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6-7 March 2020
Horsham Drill Hall
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Tickets on sale from
Malt Shovel and
Anchor Tap in Horsham,
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Engine Room in East Grinstead,
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or email above

Friday 6 March
£6 open 6-10pm

Saturday 7 March
£8 open 11.30am-4.30pm
£4 open 6.30-10pm

Free pint for CAMRA members
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Welcome to a preview of Christmas ales and a wide variety of other winter beers, at Hepworths Tap Room. Sample a “sledge” of seasonal brews. Hot food and live music.
**HOORAY FOR HORSHAM!**

One of the year’s first and finest Beer Festivals is in Horsham, which only has three sessions over Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March.

With a record attendance last year they anticipate that the Saturday afternoon session will, again, sell out weeks in advance – so if you’re planning to go, grab your tickets early. There’s a Friday evening session (6–10pm) plus Saturday afternoon and evening (details below).

It’s at the fabulous Drill Hall in Denne Road (RH12 1JF) only about 15 to 20 minutes’ walk from the railway station and less from the bus station.

**Glasses, Tokens, Beer!**

As you’ve probably got more festival glasses in your home than you could ever need … a £1.50 glass refund will be tried for the first time this year. And because you can only use Tokens at the bars, there are refunds for unused ones or you can help a worthy local charity, Horsham & Crawley Samaritans, by donating them.

The beer list will have over 50 beers, with the usual careful mix of Winter and Spring ales. All the excellent brewers in the North Sussex area will be featured, plus other local favourites and some gems from further afield. Local cider makers will again feature on Stringer’s Cider Bar, and there’s sparkling wine from the Bolney vineyard.

**More Sponsors Please!**

They still have room for more individual or corporate sponsors, who can nominate a beer (if it can be obtained!), and get early access to the hall at 5.30pm on the Friday before the rush starts when festival doors open at 6. If you are interested, please email them at camra.equinox@gmail.com.

Hot and cold food and snacks will be available from Garlic Wood Farm again… who were such a big hit last year.

**Here’s The Detail**

**Tickets** for the Friday 6-10pm session are £6, Saturday 11:30-4.30pm session £8 and Saturday 6:30-10pm £4. Entry fee includes a souvenir glass and a free pint for card-carrying CAMRA members.

Purchase tickets in Horsham from the Malt Shovel and the Anchor Tap, Crawley’s Brewery Shades and East Grinstead’s Engine Room. They will also be available online at northsussex.camra.org.uk/equinox, or use the QR code below.

Online sales will be subject to a small booking fee. POSTAL applications (cheques payable to ‘CAMRA North Sussex’) can be made to The Treasurer, 16 Cobbles Crescent, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8HA.

For more info, including a beer list in due course, contact: camra.equinox@gmail.com, or www.northsussex.camra.org.uk, or facebook @northsussexcamrabranch, or twitter @camraequinox.
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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.

### ALDWICK

The ex-[Ship Inn](#) is currently a closed Your Local supermarket (previously Morrisons). Re-opening is being funded by donations from the Public/Local Community, and via grants from local and national bodies.

### BEXHILL ON SEA

The [Brickmaker’s Alehouse](#) is Bexhill’s newly-opened micropub. Open every day from midday, up to six cask ales are served directly from cooled barrels. Located at 27 Sea Road, it’s only a two minute walk from the station, so is easy to reach by train and bus.

### BRIGHTON

The [Black Horse](#) in Church Street has closed – the reason is a change of owner, with Craft Union (part of the Ei Group taking over and refurbishing the pub to their standard according to one of the workers. Next door is the newly-opened Church Street Tap, understood to be keg only.

The [Dyke](#), 218 Dyke Road (on corner opposite The Upper Drive) has partially re-opened as the “Dyke Alehouse & Kitchen”. The real ale includes beers from Veterans Brewing, in which Will Farmer, who is running the pub, has an interest.

The [Royal Pavilion Tavern](#) in Castle Square has closed. It was the ‘birthplace’ of the Brighton & South Downs Branch, holding the Branch’s founding meeting. It seems, however, that the closure is only temporary. In a statement, a spokesman for Mitchells & Butlers which own the pub, said, “Work is about to commence with substantial investment to create flats on the upper floors of the building, and the business of The Royal Pavilion Tavern is required to temporarily close in order to facilitate this significant development. Following completion of this development the business will reopen.” This news needs to be treated with caution, as there many instances of this arrangement placing restrictions on the pub section of the building which can allow the owners/developers to go back to the planning authority and say the pub is unviable and apply for the whole building to become residential.

