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News & Views

● PRICES - IT'S CRUNCH TIME

LONDON'S BEERS are at last getting cheaper. An extraordinary statement, with the budget coming on top of massive brewery increases? Perhaps, but the signs are that the facts of life for the majority of the population are at last catching up with the drink industry.

The *Drinker's* Bargain Beers' section thrives and we have been pleasantly surprised by the commitment with which landlords have stuck to their policies once they have introduced the cheaper beers. We like to think that the *Drinker* has played a small part in helping the move towards bargains and, again, make our usual plea for information about reduced prices, happy hours and cheap beers.

What has happened throughout the country and is beginning to happen here was foreseen at least two years ago. While breweries raised their prices they were admitting privately that profits would fall if prices continued to be raised indiscriminately during a prolonged recession. The recession shows no sign of ending, yet brewers have carried on much as before.

Pubs have always been advised to avoid getting involved in price cutting wars. Sensible advice, but too often it has been given in the context of maintaining profit margins at all costs. The impossibility of most pubs doing this today has led to the crunch, with several of them lowering prices in an attempt to retain and to win over custom.

We are happy that many tied houses are offering bargains, especially when they do not get much help from their brewers — one of whom, Charrington, has put up prices yet again. In London, though, the lead has been taken by the free trade, which is ironic since they carried much of the blame for making the capital's beers so hideously expensive in the first place. Their greater flexibility, and the fact that in a buyer's market they can beat down the price per barrel, enables them to set special prices for a period and in some cases even to sell at least one beer cheaply at any time. The *Clarance* in Old Brompton Road, which has knocked 20p off a pint for an 'indefinite' period, is just the most extreme example.

The situation is fluid and fragile. At least people who work in Greater London, from Hadley Highstone in the north to Kenley in the south,

now have a reasonable chance of catching a pint on their way home. It coincides with the fact that many of the pubs on our list are highly regarded.

The way things are going, *London Drinker's* first 'Bargain beer' pub crawl cannot be long delayed.

● BOTTLED BEAUTIES

A GREAT SUCCESS for London's bottled beers. At the recent Strong Beer Competition held by the British Bottlers Institute, Younger's Strong Export bitter won a gold medal as the best brew of its kind, while their Old Nick and Ram Rod both received diplomas for excellence.

Watney's Stingo won a silver medal in Class D (OG 1075 and over), and their Export Gold received a diploma in Class C. There is even a class in 'Royal Wedding and/or Commemorative brews', in which Watney's Royal Celebration Ale won the silver medal. The beer also picked up a diploma in the 'Best Dressed Bottle Awards (Royal Wedding)' section.

It looks a bit like the Caucus-race from *Alice in Wonderland* where, as the Dodo said *Everybody* has won and all must have prizes." But it sounds a lot of fun and congratulations to Young's and Watney's for keeping London's flag flying.

● BREWERIANA BONANZA

IF YOU ARE interested in buying or selling articles with pub or brewery connotations, the date to remember is Saturday, 5 June. CAMRA will be holding the first National Breweriana Auction in the afternoon at the Clarendon, Hammersmith Broadway, W6 (a Fuller's house). After expenses and deductions to donors, all the proceeds will be divided between CAMRA and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

If any reader has items they wish to sell or to contribute, please get in touch with us and we shall pass the information on to the organisers. They are looking for such items as brewery posters, ashtrays and advertising matter in general; beer mats and beer bottle labels; commemorative bottled beers; old or unusual items of pub or brewing equipment and anything else that sounds suitable.

Catalogues will be available before the event and you will need one to gain admission. Viewing of items will take place on the Saturday morning.

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● BATTLE BEER

IF YOU ENJOY drinking and fighting – for fun, that is – you can participate in the Battle of Croydon. This Civil War bloodbath will be staged by the Sealed Knot over the weekend 17–18 July. It will take place in Lloyd Park, Croydon and the local CAMRA branch will look after the beer.

The Entrance Fee will be £1.50 per adult and 75p per child, which covers the period from noon to 6pm. CAMRA members are also eligible for admission to the bar on Friday and Saturday nights.

The event is organised by the local Round Tables. We are told that reductions are available for Advance tickets booked through CAMRA, so if any reader wishes to take advantage of this, please write to us and we shall pass your letter on to the branch.

● FISH FINGERS TO LINDEN

READERS WILL be aware that the very occasional error of fact, fancy or reproduction occurs in even so immaculately conceived an organ as *London Drinker*. These falls from grace are prevalent particularly where pubs denoting Royal celebrations are concerned.

A different sort of mistake was spotted by Mrs. A.J. Keable of the **Earl Russell** in Hanworth Road, Hounslow. In his March column, **Linden Drunker** referred disparagingly to Egon Ronay's pub guide and singled out the prize which the book gave to Findus for producing the 'Pub dish of the year'. The implication was that Findus had come up with just another anonymous frozen wonder.

Mrs Keable disagrees with this, though not with Linden's other comments, and has sent us a cutting to prove her point. The winning dish was produced in competition with 10,000 others representing 3,750 pubs and was invented by the landlady of a free house in Hereford. It was only after Mrs. Russell-Taylor's 'Broad Oak Casserole' – beef and vegetable, simmered in Guinness and flavoured with herbs – had won that Findus took over the marketing.

Thanks, Mrs Keable, and we should like to apologise to all concerned. No doubt Linden, when he wakes up, will apologise also.

While on the subject, you might have been more than usually bemused by our report last month about Swedish telegrams. If you read 'message' for 'massage', and vice versa, the article should make a little more sense.

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GOING OUT WITH STYLE

TODAY WE HAVE seven active breweries in London, excluding home-brew houses. At the turn of the century, there were 116. Quantity does not necessarily imply quality. Perhaps the connoisseur of 1900 would have lyricised about Bloggs, Huggins and Combes but eschewed Woodbridge's Yorkshire Stingo; denounced Deptford for offering only Norfolk's and United, but recommended an expedition to Barking to try Glenney's; bewailed the loss of Nicholl's and Crooke's but welcomed the appearance of Chelsea bitter in Welch houses?

