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# LOCAL BEER & CIDER FESTIVALS

## CAMRA Festivals:

### June

- 9 CAMRA bar at the MENCAP Fayre.

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- 15/16 Kent and East Sussex Railway Beer Festival.

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Email: [festival@camra-afm.org.uk](mailto:festival@camra-afm.org.uk). Website: [www.camra-afm.org.uk](http://www.camra-afm.org.uk).

### July

- 19/21 44th Kent Beer Festival.

Canterbury RFC, Merton Lane North, Canterbury, CT4 7AZ

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Olympia London, Hammersmith Rd, Kensington, London. W14 8UX

### September

- 1 CAMRA's East Malling Beer and Cider Festival

East Malling Research, New Rd, East Malling, ME19 6BJ

Website: [www.mmk.camra.org.uk](http://www.mmk.camra.org.uk), Twitter: [www.twitter.com/Embeerfestival](https://twitter.com/Embeerfestival)

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### June

- 27/30 Flower Pot 17th Beer Festival, 96 Sandling Rd, Maidstone. ME14 2RJ.  
[www.flowerpotpub.com](http://www.flowerpotpub.com)

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- 3/5 Three Daws Beer Festival,  
7 Town Pier, Gravesend. DA11 0BJ.  
[www.threedaws.co.uk](http://www.threedaws.co.uk)
- 24/27 Jolly Drayman Beer Festival, 1 Love Lane, Wellington Street, Gravesend. DA12 1JA.  
[www.jollydrayman.com](http://www.jollydrayman.com)
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[www.thegoldenlionpub.co.uk](http://www.thegoldenlionpub.co.uk)
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[www.thethreetunsrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.thethreetunsrestaurant.co.uk)
- 25/27 Bull Beer Festival, Lombard Street, Horton Kirby, Kent DA4 9DF.  
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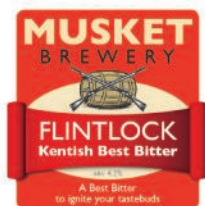


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Kingswood Cider	01227 709387	<i>www.kingswoodcider.co.uk</i>
Little Stour Orchard	07771 711252	<i>www.littlestourorchard.co.uk</i>
Merry Moon	07707 309041	
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# CAMRA'S EAST MALLING BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL 2018

## BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL RETURNS TO EAST MALLING



Organisers of CAMRA's East Malling Beer and Cider Festival are forging ahead with plans for this year's event on Saturday September 1st, the ninth since it returned to the local area, once again to take place in the grounds of East Malling Research, the world-famous horticultural research station.

The one-day event is being organised and staffed by volunteer members of the Maidstone and Mid-Kent Branch of CAMRA and

follows in the footsteps of similar events organised by the Branch since the 1970s. The Festival is renowned for showcasing local microbreweries and cider producers, as well as brews from around the UK.



Jeff Tucker, organiser of CAMRA's East Malling Beer and Cider Festival, said: "We think we have the perfect venue. We're delighted to be returning for 2018 following a record-breaking 2017 event. Our organising team has been working hard to ensure this year's event continues to be an enjoyable experience for all the family."



Ian Clennett, Chairman of Maidstone and Mid-Kent CAMRA, said: "Visitors tell us how much they have enjoyed the festival and how much they are looking forward to coming back. Each year, we've fine-tuned what has proven to be a winning formula and can promise them an even better event for 2018. We had fantastic

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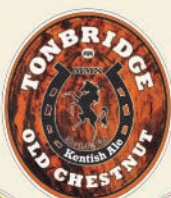
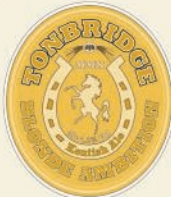
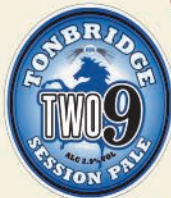
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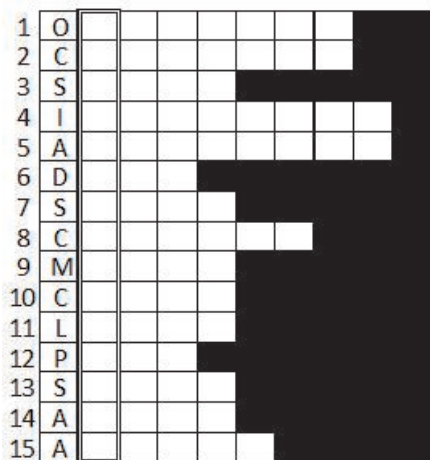
# BEER FESTIVAL COMPETITION

Here's a chance to win one of two prizes, each of two complimentary entrance tickets to the East Malling Beer & Cider Festival on Saturday 1st September at East Malling Research. Please note that this competition is not available to people under 18 years of age.

What you have to do is solve the 15 cryptic clues below. The first letter and length of each answer is given. The second letters of each answer make up a pub name, of which there are more than 20 examples in the UK, though none in Kent. The pub name has three words (5,2,8).

Send the answers to the 15 clues (or as many as you can do) plus the pub name, either by photocopying/scanning this completed page or on a plain sheet of paper and email it to [jeff.tucker@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jeff.tucker@blueyonder.co.uk). The closing date for entries is 22nd August 2018.

Two winners will receive the prize, so please supply contact details. In the event of a tie, in the number of clues answered correctly, the winners will be picked at random by the landlord of one of the pubs where we meet on 23rd August. Good luck! Answers in the next issue.



