31 January. She and others then started contacting people to see if they would like to come along.

Departing from Horsham, there was a coach stop over the county border at the Surrey Oaks, Newdigate, to pick up a group from that pub, some of whom are renowned for their drinking prowess. There were further pick-ups in Crawley and East Grinstead until there were around thirty-five thirsty people on board. The journey across Ashdown Forest seemed a bit quicker this year and we soon arrived at our destination, where our hosts, David and Judith had all eleven hand pumps in use and an interesting selection of ales lined up for our delectation.

Apart from a couple of session beers, they were all dark. Local brews were Long Man Old Man and Black Cat Black Cat, which was so good,



they named it twice! Also featuring was (pictured) a quartet of very tasty medium-

strength stouts from Arbor, Bellingers, Ilkley and Two Cocks Breweries. Being rarely seen in the area, these were very popular and provided the lead up to the 7.3% Moor Old Freddy Walker. Beers from this brewer regularly feature here, but of great interest was the rare

Another Grand Day Out

Fuller's Imperial Stout, which weighed in at a whopping 10.7%. Whilst it was at a slightly higher price, its rarity ensured that several took the chance to try a half. On Key Keg, Kernel Imperial Brown Stout was also available, which proved to be very easy to drink, despite, or perhaps because of, being only 10.2%.

It was good to see a small group from CAMRA West Kent Branch turn up again. A contingent from the Brighton & South Downs Branch also arrived during the afternoon. They were very keen, having also visited the previous Saturday, due to a mix up over dates, but I think they had a good time. Having been fed and watered, after around four and a half hours (I think), it was time to move on and having thanked our hosts, we re-boarded the coach and managed not to leave anyone behind. Once again, there was a stop at the Anchor, Hartfield for an hour, before we set off again, only to stop just up the road at the Gallipot to sample their wares. Some of those attending later confessed that they didn't even remember stopping at this one!

Eventually it was time to leave and set down back in East Grinstead and so on. It had been another grand day out, enjoyed by all, and thanks go to David and Judith at the Coopers Arms for hosting the event. Thanks also to Vanessa for getting things off the ground and to all those who came along on the day. I should also give a mention to our driver, Lindsay, from Seaford Coaches, who must have wondered what he was letting himself in for, but did a good job and kept an eye on things.

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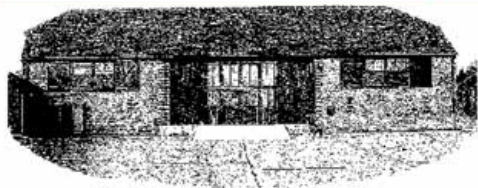
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at the end of March, with the stillage again split between light and dark beers. One of the features this year was two special beers brewed by the branch with considerable help from two of our branch brewers. The boys and King Beer brewed a chilli-chocolate porter, while the girls and Kissingate went for a golden hoppy ale.

The vote was close, with more good comments than bad for both beers, but the girls not only beat the boys, but also walked away with the award for Light Beer of the Festival, with Jarrow Red Ellen and Top Notch Flare Path a close joint-second. There was a lot of very positive feedback, with particular praise for the range of dark beers. To the gentleman who said he could not make a vote for light beer of the festival, as he never ventured away from the dark bar, we salute you!

Completing the double, the clear winner of Dark Beer of the Festival was Kissingate Undertakers Varnish, a 7.0% Trappist-style ruby ale. Cider of the Festival, selling out way before any of the others, was Wobblegate Pink. Indeed, our Saturday evening headline music act was distraught to find that it had sold out while she was performing, but still came back on Sunday to enjoy the other ciders and the Sunday music.