Of course, it was never as simple as that. The small collections of tied houses that most of these breweries owned would not have been confined to the surroundings of the brewhouse, as brewers have rarely been reluctant to grasp opportunities just a little further from home if the price is right.

The Edwardian period saw many such opportunities, as the 1890s had been a time of massive investment in pub reconstruction. The market collapsed, publicans went bankrupt and the brewers who had put up the money picked up the pubs. By 1915, 95% of all licences were

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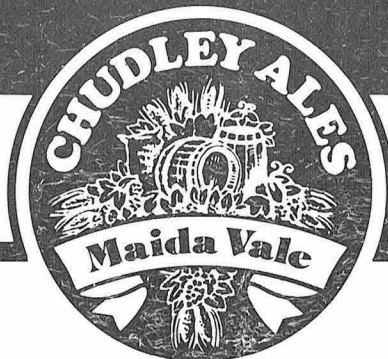


owned by breweries – the free trade was even smaller than today.

Brewers suffered from having bought the bankrupt pubs dearly. Aside from takeovers, a dozen breweries went voluntarily liquid in an unwanted way between 1900 and 1914. Nevertheless there were still 34 breweries in 1930, though a few were subsidiaries of the budding giants. The depression took more, but there were still 20 operating in 1950. This steady decline in numbers can be traced across the country in a fascinating book compiled by Norman Barker of the Brewery History Society.*

The names that live on in pub mirrors or on crumbling mouldings have their little obituaries and now we can sort out where the present tied estates come from. Charrington's strong presence across Peckham and New Cross arises from them having taken over Hoare & Co. in

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GOING OUT WITH STYLE continued

1931, the former business of the New Cross Brewery which had succumbed in 1925. Courage's strong grip on South-East London is inherited from Norfolk's, Beasley's, Rettell's and Style and Winch's. Norfolk's was fourth-hand via the Dartford Brewery, Style and Winch and Barclay Perkins! Did the paint ever get dry?

This book is a fascinating record of how an industry has reached its present shape. It is inevitably vulnerable to the odd error (such as claiming that Beasley's brewery still stands — there has been a 24-storey tower block there since 1967!) but, as the first compilation of its kind, it is a valuable and moderately-priced

guide to about 2,000 companies. There are some intriguing titbits, such as the fact that there were two lager breweries in London in 1900, one of them a subsidiary of Holsten — in Wandsworth!

Incidentally, we now know why the first editor of *London Drinker* used to identify lager drinkers with unorthodox sexual proclivities — Holsten took over the business of one A.C. Nance. Do you think Holsten as Nance's bier?

** Where Have All The Breweries Gone?* by Norman Barker. Published in association with CAMRA by Neil Richardson. Available from CAMRA, 34 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 3BW. Price £3.50 inclusive.

The Linden Drinker Column

WHITBREAD ARE despairing so much at their inability to sell their beer in their pubs that they have a new plan to convert pubs into pizza houses.

The press release says that Whitbread and PepsiCo (yes, it is second best through — they could not even get Coca Cola) have set up a joint company called Pizza Hut (UK) to convert pubs to pizza restaurants.

Is this what all those local breweries expected would happen to their pubs when they handed over the keys of their breweries to Colonel Whitbread back in the late 1960s? It's a shame. But somehow I don't see parmesan cheese sprinkled on a pint of Trophy as sensible marketing.

Guinness has flogged the Toucan. Terrible to tell but the brewers have decided to get rid of their Toucan holiday parks and villages on the Norfolk Broads and in France. The buyers are English China Clays. What can this mean?

Remember how the big brewers have spent the last five years handing out massive interest-free loans to the free trade, thanks to the benign banking arrangements provided by the regulars in their tied pubs? Well 1982 has now been dubbed by the stock exchange brewing expert Colin Mitchell as 'the year of the bad debt.' So tough luck.

Here is a record which the next CAMRA beer festival in Stornoway, or wherever, might try to beat. Guinness claim a world record for their sales of draught Guinness (yes, I know it's not

real, but I like it) at the England-Ireland match at Twickenham this year. During 3¼ hours trading customers consumed 32 nine gallon casks — and average sale of 12 pints a minute.

Beer sales are starting to plummet more than anyone, including this ultra-jaunticed column, could have foretold. In January 1982 production dropped by 21.5 per cent over the 1981 figures, according to a sheepish Brewers' Society spokesman. He added that the figures were 'freakish' — bad weather, low Christmas sales, that kind of thing. But overall sales are 6 per cent down on last year.

Frankly I'm not surprised. 6 per cent amounts to only one decision to stick with a half pint in every 9 pints. What can they expect? I suppose the answer is that they expect a boom in pizza sales and summer holiday sales (hence Greenall's takeover of the Laker holiday business) and cake sales (hence Allied Breweries cakewalk into Jo Lyons land). Chickens are out, though. Courage owners, the Imperial group, have just sold the Buxted chickens outfit. What faith in brewing these chaps have.

What I cannot understand is why they don't stop all this wheeler-dealing and just cut the price of their beer. That way the slide in beer sales might stop. They could even save money on the redundancy payments to all those lone-serving brewery men they keep firing.

What did you say? Ah, yes. Well, I know times are hard. Just a half for me, please.

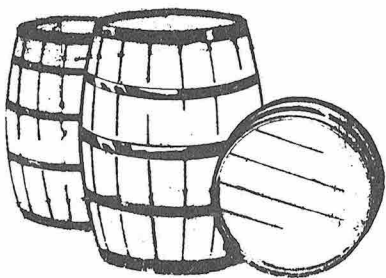
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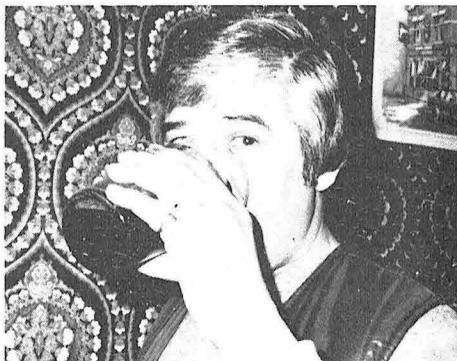
By John Conen

"Barry Smith enjoying a pint of his own beer"

On one of my infrequent visits to the **Jolly Anglers** in Wood Green, a source of an excellent pint of Fremlin' Tusker, I have been pleased to make the acquaintance of Barry Smith. Besides being a keen drinker of Real Ale, Barry is also a home brewer on a large scale.

