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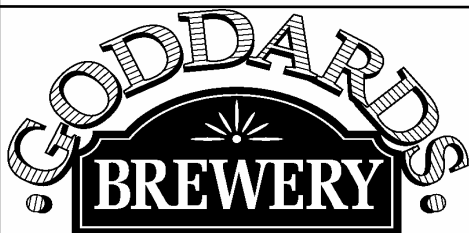
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*and much, much more...*



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Do you remember the *Black Magic* television commercials? (“Commercials” for all you nippers born after 1980 means “adverts”.) Just to refresh your memory, they used to feature a lithe young chap in unfeasibly ridiculous situations dressed in equally unfeasibly tight black trousers and a black polo neck sweater surreptitiously leaving boxes of Black Magic chocolates for young damsels to come across.

It did occur to me that the distribution of Wightwash has a sort of parallel. Who are these unsung heroes that come unseen and leave Wightwash on you pub bars (and do they wear unfeasibly tight black trousers)? We’ve decided to have a leak and tell you all.

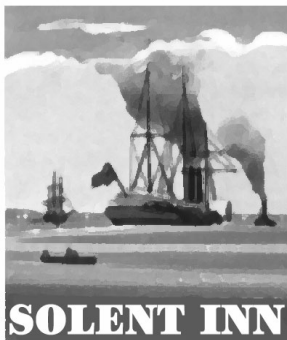
To read **WIGHTWASH DISTRIBUTORS EXPOSED** turn to page 11.

## Thank you, Gee!!

This issue of Wightwash will be the first for 5 years that has been produced without the assistance of the **Paper Workshop** and in particular **Gee Wright**. Gee was the instigator of the current format of Wightwash when it was re-launched in 1999. His patience, expertise and advice have been invaluable.

Gee has decided to go and visit lots and lots of different countries.

We hope you have a wonderful time, Gee. But speaking from experience, you won’t half miss a decent pint. Cheers mate! Stay in touch.



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From *Paul Mattick*

For those of you who were wondering what happened to my final paragraph in the last issue, I must apologise. The reason - a picture was added to the page at the last minute, which in turn left you with only half of my final story. If you were on the edge of your seats here it is again...

The wife came down stairs the other day from cleaning my son's room. Under his bed she found a selection of S & M magazines that contained everything from rubber outfits to whips and chains. "What do we do?" she said, to which I replied, for heavens sake don't spank him!!

After a record-trading year to date **Island Ales** have recruited a new player to spearhead their expansion programme. **Chris Mousley**, who joined the company August 1<sup>st</sup> as Sales Director will work in tandem with Managing Director, **Steve Minshull**, in expanding the companies distribution base and increasing partnership programmes with customers and major/micro brewers. Steve says "With the solid foundation of 12 years of successful trading on the Island we are fully established as the Islands number one company in the supply of Beers and Soft drinks to the licensed trade and I am now able to put into operation the companies business growth and development plans which includes focusing on benefiting our loyal customer base both short term and long term". Chris, ably accompanied by **Kevin Fisher** on the Sales development side of the operation are key players in the attainment of long term growth and expansion for the company.

**Stop press ...**

Please watch out for Island Ales and the new offer on Real Ales....

Through **Wightwash** I'd like to mention a couple of the drinking establishments that I have been to this summer. This mainly applies to holidaymakers. In May I purchased a caravan. To get us geared up for next year I have visited a few campsites on the Island (next year we may go as far as the New Forest!) The two that stood out were **Appuldurcombe** near Wroxall, which had **Goddards** on over the bank holiday weekend. The only drawback was that they had no late licence meaning the bar closed at 10.30 pm on the Sunday. In June we went to **Rookley Country Park**; the facilities there were excellent. The entertainment was outstanding and to top it all, the bar is open to the public with three Real Ales to wet yer whistle.

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The alterations have enabled **Chris, Kate** and their assistant manager **Steve Chiverton** to keep the old part of the pub as a proper public bar. The new extension can provide space for up to 82 diners who can enjoy some of the best views on the Island.

Readers of **Wightwash** will remember the battle fought by locals, councillors and CAMRA to get the Sun reopened and it is so encouraging to know that the pub has its future guaranteed.

