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The Old East Hill, Alma Rd. SW18 — an old
Score settled. See p. 4

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BRANCH DIARY

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

CROYDON & SUTTON: Wed 10 (8.30) Sutton Social. NEW INN, Myrtle Road — Mon 15 (8.30) South Norwood Social. ALBERT, Harrington Road, SE25 — Tue 23 (8.30) Branch Meeting, CRANFORD, Norbury Road, Thorton Heath.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue 2 (8.00) branch Meeting. RODING, Southend Road, E6 — Wed 10 (8.00) Darts Social. FISH & RING, 141A Whitehorse Road, E1 — Fri 12 (8.00) Social. BLACK HORSE, 40 Leman Street, E1 — Sat 13, Minibus Trip to Brighton. (GBBF meeting pm; Crawl-in evening) — Mon 15 (5.30) City Social. BLACK FRIAR, 174 Queen Victoria Street, EC4 — Sat 20 Stoke Newington Mystery Crawl. Start 7.00 NORFOLK ARMS, 49 Cecilia Road, E8; then via QUEENSBURY RULES, 2 St Jude Street, N15 and points unknown to RAILWAY TAVERN, 59 Kingsland High Street, E8 for last orders — Mon 22 (5.30) City Social. THREE COMPASSES, 66 Cowcross Street, EC1 — Wed 24 (8.00) Darts Social. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 63 Charlotte Street, EC2 — Sat 27 (7.00 start) Wanstead Flats Walkabout. NORTHCOTE/ COWLEY ARMS/ WOODHOUSE TAVERN (all E11); HOLLY TREE/ FOREST GLEN/ FOREST GATE HOTEL (all E7); GOLDEN FLEECE & BLAKESLEY ARMS (Both E12).

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Wed 3 (8.30) Branch Meeting. GRIFFIN, Claygate — Thu 18 (8.00) Beer Festival Promotional Pub Crawl of Esher. Start ORLEANS ARMS — Fri 3 — Sun 5 May FIFTH SANDOWN PARK BEER FESTIVAL. See advert for details — Sun 5 First Sunday Drinks at Sandown Park. Nearest Station Hinchley Wood.

NORTH LONDON: Tue 2 (8.00) Branch AGM. VICTORIA, Mornington Terrace, NW11 — Tue 9 (8.00) Two Pub Social. DUKES HEAD then VICTORIA, both N6 — Tue 16 (8.00) Two Pub Social. HARRISON ARMS then CALTHORPE ARMS, both WC1 — Tue 23 (8.00) Two Pub Social. COACH & HORSES then HOLLYBUSH, both NW3 — Tue 30 (8.00) Two Pub Social. EASTNOR CASTLE then NEPTUNE (now Charles Wells), both NW1 — Pub of the Month for April. MITRE, N1 (Charles Wells).

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thu 4 (8.30) Committee Meeting. QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane, Teddington — Mon 22 (8.30) Branch AGM. RED COW, Sheen Road, Richmond.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 15 (8.00) Branch Meeting. ROSE & CROWN, Rodney Street, SE17 — Thu 25 (8.00) Social. MONTPELIER, 43 Choumert Road, SE15.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thu 4 (8.00) Branch Meeting. King's Head SW19, next to Merton bus garage. (final selection for '86 Good Beer Guide) — upstairs room. — Tue.23 (8.30) Maltese Cat, Aubyn Sq. (off Roehampton Lane) SW15 Social. — Sat.27 Day trip to Manchester. Details from Chris Cobbold. Essential to book by 16th.

WEST LONDON: Wed 3 (7.30) Chelsea Pub Survey. Start ADMIRAL CODRINGTON, Mossop Street, SW3; finish about 10.00, BUNCH OF GRAPES, 207 Brompton Road, SW3 — Thu 18 (8.00) Branch AGM. DEVONSHIRE ARMS, Devonshire Street, W1.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 2 (8.30) Games Evening. ROYAL OAK, Peel Road, Wealdstone (Public Bar) — Wed 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. NORTHCOTE ARMS, Northcote Road, Southall — Fri 26 Harrow Hill Hike. Start 7.30 TIMBER CARRIAGE, Northolt Road; 8.00 HALF MOON; 8.30 WHITE HORSE, Middle Road; 9.15 CASTLE; 9.30 KINGS HEAD; 10.30 KINGSFIELD ARMS, Lower Road — Tue 30 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. BRIDGE HOTEL, Western Avenue, Greenford.

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EDITORIAL.

CAMRA has always gone for choice. If you don't like real ale, no true member will try to force it on you. And yet if you fancy an alcoholic drink at certain times of the day, you are denied that privilege by law. Eight years ago Scottish publicans were given the right to apply for all-day licenses. Immediately certain factions of the community whose belief is that they must deny you whatever they don't like, predicted all kinds of calamities which did not materialise. There was NO significant increase in drunkenness or alcoholism. In fact, a rush for "last orders" at an unreasonable time — i.e. when you still fancy a pint — is more likely to lead to these things.

In its series of posters on the Underground aimed at encouraging foreign visitors to ring home, British Telecom echoes the views of many by showing a Transatlantic visitor being told "three o'clock sir". He uses words to the effect: "What an odd country — if you ask for a drink they tell you the time". In other words, it's daft at any time to refuse service to a thirsty, paying customer.

The person most likely to know the needs of his clientele is a publican, and a law similar to that in

force in Scotland would allow him to give the best possible service without hardship. If business is brisk all day, good luck to him — more trade, more profit, more jobs for staff.

A report being drawn up for the Home Office on the results of the change in Scottish licensing laws is due to be published in May, and it will be favourable to relaxing restrictions in this country. It will be discussed by the Home Secretary with the Prime Minister and Lord Young, the Cabinet's chief jobs creator. Both of the latter are known to favour scrapping licensing hours because they stifle the creation of new jobs through private enterprise, and get in the way of people's rights to run their own lives without unnecessary interference. Not all of us agree with Government policies, but this seems to be an exception. After eight years the message should be obvious.

No doubt some narrow-minded puritans will object. Perhaps I could refer them to St. John's Gospel, Chapter 2, verses 1-11. If Jesus had been against alcohol, or in favour of restricting its use, He wouldn't have done it. Incidentally, certain very eminent occupants of Lambeth Palace and The Vatican are real ale drinkers.

Martin Smith.

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COVER STORY:

The Old East Hill, Wandsworth.

Shortly after the present Editors took office, we felt obliged to run the following story by our photographer, John Elliott:

A SPENT FORCE?

You might like to know about a large comfortable South London Watney pub; which has a good selection of beers and lagers, including Ruddles county bitter.

The pub has many facilities, including a pool table in the public bar, and two dart boards on the second floor. Another feature is a free juke box.

Food is available ranging from sandwiches most times to a main meal at lunch time and this includes Sundays, a nice point for any single flat dweller. During the summer a barbeque facility is available outside in an enclosed area which is safe to bring the kids along to without having to worry about passing traffic. A small charge is made, but includes plates, cutlery and help yourself salad. You can bring your own steaks or other meats and cook them yourself exactly as you like.

This pub was a serious contender for inclusion in next year's (1984) Good Beer Guide and as such has been visited by your CAMRA branch at different times, to see if the initial high standards have been maintained. They have, and it has proved to be a very good pub.

The only problem is that on my last visit the Licensee made it clear that he did not want any CAMRA involvement. He had been in the business for many years and had managed so far without any help or publicity from CAMRA. As a parting shot he handed me the few remaining copies of last month's 'London Drinker' and its display holder, asking me to pass this on to my local branch chairman with the novel instruction to 'Poke it up his arse'.

'CAMRA is a spent force' he added, 'its use finished years ago. Its job is now done and you can't be any help to my business'.

On this basis I don't think anybody really wants to know where this particular pub is. Or do they?

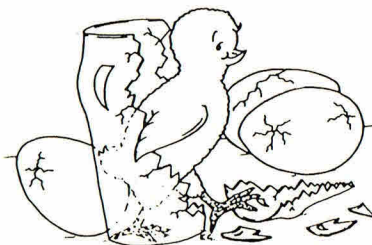
It is not CAMRA's job or 'London Drinker' to tell any publican, manager or tenant, how to run his business, what beer to sell or what

price to charge. What it does try to do is give the serious drinker information on where to find a good pint of real beer at a fair price, served in a pleasant manner.

Let us update the story. Since Jim the new landlord has taken over, CAMRA members are now welcome in this friendly Victorian Street-come-local on Alma Road, SW18, where the Real Ales offered are: Watneys'

Our local contact informs us that they are well worth trying.

- * Ex-patriate Welsh readers who would like to keep in touch with developments back home may like to know that "Touch & Go" — the monthly equivalent of Time Out covering Wales, carries a regular CAMRA column written by the ubiquitous Barfly. T & G subscription costs £8 per year from Touch & Go, 2/3 King Street, Carmarthen, Dyfed.



At last, Londoners are to get a taste of one of Manchester's best-known beers. Newton & Ridley, the independent Weatherfield brewers are to make their Best Bitter available in the London free trade, on the unusual condition that it is sold at their Manchester pub prices. No list of outlets is yet to hand, but check out the well-known up-market outlets for BB at 52p a pint from 11 to noon on April 1. Further rumours abound that a bid has been made for a well-known Old Kent Road Truman house to be renamed the 'Drovers' Return... .



COMPARE . . . CONTRAST . . . CONFUSED?

from the South London Press, 1st March

Guvnor's order for a quiet life

A PUBLICAN has called time on politics. Charles Gotto, owner of The Ship in Jews Row, Wandsworth, has decided to bar politics in case arguments break out between customers.

But his decision has angered at least one drinker, J. Szemalikowski was asked to leave on a Friday night for wearing a "Coal not Dole" sticker on his jacket.

Mr. Szemalikowski, of Balham, said, "I wonder how long it will be before people are refused entry for having a copy of a certain kind of newspaper sticking out of their pockets."

But Mr. Gotto is unrepentant. He said he told Mr. Szemalikowski he could stay as long as the sticker was removed.

He added, "I told him I would have asked him to leave if he was wearing a badge saying 'Maggie Thatcher is Great' or 'Down with the miners.'"

