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SUSSEX CAMRA BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL, HOVE TOWN HALL

A Happy New Year to all. Once again, there is the whiff of beery anticipation in the air – no sooner are the festivities of the season over with than it is time to look ahead to the next ALL SUSSEX BRANCHES BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL!!

This year we have planned a real celebration of beer and brewing. We're all here because we love beer, support the brewing industry and want to have a GOOD TIME. While the old formula we know and love so well will remain, we've added a few things that we hope will create some extra interest, and appeal to all festival-goers, whether old hands or first-timers. One of the things we've added is . . . A LOAD MORE BEER. This year is set to have a bigger selection than ever before.

But the problem with MORE BEER is that it creates more work, meaning we need MORE VOLUNTEERS. To make this year's festival the roaring success we all know it can be, we'll need all the staff we can get. And the more volunteers there are, the less work we will all have to do! There will be **free transport home from Hove Town Hall in the evening and, as a minimum, a contribution to costs to the Festival**. As usual, there will be **free food** for all-day workers, free beer to keep you refreshed throughout the day, and the priceless opportunity no beer-lover should pass up; that of helping to celebrate real ale, and make an already fantastic festival even better.

If you're a regular volunteer – please don't let this be the year you take a break! If you've never volunteered at a festival before – join us; you won't be the only first-timer, and there'll be plenty of help on hand. If you've volunteered before and decided it wasn't for you – give us a call; tell us what could have made it better, and this year we'll try to get it right.

Enclosed is a list of the jobs on offer – as usual the main area of work will be serving on the bar, but do express an interest in any area you wish. The set-up period is often neglected, and take-down on Sunday is always understaffed; please show your support for the whole event and join in with the clear-up operation if you can.

Pre-Festival Staff Social: The Lord Nelson, Brighton on Thursday Feb 16th 6-11pm

Turning up alone to your first fest can be a bit daunting, so there will be a pre-fest STAFF SOCIAL. This is a chance for old friends to catch up, and new ones to be introduced. Feel free to pop in for a quick half just to say hello if you can't stay for long.

Staff Briefing: The Lord Nelson, Brighton on Thursday Feb 23rd at 7pm

Because things will be a bit different this year, please try to come along if you can – if not then send a friend, or get in touch so I can ensure you know what's what.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR STAFFING FORM BY FRIDAY FEB 10th!!!

Please give me a call if you wish to discuss anything. I look forward to seeing you on Feb 16th.

Best wishes,

Mary Stephenson
Festival Staffing Officer