The brewing equipment in Barry's small house in Tottenham includes a 15-gallon copper adapted from a central heating system, and produces on average 10 gallons of beer a week. The brewing process starts on Friday evening with an overnight mash, and the yeast is finally pitched on Sunday. But the bulk of the work takes place on Saturday afternoon when the brew is sparged and boiled, much to the disgust of Barry's wife Barbara.

Barry uses only malt and hops for his 1042 O.G. bitter and uses various yeasts, one from McMullen's having produced particularly good results. All the beer is bottled due to limitations of storage space.



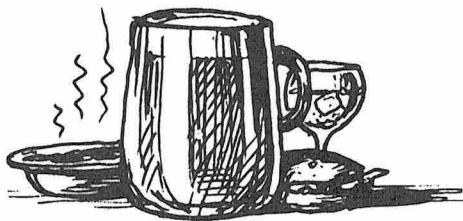
Barry is also a keen drinker at local Real Ale pubs. Besides the **Jolly Anglers** he frequents the **Alexandra** in Wood Green, and the **Dagmar Arms** in Tottenham. He lists Wethered's Winter Royal as one of his favourite beers. Barry also finds time to act as treasurer to the Southgate and District Darts league, and is also a member of Wood Green Ex- Servicemen's Club.

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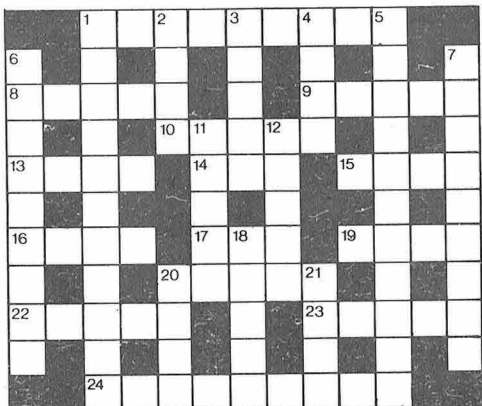
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Across

1. Evicted PE organiser might be illusory. (9)
8. Offspring. (5)
9. A quiet meal should more than suffice (5)
10. A horde climbing up. (5)
13. Exude time. (4)
14. A commotion in El Dorado. (3)
15. Agreed without account so give up. (4)
16. Wise but still rather green. (4)
17. Captainless boat aground. (3)
19. First rate South African covers a lot of ground. (4)
20. Extra page. (5)
22. Willow. (5)
23. Criminal ones get solitary confinement- (5)
24. - they also get these. (9)

Down

1. Make out by hiding suits. (11)
2. Signal rods. (4)
3. Quiet ahead - Please! (5)
4. Priest. (4)
5. Forced phrases. (11)
6. Distracting entertainment. (9)
7. Has seen great production. (9)
11. Painted truck. (5)
12. Outer way. (5)
18. Soya spices have savoury content. (5)
20. Flatten a tee shot? - no a T-shirt. (4)
21. Cambrian stream. (4)



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Real Beer In London~Update 4

WE INCLUDE an extended listing this month so that we, can pinpoint those of the ever-growing band of announced Truman conversions which have had their installations of cask-conditioned beer confirmed.



Additions

W1 **Bricklayers Arms**, 31 Grease St. Samuel Smith: OBB (H)

W1 **Cock & Lion**, 62 Wigmore St. Watney: London, bitter, Stag (H)

W1 **Wheatsheaf**, 25 Rathbone Pl. Younger: IPA, No. 3 (H)

W1 **Yorkshire Grey**, 28 Maple St. Watney: London bitter, Stag; Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H)

WC1 **Blue Lion**, 133 Grays Inn Rd. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

WC1 **Prince Albert**, 2 Acton St. Truman: Mild, bitter, Best bitter (H)

WC2 **Griffin**, 9 Villiers St. Adnam: bitter; Godson: Best bitter; Greene King: IPA (G). Beware Watney on DCL pump.

WC2 **Jubilee Bar**, Villiers St. Bass; Courage: Directors (H). Next to Charing X Station - designed to resemble a Jubilee Underground Train.

WC2 **Footlights Bar**, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych. Courage: Best bitter; Samuel Smith: OBB (H)

WC2 **Salisbury**, 90 St. Martins Lane. Ind Coope: Burton Ale (H)

EC1 **Burgundy Bens**, 102 Clerkenwell Rd. Courage: Directors (H). Beer is Labelled 'Davy's Old Wallop (H)

EC1 **George & Dragon**, 240 St. John St. Truman: Mild, bitter, Best bitter (H)

EC1 **Joint & Gem**, 41 Covercross St. Truman: Best bitter (H). Farringdon Station Buffet Bar.

EC2 **Plough**, St. Alphage Highwalk, Fore St. Courage: Best bitter, Directors (H)

EC2 **Turners**, Concourse, Broad St. Station. Bass; Greene King: IPA, Abbot (H)

EC3 **Mandys**, Seething Lane. Bass, or Charrington IPA, or Wethered bitter (H)

EC3 **Three Tuns**, 36 Jewry St. Charrington: IPA (H)

EC4 **Bodgega**, 5 Bucklesbury. Bass (G). Cellar bar - lunchtime only.

EC4 **Bradys**, Seacoal Lane. Fremlin: Tusker; Wethered: Bitter (H)

EC4 **Coach & Horses**, 35 Whitefriars St. Charrington; IPA (H)

EC4 **Harrow**, 22 Whitefriars St. Charrington: IPA (H)

EC4 **Square Rigger**, 2 Arthur St. Bass; Charrington, IPA (H)

E1 **Crown & Sceptre**, 84 Ben Johnson Rd. Bass (H)

E1 **Good Samaritan**, 87 Turner St. Truman: Best bitter (H). Bulmer Traditional Cider (G). Near London Hospital.