The [Preston Brewery Tap](#), Preston Road has closed and The Victory in Duke Street, has been refurbished – probably open now. The Quadrant has re-opened as “Whelans Brighton” part of the Whelans Pub Group.

The [Eagle](#), Gloucester Road, has had a planning application to form a roof terrace, refused. The Pleisure pubs, including the [Great Eastern](#), the [Office](#) and the [St James's](#), have reverted back to Ei Group.

Apparently, [Brighton Bier](#) will accept the new CAMRA vouchers in their pubs.

### BURGESS HILL

The [Watermill](#) in Leylands Road (near Wivelsfield station) has undergone a
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refurbishment with the exterior and non-public areas of the pub receiving most attention. Latterly, three beers from Long Man have been available: Best, American Pale Ale and Long Blonde.

■ CHICHESTER
A new Micro Pub has new been given planning permission in Crane Street, Chichester. The Hole in the Wall, Saint Martins Street, is a new Big Smoke Brew Company pub and opened in April this year.

■ CLIMPING

The Black Horse Inn has been bought by Historic Sussex Hotels who intend to restore it and they are looking to re-open in Spring 2020.

■ COOKSBRIDGE
The Rainbow is a free house on the local bus route 121/2 and 10 mins. stroll from the rail station. The cellar is now run by former Good BeerGuide landlord Matt Perry of the Royal Oak in Barcombe and upon visiting the beers were in excellent condition. Harveys Best and seasonal Harveys plus a quality guest ale on all year round at £4 a pint. Follow on Facebook for offers and news or visit Revivedinns.co.uk.

■ CROWHURST
The beer range remains good and in top form at the Plough Inn after this rural free house changed hands in July.

■ EASTBOURNE

The Bibendum has often been overlooked due to other popular cask ale venues in the South Street area. However it now serves three real ales in top form in its large bar, and often two will be from 360 Degrees brewery of Sheffield Park.

■ LAGNESS & HUNSTON
Following the purchase of Fuller’s Brewery Division by Asahi, the following pubs are open to new tenants in the Western Sussex Branch Area: The Royal Oak, Pagham Road, Lagness and The Spotted Cow, Selsey Road, Hunston.

■ NEWHAVEN

It seems Harveys have finally got their finger out, as I was in Newhaven yesterday I saw the long-closed Bridge covered in scaffolding and a Harveys van parked outside with workmen painting the exterior. I asked one of the workmen if it was to re-open as a pub soon. He said yes, but not until sometime next year. Speaking to the
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landlady of the Prince of Wales in Newhaven, she said she heard The Bridge was to have a restaurant – hardly surprising in this day and age.

**POLEGATE**

After being closed for many months the Junction reopened in October to much applause from residents of the ever-expanding local area. It’s now a refurbished family-friendly free house with home-cooked food served lunchtimes and evening. Initially two ever-changing local real ales are offered while a third handpump may be installed in the future. The pub is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, but this may change. The family running the pub also own the Welcome in St. Leonards-on-Sea.

**ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA**

At the Tower a recent Macmillan Nurses cake stall raised £320. The Tower was one of twelve pubs taking part in a Tap Takeover weekend on 11-13th October and they featured Downlands Brewery.

The Piper is now open mornings from 10am.

**SELSHEY**

The Crab Pot has successfully completed its move from 145 High Street to larger premises at 153 High Street, with the opportunity of outside seating.
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**COMPASS TRAVEL November**

**Friday 8th Seaford;** Meet noon at Old Boot then Wellington finishing at Steamworks

**Wednesday 13th East Preston & Ferring;** 11.25 Stagecoach 700 from Worthing Marine Parade to East Preston (Fairlands stop) and short walk to Clockhouse and Seaview. Later S/C 700 back for Henty Arms.

**Thursday 16th Horsham;** Meet noon at Maltshovel then to Brewhouse & Kitchen and Piries.

**Friday 24th Isfield & Ringmer;** 11.10 B&H 29 from Churchill Sq for Laughing Fish then 13.22 B&H 29 for Cock.

**Thursday 30th Steyning & Shoreham;** 10.51 B&H 2 from Churchill Sq (11.48 Shoreham High St) to Star then return for Old Star and Duke of Wellington.

