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It has been a very difficult time for the pub and brewery trade. In the period before Christmas all of the Covid restrictions have been removed but there is still a threat of another lockdown.

Some pubs are still struggling to survive and need a good Christmas trade so please support your local pub. There are many good local breweries so please seek out their beers and lets enjoy our new found freedom to enjoy drinking a pint of real ale which can best be drunk in one of our great pubs.

Cheers Ed.

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# The Tough Challenges and Bright Future of **Ascot Brewing Company**

The last year has been a huge challenge for everyone.

The COVID pandemic has caused every company to reassess not only their route to market but also the fundamental issues around product, people, process and priorities.



Whilst some businesses have appeared to thrive such as software suppliers, supermarket chains and e-commerce giants, the hospitality sector has hit the hardest. Most pubs have been closed for 8 of the last 12 months which has crushed revenue, trade and livelihoods.

Research from BBPA found that in Q2 of 2020, beer sales in the on-trade plummeted by 96%. Given that 95% of Ascot Brewing's sales were to pubs you can see the size of the problem.

We had to pivot quickly and learn fast. To

combat declining sales, we devised a number of initiatives, which would keep local customers buying beer while attracting new punters from further afield.

Our 50% Xtra voucher scheme was the first initiative. Every time a customer bought a voucher from us, they were given 50% more back than they paid. So if they spent £30, we'd give them £45 back to spend on beer, which could be spent online or in the Taproom once we reopened. One voucher gave back £150 worth of beer. Not bad eh?

We promoted the scheme on social media and were covered by the Daily Mirror for supporting beer drinkers loyalty. It was a great success.

Once lockdown restrictions were lifted, we turned to live-events.

We ran one of the very first beers festivals in the world in our repurposed taproom and car park which we called The Socially Distanced. Over the August Bank Holiday, we featured the best of British beer in 20 casks and 20 kegs. Apart from our own Ascot Brewing and Disruption is Brewing beers, we also served the likes of Deya, Wild Beer, Cloudwater, Tiny Rebel and many others. To our huge delight, our very own Battle Royale: Citra Slam single hopped IPA was voted number one beer of the festival.

We also ran a sold-out Oktoberfest and



Halloween Frightfest events along with many live-music sessions, magic nights and comedy gigs.



Throughout 2020 we won the hearts of hundreds of new customers who continue to buy our beer online and direct from the brewery. They believe in our company ethos and want to be part of our future.

With the recent government reopening roadmap, we are hugely excited and are now planning a full calendar of events including Christmas parties everyone missed and a special New Year's Eve party. We aim to hold

these events once our taproom is allowed to open fully after 15<sup>th</sup> June.

From April 12<sup>th</sup>, friends and family were able to get together once again and enjoy delicious draft beers and great community experiences outdoors in our Socially Distanced pop-up pub. Our 20 tap rotating Tap Wall will offer a wide range of traditional real ales and hop-forward craft beers, including golden ales, session New England pale ales, dark stouts and fruity sours. There's something for everyone.

Check out our website www.ascotbrewing. co.uk and check out all fantastic range of beers. It's free delivery if you live within 15 miles of the brewery and spend over £30. Also, follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with everything we're doing in the build-up to reopening.

The whole team here at Ascot Brewing looks forward to welcoming everyone back.

Until then, stay safe and stay loyal to local. Cheers

**Chris Davies** 

# CAMRA says 'Cheers' to the Chancellor for new **Draught Duty Rate**



Commenting on the Autumn Budget announcement of a new Draught Duty rate for beer and cider served in pubs, CAMRA Chairman Nik Antona said:

"The introduction of a Draught Duty Rate is a gamechanger for cask beer drinkers, cider and perry drinkers and the Great British local.

"This is something CAMRA has campaigned on for many years and we are delighted that the Government has listened, supported our locals and introduced the important principle that beer, cider and perry served in a pub or social club should be taxed at a different rate to alcohol bought at places like supermarkets.

"CAMRA has previously commissioned research that showed that a Draught Beer Duty rate could pull consumption into pubs and social clubs from the off trade, providing a boost to pubs and local economies.

"We hope that pubs and producers will make sure drinkers see the impact of this revolutionary policy on the price of their pints, to encourage them to return to their locals.

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## Good Beer Guide 2022 Launch

The 2022 edition of CAMRA's best-selling Good Beer Guide is now available. The Surrey/Hants Borders branch of CAMRA launched the 2022 Guide at a special event at the Jolly Farmer, Bramley where they also presented a certificate to the landlords Chris & Steve Hardstone to mark an incredible 21 consecutive years being included in the Guide.

In The Good Beer Guide, you'll find over 4500 listings across the UK's best pubs, bars and breweries, chosen by local CAMRA volunteers as having the best cask beers available – or you can check out the special brewery section to discover new breweries setting the scene alight with interesting, exciting new brews.

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## Grumpy on Lockdown

You all know how much I dislike being referred to by that dreadful American affliction as bud or buddy. Prepare yourselves, and especially those of delicate disposition, for a more insidious form of address "What can I do for you today DUDE (dooood). For a start you can stop calling me that as I am not a ninja turtle. It is a delicate issue of how bar staff should address customers. One landlady told me that she tries to avoid madam as that implies a woman of a certain mature age who might not care to be addressed as such whilst sir can be a little too formal for the occasion. A simple good morning or hello should suffice and British Airways has stopped welcoming passengers as ladies and gentlemen as it is a little stuffy and old fashioned. That did not stop the Mail from jumping up and down and ranting about political correctness and gender identity to rattle the cages of some of their readership. It also works the other way across the bar as another landlord hated being referred to as fellah and quite rightly too.