E1 **Horse & Groom**, 21 Whitechurch Lane. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

E1 **Pepper Pot**, 22 Dock St. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

E1 **Roosters**, 120 Whitechapel Rd. Watney: Stag (H)

E1 **White Hart**, 1 Mile End Rd. Everard: Tiger (H)

E2 **City of Paris**, 178 Old Ford Rd. Truman: Mild, bitter (H)

E2 **Greyhound**, 32 Old Ford Rd. Courage: Best bitter, Directors (H)

E2 **Royal Cricketers**, 211 Old Ford Rd. Wethered: Bitter (H)

E2 **White Horse**, 236 Cambridge Heath Rd. Wethered: Bitter (H)

E3 **Crown**, 223 Grove Rd. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

E3 **Young Prince**, 448 Roman Rd. Young: Special (H)

E4 **Wheelwrights**, 94 Hatch Lane. Wethered: Bitter (H)

E8 **Albion**, 33 Albion Drive. Shepherd Neame: Bitter (H)

E9 **White Lion**, 331 Wick Rd. Truman: Bitter, East bitter (H)

E10 **Oliver Twist**, 90 Church Rd. Wethered: Bitter (H)

E11 **Woodbine**, 40 Wanstead High St. Young: Bitter (H)

E14 **Galloway Arms**, 43 Thomas St. Taylor Walker: Bitter (H)

E17 **Windmill**, 20 Grosvenor Park Rd. Wethered: Bitter (H)

E15 **Lord Henniker**, 119 The Grove. Charrington: Crown (H)

ROMFORD **Charcoal Burner**, Turpin Ave, Chase Cross. Truman: Best bitter (H)

ROMFORD **Parkside**, 29 North St. Romford: Brewers bitter (H)

N1 **Baring Arms**, 55 Baring St. Truman: Bitter (H)

N1 **Champagne Charlies**, 325 Essex Rd. Courage: Directors (H). Named 'Davy's Old Wallop'

N1 **Duke of York**, 33 Downham Rd. Truman: Best bitter (H)

N1 **Macbeth**, 70 Hoxton St. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

N1 **Stags Head**, 55 Orsman Rd. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

N1 **White Horse**, 80 Liverpool Rd. Courage: Best bitter, Directors (H)

N3 **Queens Head**, 248 Regents Park Rd. Courage: Directors (H)

N7 **Hercules Tavern**, 504 Holloway Rd. Mann: IPA; Watney: Stag (H)

N12 **Jubilee Inn**, 359 Ballards Lane. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H) - resuscitated.

N16 **Rose & Crown**, 199 Stoke Newington Church St. Truman: Bitter (H)

N17 **Beehive**, Stoneleigh Rd. Courage: Directors (H)

BARNET **Crown & Anchor**, 47 High St. Truman: Best bitter (H)

BOREHAM-
WOOD **Thatchers Inn**, Elstree Moat House, Barnet By-Pass. Greene King: Abbot; Wethered: Bitter (H) nb. most of Borehamwood is outside the GLC area in Hertfordshire.

ENFIELD **Bush Hill Park Hotel**, 116 St. Marks Rd. Bush Hill Park. Wethered: Bitter (H)

ENFIELD **Enfield Arms**, 2 Genotin Rd. Truman: Best bitter (H)

NEW
BARNET **Lord Kitchener**, 49 East Barnet Rd. McMullen: AK mild, Country bitter (H)

NW1 **Black Horse**, 213 Royal College St. Watney: London bitter, Staf (H)

NW1 **Elephants Head**, 224 Camden High St. Courage: Directors (H)

NW1 **Green Man**, 383 Euston Rd. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H)

NW1 **Lord Somers Arms**, 115 Chalton St. Courage: Directors (H)

NW5 **Rose Of England**, 35 Talacre Rd. Watney: London bitter, Stag (H)

NW8 **Abbey Tavern**, 8 Violet Hill. Fremlin: Tusker; Wethered: Bitter (H)

NW9 **George**, 234 Church Lane. Taylor Walker: Bitter (H)

NW9 **Green Man**, 125 Slough Lane. Truman: Best bitter (H)

NW10 **Coach & Horses**, Hillside, Stonebridge Park. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H)

NW10 **Masons Arms**, 665 Harrow Rd. Taylor Walker: Bitter; Ind Coope: Burton Ale (H)

EDGWARE **Prince Of Wales**, 218 Burnt Oak Bdw. Truman: Best bitter (H)

SE1 **Ben Truman**, 60 Southwark St. Truman: best bitter (H)

SE1 **George**, 40 Tower Bridge Rd. Truman: Best bitter (H)

SE1 **Grapes**, 121 Borough High St. Courage: Best bitter (H)

SE1 **Kings Arms**, 251 Tooley St. Charrington: IPA (H)

SE1 **New Crown & Cushion**, 133 Westminster Bridge Rd. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

SE1 **Red Lion**, 172 Westminster Bridge Rd. Courage: Directors (H)

SE1 **Rose & Crown**, 67 Union St. Courage: Best bitter, Directors (H)

SE1 **Samsons**, 210 Grange Rd. Wethered: Bitter (H)

SE8 **Navy Arms**, 60 New King St. Truman: Best bitter (H)

SE9 **Park Tavern**, 45 Passey Place. Truman: Best bitter (H)

SE15 **Gowlett Arms**, 62 Gowlett Rd. Charrington: IPA (H)

SE15 **Shergar**, 119 Consort Rd. Bass; Courage; Young: Special;

SE16 **Colleen Bawn**, 196 Southwark Park Rd. Taylor Walker: Bitter (H)

SE16 **Jolly Gardeners**, 187 Rotherhithe New Rd. Taylor Walker: Bitter (H)

SE18 **Horse & Groom**, 242 Plumstead High St. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

SE18 **Mitre**, 145 Woolwich High St. Bass; Charrington: IPA (H)

SE18 **Who'd A Thought It**, 7 Timbercraft Lane. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

