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If you are lucky enough to look under 25 years old, please bring photo ID and note that you must be over 18 to gain

admission. Tickets for each session will be available on the door. The ticket price includes a souvenir glass and programme. Card-carrying CAMRA members can also obtain £2 worth of beer tokens at the CAMRA membership stand. If you join CAMRA on the day, you will also receive tokens valid for two pints and a copy of the Good Beer Guide. Please bear in mind that the popular beers sell very quickly, and, as it takes at least 48 hours for beers to settle, cannot be replaced once sold out.

Advance tickets are now available until Saturday 16 March from the following outlets: Evening Star, Brighton; Gardener's Arms and Brewers Arms, Lewes; Duke of Wellington, Shoreham-by-Sea; Selden Arms, Worthing; Beer Essentials, Horsham; Eagle, Eastbourne; Tower, St. Leonards and Brewery Shade, Crawley.

For postal sales, please state which session(s) you require, enclose a 9x4 SAE with your cheque, made payable to "Sussex CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival" and send to SBB&CF Ticket Sales, 16 Connell Drive, Woodingdean, Brighton, BN2 6RT. Postal Sales will be available until 16 March, but no refunds will be processed after 13 March 2019

All bars will operate a token system. Token refunds will be given only before 'time' is called at the bar. Surplus tokens may be deposited in the charity box and will be passed on to our Festival Charity, Sussex Heart.

Brighton & Hove buses 2 and 22 from Churchill Square stop very close to the venue; bus 2 in Freshfield Road and 22 at the top of Elm Grove/corner of Freshfield Road; people arriving in Brighton by train may use the PlusBus facility with their rail ticket.

The venue is fully wheelchair accessible.

For more information, see the festival website www.sussexbeerfestival.co.uk.

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Sussex Beer & Cider Festival*

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 p46 applies to all items.

■ AMBERLEY

The **Black Horse** reopened on the 2nd December after a major refurbishment and



several years of closure. It's bar manager Johnny Robinson is keen to welcome drinkers with, initially, three cask ales on;

Langham Hip Hop will be the 'house beer' branded as Amberley Bitter, one or two beers from Arundel, possibly Black Stallion or Castle and Young's Bitter.



■ ASHINGTON

The **Red Lion** recently had Purity Goose on as a guest.

■ ASHURSTWOOD

The **Maypole** continues to sell a good pint of Harvey's Sussex Best, plus a couple of regularly changing guest ales. Old Dairy Blue Top was noted (and tried) on a recent visit and found to be in very good nick. The pub also now has a café, which is open Mondays to Fridays 8.30 a.m to 3 p.m, on Saturdays this is 9 a.m to 1 p.m. Good value food is available, including full English breakfasts, filled rolls are also available to eat in or take away.

Just off the A22, work has started on renovating the long-closed **Three Crowns**, with scaffolding appearing before

Christmas. An extension is to be added to create more space for diners.

■ BREDE

The **Red Lion** is under new management and the food is as popular as ever. Three beers are served, Harvey's Sussex Best, one from Greene King and the other a local beer. Rother Valley was the third brewery represented on a recent visit.

■ BRIGHTON

The **Cobden Arms** in Cobden Road, Brighton, is the proud owner of the title *Argus Pub of the Year 2018* after topping the polls. It received a total of 1,993 votes from loyal customers. The pub was taken over two years ago by Andrea and Shaun Manthorpe who were previously at the Hikers Rest, they said that most of their customers do not come from the surrounding area - something they are trying to change.

At the **Great Eastern**, Trafalgar Court (Corner of Trafalgar St); Ei Group, the pub's owner is looking to take back the pub from its current leaseholder, the small pub company Pleasure. The pub regulars are fearful that the pub might lose its atmosphere in the change. An online petition on Change.org has been started by drinks writer Andy Burnyeat, this aims to demonstrate the scale of public support and convince the owners to renew the lease. Ei Group are also looking to take back the **Saint James** in St James's Street and the **Office** in Sydney Street.

Following their move into Brighton, Holler Brewery have opened a tap room in Elder Place, off London Road. **Holler Brewery & Taproom** is open from 4pm Monday - Thursday and from 12 noon Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Holler have teamed up with Fatto a Mano to offer pizzas to taproom patrons.



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■ BURWASH WEALD

The **Wheel Inn** closed suddenly in December.

■ COCKING

Many months ago the **Bluebell** ceased trading and was considered lost to the pub world and the word was that it would become a residential property. A local group have now signed a written agreement with the owner to retain the building as a pub. They have already secured some funding but obviously require a lot more. Contact has been made with the Plunkett Foundation.

■ COOKSBRIDGE

The **Rainbow** in Cocksbridge has been re-opened by a company called Revived Inns. They were selling Harvey's Best, Old and Long Man Blonde when last visited.

■ COOLHAM

We hear that the lessee of the **Selsey Arms** has dispensed with Doom Bar and now has on Harvey's Best, one from Long Man and Purity Goose; all now sourced in pins to maintain quality.

■ CRAWLEY

The **Moonraker**, an Ei Group pub near Three Bridges station in Crawley has re-opened after a short closure with new licencees. Tony and Louise ran the pub many years ago and have already re-introduced hand pumps selling Fullers London Pride, which when tasted was in top condition and also serve Sharp's Doom Bar. The pub has new furniture giving it a welcoming feel. The pool table has gone but sports will still be shown on TV. It is hoped that the pub will have B&B accommodation and will serve food in the near future.

The owner of the **Royal Oak** in Crawley Down has submitted plans for nine flats and a pub to be built on the existing site whilst retaining the pub, which will re-open with dining facilities. The pub has been closed for several years.

■ CROWBOROUGH

The **Cooper's Arms** in the St John's district of Crowborough continues to provide some interesting guest beers. On a recent visit Engineer's Christmas Special and Bristol Beer Factory's Milk Stout were both sampled and found to be in fine form. Also available were beers from Burning Sky as well as the ever-present Harvey's Best Bitter.

■ EASTBOURNE



Bottle Grove, a 'Cafe and Craft Beer Specialist' in Grove Road, opened last year, 2018. Greg, the keen owner,

not only offers a wide range of bottled beers for sale but also serves around four local KeyKeg beers, as well as four, sometimes five, local real ciders from Ascension in Hurst Green.

Buskers Bar, mentioned in the previous issue, now has two real ales regularly on offer; Purity Brewery has proved popular and one beer is always from there with the other changing.

A local branch member was surprised to find himself paying £4.60 for a pint of Harvey's Old in the Eastbourne Council owned **Stage Door**.

■ EAST GRINSTEAD

There are several pubs in the town and a random selection were visited in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

The **Ship Inn** (Youngs) offers three of their brews, with Harvey's Sussex Best and St.Austell Tribute as permanent guest ales.

The **Crown** is a popular food outlet with three well-kept ales available.

Just around the corner from there can be found the **Sportsman**, a small wet-led pub, which offers Harvey's Sussex Best direct

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from the cask.

The **Ounce & Ivy Bush** (Wetherspoons) regularly has High Weald beers available, plus a guest or two. Broadoak Perry was recently available as well.

Down towards the railway station, the **Open Arms** continues to have up to five ales available, a mixture of local and some from further afield. Real cider is also available.

On the outskirts of town can be found **Old Dunnings Mill** (Harvey's), which has IPA and Sussex Best available, plus a couple of seasonal ales. It was good to see Christmas Ale on sale during the festive period, together with Old Ale.

■ FIVE ASH DOWN

The **Pig & Butcher** has undergone something of a transformation. The cosy two bar local has been redecorated and now features Harvey's seasonal beers and Old Ale alongside their regular,



Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter.

■ FLIMWELL

A taproom, with indoor and outside seating, opened at the **Cellar Head Brewery** in late December offering four of the



brewery's beers, two straight from the cask and two on handpump. Local and European wines and soft drinks are also available. As it's on higher ground you can admire the rural views, and could combine a visit with a country walk as public footpaths lead down to Bewl Water, nearby. The taproom is open

three days a week from 12 noon, closing at 6.30 pm on Thursdays or 8 pm on Friday and Saturday. The brewery is on the Kent and Sussex border, less than a mile north from Flimwell, just off the A21.

■ HASTINGS

A friendly micropub, **Twelve Hundred Postcards**, opened in Queens Road in November, to the delight of many Real Ale enthusiasts.



It's so named as 1200 saucy French postcards were destroyed by the

authorities in

1906 after the owner of a sweet shop here was caught secretly selling them under the counter. At least three ever-changing real ales, including from Sussex breweries, are served from a cool room at the rear, as well as three ciders and numerous bottles and cans.

The **Palace** is under new management, being run by a former employee of the nearby Jenny Lind, who hopes to increase the beer selection gradually in a similar way as happened in the past at the latter pub, from the current base of one real ale.

■ HEATHFIELD

The Heathfield Tavern suddenly closed in December.

■ HORSHAM

It's been nearly one year since the **Kings Arms** reopened as a free house. It continues to support local brewers with Brolly, Chapeau and Welton's products all regularly available. Some interesting and rarely seen beers from some of the larger independent brewers can be found in here too, so it's worth a walk down the Bishopric to visit it. Just around the corner, the **Malt Shovel** still has a good selection available flowing through the six handpumps. These



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are usually from local Sussex and Surrey brewers, although occasionally one from further afield makes an appearance, so worth visiting.

The **Lynd Cross** (Wetherspoons) had a couple of Andwell beers available when visited between Christmas and New Year, including their Porter.

Despite all the redevelopment work taking place in Pirie's Place, **Pirie's Bar** continues to offer three beers, although a cider was noted on handpump recently. Burning Sky Plateau is a regular beer in here.

In East Street, the **Anchor Tap** continues to thrive, now as a free house with six regularly changing beers available. You'll still find Dark Star beers available, but a random visit can produce some interesting ales, some from Sussex, but also from further afield. The Kissingate Murder Of Crows was a welcome sight during the festive period.

