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The New Inn at Ealing, see Pub Crawl page 12. Photo: John Elliott.

BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below please ring the branch contact. Events for May of which we have been notified are as follows. Branches please send details of events to Andy Pirson.

EAST LONDON: Tue. 1 (8.00) Branch Meeting **BEDFORD HOTEL**, 220 Victoria Park Road, E9 (until midnight but please arrive by 10.30). Thu. 3 (7.30 for 8.00) Very Special all Comers Social. **BARKING BREWERY**, 4 Riverside Works, Hertford Road, Barking (½ mile Barking Tube) - Thu. 10 (8.00) Social **BRITISH PRINCE**, 49 Bromley Street, E1 - Tue. 15 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting **BLACK HORSE**, 168 Mile End Road, E1 - Sat. 19 (7.30) Homerton to Hackney Crawl, start **BRUNSWICK ARMS** (Two Black Birds, Northumberland Arms, Horse & Groom, Cat & Mutton, Rose & Crown) E9 & E8 - Thu. 24 (8.00) Social **DOWNS HOTEL**, 75 Downs Road, E5 - Tue. 29 (8.00) Social & Darts v. Lord Brooke (return match). **FISH & RING**, 141a White Horse Rd, E1 - Sunday lunchtimes in May (noon - 2.00) 'alves at the **APPROACH TAVERN**, 47 Approach Rd, E2.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun. 6 (12.00) Lunchtime drink **GLYN ARMS**, Ewell - Thu. 10 (8.30) Branch Meeting, **LINCOLN ARMS**, Thames St. Weybridge - Wed. 23 (8.00) Darts Social, **NEW INN**, Rushett Road, Long Ditton.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue. 1 (8.30) Committee Meeting. **ROYAL OAK**, 13 Richmond Road, Twickenham - Thu. 10 (8.30) Social **RIFLEMAN**, 50 Hanworth Road, Hounslow - Mon. 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. **GRIFFIN**, 57 Brook Road, Brentford - Thu. 31 (8.30) Social, **HOLE IN THE WALL**, 3 Park Rd. Richmond.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Tue 1 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting **ANCHOR**, SE13 - Mon. 14 (8.00) Branch Meeting. **BEN TRUMAN**, SE1 - Thu. 31 (8.30) Social Pub Crawl. Start **NEPTUNE**, SE16 - Fri/Sat. 8/9 June Greenwich Beer Festival (more details next month.)

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thu.10 (8.00) Branch Meeting **LORD RAGLAN**, 392 Wandsworth Road, SW8 - Fri. 18 (8.00) Social **HABERDASHERS ARMS**, Culvert Rd, SW11.

WEST LONDON: Thu. 17 (8.00) Branch Meeting. **WHITE HORSE**, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Tue/Thu. 1-3 (all pub hours) extended May Days Social (Mini Beer Festival). **CHISWICK EYOT**, 122 High Rd, W4.



CAMRA - the Campaign for Real Ale is a consumer organisation run by beer drinkers for beer drinkers. We believe that beer brewed from traditional malt and hops, matured in casks in the pub and dispensed via handpumps, electric pumps or by gravity - without the use of gas pressure - is not only better tasting but usually cheaper than heavily advertised kegs and "lagers". We don't want to tell you what to drink (though we hope you'll give real ale a try!) but we hope that you believe in choice.



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Question - When is 2p not 2p?

Answer - When Nigel Lawson says that the increase in duty will raise the price of the average pint of beer by 2p.

As I write this it is too early as yet to tell what the real effect of the budget will be on beer prices in the Capital. Fullers do not seem to have put up their prices yet - certainly neither of the Fullers pubs I use regularly have done so yet. On the other hand, my local Charringtons pub has put a standard 3p on its three draught beers, M&B Springfield Bitters, IPA and Draught Bass. This is, I think, a bit of levelling off here - Springfield, at an original gravity of 1037 hardly seems to be far enough above the national average strength to warrant an

increase in price 50% higher than Mr. Lawson's "average". Still, we have come to expect 2p a pint meaning at least 3p, haven't we?

More significant though, is the Courage pub only a few hundred yards from the above mentioned house which is reported to have increased the price of its Directors by no less than 7p a pint "because of the budget sir." Now I must admit at this point that I have not yet been into this pub to check for myself (Do you blame me?) but my source who lives midway between the two pubs is most reliable.

Talking of 7p a pint - this is, of course, what informed sources were suggesting as an average increase if Mr. Lawson had not cut the duty on wine by 18p a bottle to follow the ruling of the European Court. It is to his credit that he redressed the balance in the way that he did though I do not believe that he had any real alternative (Isn't hindsight wonderful) and I acknowledge that cigarette smokers may take a different view. I just shudder to think what the increase in some pubs would be if the "average" increase had been 7p a pint!

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CAMRA AND CHARRINGTONS PRESENT IN CENTRAL LONDON

3rd CAPITAL BEER NIGHT

An evening out with "London Drinker"

Wednesday 23rd May - 6.30 p.m. onwards
Upstairs room, The George, 213 Strand, WC2.
(Opposite Law Courts)

*Highgate Mild and Bass on Gravity -
Cut price pints (whole stocks last)*

FOOD, SPECIAL OFFER ON CAMRA PRODUCTS

- * Labologists stall - Bottle Collection *
- * GUEST SPEAKER - 7.30 p.m.

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