

# Social Events and CAMRA Contacts

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## **£2 single bus fares scheme extended to end of 2024**

The Government scheme to limit single bus fares to £2 (two singles are often cheaper than a return ticket) has been extended to the end of 2024 (please check if your route is covered by this scheme before travelling <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/2-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to your pub as travelling by bus is still below the level pre-Covid and many bus routes are under threat of being withdrawn.

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

**Wednesday 8th 7:00pm Egham Beer Festival social preview evening social [NS]**

**Tuesday 14th 7:30pm Branch meeting Freeman's Arms, Ashford [NS]**

**Saturday 18th 12:00pm Underneath the arches tour**  
Meet at 12:00pm under the clock at London Waterloo Station. We will get on the Jubilee line (east bound) to Bermondsey Station. Then walk just over half a kilometre (7 mins) to Kernel Brewery. This will be followed by a visit to a select number of pubs [SHB]

**Saturday 25th 2:00pm Englefield Green wander [NS]**

**Tuesday 28th 6:30pm Ash Vale beer and curry night.**  
We will meet at the nearby Admiral pub followed by a Curry Banquet night at the Spice of India in Ash Vale if you would like to eat then please confirm by 18<sup>th</sup> November on [social@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:social@shb.camra.org.uk). [SHB]

## **DECEMBER 2023**

**Saturday 2nd 10:30am Guildford area pub tour** A tour of pubs in and around Guildford. Optional breakfast and early pint at Cricketers at Rydes Hill then Wooden Bridge at 12:00pm, Bench at Surrey Sports Park from approximately 1:30pm and Guildford town centre pubs from 3:00pm. [SHB]

**Monday 4th 7:30pm Branch meeting White Lion, Egham [NS]**

**Thursday 7th 7:30pm Presentation to Four Horseshoes, Long Sutton** As the pub is in a remote area not served by public transport, a lift will be available. Please email [contact@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:contact@shb.camra.org.uk) if you require a lift [SHB]

**Monday 11th 7:00pm Beer and Burger night at Antelope in Surbiton** We will meet at the Antelope at 7:00pm which is a 0.4 mile walk from the station. [SHB]

**Friday 15th 7:00pm Surrey/Hants Borders CAMRA Christmas Party, Railway Athletic Club, Woking.**  
Join the local branch for an enjoyable evening of good beer. There will be a raffle, quiz and food will be available if booked in advance. For food, please confirm on [social@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:social@shb.camra.org.uk). [SHB]

**Sunday 24th 3:00pm Christmas Eve. Celebrations**  
Join SHB CAMRA members for a pre-Christmas beer at either Prince of Wales, Farnborough or Hop Blossom, Farnham. [SHB]

**Wednesday 27th Wokingham mid-week pub tour**  
Details to be provided on the SHB website. [SHB]

## **JANUARY 2024**

**Saturday 5th 12:00pm Westy Beer Festival social**  
Join Branch members for the Saturday afternoon session (12:00pm to 4:00pm) at the excellent Westy Beer Festival. Book tickets here <https://www.westendcentre.co.uk/event/westy-beer-festival-2024> [SHB]

**Wednesday 10th 8:00pm Good Beer Guide 2025 first selection meeting.** Guildford Hospital's Social Club, Guildford. [SHB]

**Sunday 14th 1:15pm Sunday lunch at the Bricklayers Arms, Shamley Green.** Booking is essential, so please email [social@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:social@shb.camra.org.uk) by 5<sup>th</sup> January if you would like to come along. [SHB]

**Wednesday 17th Bus tour to visit pubs in the Horsley & Effingham area.** Details to be provided on the SHB website. [SHB]

**Saturday 20th Good Beer Guide surveying trip.** Booking is essential, so please email [social@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:social@shb.camra.org.uk) if you would like to come along. [SHB]

## FEBRUARY 2024

**Thursday 1st 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.uk](mailto:social@shb.camra.org.uk) [SHB]

**Wednesday 7th Quiz night at the Thameside Brewery in Staines.** Details to be provided on the SHB website. [SHB]

**Saturday 10th Good Beer Guide 2025 surveying trip.** Booking is essential, so please email [social@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:social@shb.camra.org.uk) if you would like to come along. [SHB]