■ HOVE

The **Foghorn** micropub has opened at 55 Boundary Road, close to the junction with New Church Road. Recently reported to be selling cask ales from Burning Sky, Downlands, Gun and Holler. Opening hours are Mon closed; Tue–Thu 12noon–2pm, 5pm–9.30pm; Fri & Sat 12 noon–11pm; Sun 12noon–5 pm (Free cheese!).

■ LEWES



The **Kings Head** (closed since February this year) re-opened on 26th October having been taken over by

Revived Inns Ltd. Other than a lick or two of paint the interior is pretty much unchanged from before its closure in February. There is one regular beer, Harvey's Best plus 2 guest beers which at the time of visiting at the weekend are Fuller's London Pride and

Long Man Brewery's Long Blonde. Expect to see Long Man Brewery's American Pale Ale back on soon according to the new manager plus a dark beer. The Long Blonde was in very good condition. New food menu too.

■ NUTBOURNE

On a recent visit the **Rising Sun** unusually had on only Fuller's London Pride and Goldmark Liquid Gold.

■ PETT LEVEL



Just a few days before the **Smuggler's** planning application was due to be considered

by Rother Council's Planning Committee the application was withdrawn. The proposal was for demolition of the pub, as reported in the last edition. It looked increasingly unlikely that the application would succeed due to a negative planning officer's report and a lot of local opposition. There's speculation that the building is now being sold to someone who wants to run it as a pub.

■ PORTSLADE

The new owners of the **Stanley Arms**, Wolseley Road, Ashley Grout and Elizabeth Boucher, have been talking about changes to the pub that they have taken over and re-opened on 9th November. Some refurbishment has been done, but they wanted to keep the pub very much how it was before. The free house specialises in real ales from the surrounding areas and when visited had three beers on sale from Long Man brewery and one from Downlands. Ashley said that the sense of community was the main thing they wanted to keep.

■ PULBOROUGH

The **White Horse** in Mare Hill is a Fuller's

house that has rarely seen any of that brewer's interesting seasonal beers, so recently we were pleasantly surprised to find Red Fox rather than Dark Star Hophead that is now widely available to all of their Sussex pubs.

■ ST LEONARDS ON SEA



Gary of the **Dripping Spring Alehouse**

reported that he is to hold his first Beer Festival at Easter; so be sure to visit this

once award-winning pub on 19th-22nd April.

Jamie, landlord of the **North Star** in Clarence Road, now expects to be 'Free of Tie' early this year. He has been working on this for many months, if not years.

The **Tower** are holding their second Beer Festival on 22nd-24th February 2019. Last year's was a huge success so lovers of real ale and real cider are promised a real treat.

■ SHOREHAM

The **Buckingham Arms** reopened on the 3rd of November after a major refit. The more spacious bar area offers seven ales on handpump five regulars & two guests, the guests being Harvey's Bonfire Boy and Bedlam Porter on my visit. N.B Food is no longer available.

■ STOPHAM

It might appear that the third hand pump at the **White Hart** had during the summer been used for cider but at present it is again having a guest beer from Langham.

■ SUTTON



The **White Horse** reopened on 1st December, again after extensive refurbishment throughout and



several years of closure. The pub is locally owned and will welcome drinkers, locals and walkers as

well as diners. Bar manager, Billy Lewis Bowker, was previously at the Fisherman's Joy, Siddlesham. En suite accommodation is also available.

■ THAKEHAM

At the **White Lion** usually a dark beer can be found with Daleside Winters Stay recently found.

■ TURNERS HILL

The **Red Lion** (Harvey's) continues to have six different Lewes brews available, the Dark Mild being available all year round. Dark beers are very popular in here and the Christmas Ale was much appreciated by the customers.

The **Crown** has three ales available, the Adnams Lighthouse was in good form on a recent visit. The pub continues to host beer festivals, so check their website for any that are coming up.

■ UCKFIELD



Well worth a visit when in Uckfield is the **Alma Arms**, a Harvey's tied house. A recent visit found

four beers on offer from the Harvey's range, Sussex Best Bitter, Old Ale, Dark Mild and Christmas Ale (7.5%). The Christmas Ale was found to be in especially good condition.



The **Station**, as the name implies, is opposite the railway station, and is a Greene King tied house that usually

offers some interesting guest beers. Timothy Taylor's Landlord was enjoyed on a recent visit.

■ WEST CHILTINGTON

The **Queens Head** recently had on, alongside Harvey's Best, guest beers Skinners, Betty Stogs and one from Robinson's.

■ WORTHING

The new signage at **Anchored in Worthing**



was completed just in time for Christmas. Once again Nigel and Debbie opt for the extraordinary

rather than the bland corporate style pub signage, and engaged local artists, Sophie and Evie, students at Northbrook College in Worthing, to do the job after putting it out to competitive and artistic tender.

Anchored in Worthing continues to serve exclusively Sussex brewed cask ales and real ciders, Sussex made wines and soft drinks and serves the premier English Vermouth, Rosso by Bolney Estate. Anchored in Worthing frequently hosts events away from the pub with their awaydays proving very popular with the locals, and their community activities and meals always well attended.

The former and short lived **Ale House & Kitchen** - also Bar 10 and Church - is just now being re-branded as the Alehouse Craft Bar.

The **Castle Ale House** has on three or four rotating ales from the likes of Long Man, Downland and other LocAles whilst Hopback Summer Lightning has been noted. Its owner, Steve Bennett, recently sold the freehold of the Stanley Arms, Fishersgate, so may well be more 'hands on'. (He also has the popular Stanley Ale House run by his son Stephen that is to be found in a small precinct just north of Lancing Station)

The **Corner House** continues to be one of the most popular pubs in town and being free of tie has four well kept ales from the likes of Burning Sky, Harvey's, Langham & Gun

The **Egremont** has Dark Star Hophead and / or APA, Harvey's Best and Old plus two house beers brewed by Goldmark.

At the nearby **Swan**, we hear the Punch lease is about to change hands!

In Tarring Village the **George & Dragon** has Harvey's Best, Hopback Summer Lightning,



Longman Old Man, Abbot & Doombar. To the delight of local residents, at

the turn of the year, lessee Linda Shiel, has had put back the pub sign in its historic place hanging over the High Street.



Beer no Evil is a new craft Bottle Shop & Taproom - run by Gemma Clegg & Gareth Harries - situated east of the Egremont in Brighton Road.

Each of the four earliest micropubs – Anchored, Brooksteed Alehouse, Green Man Ale & Cider House and Georgi Fin continue to thrive. A recent newcomer is the **Old Bike Store** – situated opposite the Egremont in Brighton Road – that has three changing cask ales and craft beers.

Just as copy for this edition was about to be submitted, we learnt that a planning application for yet another micropub – the **Fox & Finch** at premises at 8 Littlehampton Road, Tarring – had been submitted by Jo & Mike Saveen, a well-known local couple, as Jo has worked at Brooksteed for some time and Mike works at Georgi Fin.

Canned craft beers, with their exotic and eye catching labels, are now growing a significant slice of the drinks market, so the **Bottle & Jug Dept**, associated with and nearby to the Brooksteed Alehouse, is well worth a visit to see the ever changing section that partner Tom Flint offers.



Currently undergoing major refurbishment, including a micro - brewery, the former **Beechwood Hall Hotel** in Wykeham Road (above), will, in a few months’ time, reopen as the latest Ale House & Kitchen in West Sussex.

Dyke Pub, Brighton Latest

In August 2018 the owners chose to sell to Lan Estates Property Company, for £1.05M. The ground floor had been leased to a continental grocery outlet, but they withdrew at the last minute. The ACV (Asset of Community Value) lapsed when the property was sold, but the Save The Dyke Pub group have reapplied and are awaiting results.

The ground floor is currently empty, in a poor state of repair and rather haphazardly divided into two units. The Save The Dyke Pub group have met with one of the new owners and are in communication with him and he is aware of the appetite there is for a community pub. The owners are applying to change the A1 (retail) planning use. The building will take a considerable amount of money to bring to back to a useable pub, the poor state of the electrics being just one component that will need replacing.

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METROBUS *February*

Friday 8th Seaford; Meet noon at Steamworks then on to Old Boot and Wellington. Option of stopping off at Newhaven for Jolly Boatman on the way back.

Thursday 14th Findon & Broadwater; Catch 11.35 Stagecoach 1 from Worthing South St for Village House and Gun. Later return to Worthing via Broadwater for Cricketers.

Friday 22nd Bosham; Catch 11.47 Stagecoach 56 from Chichester bus station for Berkeley Arms. Later short walk to Anchor Bleu. Then either 14.00 or 15.20 to White Swan (on A259) Please note change of date.

Wednesday 27th Cuckfield & Haywards Heath; Catch 11.09 Metrobus 271 from HH Perrymount for Talbot and Rose & Crown. Return to HH on 13.41 Compass 33 for Savannah and Lockhart.

March

Friday 8th Hove & Brighton; Meet noon at Neptune then bus to Brighton Beer Dispensary and others.

Friday 15th Angmering; Catch 11.32 Stagecoach 9 from Worthing Marine Parade (stop D) to Spotted Cow. Then return to Worthing for various Micro Pubs. The bus service is hourly.

Friday 22nd Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival at Brighton Racecourse; Lunchtime

session meet from 11am onwards.

Thursday 28th 99 Mystery Tour; Meet Chichester West St bus stop (opp Cathedral) for 10.45 Compass 99 (variable-route bus). Route to be confirmed minimum 6 days before travel.



April

Friday 5th Portslade & Hove; Meet noon at Railway Inn then short walk to Foghorn (new Micro Pub) later catch B&H 49 to Westbourne.

Wednesday 10th Lancing & Sompting; Meet New Sussex Hotel at noon, then short walk to Stanley Ale House. Later on catch Compass 7 (hourly) for Marquis of Granby and Gardeners Arms.

Thursday 18th Fernhurst & Henley; Catch 10.43 Stagecoach 60 from Chichester bus station to Midhurst bus station then 12.00 Stagecoach 70 for Red Lion. Then 13.45 S/C 70 for Kings Arms. Later road walk to Duke of Cumberland.

