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There is an update on how to enter beer quality scores for the pub you are drinking in and the opportunity to win a prize. The head brewer of Trailhead Brewery gives an update on the brewery.

Plus there is lots more news on breweries and pubs.

Cheers

Ed

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# This could happen to your pub!

With the fantastic news (see article in this magazine) that the White Lion has reopened as a pub and has dodged the immediate threat of being converted to flats, our thoughts turned to other campaigns we have run over the past few years to try to save pubs. The front cover of this edition of News & Ale vividly shows a selection of the conversions that have taken place. Isn't it ironic that in several cases the housing developer has chosen to 'celebrate' the pubs heritage, by retaining the pub sign? It's almost as if they secretly acknowledge the value these pubs have in their local communities. I also can't help but wonder if disappointed drinkers regularly knock on the door of these houses in search of a pint? It would be funny if it wasn't so sad.

So, what of the pubs we feature on the cover.

## **JOLLY SAILOR, Farnham**



The Jolly Sailor had been a cosy pub with a nautical themed interior and a mix of comfortable seating. Simple wooden flooring and an occasional log fire added to this homely interior. Just the sort of pub everyone wanted as their local.

It was a thriving business until March 2019, attracting lunchtime trade from nearby offices and evening custom from the highly populated area of West Street. It had a great reputation for its range and quality of Real Ales and won the regional CAMRA Pub of the Year Award on several occasions.

In March 2019, when the tenants Ian and Sarah Jane came to renew their lease, the owners, Greene King made an unacceptable renewal offer. So instead, Ian and Sarah Jane made an offer to purchase the freehold at the full market value, but this offer was refused by Greene King on the basis that the property was 'not for sale'. Following their departure Greene King

installed temporary licensees and immediately put the freehold up for sale for £395,000. The temporary licensees rapidly (inadvertently or deliberately) drove away customers by reducing the range of ales from eight (including many local brews) to two Greene King standard brews. Most of the regular customers no longer felt welcome.

By early November 2019 the Jolly Sailor had been sold and immediately closed. There were claims, that we were unable to substantiate, that the pub was being used as staff accommodation for the Bush Hotel. Then, in mid-2020 the pub was advertised for sale at more than double the price paid less than a year before. This was clearly a deliberate ploy to give the impression that the premises was unsaleable and therefore unviable. The popularity of the pub and its potential profitability were not in doubt until the last tenancy ended, and the pub would have still been an attractive investment as a 'going concern' if advertised at a realistic price.

Unsurprisingly, in November 2020 along came a planning application to convert the pub into residential accommodation, claiming it was unviable. Disappointingly, Waverley, a Council that has poor pub protection policies and a record of approving virtually all such planning applications, accepted the developer's arguments that the pub was unviable. CAMRAS representations were dismissed and our application to have the pub listed as an Asset of Community Value was refused.

In August 2021 the planning application to convert the Jolly Sailor into housing was approved, bringing to an end the sad and slow demise of what had been the SHB CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year only a few years earlier.

In May 2022 it was sold for £700,000 and a high estimate today puts the price at £896,000.

## **IMPERIAL ARMS, Farnborough**

A similar tale to that of the Jolly Sailor can be told about the Imperial Arms in North Farnborough. The pub closed in December 2013 and despite initial rumours it was going to reopen a planning application to convert the pub into a three-bedroom house and also to build a further two-bedroom house and a terrace of three more houses in the car park was submitted in March 2014. After an initial refusal, planning permission was later granted.



CAMRA worked closely with the Farnborough Street Residents Association (FSRA) to put together an excellent Business Plan to demonstrate how the Imperial Arms could be successfully run by the community and also submitted an Asset of Community Value Application. Again, the owners claimed the pub was unviable, but it was clear that it was purchased with the sole intention of closing the pub and redeveloping the site. We argued strongly that there was the potential for an excellent community asset to be developed here and with the FSRA on board this was not just a pipe dream. We could have had a community pub that reached out to the wider community in terms of the facilities it could offer, facilities that North Farnborough really needed. Disappointingly but not unsurprisingly this was dismissed out of hand by the owners, only underlining their pecuniary intentions. Much more mystifying was that this was also dismissed by Rushmoor Council as an irrelevance. Instead, they chose to focus on the fact that the Prince of Wales was nearby and offered a sufficient alternative.

Despite losing this battle it did underline the importance of having strong pub protection policies and really galvanised us to work with the Council to get a Pub Protection Policy adopted, which was achieved in 2015. Since then, only one pub in Rushmoor has been lost.

In June 2017 the Imperial Arms was sold for £500,000 and a high estimate today puts the price at £704,000.

### **ROBIN HOOD, Knaphill**

A different story accompanies the loss of the Robin Hood in Knaphill.

The pub closed suddenly in June 2018, with the pub put up for sale and marketed as a development opportunity. This was concerning since no application for change of use had been submitted, meaning it had to remain a pub. With a guide price of £900,000 it was clear that this was not being put on the market for running as a pub.

The pub site was bought by Rutland (Woking) Ltd for £1,250,000 in August 2018. The company was formed as a joint venture between Thamesway Developments Ltd (company owned by Woking Borough Council) and Rutland Properties Ltd.

More alarmingly around the same time, an article appeared in the local press saying that the pub was to be developed as a community transport depot. Further investigation discovered a notice outside the pub saying it was to be demolished the following week.



Still no planning permission had been applied for, which would mean that the demolition was not allowed as permitted development rights to demolish pubs had been removed several years earlier. Amazingly the Council didn't appear to know, and we had to write to them and tell them that the proposed demolition was illegal!

Eventually Woking Borough Council agreed with us, and the demolition order was withdrawn, but also suggested that a planning application was going to be submitted imminently.

The pub remained closed, and it was clear it was going to need a lot of investment to become viable again. However, it was important that the Council followed processes correctly even if the outcome is that ultimately the pub is lost. CAMRA and others have fought hard to ensure that developers can't just demolish pubs and change their use without first demonstrating that the pub is no longer viable and that there is alternative provision.

Nothing much happened for six months until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 when a large fire broke out and the pub was completely burnt out. Within a week of the fire the remains of the pub had been demolished.

Woking Borough Council with over £2 billion of debt has been effectively declared bankrupt and all new non-essential spending has been stopped. It seems unlikely that Woking Borough Council will be able to afford to develop the site with the original plans for a

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home for the Bustler community buses and flats. The most likely outcome is that Woking Borough Council will be forced to sell their share of the site, which still remains an empty plot of land.

### STAR, Wych Hill

Finally, the story about the Star. This single bar pub in the western suburbs of Woking closed in October 2014 and it was the first time the local community got in touch with CAMRA locally and said they wanted to campaign to save the pub and run it on behalf of the community.



They put together a petition of more than 100 signatures and applied for an Asset of Community Value designation, which was granted. However, two months later the site owner requested a review, and as a result the granting of ACV status was overruled on the grounds that in the recent past the pub did not further the social wellbeing or interests of the community.

Shortly afterwards a planning application to convert the Star to a supermarket was submitted. Despite substantial local opposition and support for the pub, and it being the only pub in the area, change of use was approved by Woking Borough Council.

Whilst the Council abided by the review regulations, it drove a coach and horses through the whole purpose of ACVs. Close a pub, claim it has no community value then convert it to another use. As was the case with the Imperial Arms the lack of a strong pub protection policy in Woking didn't help the cause and unlike in Rushmoor the Council will not engage with CAMRA to develop a policy to help protect pubs; perhaps with the new administration and no money it's time to try again?!

The pub remains a Co-Op Store.

Kevin Travers

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# A compendium of pubs grumps past and present (part 2)



Let's start with something vaguely philosophical as to what constitutes a pub or to put it another way when does a pub become a restaurant? Surely it can't be that a restaurant which also serves alcohol suddenly becomes a pub, but where is the dividing line? The alarm bells will immediately start ringing if I get asked whether I would like to open a tab. Blimey, how much beer do they think I can drink to necessitate a tab? However, with rising prices of beer these days... There is also something worrying about surrendering a debit card which disappears over the bar. Even worse is where the process of opening the door results in instantly being pounced upon by a diminutive Thai lady thrusting a menu into your hand. Then there are the enormous chalk boards offering every type of food known to mankind including such offerings as Kangaroo, Ostrich and Alligator. There is much pollution of the wall and a massive visual gastronomic intrusion akin to large screens showing some obscure European sporting event. Like some pubs displaying pump clips which are more imaginary than real with some beers being unavailable. Should I be brave enough to ask for Kangaroo to be told "Sorry the Kangaroo is off!". Suddenly an enormous range becomes something very much more modest. Even if I was to get that far the next stage is the worst with all the tables laid out for food and often with the obligatory reserved sign which I have my doubts about. One pub landlord 'spilt the beans' on this, blaming his wife. Apparently, the reserved signs were just in case the unexpected coach party of ravenous diners descended upon them. She also liked to give the impression that the food was good and in high demand and if he had his way, he would remove them. There is a worse stage whereby all the tables are covered with wee chequered table cloths, some flowers and a dominance of pastoral shades and that would be what I would definitely call a café. I have even encountered pictures of the food along the lines seen in Spain to show you what paella looks like. Surely there is no need in this country to show us what a plate of ham, eggs and chips looks like. It has probably more to do with the dreaded marketing with the photo operating as a potential appetiser for customers.

