



Beer Talks! 20th Edition, 11th December 2020



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Beer Action Group would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting our community over the last 9 months - you have been absolutely amazing - and it shows what an exceptionally supportive and caring community we live in – thanks one and all!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at BAG!

Notices

- On 15th December in the early evening around 5.45pm **Santa's Sleigh**, kindly sponsored by our local Lions, will process through the village spreading festive cheer. This year due to COVID restrictions they won't be taking donations but will simply glide through the village playing lovely Christmassy music and making sure you know that Santa is still coming!
- **Christmas Eve** - we would like to encourage everyone to join in with some **Community Bell Ringing** on our doorsteps from 6pm onwards. This is a really lovely initiative that is spreading right across the country so let's join in from Beer! Don't forget that everyone is invited to join in some **Community Carol Singing**, kindly organised by Lorraine Taylor-Headingly, also on Christmas Eve at 7pm. We will be starting with *Silent Night* and then going on to *Jingle Bells*. The words for both are printed at the end of this newsletter.

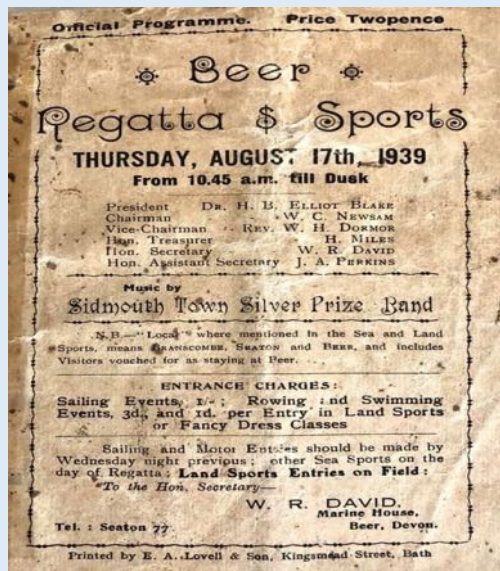
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- **WI Christmas Gift Bags** – we'd like to say "really well done and thank you!" to the Beer WI for their lovely initiative this Christmas cleverly adapting their usual generous Christmas lunch event for an equally gorgeous, COVID compliant alternative – Christmas Gift Bags. These beautifully crafted bags with lovely seasonal gifts inside brought a smile to many of our residents – amazing!
- A quick thank you to the **SOS choir** for their lovely singing over the last months – really uplifting! Go to <https://beervillage.co.uk/have-fun>.



Beer Regatta Old Programme Project

Do you have any old Regatta programmes pre-1970? Could you find some time in lockdown to find them?



It's not clear whether the first Beer Regatta was in 1913 or 1914, however the Committee are trying to find every programme since the start for their website.

The oldest programme found so far is 1939 and we've got every programme since 1970 to the present date. You can find the front covers on the Regatta website under the archive section.

So, we're looking for the all missing years – we've got only three for the 1960's which are 1964/68/69. Do you have any that we can take a photo of?

If so, please contact Helen Follett on 07817 934903 who is managing this project for the Committee.

Many thanks for your help.

Long Live Regatta!

Helen Follett x

Fabulous fundraising!

Beer Action Group have raised over £5,000 during the pandemic for the Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends, with the donation specifically for the Seaton Hospiscare@Home service.

Lycia Moore, League Manager said: “The support the League has received from the Beer Action Group this year has been incredible and we are very grateful for the monies they have raised for our Seaton Hospiscare@Home service, which is now in excess of £5,000 for the year. The monies raised will allow us to continue funding our much-needed palliative care service for people in our local community.

“The League would like to thank all the people involved, who have given up so much of their time to make and sell various items, including face masks, plants, Jams and crab pots, and organized a pop-up shop. The League would also like to thank Annie Boalch for her continued support and enthusiasm for our charity.”

“The League would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Beer a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.”

For more information on Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends or the Seaton Hospiscare@Home service, please contact the League manager, Lycia Moore on 01297 20143 or email SeatonLOF@nhs.net.



INFO ON LOCAL SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD. ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

BEER VILLAGE STORES

TEL: 01297 21782

Open until 1300 on Christmas Eve. Closed December 25 and 26th. Closed New Year's Day. Open all other days with some at reduced hours, full details are on their door.

ROCK VILLA

TEL: 07752 113854

The Post Office will be closed from December 25th to 28th inclusive and New Year's Day. The shop itself may be open for some of this time. Details will be available on the door.