Wednesday 24th Lindfield, Danehill & East Grinstead; Catch 11.24 Metrobus 270 from HH Perrymount for Red Lion or Stand Up Inn. Then 12.29 Metro 270 for Coach & Horses. Then 13.35 Metro 270 for Engine Room and Open Arms (both Micro Pubs).

May

Wednesday 1st Dell Quay & Witterings; Catch 11.31 Stagecoach 52 from Chichester bus station (opp Foundry pub) then half a mile road walk for Crown & Anchor. Later r/t to bus stop for Stagecoach 53 to Old House at Home (WW), later onwards to Shore Inn (EW).

Thursday 9th West Chiltington & Storrington; Catch 11.05 Stagecoach 1 from Worthing South St to Storrington bus station for 12.12 Compass 74 for Queens Head. Then either 13.31 & short walk or 20 minute road walk to Five Bells. Later return to Storrington for Moon.

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With the arrival of spring, we have a new brew on the block called **La Brunette** (4.2%) alongside the very popular **St. George Ale** (4.5%), which is a full bodied, chestnut coloured, English ale.

Chocolate Orange Ale (3.6%) is also back after last years success and you will also find **Sacred Solstice** (4.3%) - light and spicy and the award winning **Bee Head** (4.6%), - golden ale with a hint of Sussex Downs honey. Also on offer will be regular beers **Hop Pocket** (3.7%), **Triple Champion** (4.0%), **Signature** (4.4%) and **Laughing Frog** (5.2%).

BLO David Platt

360 DEGREE

Sheffield Park, 01825 722375



www.360degreebrewing.com

BLO Jason Phillips

81 ARTISAN

Lavant

BLO tbc

ABYSS

Framfield, 01825 840561,

07919 445345

This small two-man brewery continues to enjoy considerable success and much effort is expended in meeting the demand for its products. **Superfuzz IPA** (5.6%), mentioned in the last report, has been added to the range of beers produced throughout the year. Like all Abyss beers, it is only available in KeyKeg or cans at the moment but the intention remains to produce cask beers in the future as the business develops. A new beer is **New English IPA** (4.7%) which only uses hops from the UK and is described as having a 'grapefruit, pine and marmalade aroma, soft

deep mouthfeel, low bitterness, and light biscuit malt.'

BLO John Quick

ADUR

Steyning, 01903 867614

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info@adurvalleycoop.com

BLO Nigel Watson

ARUNDEL

Ford, nr Arundel, 01903 733111

www.arundelbrewery.co.uk

Arundel is now fully focussed on the brewhouse project which is at the stage where the look and feel of the place is taking shape, as the Crossbush site is being fitted out. Good progress has been made so everything is on schedule for an opening in March. You can follow the project on social media at @thebrewhouseprojectarundel as well as on the website

www.brewhouseproject.co.uk.

Two new beers are planned to coincide with the opening of the brewhouse. There will be Arundel's most fruity and most 'pillowy' yet, an 8% NEIPA in 330ml cans, as well as version 2 of **Fruity AF**. This latest version will combine mandarin and guava to delicious effect.

BLO Glenn Johnson

BATTLE

Battle, 01424 772838

hello@battlebrewery.co.uk

The Christmas period proved a very busy time for the brewery and tap room. The **Winter Spiced Ale**, a deep tawny ale offering a subtle spiciness reminiscent of dried fruits, and a full bodied **Russian Imperial Stout** with big coffee, chocolate and

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roast flavours is proving popular and tastes stunning. Looking ahead, 2019 is a very exciting new era for the brewery as the head brewer is now full time. This will allow an increase in production and extend the reach of their beers throughout East Sussex and beyond. A new range of beer styles is planned for launch.

At the end of February, the Brewery will be celebrating their second birthday. A number of events are planned all aimed at thanking their customers for their support over the last couple of years.

BLO Mac McCutcheon

BEDLAM

Ditchling, 07955 684041

www.bedlambrewery.co.uk

Hibernation, their seasonal ale, concluded a busy and successful end to the year for Bedlam Brewery. They are working towards an eventful calendar throughout 2019, with the launch of two new brews early in the year, an exciting smoked coffee porter in collaboration with local Redroaster Coffee and then they are marking the Six Nations Championship with a beer to celebrate the tournament. The launch night was at The Duke of Wellington Pub in Shoreham on 22nd January. Since joining Bedlam as Head Brewer, Steve Munro has been working hard on new recipes, expect to see some tasty new brews this year.

BLO Peter Mitchell

BEER.ME

Eastbourne, Belgian Café,
01323 729967

www.thebelgiancafe.co.uk

Beer Me brewery this month embarked on its first barrel aged beer project. A 250 litre Jack Daniels oak barrel is now filled with **Belgian Trippel**. The new take away bottle system, direct from the tap, is proving very popular in the café.

BLO Scott O'Rourke

BESTENS

Lower Beeding, 01403
892556

www.bestensbrewery.co.uk

The brewery is planning to increase capacity in the next few months by adding more fermenting vessels. There are also plans to start brewing an 'Icon' range of beers in the spring. These will be limited release beers dedicated to individuals and places that have been an inspiration to the brewery throughout its development. They will be released in for 440ml cans and KeyKeg. There are currently plans for a DIPA, NEIPA & Hefeweizen in the range.

The brewery is also looking to do some collaborations with other breweries.

BLO John Goodsell

BREW STUDIO

Sompting, 07980 978350

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/daBrewStudio/)

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2019 will be a big year for Brew Studio with two new beers planned for release in early spring, a 4.2% SIPA and a 5.2% Double Oat Stout. Following a very successful collaboration brew with Hand Brew to produce a 5.2% DDH pale with 17g per litre dry hop, Several collaboration brews

have been discussed for 2019 and will be announced as they are confirmed.

Brew Studio continues to work closely with Brolly Brewing, Battle Brewery and Greyhound Brewery to bring exciting yet approachable real ales to Sussex drinkers. With the addition of pressurised tanks early in 2019, Brew Studio should be able to break into the keg market too.

BLO Lee Argent

BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

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brewhouseandkitchen.com

BLO tbc

BREWING BROTHERS

Hastings

www.brewingbrothers.org

Brewing Brothers have now brewed their 100th beer, a mighty **Imperial Coffee Stout** (7.7%) made in collaboration with Hastings independent coffee roastery, Roar Gill. The beer will be available in keg and go on sale at the Imperial from mid-January.

Hibiscus Pale (5% Mosaic) and **Muse Black IPA** (5.2% flavoured with sloes) have been added to the changing range of seven core ales available in either cask or keg. The highly rated **Half Man Half Brother** APA (4.7%) remains a top seller at the burger chain 'Half Man Half Burger' and the **Marley's Stout** (4.2%) can be found on a regular basis at The Crown, Hastings.

The brewing experience planned for 2019 has been cancelled because of pressure of work.

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BRICK HOUSE

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BLO Paul Free

BRIGHTON BIER

www.brightonbier.com

Brighton Bierhaus at 161 Edward Street, Brighton, (www.brightonbierhaus.pub), the brewery tap for Brighton Bier has recently installed four more lines taking their total number of draught beers and ciders to 23. The new lines will be predominantly used for draught Belgian beers.

BLO Peter Mitchell

BROLLY

Lowfold Far, Wisborough Green

Brolly has a new core beer, a milk stout **Little Pearl** (3.5%). A triple-chocolate version of it has been brewed for the CAMRA Spring Equinox Beer Festival.

Major plans for the brewery are being made, to be revealed in due course. There will continue to be many specials across the year. There are also plans to brew and bottle some Imperial Stouts. **Mad C.O.W.** will be brewed for a summer beer festival, the last brew caught fire so hopefully things will go better this time!

BLO John Goodsell

BURNING SKY

Firle, 01273 858080.

www.burningskybeer.com

The delightfully positioned brewery continues to thrive under the hands of Mark

Tranter and his team. They continue to invest heavily in the areas that they wish to grow, particularly their bottled beers. Early January saw the mashing in of their first coolship brew of 2019. Their core cask ales, **Plateau** and **Aurora**, continue to sell extremely well and are welcome sights among the pump clips on bars lucky enough to stock their ales.

BLO Ian Hodge

CELLAR HEAD

Flimwell, 07391 557407.

www.cellarheadbrewing.com

It has been an eventful end to 2018 and a bright start to 2019 for the now maturing micro-brewery on the Sussex / Kent border.

The move to their new brewing facility in Flimwell has opened up opportunities with increased brewing capacity and the exciting addition of indoor and outdoor space to have beer themed events. They have already opened up a tap-room which is open 12 - 6:30pm Thursdays and 12 - 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays, which has already proved a draw for people wanting to enjoy good quality beers over a chat with other drinkers and the owners. Regular beer themed events are planned to be held in the coming months.

The beers themselves are a core range of six, including a session bitter and ever changing single hop ale, supplemented by seasonal and selected extra brews.

BLO Barry Blewitt

CHAPEAU BREWING

Horsham

Brewing of their core beer continues. Visitors to the brewery bar were treated to different limited edition dark beers each Friday of December, **Col Beans** (5.5%) coffee brown ale, **Bonk** (10.5%) double mashed stout, and **Just Desserts** (7.5%) tiramisu stout.

BLO Paul Sanders

DARK STAR

Partridge Green, 01403 713085.

www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk

A new canning line was commissioned in the brewery in January, so expect a wide range of canned beers during and beyond 2019. Having their own kit means that they can be as fanatical about the quality of the canning process as they are about the brewing process. For those not into canned beer, they are looking at a new Barrel Ageing room, hopefully to be installed by late spring. There is a new cold store and bar area within the brewery that will help host events without relying on a mobile beer solution. Also, in a nod to the past, they are going back to publishing a list of the beers planned ahead of time to help pubs plan what they would like, this will be out in early February; there will be some one-off surprise brews along the way too. The brewery is 25 years old this year, so there will be a number of exciting collaboration projects to mark the anniversary. The Yard Party in June has already sold out, sorry if you did not

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**STOP PRESS - FULLER'S
Fuller's to sell beer business
for £250m.**

Brewer Fuller's is to sell its entire beer business to Japanese firm Asahi in a deal which values the division at £250 million.