Recently I met up with some of my fellow judges for the South West pub of The Year competition where one pub had some sort of code as to whether a table

was available to diners or not depending how the table was laid and where and how the cutlery was positioned. They also questioned how hygienic it was to have drinkers spluttering or coughing in the vicinity of supposedly clean eating utensils. There was also a general acceptance that 'foody' pubs were becoming more of the norm, especially in rural areas where pubs might be unable to survive on just beer sales. I was out drinking in a wet led pub without any food trade and got talking to one of the locals who was saying how good the beer was, and I agreed. I was then expecting him to be scoring the beer in the region of four out of five only to be amazed that he scored it as a two because there was no food! Since when was a beer score dependent on the availability of food? There are of course criteria for judging beer quality, but it would seem that some people ignore this and fall back on gut feeling and prejudice.

The ordering of food sometimes displays the ultimate in indecision, incompetence and dithering. To start with they do not know their table number and must return to find it. What can follow could be a comedy. "I'm not certain whether to have the chicken or the pie. Which do you think is the nicest?" Decision eventually made and they are now asked whether they want chips, potatoes and various vegetables requiring another return to the table or some shouted questions. The farce is repeated with the drinks, which brand of lager is required and do they want ice with a particular drink. This is even worse during half term or during Mothering Sunday when three generations are there. What sort of sherry would you like mum? I don't know but will have the same as last year, which I doubt is instantly recallable. Meanwhile in the middle of this a small child has wandered over wanting an ice lolly. There I am patiently waiting through this endurance test to conduct a simple request for a pint and to disappear in less than a minute. The final act of incompetence is still to come with the payment. The debit card does not work, or they have forgotten the PIN number resulting in another return to the table. On one occasion a debit card was confused with an OAP bus pass! Fortunately, not all these events occur at the same time as I would have murdered someone!

**Bob Southwell**  
*AKA The Grumpy Old Man*

# Pub News Round Up



## **ADDLESTONE**

### **RAOB Club**

The 'Bufs' held its first ever beer festival at the end of May with a good range of Real Ales and ciders and some great music. During the festivities, North Surrey CAMRA presented Ian, the bar manager who had organised everything, with a Highly Commended award in the Club of the Year competition in recognition of his commitment to Real Ale over the last year. **Anthony Groves**

## **ALDERSHOT**

### **Imperial Standard**

No longer serving Real Ale, the handpumps have been removed. **Peter Broberg**

### **Royal Staff**

Good news that another planning application to convert the pub to residential use has been turned down, with Rushmoor Borough Council clearly stating that the owners had failed to demonstrate that the pub is unviable. It's great to see the local Council sticking strongly to its pubs policy, though sadly the pub remains closed with no realistic prospect of it reopening soon. **Kevin Travers**

## **ASHFORD**

### **Freemans Arms**

This Greene King pub continues in its pursuit of serving Real Ale and has been providing consistently good quality pints. Formerly known as The Oaks, and no longer a Hungry Horse, they have recently increased choice with up to four handpumps at a time with the two regulars Greene King IPA and Abbot supplemented by two guests, such as Caledonian Deuchars IPA, Hogs Back TEA, a variety of Twickenham Ales and other seasonal Greene King beers. The spacious and comfortable pub also offers reasonably priced food; however, more support is required in this big push forward. Don't forget your CAMRA membership card for a discount on Real Ale. **Mick & Michael Whelan**

### **King's Fairway**

A popular pub for locals and one of the few pubs in Ashford with Real Ale. On a previous visit the ale was on satisfactory form offering Fuller's London Pride and Dark Star Hophead. Future visits in the pipeline! **MW**

### **WR Sports Club**

Also known as the tennis club, WR Sports Club is a social club a short walk from Ashford railway station. Home to many tennis courts and sports pitches, this club is a home from home for locals, with two handpumps at the bar. Unfortunately post Covid, weekly guest ales have slowed down due to a drop in demand. Fullers London Pride continues to sell well and is kept in great

condition by bar manager Ben and his team. Bottles of St Austell's Tribute and Shipyard are also available. The club is hoping to bring back guest ales or possibly polypins depending on demand. They are open to new visitors trying out the Club who can then discuss potential membership options. A great venue with a promising Real Ale future, more support needed and new members are welcome! **MW**

## **BLACKBUSHE**

### **The Bushe Café**

This café had a huge refurbishment recently and has a large outside seating area over-looking the airfield. Air day is a regular event in the summer months. The café serves a few bottled ales with aviation connection names like Spitfire. There is a large food menu and the breakfast is recommended. **Dylan Thomas**

## **BROCKHAM**

### **Taphouse**

In what was originally the village club, and overlooking the green, the Taphouse is your best bet for a good pint of ale in Brockham. A well-kept pint of Surrey Hills Shere Drop will be available along with Harvey's Sussex Best and Firebird Two Horses. **Roy Golding**

## **BURPHAM**

### **Anchor & Horseshoes**

The last pub in Burpham is a great venue with three Real Ales on offer, St Austell Tribute and Greene King Abbot are the regulars with the third line being a guest. Leeds Pale Ale has proved a hit with the regulars. There are pint jugs available, dogs are welcome, there is live music and a quiz every Wednesday. Great food is available too. **DT**

### **Wine Rack**

The shop has a huge range of draft, bottled and craft beers. Well worth popping in. **DT**

## **CAMBERLEY**

### **Ascot Brewery Taphouse**

Quite apart from brewing great beers here (how I love the aroma of those hops being boiled!) the upstairs 'mezzanine' area has an extensive array of (keg) taps coming through from the chilling room and I often succumb to a half-pint or buying some bottled beers to take home. Top marks to Chris, Connor and the team for producing so many great beers here. They recently won yet another SIBA award! Quite apart from brewing beers they also run beer festivals several times every year and often have a big TV screen up for major rugby matches. Carry on brewing, please! **Doug Fish**

### **Carpenters Arms**

A Greene King pub for quite a while now, but I

remember the days when I think they served Courage Best and looked quite different from today's cozier interior. The pub has been managed by Ben in recent years. There are numerous TV screens around the two main rooms, generally featuring sports events. The regular cask ale is Greene King IPA, but sometimes they have Abbot, or a speciality beer, as Greene King brewed for the recent Coronation of King Charles or even a beer from the Twickenham brewery. Occasionally has live music from groups such as Tequila Chase, which I've found to be very worthwhile attending, whenever possible. **DF**

#### Claude du Vall

Paul has been manager here for some years now and is as keen as ever to maintain the quality of the ales. Indeed, the pub has now been in the Good Beer Guide for eight successive years. I sincerely hope that he'll continue here at least long enough to see pub through to its tenth year in the Good Beer Guide and a well-deserved award! Perhaps it could do with a bit of a 'face-lift' now (particularly, the lighting?), but it's obviously a popular place with both the public and staff, and surely offers the best value in town for food and drinks. I've always found it an ideal spot to meet up with others for a beer or two and then decide whether to wander elsewhere or stay for another! **DF**

#### Four Horseshoes

There have been recent changes at the Four Horseshoes, with Sophie's move to another pub within the Star Pubs and Bars group, the Admiral in Ash Vale. We wish her continued success there. The new landlady is Steph, who worked for Sophie at the bar for several months, so knows the regulars, and has been able to maintain high standards not only with care of the beers, but also in providing great pub grub. My pint of St Austell Tribute was delicious and the meat pie very tasty and crusty! They plan to keep at least one Real Ale in good condition, rotating beers on a regular basis, another one being Timothy Taylor Landlord. There is a wide range of lagers and ciders, Brixton Brewery's popular Reliance Pale Ale, and well chilled Guinness. Outside, there is secure parking and a sheltered patio area, with heaters for cold evenings. Inside, there is an area with tables and chairs for restaurant service, and watching their Sports TVs, a darts area, pool table and live music some weekends. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

They have a strong community following, plus visitors welcome from far and wide, who come to enjoy good pub grub, a well-kept pint, and space to have a conversation. If you are near Camberley, I recommend a visit to this friendly pub, where you will receive a warm welcome from Steph and her staff. To book meals, please call 01276-423582. **Harry Fish**

#### CATERHAM

##### King & Queen

Several events are being held on Summer Saturdays these include Shakespeare in the Garden with 'Twelfth

Night' on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August and 'Romeo and Juliet' on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. **Andy Poole**

#### Royal Oak

Has reopened after short closure with a new licensee who has been in the trade for over 20 years. Disabled access and facilities are being installed. Currently one changing Real Ale which for my visit was Ossett Butterley. **AP**

#### CHERTSEY

##### Olde Swan Hotel

A deserved winner of North Surrey CAMRA's Cider Pub of the Year 2023 award. Phil regularly has several real ciders on, and demand has exceeded all expectations. In the run up to summer, the Snails Bank Pig Squeal at 7% is so popular that they have got through three boxes in around ten weeks and a box of Seacider Medium Dry sold out in a week. This on top of others alongside, which begs the question why more pubs don't stock it? Real Ales also do well, and we had a rare treat in June with a one-off brew from Tring brewery of a rather tasty 7% Baltic Porter. Keep up the good work Phil and team! **AG**

#### DORKING

##### Star

This small Greene King pub in the town centre has finally been given permission to sell two SIBA guest beers along with one brewery supplied beer. Joel will always sell one from Dorking Brewery and currently the second beer is from Pilgrim. Sales of cask beer has increased several fold since the change! Definitely a pub to visit when in Dorking. **RG**

