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The current economic conditions are very difficult for the pub trade. In Pub Clips you will read about three places where the people running the establishments have decided to call it a day. The Happy Man at Englefield Green was the North Surrey 2026 pub of the Year so it is a huge loss to that CAMRA branch. The micro pub Growlers and Cans is another sad loss for the Surrey/Hants Borders branch of CAMRA. CAMRA has been lobbying the Government to help the pub trade and the campaigning article in this magazine reveals some help the government is going to give to the pub trade.

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CAMRA'S Political Campaigning



CAMRA does not support any particular political party; however, we are very much a political organisation as the policies and decisions of whatever party is in government will significantly shape the beer and pub sector.

CAMRA has therefore recently launched a report 'Beer in the UK', which is a comprehensive and authoritative report on the state of the UK beer market. It shows how independent brewers are being excluded from bars across the UK and sets out the case for Competition and Markets Authority action.

The report lays bare the stark state of British brewing, highlighting that:

- The industry is dominated by four international conglomerates with little affinity with our brewing heritage, or what beer drinkers want.
- Seven of the top ten selling 'craft beers' in the UK are made by just four global brewing conglomerates.
- Many of the UK's favourite 'continental' and 'import' lagers are brewed in the UK.
- Data from the Society of Independent Brewers and Associates (SIBA) shows that the demand for independent beer is 280% higher than the share that they have of the pub market.

Our main 'demand' is for the Competition and Markets Authority to launch a Market Investigation into the UK on-trade beer market. The report is all about why we support independent brewers over 'big beer'. We know we are being lied to about UK beer, and we want more people to know how independent breweries are being squeezed out of the market.

The full report can be found on the CAMRA Website, here camra.org.uk/beer-report

Over the summer there have been two major announcements by the Government which we broadly welcome. In July, one of the new Prime Minister's first policy announcements was to give a 20% cut to business rates for pubs and clubs from next April. This was a great start providing vital breathing space to pubs.

Then at the end of August the Government finally announced they are launching a review into the way business rates are calculated for pubs, that will hopefully lead to reforming the current, deeply unfair system.

This is something we have been lobbying for, for many years.

Businesses in England are required to pay a tax to their local council based on the value of the property that they occupy – these are called business rates. Pubs currently pay 2.8% of the business rates bill but only account for 0.5% of total business turnover, which is an overpayment of around £500 million by the sector each year.

Pubs have suffered for far too long under the current ratings system, which creates the ridiculous situation where global giants pay less per square metre for warehousing than a licensee does for their pub.

In responding to the announcement of the review CAMRA called it "another promising step from the new Government" though the real difference will of course be dependent on the results. Hopefully, there will be fundamental changes to the out-of-date ratings system and publicans will have the certainty and incentive to grow their businesses.

Hampton Estate to stop producing hops

At the end of August Hampton Estate announced they are ceasing hop growing entirely and that this year will be their final hop harvest.

This is really sad and devastating news as Hampton were one of the last traditional Surrey hop growers and supplied a number of local breweries, including Hogs Back and Crafty Brewing. Their exit means Surrey now has no commercial hop farms left, unless Hogs Back's hop garden is counted.

Breweries such as Hogs Back, who source half of their hops from Hampton, will need to replace Hampton's hops with similar varieties which may of course impact recipes and flavour.

Kevin Travers

Chairman's Report

Welcome to this Autumn edition of News & Ale. What a scorching summer that was, I hope you managed to get out and support our local pubs, they certainly need our support. One effect of our hot summer is likely to be a smaller grain harvest which in turn will drive up prices meaning we can expect an increase to the cost of a pint. Only yesterday I heard about a pub in a neighbouring branch that suddenly closed its doors. This was what I thought was a successful pub, surrounded by lots of houses, easily accessible by public transport, it held regular beer festivals and seemed to be popular with both locals and those from further afield. The pub wasn't particularly cheap so I would have thought that the landlord would be making enough to survive, sadly this doesn't seem to be the case.

CAMRA recently published its report on the state of the British brewing industry. In 1980 the UK produced almost 12 billion pints of beer a year. British-owned breweries made 96% of it. Today we brew two thirds of that, and four foreign-owned corporations make 80% of that. Foreign sounding lagers are nearly all brewed in the UK, four corporations are making sure you drink what they want to sell, not what you want to buy. Three-quarters of our beer used to come from six brewers, all of which were, by 2008, in the hands of four large corporations – AB-InBev, Heineken, Carlsberg and Molson Coors. These went on to acquire others, such as Marston's of Burton-on-Trent, Banks's of Wolverhampton, Wells of Bedford and Young's of Wandsworth.

Several other important brewers are also foreign-owned. Greene King is part of a Chinese property firm; Tennent's belongs to an Irish brand brokerage; and Fullers, with others, is owned by the Japanese brewer, Asahi. Barcelona-based Damm brews in Bedford. The largest British-owned brewer is Guinness, now owned by London-based Diageo, though still seen as Irish. The biggest independent was BrewDog, UK brewing's most significant 21st century success story, until it was bought in March by an American firm, for a knockdown price. Of the 3,750 or so small independent breweries founded since 1980, fewer than half have survived, and their combined share of the UK beer market is only around 7%, despite consumer surveys suggesting this would increase to 20% if retailers were free to buy the beers that their customers prefer.

CAMRA is as important now as it was back in the 1970's and 80's, if we let things continue as they are pubs will close and beer choice will become limited. If you are not a member of CAMRA please consider joining us, we are the largest single issue campaigning organisation in the UK. With your help and support we can fight this invasion of foreign conglomerates and restore British beer and breweries as world class once again.

Ian Johnson

Chairman SHB CAMRA

Branch **Presentations**



Kingston and Leatherhead Presentations

The Best of the Season great days out ending at our Pub of The Season

Good beer, good pubs and good company: life can be simple, and with the right weather it brings out the best of the season. While the heat postponed our midweek stroll between Wandsworth Town and Putney Bridge to Friday 31st July, it still launched three excellent days enjoying Southwest London's pubs at their best. This was an eagerly anticipated event - Stephen Burt's view that he had "been looking forward to this crawl for months" captured the general feeling. So, we began at Sambrook's Brewery, where owner Duncan Sambrook and Derek Prentice, the former Young's brewer, kindly said hello to us as we started with great beer and pretty good pizza. From there we made our way, by various direct and indirect routes and pubs, to Wetherspoon's Rocket alongside the Thames, where the Surrey Hills Three Peaks was excellent.