SE24 **Prince Regent**, 69 Dulwich Rd. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

BROMLEY **Tigers Head**, Masons Hill. Ind Coope: Bitter (H)

BEXLEY-HEATH **Golden Lion**, 258 Broadway. Fremlin: Tucker; Wethered: Bitter (H)

CROYDON **Castle**, 482 London Rd. Ind Coope: Bitter, Burton Ale (H)

CROYDON **Duke Of York**, 50 Canterbury Rd. Courage: Best bitter, Directors (H)

CROYDON **Golden Lion**, 144 Stanley Rd. Courage: Directors (H)

SW1 **Colonies**, 25 Wilfred St. Watney: London bitter, Stag (H)

SW1 **Ranelagh**, 39 Ranelagh Grove. Truman: Best bitter (H)

SW1 **Two Chairmen**, 39 Dartmouth St. Watney: London bitter, Stag (H)

SW1 **Victoria**, 56 Buckingham Palace Rd. Eldridge Pope: Dorchester bitter; Greene King: IPA: Special bitter (H). Beware Watney beers on DCL pump.

SW2 **Duke Of Wellington**, 170 Acre Lane. Friary Mxux: Bitter (H)

SW3 **Cadogan Arms**, 298 Kings Rd. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H). Beware Watney beers on DCL pump.

SW3 **Shuckburgh Arms**, 47 Denyer St. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H). Beware Watney beers on DCL pump.

SW8 **Roebuck**, 84 Ashmole St. Bass (H)

SW10 **Hollywood Arms**, 45 Hollywood Rd. Watney: London bitter, Stag (H)

SW16 **Norbury**, London Rd. Courage: Best bitter, Directors (H)

SW15 **Railway**, 2 Greyhound Lane, Charrington: IPA (H)

SW19 **Red Lion**, 60 High St. Charrington: IPA (H)

HAM **Hand & Flower**, Ham Common. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

HAM **Water Gypsies**, 109 Ashburnham Rd. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

KINGSTON **Black Horse**, 240 London Rd. Truman: Best bitter (H)

KINGSTON **Canbury Arms**, Canbury Park Rd. Courage: Directors (H)

KINGSTON **Lamb**, 16 Acre Lane. Courage: Best bitter, Directors (H)

W2 **Green Man**, 308 Edgware Rd. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H). Beware Watney beers on DCL pump.

W2 **Grand Junction Arms**, 28 Praed St. Truman: Mild, bitter, Best bitter (H)

W2 **Sawyers Arms**, 8 London St. Truman: Mild, bitter, Best bitter (H)

W2 **Westminster Arms**, 10 Praed St. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H)

W6 **Royal Oak**, 60 Glenthorne Rd. Truman: Bitter, Best bitter (H)

W9 **Paddington Stop**, 54 Formosa Rd. Fremlin: Tusker; Wethered: bitter (H)

W11 **Mitre**, 40 Holland Park Ave. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H)

W12 **Shepherd & Flock**, 84 Goldhawk Rd. Courage: Directors (H)

HOUNSLOW **Bell**, 2 Staines Rd. Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak, Felinfoel: Double Dragon; Mann: IPA; Watney: London bitter, Stag; Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H)

HOUNSLOW **Lord Palmerston**, 112 Staines Rd. Truman: Mild, Bitter, Best bitter (H)

ISLEWORTH **Swan Inn**, Upper Square. Fuller: Chiswick bitter, London Pride, ESB (H)

TEDDINGTON **Royal Oak**, High St. Webster: Yorkshire bitter (H)

WHITTON **Winning Post**, Chertsey Rd. Watney: London bitter (H)

AMENDMENTS - Truman

The following pubs sold Tap bitter on hand-pump. Tap is no longer served and the Truman beers listed should be substituted.

W1 **Blue Posts** (Newman St). Bitter, Best bitter. (nb. Stag omitted)

W1 **Boswells**. Bitter, Best bitter (nb. London omitted)

W1 **Duke Of York** (New Cavendish St.). Bitter, Best bitter.

W1 **King Henry's Tavern**. Best bitter.

W1 **Rising Sun**. Best bitter.

W1 **Two Chairmen** (Bruton Lane). Best bitter.

EC2 **Kings Arms**. Bitter, Best bitter.

EC2 **Primrose**. Best bitter.

EC3 **Ship Tavern** (Lime St). Bitter, Best bitter.

E1 **Mr. Pickwick's**. Best bitter.

E1 **White Horse** (Shoreditch High St). Bitter. Best bitter.

E10 **Three Blackbirds**. Mild, bitter, Best bitter.

E13 **Red House**. Bitter, Best bitter.

BARKING **Barge Around**. Bitter.

ILFORD **Cranbrook**. Bitter, Best bitter.

WOODFORD

GREEN **Castle**. Mild, bitter. Best bitter.

N19 **Royal Oak**. Bitter, Best bitter.

NW1 **Globe**. Bitter, Best bitter.

NW1 **Moriarty's**. Bitter, Best bitter.

NW1 **Portman Arms**. Best bitter.

NW1 **Royal George**. Best bitter.

NW3 **Three Horseshoes**. Bitter, Best bitter.

NW5 **Duke Of St. Albans**. Bitter, Best bitter.

NW5 **Wolsey Tavern**. Bitter.

SE1 **Jubilee Tavern**. Best bitter.

SE3 **Royal Standard**. Bitter, Best bitter.

ERITH **Duke Of Northumberland**. Mild, bitter, Best bitter.

SW6 **Atlas**. Best bitter.

W2 **Dickins Inn**. Bitter (also Godson: Black Horse)

W2 **Durham Castle**. Best bitter.

W2 **Shakespeare**. Best bitter.

W3 **Hollywood Greats**. Bitter.

W4 **John Bull**. Bitter, Best bitter.

W8 **Prince Of Wales**. Best bitter.

W14 **Holland Arms**. Best bitter.

N2 **Five Bells**. Bitter, Best bitter.

BARNET **Alexandra**. Mild, bitter and Best Bitter.

NW1 **Unicorn**. Bitter.

