

### Newsletter of the Isle of Wight branch of CAMRA

The Campaign for Real Ale exists to preserve and promote good beer and pubs.

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The branch simply cannot afford the set-up cost for a print run of only a few hundred.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive a paper copy and is unable to download one from the website, please print one for them.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this rather unusual issue.

There are various guizzes and crosswords etc. The answers start on page 28 (sorry, no prizes!).

Please be aware that the advertisements reflect life outside of lockdown and should not be taken. too literally.

Finally, although at the time of publication you will not be able to visit the pubs advertised in this issue, we hope you give them your very best support as soon as you can.

Keep Safe!

Tim Marshall

Editor



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and much, much more...

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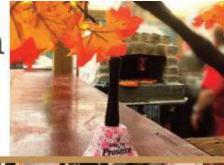


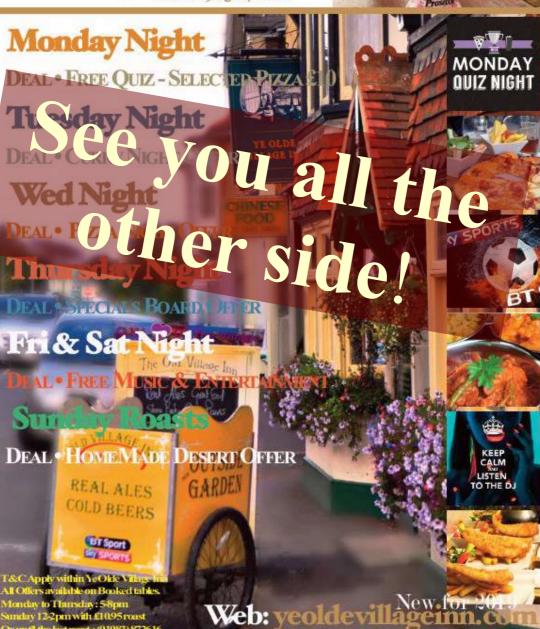
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Despite the unusual, and in some cases, sad and desperate situation we find ourselves in, there have been some heart-warming stories of kindness. None more so than what's been happening in a little pub in Brading...



When the **Yarbridge Inn** was forced to close due to the coronavirus outbreak the

owners Becky
Fox, brother
Richard and
mum Jane felt
that they would
like to do
something for
the community
that had always
supported the
pub.



They started by using the surplus food left over from the closure to cook meals and, together with a team of volunteer drivers, they began delivering them to those in the area who had little or no support.



The surplus food quickly ran out, but help was at hand. Assistance in the

Assistance in the form of food donations, drivers and chefs came from all quarters with a lot from the hospitality trade: Jenna and Paul from the



**Brunswick**, Rob and Rachel from the **Blacksmiths**,

Tom Axford from the **Kyngs Well**, Jay Chapman from **Ye Old Village Inn** have all contributed to this fantastic effort



To date, they have delivered over 4,000 "community drop" meals, and jolly tasty they look too!



For more details see the <u>Yarbridge Inn</u> <u>facebook page</u>

# **Goddards Brewery**

### **Supporting Local**

So, with the sudden closure of the hospitality industry Goddards Brewery rose to the challenge of adapting. Straight away they were pushing their #DeliverBrew service on the island. It has always been available but not widely promoted. The service provides beer directly to people's doorsteps, whilst adhering to Government guidelines of social distancing and hygiene.

Along with this, Goddards Brewery have been widely pushing the #SupportLocal hashtag to encourage the general public to make use of the local delivery services that have become available. As much as they have been keeping the supermarkets stocked with their beer, as a local producer they want to ensure other local producers keep going through these difficult times too.

Their beers have also been venturing across the UK to keep the beer flowing for other Goddards fans across the UK – even a Deli in Essex is stocking their brews. Their contract brewing has also still been going, with one contract bottle brew exported to the United Arab Emirates!

Like many others, they have been doing the frequent shout outs for the NHS and all other Key Workers – even



taking the steps to create a limitededition tankard to recognise the outstanding work of nominated Key



Workers. There's also the bottle cap

rainbow that has featured across many social media posts.

For now, until our friends the publicans re-open, Goddards say support local and stay safe. We will see you on the other side!

## Yates' Brewery

Hayley tells us that all is well with Yates' Brewery during these very strange times: "We have been doing home delivery to keep ourselves busy, our bottles are flying out the door and still having to brew to keep up with sales.

