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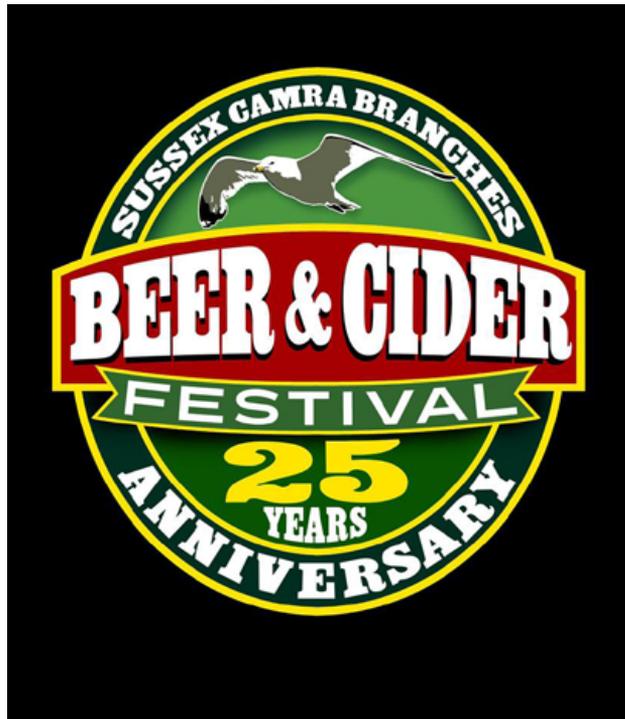
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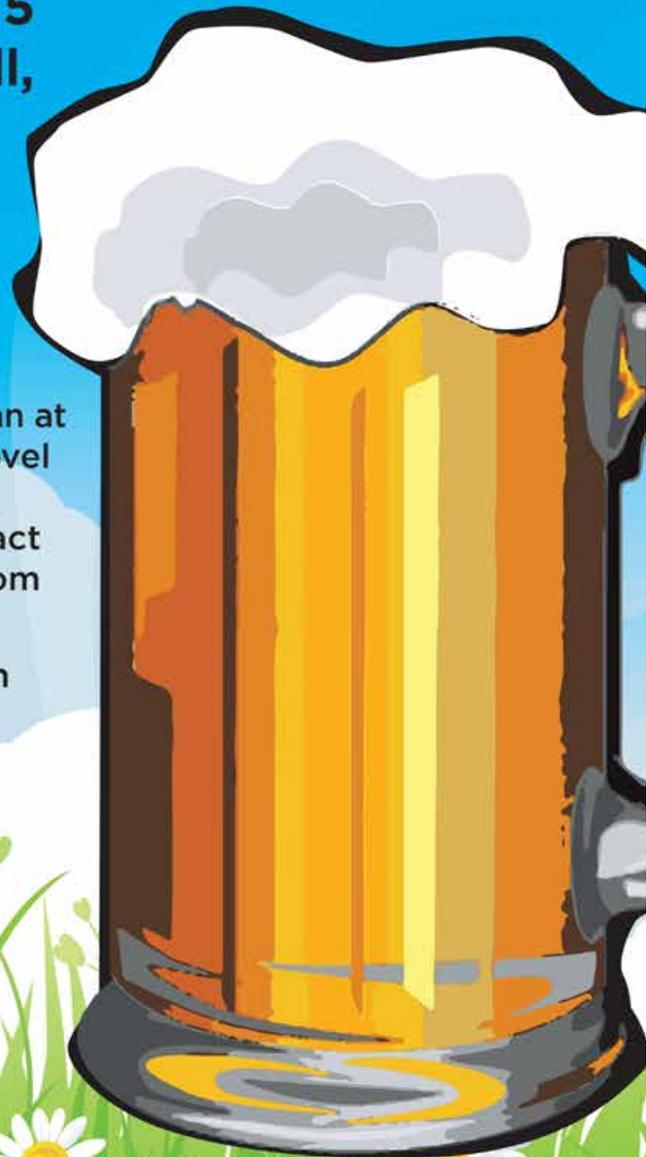
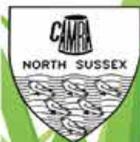
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Sussex CAMRA Branches 25th Beer & Cider Festival

**Brighton Corn Exchange
Church Street, Brighton, BN1 1EE**

Real ale is bucking a lot of trends and going from strength to strength with over twelve hundred breweries in the UK, including over forty in Sussex, producing over 5,000 different beers. With a new venue this year we will not be able to have as much choice as we have had previously, but there will be over 150 specially chosen real ales on sale. Cider and perry lovers will have more than thirty ciders and perries available and there will be a selection of British real ales in a bottle together with foreign beers. Please bear in mind that real ale takes at least two days to settle before it can be served, therefore the earlier you can get to the festival the greater the choice of beer that will be

available. It is not our policy to hold back for later sale any beers which are ready for consumption.

Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we will not be able to provide any live entertainment this year. To help soak up those pints there will be a variety of food on sale, including vegetarian and vegan choices. Kaz and Camilla from Ace Faces will be doing face painting and temporary tattoos. All bars will operate a token system with each token being worth 10p. Refunds will be given only for whole £s and must be requested before time is called at the bar. Any surplus tokens as well as any spare cash you have can be donated to this year's Festival Charity which will be Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstons). If you wish to volunteer to work at the festival there are full details on the festival web site: www.sussexbeerfestival.co.uk.

Tickets will go on sale from 19 January until 14 March at the following outlets: Evening Star, Brighton; Beer Essentials, Horsham; Gardener's Arms, Lewes; Duke of Wellington, Shoreham-by-Sea and Selden Arms, Worthing. Please note that, contrary to the information given in the last *Sussex Drinker*, tickets will not be available from the Buckingham Arms, Shoreham-by-Sea. For Postal Sales please send a 9x4 SAE with your payment to SBB&CF Ticket Sales, 16 Connell Drive, Woodingdean, Brighton BN2 6RT. Please state which session(s) you require with cheques or postal



orders (sterling only) made payable to Sussex CAMRA Beer Festival. No refunds will be processed after 12 March. There will be no on-line facility for the purchase of tickets this year.

Again, contrary to the information given in the last *Sussex Drinker*, a minimum of 100 tickets will be on sale at the door before each of the five sessions.

Opening Times & Ticket Prices:

Thursday	11am to 3pm	£5
	5pm to 11pm	£8
Friday	11am to 3pm	£5
	5pm to 11pm	£8
Saturday	12am to 10pm†	£8
	After 5pm‡	£4

(† Or whenever the beer runs out if before)
(‡ No Advance Tickets for Saturday after 5pm - Pay on the Door)

More information is available on the festival website. The ticket price will include a free souvenir glass and festival programme. For card-carrying CAMRA members there will be £2 worth of beer tokens available from the CAMRA membership stand. If you look under 25 please bring a photo ID and there will be no admission for under-18s at ALL sessions with no exceptions. Bags may be inspected at all times. ID wristbands will be issued to all attendees.

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SUSSEX PUB SCRATCHINGS

News of new developments and updates on the Sussex pub scene will be gratefully received by the Editor for consideration in *Scratchings*. The standard disclaimer on p. 3 applies to all items.

■ ALCISTON

The Sussex Bus to the Pub group paid its first visit to the **Rose Cottage**, a cosy, old, village pub-restaurant, with many original features, where well-kept Harveys Best and Old were enjoyed. The pub is easy to access using the Compass 125 bus from Lewes to the stop just a few hundred yards south of the A27.

■ BATTLE



The **Squirrel** reopened in mid December. Early reports are of five beers: Harveys, Dark Star, two from

Greene King and a guest.

■ BERWICK

After a short closure the **Berwick Inn** reopened in December with new management. Beers from Harveys, Long Man and Burning Sky were found in excellent condition during a January visit to this free house where food is served all day.

■ BOGNOR REGIS



The **Claremont** was purchased in August by local people who are new to the pub trade. They plan to reintroduce real ale using the existing

single hand-pump and are hoping to do food as well.

What was previously the Railway is now **Jacks**

Beer & Burger Joint. It offers karaoke, live music, multi screens, pool tables, darts, Sky Sports and two real ales on hand pump: Fuller's London Pride and Sharp's Doom Bar.

All attempts by Aldwick residents to refloat the **Ship**, including a 2500-strong petition and getting the pub listed as an ACV, have been ultimately unsuccessful after Arun District Council's development control committee approved plans to turn the empty property into a Morrisons convenience store.

■ CAMBER

The **Camber Castle**, previously having had no real ale, now has three Shepherd Neame beers on hand pump.

■ COMPTON

David Butler will celebrate thirty years as licensee of the **Coach & Horses** on Thursday 12 February.

■ CRAWLEY



The **Brewery Shades** can be relied upon to offer something a bit different for the area. A random evening visit found a Burning Sky beer, plus others

from Bespoke, Goldfinch and York breweries. Quality is also very good here.

■ CROWBOROUGH

Dave and Judith at the **Coopers Arms** serve excellent quality ales from far and near. Dark Star feature regularly, together with some of the more interesting brews from Fuller's appearing from time to time. Noted on various visits have been products from further afield including Arbor, Blue Monkey, Hawkshead, Liverpool Organic, Marble and Moor. For the beer

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connoisseur there is an impressive selection of interesting bottled beers. For many of the Sussex Bus to the Pub group, the travelling from one end of the county to the other can be a challenge but visits to two of the pub's recent beers festivals - the excellent Green Hop and London Calling events - made the journey more than worth it.

■ **DANEHILL**

The **Coach & Horses** continues to offer two well-kept ales, with the regular Harveys Best and the changing guest. Black Pig Cider is now available all year round due to its popularity. Tucked away off the A275, to some this could be considered the perfect country pub and it is easy to see why.

■ **EASTBOURNE**



On Friday 27 February, the **Eagle**, South Street, will be launching a brand-new Cask Ale Club that will offer

customers a wider range of real ale at a reduced price. The price of their cask ales will be reduced across the board on a permanent basis. The price of a pint of real ale will now start from £2.99; these new prices will be available all day, every day, to every customer. There will be an increase in the amount of beers available and it is hoped to have all six hand pumps in use most of the time.



The **Hurst Arms** (Harveys) in Willingdon Road has new management keen to maintain the pub's reputation: it was branch Pub of the Year in 2010. Four Harveys beers are served on the hand pumps in the comfortable lounge and lively public bar.

The last edition reported that a Sainsbury's supermarket was likely to be built, despite local opposition, on the site of the **Drive**. Work has now started; this will be a sturdy nail in the coffin of the unique shopping experience that is Albert Parade, which is directly opposite.



The **Cavalier Inn** remains closed. We hope the owners find new tenants soon to bring out the potential of this pub that is,

uniquely, both free of tie and only a stone-throw from the theatres and main town seafront. The local branch are concerned that planning permission has been granted, despite opposition, to change the use for about 10% of the building to residential accommodation, although fortunately the pub and its cellar are not affected.

Live music venue **Busker's Bar**, 170 Seaside, is currently being refurbished. We hope real ale will still be available once the work has been completed.

■ **EWHURST GREEN**

The **White Dog Inn** is comfortably busy much of the time with both regular and guest beers in this traditional village pub.

■ **FRIDAY STREET (RUSPER)**



The **Royal Oak** continues to support local brewers, with Dark Star and Surrey Hills ales as regulars. Andwell, Downlands,

Hammerpot and Langham products frequently appear and Havant brewery beers have also been noted. Three or four ciders are also available.