**December**

**Friday 6th Lancing & Sompting;** meet Beach Green Hotel (New Sussex) from 11.00 then short walk to Stanley Ale House. Later catch Compass 7 (hourly) for Gardeners.

**Thursday 12th Barnham, Yapton & Eastergate;** Meet Murrell Arms from 11.45. Then 12.57 Compass 66C from opp station (Tesco’s) for Maypole Then 15.12 Compass 66A to Eastergate for Wilkes Head.

**Friday 20th Portslade;** Meet noon at Railway then short walk to Foghorn.

**Saturday 28th Worthing;** Meet Georgi Finn from noon, then to Green Man and other micropubs.

**Stagecoach January**

**Friday 3rd Lewes;** Meet noon at Swan (Southover St) then Kings Head, and Lansdowne.

**Thursday 9th Chichester, Walderton & Stoughton;** Meet Dolphin & Anchor from 11.30 then 12.54 Stagecoach 54 from Cathedral C1 stop to Walderton for Barley Mow. Later a 1 mile road walk for Hare & Hounds.

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For all enquiries about trips please contact me on max.malkin@mypostoffice.co.uk or ring me on 01243 828394.
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Information here is generally supplied by the Brewery Liaison Officers (BLOs) named at the end of each report. The Brewery Liaison Coordinator for the South East Area is Peter Page-Mitchell.

The following breweries are still operating in Sussex but have no news to report at the moment:

81 Artisan; Adur; Bestens; Brew Studio; Brewing Brothers; Brick House; Brolly; Good Things; Goodwood; Greyhound; Gribble; Gun, Heathen; Hepworth; Hurst; Kiln; Kissingate; Laine; Little Monster; Lost & Found; Lost Pier; Loud Shirt; Missing Link; Old Tree; Pin-Up; Polarity; Rectory; Rother Valley; Riverside, Rother Valley; Sussex Small Batch; Three Legs; Top Notch; Vine; Weltons

1648
East Hoathly, 01825 840830
www.1648brewing.co.uk
As Autumn turns to Winter the ales become more exotic. Gold Angel (4.8% ABV reduced from 5.0%) is still available together with double award winner Signature and the lovely smooth Black Velvet (reduced from 5.2 to 5.0%).

Coming soon are the Warrant (4.8%) a chocolate porter with a coffee after taste, and Winter Solstice (4.2%) in November, a spicy dark ruby ale brewed with smoked barley and a delicate hint of ginger - a regular winter favourite.

BLO Philip Bannister

360 DEGREES BREWING
Sheffield Park 01825 722375
360degreebrewing.com
The summer saw the brewery running at maximum capacity to meet the increased demand.

The Brewery Shop is busy since opening on weekends, with draught and keg beers on offer, as well as a fully stocked fridge (contact brewery for opening times).

Their Session IPA 4.3% won Gold in class at the World Beer Awards 2019. The canned range has expanded to five, in 330ml cans.

New beers are constantly being added to the portfolio, with the much-anticipated kegged Twisted Tropical 5.0% being available from the end of October.

BLO Jason Phillips

ABYSS
Framfield, 01825 840561, 07919 445345
Two new EU-funded fermentation vessels arrived recently to be commissioned in October. This increases brewery capacity to 12-13 HL (8 brewers barrels) per brew with five fermentation vessels and the ability to carbonate naturally in the new tanks. The only new beer is a 5.5% Kolsch with lemon and Hallertau Blanc hops.

BLO John Quick

ARUNDEL
Ford, nr Arundel, 01903 733111
www.arundelbrewery.co.uk
The Arundel craft range goes from strength to strength with three beers now in the Untappd “Top 10 Highest-Rated Beers for Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire & Kent”. More fermentation vessel capacity comes on-stream in November which should enable more stock availability. Brewing at their Brewhouse Project site should start in the New Year where the focus will be
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on small batch beers. The Brewfest Beer Festival there (Calceto Lane off Lymminster Road, Arundel BN17 7QQ) on Fri. 24th to Sun. 26th January will feature 8 bars including a Western Sussex CAMRA bar with four firkins of some very unusual beers (tickets are available via Eventbrite).