Now for some lockdown issues, but I want to make it very clear that I am not a Flat Earther and certainly no conspiracy theorist which requires a particular form of dimness. My comments are not to criticise the lockdown itself, but more how people behaved under the circumstances. Let's start with the issue of masks. Right from the start there were those who thought that the rules did not apply to themselves and a typical exchange went as follows: "have you got a mask? No I don't wear them. In that case I don't serve you drinks." Others thought that they could persuade the bar person to serve them. You know I can tell you I have 3 showers a day and am not a dirty or smelly person and so how can I get infected! There were also amateur philosophers with much talk of liberty or freedom (not the same thing) and I listened in vain for any mention of the concepts from the American or French Revolutions, but alas none

were forthcoming, but merely resorting to the repetition of slogans and increased volumes along the lines of the British talking English to foreigners. Bizarre logic was also attempted "could you put on your mask please. I don't have to because my wife is exempt!!! Thinking of being exempt I witnessed four young men entering the pub and all claiming to be exempt. The landlord rightly thought they were taking the pee and threw them out. The whole issue of exemption was a minefield as you didn't need to prove it and there were clearly those who were abusing it. I overheard one woman telling her friend that she didn't spend all that money on a hair do only to have it ruined by a mask. The same applied to the more sartorial of men whose whole image was challenged by the mask ruining their dapper looks. In the early days it was common for men to think it adequate to pull up their shirts over their face as pretence masks, but got nowhere. In one establishment the staff were fully dressed with PPE including apron and visor (probably better equipped than some care homes) whilst the idiots around messed about making their masks in to moustaches or chin straps.

Who remembers the fiasco over food and what constituted a substantial meal allowing the diner to also have a pint? One Minister suggested that a scotch egg would meet the criteria whilst appearing not to really know what they were and one suspects that they were not normally in his eating repertoire. Pubs needed to be reconfigured to allow for space between tables and often separated by flimsy and wobbly screens. A bonus here was the redundant pool table which always took up too much space with the need to disturb nearby drinkers with the elbow in the face for those difficult corner shots and the behaviour around the table left a lot to be desired. Good riddance says Grumpy. There was always a moral assumption that mere drinking was 'sinful' whilst dining was less dangerous. Unfortunately, I saw plenty evidence for this. At one stage the number of people per table was limited, but was often blatantly ignored. On one occasion I sat at this table which clearly stated that it was not to be moved. Seconds later it was moved to form a table for a dozen people until it was dealt with by the management. Then there was the table service which works so well on the continent, but they know what they were doing and are 'on the ball'. Too often the so called servers were difficult to find or to gain their attention. I always regard table service to be more civilised, but most people couldn't wait to return to the more barbaric sharp elbows and shouting at the bar. Sometimes there were convoluted one way systems to gain access to the toilets which seemed to be in competition with Hampton Court maze. I remember leaving the garden and required to walk along the side and front of the pub to gain access via side door less than 10 yards from where I started! Inevitably, a 'Superintendent of the Toilet' was required as there was little point in people having to keep their distance in the pub if they all mingled together in the vicinity of the toilets.

I know that some of you will be concerned about the sad fate of the tickers and bottlers denied their normal access to ticks for their shiny recording books. I have it on good authority that they resorted to ticking canned beers. I presume it was the contents that were being ticked rather than the can design or even the ring pulls! Phew all is well.

**Bob Southwell** aka the Grumpy old man



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## Pub News Round Up



#### **ALDERSHOT**

#### **Funky End**

It has been announced that this bar will be reopening soon. Whilst there are signs of activity on the site, an exact date has yet to be announced. Kevin Travers

#### **Royal Staff**

A very successful Hampshire Beer Week was held in late October and whilst still under threat due to the owners lack of the commitment, the pub has gone from strength to strength.

Sadly, however the new manager, Milo Wheeler, is having to relocate to Dorset for personal reasons. He is looking to see if he can find someone to continue his project and run a community focused pub, but at the moment the immediate future of the pub is uncertain. KT

#### White Lion

The pub has been sold, planning permission to convert it to flats has been turned down. The Pub Group has agreed to launch a GoFundMe to raise money to enable them to progress the campaign, develop a new website and business plan that can lead to a share offer. There has still been no further moves by the owner of the pub. but it remains closed and uninhabited. A new Asset of Community Value application has been drafted and will be submitted shortly. KT

#### **BLACKHEATH**

#### Villagers

Lux Homes most recent planning application for change of use of the pub to residential was refused by Waverley BC under delegated powers. That decision is now the subject of an appeal. In the meantime it is also understood that the pub element of the site has been sold. KT

#### **CAMBERLEY**

#### Bear

Sully opened up as soon as he could, and it was nice to be able to see draught Tribute and London Pride on here again, and the kitchen kept busy! Welcome back, Sully, and all others! **Doug Fish** 

#### **Carpenters Arms**

I was relieved to find this pub returned to nearnormal activity, and still providing a Guest ale, as well as GK ones. I know I enjoyed the guest ale that day. As normal life gradually returns I imagine they'll resume having occasional live bands here again. **DF** 

#### Claude du Val

Opened pretty much as soon as they could, and glad to see Paul still there in charge of things. Initially had Perspex separations between tables, check-in at the door, and table-service only, but good to see that they were still able to present a good range of Cask Ales, including Guests, and food. With further relaxation of 'the guidelines' things are very much back to normal, and I've been able to enjoy numerous beers again, including new ones, of course. Thankfully, Tim Martin allowed CAMRA members to be able to use last year's vouchers for another year, so Cheers, Tim! DF

#### Crabtree

Good to see Amy still at the helm here, and obviously enjoying being able to re-open, offering good-value food and drinks. I went for the regular Black Sheep ale, which was good but failed to record it, I'm afraid (having been so long without visiting pubs that I got out of the habit!) DF

#### **Duke of York**

Reopened OK, but without Cask Ale – even the Doom Bar they used to have sometimes. They were hoping to have it back at some stage, but so far not seen – however, they took some News & Ales, issue 141, so there's hope yet! Meanwhile, the Guinness sustains (brother) Harry and me while we play Pool there! **DF** 

#### **Four Horseshoes**

Popped in there soon after we were allowed to, and was pleased to find Tribute not only available, but in good nick. Table service only, at that time, but it all worked very well, thanks. **DF** 

#### **Royal Standard**

Only here did I encounter a problem entering, as I had no Smartphone/QR code, or whatever, and the pub wouldn't provide/ accept paper/pencil data, such as phone number and name (whereas other pubs did, including other Greene King pubs!). So I was unable to get served on that occasion, but manager Mark ensured that I had a complimentary pint on my next visit, and the Abbot ale was in good nick, thanks, Mark. **DF** 