- 1 O \_\_\_\_\_ Somehow roasting a musician
- 2 C \_\_\_\_\_ Talk opposite
- 3 S \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis wear
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ Bring in the tool
- 5 A \_\_\_\_\_ PM on one raft, bobbing around
- 6 D \_\_\_\_\_ Matt is boring
- 7 S \_\_\_\_\_ Axle is a piece of rubbish, after all
- 8 C \_\_\_\_\_ Some are positive
- 9 M \_\_\_\_\_ I made a mess of the papers, for example
- 10 C \_\_\_\_\_ Castrated chicken wearing a hat
- 11 L \_\_\_\_\_ Be honest about the flat
- 12 P \_\_\_\_\_ Highly desirable fruit
- 13 S \_\_\_\_\_ Be too hard for some of the best umpires
- 14 A \_\_\_\_\_ Wonky, like the famous Gardens in London
- 15 A \_\_\_\_\_ The pudding is stirred faster

The hidden pub is \_\_\_\_\_ .

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**Bell Inn, Bearsted (Ware Street)**– Nigel Williams and his team have been here for 3 years and have made this a popular venue. This community pub has a covered decking in the rear garden with a pizza bar and tables. Inside is a popular restaurant, which was a later addition to the original building, featuring its own well over which it was built. The well remains and has been capped by a large sheet of glass and is now lit within. An extensive menu offers popular dishes at reasonable prices. The bar area gives a modern appearance with adequate seating and live music on Friday evenings. *Greene King IPA* and *Old Speckled Hen* are the usual beers and *Bath Ales Gem* was the guest on a recent branch visit. [www.bearstedbell.co.uk](http://www.bearstedbell.co.uk) Facebook: [thebellinnbearsted](https://www.facebook.com/thebellinnbearsted)



**Kings Arms, Boxley** – Following a walk from the Cock Horse in Detling passing the newish plantings of grape vines on the gentle south facing slope I was able to partake of the guest beer *Otter Springfest*. If you are not up to walking then the 130 bus stops outside during the day so there is no parking problem. The walled garden is very pleasant during the warmer weather and the food is recommended. The permanent beers are *Harveys Sussex Best Bitter* and the stronger, darker *Sharp's Sea Fury*. [www.thekingsarmsmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.thekingsarmsmaidstone.co.uk) Facebook: [Kings.Arms.Boxley](https://www.facebook.com/Kings.Arms.Boxley)

**Cock Horse, Detling** – A comfortably furnished pub adjacent to the Pilgrims Way. Does not open until 5pm on Mondays but at midday for the rest of the week. Serves two *Greene King* beers, usually *IPA* and *Morland Old Speckled Hen*, plus one from their guest list which was *Bath Ales Gem* when I last visited.

**Kilnbarn, Ditton** – Opening hours have changed, it is now closed at lunch times from Mon-Thu. Reports suggest that there have been a few different beers available recently.

**Victory, East Farleigh** – Apparently the car park charge issue with the railway has been solved and it can still be used free.

**Bell & Jorrock, Frittenden** – Sean and Rosie held their annual Beer Festival in April with 24 beers on offer. The food menu is excellent and a pizza van calls on Sunday evenings. Congratulations for being awarded the CAMRA branch Pub of the Year. The



permanent beers are *Harveys Sussex Best Bitter* and *Black Sheep Best Bitter* and there are two guest beers, which are often from *Dark Star*, *Rother Valley* or *Tonbridge*. [www.thebellandjorrocks.co.uk](http://www.thebellandjorrocks.co.uk) Facebook: *thebellandjorrocks*

**Knoxbridge, Frittenden** – Tony again ran a St George's Beer festival with 16 ales on stillage and some ciders. The Cranbrook Town Band and a military vehicle show on 21 April also proved additional attractions. The fairly permanent beers here are *Brumaison BB* and *Harveys Sussex Best Bitter* and guests from *Musket* and *Tonbridge* are amongst others seen. [www.theknoxbridge.co.uk](http://www.theknoxbridge.co.uk)



**Woodcock, Iden Green** – Closed and lease is for sale.

**Small Holding, Kilndown** – The new name for the former *Globe & Rainbow* which re-opened on 6 April. Now seems mainly a restaurant with a rather upmarket menu. No news on beer availability yet. [www.thesmallholding.restaurant](http://www.thesmallholding.restaurant) Facebook: *thesmallholding*

**Spitfire, Kings Hill** – Has been fully refurbished and re-opened on the 4th May.



**Drakes, Maidstone** – Open mic events on Tuesdays brings in a good crowd. Vegan and gluten free food is provided and is appreciated by customers. All *Franklins* beers are now vegan friendly. Beers mostly available are *Pleisure Principal* (Adnams Lighthouse), *Franklins Mama Knows Best* and *Timothy Taylor Landlord* has also been seen. Facebook: *drakespub*. Tel 01622 692403.

**Herbalist, Maidstone** – Due to open 4pm on 25 May when all will be revealed. Its normal operating hours will be 8am to 11pm.

[www.elitepubs.com/the-herbalist](http://www.elitepubs.com/the-herbalist) Facebook: *theherbalistmaidstone*

**Market House, Maidstone** – The former Earls has opened following a £900k refit. The manager is Lou Davies with deputy Matt Green. The kitchen has been rebuilt and will serve a fuller menu than previously. Open from noon Mon–Fri and 9am Sat & Sun. Music on Fridays and Saturdays will commence at 9.30pm.