■ **HASTINGS**

The **Plough** (Enterprise Inns) in Priory Road,



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West Hill, has reopened with new management after the refurbishment mentioned in the previous edition. Harveys Best, Wells Courage Directors and Timothy Taylor Landlord were served on a recent visit.

The **Jenny Lind** now has ten hand pumps and is therefore serving an even greater range of real ales. Also in the Old Town High Street, the FILO seasonal Our Auld Ale (6.5%) was in good form again this year at the First In Last Out.

Churchills Hotel Bar, St Helen's Crescent, usually has two ales on and was serving over Christmas a good pint of Greene King Hardys and Hansons Rocking Rudolph. The bar is open to non-residents. The Double Dragon Chinese restaurant is housed within the hotel.

Marston's have made a planning application to turn the old Hurst Court site on The Ridge into a pub. We await the outcome with interest.

■ HEATHFIELD

The **Cross in Hand**, ultimately owned by Heineken, reopened with new tenants in late December. Three hand pumps initially offer Fuller's London Pride and Theakston Old Peculier plus one changing beer.

■ HENFIELD

The **Bell** has closed and is now a funeral directors.

■ HORSHAM



A recent visit by the Sussex Bus to the Pub group to the **Malt Shovel** found a new enthusiastic Enterprise lessee, Sam, who has given the pub an internal makeover and added well kept LocAle beers from Surrey Hills - Ranmore and Greensand IPA. Also available were Kings

Old and Timothy Taylor Landlord.

■ HOVE

The intended conversion of the former York House Wines off-licence, Richardson Road, into a micro pub (as reported in the autumn 2014 issue) failed to occur; but the four people behind the venture - Rick and Ruth Evans and Dave and Ali White - have won planning permission and a licence for a micro pub in Goldstone Villas. To be called the **Watchmaker's Arms** (the property, a former second-hand electronics shop, was once a watchmakers) it is due to open in the spring.

What was originally the Adur Hotel and more recently the Blue Lagoon is now the **Gather Inn**.

■ LICKFOLD

After four years of closure under its previous owner, Chris Evans, the **Lickfold Inn** reopened in December having been purchased by restaurant chef Tom Sellers. The upstairs is a dining room while the ground floor respects the legacy of a proper pub, serving craft and local beers and a range of modern and traditional cocktails and snacks. The survival of the inn owes much to the active village campaigners who, supported by the local authority, were successful in having it listed as an Asset of Community Value.

■ LITTLEHAMPTON



The **New Inn** is making great strides towards improving the reputation of the town as a drinking venue. Under its energetic manager Becky, it has replaced all its beer lines, overhauled the cellar, improved beer quality and range, introduced a CAMRA discount of 20p per pint and has brought twenty new CAMRA members into the Arun & Adur

branch in the last year! The branch were delighted to hold a social at the pub on 17 January.

■ NEWHAVEN

New licensees of the **Ark** are Penny and Steve. Having installed three new hand pumps they would like to welcome real-ale lovers to their pub. Acoustic folk nights are held every Wednesday with regular live bands at weekends.

■ NYETIMBER

The **Inglenook** has won the local *Observer* newspaper's Pub of the Year award. It was also runner-up in the CAMRA Sussex Bus to the Pub group's Pub of the Year. Following the BtTP group's initial visit early in 2014, they completed that year with a return to this superb hostelry where they enjoyed welcoming hospitality and some excellent strong, dark ales.

■ OFFHAM



The **Blacksmiths Arms** changed hands earlier this year and has extended its beer range and opening times. It is now open all day (12noon-11pm Monday-Saturday and 12noon-10.30pm Sunday). Four hand pumps are in use supplying, during a December visit, Harveys Best and Old, Goldmark Amarillo and Hurst Poacher's Gold. The first three were tried in fine fettle at around £3.40 a pint.

■ O Ving

Work began on 9 December to restore the **Gribble Inn**, with an estimated completion date of the end of February 2015. An interim measure is the 'Gribble Brewery Tap', open in what was the old skittle alley at the following times: Friday 12noon-10.30pm; Saturday 12noon-6pm; Sunday 12noon-6pm. Do drop in for a drink and continue to support Simon and

Nikki through what must have been a most frustrating period for them, as well as for Gribble beer drinkers.

■ PEACEHAVEN

Three real ales are available at around £3.20 a pint at the **Sussex Coaster**. Two recent visits have found Sharp's Doom Bar alongside two changing beers including Black Sheep Bitter, Wadworth 6X, Hobgoblin It's Christmas, Everards Wonderland and Thaites Yule.

The **Cliff Inn** (formerly White Schooner) has had a revamp. Beers recently seen on the four hand pumps include a selection from Long Man and Beachy Head plus a rare sighting of Rockin' Robin Brewery Robin Redbreast, indigenous to Kent. Still on stillage from a recent beer festival were Burning Sky Aurora and Devil's Rest, Beachy Head Christmas Ale, Dark Star Hophead and Meltdown, as well as five local ciders, available as three-thirds for £3 ales and £3.50 ciders. Plus a choice of four meals and a pint (goat curry, very good).

■ PETWORTH

Skinner's Betty Stogs has replaced Sharp's Doom Bar at the **Stonemasons Inn** where the guest beers are from Sussex breweries. Licensees Tracey and Ian celebrate their second anniversary here at the end of March and have done a lot to improve this popular pub, including the introduction of Irish music on the first Sunday lunchtime of the month and jazz on the third Sunday of each month. See this issue's diary dates for details of their May Bank Holiday weekend beer festival.

■ PEVENSEY BAY

The **Beach Tavern** is under new management; the pub has two hand pumps.

■ PORTSLADE

The **Stags Head** has a new landlord. The pub has been redecorated and the TVs and pool tables removed. They plan to have four real ales

on all the time. A December visit found Dark Star Hophead and APA, Harveys Best and one other.

What was formerly the Whistlestop will be closed for refurbishment for a couple of months at the start of the year, to reopen under its original name of the **Railway Inn**. The licensee will be Zoe Rogers who, during her tenancy at the George Payne, Hove, won Best Turnaround Pub at the 2013 Great British Pub Awards.

■ **ROWFANT**

Excellent news from October: **Rowfant House** CEO Lisa Porter and her team were successful in saving this Elizabethan manor from developers. They are also rebuilding its reputation as a real ale venue. Their second beer festival will be 3-6 April. Kissingate brewery have been working closely with them on beer issues and have brought in many guest ales alongside the Kissingate beers permanently on the bar. North Sussex CAMRA have been very supportive of the venue and use it for meetings on a regular basis.

■ **SEDLESCOMBE**



The **Queen's Head** offers four ales, including two from local micros.

■ **ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA**

The **Duke**, Silverhill, now has three ales available; Rother Valley Copper Ale tasted very good on a recent visit.

The sixth hand pump has been installed in the **Tower**. This free house is now selling Somerset Snuffler West Country Cider, which is proving very popular.

■ **STOPHAM**



Having been closed for much of 2014 following severe flood damage when the nearby River Arun burst

its banks, the lovely, old country pub the **White Hart** reopened open on Saturday 15 November.

■ **UCKFIELD**



The **Alma** must be considered to be the best pub in town, serving excellent quality Harveys ales. It is one of the few

in the estate selling Dark Mild all year round, so a visit in December found three dark beers on sale, as additionally, Old Ale was on available on hand pump, plus pins of Christmas Ale were on the bar.

■ **WADHURST**



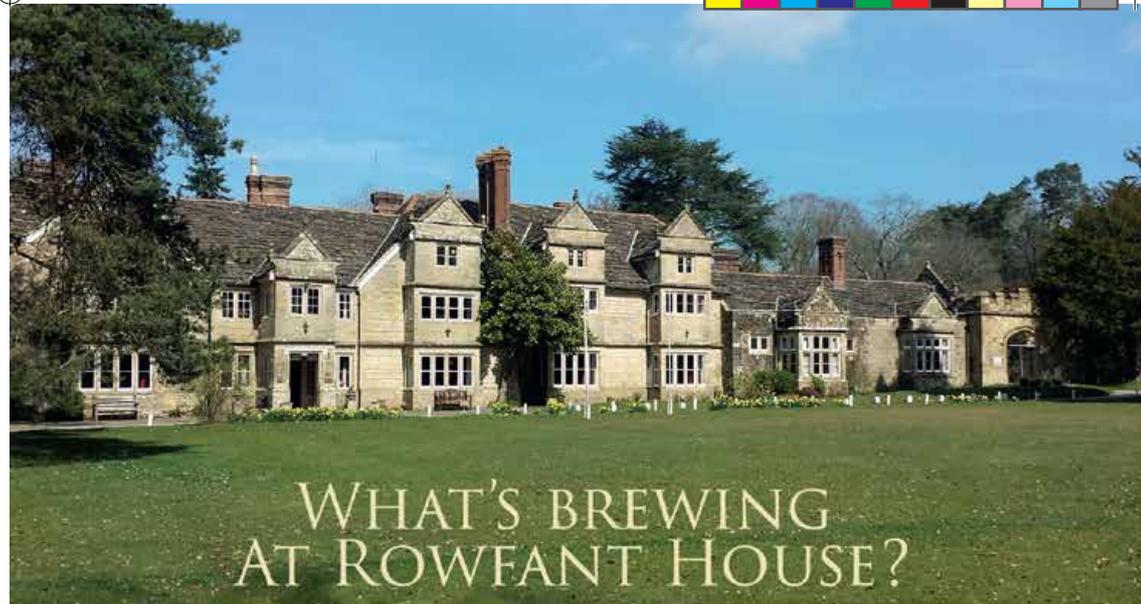
Reopened is the **Best Beech**, a Shepherd Neame house in Tidebrook with Harveys Best also available.

Reported closed is another Shep's house, the **Red Lion** at Sparrow's Green. In the village centre the **White Hart** reopened under new management in September and has since maintained a range of six beers under the Greene King 'local hero' scheme, three from Bury St. Edmunds and three from local micros.

■ **WESTFIELD**

Excellent news - after remaining empty for some years, the former local branch Pub of the Year, the Old Courthouse, is due to reopen this February under its original name of the **New Inn**.

