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Tickets for the popular Friday night and Saturday lunchtime sessions always sell very quickly so early purchase is advised. The Festival will be open on Friday lunchtime from 11.00am to 3.00pm; on Friday evening from 5.00pm to 10.30pm and on Saturday from 11.00am to 6.00pm after which there will be FREE entry on the door until the beer runs out or 8.00pm, whichever is earlier. The Festival will close at 8.00pm.

Please note that admission will be by advance ticket only for all three sessions and there will be no refund for unsold tickets for any reason.

Tickets will go on sale from the 1st of May and will cost - Friday lunchtime £5; Friday night £7 and Saturday lunchtime £5. Included in the price is a FREE festival glass, and a programme. Beer tokens to card carrying CAMRA members for two FREE halves will be available at the **Membership Stand** but not after 6.00pm on Saturday.

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23rd South Downs Beer & Cider Festival



Brighton Beer Lighthouse
(Illustration by Ben)

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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 p46 applies to all items.

■ ANGMERING



At the **Spotted Cow**, the new pub company lessee, Justin, has widened the choice of ales available from his six

hand pulls, with Bedlam appearing recently. He is also testing the market for regular beer festivals following his first in April and has also introduced live music.

■ ARUNDEL

Arundel brewery has opened a new pub called the **Brewhouse Project** that can be found close by to the A27 interchange at Crossbush. It also features an Edgcumbes Coffee Cafe and shop. Two house cask beers (Brewhouse Best and Brewhouse American Pale Ale) are complemented with a choice of eight keg beers from Arundel Brewery.

■ BARCOMBE



Following a change of hands in January, the **Royal Oak** is offering various food evenings

including Tiny Thai on the first Tuesday of every month and visits of the vans of Pizza Amore and Cairovan (offering Egyptian street food). Harvey's beers including seasonal ales are still on the bar, and Gin and Prosecco promotions are also featured.

■ BOGNOR REGIS

The **Unicorn** is temporarily closed for unknown reasons.

■ BOREHAM STREET



This village is just about as 'in the centre' of East Sussex as you can get. On the bus route from Bexhill to Hailsham it is the site of

Harvey's first ever tied house, the **Bull's Head**. With five hand pumps, one of which is usually serving a Thatcher's real cider, the range of Harvey's ales continues to attract drinkers from the village and its surrounds as well as further afield. In early April the line-up at this award-winning pub was Best, Old, Georgian Dragon (the monthly special) and Bull's Head Bitter, a permanent feature on the handpumps, which has been brewed especially for the pub for the past five years.

■ BRIGHTON

The **Argyle Arms**, Argyle Road, has a tenancy available with Ei Group, estimated start-up cost of £8,500, with a guide rent of £22,000.

The **Free Haus**, Howard Road, (formerly the Reservoir, the Edwardian) was re-opened 22nd Mar 2019 by Brighton Bier. Four hand pumps, seven keg fonts and eight real ciders are on offer. Unlike sister pubs Brighton Bier Haus and Haus on the Hill, beers will be mostly from other independent breweries. A screen behind bar has details of available drinks with strengths and prices, with a blackboard listing what's just gone and what's coming. The food offering is cooked on premises by Papa Pitta.



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The **Hop & Vine**, Five Ways, has been sold and is to become a restaurant.

The Wellington Pub Company is offering a fully repairing and insuring 20-year lease on the **Jolly Brewer**, Ditchling Road for £10,000 with an annual guide rent of £30,000.

The **Park View**, Preston Drove has re-opened after a short refurbishment is apparently focusing strongly on craft keg beer.

The **Prestonville Arms**, Hamilton Road, is reportedly available either as a lease or a tenancy with Fuller's.

Setting Sun, Windmill Street, (formerly the Sir Lion of Beef, the Miller's Arms), has re-opened after a £314,000 refurbishment.



The work has been undertaken by Star Pubs & Bars who are owned by Heineken. The new licensees are Fynn Chamberlain and Kathryn Joyce – who

manage the Fountain Head on North Road. The work included a new kitchen, an overhaul of the toilets and a 'modern industrial' feel inside. There is a new covered pergola area with heaters, and new furniture and planters in the garden. The beer range will include two cask ales. Fynn and Kathryn are looking to reconnect the pub with the local community.



The **Seven Stars**, Ship Street

has re-opened after a refurbishment with a couple of real ales available.

■ CHICHESTER

The **Belle Isle**, a café/bar/restaurant in Chapel Street, which opened in 2012, appears to have closed from April 11th, as did its sister establishment in Southsea.



By the time you read this, the **Hole in the Wall** will have been re-opened by the Big Smoke Brew Company of Esher, Surrey. They already run three pubs in the South London suburbs, all of which offer five real ciders, 10 real ales and even more keg beers. If the offer is the same in this

new venture then it will be an interesting addition to the Chichester pub scene.

■ CLIMPING

The **Black Horse**, a Grade II listed 17th century property, has been bought by Historic Sussex Hotels. Fleurets marketed the property on behalf of Ei Group, off a guide price of £500,000. The Black Horse is the fourth property in Historic Sussex Hotels' portfolio, reports The Caterer, joining the Spread Eagle Hotel in Midhurst, Ockenden Manor Hotel & Spa in Cuckfield and the Bailiffscourt Hotel in Climping.

■ CRAWLEY



Crawley welcomes Valerie Dobinson and her team to the **Swan**, West Green.

We are really pleased to see this pub return from the dark, where you will find four beers most of the time.

The **Brewery Shades** will soon have completed a two-week refit.

There are plans to run Crawley pride this summer which will involve all the pubs on the High Street.

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■ EASTBOURNE

The **Windsor Tavern** is still flourishing following the recent refurbishment by Craft Union. It offers real ale at very competitive prices; well-kept Taylor Landlord and Sharp's Doom Bar were found on a recent visit.

■ EAST DEAN



The **Star and Garter** is now under the same ownership as the Blue Bell across the county border in

Emsworth. It is offering Sharp's Doom Bar and two changing real ales from local breweries. The welcome is still as warm and the food as good.

■ EAST GRINSTEAD



The **Engine Room** is the brewery tap for High Weald Brewery, offering a range of four of High

Weald's own beers along with an ever-changing selection of other cask ales and some real cider.

■ FELBRIDGE



past the **Star Inn**. This large Chef & Brewer pub is open all day and being owned by Greene King, sells their IPA and Abbot Ale. They do have a regularly changing guest beer, usually from one of the larger

Technically the village is in Surrey, but straddles the border with West Sussex, which runs

independent brewers. Card-carrying CAMRA members get a 10% discount on cask beer too.

■ FERRING



The **Highdown** is a well-known hotel, restaurant and listed public gardens

recently purchased by the upmarket Brunning & Price pubco. It offers up to six ales including Harvey's Best and others from the likes of Arundel, Downlands, Hammerpot, Langham, and St. Austell

■ HAILSHAM



The **King's Head**, South Road, now serves light snacks and meals, including a home-made

curry, on Fridays from 4pm to 9pm plus Saturdays and Sundays from 12.30 to 5pm. Their Annual Beer Festival, the only one in the Hailsham area, comes around again for the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, kicking-off on Friday 24th May.

■ HAMMERPOT

The **Woodman Arms**, a Fuller's pub, was noted to be closed in March.

■ HASTINGS

Hastings is ready for the summer season influx of visitors and day-trippers. With two micropubs, a brew-pub with a wood burning pizza oven and five pubs in CAMRA's 2019 *Good Beer Guide*, it's a destination for those interested in real pubs and real ale.

The Queens Road area, in particular, has seen a renaissance with new cafe-bars, a micropub and the **Eel and Bear** bottle shop.

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The latest launch is the **Fountain**, Queens Road, just reopened with a revised name and new management after a major makeover by Shepherd Neame of their Fountain Hotel.

At the **Twelve Hundred Postcards** micropub, also in Queens Road, a number of 'tap takeovers' are held every few weeks. These events have showcased beers from Oakham Ales and the brewery of Angels and Demons, amongst others.

The **Dolphin** in the Old Town has launched a new food menu, including breakfasts from early morning and tapas platters from 5pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. Local bands perform four times a week.



The **Jolly Fisherman** continues to sell up to four real ales, some of which are unusual for the area.

From time to time they hold special beer tasting evenings.

The **Prince Albert**, Cornwallis Street, has closed permanently.

■ HEATHFIELD



Heathfield's only pub, the **Heathfield Tavern**, fully reopened at the end February

following a two-month closure. Offering family-friendly dining seven days a week and with a sports bar area, they stock a local guest ale, often from Brighton microbrewery Holler, as well as Harvey's Best Bitter. Ridley Inns, the new family-run operators, also own the Cock near Ringmer and the Highlands Inn, Uckfield.

■ KEYMER

At the **Greyhound** the 'lease available' sign has been removed and Chef Hassan Mortazavi is back after four years. Harvey's Best Bitter is a permanent fixture with Long Man Long Blonde available when visited, we are informed that the third handpump will be brought into use soon.

■ LANCING



Steven Bennett has contacted the editor about his pub, the **Stanley Ale House**.

Steven points out that the

Stanley Ale House is a standalone business which is not connected with the Castle, which is run by Steven's dad. Steven and his wife Hannah have consistently improved the pub over the last four and a half years, and they now offer four cask ales on hand pull which usually include amongst others Langhams, Downlands, Franklins, Vibrant Forest and lots of guests from around the country. They have four craft keg beer lines which have Downlands Next Step and Abyss Holy Pale permanently plus two guest and four still ciders constantly on draught from the likes of Lilleys, Big Nose & Beardy and SeaCider. They also stock a good range of Belgian beer.

■ LEWES

The Brighton & South Downs branch chairman Keith Newell recently presented



the licensee of the **Brewers Arms**, Kathy Simmonds, with a certificate to celebrate '25 eventful

years' on the occasion of the silver

anniversary of the Griffin family taking over the pub. The picture shows Keith and Kathy surrounded by pub regulars and CAMRA branch members.