We are missing our publicans and regular trade for this time of the year and can't wait to speak to them all very soon.

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## **Boojum Brewery**

At Boojum Brewery we decided the best thing to do during this time was to get brewing and selling beer. We proudly presented our first beer for sale 39 litres (in a bag in box) of **South Island Pale Ale** 5% ABV. As you can imagine it's sold out rather quickly and we have another batch fermenting at the moment. It is our own recipe, a SMaSH beer (single malt



and single hop)using Rakau hops from New Zealand which says it has the taste of the





whole orchard. Customers, head brewer Kevin at Vibrant Forest and Rob at Botley have described SIPA as pleasant, refreshing and a smooth summer ale. We look forward to presenting our next brew as we refine the recipe, dropping the ABV to a more sessional 3.9% and more hops at flame out.

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are open for draught takeaway beer and cider. Fridays and Saturdays and



odd days when the sun is shining! As brewers are classed as key workers we were able to take a trip to Southampton in May to collect some fresh beer and support these breweries. It was great to meet up social distancing observed - and we enjoyed a glass of beer and caught up with the goings-on.

We have some great beer from **Unity Brewery Co., Vibrant Forest, Red Cat** - local Hampshire breweries - and some guests from further afield. Watch out for some Gose. Saison. Stout. Porter and lots of cider too. All our beers and opening times are on our Facebook page.

Julie Jones-Evans - Brewster





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## **Island Brewery**

The Island Brewery was planning to celebrate its 10th Birthday earlier in March just when the lockdown started, so for obvious reasons had to postpone the event which was to be held at the brewery but we now hopefully will celebrate the birthday in November when hopefully things maybe somewhere near back to normal. details and invitations to follow. The brewery is currently closed but Chris, Ashley and Tom are raring to go as soon as things start to open up again.

Island Ales are operating a home delivery service, so you can still get bottles and polypins of the Island Brewery Ales delivered straight to your door. From the beginning of June, the Island Brewery Ales will be available in 20ltr. 10ltr and 5ltr polypin format, this is following a surge in demand for these sizes. Island Ales home deliveries have no minimum. order or delivery charge and nearly all deliveries are made the same day, so why not take advantage of their range of wines, spirits and soft drinks.

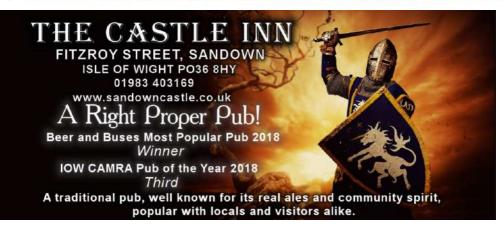
We at the Island Brewery and Island Ales wish everyone well in these unprecedented times and look forward to working with you again in the near future.



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The Isle of Wight
Distillery has recently
turned its expertise and
knowledge to the
production of a hand
sanitiser, Wight Wash
(sound familiar?) The
initiative was set up to
support the local
community, with special
priority being given to
key workers and
organisations

experiencing shortages, such as NHS services, schools and residential homes.

In addition, the Distillery team continue to supply locally, nationally and overseas,



and are looking forward to supporting the local on trade community once the restrictions are lifted. "It's been a challenging time," said Xavier Baker, co-founder of the Distillery, "but we're looking forward and getting ready to welcome customers and support our local pubs".

Head to social media and follow @iowdistillery and @mermaidgin for cocktail inspiration and updates from the Mermaid Crew or find out more at www.isleofwightdistillery.com



During a Zoom meeting, care of Brian Jacobs, we broached the subject of an Isle of Wight Quiz based around pubs and beer. Jeff Sechiari came up with a few teasers.

Sorry - no prizes. The answers start on page 30. I was going to print them upside down in the grand old puzzle book tradition but on reflection thought it unfair on those reading this on a desktop.

- 1. Why did **Goddards** find themselves in Lincolnshire in the 1990s?
- 2. What is the link between **Goddards** and left-over bread?
- 3. If PA is Pale Ale and IPA is India Pale Ale, what is Burt's VPA and Mew Langton's OPA?
- 4. Why might you see an Eagle on the Ryde skyline?
- 5. On which Island pubs could the Cyclists' Touring Club find their seals of approval?
- 6. What have the following pubs in common: The Stag Inn, Parkhurst, The Crispin, Newport, The Railway, Ryde, The Old Comical, Sandown and The Taverners, Godshill?
- 7. Where does this phrase originate "Ryde for Pride, Newport for Hot Dinners"?