"I am anti anything political in my pub. We have a lot of customers and I don't want anything to jeopardise that. Politics can often provoke arguments, particularly when people have a few drinks inside them."

From the Morning Advertiser, 7th March:

Danger! Politics could 'inflamm' the locals . . .

A South West London licensee, who is alleged to have banned politics from his pub, claims a "mountain has been made out of a molehill."

"Politics are not banned here" said licensee Charles Gotto, "what are barred are inflammatory political statements because they could annoy other customers."

Politics has never proved a problem at the Ship in Wandsworth, but two customers wearing "coal not dole" stickers were asked 10 days ago to remove them. They refused and were asked to leave.

Mr. Gotto said: "In a pub sometimes politics can cause problems and we want to avoid trouble. Tempers can run high over these things after a few drinks. It would be silly to say we ban politics and it's not as though we have a bent against any political party. Most of our customers couldn't really care less."



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The Bat and Ball, New Pound.

New pound is situated about 2 miles from Billingshurst on the Guildford Road, and it is no coincidence that the Bat & Ball is the third pub in the area to be featured. For good beer abounds hereabouts in houses which epitomize the very best in English pubs — all different, all welcoming, all serving excellent beer. The other coincidence is that both Chris and I know the area well, and after all if you don't know a place you can't write about it.

In the year 1808, when the Bat & Ball was built at the front of a 16th century farmhouse, the area was very agricultural. It still is, although an engineering works stands nearby. A coaching road once ran past the door, and its modern counterpart, the B 2133 upon which the sign stands, is some yards across a field now used for camping but which once formed part of New Pound Common (where cricket was played — hence name). It was appropriated by G.S. Constable & Son's Arundel brewery from whom the Bat & Ball was acquired by King & Barnes in 1926 as part of an exchange of pubs.

The present landlord, Ted Stanbridge, has lived in the pub for 75 years, since he was 3. When his father took over the licence on 6th May 1910, a

pint of beer, an ounce of tobacco and a clay pipe cost one shilling. Licensing hours were from 6am to 11pm, and cigarettes and tobacco could not be sold after 9pm. Ted was a partner in the business from 1922 and has held the licence for 35 years. Apart from being an excellent landlord — Ted is something of a Jack of All Trades. He had a grocery store next door, and for 35 years ran a bakery at the back. When that side of the business ceased 30 years ago, a 2 lb loaf cost $4\frac{1}{2}$ d, a 1lb cost $2\frac{3}{4}$ d. Until recently he ran the local taxi service, also using the car to deliver groceries until the garage burnt it out while doing a minor repair. The dead were also catered for — at one time the pub possessed a flat wagon and pony which, for 10/-, would be provided to take deceased locals on a one-way trip to the cemetery. Ted reckons to have assisted in over 200 funerals. For those in need of a less permanent but equally well-earned rest, the pub has a site registered with the Camping Club for tents and 5 caravans. One contented camper, Bob Coles, presented the original of the sketch to the pub, and copies have raised over £100 for charity. If he reads this, Ted would like to hear from him.

For a small pub the Bat & Ball is a great collector for charity — in the year up to September last, no less than £1,000 was donated to Copper Cliff, a

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CAMRA LONDON AND FULLER'S PRESENT:

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private hospital in Brighton catering for terminal Cancer patients. The pub's Bar Billiards team has for 3 years runing been top charity fund-raiser in the Sussex League. With all his local knowledge Ted has thought of writing a book, but not surprisingly he's never got round to it!

So far I've made no mention of beer, but that only goes to show that an English pub is not just a place to drink, it is the centre of community life. However as a publican is in business to provide refreshment, you will be interested to know that Ted sells excellent King & Barnes bitter throughout the year, and equally excellent mild in summer and old ale in winter, all served by gravity direct from casks on a stillage behind the bar. As for quality — well, suffice it to say that John Young, Chairman of the Wandsworth brewery who lives nearby, enjoys a pint at the Bat & Ball, and it is not unknown for him to take a few pints home for lunch. As one who has visited all the pubs of both companies (boast! boast!) I doubt many could beat the beer in this pub, which I have known for 16 years. That's nothing, however, compared to three locals who have been using it for 60 years or more.

This is a very friendly pub, with one bar and a fire in the middle (!) Much of the trade is passing custom (though they usually come back!) — hence the reluctance to sell Festive, which does

nasty things to breathalyzers.

Incidentally, Ted has never yet called the police to deal with trouble, neither has he won the Best Cellar competition, as his cellar (which is 50ft from the bar) has never been inspected. For that reason he is reluctant to have handpumps installed despite brewery pressure — and, of course, the wishes of his many contented customers.

This is my cue for an appeal on behalf of those customers, myself included. Please, K & B, don't spoil the Bat and Ball by forcing changes which are neither needed nor wanted. May I disagree with a footnote written at the end of a brewery circular urging licensees to take cellar coolers etc. with a loan (!): "You really ought to be using your cellar properly — 'behind the counter' is really the worst possible option for serving beer." I guess someone of Ted's long experience would know how best to serve the wishes of his customers, and surely in the licensed trade — of all things — the customer is ALWAYS right.

Ted Stanbridge never intends to retire. More power to you, Ted! I look forward to quaffing gravity-served traditional beer at your centenary.

Martin Smith.



BRANCH CONTACTS

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LICENSING HOURS

On Thursday 7th February, **Barnet** became another licensing area to fall in to line with the majority of Greater London when local licensing magistrates approved an application from Barnet and District LVA for a change in licensing hours. Pubs in Barnet may now open from 11am to 3pm and from 5.30 to 11pm on Mondays to Saturdays. The change was also supported by the Barnet Borough Times who had sought the opinions of their readership; the magistrates stated that they had read the views of the public in the paper.

The Barnet Borough Times, in reporting the news, quoted Derek Smith, the Treasurer of Enfield and Barnet CAMRA Branch as follows: "We see no difference between the people of Finchley, the people of Enfield and now the people of Hendon, in comparison to the people of Barnet. What is a crime in one area is perfectly legal in another area and I feel that this is something that should be corrected."

Another area to enjoy a recent change in licensing hours is the Borough of **Kingston upon Thames** where licensing magistrates also granted an extension in evening opening hours to 11.00pm from Monday to Thursday. However, in Kingston the lunchtime opening hours remain as 10.30am to 2.30pm on weekdays.



- * **BEER PRODUCTION** for 1984 turned out to be about the same as 1983 at around 37 million barrels. Bad news for real ale, though, is that lager sales rose to about 38% of the market compared with 36% in the previous year. Next year the figure could reach 40% and already we have seen a victim of the lager boom with the closure of Watneys Norwich brewery, announced recently and due to its lack of a lager brewing capacity. Meanwhile, nationally there are estimates that the country's breweries are only being used to two-thirds of capacity, raising the spectre of more closures to come — which can only be bad for drinkers' choice.

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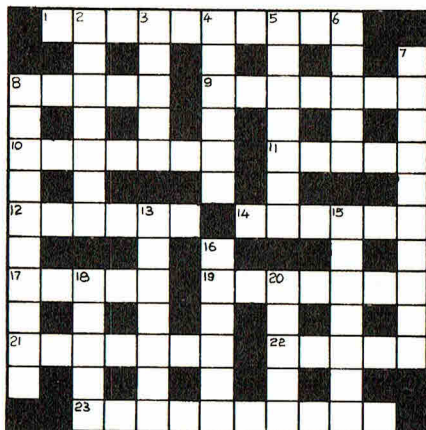
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ACROSS.

1. Theatres we demolish to find lover. (10)
8. Tie about fifty? That's fair! (5)
9. Wild beast, after 1049 reached a thousand. Grand! (7)
10. Defeat for the backward? (7)
11. Bird spotted in as fine a glen as one could hope for. (5)
12. Giant ship for big woman. (6)
14. Holds up everyone in the streets. (6)
17. While in dump, find hole. (5)
19. Little Charles Lee turns out for football team. (7)
21. Mrs. Batty back in the East for first anniversary. (4,3)
22. I can't see anything in getting this drunk. (5)
23. Aria over? Quiet for the singer. (4,6)

Name.....

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All correct entries received by first post on 24th April will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the June London Drinker.

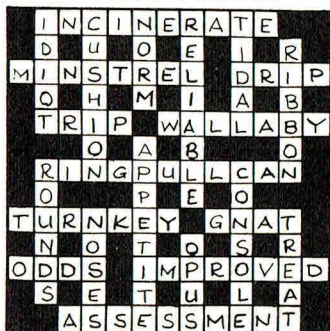
Solution Next Month.

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25 Valens House
Upper Tulse Hill
London SW 2

DOWN

2. We hover around anybody. (7)
3. I would have spoken American for the duck. (5)
4. Meat for the basket. (6)
5. Sounds like beer intended to cause sickness. (7)
6. Object to having a disturbed night? (5)
7. Turn sad Ned around to see. (10)
8. Dart among the l-lads for tradesmen. (10)
13. Paper feathers come together in the evening. (7)
15. Young lady dogs? (7)
16. Can't the Church somehow be grave? (6)
18. Marks made by vehicle in boat. (5)
20. Glower at the end of three months? (5)

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



Winner of the prize for the February crossword:
P.M.Tidd, 81 Merton Hall Road,
Wimbledon, London SW 19.

Other correct entries received from:
Raymond Black, B.E.Bradley, Brendan Casey, John Dalton, F.C.Dunkley, E.G. i.e. E.R.G., B.H.Felton, Anthony Greenbury, P.R.Hanson, 'Arry Hart, D.M.Lucas, Dick Mason, Alan Millington.



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Cock Tavern, 23/25 Central Markets, EC1.
Dog & Bell, 116 Princes Street, SE5.
Duke of Cornwall, 1 Ascolum Street, SW8.
Golden Lion, Maple Road, Penge.
Greyhound, Weston Green, Thames Ditton.
Hole-in-the-Wall, Mepham Street, Waterloo.
Horseshoe Inn, Mellor Street, SE1.
Lion, Pawsons Road, Croydon.
Market Porter, Borough Market, Stoney Street SE1.
Marquis of Lansdown, 32 Cremer Street, E2.
Orchard, Orchard Way, Shirley, Croydon.
Pint Pot, 54 Pentonville Road, N1.
Pitlake Arms, 71a Waddon New Road, West Croydon.

