



Beer Talks!

15th Edition 2nd July 2020



Welcome!

Welcome to the 15th edition of Beer Talks! We hope you are well and enjoying our new found freedom – long may it continue!

As we all start to get back to a form of normality, Beer Action Group will be winding down some of its activities. Don't worry, we will be still there for all the really important stuff such as supporting the vulnerable in our village, making sure there are food supplies for those who need them and also, of course, coming up with great crafting activities for all to enjoy!

Rest assured, if we need to ramp up BAG support again at

any time in the future, including further lockdowns, we will be able to do so very quickly. In the meantime, if you find that you need additional help as things develop, please do contact Lee on 07890 948262 as usual and she will do her best to help you.

Finally, we do hope that one day in the not too distant future, we will be able to have a proper, face to face, Beer village knees up but at the moment we are still a way off this. Until then, stay safe and enjoy this much valued freedom in our incredibly beautiful and kind village!

Thank you!

Notices

- Keep growing for the **Beer Garden Gate Flower Show** on 6th August! A full list of classes will be available shortly and will include both perennial favourites such as the Best Selection of Home Grown Vegetables as well as some exciting new classes. Start preparing your winning entries now!
- **Lee's Emporium** is still open between 10.00 and 19.00 for food collections;
- We have supplies of the Beer craft group's **face coverings** and they are available from the village store for a small donation. Thanks to all who have been making them!

Exhibition:

“Beer in Lockdown”

from 18th-26th July 2020

at the *Beer Bomb Shelter*

Oliver Cable has been talking to people around Beer about how they've been dealing with lockdown. Now he's setting up an exhibition in the Beer Bomb Shelter from 18th July and is looking for creative responses to people's lockdowns, whether that's writing, photography, painting (i.e. anything that can be hung on the walls). It can be a piece of art created during lockdown, or something creative that represents your lockdown.

Please contact Oliver at oliver.cable@gmail.com if you'd like to donate your work to the exhibition.

Thank you!



The Beer Anthem!

**Down in Devon, down in Devon,
There's a village by the sea.**

**It's a little bit of heaven,
And the angels call it Beer!**

**They call us Spaniards, they call us Dutchmen,
But we're English evermore!
And we live here in God's country,
And we love our Devon shore!**

**I've been thinking,
While I've been drinking,
'Bout our haven by the sea.
In the whole of Devon county
Nowhere else, I'd rather be!**

Words by Mike Green and Gayle Chapple, sung with gusto to the tune of "Oh! My darling, Clementine"!

Notices

- Thank you for all the donations to the **Good as New Sale** – amazing effort! There is only one more day to make donations, Tuesday 7th July from 11.30-12.30 and the sale itself will commence on 15th July. Government guidelines on social distancing etc. will be in place including restricting the number of people in the Hub at any one time. Many thanks to those who have organised this fabulous fundraising event!
- Don't forget, the **Beer Parish Magazine** has stacks of excellent local information and is available online at beervillage.co.uk. If you would like your own copy delivered, please let your coordinator know and we will try to arrange this for you.



Bye bye, Belinda!

A fond farewell to Belinda!

As many of you know, Belinda has been a much valued and loved member of the Beer community for many, many years. She started her career under the direction of her Uncle Patrick from whom she eventually took over the business, running it very successfully for the last 30+ years, renaming it "The Village Hair Shoppe".

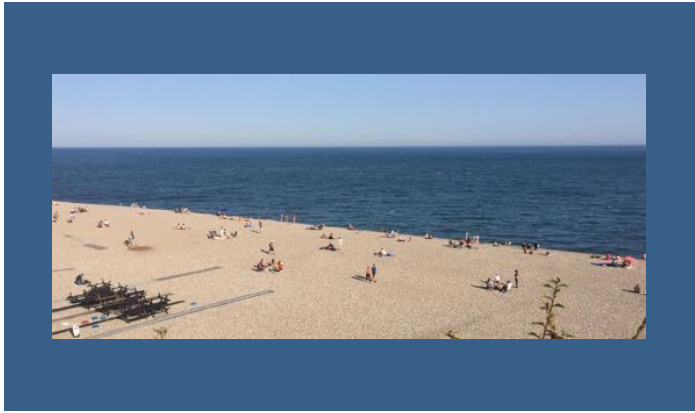
Her loyal staff, including Abi, Lisa and Christine, have very fond memories of their time working with Belinda over the years. Christine said, "Belinda has always been more than a boss to Abi, Lisa and myself, she's more like family."

