

OCTOBER

Saturday 5th 12:00pm Royal Surrey Hospital Social Club Beer Festival. Join SHB branch members to sample five beers including one dark. There is also a barbecue, food and light music. The RSH Social Club is served by seven buses per hour from Guildford. [SHB]

Saturday 19th 12:00pm Prince of Wales, Farnborough Beer Festival. Join branch members at the Annual Beer Festival. [SHB]

BEER FESTIVALS

LOCAL BEER FESTIVALS

Friday 14th & Saturday 15th June, Guildford Beer Festival at Guildford Cricket Club. Full details and ticket purchasing options can be found at <https://guildfordbeerfestival.co.uk/>

Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd June, Godalming Beer Festival The return for the third year of Godalming's beer festival. Earlier in the year than previously, but again being held in Bury Field and expect to see over 70 cask ales, craft beer, gin, cider, music, street food and games. Organised by the SHB Branch Cider Pub of the Year, The Star, Godalming. More details and early bird tickets are available at

<https://godalmingbeerfestival.co.uk/home/>

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June, Crown, Horsell Beer Festival

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th July, Crossways, Churt Beer Festival Details will be posted on the SHB CAMRA website <https://shb.camra.org.uk>

Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th July, 43rd Egham Real Ale and Cider Festival. Forty plus ales and ciders, many from Britain's newest breweries. BBQ, hot and cold food, live music Friday and Saturday evening. The Egham United Services Club is five minutes walk from Egham Railway Station and buses 8, 441 and an occasional 500 from the nearby High Street.

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

Saturday 3rd August, Fleet Beer Festival, Harlington Bar, Fleet. Organised by Fleet Lions, full details and how to get tickets are at

<http://www.fleetlions.org.uk/beerfest/>

Saturday 10th August, Barley Mow Beer and Music Festival, Winchfield.

Friday 6th to Saturday 7th 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-2024/> in due course.

Friday 4th to Saturday 5th October, Ascot Beer Festival. Full details available at <https://ascotbeerfest.org.uk/> later in the year.

Saturday 5th October, 12:00pm to 5:00pm Royal Surrey Hospital Social Club Beer Festival. 1 Gill Ave Guildford GU2 7WW. Five cask beers and barbecue.

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October, Prince of Wales, Farnborough Beer Festival. The festival is celebrating its 23rd anniversary with a selection of beers from local micro breweries. As well as cask ales, craft beers and ciders will be available and there will be a BBQ and live music each day.

Friday 1st to Saturday 2nd November, Alton Beer Festival. Full details available at <https://www.altonbeerfestival.org.uk> later in the year.

CAMRA NATIONAL EVENTS

Note, there is no summer Great British Beer Festival in 2024 but it is planned to return in 2025.

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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NORTH SURREY [NS]

Includes the Boroughs of Runnymede and Spelthorne, from Stanwell in the north to Woodham in the south.

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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/>

National Beer Scoring Competition



Each year CAMRA branches select the best pubs in their area to be included in the Good Beer Guide. One of the important ways that branches can monitor how well pubs serve their beer throughout the year is by beer scores submitted by members. Surrey/Hants Borders branch has an initiative to increase the number and breadth of scores received to help ensure our GBG selection truly represents the best beer available in our area. If you are a CAMRA

member you can help. Scoring is quick and easy and may also help you appreciate your pub trips more. As last year SHB CAMRA is running a competition: members who submit 25 scores across at least 10 of our branch pubs will be entered into a prize draw. Full details are at <https://shb.camra.org.uk/nbss>. To date eight members have already qualified for the draw, but even if you are yet to submit your first score there is still plenty of time to qualify.

Beer Scoring Form

Name

Member N^o

Date

Pub	Brewery/Beer	Score

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.

Redhill Beer Festival 2024

The highly popular Redhill Beer Festival will be held again this year at Merstham Village Hall, Station Road North, Merstham, Redhill. RH1 3ED.

It will start on Thursday 31 October and run until Saturday 2 November 2024.

We aim to have around 65 Real Ales and ten ciders on offer, along with hot food. No advance booking required, just pay on the door. There will be a £4 refundable deposit on our five colour souvenir glasses remembering the foundation of Imperial Airways at nearby Croydon Aerodrome in 1924.