**Unicorn, Marden** – New licensee Sean Hallihan has taken over from Kelly Maloney. Beers are *Harveys Sussex Best Bitter* and *Shepherd Neame Master Brew* with a couple of guests.

**Newnham Court, Weaving** – Newly refurbished and now branded by Greene King as an Eating Inn. The manager is still Sharon Goodwin. Opens at 10am and serves food till 10pm. Now has four ales *Green King Abbot*, *IPA*, *Sharp's Doom Bar* and *Morland Old Speckled Hen*. [www.eating-inn.co.uk/house/newnham-court-maidstone](http://www.eating-inn.co.uk/house/newnham-court-maidstone)

**Boathouse, Yalding** – Facebook still says open Spring 2018. So no fixed date yet.



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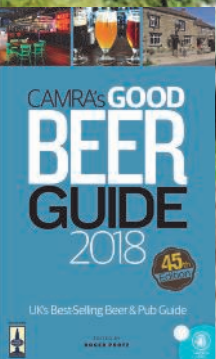
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The branch Pub of the Year for 2018 is the **Old House**, Ightham Common, a first-time winner of the award and last year's runner-up. The two runners-up this year are the **Compass Alehouse**, Gravesend, and the **Bull**, Horton Kirby. Congratulations to all three. Certificates

will be presented to each and readers may be able to catch the presentations to the Compass and the Bull (dates and times can be found in the CAMRA Branch Diaries section of this issue).

The **Bull** has been improved recently, which probably accounts for its rise up the Pub of the Year rankings. The large garden running down towards the river now features a separate bar.

The planning application for change of use to a micropub in Market Street, Dartford mentioned in the last edition did not in fact relate to a former restaurant but an Indian takeaway called Tiffin. The application was granted and as these notes were being finalised it seemed the pub should be open by mid-June, though we were still not aware of its new name. Also in Dartford, the **Royal Oak** was due to reopen under new management on April 26th after a short closure, and would be serving food.



On our recent branch visit to pubs in West Dartford, we found the **Bird in Hand** was holding its regular Wednesday karaoke and curry night and was very busy. Musical influences of a different sort were to be found at the **Dart**, where a lot of Rolling Stones memorabilia was on display. Finally, at the **Ship** it was good to see Pam, the landlady for some 35 years, back behind the bar after a long illness.



At Luddesdown, the beer range at the **Golden Lion** was under review at the time the previous edition was being prepared, and changes have indeed been made. The *St Austell* beers have been replaced and the regulars are instead *Fuller's London Pride*, *Gales Seafarers* and *Gadd's No 5*. The fourth handpump continues to serve a guest beer. This will change monthly, with April's representative being *Shepherd Neame Master Brew*. Not far away, we hear that the





**See Ho** at Shorne has changed landlord recently but no details are known as yet. The **Copperfield**, also at Shorne, but on the main road, was closed earlier this year with work underway, but has since reopened.

As an update to the 2018 Good Beer Guide, the **George & Dragon**, Wrotham no longer has a pool table or dartboard but does offer Thai food on both Thursdays and Fridays.

The **Rum Puncheon** in Gravesend has been steadily building trade after its closure, and a visit in late March found a house beer on one of the handpumps, which is brewed at *Caledonian*. This, and *Dark Star Hophead*, are now seen as regular beers, with about two other rotating guests. The pub reopened under a temporary arrangement and negotiations were under way at the time of writing to convert this to a formal lease.

Also in Gravesend, the **Invicta Bar** has evolved slightly since it opened. One real ale can be expected, with a second coming on before the weekend. These mainly come from Kent breweries and a variety of different brews from *Mad Cat* and *Tonbridge* were seen in March and April. An unusual option a little earlier in the year had been a beer from *No Frills Joe*. The bar was serving food during the day for a time. This had stopped at the time of writing these notes but was due to be relaunched at the end of April, when real cider should also be on sale.



The **Old Prince of Orange** in Gravesend now offers discounts for early customers, in this case £2.50 a pint for real ale before 6pm. On a recent visit, I had a choice of two beers from *Truman's*. Just down the road, the guest beer at the **Echo** was *Gales Seafarers* and there were a number of posters displayed about forthcoming live music sessions.

The landlord and landlady have now been there for four years and it's been much improved in that time.

We have heard from William Mackie that the **Alma** in Swanscombe was due to close on April 11th. If this turns out to be a permanent closure, it will mean that this sizeable community will only have four pubs left, though at least three of them sell some real ale. Another closed pub is the **Ship** at Sutton-at-Hone, which is firmly boarded up and leaves the village with no pub at all, though nearby South Darenth still has three. The **Anchor & Hope** at Ash remains closed "for redecoration" with no discernible work in progress.

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well as the ever-popular **Dartford Working Men's Club**, which had at least 25 real ales and 8 real ciders available in conjunction with a comedy evening in the function room on April 4th. The **Brent School Old Boys Social Club** sells three changing real ales on handpump including *Wells Bombardier* and *Jennings Sneeklifter* on a recent visit. The **Glentworth Ex-Service Social Club** in Lowfield Street has three handpumps in each bar, selling *St.Austell Cornish Best* and *Sharp's Doom Bar* regularly and a guest beer, being *Wells Bombardier* on our branch visit in mid-April, to be followed by *Wells St.George's Ale*. In February, the branch held a business meeting at the **Dartford Conservative Social Club** in Spital Street and the real ales available were *Sharp's Doom Bar* and *Dartford Wobbler Country Wobbler*. Other clubs in the branch area known to sell real ale include the **Traders' Club** at Northfleet, the **Meopham Country Club**, the **Hartley Country Club** and the **St.Edith's Club** in Kemsing.

