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Hello all,
Well, the View from the Chair has definitely been different this time around. The Beer Festival Committee has regrouped and is looking at the 2018 festival. We will again need volunteers for the actual festival but we are also looking for some people to come along and join the Committee to help make it all happen, so if you can spare some time each month to meet up and get planning please do let me know! “The more the merrier and many hands make light work” definitely ring true with the Committee, and there is a variety of vacant roles to suit everyone.

On a more exciting note: the money we raised for Kent Young Carers was spent over the school holidays taking a full-up minibus to Gravity, the trampoline park in Maidstone, where wearing orange and purple socks is a must. Everyone was exhausted after just ten minutes of our one hour session, but we all managed to bounce through the hour burning enough calories for a trip to Frankie and Bennie’s, complete with ice creams.

The young carers all come from the Thanet area and all had an amazing time. One young lady said “it was just the best day out I've had all summer” and another said it “was better than a birthday present”. I was amazed to listen to these young people tell me about their lives and the people they care for, and for some of them just how much they do for a parent.

As we said goodbye there were many hugs and smiles, and I think some very envious parents. There is still some money remaining and it is hoped that this will pay for a bowling trip in the October half-term and some new board games for their Chill Clubs.

Also, by the time you read this we should have our 1,000th tweet sent out. If you are not already following us on Twitter please do, you get to see what ales are where with Tashy letting you know where he is and what he's up to.

Don't forget the Facebook pages - both for the Branch and the Festival as well as our own websites!

Cheers all

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CLIFTONVILLE
NORTHDOWN, Summerfield Road
This micropub due to open in part of the former hostelry after planning permission was granted earlier this year and which was hoped to have been reopened by August is still closed with rumours that the partnership that was due to be running the pub have pulled out.

MARGATE
ORB, Ramsgate Road
Sadly this pub, one of Thanet’s oldest hostleries closed its doors in August after Shepherd Neame sold it to a developer. Let’s hope the
council have the guts to refuse any planning permission for its change of use as it could be a viable pub if run as a free house.

**RAVENSGATE**

**RAVENSGATE ARMS, King Street**
This pub which lost its premises license in May has reopened with Roger Bell, who originally opened the venue in 2014, as general manager; he’s joined in the venture by Eddie Gadd of GADDS’ Ramsgate Brewery who will be providing his beers and Kiki Case who will be in charge of food and wine.

In a statement on The Ravensgate Arms facebook page Mr Bell said: “The pub will remain a free house and will be host to the best beer, wine and food the world has to offer. We will offer up to 10 keg lines and 3 cask lines served through hand pulls”.

**WESTWOOD**

**GROG WENCH Ramsgate Road**
local businessman Louis Mayhew has taken on the lease of this pub and reopened it just as the last Ale of Thanet hit the streets. He has renamed it the Falcon Inn (he co-owns electrical contractors Falcon). Sadly the guest beers have gone (replaced by bland national brand Sharps Doombar & Fullers London Pride) along with real cider from Kentish Pip.

That’s it for now.  
Steve Saunders

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Welcome to my first blog as Thanet CAMRA’s Social Secretary. In this blog I hope to inform you about the pubs and events the branch has been involved with in the last few months, and inform you as to where we will be visiting next. I hope to prepare all socials/meetings at least 3 months in advance and publish them in What’s Brewing, Twitter, Facebook, our Thanet CAMRA website and Ale of Thanet magazine.

Any member can email me with suggestions of which pubs to visit, when pubs in Thanet have beer festivals or maybe meet the brewer sessions or any event that members would find of interest. All members are welcome to come along to these events though you need to be a member to vote at any business meeting or the AGM. I hope to include more visits to areas we don’t visit as often as we should, as well as some of the many fine pubs and micros we have in Thanet.

Our last business meeting was held at the Mechanical Elephant in Margate. Chris and Charlotte who are the new manager and assistant manager at The Royal Victoria Pavilion in Ramsgate gave us a short talk on their vision for what will be one of the biggest pubs in the UK. If anyone has any beer selections for them to consider just pass them on and I will let them know. The most popular beer of our evening at this Wetherspoon establishment seemed to be their guest ale Whitstable Brewery Kentish Reserve ABV 5% which was in good nick.