The deal - which also involves a strategic alliance between London-based Fuller's and Asahi - was announced in a statement to the stock market on Friday 25th January.

The sale includes Fuller's other drinks operations, Cornish Orchards, **Dark Star Brewing** and Nectar Imports.

DOWNLANDS

Small Dole, 01273 495596.

downlandsbrewery.com

A single hopped variant of the ever popular **Best** has been brewed and will be the first cask special to be released in 2019.

BLO Peter Mitchell

ENGINEER

High Hurstwood, 07841

669096

theengineerbrewery.co.uk

john_packer@mac.com

The Hurstwood continues to offer one of Engineer's beers on a rotating basis and in addition holds a 'Beer in the Pub' night on the first Monday of the month with two of their beers usually on tap. Further to one of The Engineer's beers featuring regularly, The Cooper's Arms in Crowborough will be holding Tap Takeover events on the last Saturday of each month with four beers

available, starting in March 2019. In addition, two beers from the range will be guesting at The Royal Oak in Tunbridge Wells on an occasional basis.

BLO Richard Saunders

FILO

Hastings, 01424 420212.

filobrewing.co.uk

Nothing new to report, FILO's regular beers remain popular in pubs in Sussex and Kent.

BLO Bill Turner

FIREBIRD

Horsham, 01403 823180

firebirdbrewing.com

November and December were very busy and the New Year has started well. **Work Ethic** the New England IPA is now available in 440ml cans as well as keg. **Festive 51** (the tribute to King and Barnes Festive), has done so well on draft that it is launching in 500ml bottle.

The bar and shop continue to be busy. The shop has undergone a refurbishment and we now have a ten tap, tap wall, for dispensing take home cask and craft keg beer into growlers. The bar area is available for private hire on Saturday evenings. The new website is constantly updated with news and beer information.

BLO John Goodsell

FRANKLINS

Ringmer, 01273 814447.

franklinsbrewery.co.uk

The brewers are working hard on recipe development and will be releasing monthly seasonal beers in cask and keg.

BLO Mac McCutcheon

GOLDMARK

Poling, nr Arundel, 07900 555415 / 01903 297838.

goldmarks.co.uk

The brewery is now open on Fridays for the purchase of draught beers, which will be available in two litre recyclable containers. A new vegan range of bottle conditioned beers has also been introduced to complement the existing range.

Spring seasonal beers are **Gold Bunny** (4%), a pale ale with equinox hops, the award winning **Ebony Mild** (3.5%) and **Wah Wah IPA** (5%), a hoppy IPA.

BLO Jim Waterston

GOOD THINGS

West Hoathly

goodthingsbrewing.co.uk

BLO tbc

GOODWOOD

Pulborough

BLO tbc

GREYHOUND

Smock Alley, West

Chiltington, 01798 815822

greyhoundbrewery.co.uk

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Just before Christmas Greyhound had its final mini beer festival of the year (The Big Christmas Jumper!) which was very well attended. The team would like to thank everyone who supported the event. The next event is on Good Friday (19th April) which is another open day and Big Hat day for Easter Bonnets. As well as Greyhound beer there will be a great selection of guest ales and ciders too.

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In November they introduced their first beer/chocolate collaboration, **Mountweazel Stout** (7.5%) combined with chocolate by MooCoco of Storrington.

BLO Roger Kille

GRIBBLE

The Gribble Inn, Oving, nr Chichester, 01243 786893
gribbleinn.co.uk

Sales of **Santa's Sack**, both cask and bottles went well over the Christmas period. **Lazy Buzzard** will now replace **Pheasant Plucker** as a regular offering from now on.

BLO Chris Wright

GUN

Gun Hill, Heathfield, 01323 700200

beer@gunbrewery.co.uk

The brewery remains very busy with all of its beers much in demand. To help keep pace with sales, October saw two new assistant brewers join the team. This will allow the former Beachy Head brewery kit to be used more frequently to brew specials - the first that will be made available from the new year will be **Amber IPA** (6.0%); the multi award winning **Imperial Whisky Stout** (7.4%) has also been brewed again and is available in cans via the brewery website.

After extensive test brewing, a new beer, **Numb Angel Lager** (4.0%)-has been released and is now available from the brewery both in keg and cans. The beer is proving very popular indeed and can already be found in several outlets on a permanent basis.

BLO Steve Obey

HAMMERPOT

Poling, nr Arundel, 01903 883338

hammerpot-brewery.co.uk

BLO Rob Gowland

HAND BREW

Brighton, 07508 814541

handbrewpub.com

The end of December saw the completion of the brewery upgrade and expansion works at the Hand in Hand with the commissioning of a new chilling system to supply sub zero glycol to control the temperature in the brewery's six tanks. This will allow pilsner, lagered properly at nought degrees for 5 weeks, to be produced year round and initially only sold in the Hand and the Black Dove in Kemptown.

The newest beer release in January was an ESB, **Yeah Boiii** (5.4%), brewed using Mount Hood hops from the brewer's family hop farm near Whistler, Canada. It was brewed by the brewer's brother who runs the farm while on an annual visit.

BLO Peter Mitchell

HARVEY'S

Lewes, 01273 480209.

harveys.org.uk

An extremely busy festive period included brewing on Christmas Eve. They continue to adapt to the changing nature of the industry. Seven pubs are now under management and others will follow. While some traditional tenancies have continued under their resourceful operators and retained the public support that makes the business viable, others

have become vacant with little or no interest from potential tenants. Harvey's has adjusted to current conditions, seeking solutions that will assist with their continued success.

January saw the end of an era with Frank Taylor and John Porteous retire from the Royal Oak in Tabard Street, London, after holding the tenancy for twenty years. During this time, they have created a legend in their own lifetime and established a strong reputation for Harvey's beers in London, with plenty of visitors from Sussex. In all, 2018 saw their beers receiving no less than 24 awards at international and national competitions, including six Gold Medals. Their Low Alcohol Old Ale has been featured in the Independent's ten best alcohol-free beers.

At the time of writing, the ever popular Old Ale remains widely available with Kiss to come in February and Porter in March.

Work to enhance the visitor experience at the brewery continues.

BLO Ian Hodge

HEATHEN

Haywards Heath, 07825 429428

heathenbrewers.co.uk

2019 is already shaping up to be an exciting year for the brewery as they prefect a selection of Sour and Brett (wild yeast) beers, probably due for release in 2020. Their beers will be found most regularly at the Lockhart Tavern, Haywards Heath and



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HIGH WEALD

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There is not much new to report although things at High Weald have been busy with the regular beers. For the winter, much **Charcoal Burner** has gone out with some distributed as far away as Glasgow. The main effort has been work on the new 'Engine Room' brewery tap and bar in East Grinstead and this is moving slowly forward. It is hoped to be open during February but a firm date is not set at the time of going to press, please check the Facebook page for news.

BLO Jonathan Samways

HOLLER

Brighton, 01273 894563
hollerboysbrewery.co.uk
Holler now has a taproom attached to the new brewery which is open normal pub hours.

There will be several new beers coming out over the next three months. A new small batch range called the Guinea Pig Series has been developed, in both cask and keg. The new seasonal **Red Rye Ale**, is a traditional ale with UK hops. A collaboration beer with Unbarred Brewery was a cloudy and fruity beer using acidulated malts for a sharp edge. They now stock

a good range of 5 litre mini kegs for takeaway beer, over Christmas these sold very well, so expect many more take home beers from the taproom.

BLO Jamie Cooper

HURST

Hurstpierpoint
Since taking over the business late 2017, former head brewer Duncan and his wife Fleur have brought the original core Hurst range back to the market in both cask and bottle. Exciting plans for 2019 include new recipes currently under development and a further expansion of the delivery area across the whole of Sussex.

BLO Steve Floor

KILN

Burgess Hill, 07800 556729
thekilnbrewery.co.uk
Kiln are producing cask beers, but are no longer sticking to their core range. They hope to have **SIPA** (4%) available at the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival. Their beer range is available on Eebria.

BLO Paul Free

KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding, 01403 891335.
kissingate.co.uk
Kissingate's Christmas Festival was very well attended despite some very wet and cold weather on the day. There were 14 beers available on the day including an excellent guest beer from Arbor Brewery **Why Kick a Moo Cow** (5.5%). The brewery team are working hard to keep up with ever

increasing demand for Kissingate bottled beers. Ten different varieties are available direct from the brewery shop and just recently from a few selected outlets. Cask beer production has increased too with the stronger double mashed beers such as **Lazy 10 Pale** and **Murder of Crows** (10%) seen more often at beer festivals and served from the pump in free houses. Re-brews such as **Nooksack APA** (5.0%), **Mandarina Red IPA** (4.8%), **Chocolate & Vanilla Oatmeal Stout** (4.8%) and **Old Tale Porter** (4.5%) have all been received well. Core beers continue to dominate the brewing schedule. Kissingate's quirky taproom continues to be a popular destination for the local community and those from further afield. Kissingate's Spring Festival will be held on Saturday 4th May from 11am to 9pm, no tickets required. Details of all events can be found on the brewery website 'Events' page.

BLO Roy Bray

LAINE

The North Laine, Brighton, 01273 683666.
drinkinbrighton.co.uk/north-laine

BLO Billy Tipping

LANGHAM

Lodsworth, Petworth, 01798 860861.
langhambrewery.co.uk
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mean more even hoppiest brews, and soon a venture into canning. By popular demand the award winning unfinned Saison will be available from 1st March for a limited period. The brewery raised £2,409 towards the South Downs National Park's 'Mend our Way Initiative' from its Live@Langhams Music and Beer Gigs and sales of South Downs Bottled Best Bitter. The next Live@Langhams is on 20th April, 7-11pm, live music, fish and chips and a wide selection of ale.

BLO Pete Luff

LISTER'S

Ford, 07775 853412
Lister's continues with its popular core range of beers. As well as its distribution depot in Southport they continue to supply many premises up and down the country. Lister's is also now supplying beer to Butcombe and Titanic Breweries and continues to grow with exciting plans for expansion in the coming year.