NW4 **Load Of Hay**. Bitter (district number not NW3).

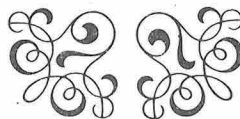
SW5 **Clarence**. Bitter.

W2 **Railway Tap**. Bitter.

Correction (to Update 3)

SE16 **Prince Of Orange**, 118 Lower Rd. (Note correct district)

If you know of any pub that has started selling draught beer or whose details in *Real Beer In London*, are incorrect the compilers would be very pleased to hear from you. Please write to: RBIL Update, 2 Sandtoft Rd., SE7.



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LOCAL.....

● WE DONE IT AGAIN

A LOT Of twisted knickers at the *Drinker*. It's that *Jubilee Inn*. Remember the Jubilee? In Ballards Lane. Sells real ale — or doesn't.



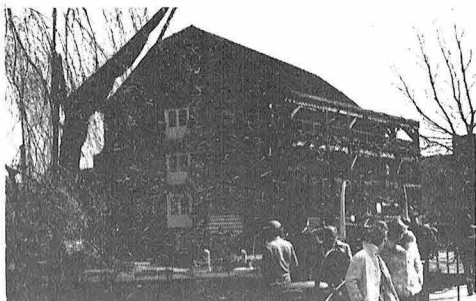
Probably the best-loved free house selling real ale in North Finchley.

Anyway, we now have it on nearly unimpeachable authority that the *Jubilee* *does* sell Webster's Yorkshire bitter from handpump. Sorry for all the confusion.

● TRIUMPH FOR PARK HEIGHTS

WE ARE PLEASED to hear that the *Old Park Heights Hotel* in Enfield appears to have won its fight with residents and Council. You may recall that Enfield Council, having failed to get the hotel's license stopped, tried to restrict its amenities to residents only.

The Department of Environment has now quashed the Council's enforcement notice so that, unless the Council appeals, all should be well. We congratulate Malcolm Green, the owner of the hotel, on battling through to success.



The Dickens Inn

Another threatened pub is the *Dickens Inn* in St Katharine's Dock by Tower Bridge. A handful of local residents have complained about the noise and the case is going to the Appeal Court.

Going back to the *Old Park Heights*, we have had a letter from Mr. R. Newman of Hillingdon about smokers in bars. He doesn't approve of them and asks if there are any 'no-smoking' pubs in his area. We do not know of any but, of course, the *Old Park Heights* became famous for just such a reason.

Enfield is not all that close to Hillingdon, but perhaps Mr. Newman might find a way of making the journey. Meanwhile, we should be interested to hear of any other such establishments.

● BARGAIN BEERS

AS MENTIONED EARLIER, the *Clarence* at 148 Old Brompton Road, SW5 has knocked 20p off all bulk beers for the time being. Draught beers include Truman bitter, Godson's Black Horse and Everard's Tiger. Note that the reduction refers to pints only; half-pinters pay the full whack.

The *Hop Picker*, 481 Hackney Road, E2 is trying to sell one bargain beer each month. Choice for May is Morrell's bitter and the price per pint will be, at most, 55p a pint.

The *Windsor Castle*, 211 Liverpool Road, N1 reduces the price of one of its beers by up to 4p each week.

We are delaying our breakdown of bargain Pubs yet again. Not only is the exact information very difficult to obtain in any quantity but we may have to establish some kind of criteria. For instance, should we set a bargain ceiling, or should we make allowances for beers that come from outside, or should we lay down norms for different areas?

We are looking into all this and would certainly welcome your views. Meanwhile, we improve our service slightly by breaking down our bargain pubs by times. Please accept that these are very rough divisions and that where, for example, a pub qualifies for more than one section we have stuck it in the section we think most useful. It is as well to check with the pub by 'phone for exact details.

All day
Dick's Bar in Hornsey; Welch Bros in East

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Fi chley; Sun in Carshalton; **Royal George**, Greenwich; **Duke of Edinburgh**, Greenwich; **Royal Albion** in Hounslow and the **Pied Bull** in Stre. tham.

Early evening

Ship & Shovel in Charing Cross; **Percy Arms**, Clerkenwell; **Moon** in Holborn; **Malt & Hops** in Kings Cross; **Marlers** in Islington; **Old Windmill**, Hadley Highstone; **Salisbury**, Barnet; **Wattenden Arms** in Kenley and the **King William IV** in Hampstead.

Other evening

Leather Exchange Tavern in Bermondsey; **Worcester Arms**, Marylebone; **King's Head** in Merton; **Golden Lion** in St. James's; **King's Head** in Acton; **Cavalier**, Wallington.

Lunchtime

Bricklayer's Arms in Shoreditch.

Beyond category

Mitcham Mint in Streatham; **Wellington** in Waterloo and the **Prohibition** in Croydon.

BRANCH DIARY

The following events will be held by CAMRA branches during May. For branches not mentioned, please ring Branch Contact concerned.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Mon 10 (8.00). *Social.* **Pitlake Arms**, Croydon (includes introduction of Raven bitter) – Wed 26 (8.00). *Social.* **Oval Tavern**, Oval Rd., Croydon (more Raven).

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 10 (5.30). *Social.* **Green Man**, Bucklersbury, EC4. –

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ENFIELD & BARNET: Wed 19 (8.00). *Branch.* **Falcon**, South St., Ponders End – Mon 24 (8.30). *Mild social.* **Alexandra**, Wood St., Barnet. – Wed 9 June (8.00). *AGM.* **Northern Star**, High St., N11.

NORTH LONDON: Fri 14 (6.00). *WCI crawl.* Start **Percy Arms**, Gt. Percy St. – Tue 18 (8.00). *Social.* **Victoria & Albert Bars**, Marylebone Stn. NW1. – Tue 25 (8.00). *Truman crawl*, N1. Start **Duke Of York**, 34 Downham Rd. – Tue 1 June (8.00). *Branches.* **Starting Gate**, Buckingham Rd., N22.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Mon 17 (8.00). *Branch.* **Albany**, Station Approach, Twickenham. – Tue 25 (8.00). *Social.* **Crown**, Lower Mortlake Rd., Richmond.