(actually we don't know the answer to this one. We rather hoped you'd be able to tell us. Email editior@wightwash.org.uk.



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To get you started, the answer to 5 down is **Rookley** (Australian native = '**Roo**, potassium = k, **ley** = ancient alignment). The other answers are in a similar vein. Answer and explanations are on page 34 Good luck!

#### Across

- 2. Peter didn't grow up near Newport (3)
- 4. Edward's initially 20cwt after yokel affirmed (7)
- 8. Do it on the beach within entry point (8)
- 9. Big pond southwest of Sandown? (4)
- 11. -----cliff, twixt Ventnor and Niton
- 13. Up beginning antonyms
- 14. Service in keeper
- 15. --- close county-standard ground (3)

#### Down

- 1. A medal for crossing out east. (9)
- 3. Common to be alright in the north east. (4)
- 5. Native Australian and potassium go ahead of ancient alignment. (6)
- 6. Cut containing mad university lecturer. (7)
- 7. Prepare cured pig for painting. (7)
- 10. An abbey where stone is dug out? Not quite (5)
- 12. It sounded as though the Beatles had a ticket to go there. (4)

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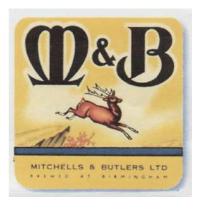






### How did the Moody Blues get their name?

Originally a plan was put in place to gain sponsorship from the Birmingham based Mitchells & Butlers Brewery. Mike Pinder's mother worked there and at that time the brewery owned all the biggest dance halls, pubs and hotels in that area so they thought if they named the band with the same initials they could get a couple of thousand pounds out of them to buy some equipment and outfits. So the name 'M & B Five' was adopted but, unfortunately, the beer company was not interested in sponsoring



the pop group so the initials were adapted to present 'Moody' and Blues'. Denny Laine recalled later that he thought he came up with the name insomuch as he was a moody sod apparently and he saw it as a blues band



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as well. Mike Pinder, however, said that another inspiration was derived from 'Mood Indigo' by Duke Ellington. (In 1975 he bought a ranch in Malibu and called it 'Indigo Ranch').



The Moody Blues original line-up: Ray Thomas(Vocals), Denny Laine (Guitar/Vocals), Clint Warwick (Bass), Graeme Edge (Drums), Mike Pinder (keyboards, vocals).

So a lack of foresight maybe on the Brewery's part but who were **Mitchell's & Butler's**?

The brewery was formed when Henry Mitchell's **Cape Hill Brewery** founded in 1866 merged with William Butler's **Crown Brewery** in 1898. Both were founded in

Smethwick so the merger made sense.

The Company's main brewery site was at Cape Hill (Henry Mitchell moving there in 1879) with its own railway network, connected to the national railway system from 1907-1962, via the Harborne Line. Various acquisitions followed including Holder's Brewery Ltd, who owned Birmingham Midland Brewery in



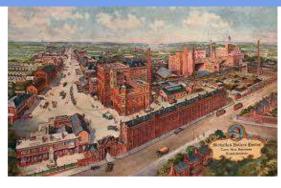
1919 whilst much later in 1961 the



Unveiling of the M&B cenotaph in 1922

company merged with Bass. With the brand under the ownership of

**Coors Breweries**, the brewery closed in 2002 with



Cape Hill Brewery - Smethwick

production switching to Burton upon Trent. The original brewery was demolished in 2005 and the site is now a housing estate. Retained and restored however, amidst this chaos of demolition, was the M & B Cenotaph built in 1920.

## ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM RAILWAY

### Coronavirus Information

The railway is closed until further notice. We will reopen as soon as Government advice changes.

Thank you for your support.
We hope to see you all again soon



Their most famous beer was **Brew XI** pronounced Brew Eleven advertised with the slogan 'for the men of the Midlands'. It is now brewed under licence for Coors by **Brains of Cardiff.** Ironically a descendant company which manages pubs, bars and restaurants throughout the UK is still known as Mitchells and Butlers plc, based in Birmingham.



Just think though if the original brewer had backed the Moody Blues when they





were starting up they could have been 'On the Threshold of a Dream' Financial collaboration. I guess you could say it was a 'Question of Balance' if you pardon the pun.