Radnor Arms, 247 Warwick Road, W14.
Railway Tavern, Ewell Road, Surbiton.
Pearly King, Bromley High Street, E3.
Refuge Wine Bar, Selsdon Road, South Croydon.
Ship, 39/47 St. Mary Church Street, SE16.
Ship, 55 High Street, South Norwood, SE25.
Sir John Falstaff, 17 Eastcheap, SE3.
Stick & Weasel, 273 City Road, EC1.
Sun, Lamb Conduits Street, WC1.
Tanners Hall, 12 Philpot Street, E1.
Teascott Arms, 55 Shirland Road, W9.
Trafalgar, High Path, Merton, SW19.
Union Jack, 225 Union Street, SE1.
Victoria, Mornington Crescent, Camden, NW3.
Wellington Tavern, 81/83, Waterloo Road, SE1.
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BREWERY NEWS

* McMULLENS have reported a decline of a quarter in profits for their last year, to September 1984, despite a 6% increase in sales. The company's response is a desire to "play our part in the expanding lager market" as expressed by replacement of Harp by their new Hartsman lager. Advertising effort was doubled in order to promote the new Hartsman.

* On another scale BASS, which has a fifth of UK brewing capacity, reported profits before tax of £218 million for last year, on sales of no less than £2.3 billion pounds. The company now has 2,327 managed and 5,071 tenanted pubs over the whole country, as well as Pontins holiday camps, Crest hotels, Coral Bookmakers and Galleon off-licences. Their annual report points to the development of new styles of pub such as the 'cafe-bar' or 'theme pub' which emphasising that these will remain only a small proportion of the total tied estate. As they say, "no other single institution has aroused so much emotion".

* GREENE KING came up with sales equal to £80 million for the year within which there was a slight fall in beer and cider sales but a rise of 5% for lager, representing about a quarter of sales. Prices were raised by 3p in the Autumn.

* In contrast YOUNGS have just slapped 4p on their prices per pint, coinciding with the introduction of their new Premium Lager 'on general release'. Despite being tested out at a £1, this product is now on sale at £1.04 — is this the first regularly brewed London beer to gain the unenviable distinction of passing the £1 mark? The strength, incidentally, is given as in the 1050 area thus also making it one of the strongest London brews.

* For a change from lager news we turn to GUINNESS which is still seeing rising sales of draught stout although at the price of a marketing campaign reckoned to be costing £9.5 million a year. Bottled sales however were dropping by about 10% during last year. The company has just spent £12 million adding the 7-11 convenience stores to its chain of 700 shops (mainly Martins and Lavells newsagents) and plans to expand into health products and related areas — a far cry from when it was enough to say 'Guinness is good for you!'.

COURAGE

Courage have recently introduced a quarterly "Marketing Digest" for circulation to their tenants which summarises various trends in the pub trade. The first edition was issued in January and some of the items which may be of interest to the real beer drinker in it are itemised below:

* Although sales of lager are on the increase (24.4 million barrels nationally in 1982, 25.5 in 1983 and 26.5 projected in 1986) the total sales of bitter (all grades) is keeping up reasonably well with national production figures of 44.1 million barrels in 1982, 43.5 in 1983 and 43.0 projected for 1986. The figures, however, show a degree of trading-down from premium bitters to "session bitters" with a drop from 8 million barrels in 1982 to 7 million projected for 1986.

* The availability of hand-pumped bitter in pubs rose from 53% in 1982 to 64% in 1983 and 69% in 1984. According to a Marplan poll 74% of frequent bitter drinkers in the South prefer cask conditioned bitter, because:

- it has more flavour
- it is more traditional
- it is less gassy and they can drink more of it.

* An analysis of sales in over 2600 Courage pubs in the South showed that pubs selling hand-pumped Best Bitter sell 15% more of it than those selling keg and that they increased their total beer sales by 3.2% more on a year-by-year basis than those selling keg.

* The digest also gave a league table of average weekly incomes to tenants from different fruit machines (or AWP — amusement with prizes as they call them). The income ranges stated, started at £25 to £30 per week and rose to over £50 per week.

While this article does not attempt to summarise all of the statistics given in the digest we thought that you might like to know that Courage still consider the real beer drinker to be an important force in the drinking market.

IPW

Quote of the Month

96p for Websters Yorkshire Bitter in the Hercules Pillars, WC2, on Feb.26th.

REAL ALE AT THE MARGINS

In London there are areas which are very definitely marginal for real ale. These aren't so much on the edge of the conurbation but in the inner area — the bits that fill in the gap between the central areas of the City, West End and Westminster and the outer parts, the suburbs. In these inner districts real ale is on the decline despite its continuing popularity elsewhere.

A good example of what is happening is given by the Bow area, E3 — chosen mainly because the latest information is up-to-date. Here we have about 60 pubs including some very tight concentrations. The number selling real ale has varied as :—

1976 (RBIL).....	6
1979 (RBIL).....	6
1981 (RBIL).....	20
1983 (RBIL Supp).....	27
1983 (ELAC Guide)	31
1985	27

Perhaps the most important thing about the past two years is not that the number of outlets has declined by four but that within this figure 10 have dropped real ale and six started it. A breakdown of pubs by brewer shows that this is due to Ind Coope starting to decline whilst Watneys has taken up the running — but for how long?

Date	Char	Wat	Ind C	Whit	Truman	Free	Young
1976	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
1979	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
1981	5	0	12	1	2	0	0
1983(R)	4	3	11	3	4	2	0
1983(E)	4	4	11	4	5	3	0
1985	3	8	7	2	4	2	1

Note: one pub sold by Whitbreat to Young 1984

On the ground, the picture gives even less encouragement as it is in few of these pubs that real ale is the 'automatic choice' of bitter. In many it is merely a 'speciality beer' and from time-to-time may not even be on sale — if the barrel runs out then that's it.

Real ale hasn't taken-off in this area, despite a good try, not so much because of lack of availability but because of lack of demand. CAMRA got the brewers to try it, but not the customers. This is hardly the fault of advertising, given that the same effect has not been seen in the Outer London areas and perhaps more relevant is how the beer is sold in the pubs. Overall sales of real ale in E3 must have been given a big boost when Youngs opened up a pub — the overnight switch to real ale doesn't seem to have caused any problems for sales.

In an area which has only once in ten years (and more) had as many as half of its pubs selling any sort of real ale to change the odd pub is not however, going to alter the overall trend, which now is down. Other inner areas show the same thing — what then will be the overall prognosis for real ale?

IPW

A PINT — OR LESS?

Consumer Affairs Minister Alex Fletcher recently ruled-out new legislation on the head on a pint of beer. He has decreed that there is "no justification" for the implementation of a portion of the 1979 Weights and Measures Act which would have the effect of excluding the head as part of the pint.

The minister's alarming statement was contained in a letter to LACOTS — the local authorities trading standards body. Where the

situation demands a firm ruling on the matter, he has said that in the "social environment" of the pub it is the publican who should "judge what a customer is entitled to expect".

Many surveys have shown how drinkers across the country are being ripped-off by a certain number of landlords. The lesson is simple — don't rely on the government or your landlord to tell you what a pint really is — judge it for yourself and insist you get a fair measure.

WANSTEAD FLATS WALKABOUT

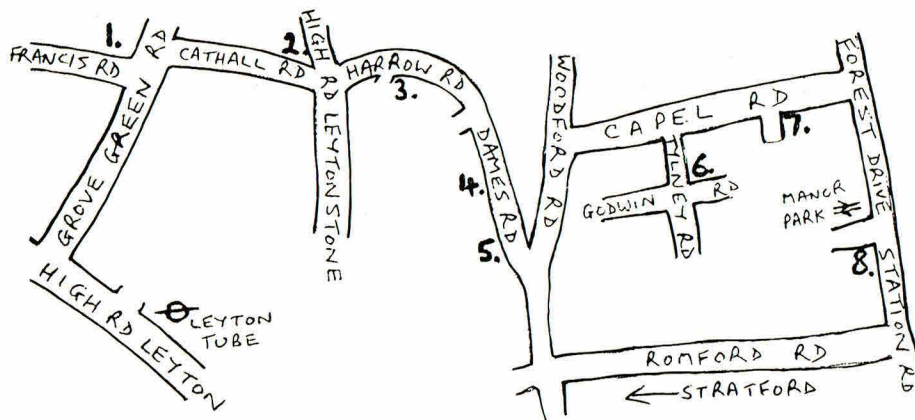
This crawl will suit anyone with some Springtime energy to spare. East London & City Branch are doing it on Saturday 27 April and all are welcome to join them. For those who want to join en route we give the *departure* times from each pub. Sorry if you don't care for more than two minutes' walking between pubs — or if you are not keen on Charrington beer! (I wish more Charrington pubs had Bass on.)

Most of the pubs have not had an "official" ELAC Branch visit before, but the NORTHCOTE, Grove Green Road E11 (1), where we start at 7pm, is an old friend (and a London Drinker outlet). Charrington recently refurbished it, retaining some attractive coloured windows and actually strengthening the partition between public and saloon bars. They have not always shown the same interest in keeping a real pub with real ale: see Brewery Notes in last month's LD.

At 7.30 we move on to the COWLEY ARMS, High Road Leytonstone/Cathall Road E11 (2), then at 8.0 to the WOODHOUSE TAVERN, Harrow Road E11 (3). At 8.30 we follow the road round alongside the Flats and reach the HOLLY TREE, Dames Road E7 (4), leaving there at 9.0 for the FOREST GLEN a little further down Dames Road (5). At about 9.30 we head for the FOREST GATE HOTEL in Tylney Road (6) and at last get a change from Charrington IPA: this pub does Friary Meux Bitter and Burton Ale. At 10.0 we continue along Capel Road to the GOLDEN FLEECE (7),



which at the time of writing had Combes Bitter and Stag but was in the process of being redone. Again, one can only hope that the beer, and the pub, survive . . . Finally at 10.30 we walk briskly to the BLAKESLEY ARMS in Station Road E12, yet another Charrington house. Like the others it is unspoilt by gimmicks, so far.



