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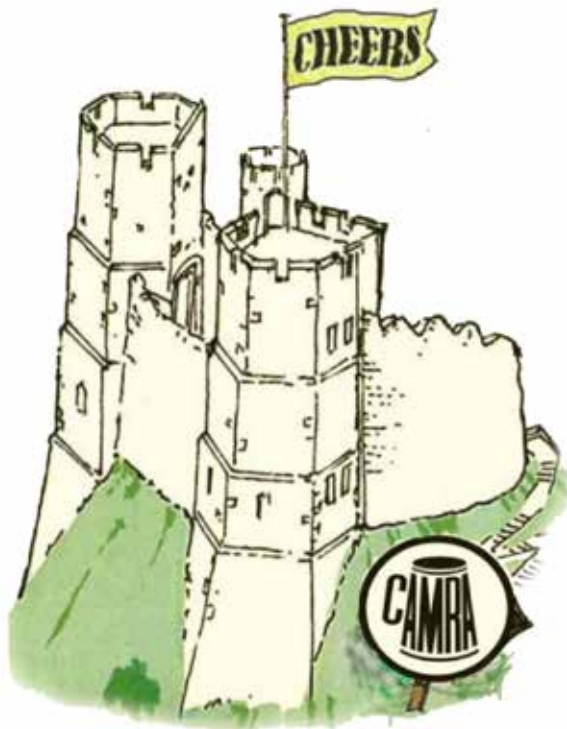
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Please note admission is by advance ticket only for all three sessions and there is no refund for unsold tickets for any reason. Tickets go on sale as from the 5th May and cost:- Friday lunchtime £4; Friday night £7; Saturday lunchtime £5. Included in the price is a FREE festival glass, and a programme.

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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 p50 applies to all items.

■ ADVERSANE

Situated on the A29 north of Pulborough, the **Blacksmiths Arms** offers a rotating cask ale from the nearby Hepworth brewery and bottled beers from Hammerpot.

■ ALCISTON



Last year the **Rose Cottage** closed, as reported here. It's good to report that it's

reopened after being refurbished and freshly furnished. With one bar, two rooms used as a restaurant area, outside seating and a garden it's a food led destination pub, just off the A27 between Polegate and Lewes. Harvey's Best Bitter is dispensed by handpump. For more information check the pub's website and CAMRA's WhatPub. It's currently listed as for sale with local agents.

■ AMBERLEY

The **Sportsman** re-opened on 2nd March with new lessees, Sophie and Lee, who were formerly at the Rising Sun Nutbourne. They have two LocAles; Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and Lister's Tail Waggoner plus Proper Job & Tribute from St. Austell.

■ ARUNDEL

The Arundel brewery recently opened its own Tap Bar in the famous **Norfolk Arms** Hotel in the High Street, to enable them to showcase their wide range of cask ales and craft beers. See the article on page 46.

■ ASHINGTON

The **Red Lion** is one of the M & B Premium Country Pubs brand that offers three ales; Fuller's London Pride, Morland Old Speckled Hen, St. Austell Proper Job and from time to time Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter.

■ BEXHILL ON SEA

Traffers Bar, Egerton Road, now offers three ales including locally produced beers. Beers from Pig & Porter and Franklins were sampled recently: both were excellent.

The **Albatross Club** continues to receive awards, Branch and Sussex Club for this year already. In April the National Runner-up award was also presented for last year. Please note the next Beer Festival is on 15-17th June.

■ BOGNOR REGIS

We understand that the **Alex** is currently closed following the departure of the tenant. However, the town's first micropub, the **Dog & Duck**, is due to open mid-May.



The **Claremont** is now serving two real ales with Fuller's London Pride the regular ale along with a

guest. On a recent visit this was Hammerpot Mosaic.

■ BRIGHTON

The **Bear**, Lewes Road is up for the sale, the handpumps have been removed. The **Jolly Brewer**, Ditchling has a lease available for £10,000 down from £30,000. The **Jolly Poacher** lease is available for £10,000 to buy in with rent quoted at £30,000.

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The beer range at the **Wellington**, in Elm Grove, has been enhanced with Long Man Long Blonde being added to supplement the long established regular here, Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter.

■ BURGESS HILL

The **Watermill Inn** in Burgess Hill has closed for a refurbishment. The pub in Leylands Road, opened in around 1850 in the Worlds End area. It was named after the local Valebridge water mill. It has fairly new owners, is being renovated for a 'new start'. After the closure its owner said: "The team are working tirelessly to get it reopened within the next seven days. The pub is being renovated outside and is being decorated inside." For a period of around 5 weeks there was no visible activity, since then the curtains have drawn back and there are signs of occupation within the pub.

■ CHICHESTER

The **Hornet Alehouse** opened in April and Tom Priestley, formerly at The Dean, West Dean and The Partridge, Singleton, has been recruited as bar manager. Meet The Brewer / Tap Takeovers will be held on the last Thursday of every month and Pig & Porter will be up first on Thursday May 31st starting at 6.00.pm.

■ COOKSBRIDGE

The **Rainbow** is once again boarded up.

■ COULTERSHAW BRIDGE

South of Petworth, the delightful **Badgers** with its various small rooms and a sun-trap rear patio that looks across to converted old railway carriages now used as a B & B, offers three ales; Youngs Bitter, Fuller's Oliver's Island and Sharp's Doom Bar

■ CRAWLEY

Good news for the new town as the **Swan** (Ei tenancy) has started to sell real ale again. There are normally at least two ales on, these are mostly from the Ei list.

The **New Moon** (formerly the Half Moon), Southgate, Crawley, is reported as about to

change licensees again.

■ DITCHLING

The **Bull**, has been expanded and refurbished in £1 million project. The pub now boasts an increased dining capacity of 65%, two new bedrooms and a new kitchen three times the size of the previous one. Using local tradesmen and suppliers, a derelict two-storey barn has been converted and connected to the pub. The original building dates back 1563 and most of the historic features remain intact. Disabled access and the car parking area have also been improved. It is reported that the handpumps have been removed and replaced with keg dispense.

■ DUNCTON

The **Cricketers** now has Dark Star Partridge, Triple fff Moondance and a guest that was Reunion Opening Gambit on a recent visit.

■ EASTBOURNE

The **Buccaneer** remains shut after abruptly closing in January due to leaks and ongoing drainage problems. Last year it was purchased



by Eastbourne Borough Council so that it could be incorporated into the upgrading of adjacent buildings, including the Winter Garden and Congress Centre. The photo shows signs of work with the contractor's board displayed and vans parked outside in mid-April.

At a recent Branch Meeting held in the **Lamb**, Old Town, manager Natalie announced that they've started stocking Harvey's seasonal ales, which change every month. Harvey's started brewing these in 1990 and many CAMRA enthusiasts look forward to sampling their favourites at

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various times throughout the year. In May the seasonal is the Mild, Knots of May, and in June it's a 'clear wheat beer with a light hop bitterness' - Copperwheat.

■ FAIRLIGHT

The **Cove**, closed for over a year, has been purchased by the owner of independent freehouse the Crown in Hastings Old Town. A substantial amount of building work is necessary but early next year, 2019, it's anticipated the pub and restaurant will reopen.

■ FITTLEWORTH

The **Swan**, once noted for being the HQ of the Ancient Order of Froth Blowers, has on three LocAles with Harvey's Sussex Best, Langham Hip Hop and Long Man Blonde.

■ FLETCHING

Following a closure of 20 months, the **Rose & Crown**, a



traditional village pub, is once again pulling pints. Now a freehouse with new

owners serving Harvey's Best Bitter plus two changing guests and homemade meals.

■ FRIDAY STREET

Sadly despite opposition Horsham District Council granted planning consent to convert the **Royal Oak** to a house.

■ GRAFFHAM

A planning application for a kitchen extension to the rear of the Grade II listed **Foresters Arms** has been deferred for discussions with the applicants because of fears that part of the historic building's structure would be adversely affected by the proposed work. The pub has been



closed for more than 2 years and was successfully listed by the Parish Council as an Asset of Community

Value in order to preserve its use as a pub. Although all concerned at the planning meeting were keen to see the Foresters Arms reopen it was thought that this should not be at the expense of some of the building's finest features.

■ HASTINGS

The **Robert de Mortain**, on the Ridge, closed in April 2017. Planning consent has been granted to demolish and construct housing on the site.

Opposite Hastings Station the former **Old Golden Cross** has been revamped and reopened as **Crowleys Bar**. At the weekend it's open until 2am with Dark Star Hophead as the lone real ale during our correspondent's visit.

Pizza and beer house the **Imperial**, Queen's Road, offers four real ales, three of them from their own on site microbrewery.

Pissarro's bar and brasserie increased their number of real ales to four, supplied from Sussex brewers Harvey's and Long Man. Unusually Porter, a Harvey's monthly special, which is rarely seen in Hastings, was spotted in March.

■ HAYWARDS HEATH

The **Fox & Hounds**, Fox Hill Village, an Ember Inns pub was re-launched on Saturday 3rd February after undergoing a refurbishment. Haywards Heath Town Mayor, Councillor James Knight was given the honour of pulling the first pint. The new general manager of the pub is Mark Ellis who was the assistant manager seven years ago, before working in Ember Inn pubs in



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Bristol and Portsmouth, and who said that he was happy to be back as Haywards Heath is where he is from. Real ales available on the opening night included Ember Inns Pale Ale (brewed by Black Sheep), Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and Hog's Back TEA amongst others.

■ HORSHAM

The **Kings Arms** re-opened on Friday 2nd March, there are five handpumps in use, serving mainly local ales, with a couple of interlopers for good measure. Brews from Brolly, Chapeau, Dark Star and Weltons have been noted and sampled, also a special one from Hook Norton was available just after it re-opened. The refurbishment has been tastefully done and certainly creates a brighter atmosphere inside. The snug bar has been reinstated, so certainly worth the short walk down the Bishopric, from the town centre. A worthy addition to the towns drinking establishments. They have plans for a late Spring beer festival.

Nearby, the **Lynd Cross** (JD Wetherspoon) can be relied upon to offer some local beers and also the **Malt Shovel** continues to have a good selection of ales available. At the other end of town, sad to report that the **Tanners Arms** (ex- King & Barnes) will definitely not reopen as a pub and conversion to residential use is underway.

Due to the redevelopment of Pirie's Place, **B-52s** closed on New Years Eve, this venue has not sold real ale for some time, if ever. Please note the redevelopment does NOT affect **Pirie's Bar** (almost next door to B52's) which is always worth a visit and welcomes CAMRA members.

■ HOVE

George Street Tap is the new name of what was the Slug & Lettuce, it apparently has more emphasis on cask ale.

■ LITTLEHAMPTON

The **Steam Packet** is a most attractive and welcoming pub overlooking the Arun riverbank. The owner is, with



encouragement from two local members, now sourcing in pins an attractive range of mainly LocAles from the likes of Downlands, Langham, Vibrant Forest and others.