Paul Sheldon

# ISLE OF WIGHT BUS AND COACH MUSEUM THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED

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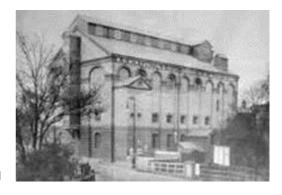
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# Wightwash Lockdown Page Twenty Blues & Booze

As I sit here looking out at the locked down world, my mind, or what's left of it after so many years of abuse and hard...thinking, wanders (as it frequently does, even though I keep taking the pills) to the local beer scene, past, present and future, because, well, it makes more sense than Trump and Boris. Judging by my video conversations with those of IOW CAMRA who have successfully negotiated the Zoom interface without their phone, laptop or head blowing up, similar thoughts have spread like a virus.

Let's look at the past to start with, as it seems the right and proper thing to begin with, and displays a mind untrammelled by the effects of imperial stout. The only trouble is that there's an awful lot of it (the past, not imperial stout; that's like gold dust), so let's draw a line in the sand at the beginning of the 20th century and use that as our start point. Unlike now, there were several hundred pubs on the Island, mostly concentrated in the main towns, and a good





few breweries to supply them. The big boys, Mew Langton and Brickwood, divvied up most of the tied trade between them, as well as Burt's, Sweetman, Shanklin Brewery, Isle of Wight Brewery, Sprake and a half dozen others who had small estates. A century or so later, not only have all those gone, but their

successors have as well, along with a massive number of their pubs, and their place has been taken by the present triumvirate of Goddards, Yates' and Island, shortly, we hope, to be accompanied by brewpub Boojum & Snark. So what happened; where did all those breweries and lovely town boozers go in such a short space of time?

All the local breweries, apart from Mew Langton and Burt's, had disappeared by the dawn of the 1960s, and their pubs absorbed mostly by Mew Langton. Interestingly, an army contract was a mainstay of their business, until Walter Langton joined them around 1873, and, in the belief that the brewery was making an insufficient profit from the arrangement, he cancelled the contract, having overlooked the fact that the sheer volume of sales was worth the lower margin, an oversight that very nearly led to the ruin of the brewery; it proved easier to survive than the subsequent Whitbread axe. Burt's, well, just sort of petered out in the 90s; the brewery passed to the hands of Ventnor Brewery, until then they too followed Burt's into oblivion.

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The pub closures happened regularly throughout the period, but two main phases can be identified. Newport was one of the hardest hit in the first one, between 1910 and 1920, when the combination of an anti-drinking chief constable and licensing magistrate led to the refusal of licences for dozens of small pubs, spurred on by the Compensation Act of 1904, which offered recompense for landlords who had lost their license, which sounded the death knell for thousands of pubs nationally.

Some years later, after Brickwood and Mew Langton were gobbled up by the arrogant and myopic desk jockeys of Whitbread in the 1960s, a further and even more devastating wave of closures took place in the 1970s and 1980s, and many delightful and charismatic little community gems were lost forever, like the Royal Oak in Cowes, the Gardner's Rest in Newport and the Prince of Wales in Ryde. Neither was the devastation confined to Whitbread. Funding shortfalls caused local heroes and cask beer champions Burt's to



among that ignoble clique.

close a number of pubs, like the lovely Hole in the Wall and Walmer Castle in Ventnor, before closing themselves. It's a sad fact that so many pubs throughout history have been owned by people and organisations who were totally unfit to run them, and, worse still, some acted like the proverbial dog in the manger by refusing to pass the licences on to others who were better qualified to own them. And before anyone throws a virtual rotten cabbage at me, Burt's wasn't



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One of my CAMRA colleagues recently unearthed a County Press cutting from 1988 which showed a disgruntled letter about the closure of the Star at Chale, which by then had suffered the abject humiliation of being renamed the 'Jolly Brewer', a feeble attempt at recognising that it was once Sprake's Brewery, by Whitbread, as it was 'no longer viable'. While the writer's

sentiments were perfectly sound, his recommended form of retaliation was to boycott Whitbread pubs which would undoubtedly have resulted in the closure of even more! Don't talk to me about irony.