Drawing at the Bricklayers

Next came a perennial favourite, the Bricklayers Arms, where five beers had to be tried, then crossed the river at Putney Bridge into Fulham and onto the King's Arms, the only Wadworth pub in London, with its pleasant inner courtyard on a very warm afternoon. Finally, we moved on to the more traditional Eight Bells, for a range of beers (and a CAMRA discount).

On Monday, 3rd August, we reassembled for a Quiet Pint at one of my favourites, The Mitre in Richmond. It was a lovely afternoon with a very pleasant crew: some fifteen of our members, several from our host branch, Richmond and Hounslow, plus Rudi the pub dog and the pub's very kind staff. The afternoon highlighted how excellent company, and good beer turns a pleasant visit into a memorable experience.

Please see our Facebook page for more detail and evidence, all excellently maintained by Keith Richardson. Pictured however, is a sketch by German artist Lara Czielinski, who observed our handsome group of CAMRA drinkers in the Bricklayers Arms on Friday, sharing the pleasure of a pint and friendly conversation.

Then on Wednesday, 5th August we focussed on the official Pub of the Season (POTS): The Anglers on the banks of the river in Walton-on-Thames.

Our nomination read: "The pub has recently been taken over by new management, and the beer range and quality have improved considerably. Previously, it was very food-led, and beer quality was indifferent, despite prices being among the highest in the branch. Now beers such as Proper Job, Landlord and Harvey's Sussex are consistently very good and available at under £5 a pint."

We gave our POTS award to Trent Harrison, General Manager for the Morgan pub

company, who was keen to emphasise the family connection. If the pub previously lacked identity, it is certainly gaining one now through Trent's ambition and drive. Having been at the pub for four months, he is bringing energy, a determination to succeed and strong experience from the Victoria in East Sheen - a worthy Pub of The Season!

Trent's focus on customers and what the pub offers them aims to make The Anglers as successful in winter as it is in summer. He is keen to broaden the current offer with live music, cocktails and to refurbish the upstairs space with its riverside view to make The Anglers a destination pub and restaurant. We simply ask that Trent continues to focus the same energy on maintaining beer quality as on delivering a great all-round customer experience!

For the summer, the extended riverside terrace makes for a fine evening, but what mattered most to us was finding good beer in good condition, served in a pub that is once again taking drinkers seriously. Walking home after the award, it felt like exactly the right place to end three cheerful days of good pubs, good beer, and good company — the best of the season in every sense.

Dave Butler

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Presentation at the Anglers

The Crown, Horsell wins Surrey Pub of the Year award

On August 6th members from all four Surrey CAMRA branches gathered at the Crown Horsell to present to Antoinette and John the award for the Surrey pub of the year. The certificate was presented by the CAMRA representative Kevin Travers the Acting Deputy Regional Director (Surrey).

The Crown has previously won the same award in 2019 and 2022 and was the Surrey/Hants Borders branch Pub of the Year in 2026.



Presentation at the Crown



Pub News **Round Up**



BISLEY

Hen & Chickens

This low-beamed pub on main A322 through Bisley Village closed for a major refurbishment in July 2026 and was due to reopen in the middle of September. **Kevin Travers**

BURPHAM

Anchor & Horseshoes

Fantastic pub with a small front and large rear garden, plus ample parking. Greene King Abbot Ale and St. Austell's Tribute are the regular real ales. Recently guest ales were Surrey Hills Greensands IPA and Shere Drop. There is a dartboard and sports screens around the pub, plus a weekly quiz on Wednesdays. **Dylan Thomas**

CAMBERLEY

Four Horseshoes

This pub operates through Heineken's Star Pubs and Bars group, enabling landlady Steph and her team to select from a list of cask ales, usually retaining one in good condition, on a rotating basis. St. Austell's Tribute is often available during the winter months and usually kept in very good condition. Hogs Back Tea was recently popular with some of the regulars. They also stock a range of lagers and ciders, and well chilled Guinness.

There is parking beside and behind the pub, and a sheltered patio area, with plenty of seating. Inside, there are TVs for sports enthusiasts, and a lounge area for restaurant service, and bar snacks. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. There are regular Karaoke evenings, and live music some weekends, see dates promoted on their Facebook page. **Harry Fish**

CHERTSEY

Coach & Horses

A rare wet-led Fullers local, which also offers en-suite accommodation. Two regular ales are Fullers London Pride and a rarity in these parts, ESB. In July landlady Bev was presented with a Pub of the Year Highly Commended award by local CAMRA Chair Spike. **Laurence 'Spike' Milligan**

Olde Swan Hotel

As the name suggests, this pub also provides en-suite accommodation, which is possibly due to proximity of Chertsey to Thorpe Park. As well as an extensive food menu including lovely pizzas, ales including Tring Side Pocket for a Toad, Timothy Taylor's Landlord and recently Surrey Hills Shere Drop. In addition, there are always a couple of real ciders on offer, and in May they received an award as Highly Commended local Cider Pub of the Year. **LM**

CHURT

The Crossways

In addition to four real ales (Hop Back Crop Circle, Timothy Taylor's Landlord plus at least two guests often from Bowman or Church End). Teresa always has a good range of ciders. The pub's recent beer festival featured some 40 ales, with a few served from the pumps but mostly straight from their casks in the pub cellar.

Mike Andrew

ENGLEFIELD GREEN

Happy Man

At fairly short notice, this wonderful community local closed on Sunday 16th August 2026. This is a huge loss, as it was our North Surrey 2026 Pub of the Year. It always had a great range of ales and ran several beer festivals a year. We hope that landlord James, manager Frankie and staff including Carmen all the very best in whatever

they do next. Hopefully pubco Stonegate realise what an asset the pub is and reopen it as soon as possible. **LM**

FARNBOROUGH

Prince of Wales

The Prince continues to be a real ale mecca in Farnborough, offering four regular beers supplemented by up to six guests, with the numbers sensibly reducing in the summer to ensure quality is maintained. Most local breweries are supported on a regular basis, with Bowman Swift One and Fuller's Dark Star Hophead always available. The annual beer festival, with up to 70 real ales available, will be held over the weekend of 16th – 18th October, with a CAMRA Branch Social on Saturday afternoon; though expect to see many of us there throughout the weekend!. **Kevin Travers**

FARNCOMBE

Three Lions (Scratchers)