##### White Hart

Known locally as the Snake Pit, this is a small but lively drinker's pub just off the High Street serving Surrey Hills Ranmore and Shere Drop. There are two areas on either side of the bar, one of which has a pool table, and the three TVs show all major sporting events. The walls are decorated with old adverts including one which has sales details from 1849 describing the pub as having a good bar, tap room and parlour and also a well of fine spring water. **RG**

#### EAST MOLESEY

##### LJ's

Appears to be opening only sporadically and has no Real Ale. **John Burns**

#### EFFINGHAM

##### Queen Stage

As suddenly as it closed the pub reopened in March with a compromise being reached with the local Council regarding the Asset of Community Value designation, which had led to its closure in January. There has been a change of operator and the pub will now be run by Ultimate Pubs who in 2015 took over the Duke of Wellington, East Horsley. **KT**

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# Trailhead Brewery

## An update from the Head Brewer



Trailhead has been crazy busy this year, our location is quite seasonal especially with the events that we put on each week with some amazing bands and musicians on a Saturday night backed up by our own in-house Pizza from our truck and Dan at Uboo's Tacos and Burritos. Our neighbours, The Gin Kitchen, usually bring in a food truck as well so quite often we have three types of food on site. We're all mostly selling out too, so that shows the popularity of our little destination.

It's no secret that Trailhead was listed for sale at the beginning of the year so I would like to take this opportunity to address this move on our part as we get folk coming into the tap and whispering about the sale which is quite amusing having such conspiratorial under tones in a busy tap. It's actually nothing of the sort. Trailhead was listed so we could bring our little operation to the attention of a wider audience. It's all too easy to sit in a little bubble when we don't have access to big marketing budgets and resources, so we wanted to offer Trailhead out to market with a view to attract an organisation who could see Trailhead for what it is, a state of the art, turn-key, micro-brewery capable of turning out world class beers. Have we got there yet? Well, the IBC last year seem to think so with our Silver award for 'Talk to me, Joose' which has largely gone unnoticed in the local area. This is probably my fault because I'm stretched extremely thinly with everything that needs to be done at Trailhead and marketing is not my strongest area of expertise. If anyone reading wants to help, then please get in touch! So, we did, and still are, attracting attention from various 'Suitors' some extremely interesting and positive ways outside of outright acquisition. Keep an eye out on developments, they will sure to be coming and I can only tell you that we are full steam ahead this year, in fact we are busier now than we ever have been! The truth is we're over the difficult two-year setup and in year three we are slowly building our brand and presence. I won't name names specifically, but I'd like to extend our thanks to our local partners who continually stock our cans

and pour our beers from their taps. It means the absolute world to me that we are making a difference and bringing good quality, exciting and often big, bold beers to our local audience. I'd like to extend this to our buyers from our Wholesale outlet too. Many taps and bars have taken a shot on us and I can't stress the importance of giving us little guys a chance against the big names. I hope that we have offered some wonderful surprises over this last year in particular.

So, onto the beers!

We all made a really important discovery late last year to do with our water supply coming from two different sources. Our geography means that we are right on the border of these two sources so depending on where our supply comes from, our water profile can change. We actively look for this prior to each brew and we compensate accordingly so this means we have been able to unlock those wonderful hop characters unique to each variety. We are able to explore these in greater depth and we are certainly doing that this year.

We have brewed up our second lager very early on in the colder temperatures and we are keeping that safely chilled in our store for this year. We don't have specific lagering tanks so we need to be a bit strategic when brewing them, they also take at least double the time when conditioning which ties up the tank for a long time. 'Shwarzenchugga' is a Vienna lager and has been going down a storm as we, simply, could not do anything normally! Instead of using regular and typical lager hops, we opted for Columbus, hot side only. This brings in a very subtle fruit forward flavour. I'm a notorious big IPA man but I have to say...I love it! We brought in two popular releases last year to sit in our core lineup. 'Jubeerlee' is now third generation and settled as a 3.9% Pale Ale. It's super punchy for its little ABV thanks to the rather wonderful Idaho 7 paired to powerhouse duo, Citra and Mosaic. It is a cracking little beer and it flows non-stop from our tap wall on a busy night.

The second is 'Indian Summer' now third generation



as well. The first was using all CryoPop but we had a supply issue on that. It clearly demonstrates how tough this industry is when a major supplier has had to call in the administrators. So we switched the hops over to Galaxy and Bru-1 which we know we can get and we also know how absolutely insane they are. I have to give credit to Raich here, he pulled the reigns right back on me on the dry hop and we now have this incredible 4.7% session IPA, beautifully and delicately hopped which delivers a super crushable IPA, you can sit there on a hot day and chug so much back. On busy nights, in Raich's own words 'I might as well stand there with this tap open handing pints over!'



With 'Shwazenchugga' taking on lager duty and now 'Jubeerlee' and 'Indian Summer' core and delivering tap friendly ABVs, we can focus on bringing in the big hitters. So we have been busy brewing up 6%+ 'Joose bombs'. With only four tanks to spare and doing a few contract brews we are trying to churn out as many as we can and deliver them wholesale to get them out of our chillstore and into punter's glasses. Often we have to subsidise the costs here to make us stand out from the well-known names in the industry. I get it though, the industry is under a lot of pressure, so when taps locally and around the country take a chance on us, I'm so grateful for the opportunity to showcase Trailhead to a wider audience. A standout for us this year was a rebrew from last year, Spring Diva was tweaked with Motueka and Riwaka along with Galaxy and Bru-1. We had lots of four star ratings. We know there is plenty more to come with impending releases. We released a very experimental beer a couple of months back called 'Evil Dead Brew' where we sought to bring in massive caramel notes using lots of CaraMalt. The result is a crazy tasting Imperial IPA which has stoked some mega reactions. Through this beer we have lived up to our self-description of 'Experimental'. Look out for our latest batches which are continuing our 'Evil Dead' theme, 'Joose Campbell', a 6.8% DDH IPA with current fav duo Galaxy and Bru-1 but showcasing Enigma as the main event. Next up is 'Boomsлам' another 6% IPA showcasing Enigma again but rocketed into hop stratosphere using Mosaic as its turbo partner.

So, what's next? Well, we are pedal to the metal all Summer and Autumn on the brewing, adding to our tap friendly core as a one off will be a rebrew of our lovely little APA, 'Tailgate Bar' but we are switching

this up a little by using whole cone El Dorado hops. Whole cone are new to us and, as ever, our brews are hidden in plain sight. I will leave this up to you if we are successful or not, it's exciting to brew something not knowing what the result will be! We also have 'Talk to me, Joose' currently fermenting out, unchanged except for the water profile which we hope will make this Silver Award winning NEIPA, better than ever. Lastly, you will soon see a new semi-permanent purpose-built awning off to the side of the brewery and we will build a stage beneath that for bands to slay the ambience with on a Saturday night. Materials are arriving next Monday so it's happening! Thanks for reading if you got this far. Special thanks to all those who visit us and help keep the TH dream alive. Just turning up with a group and enjoying yourselves drinking our beers is fantastic and know that efforts within TH are at peak. Thanks again to local and regional bars, taps and Indie bottle shops for giving us a shot, it's incredible we got this far and we couldn't have done it without your support!

**Rich Wallace**

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# Obituaries



## Obituary for Robert Hunt

*the loss of a member and good friend*



It is with great sadness that I must report the loss of a great branch member and friend Mr Robert (Bob) Hunt. I first met Bob at a branch social south of Farnham many years ago, he was a well-spoken man with a very likeminded appreciation of Real Ale and would always recount his exploits on the trains in the past. He was also very modest and never had a bad word to say about anyone. From then on Bob was always met with great joy by me at branch socials, mini bus trips and working beer festival socials. Here is a picture of Bob (on the left) I took on one of our many socials together with Michael Stone and Mark Davies outside the Sun Inn at Dunsfold, just before opening time.

He was always keen to help in many ways and always seemed to be the first person to volunteer to perform a pub survey on our GBG (Good Beer Guide) minibus tours. A very generous man who would always buy me a pint (always pints) when we met. Bob left us for the final time on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 and went to that great pub in the sky. When I saw the note about his death, it took me a while to get over it and I will miss him terribly.

So, when you read this article can I ask you to raise a pint to Bob, I think it is what he would have wanted.

**Mick Bell**

## Terry Oakley

1957 - 2023

Terry was heavily involved with the East and Mid Surrey CAMRA Redhill Beer Festival at Merstham Village Hall. He was one of the first people you would meet on the door as a member of the Admissions Team.



He was well known locally for his prowess in the local Bar Billiards Pub League. He loved his Cask Beer and had a great love of Non-League Football and County Cricket.

He is sadly missed by his wife Sue and his army of many friends.