SOUTH-EAST LONDON: Mon 10 (8.00). *Branch.* **Prince Of Orange**, Lower Rd., SE16. – Thu 20 (7.30). *Woolwich crawl.* Start **Tramshed**. – Mon 7 June (8.00). *Branch.* **Globe**, Bedale St., SE1.

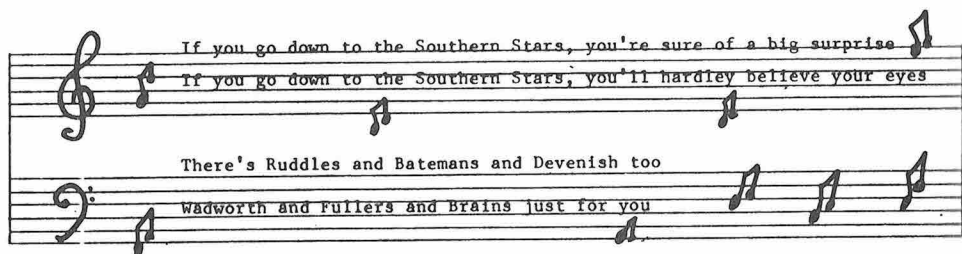
WEST LONDON: Sun 9 (12.00). *Marathon Sunday social.* **Buckingham Arms**, Petty France, SW1. – Thu 20 (8.00). *Branch.* **Brook Green Hotel**, Shepherds Bush Rd., W6. – Wed 26 (8.00). *Pub of the month.* **Radnor Arms**, Warwick Rd., W14.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 11 (8.30). *Games.* **Bridge**, Western Ave, Greenford. – Sat 15. Coach to Farnham beer festival. Ring contact for details. – Wed 19. *AGM.* **Crown & Old Treaty House**, Oxford Rd., Uxbridge. – Fri 28 (7.30). *Uxbridge crawl.* Start **Three Tuns** opposite station).

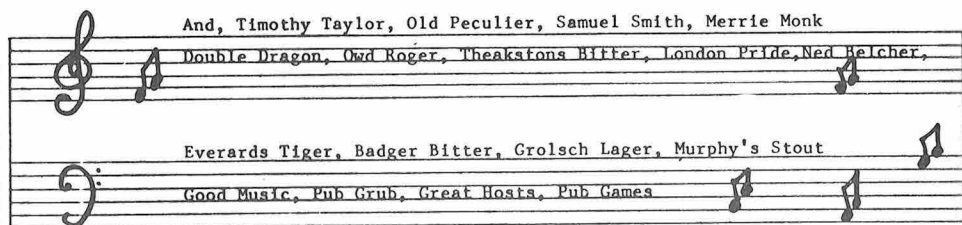
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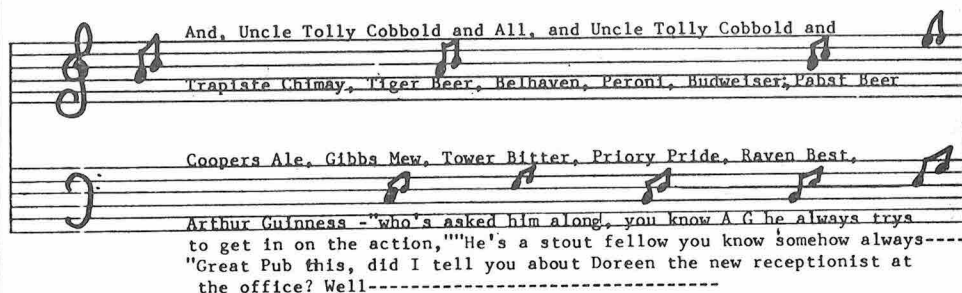
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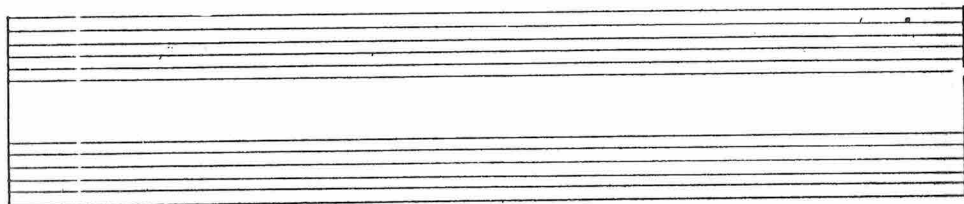
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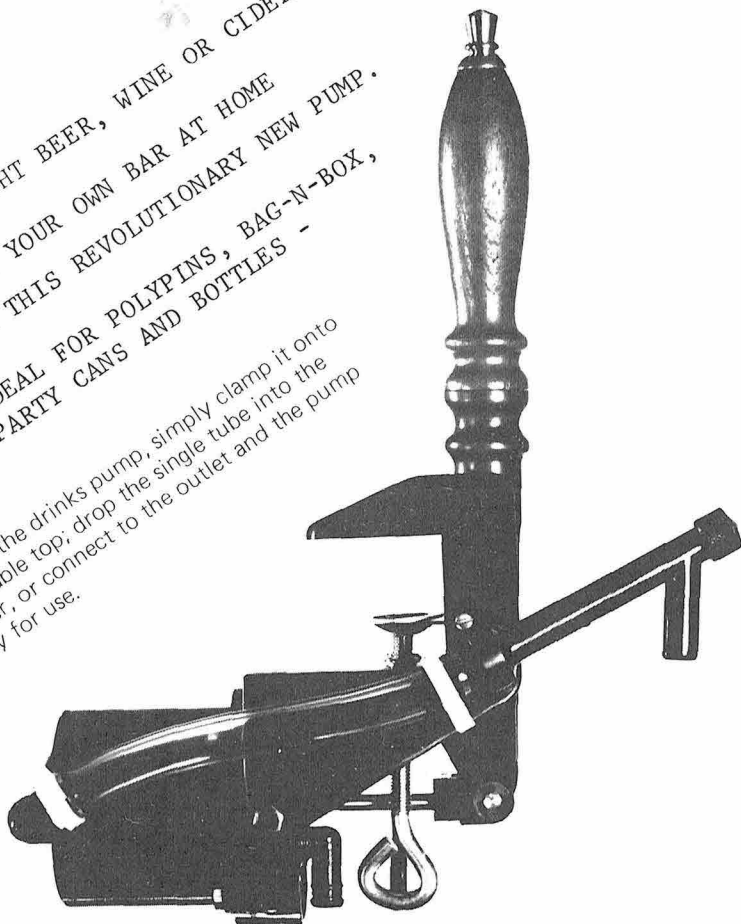


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by Howard Gladwin

SORRY, BUT I have only two pubs for you this month. Pressure of work, ie drinking sprees in the Holborn area with your Copy Editor, has seriously interfered with my lunchtime perambulations. There is also another problem in that the said Copy Editor is having serious doubts as to whether any of the pubs I have visited so far are actually in Lambeth.