BLO Glenn Johnson

LITTLE MONSTER

Tillington, Petworth
They are now one year old and had a great 2018 with eight collaborations. The brand has been built and many people are starting to take interest in what is being done; the brewery offers thanks for all the support. Contract brewing should start at the end of January and then a launch of two new beers in March. Collaborations will carry on, the first one is with Southsea

brewing company. We are still searching for a site for the new brewery.

BLO Tom Priestley

LONG MAN

Litlington, 01323 871850 / 07976 777992.

longmanbrewery.com

The new brewery shop and tasting room opened in December and is proving very popular. The plans for brewery tours and tastings are on course to start this spring. The newest Small Batch beer, **Table Beer** (2.5%), a session pale brewed with oatmeal and dry hopped with Citra and Amarillo hops for an ABV defying its flavour and aroma profile, was launched in January to a great reception. Later this year four new cask beers are: a Session NEIPA, Single Hop Pale, New World IPA, and a Bavarian style Märzen.

BLO Scott O'Rourke

LOST & FOUND

BLO tbc

LOST PIER

BLO tbc

LOUD SHIRT BEER

Brighton, 07901 856436

loudshirtbeer.co.uk;

f, t, i: [@loudshirtbeer](https://www.instagram.com/loudshirtbeer)

Their latest beers are

Hypnosis Pale and

Mesmerise Rye in cask, plus a couple of keg beers.

They now have a full premises licence, the tap room will be open every Saturday (March to October) from 4pm to 11pm and brewery tours and tastings can be organised.

BLO Keith Newell

MISSING LINK

West Hoathly

missinglinkbrewing.com

BLO tbc

OLD TREE

Brighton, 07413 064346

Old Tree continue to brew their low alcohol kombucha, kefir and kvass from rosemary, apples, green tea, rosehip, beet and turmeric. In 2019 they want to create meaningful paid jobs in the field of ecological restoration by brewing to support this work and practicing community land regeneration (with brewery compost, edible hedgerows and Drink Forest Gardens). They have big plans to start writing up all their experience in five years of botanical brewing to create a fermentation and forest gardening Wikipedia to be the nucleus to grow Old Tree into a global, but a decentralised, seasonal and small batch networked nano-brewery.

BLO Andrew Coleman

PIN UP

Southwick, 01273 411127

pinupbrewingco.com

The brewery goes from strength to strength and had a very successful Christmas and New Year season.

BLO Adrian Towler

POLARITY

Worthing, 07872 105300

polaritybrewing.co.uk

Polarity are now concentrating on small batch brews, using the highest quality ingredients to create their delicious beers, so look out for some exclusive beers in 2019.

BLO Gemma Mackay

RECTORY

Streat, 01273 890570

BLO Paul Free

RIVERSIDE

Upper Beeding, 01903 898030

riversidebreweryltd.co.uk

After a major scare with the company building our canning machine, we are back on track and hope to be canning beers from mid February.

2018 saw a very successful collaboration with the team aiming to save the control tower from RAF Tangmere, see www.facebook.com/tangmeretower/. For 2019 we will be collaborating with Care for Veterans, www.careforveterans.org.uk, and will be producing a craft lager yet to be named, suggestions welcome.

BLO Ian Bolt

ROTHER VALLEY

Northiam, 01797 252922 / 07798 877551.

rothervalleybrewery.co.uk
sales@rothervalleybrewery.co.uk

Sales of **Blues**, both cask and bottle are already higher than last winter and look set to continue until spring. **Copper Ale** is being re-branded to **Copper Owl** in 2019, with the local Richard Stone producing a classic new pump-clip.

BLO Dawn Lincoln

THREE LEGS

Brede, 07939 997622

thethreelegs.co.uk
info@thethreelegs.co.uk

It is hoped to start an ever evolving farmhouse style

beer this year which involves using their mersault barrels, news on this next time. The brewery bar continues to be ever popular, even during the winter months. The **Imperial Stout** matured in malt whisky barrels has sold very well, with only a few left of the original 900.

BLO Peter Harrison

TOP NOTCH

Haywards Heath, 07963 829368

topnotchbrewing.co.uk

Top Notch is not currently brewing due to a personal health issue. It hopes to be back later in the year with some new exciting beers and some old favourites.

BLO Keith Newell

TWO TRIBES

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BLO tbc

UNBARRED

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BLO tbc

VINE

Tarring, 01903 201121

New beers are arriving in 2019, with the range changing regularly; expect small batches of tasty brews.

BLO Gemma Mackay

(Brewery at the)
WATCHMAKER'S ARMS

Hove, 01273776307

The brewery held a US hop showcase in January featuring Chinook, Citra and Cascade, three session pales

brewed with the same malt bill, but each using a different hop during the boil, steep and fermentation. Over the weekend of 18th/19th January all three casks were tapped at the same time so that customers could compare each blend.

BLO Peter Mitchell

WELTONS

Horsham, 01403 242901.

weltonsbeer.co.uk

Weltons are busy with new ideas. Look out for a traditional copper/brown IPA at 3.2%. **Red Rose Mild** (4.9%) will be back along with **Six Nations IPA** (4.0%) and the full range of rugby themed beers.

Regular pubs supplied include the White Horse at Maplehurst, the Holbrook Club and the Anchor in Horsham, Anchored micro pub in Worthing and the Old Star Ale & Cider House in Shoreham.

Weltons beers are selling further afield at the Market Porter and the Rake at Borough, by London Bridge. Bottled beers are also selling well, **Old Harry** and **Churchillian** in particular. First Friday of the month is drinking night at the brewery where bottles of **Dr French's Old Remedy** are often sold.

BLO Nigel Bullen

Time for an Amendment

To err is to be human but it is important to correct even small factual mistakes before they attain the status of asserted truths. Two such apparent inaccuracies regarding dates appear in the 2019 Good Beer Guide in relation to West Sussex. The more perplexing of the two as to the reason for its origin is in the brewery section on p. 814. It is the statement that the 5-barrel plant at the Gribble Inn brewpub in Oving, near Chichester was established in 1980. The brewery in the inn yard was actually opened in autumn 1991 at the suggestion of then leaseholders Hall & Woodhouse. Certainly there was a previous Gribble Brewery but this commenced in the summer of 1987 and seemingly at Madam Green Farm, home of Gribble Inn owner Peter Hague. This first Oving venture supplied Gribble beers to the inn for the approximate two years of its operation. The 'Gribble Ale' that had formerly been sold over the counter was evidently brewed elsewhere for the inn. That Peter Hague is said to have converted Rose Gribble's cottage into an inn in 1980 perhaps explains the choice of year for the mix-up but not why it occurred in the first place. A clue lies in the Good Beer Guide. From 1995-2002 its brewery section no longer provided a date for the commencement of the Gribble Brewery, but with the re-inclusion of this information from the 2003 edition onwards the confusions begin to manifest themselves until the first citing of the year 1980 in the 2011 edition - a claim repeated ever since. The evidence regarding the periods of 1987-89 and 1991 onwards is nonetheless incontrovertible, compiled from newspaper reports of the time plus pub guides and independently researched books on brewing. No reference to a Gribble Brewery can be traced prior to 1987. Yet perhaps the best arbiters are the earlier editions of the Good Beer Guide itself, then more accurate on the matter (e.g. 1989, p. 44; 1993, p. 491). Hopefully, future editions can once again be so.



The second error regarding a date in this year's guide appears on p. 469 in the entry on the Dolphin & Anchor, Chichester. It is the statement that the once separate hotels - the Dolphin and the Anchor - were combined in 1910. I am reliably informed that a significant section of the Chichester Local History Society continue to assert the accuracy of this claim and it is repeated in a recent Heritage Trail pamphlet produced by the Chichester Society on the city's hostelries. The original source appears to be no less an authority than the late Francis Steer, former archivist to the Dean & Chapter of Chichester Cathedral and to the Duke of Norfolk. The 1910 date appears in his 1961 publication on the Dolphin & Anchor Hotel in the Chichester Papers series, yet the footnote for the entry is unhelpful on the matter and a 1936 pamphlet on the hotel published by its then owners Trust Houses Ltd. is silent on any date for the merger.

That the 1910 claim is more than just doubtful should be evident from an advert (pictured right) in Kelly's Sussex Directory of 1918 for the still singular-titled Dolphin Hotel. It is possible that Steer's date of 1910 was a typo for an intended 1918, for this is the alternative year for the merger of the two hotels as argued by other members of the local history society. We should, however, be cautious because 1918 might have been the year when the two hotels merely came under the same ownership. An entry of 17

May 1919 in the licensing register records the takeover of the Dolphin by Trust Houses Ltd., an earlier scion of which had acquired the Anchor by April 1907. Nonetheless, the two hotels were still issued with separate licenses in 1921, although by now held by the same manager. The phrase "Dolphin & Anchor" alongside "altered to one licence" does not appear in the licensing register until 4 February 1922, this also being the first year in which Kelly's Sussex Directory lists the hotel as combined.

That J D Wetherspoon, current owners of the Dolphin & Anchor, repeat the date of 1910 in their publicity material and even on the pub menus means that they are unlikely to revise their opinion. CAMRA has no such

investment and, although it is completely understandable that the error arose from nothing more than the reassertion of received local wisdom, it would be even wiser not to repeat in future editions what appears to be information with little, if any, basis in fact. If any reader can direct me to any further documentary evidence in regard to the above debate, I'd be most grateful.

In the meantime - in what is nothing more than a shameless plug for my last book - they can find more details about the history of the Dolphin & Anchor in Chichester Pubs (2017, Amberley Publications of Stroud). It is stocked at the Chichester branch of Waterstones bookshop, which fittingly occupies a section of the original Dolphin Hotel.

David Muggleton

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PRESSING NEWS

Wassail



Credit: David Belton

And I missed it, but many at JB did not. My spies tell me that the Wassail in Maplehurst, which started at the White Horse, resulted in the pub being full on the return. I hope you all enjoyed the evening, and thank you for both supporting a cider maker and a local pub.