■ LOW HEATH

Near Petworth, the **Welldiggers** excelled on a recent visit with three LocAles; Hepworth Pullman, Langham Sundowner and a varying seasonal hoppy pale ale plus a rotating beer from either Brakspear or Ringwood.

■ NORTH CHAILEY

The King's Head is available on lease for £45,000.

■ PLUMPTON GREEN

The **Fountain** has reopened under the management of Melanie Jane Routledge. There are three hand pumps: two serving Young's beers and one a guest beer. Melanie will also still manage the Half Moon.

■ ROGATE

The Grade II listed **White Horse** in the centre of the village has remained closed since last August while owners Harvey's have tried to sell it on the open market at an advertised £425,000 freehold, although it is still listed on their website as 'to let under tenancy'. Meanwhile the Rogate Community Group have made great progress in their efforts to purchase the White Horse. At a village meeting in March a packed village hall was told that major

funding had been secured from the Plunkett Foundation and that a formal share issue was planned for launch during April with a minimum investment of £250 per share. Pledges totalling over £50,000 have been received so far and negotiations with the agents are under way.

■ RYE



The **Ship Inn** has been taken over by Hush Heath Winery based in Goudhurst where they own the up market Goudhurst Inn. The bar area has been upgraded and there is an improved restaurant. Harvey's Best, Rother Valley Level Best and Smugglers Golden Ale were on offer recently. There is also their own craft ale, Jakes Session IPA, and a range of their wines.

Jeff, the new owner of the **Ypres Castle Inn**, is specialising in a range of local ales including Old Dairy, Rother Valley, Holler, Surrey Hills and Pig & Porter, always with a dark beer. There is also real cider and craft lager. This pub is popular with CAMRA members. He promises the best range of real ale in Rye together with excellent food featuring local produce.

The **Mermaid Inn** now offers Mermaid Ale, a 4% bitter from the Old Dairy brewery. This was excellent recently and was on handpump together with Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and St Austell Tribute.

■ ST LEONARDS ON SEA

The **Marina Fountain** has been fully refurbished including the addition of a kitchen. Titanic Plum Porter was enjoyed on a recent visit.

The **Welcome** (formerly Welcome Stranger) is now open all week. It used to be closed on Mondays to allow building works upstairs. Three Long Man beers are available at present, however others may well be on in the near future. As local beers of high quality and consistency are served the pub recently gained CAMRA LocAle accreditation.



The **Tower** held their first Beer Festival in February which was a huge success with beers, live music and food (from local

Café 67) all superb and enjoyed by many customers young and old. Louisa and her staff are to be congratulated on an excellent event. Plans are already being made to hold the second beer festival next year. On Saturday 21st July there is a Brewery Trip to Dark Star, £17 pp. (There will be lots of questions to be asked I'm sure!)

■ SAYERS COMMON

The **Duke of York** is up for sale at £900,000.

■ SELHAM

Since taking over the **Three Moles** on 1st May last year, a lot of time and money has been invested into the pub to bring it back to life and really become part of the local community like it once was. From screeding the cellar floor through to replacing 600 roof tiles, there is nothing in between that hasn't had something done to it. The cellar has been completely refitted with new lines

and an APC as well as a new main cooler unit to keep the ales at optimal temperature at all times. The pub has been awarded Cask Marque Accreditation, Guinness Quality Accreditation, St Austell Brewery Masters Certificate and was voted Pub of the Year 2017 by readers of the Observer newspaper series. The licensees have completed and passed with 100%, the BIIAB Award in Beer and Cellar Quality courses and as of this year, they will be running the courses at The Three Moles for others. They have a collection of the old plaques that the pub won previously during John and Val's days as the CAMRA Sussex Pub of the Year and want to do everything they can to get the pub back to the quality of those days, and they welcome feedback from CAMRA members.

■ SHOREHAM ON SEA

A new bar, the **Tap House**, will open in the early summer, to be run by the same team that run the Corner House, Worthing and the Beach House, Worthing. See facebook.com/taphouseshoreham for updates.

■ SIDLEY

The **New Inn** remains open and with new management after more than 3,000 signed an online petition in January urging Star Pubs and Bars not to close



the pub. The New Inn was one of 1,900 pubs which Star Pubs & Bars (Heineken's pub arm) bought from Punch Taverns last August.

■ STORRINGTON

The **Anchor** usually has three beers (four in summer) with a LocAle, recently Firebird Heritage, plus Sharps Atlantic and a monthly guest.

■ WASHINGTON

The **Franklands Arms** is not only a popular locals' pub but being just north of the South Downs Way, it is also a well used refreshment stop that offers four ales including Arundel Stronghold, Castle Rock Harvest Pale and Fuller's London Pride.

■ WEST CHILTINGTON



The cosy **Queens Head** has three LocAles and can be found at the cross-roads of this original small and charming

village centre. However, post war, the village has spread greatly to the south and west with the development of mostly large desirable properties.

■ WESTFIELD

Readers of the *Hastings Observer* voted the **New Inn** their Pub of the Year. The traditional free house was completely renovated when it was taken over by Patrick and Claire Edwards three years ago. The community hub now has a reputation for quality food (Patrick is a trained chef). Five ever changing, mainly local, real ales are served.

Elsewhere in the village the **Plough** is boarded up, its future unknown. It was sold at auction by Kent brewer Shepherd Neame for £435,000 in March, achieving significantly more than the guide price.

■ WEST WITTERING

We hear that the **Old House at Home** is to reopen on May 4th, the freehold having been sold by Punch Taverns to a consortium of 14 local people. It has been closed since late 2017 and its fate had seemed to hang in the balance until now. There is no news yet as to what beers might be on sale, but information is that the new owners of the Ship, Itchenor are to be the managers.

■ WORTHING

The **Old House at Home** in Broadwater is a popular two bar locals' pub with four cask beers including Fuller's London Pride, Harvey's Sussex Best and Wadworth 6X.

The **John Selden** in Salvington is another popular two bar locals' pub with four beers including Fuller's London Pride, and Harvey's Sussex Best, that is also a live music venue in its function room.

The **Lamb** in Durrington will by now have re-opened as the Park View after a major refurbishment. Not for some years has cask been a feature, but Steve Pease, the new licensee for Star Pubs, is looking to offer locally brewed ales.

The **Rose & Crown** in Town is a large, very popular pub and live music venue that has three ales; Castle Rock Harvest Pale, Harvey's Sussex Best and Coors, Sharp's Doom Bar.

The **Brooksteed Bottle & Jug Dept** is a new partnership of Aaron, John and barman Yossarian Flint, who were granted the relevant retail license earlier in April. Conveniently situated in a refurbished former cycle shop just across the road from the award winning micro-pub, it will be the only place to take away quality craft ales, organic wine and fine spirits.

■ EASTERGATE, WILKES' HEAD – CORRECTION

In *Sussex Drinker* 93 we reported that Richard Winch was the cellar man at the Wilkes' Head during the three-year period when the pub won the branch Pub of the Year award, and also Regional Pub of the Year. This was an error, and it was Trevor Brown who was the licensee and cellar man at the Wilkes' Head during this period. We would like to apologise to Trevor Brown and the Wilkes' Head for this error.



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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).

COMPASS TRAVEL May

Wed 2nd Warninglid & Bolney; Catch 12.17 Compass 89 from HH Perrymount Rd for Half Moon. Then either 1.75m road & footpath walk or 89 bus to Bolney for Bolney Stage and Eight Bells.

Wed 9th West Chiltington & Thakeham; Catch 11.05 Stagecoach 1 from Worthing South St then short road walk to Five Bells. Later footpath & road walk to White Lion.

Mon 14th Seaford; Meet noon at Steamworks micropub then on to Plough. Option of going back to Newhaven for Jolly Boatman.

Sat 26th Adur Valley Beer Walk; Catch 11.55 B&H 2 from Shoreham High St to Riverside Brewery at Upper Beeding. Then either walk or bus to Adur Brewery with various pubs enroute.

Thurs 31st Balcombe & Cuckfield; Catch 11.40 Compass 33 from HH Perrymount Rd for Half Moon then 13.27 for Talbot or / and White Harte.



June

Fri 8th Rye; Catch 10.32 train from Brighton for Globe Inn Marsh & Ypres Castle.

Thurs 14th Newick & Chailey; Catch 12.30 Compass 121 from Lewes bus station for Crown & Royal Oak. Return on 15.02 (121) for Five Bells.

Fri 22nd Lewes beer festival, lunchtime session.

Wed 27th Danehill, Forest Row, Upper Hartfield & East Grinstead; Catch 11.24 Metrobus 270 from HH Perrymount Rd for Coach & Horses then 12.43 to Swan at Forest Row. Then onwards to Gallipot finishing at Open Arms.



July

Fri 6th Hastings; Meet John Logie Baird (W/ spoons) noon. Then short walk to Imperial. Later visit various *Good Beer Guide* pubs.

Thurs 12th Laughton & Ringmer; Catch 12.20 Compass 143 for Roebuck, return 14.35 for Anchor.

Thurs 19th Nutbourne & Petworth; 11.05 Stagecoach 1 from Worthing South St to Nutbourne Rd then 1 mile road walk for Rising Sun. Then onto Petworth via Welldiggers.

Thurs 26th Littlehampton & Bognor; Meet Steam Packet at noon. Later catch Stagecoach 700 for Dog & Duck Micro Pub. Later return to Littlehampton possibly via Felpham.



August

Thurs 2nd Snargate; Meet Brighton station for 10.32 Ashford train to Appledore then 1.5 mile road walk to Red Lion. Please bring Hi Viz yellow jackets as it's a very fast, narrow road.

Thurs 9th Isfield & Lewes; Catch 10.35 B&H 29B for Laughing Fish, later return to Lewes for Snowdrop and other *Good Beer Guide* pubs.

Thurs 16th West Marden, Compton & Chichester; Catch 11.25 Stagecoach 54 from Chichester bus station (bay 7) for Victoria then short walk to Coach & Horses. Return to Chichester at 14.47 for Hornet Ale House Micro Pub.

For any queries on the above trips either send an email to max.malkin@mypostoffice.co.uk or phone me on 01243 828394.

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1648

East Hoathly, 01825 840830.
www.1648brewing.co.uk
The award winning and ever popular Bee Head (4.6%) will be brewed again for the summer months. The new Coco Orange Mild (3.6%) has been selling well, so another brew will be available in the summer for you to enjoy alongside Three Threads (4.3%). Some of the lighter beers will also be making an appearance, S.I.B.A Bronze Winner Sacred Solstice (4.3%), Lammas Ale (4.1%) and the always popular La Blonde (4%). You will be able to taste a range of 1648 beers at the Eastbourne Lammas Festival on 28th and 29th July.