I popped into a few other places whilst I was in Margate. The Harbour Arms had 2 beers on and offered me a welcome 10% CAMRA discount. The Isla Vale Natural Blonde ABV 4.7%, a local ale was spot on. I next tried The Fez where I found my beer of the day, Darkness, The Prince of Ales ABV 5.1% from Exeter Brewery, which was one of 5 beers available. The pub was packed and preparing for a birthday party. On the way to the Elephant I tried a very quaffable Marynka from Mighty Oak at the Two Halves. Shaun told me that on some weekends he has had as many as 9 beers on, a remarkable achievement for such a small micro. The views from this pub on a sunny evening are amazing.
The only micro/alehouse that seemed to be open late was The Lifeboat. Julian told me that he has a licence until 2am. This pub seemed very popular with the foreign tourists and locals alike looking for a late drink. There were 2 real ales on offer and the Dark Star American Pale Ale ABV 4.7% was in top condition. So that was Margate on a warm night in July. Our next social event was a campaigning pub crawl around Ramsgate. We started at The Conqueror where we were greeted with pork pies by our generous host Colin. Of the three ales available we tried a fine Gadds No.3 ABV 5.0%, one of Eddie Gadds award winning ales.

We then headed off to the Artillery Arms where the smell of curry was in the air. There were 4 ales on offer. We tried the Urban Fox ABV 4.8% from Slightly Foxed, a slightly sweetish light beer.

Next it was off to the seafront and The Churchill Tavern. Here we found 4 real ales and an enjoyable Dark Star APA ABV 4.7%. Lots of foreign tourists were eating and drinking here, some being very generous with their tips. Along the seafront it was time for an extra-curricular beer at the Hovelling Boat. Four beers were available here including an excellent ale from Brunswick, Black Sabbath ABV 6.0%, a cracking chocolate flavoured stout. Paul is always looking out for quality dark ales. Not all his customers like amber coloured ales in the summer!

Just around the corner we found the Red Lion. Three ales were available here. The Gadds No.3 was very drinkable - we have a business meeting planned for here on the 7 November, a new venue for CAMRA meetings. Finally we headed for the Montefiore Arms. This pub came a well, deserved third in Thanet’s Pub of the Year competition. Here we found four beers and my favourite beer of the day, Oakhams Blue Skies IPA ABV 6.0%, a superb beer with amazing citrusy flavours. Here endeth the pub crawl.

Danny Osullivan (CAMRA Social Secretary for Thanet)
Meet Phil & Kirsty – the Other Ones

The most famous Phil & Kirstie star in Location, Location, Location on Channel 4 but here on the Isle of Thanet we have our very own in the form of Phil & Kirsty Griffiths who have joined the micropub revolution, having opened the Old Bay Alehouse in Minnis Bay on March 24th, this former shop in the parade has been tastefully converted into a welcoming watering hole serving between three and five, mainly local, real ales. I caught up with them both to find out more about them.

WHO’S IDEA WAS IT TO OPEN A MICRO PUB?
It was Phil’s idea initially to open a micro pub - we both love real ale and the micropub community scene. We’d helped out friends in other micros and really enjoyed it, and Phil started saying, ‘we could do this’. Admittedly I was hesitant at first - but the location was the clincher. When Phil found the spot in Minnis Bay it really was a no-brainer.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE PRIOR TO THIS?
Phil - driving instructor, Kirsty - a pharmacy technician working in clinical trials.

WHEN GROWING UP WHAT DID YOU DREAM OF BECOMING?
Happy!

WHAT MAKES A GOOD PUB OR MICRO PUB?
Of course great ales served at the right temperature is key, but what really makes a great pub is people. All our customers are so lovely and really supportive - we want everyone to feel at home in our place, like being invited into our front room for a pint, and a friendly atmosphere and the right ambience is vital.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST BEER/CIDER?
Phil - Tartan 80 shilling! Kirsty – probably Hopdaemon Incubus.

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF CAMRA?
CAMRA have done an amazing job promoting real ale and supporting breweries and pubs. British craft beers are now one of our biggest food and drink exports. I don’t think small businesses such as ourselves and small batch breweries would exist without the work that CAMRA have done.