Following the failure of a possible sale, the freehold of the **Crown** is available with potential buyers invited to make unconditional offers.

The **Snowdrop** is still shown as being on offer on Fleurets website for £800, 000 for the freehold.

■ LITTLEHAMPTON

This large seaside town has few free of tie pubs, so with word having spread that the Arun & Adur branch of CAMRA were to



present the **Steam Packet** with a 'Highly Commended' award, having come second in the branch Pub of the Year

competition, the pub was packed to see landlord Mark receive his award and also savour the always interesting choice of four ever changing ales on offer.

■ PETT

The **Two Sawyers** received the highest CAMRA beer quality scores for a rural pub in the South East Sussex Branch area in 2018. The beer quality scores are entered using CAMRA's online pub guide WhatPub, enabling members to rate each pint they drink for quality and enjoyment, from undrinkable to excellent on a five-point scale. The scores help branches choose pubs for inclusion in the annual CAMRA



Good Beer Guide. The photo shows a recent line-up on the handpumps; the Two

Sawyers generally have two permanent real ales with three well-chosen guest beers from around the country and closer to home.

■ PORTSLADE

Tony Haddon and Kate Stevens who already own the Albion Inn, Fishersgate



have purchased the **Blue Anchor** in Station Road. The former Thai chef Apple

Manchit is also returning to the pub. Upon re-opening, the pub was selling Harvey's Best Bitter and Long Man American Pale Ale. The new owners say that they will be selling great drinks and are planning to work with Small Batch Coffee and Brighton Gin. They are also aiming to turn the pub into a community venue where people can get together to catch-up and have a lovely time.

■ ROTHERFIELD

The **Catts Inn**, until recently controlled by



pub company Ei Group, re-opened with new family owners after being closed for a few weeks for redecoration and a bit of restoration.

The family also run two pubs in Pembury and Horsham. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served most days, and a recent visit found beers from Tonbridge and Long Man being sold alongside Harvey's Best Bitter.

■ ROTTINGDEAN

The lease of the **Olde Black Horse** is up for sale by Greene King - £35,650+ entry cost and £40,000 per annum rent. The pub may

not be keeping to its normal opening hours.

■ RYE

The **Queen Adelaide** in Ferry Road has been closed for more than three years. A developer has applied for permission to demolish the building as part of their plans to redevelop the Thomas Peacocke School site. Rye Town Council and local residents have filed their objections to the proposal for 38 houses and 27 flats with the local planning authority, Rother District Council.



Christian Thwaites, the general manager of the **Ship Inn**, has contacted the editor with the news that they plan to stop selling

Harvey's Best Bitter. Christian wants to involve the pub's locals in the choice of the replacement, as their opinion really matters, and therefore throughout the month of April the pub is testing four different ales and getting the locals to vote for their favourite. At the end of the month the winner will replace Harvey's. The four beers being tested are: Long Man, Best Bitter; Old Dairy, Red Top; Whitstable, Native Bitter; Franklin's, Mama Knows Best. We will report which beer won in the next edition.

■ ST LEONARDS ON SEA

The **Marina Fountain** is newly refurbished with a change of licensee. This pub now offers Harvey's Best Bitter and a changing guest ale; Dark Star and Holler beers have been available since the reopening.



It's good to see up to four real ales at the **Horse and Groom**. Our correspondent



particularly enjoyed Wantsum Hengist - it sounds foreign, but it's brewed in north Kent, a strong golden

ale named after a fifth-century Anglo-Saxon invader.

The **Tower's** second beer festival was a



great success and very popular; thanks to Café 67 for the excellent stews

available during the event. Louisa, staff and friends are to be congratulated on this success.



Three changing real ales from local breweries are on tap at the **Welcome**. Old Dairy, Three Legs and Harvey's

have been sampled on recent visits.

The ever-busy **Bo Peep** now offers up to four real ales, including the popular Purity Pure Ubu.

■ SALTDEAN

The **Gullens Bar** is for sale at £175,000 for the freehold.

■ SAYERS COMMON

Fleurets website states that the **Duke of York** is 'let subject to contract', however when passed by it had hoardings around the building and car park, with a large blue

construction company container sited there, and so the future of the pub is uncertain.

■ SEAFORD

The tenancy of the **Wellington Pub & Bed & Breakfast** is being advertised as being available by owners Greene King.

■ SHOREHAM-BY-SEA



It has been reported that the change of ownership of the **Old Star Ale & Cider House**, has gone through, although

Richard Hasler will still be around to advise the new owners for a while.

■ SLAUGHAM

The **Chequers** has had mixed fortunes in recent years, suffering periods of closure. After being closed for the past two years, it looks like this pub will end up as a restaurant, but it will be interesting to see if there will be room for a bar as well.

■ SOUTH CHAILEY

The community group Horns Lodge Chailey Ltd was formed to purchase the **Horns**



Lodge as a community owned pub and to lease it to a tenant. It was sold at

auction on March 20th with a guide price of £250k-£275k. The pub is an Asset of Community Value and so there should have been a six-month period for community organisations to raise funds, but apparently administration sales are exempt from that requirement. The community group didn't raise enough to buy the Horns Lodge at auction. Apparently the property was sold to a local individual (not a company).

■ SOUTHWATER



The **Hen & Chicken** still features a Firebird beer regularly. Butcombe Bitter and St. Austell Tribute also

regularly appear on the bar. Food is no longer available during the evenings.

■ STAPLECROSS

The **White Hart**, Cripp's Corner, about three miles north-east of Battle, has been closed for more than three years. Rother District Council are considering a planning application to demolish the pub and build four houses alongside one commercial unit. Local residents and the Parish Council are objecting.

■ SUTTON

Richard Foster has contacted the editor to report an inaccuracy in the reference to the **White Horse** having been closed for several years. Richard reports that the pub was shut up and the site made secure for just over a year, following the departure (and subsequent tragic demise) of licensee Haji and his wife Jo, on 22nd October 2017, and a local businessman subsequently took the pub from Ei Group, and they have beautifully refurbished it, and although primarily now a restaurant and hotel, it has an excellent bar with three hand pumps, usually stocking Sussex brews, with Arundel, Langham and Long Man recently. Richard recalls that Haji "(magnificently named Nicholas Socrates Hajigeorgiou, aka Nick, Nick the Greek or the Bubble - bubble and squeak = Greek, geddit?) had the Spotted Cow at Angmering for about ten years, and then took the historic Gun at Findon and saved it from extinction when a Brighton developer had bought it off Whitbread". Richard indicates that he worked for Haji there and recalls "it was a hard-uphill slog to begin with, but it was



Haji

Championship in 2004, the roof came off the Gun and Haji gave away free drinks all night. He left the Gun in October 2007. Haji was only 60 when he died, he was a good friend to real ale and should still be with us.”

■ TICEHURST

In Dale Hill the increasingly popular country pub, the **Cherry Tree Inn**, now has beer from the nearby Flimwell microbrewery,



Cellar Head. Harvey's Best Bitter is ever-present too. Their home cooked food is varied and available inside in the

bright and fresh-looking restaurant, or outside in the attractive garden. The pub is popular with walkers, cyclists and other visitors to the nearby Bewl Water Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and locals, families and dogs are all welcome here. Their well-designed website has details of the menu, accommodation and local attractions.

■ WASHINGTON

Having closed suddenly in May 2018, the **Frankland Arms**, a popular Ei Group pub company property, reopened at the end of March 2019 with new licensees Mat & Yan at the helm.

turned round with Haji's trademark policy of having good-looking women on the firm". "When Greece won the European

■ WEST HOATHLY



The **Cat Inn** has gained a fifth handpump and Firebird Parody is now a regular beer,

alongside Harvey's Best Bitter and Larkins Traditional. The other two handpumps usually feature other Sussex brews, such as Harvey's seasonal beers or one from Bedlam Brewery. The pub now opens all day on Sunday and accommodation is available.

■ WORTHING

The **Brunswick & Thorn**, named after two streets found just off the western seafront, was one of the town's oldest pubs but is now primarily a café and coffee shop that also offers a varied range of craft beers.



The **Grizzly Bear** in Tarring has no cask ale but has now added to its varied craft keg beers a wide range of canned versions of its Coridor and

Kombucha's beers.

The lease of the **New Amsterdam** recently



changed hands and now has new licensees Joel & Flur Penny at the helm, who initially look to be attracting a

younger clientele. The New Amsterdam was formerly the Swan, and is another of the

town's oldest pubs and was previously referred to by its former lessee as the 'country pub in the town'.



The historic Tarring High Street is home to the **Parsonage Bar & Restaurant**, a former

CAMRA branch Pub of the Year in successive years and offers four well-kept Sussex brewed LocAle beers. From Tuesday to Saturday lunchtime, there is also a £10 bar menu that includes a pint of Burning Sky Plateau or small glass of wine which, during the warmer months, can also be enjoyed in the sun trap patio garden.



On the first Sunday in April a huge crowd gathered outside the **Brooksteed Alehouse** in Worthing to help hosts Aaron and John celebrate their second amazingly successful year at this popular micropub, with the pub's newly formed choir treating those present to a brilliant selection of music and songs. Choir member Jim Brown is also the man behind the award-winning Sussex Small Batch brewery that cuckoos at nearby Goldmark In Poling, so the celebrating masses were able to savour his superb Raspberry Wheat and Chili Chocolate Stout.



■ DYKE PUB, BRIGHTON LATEST

The man behind the plans to re-open the Dyke as a pub, albeit in a much smaller form, is Will Farmer a former soldier who has lived for most of his life in Brighton and who is one of the directors of Veterans Brewing. He has successfully negotiated a 15 year lease to run part of the Dyke ground floor as a pub again, and he has launched a Crowdfunder campaign to raise the extra capital required to cover essential works to the pub so it can be open for business as soon as possible.

The new pub won't be the entire ground floor – it will be divided into two sections and the pub space will be the left side of the building (when facing it) including the kitchen. The area contains the fire place, two toilets and an additional side door onto Highcroft Villas. The main pub entrance will be from Dyke Road and will be the left door. Upon entering, there will be a dividing wall to the right (separating the pub from the other side of the ground floor).