#### Station Tap

I went in there soon after we were allowed, and was relieved to see that cask Doom Bar was again available here – not my favorite, but quite acceptable when kept OK, and so it was. However, more recently (in Sept.21) I found that not only the Doom Bar, but also the draught (keg) Brewdog Punk IPA, and even the draught Guinness were all quite undrinkable, being very sour to the taste! I pointed this out to the staff, and hope that this was a short-term problem, now overcome. **DF** 

#### **EFFINGHAM**

#### Sir Douglas Haig

Still no decision by Guildford Borough Council on the planning application to convert part of the pub into housing. Opening of the new pub, the Queen's Stage, has been delayed until the New Year. **KT** 

#### **EPSOM**

#### The Blenheim

Has now re-instated Real Ale - Currently Green King IPA. **Richard Russell** 

#### **Rising Sun**

Is now a Big Smoke pub. lan Johnson

#### **ESHER**

#### Wheatsheaf

Now owned by Youngs. RR

#### **FARNBOROUGH**

#### Goat in the Garden

A noise complaint by a neighbor has led to Rushmoor Borough Council reviewing the license and conditions under which the bar can operate. As a result non-residents are no longer able to visit the bar. The owner is currently reviewing his options as to whether the license can be amended to enable him to reopen in some form and it is hoped some news will be announced soon. **KT** 

#### **FARNHAM**

#### Hop Blossom

A decision on the planning application to continue use of the benches and tables on the pavement of Long Garden Walk outside the pub has still not been made. **KT** 

## Horse and Groom, Chobham



Recently we have been hearing so many stories of pubs closing that it is pleasing to be writing about a pub opening. Well actually it is reopening. Chobham used to have four pubs in the short High Street, the Sun and the White Hart that are still operating but the Old Kings Head closed in the 1950's and the Horse & Groom closed in 1960. The Old Kings Head was demolished despite being listed and is now a hairdressers and a café. The Horse & Groom became various different thins including a bank and coincidentally a hairdressers.

In 2019 local couple, Rob and Andrea Belcher, decided to reopen the Horse and Groom as a micro pub. The premises are about half of the original pub as the Estate Agents next door occupy the other half. The Covid-19 pandemic pushed back the opening to July 15th 2020.

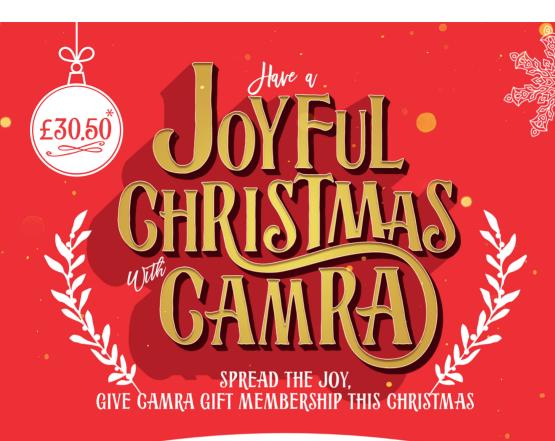
On arriving you need to check the railway style signal outside, green means that there is space and you can enter, red means that you will have to wait for someone to leave as the pub is only licenced for 30 people although this can be reduced due to Covid-19 restrictions. The pub is a quiet pub with just the hum of conversation either in the bar area or the small courtyard area.

Three handpumps sit on the bar dispensing Real Ales and there are also three Ciders available direct from the cellar. Eight keg taps on the wall dispense a variety of craft keg beers along with a lager. Rob sources the Real Ales and Ciders from local breweries with the emphasis on Surrey however other breweries are used from other areas can feature. Thurstons, Surrey Hills, Tillingbourne, Hepworth, Thames Side, Crafty, Loddon, Mad Squirrel, Ascot, Windsor & Eton and Tilford Brewery's beers have already been seen. All beers are currently priced at £4.50 a pint. Cider currently comes from Berkshire's Tutt's Clump, two pint take away containers are available for those who want to take some beer home with them. Rob is currently installing a "Micro Bottle Shop" which will have a range of bottled beers. Rob was delighted to be told recently that he has been selected to be in the Good Beer Guide 2022, I suspect that this will not be the first entry!



Opening hours are Monday to Thursday 3-10pm, Friday and Saturday 12-11pm and Sunday 12-7pm. Payment is either by cash or card. If you haven't managed to check out this new addition to the local pubs I suggest you get along and try it. I recommend it!

Ian Johnson



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## Pub News Round Up



#### FLEET

#### **Hart House**

It has been reported that the lease for this pub has been taken on by Portobello Brewery and is due to reopen on 8th November. It appears that it will be operating primarily as a restaurant. **KT** 

#### **GODALMING**

#### **New Micro-pub**

A planning application has been recently submitted to Waverley Borough Council to convert a former florist shop in the town center into a micro-pub. KT

#### **KINGSTON**

#### **Canbury Arms**

Now owned by Youngs. RR

#### Cricketers

Pub currently closed future uncertain. RR

#### **OATLANDS**

#### **Prince of Wales**

Closed and being converted into flats. RR

#### **WINDLESHAM**

#### The Brickmakers Arms

Has had a major refurb, including at the back, and not as many cars there as before, but no doubt picking up gradually, after the recent 'normalisation' of pubs. Seem to be abandoning Harvey's beers (after a long spell), in favour of Rebellion, with Hogs Back still there, also. DF

#### **The Surrey Cricketers**

Seems to be flourishing, and I had a job to manoeuvre into one of their 'minimal' car slots so much so, that I decided to stop only for a brief chat, and drop off the mags. They had 2 Real Ales on - I'd have gone for the Marstons. **DF** 

#### The Sun

By contrast, has very generous parking slots no prob! Seemed fairly quiet, but probably to be expected. The Tim Taylor Landlord was OK, and I was amazed to find that not only had they looked after the old CAMRA stand I had there, but it even had 1 each of several back-issues. and 1 of the 'current' one! DF

#### The Bee

Has a new lessee. Adam, who seems confident and knowledgeable, but having probs with beer supplied by new bosses Stonegate, who took over this Enterprise pub earlier in the year. DF

#### The Half Moon

Continues to thrive, landlord Conrad ensuring that the quality of his beers and food is maintained. Went there to celebrate both my birthday and brother Harry's (both in late August, though 2 years apart!), with his 'ex', Anne, and daughter, Sarah. We enjoyed an excellent lunch there (starting with a pint of Landlord, then some excellent Rioja with the meal!) – everything went 'swimmingly', as we Fishes might say! Thanks Conrad and crew! DF