Over the years Belinda has built up an enviable reputation with clients from both the local area and also those here on holiday. The decision to close the salon must have been very difficult and both it and Belinda herself will be sorely missed.

It is now time for Belinda to hang up her scissors and to enjoy a much needed rest. Thank you for your amazing service to the village, Belinda, and we wish you every happiness!

Notices

- **Beer Congregational Church** is now open from 09.00 – 16.00 every day. Social distancing guidelines must of course be followed at all times. The church will be cleaned each evening.
- **St Michaels' Church** is reopening Sunday 5th July for services. There is no communion nor teas and coffees afterwards. Social distancing rules apply as usual. Don't forget that the online church service is also available at coastalchurch.org.uk.
- **Call to craft!** We have now run out of Ann's Bags at the village shop! If some of our lovely sewers are short of something to do, please can you make these for a while? More information is available from Wendy on 07760 781695. Thank you!



Reflections on our Beer lockdown...

When we started BAG all those weeks and months ago, we really had no idea what we were letting ourselves in for, we just knew that we needed to do “something”, just in case it was needed.

From very humble beginnings just chatting in Wendy's garden, where we mainly asked lots of questions of each other and found that really no-one had any answers at all (but then neither did anyone else it seemed!), the whole BAG thing just grew and grew.

The most amazing things started to happen almost overnight as people from all parts of the village came together to offer their help in whatever way they could. It was absolutely incredible!

We thought that now was a good time to reflect on what we have achieved as a village during these many weeks of lockdown. And it is a really impressive list. It is also worth mentioning that that Beer did not need much outside help throughout the pandemic and lockdown and we were amazingly pretty much self-sufficient - not bad for a tiny fishing village perched on the side of a cliff!

So, just a quick run through, as a village community we have:

- Recruited an army of over 35 coordinators and over 150 volunteers who have done so much;

- Designed, printed, emailed and delivered copies the newsletter across the village;
- Harnessed the talents of a highly skilled and dedicated team of crafters and supporters who have made over 1,500 scrub bags, over 50 hairbands, over 1,700 comforters, 1,000 face coverings, many, many hearts (even more hearts than you can wear on your sleeve!) plus miles and miles of bunting, as well as taking goody bags full of toiletries to hospitals and care homes...

- Created a local postcard initiative for those in local care homes;
- Held a “Party in your garden”;
- Held a “VE Day Party in your Garden”;
- Held a Scarecrow Festival;
- COVID Karaoke;
- Clapped the NHS as a village;
- Held a Treasure Hunt;
- Donated to a “Good as New Sale”;
- Created the Beer Hub;
- Set up Lee's Emporium;
- Set up the digital BAG Hangout;
- Involved the Beer Men's Shed group;
- Been supported by our village restaurants;
- Been supported by our local shops;
- Got to know our neighbours better;
- Been gifted an Allotment blogger;
- Been supported by the Beer Film Society;
- Been supported by both Clinton Devon Estates and the Council;
- Raised lots of money for good causes...

And don't fret, there is still a lot more to look forward to over the coming months, including:

- Seeing each other again in real life!
- Our Beer Street Party (The Great Unmasked Ball!);
- The Garden Gate Flower Show;
- The Pumpkin Festival;
- The Beer Regatta - online this year!
- Church services;
- Restarting the busy village calendar of events...

You have to admit, without a shadow of a doubt, Beer's the best!