If you are going to run a Wassail next January, and would like more people to attend please let me know by August so I can hit our publication schedule.

Co-ordinator ramblings

Rebranding, yes it happens in the cider world. Over the last few months Wobblegate have been rebranding their products to provide separate identities for the cider / packaged products and their fruit juice products. You will now find their cider branded as Wobblypress, and their packaged products (bottles and cans) as Eden.

Seasonal Reminder

The Cider pub of the year (CPoty) competition is now in its 15th year, and

again we search for the best pubs for cider.

While you are scouting your branch pub of the year or you know of a pub selling great real cider in good condition encourage your branch to consider it for the 2019 competition.

Nominations for Branch Cider Pub of the Year need to be submitted to me by branches by 12th March so they can tell me!

Don't forget that there will be a selection of Sussex and Surrey ciders and perries at the Sussex Branches Beer and Cider Festival at the Racecourse, Brighton 22-23rd March 2019.

Paul Sanders

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Local Beer Writer Wins Top Award



Brighton-based beer writer, broadcaster and founder of Brighton & Hove Beer Week, Emma Inch, has been named Beer Writer of the Year 2018 at the British Guild of Beer Writers' annual

awards ceremony, staged in London in December.

Beer Writer of the Year is the top award in the Guild's annual competition for writing about beer and pubs, which this year received more than 140 entries across nine categories. Inch also won two category awards – National Media and Online Communication – on her way to the top prize.

Inch is the creator and presenter of Fermentation Beer & Brewing Radio, which has been broadcast monthly on Brighton's Radio Verberb for the past three years. She has written for a number of national and international publications, judges regularly at beer competitions and this summer established the first Brighton & Hove Beer Week.

Inch said, "I feel incredibly honoured to receive this award - it was totally unexpected! The beer scene is thriving across the UK in general, and in this region in particular. I'm looking forward to writing about - and tasting, of course - lots more wonderful beer over the coming year!"

Adrian Tierney-Jones, chair of judges this year after taking the Beer Writer of the Year title in 2017, said, *"All the judges found it exceptionally hard to choose the winners and runners up from the very strong field of entries received this year. As someone who has written about beer for 20 years, it is heartening to see the impressive levels of knowledge, energy and passion in beer and*

pub writing, and also to see the growing media interest in the subject."

"Everyone who received an award or a commendation should be extremely proud; they really are the cream of British beer writing in 2018 and we wish them all success in their future career communicating about beer and pubs."

Tierney-Jones was joined on the judging panel by Amy Bryant, food editor at The Telegraph; James Cuthbertson, MD of Dark Star Brewery and founder of the Beer & Cider Marketing Awards; Stu McKinlay, co-founder of Yeastie Boys; Jenn Merrick, founder of Earth Station Brewery; Mark Taylor, Bristol-based food and drink writer, and Zoe Wood, retail correspondent at The Guardian.

The Guild's Brewer of the Year title, presented at the same time as those for writing, was this year shared for the first time by two candidates who drew level in a poll of Guild members: John Keeling, recently retired from Fuller's, and Jaega Wise, head brewer at Wild Card Brewery.

The winners were announced at the Guild's annual dinner held at the Chelsea Harbour Hotel. Guests enjoyed a four-course dinner, with each dish accompanied by a specially selected beer: Chalky's Bite from Sharp's; Fourpure's Oatmeal Stout; Hopopolata from Marble Brewery; Hogs Back Brewery's OTT and Dark Island Reserve from Orkney Brewery. Beers from the Award's sponsoring brewers – Adnams, Fuller's, Greene King, Heineken and St Austell Brewery – were enjoyed before and after dinner.

Heineken Award for Best Beer

Communicator - Online Winner: Emma Inch

Greene King Award for Best Beer Writer -

National Media Winner: Emma Inch

The Michael Jackson Gold Tankard for Beer Writer of the Year 2018 Emma Inch

South East Sussex Branch Awards

South East Sussex Branch Brewery and Pub Awards for 2018 were completed by three further pub awards toward the end of the year.

At the end of October, another presentation as Country Pub of the Year was made to the Tiger Inn at East Dean; the pub has won this award for the third consecutive year.

With an attractive range of six real ales on offer, including several LocAles, and real cider too, it has one of the best ranges of the rural pubs in the branch area and outdoes a good number of urban pubs too.

The picture below shows Branch Chair Peter Adams presenting the certificate to pub manager Rebecca Vasey at the end of October.



It had been intended that a senior CAMRA person would present the Albatross Club in Bexhill with its certificate as runner up in the National Club of the Year competition for the previous year at the same time as the presentation of our Branch award for this year, but due to illness this did not happen.

So belatedly another date was fixed and in mid November the Branch Chair made the presentation with the Area Organiser in attendance.



The picture above shows chief steward Karen accepting the award from Peter the Branch Chair, to his left is CAMRA member and Club Vice Chair Martyn and next to him is Sussex Area Organiser Peter, holding the beer.

The Tower in St Leonards had been the Branch Pub of the Year in 2015, 2016 and 2017, additionally making it to Sussex Pub of the Year in 2015.

It was runner up in 2018 by the slimmest of margins, as it was recognised by the Branch as a welcoming pub continuing to offer an excellent standard of beer and cider at competitive prices.

The presentation was made just before Christmas in a packed bar, the picture below shows the Branch Chair handing over the award to licensee Louisa.



Kissinggate wins the Bev Robbins Shield (Twice!)

Gary Lucas from Kissinggate was invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Brighton & South Downs branch in November to receive one shield and two certificates!

Bev Robbins first became known to most of the local CAMRA members with his involvement with the Eagle, Gloucester Road, Brighton, and then in 1986 Bev and Brenda took over The Hand in Hand, which was voted Brighton & South Downs CAMRA Branch 'Pub of The Year' in 1995.

He was a longstanding member of CAMRA, and he was also the longest-serving chairman of the Sussex Society of Licensed Victuallers, spending about seven years at the helm, fighting to preserve the traditional pubs in the county.

To commemorate his services to Real Ale, the Brighton & South Downs branch of CAMRA decided in 2007 to award a Trophy to the Sussex Brewery that scores the most votes for a single beer in the competition named after him at Sussex Beer & Cider Festival.



Kissinggate managed to win the award in both 2017 & 2018, but due to difficulties in arranging the presentation it had to be



deferred, therefore Gary received a certificate for 2017 (Murder of Crows) and one for 2018 (Blue Murder).

The pictures show the presentations being made by Paul Free, Secretary of the Brighton & South Downs branch.



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North Sussex Branch on Tour (Again)

In the last few years, there has been an increase in the number of micropubs opening throughout the country. The first one opened in 2005, which was the Butchers Arms in Herne, Kent. Since then that county has seen a steady growth in the number of these establishments and they seem to be performing well.

Within the North Sussex Branch, there is currently just one, the Open Arms in East Grinstead, although that town will have gained a second one by the time you're reading this.

It had been suggested several months ago, that the North Sussex Branch could organise a trip to visit some micropubs in North-West Kent and by purchasing a travelcard, it could include both train and bus travel. As your scribe originates from Dartford, I suggested that it would be a good starting point for a tour, as there are several micropubs within a short distance of the town.

On the second Saturday in November, a small group arrived in **Dartford** and met up in the **Flying Boat**, which is a Wetherpoons establishment.

We spent an hour in here, sampling a couple of beers from Whitstable Brewers, before walking the short distance to our first port of call, the



Dartford Jug (8 Market Street). Formerly a restaurant, this had reopened as a micropub in

early 2018, it's quite spacious and has plenty of seating. There was an interesting selection of thirteen cask ales to choose from. The local ones were from Goachers and the Kent Brewery, those from further afield, included brews from Ainsty, Bad Seed, Great Heck, Kettlesmith and Tempest,

amongst others.

We spent just over an hour here, before walking around the corner to catch a bus for the short journey to Crayford, where we



Credit Andy Wheeler

were to visit the **Penny Farthing** (3A Waterside). This micropub had opened in 2014 in a former bicycle shop;

it would have been an even shorter distance to the pub, had our tour guide (Taffy) selected a bus stop closer to the pub. Anyway, after much muttering about the loss of valuable drinking time, we settled into what is obviously a very popular and much-appreciated establishment. This isn't surprising, as it's a bit of an oasis for real ale drinkers in the area. Up to six ales are available in this friendly and well-run pub, together with a few ciders. We found ourselves chatting to a couple on the next table, who hailed from Worthing (Hello if you're reading this!).

All too soon, it was time to move on to our third micropub of the day, so we caught a bus and after the customary hike from the bus stop, we found ourselves in **Barnehurst**, which is where I spent the first six years of my life. Until April 2018, the only pub here had been the **Red Barn**, itself an interesting building dating from 1936 and originally a Toby House. It has a bit of history, as it was here that the British Trad Jazz revival started in the 1940s. In my formative years, it was also of interest to me as a source of income, as I recall being aged around four years old, sneaking round the back with one of my siblings to nick empty lemonade bottles, to take to the off-licence across the road to claim back the deposits. I do remember nearly getting caught once, with the landlord bellowing at us from an upstairs window.



Credit Alan Bartlett

A compact establishment, offering up to three Bexley ales, together with a guest beer. From what I recall, it might have been a dry cleaners at one time, but prior to conversion was a tropical fish shop. My first home was just two doors away, but is now a kebab shop. We spent an hour or so in the pub, before departing to catch a train to Bexleyheath, which is only a couple of minutes up the line. On leaving the station, there was a bit of confusion while walking down the road, as Tour Guide Taffy who was following us wanted to know where we were going. We told him we were going to the pub, which is when he told us we were going in the wrong direction.

After more muttering about the further loss



Credit Nicholas Hair

of valuable drinking time, we eventually arrived at our fourth micropub, the **Kentish Belle Ale House & Gin Palace** (8 Lane), another recent opening and again quite spacious with plenty of seating. We got stuck in here due to the torrential rain, but it did give us a chance to sample some of the nine ales available, just two of which came from Kent breweries, the rest from small brewers from around the country. There are also some ciders on offer, plus keg, bottled and canned products.