**BLO Tony Ashcroft**

**BATTLE**
Battle, 01424 772838 hello@battlebrewery.co.uk
A busy summer saw increased sales, both trade and direct from the taproom. Production increased to satisfy demand and the arrival of some new beers. An oatmeal stout, Stigand, has been added to the dark beer selection. In cooperation with Hukins Hops of Tenterden a first ‘green hop beer’ was brewed in September and I was able to assist brewer Greg with this. An enjoyable day seeing the fresh Fuggle hops harvested and within a few hours adding them to the copper. This new 4% pale ale was available at the Spa Valley Railway Beer Festival and in the brewery taproom. There is a seasonal return for the special Dark Amber beer in October brewed for the Battle Festival of Arts & Music - and the Brewery Tap will be hosting two live music events in support of it. I am pleased to add that Battle Brewery’s Alan the Red and Abbey Pale Ale came joint first in the Eastbourne Beer Festival Award for Best Beer from a Sussex Micro Brewery.

**BLO Mac McCutcheon**

**BEDLAM**
Ditchling, 07955 684041 www.bedlambrewery.co.uk
As they bid farewell to an exciting and fulfilling summer, Bedlam Brewery would like to thank all friends who visited their inaugural Yard Party in September, when they well and truly christened the new Brewhouse with a full selection of all their ales alongside delicious street food and a DJ. A turtle nest has been sponsored in the name of Bedlam Brewery by the Beer Company as a result of their successful limited edition Turtle Recall 3.9% Pale Ale, from which they are donating £5 per cask/keg and 10p per can sold to Project Biodiversity to help save sea turtles. Three exciting limited-edition ales are being released in time for winter and Christmas.

**BLO Peter Mitchell**

**BEER ME**
Eastbourne 02323 729967 thebelgiancafe.co.uk
The brewery produced an Oktoberfest beer at 5% abv and that joins the other 6 home crafted beers on tap at the Belgian Cafe and Soup’n’Tap, Eastbourne. Oyster Stout makes its return, as does Eastbourne Blanche by popular demand. Beer Me beers can now be found in Hastings at St Mary’s in the Castle.

**BLO Scott O’Rourke**

**BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN**
Horsham, 01403 788140, horsham@brewhouseandkitchen.com
Oliver is brewing a Coffee Liqueur Stout for the Horsham Beer Festival, and is planning to have some in cask and keg form, in the pub.

**BLO Terry Shouler**

**BURNING SKY**
Firle, 01273 858080. www.burningskybeer.com
The brewery remains very busy. Two and a half years in the making, they are proud to have released Coolship No. 2. It is a blend of beers from the 2016-17 and 2017-18 brewery seasons and continues their journey into the world of blending and spontaneous fermentation unique to their terroir. It is limited to 1,500 bottles and will be available from independent bottle shops and their online outlet.

**BLO Ian Hodge**

**CELLAR HEAD**
Flimwell, 07391 557407. www.cellarheadbrewing.com
Cellar Head have recently acquired an additional 250 casks to help cope with the increased distribution of their ales. And it is Green Hop time too! Three different ales have been produced, each using a different green hop;
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Strang#:7, Epic and Challenger. Two of these will have featured in the local Spa Valley Beer Festival in October. The range of regular ales is available in the Brewery Tap Room, in bottles and cans and some in mini-kegs.

**BLO Philip Banister**

**CHAPEAU BREWING**
Horsham 01403 252459  
chapeaubrewing.com

The brewery has launched a beer club - chapeaubrewing.com/beerclub.

Second anniversary will be celebrated over the weekend 8 & 9th November, tickets will be on sale for this event. After the success of last year, Dark December will be returning again this year with a new selection of small batch dark beers to be chalked up over the month. The brewery tap will be open late on Friday 20th December.

**BLO Clive Watson**

**DOWNLANDS**
Small Dole 01273 495596  
downlandsbrewery.com

Locally-sourced hedgerow hops were used to brew Green Hopped Root Thirteen, a 3.6% session APA.

**BLO Peter Mitchell**

**ENGINEER**
High Hurstwood, 07841 669096  
theengineerbrewery.co.uk

Engineer continues to make up for its very small scale by producing a range of excellent quality beers. Its main outlets are The Hurstwood in the local village where a “beer and conversation” evening is held on the first Monday of each month, and The Coopers Arms in Crowborough. Here, a tap takeover is held on the last Saturday of each month with the Engineer Brewery providing four different beers in addition to those already on offer. After 6 months there has yet to be a repeat of any of the beers provided. These events are always eagerly awaited and enthusiastically received!

Two Engineer beers would have been on offer at the Eastbourne and the Spa Valley Beer Festivals in October.

**BLO Richard Saunders**

**FILO**
Hastings 01424 420212  
filobrewing.co.uk

FILO has recently appointed a new head brewer, and while all the popular regular beers are to remain unchanged for the present time, watch this space for the future!