The pub will both child and dog friendly, it is anticipated that there will be a reasonable cut off point in the evenings when the pub will become child-free. The pub will be open seven days a week, and during daytime hours dependent on trade. The more people that use the pub during the day, the easier that it will be to justify opening all day. The pub will shut at 11pm apart from Christmas Eve (midnight) and New Year's Eve (1am).

In addition, 10% of the pub profits will be given to a local charity or community group (kids sports kits, school PTA initiatives, local individuals fundraising for charity etc.). Those who pledge more than £50 to the Crowdfunder will be invited to help choose these local causes.

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The Sussex Bus to the Pub group (BtTP) has been running since May 2009 and attracts participants from many areas of the county, so if you enjoy visiting different pubs with fine ales and informal convivial company without the constraints of the car, then BtTP may just appeal! Itineraries and the number of pubs visited vary but often it is possible for participants to dip in or out of a trip to suit. Please see our page on the Sussex branches website sussex.camra.org.uk/BtTP for more details. 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

Wednesday 1st 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 to Kings Arms. Later road walk to Duke of Cumberland.

Thursday 9th Mystery Tour; Meet at Chichester West St bus stop (opp Cathedral) for 10.45 Compass 99 (variable-route bus). Route to be confirmed 6 days before travel.

Thursday 16th Newdigate & Crawley; Catch 12.15 Metrobus 21 from Crawley bus station (stop H) to Parkgate for Surrey Oaks. Then r/t to Crawley on 14.19 Metrobus 21 for Brewery Shades.

Saturday 25th 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.

Thursday 30th Horsham & Maplehurst; Meet at Lynd Cross from 10.40 onwards, then 11.40 Southern Transit Route 3 from bus station to West Grinstead Camila Botner bus stop then walk up Maplehurst

lane for White Horse. R/T same way on ST3 at 14.50 for Malt Shovel.

Metrobus June

Thursday 6th Fittleworth & Byworth;

Catch 11.05 Stagecoach 1 from Worthing South St alighting at Fittleworth School Lane stop, then short walk to Swan. R/T on S/C 1 to Welldiggers and Black Horse.

Friday 14th Littlehampton; Steam Packet beer festival meet from noon.

Friday 21st Lewes Beer Festival; Lunchtime session (11.00 – 15.00)

Friday 28th St. Leonards & Bexhill; Catch 10.31 train from Brighton station for Tower. Then back to Bexhill for Albatross.

Stagecoach July

Thursday 4th Littleworth & Steyning;

Catch 11.00 Stagecoach 17 from Brighton Churchill Sq for Windmill. Later catch Southern Transit Route 3 for Star.

Thursday 11th Elsted & South Harting;

Catch 11.25 Stagecoach 54 from Chichester bus station (opp Foundry pub) to South Harting then a 2.3 mile road / country path for Three Horseshoes. Later either walk back or catch 16.14 Stagecoach 91 for White Hart. Return to Chichester on 17.09 S/C 54.

Wednesday 17th Faygate & Horsham;

Catch 10.29 Metrobus 23 from Worthing Pier or 11.33 from Horsham railway station to Faygate Roundabout then 35 minute field walk to Frog & Nightgown, later walk back to Holmbush Inn. Then 15.07 Metrobus 200 for Anchor Tap.

Friday 26th Rye; Catch 10.01 train from Brighton station (involves changing trains at Eastbourne) for Waterworks (micro pub) and Ypres Castle.



August

Thursday 1st Arundel & Littlehampton;

Catch 10.47 Stagecoach 9 from Littlehampton Anchor Springs (stop C) to Arundel Riverside for Norfolk Tap (hotel), later catch S/C 9 to Crossbush for Arundel Brewhouse Project. Much later return for George and Steam Packet.

Friday 9th Hastings; Catch 10.31 train from Brighton station for John Logie Baird at noon. Then Twelve Hundred Postcards (micro pub) followed by other pubs most of which will be GBG ones.

Before setting out please check each relevant timetable as timetables are due to change later this month (April) after this programme has been sent in to Sussex Drinker.

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The Sussex Breweries Pages

Information here is generally supplied by the Brewery Liaison Officers (BLO) named at the end of each report. Where percentages are shown after beer names, this is the alcohol by volume, (ABV). The Brewery Liaison Coordinator for the South East area is Peter Page-Mitchell. This report is compiled and edited by Peter Adams, Deputy Brewery Liaison Coordinator for Sussex.

1648

East Hoathly, 01825 840830

www.1648brewing.co.uk

Unique in the area, the 1648 Brew Pub offers a selection of standard and seasonal ales. In the coming months, some of the regular brews will vary in availability to accommodate the newcomers, namely **Chocolate Orange Mild** (3.6%), **La Blonde** (4.0%) and **Bee Head** (4.6%). The overall interesting and diverse range of beers is produced using traditional methods in the 'pocket' brewery.

BLO Philip Bannister



360 DEGREE

Sheffield Park, 01825 722375

www.360degreebrewing.com

April saw the launch of some colourful new branding and new beers including **Low Rider Extra Pale Ale** (3.3%) and **Double Act** (4.7%) both in cask, with the return of the popular **Blood Orange IPA** (4.7%) in keg and can as a limited edition. Plans are in place for regular limited edition beers with a New England Pale (4.4%) due next

An on-site shop is now open on Saturdays for walk in sales with draught beer available to take away. Opening times and beer availability is updated on the website.

BLO Jason Phillips

81 ARTISAN

Lavant

BLO tbc

ABYSS

Framfield, 01825 840561, 07919 445345

No major developments to report since last time. The brewery is still extremely busy coping with the demand for its existing range of beers which remain only available in keg or cans.

BLO John Quick

ADUR

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BLO Nigel Watson

ARUNDEL

Ford, nr Arundel, 01903 733111

www.arundelbrewery.co.uk

The Arundel brewhouse at Crossbush is now open, (8am - 6pm Tuesday to Thursday and 8am - 9pm Friday and Saturday and 10am - 4pm Sunday, with the full range of Arundel's beer range being served including the brand new **Dragonfly** (7.5%). The project has been a joint venture with local coffee producer Edgcumbe's, the brewhouse is selling fresh coffee alongside the fresh beer. It is a stylish bar with outside seating too. Two new Brewhouse cask ales are **Brewhouse Best Bitter** (4%) and **Brewhouse American Pale Ale** (4.5%). Phase one was to open the

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taproom and coffeehouse and start small batch roasting and test brewing on site. Phase two will be to start large scale brewing and roasting. This is very much an evolving project which will be a unique venue in the area. **BLO Glenn Johnson**

BATTLE

Battle, 01424 772838
hello@battlebrewery.co.uk
 Planned production increases have been implemented with an increased availability of the core range in cask and bottle. Tostig (3.2%), a new, refreshing session pale ale has been added to the list. The beer was launched and went down really well at the brewery's very enjoyable second birthday bash; a two-day event with quiz night, live music, barbecue and mini-beer festival with guest beers from Sussex based breweries and local cider.

More new beer styles are in development and due in the coming months, to be launched in the brewery taproom or at future events. **BLO Mac McCutcheon**

BEDLAM

Ditchling, 07955 684041
www.bedlambrewery.co.uk
 Bedlam returned from the recent SIBA awards with a Bronze Medal for their **Amagansett American Pale Ale** (5%) after the successful start to the year

with **Six Nations IPA** and the limited edition **Redroaster Coffee Porter**. By popular demand they have brought back their SMaSH (4.4 %) cask special for a limited period only for the second year running. The 'hero' malt in this brew is Golden Promise, with the Mosaic hop used to bitter, late hop and dry hop the beer.

Bedlam will help quench the warmer months with an East Coast Pale Ale, **Wilde**; a limited edition ale. **BLO Peter Mitchell**

BEER.ME

Eastbourne, Belgian Café,
 01323 729967

www.thebelgiancafe.co.uk

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

BLO Scott O'Rourke

BESTENS

Lower Beeding, 01403
 892556

www.bestensbrewery.co.uk

BLO John Goodsell

BREW STUDIO

Sompting, 07980 978350
www.facebook.com/dabrewstudio/

Spring has been a landmark season as the main production plant has been relocated in a unit run by Brolly Brewing Company.

They will be working alongside Brolly and can produce 5bbl per week which will be mainly cask beer, but some experimenting with keg. There will be a new beer launch at the Selden Arms, Worthing on a date to be confirmed in July, this will showcase the new 'Image result for symbol for shuffle: Track 1 - 99' which will be brewed with a different combination of malts and hops each time but always at 4.2%, the summer launch will be the first instalment, **Track 1**.

BLO Lee Argent

BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

Horsham, 01403 788140,
horsham@brewhouseandkitchen.com
 The Horsham branch of this chain of brewpubs opened in late 2018, with brewing on the premises starting in January this year. The plant is two and a half barrels in length and is all copper. Four cask ales are brewed: **Rock** (3.6%), a session bitter; **Saxon Warrior** (4.2%), a golden ale; **Scarfoulkes** (4.6%), an amber ale and **Comic Genius** (5%), an IPA. There are also various keg beers including a stout. **BLO Terry Shouler**

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and one cask, are always available at the brewery tap, the Imperial, Hastings. Marley's Stout (4.2%) can also be found regularly at Ypres Castle, Rye and the Crown, Hastings. All their beers are unfinned and suitable for vegans.

The regular cask beer is now Wells IPA (6%) brewed with a similar malt base to Gallagher's with the addition of Motueka hops. New beers of similar strength are planned on cask, each one showcasing a different lead hop. The highly regarded Kray's (7.3%) is about to return on keg as a double dry hopped special featuring Amarillo and El Dorado hops. Schumacher's Micro IPA (3.3%) has been re-brewed with a slight increase in strength and has a lot of body for its ABV. Wachowski's Hibiscus Pale (5%) continues to feature using Mosaic hops and hibiscus flowers. Brewing Brothers are exploring the possibility of significantly expanding their capacity by moving into industrial premises in the Eastbourne area.