**Saturday 17th 12:00pm Surrey/Hants Borders CAMRA AGM Railway Club, Woking.** Join the SHB branch for their Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be followed by a brewery related event. [SHB]

**Tuesday 27th 8:00pm Final Good Beer Guide 2025 selection meeting.** Railway Athletic Club, Woking. [SHB]

## BEER FESTIVALS

### LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS

**Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th November 41st Egham Real Ale and Cider Festival** Open 10:00am until late, 40 plus ales and ciders, many from Britain's newest breweries. BBQ, hot and cold food, live music Friday

### 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: [shb\\_camra@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:shb_camra@shb.camra.org.uk)  
Contact (Les Murrell): [social@shb.camra.org.uk](mailto:social@shb.camra.org.uk)  
Web: <https://shb.camra.org.uk>

### NORTH SURREY [NS]

Includes the Boroughs of Runnymede and Spelthorne, from Stanwell in the north to Woodham in the south.  
Contact: [contact@northsurrey.camra.org.uk](mailto:contact@northsurrey.camra.org.uk)  
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and Saturday evening. The Egham United Services Club is five minutes' walk from Egham Rail Station and buses 8,441 and an occasional 500 from the nearby High Street. <http://www.eghambeerfestival.co.uk/>

**Friday 5th to Saturday 6th January Westy Beer Festival, Aldershot** The Westy Beer Festival is back for its 10th Anniversary, with Friday Evening, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Evening sessions. Details and tickets are available at <https://www.westendcentre.co.uk/event/westy-beer-festival-2024>. Entry costs £10 and includes a commemorative glass. Beers will be sold by token that will cost £13.50 for six half pints. Approximately 50 casks and ciders will be available with live music and hot food each session. A Branch social will be held on Saturday afternoon.

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

## CAMRA NATIONAL EVENTS

**Thursday 14th to Saturday 17th February 2024 Winter Great British Beer Festival (GBBF).** The Winter GBBF will be held at Burton Town Hall in Burton-upon-Trent. Full information and tickets sales can be found at <https://winter.gbbf.org.uk>

**Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April 2024 CAMRA's Members weekend, AGM and Conference.** To be held in Dundee. Full details can be found at <https://camra.org.uk/members-weekend-agm-conference>

### KINGSTON AND LEATHERHEAD [K&L]

Includes Kingston Borough, Leatherhead & Elmbridge. You can also find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter [@CAMRAKL](https://twitter.com/CAMRAKL)  
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Web: <https://kandl.camra.org.uk>

### EAST AND MID SURREY [EMS]

Includes Boroughs of Reigate & Banstead, Tandridge, and parts of Guildford, Mole Valley and Waverley.  
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### NATIONAL CAMRA

Web: <https://camra.org.uk/>  
What's Brewing: <https://wb.camra.org.uk/>  
Podcast: <https://camra.org.uk/podcast/>

# "Malty, where art thou?"



It was mid-summer and Malty was visiting one of his favourite pubs. It was built in Elizabethan times and was rumoured to have been visited by none other than William Shakespeare. There was a microbrewery to the rear of the pub and its beers were very popular with the pub clientele.

Being so old and characterful, it attracted many tourists. Two Americans wandered in, "You know this craft beer first started in the USA" one of the Americans started to explain to the barman. "It all started with the Anchor Brewing Company". Malty was mildly annoyed by this statement and was going to walk over to him and express his views when he started to feel very dizzy. The next thing he could remember was being helped into a chair by a man dressed in Elizabethan clothing. That was a bit strange, but when he looked around the pub everyone else was dressed in the same manner. Was there an Elizabethan re-creation event happening nearby? Malty was very confused. "How art thou?" said the person helping Malty. He helped Malty to a chair at his table. On the table was a quill, ink and a blank piece of parchment. "My name is Will. What is your name?" Will asked.