BLO David Platt

360°

Sheffield Park, 01825 722375.
www.360degreebrewing.com

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ABYSS



Framfield, 01825 840561,
07919 445345

The brewery started on a small scale in Lewes in February 2017 but moved to the ex-Black Cat premises in Framfield in October 2017. The present 8-barrel plant uses some of the existing equipment but this is gradually being updated and added to.

At the moment, all beers are only available in key keg, although plans for canning are well advanced and it is hoped to offer beers in cask when the brewery becomes more established. Three "core" beers are produced: **The Holy Pale**, (3.7%), a pale ale; **Cinco** (5%), an American pale ale and **Tropical Thunder** (6.2%), an IPA. All are suitable for vegetarians and vegans. In addition, seasonal and speciality beers are produced from time to time.

At present, Abyss beers are mainly available from selected outlets in Lewes, Brighton and Worthing.

BLO John Quick

ADUR

Steyning, 01903 867614.
www.adurbrewery.com,
info@adurvalleycoop.com
We have just brewed our latest batch of **Very Merry Andrew** (9.2%) which will be ready for drinking later in the year. We are looking forward to welcoming visitors to the brewery during the 2nd Adur Valley Beer Walk on 26th May. We will be especially pleased to chat to potential new members for our co-operative, or people who would just like to help on an occasional basis. Please e-mail for more information.

BLO Nigel Watson

ARUNDEL

Ford, nr Arundel, 01903 733111.
www.arundelbrewery.co.uk
Arundel are delighted to announce that the Norfolk Tap is now open in Arundel selling two cask beers, (Red Handed and Sussex Gold), along with the full range of their excellent craft beers. This very smart bar, which is part of the Norfolk Arms Hotel in the centre of town, is also selling a fine range of craft beer from some of the best craft beer producers from around the UK.

Arundel are celebrating success in the SIBA awards made in March with a gold award for their fabulous Uptown IPA in the Regional Keg Strong Bitters & Pale Ale category and the Silver Award for the same in the National category. This beer is picking up plaudits all the time and deservedly so.

Stuart and the brewery team took a trip to New England for inspiration visiting many of the fine breweries over there. They have come back and produced a New England Session IPA (4.5%) called Clockwork and



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this will have been launched by the time you read this. Planning is still progressing on turning the old Crossbush Farm Shop site on the edge of Arundel into an innovative brewhouse as detailed in the last quarterly report. It will be a café and bar where customers will be able to enjoy great beer and coffee, both brewed onsite, as fresh as it can possibly be. The next brewery social evening will be held on Wednesday July 11th and can be booked via the website and the fun begins at 6.30pm.

BLO Glenn Johnson

BARTLEBYS

Brighton, 01273 275012

info@bartlebysbrewery.com

Unfortunately difficulties with the brewery premises have severely restricted production and may force a move out of the area.

BLO Sean Burke

BATTLE

Battle, 01424 772838

hello@battlebrewery.co.uk

Brewing on the new kit is well underway and we are very pleased with the results. The celebrations for Battle Brewery's first birthday celebrations that kicked off with a quiz night on Friday 23rd Feb, followed by a party on Saturday 24th Feb with a happy hour, followed by locally supplied food and a band, were enthusiastically supported with the quiz being 100% oversubscribed. There are now six beers produced, including seasonals, see the brewery website for details.

BLO Mac McCutcheon

BEDLAM

Albourne, 01273 978015.

www.bedlambrewery.co.uk

After a long period of denying the existence of "Craft Beer", Bedlam have now thrown themselves into it with two new beers, each loaded equally full of trendy hops and pretention.

Amagansett (5%) is a full-on muscle-bound APA in cask, pumped up with aromatic hops; whilst **Killington Peak** (3.9%) is an unfinned Vermont style IPA in keg.

Meanwhile, whilst being distracted by their crafty pretensions, one of the Brewery's proudest moments is that the Society of Independent Brewers Association have voted **Bedlam Porter** (5%) to be the best cask beer in the country in their Porters, Stouts, Old Ales, Strong Milds & Strong Brown Ales category.

BLO Peter Mitchell

BEER ME

Eastbourne, Belgian Café.

01323 729967,

thebelgiancafe.co.uk

The brewery is expanding its bottled range to seven beers, now including: **Oyster Stout**, **Belgian Triple**, **Mango Unchained** and **Honey Dripper**.

An exciting new beer is coming soon! Yet to be named, this beer is being conditioned in an old Jack Daniels cask.

BLO Scott O'Rourke

BEERCRAFT

Hove

www.beercraftbrighton.co.uk

Beercraft has now been merged with the Hand Brew Co as Jack's commitments there were too great to continue brewing on the small kit. The 100l kit does still remain at the Watchmakers however and will be being used by them to produce their own ales so watch this space.

BLO Peter Mitchell

BREW STUDIO

Sompting, 07980 978350

f:[daBrewStudio](https://www.facebook.com/dabrewstudio)

The last three months at the brewery have seen a much needed upgrade to the brew kit, meaning that Brew Studio is now officially a 2.5bbl micro-brewery. The solid core range of four beers consisting of

Acoustic Session Pale, **Showtime Porter**, **Headliner IPA** and **Unplugged APA** will

now be brewed more regularly to keep up with demand. There will be a 3.6% light pale ale developed this summer which has yet to be named and will most likely use Ekuanot Hops as the dominant flavour. There are Rumours of a 4.2% single hop series too.

A super exclusive version of the imperial stout that was showcased at the Selden Arms winter festival has been aged with Brettanomyces Yeast and will be bottled in the next 2 months. Head Brewer Ian plans to call this version **Whoa Black Betty Bam-Ba-Lam** and will be aged for a further six months in bottles.

BLO Lee Argent

BREWING BROTHERS

Hastings,

www.brewingbrothers.org

The recent increase in brewery capacity means that up to six beers are often available at the same time, including two regularly changing cask beers. Latest offering is a juicy Pacific Pale Ale made using only hops from Australia and New Zealand and aptly named after the infamous Kelly brothers. Half Man Half Brother is also back for a limited period. Brewing Brothers expect to be exhibiting for the first time at

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No further news on when brewing may recommence.

BLO Paul Free

BRIGHTON BIER

www.brightonbier.com

No news from this brewery.

BLO Peter Mitchell

BROLLY

Lowfold Far, Wisborough Green

Plans to open a bar at the brewery are well advanced and it is likely to be opening mid-May. Both cask and keykeg unfiltered beer will be available. There will be announcement as soon as the date is confirmed.

The core beers are now **Lowfold Wissy, Chub IPA, Natural Spring Water (NEIPA)** and **C.O.W.**. Natural Spring Water recently won the Light Beer of the Festival at the North Sussex Equinox Beer Festival. After the acquisition of two new fermenters Brook has tripled the brewing capacity of the brewery.

BLO John Goodsell

BURNING SKY

Firle, 01273 858080.

www.burningskybeer.com

Mark and his team continue to be creative, innovative and very busy. **Plateau** (3.5%) and **Aurora** (5.6%) remain the core cask beers available all year round and are highly recommended. **Arise** (4.4%) has a very strong following that is well deserved. **Petite Saison** (3.5%) is similarly well worth trying. The range of bottles beers continues to expand with new releases eagerly awaited.

They are bottling the second release of their Imperial Stout (8.5%, bottle conditioned), aged in oak vats for 18 months. In addition, they have recently released two other bottle conditioned beers: a **Vintage Monolith**, an iteration of their farmhouse sour black beer aged for two years that is incredibly vinous with considerable depth and **Flanders Red**, their take on the classic Burgundies of Belgium aged for forty months in burgundy and bourbon barrels, then aged in bottle for a further six months prior to release. This week they begin a project with Olivers Cider, Mills Brewing and The Kernel. They will be brewing a beer that will use their coolship to cool naturally overnight, it will then be aged in oak barrels with each producer having their own wild/ mixed yeast culture in a portion of them. One barrel of each variant will be released as a mono blend to show the differences between them, and the rest will be blended. They will be bottle conditioned, release date possibly next year. In June they are hosting Phil Markowski of Two Roads Brewing from the USA and the plan is to brew two beers together.

BLO Ian Hodge

CELLAR HEAD

Framfield, 01825 890078.

www.cellarheadbrewing.com

BLO Phil Dixon

CHAPEAU BREWING

Horsham

The brewery has recently released **Rouleur** (4%), an amber ale. In the near future, following a small batch tested at the brewery, there will be a beer called **Flame Rouge**, a

ginger pale ale, strength of about 4.3 to 4.5%. There is also the possibility of doing private group event packages on Thursday evenings with tastings, a food offering and a talk from the brewer.

BLO Paul Sanders

DARK STAR

Partridge Green, 01403 713085.

www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk

As most of you will know by now, Fuller's has acquired Dark Star. Broadly the mood around the deal has been really positive and most people accept that Fuller's is indeed still privately owned and independent. The deal took quite some time to get together, but was an old-fashioned affair, agreed on a handshake with a promise of respecting what each other do well and helping us at Dark Star do more of it. Investment has already started in our Partridge Green site and there's a lot more to come, so do not worry Sussex, this is not another Gales Brewery situation as some have been speculating. Fuller's has a similar ethos and set of values to Dark Star and I do not believe there is another brewer out there that could be a better fit. To finish, a few have said we have sold-out, no we have sold, but not sold-out, there is a massive difference. So enjoy your beer and judge the partnership on actions not speculation and if you have any questions, give me a call, James 07841 742678.

BLO Clive Watson

DOWNLANDS

Small Dole, 01273 495596.

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There is an open day at the brewery from 12-5pm on Saturday 7th July. There will be

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BLO Peter Mitchell

ENGINEER

High Hurstwood, 07841 669096

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Demand continues to rise so three new conical fermenters have been installed to meet the challenge. The brewery website is now live to give more information on the range of beers and availability. The brewery maintains a tight knit group of regular pubs, namely The Hurstwood, the Coopers Arms, Crowborough and The Open Arms, East Grinstead. Recent appearances at beer festivals in Coventry, Leicester and Brighton went well so we look forward to more to come.

BLO Richard Saunders

FILO

Hastings, 01424 420212.

www.filobrewing.co.uk

Nothing new to report, FILO Beers still remain as popular as ever in pubs throughout Sussex and Kent.

BLO Bill Turner

FIREBIRD

Horsham, 01403 823180.

www.firebirdbrewing.co.uk

The new website is now up, above, it includes details of current beers and events and additional content will be added soon.

A new seasonal cask beer called **Mandarina Vit**, an unfinned IPA made with German Mandarina hops and Belgian yeast, will be available until the end of May. There are also two new craft keg beers: **New Clothes**, a blueberry sour beer and **Work Ethic**, a cloudy New

England IPA. Most Firebird beers are now gluten free. The existing 330 ml bottle range has being moved to cans, leaving just the core beers in 500 ml bottles : **Heritage**, **Old**, **Pacific Gem** and **No. 79**.