**BLO Bill Turner**

**FIREBIRD**
Horsham, 01403 823180  
firebirdbrewing.com

Two Horses is available in M&B pubs until the end of November and has been selling well. A new unfined single-hop beer, Sorachi Ace, was launched at the end of September and this year’s old ale should be launched on the 1st November. Christmas ale will be available in cask in December. Streetfood nights on Fridays in the bar have started - food is available 6 to 8pm but check first as this is still an experiment. This year’s Brewfest will be on Sat. 30th November - check social media or the website for details.

**BLO Dave Sharp**
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Apart from four core beers, Franklins produce seasonal beers. October will be Paper Please – an Irish Border Red. In November they are planning to release a new beer, a Honey Scotch that will use Honey from the local farm. December will bring Imperial Stout. Franklins will continue their collaboration with Ascension Cider, producing juicy beers. The current beer of that style is Glow Up – an Apple Pie Berlinergraff.

**BLO Kris Crymer**

**GOLDMARK**
Poling, nr Arundel 07900 555415 01903 297838 goldmark.co.uk

Four new beers to be available are: Pitch Shifter IPA 5%; GSB 4.8%; Wurst Bitter 4%; and Choc Ice Stout 6%. All beers will be available on cask only. Fresh beer can be purchased online and collected straight from the brewery on Fridays.

**BLO Jim Waterston**

**HAMMERPOT**
Poling, nr Arundel, 01903 883338 hammerpot-brewery.co.uk

The Brewery has closed (no further info).

**BLO Rob Gowland**

**HAND BREW CO**
Brighton, 07508 814541 handbrewpub.com

The brewery is keeping busy and has recently invested in temperature-controlled cask lines for the Hand in Hand pub, meaning the beers should be the perfect temperature with every pint. They will also be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the installation of this iconic tower brewery in the Hand in Hand, with an oyster stout and a one-off revival of one of the old Kemptown Brewery beers as originally brewed by the late Bev Robbins.

**BLO Peter Mitchell**

**HARVEY’S**
Lewes, 01273 480209. harveys.org.uk

Their traditional Harvest Festival Service at St. Thomas’ Church was on the first Saturday in October with Old Ale ‘danced in’ at the Brewery Yard and met with great acclaim. Bonfire Boy was brewed earlier than usual and, at the time of writing, Christmas Ale was about to be mashed and blessed. Harveys forge ahead with plans for vegan-friendly beers and new keg products. The brewery will be staging a beer festival in 2020 that will showcase a range of unusual beers from the Independent Family Brewers of Britain.

**BLO lan Hodge**

**HEATHEN**
Haywards Heath 07825 429428 heathenbrewers.co.uk

Heathen supplied Black Eye PA and Hoppler Effect to the South Downs Beer & Cider Festival in June. Both were well received with Black Eye PA doing very well in the Beer of the Festival voting.

**BLO Paul Free**

**HEPWORTH**
North Heath 01403 269696 hepworthbrewery.co.uk

To coincide with the first Autumn brew of their classic Old Ale the folk at Hepworth’s are launching the Brewery Tap Room on 1st. November. This is the latest innovation at the superb purpose-built brewery at Stane Street near Pulborough which, now three years in, continues to evolve.

**BLO Les Johnson**

**HIGH WEALD**
East Grinstead 07836 291430 andy@highwealdbrewing.co.uk

High Weald continues to introduce new beers, with another two being launched in August and September at The Engine Room brewery tap & bar in East Grinstead. These were Sussex Farmhouse (4.1%) and Comet (4.2). The regular range of Chronicle (3.8%), Greenstede (4.0%), Charcoal Burner (4.2%) and Off the Chart (5.0%) are popular but Andy hopes to find time to make more new and experimental ales in due course. Apart from High Weald beers, The...
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Engine Room has up to four changing guest beers (on gravity) a couple of keg taps and local real ciders, local gins, wines, spirits and cold snacks. Also live music, see Facebook page.

**BLO Jonathan Samways**

**HOLLER**
in Brighton, has been taken over by UnBarred. [hello@unbarredbrewery.com](mailto:hello@unbarredbrewery.com)

**KILN**
Burgess Hill 07800556729
[thekilnbrewery.co.uk](http://thekilnbrewery.co.uk)
Kiln supplied Pathfinder 4% ABV, described as “a classic pale ale with a German twist, dry hopped with Mandarina Bavaria giving a super citrus mandarin aroma”, to the South Downs Beer & Cider Festival in Lewes.