"My name is Malty" was the reply. "What are you writing today?" Malty continued. Will looked frustrated at the blank parchment. "Writer's block" Will confessed to Malty. Malty was still feeling confused and confessed to Will "I must be having a Mid-summer Nights Dream".

There was a woman behind the serving hatch. "Who is she?" Malty asked Will. "That'll be Katherine the Brewster, we call her the Shrew as no man has managed to tame her".

Two foreign gentlemen came into the pub, "Where are you from?" asked Katherine. "We are from Verona" one of them replied. Katherine

asked them what they wanted to drink. They didn't seem to understand the question. "Two beers or not two beers, that is the question" Katherine frustratingly stated. Will wrote something on his parchment. "Are you friends of the Merchant of Venice?" Will asked them.

"That's right, we are here looking for Romeo and Juliet". "Those young lovers have not been here for a while". Will explained "They blamed Katherine of trying to poison them last time they were here". "It was Much Ado About Nothing" was Katherine's remark about them. "The Lady doth protest too much" Will remarked. "As You Like It" she replied. Another person drinking on the next table asked Will if he knew Yorick, as he had died last week. "Alas poor Yorick, I knew him Malty" was Will's reply. Will had been writing on his parchment all evening and it was now full. As he was leaving Will shouted to Malty, "A horse a horse my beer for a horse" which were his final witty remarks.

After Will left Malty started talking to Katherine. Being a Brewster meant she brewed her own beer. This was a time when every pub brewed their own beer. Every pub was, in effect, a microbrewery. This beer was un-fined and un-filtered. It was before the big six UK breweries came into being, before keg beer was invented. Malty was in heaven. Malty felt dizzy.

When he woke, he could hear the American talking, "It was 1965 when it all started". Malty thought to himself, well maybe craft beer and microbreweries started a few hundred years before then.

# Surrey/Hants Borders CAMRA Summer Party



Back in July this year, we held our first ever SHB CAMRA Summer Party. Thirty-six members attended the event, held in the garden at The Crown in Horsell. There was a choice of four different Thurston's beers available, including my personal favourite, Thurston's Milk Stout. The sun shone all afternoon and conversation, a pub quiz, pizza and beer were the order of the day.



*The pizzas were very popular*



*CAMRA members enjoying their beer*

Our next big event will be our Christmas gathering at Woking Railway Club, from 7pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.  
And then our branch is 50, yes 50, in May 2024! Keep your eyes open for events and dates for our Golden Celebrations.

**Val MacT**



*Presentation by Mick Bell to Antoinette Harvey and John Mintram*

All the beers were presented in tip top condition, as you would expect to be the case in one of our then 2023, and now 2024, Good Beer Guide pubs. As well as the GBG accolade, our branch chairman Mick Bell presented a certificate to the landlady, Antoinette Harvey and her partner John Mintram. The certificate was to recognise The Crown as Surrey Hants Borders CAMRA Branch "Pub of the Year 2023".

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# Lifetime Achievement Winner at Punch Pubs & Co National Publican of the Year Awards

Publican Diane Crathern of The Richmond Arms in Godalming received the Punch Pubs & Co's Lifetime Achievement award. Hosted by Punch Pubs & Co at their Burton-On-Trent headquarters, it was this award in particular which left guests in the room feeling nothing but pride and admiration.

Lovingly known as 'Auntie Di', Diane first took over the pub with her late husband Stephen in 1982. She has since become a stalwart of the community and is adored by her team, who she says are like her extended family.

With huge pride and passion for the Richmond Arms, Diane still loves to be behind the bar and

her enthusiasm for the beloved pub and the community still shines bright.

Speaking on behalf of her win, Diane who on the night was noticeably overwhelmed by the room's response said: "I was absolutely amazed, I didn't expect it at all. Last year I celebrated 40 years in the pub, which I credit to having good family, good friends, and support around me. I also have a fantastic team, our chef Anne has been with me for 39 years and Joe, our Bar Manager has been here for 20 years. It is a special pub, and it feels lovely to have that recognition."