Although there was such an abundance of pubs on the Island until the 1970s, the same could not be said of the beers they served. Up to the 1960s, choice in many hostelries was limited to a session bitter or mild, supplemented by a range of bottled beers which was rather more inspiring than today (inconsistent draught beer quality during the 1950s had increased the popularity of bottles), and included bottled-conditioned Guinness and Worthington White Shield,





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Whitbread Final Selection, a barley wine, etc. Some Mew Langton pubs sold 4X, which was slightly stronger, and Brickwood houses sported a robust best bitter which would go on to become Pompey Royal. Then it got even worse. The advent of keg beers and pseudo British lagers took the UK by stormdrain in the 60s and 70s, and fizzy, bland beers became the norm until CAMRA led a backlash in the 70s, and shaped the beer scene more or less as we know it now. The astonishing variety of beers we take for granted these days, not just here but abroad, is due in no small way to four disenchanted blokes sat round a Kerry pub table in 1971.

So that brings us kicking and screaming to the present day when the range and quality of beers has never been better, but it's part of the same scene which has ironically seen a dramatic reduction in the places where you can enjoy them. Until lockdown, I thought that was an unacceptably high price to pay for beer diversity, but at the moment, with every pub shut, I'm grateful for such a cornucopia of beers being available in the off-trade, whether locally or online nationally or, indeed,

POMPEY ROYAL STRONG DRAUGHT ALE

internationally. Even before the present crisis, I found a 3pm Belgie (my term of endearment for a Belgian headbanger) to be particularly satisfying, though it does impair performance for the rest of the day.

I understand that all 3 Island breweries are offering a home delivery service for packaged and draught beer during the lockdown, though only Goddards has any reference on its website to Covid-19:

https://goddardsbrewery.com/ https://yates-brewery.co.uk/ http://islandales.co.uk/.

At the time of writing, Boojum and Snark at Sandown is offering takeaways on Fridays and Saturdays between 12 and 6pm – visit their <u>Facebook page</u> for more details. Other pubs are also doing a takeaway service, and you'll find details on the home page of the <u>Wightwash website</u>. To help you further, CAMRA nationally has launched a beer delivery app for your mobile: <a href="https://brew2you.co.uk/">https://brew2you.co.uk/</a>.

If you're prepared to forgo beer from the tap, why not take advantage of the lockdown to indulge in some craft beers? Although some of them are so weird you think they should be served with custard, many of them are so good you just want to take them to bed with you. Sometimes, I just line them up on the table and lick them one by one (don't try this yourself; I'm a professional). Supermarkets offer a great choice of craft beers and ciders, and Morrisons is particularly rewarding. If you want something a bit more exotic, Lifecraft in Cowes High Street is open despite restrictions and offers a good

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range (see their **Facebook page** for more details), and there are many online beer retailers to choose from, purveying an astonishing range of mini-kegs, bottles and cans. You might find some of the more tempting brews (like those above 5%) are temporarily out of stock, and you will have to wait anything up to a fortnight for your beer to come, so plan ahead. Two that I have found very satisfactory are Flavourly (<a href="https://www.flavourly.com/">https://www.flavourly.com/</a>) for UK craft beers, with many crazy styles and headbangers in the range as well as baby beer, and for continental ales, I recommend Beerwulf of Amsterdam, <a href="https://www.beerwulf.com/en-gb">https://www.beerwulf.com/en-gb</a>, which offers many insanely strong beers among its exemplary fare. Neither charge delivery for orders above a certain value. I haven't tried them, but Beers of Europe (<a href="https://www.beersofeurope.co.uk/">https://www.beersofeurope.co.uk/</a>) look good, though its range is so extensive, it's like being in the best sweetshop in the Land of Sweetshops. Bewildering!

So, you've got your beer, but you really don't want to drink alone, do you? The best way to mitigate the desolation of isolation is by means of video chat – it lacks the atmosphere of the pub, but, hey, when you can't get caviar, you make do with cod roe. There are