BLO Robin Hill

BRICK HOUSE

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Nothing new to report, brewing would appear to have ceased.

BLO Paul Free

BRIGHTON BIERHAUS

www.brightonbier.com

Nothing new to report.

BLO Peter Mitchell

BROLLY

Lowfold Far, Wisborough Green

BLO Timothy Ayre

BURNING SKY

Firle, 01273 858080.

www.burningskybeer.com

The Brewery remains very busy. To complement their core cask ales, Plateau and Aurora, they are planning a series of one-off seasonal brews. Expected 750ml bottle conditioned releases include a version of Monolith aged with fresh raspberries. That is expected to be available in late April or early May 2019 (7.8%). A strong Belgium Pale (8.5%) is planned soon after. Many more to come through the year, all should be available from the recently launched on-line shop, (see website). Recent collaborations have taken place with The Bruery, (United States). This is a mixed fermentation using yeast strains from both breweries. It is now aging in brandy barrels. The Ascension Cider Company delivered half a ton of their apples and the resulting Saison is now aging in oak and should be available by the summer.

Planning permission is being sought to convert another barn on the Firle

Estate to provide further dedicated capacity for barrel aging.

BLO Ian Hodge

CELLAR HEAD

Flimwell, 07391 557407.

www.cellarheadbrewing.com

Cellar Head moves into its third year with a couple of new recipes and expanding capacity to meet demand. Proving popular at the tap room are the Hop Project trial red rye ale and the exotic Kiwi fruit IPA. In other beer news the Flapjack Stout will soon be available in keg.

For spring is here, for exercise, great views and a tasty beer, then see website for walks from the Tap Room, but book early these are proving popular.

BLO Barry Blewitt

CHAPEAU BREWING

Horsham

Coming up is **Golden Ale** for the summer, a small batch of it was trialled in the taproom and it was very popular! **Col Beans**, a coffee brown ale collaboration with Chimney Fire Coffee will go mainstream, after it did so well at Spring Equinox Festival. Later in the summer there will be more small batch releases for the taproom.

BLO Paul Sanders

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The canning line is now in full flow, Session IPA and Tropical KO have been canned with many more planned in the coming months. The Barrel Ageing Room is complete and they look forward to seeing the first beers from this project ready before Christmas. The brewery also looks forward to the already sold out Sussex Beer Yard Party on 1st June, welcoming 22 other breweries from across the County to celebrate Sussex Beer and raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK.

BLO Clive Watson

DOWNLANDS

Small Dole, 01273 495596.
downlandsbrewery.com
No fresh news from the brewery.

BLO Peter Mitchell

ENGINEER

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theengineerbrewery.co.uk
john_packer@mac.com

The first of the planned monthly tap takeovers took place at The Cooper's Arms, Crowborough on 30th March. As well as the usual beers on offer there were four beers from Engineer. On this occasion these were **Pink IPA**, **Sussex Altbier**, **Golden Ale** and **Whisky Imperial Oatmeal Stout**. The event was well attended with a visit by a coachload of West Kent CAMRA members; many very favourable comments

were heard concerning the beers. Future events will feature different beers and will take place on the last Saturday of each month.

BLO Richard Saunders

FILO

Hastings, 01424 420212.

filobrewing.co.uk

Nothing new to report, FILO's popular seasonal beer **Thirst of May** (4.2%) to celebrate the Hastings 'Jack In The Green' weekend will be available from early May. Meanwhile the regular range continues to remain popular in pubs throughout Sussex and Kent.

BLO Bill Turner

FIREBIRD

Horsham, 01403 823180

firebirdbrewing.com

Festive 51 (4.8%) has been doing so well that it has been decided to make it a permanent beer, in place of **Paleface APA** which will now be brewed on demand.

A new single hop beer called **Ekuanot** is planned for the summer along with the return of **Elderflower Summer Ale**. All the above are gluten-free. In keg, a new **Brut IPA** (5.5%) is planned, vegan but not gluten-free.

The brewery has reviewed its use of cans and **Two Horses** and **Bohemia** will return to bottles shortly, followed by **Fireweisse** and **Coffee Porter** by the end of the summer.

The plan is to deploy the

bar in a horsebox at summer events, see Facebook page for details. The brewery shop was relaunched on 13th April as a craft beer shop, not restricted to Firebird beers, using returnable glass growlers. The upstairs bar is to be provided with a tap wall, as in the shop, so that the full range can be available, and there are plans to make food from various local suppliers available on Friday nights.

BLO Dave Sharp

FRANKLINS

Ringmer, 01273 814447.

franklinsbrewery.co.uk

BLO Mac McCutcheon

GOLDMARK

Poling, nr Arundel, 07900 555415 / 01903 297838.

goldmarks.co.uk

BLO Jim Waterston

GOOD THINGS

West Hoathly

goodthingsbrewing.co.uk

BLO tbc

GOODWOOD

Pulborough

BLO Les Johnson

GREYHOUND

Smock Alley, West

Chiltington, 01798 815822

greyhoundbrewery.co.uk

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In March, the brewery had a visit from local MP, Nick Herbert, to present a certificate for Amber Eyes as a guest beer served at the Strangers' Bar, House of

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BLO Roger Kille

GRIBBLE

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

BLO tbc

GUN

Gun Hill, Heathfield, 01323 700200

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The brewery remains very busy with all of its beers much in demand. The awards keep coming with **Zamzama IPA** (6.5%) voted Champion in the South East Sussex Branch Beer of the Year award for the second year running and **Numb Angel Lager** (4%) voted "Best Session Lager in the South East at the Society of Independent Brewer's annual conference in Liverpool in March.

The Smallbatch range continues to grow, with a new IPA (5.7%) in keg only, a Dunkelweisse (5.1%) in keg only and an American Brown Ale (5%) in cask only, among recent releases. The latter was launched at a well attended

evening on 7th March at the Duke of Wellington, Shoreham.

A new fermenter with a capacity of over 10,000 pints is on order and other equipment, all aimed at growing capacity and continually improving beer quality, is due to arrive soon. Online ordering with collect from the brewery or free delivery for over £45.00, see website.

BLO Steve Obey

HAMMERPOT

Poling, nr Arundel, 01903 883338

hammerpot-brewery.co.uk

Preparations have been underway for the launch of their keg craft ales. Three initial brews are available:

Coastal IPA (4.0%), a full flavoured refreshing golden session IPA, combining malt and grain flavours with fresh citrus orange and fragrant floral notes. Hops are Amarillo, Ahtanum, Pekko and Columbus. Malts are Pale, Crystals and Toasted Barley. **Regular Nebular** (5.5%), a hazy amber NEIPA with tropical flavours. Mosaic, Citra, Pekko and Amarillo hops. Malts used are Pale Ale, Light Crystal, Oat Malt and Torrifried Wheat. **Baltic Porter** (7.4%), a smooth chocolate porter with complex malt flavours, chocolate and treacle, and good hop bitterness, using Cascade hops. Malts used are Pale and Chocolate.

These are all available in 30 litre key keg which will be collected for re-cycling wherever they are delivered. All keg and bottled ales are vegan. The regular and current seasonal cask ales are all still available and there are plans to add to the keg range.

BLO Rob Gowland

HAND BREW

Brighton, 07508 814541
handbrewpub.com

Nothing new to report.

BLO Peter Mitchell

HARVEY'S

Lewes, 01273 480209.

harveys.org.uk

Harvey's remains as busy as ever. Construction work is underway to enhance the visitor experience within existing traditional buildings in the rear yard area. This will include a new sampling room and vastly improved toilet facilities, including for the disabled. It is hoped the work will be completed by the end of May. New tenants have been appointed to run the Dorset Arms, Lewes. On 30th March volunteers who worked at the Spa Valley Beer Festival visited the brewery and presented Head Brewer, Miles Jenner, with their Beer of the Festival award for **Bonfire Boy**. Harvey's BLO took that opportunity to present him with a Silver award for their **Old Ale** in the Old

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Ales/Strong Milds category of the Champion Winter Beer of Britain at the Great British Beer Winter Festival in Norwich. Aside from their beers, Harvey's gained two awards at the International Spirits Challenge 2019. Malt Gin was awarded a Silver Medal and, their relatively new, Hop Gin a Bronze Medal in their respective classes. This all goes to demonstrate Harvey's continuing traditional, but diverse and relevant, character. Plans for the micro-brewery remain business in hand.

BLO Ian Hodge

HEATHEN

Haywards Heath, 07825 429428
heathenbrewers.co.uk
 Heathen supplied both their established **ISA**, India Session Ale, (3.9%) and their newer Mocha (7%), an oak aged Stout with coffee and dark chocolate aromas, both well received at the CAMRA Sussex Branches Real Ale & Cider Festival.

BLO Paul Free

HEPWORTH

Pulborough, 01403 269696
hepworthbrewery.co.uk

BLO Les Johnson

HIGH WEALD

East Grinstead, 07836 291430
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The Engine Room, High Weald's new brewery tap and bar is open in East Grinstead (see Pub

Scratchings).

Andy was delighted to receive the silver medal award for Chronicle in the standard bitter category at the recent Gosport Winterfest XXVII, decided by customers' votes. The brewery continues to produce their core range of ales for sale at festivals and pubs, with aspirations to broaden out into some experimental brews when time permits.

BLO Jonathan Samways

HOLLER

Brighton, 01273 894563
hollerboysbrewery.co.uk

BLO Jamie Cooper

HURST

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BLO Steve Floor

KILN

Burgess Hill, 07800 556729
thekilnbrewery.co.uk
Session IPA (4.0%), a fruit flavoured session IPA, balanced by a little bitterness, was supplied to the CAMRA Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival in March.

BLO Paul Free

KISSINGATE

Lower Beeding, 01403 891335.
kissingate.co.uk

Kissingate's new **Ripple Raspberry Stout** (4.0%) will be launched at the brewery's annual Spring Festival on Saturday 4th May, (11am-9pm). It will be a softer, fruity session stout and available throughout the summer months.