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The Sussex Bus to the Pub Group

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

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

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

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

Important note : many of the rural routes that we use are subsidised by local councils. With government funding to County Councils continuing to be reduced year on year, cuts can and do occur at short notice. Currently we are awaiting to learn the full extent of the upcoming East Sussex CC cuts which are likely to be introduced in Spring 2015. **Any changes to this programme will be advised to those on our mailing list so do please join (see below).**



February

Wednesday 4 BttP PotY presentation; meet from noon at Hand in Hand, Kemp Town, Brighton (GBG)

Wednesday 11 to Hove & Shoreham; meet from noon at Neptune (GBG) then Brunswick & Old Star

Thursday 19 to Turners Hill & West Hoathly; 10.15 Metrobus 270 from B'ton C'hill Sq. to Hay Heath Perrymount Road (adj. stn.) for 11.42 Metrobus 82 to Red Lion (GBG), then 13.58 M'bus 84 to Cat

Wednesday 25 to Eastbourne; meet at C'hill Sq. for 10.30 B&H 12x from C'hill Sq then around E'borne South Street pubs (GBG)



March

Wednesday 4 to Staplefield and Burgess Hill; 10.48 Metro 271 to Jolly Tanners then return to Quench Bar (both GBG)

Wednesday 11 to Laughton* & Lewes; meet John Harvey Tavern from 11.30 then 12.20 Compass 143 to Roebuck then return for Lewes pubs. *= subject to pub reopening ; one alternative could be Selmeston & Alciston so pl. check with Stuart

Monday 16 to Lancing & Sompting; meet from 12 noon in Stanley Alehouse then onto Crabtree (GBG) and Gardeners Arms (GBG)

Thursday 26 Awayday to Snargate; 10.32 train from B'ton to Appledore (Kent) for easy road walk (approx. 1.5m) to Red Lion (GBG)



April

Thursday 2 to a Sx PotY pub; (ring for details nearer time)

Friday 8 Around Worthing; meet from 11.30 at Brooksteed Alehouse then onwards

Thursday 16 to a Sx PotY pub; (ring for details nearer time)

Monday 20 to Nyetimber and West Dean; meet Chi bus stn. for 11.43 Stagecoach 60 to Inglenook (GBG) then return to Dean at West Dean

Wednesday 29 Around Brighton; meet noon at Dispensary then onwards



May

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

Monday 11 to a Sx PotY pub; (ring for details nearer time)

Thursday 21 to Friday Street; either 10.00 Stagecoach 17 from C'Hill Sq (or 10.27 Metro 23 from W'tg) to H'sham Bus Stn for 11.49 Metro 93 to Kingsfold then footpath walk approx 1.5m, with some stiles, to Royal Oak (GBG)

Friday 29 either to a Sx PotY pub or around Kemp Town, Brighton; (ring for details nearer time)

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Bus to the Pub, Pub of the Year

As always, the group – now into its sixth year – has had an interesting and most enjoyable 2014 out and about visiting pubs, bars and even a club all over our wonderful county. A particular pleasure has been the emergence of four of the new breed of micro-pubs, with at least one other in the pipeline, so it would be no surprise to see numbers increase during 2015 as the industry continues to adapt to the growing demands from well-informed and knowledgeable consumers for interesting, innovative and tasty real ales and ciders. Whilst we are, sadly, all too aware that daytime trade continues to be a challenge for many publicans, equally we have been encouraged to find a good number of pubs of all types, sizes and locations really buzzing.



And so to our 'pub of the year' for the 2014 calendar year; we are delighted to announce that the GBG-listed Hand in Hand – a tiny locals' bar and brew pub in Kemp Town, Brighton, that has long been one of the group's most popular and enjoyable pubs to visit - is the richly deserved winner.

Owner, Brenda Robbins, will be known to many as the wife and business partner of the famed and characterful Bev who - after buying the pub in 1986 – had by 1989 established 'the world's smallest tower brewery' behind and above the pub. Bev sadly passed away in 2006 after a long battle with throat cancer but the Kemptown brewery happily continues in his memory.

Runner-up is the most excellent now GBG-listed Inglenook - a cosy country hotel in Nyetimber, West Sussex – until recently one not especially noted for its real ales - but to the group's delight not only has it proved to be the 'find of the year' but also a most unexpected and deserved one!

The top ten pubs are:

- 1st. Hand in Hand, Kemp Town, Brighton
- 2nd. Inglenook Hotel, Nyetimber
- joint 3rd. Cooper's Arms, Crowborough
Brewers Arms, Lewes
- joint 5th. Anchored in Worthing
Brooksteed Alehouse, Worthing
- joint 7th. Albatross (RAFA) Club, Bexhill
Royal Oak, Friday Street, Rusper
Snowdrop, Lewes
Wilkes Head, Eastergate

A presentation will have been made to Hand in Hand manager Matt Davies and owner Brenda Robbins shortly before publication of this spring edition of *Sussex Drinker* but the BttP group will be visiting the Inglenook again on Monday 20 April, and returning to the Hand in Hand possibly at the end of May, so do please join us there.

Bru News

The Sussex Breweries Pages

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

1648

East Hoathly, 01825 840830.
www.1648brewing.co.uk
The brewery had a very good 2014 on the sale of bottled beer and will be continuing the production throughout 2015. Brewery tours will be offered again once all work has been completed on a refurbishment to the fermenting vessels and flooring. **St George** (4.5%) will be a must for 23 April; also on offer will be two award-winning ales, **Ruby Mild** (3.6%) and **Three Threads** (4.3%).
David Platt

360°

Sheffield Park, 01825 722375.
www.360degreebrewing.com
The first two seasonal beers were launched very successfully and have proved popular: **Pacific Red #45** was produced for autumn and **Oatmeal Stout #45** for winter. The members club is growing steadily. Two events have been held at the brewery where a guest speaker is invited and free beer provided. A 10% discount applies to all of their produce available at the brewery shop, open most Saturdays.
Jason Phillips

ADUR

Steyning, 01903 867614.
www.adurbrewery.com
The brewery now has three



fermenting vessels, a fully-functioning cold room and a conditioning room. Sales were up at Christmas at local farmers markets and stocks are now plentiful due to increased production. **Steyning Special**, 5.5% bitter, is currently the best seller. One new member has joined and the brewery is still looking for more, so check the website if you are interested in helping out. A good outlet for bottled beers is the Sussex Produce Company, Steyning - the 2014 bottles of 9.2% **Very Merry Andrew** have gone down well.
Nigel Bullen

ANCHOR SPRINGS

Littlehampton, 01903 719086.
www.anchorsspringsbrewery.com
The brewery was very busy supplying outlets for the Christmas rush. Its new restaurant bar, the Contented Pig, has opened on the town's High Street. Here you can purchase all bottles and order casks as well as sample the daily ale served from the barrel. Food is prepared by a new team of talented chefs and the Cornish Pasties will still be available. The bar will soon stock **Home and Colonial**, a new bottle conditioned

ale using wild hops gathered from the brewery's own farm.
BLOTBC

ARUNDEL

Ford, nr Arundel, 01903 733111.
www.arundelbrewery.co.uk
At the end of September the company launched its **Sussex Cyder**, made from a high proportion of bittersweet cider apples grown in the county. It is now available at the brewery shop. In production until the end of February is the seasonal **Winter Knights** (4.9%), a dark-chestnut old ale that includes chocolate malt in the grist and Golding hops in the copper. This was joined throughout December by **Red Nose**, a 5.0% festive amber ale that debuted at the Arundel by Candlelight festival.
Jeff Vinter

BALLARD'S

Nyewood, 01730 821362.
www.ballards-brewery.co.uk
A new event in November, "Beats at Ballard's", combining live music and food may well be repeated early this year. The Ballard's Walk winter brew was **Kippered** (insert your own UKIP reference here); at 8.5% and being very drinkable it has since sold out. The walk was again very well supported and raised £450 for the local Headway charity. A new bottled beer, **Ginger Binger**, is being trialed; at 6.0% and based on **Wassail**, each bottle will contain a small sliver of ginger. If successful, it will be added to the seasonal list. The label artwork was created by local artist Ruth Leach, who also designed the label and the pump clip for **On The Hop**.
Barry Woodward

BASELINE

Small Dole, 01903 879111.
www.baselinebrewing.co.uk
Baseline's Sussex Brewery shop is now open. Trading hours will vary

around Monday to Friday 9.30am-6pm, sometimes to 7pm. It will also open every first and third Saturday of each month from 10am-1pm. Please call or email if you want to check if the shop is open before visiting. It is intended to stock some of the brewery's own beers in bottles as well as beer direct from the cask by 500ml, 2 litre and up 5 litre mini-kegs. Deliveries and set up for 72 pint casks for parties and barbecues etc. can be arranged. A local delivery service (within ten miles of the brewery) but with a minimum order of 5 litre mini-keg is also available. Tel: 01273 915025 / email: info@baselinebrewing.co.uk.
Peter Mitchell

BEACHY HEAD

East Dean, 01323 423313.
www.beachyhead.org.uk
Business was very good leading up to Christmas and the signs are that things look good for 2015. More casks are on order as plans are afoot to increase production. Once again the **Famous Christmas Ale** has been a great success. This could lead to more brews of this ale next year.
Tony Harman

BEDLAM

Albourne, 07955 684041.
www.bedlambrewery.co.uk
Many more pubs are buying direct from the brewery while greater success and market exposure has been also been achieved by distributing through HTWhite. **Indian Pale Ale** (4.8) has been introduced to the permanent range of beers. Also launched is a seasonal beer, **Pilgrim** (4.2%), brewed with the first harvest of hops grown on the farm at Albourne. A change over on the bottling process from pasteurised to "chilled filter" has improved the flavour and quality of the beer. Planning permission is

being sought to double the size of the brewery, with the work expected to be completed by this spring.

Peter Mitchell

BLACK CAT

Framfield, Uckfield.
www.blackcat-brewery.com
New owners Paul and Kate are aiming to develop two areas of the business. One is in East Sussex supplying the existing pubs as far as the Spotted Dog, Penshurst and the Crown, Groombridge, also creating some interest at the Coopers Arms, Crowborough, and, locally to the brewery, the Griffin, Fletching. The other is feeding the pubs in Weybridge where the husband and wife team reside. They have a large unit enabling growth to a 10-barrel plant. They have already brewed **Original, Hopsmack and Black Cat**.
BLOTBC

BRIGHTON BIER

Brighton, 07515 956976 / 07967 681203.
www.brightonbier.com
The new brewery will enable an increase in the availability and distribution of the core beers as well as allowing for more frequent brews of the **Dealer's Choice** IPA range, which has proven very popular in its first few guises. Later this year the team will be launching a new signature brew called, simply, **Brighton Bier**. As well as being sold on draught, this will be the first of their ales to be available packaged in bottles or cans.
Peter Hartley

BURNING SKY

Firle, 01273 858080.
www.burningskybeer.com
The brewery wishes to thank Harveys for very kindly lending them casks for local deliveries over the Christmas period. Head brewer

and proprietor Mark Tranter was voted Brewer of the Year 2014 by the British Guild of Beer Writers - a well deserved honour. As the **Porter** went down very well at Christmas, there will be a seasonal cask beer produced in limited quantities aimed mainly at the local market; the spring beer is yet to be decided. The new Saison is **Saison Rouge**, a 5.5% beer incorporating four yeast strains and brewed using cardamom and orange blossom; it will be available in key keg and bottles. More bottle conditioned beers from the ageing programme will follow as 2015 progresses. The first will be an export porter; aged in oak for three months with *Brettanomyces* yeast.
Ruth Anderson

DARK STAR

Partridge Green, 01403 713085.
www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk
Surprisingly for a strong, dark beer, December's **Crème Brûlée** was one of the brewery's fastest selling beers of all time. Also very well received was the oak aged 10% **Critical Mass**, all bottled ready for Christmas. **Hophead** is now available in bottle, a move previously resisted because of its fame and appeal as a cask ale; but with modern bottling technology and care, the beer has retained its freshness and character while, due to the extended conditioning required to eliminate later chill haze, it is produced without the need for isinglass and therefore carries the vegetarian logo on the label.
Clive Watson

DOWNLANDS

Small Dole, 01273 495596.
www.downlandsbrewery.com
The winter seasonal beer, **Migration Song** (4.6%), and the two Christmas beers, **Pyecombe All Ye Faithful** (7.4%) and **Christmas Pud** (5.0%), have all

sold well. A number of awards have been won this year at beer festivals with notable success at Worthing with **CAM-RAA** and **Best**, while **Devils Dyke Honey Porter** was overall best at Yapton.