#### East and Mid Surrey branch area post lockdown update

Almost all the branch pubs have now reopened after the various closures since the start of the pandemic. One, the Castle, Outwood, reopened late September after a long closure, going back to pre-pandemic times, during which locals fought planning applications to turn it into a house and AVC status was granted. A rare piece of good news after all the recent problems. Rusper Golf Club, Newdigate, whose bar welcomed non-members and sold three cask beers, was forced to close due to financial issues and the course was to be returned to farmland from autumn 2020. Planning permission to turn the Duke's Head. Beare Green, into flats, which was submitted in October 2020 was approved in July 2021. The Park Hatch, Cranleigh, did not reopen after the first lockdown, in spite of having done take-away food and deliveries during that time. and is looking for new people to run it. Another casualty is the Yew Tree, Reigate where plans have been submitted to build homes on the site.

Some pubs, where planning permission had been granted before the pandemic, have now been, or are being, developed. Among these is the **Crown, Westcott.** 

**The Windmill, Ewhurst,** had a major fire in July 2021 which left a gaping hole in the roof and did a large amount of damage to the pub. It is not known what plans there are for the pub.

Many pubs managed to find ways of serving their local communities while they were forced to close for people wanting to drink on the premises. The Garibaldi, Redhill, a community run pub, opened a small shop inside the pub during the first lock down and also sold beer to take-away. When pubs were not allowed to sell take-away beer, during the third lockdown, they delivered to local addresses, as did the Hop Stop Bar, Reigate. Many pubs starting doing food to take-away, or for delivery, or both. Among those who did this were the Fox & Hounds, South Godstone, one of the pubs which decided to continue to offer take-aways, Cobbetts, Dorking is fully open and offers a

wide range of beers from the cask, keg, bottle and can.

A number of pubs made improvements to their premises during the pandemic, varying in size from new coats of paint to major redevelopments. **The Kingswood Arms, Kingswood** reopened in June 2021 after a major refurbishment during the third lockdown. A lot of pubs made improvements to their outside areas, especially providing more shelter from the elements.

The pension fund which owns the land the **Pilgrim Brewery, Reigate** is on wishes to sell it and have given them six months notice. They are hoping to stay on the site but worry that at some point planning permission for flats will be submitted.

Some of the local breweries switched their effort from filling casks for pubs to providing bottles and cans for take-away and delivery to people's homes while pubs where shut. Two breweries, **Dorking, Capel,** and **Godstone, Oxted** have opened new tap rooms during the period since the first outbreak. A new brewery, Trailhead, opened in August just outside Dorking on Punchbowl Lane. Some very hoppy beers are sold from their taproom either by keykeg or directly from the conditioning tank.

Hall & Woodhouse have sold two of their former King & Barnes pubs to Red Oak Taverns. These are the **Tavern**, **Horley** and the **Plough**, **Leigh**. Another former Hall & Woodhouse pub, the **Six Bells**, **Newdigate** is now a free house serving up Surrey Hills beers in addition to others. Also, in Newdigate, the Surrey Oaks is selling six cask beers, more than a dozen ciders and a large number of keg beers. There are plans to build a new restaurant on the side to allow more bar space.

**Red Bar, Dorking** is currently still closed. The owners of the Rialto Lounge in Dorking are hoping to buy it and add hotel accommodation.

From Sally Gingell and Roy Golding

## **Pub Companies**

## Who they are and what they do

Pub and Club Campaigns Committee feels that many members would find it helpful to have more information about the companies that control many of our pubs. This is the first in a series of articles that will provide the facts on pub company practices and operations, explaining in particular how their business models work and what this means for both licensees and, ultimately, us as customers. The aim is to let the facts speak for themselves so that members can make up their own minds about the positive or negative effects of these practices on our pubs and the folk who run them.

#### 1. A POTTED HISTORY OF THE PUBCO

Fifty years ago, when CAMRA was formed, the pub landscape looked very different. For a start, there were many more of them – some 75000 against around 47500 now. The majority of pubs (52000 or so) were owned by breweries. The 89 small and regional breweries had 13800 of them and the rest were in the hands of the 'Big Six' – Bass Charrington, Allied, Whitbread, Scottish & Newcastle, Watney/Grand Metropolitan and Courage/Imperial.

Most of the other 23000 pubs were free houses (in name anyway – many tied their beer supplies to a big brewer in return for loans and discounts). Companies that just owned pubs were few and far between – the likes of Sir John Fitzgerald in the north-east and Heavitree in the south west (though they tied themselves to Bass).

Just about every pub-owning brewery rigorously imposed a supply tie on its own products. As late as the mid-1980s, I remember a Greene King Director recoiling in horror at my suggestion that they allow a few guest beers in their pubs. As a result, new breweries found outlets hard to come by and we customers were hardly spoilt for choice, as a glance at a Good Beer Guide of that era will reveal.

Then, in 1989, along came the Beer Orders. The story of this epochal legislation (for better or worse) is superbly told in Laura Hadland's recent Fifty Years of CAMRA book but, in essence, the government acknowledged the stranglehold on the industry exercised by the Big Six and, among other things, capped their pub ownership at 2000.

By now, because of closures and sell-offs, the Big Six owned fewer pubs between them but the Orders still meant around 11000 pubs coming onto the market. We, of course, dreamed of a new golden age of multi-handpumped free houses galore, but the reality was sadly different. Companies were quickly established, usually with close links to the Big Six, to hoover up these pubs in big batches then negotiate supply deals, invariably with the company who previously owned the place. Enterprise Inns, for instance, started off with the purchase of 368 pubs from Bass, and that's where they bought the beer from.

In the years that followed, wheeling and dealing saw companies variously grow, collapse, merge, acquire, dispose – it was very difficult to keep up with who owned what. Some companies concentrated on managed pubs, some on tenancies, a few on a mixed model. Behemoths emerged – by 2004, Punch Taverns and Enterprise each owned more than 8000 pubs, though both had accumulated so much debt that they ran into trouble come the financial crash and subsequently retrenched. We'll have a closer look at the current pub company scene in the next article.