R.I.P Terry

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### EGHAM

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#### United Services Club

During the Easter beer festival, North Surrey CAMRA presented the club with its 'Club of the Year' award which has since progressed through county level to the regional competition. The summer beer festival took place in late July, with the winter festival following on 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November. Look out for the usual array of new breweries, special beers and varied ciders, as well as possibly a new festival polo shirt for ardent fans to purchase. Guest ales are constantly changing with a plethora of new recipes coming from Kent and Oakham breweries. **AG**

### INGLEFIELD GREEN

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#### Bailiwick

Windsor and Eton Guardsman and Bailiwick Great Park Ale found on a recent visit. **Richard Snell**

#### Barley Mow

A lovely pub on the village green. Windsor and Eton Guardsman, St Austell Tribute, Hogs Back Surrey Nirvana, Timothy Taylor Landlord and Sharp's Doom Bar on tap, plus Camden Pale Ale and Lager on keg. **RS**

#### Happy Man

Beer festivals have been held in March and May so far, with hopefully more to follow. The four Real Ales on the bar are constantly changing and sourced from all over the country. Real cider is also making a welcome comeback on the bar over summer. North Surrey CAMRA recently presented James with a Highly Commended award in its Pub of the Year awards in recognition of commitment and quality. **AG**

### EPSOM

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#### Assembly Rooms

Offers a good range of guest ales, including regular tap takeovers, most recently involving Thornbridge. **JB**

### ESHER

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#### Wheatsheaf

Now has Harvey's on a regular basis alongside Youngs Bitter and Surrey Hills Shere Drop. **JB**

### EVERSLEY CROSS

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#### Frog & Wicket

The pub sits opposite the historic Eversley Cricket Club, the scene of much activity during the summer months, with weekends being particularly busy. Ownership passed to Fuller's several years ago, which reflects in the beers available, but the range is extensive, and there is generally something to suit all tastes. On my recent visit they were serving Gale's HSB, Griffin IPA, London Pride, Oliver's Island and Dark Star Hophead, the latter being much to my liking. There is a large patio area at the front of the pub, with some parking, and a substantial car park at the rear, adjacent to the garden area. This is very popular with families, as it includes a play area. There is a varied menu, ranging from wholesome pub grub to more elaborate dishes, for that special occasion. The main

restaurant leads to an area which can be sectioned off for private functions, with a secluded patio area, ideal for wedding parties, photos etc. The 'Frog' is well worth a visit if you are in this picturesque village, looking for somewhere to relax for a drink or meal. The restaurant gets very busy at peak times, to plan ahead, please phone: 01899-731126. **HF**

### FARNHAM

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#### Jack & Alice

The Botanist closed in May, but a new bar and restaurant, Jack & Alice opened at the same location in June. No reports on the Real Ale offering yet, but they have another site in Gerrards Cross that appears to sell draught beer from Rebellion; initial Trip Advisor reports suggest it is more of a restaurant though. **KT**

### GODALMING

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#### Antelope

It had been announced that a new tap room and bottle shop is due to open in Godalming later this Summer. Named the Antelope, after one of the first 16th-century pubs in Godalming, it located in a former shop unit on Godalming High Street. Plans are to specialise in serving a diverse range of 10 keg beers, from microbreweries across the world. If open we are planning a visit in October, before the Star Beer Festival. **KT**

### GUILDFORD

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#### Britannia

A Shepherd Neame owned pub with a range of their beers in draught and bottled form. Large beer garden and front terrace over-looking the river Wey. Pint jugs available, there is a large food menu and the pub is dog friendly! **DT**

#### Growler & Cans

A bar on two floors offering a huge range of craft beers and ciders plus regular jazz nights. **DT**

#### Guildford City FC Clubhouse

A good-sized bar with a sociable atmosphere and views over the pitch. It is only open on matchdays from August to May and serves a range of bottled ales. A TV shows the football results. **DT**

#### Kerrera Craft Beer Bar

Huge range of craft beers, ciders, wines and gins. Stylish venue on two floors and second floor is available for hire. **DT**

#### Kings Head (Quarry Street)

Up to five Real Ales on offer, at this town centre pub with an impressive, terraced beer garden. Pint jugs are available and the pub has plenty of history! **DT**

#### Rodboro' Buildings

A former car factory spread over three floors. Up to ten Real Ales on offer, with Bateman's XXXB and Tillingbourne Falls Gold alongside a sample of beer available on a recent visit. Upstairs is less busy and quieter during the day. Regular brewery days such as 'Tap Takeovers', 'Meet the Brewers' plus beer festivals. **DT**

**Royal Oak**

This dog friendly and rugby themed pub owned by Fuller's overlooks Holy Trinity Church yard with four Real Ales on offer. **DT**

**Star**

Popular town centre pub and live music venue owned by Shepherd Neame. It is easy to reach by public transport with log fires and pint jugs available. The pub is dog friendly. **DT**

**Three Pigeons**

Situated at the top of the High Street and spread over two floors, the Three Pigeons has six Real Ales available and runs a loyalty card scheme. **DT**

**Weyside**

A food-oriented Young's pub over-looking the River Wey with a huge beer garden. Young's Bitter was the order of the day on a recent visit. **DT**

**HARTLEY WINTNEY**

**Cricketers**

This pub takes its name from being a prime spot from which to watch the local cricket club and is well equipped with trestle tables that are well occupied when a match is on. The inside of the pub is nicely split up into cosy areas around the bar and a separate dining area. The two cask ales are both from Timothy Taylor, their Landlord and Boltmaker, both of which are popular. Behind the bar is an array of gins, whiskies and all sorts of other spirits. They have a comprehensive range of wines. Something for everyone and everyone is welcome! **DF**

**Phoenix**

Andy and Sisi have been here for quite a few years now and I still have to chuckle at some of their jokey signs around the place such as the 'main' clock (behind the bar) going backwards! Well-furnished throughout, with various areas around the pub, including a separate dining room. It also has a large carpark at the back, as well as the more visible one at the front. Among the four cask ales I used to favour the 'Phoenix Ale' (actually a Marston's beer), but the regular beer now seems to be Sharp's Doom Bar, with three others, from which I chose the Wadworth Amarillo Gold, which was good. **DF**

**Waggon & Horses**

Casey has been here for several years now and thankfully has kept it much the same as ever. A cosy little pub in the centre of Hartley Wintney village. From the main entrance the door on the right opens into a small room with a small bar and a warming fire in the Winter, ideal for a cosy chat and/or meal. The door on the left is for the public bar, with a larger fireplace and bar, dartboard, etc., but you can choose to eat or drink wherever you want. As ever, the Gale's HSB is served directly from the cask, without any pipes to clean as was the Oakham JHB I enjoyed on my recent visit. The third beer was Butcombe Original, which was served via a hand-pulled pump which is more usual. **DF**

**HERSHAM**

**Royal George**

Reopened on 25<sup>th</sup> April after a recent refurbishment. Now run by the local Big Smoke brewery the pub has two regular beers, Solaris and Cosmic Dawn plus three changing guests, one of which will alternate between Youngs Bitter and Fuller's London Pride. Harvey's Sussex Best and Oakham Citra were on for the opening weekend. **JB**

**HOLMBURY ST MARY**

**Royal Oak**

The 17<sup>th</sup> century Royal Oak usually serves Felday Legacy, which is brewed next to the pub, and features various other local breweries. Occasionally a real cider may be available. It is popular with walkers and cyclists (for whom there is a lockable cycle rack) and dogs are welcome. The pub was taken over in February 2023 by local residents. **RG**

**HOOK**

**Crooked Billet**

In line with many pubs since the 'Covid Lockdown' period Richard and Sally have modified their opening days, now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but little else has changed. I'm glad to say the place was nicely busy on a summery mid-weekday, as demonstrated by the number of cars in the extensive parking areas. Some chose to use the outdoor tables by the riverside, while others headed indoors, like me. There were three cask ales on: St Austell Tribute, Timothy Taylor Landlord, and Sharp's Doom Bar. As usual I had the Landlord, which went extremely well with my regular Cheese and Ham 'toastie' here! Thanks to all for another enjoyable visit! **DF**

**LEATHERHEAD**

**Edmund Tylney**

Has a new manager, Cara, who was previously at the Assembly Rooms and has expanded its range of guest ales. **JB**

**MERROW**

**Horse & Groom**

Three Real Ales on offer when visited. More on the food side of things than wet sales. **DT**

**NEW HAW**

**White Hart**

The range of well-kept and tasty traditional bitters has continued with a recent visit finding Exmoor Ale and Shepherd Neame Spitfire on the bar. The garden alongside the Wey Navigation canal will be busy through summer. **Steve Clandon**

**SEND**

**New Inn**

Had a great pint of Hogs Back TEA here, other beers include Adnams Ghost Ship, Sharp's Doom Bar and St

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# Social Events



All social events can change due to unforeseen circumstances such as rail strikes that were not known at the time of publication. Please check the latest updates on each respective CAMRA branch web site before attending an event. Only social events known at the time of publication are shown. If you are attending your first social event, then you may wish to email the respective branch and let them know that you are attending their event so they can look out for you at the event.

## £2 single bus fares scheme extended to end of October 2023

The Government scheme to limit single bus fares to £2 has been extended to the end of October 2023 (please check if your route is covered by this scheme before travelling <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/2-bus-fare-cap#south-east>). From November 2023 to October 2024 the cost cap increases to £2.50. Please take advantage of this scheme to travel by bus (where possible) to your pub as travelling by bus is still below the level pre Covid and many bus routes are under threat of being withdrawn.