The mobile bar in a horsebox is ready to go and will be available for functions. Plans are in place to celebrate the fifth birthday of the brewery on the 30th June, with a beer festival, music and family fun. Details will be posted on the website nearer the time.

BLO John Goodsell

FRANKLINS

Ringmer, 01273 814447

www.franklinsbrewery.co.uk

It is all go at Franklins HQ! They have committed to monthly cask seasons in 2018 and the first are **2 Benjamin** (4.5%), a Nutty American Brown and **Champagne Supernova** a chocolate pale with lactose and champagne yeast, brewed in collaboration with Fermentation Radio, which have been well received. Look out for **Resurrection Grapefruit** and many more to come.

Kegging and canning of **Go Man Go** took place at the end of February with **Smile** and a new lager to follow. Their Optimist project will soon have a new brand and keg and can products. The taproom is open for brewery tours and private functions. In March in Bexhill, their old stamping ground, they oversaw the beers at the Ale and Arty festival in the De La Warr Pavilion.

BLO Mac McCutcheon

GOLDMARK

Poling, nr Arundel, 01903 297838 / 07900 555415.
www.goldmarks.co.uk

Goldmark have a number of new beers: **Micro Bus** (4%) pale ale, **Mandarin Orange Wheat Beer** (5.2%) made with lager yeast and **Wah Wah IPA** (5%). All beers are available in cask and bottle conditioned real ale formats.

BLO Jim Waterston

GOOD THINGS

West Hoathly

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BLO tbc

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Pulborough

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GREYHOUND

Smock Alley, West Chiltonington, 07973 625510

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In March all at the brewery were thrilled to be awarded National Gold at the SIBA Independent Beer Awards 2018 for their keg **Rainbow Eyes**.

Congratulations! Greyhound's first mini beer festival on Good Friday was very well attended and a huge success, despite the almost continuous rain. As well as their own beers they had a great selection of beers from other Sussex breweries, local cider, pizza and music too. The team would like to thank all those who braved the weather and supported them at this event - planning has already started for their next one on Saturday 26th May which will include a range of Greyhound beers plus guests, BBQ and live music. Keep an eye on the website and social media for more information!

New beers are also planned for the spring and summer which will be available in cask and keg, some for a limited time

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Alongside their own range, Greyhound brews Ballards traditional beers, the recipes remain unchanged but the branding is getting a makeover to visually unite the cask and bottle range. Using the scripted Ballards Best 'B' as the central graphic and simple traditional images, the new pump clips are finished and starting to appear on bars now and the new bottle labels will be appearing soon.

BLO Roger Kille

GRIBBLE

The Gribble Inn, Oving, 01243 786893. www.gribbleinn.co.uk
The brewery continues to produce up to eight beers, all available in the pub. The summer brew of **Lazy Buzzard** was well received at the Sussex CAMRA Branches Festival, selling out on the first day.

BLO Chris Wright

GUN

Gun Hill, Heathfield, 07900 683355.

beer@gunbrewery.co.uk

There have been awards a plenty at Gun Brewery. Having won Gold in the SIBA South East small pack (i.e. can or bottle) speciality mid to dark beer category and overall Gold in the South East Championship of Small Pack last summer, (beating 175 other beers), **Imperial Whisky Stout** (7.4%) qualified for entry to the 2018 SIBA National Championship at Beer X in Liverpool. Here it won Gold in its category and went on to win Silver in the Overall Champion of Small Pack. Putting it another way, the beer has been judged by a panel of brewers and industry experts from The Society of Independent Brewers, to be the second best

canned or bottled beer in the country. No small achievement. Also being judged at Beer X was the South East keg competition where **Parabellum Milk Stout** (4.1%) picked up a bronze and Imperial Whisky Stout a silver. All in all quite a night for the brewery!

One final award to report - **Zamzama IPA** (6.5%) has won the CAMRA combined North East and South East Sussex Branch Beer of the Year Award for 2017. This will have been presented at the brewery at the end of April on a day that will see the Western, North East and South East Sussex CAMRA branches come together for that and a tour of the brewery. In other news, the brewery has added to its cold store capacity with the installation of the first of two new cold stores. This will ensure that all beer - cask, can and keg - can be stored at the right temperature, even in the height of summer.

Deliveries are now being extended out to the West of the A23, so if there are any pubs in that direction interested in Gun beer, please contact the brewery.

BLO Steve Obey

HAMMERPOT

Poling, near Arundel, 01903 883338.

www.hammerpot-brewery.co.uk

BLO Rob Gowland

HAND BREW

Brighton, 07508 814541

www.handbrewpub.com

The brewery is currently running at capacity and looking to get three new fermenting tanks in place of the old square ones, taking them to a total of six sometime, this year. Their newest cask beer **Low Five** (3.8%) is selling very well, it is a

dry hopped Vienna pale ale with Chinook, Citra and Ekuant hops and fermented with US yeast for a cleaner profile. Appearing over the coming months will be a West Coast pale ale brewed with Canadian Cascade hops from the head brewer Jack's brother's hop farm near Whistler, Canada. Next year we hope to form a partnership with him, getting the majority of our hops direct from the farm.

BLO Peter Mitchell

HARVEY'S

Lewes, 01273 480209.

www.harveys.org.uk

The oldest brewery in Sussex are thrilled to reveal that their rebrand, undertaken in conjunction with WPA Pinfold, has received a Gold award at the Transform Awards, held in London on 26th March. These are Europe's only dedicated celebration of rebranding and brand development. From hundreds of entries across 43 European countries, including global brands and companies, Harvey's was successful in the category for Best Brand Evolution. This award is for the brand that best moves its identity into the future while maintaining links with the past and evolving in a clear and creative way. Judges noted that Harvey's were able to successfully *Draw on the brewery's rich history and heritage in Sussex, as well as the works of local artists, to infuse every drop with authenticity*. Harvey's rebrand continues into 2018 with a new range of merchandise and branded with their *We Wunt be Druv* motto. Most of their bottled beers are available in both 275 and 500 ml reusable

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Harvey's Old Ale (4.3%) won gold in the winter beer category at Gosport Winterfest XXVI.

Harvey's are brewing their special **Sussex Nuptial Ale** (6%) to celebrate the wedding of HRH Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on 19 May. It is intended to use the same recipe as for the Royal wedding in 2011, with Sussex barley, hops and honey. It will be available in both cask and bottles. 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of **Armada Ale** (4.5%), originally commissioned by the National Maritime Museum. **Wharf IPA** (4.8%) was recently made available in cask, conversely, there are plans to make Tin Lizzie (7.5%) available in keg. **Sweet Sussex** (2.8%) is to be the last bottled beer to be revamped, with an image of Mad Jack Fuller's folly on the label. The possibility of Plumpton Agricultural College growing barley is being considered, which would make all aspects of Harvey's brewing local. Plans are being considered for gluten free beer(s) which may become available this year.

BLO Ian Hodge

HEATHEN

Haywards Heath, 07825 429428.

www.heathenbrewers.co.uk

Heathen were represented by **Heathen Honey** (5.5%), a honey-added West Coast style IPA and **Mr Wit** (5%), a new wheat beer at the Sussex CAMRA Branches Beer & Cider Festival held at Brighton Racecourse in March. I am happy to report that both of these beers sold well.

BLO Paul Free

HEPWORTH

Pulborough, 01403 269696.

www.hepworthbrewery.co.uk

BLO Chris Stringer

HIGH WEALD

East Grinstead, 07836 291430.
andy@highwealdbrewery.co.uk

A quiet time for news but a busy time at the brewery, which is still getting requests from new pubs across Kent and Sussex, (quite a few through SIBA), and supplying plenty of beer festivals, (big and small), where the core beers continue to prove popular.

BLO Jonathan Samways

HOLLER

Blackboys, 01342 824272

www.hollerboysbrewery.co.uk

It has been a year since Holler started, and if you have been looking closely you will see that they have dropped the 'Boys' part of their name as they did not feel it represented them anymore. The big news is that they are building a new brewery which will bring their full capacity to over 150 casks a week. They have just released their first sour beer with their Berliner Weisse called **Miami**. Much more about their exciting new developments in next quarter's update!

BLO John Packer

HOP YARD

Forest Row, 07769 313410

hopyardbrewing.co.uk

raphy@hopyardbrewing.co.uk
There have been no developments in the last few reports. **Golden Ale** (5%) remains the only beer, available solely from the brewery's onsite bar at Forest Row. As it has been brewed by Westerham Brewery, (in Kent), for some time, after this issue reports will cease in this

magazine.

BLO John Quick

HURST

Hurstpierpoint, 07866 438953.

www.hurstbrewery.co.uk

BLO Steve Floor

KILN

Burgess Hill, 07800 556729.

www.thekilnbrewery.co.uk

Bricks and Porter (5.6%) and new beer Pathfinder (4%), described as a vegan-friendly pale ale were supplied to the Sussex CAMRA Branches Beer & Cider Festival held at Brighton Racecourse in March.

BLO Paul Free

KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding, 01403 891335

www.kissinggate.co.uk

All four Kissingate Mild's will be available throughout May and June: **Black Cherry en plus** (7%); **Mary's Ruby Mild** (6.5%); **Gardenia Amber Mild** (4.5%) and **Black Cherry Mild** (4.2%). Production is now up to full speed after several breaks due to brewery extension works. The new brewery taproom and kitchen is now complete and has become very popular with Horsham locals and visitors from further afield. Gary and Bunny offer a warm and friendly place where excellent beer and food can be found at sensible prices.

Kissingate's annual Spring Festival will be held on Saturday 12th May, 11am to 8pm. No tickets required. Details of all events can be found on the brewery website 'Events' page.

BLO Roy Bray

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BLO Billy Tipping

LANGHAM

Lodsworth, 01798 860861.

www.langhambrewery.co.uk

Busy at Lodsworth now that **Flor-Ale** (3.8%) is available for the spring season. Soon to be brewed will be single hop

Godiva and **Jester**. The next beer using the test brew kit will be a super hoppy 6 to 7 % New England kind of DIPa. The **Triple XXX** (4.4%) mild was on show at Liverpool SIBA Beer X and won a silver in the mild category, and won the Mild Section at Gosport Winter Festival.

BLO Peter Luff

LISTER'S

Ford, 01903 885950 / 07775 853412.

www.listersbrewery.com

Lister's has had a great start to 2018 and is especially delighted to have played a part in the success of The Cricketers in St. Helens which has been named UK CAMRA Pub of the Year. Lister's **Best Bitter** is the only House Bitter and the day of the announcement was a fantastic celebration for all involved. Sales continue to grow across the country and the story of the little rescue dog from Battersea continues to delight customers far and wide.