A brief history of Punch Taverns illustrates the volatility surrounding pubcos from the 1990s onwards. Punch formed in 1997, purchasing a tranche of pubs from Bass. Two years later, they bought Inn Business (mostly former Whitbread pubs) and then the rump of the Allied estate. The managed pubs were spun off into a separate division called Spirit. In 2003, they acquired their 3100-strong rival Pubmaster plus a couple of

smaller companies. Next, Scottish & Newcastle's managed pubs were snapped up and added to Spirit. By 2011 the impact of the crash was being felt, calling for a 'strategic review'. Spirit was demerged and, in 2015, sold to Greene King. Come 2016, a takeover bid totalling £403m (plus the taking on of a billion pounds of debt) was accepted; 1900 pubs went to Heineken with the remaining 1300 residing with Patron Capital, though the Punch brand has been retained.

In the meantime, the treatment of their tenants by many of the Pubcos had become a major issue and, after years of campaigning, the Government was persuaded, in 2014, to announce a statutory Pubs Code aimed at regulating their practices and ensuring fair treatment for tenants. We'll return to the Code in a future article. In this context, though, it needs

mentioning that the currently accepted definition of a pub company embraces breweries that own pubs — and nowadays most such companies have separate management structures for their pub and brewing operations.

Final comments. Pub companies are here to stay. There is nothing wrong with the basic model and, indeed, there are some excellent companies (mostly smaller ones) who treat their licensees well and clearly see their pubs as more than just property assets. It would, though, be difficult to argue that the ways in which some companies operate raise many issues around their custodianship of what aren't just piles of bricks-and-mortar but, in most cases, precious and valued community assets. We'll examine those issues in due course.

## Pilgrim Brewery under threat



Reigate Est: 1982

The Pilgrim Brewery opened in 1982 in Woldingham before moving to Reigate in 1984 and being in the heart of the town means it is part of the community.

Sadly the brewery's landlord, and owner of the Brewery site and taproom, have announced their intention to sell the site and convert the whole area into a residential development.

A Group has been set up to campaign to save the town's brewery and taproom from extinction. They have also launched a petition to help save the brewery.

The details of the petition to sign can be found on the link below.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 1210812412742434. Pilgrim Brewery has been located in Reigate since 1982, making it the oldest craft brewery in the South East. In September 2017 Pilgrim Brewery was purchased by Adrian and Rory, with the aim of bringing quality ales and beers to the South East. There has been a big investment in the brewery, including new equipment to increase brewing capacity; new controllers throughout the brewing process to ensure consistency and new cleaning in place (CIP) technology.

Many new breweries are located out of town on an industrial estate so it would be sad if this was forced upon the brewery. There is always pressure to build new houses but town centres must be preserved to provide a variety of business and shops, without them the town loose its character and simply die.

Please support the petition to keep the brewery in the town.

## Prince of Wales Golden Award



The Prince of Wales, Farnborough is one of just 32 pubs across the whole country to receive an award from CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, as part of their celebrations marking 50 years of campaigning.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Surrey Hants Borders Branch Chairman, Ian Johnson, presented owner Peter Moore and landlady Cheryl Hinde, with a certificate in recognition of the achievement.

The award was part of CAMRA's anniversary celebrations throughout 2021, recognising people and pubs that have made a significant contribution to CAMRA's aims, helping us get to where we are today. Nominations for the Golden Awards were made by CAMRA members and locals. Over 240 pubs were submitted, which were then whittled down to 32 awardees.

Surrey Hants Borders Branch Chairman, Ian Johnson said: "I am delighted to be honouring the Prince of Wales, Farnborough, today with a CAMRA Golden Award. 2021 is our 50th anniversary year, and we want to take this opportunity to celebrate the successes of the Prince as well as CAMRA's achievements – we wouldn't have got far without their support!"

"This anniversary comes on the heels of an incredibly difficult time for the industry after a year of lockdowns and restrictions. I hope Peter, Cheryl and all their staff will take this award as appreciation for all the hard work involved in running the pub, over the decades and especially now"

Previous owner of the Prince of Wales, John Medhurst recalls "In 1981, my company Memory

Inns, purchased this old rundown back street pub from Allied Breweries. We spent around £10,000 over 15 days refurbishing the Prince of Wales and installed a bank of 6 handpumps so we could serve real ale from regional breweries which were not available in the area at that time and the rest is history."

Peter Moore and his wife Julie have been running the Prince of Wales for nearly 40 years, first as manager in 1983 before buying the freehold from Memory Inns in 2002. He says "All of us at the Prince of Wales are absolutely delighted to have been awarded a CAMRA Gold Award. My heartfelt thanks go to Cheryl and all my wonderful staff and our fantastic customers for their loyalty and good humour on returning after lockdown. Thanks also to John Medhurst, who had the foresight to buy the pub back in the 80s and allow me the opportunity to develop a community pub to which everyone in Farnborough is welcome."

As a free house the pub has an enviable reputation with beer-lovers, both near and far. It is a cosy pub, with a central bar around which are several distinct, but interconnected areas, with a wonderful wood-burning stove between the snug and seating area.

First and foremost the pub is about real ale, which has resulted in it being ever present in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide since 1983. There are usually five guest beers, including some dark and/or local beers alongside the five regulars, together with a box or two of real cider. The annual beer festival in October is hugely popular, generally concentrating on a particular area of the country's beers.

The Prince was chosen for its successes in standing the test of time; for being convivial, characterful and community-focused, and of course for consistently pouring great pints.



## The Barley Mow Golden Award



The Barley Mow in Shepperton Green, is a previous CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year, and has also regularly appeared in the Good Beer Guide, for consistently poured great pints and a warm welcome.

Members recently gathered there to present to present a prestigious CAMRA Golden Award for standing the test of time. It has, and continues to make, a significant contribution to CAMRA's aims, helping us get to where we are today, not least by usually having several interesting ales in good nick on the bar.

Pictured is long standing landlord John Keary (in the colourful shirt) receiving his Award Certificate from local CAMRA organiser Chris Collier. Next time you're over Shepperton Green way, why not check it out? The 458 bus from Staines to Kingston stops nearby outside the Bull Inn seven days a week.