Roger Coton

FILO

Hastings, 01424 420212.
www.filobrewing.co.uk

The festive season saw the welcome return of **Our Auld Ale** (6.5%) and **Cardinal** (4.6%) supplementing other regular beers, **Churches Pale**, **Crofters**, **Gold**, and **Old Town Tom**, all of which remain as popular as ever in various pubs throughout Sussex and Kent.

Bill Turner

FIREBIRD

Rudgwick, 01403 823180.
www.firebirdbrewing.co.uk

The run up to Christmas was extremely busy with sales of beer far exceeding expectations. New for the holiday period were **Barnabus**, an authentic German-style 7.0% Doppelbock, available both in bottle and craft keg, and **Festive 51** (4.8%), a version of the much loved King & Barnes Festive. There are plans for further interesting cask and keg beers in the next few months. To help with production, four new 2000-litre conical fermenters were installed during January, bringing fermenting capacity up to 90 barrels. An extra 1000 square feet of space has been taken on to be used predominantly as storage for bottled beers. The indoor beer garden and bar is now completed and will be used to launch the brewery members club in the spring. As part of plans to help aspiring brewers, the first intern, Eric Hymas, is joining the brewery for a three month spell in January.

BLOTBC

FRANKLINS

Bexhill, 01424 731066.

www.franklinbrewery.co.uk

After the busiest December on record, Steve and Andrew are really looking forward to 2015 and growing the company even further. They expect to be able to reveal some exciting news in the next issue as well as launching several new beers in the spring. A company trip to Berlin supplied inspiration for a pilsner style lager as well as other kegged and bottled products, all of which it is hoped to have available soon. Other highlights will include the annual team up with Bexhill Rotary Club in order to stage the Ale and Arty festival.

Mac McCutcheon

GOLDMARK

Poling, nr Arundel, 07900 555415 / 01903 297838.

www.goldmarks.co.uk

Three new beers were released for 2015: **Black Lion Porter** (4.8%), **Vertigo Craft Lager** (4.8%) and **Red IPA** (4.3%). The porter was the first beer to sell out at the Worthing Beer Festival. The lager is one of Mark's German recipes in the Helles style clear beers, which has been aged for twelve weeks and in which time it naturally carbonates. Bottles are available from the website.

Jim Waterston

GOLDSTONE

Ditchling Common, 01444 257053.
www.goldstonebrewery.co.uk

A special seasonal brew for the East Slope Bar at the Sussex University Students' Union was **Ginger Beard**: this golden-coloured ale featured root ginger, cloves, cinnamon and chillies in its 4.8% recipe. Bottles of **Amarillo**, **Beacon**, **Old Charmer** and **Ruddy Duck** have become available. The brewery is marketing a product called **Sea-Cider**.

Described as 100% organic, it uses

hand-picked apples from the south east of England. At 5.0%, it comes in two varieties: **Straight Apple** and **Strawberry & Blackcurrant!**

Paul Free

GRIBBLE

The Gribble Inn, Oving, nr Chichester, 01243 786893.

www.gribbleinn.co.uk

The tragic arson attack on the pub caused major damage. The brewery was fortunately spared and has continued to brew on a reduced scale. The old skittle alley has been converted to a new Brewery Tap, open Fridays and weekends, where a couple of beers, just now **Fuzzy Duck** and **Gribble Ale**, are available on gravity.

Chris Wright

GUN

Hawthbush Farm, Gun Hill, Heathfield, 07900 683355.

beer@gunbrewery.co.uk

Equipment has been installed and the first beers should be available by the time you read this.

BLOTBC

HAMMERPOT

Poling, nr Arundel, 01903 883338.

www.hammerpot-brewery.co.uk

A year of consolidation at the Vinery in an increasingly crowded market is going to be followed by a year of development. **Australian Pale Ale** was the standout success of 2014 and more innovations will be issuing forth, particularly with the brewery's 10th anniversary coming up in the summer.

Tim Walker

HARVEYS

Lewes, 01273 480209.

www.harveys.org.uk

One of the steam engines was fired up as usual on Christmas Eve. The year 2015 marks the 225th anniversary of the opening of the brewery. As part of the celebrations,

the first of the mini hops is underway. Special beers will be brewed for this on the microbrewery. Other anniversary events will take place, details of which will hopefully be available for the next issue, but we can expect a special anniversary brew in June.

Jack Wilkinson

HASTINGS

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

www.hastingsbrewery.co.uk

The brewery has launched a range of Saison beers, available both bottle- and keg-conditioned. Varieties so far have included **Simple** (4.0%), **Rye** (5.8%), **Rye Celeia** (5.1%), **épices de Noël** (4.2%, with Christmas spices), and **Sour Cranberry** (4.2%). The latest beers in the **Handmade** range include a hopped-up **Stout** (6.0%, with Chinook, Columbus, Cascade) and a **Red RyePA** (6.0%, Citra, Chinook, Simcoe). Both are available conditioned in cask, bottle, and keg. The 3.7% **Handmade 17: Session Pale** recipe has changed to include both rye and wheat, along with Ella, Cascade, Citra and Columbus hops. **Handmade 15: Mosaic Pale Ale** won a silver award in its category at the SIBA South Craft Beer in Keg Competition in November.

Peter Page-Mitchell

HEATHEN

Heathen Brewers, Grape & Grain, 51 The Broadway, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3AS, 01444 456217 / 07825 429428.

www.heathenbrewers.co.uk

The brewery was founded in the spring of 2014 and launched on 21 September at the Broadway Village Fete and Ale Festival, with **Heathen Chemistry** (Belgian style Wheat Beer) and **Heathen Honey** (Honeyed West Coast IPA, 5.9%). Brewing takes place on a 2.5-barrel plant in the basement of the Grape

& Grain off-licence and delicatessen. Plans for 2015 include at least two brews per month, new beers and increased distribution.

BLOTBC

HEPWORTH

Horsham, 01403 269696.

www.hepworthbrewery.co.uk

To coincide with new labeling regulations Hepworth have been able to brew, through entirely natural processes, a number of gluten-free beers. These include bottled **Iron Horse**, **Blonde** (organic lager), and **Saxon** (lager). The latter two are also available on draught. Hopefully, these will be followed with further beers this year.

BLOTBC

HIGH WEALD

East Grinstead, 07836 291430.

www.highwealdbrewery.co.uk

The brewery has settled into its larger unit at the same address as before and is benefiting from increased production of both cask and bottled ales. Site restrictions prevent Andy selling direct from the brewery so the focus is on continuing to increase bottling capacity to meet demand. The run up to Christmas was very busy, showcasing bottles at tasting days, market stalls and other events to promote the regular beers, which have also been selling well through pubs and outlets such as the Market Square, East Grinstead and the Bedford Beer Cave, Tunbridge Wells.

Jonathan Samways

HOP YARD

Forest Row, 07769 313410.

www.hopyardbrewing.co.uk

Golden Ale was on tap at one of the brewery's Pop-up events. Future plans are evolving fast; check the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/hopyardbrewingco) or Twitter feed.

BLOTBC

HURST

Hurstpierpoint, 07866 438953.

www.hurstbrewery.co.uk

Inroads have been made into the bottled beer market with a limited edition run of **Winter Watchtower**. Now established as a firm favourite in the session beer market is **Oldland Sussex Pale Ale** (3.7%), brewed to mark the completion of restoration work on local post mill Oldland Mill, and as a tribute to the mill volunteers who have just been awarded the English Heritage Angel Award for their endeavours. This pale ale, along with **Founder's Best Bitter**, **Keeper's Golden Ale** and **Watchtower Black London Porter**, is now available all year round, with **Summer 700** appearing from late spring. Plans are in hand to introduce further seasonal ales and increase the bottled beer range.

Steve Floor

ISFIELD

Framfield, 01825 750633.

enquiries@isfieldbrewing.co.uk

Sales are good, especially of **Autumn Red**, the new 4.4% autumn seasonal, which has proved very popular and had a successful debut at the Eastbourne Beer Festival. To allow him to concentrate on brewing, Steve Wheatley is looking for somebody to work on telesales for about thirty hours per week.

Peter Adams

KEMPTOWN

The Hand in Hand, Brighton, 07967 681203.

The brewpub was excited to be voted Pub of the Year by the CAMRA Sussex Bus to the Pub group. Following the 25th anniversary of the brewery in November 2014 and a return to the GBG for 2015 it seems that good

news comes in "3's"! The management would like to thank Matt the landlord and the brew team from Brighton Bier for their contribution towards putting this historic gem of a pub back on the Sussex beer map. House favourites **Gold** (4.0%) and **Red** (4.5%) continue to be available exclusively on-site at the brewpub, alongside an ever-changing selection of guest cask ales and an extensive bottle list.

Peter Hartley

KILN

Burgess Hill, 07800 556729.
www.thekilnbrewery.co.uk
Kiln describe themselves as "an independent nano-brewery dedicated to creating the types of beers we like to drink: unfiltered, unpasteurised and most importantly full of great flavour." They are concentrating (for the time being, at least) on producing bottled beers. **Brewlin Rouge** (5.1%) has already been available in bottle and **Broadwalk Pale** (4.5%) has been bottled and will shortly be on sale.

Paul Free

KING BEER

Horsham, 01403 272102.
www.kingbeer.co.uk
Wonderland proved to be a big hit over Christmas, as was the stylish **Black Symphony** and the ever popular **Old**. If you have not yet managed to try **Red River** since its return in November, more is being brewed and it will be available throughout the winter. Events at the brewery continue, notably a recent Sussex Gourmet Bus tour, as part of the Brighton & Hove festival. "Brewer for a day" experiences are now on sale.

Mike Head

KISSINGGATE

Lower Beeding, 01403 891335.
www.kissinggate.co.uk
Gary and Bunny have had a busy

time hosting various events at the brewery throughout 2014. Their October and Christmas Festivals, Beer and Curry nights, Cream Tea afternoons and several private functions have kept the diary full. The next Kissinggate Open Day is the annual Spring Festival on Saturday 30 May. Details of other events can be found on the brewery website. More wins and placements at beer festivals have resulted in a significant increase in sales particularly for the speciality beers, **Stout Extreme Jamaica**, **Nooksack APA**, **Micro Lot Coffee Porter** and **Six Crows**. New to the core beer range is **Sussex** (4.0%), well received since distribution started in October.

Roy Bray

LAINÉ

The North Laine, Brighton, 01273 683666.
www.drinkinbrighton.co.uk/north-laine
The green hop beer noted as forthcoming in the previous issue was released as **Queen's Park Green** (3.8%). Nigel Dallas, the original brewer; has, sadly, left the brewery to pursue his old career in IT. His place has been taken by Chris, who has worked at a number of Sussex breweries. His first brew was **Ruby Slipper**, the annual, dark festive beer. He is continuing to produce the full range of Laine beers.