## AUGUST 2023

**Wednesday 9th 11:20 am A walk visiting pubs in Windlesham, Chobham and Horsell.** Meet at Lightwater Village Centre (outside Co-op). [SHB]

**Saturday 12th 12 Noon A wander around Windsor (TBC),** including beer festival at the Swan, Clewer. [NS]

**Wednesday 23rd 7:00pm Tour of Alton pubs.** Starts at the Eight Bells and includes the Ten Tun Tap House, Cassidy's and if there's time permitting the Railway Arms. [SHB]

**Saturday 26th 1pm Beer festival and joint Pub of the Year presentation at the Jolly Coopers.** Wheelers Lane Epsom KT18 7SD. Presentation will be at 2.30pm. [K&L]

**Sunday 27th 2pm Egham wander and social [NS]**

**Thursday 31st 7:30pm Shuffleboard and Beer Evening at Ascot Brewery Ascot Brewing Company Tap Room, Camberley.** We have acquired exclusive use of the brewery's shuffleboard free of charge from 7.30pm until close. To have an idea of numbers please let Les know you are going by emailing [social@shb.camra.org](mailto:social@shb.camra.org). [SHB]

**Wednesday 30th 8pm Branch Meeting Venue tbc [SHB]**

## SEPTEMBER 2023

**Tuesday 12th 7pm Branch meeting, Magpie, Sunbury [NS]**

**Saturday 16th Socials at Surrey Beer Festival, Godalming** Meet 10am Jack Phillips for brunch, moving onto the festival from 11am [SHB] Meet 2pm at the Festival. [NS]

**Wednesday 20th 8pm Branch meeting at the Royal Oak, New Malden [K&L]**

**Thursday 21st 7:30pm Three Lions Tour of Aldershot** A visit to the Three Lion of Aldershot. Commencing at the White Lion, Red Lion from 8.30pm and Golden Lion from 9.30pm. [SHB]

**Saturday 30th 1pm, Reading wander and social [NS]**

**Saturday 30th 11:00am Minibus Surveying Trip** We are running a minibus trip to visit pubs in the Branch Area that we seldom get to and are difficult to reach by public transport. Departing from Woking and returning in the evening. Limited spaces. Please email [vicechairman@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:vicechairman@shb.camra.org.uk) if you wish to book a place on the trip. Cost for this trip is £15. [SHB]

## OCTOBER 2023

**Wednesday 4th 7.30pm Joint Pub of the Year presentation at the Watchman, 184 High St, New Malden KT3 4ES. [K&L]**

**Monday 9th 7:30pm Branch meeting at White Hart, New Haw [NS]**

**Wednesday 11th 12:00 noon Reading Pub Tour** A pub tour of Reading, ending with a Shanty Session. Commencing at the Fox & Hounds, Caversham. The shanties session at the Castle Tap start at 8pm. [SHB]

**Saturday 14th 12:00 noon Prince of Wales, Farnborough Beer Festival** An afternoon of good beers at the pub's annual beer festival. [SHB]

**Wednesday 18th 11:00am Camberley to Woking bus wander** Meet at the Claude du Vall, Camberley for a late breakfast before we catch the 12:10pm No 34 bus. A Stagecoach day Goldrider ticket or suitable bus pass will be needed. [SHB]

**Saturday 28th 12:00 noon Halloween Beer Festival at Star, Godalming** Start at the Antelope for a pre-beer festival drink, moving onto the Star at approx. 1pm. [SHB]

## NOVEMBER 2023

**Saturday 11th Haslemere Pub Trail** Join us for a trail visiting pubs in and around Haslemere. Details to be provided on the SHB website. [SHB]

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**DECEMBER 2023**

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**Saturday 2nd 10:30am Guildford Area Pub Tour**

A tour of pubs in and around Guildford. Optional breakfast and early pint at Cricketers Rydes Hill, then Wooden Bridge, at 12 Noon and Bench, Surrey Sports Park from approx. 1.30pm and Guildford town centre pubs from 3pm. [SHB]

**Friday 15th 7pm Surrey Hants Borders Christmas Party, Woking Railway Club [SHB]**

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**BEER FESTIVALS****LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS****Saturday 12th August Barley Mow Beer and Music Festival, Winchfield**

**Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd September Blackwater Valley Cask & Cork Festival Beer, wine and music festival** held at Sean Devereux Park in Yateley, Hampshire.

Over 30 beers proposed from predominantly local breweries, together with lagers, ciders and wines. Local food and live music is also on offer. Details of ticket sales and other information is at:

<https://caskandcork.co.uk/>

**Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd September Haslemere Beer Festival** The festival is held in Haslemere Hall serving over 50 real ales, ciders, and perries, a wide range of live music and local food.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://tickets.haslemerehall.co.uk/sales/genres/events/haslemere-beer-festival-2023/>

**Friday 15th to Sunday 17th September Surrey Beer Festival in Godalming**

The return for the second year of Godalming's beer festival again being held in Bury Field and with over

50 cask ales, craft beer, gin, cider, music, street food and games.

Organised by the Branch Cider Pub of the Year, The Star, with sessions running across Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and a range of ticket options on offer.

Full details and ticket details are available at <https://surreybeerfestivals.co.uk/godalmingbeerfestival/>

**Friday 6th & Saturday 7th October Ascot Beer Festival** organised by Berkshire South-East (BSE) CAMRA and held at Ascot Racecourse.

See <https://ascotbeerfest.org.uk/> for more details.

**Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October Prince of Wales Beer Festival**, Prince of Wales, Farnborough. The festival is celebrating its 22nd anniversary.

**Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th October Redhill Beer Festival** Organised by East & Mid Surrey CAMRA the Redhill Beer Festival is taking place in Merstham Village Hall, RH1 3ED. There will be over 70 beers, ciders and perries available. Further details are on the festival web site <https://ems.camra.org.uk/festival>

**Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th November 41st Egham Real Ale and Cider Festival** Open 10am until late, 40 plus ales and ciders, many from Britain's newest breweries. BBQ, hot & cold food, & live music Friday & Saturday evening. The Egham United Services Club is five mins walk from Egham Rail Station and buses 8, 441 and occasional 500 from the nearby High Street. <http://www.eghambeerfestival.co.uk/>

**Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th April 2024 Farnham Beerex at Farnham Maltings.** The sale of tickets for the 46th Farnham Beerex are expected to be launched on or around 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, again with an early bird offer for a limited period. They can be purchased at <https://farnhambeerex.org.uk/booking/>

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# Surrey/Hampshire Borders CAMRA Branch Club of the Year awards for 2023



Each year we ask for suggestions from our branch membership for our branch Club of the Year (COTY). This year the top two clubs that were put forward as likely candidates for the auspicious award were the Elstead Royal British Legion Club and the Woking Railway Athletic Club. At our meeting at the Guildford Hospitals' Social Club on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 the winner of this award was decided by a vote. The winner of the vote was the Elstead Royal British Legion Club and runner up the Woking Railway Athletic Club.

## Runner Up Club of the Year presentation

On Tuesday evening 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023, we held a branch meeting at the Woking Railway Athletic Club.



I was joined by five other members of the branch committee, we started at eight o'clock as usual and took a beer break at around nine o'clock. This is when we presented the runner

up certificate to the club. I said a few words and went behind the bar for a picture of the beer pumps and certificate recipient. That evening I enjoyed a couple of pints of Marston's Lighter Nights, a rather nice pale ale. We then resumed our branch meeting and finished at around ten o'clock (always striving to limit the meeting to two hours!). We had a few more beers and thanked the Club for its continuing support of the campaign.

## Club of the Year Winner presentation

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 we had a bus day out to Elstead. I met Kevin Travers on the Stagecoach 46 bus to Elstead from just outside Farnham Railway Station.



We arrived in Elstead around about 11:55 and took a short walk back up the Farnham Road to the Mill at Elstead. It is a lovely pub in a great setting and we partook of a pint of Dark Star Skylab, a rather nice hoppy pale

ale. After waiting for more people to join us we left in good time to arrive at the Golden Fleece for about 13:00. As we were running a little behind schedule we settled for a swift half of Ringwood Fortyniner, a premium bitter in good condition. We were just about

to leave for the next pub and I discovered two more members around the corner having lunch.

Kevin and I decided to get a bonus pub in before heading to the Elstead Royal British Legion Club, this was the Woolpack. It was only a short visit and we opted for a quick half of Hogs Back TEA. After we finished our halves, we walked down to the club. We arrived at the club around 13:30 and partook in a couple of pints of Triple fff Moondance (in great condition). After settling down for about forty-five minutes we agreed with Alan from the club to do the presentation. Photos were taken inside the club and outside adjacent to the bowling green.

All four of us walked to the bus stop outside the Woolpack to catch the next 46 bus to Godalming. Arriving in Godalming we headed for a bonus pub, the Jack Phillips. I think we all had Oakham Citra and had something to eat. We then popped down to the Star, I went for the Godalming Beerworks Ravenscroft Best, a rather quaffable best bitter. It was a good day out.

**Mick Bell**

*Chairman of Surrey/Hants borders CAMRA branch*

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This is often the answer I get when I go in a pub and ask, “Do you have any stout? or porter?” And no, not just in the summer, but all year round. Even in pubs that offer four plus Real Ales, all slightly different shades of golden! So, my expectations of finding a dark beer were not desperately high when I joined our branch social in London in May. We were following the official beer trail, visited six modern, predominantly keg, breweries and a brew pub. (look it up on line for a map and more info) There were 20 of us on the day out, with an age range of approximately 60 years, and personally I think it went amazingly well....

