

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.

East Street is looking a little less like a bomb site now but the workmen are still beavering away. Well I say "beavering" . . . try and imagine a cross between a sloth and a beaver in a hi-viz jacket and a hard hat. Maybe what they are actually doing is "sleavering"! Anyway you can now load things into your car from the front of the shop but only if they are "heavy". Luckily I don't sell "light" ale!

Horsham Beer Festival 2010

I'm currently hard at work organising this year's Beer Festival. The beer list isn't completely finalised yet but there are already some absolute crackers lined up. The Festival glass may end up being a straight-sided conical shape this year. Unfortunately this is due to the national brewers buying up the entire stock of tulip-shaped glasses, the type I normally use, for sale or giving away during the world

cup. I've asked the glass supplier to see what he can do but after all, when it comes to beer glasses, like so many things it's what's inside that counts!

Just for information I'm now sold out of tickets for both Saturday sessions of the Festival. At the time of writing I have about 150 tickets left for the Sunday session but they are going fast.

GBBF

I'm going to take a day off on Tuesday 3rd August to visit the Great British Beer Festival at Earls Court. The winner of the CAMRA Champion Beer of Great Britain competition will be announced and I'll be trying to source some of the winning beer for Horsham Beer Festival. I'm taking my eldest son Owen with me (he's my able assistant that you see on a Saturday) as he is now 18 and can legally enjoy the delights of the "Great British".

Bottled Beers

I have managed to taste 2 of the bottled beers that I featured in the last newsletter. **Goffs Black Knight** is a 5.3% ABV porter

from Winchcombe, near Cheltenham. It is really black and has a rich roasted aroma with just a hint of smoke. It has a complex chocolate flavour and a dry smokey finish. The other new bottled beer I have recently tasted is **Kingstone Tewdric's Tipple** 3.8% ABV from Tintern, Wales. This is a traditional deep golden bitter with a fresh clean hoppy aroma, a very dry, grassy hop flavour and a long bitter finish.

On Draught

During August we hope to have on draught:

Black Sheep Golden Sheep

3.9% ABV
£1.95 per pint.

Theakstons Lightfoot

4.1% ABV
£2.00 per pint.

Brewdog Alpha Dog

4.5% ABV
£2.05 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