After a much longer than planned visit, the rain had eased off and we headed down the

Anyway, I digress, we were here to visit the **Bird & Barrel** (100 Barnehurst Road), which is also the Bexley Brewery Tap.



road to a bus stop, to travel up to Welling for our last stop. This was the **Door Hinge** (11 Welling High

Street), the first micropub to open in Greater London in 2013, in a former electrical wholesale shop. There are just the three ales here, all well-kept and one from Squawk Brewery was a bit of a rarity. Another friendly pub, but by this time, the pub crawl was approaching the nine-hour mark, so we reluctantly decided to call it a day and so headed back to the station, to catch a train back into London to get home. It was a good day out and we look forward to organising another trip next year to some different pubs. Thanks go to Thomas Black for providing the photos.

Peter Spooner

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Battle Organic Cider

A small group of South East Sussex Branch members was invited to Battle Organic Cider's premises which are located in the next parish, the small village of Mountfield. We were treated to a variety of tastings and had an interesting talk about their story to date and the different ciders made and the way they are blended. The cider makers are two brothers, Matt and Jeremy Eldridge, with over a decade of experience of using traditional methods. They take local organically-grown apples to press, leaving the pressed juice to ferment naturally, in French oak wine barrels. Nothing is added, there are no artificial flavourings, agents, sweeteners nor yeast. Instead, the cider is 'wild yeast' fermented, then racked and returned to the barrel to mature before blending to create the best flavour.

The Eldridge's started making cider in Battle in September 2016 with a very small batch (100 litres) created for the local medieval fayre, but they soon realised that the high quality of the fruit plus the traditional approach to production was more popular than expected, and the whole batch was sold out within a few hours. They quickly scaled up the idea, in 2017 they purchased two wine barrels, and diversified to create 'Early Press' cider. This makes quick work of the first apples of the season, which are typically the Discoveries and Grenadiers. They press in August, and the fermentation progresses faster than autumn ciders as the weather is still warmer, meaning the cider is ready to drink as early as October; because the sugar levels in the fruit are lower, it has less alcohol.

In 2017 they started in earnest, producing 1100 litres, which sold out in three months, and since then they have grown once more, with 5000 litres produced in 2018, moving premises, acquired more barrels and bottling for the first time. Their 'Elstar' cider, which uses up to nine different mid to late season varieties of apple and ferments slowly over the winter was nominated for

an award as a finalist at the National Fruit Show Cider Competition 2018. At Christmas they branched out to create a seasonal 'Merry Toffee Apple' mulled' cider, and the visiting branch members had a sample of this excellent winter warmer at 6.3% ABV.

The brothers commented that many people are used to commercial ciders, which can contain as little as 35% apple juice, so we find that when they taste 100% juice products they are amazed at the complexity and depth of flavour, even those who are initially sceptical. They are now selling in local pubs, clubs, the nearby Battle Brewery Bar, several restaurants, village shops, garden centres and delicatessens throughout the area. 2018's production target was 6000 litres, this year they aim for 16000 litres, and increasing



from that in future.

The pictures show (left) the group with brothers

Matt on the far left and Jeremy far right and (below) tasting in progress with Branch Cider Rep, Phil Packham, in mid swig.

Peter Adams

South East Sussex Branch



Zythos Beer Festival in Belgium

The beauty of Leuven is that it's a brewing town. OK, it's Stella Artois, but that's not the worst beer in the world and actually there was no Stella on offer at the Festival. Not sure what that means but I would guess a lot of Stella employees and related suppliers were there, drinking and enjoying the amazing choice.

First thing to point out: your glass is small – a tiny Wellington of 10 cl – yes, about 1/6 of a pint! How can you enjoy a beer festival like that? The 88 stands are all representing different breweries and some of the beers are being served from bottles. Actually you could replicate this by a few friends going to a Belgian beer bar in the UK and just buying a bottle to share between four or five. Then have a few more and, after a pleasant evening making notes... why go to Leuven?

Well it really is a great experience – even though it's in a massive sports hall on the edge of town. The choice is mindblowing (over 500 beers) and you can chat, in English, to loads of people from different countries and to brewers behind the bars. The 72 page programme, in English, has touches of Belgian humour with tasting notes like "Taste: Sweet Jesus" and "Aftertaste: Like your ex (bitter)".

Another point is this: you can leave after a few hours not being rat-arsed (sorry, did I just say rat-arsed? I meant to say 'a bit drunk'). Yes, sober enough to return to Leuven and relax in a bar or cafe in town, enjoying Belgian food, before falling into a deep sleep. Also, if you never go anywhere, how can you appreciate returning home?

If you get the chance, the 2019 one is April 27 & 28 (Sat-Sun). A tip: the clean and simple Ibis Budget Hotel is next to Leuven station, and that is where the free shuttle buses run from.

Leuven is lovely; give it a go.

Four of us travelled by car, Dover-Dunkerque, and stayed at the Ibis Centrum.

Adrian Towler

Brighton & South Downs Branch



Photo:
Not a church but Leuven's OTT Town Hall, with no less than 236 statues on it!



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 Squirrel, Battle
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 Kings Head, Billingshurst
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 Bull's Head, Boreham Street
 White Swan, Bosham
 Castle Inn Hotel, Bramber
 Three Legs Brewery Bar, Brede
 Admiral, Brighton
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 Colonnade Bar, Brighton
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 Evening Star, Brighton
 Greys, Brighton
 Hand in Hand, Brighton
 Hanover, Brighton
 Haus on the Hill, Brighton
 Mitre Tavern, Brighton
 Prince Albert, Brighton
 Pump House, Brighton
 Reservoir, Brighton
 Shortt's Bar Brighton, Brighton
 Victory Inn, Brighton
 Broadbridge Heath Village Centre, Broadbridge Heath

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 George at Burpham, Burpham
 Squire & Horse, Bury
 White Hart, Buxted
 Black Horse Inn, Byworth
 Half Moon Inn, Cade Street
 Owl, Camber
 Red Lion, Chelwood Gate
 Chichester Inn, Chichester
 Dolphin & Anchor, Chichester
 Rainbow, Chichester
 Six Bells, Chiddingfold
 Coach & Horses, Compton
 Hare & Hounds, Cowfold
 Brewery Shades, Crawley
 Frogshole Farm, Crawley
 Boar's Head Inn, Crowborough
 Bricklayers Arms, Crowborough
 Cooper's Arms, Crowborough
 Wheatsheaf, Crowborough
 Plough Inn, Crowhurst
 Coach & Horses, Danehill
 Crown Inn, Dial Post
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 George, Eartham
 Horse & Groom, East Ashling
 Star & Garter, East Dean
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 Duke of Cumberland, Henley
 Hurstwood, High Hurstwood
 Anchor Hotel, Horsham
 Anchor Tap, Horsham
 Beer Essentials, Horsham
 Kings Arms, Horsham
 Lynd Cross, Horsham
 Malt Shovel, Horsham
 Piries Bar, Horsham
 Cliftonville Inn, Hove
 Neptune Inn, Hove
 Poacher, Hurstpierpoint
 Queen's Head, Icklesham
 Laughing Fish, Isfield
 Eight Bells, Jevington
 Owl, Kingsfold
 Half Moon, Kirdford
 Lamb Inn, Lamb Green
 New Sussex Hotel, Lancing
 Stanley Ale House, Lancing
 Roebuck Inn, Laughton
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 Elephant & Castle, Lewes
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 John Harvey Tavern, Lewes
 Lewes Constitutional Club, Lewes
 Rights of Man, Lewes
 Snowdrop Inn, Lewes
 Plough & Harrow, Littleington
 Steam Packet, Littlehampton
 Plough, Lower Beeding
 White Horse, Maplehurst
 Runt in Tun, Maynards Green
 Swan, Midhurst
 Black Fox, Milland
 Sussex Ox, Milton Street
 Crown Inn, Newick
 Rising Sun, Nutbourne
 Black Horse Inn, Nuthurst
 Gribble Inn, Oving
 Inglenook, Pagham

Partridge, Partridge Green
 Last Drop, Petworth
 Stonemasons Inn, Petworth
 Royal Oak & Castle Inn, Pevensey
 Half Moon Inn, Plumpton
 Dinkum, Polegate
 Mile Oak Inn, Portslade
 Anchor Inn, Ringmer
 Cock Inn, Ringmer
 George, Robertsbridge
 King's Arms, Rotherfield
 Olde Black Horse, Rottingdean
 Queen Victoria, Rottingdean
 Chequers Inn, Rowhook
 Kings Head, Rudgwick
 Plough & Attic Rooms, Rusper
 Windmill, Rustington
 Ship Inn, Rye
 Standard Inn, Rye
 Waterworks, Rye
 Ypres Castle Inn, Rye
 Salehurst Halt, Salehurst
 Sloop Inn, Scaynes Hill
 Cinque Ports, Seaford
 Old Plough, Seaford
 Wellington Pub & Bed &
 Breakfast, Seaford
 Queen's Head, Sedlescombe

Barley Mow, Selmeaton
 Crab Pot, Selsey
 Seal, Selsey
 Fox Eating & Drinking House,
 Sharpthorne
 Bessemer Arms, Sheffield Park
 Station
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 Duke of Wellington, Shoreham-
 by-Sea
 Royal Sovereign, Shoreham-by-
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 Horns Lodge, South Chailey
 Hen & Chicken, Southwater
 Horse & Groom, St. Leonards on
 Sea
 St. Leonard, St. Leonards on Sea
 Jolly Tanners, Staplefield
 Chequer Inn, Steyning
 Norfolk Arms Hotel, Steyning
 Red Lion, Stone Cross
 Hare & Hounds, Stoughton
 Red Lion, Turners Hill
 Alma Arms, Uckfield
 Gallipot Inn, Upper Hartfield
 Barley Mow, Walderton
 Sussex Oak, Warnham

Half Moon, Warninglid
 Five Bells, West Chiltington
 Queens Head, West Chiltington
 Cat, West Hoathly
 Victoria, West Marden
 Stag's Head, Westbourne
 New Inn, Westfield
 Heron, Westham
 Three Crowns, Wisborough
 Green
 Dorset Arms, Withyham
 Cock Inn, Wivelsfield Green
 Alexandra, Worthing
 Anchored in Worthing, Worthing
 Beach House Cafe & Bar,
 Worthing
 Brookstead Alehouse, Worthing
 Corner House, Worthing
 Egremont, Worthing
 Green Man Ale & Cider House,
 Worthing
 Hare & Hounds, Worthing
 Parsonage Bar & Restaurant,
 Worthing
 Richard Cobden, Worthing
 Maypole, Yapton

You Can Holler All You Like!