Congratulations to **Paul Moreton** who has recently taken the helm at **Harvey's** in Newport, formerly called **The Vine**. Paul, who also runs the **Mai Thai Restaurant** 20 yards away tells me that although he has no plans for Real Ale at the moment, he may well (if enough of us grovel) stock it in the future.

**Chris and Kate Cole** must be heaving a sigh of relief now that the alterations have been completed to the **Sun at Hulverstone**. Within hours of the completion, the **Sun** played host to a wedding party with nearly 100 guests. A few days later it saw its first Beer Festival featuring 25 real ales and cider with even a bus load



*The new extension to the Sun from the inside.*

**Wightwash** can reveal that work is soon to start on the **Horse and Groom** at Ningwood.

The start date to return the pub to its former glory will be at the beginning of October, finishing in time for a pre-Christmas opening. Work will include the unblocking of the windows at the front, moving the bar back to its former position, and opening a side entrance so that customers, including wheelchair users, can gain access from the car park.



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about to reach its third birthday. (Greetings cards appreciated!)

**Hall and Woodhouse**

are to pension off **Badger Best**. At first this news did not go down too well with some of its regular drinkers and according to one source, an approach was made to **Andrew Turner MP** to draw the matter to the attention of the House of Commons. Fortunately the replacement beer, **Badger First Gold** has proved to be a more that adequate substitute. The beer has been the result of months of tests and at least 10 trial brews.

It is named after the First Gold hop a hybrid of WGV (Whitbread Golding Variety) and a dwarf male (not our editor I trust). **Badger First Gold** is described as slightly darker than **Badger Best** with more flavour.

**Goddards News**

Goddards Head Brewer **Chris Coleman** has once again had a busy summer. With new staff and the new casks being used to full potential Chris tells me that he is gearing up for Christmas already! Since joining forces with **The Beer Seller**, more Goddard's ales have crossed the Solent than ever before. I have also been told that the brewery wheelbarrow is

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And while we are on the subject of H&W, I notice that according to "The Publican" "Dorset brewer **Hall & Woodhouse** (Badgers) has announced plans to develop a



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new brewery at its Blandford St Mary site. The existing 100-year old brewery will be decommissioned, with plans for a residential development that would preserve the Victorian buildings.

In its place, the brewer of the Badger beer range plans a new space-age brewery, to be built from scratch on an area of the Blandford site freed up by H&W's exit from soft drinks production.

H&W sold its soft drinks arm, which produced the Panda and Popzone ranges, to Vimto owner Nichols in January.”

## Ventnor Brewery News

**Ventnor Brewery** are expanding their off sales and hope to encourage those drinkers that can't always get down to the pub to sample the delights of **Ventnor Beers**.

Capitalising on their more unusual products such as Sandrock Smoked Beer and Ventnor Oyster Stout, their on-line shop is now selling all over Europe and with next day deliveries guaranteed to anywhere in the UK, what a great idea for a present. Have a look at the website

[www.ventnorbrewery.co.uk](http://www.ventnorbrewery.co.uk)

The now famous Bestival has provided both Baker boys with a chance to indulge in

their own particular field: Xavier with his brewing expertise and Airon with his experience in the field of music promotion.

The ale brewed (with the assistance of Radio One DJ Rob D Bank) specifically for the Bestival - **BestivAle** is now available nationally through the Wetherspoon chain.

## Yates' Brewery

The news from an extremely busy Yates' Brewery is that for the first time in 5 years of brewing, they ran out of beer!

David Snr. tells **Wightwash** that he has added a new permanent beer to his stock - **Yates' Blonde** 4.5% a light and very hoppy ale brewed with Fuggles hops, available at the Inn at St Lawrence, the White Lion, Niton and various other Island pubs.

Thanks to an exchange deal that David has pulled off with Crouch Vale Breweries, you will be able to find "**Brewers Gold**" the Champion Beer of Britain in Isle of Wight pubs. The tiny Essex brewery can only produce 60 barrels of beer a week so they have been very selective with their outlets and in fact, have been unable to supply any new wholesalers. David's deal means that in return for Crouch Vale's products being available on the Island, Yates' beers plus a



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couple from Stumpy will be finding their way in to Essex pubs. (The "Blonde" should go down well!)

The distribution side of the business is continuing to flourish. As reported in the last issue of **Wightwash**, Yates' have taken on a new but very experienced driver.