ANY PLANS TO ADD KEYKEG OR LAGER?
We have no plans currently to have Keykeg - not that we don’t like them, just that our stillage is set up for gravity dispensing straight from a tap on the cask. Lager wise, we do stock a bottled craft lager - we think it’s important to try and cater for non-ale drinkers as well, though most of our customers are enjoying the ales and ciders. We have just had our first cask lager, Angels and Demons Racing Tiger, which went down really well, in fact we had new customers in who had been recommended it.

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF THE GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL?
It was great to have time to talk to other micropub landlords! Usually we are working in the pub ourselves, or if we visit other micros the landlords are busy too, so it was good to be able to swap stories and gain advice from the guys who have been doing...
this longer than us.
ANYBODY FAMOUS THROUGH THE DOOR?
We have an ex-racing driver, and a fireman who worked on London's Burning.
LAST FILM WATCHED?
'I know what you did last summer' - we're not watching much TV these days but if there's a late film on we find ourselves unwinding on the sofa after closing. I must admit I (Kirsty) am known to fall asleep before the end, though!
LAST BOOK READ?
'Peshwari Nans' - it's about two elderly sisters driving to India! We met local author Stephen Haughan in the Two Halves in Margate, he's such a down to earth guy.
WHO WOULD BE INVITED TO YOUR BAR (UP TO 4 GUESTS)?
Phil - my dad - I think he would have been proud of the pub. And maybe Phil and Kirstie (our namesakes!) from Location, Location, Location - people find it amusing that we are Phil and Kirsty - but we think we have the best location!

NICK GURR

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One of our most popular features in Ale of Thanet over the years has been Name or Guess the Pub? Here we have a selection of pictures showing the view either the inside or a cropped view of a pub. Can you guess which ones. Answers page 25.
Green Hop Season is Here
As this issue of Ale of Thanet hits pubs across the Isle so will the area’s brewers’ green hop beers. These beers are brewed using fresh (or green) Kentish hops; beers traditionally use hops that have been dried. The green hop beers therefore have a distinguishable fresh taste because fresh hops contain many of the oils that are normally lost when dried. The brewers make sure the hops they use are as fresh (many picking their own) and using them within twelve hours of being picked. Ramsgate Brewery’s Green Hop Ale as well as being on offer on draught throughout Thanet (and East Kent) will be available in bottle form and also at the annual Broadstairs Food Fair at the end of September. For the first time the Four Candles Brewery are brewing green hop beers which I discovered by chance when I walked passed the pub on 6 September. They were brewing two beers that day, one to be available on draught and the other to be bottled; I was lucky to have a feel and smell of hops they were using & grabbed a picture of one of the bags full of the hops. I look forward to tasting both. Beery Steve.
The Sun Inn St Nicholas at Wade aka “the Knicker Bar”

I was out for lunch with my family and was holding a conversation with the mother-in-law when she begun to tell me about the olden days at THE SUN INN in St Nicholas at Wade. I have frequented this pub on many occasions and was shocked to hear its secrets as it has always appeared to be a regular, family friendly, village pub. It turns out I was wrong....!!

Back in the 60’s, when free love was rife, it was common for the ladies visiting to leave behind a memento in the way of a pair of knickers. These were pinned to the ceiling and from what I understand eventually there was very little ceiling to cover, such was the generosity of the visitors. The word spread with more and more visitors arriving prepared for their sacrifice by wearing two pairs, one for donation and one to keep their nether regions warm.

The locals had christened the pub “The Knicker Bar” and its fame spread far and wide with a marketing person for a famous bra company becoming aware. They decided to celebrate the eccentricity of this situation by producing a one off three cup bra. This appears to have got the attention of national newspapers and according to rumour a small segment was filmed and aired on local TV news. However I cannot yet locate a copy.

In homage to the original Knicker Bar and its legend it was recreated in 2004 during a very boozy New Year Eve celebration. In the picture (courtesy of Graham Jackson) from left to right are unknown, Jean, Lisa (landlady at time) and Deborah-Jayne (barmaid at the time). Let’s hope it was a warm night if Lisa and Deborah-Jayne had not come prepared with the second pair...!!