CRUDGI

The Unbelievable traditionalists

Little enough has been said in the pages of CAMRA publications about one of the breweries that, while small, has found a place in the hearts of all beer enthusiasts - Crudgingtons of Blagdon.

Though largely ignored by the London free trade - their beers are still unavailable outside the pleasant Derbyshire dales - their beers are spoken of with reverence. Indeed CAMRA has been reluctant to spotlight its virtues in the past for fear of encouraging a massive descent upon Blagdon by the sort of people who have made Theakstons what they are today. The brewery has long been omitted from the Good Beer Guide, as the Crudgingtons' Chairman, Thomas Crudgington Snr., succeeded in copyrighting the address. However, past misunderstandings and caution are now cast to the winds as now all can be told.

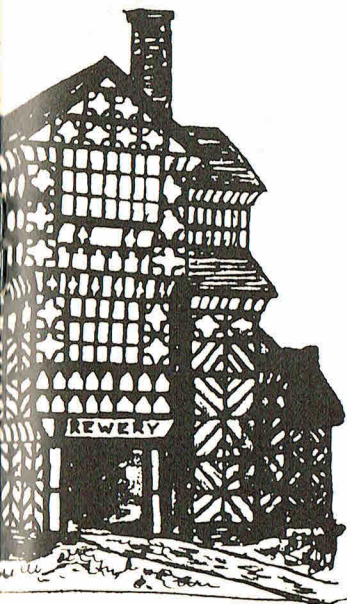


Crudgingtons' brewery lies at the North end of Blagdon in a picturesque angle of the small river Widdel. Whilst the river no longer supplies the brewery with water direct, the oxen that pull the Crudgington "Town dray" often water there and seem to thrive. Not for long, though as Leatherette and Macassar and their fellows must soon become the victims of progress. On April 15th the oxen give way to mules and their sad passing will be marked with due solemnity in the traditional way with a Grand Supper at which guests will be served ample portions of roast beef, beef stew, beef steaks. . .

Time stands still in Blagdon; we shall not.

The brewery building itself calls for little comment, being merely a typical element of New Blagdon (the part of the town rebuilt after the Peasants' Revolt). Its cruck-built ceilings and pendant garderobe are unexceptional feature characteristic of "Brewers for sale" building for centuries until Queen Elizabeth's time. The thatched roof, often the home of the otherwise rare Lesser Flying Shite, gives its own distinctive nuances to the wattle-and-daub open fermenters below. But the brewery does not stand still. The new

NGTONS



beam engines an order from Messrs. Boulton & Watt will soon boom into life and allow the horse-gins to be dismantled, with Fox-hunter retiring to his new home at the Kenno-meat Farm in Clapham.

But we go there for the beer itself. Crudgington Gold Medal Bitter (1049og) has been brewed to the same recipe for generations. Locals say that the distinctive, full-bodied, well-balanced, pleasant flavoured beer tastes much better now that the brewery uses hops. Then there is the Mild "Widdeljuice" to the cognoscenti) (1035) a popular dark, wholesome flavoured, fruity, nutty brew available in one pub; and the famous "Old Crudgie" (1169) a dark, wholesome flavoured, fruity nutty brew sold during the winter months and the 1976 draught. We sample these famous tipples at legendary hostleries in Blagdon like the Brewery Tap, the Kings Arms, the New Inn, the Clog and Bells and the Thatchers Inn (soon to be renamed the Down and Out). First we will be struck by the unchanging nature of these pubs - even the Space Invaders are hand-cranked, though the rebuilt Clog and Bells has been much criticised for introducing handpumps and glasses.

So if you think you know your beer and have never known Blagdon and Crudgingtons perhaps now is the time to think about a visit. Remember it is an awkward journey by road as the Turnpike Trust has been in financial difficulties and is behind with its potholes. It will be a little easier when the railway branch line is brought into use (delays in locomotive deliveries by Hackworth & Stephenson), but the more usual route (the only one in Winter months when the local section of the Pennine Way is impassible) is by National Express 572 from Matlock Bath. There is usually room on the back of the wagon behind the fish-boxes for one or two casual travellers on the mid-morning (9.05) service. The journey is quite comfortable as the wagon now has rubber tyres and springs and the extra horse power has reduced the twelve-mile journey to less than five hours. I think you will like Blagdon and Crudgingtons; the air of the old-fashioned service was best summed up by Marketing Director Samuel Crudgington on my last visit:

"If yer don't like Crudgie yer can get stuffed"

*Mostyn Lewis, Crudgington BLO.
(With Best Wishes to Bill Tidy.)*



REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 16

Updates to CAMRA'S comprehensive guides to Greater London's real ale pubs are published monthly in *London Drinker*. The *Real Beer in London* guide, published in Dec. 1981 and now out of print, covered 2300 real ale pubs across the whole of Greater London. Its accompanying *Real Beer in London Supplement* booklet, published in May 1983 and still available, listed a further 1300 real ale pubs and completely updated the guide.

The London-wide guides are gradually being replaced by a series of guides covering sectors of London and listing all pubs, real or fizz. A guide covering the City and East London postal districts was published in Sept 1983 and is also out of print. The *North London Beer Guide* covering WC1, the North and N. West Postal Districts, Outer North and most of Outer N. West London was published in August 1984 and is still available. Guides covering S. East and S. West London are under preparation.

The *London Drinker* Updates include confirmed information on additions, deletions and changes to real ale pubs in Greater London. The information is not only of general interest but also another CAMRA in London to monitor progress by the brewers in installing real ale. From time to time *Research Lists* are issued listing pubs where information on real ale is awaiting confirmation.

If you know of any outlets for real ale not listed in CAMRA'S guides or updates or outlets where changes have taken place, or if you would like to help with surveying the sector guides under preparation please write to:— **RBIL Update, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR**. A copy of the latest *Research List* (No.7) is available free from the same address — please enclose a S.A.E.

DELETIONS

The following pubs should be deleted for the reasons given. The number in brackets after each entry refers to the page number in 'Real Beer in London' or the Supplement (S prefix), or to the London Drinker Update number (U prefix). H represents handpumps. The information provided is correct to the best of our knowledge. If any pubs have reverted to selling real ale the compilers would be pleased to receive details.

CENTRAL

- EC1 OAKLEY ARMS
Truman. (S10)
H Unused
- EC1 ROSE
Charrington (38)
renamed 'Q CAFE BAR'
H removed
Another pub lost to breakfasts
and cocktails.
- EC1 WILMINGTON ARMS
Watney (S11)
H Unused
- EC3 CITY BAR
Free House (40)
Closed.
- EC4 FARRINGDON'S
Free House (U2)
Real ale only available to
eaters in upstairs restaurant.
- EC4 MERMAID THEATRE
Free House (42. S12)
H removed
- EC4 WINE BARREL
Free House (S12)
No real ale, wine bar and
restaurant only.

EAST

- E1 CARLTON ARMS
Charrington (44)
H unused.

- E1 NAGS HEAD
Courage (U2)
H removed.
- E2 MANCHESTER ARMS
Free House (46)
No real ale.
- E3 COTTON ARMS
Truman (S15)
H removed.
- E3 CRYSTAL TAVERN
Ind Coope (U11)
H removed.
- E3 NEW GLOBE
Whitbread (U2)
H unused.
- E3 RAILWAY TAVERN
Charrington (U3)
H unused.
- E3 ROSE & CROWN
Taylor Walker (47)
H unused.
- E7 WAGGON & HORSES
Watney (S17)
H unused.
- E8 HAVELOCK ARMS
Whitbread (S17)
H removed.
- E9 STAG
Truman (U3)
H unused.
- E13 GOLDEN LION
Watney (U2)
H unused.
- E13 RAFFLES
Charrington (U2)
H unused.
- E14 OLD SHIP
Watney (U3)
H unused.
- E14 SIR JOHN FRANKLIN
Watney (U3)
H unused.
- E15 ANGEL
Charrington (S18)
H unused.
- E15 MANBY ARMS
Charrington (S18)
H unused.
- E15 QUEENS HEAD
Charrington (S18)
renamed LE PUB
H removed.
- E16 ARTFUL DODGER
Free House (S18)
H unused.
- E16 WINDSOR CASTLE
Free House (53)
H unused.
- N1 ADELAIDE
Charrington (59)
renamed SCULLYS
H unused.
- N1 CROWN, 103 Copenhagen St.
Free House (59)
H removed.
- N1 DE BEAUVOIR ARMS
Courage (S23)
H removed.
- N1 EARL OF ESSEX
Watney (S23)
H unused.