BEER FISHERIES

TEL: 01297 20297

Open until 1300 on Christmas Eve. At present due to reopen on December 28th.

BEER PHARMACY

TEL: 01297 21823

Closed December 25th to 28th and New Year's Day. Open 26th December and otherwise hours as usual.

WOOZIES

TEL: 01297 20707

Closed December 25th to 27th. Open throughout week commencing December 28th including Tuesday 29th.

CHOCOLATE AND MORE

TEL: 01297 625999

Closed December 25th to 28th. May be open later in the week providing Jane hasn't sold out of stock!! Everything currently going fast!

JIMMY GREEN

TEL: 01297 625125

Open 1000 – 1400 Christmas Eve for last minute gifts. Closed December 25th and 26th. Open from 1100 to 1600 from then on.

STEAMERS

TEL: 07900 036231

Sunday lunch this week (13th December) Roast Pork at £6.00 for order and collection. Christmas arrangements to be advised. Also open Thursday to Saturday for lunch and dinner this week and next.

SMUGGLERS

TEL: 01297 22104

Open this and next Friday and Saturday evening 1800 - 2030 for eat in and takeaway. Closed over the Christmas period. Due to reopen 29th December but subject to review.

BEER FISH AND CHIPS

TEL: 01297 625774

Open Thursday to Saturday for takeaways between 1200 – 1430 and 1700 – 2000. Orders can be called through in advance. Christmas arrangements will be posted on door.

THE DOLPHIN HOTEL

TEL: 01297 20068

Currently open Friday to Sunday for lunch and dinner. Arrangements after 16th December to be confirmed

THE ANCHOR INN

TEL: 01297 20386

Open for morning coffee, lunch and dinner every day. Special pre-Christmas. Christmas Day and New Year's Eve menus are available. Booking advised.



Old Compost Heap

Allotments Update 10th December 2020

With summer and autumn distant memories, I write on a cloudy and wet December morning, although there's hints of a southerly gale across the sea from East Beer, this one of Rupert Aplin's more technical descriptions of the sky brightening up. 2020 not a bad growing season all in all, with some good spells of warm weather, and with the mercury at the East Beer Weather Centre reaching a sizzling 31.6 C on 8th August. However, June and August were also quite wet, with just over 100mm of rain measured each month, interspersed with a much drier July. Mid-September saw another warm spell, with 26.8 C recorded on 16th, but all downhill from then onwards, although we were into November before the first ground frost occurred.

Less activity now on the allotments due to more frequent wet spells, shorter days, and probably the excitement of winter daytime television for some. However, the autumn sown broad beans and peas are looking good, although Greg L seems to have got hold of some genetically modified bean seeds. His are four or five times as high as the rest of ours, and apparently the Food Standards Agency is taking a close interest, to see whether the seeds contravene EU Regulation 46722896/B part 6a. There are also some good crops of leek and parsnip coming to fruition, and Pete Croft has promised enough to ensure the Colcombe Beer Boys skittles team have their pre-match parsnip wine when the 2021 season starts. Some winter nice greens around the patches, a bit of kale still left from the autumn, and some good specimens of purple sprouting ready to provide sustenance by early spring. Carrots and beetroot are still available for pulling, although starting to get a bit hole-ified. However, the rhubarb seems to have forgotten which season it is, with many plants now starting to sprout. This is another symptom of global warming which needs to be brought to the attention of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

So, only another week or so until the shortest day, then things should start looking up, with thoughts turning to the 2021 growing calendar. Still time to get some autumn onion sets in during any dry spells, and January a good time to sow the first onion and leek seeds in the greenhouse, for an early crop later in the summer. However, it seems a re-think regarding types fruit and vegetable grown will be required in light of continued global warming, perhaps becoming too hot for things like parsnips and leeks. To this end, we are hoping to run beginners classes in yam, pineapple, and papaya growing next spring, names to Nigel, limited spaces available. What would Percy Thrower and Don Hoyle think of it all?

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

Old Compost Heap

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, All is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.



Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!



Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Saviour is here,
Jesus the Saviour is here!



Silent night, Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at thy birth,
Jesus Lord at thy birth.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight!

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh! what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh, hey
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh! what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song
Just get a bobtailed bay
Two forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! You'll take the lead

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In one horse open sleigh, hey
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In one horse open sleigh
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In one horse open sleigh...



A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