The Holler Boys have grown up – and are not 'Boys' any more! So 'Holler' has a sparkling new brewery in central Brighton and the attached Taproom is open normal pub hours (19 Elder Place, BN1 4GF). It's as good as anything you'd come across in Australia or the USA. Some may say £4.50 a pint is steep but it's for everything –



Not the new Brighton tram, or an aviary... but Holler's outside drinking area by night.

the brewery at these pub prices is a big mark-up but good luck to them; they need to recoup the substantial investment in

including an 8.7% Baltic Porter (a 'Guinea Pig'/experimental brew) the day I was there. And it's £2.50 a half, so be warned. Clearly, to sell direct from



Holler: The brewery adjoins The Taproom.

appear in the next Good Beer Guide. Four cask and four tasty keg beers on, a cider or two, cans and bottles, what's not to like and you're not going to get an indifferent pint direct from the brewery, are you? The Brighton CAMRA Branch have their Thursday Night Social there on 2nd May so why not join them.

their Brighton enterprise. The toilets are experimental too. Pizzas are available from a nearby take-away. Excellent it is and we think it might

Adrian Towler
Brighton & South Downs Branch

BEER FESTIVALS AND OTHER DELICENTS

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

22-24 Feb The Tower, London Road, St Leonards on Sea, Beer and Cider Festival, around 16 ales and eight real ciders, from 11am each day, 01424 721773

1-2 Mar 6th CAMRA Spring Equinox Festival, Horsham Drill Hall, Horsham. Over 50 real beers and a good selection of cider and perry. Tickets for the Friday 6-10pm session are £6, Saturday 11:30-4.30pm session £7 and Saturday 6:30-10pm £4. Your entry fee includes a souvenir glass and a free pint for card-carrying CAMRA members. As well as being able to purchase tickets in Horsham from Beer Essentials, the Malt Shovel and the Anchor Tap, they will also be available online at www.northsussex.camra.org.uk/equinox. Online sales will be subject to a small booking fee. For more info, including a beer list in due course, contact: camra.equinox@gmail.com, or www.northsussex.camra.org.uk, or facebook @ [northsussexcamrabranch](https://www.facebook.com/northsussexcamrabranch), or twitter @ [camraequinox](https://twitter.com/camraequinox).

8-10 Mar Dark Festival, Gardener's Arms, Lewes. See page 23 for more details.

14 Mar Train to London Pubs – TTLP46: To the Croydon area of South London, to visit the Cronx Brewery Tap, the Radius Arms Micropub and various others via the Tramlink, including possibly the Hope, Carshalton. To be included on mailing list contact Pete Brown, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com

22-23 Mar 29th CAMRA Sussex Branches Beer and Cider Festival. Brighton Racecourse, Brighton. See page 3.

29-31 Mar Bognor Beer Fest, the Gordon Centre, Bognor Regis, PO21 1DW

18-22 Apr Easter Beer Festival, Crown, Eastbourne. See page 19.

19-22 Apr The Dripping Spring Alehouse, Tower Road, St Leonards on Sea, Easter Beer Festival (Good Friday to Easter Monday)

24-25 May Southwick Beer, Cider & Music Festival, see page 23.

24-26 May 2019 South East Sussex Branch Eastbourne Beer and Cider Festival by the Sea, Western Lawns Eastbourne. 60 Ales plus 30 Ciders and Perrys. Details and tickets www.eastbournebeerfestival.co.uk 01323 410611

25 May Third Adur Valley Beer Walk. Just start at one of the two breweries, Riverside or Adur, which will be open from noon to 6pm then walk from one to the other, passing up to seven local pubs. The No.2 bus to Steyning stops outside Riverside. Footpath info will be on leaflets at breweries & pubs and www.brightoncamra.org.uk nearer the time.

26 May Launch Night for the 26th Brighton & South Downs summer Ale Trail. From 7.30pm at a pub to be announced; please note the date and see next Sussex Drinker. Free buffet, excellent beers, free Ale Trail Passports!

31 May - 2 Jun Glastonwick 2019, Church Farm, Coombes (north of Shoreham). 75 mainly unusual real ales, farmhouse cider, perry, and kombucha. Live music all weekend (there is a quiet room for just conversation). Free shuttle bus from and to Shoreham, with a daily journey from and to Brighton. Full details at www.cask-ale.co.uk/beerfestival.html

31 May Train to London Pubs – TTLP47: An investigation of the growing number of Big Smoke Brew Co pubs in the Southwest corner of London, plus perhaps others in the Twickenham and Kingston areas. To be included on mailing list contact Pete Brown, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com

14-16 Jun The Steam Packet, Littlehampton Beer and Sausage Festival. 20+ ales, craft beers and ciders. 54 River Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5BZ. See page 19.

21-22 Jun 23rd South Downs Beer & Cider Festival, Old Corn & Hop & Corn Exchange, Lewes Town Hall, Lewes.

Chris Stringer 1959 -2019



Credit: Glyn Baker

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Chris Stringer in January. Chris was a very committed and active member of CAMRA, probably best known as Regional Director for Surrey and Sussex.

He also held other roles, notably assisting at festivals including the Great British Beer festival as cider bar manager, Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival, North Sussex's Equinox and Ardingly festivals. He was also BLO for Hepworth's Brewery for

many years. His role as Regional Director took up a lot of his time and involved much travelling to meetings in the two counties but also nationally. He enjoyed meeting CAMRA members and could often be found propping up a bar discussing the topics of the day with a smile on his face, and a beer or a cider/perry in his hand.

A lot of the work which he did you will hear little of, as it was on conference procedures committee, amongst others, where his keen mind was exercised in protecting the rights of grassroots members from unwitting changes to the campaign's rules, and campaigning for equal rights.

Members will remember Chris being very helpful, notably when the CAMRA members weekend and AGM came to Eastbourne in 2009. He was always available for advice, but was not one for regimentation; better a brief meeting and to sort the issues out over a pint.

This was probably no better seen as when he was asked the difference between a formal

CAMRA meeting and a social when his reply was, "you can get away with a lounge suit at a social".

Chris leaves behind his wife Penny, who originally enrolled him in the Campaign nearly 30 years ago. He will also be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues in North Sussex and the rest of the Campaign.

Let's raise a glass to Chris. Cheers mate.

Paul Sanders

North Sussex Branch

All CAMRA branches organise socials, typically in good local pubs, and these events are open to all and not just CAMRA members. Please join us and enjoy a few tasty beers and some interesting conversation.

Arun & Adur

Contact branch.contact@aaa.camra.org.uk or see aaa.camra.org.uk/socials.html.

Brighton & South Downs

First pub 7.30pm to about 8.30pm. Second pub 9pm to 10pm.

Thu 7 Feb - Seaford: White Lion Hotel, then Steamworks micropub at the station.

Thu 14 Feb - Brighton: Constant Service then Cobden Arms and/or Reservoir.

Thu 28 Feb - Burgess Hill: Watermill Inn, then Quench Bar (Burgess Hill station) and/or Six Gold Martlets.

Thu 7 Mar - Rottingdean: Black Horse then Queen Vic.

Thu 14 Mar - Brighton: Craft Beer Co. then Beer Dispensary.

Thu 21 Mar - Hove: Neptune then Cliftonville Inn.

Thu 4 Apr - Hove: Bees Mouth then Robin Hood.

Thu 11 Apr - Newhaven: Ark then Jolly Boatman.

Thu 18 Apr - Shoreham: Amsterdam then Red Lion.

See brightoncamra.org.uk/EventsList.html for more details.

North Sussex

See northsussex.camra.org.uk/events.

North East Sussex

Wed 20 Feb - Frant: Abergavenny Arms, then George, then Brecknock Arms, Bells Yew Green

Wed 20 Mar - Peacock, Shortbridge, Chequers Inn, Maresfield & Foresters Arms, Fairwarp

Wed 17 Apr - Five Ashes Inn, Five Ashes, Mark Cross Inn, Mark Cross & Kings Arms, Rotherfield.

See northeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary for

more details.

South East Sussex

Tue 12 Feb - Polegate: Olde Smugglers Inn, then Dinkum

Tue 19 Feb - St. Leonards: Tower, then North Star

Tue 26 Feb - Eastbourne: Hurst Arms then Crown

Tues 26 Mar - Hailsham: King's Head, then George Hotel, then Grenadier

Tue 9 Apr - Hastings: 1200 Postcards, then Albion, then John Logie Baird

See southeastsussex.camra.org.uk/diary for more details.

Western Sussex

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*PotY: TBD, *CotY: TBD

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PotY: Green Man, Worthing; CPotY: Green Man,

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Beer Festival: South Downs, 21-22 June 2019

PotY: Brewers Arms, Lewes; CPotY: Old Star,

Shoreham; CotY: None

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Beer Festival: Equinox, 1-2 March 2019

PotY: White Horse, Maplehurst; CPotY: Brewery

Shades, Crawley; CotY: None

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(Sub Branch of South East Sussex)

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PotY: King's Arms, Rotherfield;

CPotY: King's Head, East Hoathly; CotY: None

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Beer Festival: Eastbourne, 24-26 May 2019

PotY: Standard Inn, Rye; CPotY: George, Hailsham;

CotY: Albatross RAFA Club, Bexhill-on-Sea

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Beer Festival: Yapton, 17-19 May 2019

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

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



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