N1	HALF MOON Taylor Walker (59) H unused.	SE13	SULTAN Courage (U11) H removed.	ADDITIONS
N1	PRINCE ALFRED Whitbread (U3) H unused.	SE16	ADAM & EVE Charrington (U) H unused.	SOUTH EAST SOUTH CROYDON SWAN & SUGAR LOAF, 1 Brighton Rd. Bass Charrington: IPA
N1	RANDALLS Taylor Walker (60 & S24) H unused.	SE16	CLIFTONVILLE TAVERN Courage (U) H unused.	SOUTH WEST SW2 ELM PARK TAVERN, 76 Elm Park. Bass Charrington: IPA
N1	RAILWAY TAVERN Watney (U11) H unused.	SE16	COLLEEN BAWN Taylor Walker (S38) H unused.	SW2 RED LION, 191 Lyham Road. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter
N4	FINSBURY PARK TAVERN Ind Coope (U6) H unused.	ERITH	PHEASANT Courage (U12) H removed.	SW12 BALHAM HOTEL, 21 Chestnut Grove. Charrington: IPA.
N7	DEVONSHIRE CASTLE Truman (U7) H unused.	SOUTH WEST SW1	CRACKERS WINE BAR Free House (U5) H removed.	SW17 TRAFALGAR ARMS 148 Tooting High Street. Courage: Directors.
N7	PRINCE ARTHUR Charrington (U13) H unused.	SW3	ROEBUCK Courage (108) renamed DOME H removed Despite petitions, denials and planning conditions, converted to cocktail bar and restaurant.	SW18 FORESTER, 116 Allfarthing Lane. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.
N9	CROSS KEYS Free House (64) Closed.			SW19 SULTAN, Norman Road. Ind Coope: Burton Ale (re-instatement).
N16	SUTTON ARMS Free House (65) H unused.	SW8	BUILDERS ARMS Charrington (U3) H unused.	CHANGES CENTRAL WC1 PILLAR BOX renamed THUNDERER.
N19	PLOUGH Charrington (66) H unused.	SW8	HOPE Watney (U14) H unused.	SOUTH EAST SE25 ALBERT TAVERN +John Smith: Bitter (OG 1036) +Shepherd Neame: Invita Best Bitter Courage's first reported slackening of the tie (91)
N20	HAND & FLOWER Watney (S28) Closed for demolition.	SW11	CRICKETERS Taylor Walker (110) H unused.	ADDISCOMBE CRICKETERS +Young: Special Bitter another Courage pub offers choice (93)
NORTH WEST NW1	BLACK CAP Charrington (S30) H unused.	SW17	FORESTERS ARMS Courage (U7) H unused.	SOUTH WEST SW9 RUSSELL HOTEL +John Smith: Bitter (110)
NW5	NEW MITRE Charrington (U13) H unused.	SW19	WOTSIT WINE BAR Free House (S50) H unused.	SW19 BROADWAY +John Smith: Bitter (S50)
NW6	LITTLE LANGTRY Ind Coope (74) H unused.	HAM	HAM BREWERY TAP Watney (S51) H removed.	Corrections to Update 13 ADDITIONS ENFIELD HORSE & DRAY address is 8 Alma Rd.
NW10	OLDE CROWN (YE) Truman (S34) H unused.	RICHMOND	SOUTH WESTERN Charrington (121) renamed DRUMMONDS emphasis now on fast food and fizz.	
EDGWARE	BROADWAY Benskin (75) H unused.	TOLWORTH	RED LION Courage (123) renamed SULLIVANS H removed more fast food and fizz.	DELETIONS N4 OSBORNE ARMS should be OSBORNE TAVERN.
SOUTH EAST SE6	GOVERNOR GENERAL Watney (U3) H removed.	WEST W4	COACH & HORSES Free House (S54) H removed ground floor now a restaurant. NW5 fizz bar downstairs.	Corrections to Update 14 ADDITIONS EC3 RED LION Whole pub has been rebuilt as part of office development. GEORGE IV address is 76 Willes Rd.
SE8	HARPO ERIN Shepherd Neame (83) Closed — for sale.			

WORD SEARCH

In the grid below appear the name of 21 brews — all in a straight line, but few in the usual direction. See if you can find them.

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VERAAZYTMTTOBBACAJAY
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TWINTERWARMERURRDRGK
SMHATCIVNIRCNIORPVI
EQGBCAEJCTDTPNLRKY
FTXUHBMRPEYRLGOYWEOP
CAGGIPTZIIYOFNRNRLEGXA
GUTYSCPAWDQKDYRCROUK
CPKHWOJOMPPOEPQOHRDN
ELII IUBCIWNLNIIFODJO
FFDSCWDBBFPRELHTEUWPM
KTUTKULWRCLEFYMSOLE
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YTTQUEBEOZZIDDODOXDR
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GOZUQMABNREIDRAEMOBN
BISHOPSTIFFLEHRSDWDY

A prize of £5 will be awarded to the first correct full list opened on May 1st. Send your list and name & address on a sheet of paper to Word Search, 25 Valens House, Upper Tulse Hill, SW2. The solution and winner's name will appear in the next edition.

Nicholson's sells the Butts.

The Butts Free House at the Elephant & Castle has been sold to Ballyglulin Taverns Ltd, and will continue to sell real ale in the form of Young's Bitter and Special. The new owners, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Tracey, will also stock London Drinker — we wish them all the best on both counts. Stephen, incidentally, is a former Irish Hurling man.

Sadly, the change means that gravity-served Adnam's is no longer on sale, and Christian Muteau has — temporarily anyway — left the licensed trade as no suitable pub is available since the present somewhat short-sighted tendency is not to allow tenancies to single persons, however well qualified and experienced in the pub trade. However, Chris is now the UK General Representative for a Luxembourg company dealing amongst other things, in fine German wines. This will entail much travelling around the country but will give him more time for CAMRA affairs, hence his candidature for election to CAMRA's National Executive at the Annual General Meeting.

"MA PARDOE'S"

The Old Swan, at Netherton, near Dudley, affectionately known as "Ma Pardoe's", has been bought for an undisclosed sum by CAMRA, and other interests.

Speculation over the future of the pub and the adjoining brewery increased after the death of the owner, Mrs. Dorothy Pardoe.

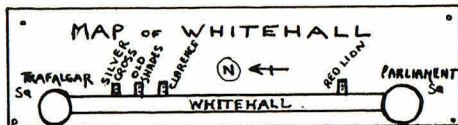
Now, it has been announced that the family has accepted an offer which they are assured will preserve the traditional character of the business and open the way for new possibilities.

A striking feature of the deal involves a share issue as part of a £250,000 development programme.

Adrian Hyde, chairman of the Dudley and South Staffs branch of CAMRA said: "People can invest more than £500 and get tax allowances, but we want to keep the minimum shareholding down to £10 so that the man in the pub can join in".

A finance company, Mercia Venture Capital, has teamed up with CAMRA to back the project.

LIQUID LUNCH on a Whitehall wander



Under extremely heavy pressure from the stern editorial team I had to scrap, or at least postpone, the promised New Oxford St. crawl (I hadn't found out where the pubs were yet).

Instead I decided to saunter down Whitehall SW1, calling in at its four pubs on the way. This would also further simplify the cartographical effort needed, as you can see. So off I went on a 76 to Parliament Square, noting once again that RM had surrendered to Metrobus. Soon there won't be many conductors left, although Fleet St. is still good RM territory.

With 170 bhp under the bonnet (?) we soon reached Westminster and I fell into the Red Lion (Taylor Walker). This 1985 Good Beer Guide listed pub has many interesting features, not least the beer, with the unusually wide range of Benskins, Ind Coope Bitter, Taylor Walker and Ind Coope Burton. Then there's the electronic information panel down one end, the news on which included a welcome from guv'nors Ken and Ines. The beer was in very good condition although not a huge number of customers were drinking real beer (or buying London Drinker). The pub has an upstairs restaurant and cellar bar as well as the main ground floor bar and was the first steel-framed building in the area when rebuilt in 1900 (Taylor Walker pubs are usually good for potted histories on the wall).

After sampling the Benskins and the Burton in the Red Lion I was off down to the other end of Whitehall. The Clarence was until recently, I think, a Clifton Inns free house (with prices to match) but now it seems to be run by people called Burston and Hill. Prices are still high — Greene King at 105p per pint for example — but there's still a good range with Webster's Ruddell's County, Arkell's Best, Shepherd Neame Master Brew and Wells' Bombardier.

I suppose it could be said that the Clarence is just a high-priced tourist trap, what with the sawdust on the floor and prime tourist-grabbing position. Yet the beer is always in good condition and the pub has had its yearly Real Ale Festival with weekly cheap(er) beer offers.

In the summer you can sit outside the Clarence and watch your bus approaching from Trafalgar Square, if you like that sort of thing.

Anyway, I stumped-up my 53p for a half of Abbot and shuffled just up the road to the Old Shades (Charrington). This pub has a very

narrow frontage but goes back miles, culminating in a rear lounge. It was very crowded indeed, but the service was good (apparently a Whitehall feature) and the IPA good, so long as you like that distinctive taste. One of those annoying Charrington price lists with half-pint prices showed IPA 43p and Bass 46p, so this was probably the most I've ever paid for IPA (since equalled at the Magpie and Stump opposite the Old Bailey).

As you might expect, there was once again a heavy emphasis on food. A nice feature of this pub is that the handpumps are of the straight black type with brass embellishments — no nasty hunting scenes. I decided to move on to the next pub when the adjacent conversation turned admiringly to Hitleriana.

The Silver Cross Tavern is a Watney's London Hosts pub selling Yorkshire and Combe's on handpump. These are usually both reliable bets for a decent pint and my Yorkshire was indeed delicious. Both beers were 88p per pint, which is unusual as Combe's is often priced lower, despite its higher O.G.

This pub has an extremely unusual interior, with wood panelling, intricately painted moulding and an almost mediaeval style 15ft-high ceiling. For once on this crawl there was a relatively relaxed atmosphere — the gas log fire surrounded by comfortable armchairs might almost have fooled the Solid Fuel Advisory Service.

A few tourists were about, paying their 108p for a pint of Holsten, but the Silver Cross was generally a good haven to have found. A previous guv'nor had been seen turning badge-wearing miners away on the occasion of a London demo, but it seems to have got a new manager since then, so is provisionally OK politically.

Time was running out, so I headed back down the Strand in search of a bus, reflecting on four pubs with, if I remembered correctly, not a dartboard or pool table between them but having good beer (usually at a price) and a fair amount of interest for Central London.

So perhaps next time I'll have got my finger out and organised a good New Oxford St. crawl, or maybe I'll change course again and go down Blackfriars Road to do the Ring and other delights . . .

R.M. Rider

MAKING A MONKEY OF . . .

Two years ago one of our intrepid reporters was wandering the Docklands area checking out a crawl provisionally to be called 'A Dogs Dinner'. He never finished because the beer made him feel more like he'd eaten one, but during an abortive short-cut around a maze of Poplar alleys did come across an old pub, closed, seemingly abandoned and bearing a tattered sign declaring 'The Monkey's Arms'. No one else had ever heard of the place; the East London guide passed it by and the whole thing would have been forgotten but for an odd exchange in a Limehouse pub two or three months ago.

"I don't give a monkey's for your Fosterbrau Wagga-wagga pils, I know its really from somewhere like East Grinstead", said a CAMRA hardliner making his ritual demand for mild. "Ever bin there then?", replied the barman, an ex-nautical type looking like a tatooed version of Planet of the Apes. "East Grinstead?", queried our hero, putting a few tables between himself and his oddly Aussie-sounding host. "Nar, the old Monkeys Arms, yer limey wanker", replied the latter as he casually placed our reporter in a skip outside the pub.