## Waverley TBS

Steve Taylor, was pleased to let us know that **Youngs** currently have a special series of beers around on the Island including **Burton Bitter** 5.5%, a hoppy and full bodied ale that was last brewed in the early 70's. The **Youngs** brewers decided to look

out the old recipe and resurrect this once popular ale. **Youngs Special London Ale** 6.4% and **Old Nick** 7.2%, usually only seen in bottles are now available in cask form. Amongst the pubs featuring these ales will be the **Traveller's Joy**, the **Buddle**, **King Harry's** and the **Portland Inn**.

## Cider News

Paul Miller (aka The Ciderman) has revealed that the Isle of Wight is to get its very own cider brands. There is to be a grand pressing of the first batch of apples at Brickfield Horse Centre with power provided by a shire horse. There will be two re-

sulting ciders: **Brickfield Cider** and **Red Squirrel Cider**. If you would like to watch the process, it will take place on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October. There will be a cider bar on the Saturday. Card carrying CAMRA members will get free entry and discount at the bar.

A lager drinker went in a well-known high street shop and asked for a jacket that he had seen advertised in the window for £4.50. The woman behind the counter said "you're a lager drinker aren't you". "How did you know that?" The woman replied "Because this is a Dry Cleaners"!!

*Paul*



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## The Buddle Inn, Niton

We are pleased to report that the Buddle has had a bumper season under new landlord and landlady, **John and Fiona Page.**



John originally comes from London and has a background in engineering. He moved to the Isle of Wight 25 years ago where he met Island girl Fiona. About 8 years ago they took their first pub The Cornish Arms in St Meryn, Cornwall followed by the Pheasant Inn, near Wookey in Somerset.

Eventually the lure of the Isle of Wight got the better of them, and on 18<sup>th</sup> April this year they moved back to the Island and

took over the historic Buddle Inn. (The Buddle is one of the Island's earliest hostelries, and for many years was also run as a farm. It was granted its first license in 1850.)


John is a real ale enthusiast and ensures that there are always plenty of good real ales on offer (plus one real cider). Yates' Buddle Best is frequently available as well as offerings from Goddards and Ventnor Brewery.


Food is available every lunchtime and 6 – 9 in the evenings. By the end of September there will be a new a la carte menu.

Live music is another feature of the Buddle. There are Jazz Nights, regular Friday Folk Nights with Allan Ramsdale-Capper and every Sunday lunchtime you can hear Brad Thomas play the piano.

Many an Islander over a certain age will remember being brought to see the mini model village in front of the pub. Sadly, this has become rather neglected over the years but John and Fiona are hoping that with a little help from the locals, it will soon be restored to its former glory.

If you fancy a cosy pint as the winter evenings draw in, the Buddle will have real open fires to warm you up (and if that doesn't work, ask about the hot "egg flip"! ). John and Fiona would like to point out that the Buddle is a "dog-friendly" pub.

  
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## The Rookley Inn, Rookley Country Park

The new man in charge here is **Steve Cunningham**.

Up until very recently Steve was a London Cabbie. But coping with what Steve refers to as the Rat Race, became more and more unattractive.

As a regular visitor to the Island to stay with his sister, Steve realised that life is so much better here on the Island and one day decided to emigrate.

Steve began work on the Island as a barman/cellarman at the Rookley Inn under the guidance of the then landlord Jeff Ledicott.

When Jeff left, Steve took over - and what a splendid job he is

doing to maintain the Rookley Inn's fine reputation for Real Ale. There is always a good choice of beers and always served up in cracking condition

**AND AT THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE!!** (Sorry, the *Wightwash* hobby horse is showing.)

Steve puts his success down to a lifelong interest in pubs and a good teacher.



Here we see Steve during the recent **Rookley Inn Festival of Beers**  
(12 Real Ales all @ £2 a pint)  
see what you missed!

If you would like us to write something about your pub, phone 721557 or email [editor@wightwash.org.uk](mailto:editor@wightwash.org.uk)

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## 10 REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS HARD TO LEARN

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.

More to come....

## Bluffy the Word Slayer

### 1/Manna

- A/ A sweet tasting mild laxative.
- B/ Nerve endings in a squids tentacles.
- C/ Inability to concentrate (S.African).

### 2/Pshaw

- A/ Main timber supporting a thatched roof.
- B/ An exclamation of disbelief.
- C/ The blue flower of the ceanothus.