Ruth Anderson

LANGHAM

Lodsworth, Petworth, 01798 860861.
www.langhambrewery.co.uk
Busy times up at Lodsworth with lots of beer produced for Christmas and the New Year. **Christmas Cracker**, a slightly spiced version of the 4.5% best bitter has been brewed three times this season. **Arapaho**, the 4.9% American Pale Ale, may soon be the top-selling

brew as it catches up on the heels of **Hip-Hop**. In the test brew kit is two different takes of Rye malt style ales. Meet the Brewer events in local pubs, and also brewery trips, are still very popular.

Peter Luff

LISTER'S

Ford, 01903 885950 / 07775 853412.
www.listersbrewery.com
Priding itself on producing traditional ales, the brewery has had an exciting few months with more promised for 2015. **Best Bitter** (3.9%) is now joined by **Special Ale** (4.6%). A golden ale and a dark mild are to follow. The ales are regularly available at the Windmill, Rustington; Stanley Arms, Portslade; Clockhouse, East Preston; Black Horse, Binsted; and the Gardeners Arms, Sompting. They also appear at other pubs between Brighton and Havant and even as far afield as Wiltshire. Two pence from every pint or bottle sold goes to a local dogs rescue centre in memory of Lister.

Glenn Johnson

LONG MAN

Litlington, 01323 871850 / 07976 777992.
www.longmanbrewery.com
Three awards in 2014: **American Pale Ale** (4.8%) received a major international accolade with Bronze in the European category at the World Beer Awards; **Crafty Blonde** (4.3%) won Bronze in its category at the SIBA South Craft Beer in Keg Competition, and **Long Blonde** topped the microbrew category at the CAMRA Eastbourne Beer Festival. **Old Man** has been added to the bottled range and **Copper Hop** will be the next to be bottled, ready for early March. **Sussex Pride** (4.5%) will return as the spring seasonal, while Jamie has also promised a few new additions to the line up. With another

fermenting vessel ordered, an onsite shop being built, and more, 2015 already looks to be just as busy and exciting as last year!

Scott O'Rourke

NAKED

Lancing, 01903 791230.
www.nakedbeerco.co.uk
Another new staff member, Ian Venton, has joined as an assistant brewer. A new 10-barrel conical fermentation vessel has been added, doubling capacity, and two new conditioning tanks and 'kegging equipment' purchased, allowing the brewing of 'keg beers' to begin. The imperial stout made with sloes will now appear early February and will be called **Sloe Down**. A re-release of **Depeach Mode** will be produced exclusively as a keg beer. A yet-unnamed pale is due for release at the end of February.

Roy Bond

PIN UP

Southwick, 01273 411127.
www.pinupbrewingco.com
Sales are still increasing and all efforts at the moment are going into increasing the production (including by looking to invest in a new brew plant) so that the brewery can keep up with orders. Extension of the fermentation vessels is also under way with two already done and two more to be completed this year. New artwork will be released for some of the pump clips and bottles. **Session IPA** (4.1%) will be a new beer this year, as will be a spring ale. It is hoped to start kegging some of the products by the summer.

Adrian Towler

RECTORY

Streat, 01273 890570.
By the time you read this, a traditional bitter (4.5%) and an oatmeal stout (4.5-4.8%) should have been produced. Bottling should also have started by now - Godfrey

has already ordered the equipment but is unable to say at the moment where the process will take place. Brewing will continue on Harveys microbrewery for the foreseeable future.

Jack Wilkinson

ROTHER VALLEY

Northiam, 01797 252922 / 07798 877551.
Colin and Steve have managed to obtain some organic barley and hops grown in East Sussex, keeping with the idea of sourcing local ingredients for a new brew called **Organic Pale Malt** (OPM). This 4.8% beer will be available February/March.

Dawn Lincoln

TOP NOTCH

Haywards Heath, 07963 829368.
www.topnotchbrewing.co.uk
A runners-up award was achieved with **Hop Festival** in the Best Sussex Beer category at the Worthing Beer Festival. This is now a summer-only seasonal beer, with **Royal Fanfare** a winter-only seasonal beer. **Flare-Path** is currently available year round but is likely to become an autumn seasonal with a new beer launching in the spring to coincide with the Sussex Branches Beer & Cider Festival. **Benchmark IPA**, 4.7%, was a hop-forward, one-off, single-cask collaboration with Unbarred Brewery, another small micro, hoping to launch soon in Hove. **Top Down** is a collaboration with Downlands Brewery. Twenty-two casks of this 5.0% red rye pale ale is to be distributed across mid and west Sussex with limited availability also in 500ml bottles.

Keith Newell

TURNERS

Ringmer, 07710 581042 / 08456 892689.
www.turnersbrewery.com

sales@turnersbrewery.com
Turners have won the Sussex Life Newcomer of the Year award for 2014. In partnership with @SouthpawAgency the brewery has been chosen to brew and package the concept beer called **3 Ginger Monkeys**, to be distributed predominantly in Kent. The brewery hosted a French school party as part of an educational visit to this country where the brewing process was demonstrated. Enquiries for brewery visits to the contact details above.

Jason Phillips

WELTONS

Horsham, 01403 242901.
www.weltonsbeer.co.uk
After twenty years of brewing Weltons finally own a pub, location still to be announced, which will serve as their brewery tap. A carbonator has been purchased to produce beer in keg form as an addition to the fine cask range. Trade was 30% up in December and a whopping 600 firkins of the 6.6% **Churchillian Stout** are being brewed for the mid-March Wetherspoon beer festival. There will be a range of beers with a St. George theme in April, including 4.9% **Red Cross Mild**. The 6.0% beers **Persian Princess** and **Headless Horseman** have made a welcome return while an Equinox beer will be available at the North Sussex CAMRA Equinox Beer Festival. Waterloo themed beers will follow in June to mark the bicentenary of the historic battle and there will be a new set of bottled beers in the forthcoming President range, to be sold in Beer Essentials, Horsham, and at the new pub. Check the website for details of the next Live at the Brewery events.

Nigel Bullen



CIDER HOUSE NOTES

Cider all year round...

Wassail, and all the best for the new year!

Make one of your resolutions to be more interactive with CAMRA: check this list of pubs in Sussex serving all year round what CAMRA considers to be real cider and let me know of any additions, amendments or deletions - even let me know if these pubs are listed in the correct county (which can be awkward with changing and convoluted boundaries between East and West Sussex). It may in fact be better to contact direct the APPLE Committee at CAMRA, through Chris Rouse (chrisrouse@yahoo.co.uk), as any changes will be acted on much more quickly. All changes to the list are updated on approximately a monthly basis, and can be viewed on the CAMRA website at www.camra.org.uk/real-cider-pub-near-you.

So there you go - loads of lovely cider to drink as you go round checking out all the pubs! But please don't try too many at once - remember that cider is much stronger than most beers. And don't forget to come along to the Sussex Branches Beer and Cider Festival, 19-21 March, at its new venue at the Brighton Corn Exchange, Church Street, Brighton, BN1 1EE.

Again, wassail ...

Jackie Johnson

Surrey and Sussex Regional Cider Coordinator

East Sussex

Ancient Mariner, 59 Rutland Rd, Hove, BN3 5FE, 01273 748595
 Barley Mow, 92 St Georges Rd, Brighton, BN2 1EE, 01273 682259
 Bell, 15 Belfast St, Hove, BN3 3YS, 01273

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Black Dove, 74 St James's Street, Brighton, BN21PA, 01273 671119
 Black Horse, 55 Western Rd, Lewes, BN7 1RS, 01273 473653
 Brewers Arms, 91 High St, Lewes, BN7 1XN, 01273 475524
 Brighton Beer Dispensary, 38 Dean Street, Brighton, BN1 3EG, 01273 710624
 Caroline of Brunswick, 39 Ditchling Rd, Brighton, BN1 4SB, 01273 624434
 Crown and Anchor, 213 Preston Rd, Brighton, BN1 6SA, 01273 559494
 Dover Castle, 43 Southover Street, Brighton, BN1 9UE, 01273 245338
 Dripping Spring, 34 Tower Rd, St Leonards, TN37 6JE, 01424 436222
 Druids Arms, 79 Ditchling Rd, Brighton, BN1 4SB, 01273 680596
 Eagle, 57 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT, 01323 417799
 Earth and Stars, 46 Windsor St, Brighton, BN1 1RJ, 01273 722879
 Elephant and Castle, White Hill, Lewes, BN7 2DJ, 01273 473797
 Evening Star, 55-56 Surrey St, Brighton, BN1 3PB, 01273 328931
 Fitzherbert's, 25 New Rd, Brighton, BN1 1UG, 01273 682401
 Gardeners Arms, 46 Cliffe High St, Lewes, BN7 2AN, 01273 474808
 Geese, 16 Southover Street, Brighton, BN2 9UA, 01273 693491
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 Gladstone, 123 Lewes Rd, Brighton, BN2 3QB, 01273 620888
 Globe Inn Marsh, 10 Military Road, Rye, TN31

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Half Moon Inn, Ditchling Rd, Plumpton, BN7 3AF, 01273 890253
 Hand in Hand, 33 Upper St James Street, Brighton, BN2 1JN, 01273 699595
 Hope Inn, West Pier, Newhaven, BN9 9DN, 01273 515389
 Horns Lodge, South Street, South Chailey, BN8 4BD, 01273 400422
 Jolly Boatman, 133-135 Lewes Rd, Newhaven, BN9 9SJ, 01273 510030
 Kent & Sussex Cider Centre, Perryhill Orchards, Bolebrook Lodge, Hartfield, TN7 4LJ, 01892 770595
 Kings Head, High Street, East Hoathly, BN8 6DR, 01825 840238
 Kings Head, Rye Rd, Udimore, TN31 6BG, 01424 882349
 Lansdown Arms, 36 Lansdown Place, Lewes, BN7 2JU, 01273 470711
 Laughing Fish, Station Road, Isfield, TN22 5XB, 01825 750349
 North Laine, 27 Gloucester Place, Brighton, BN1 4AA, 01273 683666
 Old Boot, 16 South Street, Seaford, BN25 1PE, 01323 895454
 Palmeira, 70-71 Cromwell Road, Hove, BN3 3ES, 01273 720641
 Prince Albert, 48 Trafalgar Street, Brighton, BN1 4ED, 01273 730499
 Queen Victoria, 54 High St, Rottingdean, BN2 7HF, 01273 302121
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 Rose Cottage, Alciston, BN26 6UW, 01323 870377
 Salehurst Halt, Church Lane, Salehurst, TN32 5PH, 01580 880620
 Ship Inn, The Strand, Rye, TN31 7DB, 01797 222233
 Signalman, 76 Ditchling Rise, Brighton, BN1 4QQ, 01273 689783