**BLO Paul Free**

**LANGHAM**
Lodsworth, Petworth 01798 860861
[langhambrewery.co.uk](http://langhambrewery.co.uk)
As we move towards the winter solstice, Autumn Ale (4.4%) is available again, made using Sussex hops and Sussex honey, and as we get closer to December the Christmas Cracker, a ruby spiced ale (4.5%) will be brewed. Thanks to everybody who braved the poor weather at The ‘Bonker’s for Conkers’ event – a large amount money will go to Chestnut Tree House charity.

**BLO Peter Luff**

**LONG MAN**
Litlington 01323 871850/07976 777992
[longmanbrewery.com](http://longmanbrewery.com)
Long Man have launched their first-ever kegged lager: Helles Lager, 4.6%, with Perle, Tettnang, Saaz and Hersbrucker hops providing a rounded, light bitterness and floral character. At the same time the Small Batch Range continues to rotate, with most recently Indian Summer (a West Coast IPA with an assault of citrus hops) followed by Märzen, an Oktoberfest-themed Bavarian-style malty cask lager. Wild Man, a 5.2% IPA, and Inn Keeper, a 4.8% winter warmer, are up next in November and December.

**BLO Scott O’Rourke**

**UNBARRED**
[unbarredbrewery.com](http://unbarredbrewery.com)
Has now taken over the Holler Brewery & Tap Room in Elder Place, Brighton.

**BLO tbc**

**WATCHMAKER’S ARMS**
Hove 01273 776307
A number of old ales and dark beers will be brewed for the autumn including some interesting collaboration brews with Top Notch brewery and Beer No Evil bar of 82 Brighton Rd. Worthing.

**BLO Peter Mitchell**
The Pubs of Hove part 2: Central Hove

The Sussex, facing the seafront, is the archetypal traditional pub. Their casks are Harvey’s Best and, when I visited, Dark Star Hophead.

Opposite is the Neptune, a small, cosy room with a tiny stage and five handpumps. On a recent visit these featured Harvey’s, Greene King, Dark Star, Adnams and Downland.

The Better Half has Harvey’s, Bedlam, Timothy Taylor and Long Man on cask, plus Gun on keg. On New Church Road, opposite Tesco’s, is a pub which could almost be the Neptune’s twin, the Seafield. When I visited I was impressed to see three handpumps. Sadly, all three beers were off.

The Connaught sits at the top of Hove Street, an L-shaped room with half of the pub for dining and the other half for drinking. When I visited it had two cask ales - Oxford Gold and Wells Bombardier. At the Ginger Pig I felt like the only person not waiting on a table in the restaurant but my pint of Harvey’s Best was excellent.

The Hove Park Tavern used to be one of the grottiest pubs in Brighton. Despite a major refit it’s still uninspiring. The regular cask is Harvey’s Best but beware the guest ale. Out near Seven Dials is the Palmeira, a bright, airy Greene King tied house with regular live music and six handpumps: Greene King IPA and Abbot, Bedlam Phoenix, St Austell Tribute and from Long Man, Best Bitter and Old Man.

There is one Wetherspoons in central Hove, the Cliftonville Inn in George Street. It’s one of their smaller pubs but it’s always busy. Opposite is what used to be the Slug and Lettuce now turned by owners Stonegate into the George Street Tap. They have two casks, Harvey’s Best and Doombar, while on tap are what you might call “corporate crafts”: Brewdog, Meantime, Beavertown and Camden. The beer quality is OK but the décor is awful. The Station, a loud and brash Greene King house, sports four handpumps but only one, offering their IPA, was in use when I visited. They also offer “corporate craft” with Goose Island replacing Camden.

On New Church Road the Modelo Lounge is after the family market. They have no cask, instead offering kegs from Bath Ales, Bristol Beer Factory and Goose Island. There are two other cafe bars nearby; Libation seems to be after the young professionals market. They offer one cask ale, Harvey’s Best.

Hove Place is a basement bar, with a solid food menu and three casks: Harvey’s Best, Dark Star Hophead and a guest ale.

The Blind Busker is more congenial but it came as a surprise to me when it made
last year’s *Good Beer Guide*. Four casks were available when I visited, from Greene King, Dark Star and St Austell.