An update from Beer Parish Council

Beer Parish Council would like to thank Beer Action Group, the organising team and all the volunteer helpers and coordinators for the fantastic effort they have all put in over the last three months. Their work has not only provided many with practical help and support, but also given the whole community a sense of security and being cared for and not having to face this crisis alone.

As we see the infection rate reducing and the country beginning to come back to a semblance of normal, BAG will be take on a different role, it will still be there but in the back ground, ready to react if necessary. This is important and hopefully gives comfort should we suffer a second wave of infection. BAG now has the experience and most of all the volunteers and structure and I'm confident will be there if needed in the future.

The Parish Council has been active, albeit remotely and will return to live meetings when permitted, if anyone has council related problems please do not hesitate to contact the clerk by email ["clerk.beerparishcouncil@googlemail.com"](mailto:clerk.beerparishcouncil@googlemail.com) via the council web site "Beerparishcouncil.org.uk" or contact any councillor personally or just give me a call on 07966490429.

The council cannot hold the normal surgeries yet but will attend the Pop Up shop in the Peco shop on Wednesday 15/7 for any questions.

The Parish Council website has local information and links to the EDDC site which has a wealth of resident, business and Devon wide information. If anyone has any concerns or needs additional information, please do not hesitate to contact a Parish Councillor direct.

Geoff Pook

Chair, Beer PC



Postcards from Beer to local care home residents.



A beautiful display outside the church!

Overview of support from Beer Parish Council

Beer Parish Council has been looking at ways in which it can support village residents, visitors and businesses to enjoy the village and operate in a COVID safe manner. The two primary ideas have still to have final DCC and EDDC approval, however following significant discussions we are confident they can be delivered more or less as proposed.

The primary objectives have been to allow businesses with no or limited outside space to trade, providing a service to residents and visitors alike. We have also taken measures to provide more public space to allow people to congregate with as much space as possible, enabling social distancing to be practiced.

The most visible action will be the partitioning off of the right hand side of Fore St as a pedestrian area. Fore Street from the Dolphin to the Anchor will be single carriageway, no parking and one-way traffic. Access to the beach and for residents will not be altered, however on leaving the beach, traffic will turn left up and along the Meadows to return to Fore Street. Traffic wanting Beer Head will be signed to turn Right at the Dolphin and use Southdown. The proposals have been discussed with the businesses on Fore Street and in particular the pubs and business requiring large delivery vehicles and the proposals are considered workable. We recognise that the footpaths above the Dolphin are narrow, however the need to maintain two-way traffic in these areas precludes the single carriageway options. We are however looking at traffic signs warning of pedestrians in the road and requiring reduced speed and increased awareness.

The wider traffic free area will enable more space for pedestrians and enable business that wish to and have made the necessary applications to DCC, to trade on the street outside of their premises. Any trading of course must not compromise the ability of pedestrians to social distance. We will also be painting arrows on Sea Hill, with some signage to encourage, Down pedestrian traffic to use the Right and Up traffic to use the left, although opposite to normal motor traffic rules this will enable people walking up to use the rope hand rail. We will also put signage at the top and bottom of the path from the Jubilee to the Beach encouraging people to use it for Down only.

The second action and one we hope will be popular with residents and visitors and help village businesses is to allow outside catering and a fresh food market on the Jubilee and Charlies Yard. We have been in contact with all the businesses directly impacted by the lack of space and invited them all to make proposals. Some businesses feel they want to concentrate on business "as usual" in their premises, whilst others have opted to try the outside catering option. In agreeing what to promote we have been aware that we are aiming to help businesses that otherwise would be limited by space. We have not tried to maximise the offering but have restricted trading to one type only per area to enable users and operators to safely social distance and enjoy the food, produce and views.