*Iron Pier* were launching a new beer at the end of April. It is called *Rytes* and is a 4.5% red rye brewed with root ginger. It was brewed by Helen Farrow for International Women's Day and the name refers to the 100 years since women first gained the right to vote. An initial preview of the keg version was available



at their Tap Takeover at the **Beer Shop** in Nunhead, and the first cask was expected to go on sale at the **Three Daws** in Gravesend on or around April 18th, at which time no other pub would have it. The chances of it lasting more than a day or so are pretty slim so by the

time these notes are complete I expect it will have run out and I'll have to wait for a later, more general, release.

*Iron Pier* beers have become quite familiar in Gravesend with the **Three Daws**, **Compass**, **Jolly Drayman**, **Ship and Lobster**, **Windmill** and **TJ's** all placing orders, together with other local outlets such as the **George and Dragon** at Swanscombe and the **Red Lion** at Northfleet. Their taproom is proving popular and they are seeing new people coming in all the time. *Brew Buddies* were also due to open a taproom for the May Day bank holiday weekend.

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Greetings from all at Bexley CAMRA.

By the time you read this, the 13<sup>th</sup> Bexley Beer Festival will have been and gone. Hopefully it will have been as successful as in the previous couple of years where we sold out completely and everyone enjoyed themselves. A full report will appear in the next issue.



In pub news; of the four proposed micropubs in the branch area, three have opened since the last issue. The first to open was the **Halfway House** in Halfway Street in Sidcup, which opened the day before the long awaited opening of the **Kentish Belle** in Pickford Lane near to Bexleyheath Station.

These were followed a month later by the **Bird & Barrel** near Barnehurst station. We still await an opening date for our final one, the **Hangar**, in the Oval at Sidcup/Blackfen but understand that it is due sometime in May.



The **Volunteer** has re-opened as a community owned pub after being bought by some of the regulars and is selling two real ales, at least one from *Bexley Brewery*. The now long-closed **Charlotte** in Crayford has been put up for public auction with the planning permission attached, we await to see what happens next. There is no further news on the **Belvedere Hotel** at present although it remains for sale.

If you have any other pub news please contact us either using the contact details at the top of this article or our Pubs Officer Ian Wright on 07779 319196 or [bexleypubs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bexleypubs@yahoo.co.uk). The easiest way for you to do this though is when you are in the pub is to log on to [www.WhatPub.com](http://www.WhatPub.com) with your tablet or smartphone and check out the details shown and advise us at the time of any changes. We would also ask all CAMRA members to use WhatPub to submit beer scores for our branch pubs. Whenever you visit a pub in our branch area, simply go to [www.Whatpub.com](http://www.Whatpub.com) and find the pub, go to submit beer score and follow the simple instructions.

Our monthly branch meetings have taken place on the second Wednesday of each month as usual, in February we visited the **Jolly Millers** in Bexleyheath, March the **Prince Albert** in Bexleyheath and April the **Hackney Carriage** in Sidcup. We thank the licencees for accommodating us.



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Since the last issue, our socials have mainly been in branch due to it being the winter period and not wanting to venture too far from home on the dark nights.



Two January socials saw us first visit the **William Camden** a Greene King pub with guests on our visit, *Camerons Strongarm* and *Timothy Taylor Landlord*.

Then on to the **Great Harry**, just *Courage Best* and finally the **Earl Haig**, an Ember Inns pub, which certainly seems to have gone more for food nowadays. Our second social was a 'Lick & Stick'



social at the **Broken Drum**. This is where our members get together to sort and send out the annual branch mailout. It is an enjoyable evening and doesn't take long as we usually have lots of willing volunteers.

No socials in February but we did hold our usual Good Beer Guide selection meeting at the **Furze Wren** where we selected our seven representatives for the 2019 guide. As to which they are, you will just have to buy the guide when it is published in September.

In March, we announced our branch Pub, Club and Cider Pub of the Year Winners:



Pub of the Year was the **Broken Drum**, runner-up **Penny Farthing** and third **Door Hinge**.

Club of the Year was the **Dartfordians Community Sports Club**.

Cider Pub of the Year was the **Hackney Carriage**.

Congratulations to all concerned. We had 89 people vote in total. Presentations will be made to all (see the social diary).

Our first March social was to have been a crawl of the pubs along the Hayes railway line but due to the inclement weather it was decided prudent to postpone the social to a later date. Our other social was a Saturday crawl of Gravesend. This took in no less than eight pubs, starting at the recently changed hands **Rum Puncheon** and finishing at the **Compass Ale House**.



April has seen us visit Upper Belvedere visiting the **Fox**, **Victoria**, **Prince of Wales** and the **Royal Standard**. On deadline day, we held a bus crawl from the **Hill Top Tap** in Sidcup to Greenwich.





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### **Definition of Local**

The Sustainable Communities Act provides a definition of local as up to 30 miles from the point of sale. CAMRA recommends that this distance be calculated from the pub to the brewery and should be based on the shortest driving distance. Real ales from regional and national breweries, as well as from microbreweries, could be regarded as "local" if they are brewed within what the branch has decided as being the local area.

### **So how have Maidstone and Mid Kent CAMRA adopted the scheme?**

We have followed the guidance of the Sustainable Communities Act quoted above, and use the 30-mile radius rule between pub and brewery.