NICK GURR

HOW TO PUT YOUR PULL-OUT BOOKLET TOGETHER

1. Slightly open staples in middle of magazine and carefully pull out centre pages - close staple again

2. Cut along the dotted line as indicated to separate the pages

3. Fold pages into half and your 8 page booklet is complete and ready to read.
and just before the field's corner I exited through a gap on to the adjacent road. The road soon bends right, whereas I turned left on to a driveway. Passing stables, the drive soon turns into a grass track; I followed this for about a mile. This part of the walk affords excellent views of the countryside as well as Margate and the sea. On reaching a fork in the path, I headed left down hill towards farm buildings. Passing the buildings I went through a stile by a metal farm gate onto a road. At the fork in the road, I turned right passing a old barn and small pond on my left before reaching Shottendene Road (again). Crossing the road carefully I took the signed bridleway through a hedge and uphill between two fields. At the top I passed through another hedge and continued along the edge of a field before arriving at an alley way between two houses. I exited the alley on to a driveway and turned left then right into Garlinge High Street. I soon reached the Rodney on my left, where I stopped for a pint. Beware the pub normally doesn’t open until late afternoon on weekdays, and had just opened when I arrived. Leaving here I walked back to the Hussar, which is open all day, and had a pint in here too.
A WALK WITH A BEER (or TWO)

Welcome to this special A Walk With A Beer (or Two) pull-out in which I have combined two walks - one that appeared in the winter 2011 edition and one from Autumn 2014 centred around Minster into one long walk plus one of my favourite circular walks around Garlinge & Woodchurch which have been updated with up-dated information where needed.

Beery Steve

P.S. A copy of OS Explorer Map 150 would be advantage as well as a pair of stout shoes to assist with the walk.

MINSTER WALK

Starting from Minster station car park I walked up Conyngham Road ahead turned right into Church Street at the T-junction; on the left hand corner is the former White Horse pub which closed in the early 70s. Using the raised pavement on the left hand side of the road I passed Minster Abbey, one of the earliest monastic foundations in the country. Originally founded in 670 by Ermenburga (or St Domneva), great-granddaughter of King Ethelbert of Kent, who came to Thanet after the murder of two of her younger brothers in a political dispute at the court of their cousin Egbert, King of Kent. Instead of claiming the customary 'wergild' blood money from the repentant king for her murdered brothers she asked for land to build a house of prayer. The original monastery was repeatedly attacked by Vikings in the 9th and 10th centuries and eventually destroyed; the foundations of these buildings were uncovered by excavations in the late 1930s. When in 1027 the property was given to St Augustine Abbey in Canterbury the monastery was rebuilt - the Saxon Wing, the oldest section of the building, with a small chapel is still in use today. After the reformation when the monks were forced to leave the property went into private hands and wasn't until 1937 that the monastery was rededicated; today it is the home of Benedictine Nuns of St Mildred's Priory. Follow the raised pavement till its end before crossing the road and turning right towards Rivers Court, head passed the large flower pots towards a black & white building on to an enclosed footpath. Follow this path - which crosses a bridge - before turning left passing behind Minster signal box preceding over a further small bridge before arriving at a stile. Pass over this and carefully cross over the railway line and head over another stile. Continue cross over the railway line and read over another stile, continuing... Beery Steve.

GARLINGE CIRCULAR

A short walk of about 4 miles is one of my favourite circulars. After leaving the pub a companion opposite can take the close access track back to the footpath where the turn right into the High Street and ahead in a parade of shops on the left, is the Hair of the Dog. This shop conversion micropub run by Gary Hake & Julie Beaney is aptly named as the premises were previously a hairdresser's. The bright interior is complemented by wooden furniture some using recycled materials. The place serves its real ales direct from the cask from a temperature-controlled cold room. Real cider along with a small selection of wines, soft and hot drinks are also on offer. Open all day from noon although is closed Sunday evenings.