Starting from week beginning 6th July, Grant from Bay View and Rob from the Smugglers will alternate afternoons and evenings offer various food styles from pizzas, hog roasts, roast chickens and paellas to name a few. Service will be weather and demand dependent so not necessarily every night. In addition, Rob and Marc from the Beer Fish will be offering Fish and Chips in Charlies Yard on Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings. Also in Charlies Yard on Friday afternoon, Bulstone Springs Farm and other local natural suppliers trading as "In My Back Yard" will set up the Beer pre-order hub and have a market stall of fresh produce including vegetables, chicken, eggs and bread. Squirrel will also be doing a fresh vegetables and other foods market on Wednesday mornings into the afternoon.

The Parish Council would normally charge for the use of space to help cover the increased costs of owning assets, however, this year we are giving traders a 100% discount with the intention of helping them and providing added outside attraction and entertainment for residents and visitors. We hope everyone will use and enjoy the new facilities and ventures, the road space and the food and generally help us all back to a new healthy normal.

Allotments Update 28th June 2020

Potential famine on the allotments look likely to have been avoided for the time being, as more unsettled weather developed through June. Around 24 hours of rain over 18th/19th produced 52mm (just over 2 ins) in the East Beer weather station's rain gauge, with a further topping up towards the end of the month as low pressure became established across the UK. Luckily, the flood barrier (four sandbags) across the top gate of the allotments opposite Greg L held up, and although he tells me it was touch and go, the evacuation plan for his leeks and purple sprouting plants didn't need to be activated. However, along with the rain, we still saw a spell of warm, sunny days, with the mercury reaching the dizzy heights of 25.6 C on 24th, the hottest day so far this year, and with 30 C widely seen further inland.

Now just past the longest day, and already the odd muttering heard from doomsters and gloomsters about nights starting to pull in and chain saws needing a service prior to commencement of winter logging. However, lots of good growing and harvesting still to come, currently some nice summer cabbages being cut, peas being harvested, and early young carrots now ready. First tomatoes and cucumbers being picked back in the greenhouse, but outdoor ones will be a while yet. The later planted potatoes now looking really good after recent rains and should produce a good crop, unlike those put in in early March which are now dying off due to lack of meaningful rain through April and May. Runner and climbing French beans now looking bonny, lots now reaching the top of the supports, and starting to set. Courgettes also now being cut, and doubtless the odd marrow-sized one will soon appear on those plants not regularly checked. Pumpkins also now setting, the two plants on the communal weed heap are sending out some long vines, we may let these grow down over the cliff, hopefully the fruits can then be used by Kim as a navigation aid when homeward bound.

Some of the more unusual vegetables spotted on plots this year include rainbow beetroot and carrot (probably as a thanks to NHS and Care workers), seakale (now devoured by the pigeon population), yellow & black courgettes, and butternut squash. Nice to see a bit of variety appearing, and we're always looking for something new to try. However, although a warming climate will broaden the range of potential crops, Clinton Estates are unlikely to look favourably on recent suggestions for a date palm grove, mango orchard, and sugar cane plantation, and anyway, we'll all be in serious trouble if these can thrive in East Devon.

Keep digging, and most of all, enjoy your gardenin'

Old Compost Heap

SHOPS, PUBS AND HOTELS IN BEER UPDATED INFO 1ST JULY 2020

BEER VILLAGE STORES

TEL: 01297 21782

Now run by Nigel and Karen. Food, drink, household items, greetings cards, cigarettes, lottery and dry cleaning as well as an increased fruit and vegetable range. Happy to deliver. Card payments are accepted in the shop,

ROCK VILLA POST OFFICE

TEL: 07752 113854

Off license, gifts, day to day household items, groceries and frozen foods, greetings cards. Hours are now Monday to Saturday 1000 to 1300, 1400 to 1700, closed most Wednesday afternoons. Also Sunday 1200 – 1600

Postal collections are now more or less back to normal

BEER FISHERIES

TEL: 01297 20297

A wide range of fresh fish, delivery available on Monday to Sunday, card payment available.

