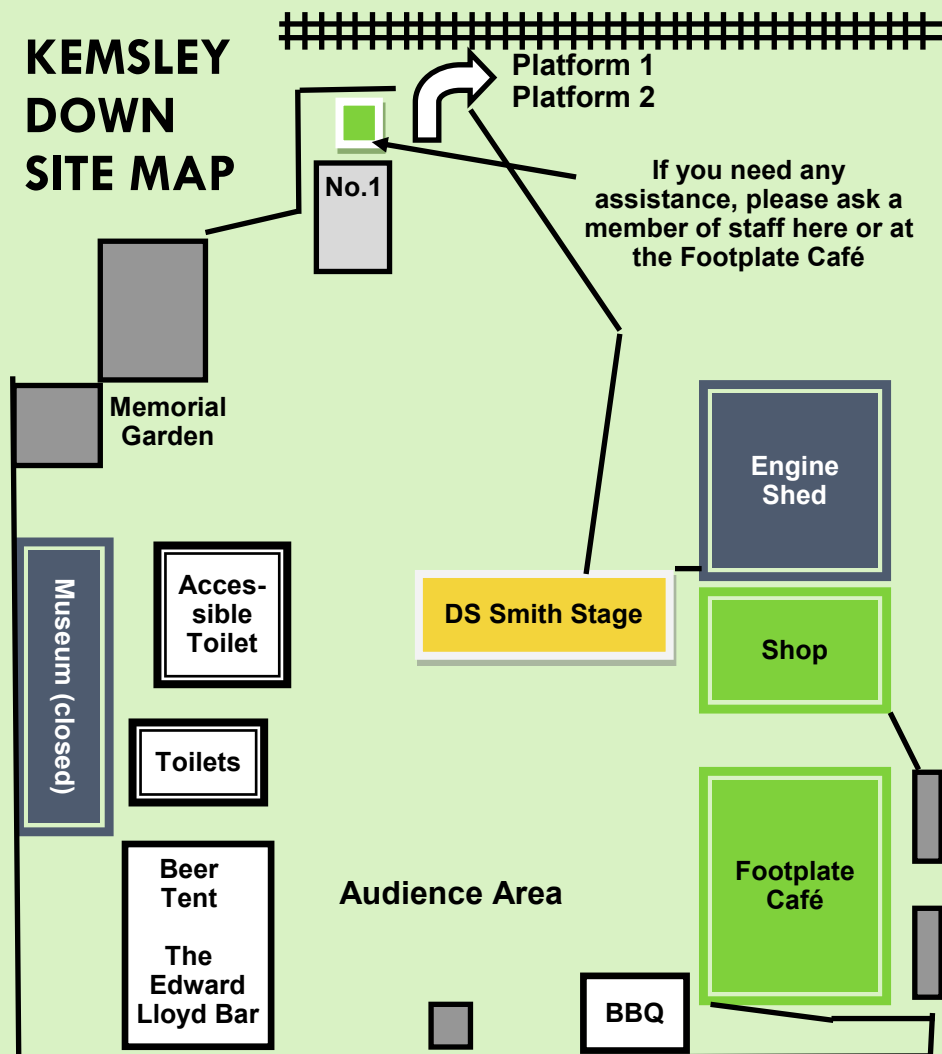


KEMSLEY DOWN SITE MAP



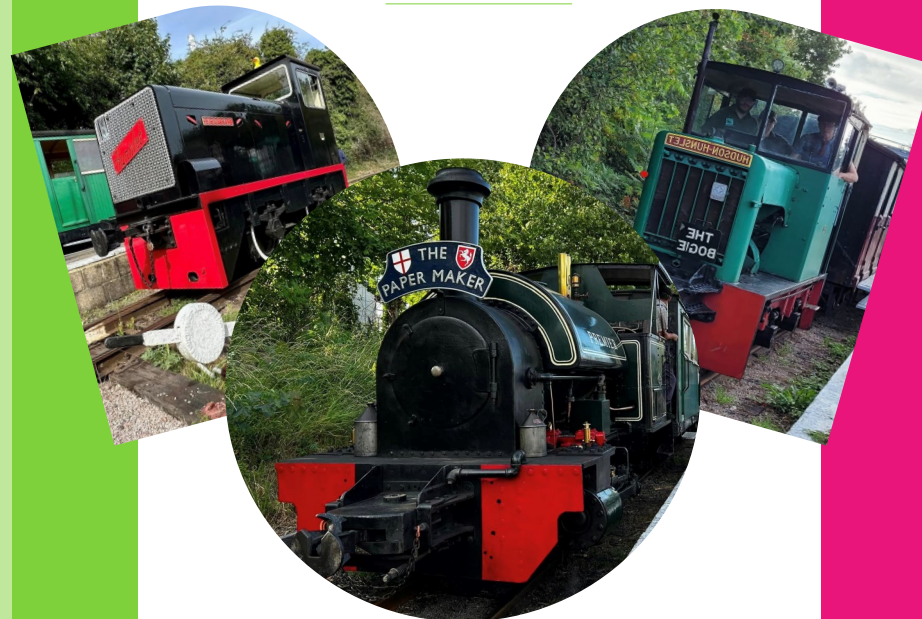
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TRAINS BACK TO SITTINGBOURNE VIADUCT STATION

Trains depart Kemsley Down station at (**bold = steam**):
Saturday: 11.50am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm, 8.30pm, 10pm & 11pm
Sunday: 11.50am, 12.30pm, 1.35pm, 2.35pm, 3.35pm, 4.35pm & 6pm

The Edward Lloyd Bar

BEER & CIDER TASTING NOTES 2024



Welcome to the beer festival at the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway. The aim for this year's festival is to provide 'The Best of the South East's Produce' for which we have chosen beers and ciders from Kent, Surrey & Sussex.

We would like to thank the breweries and cider companies that have helped supply the best of the South East, and hope that you get to try a wide range of the beers and ciders.

Please note this icon means that the listed item is vegan friendly.



ABOUT THE RAILWAY

The Railway used to operate between Sittingbourne and Kemsley Paper Mills and Ridham Dock. In 1969, the paper mill ceased using trains within their site and handed the 'main line' section between Sittingbourne and Kemsley Paper Mills over for preservation.

Steam locomotive 'Premier' was the first to arrive, in 1905, and still operates at the Railway today, if you have caught a steam train, this is your loco. Last year, 'Premier' won the prestigious Coiley Award for Steam Locomotive Engineering, which can be found on the wall of the Footplate Café between drawings of the loco before and after the back-dating project which returned it to the 1905 look.