## The list of places visited were:

**No 1: London Beer Lab** – 5.2% Black Lab Stout. Smooth and tasty. With a couple of other stouts on their selection board to choose from too. We collected our trail cards here.

**No 2: Ghost Whale** - inside and outside seating in a high street bar/bottle shop. They served some delicious Cinder Toffee Stout from New Bristol Brewery. Full of flavour for 4%.

**No 3: Dogs Grandad** – a small, cosy under-the-arches brewery, and they had their 4.7% Peanut Butter and Chocolate Milk Stout available. Lots of subtle flavours going on in this one.

**No 4: Brixton Brewery** – not on the official tour, but it was only 3 arches down from the Dogs Grandad, so rude not to call in. 4.1% Blackout Nitro Stout was served here, a more traditional dry stout.

**No 5: Craft Metropolis** – mainly upstairs seating in a very happening venue. OK, maybe not so happening mid-afternoon, when our large group were made very welcome. And they had a stout – Let Sleeping Crows Lie. A 10% imperial from Heist Brew Company. I loved it. My second favourite beer of the day!

**No 6: Clarkshaws** – another under-the-arches brewery. The first one without a stout. After the imperial from Heist, I have to confess a glass of water was most welcome.

**No 7: Friendship Adventure** – tucked under a bigger railway arch, and the inspiration for our SHB day out. We found the brewery en-route to Brixton Academy last winter, went in, enjoyed our visit and spotted the trail poster.... I digress, the beer, Crunch, from Hammerton Brewery, a 5.4% peanut butter milk stout. This one was my top beer of the day.

**No 8: The Grosvenor Pub home of Affinity Brewery** - a traditional pub in look and feel, and final stop on our

big day out. I had the London Black Porter here and a photo to remind me, as I did not untap this one!

So, seven of the eight venues had a stout available on the day we visited. There were of course lots of IPAs, sours, DIPAs and various experimental brews that you might expect from such a range of breweries. I, and my fellow dark beer loving beer buddies, were so delighted by the range and quality of dark beers available. There is definitely a demand for stouts all year round, and these breweries in Brixton cater for it. I will return!

**Val MacT**



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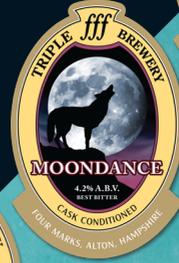
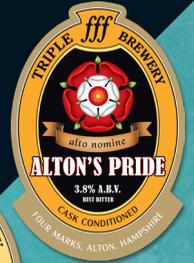


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# White Lion Update



Fantastic news that the White Lion, Aldershot reopened on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June having been closed for over three years.

Rochelle Cottam, who worked at the pub prior to its closure and more recently managed the Red Lion is in charge. Our understanding is that it is still owned by the company that has been trying to convert the pub into four flats and the pub is now leased; so, whilst good news it would be naive to believe that the pub is now safe from redevelopment.

It is unlikely that owners of the pub have had a sudden conversion and their aspirations to redevelop the pub have changed. The reopening does however, present all of us with an opportunity to demonstrate there is strong community support for the White Lion. CAMRA is playing our part; we held our July Branch Meeting in the pub and will be re-running our "Three Lions" pub tour in September (see social diary for details). In the meantime, everyone should pop along and support the

pub and show how much it is valued.

Although Triple fff Brewery no longer have a direct involvement with the pub, it's great to see their beers are still on offer. Alton's Pride and Moondance are the regular beers, supplemented by others such as Hop Back Summer Lightning and Wainwrights. The pub is open every day and a range of events are being held.

See the White Lion Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093128975002>

Kevin Travers

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# Brewery News



## BY THE HORNS BREWERY, Redhill

<https://bythehorns.co.uk/>

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Chris and the team at 'By The Horns Brewery', now based at an industrial estate in Salfords, recently reported good progress is being made on their expansion plan. This includes the acquisition of the neighbouring unit to their current premises which will enlarge their beer storage capacity considerably and more importantly allow for the establishment of a tap room. The tap room will open to the public and operate along the lines of their existing tap at their original site in Wimbledon. Flooring apparently went down in late May/early June, with extra cool storage units being installed mid-month.

The estimated time of opening for the new tap room is currently July, but as these sorts of schedules tend to only have one direction of movement and this is backwards due to unforeseen obstacles, this could yet alter. Thirsty 'By The Horns' fans are asked to please continue to bear with Chris and co, who will keep the local branch apprised of the latest developments which we will pass on. Otherwise, they're continuing to steadily grow their presence in the East Surrey area, with various local pubs in the vicinity particularly taking their cask beers of late. They have an eye on pushing into Sussex too, so as the months unfold we can expect to see 'By The Horns' beers popping up further afield.

**Tom Gammons**

## CRAFTY, Dunsfold

<https://www.craftybrewing.co.uk/>

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Crafty are still producing their core cask ales (Hop Tipple, Crafty One, Blind Side, Loxhill Biscuit) and the single-hop series including Amarillo has proved very popular. There has been significant demand from local fêtes and other events.

The in-house canning and labelling capability is a continuing success, the custom-labelled wedding and event beers have sold well, complementing the existing range of Military and Sports Beers (Crafty are the official beer partner of Godalming Town FC).

The brewery is open weekdays for off-site sales, 10:00-16:30 Monday to Friday (Closed Bank Holidays).

The What Three Word location of the main gate is /// drama.bonus.corrects

**Mike Sanders**

## CRUMBS, Reigate



<https://www.crumbsbrewing.co.uk/>

Crumbs have redesigned the labels on their cans and bottles.

**Sally Gingell**

## DORKING BREWERY

<https://dorkingbrewery.com/>



The brewery will have their own bar again at this year's Great British Beer Festival with the beers Pilcrow, Five Claw and Black Noise

on! They have had their busiest ever month and are now at full capacity as a brewery. They are looking to expand early next year with more fermenters however it is not a quick process ordering them and kitting out the brewery! They are selling around 10,000 pints plus a week at the moment. No news on the pub yet but they are actively looking!

**Roy Golding**

## FARNHAM BREWING COMPANY, Frensham

<https://farnhambrewing.co.uk/>



Farnham Brewing Company is based at Pierrepont Farm in Frensham, postcode GU10 3BS. They are always brewing onsite and welcome visitors to look

inside the brewery. The Taproom opening hours are Thursday: 3pm to 9pm, Friday and Saturday: 12pm to 9pm and Sunday: 12pm to 7pm.

Local food trucks are there most evenings serving currys, BBQ burgers, pizzas and other street foods. Further details can be found on their website

The regular beers brewed are Sundowner 4.3%, a citra hopped pale ale FBC Pale Ale 3.6%, light and crisp and hoppy, and Rockbridge IPA 5.5% an American IPA.

**Tony Legat**

## FELDAY BREWERY, Holbury St. Mary

<http://feldaybrewery.co.uk/>



The change of brewer at Felday has been completed, with brewers from Firebird coming to the brewery to carry out the brewing. Legacy can be found on

the bar of the Royal Oak at Holmbury St Mary, which is the site of the brewery.

**Roy Golding**

### GODSTONE, Godstone

<https://www.thegodstonebrewers.com/>



Deep into beer festival season, highlights for us are Guildford and Oxted where we have a decent history of offering core beers and exciting seasonal beers. Oishi, returns to Oxted and Blumenfarm Lagerbier cask conditioned are included in the six beers at Guildford. We shall also be supplying the beer bar at our village fête on 28<sup>th</sup> August on the bank holiday Monday which sports a donkey derby amongst many other attractions. A big deal in these parts. The taproom is getting increasingly busy and we had a band of sea shanty singers last week supporting the RNLI.

**Andy Poole**

### HEDGEDOG BREWERY, Virginia Water

<https://www.hedgedog.co.uk/>



Can sales at farmers markets have been going well and casks are getting out across the network of pubs far and wide, so production has been focused on Red Eye and Lighthouse Pale to keep up with demand. The new golden ale “Gold Rush” will be brewed and casked in July so look out for it over summer!

**Anthony Groves**

### MAVERICK, Kingsley

<https://www.maverickbrewingco.com/>



Maverick made an appearance on the craft bar at Farnham Beerex where their beers sold out. The taproom finally opened on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May when an estimated 80 to 100 customers visited and enjoyed the four beers on tap which were Contours (Pale Ale 4.8%), Drawing Pictures of Mountain Tops (Hazy IPA 5.0%), Kickflip (Rye Pale Ale 5.3%) and an experimental brew (Hazy Pale 5.3%). The taproom is open Saturday 1pm to 7pm and Sunday 2pm to 6pm.

**Chris Truin**

### LEITH HILL BREWERY, Coldharbour

<https://www.ploughinn.com/>

There is usually at least one beer from the Leith Hill Brewery on sale at the Plough at Coldharbour (the brewery is at the back of the pub). The choice will be

one of Beautiful South, Smilers Happiness or Crooked Furrow. It remains to be seen whether Surrey Puma (an excellent dark stout) is re-brewed as unfortunately a large amount went unsold last time and had to be used in cooking. Brewing is carried out by two locals.

**Roy Golding**

### HOGS BACK, Tongham

<https://hogsback.co.uk/>



The new brewhouse, which has a ten-barrel capacity, has produced ‘Hop Yard Pale’, a 3.4% lighter beer with citrus and tropical notes, perfect for summer drinking. They expect ‘Spirit in the Sty’ a 4.5% hazy pale to be ready soon. The brewhouse can produce a wide range of beer styles and there are plans to produce more limited-edition beers.