BLO Glenn Johnson

LONG MAN

Litlington, 01323 871850 / 07976 777992.

www.longmanbrewery.com

The small batch beer **Wild Man IPA** (5.2%) made its way into bottle in February and has gone down well. As a result of the demand they are making plans to bottle both **Copper Hop** and **Sleeping Giant** through the course of this year. No doubt another batch of Wild Man will be bottled in due course too.

Work is well underway on the visitor centre and they are very excited about the opening later this year, hopefully in the autumn. The centre will offer tours, tastings and member events in addition to a shop selling a range of Long Man beers and local products. Spring barley is currently being planted at Church Farm for harvest later this year and will be in a Long Man beer soon after.

BLO Scott O'Rourke

LOST & FOUND

The team are continuing to release new versions of their core range of pale ales, along a venture in to the fashionable New England IPA style with **R27. TRIO.J NEIPA**, (5.4%).

BLO Mike Head

LOST PIER

BLO tbc

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www.loudshirtbeer.co.uk

Five beers are available in a variety of styles, ranging from 4.8% to 6.6%. All are available in 9 gallon casks and 500ml or 750ml bottles. Open brewery weekends are held on the last Saturday and Sunday of the month, April to September, 12

noon to 8pm.

BLO Keith Newell

MISSING LINK

West Hoathly

www.missinglinkbrewing.com

Brewer Jeremy has now installed a fully automated canning line. His range now includes a **West Coast Style IPA** (5.8%).

BLO Mike Head

OLD TREE

Brighton, 07413 064346.

BLO Andrew Coleman

PIN UP

Southwick, 01273 411127.

www.pinupbrewingco.com

BLO Adrian Towler

POLARITY

Worthing, 07872 105300

www.polaritybrewing.co.uk

Two new beers have materialised this month, juicy soft SIPa and a crisp, classic APA, Trinity, both in production now. These will be alongside the ever popular Rosetta's Comet. Look out for news of an exciting collaboration in the near future!

BLO Gemma Mackay

RECTORY

Streat, 01273 890570.

Brewing could be recommencing soon, as plans are advanced for a 'hot water run-through' of the brewing equipment prior to any test brewing taking place.

BLO Paul Free

RIVERSIDE

Upper Beeding, 01903 898030

www.riversidebreweryltd.co.uk

Five of our beers have now been certified gluten free, currently they are only available directly from us. Check our website for details of the farmers' markets/events

where they will be on sale. Our latest toy is a three head cask washer, what was once a time consuming and very messy operation is now so much faster and easier. Our next project is to install a canning line, Riverside beer in cans should hit the shelves in the autumn. We are look forward to the 2nd Adur Valley Beer Walk, once again organised by Adrian Towler for Saturday 26th May. Visit the brewery from noon for a pint or two and a hot pie before heading off on a tour of the pubs en route to the Adur brewery. Check the website to see all our forthcoming events.

BLO Ian Bolt

ROTHER VALLEY

Northiam, 01797 252922

www.rothervalleybrewery.co.uk

In June Rother Valley will be celebrating 25 years, a limited edition of 25 firkins of Level Best brewed to 4.1%, will be available with the original mirror pumpclip. Also Surrey Cricket Club have had their own bottled beer brewed called President's Ale. It is a 4.2% blond beer and is only available at the Club.

BLO Dawn Lincoln

THREE LEGS

Brede, 07783 973161

www.thethreelegs.co.uk

info@thethreelegs.co.uk

The brewery was closed for two weeks in April to facilitate an upgrade from a 4 barrel to a 12 barrel kit. This huge increase will be reflected in the availability of their beers and mirrors the success that the brewery has enjoyed through the hard work and dedication of everyone there. New regular beers to look out for are

Session IPA (4.5%) in keg and

Black Pale (4.3%) in cask and keg. The **Dark Extra** (6.2%) is still maturing nicely in malt whisky barrels and will be out for next Christmas. Check the website for brewery tap opening times as they extend as the weather improves.

BLO Peter Harrison

TOP NOTCH

Haywards Heath, 07963

829368.

www.topnotchbrewing.co.uk

BLO Keith Newell

TWO TRIBES

Horsham, 01403 272102

www.twotribesbrewing.com

There are big changes to report, a new head brewer, Chris, is now working at the new 5BBL kit brewhouse and bar in King's Cross that opened in April 2018, and there is also a new logo. The majority of brewing will continue to be done by Ian in Horsham, where a new sour tank is in place, conditioning a 3.6% **New Romantic Passion Fruit Gose**. Many other new beers are being developed; see the website for details.

BLO Mike Head

UNBARRED

Hove, 07850 070471.

www.unbarredbrewery.com

unbarredbrewery@gmail.com

Jordan has won two 'Brewer to Watch' awards for 2018 and continues to brew a range of innovative, high quality beers on the Missing Link Brewing kit at West Hoathly. Beers include British, American and Belgian styles. He also continues to work with other brewers on collaboration projects, recently with Soundwaves and Blindside.

BLO Mike Head

WELTONS

Horsham, 01403 242901.

www.weltonsbeer.co.uk

Bottle conditioned beers are now going into Hartleys Off Licences including **Pridenjoy**, **Old Cocky**, **Old Harry**, **Churchillian** and some monthly beers. The first of these are **Topper Mild** (4%) and **American Graffiti** (4.5%), a golden IPA. April saw **Black in Black**, a blackcurrant porter. **White Wedding** (6%), a Weissbier is a German style wheat beer brewed for the royal wedding on draught and also for bottling. In May, **Three Lions** (4%), a new recipe golden fruity IPA will be brewed to cheer on England at the World Cup. Styrian Goldings hops are to be used for dry hopping in **Hurricane** (4.1%). Also look out for **Hopburst**, **Rampant Rooster**, **Buckland Shag**, **Broadwood** and **Methago Blackface** (4.5%), a new oatmeal stout. Exciting news is that brewer Ray has acquired a favourite King & Barnes recipe for **Fred Martin's Imperial Stout** (11%). The annual Day of Dance in the Stout House in the Carfax in Horsham takes place on 12th May. There will also be an exhibition of Land Rover Defenders outside the pub. The next 'Live at the Brewery' evening will be on 2nd June from 7 pm and will feature the excellent DustnBones, a Guns & Roses tribute act, supported by Rocky Dyson & the Cyclones. Tickets are £5 from the brewery or Beer Essentials in Horsham.

BLO Nigel Bullen

DYKE PUB LATEST

There remains a lot of enthusiasm for a community bid and lots of work has been quietly going on behind the scenes by members of the Dyke Pub Preservation Society. A business plan is being prepared and several grants and a mortgage have been lined up. Following advice from David Boyle of Community Shares and the Plunket Foundation, Save The Dyke Pub (STDP) campaigners plan to launch a community share offer.

The current asking price is causing some headaches when it comes to finances, because it is well above the valuation carried out in last March, when it was valued at £965k (this valuation was prior to building works including removal of the bar). STDP contacted the owners in January to see if they were still interested in selling and whether they could commission a second valuation to support their bid. Although they are still prepared to look at offers, they want those offers to be in excess of £1.3m and would not agree to another valuation.

STDP have also spoken to a number of local businesses who are interested in taking on the building. Although a community bid is being prepared, the general community feeling seems to be that they would be very happy to see the building taken on by a private owner and would be only too pleased to be patrons rather than owners! The current owners cannot sell to anyone other than a community group during the moratorium period, but they are free to negotiate during this time. There has been several enquiries from interested buyers, but unfortunately the asking price is proving to be a sticking point.

There are two live planning applications for 218 Dyke Road (The Dyke Pub) listed on the planning register. BH2017/04006 is a Listed Building Application logged on

5/12/17 requesting permission for various internal works, but also for reinstating a doorway and removal of the cold store. As external works are involved, works also require Planning Permission and this has been flagged up to the council. The Conservation Officer has requested further details from the applicant and a decision is yet to be made. The second application BH2018/00320 was logged on 1st February 2018, however the application was incomplete and is therefore invalid, but presumably it will include the removal of the cold store. Although removal of the cold store is of no consequence from a Listed Building point of view (it was part of alterations made in 2010), its removal would impact on the building's usability as a pub and replacing it would be an additional cost. The reason for its removal was not made clear in the application.

THE GREYS

Despite the Friends of the Grey's best efforts the Ei group have sold the pub to two unnamed brothers. It was decided that they could not risk people money on the terms of the common auction contract, as a community benefit society is not structured to engage with contract which is heavily weighted in the seller's favour.

The prospective buyers are a small independent pub operating company who at this time only have one other pub, selling Belgian beer, American and other craft beers and has a busy live music scene. They are expected to complete the purchase on the 18th April. They have expressed an interest in working with the Friends of the Greys to achieve a sustainable vibrant pub.

When the sale goes through the Friends will close the Crowdfunder campaign and all monies will be returned to investors and donors

Paul Free

The Beer Drinkers' Guide to the South Downs Way

I have recently come across a copy of this eight page leaflet. It was published by the Midhurst branch of CAMRA in April 1975 and was compiled by Adrian and Brian Charman. It cost 20p.

It starts in South Harting (it doesn't include Hampshire) and ends in Eastbourne.

A total of 32 pubs are included. Of these seven are now closed and one has been re-named. In view of the rate of closure of pubs in recent years this is not a bad record. The authors don't say how they decided which pubs to include (apart from those selling real ale) but I would consider that they have tried to include pubs within about three miles of the Way.

On this basis I would estimate that if the survey had been carried out today around 120 pubs would be included – and the choice of beer would have increased substantially (using information from What Pub). These figures include over 30 in Eastbourne (four in 1975) and about 15 in Lewes (eight in 1975).

Beers available were “the products of four independent brewers and some examples of National Brewers' Real Beer which show what they can do if only they will try....!” Perhaps unsurprisingly Lewes was the star turn featuring no less than eight pubs but it comes with a warning that “top pressure has been introduced into some, so check first”. Three pubs are mentioned as having a landlord who is a CAMRA member.

The guide is somewhat tongue-in-cheek but is an entertaining read with many humorous anecdotes and comments.

These include “Don't be put off by the Jensens and E-types in the car park”, “gorgeous girls” in Alfriston and “Allied's answer to Andrew's Liver Salts – Double Diamond”.

As might be expected in 1975 very few pubs served food and at those that did it was often just sandwiches or snacks. Also, some pubs served real ale in one bar and a keg version of the same beer in another!

The Charmans clearly enjoyed their adventure finding well kept beer and convivial landlords. As a postscript they say: “You will have covered about 85 miles or so, sampled some splendid ale and inhaled some splendid air.” With summer approaching it is an apt time to relive their adventure.

Steve Sharp



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CIDER HOUSE NOTES

JB IS DEAD, LONG LIVE JB CIDER



After a long battle with cancer, John Batcheldor of JB Cider, Maplehurst, passed away on February 9th at St Catherine's Hospice, aged 80. His funeral was held at the Kingsdown Chapel, Worthing Crematorium, on Monday 26th February, which was well attended by family, friends and well-wishers. He had organised his own funeral service in advance (and his Wake at the White Horse pub, Maplehurst!) and it was beautifully done.