Gary and Bunny have been busy hosting a variety of events such as Curry Nights, Gin Evenings, Beer & Cheese Evenings.

The new bar is coming on well, the Brewery Taproom is open Monday to Saturday.

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

The brewery remains busy, and a new batch of **Saison** (3.9%), a farmhouse style of pale, yeasty, very slightly hazy beer has sold very well. Next seasonal beer is Flor-Ale (3.9%), a pale golden, zesty floral beer for spring. A New England IPA. (about 5.5%) is being brewed for the 30th Yapton Beerex, it will be hazy and well hopped.

BLO Pete Luff

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BLO Glenn Johnson

LITTLE MONSTER

Tillington, Petworth

BLO Tom Priestley

LONG MAN

Litlington, 01323 871850 / 07976 777992.

longmanbrewery.com

The brewery have welcomed lots of enthusiasts to the new shop and tasting room, with cask, mini cask and bottled beer to drink in or takeaway. Pre-booked brewery tours and tastings launched in March and have already sold 95% of availability for the year ahead, more dates will be released on social media. Long Man produced their first ever hazy vegan beer, Long Man Session NEIPA, a double dry hopped beer with hints of citrus, apricot, and tropical fruits, hopefully this will be bottled later in the year. The next three months see the

return to the Small Batch calendar, with Session IPA (3.8%), Golden Tipple (4.7%) and Sleeping Giant (3.8%) being released at the beginning of each month. Future plans include a wider range of events and produce at the Brewery Shop.

BLO Scott O'Rourke

LOST & FOUND

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LOUD SHIRT BEER

Brighton, 07901 856436

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BLO Keith Newell

MISSING LINK

West Hoathly

missinglinkbrewing.com

BLO tbc

OLD TREE

Brighton, 07413 064346

BLO tbc

PIN UP

Southwick, 01273 411127

pinupbrewingco.com

More bottling is now done in-house with better equipment and a couple of new staff. The **Pale Ale** (5.1%) was well-received at the Sussex Beer Festival in March.

BLO Adrian Towler

POLARITY

Worthing, 07872 105300

polaritybrewing.co.uk

With the success of the new beers last year, this year will see them continue to focus on offering a variety of top

quality brews. Next up is a New England IPA.

BLO Gemma Mackay

RECTORY

Streat, 01273 890570

Due to health problems, the re-start of the regular brewing process has been delayed. It was hoped to have taken place in April.

BLO Paul Free

RIVERSIDE

Upper Beeding, 01903 898030

riversidebreweryltd.co.uk

The canning machine has been delivered and will soon be in use. The initial brew of a craft lager is conditioning at the time of writing. The brewery will be open and serving beer from the cask for the Adur Beer Walk on 25th May. They will also be at the Steyning Country Fair on 27th May.

BLO Ian Bolt

ROTHER VALLEY

Northiam, 01797 252922 / 07798 877551.

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sales@rothervalleybrewery.co.uk

Rother Valley can now supply vegan versions of their beer range. In May the brewery will celebrate their 3500th brew with a 3.5% tawny beer simply called 3500. **BLO Dawn Lincoln**

SPENCER'S

Chichester, 01243 604978
www.spencers-brewery.co.uk

BLO Jerry Goodman

SUSSEX SMALL BATCH

Poling, 07718 222425

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The Sussex Small Batch Brewery started up in August 2018 focusing on producing quality Stouts with a difference. Tiramisu Stout was trialled in cask at the Brooksteed Alehouse and the GeorgiFin

micropubs in Worthing and very soon after won Beer of the Festival at the 2018 Worthing Beer Festival, a tremendous achievement for the first commercial brew! In March, it was available at the Sussex Beer festival and was one of the first to run out; it is now widely available in cans in pubs, bars & beer shops throughout Sussex.

Further well received cask trials included a Whisky Cask Stout and a Recess Stout, (Chocolate/Peanut). Zucotto Stout (Chocolate/Raspberry) is the most recent creation, selling well at The Selden Arms beer festival in January and is now available in cans and has recently been ordered for the Surrey Oaks festival. Both the Tiramisu and Zucotto have high ratings on the Untappd app.

Two new brews are underway, a Smoked Chilli / Chocolate Stout (5.8%) and for the Summer, a Vegan friendly Raspberry Wheat / Rye, (5.5%); both will soon be on tap at The Brooksteed Alehouse.

BLO Stuart Elms

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No new developments this time.

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The latest in house bitter has gone down well and more is on its way, with some spring and summer ales to come.

BLO Gemma Mackay

(Brewery at the)

WATCHMAKER'S ARMS

Hove, 01273776307

The Watchmaker's Arms celebrates its 4th birthday with its annual beer festival over the early May Bank Holiday weekend so some one-off beers will be

brewed, including a collaboration with Unbarred.

BLO Peter Mitchell

WELTONS

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Six Nations IPA all sold out and Export Stout is to be brewed again with some of it to be aged in whisky barrels. June makes the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy and to commemorate this Weltons will brew some specials and donate part of the profits to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Beers will include Churchillian Stout, Juno, Gold, a single malt and single hop (English Pioneer) beer, Omaha with US hops and a D-Day Stout (7.4%). Weltons beers are now regulars at the Holbrook Club in Horsham. They will at the Stout House on May 11th for the Day of Dance and 1st June for a Live at the Brewery evening with a covers band in Foundry Lane, Horsham. Look out for the new pump clips.

BLO Nigel Bullen

Another hugely successful Equinox beer festival in Horsham

After last year's weather and travel dramas, record numbers enjoyed another highly successful North Sussex CAMRA Equinox Beer and Cider festival at the Drill Hall in Horsham at the start of March.

The event started this year with the unveiling of our new Cider bar, built and named in memory of our Regional Director and one of the main Festival organisers, Chris Stringer.



Pictured with Penny, Chris' wife, are David Maddison who designed and built the bar, Festival Organiser Mike Head and Branch chair [now Regional Director] Paul Sanders. Thanks to Glyn Baker for the photo.

Festival goers may have been surprised to see local sparkling wine from Bolney Vineyard also on sale this year. The experiment was successful, and is almost certain to be repeated for future festivals.

The festival also welcomed new caterers. Garlic Wood did a great job, were very popular, and are already planning some new ideas for next year's event.

For the first time ever, one brewery won both the Light and Dark beer of the festival awards. Horsham ale fans certainly like Dorset brewer Cerne Abbas' beers, who not only repeated their success from last year with the Gurt Coconuts Rum Stout, but also narrowly won with their Harlequin IPA

which is brewed with the rare Harlequin hop. Looks like we will need to get two casks of the Rum Stout in next year, to ensure we have some left for Saturday evening festival goers.

Local brewers again scored highly in the beer of the festival voting, notably Weltons Churchillian ale, Chapeau Col Beans and Kissingate Nooksack.

Voting for Cider of the festival was as close as ever, with this year's award going to a newcomer to the area. Ray from Camrose Cider moved to Billingshurst last year and his Luvvly Jubbly medium cider lived up to its name.

The festival again featured some KeyKeg beers, in addition to the traditional cask ales. Setting up the brand new CAMRA KeyKeg bar was a challenge, but the team's perseverance and skill along with assistance from local supplier Morepour and the timely arrival for a few minutes of one of the team from local brewery Unbarred, meant that the six kegs went on sale only a few minutes late, and had sold out by the end.

We again chose the Samaritans Horsham and Crawley branch to be our festival charity, and the donations of money, beer tokens and unwanted glasses raised just under £600. Their presence and support was greatly appreciated, and thanks to all who donated.

As ever, huge thanks to the volunteers, sponsors, Gareth of Beer Essentials and to the pubs for selling tickets and publicity.

Cheers from CAMRA North Sussex branch



Sussex Branches Beer and Cider Festival 2019

Oops we did it again, Sussex CAMRA branches took over the Racecourse on Freshfield Road in Brighton, and offered 120 real ales, 22 ciders and perry. Nearly all the breweries of Sussex were represented by a cask in the Grandstand bar, the premier bar hosted an eclectic mix of favourite beers from around the country.



Although we opened for three sessions over two days there is far more work done both in advance and afterwards to present the festival. This includes erecting the stillage and loading up the casks, then laying out the tables and chairs before we open, and then taking everything down afterwards to return the venue to the state we found it in. This was done by volunteers who took time out of their lives to make the festival happen. Thanks to all our volunteers without whom these festivals cannot happen.



I would like to thank the following for their work in getting this year's event off the ground, John Kirkland, Jo Buckland, Chippy Da Souza, Steve Lucas, Steve Leyfield, Mark

Lawday, Pete Coppard, Peter Mitchell, Paul Free, Ursula Lockyer. In addition I would like to thank our friends in the industry for assistance, support and ticket sales; Dark Star, the Tower in St Leonards, the Evening Star in Brighton, the Selden Arms in Worthing, the Brewers Arms in Lewes, Duke of Wellington in Shoreham-by-Sea, Gardeners' Arms in Lewes, Eagle in Eastbourne, the Brewery Shades in Crawley and last but not least the Beer Essentials in Horsham. I would like to thank the staff at the Racecourse for their assistance and patience.

The last call out to all of you that attended, we hope you enjoyed it, please come again, or visit another festival, or join in and volunteer if only for a few hours!

Paul Sanders

Festival Organiser

Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival



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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 Camrose Luvvly Jubbly, the runner up was Batchelors JB cider.

The Freehaus

Brighton Bier have taken on the Reservoir, given it a makeover and a new name - The Freehaus. Brighton Bier intend that this tavern will differ from their other pubs and be a true free house but also offer an extended range of ciders, when visited on their opening night there was Trenchmore Silly Moo on draught plus seven still ciders including ciders from Ascension and Bignose & Beardy.

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, Worthing
- 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. May Cider (and Mild) month is a great time to get out there and try cider and perry; the real stuff is worth seeking out, especially as Sussex produces some really fine examples.