So began a strange hunt. Where was the Monkeys? "We go to Asda, not the bleedin' Zoo" said the man on the Docklands Clipper (a local version of the Clapham Omnibus). An alley-by-alley search was about to be aborted when one of the party spotted a piece of cardboard and dived for the gutter. As he was pulled-up he held the card aloft, gibbering like any beermat collector with a rare find. "It's a Hoares No 16A, the one with the pitted edge and the monkey symbol on the back. They were all meant for Ships Stores on the banana boat trade!" "Monkeys?", asked an incredulous labologist, "that means we can't be far away!"

And round the corner was a sight to make strong men tremble (like getting a polypin of Double Diamond for Christmas) — a great heap of crates of rotting bananas dumped in the last dock strike several summers ago. But that

familiar smell of off-IPA was forgotten as our team suddenly spotted a pub beyond the pile. Outside, a man with a grimey cloth was cleaning an equally grimey sign. "The Monkey's Arms — Never Knowingly Open" was the message and this was the place.

The man stared as the team selected the door marked 'Public Bar' with a care that seemed just a little pointless in the absence of anywhere else to go. As they trooped-in he assumed a proprietorial air. "Whadda you lot want?" came a grunt as he dragged himself reluctantly around the bar. "Er . . . do you do mild?" ventured one of his visitors. "Nar . . . we got some London Stout." "Is it, er, real?" someone piped-up as half-a-dozen GBG brewery sections were hurriedly thumbed through. The answer was succinct and to the point. "It's not bleedin' imaginery, yer can drink it or sod off!" stated the landlord as he drew draught stout, no less, from a creaking old handpump.

"We're from the local CAMRA branch" was volunteered. "Dunno what you want to take pictures here for" was the by now inevitable reply. Further discussion was cut short by a whoop of joy from our Pub Preservationist. After probing down through thirty years of dust on the floor he had unearthed a layer of genuine post-war Austerity-style sawdust. A quick check with the micrometer suggested a Welsh origin and an aroma of stale leeks confirmed it.

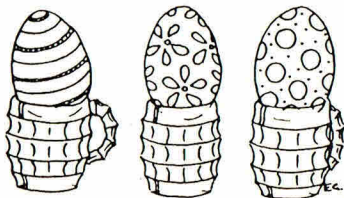
"You'll be off now then?" came from our host who was looking with some suspicion at a small group around his dartboard enthusing at what the resident games expert had definitely pronounced to be a rare find — "a genuine East End ten-segement Log-End board". Was it an early version of the more common twelve-segment variety? The speculation was rudely shattered. "Yer can't play on that, 'alf the wires 'ave fallen off" came from behind the bar. "Anyway, 'ave yer no 'omes to go to?"

Such a firm display of the landlord's traditional 'au revoir' soon found our team, equally traditionally, out in the street. Contemplation of the fading, barely legible sign above the windows brought memories of hundreds of brewery quizzes flooding back. Gradually they picked out the name of the brewery, the once revered 'Hoare', and realised that they were looking at their last pub to survive the Charrington takeover so long ago.

To put it in a nutshell, they'd found the last Hoare house in town.

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NB: this article contains a deliberate typing error (besides the others)
(Apologies to F. Muir)



A Terminal Case — Termination.

In the first part of this offering we visited stations to the north of the City of London, which resisted the approaches of all but one railway for almost half of the Victorian era. We now enter the City and, with a little dodging across the Thames, call at the rest of the London termini. All but the first mentioned became part of the Southern Railway on 1st January 1923, and the entire network merged as British Railways in 1948; no further reference will be made to these details. Apart from that, the information will be laid out as last time, in this order: reference number (see map); name; date of opening on the site; original owner (initials only after first mention); notes of interest; name of bar and beers sold; opening hours if different from the local norm; name of nearest Underground if different from the terminus, also the line if not served by the Circle, which is basically the route followed.



11. FENCHURCH STREET, 2nd August 1841.

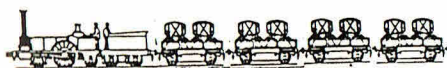
London & Blackwall Railway; London, Tilbury & Southend Rly from 1854; London, Midland & Scottish Rly (!) from 1923. For a quarter of a century the only terminus in the City and rebuilt in 1853, now undergoing extensive modernisation. Replaced a temporary terminus at Minories (in use for 13 months). The first trains ran on 5ft. gauge track and were hauled by cables wound by stationary engines at Poplar. *The Raven. Arkel BB, Bass. and Arkell's Kingsdown on gravity.* Closed weekends.

Nearest tube Tower Hill, Circle Line.

12. CANNON STREET. 1st September 1866.

South-Eastern Rly, South-Eastern & Chatham Rly from 1899. *Buffet Bar. Ruddell's County & Rutland. 11.30-3pm, 5-6.30, weekdays only. For the pedantic, the name of the station and the street outside is derived from the Canons of St. Mary Bothaw church which stood on the site of this bar until destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666. Despite the misleading change in spelling, it has nothing to do with artillery.*

Directly across the river by train is London Bridge station (17).



13. BLACKFRIARS. 1st June 1865. S.E.R., S.E.C.R.

Replacing a temporary terminus at St. Pauls, this was at one time the most important terminus in Europe — as witness the inscriptions on the preserved stonework on the concourse, which survives from the second station on the site, built in 1886 and rebuilt in 1977

Bale	Antwerp	Ashford	Gravesend	Darmstadt	Nice
Baden	Baden	Beckenham	Herne-Bay	Florence	Frankfort
Berlin	Berlin	Bickley	Maidstone	Geneva	Paris
Genoa	Boulogne	Broadstairs	Margate	Lausanne	
	Bremen	Bromley	Ramsgate	Leipzig	Rome
Milan	Brindisi	Canterbury	Rochester	Lucerne	
	Brussels	Chatham	Sevenoaks	Marseilles	Turin
Lyons	Calais	Crystal Palace	Sittingbourne	Vienna	
	Cannes	Deal	Sheerness	St Petersburg	Venice
Naples	Cologne	Dover	Westgate on Sea	Wiesbaden	
	Dresden	Faversham	Walmer		

The places named were all served from here; the furthest you can now get is Ramsgate, and St Petersburg changed its name in 1916 and again since. How the mighty are fallen. There isn't even a bar. However, refreshment is at hand over the road in

The Black Friar. Adnam's & Boddington's Bitter, Courage Director's and "Blackfriars" — brewed by Morrells to an og of 1038-42. 11.30-3pm, 5-9.30, not weekends.

Alternatively, if Bass and Charrington IPA are to your taste, a few paces along Queen Victoria Street will take you to the Baynards Castle, built on the site of that fortification which was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. It was one of a pair, whose surviving member is the Tower of London.

The original bridge serving Blackfriars was the first rail crossing over the Thames in to London. It was dismantled in January, reportedly for re-erection in Africa.



The next terminus on our list is only a few minutes' walk away, or frequent trains run to:

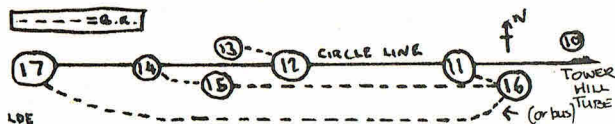
14. HOLBORN VIADUCT. 2nd March 1874. S.E.R., S.E.C.R.

It's hardly worth a visit, being a typical BR modern rebuild with no bar. However, the *Viaduct Tavern* a few yards along Newgate Street is worth a look-in for a pint of Friary or Burton. This Victorian gem of 1864 was the first pub to be lit by electricity, and its cellars were once cells of Newgate Prison. The road is wide here to accommodate crowds at public executions.

St. Paul's tube, Central Line.

If you've taken the trouble to come this far, turn back towards the River and head out of the City for:

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15. CHARING CROSS. 11th January 1864, S.E.R., S.E.C.R.

Opened while still under construction and the scene of a disaster in the early part of this century when the roof collapsed and killed several people, this station takes its name from the Eleanor Cross in the courtyard, from which all distances from London are reckoned. So much did the London County Council covet this site that it offered B.R. the site of the Lion Brewery where the Festival Hall now stands in exchange. *The Kent Connection. Bass, Ruddle's Rutland, Courage Best.*

Jubilee, Bakerloo & Northern lines: Embankment, Circle line and as for Charing Cross tube. If you are sticking to the Circle Line, proceed direct to Victoria (18). Otherwise, take a train across the River, or walk over the same bridge, Hungerford. This was originally a suspension bridge built by Brunel, but when the railway arrived the brick piers were retained, while the chains were sent to Bristol to form part of the Clifton Bridge. One of the conditions of the change was the provision of the pedestrian way which leads us to:

16. WATERLOO, 1848. London & South-Western Railway. (East side 1864, S.E.R., S.E.C.R.). The largest station in the country and serving the widest sweep of the compass, from Dover to Exeter, it has 21 terminal and 4 through platforms, the latter designated A to D. The company, known as the London & Southampton until extended here from its first terminus at Nine Elms on the site of the new Covent Garden Market, ran out of money, and this was the nearest it got to its original goal, the City. It achieved access in the 1890s by opening the Waterloo & City Line, popularly known as "The Drain" — only the second electric "Tube" in the world. Until 1939, platform 1 saw a daily departure non-stop to Brookwood, for which only day returns and singles were issued. The singles were for the deceased on their last journey — by coffin. At Brookwood Cemetery the occupants were buried according to status and religion, and the London Necropolis Company, who owned it, provided two stations

— Church of England, where the appropriate carriages were detached, while the rest of the train proceeded to Roman Catholic, the end of the line in every sense. A case of Protestants travelling behind but arriving first — an interesting theological puzzle which need not concern us here. As the funerals took place, the train was re-marshalled, and tactfully the hearse wagons were well out of sight when the mourners with their return tickets thankfully headed back to the land of the living.

Opposite platforms 5-10 is:

Trips Bar. Young's Special, Ruddle's Rutland, Wethered Bitter, Arkell's Best Bitter and Kingsdown, Bass (Some are not always on sale)

From the Eastern section of the station, frequent trains run to:

17. LONDON BRIDGE. 14th December 1836. London & Greenwich Rly; S.E.R. from 1st January 1845 on a 999 year lease; S.E.C.R.