Continue down the High Street and you should soon spot the Bell Inn and the church again, where you can retrace your steps back to the station.
and cross another railway line before crossing a further stile to emerge into a field. Turn left and cross the corner of the field towards some trees until you reach a farm track. Follow this track as it heads back towards the railway line. You soon arrive at another railway crossing, pass over the stile and cross the line and a further stile before arriving at concrete farm track. Follow this track until you arrive at a crossroads of other farm tracks and continue forward, passing some metal bollards onto narrower track. This soon opens out into a road (Durlock) with houses either side. Follow this until you reach the main road. Turn left and you should see the raised pavement that you used earlier ahead. Retrace your steps back to Conynham Road, but instead of heading back to the station continue forward. Up ahead is the Bell Inn standing across the road from the Parish Church, St Mary's. This former Whitbread house has undergone numerous changes over the years: started out in 1576 as a farm dwelling, being one of a row of farm cottages on a 12 acre smallholding. There was a brewhouse, barn, stables, while some land was devoted to the cultivation of hops; the property was not registered as an alehouse until 1703, when it was acquired by Elias Longbarrow, a brewer and hop grower from Faversham. It was not until 1711 that the hostelry became known as the Bell. With the closure of the nearby White Horse, it extended the Bell to encompass the house next door. A couple of real ales are normally available as is food.
Turn left and hand down Station Street turning right when you meet Watcester Lane just before the level crossing. Follow this road bearing slightly left when you reach its junction with Cornelis Drive. Continue until the lane bears left towards the gated entrance to Marshside scout camp - head straight onto a grassed farm track and then bear left onto a narrow footpath when the track heads right into a field. Follow the footpath, which follows the boundary of the scout camp on the left and a stream on the right. After a while the campsite ends and the path reaches an open field with the railway line on the left, immediately turn right and follow the field edge with a stream to the right, at the first corner continue left. Continue along the field edge that passes around trees until you reach a road with the farm buildings of Sheriff's Court on the left. Immediately turn right up a farm track between fields, continuing along until reaching an enclosure ahead. Turn left and follow the path for a short distance passing around a house and directly taking a track on the right. This track quickly becomes a cross-field path, heading towards an evergreen hedge in the distance. On reaching the hedge continue forward with an open field on the right until you reach a footpath going off to the left between a hedge and housing. Follow this path until you reach the road, bear left and on reaching a junction, cross road and head into Prospect Road ahead.

CAMRA members should show membership card at bar to be served. Continue forward onto a bridleway when Prospect Road ends and continue up hill. On reaching the road at the top, turn right and follow this, turning onto the cycle/footpath just before the Holiday Inn Express hotel. This hotel incorporates the Prospect Inn, which dates from 1937, but whose roots go back to at least 1750 when it was alternatively known as the 'Mount Pleasant'. The Cobb brewery acquired it about 1780. The inn may have existed in the days of William III (c1680), for this elevated spot, affording the most extensive scenic views, was much favoured by the sovereign when he stayed at Quex House. It is said that a lantern was hoisted onto the roof to signal to smugglers that the coast was clear of Revenue men.
Chris’ Conundrums

This issue’s conundrums have a theme very loosely associated with drinks and pubs.

1. What connects John, Jack & Jim (where one is a rambler, one is a biblical lion tamer and one can be found on a ship)?
2. What is the chemical formula for liquid ice?
3. From which fruit is perry made?
4. Popular pub name but also a British battleship sunk by U-boat in Scapa Flow during WWII.
5. What do you associate with an oast house?
6. How do drinks link toucans, red grouse and foxes?
7. The Incas used maize to make a drink called ‘chicha’. What is chicha?
8. The bar Homer drinks in?
9. Actor in the original Star Wars movie who also starred in The Ladykillers and The Lavender Hill Mob?
10. What connects a Northern Israeli king, Tom Selleck and a coin?

Answers can be found on page 24
The last time I visited this it was Peggy Sue’s nightclub and then Rank casino – I remember this from my earlier days here in my youth (well maybe not youth) and then it all went and the place has lain empty since 2008. It took something like Wetherspoons to return this to its former glory as a Pavilion which opened back in 1904, although dancing etc. will probably not happen here again.

Wetherspoons occupies 2/3rds of the Pavilion with the rest to be taken up by local traders, although this is not in place yet. The bar and staircase have been reproduced in a sensitive way recreating the former glory of the Pavilion. Thirty of us from Thanet CAMRA attended on the Friday of the bank holiday, with free food and beer vouchers given to us as a goodwill gesture by the management. It was a beautiful day and we were well looked after. I would like to thank Chris and Charlotte (the new Spoons’ managers) for their hospitality. We were granted a view of their cellar, which as you can see from the photos is large. I think I speak for all of us who were there by saying that this is a marvellous addition to the pubs of Thanet and Ramsgate in particular.