Paul Sanders

Regional Cider Coordinator



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A structure of acronyms



Hello, I'm Paul Sanders the new Surrey and Sussex RD. RD I hear you say what is that? RD stands for Regional Director. This is an elected volunteer role; RDs are elected by the branches forming the region at a

regional meeting. The role is to support branches and to act as a conduit between branches and the National Executive. This is done through several regional meetings and NERDS (there goes another acronym; National Executive and Regional Directors) meetings each year.

Regions come in all shapes and sizes, Surrey and Sussex cover the best part of two counties, Kent for comparison forms a region on its own. To assist the RD the role of AO (Area Organiser) can be appointed; in Surrey and Sussex there are two areas one for each county, the Sussex AO is Peter Page-Mitchell (again for comparison Kent consists of two areas). AO's also act as deputies for the RD.

One the 'lighter' side of being RD (apart from visiting pubs in more branches) is organising the regional rounds of Pub of the Year and Club of the year competitions, the winners of which go forward to super regional round.

A little more about the person behind the acronym. I live in Crawley, and work in Information Technology for a pension provider based in Crawley. I have been an active member of North Sussex branch for

several years holding the post of secretary and latterly as chairman. As a result of becoming active, I got the bug for attending CAMRA meetings including Sussex branches, regional and national members weekend. I have attended the Houses of Parliament to lobby my local MP in support of CAMRA campaigns. I enjoy campaigning for beer and pubs, I believe without the latter we will have no real ale, there is still much for us to do. I have for the last two years been the festival organiser of the Sussex Branches Beer and Cider Festival.

Paul Sanders

Regional Director, Surrey & Sussex

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North Sussex Branch On Tour (Again)

Once again, the North Sussex Branch decided to organise a bus trip to the **Cooper's Arms** in Crowborough, for their annual Dark & Delicious Winter Ales Festival. This year the event was held over the first weekend in February, due to another event clashing at the pub the previous weekend, so a plan was put together to run the trip on Saturday 2nd February. A suitable vehicle was hired from Sussex Coaches and the itinerary was sent out via various sources. It was good to welcome some first-timers on the tour.

Departing from Horsham, with Vanessa Mason-Hill in charge as Clippie for the day, the bus proceeded via the Surrey Oaks at Newdigate, then on to Crawley, Three Bridges station, East Grinstead, Ashurstwood and Forest Row to pick up the other participants. We all enjoyed a rather scenic ride across Ashdown Forest, well into Winnie the Pooh country, before reaching the pub in good time.



light and dark ales, of varying strengths, so plenty to keep us amused for the afternoon.



Once everybody was inside the pub, it was obvious that Dave had sourced an interesting selection of light and dark ales, of varying strengths, so plenty to keep us amused for the afternoon. The dozen handpumps featured seven fairly local beers from Burning Sky, Dark Star, Engineer, Harvey's, Holler, Three Legs & Tonbridge breweries,

from further afield were Brass Castle Bad Kitty, Moor Amour and a trio from the Swannay Brewery up in Orkney. There was also a few keg beers, plus plenty of nibbles to soak it all up.

Once again, we were able to socialise with some members from the neighbouring West Kent Branch, but after a few hours, it was time to re-board the bus, after thanking our hosts, Dave & Judith, for their hospitality.

We then headed off to Hartfield, to stop for an hour at the **Anchor**, before departing to drop everyone off at the various stops back to Horsham. A good day out and thanks to all those who came along, also to Vanessa Mason-Hill and Thomas Black for their help with organising the day out. Photos provided by Thomas Black.

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Adore Valley Beer Walk

No, not a mis-print, but what my spell-checker keeps writing for **ADUR** Valley Beer Walk, which takes place on Saturday 25th May this year. Never heard of Adur? (My spell-checker obviously hasn't.)



Probably the most picturesque pub on the Walk is in Bramber: The Castle Inn Hotel

It's the river that comes out at Shoreham, and runs through Bramber close to Steyning. Through an area rich with charming

pubs, wildlife including swans and lovely footpaths. Plus four breweries and two will be open for the Beer Walk, between noon and 6pm, selling their wares.

If you fancy joining in just grab a No.2 bus


from Shoreham, Brighton or Rottingdean to take you to Steyning, and get off immediately outside Riverside Brewery ('Shoreham Rd.' stop) for some great real ale, served up by the two brewers.

Then trek the two-and-a-half miles to Adur Brewery, a co-operative run by beer enthusiasts, which is up Mouse Lane on the picturesque Wiston House Estate. There are footpath leaflets at the breweries to guide you, and you'll pass a selection of Hostelrys on the way, depending on your route.

But beware, the quirky Norfolk Arms in Steyning shuts at 2.30pm and no amount of pleading will persuade her to stay open. So if you want to enter this 'time-warp' free house you may have to wait until the evening. The No.2 bus runs quite late so you should be OK getting home again. See you there.

Adrian Towler

Brighton & South Downs Branch



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All Systems Go For 26th Brighton CAMRA Ale Trail



The Ale Trail is heading for the stars this summer – the stars being some of the best real ale pubs in the Brighton-Lewes-Shoreham area. Actually the theme is the First Moon Landing

– yes, 50 years ago this July – so the souvenir T-shirts, polos etc. will probably have a lunar design.

If you'd like to join in, and hundreds do each year, the Launch is on Sunday 26th May at The Lord Nelson, 36 Trafalgar Street, Brighton, from 7pm, where you can collect your free Passport, maybe free food because there's a buffet and your first stamp in the Passport. Another 19 stamps gives you a commemorative T-shirt but if you collect more you can win a polo shirt or sweatshirt when it ends, at the end of September.

Alternatively ask for a Passport, sponsored again this year by Harveys (thank you) at one of the participating pubs. A parallel "Cider Rider" scheme, if you prefer cider and perry, gets you the Cider Rider T-Shirt.

You get a stamp when you buy a pint of ale in each pub but how to get there? Well, the Passport has bus and train information and a special bus trip takes place on Saturday 20th July, (on the actual Moon Landing Anniversary – how cool is that!) at noon from Brighton, to visit those hard-to-reach country pubs. Tickets are £10 at the Launch Night or by post (info in the Passport).

So maybe you should get out more this Summer – and do The Ale Trail: "The First Lun-Ale Landing". It's not rocket science.

Adrian Towler

Brighton & South Downs Branch

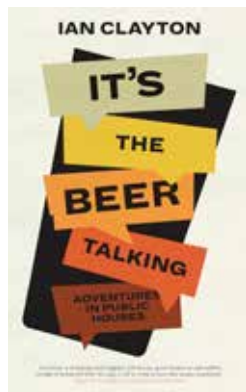
These are the Ale Trail Pubs signed-up so far, where you can get a stamp this summer...

Anchor Inn & Cock Inn, Ringmer; Black Horse, Brewers Arms, Elephant & Castle, Gardener's Arms, Lewes Arms, The Patch, Rights of Man in Lewes; The Admiral, Brighton Beer Dispensary, Brighton Bierhaus, Brighton Tavern, Evening Star, Free Haus, Hand in Hand, Haus on the Hill, Lord Nelson Inn, Prince Albert, & Prince George, Brighton; Cock Inn, Wivelsfield Green; Crown Inn, Newick; Duke of Wellington, Old Star Ale & Cider House, Shoreham-by-Sea; Five Bells, Chailey Green; Hope Inn, Newhaven; Laughing Fish, Isfield; Neptune Inn, The Brunswick, The Foghorn, Watchmakers Arms & Westbourne in Hove; Old Boot Inn, Seaford; Schooner Inn & Southwick Beer Engine, Southwick; Stanley Arms, Portslade; White Horse, Ditchling.

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It's The Beer Talking: Adventures in Public Houses by Ian Clayton



I've always written close to home. When I first started writing, everybody I asked said that I should write about what I know about. I've stuck to that ever since, so all of what I write takes place where I'm from. Wherever I have lived, I have never been more than a

stone's throw from a local pub. My new book *It's The Beer Talking: Adventures in Public Houses* has just been published. I suppose the title tells you most of what you need to know about what is inside its covers. Yes it's about beer and pubs and because it's a memoir, it's about what I've got up to in ale houses over the years. I hope it's funny. I wanted to write a comedy, so it would be a bit of a bugger if it didn't make folk laugh. There are one or two sad bits in it as well, because even in pubs, life isn't always funny ha ha. Like my other writing, it is based on memories and emotions and characters I have known. Most of it is true, some bits are made up and the rest, well, if it isn't true, it ought to be!

I've written a lot of books, but I'm not always sure what to say when people ask me what my books are about. Perhaps my best known book is *Bringing it all Back Home*. It's about music. All sorts of music, from music hall to the blues and pop. Then again it's not really about music at all, it's about where music has taken me and how it shapes me. Another more recent book is *Song for My Father*. I generally say that one is a book about my dad. Yet I didn't know my dad for most of my life, so it's a book about looking for him, what happened in the few months after we were reunited and mostly about what happened when we

weren't in each others lives. *It's The Beer Talking* follows a similar template. There's plenty of beer in it, a lot of laughter, one or two tears and now and again a bit of bawdy banter. It's just a book of stories that take place against a backdrop of the public house. These stories are about the joy of joining in, celebrating who we are and the quest to find the perfect pint. There are journeys here and discovery, but because our favourite pubs are usually in our own back yard, it's a book that takes place near home. In many ways it's a book that takes delight in localness, the simple pleasure of where we are from, wherever that might be.

The book starts with my first taste of beer, in a smoke-filled working men's club, then rattles like a boxful of dominoes through more than half a century of backstreet boozing all over the world in that rare old haunt we call the public house. In a time when local pubs are closing down at an alarming rate, the book is a bit of a call to treasure them. I say this because I believe that pubs are like libraries. More than any other buildings near where we live, they are storehouses of our communal knowledge. At times snapshots of our neighbourhood, at other times a refuge from what's going on outside, but always somewhere familiar and welcoming. I love the pub most of all, because that is where over the years I have found a lot of friendship. Come to think of it, *It's The Beer Talking* is a book about friendship. As a matter of fact, all of my books are about friendship. If you like books about beer, pubs, fun and friendship, you might want to give it a try.