### **How do I find a LocAle Pub?**

Pubs that are accredited as LocAle pubs by their local CAMRA branch can display the current CAMRA LocAle sticker on their windows/doors. They may have posters up in the pub, and customers can look out for the LocAle pump clip crowner on the pumps that are serving locally brewed beers. To find an up-to-date list of your LocAle pubs, please visit [www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com) and search using the 'LocAle accredited' filter.

In short, CAMRA LocAle is about consumer choice, local jobs, supporting a sustainable environment, creating local distinctiveness and promoting local pubs. It is to encourage locally brewed ale to be available in pubs local to that brewery.

## POP UP TAP ROOM



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“It has been very well received from CAMRA members and craft beer enthusiasts as well as from drinkers who I have persuaded to try samples of the beer! It is now gaining a following with local people who pop in each week, either to have a swift half or to bring in their own home brews which they share out with the assembled crowd.

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by Jeff Tucker

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Full details of all the pubs mentioned, including last-known opening times, can be found on CAMRA's excellent Whatpub website – [www.whatpub.com](http://www.whatpub.com). It's best to check with the pubs beforehand, just in case you have to wait an hour for the next bus outside a closed pub!



I won't list the pubs in the centre of Maidstone, as they are too numerous, so first up is the **Wheatsheaf**, just five minutes out of town, at the junction of the A229 to Hastings and the A274 to Tenterden. Rossa has been behind the pumps here for over 30 years, and usually keeps two

guest beers in addition to *Courage Best*. Occasional beer festivals are held throughout the year, with extra beers on the bar top served by gravity. Next along the Loose Road is the **Swan**, which sells *Harveys Best* and *Sharp's Doom Bar*. The bus stops outside the door, almost.



Loose has two pubs; the **Walnut Tree** is a Shepherd Neame house, again with a stop outside. Three beers from the *Shepherd Neame* range are normally available. The **Chequers** is a short but hilly (coming back) walk into Loose

Village from the stop after the **Walnut Tree**. You may find a beer or two from *Rockin' Robin* brewery here, as



one of the five or six real ales on offer. The setting, next to the stream, is lovely.



Two stops further on is Salts Lane, from where you can spend about 15 minutes walking to the **Beer Barn**, which is the rather splendid brewery tap for *Rockin' Robin* (ME17 4LR). Check the opening hours first, though. Currently, it opens on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Back on the bus, past Linton Corner to Linton church to The **Bull**, another Shepherd Neame pub in a very old building, with three beers on. If you get off the bus here, look out for the somewhat unusual bus stop!



Next up is the **Stile Bridge**, just before the turn-off for Marden. Again, the bus stops right outside, but crossing the road can be a challenge at times. They keep five real ales on, including some from Kent microbreweries and others that are unusual for the area. The décor is quite eclectic, and the food is pretty good, too. All in all, one not to be missed.

It's over a mile on the bus to the next pub, the **Lord Raglan**. You need to get off at Cross-at-Hand, then it's a ten-minute walk northwards along the lane, but it's worth the effort for *Goacher's* and *Harveys* beers, plus an interesting guest. The **Raglan** is also known for good food, but beware; it is closed in the afternoons, and all day on Sundays.



The next place with a pub is Staplehurst, where, towards the southern end of the village is the **Kings Head**. A *Shepherd Neame* pub with two or three of their beers in a nice old beamed building.

Next up is the **Knoxbridge**, a free house which reopened a couple of years ago. They have two interesting real ales, good



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food, but note that they are closed on Mondays. If getting off here, tell the driver when you board, as you might not spot the pub in time!



The next village is Sissinghurst. Get off just after the bus turns right and walk back about 200yards to the **Milkhouse**. This used to be the Bull, and usually has *Harveys* and a guest or two, often from *Old Dairy* or *Dark Star*.

Next is the picturesque Wealden town of Cranbrook, famous for its windmill and school. The two established pubs offer three *Shepherd Neame* beers in the **George**, and 3 changing beers in the **White Horse** almost opposite. However, Cranbrook



now has a micropub, **Larkins' Alehouse**, just a few doors along from the **White Horse**, with four real ales, and

longer opening hours than many micropubs. The name is to do with the owners' name rather than with the eponymous brewery, though they often have a *Larkins* beer or two.



Resuming our journey, there's nothing to cause us to get off the bus until the outskirts of Hawkhurst. The **Great House** at Gills Green is a few yards off the main road just down the hill from Howdens Joinery. Here you will find *Harveys* and a guest or two, often from *Musket* brewery.

In the centre of Hawkhurst are two pubs; the **Royal Oak** sits right on the crossroads, and sells *Harveys* and (sometimes) one guest beer. The



**Queens Inn** is just beyond the bus stop. Beers noted have included *Rother Valley*, *Old Dairy* and *Romney Marsh* breweries.

Energetic drinkers can head southwards on foot from Hawkhurst up to The Moor, where they will

find the **Eight Bells**. Alternatively, if you have a bus pass or a Discovery ticket, catch buses 304/5 or 349. This large two-bar pub has *Harveys* and *Dark Star Hophead* regularly.



The bus route continues to Sandhurst, passing the **Oak and**



**Ivy** in the countryside in between. *Harveys* is usually accompanied by a couple of interesting guest beers. There isn't an actual bus stop, but the driver will let you off here on request.

The route terminates in Sandhurst, where the **Swan** offers refreshment in the form of *Harveys* in a fairly modern pub which replaced an older one on the same site.