On the main road into Godalming this pub has been in operation for some 300 years and is renowned for its live music. After being closed for over a year, it reopened in June, with the live music being retained and a selection of real ales from Shepherd Neame on offer. **KT**

FARNHAM

Lamb

Closed since July last year, it has been reported in the local press that the pub has finally been sold for auction. There are no details as to who it has been sold to, or what their intentions are, though given the poor state of repair of the building I would be surprised to see it reopen as a pub. **KT**

The Plough

Reopened on 5th June following an extensive refurbishment by Shepherd Neame. The new tenants are making a great effort to bring the pub back to life, with music - blues, jam nights, etc, and improved food offerings - Sunday lunches, steak nights and classic pub food. When I visited their sole cask ale was Spitfire

but in very good condition. They had just run out of Creekside Juicy IPA, a 4.0% ABV "pale golden session style with tropical fruit, peach, and orange notes", and were planning to increase their cask offerings. **MA**

Wetherspoons

Despite ongoing delays, Wetherspoon management insist that the former Slug and Lettuce WILL reopen under their auspices. When though, is a different matter as they have owned the premises for a year and a half and in June said that work would begin in July, at the end of which nothing has yet happened. **MA**

The Wheatsheaf

Owned by Shepherd Neame but managed by Stubbings Pub Group, on my two recent visits there was no real ale available at all. **MA**

GUILDFORD

Cannon

Reopened in June 2026 after a five-month closure. This used to be a traditional pub built in 1844 and served as the tap for the long gone Cannon Brewery. It is welcoming to all but doesn't serve real ale and is primarily a student hang out and nightclub with regular DJ sets into the early morning. **KT**

Cricketers

Anthony and Adam recently celebrated two-years at the Cricketers. They have been a fully independent pub since last November and in a pub which is perhaps not a natural real ale venue, have worked hard to promote good quality beer, with regulars such as Fuller's London Pride and Hogs Back TEA, supplemented by a guest beer from the likes of Dorking Brewery. **KT**

Growlers and Cans

Sad news in Guildford, Growlers and Cans has now closed its doors for the last time.

It was a great location for challenging beers and great music. Going to miss the live jazz gigs and vinyl evenings. A certain ex-chairman will greatly miss the opportunities he was given by Max and

Charlie to play his selections of Jazz/Funk and Soul on vinyl on monthly Saturday nights till the early hours and the odd glass of rum. **Mick Bell**

Rodboro Buildings (Wetherspoons)

The pub now serves regular cider, Bag in a Box since May this year (2026). Really enjoyed over this summer - Rum Casked Cider, Lillys Fire Dragon, Blackberries Cider and Weymouth Portland Bill Cider, sadly none of them are real. The Cider Festival that ran across Wetherspoons nationwide seemed to be a hit! **DT**

Sir Ronald Watts (Wetherspoons at Surrey University)

I visited during the opening week, and enjoyed Westons Old Rosie Cider. I was impressed with the set-up and will be going back in the near future. Buses - No 1, 4 and 5 from Guildford Station stop on the University Campus nearby, or a one-mile walk from Guildford town centre. **DT**

The Star

A 400-year-old pub split into different levels. 1698 Bottle is my personnel choice. A range of Shepherd Neame ales available in draught and bottled form, where bottle-conditioned 1698 is my personal choice. To the rear of the pub is a venue for regular live music/comedy nights and at Christmas an Adult Themed Panto. **DT**

Weyside

Young's pub located by the river Wey which has a stunning outdoor area overlooking the river which is popular with walkers and cyclists through the summer months. I enjoyed Westons Rosie Pig Cider. **DT**

RIPLEY

Seven Stars

This is a pretty country pub, about a mile north from Ripley village. It is situated in attractive countryside and is a pleasant diversion from a walk along the Wey Navigation. Fuller's London Pride and St. Austell's Tribute are the regular

real ales, but recently a guest beer from Surrey Hills has been a regular feature. **KT**

SHACKLEFORD

The Cyder House Inn

On Sunday August 2nd Chelsey and Shaun closed the doors of the Cyder House for the last time after eight unforgettable years. They made the difficult decision to leave due to the current economic climate and the challenges facing the hospitality industry. **DT**

SHEPPERTON

Barley Mow

This side street community local is famous for its many and varied musical events, as well as an excellent range of ales with regular Hog's Back TEA and Hop Back Summer Lightning supplemented by guests including Twickenham The Naked Ladies, Wantsum Bullion and Weltons Old Cocky. In June long serving landlord John Keary and his wife Clare were presented with a Special Award for a lifetime promoting real ale, pubs and live music by local CAMRA Rep and regular customer Chris. **LM**

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES

Magpie

Rambling old riverside pub on two levels, with downstairs patio opening onto the terrace overlooking the Thames. There is an extensive up market food menu, and Greene King Magpie Pale Ale and a couple of guests ales including Vocation Bread & Butter and something from Sambrooks. **LM**

THURSLEY

Three Horseshoes

This attractive half-tiled country pub set between Thursley Common and the Devil's Punch Bowl closed suddenly in May for an extensive refurbishment and is due to reopen under new management in the Autumn. **KT**

WEYBOURNE

The Running Stream

Greene King pub owned by the Stubbings Pub Group, this pub continues to provide dark guest beers in addition to three or four Greene King beers and occasional guest bitters or pale ales from independents. On recent visits I have found Theakston's Old Peculier, Triple fff Pressed Rat and Warthog, and Timothy Taylor's/Northern Monk collaboration Northern Rising Unity Stout. Recently they provided another collaboration - Rooster/Theakston's Peculier Assassin. Whilst the beer prices may be a tad high, the food is terrific value, especially if you qualify for the Senior Citizens 20% discount at lunchtimes! **MA**

WINDLESHAM

Bee

The pub only reopened in February last year, under new management, but we have recently been advised that it closed again this Spring 2026, with the tenancy currently available through Stonegate. **KT**

WOOD STREET

White Hart

Good news from Wood Street, where the village has been without a pub since the closure of the White Hart in November last year, followed the closure of the Royal Oak the previous March. Just as News and Ale went to press it was announced that the pub would be reopening on 10th September. It has been completely refurbished and includes a new cellar and kitchen. The new owner, Jeremy Gorden, who once operated a number of bars and nightclubs in London, is reopening the pub to restore the pub reputation for food that will include traditional pub grub and seasonal À la carte food offerings. **KT**

WRECCLESHAM

The Sandrock

Joanne and Ray White have made significant improvements to the "Rock" since taking over in October. Internal redecoration and improvements to the garden, new more comfortable furniture, good food and most importantly, a fabulous range of eight cask ales, always including a dark beer. Surrey Hills Ranmore and St. Austell Proper Job are regulars. **MA**

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The Beery Boaters Go For Leek (2-9 May 2026)

Surrey/Hants Borders CAMRA crew organised the Beery Boaters 45th year Spring trip, overseen by founder Jim Green, Hon Commodore (Unelected) from his Dover pubs! (Link to Channel Draught, the Deal, Dover, and Sandwich CAMRA magazine, with accounts of earlier Beery Boating adventures...