### 3/Shelta

- A/ A shiny deposit found on rocks.
- B/ Red Indian medicine maker.
- C/ A secret language based on Gaelic.

### 4/Orison

- A/ One who reads to gain knowledge.
- B/ Child of a town crier.
- C/ An alternative word for prayer.

### 5/Geotropism

- A/The upright growth of a plant.
- B/The study of land between the tropics.
- C/ The observation of earth from space.

## Answers

1 - A : 2 - B : 3 - C : 4 - C : 5 - A

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# EXPOSED

(In this series we will tell you all about the intrepid band of volunteers that ensure that Wightwash appears on your bar)

## Gerry Hallett

The first one to come under the spotlight is our main man, Gerry Hallett. Gerry is the chap who collects Wightwash from the printer and distributes it to the other distributors. He also has his own round of pubs in central Wight including Arreton, Godshill and Rookley.

Gerry moved to the Island 30 years ago and before becoming a “man of leisure” he worked for Wadhams in Newport and latterly the Chequers Inn.

His hobbies include walking and photography. Gerry’s photographs appear on several pub websites (most recently the Yarbridge Inn) and it is Gerry who is responsible for devising the Chequers Inn “Park and Walk” series of walks. To have a look at Gerry’s handiwork log on to [www.yarbridgeinn.co.uk](http://www.yarbridgeinn.co.uk) or [www.chequersinn-iow.co.uk](http://www.chequersinn-iow.co.uk) and click on “Walks”. If you would like to have some pub walks devised around your pub or some photographs taken, Gerry would be only too pleased to discuss it over a pint. You can contact Gerry via Wightwash ([editor@wightwash.org.uk](mailto:editor@wightwash.org.uk) or Tel: 721557).



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## What's the story in Balamory?.....

### A new brewery!

Readers with young children will probably be familiar with Balamory, the Scottish seaside village in the TV programmes. You may be aware that it is a real place, Tobermory on the Isle of Mull; now it has real ale as well!

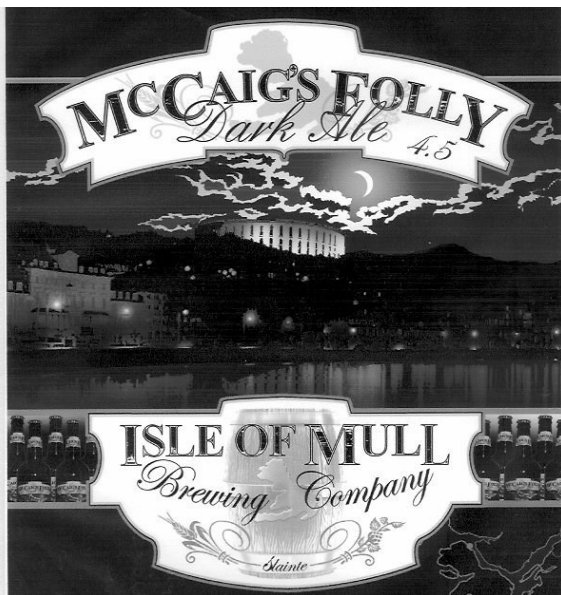
Don't mention it in front of the children, but the village has acquired its own brewery. It's in an ideal location too, overlooking the harbour and sandwiched between the Tobermory Distillery and MacCochan's Bar.

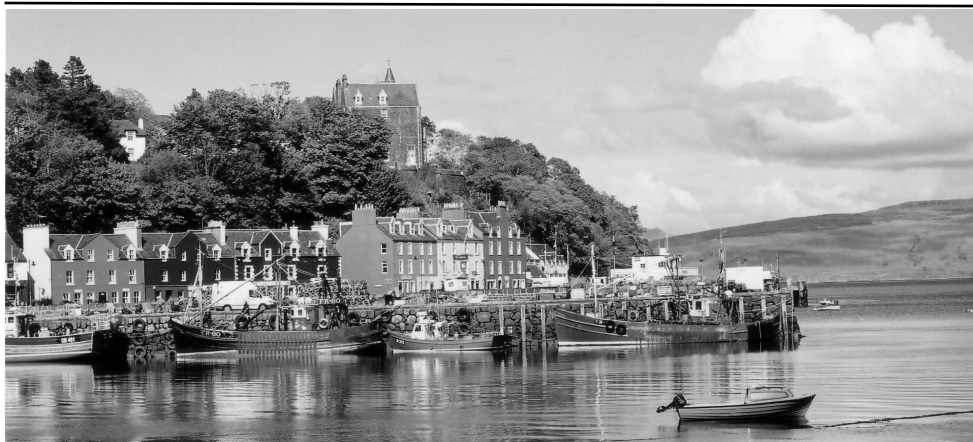
The small distillery, squashed between the cliffs and the harbourside has a shop and visitor centre. Also tours are arranged with the opportunity to sample the interesting single malts crafted here.