## **Brewery** News

#### **HOLMBURY ST. MARY**

http://feldaybrewery.co.uk/



The beers from this brewery are still almost entirely sold through the freehouse, The Royal Oak at Holmbury St. Mary, in whose grounds the brewery is sited. Hill Climb, a slightly malty, light

brown 5.8% bitter, tailored to the tastes of the locals is being brewed more often although it is still an occasional brew. Festivity, a darkish bitter, brewed as a Christmas beer with fruit and spices, should have been on sale for more than a month by the time this magazine is printed.

#### **GODSTONE**, Godstone

thegodstonebrewers.com



Slowly expanding with the addition of more fermenters. They are now producing can conditioned beer, currently 2 pale ales and their lager.

**Andy Poole** 

#### **OXTED**

theoxtedbrewery.co.uk

Sadly, brewing has ceased.

**Andy Poole** 

#### **PILGRIM, Reigate**

pilgrim.co.uk



The brewery have just heen served with 6 months 'Notice to Quit' as the current landlords

are looking to sell and the property would be worth considerable more if it were available for housing development. Please sign the petition at: https://www.change.org/p/reigatebanstead-brough-council-save-our-brewery/ psf/membership-ask

which is trying to obtain an 'Asset of Community' Value' over the property.

In other news: The brewery has been brewing at full capacity to meet an order from the Oval to supply beer for the 4th Test Match in September. Crowdfunding has enabled more fermenters and kegging machinery to be purchased, and introduced several new beers, many of which appearing in cans.

**Andy Poole** 

#### THAMES SIDE BREWERY.

#### Staines-upon-Thames

http://www.thamessidebrewery.co.uk/



Get your real ale now! Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Thames Side have provided a take-away and now sit down service.

Please see Thames Side Brewery and social media links for latest information on opening hours and options. Let's get Pulling Together to keep Andy in business.

Andy served his first beers from his newly opened Thames Side Brewery & Tap Room by Staines Bridge on Staines Upon Thames Day in June 2019, and customers were queuing out the doors. The main four-barrel plant was recently ioined by a one barrel plant so experimental and short run beers can be produced in addition to main range.

Main range are all named after birds to be found on or near the River Thames. Recent additions included Cormorant Stout 4.2% abv. To quote Branch member Ian Davey, "Good old fashioned dry stout – good malt flavours". The short run brews names tend to follow a musical theme. a recent one is the very hop forward London Callina.

Has featured at the Egham United Services Club, and the Wheatsheaf & Pigeon if you want to sample it once Covid-19 lockdown on pubs eases up.

Andy's beers have won many 'Beer Of The Festival' awards at CAMRA festivals. These have included 'Beer of the Festival' at Ascot Racecourse Beer Festival with Egyption Goose. 'Dark Beer of the Festival' at Woking Beer Festival with Black Swan, 'Beer of the Festival' at Kingston Beer Festival with Mallard Mild and at Hampton Beer Festival with Black Swan. At the Spelthorne Business Awards 2021 the brewery was the winner of the 'Creative Business Of the Year' and runner up in both the 'Best Business in Staines upon Thames' and 'Best Small Business'. The Taproom has just been voted "North Surrey CAMRA Pub Of The Year" and is in the 2022 Good Beer Guide."

Spike

#### **THURSTONS BREWERY, Horsell**

www.thurstonsbrewery.co.uk



Seasonal ales continue to be brewed at the appropriate times. Horsell Hop has been on sale for a few weeks. Chobham Treacle will make an appearance soon.

The brewery has been continuing to invest in its equipment with a liquor filter providing controller over the water used for brewing and an impressive bag filter for the wort, both of these will help maintain the consistency of Thurstons beers.

**Nick Banyard** 

#### **TITSEY**

www.botleyhill-farmhouse.co.uk/ blog/2017/07/toast-taste-titsey/



Having relocated only a couple of years ago they are looking to move again. The new larger premises will be on another farm owned Titsev Estates that has its own borehole.

Still in the planning stage but some of the required planning permissions already granted. A new ruby coloured beer is planned for the Christmas period and will be a bit stronger than the current offerings but will not involve addition of any spices.

**Andy Poole** 

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## Surrey/Hants borders CAMRA Branch Awards it's Lockdown Heroes

Pubs and restaurants were forced to close under the Covid lockdown restrictions. A lot simply closed their doors and waited for the go ahead to reopen and start serving drinkers again. Some pubs however chose to start supporting their local communities. This was not necessarily selling alcohol, a number of pubs chose to cook meals for NHS staff or those in need. As pubs had access to supply chains not available to the public some chose to offer food boxes of hard to source things such as pasta or flour

These pubs were not necessarily ones that CAMRA have championed for the quality of their beer. I'm not sure if the all even serve Real Ale, but they definitely went out of their way to support their communities in the lockdowns.

The Surrey Hampshire Border branch of CAMRA have honoured these pubs as "Lockdown Heroes" and are presenting them with certificates. The winners are:



Wheatsheaf The Heatherside, Camberley. The new publican has around turned what used to be a rather uninviting pub, full of big TV screens, into a much more cosy environment offering local ales, a fine selection of other beers and quite a gin

collection. The pub has a brilliant location, with a nice garden overlooking Heatherside Green, but previously this was not fully used as the pub was not that family friendly. Ben took over the pub not long before lockdown and he has been brilliant at supporting and encouraging local morale during the difficult times. He has regularly walked around the estate dressed as a

bear, to the delight of the local children, and has displayed both inside and on the fence outside the pub lots of artwork by them.

The Cricketers Pirbriaht. despite serious fire they have continued with temporary kitchen and take away meals and drinks and the Yurt has been open all the time for coffees and snacks. They have been offering food boxes and helped



customers obtain provisions that were in short supply at the start of lockdown.



Hoas Back **Brewery** have been delivering monthly cases of beer to their customers along with operating a drive through take away beer

shop and doing a very enjoyable virtual Beer Tasting.

The Royal Oak in Guildford quickly converted to a takeaway operation with a great selection of bottles, cans, pies and other snacks as well as well kept draught beer. When the government inexplicably allow this to reopen the pub converted to 'click and collect'.





The Garibaldi in Knaphill for providing takeaway food and drinks, including real ale when available, throughout lockdown. For local deliveries, no charge has been made, but customers have instead been asked to make a donation to the Woking & Sam Beare

Hospices. Throughout the lockdown period nearly £2,500 has been raised in this way.