For the best value on the bus, buy a South-East Day Ticket from the driver of your first bus, if you are using only Arriva buses; this costs £7.20. Alternatively, a Discovery Ticket (£9.00) is valid on just about every bus anywhere in Kent and East Sussex irrespective of operator, so you can use it to get from where you live to Maidstone, Cranbrook or Hawkhurst to pick up the 5. Happy pubbing!

# REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR ...

When taking over the job as editor (the first time round), I inherited a large pile of paper that, at best, could be described as 'bits' of old Draught Copy, with a few complete ones thrown in for good measure. Many a month went by where I resisted the urge to shred and recycle it all, just to get them out of the way, but I began piecing the original proofs back together and reconstructing issues with the aim of creating a complete archive of Draught Copy. As expected though, I reached the end of the pile and found myself missing a few.

If anyone has any of the following issues and would be willing to loan them to the editorial team, could they please contact us, using the details inside the front cover, as we would be most grateful.

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# A TRIP SOUTH OF THE NEW FOREST

by Mick Allen

With the micropub scene in Hampshire now taking off, I felt a visit to two recently opened venues was in order. The trip involved getting out to New Milton (between Brockenhurst and Christchurch) by train, then bus X1 Lymington bound to Milford on Sea.

Of course the trip involved other pubs, the first of which was the **Beach House**, just west of Milford on Sea. This large Grade II listed Victorian mansion narrowly escaped demolition in 1977, and was previously owned by Alexander Siemens (one of the founders of the Siemens Group) has expansive views over the Isle of Wight and the Needles (not today, unfortunately very misty), and a fantastic oak panelled interior, a Hall & Woodhouse pub with three beers on (*Fursty Ferret*, *Pickled Partridge* and *Best*).



The next pub was the **Gun Inn** at Keyhaven about 30 minutes' walk out to the east of Milford along the coast. Bear in mind that this route may be closed due to high tides, and you may have to take the road route. The **Gun Inn** offered *Flack Manor Double Drop*, *Landlord*, and *Doom Bar* (last mention of this in this article, unless it's the only beer on!), plus *Old Rosie* cider. The *Flack Manor* was chosen. Then it was onwards to the **White Horse**, an Enterprise Inns Group pub. The landlord Louis had been in place for a month, having previously run a pub in the Midlands. A nice half of *Fullers ESB* was the choice here.



Just along the road from here was the **Smugglers Inn**, offering *Gales Sea Fury*. However, I spotted a sign for *Caledonian Three Hop* at £1.25 a half, so opted for this, not realising it was a keg beer.

Anyway, quickly glossing over this, just round the corner was the **Cave**, a small wine bar with a selection of Real Ale in a Bottle and a single real ale on handpump, on this occasion being *Itchen Valley Watercress Best*.

Just over the green from the **Cave** was the **Red Lion**, a Georgian coaching inn. The bar area in here is on several levels with a central open fireplace; beers in here were *Itchen Valley Hampshire Rose*, *Thwaites* (Marstons) *Wainwright*, and *Red Lion Bitter*. If cider is your choice, then

*Broad oak Bootleg Moonshine* is also available. I plumped for the *Itchen Valley*. Opposite the **Red Lion** is Milford's first micropub, the **Wash House**. This small bar opened in July 2017 in the premises of a former launderette, and sports four handpumps. On the pumps today were *Dancing Cows AIPA*, *Eight Arch Square Logic*, *Drop the Anchor Chocolate Orange Porter* and *Vibrant Forest Cydonia*. I went for the third-of-a-pint paddle option of the first three from the list and all were in good nick. There are also four ciders on stillage.



I'd left the micropubs until near the end of the crawl, and for the next one it was back on to the X1 and back to New Milton.



The **Hourglass** micropub opened in December 2017, within spitting distance of New Milton Station. This bar sticks to the original micropub concept, with no music, TV or keg beers, and with real ales being served from a cool room straight from the barrel. Served in here were *Vibrant Forest Metropolis*, *Deep, Dark & Eternal* (this weighed in at 11.5%!), and *Flying Saucer*, along with *Bude Brewery Black Rock Porter*, *Wild Weather Cry of the Upstarts*, and *Moor Beer Revival*, not forgetting the six ciders. The *Black Rock Porter* went down well!

From here it was back on the train to Hinton Admiral for a couple of pubs close(ish) to the station. The first of these pubs was the **Amberwood**, about a ten minute walk down a



few side roads. This Hall & Woodhouse pub served *Badger Best* and *Tanglefoot* with the latter on at a bargain £3.25 a pint, but, not bucking the trend, was £3.80 if drunk in halves. Out of here and up to the A35 Lyndhurst Road was the final pub of the day, the **Cat and Fiddle Inn**. I



cannot honestly remember the last time I saw a pub as picturesque as this with a lovely thatched roof, not actually serving real ale. I had forgotten to check the reliable *WhatPub.com* site beforehand, so it was

my own fault that I had to suffer a fizzy *Green King Speckled Hen* as the last drink of the day!