Next door is the new brewery set up by The Isle of Mull Brewing Company, opened for business in May this year, at which time they were producing two ales. The stronger "**Golden Gal-  
leon**" at 5.5% is a pale and powerful ale named after the Spanish ship which blew up in mysterious circumstances in Tobermory harbour in 1588.

The weaker beer, "**McCaig's Folly**" 4.2% is a darkish bitter but with a light taste. As well as selling locally it is hoped to market the beers on the mainland; the folly in the name is the circular monument overlooking the nearby town of Oban.

Next door again is the lively and modern MacCochan's Bar, owned by the brewery, where both ales can be sampled.





Across the harbour is the other pub in Tobermory, which should not be missed. The Mishnish is in the large yellow painted waterfront building near the ferry terminal. Busy and atmospheric it has lots of drinking areas, accommodation, food and two handpumps. Whilst we were there **Waggledance** and **Deuchars** were available.

Leaving Mull the small 18 car ferry takes you in 30 minutes across the Sound of Mull to the remote and isolated Ardnamurchan (Ard-nah-murr-c'n) Peninsula, the most westerly part of Great Britain. Here settlements are few and handpumps fewer. In fact we only found one; at the friendly Ben View Hotel just outside Strontian. Here "**Three Sisters**" 4.2% from the Atlas Brewery in Kinlochleven was on offer.

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The Cuillin Brewery nestles between the hotel and the bar; the brewer is Eric Jones, originally from Bolton but more recently brewing for the now rival Isle of Skye Brewery over on the island's west coast.

Cuillins current brews are "**Eagle Bitter**" at 3.9%, a light aromatic drink, and "**Skye Bitter**" 4.1%. This is darker, smooth and malty. Bottling is done by the Hebridean Brewery in Stornaway ( whose "Hebridean Clansman" was also available at The Sliggy).



*Ed Jones - Originally from Bolton*

Good beers, good pubs and marvellous scenery. But if you're thinking of going next year, stub your fag out before you leave. There will be a total smoking ban beyond Carlisle from March 2006.

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I am most obliged to Ray Jolliffe our Kiwi Kaulkhead Korrespondent for drawing my attention to a book called **Songs of the Soil**. It is a collection of Isle of Wight songs collected by Percy G Stone of Merston and published by the County Press in 1933. Here's a bit of one from 1830 called:

### How They Ran the First Fox in the Wight

Passon Fenwick o' Brook a kep' a darg vox  
On a chain i' his yard at the rear;  
Where a got en, an' how, I niver yet heerd,  
All thet I knows— he wuz theer.

To Passon cum hrunnin' one vine zummer day,  
As a moistedned a's clay on the laan,  
A's zervant man Zam we' the ter'ble news -  
'Pleaze zur, measter Reynolds be gaan.

Last they 'greed wor to gether an' dresh en out vair.  
Zo us met at the "Dragon" an' dined—  
Varmer Day, Zquire Thetcher an' Jemmy Scovell,  
An' a mort more bezaide I doan't mind

Zaays Zquire, a zetten oop top I' the cheer,  
As a's knife on the table a knocks, -  
"My hounds they'm be stoutish at hrunning a hare,  
I hreckon they'll zhow to a vox.

The story of the chase unfolds with references to Chillerton, Atherfield, Kingston and many other Island places. The fox, of course gets his up and commence and the day finishes with a celebratory dinner with "Zherry an' poort " and "prime old October brewed ale". Here's the last verse:

Charge your glasses—no 'heel taps' we make it our boast;  
In the health I'm proposing to-night—  
*Squire Thatcher of Wackland*, I give as the toast,  
Who ran the first fox in the Wight.

After a long search, I eventually found a copy of **Songs of the Soil** in the County Reference Library in Newport. I would be very interested to hear from anyone who could supply the tunes for these songs as the book only contains lyrics.