Also London & Brighton and London & Croydon Railways which merged as the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway in 1846. The first permanent terminus in London and probably the most-rebuilt, it superseded the temporary terminus at Spa Road which opened with the railway on 8th February 1836 and survived as a through station until 1916. The L & G R ran on a continuous viaduct of 878 brick arches, many of which are still in use (some containing the London Dungeon beneath the station). The first excursion train to Brighton left here on Easter Monday 1844, with 57 carriages and 6 engines. It took 5 hours. When the Red Flag Act was repealed in 1896, one of the participants in the first event — London to Brighton car run — brought his vehicle here and loaded it into the guard's van. You don't get that sort of service now — it's often a major battle to get a bike on! Real Ale is obtainable here on the site of the first terminus:

The Oast House Bar. Shepherd Neame Bitter, Courage Best, Bass.

Closes 9.30pm, not open Sunday evening.

Northern Line.

A No.10 bus, or during peak hours the South London line will take you to our last port of call:

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Maggie's Round?

British beer should be 20p a pint cheaper, according to the editor of the 1985 Good Beer Guide. "British beer is grossly over-priced," said editor Neil Hanson. "In a few pubs this may be due to grasping brewers or landlords, but in every pub in the land there is one prime culprit — the government. Beer in Britain is taxed more heavily than in any other EEC country except the Irish Republic."

"The 1984 Budget increased the tax on beer to £24 per hectolitre (100 litres) at 1030° Original Gravity. For every additional degree OG the duty increases by 80p. Duty paid is more than 50% of the ex-brewery price of the beer we drink."

"In most other European countries, duty is calculated both on the strength of the beer and on the size of the brewery. In Germany, for example, the rate for Vollbier (full beer — one of the four beer gradings) increases from 12DM for

the first 2000 Hectolitres per year, to 15DM for over 30,000. Not only are these rates far lower than in Britain — about one tenth of UK rates — but such a system also taxes giant breweries more heavily than small ones — which would greatly benefit competition and consumer choice in this country.

"Perhaps the Eurocracy, so assiduous in promoting the harmonisation of UK rates of duty on beer and wine to the detriment of our brewing industry, could now turn their attention to harmonising levels of beer duty throughout the EEC — that really would promote harmony in the UK! If British beer was taxed at the same rate as German, a pint of bitter currently costing 60p would be 44p and a pint of strong bitter at 85p would be 63p. At present rates, every time you buy a pint, you're getting a half for yourself and one for Mrs. Thatcher. Isn't it time she bought a round for a change?"

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DEAR DIPSY



DEAR DIPSY, For some time now I've been taking my dog to the pub. Unfortunately he's now taken to drinking 8 pints and on the way home chases any passers-by he sees on a motorbike. How can I cure him of this dangerous habit.

B. WOODHOUSE, Barking.

The answer is quite simple, take the bike away from him!

DEAR DIPSY, Can you assist me in recalling a part of my life I have forgotten? On the 23rd of December 1983 I had a lunch time session with friends and workmates, leaving the pub at 3pm and continuing with an impromptu party held at an oversized Liverpudlian's flat in the Earls Court. After drinking wine and Martini, the latter straight from the bottle, I was invited by someone called "Throbbingthing" on a pub crawl. It being 10 past 6 I agreed. At the first pub, the Radnor I remember buying a round but nothing else until I found myself in a chip shop four hours later.

PAUL, Wallington.

DEAR PAUL, According to a psychiatric colleague of mine you appear to be suffering from a temporary amnesia brought about by some form of traumatic shock. The other members of the pub crawl said that you left the local at 6.15 and were not seen again. Possibly the shock of buying a round may have triggered off your memory loss and you sought refuge in the chip shop in order to fish for clues whilst minding your peas in the queue or you realised that were going to get no points over the holiday period and so remain bottom of Division Three or you were frightened by the bogey man in your pram at 3 months of age. But enough of this pseudo psychiatry, the truth is you were so p----- you didn't know what you were doing. DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, For the past 8 or so years I have been employed as a guard dog by the landlord of a well known Croydon pub. I am well fed and cared for but the one thing I can't stand is being dragged down to Selhurst Park once a fortnight and on occasion twice a week, even though I have a seat and my master pays for me. It wasn't too bad in the early days when the team managed to rise from the third to the first division but this season's been a right bone of contention. The defence remind me of the first time I was taken to Streatham Common. I didn't have a leg to stand on. Indeed there are more holes in the back four than I could ever chew in one of my master's slippers. The midfield is as hesitant as the progress my master and I make when he takes me for a walk along South Norwood Hill, for ever stopping at each lamp-post, and while I have a good sniff, talking to each young lady who seems always to be there. As for the strikers, well I ran faster on the day I found out I was to be taken to the vets to have my masculinity removed. Anyway on a recent trip to Mitcham I seized the chance I'd been waiting for to run away and took up with some gypsies. Unfortunately, they turned out to be an honest lot and sent me back home. Now I am a guarded guard dog and can't ever see any way of escaping the regular trips to Purgatory unless you can help me.

MUFFIN the Dog, Houndsditch.

*DEAR MUFFIN, My heart went out to you when I read your letter and more so later on when I saw the way you were being exploited in the local press and on television. From enquiries that I have made, I understand that you didn't "escape", but that your master threw you out of the window thinking that you were his wife's wig. When your team gets relegated this season I think interest will wane and you will be taken to places even more interesting than South Norwood Hill, and that is of course Selhurst Park. In fact the team who play there may soon come to visit you, since judging be some of their home performances recently they've started going to the dogs. DIPSY
P.S. Isn't Muffin the dog a sexual offence?*

DEAR DIPSY, Every time I go to my local and try to drink lager I turn into a frog, a bear and an intergalactic alien. Although this amuses the other customers, my old woman is getting a bit fed up with it since she never knows what to get for dinner. What can I do to stop these metamorphoses happening?

I.M. GULLIBLE, Harpenden.

Dear GULLIBLE, Stop believing in the fatuous fairy tales put out on television by the purveyors of the coloured fizzyiness. DIPSY.

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 EC1 STICK & WEASEL, 273 City Road.
 EC1 THREE HORSESHOES, Clerkenwell Green.
 EC1 YORKSHIRE GREY, Greys Inn Road.
 EC4 BLACKFRIAR, 174 Queen Victoria Street.
 EC4 WILLIAMSON'S TAVERN, Groveland Ct. Bow Lane.
 E1 FISH & RING, 141A White Horse Road.
 E1 PRIDE OF SPITALFIELD, 3 Henage Street.
 E1 ROMFORD ARMS, 3 Henage Street.
 E2 APPROACH TAVERN, 47 Approach Road.
 E2 MARKSMAN, 254 Hackney Road.
 E3 PEARLY KING, 94 Bromley High Street.
 E5 BACCHUS' BIN, 5-9 Leytonstone Road.
 E9 CHESHAM ARMS, 15 Melbourn Road.
 E9 ROYAL STANDARD, 84 Victoria Park Road.
 E11 NORTHCOTE, 110 Grove Green Road.
 ONGAR KINGS HEAD, High Street.
 SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE, The Cut.
 SE1 BUTTS, Elephant & Castle.
 SE1 COPPER, 208 Tower Bridge Road.
 SE1 DOGGETS, Blackfriars Bridge.
 SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN, 47 Borough Road.
 SE1 HORSESHOE, Melior Street.
 SE1 PINEAPPLE, 53 Hercules Road.
 SE1 WELLINGTON, Waterloo Road.
 SE3 BRITISH OAK, 109 Old Dover Road.
 SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN, Denmark Hill Station, Windsor Walk.
 SE5 WICKWOOD TAVERN, 58 Flaxman Road.
 SE7 McDONNELLS, 428 Woolwich Road.
 SE7 ROYAL OAK, 54 Charlton Lane.
 SE10 GUILDFORD ARMS, 55 Guildford Grove.
 SE10 NORTH POLE, 131 Greenwich High Road.
 SE10 ROYAL GEORGE, Bisset Street.
 SE12 SUMMERFIELD TAVERN, Lee.
 SE13 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, High Street.
 SE15 MAN OF KENT, Nunhead Green.
 SE15 OLD NUN'S HEAD, Nunhead Green.
 SE16 BLACKSMITH'S ARMS, 257 Rotherhithe Street.
 SE16 MANOR HOUSE, 78 Galleyway Road.
 SE16 PRINCE OF ORANGE, 118 Lower Road.
 SE17 TANKARD, Walworth Road.
 SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS, 81 Sandy Hill Road.
 SE18 QUEEN VICTORIA, 118 Wellington Street.
 SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH, Hillreach.
 SE19 QUEENS ARMS, Westow Hill.
 SE19 ROYAL ALBERT, Westow Hill.
 SE20 GOLDEN LION, Maple Road.
 SE24 COMMERCIAL, 11 Raiton Road, Herne Hill.
 SE24 GOAT HOUSE, 2 Penge Road.
 SE25 SHIP, 55 High Street.
 SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE, 39—Sydenham Hill.
 SE26 GREYHOUND, 315 Kirkdale.
 SE27 HOPE, Norwood High Street.
 BECKENHAM JOLLY WOODMAN, Chancery Lane.
 BEXLEY BLUE ANCHOR, Bridgen Road.
 CROYDON LION, Pawns Road.
 CROYDON SHIP, 47 High Street.
 CROYDON TWO BREWERS, 221 Gloucester Road.
 HADLOW DOWN (E.Sussex) NEW INN.
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 SEAFORD (Sussex) WHITE LION, Claremont Road.

OFF TRADE

E4 Waltham Wines, 72 Sewardstone Road.
 SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road.
 SE23 2 Brewers, 97 Dartmouth Road.
 SE27 Wholecellars, 8 Norwood High Street.
 BEXLEYHEATH Bitter Experience, 216 Broadway.
 BROMLEY Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill.
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OUTLETS—

WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 LAMB, Lamb's Conduit Street
 WC1 MOON, 18 New North Street.
 WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS, 1 Pakenham Street.
 WC1 SUN, 63 Lamb's Conduit Street.
 WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR, 22 Neal Street.
 WC2 GEORGE IV, 28 Portugal Street.
 N1 CAMPBELLS, 21 Bridport Place.
 N1 CROWN, Clouesley Road.
 N1 GEORGE IV, Copenhagen Street.
 N1 LORD WOLSELEY, White Lion Street.
 N1 MALT & HOPS, 33 Caledonian Road.
 N1 PRINCE ARTHUR, 49 Brunswick Place.
 N1 SWAN TAVERN, 125 Caledonian Road.