John's ashes will be scattered in his orchard when the apple blossom is hopefully at its best, next to the grave of his beloved dog, Badger, on Saturday 5th May, starting with a procession from the White Horse pub by Broadwood Morris at 6pm.

He will be sadly missed, by friends, family and cider-drinkers (the cider will continue to be produced, never fear).

John was a multi-talented and well-loved man. He grew up in Battersea, South London, showing an early and enduring love of nature and the great outdoors – fishing on the local Commons, collecting and studying butterflies and moths, and cycling or walking everywhere. Having completed his National Service in the Royal

Navy, he went on to join the Merchant Navy and travelled the world. Then he went on to work in the world of printing, near Horsham, and kept up his interest in fishing and cycling by taking fishing holidays in Scotland, and cycling in and around Dieppe on the so-called Dieppe Raid (no, nothing to do with warfare!). When he married and started a family, he eventually moved to Maplehurst and, as well as keeping a smallholding going, planted up his own orchard with West Country cider apple trees and started making cider – and so the story continues, with a small core of hardworking volunteers continuing with the cidermaking.

Jackie Johnson

Cider Rep, Brighton & South Downs



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PRESSING NEWS

One of the privileges of being the Regional Cider Co-ordinator is that I get to organise the regional cider competition. This is held before the bar opens on the last day of SBBCF. I would like to thank all the judges who took part for without their commitment and taste buds the competition would not happen. After much tasting, note taking and discussions the judges decided that Winner of the Surrey and Sussex Regional cider competition was Garden Cider's Vintage, the runner up was Bignose and Bearded Hedgerow.

Good news for cider and perry in Brighton

The Freemasons Tavern has reopened as a cider house, pop along and give it a try, I'm sure Josh and his staff will give you help on your cider journey.

Regional Cider pub of the year

Sussex branches have nominated the following pubs to enter the regional cider competition. Please note that not all branches have submitted a pub to the competition, this is often because they are unaware of a pub that may be a contender. Conversely you may disagree with your branch choice. In either case if you consider a pub a contender for next year's competition please engage with your branch. It is not unusual for our ale drinking brethren not to notice that a pub sells real cider and perry, so give them a hand to make sure that your real cider pub is considered.

Arun and Adur - Green Man Ale and Cider House

Brighton South Downs - Old Star Ale &

Cider House, Shoreham-by-Sea

North East Sussex - Kings Head, East Hoathly

North Sussex - Brewery Shades, Crawley

South East Sussex - George Hotel, Hailsham

Western Sussex - none

Seasonal Reminder

The new year's cider will be coming to pubs and bars near you during May Cider (and Mild) month. Please get out there a try cider and perry: the real stuff is worth seeking out.

Paul Sanders

Regional Cider Coordinator

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Spotlight on

BREWERIES

Harvey's wins 'Best Brand Evolution' award



Harvey's have announced that their rebrand, undertaken in conjunction with WPA Pinfold, received a Gold award at the

Transform Awards, held in London on Monday 26th March.

The Transform Awards are Europe's only dedicated celebration of rebranding and brand development. From hundreds of entries across 43 European countries including global brands and companies, Harvey's were successful in the category for 'Best Brand Evolution'.

This award is for the brand that best moves its identity into the future while maintaining links with the past, and evolving in a clear and creative way.

The Transform judges noted that on working with WPA Pinfold, Harvey's were able to successfully:

"Draw on the brewery's rich history and heritage in Sussex, as well as the work of local artists, to infuse every drop with authenticity."

The new designs were used on all Harvey's beers, POS material, and glassware, which have been available to the trade for the past year.

Bob Trimm, Harvey's Sales and Marketing Manager said,

"We were extremely pleased with the new branding introduced last year and we have

received very good feedback from the trade."

"With 228 years of history behind us, it was essential that the rebrand was sympathetic to our history whilst modernising the brand for future generations. To have the endorsement of the rebrand from the within the Marketing industry is very gratifying."

Harvey's rebrand continues into 2018 with a new range of merchandise now available in the Brewery Shop and online. This is branded with their 'We Wunt Be Druv' motto, adopted from the unofficial Sussex County expression meaning 'we will not be driven'.



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The Pubs of Portslade (well, BN41)

The Blue Anchor is at the far end of Boundary Road, near the junction with the coast road, and in 1978 it was the only Portslade listing in the Good Beer Guide. In those days its sole cask ale served was Whitbread Pompey Royal, a fruity beer that I remember with affection. Now it serves two – Harvey's Best and Long Man APA.

Half a mile in the other direction, opposite the station, is the Victoria. The wood-panelled bar is impressive but not the quality of their one cask ale, the ubiquitous Sharp's Doom Bar.



Phil at Battle of T

On Trafalgar Road, close to its junction with the Old Shoreham Road, is the Battle of Trafalgar.

The interior is U-shaped, one side has the pool table, dart board and a small stage, the other small tables suitable for dining. The two real ales

here are often Gales Seafarer's Ale and Sharp's Doom Bar, and both are generally in good condition.

Fishersgate boasts two pubs, one of which is the Albion Inn. The bar has handpumps that aren't in use. The other is the Stanley, about which more later.



Stags Head

Close to my home in Portslade village I have the choice of St George and the Stag's Head. The St George has

handpumps but like the Albion they are unused. The Stag's Head has much improved over the last three years. I visited recently and had a decent pint of Long Man APA.



Stags Head

They also had Harvey's Best and Brains' Rev James on offer.



The Mile Oak Inn is much livelier. This is the only pub in Mile Oak and it's massive, with a function room, TV/games room and a small, cosy snug,

which often holds all the customers. There's only one cask ale, the inevitable Doom Bar, but it is generally in good condition.



And so to my pick of the Portslade pubs. The Stanley Arms in Fishersgate always has a selection of half

a dozen mostly local cask beers, and is the epitome of the community pub.



The beer is good at the Railway Inn too. A dreary-looking pub of dodgy reputation has been

transformed into a modern, family-friendly gastro-pub. The food is excellent, although not cheap, and there are four well-kept cask ales. Most are old favourites, such as Harvey's Best and Adnams' Ghost Ship but there are regular guest ales from the local small breweries like Gun, Downland and Bedlam.



Phil Jones

You can find a longer version of this piece in Phil's beer blog : <http://bit.ly/2G3Hq7c>

ARUN & ADUR



The Arun & Adur Branch Pub of the Year is the Green Man Ale and Cider House on Tarring Road Worthing. The Green Man is also the Branch Cider Pub of the Year.

The photo shows licensee Les Johnson with his award certificates.

BRIGHTON & SOUTH DOWNS

The Brighton & South Downs Branch Pub of the Year is the Brewers Arms, Lewes. The quality of the beer and cider proved the winning combination in this popular free house.



The Branch Secretary Paul Free (above right), made the presentation to Liam Griffin of the Brewers Arms on 4th April. In his speech of thanks Liam remembered that it was a year since the passing of Ruth Anglezarke (aka Ruth Anderson) and proposed a toast in her honour.



The Country Pub of the Year is the Swan Inn, Falmer, with the Swan also being the Runner Up in the Pub of the Year competition. In the photo above John Kirkland (left) of Brighton and South Downs branch presents the award to Martin Gapper (right), with Martin's wife Georgie (centre) holding the Runner Up certificate.



The Old Star Ale & Cider House, Shoreham-by-Sea, has been crowned Brighton & South Downs Branch Cider Pub of the Year for the third year running, congratulations to Richard and Jen and the Great wall of Cider!! The Star was also Highly Commended in the branch Pub of the Year competition. In the photo above are (left to right) Steve the barman, Steve Pardoe (BSD Branch), Richard & Jen Hasler (the owner and his wife).

NORTH SUSSEX

The North Sussex Branch Pub of the Year is the White Horse, Maplehurst. North Sussex branch have awarded their Peter King Memorial Shield to the White Horse for a record 6th time. Simon and Beth Johnson have run the pub for over 37 years and it has been in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide ever since in recognition of their place at the heart of the village community, and of course great beer and service.



In the photo are Simon and Beth, being presented with the shield by branch Chair, Paul Sanders, in the middle. Photo is courtesy of Chris Stringer. Runners up this year were two more excellent pubs; the Jolly Tanners in Staplefield and the Malt Shovel in Horsham.

The Branch Cider Pub of the Year is the Brewery Shades, Crawley.

NORTH EAST SUSSEX

The King's Arms, Rotherfield, was voted branch Pub of the Year. During a special sub-branch outing to help celebrate the award branch chairman John Packer presents the award to landlady Antonia Harvey.



Their Cider Pub of the Year for 2018 is the King's Head, East Hoathly. Owners Tracie and Robert Wallace (on the right) with their certificate and members of NE Sussex sub-branch.

SOUTH EAST SUSSEX

The South East Sussex Branch Pub of the Year is the Standard Inn, Rye.



Wetherspoon's George Hotel, Hailsham is the branch Cider Pub of the Year for the second consecutive year. The picture shows, (l to r), Phil Cozens, (Branch Vice Chair), Mitch Lowe, (Manager of the George) and Phil Packham, (Branch Cider Representative) at the presentation made at the pub at the end of March.

The South East Sussex Branch Club of the Year is once again the Albatross Club, Bexhill on Sea. It's a particularly friendly Royal Air Force Association club in Marina Arcade, close to the De la Warr Pavilion. They first received SE Sussex's branch Club

of the Year award in 2012 and went on to impress national judges by winning CAMRA's UK Club of the Year award in 2016. It's still the clear winner of both branch and Sussex Club of the Year awards, 2018.



In the photo Branch Chairman Peter Adams is presenting Karen Pelham, Chief Steward, with this year's Branch Club of the Year winner's certificate during a packed branch meeting in April.

It's not just the selection and quality of the real ales here that are taken into consideration as the welcome, cleanliness, community focus, and atmosphere are among criteria that are considered. Their summer beer festival, 15 - 17 June, is a chance for everyone to visit the club, and this year, for the first time, there's a preview evening session on Thursday 14th exclusively for Club and CAMRA members.



Peter Page Mitchell presenting Sussex Club of the Year certificate to Karen Pelham.

WESTERN SUSSEX

The Western Sussex Branch Pub of the Year is the Crab Pot, Selsey. The branch were delighted to present the certificate on the 7th April to Edward and Mindy at the Crab Pot Micropub in Selsey High Street.

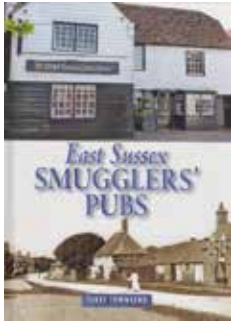
It was a doubly excellent occasion for all because the Crab Pot is the first Micropub to open within the branch, but also because it is quite something for any new pub to achieve a Pub of the Year award during its first year of trading. The pub was established in a former snack bar and is situated in the heart of Selsey's busy main shopping street. Consequently there is plenty of passing trade, particularly now the Summer holiday season has begun.