The opening hours on Thursday and Friday will be 12pm to 11pm, admission £4, or £3 for card-carrying CAMRA members. There will be free

admission on Saturday between 12pm and 6pm (or whilst stocks last).

The Hall is 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.



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It's a Handpump Hijack!



Big brewers threaten consumers' rights with plans to hijack the iconic cask handpump

For generations, a handpump on the bar has been a mark of assurance. Where cask beer is well kept, consumers can be sure of a spotless cellar, well-trained bar staff and commitment to offering the best of UK brewing.

Now, Carlsberg Marston's Brewing Company (CMBC) – one of the world's largest brewery conglomerates – has resorted to misleading consumers by hijacking the handpump to serve its "Fresh Ale" product. CMBC says this is "preserving the beloved hand pull ritual that delivers the traditional theatre of serve that ale is famed for".

CAMRA's Real Ale, Cider and Perry Campaigns Director, Gillian Hough, said: "Consumers deserve better than Carlsberg Marston's Brewing Company (CMBC) play acting at serving cask – a product they claim to champion. Instead, CMBC have closed breweries and removed cask lines from bars. There's room for all kinds of beer on the bar, but brewers should champion their whole range honestly, proudly serving their keg beers through keg fonts rather than using handpumps and misleading their customers."

So far, CMBC has three beers in their "Fresh Ale" range. They are Wainwright Gold, Wainwright Amber, and Hobgoblin IPA, and will have "brewery conditioned beer" displayed on the pump clip.

In the 1970's, when CAMRA was founded and cask was under threat, the loss of a handpump was often a canary in the coalmine – not just for individual venues, but also for the beer industry as a whole.

So what can we do locally? As yet in the Surrey/Hampshire Borders Area we have seen

no examples of the use of these fake "Fresh Ale" handpumps. However, CMBC supply a number of pubs in our area, so we would really appreciate it if all readers could be our eyes and ears and help fight the handpump hijack. Simply let us know if you spot any, by dropping an email to pubs@shb.camra.org.uk A photo would be really appreciated as evidence so we can highlight examples.

Finally, if in doubt, ask the person serving you if it is cask ale. We need consumers to make licensees aware of the issue of misleading dispense and explain why you won't be buying it.

Cheers,

Kevin Travers

Pubs Officer Surrey/Hants Borders CAMRA

ASK, "IS IT CASK?"

The launch of 'Fresh Ale' by Carlsberg Marston's Brewing Company (CMBC) is a handpump hijack, which misleads consumers into thinking they will be served a cask-conditioned beer – which is far from the case.

Serving so-called 'Fresh Ale' though a handpump also boots a genuine cask beer off the bar, depriving consumers of choice.

CMBC claim to champion cask beer but have instead closed breweries and removed cask lines from bars.

Harvey's Brewery unveils updates to their beer range

On 1st May 2024 Harvey's Brewery unveiled refreshed designs within its beer range, featuring enhancements to Dark Mild and the introduction of Sisters Table Beer.

Harvey's Dark Mild was recently awarded the prestigious title of Champion Mild of Britain, now boasts a new look. Adorned with a rich russet brown hue and featuring the striking XX motif, this design pays homage to the traditional XX stamps used in their brewery to denote the strength of the beer. Harvey's are confident that this updated presentation will further elevate the Dark Mild brand, enticing more drinkers to savour its exceptional taste.



In an exciting development, Harvey's Brewery was proud to also introduce Sisters Table Beer, formerly known as Harvey's IPA, which will be included in their new core range line-up. This rebrand is a tribute to the remarkable women who have made invaluable contributions to Harvey's over the years and celebrates their close association with the Seven Sisters. The label prominently features three women, honouring both sets of extraordinary sisters who have played pivotal roles in the company's history: May, Elsie, and Nora Harvey-Smith, as well as Audrey Elder, Joan Saunders, and Eileen Rundle.

The decision to transition to the Table Beer style name is rooted in evolving consumer tastes. Table Beers offer a light, easy-drinking experience with an ABV ranging between 2.8% and 3.8%. This adjustment better aligns Sisters Table Beer with contemporary preferences, while their Wharf IPA continues to cater to those seeking bolder, hoppier flavours.