Graham Rickett.
Having seen over the years the old Pavilion deteriorate into an almost derelict state it was great to see the recent refurbishment work turn out so well. It was equally good to see that the interior has been decorated to such a high standard, it is very bright and appealing and the staff welcoming. I was boring and had fish and chips and mushy peas, and with the accompanying pint of Abbot Ale they both hit the spot well done Tim Martin, the boy done well.

Martin Baldwin

I was mightily impressed by the sheer size and space that the re-furbishment of this most important and iconic building has achieved, creating many pleasingly comfortable and welcoming seating areas, which I firmly believe can only serve to further enhance the enjoyment of the comprehensive range of excellent ales on offer. of particular note must surely be the balcony area with its uninterrupted panoramic views of Ramsgate’s beautiful sands and the sea beyond. A superb and worthy addition to Ramsgate’s leisure and amenity, which will surely be rewarded with the success it truly deserves.

Mike Austen

Thanet Branch members soaking up the atmosphere of the new pub on one of the preview days.
Majority of Brits Think Beer Duty Is Too High

CAMRA is urging the Government to turn back the clock and freeze beer duty once again, as new research confirms that most of us think beer duty is too high. Research carried out by YouGov[1] has found that 55% of people who expressed an opinion believe beer duty is too high at 54p per pint. Taxes now make up a third of the cost of a pint - a situation made worse in the Spring Budget when the Government announced the first rise in beer duty in four years. The Spring Budget U-turn undid many of the benefits of the three beer duty cuts and risks a return to the days of the much-hated Beer Duty Escalator which other research showed has contributed to 75,000 job losses, 3,700 pub closures and a 24% fall in beer sales in pubs. With CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival expected to attract thousands of beer lovers this week, visitors will be asked to back the campaign by calling on the Government to bring back a Budget for beer drinkers and pledge a beer duty freeze for the whole of this Parliament as well as permanent business rate relief for pubs in England.

Colin Valentine, CAMRA's National Chairman says: "Pubs are a huge part of many people's lives. If people can't afford to visit their local, we will see even more pubs close their doors forever - hurting jobs, the local economy and the community. We urgently need to ease the tax burden on our pubs in order to ensure that pub-going remains an affordable activity for the majority of Brits."

Goat's Milk by Church End is Crowned Champion Beer of Britain

A Warwickshire brewery, originally located in an old coffin shop, has won the Campaign for Real Ale's prestigious Champion Beer of Britain award on the opening day of the Great British Beer Festival at Olympia London. Goat's Milk by Church End scooped gold in the competition thanks to its blend of pale barley, crystal malt oats and aromatic hops. The award comes after almost a year of local tasting panels and regional heats resulting in the best beers from across the UK being invited to compete at the Great British Beer Festival. Final judging for the competition was held at the beer festival which opened its doors to the public on 8 August and saw more than 50,000 people visit to sample from more than 900 beers, ciders, perries and fine wines – including the chance to try the nation's best beer. Bishop Nick from Essex took silver with Ridley's Rite, a pale ale with a floral aroma and satisfying bitterness, while Welsh brewery Tiny Rebel - former Champion Beer of Britain winner - won bronze with Cwtch, a red ale with a blend of six caramelly malts and three citrussy American hops.

Nick Boley, CAMRA's National Director responsible for the competition said: "Congratulations to Church End for winning the Champion Beer of Britain award for Goat's Milk, which is the highest beer accolade in the country. Goat's Milk is a stand out beer - it has a lovely balance of malts and hops and a full flavour. It is a very fine example of a bitter and incredibly refreshing."

Paul Hamblett, sales manager from Church End says: "Goat's Milk is our biggest selling beer - it's a nicely balanced beer with a hoppy edge. We originally brewed and named it for a festival taking place in the Goat pub, and the beer just caught on. It's the first time we've won the competition, and we expect it to put us on the map."

OVERALL WINNERS

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What’s the branch up to?