The pictures show Branch Chairman Glenn Johnson (centre) presenting the certificate



plus trophy to Ed and Mindy. Also presented was the device seen in Mindy's hands which is not a miniature drone, but in fact a bell formed in the shape of a crab which will no doubt be used occasionally in the pub for customers to summon service but also (not too often) to call time. The bell has been engraved as a souvenir of the occasion.



East Sussex Smugglers' Pubs by Terry Townsend is one of a series of carefully researched books on smugglers' pubs in eight areas along the south coast.

The introduction highlights that smuggling started

with the introduction of a tax on wool by Edward I (1239-1307), and that this led to the Ypres Castle in Rye becoming a preferred meeting place for smugglers or 'Owlers'. The development of smuggling from then until 1815 is explored, after which smuggling went into decline.

Terry explores the role of 20 pubs in East Sussex which played their part in smuggling, with the account of each pub balanced between the pubs role in

smuggling and what the pubs can offer now.

The book describes the following pubs:

Alfriston, Olde Smugglers Inne	Hastings, Stag Inn
Boreham Street, Bull's Head	Hooe, Lamb Inn
Burwash Weald, Wheel Inn	Hooe, Red Lion
Burwash, Rose & Crown	Iden, Bell
Coleman's Hatch, Hatch Inn	Jevington, Eight Bells
East Dean, Tiger Inn	Mayfield, Rose & Crown
Groombridge, Crown Inn	Norman's Bay, Star Inn
Hastings, Hastings Arms	Pett Village, Two Sawyers
	Rohertsbridge, George Inn
	Rye, Mermaid Inn
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SECOND ADUR VALLEY BEER WALK



When God closes a door, he opens a window – they say.

And so it is with the old Ballards Beer Walk.

Ballards Brewery closed last year and the 2017 Walk from the brewery, always on the first Sunday in December, was the last after over 20 years of tradition, charitable fundraising and fun.



But the popularity of this has kick-started a new West Sussex Beer Walk, taking place in Summer

when the weather is warmer. It's in the Adur Valley where there are actually four breweries. There is also a regular bus service there from Brighton and Shoreham.

So on Saturday 26th May, the Second Adur Valley Beer Walk will take place, and this year the Steyning Festival will be on at the same time with many arts, music and dance events.



Riverside Brewery

Just start at one of the two breweries, Adur or Riverside, which will be open from noon

to 6pm where you can sample their beers. Then walk from one brewery to the other – about two and a half miles – on roads or footpaths passing up to eight local pubs en route: **Bramber** - Castle Inn Hotel, Old Tollgate Hotel; **Steyning** - Star Inn, Chequer

Inn, Norfolk Arms, White Horse; **Upper Beeding** - Kings Head, Rising Sun

Some will be offering beers from the other two Adur Valley breweries, Downlands and Dark Star. Footpath details will be on leaflets at the breweries & pubs or at www.brightoncamra.org.uk.

The No. 2 bus to Steyning from Brighton or Shoreham and Southern Transit's No 3 stop right outside Riverside Brewery, and Adur Brewery is a short walk up Mouse Lane from Steyning's 'Clock Tower' stop. We do hope you'll join us, if the weather's warm.

Adrian Towler

Brighton & South Downs CAMRA

***LATE NEWS:** The Ballards Walk in December, is likely to be revived by Greyhound Brewery, either from the old site in Nyewood or from their Greyhound site. So hold the date, December 2nd, and watch this space (and the websites!).



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Since 2016, Wealden District Council (WDC) has been working in partnership with 'Pub is the Hub' (PITH) to help rural pubs in Wealden diversify, to help their communities and to stay open.

PITH is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2001 by HRH the Prince of Wales which encourages local authorities, communities, licensees, pub owners and breweries to work together to support, retain and locate services within rural pubs.

Many consider that the pub should be the centre or hub of community life and which can also provide essential services beyond the usual drinks, food or entertainment. WDC believes this too - "We will promote 'Pub is the Hub for vital rural communities'" (Source: WDC Corporate Plan 2015 - 2019)

PITH is an organisation of specialist voluntary advisors for rural pubs and licensees who are thinking of broadening their range of services. PITH can assist

Wealden rural pubs with guidance on availability of project funding, and having a thorough understanding of the pub business, is able to advise on the best way to progress with each individual project.

More information at:
www.pubisthehub.org.uk

In addition to PITH, WDC has also been working with 'Barclays' and 'Applause' to deliver events in pubs.

"Pubs are the heart of our towns and villages in Wealden. Our pubs are much more than just a place to meet for a drink, and I'm delighted to support and work with Pub is the Hub and Wealden District Council to back pubs across Wealden, for the benefit of the entire community". MP Nus Ghani

The pubs helped in 2016-17 include the Foresters Arms, Fairwarp; the Royal Oak and Castle, Pevensey; and the Roebuck Inn, Laughton.

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North Sussex 5th Equinox Festival Report

Festival goers defied the weather and travel problems to enjoy another highly successful Equinox Beer and Cider festival at the Drill Hall in Horsham at the start of March, organised by the North Sussex branch of CAMRA.

The various small changes we made this year seemed to be well received, particularly the decision to open the doors 30 minutes before the start of the event, allowing people to wait in the warm and dry of the hall, and the extra seating that we had this year. The extended Saturday lunch time session proved even more popular, with tickets selling out three weeks in advance. Total ticket sales were also a record.

The event had beers from around the country, including all the local brewers and cider makers, a number of whom were able to come along to the event and chat to the drinkers. It was particularly great to welcome two of the new Horsham brewers to the event, with Mike from Chapeau Brewery and Brook from Brolly Brewery both thoroughly enjoying the event and getting some very positive feedback on their beers. It was also great to welcome Gary and Bunny from Kissingate Brewery in Lower Beeding, who were presented with a certificate for their Six Crows beer which was recently judged CAMRA London and South East Area Champion beer in the Barley Wine and Strong Old Ale category.

Voting for Beer and Cider of the festival was as close as ever, with 49 of the 53 beers and all the ciders getting votes, which is a true testament to the high quality of the beer and cider that is essential in today's vibrant, hugely competitive market.

The two favourite Light Beers were both brewed specially for the event, with Brolly's Natural Spring Water, a New England style IPA, just pipping the DIPA from last year's winner Top Notch who brew in Haywards Heath. Kissingate's beers are always a big

festival favourite, but their Blue Murder Stout was also narrowly beaten by Dorset brewer Cerne Abbas' Gurt Coconuts Rum Stout for the Dark Beer of the Festival crown. The popularity of ciders with added fruit flavours continued at the event, with Seacider's Mango cider from Ditchling winning the Cider of the Festival.

We again chose the Samaritans Horsham and Crawley branch to be our festival charity, and raised nearly £500 over the two days. Their presence and support was greatly appreciated.

Huge thank you to everyone who turned up, particularly on the Friday evening. Also huge thanks to the volunteers, sponsors, Gareth of Beer Essentials and to the pubs for selling tickets and publicity.

If anyone has any comments, or wants to get involved in CAMRA in North Sussex or future festivals, please contact us on camra.equinox@gmail.com. The provisional dates for the 6th festival are Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd March 2019.

Mike Head

North Sussex branch



Branch chair Paul Sanders presenting the Light Beer of the Festival award to Brook and Holly Saunders of Brolly Brewing. Photograph is courtesy of Jonny Coates.

Major Redevelopment Of Worthing Pub

Work began at the end of March on a major £240,000 refurbishment of The Lamb on



Salvington Road, Worthing, by Heineken-owned Star Pubs & Bars and

local resident and new licensee Steve Pease.

The project is evidence of the positive impact of recent investment in central Worthing on the surrounding area. The refurbishment will upgrade and update the tired, little-used local, introducing food and creating a great quality and family-friendly pub for the whole community to enjoy.

The pub – to be renamed The Park View to reflect its new direction – will reopen in late April and create up to eight jobs.

The pub's outside will be completely



renovated and repainted, with signage and lighting being

replaced to make The Park View an attractive feature of the area once again. The garden will be replanted and a large deck laid, complete with heating and a retractable awning to enable year-round use.

Inside, The Park View will be given a more contemporary look and a comfortable feel. The traditional bar and lounge will be kept and big screens put up in the bar to improve sports screenings. A kitchen refit will enable the pub to serve food, with dishes ranging from bar snacks such as nachos and

chicken wings to freshly prepared homemade steak burgers and Sunday lunches. Whenever possible, local suppliers will be used, with meat, for example, coming from butchers Southwick Square Meats.

Steve wants to make The Park View known for the quality of its beer and is putting a focus on cask ales with three on tap. He plans to gain Cask Marque accreditation and offer locally brewed ales. The wine list will also have a local slant, including wines from Highdown Vineyard. A coffee machine is being added and coffee will be served all day.



Says Steve, "I've lived in the Worthing area most of my life and known The Lamb for a number of

years. It has been sad to see the pub lose its way in recent times. It looks unloved but has real potential. I want to bring it back to life and make The Park View somewhere everyone can enjoy."

Adds Steve, "Worthing is a fantastic town in a great location. It's been brilliant to see the centre getting the regeneration it deserves and new restaurants and bars opening. This development is attracting new visitors as well as residents and is now encouraging more investment in the town's suburbs."

Comments Star Pubs & Bars Operations Director, Tim Galligan, "We're delighted that Steve is working with us to revive the pub's fortunes. He knows and loves Worthing, has the highest standards of hospitality and is committed to making The Park View an outstanding pub. Heineken is a passionate supporter of the great British pub and is investing in locals like The Park View to help them deliver excellent quality, attract customers and thrive at the heart of their communities for years to come."

The Norfolk Tap Open for Business

The Norfolk Tap, Arundel's new craft beer bar and coffee shop, is now officially open.



Based at the historic Norfolk Arms Hotel in Arundel, The Norfolk

Tap is the town's first establishment to serve the locally-brewed beers from Arundel Brewery, as well as offering a selection of teas and coffees from Arundel-based Edgcumbes. The Norfolk Tap will be selling a whole range of beer from Arundel Brewery.



After undergoing an extensive renovation, the new bar and coffee shop features a 6-tap wall, digitally-displayed menu, a top-of-the-range coffee machine and a selection of art from the local Zimmer Stewart Gallery.

Peter Massey, Bar Manager at The Norfolk Tap, said: "We're understandably delighted to have The Norfolk Tap open for business. We had a small opening which was attended by more than 50 people over the course of an evening and went very well.

"It's quite hard to believe that the fantastic beers from the Arundel Brewery aren't served anywhere else in Arundel, so we

encourage the proud local community to come and try their range of beverages."