<https://dds.camra.org.uk/channel-draught>).



Enjoying a pint after a days cruising

Thwarted by a broken lock, the planned Black Country Ring was substituted with a return trip between Great Haywood and Leek along the Trent and Mersey (T&M) and Caldon canals. We travelled 61 miles through 54 single locks, taking a leisurely 38 hours with plenty of shore leave for good crew behaviour. Weather was mostly fine.

SATURDAY

13 Beery Boaters boarded narrowboats Phoenix (ten berth, 69') and May (eight berth, 60'). After safety handovers and a copious Asda delivery, magnetic pennant flags bearing the white Rose of Yorkshire and St George's Cross were affixed to indicate wind direction and we set off northwards.

From the outset Phoenix steered poorly, reluctantly negotiating bends and refusing to turn, often being pulled round by rope from the bank. In contrast, May handled well. Meanwhile cook (Mark Geeson) flagged an absent freezer, jeopardising the weeks frozen food. Luckily, May's freezer was empty. The crew settled in but found limited storage and hanging space. A carelessly thrown windlass was lost to the depths (tip: always HAND these over, never throw).



Mooring in Stone, we ate at "BOD", a Titanic Brewery café/bar, before moving on to the Royal Exchange for pints of a 50:50 mix of Plum Porter and Steerage, known locally as "Plumage". Back aboard, Phoenix's crew enjoyed their nightly ritual of cheese, pâté, crackers and port.

SUNDAY

An early start in light drizzle, up several locks to Stoke, turning sharp right onto the Caldon. Ales at the Holy Inadequate quenched thirsts, with Etruscan Dark Mild particularly memorable. Brian Bourne arrived by train and cook reappeared having sloped off to buy more Tawny Port. Mooring overnight in Milton, the Foxley pub served decent Bass. Though busy, the timely exit of a hen party vacated several

tables. With no pub food, cook organised Chinese takeaways to dine on board.

MONDAY

Boaters forewarned of low water levels ahead, advising against attempting the Froghall arm. Instead, we navigated the summit pound to Leek, relishing a 24-hour stopover with fine pubs.



The fitter crew eagerly built a thirst walking one and a half miles uphill, while others used Uber. Several hostelryes and a micro-pub showcased beers from Titanic, Joules and Ossett's intensely flavoured Fat Rat Peanut Butter and Chocolate Stout (5.0%ABV). Crew ate at Titanic's Roebuck and Wetherspoons. Back aboard, rations of cheese, pâté and port were dispensed. Pete Smith had been overlooked in the pub WC when we left. A phone call and Simon Price's megawatt torch guided him back.

TUESDAY

A lazy breakfast and boat duties preceded midday pub opening at the Good Beer Guide entry Fountain & Blue Mugge. The latter served from a central bar surrounded by separate rooms. A wake gave us extended drinking time beyond 3pm. Cash was used as the pub highlighted card costs of £314pm. Returning to the boats, we cruised two miles to Hazelhurst Aqueduct, Denford and dined at the crowded Hollybush in a quieter side room.

WEDNESDAY

Locking down from the Leek Arm we stopped at water and refuse facilities.

Steering Phoenix still proved difficult, frequently hitting foliage, brambles and trees. Losing reverse gear left us stranded on mud necessitating a boatyard callout. A passing boat pulled us over to the towpath and we waited for mechanic Charles. A throttle linkage was tightened, having worked loose from constant vibration. Charles, impressed by Chief Engineer Rhoods' comprehensive toolkit, commented "I like experienced boaters!".

One and a half hours ahead in Hanley, May's crew visited The Unicorn & Bottlecraft bar by bus. Phoenix's crew settled for a quick swig in "Oggy's" canal-side sports bar featuring a yellow Reliant Robin on the roof. The locals glared but friendly bar-staff served well kept Bass, enjoyed in the beer garden.



The boats May and Phoenix

Afternoon steering shenanigans continued plunging Phoenix into foliage. A tree branch entered the open front doors, narrowly missing a side window. Astonishingly no damage occurred to crew or vessel, though Phil Clark had to duck swiftly. We later found a cracked front door window which Cherub (Skipper Broberg) concluded was no immediate safety or security hazard.

Leaving the Caldon, Cherub executed a magnificent hairpin left turn onto the T&M. Descending further locks into Stoke, we sought sustenance in The Glebe with beautifully restored stained-glass windows and Joules's memorabilia. The Beery Boaters supped until closing and none went astray.

THURSDAY

Moored opposite a noisy industrial estate we made an early start, stopping for lunchtime beers at The Plume of Feathers, Barlaston. Beer range and quality had declined since actor Neil Morrissey sold the pub.

Continuing to Stone, we met Cherub's friend Tim Fisher, an ebullient local, at The Royal Exchange. Tales of breakdowns and free incursions were gleefully told. The crew ate at Wetherspoons as BOD's kitchen was closed, contrary to advertised hours. A final pint was supped in the beer garden of The Swan free house near Star Lock, where the dimly lit pump clips necessitated a torch and the VERY loud band rattled the windows.

FRIDAY

An easy paced last day, drinking in the shaded courtyard of The Dog & Doublet, Sandon, a smart pub/restaurant/hotel, with further refreshments in the beer garden of The Woolpack, Weston, a thriving village pub with lots of local community activities going on. Here we met Tim again. Cruising the last two locks and three miles, Cherub neatly reversed into the boatyard at 7pm. Cook had preordered meals at our favourite nearby pub, the Clifford Arms

and a nightcap of port concluded our last night aboard.