The Plough & Horses in Cove because landlord Chris Bick took over the pub in March 2020, 3 days before the National lockdown. Given the short time that he had been in control of the pub meant it was unable to qualify for the furlough scheme.



Not only did hundreds of pounds worth of stock go to waste due to its shelf life but Chris had to pay some staff out of his own pocket. At the start of the first lockdown, the pub gave away rolls and sandwiches to local people in need and then started to provide hot meals and sandwiches for local Key-workers, doctors surgeries, the ambulance station, Frimley Park Hospital etc. They were then approached by various organisations working to help those shielding, vulnerable adults and the elderly. So they started making meals for them too. By mid June they had supplied 1,996 hot meals, over 3,000 sandwiches and hundreds of care packages to Key-workers and the most vulnerable in the local community and raised over £1,125 through their cooking for Key workers appeal. In subsequent lockdown they have been providing a takeaway food and drink service and also a weekly online guiz to keep the local community engaged.



The Snow Goose in Cove is a shining example of a pub really making a difference and putting the community first during the pandemic gaining recognition through the Brewing Good Cheer Campaign. Licensees Kate Hayden

and Paul Warriner and staff members were quick to act during the first lockdown. The pub donated hampers, loaves, eggs and toilet rolls to NHS staff struggling to buy basics due to panic buying in the first lockdown. They also arranged for vulnerable people to order meat and bread from the pub's butcher and baker and to collect it from The Snow Goose so they could avoid supermarket queues, and staff even delivered elderly customers' newspapers to their homes. The help for NHS workers proved so successful that they set up an ongoing NHS essentials service providing milk, bacon, eggs and bread at cost to key workers and NHS staff. In addition, The Snow Goose ran a food bank for self-employed residents struggling without incomes. Providing social contact was another key part of the pub's outreach programme. A special phone line manned by staff for customers wanting a chat was set up, and social media has also been monitored so the pub could reach out to Farnborough residents in need. They also brought cheer to the community, too, from letting the pub's pigs out daily for passing children to look at to delivering Easter eggs to the children's ward at Frimley Park hospital.

The Star in Godalming because during the first lockdown they provided a food and takeaway service including real ales. They also offered cheap community meals with a 20% discount for NHS Staff. Continued an online virtual quiz throughout all



lockdowns. Christmas hampers were available. Regulars of the pub raised money to keep the pub going by commissioned a one off piece of artwork consisting of a selfie of contributors to form a collage from the photos. Pub staff dyed their hair crazy colours for the Meath charity fundraiser raising £1,875.

**Ascot Brewery** have been providing a



delivery and collection service throughout the lockdown the brewery also held a wide range of innovative events throughout the summer when

they were allowed to. This included a Beer Festival - the only one in the area last year - free magic nights, comedy nights and a number of other themed evenings.

Red Mist Brewerv who opened a new pub in Farnham just pre covid and seemed to have bucked the trend by buying another nearby which will open later this year. At the start of the pandemic Red Mist started food deliveries. There were veg boxes,



fruit boxes, all sorts of locally sourced products such as Chalk Stream trout as well as flour! They also do 5L containers of their beer. When the last lockdown started Red Mist got going again with home deliveries and we had food and beer deliveries from them again. They also have a drive in cinema at one of their pubs. Very entrepreneurial!









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## Headscratcher No. 89 Results



The winner of Headscratcher No 89 was **John Hook** of Godalming.

Correct answers were also received from Richard Allison, Dennis Batty, June Cottington & Magnus, Jen Davis, John Drake, Chris Truin.

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## **Social** Events



All social events can change due to the current rules on social distancing as a result of the current covid pandemic. Please check the latest updates on each respective CAMRA branch website.

#### **DECEMBER 2021**

#### Tuesday 14th 20:30 Lincoln Arms Branch Meeting Willoughby Arms Branch AGM [EMS]

Saturday 18th 13:00 Whelans [K&L], Kingston Our traditional Christmas Tour of Kingston returns for 2021. Meet in Whelan's, then to the Grey Horse (2pm), Bishop, Druid's Head (3pm), Albion (4pm) and the Kings Tun (5pm).

#### Tuesday 14th 20:00 Branch Meeting [SHB] Please join using this link:

https://join.skype.com/lf3SOTUlqsvx

Tuesday 21st 19:30 Berrylands Branch Christmas Dinner [K&L], Surbiton Christmas Dinner - 7:30 for

Book by 1st Dec with £5 deposit, menu choice by 14th,

#### Friday 24th Presentation to Crown, Horsell for 10 years in GBG at 16:30 [SHB]

From 4pm onwards, meet Chairman lan and some of our SHB members for a Christmas Eve drink at the Crown, Horsell. Make sure you get there in good time though, as there may not be room in the inn...

#### Friday 24th 16:00Prince of Wales [SHB], Farnborough

Meet some of our SHB members for a Christmas Eve drink at the Prince of Wales, Farnborough. Make sure you get there in good time though, as there may not be room in the inn

#### **JANUARY 2022**

#### Wednesday 5th 20:15 Druids Head Branch meeting [K&L], Kingston

All welcome to attend - TBC at present

#### Thursday 6th 20:00 1st GBG Selection Meeting [SHB]

Please join using this link:

https://join.skype.com/lf3SOTUlqsvx

Saturday 15th 1st Minibus Surveying Trip [SHB] Details to be confirmed

#### Saturday 29th 2nd Minibus Surveying Trip [SHB]

Details to be confirmed

#### **FEBRUARY 2022**

#### Wednesday 9th 20:00 Black Lion Lick & Stick [K&L], Surbiton

Come and help fill envelopes for forthcoming AGM

#### Saturday 19th Branch AGM [SHB]

Starting noon at Woking Railway Club, There will be a brewery tap room visit afterwards but by public transport instead of coach.

#### **MARCH 2022**

#### Thursday 3rd 20:00 Willoughby Arms Branch AGM [K&L], Kingston

Branch AGM - all members welcome to attend

#### **APRIL 2022**

#### Thursday 7tth Saturday 9 Farnham Beerex

Farnham [SHB] Maltings, Farnham

See festival section for details. https://www.farnhambeerex.org.uk

#### **ONLINE EVENTS**

#### Kingston and Leatherhead

Kingston and Leatherhead are holding an on-line event every two weeks using Webex.