BEER PHARMACY

TEL: 01297 21823

All usual pharmaceutical and support health products, as well as prescriptions. Delivery available – cash payment on delivery please

WOOZIES

Due to re-open Wednesday 8th July. Woozie looks forward to seeing you all soon!

BAY VIEW GIFT SHOP

Gift shop now open on an occasional basis and also by appointment. Call 07984 942480 to arrange a time

Both **Galleries** and **Jimmy Green** have reopened.

PUBS AND RESTAURANTS

STEAMERS

Andy is reopening on the 4th July with a wider menu for takeaways only to start with. For more details call him on 07900 036231 or see him on Beer Memories or Steamers (Facebook)

SMUGGLERS

Reopening Saturday 4th July; A full takeaway menu is also available Please text queries and orders in advance to 07506 012666 or for more details go to FB or www.thesmugglerskitchen.co.uk

OSBORNES

Reopening Saturday 4th July

BEER FISH AND CHIPS

Reopening Thursday 2nd July for takeaways, cash only. A delivery service is planned, possibly on a Thursday, more details to follow

GINAS

Reopening Saturday 4th July

THE BARREL

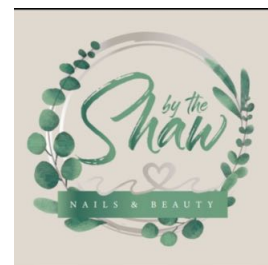
Reopening Saturday 4th July

THE ANCHOR

Reopening Monday 6th July. Tables can be booked through the Greene King App. Full takeaway service available through the app. Reopening Saturday 4th July. Bookings only on 01297 20068 for this weekend. Menu can be viewed on the website

THE DOLPHIN

www.dolphinhotelbeer.co.uk



North and Co.

by Jess

All of us at North & Co. Cannot wait to open on July 4th, it's been a long time coming like many businesses in the village, however it's a bittersweet moment as although Tara and Jay can now open their books to hair appointments, sadly Tara and Jess still aren't able to offer any nail or beauty treatments until the government deem it safe to do so, but we've not let that deter us...

Jay has been in the shop during lockdown giving the shop a thorough inspection, sanding walls, repainting, varnishing floors and giving it a bit of a spruce up for a fresh new feel.

Tara has been a busy bee, studying for several new treatments, became Covid Health & safety certified, homeschooling twins, all whilst packing up and moving house!

Jess has also been studying for 6 new treatments, also gained her Covid Hygiene Safety Certificate and has been working to rebrand with a fresh new feel to be revealed in the next coming weeks on social media (www.facebook.com/ByTheShaw or www.bytheshaw.co.uk).

Lockdown has not been a holiday by any means!

In order for us to work safely and protect clients this has meant some new measures have been put in place, this will include staff wearing masks and visors, clients will be required to wear a mask which can be provided if necessary, and hand sanitiser will be placed at each station to be used prior to all treatments, and we may be working on a reduced treatment list to reduce possible transmission, these are just some of the measures in place to protect our village. Posters will be displayed in our shop window with full details or you can check out our social media over the next couple weeks for full details of measures to be in place. (www.facebook.com/northcobeer).

Jay is a qualified barber and colour technician offering women's men's and kids' cuts, chemical straightening, hair extensions and soon to add non surgical hair transplants for men. Tara will be offering men's, women's and children's cuts along with colours. Jess is a qualified Nail Tech and HD Brow Stylist and will be offering a simple shape & buff, express nail polish manicure, gel polish manicures and removals along with nail art. And once beauty treatments are approved by the government, will be offering HD Brows and Brow Lamination once again.

Treatments are by appointment only at this time, but as lockdown lifts, we hope to cater for walk-ins again in the future.

One things for sure, we can't wait to see new and familiar faces!!!

The shop will be open 5 days a week between 9am- 5pm. To contact us for bookings you can reach us on the following:

Shop 01297 21176

Jay 07586294843

Tara 07972 821898

Jess 07922 171196 / www.bytheshaw.co.uk



Thank you, Shirley, for all your lovely designs!