The crews at the end of the trip

SATURDAY

With crew up in good time to pack and clean up, Cook prepared his legendary final breakfast of scrambled egg / tomatoes / beans. Cherub apologised to the boatyard for battle damage and missing equipment. Replacement costs were graciously waived, and fuel refunds were made, despite a significant increase in diesel costs. Departing with homemade sausage rolls, fruitcake and other goodies, the crew had enjoyed themselves, hinting they might come Beery Boating again!

Mark Geeson

Did you know?

Pubs raise over £100 million a year
for charity



Source: pubaid.com (accessed 2020)



Social Events and CAMRA Contacts



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.

£3 (2026) or £2 (2027) single bus fares scheme

The Government scheme to limit single bus fares to £3 runs until the end of 2026. In 2027 the bus fares will be capped to £2 (please check if your route is covered by this scheme before travelling www.gov.uk/guidance/3-national-bus-fare-cap#south-east). Please take advantage of this scheme to travel by bus (where possible) to your pub, as travelling by bus is still below pre-Covid levels and many bus routes are under threat of being withdrawn. Note, it may be cheaper to buy a return ticket or enquire if the bus company has a cheaper day rover ticket. Stagecoach has a Nightrider rover ticket that is valid in Surrey and Hampshire and is only £4 (at time of publication) and valid for travel after 7pm. Other bus companies may have similar tickets.

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st 8pm Monthly Thursday Social Borough Beer House, Farnham Our regular Thursday monthly social, please join members of the Surrey/Hants borders branch of CAMRA for a drink at an excellent pub. [SHB]

Sunday 11th Oxford Day(s) out A sightseeing tour of Oxford, taking in famous landmarks and some fine old pubs. Stay over for an optional second day (Mon 12th), to visit some of the outlying pubs by bus. For further details and to let Mark know you are coming, please contact him on 07463 195500 [SHB]

Saturday 17th 12 noon Prince of Wales, Farnborough Beer Fest Social. Join see SHB branch members for an afternoon of good beers at the annual Beer Festival. [SHB]

Tuesday 20th Good Beer Guide Celebration at the Barley Mow, The Sands Celebrate the launch of the 2027 Good Beer Guide, see SHB website for details. [SHB]

NOVEMBER

Friday 6th 12:00 noon Teddington Beer Festival Social at the Friday afternoon session of the Teddington Beer Festival. [SHB]

Thursday 12th 8pm Monthly Thursday Social at Star, Godalming. Our regular Thursday monthly social, please join members of the Surrey/Hants borders branch of CAMRA for a drink at an excellent pub. [SHB]

Saturday 14th Pubs by bus Tour of pubs on the 479 bus route on the east of Guildford.

Wednesday 25th 12:00 noon Staines Brewery Visit, Historic Breweries and Pubs Day Out Meet at the Old Red Lion Staines (TW18 4PB) for either an official walking tour (limit of 12) or a self-guided tour of the same pubs. Further details on the SHB website. [SHB]

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th Folkestone Weekend. Visit some excellent pubs in Folkestone (including micros). Saturday you are also welcome to join Kevin and Dave as they walk part of the North Downs Way, starting at the excellent Battle of Britain memorial and museum. [SHB]

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2nd 2pm Pig's Ear Beer Festival Social held as usual in the Round Chapel, 1D Glenarm Road, London E5 0LY. If you are planning to go, please contact social@shb.camra.org.uk before attending. [SHB]

Friday 4th 7pm SHB Christmas Party at the Railway Club in Woking. There will be food (please see SHB website on how book), a quiz and raffle plus a range of real ales on at the bar in the club. Please come along as it is a great way to meet members of the SHB branch of CAMRA. [SHB]

Thursday 10th 8pm Monthly Thursday Social at Crown, Horsell Our regular Thursday monthly social, please join members of the Surrey/Hants borders branch of CAMRA for a drink at an excellent pub. [SHB]

Wednesday 16th Fleet and Elvetham pub tour evening tour of pubs in and around some of the rarely visited pubs of Fleet and Elvetham Heath. Meet at Falkners Arms from 3.15pm before walking to Fleet Station to catch Service 7 at 4.21pm to the De Havilland Arms [SHB]

Thursday 24th Christmas Eve. At the Prince of Wales, 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... [SHB]

JANUARY

Friday 8th 6pm Westy Beer Festival social. Social at the evening session of the Westy Beer Festival at the West End Centre, Aldershot. Please book tickets in advance

Thursday 21st 8pm Monthly Thursday Social at Herbert Wells (Wetherspoons), Woking Our regular Thursday monthly social, please join members of the Surrey/Hants borders branch of CAMRA for a drink at an excellent pub. [SHB]

27th Worthing Micropub Tour. See SHB website for further details. [SHB]

APRIL

Thursday 22nd 6pm Farnham Beerex social. [SHB]

BEER FESTIVALS

LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS

Friday 2nd to Saturday 3rd Ascot Beer Festival. See website for details and CAMRA discount. ascotbeerfest.org.uk

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October Prince of Wales Beer Festival. The festival returns with a selection of over 70 real ales. In addition to the cask ales, 10 ciders available as well as keg beers, a BBQ and live music each day.

We will be holding an SHB Branch Social on Saturday afternoon.

Thursday 29th to Saturday 31st October Redhill Beer Festival at Merstham Village Hall, see ems.camra.org.uk/festival for further details and beer and cider lists nearer the time. Opening is noon to 10:30pm on 29th and 30th (admission £4, free for CAMRA members) and noon to 6pm (or whilst stocks last) on 31st (admission free for all). No admission to under 18's or dogs except for assistance dogs. £4 refundable deposit on souvenir glasses. The Hall is in is Station Road North, RH1 3ED, between Merstham railway station and the bus stop at The Feathers on the A23 (405 bus between Croydon and Redhill) and is less than 150 metres from each. [EMS]

Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th November 50th Egham Beer Festival. Egham United Services Club, Egham. CAMRA discounted entry. 45+ real ales, ciders and perry. BBQ and live music Friday and Sat. evenings. Details at www.eghambeerfestival.co.uk

Friday 8th January to Saturday 9th West End Centre Beer Festival West End Centre, Aldershot. 45 real ales and ciders available over three sessions with music provided in a dedicated space. Details at westendcentre.co.uk/event/westy-beer-festival-2027

CAMRA NATIONAL EVENTS

2027 CAMRA National AGM and members weekend will be held in April 2027 in Chester. The exact date and further details will be on the National CAMRA website camra.org.uk.