*Publican Diane Crathern, collects her award from Punch Pubs & Co CEO Clive Chesser and awards host Mark Durden-Smith. (Picture credited to Ian Hodgkinson and Alex Cantrill-Jones of PictureIt Media)*

# CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2024

## Launch Event

The 2024 edition of CAMRA's best-selling Good Beer Guide was launched on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.



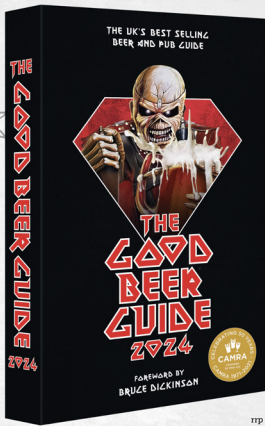
Congratulations to all the pubs that made it in this time.

We held a special launch event at the Grantley Arms, Womersley, where we presented a certificate to Warren, the manager, to mark the pub's first entry in the Guide for many years. In The Good Beer Guide, you'll find over 4,500 listings across the UK's best pubs, bars and breweries, chosen by local CAMRA volunteers as having the best cask beers available – or you can check out the special brewery section to discover new breweries setting the scene alight with interesting, exciting new brews.

The Guide retails at £16.99. It is available from all good bookshops and from CAMRA direct from the website [gbgshop.camra.org.uk](http://gbgshop.camra.org.uk) where a CAMRA member discount is available.

Kevin Travers

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## CRAFTY, Dunsfold

[www.craftybrewing.co.uk](http://www.craftybrewing.co.uk)



Crafty are still producing their core cask-conditioned ales: Hop Tipple 4.2%, Crafty One 3.9%, Blind Side

4% and Loxhill Biscuit 3.6%. The latest seasonal cask ale is "Eternal Summer", a 4% pale ale, dry-hopped with the New Zealand hop "Nectarone". The in-house canning and labelling capability is a continuing success and custom-labelled wedding and event beers have sold well. Crafty are the official beer partners of Godalming Town FC, Bolton Wanderers and Burnley FC, supplying a selection of club branded beers and cider in cans.

Joining the existing range e.g., Wave Catcher 4.2%, Laughing Wolf 4.4%, and the Pale Ale 4%, there will be another "Golden Daze" and a new hazy "Stellar Drift".

The brewery is open Monday to Friday for off-site sales 10:00-16:30 (closed Bank Holidays) and beers are available to order online in cans, bottles, polypins and mini-kegs.

The W3W location of the main gate is ///drama.bonus.corrects

**Mike Sanders**

## CRUMBS, Reigate

[www.crumbsbrewery.co.uk](http://www.crumbsbrewery.co.uk)



As part of CAMRA's Cask week Crumbs, which does not normally produce cask beer, did a very limited-edition cask run of their Rye Ruby Ale. The company has gained their B-Corp certification, which is

about measuring a company's entire social and environmental impact and have also won the Marie Claire Sustainability Award for the best small food and drink business.

**Sally Gingell**

## HEDGEDOG BREWERY, Virginia Water

[www.hedgedog.co.uk/](http://www.hedgedog.co.uk/)



Some new equipment has been added to the brewery to speed up production so they can offer more beers at a time.

It is planned to add more cans to the range, but more storage is needed, so in the meantime production has been more focused on cask and keg beers.

Plans for a golden ale earlier in the year were delayed after problems with yeast supply but this should now be out in November. A 6% bockbier was made specially for the Ascot Beer Festival in October but it turned out so well that the brewery is hoping to put it into full production and wider distribution.

**Anthony Groves**

## HOGS BACK, Tongham

[hogsback.co.uk/](http://hogsback.co.uk/)



At the time of writing the hops in the hop garden will have been harvested. Some of these will be used for Green TEA which was available at the recent harvest

weekend celebrations. A fantastic weekend of music, locally sourced food and good beer. The brewery produced "La Glorie D'Angleterre", a 4.4% robust malty golden beer for the recent rugby World Cup. The pilot plant continues to produce limited batch beers. Currently there is "Harvest Home Pale '23" a 4% ABV golden cask ale using Fuggles and English Cascade hops from the hop garden and "Ratfink and Ripsnorter" a 5% rich ruby ale with a hint of plums. It is worth following the brewery on social media to take advantage of these limited-edition beers.