Thursday 5 October 2017

SOCIAL

Banks Ale & Wine House, 244 Northdown Rd, Margate CT9 2PZ.
8.00pm

Come join us to celebrate apple and pears for a small tour of Margate talking all matters cider, pubs, weather, sport, nonsense etc
Meet at Banks before moving on to the Tap Room, the Fez before finishing at the Two Halves
All members welcome

Tuesday 7 November 2017

BRANCH MEETING

Red Lion, King Street, Ramsgate CT11 8NN
8.00pm
All welcome

MICRO-MEANDER OF ST PETERS/BROADSTAIRS

Tuesday 21 November 2017

Yard of Ale, High St, Broadstairs CT10 2TU
8.00pm

Come join us for a small tour of St Peters and Broadstairs talking all matters beer, pubs, weather, sport, nonsense etc
Meet at Yard of Ale before moving on to the Four Candles, Mind the Gap and finally to the 39 Steps
All members welcome

ADVANCE NOTICE

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 3rd February 2018

Venue TBC
12 Noon

For up to date information on these meetings and socials and other events that the branch will be organising in the coming months visit our website at www.thanetcamra.org.uk, head to our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter.

TRADING STANDARDS

If you feel that you have been treated unfairly in a pub, club or bar you should contact the Citizen Advice consumer helpline on 08454 04 05 06 or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer
ALE of Thanet

**Thanet pubs selling locally brewed beers**

Listed below are pubs and bars that are known to regularly sell real ales from breweries within 20 miles of Thanet.

**Birchington:** Wheel Alehouse  
**Broadstairs:** Bradstow Mill, Chapel, Charles Dickens, Dolphin, George Inn, Little Albion, Mind the Gap, Pavilion, Tartar Frigate, Thirty-Nine Steps  
**Cliftonville:** Banks, Tap Room  
**Margate:** Ales of the Unexpected, Fez, Harbour Arms, Lifeboat, Mechanical Elephant, Two Halves, Wig & Pen  
**Minster:** Hair of the Dog, New Inn  
**Pegwell:** Sir Stanley Gray  
**Ramsgate:** Artillery Arms, Churchill Tavern, Comfort Inn, Conqueror Alehouse, Earl St Vincent, Elephant & Castle, Hotel De Ville, Hovelling Boat, Montefiore Arms, NauticAles, Oak Hotel, Queen Charlotte, Queens Head, Red Lion  
**St. Peters:** Four Candles, Yard of Ale  
**Westgate:** Bake & Alehouse  
**Reading Street (St. Peters):** White Swan

Thanet CAMRA cannot guarantee the availability of a local ale or the quality of the ale served in any establishments listed and cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions to this list.

**We hope to stock Ale of Thanet regularly in these pubs**

**Birchington:** Wheel Alehouse  
**Broadstairs:** Thirty-Nine Steps, Mind the Gap  
**Margate:** Ales of the Unexpected, Fez, Harbour Arms, London Tavern, Mechanical Elephant, Two Halves, Wig & Pen  
**Minster:** Hair of the Dog  
**Pegwell:** Sir Stanley Gray  
**Ramsgate:** Artillery Arms, Churchill Tavern, Conqueror Alehouse, Hovelling Boat, Montefiore Arm, NauticAles  
**St. Peters:** Four Candles, Yard of Ale  
**Westgate:** Bake & Alehouse

Other pubs in Thanet, East Kent and beyond also stock Ale of Thanet irregularly.

It is published quarterly in March, June, September & December. It can be viewed online at issuu.com/aleofthanet or downloaded from the branch website.

**CAMRA Discounts For Card Carrying Members**

NauticAles (Ramsgate) will provide a CAMRA meeting hub on Saturdays between 12 and 3pm where they will offer 50p off a pint (Ale and Cider)  
Harbour Arms (Margate) will offer 10% off a pint anytime  
Wheel Alehouse (Birchington) 20p off on Tuesday  
The Tap Room (Cliftonville) 20p off lunchtime Monday and Tuesday  
Bake and Alehouse (Westgate) 20p off all day Tuesday  
London Tavern (Margate) 30p off on Tuesday  
The Fez (Margate) 20p off all day Monday  
Yard of Ale (St. Peters-in-Thanet) 50p off Ale & Cider Wednesday  
Lifeboat (Margate) 50p off real ale Sunday  
Chapel (Broadstairs) 50p off real ale Sunday  
The Bottle Shop Off Licence Birchington on Sea - 10% off  
The Corkscrew Off Licence Westage on Sea - 10% off

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Eight new breweries across Kent featured in the new Good Beer Guide

- Eight new breweries included, bringing the total number of breweries in the area to 44 -
- 35 pubs newly featured in this year's Good Beer Guide -
- The Flower Pot in Maidstone is named one of the UK's 'top 16' pubs according to CAMRA -


The book's Editor Roger Protz says: "It's fantastic to see a continued growth in local brewing. The first edition of the Good Beer Guide published 45 years ago was a call to arms for beer lovers at a time when the brewing industry was in dire trouble and the market flooded with tasteless, fizzy beer.