If you are on a diesel-hauled train, your loco will be either 'Victor' or 'Barton Hall'. 'Victor' was the Bowaters Light Railway's only narrow gauge diesel locomotive. For many years it was the Railway's only operating diesel engine and has clocked up a lot of mileage, even on our 2-mile long line, so is due an overhaul soon.

'Barton Hall' is a newcomer, arriving on loan in 2004, it was purchased by the Railway in 2006. If you've been before, 'Barton Hall' may have been painted yellow or green or green with yellow showing through - now it is most definitely black!



You cannot have failed to notice that the first kilometre of the line is carried on a concrete viaduct. Milton Regis Viaduct was built during the First World War and is an early reinforced concrete structure, fortunately it was over-engineered as a result but still requires maintenance costing £20,000 every two years—this money comes from ticket, shop, food and drink sales, so you'd better drink-up and buy another pint!

The Railway then passes by Asda and through Milton Creek Country Park, over Burley Crossing, under Swale Way bridge and across the marsh to Kemsley Paper Mill. The marsh between the Railway and Milton Creek is salt-water but the other side is freshwater marsh so

THE BANDS

We are pleased to present ten local bands performing for you this weekend on the DS Smith Stage:

- Marvellous Mo and The Backline Ferrets
- Cakehole
- Sophie Tuck-Brown
- Camden Shades
- Weekend Play
- Looking Back
- Lavinia
- The McCartney Project
- Bourne 'n' Bred
- Echo 90
- Jason Allen
- More Than Human—UK

Tracy T and DJ Nat S will be hosting the event to keep the sounds going between band changeovers. We thank them for this and also to Tracy for booking and organising all of the bands.

A huge thank you to F1 Sound Co. for providing the PA and a sound technician for this event, it's the first time we've had professional sound and lighting so we hope it really adds to your enjoyment.