Ian's book is brimming with laughter, tall stories, great memories and endless rounds of wonderful beer. It's also a call to arms to save this unique institution. Roger Protz, Editor Good Beer Guide 2000-2018

It's The Beer Talking: Adventures in Public Houses is published by Route. For more details visit www.route-online.com

NERDS (National Executive and Regional Directors) Weekend in Hastings

CAMRA's National Executive and Regional Directors travelled from as far as Scotland, the Isle of Man and Cornwall to gather at the White Rock Hotel in Hastings for the NERDS weekend on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th February.

These meetings are arranged across the country and are usually the responsibility of the local Regional Director. The format of the individual meetings is as follows: Regional Directors meet on Friday evening followed by further meetings on Saturday morning and afternoon. The National Executive meets on Saturday morning and afternoon too.

The White Rock Hotel was chosen because it has several meeting rooms, a couple of them large enough to accommodate big groups at the same time. So, with 21 hotel rooms booked, meetings rooms prepared and four excellent real ales on in the hotel bar, we were all set. The weather even did its part; it was fine, sunny and, for February, relatively warm.

Following the Branches Committee Meeting on Friday evening, the Regional Directors and their partners set out on a tour of the pubs in Hastings Old Town. The most popular starting point was the Jolly Fisherman micropub. Then many headed on to the Dolphin, the Crown, the FILO and the Jenny Lind, while others were scattered around almost all the other pubs in the area, including recently opened micropub, Twelve Hundred Postcards.

Saturday's meetings started at 9am; by 1pm everyone was ready for the excellent Ploughman's buffet the hotel had laid on. The afternoon session finished with all participants discussing present concerns openly with the National Executive members in the main meeting room, followed by a group photo on the promenade. One member even braved the elements and went for a swim in the sea!



After a long day of meetings, Saturday evening saw almost all visiting participants congregating in the Albatross Club in Bexhill, which has regularly been voted one of the best clubs in the country by CAMRA. Then it was time to hit the pubs in the St Leonards and Hastings areas again.

The weekend was a real success, with several local branch members popping in, either to the meetings, the pubs, the club or all three. Following the recent passing of our own Regional Director Chris Stringer, we were particularly happy that his wife Penny joined us for the weekend.

National Chairman, Jackie Parker said "unless you have been involved with the organisation of one of these weekends, you cannot appreciate just how much hard work goes into ensuring that everything is just right. It's not just a case of booking the venue, it's being on hand all weekend to answer any queries or resolve any issues which may arise. This weekend was perfectly organised, there were no hitches, and we also had stunning weather". She continued "it was lovely for those of us who were unable to attend Chris Stringer's funeral to spend some time with Penny who joined us for the weekend. A big thank you to all involved".

Peter Page-Mitchell



Spotlight on

BREWERIES

Bid to become 'world's first' self-sustaining brewery

Good Things Brewing Co in Brighton that makes flour from leftover beer grains says it hopes to become the world's first self-sustaining brewery. For every pint of beer made in the UK, two porridge bowls' worth of spent grain is produced. Traditionally, breweries have given their waste to farmers who use the feed for cattle and pigs, but if the grains are not used within 48 hours of delivery they go off, and have to be thrown away. In an attempt to stop waste, the brewing company have just unveiled the world's first 'spent grain dehydrator'. The brewery are currently working with foodstuff and agricultural brand Carr's, which supplies Hovis and Gales to create flour that can be used in bakeries and pubs.

More Accolades for Harvey's

A double presentation was recently made to Miles Jenner, Head Brewer at multiple award-winning Harvey's brewery in Lewes, East Sussex.

A coach full of West Kent CAMRA and other volunteers who served over 14,000 pints of beer at the 8th annual Spa Valley Railway beer and cider festival in October 2018, the largest and most successful to date, were greeted by Miles in the brewery yard who then proceeded to provide an engaging and entertaining tour of the brewery culminating in the tasting of a range of Harvey's fine cask ales in the racking room.

Emerging into the spring sunshine Craig Beeson, West Kent vice chair and festival organiser, presented Miles with a Gold Award certificate for Bonfire Boy, having been voted "Beer Of The Festival" by the public who chose from over 200 beers

available. The three day festival is now one of the largest to be held in the south east and unique with its three locations as well as beers being available on the train, and will feature other favourites from Harvey's this year. This award for the Lewes brewery is very appropriate for a town with a renowned reputation for its Bonfire Night celebrations!



Craig was joined by Ian Hodge, BLO for Harvey's, who on behalf of CAMRA officially presented Miles with

the Silver Award certificate for Harvey's Old Ale in the Old Ales/Strong Milds category in the Champion Winter Beer of Britain competition at the GBBF Winterfest held in Norwich in February.

We would like to thank Miles for his hospitality and the time and effort he devoted to making the occasion so enjoyable and look forward to welcoming Harvey's beers among the 200 which will be available at the 2019 festival to be held over the three days 18th-20th October. The main bar will be in Tunbridge Wells West Victorian engine shed with additional bars on the platforms at Groombridge and Eridge stations and beer also available on the train.

Don Croker

West Kent CAMRA branch

The Pubs of Hove: Part 1: Not Quite Hove

There are over forty pubs in BN3, the postcode that covers Hove. To do it justice I have split the area into three chunks. Part 1, which covers Hangleton, Aldrington and part of Portslade, I have called **Not Quite Hove**.

Hangleton is a quiet, residential area with a scattering of shops and three pubs. The most isolated is the **Nevill**. I visited on a Sunday afternoon, thinking it would be full of families eating Sunday lunch. It was virtually empty and although the separate dining area was quite welcoming, the main bar looked neglected and the beer, Harvey's Best, was only OK. Ten minutes up the road is the **Grenadier**, which was full of families. It was smarter than its neighbour and the Harvey's here was better and cheaper.



Hangleton's third pub, the **Hangleton Manor**, like the Grenadier looks to be hitting its target market: families and couples who want good pub food. It's a lovely old building, but

it's owned by Hall and Woodhouse and whilst the beer is well-kept, I've never drunk a memorable pint of either Tanglefoot or Fursty Ferret anywhere, not even here.

Aldrington isn't much bigger than



Hangleton but has a lot more pubs. Starting on Portland Road, first up is the **Westbourne**, now a fixture in the *Good Beer Guide*. It's also a craft beer mecca, with mostly independent brewers represented. On

my last visit these included Big Hug, Lost and Found, Bedlam, Burning Sky and Holler. The food's pretty good too.



Further along is the **Three Graces**, a small, single-bar pub with sofas and a TV screen. It has two cask ales and when I visited these were Bedlam Phoenix and Hammerpot Bottle Wreck Porter. Directly opposite is the **Stoneham**, a

large Brakspears pub, with tables for dining, sofas and space for live music. The beer was undistinguished and it has the feel of a pub you'd only go in if you'd already had a few.



Heading up past Stoneham Park, you come to the **George Payne**, the first Hove pub

to get the Zoe Rodgers treatment. It's very different from its former self, the Kendal Arms; big and welcoming, with good food and a decent cask ale offering – Harvey's Best and Bedlam Phoenix, when I visited.

Zoe's second pub in Aldrington, the **Poet Smoke and Alehouse**, is a Harvey's tied house, with three of their cask ales available. It's smaller than her other pubs but just as popular.



A short walk from the Poets is the **Ancient Mariner**, a Laine Pubco venue. Many of their pubs have had what I'd describe as a *Hipster Junkshop Chic* makeover, but

not this one. It's a small, rowdy, single-bar pub with a good mix of cask and keg. When I visited they had Bedlam Phoenix and Dorking Smokestack Lightning on cask, with kegs from Laine, Lagunitas, Magic Rock, Tiny Rebel and Chorlton.

Heading towards the coast we come to the **Gather Inn**, a bed and breakfast overlooking Hove Lagoon. When I visited on a Tuesday afternoon it was unsurprisingly empty. It was a pleasant space, recently refurbished, with one cask ale on offer - Harvey's Best - in decent nick.

At the Portslade end of Portland Road lies the **Garden Bar**. This used to be the Jamaica Inn, and served terrific reggae roasts. Since that venture failed, owners El Group have failed to do anything worthwhile with it. The walls are painted blood red, with cheap and tacky looking paintings of famous Brits, and TV screens everywhere. The one handpump dispensed



barely drinkable Harvey's Best.

I've saved the best till last.

The **Foghorn**, is the brainchild of three chums,

Tommy, Niall and Tim, and their pub, in what used to be the Portslade Learning Centre, is a square, cosy room with space for around sixty customers. They have five ales on cask and three on keg. Many of the breweries are local - Holler, Downlands, Burning Sky, Dark Star - but they also have interesting and less obvious brewers from further afield, such as Squawk, Great Divide and Cromarty.

You can read a longer version of this article at Phil's blog : <https://bit.ly/2SpOYDr>

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Arun & Arur

Pub of the Year for 2019 is the Green Man Ale & Cider House, Tarring. The results were very close, and so we have given a Highly Commended award to The Steam Packet, Littlehampton. The Green Man was also chosen as our Cider Pub of the year.



In the photo are Les the landlord and Colin our Pubs Officer with the certificates.

Brighton & South Downs



Pub of the Year is the Brighton Bier Haus, Edward Street. The presentation of the Anthony Jenner Shield and

certificate was made to Ali Charlesworth by Steve Pardoe of the Pub of The Year sub-committee on behalf of the branch, on the 28th February.

For the fourth year running the Cider Pub of the Year is the Old Star Ale & Cider House, Shoreham-by-Sea. Steve Pardoe presented the certificate to Richard Hasler.



The Rural Pub of the Year is the Swan Inn, Falmer. In the photo Steve Pardoe presents the award

to Daren Little of the Swan Inn, Falmer on the 26th of January.

North Sussex

For the second year running, and for a record 7th time, the Peter King Memorial Shield has retaken its place above the fireplace at the White Horse in Maplehurst, as CAMRA North Sussex's Pub of the Year.



In the photo are Simon and Beth, being presented with the shield by new branch Chair, Penny Stringer, in the middle. Thanks to Ralph Streamer for the photo.