#### **North Surrey**

The North Surrey branch are running Branch Socials from time to time on the CAMRA Red (On)Line platform, check in their website or Facebook page for details.

#### Surrey/Hants borders

The Surrey/Hants borders branch are currently running a monthly social on Skype on the last Wednesday evening of the month at 8pm. In addition, some interesting smaller online events are in the planning stage so please check regularly the social diary for additions - we intend to add them periodically as and when they are finalised.

If you have any ideas please share them with the Branch Contact or email shb\_camra@yahoogroups.
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Join using Skype:

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Public Bar: https://theredonlion.co.uk/the-public-bar book a table: https://theredonlion.co.uk/our-tables

#### **FESTIVALS**

Due to Covid-19 many festivals have been postponed or re-arranged. Please confirm before going.

#### LOCAL CAMRA BEER FESTIVALS

Farnham Beer Festival

#### Postponed to 2022, 7th to 9th April

Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, GU9 7QR Opening hours Thursday and Friday 6pm to 11pm, Saturday 11am to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm.

Tickets for the cancelled 2020 and 2021 Beerex can be used at the 44th Farnham Beerex in 2022. Any remaining tickets will go on sale (online only) early in 2022. Latest details about tickets and refunds can be found at www.farnhambeerex.org.uk

#### Kingston Beer Festival (To be confirmed).

Kingston Beer & Cider Festival, Kingston Workmen's Club & Institute, Old London Road, Kingston, KT2 6ND Over 60 real ales plus 12 ciders and perries.

Opening hours 12 noon – 10.30 pm (9.00 pm Saturday)

### Woking Beer Festival (To be confirmed) – November 2022

Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road, Woking. GU22 9BA

Updates will appear on our website

www.wokingbeerfestival.co.uk and via social media etc.

#### Redhill Beer Festival (To be confirmed) – October/ November 2022

The Redhill Beer Festival is located in Merstham Village Hall and normally runs for 3 days in late October/early November every year. Previously we have put on up to 66 beers and 12 ciders and perries but, if we can go ahead this year, the offer may be different. The Organisers will be taking their decision regarding the 2020 event in August. Please check the Branch web site ems.camra.org.uk for details nearer the time

#### **NATIONAL CAMRA BEER FESTIVALS**

#### Great British Beer Festival - August 2022

Normally held at Olympia London.

## Great British Beer Festival Winter February 2022

Festival in Birmingham cancelled. Replacement events planned. See winter.gbbf.org.uk for details.

#### **SURREY/HANTS BORDERS (SHB)**

Includes Guildford, Surrey Heath, Waverley & Rushmoor Borough.

The Surrey Hants Borders branch of CAMRA uses a Yahoo group to keep in touch with members on a regular basis, advising of changes in the social programme, sharing pub news, and providing lots of information about Branch activities.

Join the SHB Yahoo group:

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/shb\_camra/ Contact (Les Murrell): shb@camrasurrey.org.uk Website: https://shb.camra.org.uk

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## Headscratcher No. 90



#### **Across**

- 1. The revolutionary left after brewing beer. (5)
- 4. Opening chapter referring to immorality. (7)
- 8. A trip must be arranged around Luxembourg. (7)
- 9. Slugs are found in clothing. (5)
- 10. In time the last government was involved in real changes. **(5)**
- 11. Can be dissolved or solved. (7)
- 13. A modified name is the last word. (4)
- 15. Some of the seed I blended as being fit to eat. **(6)**
- 17. Upper class nudes somehow look in experienced. **(6)**
- 20. Some of the generals obeyed too. (4)
- 22. First class row after popular uprising. (7)
- 24. The route is right in the rear. (5)
- 26. Hammer excitedly upon the front door. (5)
- 27. I am bent on reform of the immediate surroundings. (7)
- 28. Treatment of a broken heart with extreme psychology. (7)
- 29. Need reorganising before day is done. (5)

#### £20 Prize Crossword

# Clues for Headscratcher No.90

#### Down

- 1. Les overturns willpower. (7)
- 2. Burnt cooking provides the chief stress. (5)
- 3. Braille is complicated for a party member. (7)
- 4. Stop over a first rate ruck. (6)
- 5. A well drawn up lease gives support. (5)
- 6. Demon in copper vehicle. (7)
- 7. Follow the sun travelling in the outskirts of Eastbourne. **(5)**
- 12. Responsibility is found in common usage. (4)
- 14. Denote miserly average. (4)
- 16. I upset uncle over an initial drunken embrace. (7)
- 18. Could be seen as 'cannot', but it's remarkable. (7)
- 19. After 500 a tricky detail developed. (7)
- 21. The gift for example is kept in fresh clay. (6)
- 22. Putin gets worried when certain data is fed into the system. **(5)**
- 23. Aid in a liquid form for this country. (5)
- 25. Modify and cover me. (5)

## £20 Prize Crossword. Closing date for entries is Friday 18th Feb 2022

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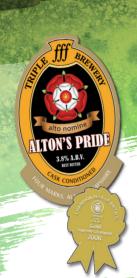
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- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Stripe or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Stripe asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us. Setup of Direct Debit Instruction with Stripe on behalf of CAMRA







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## History

Triple fff Brewery was founded twenty two years ago by Graham Trott, an avid home brewer who thought he would give it a try on a larger scale and 11 years later he won Supreme Champion Beer of Britain with our staple brew Alton Pride.

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## Brewery Tours

Do something different for your Christmas do this year, or better still, buy a Brewery tour as a gift! Our tours include a half pint of any Triple fff beer as our Brewer walks you through our brewery and 2 further half pints in our Offf the Rails bar afterwards.



We stock a selection of the best rated craft beers from around the world. If beers aren't your thing then maybe our selection of artisan Gins, Rums and Vodkas can tempt you.

## The Bar

Our very cosy bar with roaring fire, serves all our core beers plus our seasonal brews and quest ales.

We have the best artisan spirits, mixers and soft drinks along with a guest cider each week as well as a bottled range from local producers.

### Opening times

Mon 10-5 Tues-Fri 10-7 Sat 10-5

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