N2 FIVE BELLS, East End Road.
 N2 WELCH BROS, 130 East Finchley High Road.
 N2 WINDSOR CASTLE, The Walk Church Street.
 N4 MARLERS, 29 Crouch Hill.
 N6 DUKES HEAD, 16 Highgate High Street.
 N6 VICTORIA, 28 North Hill.
 N7 BALMORAL CASTLE, Caledonian Road.
 N8 HARRINGAY ARMS, 153 Crouch Hill.
 N8 PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, Park Road.
 N12 COACH STOP, Ballards Lane.
 N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane.
 N16 ROSE & CROWN, 199 Stoke Newington, Church Street.
 N19 MARLERS, 19 Archway Road.
 N20 BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone.
 N20 CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane.
 N22 NAGS HEAD, 203 High Street.
 N22 STARTING GATE, Buckingham Road.
 NW1 LANDSDOWNE, 90 Gloucester Avenue.
 NW1 VICTORIA, 2 Mornington Terrace.
 NW3 WELLS HOTEL, 30 Wells Walk.
 NW4 GREYHOUND, Church End, Greyhound Hill.
 NW4 THE MANNINGS, Brent Street.
 NW4 MIDLAND HOTEL, Station Road.
 NW4 WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs.
 NW6 QUEENS, 1 Kilburn High Road.
 NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN, Hale Lane.
 NW7 RISING SUN, Highwood Hill.
 NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane.
 BARNET ALEXANDRA, Wood Street.
 BARNET SEBRIGHT ARMS, Alston Road.
 EDGWARE CORNERHOUSE HOTEL, Stonegrave.
 EDGWARE RAILWAY HOTEL, Station Road.
 ENFIELD CRICKETERS ARMS, 19 Chase Side Place.
 ENFIELD GOAT, 27 Forty Hill.
 ENFIELD KING & TINKER, Whitewebbs Road.
 ENFIELD KINGS HEAD, Market Place.
 NEW BARNET BUILDERS ARMS, 3 Albert Road.
 GLASGOW ALLIANCE ARMS, 720-722 Pollokshaws Road.
 RICHMOND (Yorks) TAN HILL INN, Keld.
 MANCHESTER JOLLY ANGLER, Ducie Street.
 STEVENAGE (Herts) RED LION, High St. Old Town.
 STOCKPORT (Gtr Manchester) NEW INN, Wellington Rd. Sth.

OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
 N11 Originales, Friern Barnet Road.
 N13 Originales, 68 Aldermans Hill.
 N15 Majestic, Colina Mews Park Road.
 NW3 Vinebins, 150 Haverstock Hill.
 NW6 Grogblossom, 253 West End Lane.

CLUBS

N22 Wood Green Labour Club, Stuart Crescent.

OUTLETS — SOUTH-WEST/WEST

SW1 BARLEY MOW, Horseferry Road.
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS, Petty France.
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS, Passmore Street.
 SW1 ORANGE BREWERY, Pimlico Road.
 SW1 RED LION, 48 Parliament Street.
 SW1 ROYAL COURT TAVERN, 8 Sloane Square.
 SW2 ELM PARK TAVERN, Elm Park Road.
 SW4 JOLLY GARDENERS, 115 St. Alphonsus Road.
 SW4 RAILWAY, Clapham High Road.
 SW6 WHITE HORSE, 1 Parson's Green.
 SW7 NORFOLK TAVERN, 2-10 Harrington Road.
 SW8 NOTTINGHAM CASTLE, 257 Wandsworth Road.
 SW8 SURPRISE, 16 Southville, 357 Wandsworth Road.
 SW9 — LANDOR HOTEL, 70 Landor Rd.
 SW9 WARRIOR (Brixton Brewery Co.) Coldharbour Lane.
 SW10 CHELSEA RAM, 32 Burnaby Street.
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN, 110 Lotts Road.
 SW11 ANCHOR, Holgate Avenue.
 SW11 HABERDASHERS ARMS, Culvert Road.
 SW11 PRINCE OF WALES, Battersea Park Road.
 SW11 WOODMAN, 60 Battersea High Street.
 SW12 BEDFORD HOTEL, Bedford Hill.
 SW12 DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Balham High Road.
 SW12 PRINCE OF WALES, 270 Cavendish Road.
 SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN, Sheen Lane.
 SW15 ARAB BOY, 289 Upper Richmond Road.
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road.
 SW15 RAILWAY, Upper Richmond Road.
 SW16 GREYHOUND, Greyhound Lane.
 SW16 LEIGHAM ARMS, 1 Wellfield Road.

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A Terminal Case – Termination

18. VICTORIA. 1st October 1860 L.B. & S.C.R. 3rd December 1860 London, Chatham & Dover Railway, S.E.C.R. from 1899. "The line is immaterial" said Lady Bracknell of Victoria when being told of Ernest Worthing's discovery there in a hand bag, in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. These were two very separate stations with a common dividing wall and no access to each other in the early days. Gone are the Golden Arrow, the Night Ferry and the Brighton Bell, but the recently and superbly restored Orient Express still departs from here, hauled incongruously by a diesel. There are two bars, one on each side of the station:

The Belgravia Bar opposite platforms 3 & 4, Courage Best and Bass.

The Number Nine bar near that platform, Courage Best and Ruddle's Rutland.

When this last detail was gathered, on March 2nd, the latter cost 92p a pint, a little pricey, one would think, for a 1032 og beer. Up to this point no mention has been made of price, but if Traveller's Fare can keep up the quality (which it certainly does), what about pleasing the customer's pocket as well as his palate?

Merton

SW18 THE GRAPES, 39 Fairfield Street.
SW18 BREWERY TAP, Wandsworth High Street.
SW18 FORESTERS, St. Annes Hill.
SW18 OLD EAST HILL, Alma Road.
SW18 SPREAD EAGLE, Wandsworth High Street.
SW19 ALEXANDRA, Wimbleton Hill Road.
SW19 KINGS HEAD, Merton High Street.
SW19 LEATHER BOTTLE, Kingston Road.
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL, Abbey Road.
SW19 TRAFALGAR, High Path.
ARUNDEL, W.Sussex, Museum of Curiosities, High St.
CARSHALTON SUN INN, North Street.
EAST MOLESEY STREETS OF LONDON, Bridge Road.
KINGSTON GAZEBO, Thames Walk.
KINGSTON KINGSTON MILL, High Street.
KINGSTON WYCH ELM, Elm Road.
MITCHAM CRICKETERS, 340 London Road.
MITCHAM RAVENSBURY ARMS, Croydon Road.
MOTSPUR PARK EARL BEATTY
OAKLANDS PARK PRINCE OF WALES, Mere Road.
RICHMOND WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane.
TORQUAY UPTON VALE
SURBITON RAILWAY TAVERN, Ewell Road.
SURBITON RISING SUN, 1 Villiers Avenue.
SURBITON VICTORIA, Victoria Road.
WESTON GREEN GREYHOUND
W1 ANGEL, Thayer Street.
W1 ARGYLL ARMS, 18 Argyll Street.
W1 BRICKLAYERS, Aybrook Street.
W1 BRICKLAYERS, 31 Gresse Street.
W4 BELL & CROWN, Strand on the Green.
W5 RED LION, St. Mary's Road.

Courage try Guest beers.

Imperial Inns & Taverns, the managed-house arm of Courage, are experimenting with guest beers. Good Beer Guide recommended pub **The Albert Tavern** in Harrington Road, South Norwood, S.E.25, has been equipped with two extra hand-pumps to dispense Shepherd Neame Invicta Bitter and John Smith's cask bitter. **The Cricketers** in Shirley Road, Addiscombe is reported to be taking Young's Special Bitter. Terry Hewitt.

* The landlord of the Griffin Tavern, Brook Rd. South, Brentford, has retired, to the disappointment of his regulars. Whoever takes his place in this Fullers house has a great deal to live up to.

* The Railway S.W.4 by Clapham BR Station, recently taken by Tony Hibbs of the Jolly Gardeners, Clapham, was closed for renovations from March 3rd to 23rd. Meanwhile, as we went to press, David Bruce's latest pub, the Flounder & Firkin (formerly the Highbury Brewery Tap) was reported as due to open on March 19th. Doubtless more information on both will appear in due course.

W5 NEW INN, St. Mary's Road.
W6 BLACK LION, Black Lion Lane.
W6 RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherds Bush Road.
W9 TRUSCOTT ARMS, Shirland Road.
W10 NARROW BOAT, 346 Ladbroke Grove.
W10 VILLAGE INN, Kensal Road.
W11 FROG & FIRKIN, Tavistock Crescent.
W14 BRITANNIA TAP, 150 Warwick Road.
W14 RADNOR ARMS, 247 Warwick Road.
BRENTFORD GRIFFIN, Brook Road South.
CRANFORD QUEENS HEAD, 123 High Street.
GREENFORD BLACKHORSE, Oldfield Lane.
HAMPTON WINDMILL, Windmill Road.
HAMPTON COURT KINGS ARMS, Lion Gate, Hampton Court Road.
HILLINGTON RED LION, Hillingdon Hill.
HILLINGDON STAR, Uxbridge Road.
HOUNSLOW CHARIOT, 34 High Street.
HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road.
HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Hanworth Road.
SUDBURY BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road.
TEDDINGTON QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane.
TWICKENHAM EEL PIE, 9 Church Street.
TWICKENHAM POPE'S GROTTTO, Cross Deep.
WEALDSTONE ROYAL OAK, Peel Road.

OFF TRADE

SW11 Majestic Wine Warehouses, Hester Road.
SW11 39er Webbs Road.
SW12 Alma's Real Ale Off Licence, 20 Bedford Hill.
KENTON Littlemore Wines, Kenton Road.
NEW MALDEN HOP & VINE, Elm Road.

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