The solar panels are now producing electricity which is very exciting.

**Michele Axton**

## MAVERICK, Kingsley

[www.maverickbrewingco.com](http://www.maverickbrewingco.com)



Maverick have continued to expand their range of beers, some of which you may see on craft bars in our area. The taproom is thriving and often features live music from local musicians with street food vendors in attendance.

**Chris Truin**

## TERRA TEMPO, Tongham

[Terratempobrewery.com](http://Terratempobrewery.com)



From a barn at Hogs Back Brewery, Lee Daniels has started brewing a small selection of beers using wort from Hogs Back. The pilot plant brewed his beers using his recipes. Lee has lots of brewing experience and is keen to explore different genres of beer. The two beers sampled were 4.8% fruit beers, one using plum and the other autumn berries. Hand bottled and using paper labels giving details of the beer, they are available to buy in the Hogs Back shop. They use naturally occurring yeasts and are matured for up to 3 months in Portuguese wine casks. Expect some very exciting beers in the future.

**Michele Axton**

## THAMES SIDE, Staines-upon-Thames

[www.thamessidebrewery.co.uk](http://www.thamessidebrewery.co.uk)



There are always 10 to 12 ales available on the taproom bar, selected from across the whole core, specials and seasonal range along with a good selection of real ciders. The cider and sausage festival in September was successful and Andy now plans to hold a cider festival twice a year. October saw 'Rocktoberfest' take place which was a celebration of beer and music across the whole month, with a busy schedule of music and a completely new beer released every Wednesday through the month. These included a green hopped beer with Fuggles and Golding hops grown on Thames Side, a peach IPA, a cold fermented IPA/lager and a hazy pale using four

different hops from New Zealand. Live music now features on every Friday and Saturday plus often on Sundays too with a full schedule booked to the end of the year.

As well as being the only brewery in Staines, it is the only taproom between Windsor and Twickenham selling a house-brewed range of ales. A new heat-exchange and air conditioning system was installed in summer and a small garden area was opened at the rear. Next steps are a small movement of the bar and a refurb of the kitchen to enable the food offering to expand. The current premises opened on 8th December 2022 so the first anniversary is rapidly approaching, expect some celebrations in the run up to Christmas!

**Anthony Groves**

## SURREY HILLS, Dorking

[Surreyhills.co.uk](http://Surreyhills.co.uk)



The Brewery is extremely busy. They still cannot keep up with demand for cask beer, so have not had any spare beer to bottle for some time. As always, there are new recipes ready to roll, but they are struggling to produce enough of their existing beers, so the new ones will have to wait.

**Roy Golding**

## THURSTONS, Horsell

[www.thurstonsbrewery.co.uk/](http://www.thurstonsbrewery.co.uk/)



Thurstons Porter has been available both locally and at Great British Beer Festival. VIPA was brewed in the summer, but some casks have been held back and I recently enjoyed a pint at the White Hart in Chobham. During the rugby internationals Horsell Hooker was brewed. John plans to brew Small IPA as soon as the schedule allows. The cropping of their own yeast is going well and subtle developments in flavour have been noted.

**Nick Banyard**



**TILFORD, Tilford**[www.tilfordbrewery.beer/](http://www.tilfordbrewery.beer/)

First keg product has just gone into the Castle (Farnham) and has been very well received and will be going into the Royal Exchange (Lindford) and then hopefully a few other places to follow. Farnham hoppers harvested locally grown hops which were used to brew Primadonna, a 4% golden green hopped ale due to be available locally towards the end of September. The brewery is hoping to be able to offer tours later this year.

Ian Johnson

**TRIPLE FFF, Four Marks**[www.triplefff.com/](http://www.triplefff.com/)

The brewery continues to do well. It is over a year now since the new business partner joined the brewery. Sales continue to grow, particularly helped by strong sales of "Sundown" a 4.3% Golden IPA. Sales are double what they were in September last year.