"We've put in a lot of effort to update these two beers, and we're excited to have them join Harvey's core range," said Zoë Prescott, Marketing Manager at Harvey's Brewery. "Dark Mild is an exceptional beer that we knew deserved some extra attention to showcase its qualities, and Sisters Table Beer provided a great opportunity to reposition and celebrate the influential women in Harvey's history. We wanted to make sure our loyal drinkers feel appreciated and ensure these beers get the recognition they merit with a fresh new look that appeals to everyone."

Sisters Table Beer and the revamped Dark Mild will be available in select retailers, pubs, online and in Harvey's Brewery Shop starting from May 2024.

Brewery News



BY THE HORNS BREWING CO., Salfords

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



After a very successful soft launch of more frequent Saturday opening at the Salfords based brewery during February and March, in tandem with live screenings of

Six Nations rugby games, Chris reports that they remain committed to opening regularly at weekends. They are just awaiting completion of the relevant licence application from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council before they can proceed. They are hopeful that this will come through shortly and that they will be opening their tap room every Saturday from late May onwards. In the interim, they held a further one-off open day on Saturday 11th May, which like the previous events involved plenty of their beers, live music and a local food offer, giving an indication of what is to come over the summer.

Tom Gammons

CRAFTY, Dunsfold

www.craftybrewing.co.uk



Crafty continue to brew a year-round range of cask-conditioned ales and regular seasonal ales, now including versions of "Crafty One" dry-hopped with signature hops like El Dorado.

The in-house canning and labelling is going well, the bespoke-labelled wedding, personalised and event beers are very popular. As a result of this success, Crafty have won the "SIBA Business Innovation Award" for their customisable beer-label system which has proved popular with customers looking to mark a special occasion. Crafty also support other breweries and are in partnership with Crumbs brewing of Reigate, brewing Crumbs' range of beers made with unsold bread from the Chalk Hills bakery. Sales of the "Honour & Craft" range of canned beers and cider supports military charities <https://>

honourandcraft.co.uk/ and will soon be available in keg.

The brewery is open to visit for off-site sales on Monday to Friday 10:00-16:30 (Closed Bank Holidays) and beers are available to order online in cans, bottles, polypins and mini-kegs. There are regular pop-up tap-room events on site, including local food vendors. Details and booking are through the website. The W3W location of the main gate is ///drama.bonus.corrects.

Mike Sanders

DORKING BREWERY, Dorking

<https://dorkingbrewery.com/>



There is a new head brewer with Tom Mahoney returning having worked at Brew York, Partisan and Five Points. Ted, the previous brewer, has moved to Australia for two years. Two new beers are being launched, All Roads is a hoppy pale cask beer whereas Freedom Trail New England Pale will be for keg and can.

The Dorking Brewery Social Club is being launched. For £99 a year you will get 10% off website orders, one free beer for each pint of draught (not packaged) beer you buy at the tap room in Capel and five social nights at the tap room where you and four friends drink for free.

Roy Golding

DROP KICK, Dorking

<https://dropkickbrewing.co.uk>



Fin is concentrating on sorting out the keg beer range at the moment, there are currently four available at the tap room in Dorking. A fifth, Golden Greatness, will be launched at the beginning of June. Once things are settled, hopefully a cask ale will follow.

Roy Golding

MAVERICK, Kingsleywww.maverickbrewingco.com

Maverick recently celebrated our first year of being open with live music and a BBQ. There will be food trucks on Friday and Saturday evenings over the summer period. On Saturday evenings there will also be live music.

On Thursday 8th August (7:00pm to 9:30pm) the brewery will be hosting ShakesBEER with the Four Forty Theatre. They will perform a Summertime Shakespeare Double Bill of Twelfth Night and a Midsummer Night's Dream using only four actors in forty (ish) minutes each. This will be a night of laughter with a Seaside Twist. The event will take place on the grounds of the brewery and will go ahead whatever the weather presents, so please dress appropriately. Limited bench seating is available or bring your own chair. The tap Room will be open from 5pm and the performance will start at 7:00pm. No alcohol is to be brought on to the site as the brewery will be serving a selection of their beers. Food will be available. This is a **ticket only** event so please contact the brewery before attending.