The hop garden is flourishing with the hops reaching the tops of the poles by midsummer. Tours of the hop garden can be booked from July. The brewery is forging links with RHS Wisley who are interested in the hop garden.

A new marquee and overflow car park have been installed for the summer.

Hogs Back had beers at the recent Farnham Beerex and will be at Guildford Beer Festival in July. Two new occupants on the site are a gym and a butcher.

A facelift to the stillage is planned and installation of solar panels will help make the brewery more sustainable.

There are numerous events for the summer including live music and quiz nights. Food served contains locally sourced ingredients where possible.

**Michele Axton**

### THAMES SIDE, Staines-upon-Thames

<https://thamessidebrewery.co.uk/>



A new set of handpumps has been installed in recent months in the brewery and tap room. Twelve ales feature permanently on the bar, with eight on cask and four keg-conditioned. These cover the whole core, specials and seasonal range taking regular turns to appear along with a good selection of real ciders. Andy recently picked up a new hop from New Zealand named Superdelic which has been used to brew a new ale ‘Superdelic Warlords’, continuing the song reference theme with a Hawkwind title. A black IPA has also been added to the roster called ‘A Light in the Black’.

Live music is proving a big hit and now features on most Friday and Saturday evenings along with an open mic session on the last Sunday of the month.

Plans are underway for Rocktoberfest which will see more beer, more music and more fun than ever! Keep an eye on social media for updates.

**Anthony Groves**

### THURSTONS BREWERY, Horsell

<http://www.thurstonsbrewery.co.uk/>



Three seasonal beers have made welcome returns this spring and summer. Two gyles of Thurston's first beer Stedmans Ale were produced as a spring beer due to popular demand. One of my favourite beers VIPA (Vermont IPA), a hazy fruity New England IPA, was available from late June. Finally, Porter has been selling well and extremely positive feedback has been received, including enquiries from GBBF, so a second gyle has been brewed. The core beers Horsell Gold, Horsell Best, Un-American Pale Ale and Milk Stout continue to be the brewer's mainstay with Horsell Gold selling particularly well in June's good weather.

**Nick Banyard**

### TILFORD BREWERY, Tilford

<https://www.tilfordbrewery.beer/>



Two new beers have recently been introduced, '7empest', a 4.2% saison style beer and a 4.6% IPA. Mark has been experimenting with putting his beers into kegs, initial trials have been at the Castle in Farnham. A third fermentation vessel now allows three brews a week.

**Ian Johnson**

### TILLINGBOURNE BREWERY, Shere

<http://www.tillybeer.co.uk/>



Trade has not recovered to pre-pandemic levels. We have stuck to offering our three core beers, Falls Gold, The Source and Hop Troll IPA throughout the year and when we are able, we offer Whakahari in the Summer months and Dormouse in the Winter.

Lee is still looking to exit the brewery (before he gets too old!) but Steve is carrying on brewing.

**Roy Golding**

### TITSEY, Warlingham

<https://titseybrewingco.com/>



The brewery has expanded into a new site, positioned at the highest point of the North Downs Way. Along with a larger space to brew, the taproom

opened to the public at the end of June.

The taproom is open four days a week, from Thursday to Sunday (see website for opening times) with plenty of indoor and outdoor seating. Alongside its core beers of Gower Wolf (bitter), Gresham Hopper (pale ale), Leveson Buck (IPA) and Innes Lager visitors can sample Titsey's seasonal beers, with some exclusive to the taproom such as its new non-alcoholic beer, and its own cider 'Marmaduke', in partnership with Kentish Pip. The bar also stocks a small selection of spirits and a handful of wines.



The brewery has bought in chef Jay McMillan to create a sustainable menu using locally sourced ingredients. The taproom's speciality dish is peri-peri rotisserie chicken, served with sides such as Asian slaw, barley salad and rosemary salted fries. Smashed patty burgers also feature, along with buttermilk chicken and a vegetarian option. Gluten free guests can also be catered for. Brewery tours will be available to buy via the Titsey website in the near future.

**Andy Poole**



# Headscratcher No. 95 Results



The winner of Headscratcher No 95 was Norman Donachie.

Other correct entries were re-ceived from: Ian Amy, Ted Alleyway, Steve Beagley, J Davies, John Dodd, Roger Grant, James Lofting, Mark Nichols, Chris Truin, Alan Welsh.

There was one incorrect entry

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Austell Tribute all very well kept. It has a large garden next to the river Wey Navigation and can be busy in the Summer. Very dog friendly and very good food.

**Mick Pullen**

### SHEPPERTON

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#### Barley Mow

Winner of North Surrey CAMRA Pub of the Year 2023 award in recognition of John and team always providing a great range of ales as well as entertainment through the week. We recently surprised John to present not only this award but also a Highly Commended award in our 'Cider Pub of the Year' competition due to his constantly changing range of three or four real ciders kept chilled in the cellar. Bravo! **AG**

### SMALLFIELD

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#### Five Oaks

The Plough (and Furrow) which has been closed for over three years, is due to open as the Five Oaks soon following a refurbishment by Heineken which has cost over £500,000. **RG**

### STAINES-UPON-THAMES

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#### Bells

Tucked away by the church, a recent visit found Timothy Taylor Landlord, Hogs Back Surrey Nirvana and Windsor & Eton Guardsman. **David Macdonald**

#### Swan Hotel

Summer plays into the strengths of this Fuller's pub restaurant and hotel with its scenic position alongside the Thames next to Staines Bridge with a large outside patio. Always good Fuller's London Pride, ESB and Gales Seafarers on. **DM**

#### Wheatsheaf & Pigeon

This local pub is conveniently close to the popular footpath alongside the Thames just south of the town centre so ideal for a pitstop to take some refreshments and rest weary legs. Recent visits have found Hogs Back TEA, Otter Ale, Fuller's London Pride, Marston's Lighter Nights, Sharp's Doom Bar and Shepherd Neame Spitfire. **DM**

### SUNBURY-ON-THAMES

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#### Admiral Hawke

Varied opening times means I turned up when they were closed but I could see through the window that they had St Austell Proper Job, Timothy Taylor Landlord, Sharps Doom Bar and one other on the bar, which is encouraging for a pub that was shut only a month or two back. **RS**

#### Maggie

A good and varied range, recent visits have found Hogs Back TEA, Greene King IPA and Sambrook's Wandle on handpump, plus a selection of keg beers including Tiny Rebel Clwb Tropica, Mondo Dennis Hopp'r IPA, Beavertown Neck Oil and Windsor & Eton Capital lager. **RS**

#### Sunbury Sports Association

Also known as Sunbury Cricket Club, a good range on

offer with Hogs Back TEA, Titsey Leveson Buck and Magk Best Bitter, along with Beavertown Neck Oil and Camden Hells lager on keg. **RS**

### THAMES DITTON

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#### Ditto in

Formerly the Red Lion, this pub has closed recently for reasons unknown. The pub's website says they are looking for potential investors and look forward to reopening soon. **JB**

#### White Horse

Always has Fuller's London Pride, Sharp's Doom Bar and Black Sheep Bitter on and the Black Sheep is good! **RS**

### TONGHAM

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#### Hogs Back Brewery Shop

Fantastic venue with a range of Hogs Back beers on draught and in bottles. OTT was enjoyed on my visit today. Large area for outside seating looking over the hop garden. Pizzas available opposite the brewery shop. **DT**

#### White Hart

The pub closed in June, with landlord Tony Clarke in dispute with RedCat the company that owns the pub. This is sad, though it is reported that the pub will reopen with new management. **KT**

### WALTON ON THAMES

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#### Walton Village

Now has three ales, the regular Hogs Back TEA plus two changing guests, usually from smaller breweries. Roosters and Tiny Rebel have both featured recently. The pub held a successful beer festival in March and hopes to repeat this later this year. **JB**

### WEST HORSLEY

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#### William IV

The pub reopened in June 2023, following 4 months of closure when the pub went into administration. It is believed the Jack Foulger, son of the previous landlord, is now in charge. **KT**

### WEST MOLESEY

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#### Royal Oak

Former Kingston and Leatherhead 'Pub of the Season' has replaced Butcombe Bitter with Sharp's Doom Bar. The pub also has St Austell Tribute, Proper Job and Fuller's London Pride on offer. **JB**

### WEYBRIDGE

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#### Jolly Farmer

Was down to two ales on a recent visit (St Austell Tribute and Ringwood Fortyniner) **JB**

### WINDLESHAM

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#### Bee

When last visited in early June the kitchen was finished but had yet to be approved and put into service. I enjoyed reading the various 'sayings' around the walls, and it was good to see an 'Events' board, showing coming entertainments, etc. The Timothy

Taylor Landlord was somewhat chilly, I thought, but perhaps a good thing as the weather was hot and humid at that time. **DF**

#### **Brickmakers**

Since the Covid experience many pubs are now closed on a Monday, so it was a bit of a surprise to find this pub closed on the Tuesday when I made my previous visit to Windlesham. I put some News and Ales through the letter-box and was happy to see that there were still a few currently in the stand when I visited again in June, and now topped up. Happier still to enjoy the Andwell beers on tap that day, and a bowl of chips! Many pubs seem to have gone through a lean time in recent years, and we can only hope that they begin to recover as the weather heats up! **DF**