"How the beer world has changed! Today, in spite of closures, a growing number of pubs clamber to offer the best-possible range of real ales and we are still seeing remarkable growth in the brewing sector."

New breweries which feature in the Good Beer Guide 2018 include:

- Capel-le-Ferne - The Brewery of Angels & Demons
- Faversham - Boutilliers
- Dover - Breakwater Brewery
- Marden - Brumaison
- Broadstairs - By the Mile Brewery, NauticAles
- Folkestone - Samphire Brewery
- Woodchurch - Stag Brewery

Kent pub named as one of Top 16 in UK

As well as listing new and existing breweries in the area, the UK's top pubs are also listed in the Guide, with the Flower Pot in Maidstone named as one of 16 finalists in the Campaign for Real Ale's National Pub of the Year competition. This split-level street corner free house is a must visit in Maidstone, with ales from a number of microbreweries and music and jam nights weekly.

The pub was judged against numerous other local branch winners and was deemed to be the best in the region overall, with a perfect mix of the essential characteristics which make a great pub: atmosphere, decor, welcome, service, value for money, customer mix, but most importantly – quality real ale.

In total Kent has 145 pubs listed in the guide.

"The Good Beer Guide 2018 recommends the best pubs in Britain for real ale drinkers. The guide is compiled through independent judgement and recommendations, meaning pubs are chosen on merit alone rather than being charged for an entry, as is the case with many other guides. If you have a passion for ale and want to know the best places to find it, then this book can be an invaluable resource for you."

Protz added.

The pub guide is broken down by region and also town, which makes it easy to find the best pubs in your area or another area of the country you might want to visit.

On sale now priced £15.99.
To go with this issue’s walk pullout feature is a picture of the Prospect Inn taken by Albert Fuller in 1963, showing its very isolated location. Our photographer had to scramble onto the Minster roundabout to get the current view, which shows the hotel extension behind the original pub.

Did you guess right?

1. BELL INN, Minster 2. CINQUE PORTS Margate 3. LITTLE ALBION INN, Broadstairs 4. LONDON TAVERN, Margate 5. HOVELLING BOAT, Ramsgate
**Introducing the Great British Beer Festival Winter**

Visitors to this year’s Great British Beer Festival don’t need to wait another 12 months for their next great beer festival as CAMRA prepares to launch the very first Great British Beer Festival Winter in 2018. The Winter festival will run from the 20th-24th of February in the medieval friary halls in the heart of Norwich. Whilst the Festival will have a particular focus on winter ales, visitors can expect a huge range of quality beers on offer.

Pubs across the city of Norwich will be taking part in the celebration, hosting Fringe events from the 1st-24th of February which include everything from stand up comedy to music nights and pub quizzes. Visitors will have the chance to sample winners of the Champion Winter Beer of Britain competition and enjoy live music and local food.

Martin Ward, Festival Organiser says: "A year is far too long for beer drinkers to wait for their next great national festival, so we have decided to launch the Great British Beer Festival Winter in the beautiful city of Norwich. "Festival-goers can expect the same large range of high-quality beers on offer that they would do at the Great British Beer Festival at Olympia, but we will also have the best in winter brews from across the country. We look forward to welcoming visitors from across the country to the Great British Winter Festival in 2018!"

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**Chris’ Conundrums Answers**

1. Whisky/Whiskey - Walker / Daniels / Beam
2. H₂O
3. Pears
4. Royal Oak
5. Hops
6. Advertising - Guinness / Grouse Whisky / Old Speckled Hen
7. Beer / Ale
8. Moe’s Bar (or Tavern)
9. Alec Guinness
10. Champagne bottle sizes - Jeroboam, a king who reigned between 922 & 901 BC - 3 litre (4 bottle size), Tom Selleck played Magnum PI - 1.5l (2 bottles), Sovereign, old British coin - 26.25l (35 bottles)
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