CIDERS *(these are all Vegan & Gluten friendly)*

£4.50 pint
£2.25 half

"WRATH" Ascension Cider Sussex 4% ABV	Fresh, fruity and sweet with a dry finish. The juice was added to a low acid blend to showcase the apple and grape's sweet/ acid balance and was an instant hit with both us on the farm, and our loyal customers out there in the wild.
"SONIC TITAN" Ascension Cider Sussex 8.2% ABV	Blending our Russet and Bramley cider, with a hint of freshly pressed sweet apple juice, gave us the cider that was to be known as Sonic Titan. Named not only for its gravity and strength, but also after a track by the gods of heavy sleep.
"SHELTER FROM THE STORM" Big Nose & Beardy Cider Sussex 6.6% ABV	Made with fruit from Little Shepherds orchard, which we usually sweeten, this batch is smooth and finished enough that adding anything would take something away. So it's our first dry Shepherd made with Bramley, Cox, Russett, Spartan, Michelin, Dabinett & Kingston Black varieties
"UGLY DOG" Big Nose & Beardy Cider Sussex 7.2% ABV	A blend of juices pressed from apples harvested from six different orchards. Now matured into a most accessible drink, an affectionate hound of dubious origins.
"2018 OAK AGED" Brogdale Cider Kent 8% ABV	A medium cider, which has been aged since 2018 in an oak cask to allow it to be matured in time.
"RASPBERRY & LEMON" Brogdale Cider Kent 4% ABV	A blend of our Woolly Pig Medium cider with fresh pressed raspberry juice and freshly squeezed lemon. A beautifully sweet and fruity still cider, with just a hint of citrus.
"MANGO" Kent Cider Company Kent 4% ABV	Refreshingly sweet and fruity! Our Mango cider is one of the most popular ciders out on our summer events bar, offering a vibrant and tropical twist on traditional craft cider
"WAKEN" Kent Cider Company Kent 4.2% ABV	Waken is a wildly popular and deliciously easy-drinking, medium-sweet apple cider which packs a fruity punch.
"BLOOD ORANGE" Sea-Cider Sussex 4% ABV	Made with real blood oranges and blended with Sea Cider Medium, this cider is refreshing and packed with flavour.
"PASSION FRUIT" Sea-Cider Sussex 4% ABV	Made with the pure juice of passion fruit and blended with Sea Cider Medium, this cider is refreshing and packed with flavour.
"SUCKER PUNCH" South Downs Sussex 6.1% ABV	A stronger medium dry cider, with a deceptive kick that comes up and hits you when you least expect it.
"RHUBARB" South Downs Sussex 4%ABV	Our medium cider infused with the tart juice of fresh pressed Rhubarb. A true session cider for the rhubarb aficionado.

Centenary of Steam

Kemsley Paper Mill, Unique & Melior's Centenary
1924-2024



keep a look out for the different types of birds that favour a particular type of marsh.

Kemsley Paper Mill is Britain's largest paper mill and is still producing brown paper for packaging, such as those boxes from online retailers, we are very fortunate to have such great landlords and thank them for the loan of a trailer as this weekend's stage.

This year we are celebrating the centenary of steam as both 'Melior' and 'Unique' are 100 this year but Kemsley Paper Mill is too.

There has been a lot of change to both the Railway and the Mill over the 100 years, such a strong industrial history, so we are working with the paper mill to share it. Unfortunately, the new museum is closed this weekend as it is required for storage, but usually you can explore the history of the Railway and paper making in Sittingbourne in there.

We hope you enjoy this weekend's festival and ask for feedback so we can make next year's event even better - info@skllr.net

ALES

£4 pint/£2 half

£4.50 pint/£2.25 half

“CRAFTY ONE” Crafty Brewing, Surrey, 3.9% ABV

A modern pale ale. Bright in colour with a fresh and floral nose. A well balanced, light body and a hit of fresh, fruity hops. This is refreshing, thirst quenching and will have you coming back for more.

“LOXHILL BISCUIT” Crafty Brewing, Surrey, 3.6% ABV (GF)

Featuring a wonderful toasty finish and beautiful golden hue. This beer brings a wonderful balance of sweet floral notes and a subtle orange finish, making it our favourite session beer.

“PALE FACE” Firebird Brewing, Sussex, 5.2% ABV (GF)

A wide range of malts and Pacific North West hops created with a strong, zesty and aromatic beer with a biscuity character and a very slight sweet finish.