SURREY/HANTS BORDERS [SHB]

Includes all of the boroughs of Rushmoor, Surrey Heath & Woking and parts of Guildford, Hart and Waverley. Join the SHB Google group requests:

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A new chapter for Harvey's Brewing Team



Independent family brewer Harvey's has announced a series of appointments within its Brewing Team, marking the next chapter in the brewery's long-term succession planning.



After forty years as Head Brewer, Miles Jenner will now lead the brewery in the role of Production Director, while continuing as Joint Managing Director. Miles will initially head the production function, supporting the next generation of brewers as they step into senior leadership roles and ensuring the continuity of the brewery's distinctive brewing tradition.

As part of these changes, Peter Yarlett has been appointed Head Brewer.

Peter first joined Harvey's in 1995 in what began as a holiday job, returning during university vacations while studying Chemistry at the University of Exeter. After graduating, he spent a gap year with us before going on to complete a Master's degree in Brewing and Distilling at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh. Seven years later, following employment as a brewer at

Meantime Brewery in London and Hogs Back Brewery in Surrey, he returned to Harvey's as Third Brewer. He was promoted to Second Brewer in 2010 and has now stepped up to Head Brewer.

Henry Kirk has been promoted to Second Brewer.

Henry first encountered Harvey's in 2012, while a mature student at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh. As part of his Brewing and Distilling degree, he undertook his work placement with us during the 'Olympic Summer' months. After graduating, he returned to London and worked as Production Brewer



Cameron Elder, Peter Yarlett, Miles Jenner and Henry Kirk

at Fullers for six years. Their subsequent acquisition of Dark Star Brewery saw him move to Sussex and take up the Head Brewer position at Partridge Green until the brewery was closed. While working at Hand Brew Co. in Worthing, he was 'recalled' to Harvey's brewing team and now becomes Second Brewer.

Joining them as Third Brewer is Cameron Elder.

Cameron Elder has known Harvey's since childhood and is an eighth generation descendent of the brewery's founder – John Harvey. He frequently worked at the

brewery during vacations while both an undergraduate, studying Mechanical Engineering at Edinburgh University, and a postgraduate at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh – where he completed his Master's degree in Brewing and Distilling. After gaining work experience at Belhaven, Timothy Taylors and Joseph Holts breweries, he recently joined the brewing team at Harvey's as Third Brewer.

Commenting on the changes, Miles Jenner, Production Director and Joint Managing Director, said: "Our aim was to ensure continuity, while

encouraging innovation, and it is exciting to see this long-term objective come to fruition. I could not wish for a more capable or enthusiastic brewing team."

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Farewell to a **Trusted Driver**



Group photo on Len's last trip

For the past ten years our Guildford group has visited The Barley Mow in West Horsley seven times a year. This Good Beer Guide (GBG) listed pub is noted for Surrey Hills beers and Thai food. We are limited to travelling during school holidays when Reptons Coaches route 478 operates an afternoon journey to Guildford.

Our regular driver has been Len who is noted for his punctuality and spotless bus. He has been good to us as on one occasion we overlooked the time, so Len stopped outside the pub and tooted for us to get a move on. At another time the road was closed due to an accident, so Len was instructed to avoid the village. This would have left us stranded so Len doubled back and approached the pub from the wrong direction. After a tricky three-point turn, he took us home. Len retired in June so for our last trip with him on 29th May we arranged a group photo. Unfortunately, the bus was unusually late so Len chose punctuality over vanity and declined to leave his cab. To compensate for this here is Len at the Alton Bus Rally in 2024.

We wish Len a long and happy retirement.

Mark Davies



Len in front of his bus

Brewery News



ASH VALE BREWING, Ash Vale

ashvalebrewingcompany.com/



Ash Vale has a new brewery! Long established home brewer Brian Glover is now registered with HMRC. Four (key keg) beers were launched at Fleet Lions beer festival on 1st August. They were very popular and all sold out. Cask ales are also planned in the future.

Watch out for more from this brewery over the coming months.

Mark Geeson

CRAFTY, Dunsfold

www.craftybrewing.co.uk



After more than a decade of operation at Thatched House Farm, Crafty Brewing continue to supply pubs with their core range of ales, Blindside (4% ABV), Hop Tipple (4.2% ABV), Loxhill Biscuit (3.6% ABV) which are also available in cask and bottle. These are brewed alongside a variety of seasonal and special ales which since 2025 include brews from "Ridgeway". Since 2023 Crafty have brewed for "Crums" of Reigate, a range of beers made with unsold bread from the Chalk Hills bakery.

Crafty continues to win awards, including SIBA Silver and Bronze for two Ridgeway cask ales. The full range of bottled Christmas beers will be available to order soon.

In can and keg there are also beers, lagers, and ciders which are available as custom labelled cans for organisations, birthdays and events. The latest organisation to partner is English Heritage, who receive a percentage of sales of their own custom cans (IPA, Lager, and cider).

Bottles and cans of Crafty, Ridgeway, Crums, Coniston, "English Heritage" are available online for home delivery. Crafty polypins and mini kegs can be ordered in advance.

The office and store are at Thatched House Farm in Dunsfold. To accommodate extra demand and more flexible production the Crafty team now brew in a cooperative facility in Pulborough.

The Crafty brewery on Dunsfold Road (B2130) is open for sales collection on weekdays by prior arrangement.

Details on the website <https://www.craftybrewing.co.uk> and contact via hello@craftybrewing.co.uk. The W3W location of the farm main gate is [///drama.bonus.corrects](https://www.drama.bonus.corrects)

Mike Sanders

HOGS BACK BREWERY, Tongham

hogsback.co.uk



It has been very busy at the brewery. In May, the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was enjoyed by 1,402 riders and raised £107,000 for charity. The same weekend hosted the Surrey Hills Artisan market.

The annual Hop Blessing took place on Ascension Day conducted by the Rev. Claire Holt, vicar of Tongham. Exmoor Ales updated their branding for their beers.

Hogs Back beers were pouring on the Real Ale Train on the Watercress Line in June.

Three Hogs was brewed in honour of the World Cup - a 4% ABV aromatic golden ale.

Exmoor Ales, Silver Stallion - a 4.3% ABV was brewed in June.

In the hop garden local scouts learnt about growing hops with the Estate Manager, Matthew. By Midsummer not all of the hop varieties had reached the top of the wires. It has been very hot with little rain. Lots of male plants have appeared which is unusual. The female plants produce the hop cones. There is usually one male for every 1,000 female plants.