"Pressed Rat and Warthog" is now being brewed more often to meet demand. "Old Dray" has just been brewed again after an absence of 10 years! They are also brewing "Team Spirit" a green hopped beer which uses donated hops from local sources which is due to be available from October. Their ever popular "Witches Promise" will make its usual return in time for Halloween. The installation of the new five barrel brew kit is nearly complete and will be used for brewing smaller quantities of seasonal beers and new special beers. Cask Beer Week during the first week of October was celebrated at the Brewery taproom with seven beers due to be available. "Alton's Pride", "Moondance", "Pressed Rat & Warthog" and "Sundown" as well as "Goldffinger", "Dazed and Confused" and "Stairway". Brewery tours have now resumed and can be arranged by contacting the brewery. The brewery have also commissioned students from Farnham College of Art to paint a mural on the side wall of the brewery.

Dave Patey



## Why we love the rain in Yorkshire

Taylor's brewery sits upon The Knowle Spring, the unique source of water we use to brew our beers. This particularly pure and consistent spring water is one of the reasons we're able to brew beer of such reliable quality and taste. Filtered over time through layers of sandstone and black rock, Knowle Spring water has special mineral qualities that marry perfectly with our Golden Promise barley malt. This unique combination is the foundation of the complex flavour and subtlety of Landlord. And it all begins with rain falling upon the Yorkshire hills. That's why we're always happiest when it pours.

All for that taste of Taylor's



# Headscratcher No. 96 Results



The winner of Headscratcher No 96 was Doug Fish of Camberley.

Other correct entries were received from: Ian Amy, John Barker, Dennis Batty, Barry Cox, Jane Cox, Jim Davies, John Dodd, Norman Donachie, John Drake, John Graham, Roger Grant, Bob Heaps, John Hook, Trevor Lambert, Iain Murray, Mark Nichols, Chris Truin, Alan Welsh.

There were no incorrect entries.

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### LYNE

#### Royal Marine

A perfect example of a community pub, the Royal Marine is off the beaten track but keeps local residents and other regulars happy with consistently top-quality ales and good pub food. Pat the landlord was delighted to once again be in the Good Beer Guide 2024. Opening hours are varied – not open on Saturdays – so check before you go. **AG**

### MOORHOUSE

#### Grasshopper

After years of closure and promises to renovate, an application has been submitted to convert this pub into old person's housing. **RG**

### NEW HAW

#### White Hart

The White Hart were delighted to learn that they had been included in the Good Beer Guide 2024 in recognition of good quality ales with a regularly changing ale offering. **Steve Clanford**

### NEWCHAPEL

#### Wiremill

Has been acquired by Hall & Woodhouse and their ales are now available. **PS**

### NEWDIGATE

#### Six Bells

Has been bought by the team who run the Good Beer Guide Listed Abinger Hatch at Abinger Common. Expect the beer and food to be good. **RG**

### SHALFORD

#### The Parrot

Sadly, it has been closed since the lockdowns and remains closed with the metaphorical columbine fronds blowing around it. A local pubco has been looking into redeveloping and reopening the pub, but as yet nothing has happened of a definite positive nature. **CMK**

#### The Queen Victoria

Was closed in August for a refurbishment and at the time of writing was due to reopen at the beginning of September. The pub has at least three beers available: Otter, Timothy Taylor's Landlord and Sharp's Doom Bar and sometimes Harvey's Best. **CMK**

### SHAMLEY GREEN

#### Bricklayers Arms

The Dickens to the Red Lion's Thackeray, if you like, is the Bricklayers Arms only a few hundred yards further down the road. The pub has a grand flower display looking onto the road and a well thought out and designed outdoor seating area of charm, considering it surrounds the pub's car park. Beers on offer at the time of visiting were Young's Original, Surrey Hills Shere Drop, Harvey's Sussex Best and Sharp's Doom Bar. **CMK**

#### The Red Lion

Has an attractive aspect overlooking the cricket ground, snug bars and a popular dining area. The real ales on draught were Shere Drop, Doom Bar and Crafty's Blind Side. Often available is a beer from Firebird Brewery or DB One from Dorking Brewery. **CMK**