There are two gastro pubs accessible from Tesco’s car park. The **Foragers** is a small two-bar pub offering two cask ales. One was Dark Star Hophead but the guest ale hadn’t been looked after.

The **Urchin** has an impressive food menu and the beer selection is about as good. They have two casks, Harvey’s Best and Long Man Best, Rodenbach Grand Cru on tap and a varying selection from the likes of the Kernel, Wild Beer and their own Larrikin ales.

Central Hove has two Laine pubs. The **Exchange** had Gun’s Zamzana IPA on cask on my most recent visit, alongside brews from Laine, Dorking and Bedlam. Kegs were mostly Laine’s own brews.

The **Old Albion** has ten taps which, on a recent visit, included brews from Big Hug, Northern Monk, Ampersand and Pomona Island. The one cask was Dark Star APA.

My favourite pub in Hove is the **Watchmakers Arms**, a narrow micropub with tables along both sides and standing space in the middle. There are five ales on cask, five ciders and two keg lines. There are always a couple of modern bitters, from the likes of Downland, Franklins and Vibrant Forest or brewed in-house. There’s always a dark ale available too.

**Phil Jones**

There is a longer version of this article in Phil’s blog: [bit.ly/2DwNKlm](http://bit.ly/2DwNKlm)

Book on Phil’s Hove Beer Tour: [www.airbnb.co.uk/experiences/1055126](http://www.airbnb.co.uk/experiences/1055126)
Ask not what...
This edition I’m am going to borrow from one of the great men of the last Century, John F. Kennedy, who during his inauguration speech gave us “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”, So where am I going with this, I hope dear reader you are a member, what do you get from your membership, well you got JD Wetherspoon, vouchers which are in the process of being replaced by vouchers that can be used in other chains. Armed with your beer (and discount) vouchers we hope you will sally forth to your local and support your local pubs.

Which brings us to the second part of the quote, what can you do for CAMRA, well it is really simple, while you are visiting the pub and supporting your local community you could score the beer / cider / perry quality. This is simple as it can be done via your smart phone even more so if you have location service enabled. There are two ways of coring, either via the GBG app, yes there is one, or using the web browser based WhatPub. Both can use the Geo Location function to zero into the pub you are in. With both ways you need to login with your CAMRA membership number this will give you extra links for beer scoring.

So what are you doing for us, well you are helping the local branch to evaluate pubs for entry to the Good Beer Guide, many branches use the average score for pubs for assessment for the guide. If you think that a pub ought to be in the guide it may be missing because it has not received enough scores to be considered (often we do some averaging and statistical magic).

Go on get out there a score for your team, CAMRA.

Paul Sanders
CAMRA Regional Director, Surrey & Sussex
I SET UP MY OWN LITTLE ‘BEER FESTIVAL’! by David Brumley

CAMRA beer festivals come in all shapes and sizes. There are over 180 run across the country each year concentrating on real ale, cider and perry. They are a celebration of real ale and cider and a chance to try a large range of beers with fellow enthusiasts.

I have worked at several different beer festivals from small events with 40 ales up to the biggest of them all, the Great British Beer Festival held at Olympia in London each August. I enjoyed the experience so much that I set up my own Micropub with an ever-rotating range of beers offering a mini beer festival every day. I did this because I love meeting and talking to other real ale lovers. Serving customers is really enjoyable and helping people to have a great day at the festivals is really rewarding.

There are many different roles that are required to be completed at a beer festival. These can be split down into three separate areas, the festival set up, the actual festival itself and the festival take down.

**Set Up**

Beer festivals are held in rented halls or marquees erected for the occasion. Everything you see at the festival has to be built. This includes stillaging for the beer and the bars in front of this from which customers will be served.

Beer and cider are the stars of the show. The beer has to be checked in when delivered, it has to be set up on the stillaging and left to rest for 24 hours. The beer is then vented to allow excess CO₂ to be released, it can then be tapped so that the beer is ready to be served. It needs to be kept chilled throughout.

Cider is often served from boxes at beer festivals, again it must be checked in and set up ready to be served.

Both the beers and ciders need to be clearly labelled to ensure that everyone can get the right drink.

Other set up roles include setting out the tables and chairs and putting signs up to help people find their way around the site.

**The Beer Festival**

Festivals often run over a weekend and have several different sessions. When the floodgates are opened the punters pour in. They are supplied with a festival glass that they can keep as a souvenir of the event. Security may be required at the bigger festivals to help out as needed. Volunteers serve the ales and ciders to the customers. There may also be other stalls such as games and beer memorabilia that have to be run by volunteers. I prefer working on a bar at a beer festival to attending one as a customer (although I normally try to do both) as you get to experience being part of a great event with other great volunteers.