June 15th marked Beer Day Britain. The brewery held several TEA club events for member including a keg vs cask masterclass

and pairing beer and your BBQ. The brewery showed World Cup matches and Rugby Nations Championships games on the big screen in the hanger and tap room.

The brewery marked its 34th birthday on 4th August having brewed 8,267 brews.

Over 1,000 people enjoyed the acoustic event at the beginning of August.

The brewery is now focussed on its annual Hop Harvest weekend in September.

Michele Axton

PILGRIM BREWERY, Reigate

pilgrim.co.uk



Building work has finally commenced at Pilgrim's West Street site. The storeroom building, on the left before reaching the main building, has been gutted with only the old Gents 'facilities' remaining and the outer walls remaining when I visited. A new roof is now in place, and this building will become the brewery building with the first brew expected early in the New Year. Although existing kit will be moved across additional fermenters will be added and with an idealised layout efficiency improvements over the existing layout are expected. Once complete work will then start on enlarging and improving the Tap Room.

Andy Poole

THAMES SIDE, Staines upon Thames

thamessidebrewery.co.uk



The brewery remains open to view as situated within their taproom in Staines. Current regular brews are Egyptian Goose 4.8% ABV Special India Pale Ale, White Swan 4.2% ABV New World Pale Ale, and Heron Ale 3.7% Easy-Drinking Bitter. Additional short run ales are produced on the smaller brew kit, and include Golden Years 4.5% ABV Golden Ale, A Whiter Shade of Ale 5.2% ABV Belgian Style Wheat Beer, Saaz & Malt & Rock & Roll 4.6% ABV Pale Ale and Aurora 4.2% ABV Pale Ale. Thames Side are currently

accepting CAMRA vouchers and always have one ale at a reduced price to support the local community.

Laurence 'Spike' Milligan

TERRA TEMPO, Tongham

terratempobrewing.com



The brewery has moved away from glass bottles to cans. May saw the release of 'All your base Are Belong to us' - an oak aged sour 6.6% ABV in collaboration with All Day brewing.

Soyuz - an oak aged sour blended with NEPA from Bearwood brewing.

The brewery has canned their popular Land Beer.

Endless Horizons - a 7% ABV oak aged sour made with a blend of one, two or three-year barrel aged ales plus 30% of Buxton Whetstone west coast IPA was produced in July.

The latest release is their Pilsner 5.4% ABV in a can. All of their beers are available in the Hog's Back shop.

Look out for more exciting releases.

Michele Axton

TILFORD BREWERY, Tilford

tilfordbrewery.beer



Mark at Tilford Brewery has finally managed to get his Alcoholic Products Producer Approval transferred to Triple fff so he can start brewing again using Triple fff's kit. This is following losing his premises at the Duke of Cambridge in Tilford. He will continue to produce: Punchbowl Pale, Hankley Gold, Tilford IPA (Keg and Cask) and Rushmoor Ripper. Once he is brewing at Triple fff he will see how things go as he is still looking for his own premises.

Ian Johnson

TITSEY BREWERY, Tatsfield

titseybreweryco.com



Titsey Brewery on the outskirts of Tatsfield are having another Green Hop festival over the first weekend in October (2nd-4th) with a wide selection of breweries taking advantage of this once-a-year opportunity of brewing with hops picked earlier that very same day.

Andy Poole

TRIPLE FFF, Four Marks

triplefff.com



Triple fff have had a busy second quarter. They have taken a majority stake in Craft Beer Bottling in Andwell, Hampshire, due to substantial growth in their own bottling business. They have just finished supplying JD Wetherspoon with Comfortably Numb strong ale, as well as gracing the current Wetherspoon magazine as the brewer in focus. Brewery Tours are at an all-time high, thanks to a joint venture with the Watercress Line Steam Railway. Mark from Tilford is still brewing his lovely Tilford ales at Triple fff since losing his old premises. Founder Graham Trott announced in July that he will spend less time brewing, but will remain active on recipes, quality control etc, and he remains a shareholder in the business. In terms of awards, Black Velvet Oatmeal Stout improved on its 1Q2026 SIBA Keg Bronze with a 2Q2026 Silver for the SIBA London and Southeast Cask category, whilst the Brewery Taproom Off The Rails was awarded runner-up as East Hampshire's Pub of the Year 2026, even if the venue is, strictly speaking, very much a Taproom! One of their new beers, a 4.2% lager, Mr Brightside, has been such a hit in the Brewery's Tap Room, that thus far, Triple fff has been limited in whom they can supply to externally, no doubt helped by the World Cup and hot weather.

Dave Patey

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Joint Surrey/Hants Borders and Oxford **CAMRA** Social



On Saturday 25th July, 10 Surrey/Hants Borders branch members travelled to Oxford for a joint social with Oxford CAMRA, starting in the Iffley area then walking along the Isis to a riverside pub before moving on to the BMAN brewery.

Oxford CAMRA were delighted that we joined them and we hope to enjoy many more socials together.

Mark Geeson



Returning to the city centre, Mark Geeson led a group on a scenic tour of the architectural highlights and a behind the scenes look at St John's college, before visiting the covered market micro pub and other fine city pubs.



Taken at the BMAN brewery



The group enjoyed an excellent pint of Wadworth beer

Surrey/Hants Borders CAMRA **go to Winchester**



After working at Winchester's CAMRA Beer Festival in June, Mark Geeson put together a tour of Winchester highlights on 22nd August.

Starting in Hop Back's Albion near Winchester station, 14 CAMRA members moved on to the Royal Oak (with parts dating back to 1006), then via the Butter Cross (sadly shrouded in scaffold) to the wallet-busting Eclipse (quirky crooked room upstairs with a dishevelled suit of armour), a beautiful walk through the cathedral grounds to the Queen Inn (pub and brewery), walking back to the Wykeham Arms then a peaceful walk along the River Itchen to the centre and the Hyde Tavern, finishing again at the Albion.

Mark Geeson

Beer Scoring Competition 2026

1st June 2026 - 31st January 2027

Our competition had begun in fine style with over 130 people submitting their ratings for the pubs in our SHB CAMRA area. Our lead scorer has over 800 points and there are 20 people scoring over 100. If you haven't already, take a look at the league table on our SHB CAMRA website.

I hope you are enjoying the new "wordy" version for rating your beer. A reminder is shown in the table below.