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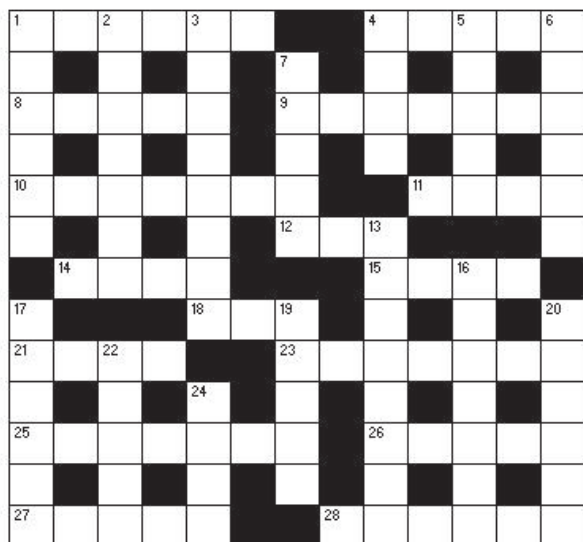
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# Crossword No. 30

compiled by MICK NORMAN



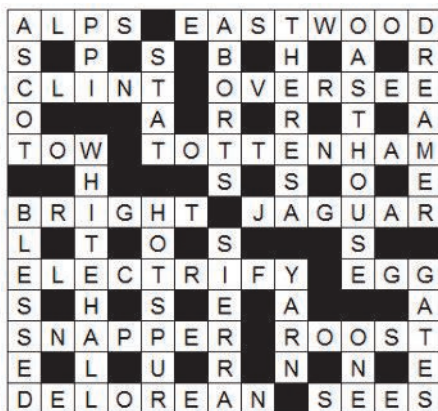
## Across

- 1 Managing PC in the middle of the night (6)
- 4 Construct a frame (3,2)
- 8 A child - Holly, perhaps (5)
- 9 Discourse on philanderer, we hear (7)
- 10 Try love - disastrously, but quite openly (7)
- 11 Vocal appeal to cat produces composition (4)
- 12 John's ungulate (3)
- 14 Neat eruption seen here (4)
- 15 Peruse article in colourful surroundings (4)
- 18 Carwreck in which Elvis' record label may be found (3)
- 21 Grass scalped, which is painful (4)
- 23 Once our man in 26, acting on Orbison's behalf? (7)
- 25 A Vauxhall taking you and I to the country (7)
- 26 Identity in a crisis here (5)
- 27 Dirty great singer! (5)
- 28 Discover most of stock (6)

## Down

- 1 Short punter's habit (6)
- 2 Ideal number (7)
- 3 Bird has late drink (8)
- 4 Wine cashier (4)
- 5 Find the president: on the rostrum, posturing (5)
- 6 A sleep may be disturbed on request (6)
- 7 Old TV cook is part of rock band (5)
- 13 Building needed for future generations (8)
- 16 Shorten a village near Canterbury (7)
- 17 Potty nation? (6)
- 19 Just like a bird to give a rude sign to Botham! (5)
- 20 Some petty rants from 5, according to many (6)
- 22 Actors may get plastered! (5)
- 24 Arty collage for crockery? (4)

## Solution to Crossword No. 29



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<b>Campbell Arms</b> , Northfleet	20p per pint
<b>Cellars Alehouse</b> , Maidstone	10p per pint, 5p per half
<b>Cock Inn</b> , Boughton Monchelsea	20p per pint
<b>Crayford Arms</b> , Crayford	10p per pint
<b>Earl Haig</b> , Bexleyheath	10p per pint
<b>Flower Pot</b> , Maidstone	10p per pint
<b>George</b> , Singewell	20p per pint, 10p per half
<b>George Staples</b> , Blackfen	20 percent ( <i>also buy 6, 7th free</i> )
<b>Golden Lion</b> , Bexleyheath	20 percent
<b>Jolly Drayman</b> , Gravesend	10p per pint
<b>Jolly Fenman</b> , Blackfen	10 percent
<b>Moody Mare</b> , Mereworth	Discounted to £3.00p per pint
<b>Olde Thirsty Pig</b> , Maidstone	20p per pint
<b>Old Prince of Orange</b> , Gravesend	20p per pint
<b>Pippin</b> , Maidstone	10 percent
<b>Hill Top Tap</b> , Sidcup	10 percent
<b>Queen Anne</b> , Maidstone	10p per pint, 5p per half
<b>Stag</b> , Maidstone	10p per pint ( <i>off guest beers</i> )
<b>Swan</b> , Loose Road, Maidstone	20p per pint, 10p per half
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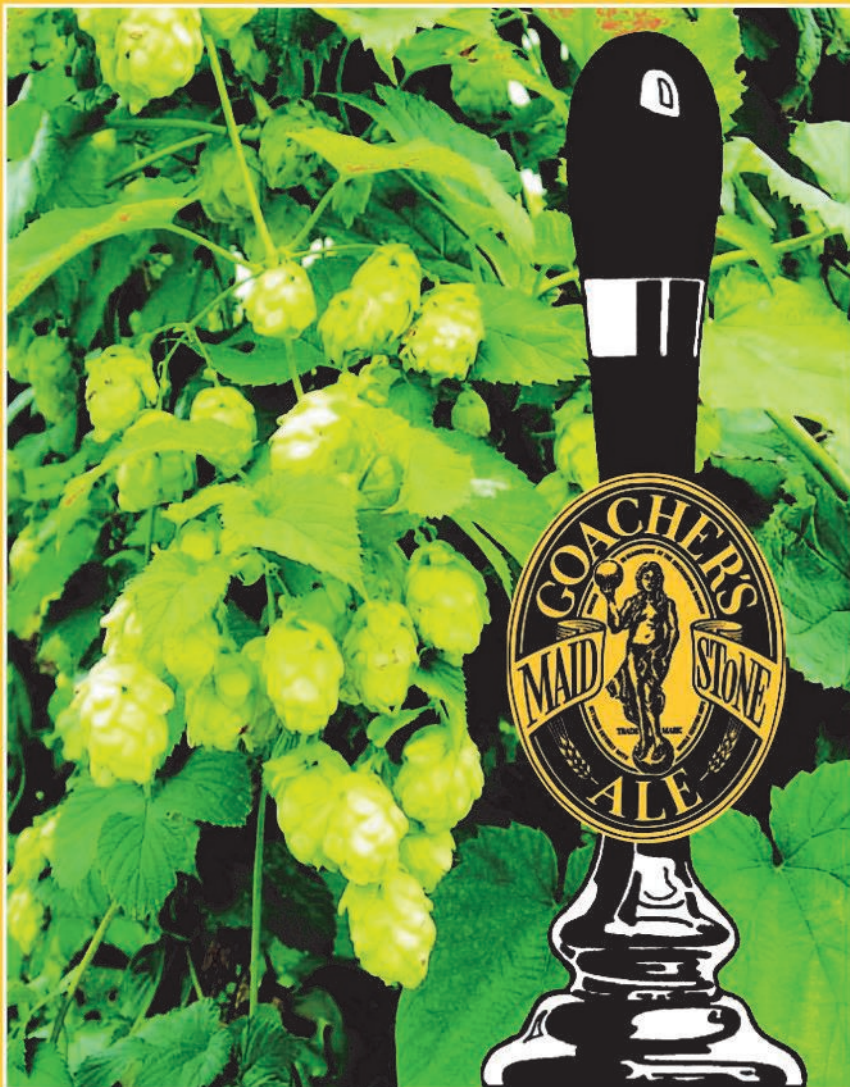
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**BEX:** Bexley, **GDV:** Gravesend and Darent Valley, **MMK:** Maidstone & Mid-Kent

