

# BEER LINES

## News From The Beer Essentials

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### Welcome!

Welcome to the latest issue of Beer Lines, the newsletter of The Beer Essentials, Horsham's real ale shop.

As I am writing this the rain is pouring down a deserted East Street (see below) and some of the puddles have got waves on them. So much for summer!

### Best Pub In Sussex

Congratulations to Sara and Clive Blunden from The Royal Oak in Friday Street, Ruspur. Their pub has just been voted CAMRA's Pub of the Year for the whole of Sussex. That puts them in the top 40 pubs in the UK and they now go up against The Surrey Oaks in Newdigate for the regional title.

### Horsham Beer Festival 2008

After a week of panic at the end of May when it looked like the Festival may not happen due to a lack of venue, it's business as usual and the tickets are now on sale. They've been available for 10 days now and I've already sold 450. So if you haven't got yours yet my advice is get in quick! Full

details of the Festival are on the website.

### Don't Get Me Started .... Again!

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June East Street became pedestrianised between the hours of 10.30am and 4pm. I have been arguing against this project for 5 years now on the basis that it will severely inconvenience my customers, make deliveries into the shop incredibly difficult and could ultimately force me to close down. However, Horsham District Council have pressed ahead regardless with an "experimental" scheme which is going to last a year and is costing £50,000. They will then consider any objections before the scheme becomes permanent (at a cost of an *additional* £700,000). If you would like to object you need to write to: TRO Team, West Sussex County Council, The Grange, Tower Street, Chichester, PO19 1RH, stating the grounds for your objection by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (this date was very sneakily put in the small print of the Public Announcement published in the local paper). Anyway your support would be greatly appreciated.

### Harviestoun Brewery and a Happy Event or 2!

My thanks and congratulations go to shop regular Michael Fensom who was able to stop off Harviestoun Brewery, Alloa recently and pick up some cases of bottles for me to sell. He was in Scotland as his daughter was about to have twins! I got the famous **Bitter and Twisted**, a former CAMRA Champion Beer of Great Britain and also **Schiehallion**, a real lager and the brilliantly-named **Old Engine Oil**, a rich, dark 6% old ale.

### On Draught

During July we hope to have on draught:

#### Batemans Jester's

3.5% ABV  
£1.75 per pint.

#### York Guzzler

3.6% ABV  
£1.75 per pint.

Plus a selection of other great beers t.b.c. (please phone or check blackboard in shop for availability).

Thanks for reading  
Gareth