Snowdrop Inn, 119 South Street, Lewes, BN7 2BU, 01273 471018
 Stanley Arms, 47 Wolseley Road, Portslade, BN41 1SS, 01273 430234
 Station, Hampstead Rd, Brighton, BN1 5NG, 01273 501318
 Temple Bar, 121 Western Road, Brighton, BN1 2AD, 01273 721501
 Victoria Hotel, 27 Latimer Road, Eastbourne, BN22 7BU, 01323 722673
 Victory, 6 Duke St, Brighton, BN1 1AH, 01273 326555
 Volunteer, 12 Eastgate St, Lewes, BN7 2LP, 01273 476357
 Wellington, 53 Elm Grove, Brighton, BN2 3ET, 01273 603675
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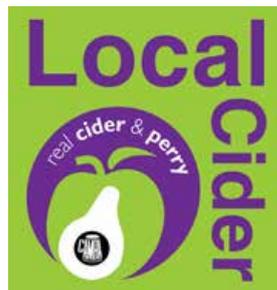
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Anchor Hotel, 3 Market Square, Horsham, RH12 1EU, 01403 250640
 Anchored in Worthing, 27 West Buildings, Worthing, BN11 3BS, 01903 529100
 Beer Essentials, 30A East St, Horsham, RH12 1HL, 01403 218890
 Black Horse, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst, RH13 6LH, 01403 891272
 Black Jug, 31 North St, Horsham, RH12 1RJ, 01403 253526
 Bolney Stage, London Road, Bolney, RH17 5RL, 01444 881200
 Brewery Shades, 85 High St, Crawley, RH10 1BA, 01293 514105
 Buckingham Arms, 35-39 Brunswick Rd, Shoreham, BN43 5WA, 01273 453660
 Chichester Inn, 38 West St, Chichester, PO19 1RP, 01243 783185
 Cricketers Arms, High Street, Duncton, GU28 0LB, 01798 342473
 Crown, 29 High St, Littlehampton, BN17 5EG, 01903 719842

Cider House Notes

Duke of Wellington, 368 Brighton Rd, Shoreham, BN43 6RE, 01273 389818
Five Bells, Smock Alley, West Chiltington, RH20 2QX, 01798 812143
Hare and Hounds, Stoughton (off B2146), PO18 9JQ, 023 9263 1433
Heath, 47 Sussex Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4DZ, 01444 416762
Jolly Tanners, Handcross Rd, Staplefield, RH17 6EF, 01444 400335
Lamb Inn, Lambs Green, RH11 4RG, 01293 871336
Malt Shovel, 15 Springfield Rd, Horsham, RH12 2PG, 01403 254548
Old Star Ale and Cider House, 16A/B High St, Shoreham, BN43 5DQ, 07982 842057
Ounce and Ivy Bush, The Atrium, King Street, East Grinstead, RH19 3DJ, 01342 335130
Owl at Kingsfold, Dorking Rd, Kingsfold, RH12 3SA, 01306 628499
Piston Broke, 88 High St, Shoreham, BN43 5DB, 01273 441622
Poacher, 193 High St, Hurstpierpoint, BN6 9PU, 01273 834202
Queens Head, Barns Green, RH13 0PS, 01403 730436
Red Lion, 45 High St, Arundel, BN18 9AG, 01903 882214
Red Lion, Lion Lane, Turners Hill, RH10 4NU, 01342 715416
Romans, Manor Hall Rd, Southwick, BN42 4NG, 01273 592147
Royal Oak, Friday Street, Ruspur, RH12 4QA, 01293 871393
Selden Arms, 41 Lyndhurst Rd, Worthing, BN11 2DB
Shepherd and Dog, The Street, Fulking, BN5 9LU, 01273 857382
Sloop Inn, Sloop Lane, Scaynes Hill, RH17 7NP, 01444 831219
Spyglass, 31a Marine Parade, Worthing, BN11 3PU, 01903 237622
Sussex Oak, 2 Church St, Warnham, RH12 3QW, 01403 265028

Swan, 1 Horsham Rd, West Green, Crawley, RH11 7AY, 01293 527447
Watermill, 1 Leylands Road, Worlds End, Burgess Hill, RH15 0QF, 01444 235517
Wheatsheaf, 22-24 Richmond Rd, Worthing, BN11 1PP, 01903 233167
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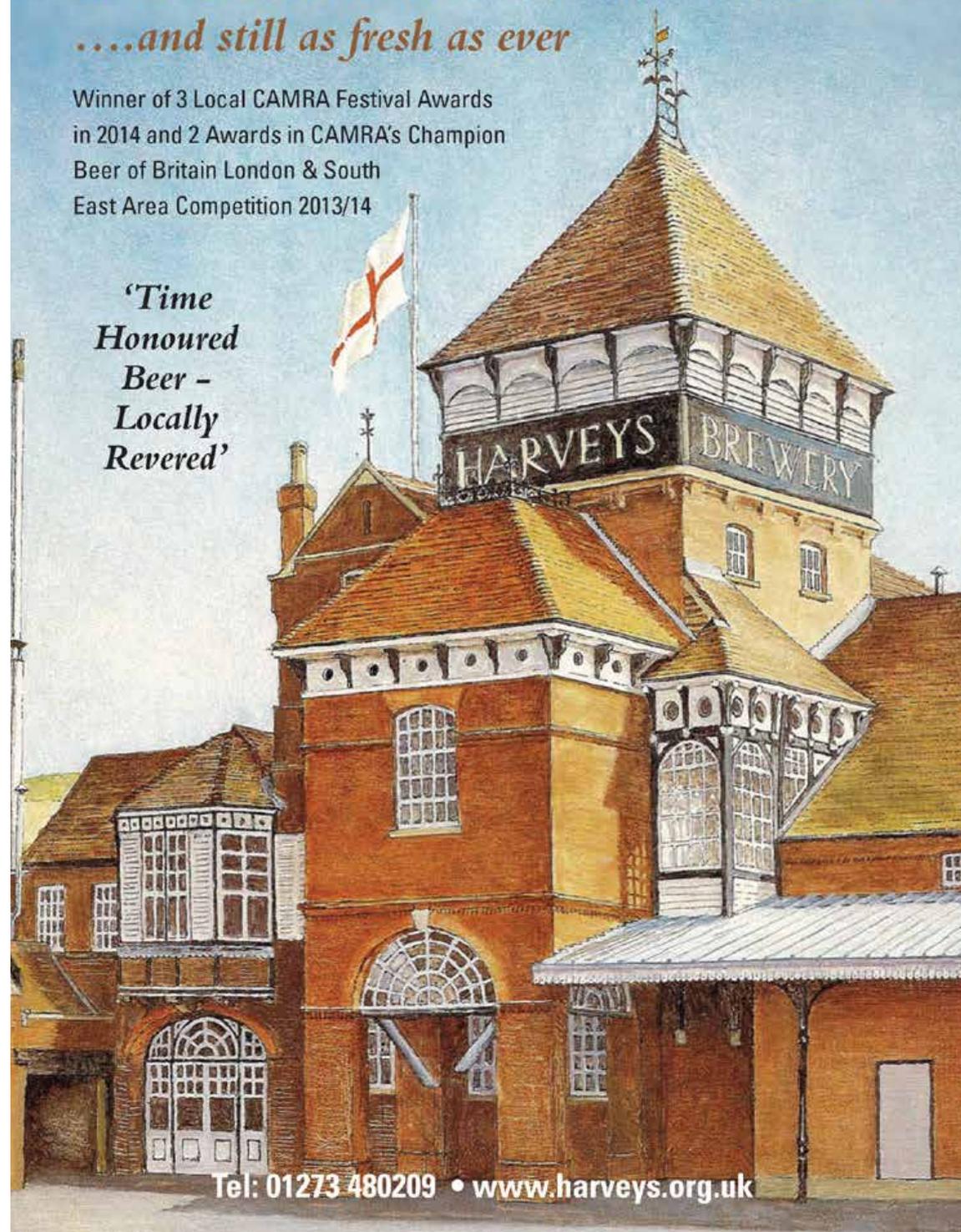


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Feb 13-15 Stanley Arms Winter Beer Festival, 47 Wolseley Road, Portslade, BN41 1SS, 01273 430234, www.thestanley.com

Feb 20-21 GOSPORT WINTERFEST XXIII, Thorngate Halls, Bury Road, Gosport, PO12 3PX, www.psehcamra.org.uk/Winterfest.php

Feb 20-23 Rose in June Winter Beer Festival, 102 Milton Road, Portsmouth, PO3 6AR, 023 9282 4191, www.theroseinjune.co.uk

Feb 26 Meet the Brewer, Dark Star, from 7.30pm, Dolphin & Anchor (JDW), West Street, Chichester, PO19 1QD, 01243 790280.

Mar 6-8 Prestonville Arms Spring Beer Festival, 12noon-midnight every day with 15 ales plus cider, 64 Hamilton Road, Brighton, BN1 5DN, 01273 701007, www.theprestonvillearms.co.uk

Mar 12 Train to London Pubs, TTLP22, to SW London including Wimbledon, Tooting & Clapham. To be included on mailout list contact Pete Brown, 01243 552908, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com

Mar 19-21 SUSSEX CAMRA BRANCHES 25th BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL, Brighton Corn Exchange, Church Street, Brighton, BN1 1EE, 07450 656148, camrahove@btinternet.com, www.sussexbeerfestival.co.uk

Mar 20-21 Southsea Beerex, Wedgewood Rooms, 147b Albert Road, Southsea, PO4 0JW, 023 9286 3911, www.wedgewood-rooms.co.uk/WhatsOn/SouthseaBeerex.aspx

Mar 28-29 NORTH SUSSEX CAMRA 2nd EQUINOX BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL, Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1JF, www.northsussexcamra.org.uk, camra.equinox@gmail.com

Apr 3-6 Eagle and Dew Drop Inn Joint Beer and Cider Festival, South Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4UP, 01323 723313/417799

Apr 3-6 Rowfant House 2nd Easter Beer Festival, Wallage Lane, Rowfant, RH10 4NG, 01342 714869, www.rowfanthouse.co.uk

Apr 3-6 Tanners Arms Beer and Music Festival, 12-12 daily, 78 Brighton Road, Horsham, RH13 5BU, 01403 588789, www.thetannersarms.com

Apr 17-19 CAMRA MEMBERS' WEEKEND AND AGM, Albert Hall Conference Centre, North Circus Street, Nottingham, NG1 5AA, www.camraagm.org.uk

Apr 17-19 Victoria Inn Spring Beer Festival; emphasis on 10-12 spring/summer brews from local breweries plus a few from further afield; chosen charity will be Headway. West Marden, PO18 9EN, 02392 631330, www.victoriainnwestmarden.co.uk

Apr 25 SUSSEX CAMRA BRANCHES LIAISON MEETING, White Rock Hotel, White Rock, Hastings, TN34 1JU, 01424 422240, www.thewhiterockhotel.com

May 1 Train to London Pubs, TTLP23, a tour of the SE London/NW Kent blossoming micro pub scene including the CAMRA Greater London Pub of the Year, the Door Hinge,

Welling. To be included on mailout list contact Pete Brown, 01243 552908, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com

May 1-4 Anchor Inn 4th annual "Keep it Local" Bank Holiday Beer Festival, with live music and (if fine) BBQ, Church Street, Hartfield, TN7 4AG, 01892 770424, www.anchorhartfield.com

May 1-4 Stonemasons Inn 2nd annual Real Ale Festival, featuring many Sussex ales, North Street, Petworth, GU28 9NL, 01798 342510, www.thestonemasonsinn.co.uk

May 1-4 Wilkes Head Beer Festival, Church Lane, Eastergate, PO20 3UT, 01243 543380, www.wilkesheadeastergate.co.uk

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

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

May 23 Spin Up in a Brewery, Beer, Bikes and BBQ, Dark Star Brewery, 22 Star Road, Partridge Green, RH13 8RA, 01403 713085, www.darkstarbrewing.co.uk

May 29-30 (also Aug 28-30) Brighton Beer & Cider Festival (presented by Brighton & Hove Food and Drink Festival in association with Nutshell Construction. Hot food on the night by Beach BBQ), 6pm-9.30pm, over 50 beers and ciders from Sussex and surrounding counties alongside a selection of wines from Butlers Wine Cellar, in festival marquees on Hove Lawns, BN3 2WN; £7 entry including a festival glass, tickets available in advance from www.brightonfoodfestival.com

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

Jun 13-14 Taste! Artisan Food Festival, wines, real ales and ciders, 10am-6pm, free entry, Oaklands Park, Chichester, PO19 6AP, 01243 839316, www.tastefestival.net

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

Jul 4 Train to London Pubs, TTLP24, target area TBA. To be included on mailout list contact Pete Brown, 01243 552908, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com

Aug 21-23 West Marden Fest, celebrating all things local, including up to 20 ales, plus music, food, dog show and more; Victoria Inn, West Marden, PO18 9EN, 02392 631330, www.victoriainnwestmarden.co.uk

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The autumn 2012 issue of the *Sussex Drinker* carried a feature on the formation of a co-operative by a group of residents in the Moulsecomb and Bevendean area of Brighton in an attempt to reopen their local, the Bevendean Hotel, following its closure by the police in May 2010. The hotel was built in 1936 by local architect Stavers Hessel Tiltman, most probably for the Portsmouth and Brighton United Breweries. On Saturday 13 December 2014, at 5.30pm, the reopening of the Bevy was blessed by the Vicar of Moulsecomb, Father John Wall.