- June**
- BEX** 2 12:00, SOCIAL RAMBLE – meet **GEORGE (BEXLEY)** and going on to Sidcup
- MMK** 7 Lord Raglan, Staplehurst, then Stile Bridge, Marden
- GDV** 7 20:00. Pub of the Year Runner-up, Compass, Gravesend
- MMK** 9 12:00, Real ale stall at Mencap Fair, Mote Park - 6 ales
- GDV** 13 Pub of the Year Runner-up, Bull, Horton Kirby
- BEX** 13 19:45, **AGM MONTROSE CLUB (SIDCUP)**
- MMK** 14 19:30, Bat & Trap, Benenden Village Green, then Bull
- MMK** 21 Dirty Habit, Hollingbourne, then Sugar Loaves, then Windmill
- GDV** 21 Open Business Meeting, Three Daws, Gravesend
- MMK** 23 11:10, Bus Trip to Weald
- MMK** 26 10:36, Bus & Walk, Cobham
- MMK** 28 Fox, Maidstone, then Walnut Tree, then Bower
- July**
- GDV** 4 See Ho, Rose & Crown, Shorne
- BEX** 4 20:00, PotY R/up **PRESENTATION – PENNY FARTHING (CRAYFORD)**
- MMK** 5 19:30, Bat & Trap opposite, then Swan on the Green, West Peckham
- BEX** 7 12:00, **SOCIAL – 9 MICROS meet KENTISH BELLE (BEXLEYHEATH)**
- MMK** 10 10:50, Bus & Walk, Lyminge
- BEX** 11 19:30, **MEETING & PotY 3rd PRESENTATION – DOOR HINGE (WELLING)**
- MMK** 12 Red Lion, Biddenden, then Three Chimneys
- BEX** 14 12:30, **SOCIAL – CRYSTAL PALACE TRIANGLE meet ALMA**
- MMK** 19 Open Business Meeting, Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden
- BEX** 22 15:00, **CIDER PotY PRESENTATION – HACKNEY CARRIAGE (SIDCUP)**
- MMK** 26 Nevill Bull, Birling, then Duke of Wellington, Ryarsh
- GDV** 26 Open Business Meeting, Dartford Working Men's Club
- BEX** 27 13:00, **SOCIAL – WELLING BEER FESTIVAL (WELLING)**
- MMK** 28 10:57, Bus Trip to Wadhurst & Ticehurst
- BEX** 28 13:00, **SOCIAL – BECKENHAM BEER FESTIVAL (BECKENHAM RUGBY CLUB)**
- Aug**
- MMK** 2 Larkins' Alehouse, Cranbrook, then George and White Horse
- GDV** 3 Beer Festival, Three Daws, Gravesend
- BEX** 8 19:30, **SOCIAL – ROBIN HOOD & LITTLE JOHN then ROSE & KINGS ARMS (BEXLEYHEATH)**
- MMK** 9 Kings Head, Grafty Green, then Who'd A Thought It, then Harrow, Ulcombe
- MMK** 14 10:37, Bus & Walk, Ivy Hatch
- GDV** 15 Railway, George, Meopham
- MMK** 16 Hook and Hatchet, Hucking, then Bell, Thurnham
- BEX** 18 12:00, **SOCIAL – HISTORIC WEST END PUBS meet ST JAMES TAVERN (PICCADILLY)**
- MMK** 23 Eight Bells, Hawkhurst, then Queens Inn
- GDV** 24 Beer Festival, Jolly Drayman, Gravesend
- MMK** 25 11:20, Bus Trip to Three Tuns Beer Festival, Lower Halstow
- BEX** 29 19:30, **SOCIAL – BREWERS ARMS then DUCHESS OF KENT & ROYAL OAK (NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH)**
- MMK** 30 Rising Sun, East Malling, then King & Queen
- Sept**
- MMK** 1 11:00 East Malling Beer and Cider Festival

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