### SHEPPERTON

#### Barley Mow

North Surrey's Pub of the Year 2023 is deservedly in the Good Beer Guide 2024 for its varied and consistently top-quality real ales and real ciders. There is also regular music on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. No food served but there's a pizza van in the garden at weekends. **Chris Collier**

### STAINES-UPON-THAMES

#### Beehive

A community local near Staines railway station, the Courage Best is often joined by a guest beer which was Windsor and Eton Guardsman on a recent visit. **David Macdonald**

#### Swan Hotel

A nice surprise to find a non-Fuller's beer on with London Pride and ESB joined by Twickenham Naked Ladies on a recent visit. Popular during the rugby world cup with screens throughout the bar area. **DM**

#### Wheatsheaf & Pigeon

Popular local pub near Staines Town FC alongside the Thames. Recent visits have found Gale's HSB, Otter Ale, London Pride, Theakston's Best and Sharp's Sea Fury. **DM**

## SUNBURY-ON-THAMES

### Magpie

North Surrey held a meeting here in September and the bar team were delighted when we presented them with the Good Beer Guide 2024 promotional pack confirming they are in it. Being in the middle of the rugby world cup the cask ales from Twickenham and Windsor & Eton were rugby themed and very tasty. Overlooking the Thames this is a popular spot for quality food. **AG**

## VIRGINIA WATER

### Rose & Olive Branch

After being shut for several months after a fire last December, the pub was reopened in September by a chef from Cornwall. The food looks mouthwatering and Windsor and Eton Guardsman is available on cask. **RS**

## WALTON ON THAMES

### George

This traditional town centre Shepherd Neame pub dates back to 1888 and recently came under new management. The beer range has been extended to include Whitstable Bay, Bishops Finger and a Shepherd Neame seasonal. The pub has an attractive patio area at the rear. **JB**

## Weir

This delightful dog friendly riverside pub, about twenty minutes walk along the towpath from the town centre, recently came under new management who are keen to promote local cask ales. Recent guests have included Southwark, Hogs Back, Dorking and Surrey Hills. A successful beer festival was held on the August Bank Holiday weekend featuring a wide range of local ales and similar events are planned in the future. The pub has an extensive riverside terrace, six ensuite bedrooms and a wide range of good quality food on offer. **JB**

## WINDLESHAM

### Brickmakers

The pub was taken over by Pearmain pubs in Summer 2023, closed for refurbishment and is due to reopen in mid-October. **KT**

## WONERSH

### Grantley Arms

Provides a warm welcome and always has Young's Original and Surrey Hills Shere Drop on offer and depending on the season and weather a third beer, often from Hog's Back. **CMK**

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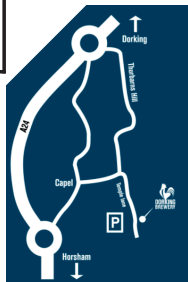


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# National Beer Scoring System Update

## 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 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.

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. You stay put!

**5. Perfect.** Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely.

**Beer Scoring Form**

Name

Member N<sup>o</sup>

Date

Pub	Brewery/Beer	Score

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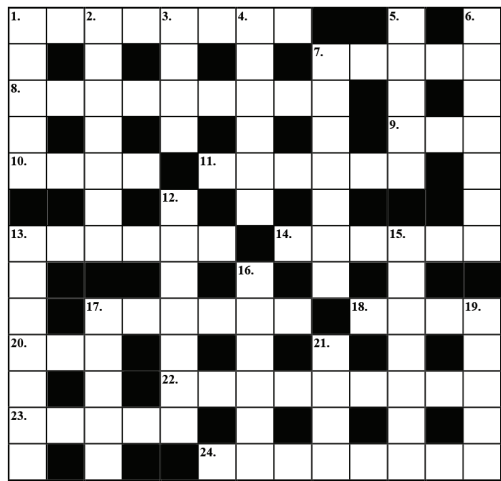
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# Headscratcher No. 97