Local residents themselves raised much of the £200K required, while regular 'work-ins' saw volunteers give up their weekends to fit out the pub ahead of its grand reopening. There were also fundraising events, grants and loans from East Brighton Trust, Social Investment



The Bevy: More than a Pub!

Business, SE Assist, Co-operative Enterprise Hub and the Church Urban Fund. The group were helped to get going along the journey through advice from The Plunkett Foundation and the Community Shares Company.

The Bevy is the first community-owned pub on a housing estate in the UK. More than 700 people have purchased community shares and are now owners of the pub - more than any other co-op pub in the country. There are currently twelve people on the management committee, all who live locally. The licensee-manager is the well-known, popular figure and BHA supporter Chris Pobjoy, who used to be landlord of the Romans, Southwick. Their focus is on developing:

- a hub for the community;
- a pub that people will want to live close to;
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- a place to eat that will stop people going into town;
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The light and airy premises are fitted out to a high standard: they include a large café area opening onto the south terrace and main garden area; a pub area occupying most of the space to the east and north of the pub interior; a small meeting room facility for twelve people on the north side of the pub; and a community kitchen. On its three hand pumps the Bevy serves a range of real ales from local breweries and guests. During your Editor's visit these were Harveys Best Bitter and Old Ale, Dark Star Hophead, Fuller's Gale's HSB, Sharp's Doom Bar, and Timothy Taylor Landlord. Beers have

also been supplied to the pub by Brighton co-operative brewery, Bartleby's.

The Bevendean Community Pub is open every day from 12noon-11pm. Come along and have a bevy! The pub even has its own bus stop on the Brighton & Hove 49 route. The Bevy, 50 Hillside, Brighton, BN2 4TF, 01273 281009, www.thebevy.co.uk

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(With information from the *Bevendean Bulletin*, Issue 39)



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SPOTLIGHT ON BREWERIES

UnBarred Launch



UnBarred brewery launched their Benchmark IPA at Anchored in Worthing micro pub on Saturday 29

November. The hop-forward 4.7% India Pale Ale sold out within three and a half hours. It was brewed at Top Notch Brewery, Haywards Heath, to UnBarred brewer Jordan Mower's recipe whilst Jordan awaits the necessary license. Hove-based Jordan is currently registering as a nanobrewery and hopes to open in January. The idea behind UnBarred is not to be held to any rules or restrictions. Jordan uses a range of methods to make beers that often do not fit in one category. Starting with bottles, with casks to follow, he will be making a few regular beers and numerous small batches of one-off limited editions. Jordan is pictured at the launch with Top Notch brewer Al. Follow on www.facebook.com/UnBarredBrewery.

Beer by Bike

Bartleby's Brewery was set up in Brighton two years ago, as a workers cooperative, by two friends, both called Matt. Originally using a 100-litre kit, they recently upgraded to a



5-barrel plant. They focus on small batches of craft beer and are happy to brew to order. The beers are suitable for

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Beer me Belgian



Beer Me Brewery opened in December in The Belgian Café, Eastbourne. Belgian Blonde (6.0%) has been brewed so far, but only for the café

at present; 11-23 Grand Parade, BN21 3YN, 01323 729967, www.thebelgiancafe.co.uk.

Star Causes

Thanks to the generosity of beer lovers on brewery trips and those taking part in the



various events such as the 24/7 and Hopfest, Dark Star Brewery were able to hand out over £8,000 to some great local causes including Sussex Sailability,

Hustwood Park Neurological Centre and the Dame Vera Lynn Trust. James at Dark Star, who is a member of the group PubAid, is very vociferous about the generosity of pubs and beer lovers. In a rare moment of seriousness, James said "did you know that this industry raises over £100,000,000 per year for charity ... we all know that excessive boozing is a problem but let us not forget that there are a lot of great and kind people that enjoy a drink and the pub."

Maris Otter Invitation



Langham Brewery have been invited as the West Sussex representative, and Hastings Brewery as the East Sussex representative, to the Maris Otter 50 Beer Festival, arranged to

celebrate fifty years of Maris Otter malting barley. All of the participating fifty breweries, from all around the UK and the rest of the world, will be brewing a new beer with Maris Otter malt to debut at the festival in Norwich, 17-19 September.

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The branch's new Cider & Perry Pub of the Year award went to the Ship Inn, Rye. The proprietors are Karen Northcote and Theo Bekker. Theo is pictured (below left) accepting the award from Branch Chair, Peter Adams.



The LocAle Pub of the Year award went to the White Rock Hotel, Hastings. Photo below shows proprietor Laurence Bell accepting the award from Peter, with a host of branch members having taken over the bar in the background.



At the Wheatsheaf, Crowborough, ten consecutive years in the *Good Beer Guide* span the tenure of previous proprietors Ted and Maggie Hirst and the current incumbents, Pete and Becky Randall, who have carried on the good work of their predecessors. This Harveys tied house carries the full range of seasonal beers along with the regular ales. In the picture

South East Sussex Branch Awards, 2014



Pete the landlord is accepting the award from Peter the Chair (above).

The visit to Harveys Brewery was a slightly belated celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the branch and also the occasion of the presentation of the Eastbourne Beer of the Festival to the brewery for its Star of Eastbourne. Peter is shown presenting the award to Harveys Head Brewer and Joint Managing Director, Miles Jenner, after the latter had provided branch members with a tour of the premises and very generous hospitality. Applauding in the background is the branch Vice-Chair Phil Cozens and branch member Karen Mitten.



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With each festival we have had a chosen 'good



Victoria Inn Beer Festival

cause'. In August we raised money to towards installing defibrillators in the local villages. Such was the success that we were able to purchase four (one is attached to the pub). Being so impressed with this local effort, the Ambulance Service donated a further three! The Christmas Festival raised money for a local girl whose mum sustained a brain injury when she was mugged twenty years ago - Kate Haywood is running the London Marathon for Headway, a charity that supports people with acquired brain injuries and their families. At the last count we raised £360 and Ballard's Brewery raised £355 with their beer walk on Sunday 7 December.

Please see this issue's diary dates pages for details our next two festivals, on 17-19 April and 21-23 August. As discussed with our local CAMRA Western Sussex branch, we are happy to provide lifts to and from Rowlands Castle and Emsworth Train Stations if we get a call in advance to arrange, as public transport options are limited to the 54 bus. Bearing in mind that

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Thanks to all the volunteers who helped throughout the event and thanks to everyone that came and enjoyed the festival and helped make another successful Worthing Beer Festival. The overall Beer of the Festival was Loch Ness Brewery Hoppy Ness and the Sussex winning beer was Stanley Craft Ales Wolsey Best, brewed at Downlands Brewery. The runner-up breweries were Kissingate, Top Notch, Downlands, and Boggart Hole Clough.



Freddysmile, the Lancing based children's cancer charity, benefited from the generosity of real ale lovers who attended the festival. Bob Smytherman, the town crier, hosted the Friday night auction of beeriana, while festival goers donated unspent beer tokens and filled collecting tins. Pictured above is Sarah Hobden from Freddysmile receiving a cheque for £1377.54 from one of the festival organisers, Ray Pilkington.

The current Arun & Adur branch pub of the year, the Parsonage Bar and Restaurant, Tarring High Street, has decided to carry on the fundraising with

Yet again the Arun & Adur CAMRA Worthing Beer Festival was a great success.

Another Successful Worthing Beer Festival

promotions and events throughout 2015, starting in January with a donation of 10 pence for every pint sold. Further details can be found on their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/The-Parsonage-Bar-Restaurant). The beer festival organisers are keen to support local charities and would like to receive nominations for next year's charity of the festival. These can be sent to: charity@aaa-camra.org.uk.

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Bill Target Memorial Steam Rally, Highbridge Farm, Highbridge Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 6HN
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May

Floral Fringe Fair, Knepp Castle, West Grinstead, West Sussex RH13 8LJ
Saturday 30th - Sunday 31st May

Dene Steam Rally, Starter Gate Farm, Charlwood Lane, Monkwood, Ropley, Hampshire SO24 0HA
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June

Shoreham Dogs Trust Open Day, Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre, Brighton Road, Shoreham, West Sussex BN43 5LT
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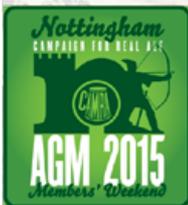
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- Review campaigning themes and form policy
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- Meet up with CAMRA members from around the country, National Executive and Head Office staff
- Discuss ideas to forward the campaign through workshops, policy discussion groups and seminars
- Enjoy a few drinks in the Members' Bar with a good selection of local real ales
- Visit pubs in Nottingham and the surrounding area
- Visit local breweries and cider producers on organised trips

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Within one hour on 6 September 1820, the thatched-roofed Southwick Brewery, at that eponymous Sussex town, was consumed by flames. Owner, Richard Tamplin had only purchased the brewery from Nathaniel Hall earlier that same year and was uninsured for the loss of over £10,000. Yet within five months of this setback, Henry Padgen Tamplin, Richard's eldest son, had laid the foundation stone for the family's new brewery behind the company's registered office at Richmond Terrace, Brighton. Both this elegant terrace and the brewery were designed by father and son team, Amon and Amon Henry Wilds, architects responsible for some of the town's finest Regency buildings.



The Regency Registered Offices

Because this new venture had risen from the ashes of the old, albeit at a different place five miles to the east, the site at Albion Street and Waterloo Street was called the Phoenix Brewery. It was to become not only Brighton's biggest brewery but the largest in Sussex with an estate of some 600 pubs, stretching into Hampshire, Kent and Surrey. The biggest concentration, about a third, was in the Brighton area, which meant that by the early 1950s two out of every three pubs in and around the town were owned by Tamplins.