#### **Half Moon**

The range of cask ales has been reduced considerably since Conrad's departure, but the pub remains popular with most of its former customers and the two Youngs beers (Bitter, plus another from their range) are supplemented by two other cask ales, generally Sharp's Doom Bar and a local, such as Hogs Back TEA. It is nice to have the direct entrance to the bar restored now, and the extensive dining areas have been maintained, as well as the back garden furniture and children's play area. It is worth noting that they open the bar at 11 am, while most pubs now don't open until midday, or later. **DF**

#### **Sun**

I've been a bit concerned about the future of this pub for a while, but my faith was restored when I visited in early June, and soon found the CAMRA stand for my fresh News and Ale. The Timothy Taylor Landlord was on good form, complemented by Fullers' London Pride. The pub seems to have regained much of its popularity, and on a previous visit I was delighted to find 'Mick the Meat' (he used to go very early to the Smithfield meat market in the mornings!) back in his regular seat, with a fairly empty bottle of chilled white wine on the table! They now have occasional live music here and hope to have the kitchen back in good order soon. **DF**

#### **Surrey Cricketers**

I generally find the carpark here a bit of a challenge, with its 'herring-bone' pattern of parking, but the pub obviously attracts a popular following within the local area for its food and drinks. Among the latter they generally have cask Timothy Taylor Landlord, and Sharp's Doom Bar on, and the Landlord was very worthwhile! They're also very careful with their CAMRA stand for our magazines! **DF**

### **WORPLESDON**

#### **White Lyon & Dragon**

A planning application has been submitted to convert the pub to an office and 6 dwellings. It has not been trading as a pub for some time. **KT**

### **WRECCLESHAM**

#### **Bear & Ragged Staff**

The new landlord of less than a year has been unable to make the pub successful and has decided to retire. The pub initially closed, but reopened in late May, under the same management as the Royal Arms, Heath End, Duke of York, Aldershot & Red Lion, also in Aldershot. **KT**

### **YATELEY**

#### **Anchor**

I'm pleased to report recent changes at the Anchor, a Punch Taverns pub situated on the edge of Yateley, near Blackbushe Airfield. Diane ran the pub for many years, but retired in 2022, since when it has been in temporary care from a number of people but is now, I believe, in safe hands with Megan as the tenant, her first pub, after a period of pulling pints for others!

This is a community pub with a friendly atmosphere, an active darts section, BT Sport and Sky TV and welcomes well-behaved dogs, for whom there are canine treats at the bar. Sharp's Doom Bar is their regular ale. There is a pleasant back garden, with a play area for children. Bar snacks are available, but not kitchen food at present, to be reviewed in the months to come. The Anchor is well worth a visit if you like the idea of a small, friendly pub and are passing nearby. **HF**

#### **Dog and Partridge**

This pub remains in good hands, run by Jessica, who has built a reputation for providing excellence in food, drinks, and service. They had an entry in the 2022 Good Beer Guide, and bar staff with good knowledge of how to keep their beers in top condition.

The pub operates through the Heineken Star Pubs & Bars scheme, with access to guest beers. On my latest visit they had Sharp's Doom Bar and Rebellion IPA as regular beers, with Dark Star Hophead as the guest beer, which was most enjoyable.

This is a community pub, which provides live music most Saturday nights, organises occasional quiz nights and other activities, and has wall-mounted TVs to show sporting events, comfortable lounge furniture, and a small restaurant area inside, plus an extensive rear garden with a marquee and bench seating for their customers.

This is a dog-friendly pub, with a jar of canine treats at the bar and also a family-friendly pub, with smaller meal portions for youngsters. Sunday lunches at the Dog and Partridge remain very popular. Early booking is essential, here's their number to help you: 01252-870648. **HF**

#### **Ely**

Huge refurbishment over the last year. Three Greene King beers on offer, including Greene King IPA which I sampled on my visit. There is separate bar and restaurant areas, with a large beer garden plus a hotel at the rear of the pub. **DT**

# National Beer Scoring System

## Prize Update



The last edition included an article that announced a prize draw to encourage CAMRA members to submit beer scores. The CAMRA National Beer Scoring System (NBSS) is a vital tool in the selection of entries for the Good Beer Guide. This year the Surrey/Hants Borders CAMRA branch is aiming to double the number of scores received for pubs in the branch area to provide more information to help in our deliberations during the next GBG selection round. All members are encouraged to take part. Scoring is simple and only takes a few seconds. Scores can be submitted at <https://whatpub.com/> and should follow the scale at the bottom of this article. For full details the previous article is reproduced at <https://shb.camra.org.uk/nbss>.

can find a list of all our pubs on the branch website at <https://shb.camra.org.uk/pubs>. Alternatively check the "responsible branch" at the bottom of each WhatPub listing.

### Progress to date

As I write this there have been fifty-five days since the start of May when the last edition was printed. In that time, we received 559 scores. This is up 57% over the same period last year. Scores from 108 different premises were received (up 28%) from 59 members (up 23%). We believed that there are 277 pubs in the branch area that sell Real Ale. Out of these scores were received from 97 which is up 35%. The eagle eyed will spot that this leaves us with scores from 11 premises that are not Real Ale pubs. Six of these are clubs, one is a cafe bar with restricted entrance and three scores were zero confirming that there is no Real Ale. However, the remaining premises was a pub that we thought served no Real Ale but has now started, we are currently working on updates to the WhatPub entry for the Duke of York in Aldershot.

The prize draw is open to members who submit at least 25 scores spread across 10 or more pubs and clubs in the branch area between the start of May and the end of 2023. Five members have already qualified. Two members have 25 scores and just need a few scores from different pubs. Several other members are well on their way to qualifying. However, there is still plenty of time to qualify even if you have not yet started, so next time you visit a pub pop over to <https://whatpub.com/> and submit a score using the scale below.

### Scale of NBSS scores

- 0. No cask ale available.**
- 1. Poor.** Beer is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.
- 2. Average.** Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, not worth moving to another pub but you drink the beer without really noticing.
- 3. Good.** Good beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to the next pub. You want to stay for another pint and may seek out the beer again.
- 4. Very Good.** Excellent beer in excellent condition.
- 5. Perfect.** Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

**Nick Banyard**

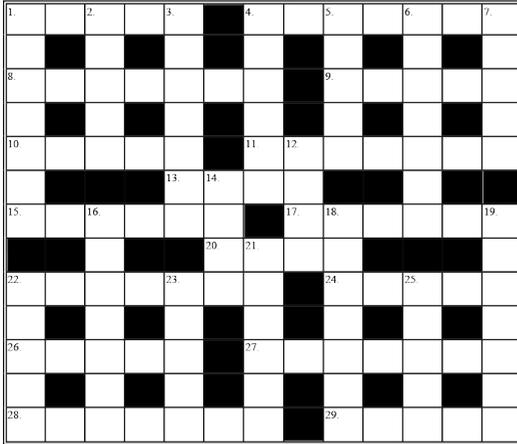
| Beer Scoring Form |           |      |
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0 **No cask ale** available.  
1 **Poor Beer** that is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment.  
2 **Average** Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, not worth moving to another pub but you drink the beer without really noticing.  
3 **Good Good** beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to the next pub. You want to stay for another pint and may seek out the beer again.  
4 **Very Good** Excellent beer in excellent condition.  
5 **Perfect** Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

### Score your beers to win

In order to encourage more members to submit beer scores the Surrey/Hants Borders branch are holding a competition. If you submit at least 25 scores spread across ten or more pubs and clubs in the branch area between the start of May and the end of 2023 you will be entered into a draw. The prize winner will be announced in time for the AGM in February 2024. You

# Headscratcher No. 96



£20 Prize Crossword

## Clues for Headscratcher No.96

### Down

1. Born again. (7)
2. Sounds like calls of dissatisfaction for drink. (5)
3. The investigation covering a European Member of Parliament caused a storm. (7)
4. I grew a new variety of insect. (6)
5. Appropriate. (5)
6. Sounds like the apprentices are following one after another. (7)
7. Real disorder before the first Scottish peers. (5)
12. Nothing more than found in the home recently.(4)
14. This nursemaid is primarily a young Asian helper. (4)
16. Shorten the book with a spanner maybe. (7)
18. Fascinate with an English naval song. (7)
19. A French refusal to quit is constant. (7)
21. A mad condition from a sad lament. (6)
22. Avoid the first lady holding a degree. (5)
23. Get rid of the rubbish. (5)
25. The bird was caught in the house lights. (5)

### Across

1. Possibly a Dalek. (5)
4. Use live rounds. It's difficult to catch. (7)
8. Mistake a flower and a loaf. (7)
9. Complete madman without a first name. (5)
10. Ever-changing English old time official. (5)
11. I'm moving sport goods into the country. (7)
13. Herb found in sausages. (4)
15. Healthy and strong. (6)
17. Sensible but not able to find a motive. (6)
20. A strange name becomes the last word. (4)
22. A listener to each broadcast develops a pain in the head. (7)
24. The king now re-organised the monarchy. (5)
26. Bewilder the French after AD 500. (5)
27. There is a variety of tarts in the van. (7)
28. After the end of June the mobile rental becomes never-ending. (7)
29. Flower badly lit up. (5)

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**Closing date for entries is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**

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