If you have a copy of **Songs of the Soil**, look after it. It is VERY, VERY RARE!

*Tim Marshall (editor)*



**MURMURINGS FROM WEST WIGHT**

As more of an occasional visitor to local watering holes I can only go on brief chats and the odd rumour when it comes to news. Having said that I am kept fairly well in the picture at the **Broadway**, the **Fat Cat** and the **Prince** so here are a few snippets under a different heading:

THEY SAY generally that trade has not been particularly good but reasonable given the slow start to the season and its seemingly shorter stay with us as the years go by. The **New Inn Shalfleet** seems to be doing very well with its smoking ban and on some evenings is very full. I am glad to hear that the **Horse and Groom** at Ningwood will open again this winter. Yarmouth is usually busy but at around 2pm on Car-

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nival Monday we fancied a cup of coffee so we left our Classic Car with others on the Green and sallied forth. The **Wheat-sheaf** and **Kings Head** were both very busy inside and out, so we went to the **Bugle**. The **Colwell Bay Inn** has had a good season. Although it seems that some trade has moved to the **Broadway** where at last folk are coming from elsewhere.

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The **Prince of Wales** remains a good old beer house and with a recent award we hope to see Chris and Wendy there for a while yet. The **Highdown** appears to fit the description of one of the ten pubs listed for sale with Daltons. It certainly looks smarter and will always fill a need from walkers and others who like a quieter pub. As for the **Vine** it is steady as she goes with a good trade in a prime position and excellent beer - not much Gales left on the Island. I always have a sneaking admiration for the **Royal Standard** which retains its older small country town hotel atmosphere and Courage still has a following. The **Red Lion** is always the **Red Lion** - not always easy to get a table (especially when a booking is lost!) That particular party enjoyed their meal at Dimbola Lodge. The **Albion** enjoys a good reputation as an hotel in a superb spot. Talking of views

the **Waterfront** really does deserve much more support and it is a great pity that their hours are sometimes restricted - there is nothing wrong with their products. Finally to the **Fat Cat** which can be very busy and with new bedrooms up and running it could get better (or worse if too many more want to use the bar?!) It has to be worth a visit if only to taste whatever is

on offer from the Orkneys to Ventnor and it could easily become addictive whatever it is. Jay somehow manages to put in a stint in the bar in between treading the boards - he is becoming quite popular on the stage in West Wight.

I make no apology for little mention of beer except to say that it is always interesting and of good quality. The drinkers can make their own decisions - I am perhaps only an observer though I do enjoy a good pint!

*Brian Snellgrove*



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The Fleming family have long been associated with the

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The inscriptions on the memorial pay tribute to the men of Binstead and Havensteet who gave their lives in the Great War. Mention in particular is made of Lieutenant Richard Willis-Fleming who was killed defending the Suez canal from Turkish forces. He died on the day after his twentieth birthday on 4th August 1916. The courtyard of the shrine also contains memorial tablets to other members of the Willis-Fleming family.

*Rob Marshall*

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6/ Which film's original title was "Il Buono, Il Brutto, Il Cattivo"?
7/ In Isle of Wight dialect, what is a "nutten"?
8/ What is the number of the A road that links Shanklin to Cowes?
9/ How long can the House of Lords delay a bill passed by the House of Commons?
10/ Which Isle of Wight bottled beer won bronze at last years Champion Beer of Britain?

Quiz by Kris Kwizzer

Send your answers by 1st November to The Editor, Wightwash, Oakdene, Rookley, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO38 3NH or email editor@wightwash.org.uk

Answers to the Summer Quiz

- 1. R L Stevenson
2. 1975
3. Jane (Marple)
4. Ministry of Defence
5. Johnny Rotten (John Lydon)
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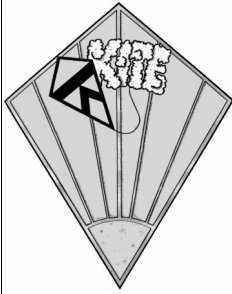
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**22nd - 30th October** - Ventnor Real Ale Festival

**2nd November** Branch Visit to Wetherspoons "Octoberfest" - 8.30 - Transport TBA

**16th November** - Business Meeting - New Inn, Shalfleet

**9th November** - Branch Christmas Party - Solent Inn, Ryde

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