In fact, I am beginning to think that he does not believe that Lambeth exists. Anyway, the two pubs I have visited this month are within walking distance (just) of Lambeth North tube station which certainly does exist, although from the number of times there are no staff in attendance I fear London Transport do not believe it is there.

First, let us go to the **St. George's Tavern** (500 on Map 11 in *Real Beer in London*). This is tucked neatly against St. George's Cathedral in Lambeth Road (surely a pointer?) and I find the journey on foot to this pub as interesting as the pub itself. If you approach from St. George's Circus you pass the intriguingly-titled Bradley Pulveriser Company (are there so many Bradleys that a company has been set up to pulverise them?). Opposite the pub, hidden by a high wall, is a mysterious London Transport depot full of Bakerloo Line trains which never seem to move – a sort of tube-train graveyard.

Flanking the pub on the Cathedral side is what appears to be a large netball court, entry to which is barred by two forbidding iron gates which bear the notice 'Emergency Exit'. This intrigues me. Is it really necessary to have emergency exits from a netball court or, come to that, from a cathedral? Personally, I have always been loath to leave any netball court, particularly when a game is in progress, and I seldom go into or out of cathedrals.

Before we enter the pub there is another feature to note. Its flank occupies the whole of what must be the shortest in London – Barbel Street. This runs from Lambeth Road to the aforementioned gates, a distance of about 15 yards. In fact, the name plaque is nearly as long as the street.

Now to the pub itself. It is painted bright red, peeling in places, and inside the saloon bar is spacious. The beer (Wethered's bitter and Fremlin's Tusker) is on hand-pump and in good condition. Plenty of seats and tables and a reasonable line in food – the Ploughman's is particularly good value at 65p. Surprisingly it is not inhabited by priests, though Irish accents are common. Fairly unremarkable, except for the plants around the window ledges. These are in large pots which in turn rest in chamber pots. I wonder what they water the plants with!?

Enough of that. Let us now proceed to the **Court Tavern** in Renfrew Road (520 on Map 11 in *RBIL*). It is a bit of a walk but it must be in Lambeth as it is right next to Lambeth Magistrates Court. A Shepherd Neame pub with Special bitter on hand-pump, always in superb condition. This used to be a Watney's pub as is evidenced by the lettering of the name over the optics in the saloon bar.

I like this pub very much. It is a friendly local, slightly shabby but comfortably so. Reasonable lunchtime snacks and, as I said, superb beer at 62p a pint. A large, visible notice displays all the prices, something I have observed only happens in reasonably-priced pubs.

The pub's pride, however, is a splendid black-and-white cat with what I can only describe as a second-hand pair of ears. The rest of the animals is in good condition, which goes with its friendly nature. One other thing to notice is the plant which adorns the piano. This is in a collapsed condition, although apparently still alive. I suspect it has been reduced to this state by constant pounding of the piano in the evening. Finally, beware of the step up into the Gents, particularly after three pints or so.

Next month, I shall wind up Lambert Walk and see what other bright ideas your Copy Editor has.

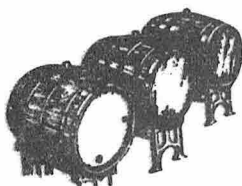
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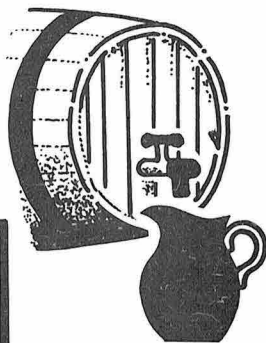
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SW1	RED LION, 48 Parliament Street	SW19	PRINCESS ROYAL, Abbey Road.
SW1	ROYAL COURT TAVERN, 8 Sloane Sq	W1	WORCESTER ARMS, 89 George Street.
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SW6	WHEATSHEAF, 562 King's Road	W1	BRICKLAYER'S ARMS, Aybrook
SW7	ANGLESEA ARMS, 15 Selwood Terrace	W5	RED LION, St Mary's Road.
SW7	NORFOLK TAVERN, Harrington Rd.	W6	CROSS KEYS, 157 Black Lion Lane
SW8	PRINCE OF WALES, 99 Union Rd.	W9	TRUSCOTT ARMS, Shirland Road
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SW12	PRINCE OF WALES, 270 Cavendish Rd.	W11	FROG & FIRKIN, Tavistock Crescent.
SW16	LEIGHAM ARMS, Wellfield Road.	W14	BRITANNIA TAP, 150 Warwick Road
SW16	MITCHAM MINT, Lilian Road.	W14	RADNOR ARMS, 247 Warwick Road
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/We wish to become a member(s) of the CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE LTD.

I/We agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the CAMPAIGN.

I enclose £7 (£10 overseas) for FULL MEMBERSHIP

We enclose £7 for HUSBAND AND WIFE MEMBERSHIP

Or, I/We enclose completed STANDING ORDER AUTHORITY

(Any additional amount will be welcomed as a donation)

FULL NAME

(block capitals)

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS

(block capitals)

SIGNATURE

DATE

Cheques should be made payable to Campaign For Real Ale Ltd. Applications should be sent to CAMRA,
34 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts, AL1 3BW.