SURREY HILLS, DorkingSurreyHills.co.uk

New owners, Andy and Chris, have found their feet and enjoying not really changing anything. Such as

it's popularity, a new batch of Collusion will be brewed at the end of June. Hopefully, a new and celebratory beer will be coming out later this year. More details to follow.

Roy Golding**THURSTONS, Horsell**www.thurstonsbrewery.co.uk/

Seasonal beers Horsell Hooker and Chobham Treacle returned to the bar during the early months of the year. Horsell Invader has been brewed for the first time in several years and I have really been enjoying the traditionally dry hoppy flavour of this pale coloured beer.

Thurston's first lager has been brewed. John and Simon are determined that this will be no ersatz beer. As I write, the lager is maturing in cold storage. When the beer is ready it will be available as a cask conditioned lager in the Crown and some may be sold in keg from other venues as well as in bottle. Also look forward to Amber Ale, which will be brewed towards the middle of May, so it will be ready for sale by the end of May.

Nick Banyard**TRIPLE FFF, Four Marks**<https://www.triplefff.com>

Triple fff have had a busy first four months of the year. They have now fully commissioned their smaller five BBL kit to complement their 50 BBL kit. They have been sweating the assets too! Some of the beers they have brewed on it include Winter Sunset (2x), Comfortably Numb (2x), Lady Eleanor (2x), Jagged Little Pilsner (2x) and even a Pressed Rat and Warthog to see how it went with Milds. New to the Triple fff stable of beers, thanks to the new kit, are Jagged Little Pilsner (5% Czech/Bohemian Pilsner), Winter Sunset (4.2% Amber Bitter) and Fool's Gold, a strong Golden Ale at 5.4% brewed exclusively with British Malt and Hops. Along with their newer Pilsners and Lagers (Barbarian was a new launch this year, marking a change from the cult favourite, Goldffinger) they have experimented with kegging but only for lagers and pilsners. There are absolutely no plans afoot to mess with their core business of cask ale!

Pressed Rat & Warthog continues to win awards - taking Bronze in SIBA's all dark coloured session beers (porters, stouts and milds) and staying on the podium with CAMRA London and South East, but slipping from Gold in 2023 to Bronze in 2024 - still something they are very proud about. Meanwhile back at the Brewery they have both expanded their tap room and also taken delivery of a 20 BBL Square Fermenter which they intend to christen with Comfortably Numb that should be ready for release in June.

David Patey

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Headscratcher No. 98 Results



The winner of Crossword No 98 was Mark Nichols of Rugby. The winner was drawn by Wendy Stevens of the Golden Lion in Aldershot. Other entries were from:

John Baker, John Barker, Dennis Batty, Steve Beagley, Ian Berry, Clare Bond, June Cottington, Jim Davies, Norman Donachie, John L. Drake, Simon Eason, Roger Grant, Robert Heaps, John Hook, Bob Inman, Iain Murray, Andy & Linda Soltysiak, Chris Truin, Martin Turner, Colin Willoughby.

There were no incorrect entries.

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SOUTH GODSTONE

Fox & Hounds

Just to the west of the A22, has added Harvey's Sussex Best to its range of regular ales. This has proven to be very popular with customers and there is also a discount for CAMRA members. **PS**

STAINES-UPON-THAMES

Thames Side Brewery

Winner of Branch Pub and Cider Pub of the Year 2024. Music is very much a feature including open mic nights, bands and food is now more regularly available. The recent Sausage & Cider Festival was a great success and will be repeated. They continue to produce interesting one-off beers, in addition to their regular range with usually up to a dozen available. **LM**

SUTTON ABINGER

Volunteer

It appears that the pub, which was under threat of closure and being turned into holiday lets, has been saved. The owners have been granted permission to extend the pub to provide holiday let-tings, but the pub itself will remain. **RG**

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES

Sunbury Cricket Club

Tucked away at the edge of Lower Sunbury, usually two ales, with one an interesting guest such as Ossett White Rat. A pleasant place to while away an afternoon when a match is in progress. **LM**