In a very close vote, the White Horse just retained its title ahead of the Brewery

Shades in Crawley, the branch's Cider Pub of the Year. The other finalists this year were the Malt Shovel in Horsham, the Jolly Tanners in Staplefield and the Red Lion in Turners Hill.

The White Horse now has a chance to retain its title as CAMRA Sussex Pub of the Year.

North East Sussex

The King's Head in East Hoathly are well deserved winners of both the North East Sussex branch Pub of the Year, 2019, and Cider Pub of the Year. The presentations were made on 20th March to landlords Robert and Tracie Wallace.

The King's Head are Brewery Tap for the adjacent 1648 Brewing Company and as well as achieving respect for the high quality and variety of the beer they serve there's real cider too, with always an ever-changing local cider on the bar. It's a fine example of a historic village pub.



The photo shows, left to right, Steve Obey, Branch Chairman, Robert, Tracie and barman Owen.

South East Sussex

The Tower in St Leonards is the Pub of the Year. The George Hotel in Hailsham is the Cider Pub of the Year.

Western Sussex

The Hornet Alehouse, Chichester is the Pub of the Year. This branch did not award a Cider Pub of the Year.

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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.

24-25 May Southwick Beer, Cider & Music Festival, see page 43.

24-27 May Kings Head Cacklebury (Hailsham) Beer Festival. A variety of guest ales and ciders. Live music every day. All day barbecue. See kingsheadcacklebury.co.uk for more details.

24-27 May King's Arms, Arundel May bank holiday weekend beer festival. 16 real ales, 1 craft lager, 2 ciders. Street food Saturday and Sunday, Music Saturday and Sunday afternoons outside on the Hill.

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 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. See page 37.

26 May Launch Night for the 26th Brighton & South Downs summer Ale Trail. From 7pm at The Lord Nelson, Brighton. Free buffet, see page 38.

30 May - 3 Jun Beer Engine, Southwick - London Cask Ale Fest. See page 9.

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

7-9 Jun Old Boot Inn, Seaford, Beer Festival, see page 51 (inside pack page).

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.

14-16 Jun The Crown, Newick - Beer Festival, see page 27.

14-16 Jun Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill Beer Festival. 11am to 11pm, Saturday 15, 11am to 11pm; Sunday 16 June, 12 midday to 5pm - subject to beer still being available. Open to non members. 14 ales on stillage plus 5 on handpump and 6 ciders. Food available plus live music. Thursday 13th June preview evening for club members & CAMRA members only.

15-16 Jun Alested festival at the Elsted Inn. 3rd Alested Ale and Music festival. Hosting well known musicians, morning yoga workshops, morris dancing, folk sessions, and a family ceilidh. Interesting and award winning local ales, and a BBQ including vegan, allergen free, and seriously meaty options.

21-22 Jun 23rd South Downs Beer & Cider Festival, Old Corn & Hop & Corn Exchange, Lewes Town Hall, Lewes, see page 3.

21-23 Jun Wilkes Head, Eastergate, Ale, Cider & Gin Festival, see page 22.

28-30 Jun Three Moles, Selham Beer Festival. See page 7.

24-30 Jun Lewes Beer Week, a week of events including Meet the Brewer talks, home brew competitions, bottle shares and more; culminating in the second town-wide Lewes Tap Takeover 27-30 June.

4-8 Jul Beer Engine, Southwick - American Pale Ale Fest. See page 9.

5-6 Jul 13th SIBA South East Beer Festival, Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club, Tonbridge. 150+ Real Ales + Cider. Free Admission. www.tj-beerfest.com. See page 52 (back page)

12-14 Jul Holly Tree, Walberton Summer Beer Festival, see page 51 (inside pack page).

1-5 Aug Wellington Brighton Beer Festival, to celebrate the 25 year tenure of Steve and Nadia. Themed evenings, Sunday; barbeque, black powder Morris, free raffle, up to 6 rotating ales, hopefully a cider and Perry too. Culminating in a 1994 themed quiz on the Monday evening. You can find out more on our twitter account, facebook or popping in!

6-10 Aug **Great British Beer Festival**, Olympia, London.

9-11 Aug Plough Inn, Crowhurst, Summer Beer Festival.

22-26 Aug Duke of Wellington Shoreham By Sea, Riverfest Beer & Music Festival. 30 Beers & 10 Ciders; BBQ food all weekend provided by EAT FOOD LOVE FOOD; entertainment every day - a plethora of world folk styles. See dukeofwellingtonbrewhouse.co.uk.

23-25 Aug Three Moles, Selham Beer Festival. See page 7.

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

24 Aug Langhams Mini Beer and Music Festival 1-11pm. See page 19.

31 Oct - 4 Nov Beer Engine, Southwick - Britain's Finest 16 Cask Ales Fest. See page 9.

15-17 Nov Albatross Club (RAFA), Bexhill Beer Festival.

Pubs in Sussex offering a discount to CAMRA members

Full details can be found at sussex.camra.org.uk/discount. Below is a list of all of the 56 pubs.

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North Laine Brewhouse:

Preston Park Tavern:

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Victory Inn:

Burgess Hill

Block & Gasket: 5% off

Quench Bar & Kitchen: 10% off

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Chichester: Chichester Inn

Climping: Oystercatcher: 20p off a pint

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Brewery Shades:

Flying Horse:

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East Grinstead: Dorset

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Icklesham: Robin Hood Lewes

Brewers Arms: 5% off

Elephant & Castle: 10% off

Gardener's Arms: 5% off

Littlehampton: New Inn: 20p off a pint

Rottingdean: White Horse: 10% off

Rye: Queen's Head: 20p off a pint

Seaford: Old Boot Inn: 5% off

Shoreham Beach: Waterside Inn: 10% off

Shripney: Robin Hood: 10% off

Southwick: Schooner Inn: 35p per pint

St. Leonards on Sea:

Dripping Spring Alehouse

Telscombe Cliffs: Smugglers Rest: 20p off a pint

Worthing

Bulls Head: 10% off

North Star: 20p off a pint

Thomas A'Becket

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

Sat 11 May PotY Minibus Trip (visiting Kings Head, East Hoathly; George, Hailsham; White Horse, Maplehurst). 12:00 from The Green Man Ale and Cider House, Tarring. Please contact Nigel (social@aaa.camra.org.uk) to book a place.

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.

Sat 4 May Lewes, Publicity Crawl for the South Downs Beer Festival, meet outside Lewes station at 12 noon or 4pm - all welcome

Thu 9 May Hove-Portslade, Foghorn micropub, 55 Boundary Road BN3 4EF, then Railway Inn.

Thu 16 May Seaford, Old Boot Inn 16 South Street BN25 1PE, then Wellington.

Thu 23 May Brighton, Bevy 50 Hillside BN2 4TF, then (using No.49 bus) Admiral.

Sat 25 May Third Adur Valley Beer Walk.

Sun 26 May Launch Night for the 26th Brighton & South Downs summer Ale Trail. See brightoncamra.org.uk/EventsList.html for more details.

North Sussex

Sat 18 May Yapton Beerex Day out, Yapton & Ford Village Hall

Tue 21 May Rusper Mini Crawl, starting in the Plough then heading to the Star Inn

Tue 23 Jul Lamb Inn, Lambs Green

Sat 27 Jul Mystery Bus Tour - Back on the Road tour. Please contact Thomas Black to book a seat (socialnscamra@gmail.com) See northsussex.camra.org.uk/events for more details.

North East Sussex

Wed 15 May Wheel Inn, Burwash Weald, Heathfield Tavern & Star Inn, Waldron.

Wed 19 Jun Greyhound and White Hart, Wadhurst and Old Vine, Cousley Wood.

Wed 17 Jul Roebuck, Laughton, Blacksmiths Arms, Halland and Brickmakers, Uckfield.

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

South East Sussex

Sat 4 May PotY Trip Pick ups: 0930 Tower, St. Leonards; 1010 Kings Drive, Eastbourne

Tue 14 May Two Sawyers, Pett (Champion NBSS Pub Award); Queens Head, Icklesham.

Sat 8 Jun Ramsgate Micropub Tour. Train from Eastbourne 09:49, St. Leonards WS 10:22, arrive Ramsgate 12:15.

Tue 25 Jun PotY Presentation: Tower, St. Leonards

Sat 6 Jul Sussex Beer of the Year Award: Kissingate Brewery.

Tue 9 Jul Red Lion, Brede; New Inn, Westfield; Queen's Head, Sedlescombe.

Tue 23 Jul Hurst Arms, Eastbourne; Victoria Hotel, Eastbourne

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

Western Sussex

Tue 14 May Social, starting at the Spotted Cow, Hunston, at 9pm. Then on to the Blacksmith's, Donnington, finishing at the Chichester Inn, Chichester.

Tue 21 May Social, starting at the Red Lion, Fernhurst, at 9pm. Then on to the King's Arms, Fernhurst, finishing at the Duke of Cumberland Arms, Henley.

Tue 28 May Social, starting at the Richmond, West Ashling, at 9pm. Then on to the Fox & Hounds, Funtington, finishing at the Barley Mow, Walderton.

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CPotY: Green Man Ale and Cider House, Worthing;

COTY: none

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Beer Festival: South Downs, 21-22 June 2019

PotY: Brighton Bier Haus, Brighton CPotY: Old Star

Ale & Cider House, Shoreham-by-Sea; CotY: none

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Beer Festival: Equinox, 6-7 March 2020

PotY: White Horse, Maplehurst CPotY: Brewery

Shades, Crawley; CotY: none

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PotY: King's Head, East Hoathly;

CPotY: King's Head, East Hoathly CotY: none

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Beer Festival: Eastbourne, 24-26 May 2019

PotY: Tower, St Leonards CPotY: George Hotel,

Hailsham; CotY: Albattross Club (RAFA), Bexhill on Sea

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Beer Festival: Yapton, 17-19 May 2019

PotY: Hornet Alehouse, Chichester CPotY: none

CotY: none

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

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