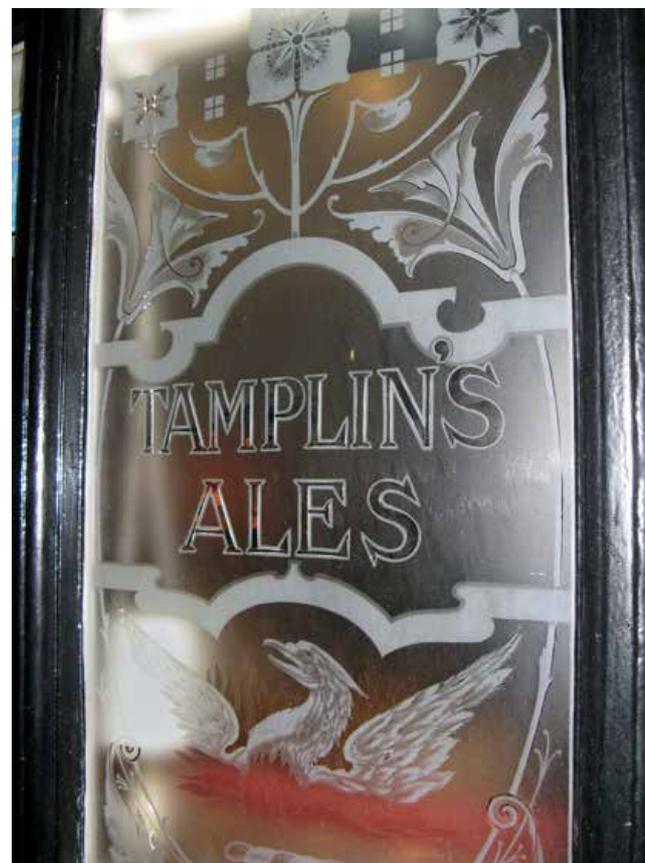
Richard Tamplin was born into a family of mercers on 14 January 1779 at Horsted Keynes. He moved to Brighton in 1811 and was reported

Tamplins - Brighton's Biggest Brewery

to have set up a bank in Castle Square. Richard also brewed and held licensed premises at Worthing, both before and subsequent to finding a permanent site at Brighton. Upon Richard's death in September 1849 the brewery passed to Henry, born in 1801, and who died on 16 December 1867 after a hunt meeting. It was Colonel William Cloves Tamplin (b. 1834), son of Henry and already a partner in the business at the time of his father's death, who in May 1889 registered as a limited liability company Tamplin & Son's Brewery, Brighton, Ltd, with



The Phoenix Brewery in 1979 and the site now



its 83 hotels, licensed houses and beer houses at a purchase price of £265,000.

When the Colonel died of a heart attack on 26 July 1893 it was the end of the family name on the board of directors; but what was to become a policy of acquisitions had begun the previous March with the takeover of Marcellus P. Castle's close-by Albion Brewery, Albion Street, with 35 houses. In 1899, 21 licensed houses were purchased from the West Street Brewery, Brighton. A year later the South Malling Steam Brewery, Lewes, with two houses was purchased from M. H. Bishop & Sons, and the Brighton Brewery, Osborne Street, Hove, with 12 houses was purchased from Richard Carey Weekes.

By 1902 the Phoenix Brewery site covered an area of 100,000 square feet with a workforce of 150 men; but its largest acquisitions were to come in the 1920s. At the start of that decade the Southdown & East Grinstead Breweries Ltd. leased its business with 93 houses to Tamplins with an outright purchase following on 27 March 1924. Two years later it was the turn of Kidd & Hotblack, Cannon Brewery, Russell Street, Brighton, with 52 licensed premises. 1928 saw Tamplins acquire two-thirds of the pubs of E. Robins, Anchor Brewery, Waterloo Street, Hove, and the following year 125 houses of Smithers & Sons Ltd. of Brighton and Portslade.

For the following twenty-five years the Brighton pub scene was subject to a duopoly of Tamplins and local rival the Kemp Town Brewery. In 1955, Tamplins and Friary Holroyd Healey of Guildford famously divided between them the entire estate of Henty & Constable of

Chichester, with the pubs ranked according to barrelage and the first pick decided by the cutting of a pack of cards. But two years previously Tamplins had themselves been acquired by the London brewers Watney, Combe, Reid and Co. Ltd. Although allowed to continue to trade as Tamplins until 1969, the writing was on the wall. By the time a minor name change to the Tamplins Brewery Ltd was registered on 13 February 1962, the infamous Watneys Red Barrel, brewed at Mortlake, London, was being kegged at Brighton.

As the reformed Watney Mann (London & Home Counties), the last brew took place at the

Phoenix Brewery on 28 November 1973. But this was not the end of the Tamplins name. When a few years later Watneys - themselves the brewing arm of leisure group Grand Metropolitan - revived real ale, their portfolio included a 1038° Tamplins Bitter, described in the 1982 *Good Beer Guide* as a “well-balanced brew”.

It was produced in East Anglia at the Norwich Brewery, but marketed for the south coast at the Phoenix Brewery, which in 1976 had become the subsidiary Watneys Southern Ltd.

By 1982 the operation at Richmond Terrace was renamed the Phoenix Brewery Co Ltd, although the brewery building itself had been demolished some two years previously. As a non-brewing company, Phoenix controlled 400-500 pubs on the south coast, the large majority serving real ale from such independents as Gale’s and King & Barnes; but Tamplins Bitter was withdrawn in early 1986 following the closure of the Norwich Brewery the previous year. A metal phoenix rising with flame tipped wings can still be seen atop the standing signs of numerous pubs in Sussex that used to be under the control of this company, while the phoenix image on pub lanterns is an even more common survivor.



1893 Head Offices at Phoenix Place

The Brighton premises were retained as a bottling plant and depot until a move to Lewes in 1991. The old Head Offices building at Richmond Terrace remains today as elegant as ever, while still standing in Phoenix Place is the redbrick office building with slate roof and phoenix pediment, designed by C. H. Buckman and completed in 1893.



Free Butt Brewery Tap

Behind this is the Free Butt, the old brewery-tap, looking forlorn and no longer a pub but with Tamplin’s Entire on the stonework tablet over the front door. Just to the rear left of the Free Butt once stood the iron gates on stone pillars that marked the entrance to the Phoenix Brewery. New housing now covers most of the site. The Tamplins name with its phoenix trademark can still be found etched into the glass of pub windows, survivors of several decades, or on old prices lists displayed as memorabilia on walls. And even where the name itself does not appear, the motif of birds engraved into old window glass often denotes that such a pub was once part of the vast estate of Brighton’s biggest brewer.

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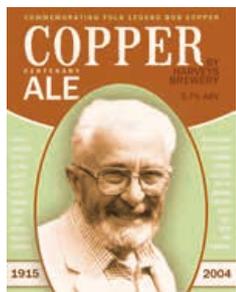
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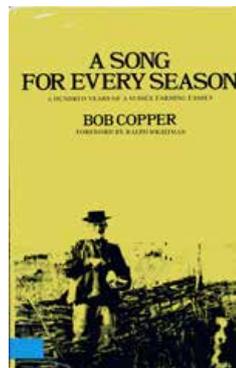
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brew took place in the presence of the Copper family who sang 'Oh Good Ale'. The suggestion that the Lewes brewery create a special centenary beer for Bob came in a letter from Hastings-born folk singer and local resident Shirley Collins. Head brewer Miles Jenner said: "It is an honour for Harveys to be marking the centenary of this remarkable man in a manner which would have given him tremendous pleasure." The 5.7% copper-coloured beer has a smooth, malty palate and a restrained bitterness with a subtle aftertaste reminiscent of nuts and raisins. It was first sold at the Bob Copper Centenary Event at Cecil Sharp House, London, on 24 January, which featured an all day celebration of Bob's work.

Three generations of the Copper family of Rottingdean are vividly recollected in characteristic anecdotal style in Bob's (1972) *A Song for Every Season: A Hundred Years of a Sussex Farming Family*.

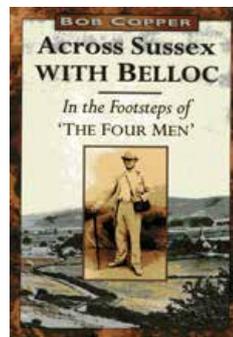


While the book is part eulogy for a vanishing rural way of life that was charted out by the rhythmic seasons of the year, the arduous labouring conditions for the farmers and shepherds of the time are never idealised. The scenes of communal singing over pots of ale in the smoky tap-rooms

Bob Copper and Harveys Copper Ale

of Sussex alehouses are nonetheless conveyed with warmth and joy, and leaved with not a little humour. The epilogue describes the opening up to a wider audience in the 1950s of the Copper family's repertoire of traditional songs, through BBC broadcasts and by appearances at festivals and concerts sponsored by the English Folk Dance and Song Society.

In the 1950s the BBC requested Bob to record for posterity old country dialects and traditional songs. Armed with his tape-recording equipment Bob journeyed in 'The Major', his 1932 Morris Major car, extending his search to Hastings, North Chailey, Fittleworth and Angmering and into rural Hampshire. His experiences of coaxing out and capturing the extemporised performances of traditional singers find their way into his (1973) book, *Songs and Southern Breezes: Country Folk and Country Ways*. The drawings of the locations that embellish and enrich the text are the author's own.



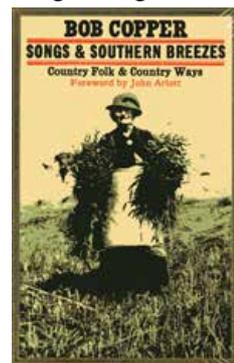
But it was a journey across Sussex by foot, from Robertsbridge to Harting, for which Bob was later known and which is documented in his (1994) *Across Sussex with Belloc: In the Footsteps of the 'Four Men'*. As the title suggests, Bob was

following the path taken in October 1902 by

Grizzlebeard, The Sailor, The Poet and Myself, characters in Hilaire Belloc's farrago, *The Four Men*. Bob completed the walk twice, in 1950 and 1988, visiting on the way the many famous pubs featuring in Belloc's tale, including the George Inn, Robertsbridge; Bridge Inn, Amberley; Fountain Inn, Ashurst; Cricketers, Duncton; and the Foresters Arms, Graffham.

Bob's great-uncle Tom was landlord of the Black Horse, Rottingdean and later of the Kings Head, Chailey. Older brother Ron took the Queen Victoria, Rottingdean while Bob was at some point licensee of the Central Club, Peacehaven, and landlord of the H. H. Inn, Cheriton, Hampshire. Later in life Bob would walk from his home in Peacehaven to the Ram Inn, Firle, imbibing four pints of Harveys Best Bitter before setting out on the return journey, a round trip of fifteen miles.

Bob's genuine love of traditional pubs and his delight in a glass of ale is a recurring theme in his books, conveyed in a prose style that combines romance and realism - a beguilingly poetic rendering of precise observational detail. Take, for example, the following passage from the preface of *Songs and Southern Breezes*:



"Have you ever spent an evening in early summer sipping ale on a wooden bench outside a country pub, while the sun filters its fading glory through the tracery of a flowering apple tree ... have you sat in a chimney corner in a flagstoned taproom, while the wind moans under the thatched eaves outside and the light of the leaping log-flames and of the oil-lamp overhead glints in everyone's eyes ..."

Chapter fifteen of this same book also contains the most evocative characterisation of a pint of bitter your Editor has so far encountered in English literature. On having the glass set on the counter in front of him, Bob Copper muses ...

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