THE SANDS

Barley Mow

The pub closed in March when the long-term licensees relocated to Oxfordshire. It was reported that the freehold was put up for sale and the local community established the Save The Barley Mow Action Group and are working to take control of the pub through a community ownership model. They indicated they are in talks with the owners and issued an Investor's Guide, having already raised in excess of £700,000.... so, fingers crossed! Notwithstanding the above, in early May, Stonegate announced that new tenants were in place and the pub would reopen shortly in any event.... so, keep those fingers crossed for a good outcome. **KT**

TILFORD

Donkey

The pub closed in early March when the long-term licensees retired. The freehold, which is owned by

Admiral Taverns, was made available for £575,000 and the pub may also be available on a short-term lease, but sadly still remains closed. There is a lot of talk locally about the site being redeveloped, but no planning application has yet been submitted. **KT**

WALTON ON THAMES

Walton Village

Great local community pub on the High Street, recently voted joint Pub of the Year by Kingston and Leatherhead CAMRA. Hogs Back TEA plus two guest ales are generally available, often from local breweries. **JB**

WESTERN GREEN

Marney's Village Inn

Cosy traditional pub in a superb location by the village pond and a short walk from Esher railway station and Sandown Park. Twickenham Naked Ladies and another locally sourced ale are typically on offer alongside Fuller's London Pride. There is a huge garden with seating for 150 people and good home cooked food is served. **JB**

WEYBRIDGE

Elmbridge Arms

This pub on the High Street is currently closed as the owners Red Cat Leased Pubs Ltd have gone into administration. **JB**

YATELEY

Anchor

This Punch Taverns pub is situated on the edge of Yateley and now run by Megan, her first pub as a tenant, having worked behind the bar for the previous tenant. Consequently she has a good relationship with broad sections of the local community and maintains the friendly atmosphere for which this pub is well known. There is an active darts section, BT Sport and Sky TV, and a pleasant back garden, popular with families during warm weather. Well-behaved dogs are welcome, for whom there are canine treats at the bar. Sharp's Doom Bar is their regular ale, with tasty bar snacks available, but best to phone ahead if you wish to confirm food availability: 01252-872248. **HF**

Hogs Back Brewery blesses hop garden, continues "beating the bounds" tradition



Surrey-based Hogs Back Brewery recently held its annual Hop Blessing at its brewery and hop garden in Tongham. Around 100 people gathered in the evening sunshine to enjoy the ceremony and the "beating the bounds" walk, back as part of the event for a second year.

The Hop Blessing took place on Ascension Day (9th May), the day on which crop blessings were traditionally held for centuries. Rev. Claire Holt, of St Paul's Church in Tongham, blessed the crops and, with Hogs Back Brewery managing director Rupert Thompson, led guests on the walk around the 8.5-acre hop garden.

Blessing of crops was observed in rural communities in a bid to encourage a bountiful harvest. Hogs Back revived the tradition in 2014 when they planted their original hop garden over the road from the brewery and continued it when they relocated to the current, larger site. Currently, the 6,000 hop plants in the Hogs Back garden are climbing up strings, spurred by the recent rainfall, and the brewery is hoping for an ample crop to harvest in late August.

Beating the bounds similarly took place around Ascension Day, when the priest would lead a group around the parish boundaries, as a way of instilling this vital information: your parish

dictated how much tax you paid, and where you could be buried, for example. The "beating the bounds" name may have its origins in a tradition of beating children's heads at each of the boundary stones to drive home the information - a part of the custom that Hogs Back is not observing!

Rev. Holt said: "Blessing the Hogs Back hop garden continues a tradition that would certainly have been part of the cycle of hop growing in Farnham for centuries. It gave me great joy to lead the prayers for the Hogs Back hop garden, the brewery, and all who work in them, for this year and long into the future."

Rupert Thompson said: "The Hop Blessing is always a wonderful event, bringing together the local community to remember how important hop farming was to this region. We're grateful, as ever, to Claire for blessing our hops and delighted to see so many people enjoying the "beating the bounds" walk and a pint or two back at the brewery. Clearly most people today don't need to know where their parish boundaries lie, but centuries on from that, there is still a desire to connect with the local community and a large part of what we're doing at Hogs Back is about building those connections, which is shown by the many local residents who volunteer to "twiddle" our hop plants up the strings now, or to bring in the harvest later in the year. We're enormously grateful to this army of "Hogs Back Hoppers", and also to Matthew King, our hop garden manager, for his skill and dedication in tending to the hops."