Peter added: "The concept was created with two markets in mind. The large number of people that drink tea and coffee catered for during the day, and a new audience for Arundel; the craft beer drinker."

As a registered venue on the popular social media app for bars and pubs, Untappd, The Norfolk Tap aims to also attract drinkers into the town from further afield with the demand for craft beers growing in the UK over recent years.

Stuart Walker, Director of Arundel Brewery, said: "The trend towards hand crafted beers and coffees, rather than mass produced, is growing rapidly and The Norfolk Tap is pioneering this trend in Arundel.

"Having our beers available for the first time in Arundel is a major step forward for us which would not have been possible without the great support of the Norfolk Arms team."

Peter concluded: "Along with the fabulous art that's been loaned from the Zimmer Stewart Gallery, who are also based in Arundel, we're extremely excited and proud to be showcasing the great local businesses in The Norfolk Tap. We look forward to welcoming both locals and visitors to the town in the coming weeks."

The opening hours for The Norfolk Tap are: Mon-Tue: Closed; Wed-Thu: 11am-3pm, 5-11pm; Fri-Sat : 11am-11pm; Sun: 11am-8pm.



North Sussex Branch On Tour – Return To Crowborough

For the fifth year in a row, North Sussex Branch arranged a visit to the Coopers Arms in Crowborough, for their Annual Winter Ales Festival. This was the pubs' ninth such event and is keenly looked forward to by many ale enthusiasts. As the Dark Star bus is no longer available (R.I.P XAP638S), it was left to expert hands to source an alternative vehicle for the jaunt, which was to take place on Saturday 27th January. This time, Sussex Coaches were the provider and with a few weeks to go, an itinerary was prepared and sent out, it was also made available on the branch website. As the days went by, there were lots of enquiries and in the end, more than forty people signed up to come along. As usual, the trip started in Horsham, before heading north across the border into Surrey, to the Surrey Oaks in Newdigate, where it was pleasing to see seven people board the bus. From here, it was back into Sussex to pick up in Crawley, then to Three Bridges station, East Grinstead, Ashurstwood and finally Forest Row. We broke the record this year, with 43 coming along and the journey from the final pick up location to the pub seemed a lot quicker this year, no doubt appreciated by some who were probably getting a bit thirsty. Once we'd arrived, everyone was let off the bus to get into the pub, before the bus was parked up.



While most of the beers are dark, there are a few lighter ones for those who prefer them. Once again, an interesting selection was made available, some of which are rarely seen in this part of the country.

Starting with the weakest, on offer were Long Man Mild Man (3.5%), Moor Nor'hop (4.1%), Holler Boys Heavy Lifting (4.2%), Three Tuns Stout



(4.4%), Enville Ale (4.5%), Brumaison 1770 London Porter (4.7%) and Bedlam Porter (4.8%). Ramping it up a bit, slightly stronger were Enville Gothic (5.2%), Deya Brewing Dare I Say Porter (5.3%), Redemption/Kernel Collaboration Victorian Mild (6.0%), before finishing off with the always popular, Moor Old Freddy Walker (7.4%). In addition, a couple of key-keg beers were available, these being Dark Star Cocoa Nut (6.0%) and Pig & Porter Lair Of The Baubai (9.1%). So a pleasant afternoon was had by all, working their way down the list and it

was a good time to socialise with others in the pub. This included a contingent from the West Kent Branch, who make the effort to attend every year.

All too soon, it was time to take our leave, so after thanking our hosts, David & Judith, for a splendid afternoon of imbibing, everybody was rounded up and poured back onto the bus. There followed a slightly shorter trip to the second and final pub of the day, the Anchor in Hartfield. Here, the Harvey's Old Ale was in fine form, however all good things come to an end and it was soon time to re-board the bus to head back to Forest Row and various points west to drop people off. Thanks go to all who supported the trip by coming along, also to Tim the driver for his patience and excellent driving skills, to the licensees in the two pubs and to Vanessa Mason-Hill for being clippie for the day and all her help in getting things sorted, also for providing the photos. We're already looking forward to next year!

BEER FESTIVALS AND OTHER DELICHTS

CAMRA EVENTS IN BOLD. For FREE inclusion in this column and on the Sussex Branches website, contact the Editor; for PAID advertisements contact Neil Richards. Copy-by date and contact details on the contacts page. For up to date information on beer festivals and other beer and cider related events in Sussex, and often more details than appear here in print, please visit the Beer Festivals page on the Sussex Branches website, sussex.camra.org.uk/festivals.

3-7 May Duke of Wellington Beltane Beer Festival, 30 Beers (from 30 Sussex breweries) & 10 local ciders to be served up over the course over the weekend. dukeofwellingtonbrewhouse.co.uk, 01273 441297

11 May Train To London Pubs – TTLP41 will be to the far Northern suburbs of London including Winchmore Hill, Palmers Green, Barnet and Enfield to visit amongst others a new Micropub and a new Brewery Tap selling Czech-style beers brewed by Czech ex-pats in N22. To be included on mailout list contact Pete Brown, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com.

12 May Kissingate Spring Beerfest from 11am to 8pm at the brewery in Lower Beeding. No tickets required. For more details call 01403 891335 or see their website www.kissingate.co.uk.

18-20 May Yapton Beerex 2018. The 2018 CAMRA Yapton Beerex will take place from Friday, May 18 to Sunday, May 20 in Yapton Village Hall: this is situated on the B2233, 1.6 miles south east of Barnham railway station. The nearest bus stop is for the Stagecoach 700 service, 200 yards across the green at Sparks Corner. We plan to have over 60 beers from small, independent breweries around the Country. We will be featuring new and established Sussex breweries. There will also be ciders and perries and a range of bottled beers, both British and imported. Opening hours are: Friday: 6pm to 11pm (admission £5); Saturday: 11am to 9pm (admission £6 all day, £3 after 5pm); Sunday: 12pm to 3pm (free admission, £1 charge for glass). There will be no music this year. Refreshments of filled rolls, burgers and hot dogs will be available, including Sunday.

25-27 May Eastbourne Beer & Cider By The Sea, Western Lawns, King Edwards Parade, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4UH. 15 min walk from railway station. Next to the Wish Tower. 60 + Real Ales, 30+ Ciders & Perries + range of foreign bottled beers, Wine & Cocktails. Live music entertainment on all sessions. Set under large Marquee on the Seafront with outside seating area. Hot & cold food available. Open Fri 5.30-10.30pm, Sat 10.30-3.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. Sun 12-7pm. Fri £8 (CAMRA £7) Sat Day £7 (CAMRA £6) Sat Night £8 (CAMRA £7) Sun £7 (CAMRA £6) Prices may be subject to alteration.

www.eastbournebeerfestival.co.uk or phone ticket office on 01323 410611. Non-ticket enquires to contact.camra.sesux@gmail.com

26 May Second Adur Valley Beer Walk, see page 42 for more details.

25-28 May King's Head, South Road, Hailsham, Bank Holiday Beer Festival with 12 guest ales, 4 Harvey's ales, 4 real ciders and a selection of German Beers. Free entry, live music every day and a BBQ. 01323 440447.

1-3 Jun Glastonwick 2018, Adur's 23rd Annual Beer, Music, Poetry, and More Beer Festival, Church Farm, Coombes, BN15 0RS, 07756 956483, 80 mostly innovative cask ales, free shuttle bus (see website for times). cask-ale.co.uk/beerfestival.html.

8-10 Jun West's Food Fair, New Barn, Newhouse Lane, East Dean, Chichester, West Sussex. PO18 0NJ. 10 real ales and Westie's Bad Apple Cider. Live music, competitions, displays and demonstrations for all things wood-related.

14-17 Jun Brewer's Arms, Lewes

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15 - 17 Jun RAFA Albatross Club, 15 Marine Arcade, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1JS 01424 212916. Beer festival (open to all). Friday & Saturday 11am to 11pm, Sunday 11am to 5pm. 21 real ales and 7 ciders. Music on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Food will also be available. Special 'Preview' for Albatross club members and CAMRA members only on Thursday 14th June 5pm to 11pm. bexhillrafa.co.uk, 01424 212916.

16-17 Jun Alested at Elsted Inn A family festival. Real ale, live music, great food, family fun and ceilidh. Free Entry! Award winning Ales and Musicians! Plus other entertainment, including face painting, and circus skills workshop.

22-23 Jun 22nd South Downs Beer & Cider Festival, Lewes Town Hall, Lewes, see page 3 for more details.

30 Jun – 1 Jul Three Moles, Selham Beer Festival 5pm to 1am on the Friday, 12 noon to 1am on the Saturday and 12 noon to 4pm on the Sunday. A great selection of local ales along with a BBQ and live music. thethreemoles.co.uk

6-7 Jul 12th SIBA South East Beer Festival, Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club, 150+ Real Ales + Cider. Free Admission. www.tj-beerfest.com.

7 Jul Fifth annual Ashstock festival. 12 noon to 10.30 pm, John Pears Field, Wall Hill, Ashurst Wood, RH19 3TQ. Bar including around 16 cask ales from breweries within 20 miles or so of Ashurst Wood + ciders, all day BBQ, music from local youth bands, teas, stalls and other attractions. Evening headline band. Village Council 01342 823770 or www.ashurstwood-vc.gov.uk.

21 Jul Train to London Pubs – TTLP42 will involve a visit to the Tottenham area, hopefully to experience some of the various Brewery Taps now operating in the area. Most of these involve outdoor seating so we hope for some proper summer weather

when the time comes. To be included on mailing list contact Pete Brown, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com.

20-22 Jul Eight Bells, Jevington, Summer Beer Festival. 01323 484442

3 - 5 Aug Oxfest 2018, returns for its fourth year. Sussex Ox, Milton Street, near Polegate. Music and Beer Festival, even bigger than before, barbecue food from their own farm and the finest real ales and ciders. www.thesussexox.co.uk/oxfest-2018

11-12 Aug Plough Inn, Crowhurst, near Battle, Beer Festival. 01424 830310.

24-26 Aug Wheatsheaf Inn, Willingdon, Bank Holiday Beer Festival.



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PotY: Green Man, Worthing; CPotY: Green Man,
Worthing; CotY: None

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Beer Festival: South Downs, 22-23 June 2018

PotY: Brewers Arms, Lewes; CPotY: Old Star,
Shoreham; CotY: None

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Beer Festival: Equinox, March 2019

PotY: White Horse, Maplehurst; CPotY: Brewery
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CPotY: King's Head, East Hoathly; CotY: None

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Beer Festival: Eastbourne, 25-27 May 2018

PotY: Standard Inn, Rye; CPotY: George, Hailsham;
CotY: Albatross RAFA Club, Bexhill-On-Sea

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Beer Festival: Yapton, 18-20 May 2018

PotY: Crab Pot, Selsey; CPotY: None; CotY: None

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