Donations of money, tokens and unwanted glasses raised over £350 for our local hospice, St. Catherine's. A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers and musicians, and particularly to Gareth Jones of Beer Essentials for his invaluable support with ticket sales, to the teams at King Beer and Kissingate for the special

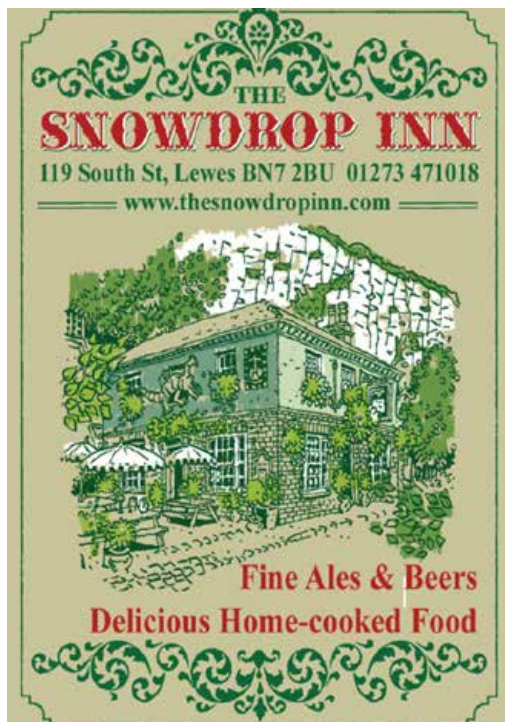
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beers, and to Sam at the Malt Shovel for ticket sales.

If anyone has any comments, or wants to get involved in CAMRA North Sussex or future festivals, please contact us on camra.equinox@gmail.com. With Easter at the end of March next year, the provisional date for the 3rd Spring Equinox festival is the first weekend of March 2016. Finally, just a quick reminder in case you have not already heard, but our usual branch beer tent at the Ardingly Showground in July will not be happening this year, as the event is not taking place.

Mike Head

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Carl *John* Gregorzek. Landlord of the Three Moles, Selham, 1988-1998. Died 4 March 2015. Three-time winner of the Western Sussex Branch POTY 1993, 94 and 96; twice Sussex POTY 1994-95; South East Regional POTY 1995, when the region included Surrey, Sussex and Kent; Runner-Up National POTY 1995. In accordance with John's wishes, the funeral was family and by personal invitation only; he didn't want his widow Jackie overwhelmed. Later in the spring there will be a celebration of John's life, to which everyone will be invited. It will involve music, fond remembrances and a lot of beer.

Many will remember that John and Jackie were regarded as crazy when they decided to run a pub without grub, after giving up administrative jobs with airlines at Gatwick; but within six years the Three Moles was voted CAMRA South East Pub of the Year and they came within a whisker of being National Pub of the Year. Instead of concentrating on food, they decided that beer and good conversation were more important. John said, "People said a pub devoted to a good pint and a chat could not be done. They asked how we were going to survive without food. I think even the brewery (King & Barnes) had its doubts".

Nuts and crisps were all you could get to eat at the Three Moles. John said, "So many pubs have become food-led to the extent where many people feel they cannot go out to unwind and relax over a drink without being expected to order a meal. A few years ago, pub food was a stale pork pie and a pickled egg and now it is food on a grand scale. I felt it was time to take the pub business back to its roots". John continued to be a regular at the Three Moles after he ceased to be landlord and was a key member of the Selham Ramblers folk music group who played regularly at the pub. He will be sadly missed.

Three Moles Nostalgia by John Gregorzek

"Probably my favourite photo from my days as a licensee. It was a gift from Lester Peart, who wrote on the back, 'A reminder of a most happy and memorable day out - 13th September 1997'. It shows what a range of beers it was possible to stock, even though they all came from King & Barnes. Here, there is Harvest Ale, one of K&B's seasonal ales, and Three Moles Bitter, which was double dry-hopped Broadwood, which I used to do myself in the cellar! Next was Eli Frankham's Old Station Porter, which was a genuine one-off, courtesy of Andy Hepworth, K&B's head brewer. I chose the name as a thank you to Eli, who had helped put the pub on the map with his contribution to our monthly music nights. The fact that he lived in the old station helped a lot in choosing the name. Finally, good old K&B Mild. I was told that we sold more of it than the rest of the K&B estate combined. This was surely a major contributor to our various CAMRA awards - and it was a truly great beer!"