“PARODY” Firebird Brewing, Sussex, 4.5% ABV (GF)

The big malt base of this amber ale acts as a great foundation to a storm of modern and traditional hops yielding moderate bitterness, huge aroma and a long satisfying finish.

“FOREVER” Godstone Brewery, Surrey, 4.3% ABV

A zesty, hoppy citrus pale ale. Named after discussion with Farmer Patrick to change Strawberry fields to Citra Fields, before Patrick burst into a song.

“JUNCTION 6” Godstone Brewery, Surrey, 4.2% ABV

A Pale ale with a Mandarin Hoppiness. Named in line with the Godstone brewery biggest festival ‘Godstoneberry’ and the band approaching from the M25.

“CHUMMY BLUSTER” Gun Brewery, Sussex, 4% ABV

Made with no fewer than 7 malts and 3 different English Hops, “Chummy Bluster” is a gentle, fruity, well rounded ale, with just the right amount of bitterness to keep you coming back for more.



“PROJECT BABYLON” Gun Brewery, Sussex, 4.6% ABV

A classic American Pale Ale brewed using a combination of very pale malts and American hops. Vibrant, refreshing and zesty on the nose, with citrus notes and a dry finish on the palate. A beer for hop lovers.



“LONG BLONDE” Longman Brewery, Sussex, 3.8% ABV

A light coloured golden ale with a distinctive hoppy aroma and crisp clean bitterness on the finish. Smooth light and refreshing.



“RISING GIANT” Longman Brewery, Sussex, 4.8% ABV

Made using only the choicest U.S. hops, this triple-hopped American Pale Ale has a pleasant citrus fruit aroma and characteristic robust bitterness.



“BIG STIK!” Mad Cat Brewery, Kent, 4.4% ABV

Big Stik! is a delicious pale ale dry-hopped with a massive dose of Rakau - a fantastic variety from New Zealand whose name is a Maori word for a wooden staff. Expect a hop punch with intense aromas of peach, apricot and orchard fruit, as well as a crisp bitter bite. Big Stik! is perfect for all you hop-heads out there.

“POW WOW” Mad Cat, Kent, 3.6% ABV

Pow Wow pale ale is brewed to be enjoyed for all those long mystical gatherings. Wild West Cascade and Tomahawk hops produce a fruity, balanced, refreshingly light summer session beer.

“COLLUSION” Surrey Hills Brewery, Surrey, 5.2% ABV

An eclectic collection of aromatic and flavoursome hops melded to a solid pale malt backbone, with citrus and tropical characteristics.

“SHERE DROP” Surrey Hills Brewery, Surrey, 4.2% ABV

The flagship beer is pale in colour with a subtle hint of grapefruit and lemon in the aroma. The wonderful hop bitterness is complemented by a balanced malt flavour. The beer has a long finish, which is moderately dry.

“AMBER ALE” Romney Marsh Brewery, Kent, 4.2% ABV

Our flagship beer. Amber in colour. Tropical fruit flavours from American hops with a hint of caramel from roasted malts.

“MARSH SUNSET” Romney Marsh Brewery, Kent, 4.8% ABV

Our English-hopped ruby ale. Single hop: Archer - herbal, floral and spiced.

“BLACK PIG (porter)” Wantsum Brewery, Kent, 4.8% ABV

Adapted from an imperial Russian porter recipe, this beer is incredibly smooth with burnt chocolate and smoky malt notes balanced with delicate hop bitterness and floral notes.

“YELLOW TAIL” Wantsum Brewery, Kent, 4.5% ABV

Our 5 hop summer ale uses hops from the Pacific North West of America, giving this beer a citrusy, fruity, floral aroma and flavour. Brewed with Pilsner malt results in a soft, round and refreshing finish.

WINE

We have the options of:

- ⇒ House Red Wine
- ⇒ House Rose Wine
- ⇒ House White Wine

125ml measure = £2.50
250ml measure = £3.00

PIMM’S

Get some Pimm’s this weekend for:

- ◆ Pitcher = £12.00
- ◆ Glass = £4.00

SPIRITS

We have the options of:

- ⇒ Vodka
- ⇒ Gin
- ⇒ Whisky
- ⇒ Rum

25ml measure = £2.50
Double up for = £1.00 extra
Mixer = £1.50