

SOCIAL/CIDER MONTH 5th October 2017



BANKS ALE & WINE HOUSE



THE TAP ROOM



THE FEZ



THE TWO HALVES

On a blowy, cold Autumn evening we set off in search of some real ale and ciders.

First stop was at **Banks Ale & Wine House** where Steve and team were on duty with a fine offering of ciders and real ales including some green hop beers. Graham R and myself nervously waited to see if anybody else was joining the expedition. And they did, some familiar faces in John and David, who ventured over from St Nicholas at Wade as well as Steve coming from Westgate. New faces to me were Andy, Clive, Sharon and Clive 2 (not really her name but was my best joke of the night.....repeat until funny and all that...!). Thanks for coming out on a school night.



Next stop was **The Tap Room** where we found Phil and team and a packed bar with some great tunes playing and we settled into the seating area to enjoy a couple of refreshments before we had to reluctantly depart to keep to Danny's schedule. I unfortunately failed in getting a photo of the cider offer due to the bodies at the bar so instead is an image of one of my favourite green hops beers which I succumbed to whilst here.

A blowy walk back to Margate saw us reach our third stop, **The Fez**, where we greeted by an offering not to be sniffed at (sorry about the lack of David Bailey skills). After a quick tippie our friends from St Nicholas at Wade had to depart to catch the last bus to Canterbury but the remaining few except Graham who missed out on this leg after opting to await the bus rather than walk and was last seen getting off the bus by John near to where he lives.

Last stop was **The Two Halves** where Shaun let us sneak a last drink in before the evening came to its natural end.

Next events are:-



- 10/10 – Meet the Manager and Wetherspoon's Autumn Real Ale Festival preview night – Royal Victoria Pavilion, Ramsgate - 7.30pm start
- 21/10 – Away day to St Nicholas at Wade for a tour of Wantsum Brewery via the pubs of the village, The Sun Inn and The Bell Inn – meet in The Sun Inn at 12.00-ish
- 7/11 – Branch Meeting - Red Lion, Ramsgate – 8pm start