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Locals have, in response, formed a campaign group, “Save the Downsman” Campaign. Secretary Peter Clarke said: “There is considerable concern in the neighbourhood that this pub and site may be lost to community use, and developed for commercial gain. We have submitted to Brighton and Hove City Council a nomination of the pub and site as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), in order to pursue the matter through the Community Right to Bid. A local Community Land Trust initiative is interested in taking on stewardship.” The pub was built in 1956 and is on the CAMRA South East Regional Inventory of Real Heritage Pubs.

Brighton Updates



The Rose Hill Tavern is back on the market after councillors voted against a proposal to turn it into two three-bedroom flats. It

is a candidate for the CAMRA South East Regional Inventory of Real Heritage Pubs. Owner Joanne Harris, of Evenden Estates, purchased the pub from Enterprise Inns after they closed it last May claiming the business to be unviable. More than 700 people signed a petition to save the pub and an ACV listing was achieved by the Rose Hill Tavern Action Group.

The Newmarket Arms, off Bear Road, has been closed for a while and now a further planning

SAVE YOUR PUB



Hove City Council with a scheduled decision by 6 April.



The Horse & Groom, Islingword Road, was recently closed by Enterprise Inns and sold to

developers before an ACV could be ratified by the Council. A protest and petition was organised by locals and the pub has now been given ACV listing. It was redesigned in 1937 with its distinctive leaded windows and green-glazed tiling by Stavers Hessell Tiltman for the Portsmouth and Brighton United Breweries.

Planning application has been made to convert the Albion Inn, Albion Hill, to a single dwelling. The Brighton & South Downs Branch has publicised this on Facebook and Twitter to see if local interest in saving this pub can be generated.

Mannings Heath



At the end of March a notice was seen on the door of the Dun Horse. It read: “The Dun Horse is now closed.

Thank you to all who supported the village pub. (Shame on those who didn't.)” This red brick roadhouse north of Horsham was rebuilt in

1926 with superb colourful Art Nouveau leaded and stained glass windows advertising the long-defunct Rock Brewery, Brighton. It is a candidate for the CAMRA South East Regional Inventory of Real Heritage Pubs and its status should be closely monitored.

In Memoriam



Barnham: *The Bognor Regis Observer* of early March stated that Tesco are pressing ahead with converting

the closed Barnham Bridge Inn to a convenience store with a view to it opening late-August or early-September.

Bognor Regis: In the Aldwick area the ex-Ship Inn opened as an M Local on Monday 9 March to a vociferous protest by local residents against the loss of their community pub.

Brighton: The Hannover area has suffered quite a number of pub closures. In Islingword Road, the London Unity (ex-Enterprise Inns) was converted to residential property last year.

East Wittering: *The Bognor Regis Observer* of 13 February listed a planning application to demolish the closed Royal Oak and build a supermarket in its place.



Golden Cross: Planning permission has been submitted to turn the Golden Cross into three

separate flats. This former Harveys tied-house, west of Hailsham, is Grade-II listed, but has been closed since July 2014. Objections against redevelopment were lodged by the South East

Sussex Branch, but the Parish Council of Chiddingly proposed to Wealden Council planners that the conversion should go ahead! Viability was cited as the reason behind the closure and subsequent planning application, although it is felt that this free-of-tie pub should have been much more thoroughly marketed, to sell or lease as a going concern. It was also a candidate for the CAMRA South East Regional Inventory of Real Heritage Pubs.



Yapton: Another planning application is in for conversion of the closed Olive Branch, to six apartments and

to build a gospel hall in the car park.

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Thirty Years Not Out

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Liquid Gold was exhibited at the Great British Beer Festival 2014 where 560 pints were consumed over the four days and Ebony Mild won a silver award at Huddersfield Oktoberfest, rounding off a successful year.

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