I know it can be a bit tricky sometimes, typing in the beer you are drinking, if it doesn't pop up immediately on the app. But it is helpful for the branch to get a feel for the range of beers our pubs and clubs are selling, not just the quality.

Any questions about all this, get in touch with us. It would be fab if we could have 50% of our branch members submitting scores on a regular basis, helping provide a wealth of information for Good Beer Guide discussions.

Val MacT

How's your beer?

Rating	Description	Your reaction
Excellent	Exceptional and clear (if intended to be) with fantastic aromas, flavours and ideal carbonation.	Superb! You tell your friends and compliment the cellar manager.
Very good	Satisfying and well-kept with a great appearance, good carbonation and enticing aromas and flavours.	You consider having another and may cancel plans to move to another pub.
Good	Nice appearance, good carbonation, aromas and flavour.	Pleasant but not memorable. You're happy to have another but might consider something else.
Acceptable	Unremarkable and ordinary, with no noteworthy characteristics.	You're unlikely to have another unless it is all there is and there isn't another pub to go to.
Poor	Noticeably imperfect.	Drinkable with resentment, but you politely ask for a replacement.
Undrinkable	Unpleasant to drink, likely with a disgusting taste, incorrect appearance and off/foul aroma.	You politely ask for it to be replaced and consider asking the publican to take it off.

Headscratcher No. 104 Results



The winner of Headscratcher No 104 was John Dodd of London W12, and the draw was made by Will Hallinan, owner of The Goat in the Garden, Farnborough.

Correct answers were also received from Dennis Batty, Barry Cox, Jane Cox, Jennifer Davies, Roger Grant, Bob Heaps, Gary Hinde, John Hook, Robert Inman, Ian Johnson, Magnus Mackay, Mr S. Magin, Heather Mort, Mark Nichols, Paul Telling, Chris Truin, David Turnbull, Alan Welsh.

One correct entry was received after the submission deadline.

Thankyou John!

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However, there are also quite a lot of financial benefits.

Firstly, you get £30 of vouchers (£40 for joint members) which give you 50p off the price of a pint in a number of pubs. These are often thought of as Wetherspoons vouchers, but they are also accepted at some other pub chains including Stonegate, and at some independents. So, this brings the overall cost of membership down to just a few pounds.

There are also pubs which choose to give discounts to CAMRA members when showing a membership card. You can search both for these and the voucher-scheme pubs on the CAMRA website.

As part of your membership, you now get a free subscription to the *Good Beer Guide* (GBG) online. This is now delivered as part of the CAMRA website camra.org.uk/pubs, where, if you log in as a member, you can search for GBG entries. You can still buy the GBG book if you want and get a discounted price. And there is a free quarterly online magazine called BEER.

And a new benefit from this year is free entry to CAMRA beer festivals, although note that collaborative events such as Farnham Beerex aren't included. You can find beer festivals across the country at camra.org.uk/events

And you get members' discounts for CAMRA merchandise including books and T-shirts, and some discounts from partner organisations.

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Phil Clark

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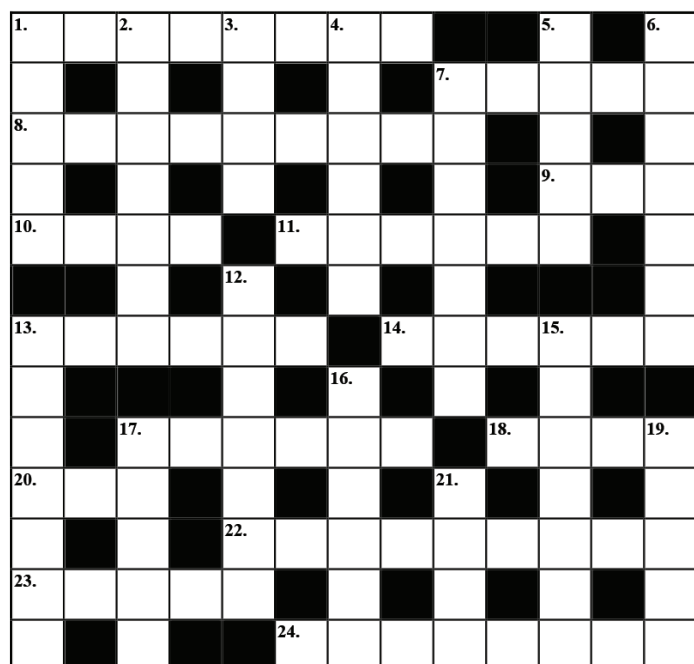
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Headscratcher No. 105



Across

1. 1. Come across a record surplus. (8)
7. 4 1/2 gallons containing low alcohol is not very attractive. (5)
8. Bending it reveals it can be flexible. (9)
9. Acquired part of the Congo territory. (3)
10. Retreat from the beginning of long and involved relationships. (4)
11. Strangely I'm less concerned with expressions of friendship. (6)
13. 150 always give a smart appearance. (6)
14. Puts back top operational research into the state of unconsciousness. (6)
17. Reform of late is in the embryonic state. (6)
18. The fortified wine is left. (4)
20. Everybody will be involved in a universal language. (3)
22. The quiet lodger turns out to be the head of state. (9)
23. Father gets absorbed in painting, to be independent. (5)

Prize: £20

Clues for Headscratcher No.105

24. Drive right into a swamp. That will cause a scare. (8)

Down

1. Old Nick lived in confusion. (5)
2. Relives in a strange way the attitude of a slave. (7)
3. Spoken in a moralising fashion. (4)
4. Imagine I disappeared, upset the rest and caused a problem. (6)
5. The first particle of nicotine introduced into cigarettes, encourages sharp teeth. (5)
6. In confusion he ran to a different one. (7)
7. Spell ET wrongly and get shot. (7)
12. Turned over ripe etc. Then find proof of purchase. (7)
13. Two vehicles separated by a trailer. (7)
15. Being in favour of assessment is cause for complaint. (7)
16. Rush headlong into a profession. (6)
17. These parasitic creatures exist through false pretences. (5)
19. Superman is involved in anti-tank weapons. (5)
21. This band is appearing in a bazaar in Guildford. (4)

Closing date for entries is Friday 20th November

All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw and the winners printed in the next edition (unless requested otherwise).. Entries to:

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1983

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APPEARANCE

1984

PETE & JULIE
MOORE TAKE
OVER THE
PRINCE OF
WALES

2009-2012

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PUB OF THE
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