### Across

- 1. Determined to process our steel. (8)
- 7. A plain spoken loud row. (5)
- 8. He takes care of hives. (9)
- 9. Everyone is part of the royal lineage. (3)
- 10. Facts are available regularly in draft papers. (4)
- 11. 150 singles are copies. (6)
- 13. Rise up with strange dances. (6)
- 14. The new arrangement of the minuet takes 60 seconds. (6)
- 17. After King George, spas are up for grabs. (6)
- 18. After 50 I'm the first British member. (4)
- 20. Scarper from the broken urn. (3)
- 22. Terry covers an organised riot for the county. (9)
- 23. Top barmen chat about quantity. (5)
- 24. Some rags decompose into a diaphanous fabric. (8)

## £20 Prize Crossword

### Clues for Headscratcher No.97

### Down

- 1. Training a bird is mad. (5)
- 2. A disbeliever is infected with the first commandment. (7)
- 3. Reposes on an exotic isle. (4)
- 4. Pep it up with a lager top to get your favourite drink. (6)
- 5. Food from cooked pasta. (5)
- 6. After university Luke played the French instrument. (7)
- 7. I can't change after the extreme fervour. It's frenetic. (7)
- 12. Discover a foreign planet. (7)
- 13. Credit an old writer maybe. (7)
- 15. An identical costume. (7)
- 16. Two ducks fly over the harbour and find a city. (6)
- 17. Ants get excited after finally seeing other insects. (5)
- 19. Somehow Ruby kept a first edition for a customer. (5)
- 21. X. (4)

**£20 Prize Crossword.**  
**Closing date for entries is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.**  
All correct answers will be entered into a prize draw. Entries to:  
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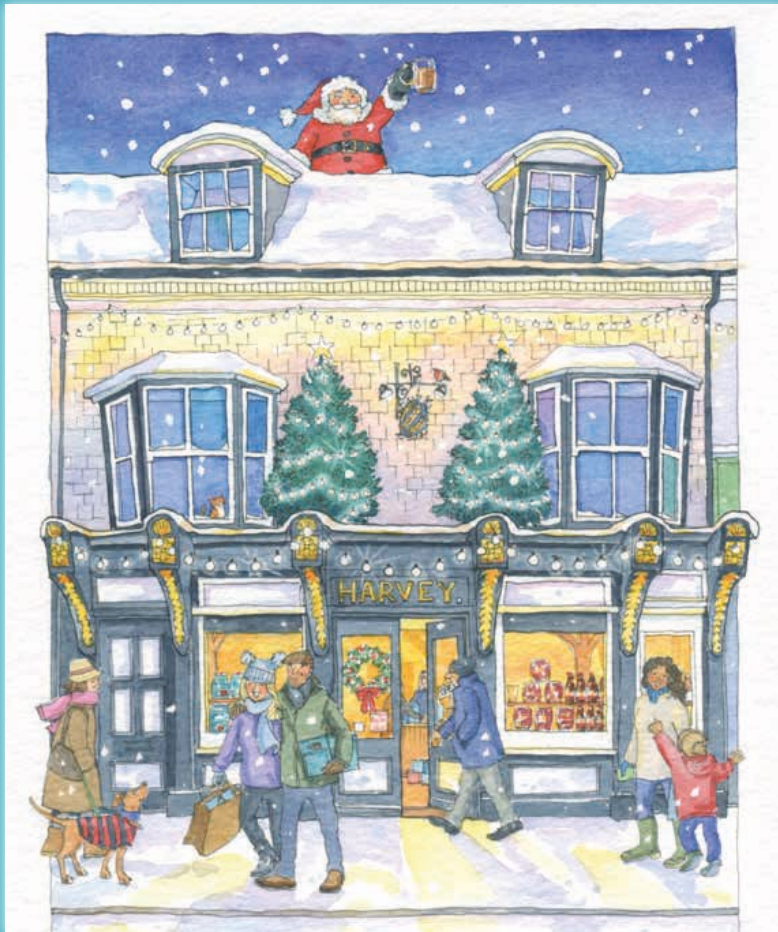


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