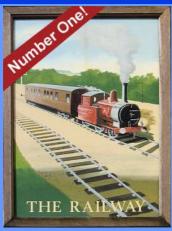
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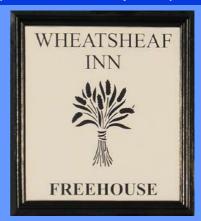
many online video conferencing apps for mobile and PC, mostly free, to choose from. CAMRA nationally have an online video forum, Red (On)Lion, though it's buried deep in its website, and the only link to it is by cycling through the home screen pop-up, so it's not readily obvious; neither is how to operate the table-booking facility (basically a personal chat room) because there's no actual guidance to its operation. However, there are plenty more. Some, like WhatsApp and Houseparty, are mobile-only for video, but there are many cross-platform video alternatives available with varying degrees of complexity. I've found the best to be Zoom – it can be temperamental, but it's reasonably straightforward, you can have 100 participants at any one time, and it's free, though the basic model limits meetings to 40 minutes (you can schedule a follow-on meeting straight afterwards). If you're prepared to sacrifice 14 of your English pounds a month for the premium version (currently on offer for £84 annual subscription - a drop in the ocean compared to what you're saving by not going out), you can get by the 40minute curfew; It's money well spent, and makes you a god among your fellow Zoomers! Just download it to your PC or phone, or both, from https://zoom.us/, sign up to a user account, and you're good to go! The host schedules a meeting and sends a link by email, message or carrier pigeon, which you just click on to join the meeting (take care if

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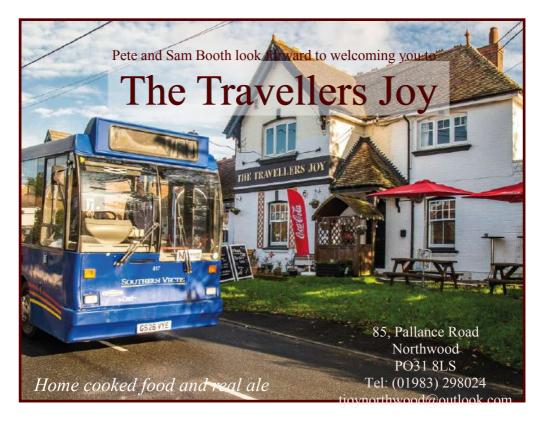
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using the pigeon as they hate being clicked on), after answering some simple questions, like 'Do you want to join with video' or 'Do you think that Zoom is a fake app and it's better to inject yourself with disinfectant'. Simples! Still not sure? There are plenty of YouTube tutorials like <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o</a> to guide you.

So, that's got you by the past and present; what about the future? What saddens me most is that the media, ably and ineffectually led by our esteemed Government, continually talks down post-virus prospects, just in case you were beginning to feel any nascent optimism. No one's pretending it's going to be easy coming out of such a devastating setback, but the light at the end of the tunnel isn't necessarily a train coming towards you and we will do it because there's no alternative. Hey, every country in the world, however hard they've been hit by Covid-19 and however well or badly they've dealt with it, is in the same ball game as the UK. I find it hard to understand why a company like Rolls Royce, a global long-lead-time manufacturer which has been around in one form or other for over 100 years, has to shed a fifth of its workforce because of a



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2-3 month worldwide shutdown, but there, I'm just a silly old layman. Yes, there will be pubs and breweries, and, of course, many other businesses, which will go down the tubes, but it's up to us, the punters, to make sure a setback doesn't turn into a catastrophe by getting out and drinking in pubs as soon and as often as we can, and doing our best to support the licensed trade. The future is what we make it.

In the meantime, lockdown doesn't mean shutdown. In earlier times we would have had to get through a situation like this with just the telephone, the radio and TV. Now we have satellite TV, mobiles and DAB, but, more importantly, we have the world at our fingertips. We can all connect online to whatever entertainment we want, whatever beer we want (almost) and enjoy it in the company of who we want, albeit digitally; let's hear it for Tim Berners-Lee. And don't overlook the joys of a pint on the patio which is now becoming more attainable as restrictions ease. Look, we can't do anything about Covid, so regard it as an opportunity to try something new rather than mourning the loss of something we had; let's make the most of what we've got and be jolly thankful we've got it! And when this little lot is over, remember the 4 Good Ps – a good pint in a good pub with good pals; the final one comes slightly later. There's nothing better!

Brian Jacobs

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Here are the answers to the quiz on page 12. We hope you find them interesting.

1. You will see from the label that before Goddards had their own bottling plant, **Fuggle Dee Dum** was once brewed and bottled by Bateman and Son of Wainfleet.







2. Having obtained a bottling plant, Goddards bottled beer for the **Crumbs Brewery** from Reigate who brew all of their beers using leftover bread. As well as **Sourdough,** other beers include **Rye Ruby** and **Rye Coffee Porter** which also has spent coffee grounds in its recipe.









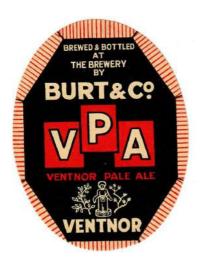
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3. You can see from the labels that Burt's **VPA** was **Ventnor Pale Ale** and Mew Langton **OPA** was **Osborne Pale Ale**.