Rupert Thompson showed guests the Le May Cup, which was awarded to Hogs Back earlier this year for its White Bine hop in the Institute of Brewing & Distilling's annual Hop Competition. They also received a Gold Award for their

Hogs Back Brewery

Fuggles hop and a Silver for their English Cascade. Hogs Back is the first brewer to win the Le May Cup.

The Hop Blessing has always been a free event but this year guests were asked to make a donation of £5 to the British Heart Foundation, the brewery's chosen charity for 2024. Hogs Back will be fundraising all year for BHF, especially at the Hop Harvest celebrations in September.

With the hops duly blessed, the Hogs Back team will now be tending the bines carefully until harvest. Three varieties are being grown: Fuggles - used in the brewer's flagship Tongham TEA ale; English Cascade - used in its Hogstar lager; and Farnham White Bine - a local variety that Hogs Back revived from near-extinction.

Hogs Back's Hop Harvest celebrations take place from 13th to 15th September, starting with a "Roots" session featuring original music on the Friday, followed by a music festival style event on the Saturday and a more family-friendly TEA Party on the Sunday. Tickets are available on the Hogs Back website <https://hogsback.co.uk>



Guests raise a glass at the Hogs Back Brewery Hop Blessing with managing director Rupert Thompson and Rev. Claire Holt



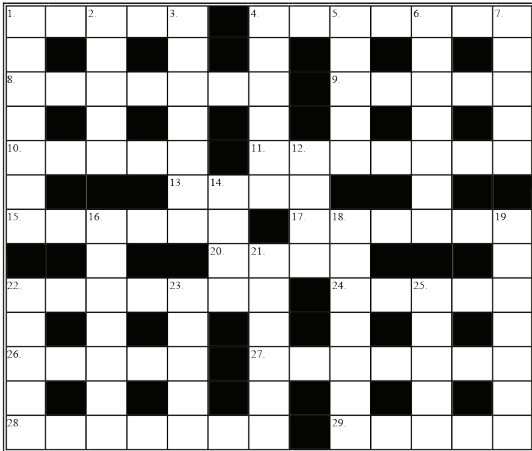
Only the finest farmers make it into our beauty parade

Shortly after harvest each year the best hop farmers in the UK journey to our brewery in Yorkshire. They bring with them carefully packed parcels of their finest crops. In what has become known as the *hop beauty parade* our expert brewers meticulously assess each batch, judging not just looks but also personality. The brewers rub each hop in their warm hands to feel the quality of the resins and release the delicate aromas that are vital to the signature flavour and balance of our beer. Only then are the *choicest* whole leaf hops selected to brew your *beautiful* pint of Landlord.

All for that taste of Taylor's



Headscratcher No. 99



£20 Prize Crossword

Clues for Headscratcher No.99

Down

1. Mountain chain in the island estuary. (5)
2. The first edition ranges over different characters and makes them extremely angry. (7)
3. The flower in her hair is wilting. (4)
4. Moved abroad on a ship. (6)
5. Right around the circumference. (5)
6. Begin with the French alarm. (7)
7. Di, Mary and the first pilgrims go west to find an ancient tomb. (7)
12. e.g. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. (7)
13. Check out a variety of pints around the European Community. (7)
15. Struggling priests persevere. (7)
16. A retiring European, with outstanding enemies, runs away. (6)
17. A bird was seen through the aero-binoculars. (5)
19. It's the fashion. (5)
21. Joy comes from the final exercise after a broken leg. (4)

Across

1. The man from Brooklyn travelled in a car with me. (8)
7. This spike has no tip to inflict damage. (5)
8. Convert a dirty room into sleeping quarters. (9)
9. A hill found in West Orpington. (3)
10. An epic tale is told in stories against war. (4)
11. Deliver a sermon from a perch. (6)
13. Introduce rest in different ways. (6)
14. Spot the minister in the crowd. (6)
17. The latest convalescence is recommended after regressive liver abuse. (6)
18. It shows courage to appear in the mating ritual. (4)
20. In favour of opening the Public Records Office. (3)
22. Unleashing pure evil's repellent. (9)
23. The first Chinese member to get to the top. (5)
24. Laid claim to a variety of trades around the South East. (8)

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