**Take Down**

It’s always sad when the event is over. The beer has been drunk and everyone has gone home. However, there is still work to be done. Everything that has been put up must be taken down and packed up for next year. The barrels need to be put together in one place to be collected by the brewers. Its then time to say goodbye to old friends and new, and to look forward to the next one.

CAMRA beer festivals offer a great time as both a customer and as a volunteer. Volunteers are always needed and made to feel welcome. If you would like to get involved please contact your local CAMRA Branch for further details.
PRESSING NEWS

Regional Cider Pub of the Year
The judges votes are in for the Surrey & Sussex cider pub of the year, and the winner is the Star in Godalming, obviously not in Sussex, but hats off and well done to the Star which is a marvellous pub which can be recommend for real ale in addition to it’s cider and perry offering. However, the scores were very close and all the Sussex pubs scored well, however the runner up and Sussex Cider Pub of the year is the Brewery Shades in Crawley, just edged out of the top spot it held last year, well done to Nicki Cheek and her team.

I would have liked to have some photographs of the awards ceremony to the Shades and Ray Magnes (Camrose), and Dave Belton (JB) in the Regional Cider competition, but I had to cancel due to work commitments, and I would like to extend my apologies to all for cancelling very late.

However, right is a photo of Ray outside the Shades.

Seasonal Reminder
Hopefully you are enjoying the new years cider from our makers, please look out for opportunities to go apple picking in October, a lot of fun and good exercise.

Paul Sanders
Regional Cider Coordinator

Penny Stringer
presenting Ray Magness (Camrose Cider) with Cider of the Festival (Equinox)
Weird, Wondrous & Historic Pubs of the United Kingdom
I've very recently finished writing a book, Weird, Wondrous & Historic Pubs of the United Kingdom and it has now been published on Amazon in both Paperback and Kindle format. It has taken me around ten years to write, as I have visited all of the pubs inside and it covers numerous counties in England, plus Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. I have a great foreword written by one of the co-founders of Wold Top Brewery in East Yorkshire. As this is my first-ever book, I am wanting to spread the word to every part of the UK to get it out there. The Facebook page is for anyone to join (https://www.facebook.com/weirdwondrousandhistoricpubs/) and on it I will be keeping people updated by posting interesting facts and photos of the pubs. Plus links how to get the book.

Mickey Swann, Yorkshire

Beer of the Festival Award at the South Downs (Lewes) Festival went to Bedlam Brewery’s Amangsett APA. Here is Will the brewer (left) with the certificate presented on July 31st by Peter Mitchell, the Festival Organiser (centre). Peter also presented a cheque for £341, collected for the Festival Charity, to Elizabeth Lang from The Bevern Trust. Looking on are two Branch members and festival workers.

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

**15-17 Nov** Brewers Arms, Lewes, Annual Beer Festival. Selection of cask and keg beers and ciders.

**15 Nov** Train to London Pubs – TTLP50: Area & venues TBA. To be included on mailing list please contact Pete Brown, peteb@custardtowers.plus.com

**16 Nov** The Hand in Hand will be celebrating 30 years since it’s Tower brewery was installed back in 1989, with a special edition Oyster stout by Hand Brew Co, brewery tours, folk music, shanties and a REAL mermaid, alongside food by Al The Pieman. 01273 699595 handbrewpub.com

**Sun 1 Dec** Ballards/Greyhound Beer Walk, from 10.30am at Three Moles, Selham. Walk the 3.5 mile circular route and return for BBQ (and more beer!)

**21 Dec** Greyhound Big Jumper Beer Festival, noon to 8pm at the Brewery (Smock Alley RH20 2QX). Music, food, prizes for best (and worst) Xmas outfits!

**24-26 Jan** Brewfest Beer Festival at Arundel’s ‘Brewhouse Project’ (BN17 7QQ), 8 bars including a Western Sussex CAMRA bar, arundelbrewery.co.uk


**21-23 Feb** Tower Beer Festival - St Leonards on Sea

**6-7 Mar** Horsham Equinox Beer Festival, Drill Hall, Horsham (see front cover and page 3).

**20-21 Mar** Provisional, tbc. Sussex Branches Beer Festival at Brighton Racecourse.

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