4. Here's a photo of the section of the skyline in question. It's at 44 High Street Ryde and it was the Eagle Hotel. Behind it was **Lake's Eagle Brewery** (later bought by Sweetman - hence the ES on the two stone panels below the roofline).



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5. The only known examples of the Cyclists' Touring Club logos on the Island are on the **Red Lion**, Carisbrooke (what was) and the **Wheatsheaf** in Newport.

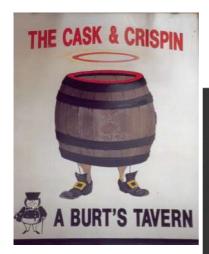




6. All the pubs mentioned were at one time owned by Geoffrey Hartridge and given the name "Cask and......"

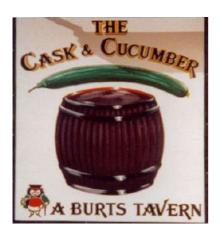
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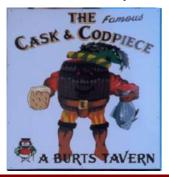


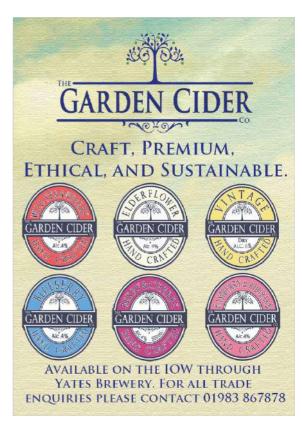


The Railway - The Cask & Cucumber,



and the poor old **Commercial Hotel** (now the **Old Comical**)
became the **Cask & Codpiece** 







# King Harry's Bar

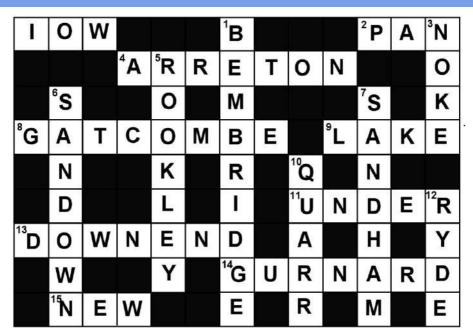
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### **Explanations**

#### Across

- 2. Peter **Pan** the boy who didn't grow up.
- 4. Yokel affirmation = arr, Edwards initial = e, 20 cwt = ton
- 8. Point of entry = **gat**e, contains word "**comb**" (as in beach**comb**ing)
- 9. A lake is a big pond
- 11. The **Under**cliff is between Ventnor and Niton
- 13. Antonyms are opposites: up down beginning end
- 15. **New**close cricket ground complies with *county-standard* (so that English county cricket games can be played there)

#### Down

- 1. Medal = **BEM**; Crossing = **bridge** Bembridge is easternmost point
- 3 A common North East **NE** with **OK** inside
- 5. Australian native = 'Roo, potassium = k, ley = ancient alignment
- 6. Cut = **sawn**, Containing letters of **don** mixed up (mad)
- 10. Stone is dug from a **quarr**y
- 12. "Ticket to Ride" (sounds like Ryde)

Due to Lockdown we are extending the deadline for the Spring Quiz to 1st August 2020

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- 1/ Which British Explorer was killed by the natives of Hawaii?
- 2/ Who played "Perry Mason" and "Ironside"?
- 3/ Apache, Merlin and Chinook are all types of what?
- 4/ Edgbaston is home to which county cricket team?
- 5/ What is the collective noun for a group of baboons?
- 6/ What was the Roman name for Ireland?
- 7/ What is the Isle of Wight landmark St. Catherine's Oratory better known as?
- 8/ How many US cents in a "dime"?
- 9/ and 10/ What do these Ordnance Survey map symbols mean?





#### **Answers to the Winter Quiz**

- 1/ New Zealand
- 2/ Treasure Island
- 3/ Princess Anne
- 4/Lot
- 5/1969
- 6/ Nymph or Naiad.
- 7/ Jet Harris
- 8/ Widow Twanky
- 9/ John Pasche
- 10/ Salvador Dali

Liz Brammall of Brighstone wins a meal voucher and Roy Roach, who entered by email, wins a case of Yates' beer.

Thank you to all the others who took part

- better luck next time!



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