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BRANCH DIARY

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

ALL BRANCHES: August London Drinker Pick-up. LEATHER EXCHANGE TAVERN, Leathermarket Street, SE1.

BEXLEY: Wed 3 (8.30) Branch Meeting. VOLUNTEER, Church Road, Bexley Heath — Sun 14 Day Trip to Maidstone. Cricket Tent, Mote Park — Mon 22 (8.30) Combined celebration of 10 years of CAMRA in Bexley and presentation to mark 10 years of Good Beer Guide entries. SEVEN STARS, High Street, Footscray. (Good food, inexpensive beer and, maybe, Highgate Mild).

BROMLEY: Thur 4 (8.00) Sporting Social (darts, pool, snooker) vs Bexley Branch. CROOKED BILLET, High Street, Penge SE20 (Good attendance please.) — Sun 7 (12.00) Shep's Sunday Social. CROWN INN, Leaves Green. Another chance to see our country pubs — Thur 11 (8.30) Social. BICKLEY ARMS, Old Hill, Chislehurst (near Station & buses). Non-active members invited to attend. — Sat 20 (Time to be arranged) Trip to Goacher's Brewery, Bockingford, Maidstone; pub crawl in evening. Details from P.Thomas 01-778 6414 (W - mornings) or from branch contact. — Thur 25 (8.30) Social. THREE COMPASSES, Widmore Road, Bromley. Non-active members invited to attend — Sun 4 Aug (12.00) Green Street Green Sunday Crawl. ROSE & CROWN by roundabout on A21. Another chance to visit our country pubs.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue 2 (8.00) Branch Meeting. CITY PRIDE, Farringdon Lane EC4 — Mon 8 (8.00) Social. WENTWORTH ARMS, 127 Eric Street, E3 — Sat 13 (9.15am at Chingford Station) The Roberts Ramble (Bring your own food for Sat evening; we are not sure if any will be available). — Fri 19 Campaigning in Chingford. Meet 7.00 at Mile End L.T. Station — Tue 16 (8.00) Committee Meeting. HOLLYBUSH, 32 Grange Road, E10 — Mon 22 (5.30) Social. WHITE HART, 24 Clifton Street, EC2.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Thur 4 (8.30) Branch Meeting. LINCOLN ARMS, Weybridge — Sun 7 (12.00) First Sunday Drinks. SIR ROBERT PEEL, Hampden Road, Kingston. (Live entertainment) — Wed 10 (8.00) TENTH BIRTHDAY BARBECUE. WYCH ELM, 93 Elm Road, Kingston.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thur 4 (8.30) Committee Meeting. ABERCORN ARMS, 76 Church Road, Teddington — Mon 22 (8.30) Branch Meeting. POPES GROTO, Cross Deep, Twickenham.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Thur-Sat 4-6 Greenwich Beer Festival. See Advert for details.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Sun 14 (12.00) Branch Meeting DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Balham High Road, SW12 — Fri 26 (8.00) Pat's Birthday Binge. WHITE LION, Putney High Street, SW15.

WEST LONDON: Wed 3 (8.00) Portland Pub Crawl. Start ALBANY, 240 Great Portland Street; Finish GEORGE, 55 Great Portland Street (approx. 10.00) — Wed 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 2 (8.00) Games evening Peel Road Wealdstone (in Public Bar) - Sat 6 Kew Bridge crawl lunchtime, Richmond Crawl evening (phone contact for details) - Wed 10 (8.30) Social, Crown, Colham Green - Wed 17 (8.00) combined Branch & Committee Meeting, Star, Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon (in garden if fine) - Fri 26 Country evening crawl, start Osterley Comfort, Great West Road, 7.45 (leave 8.30), Hare & Hounds 8.45, Fox, Church Rd, 9.30 - Fri 2 Aug Stanmore crawl. Vine, Stanmore Hill, 8.00, Abercorn Arms 8.45, Crown 9.30, Seven Balls 10.30.

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I have just returned from my annual cycling holiday and while I was impressed at the standard of some of the country pubs in the Midlands, there are some that compare with the best, unspoilt pubs of the South; ones like some of our London Drinker outlets, e.g. the Blue Ship at the Haven, the New Inn, Hadlow Down and the Three Horseshoes at Bighton.

One pub on my trip seemed to epitomize the eclipse of the true old-fashioned pub. The Black Lion at Comsall Forge, Staffs was an isolated pub in the true sense of the word. It was, and still is, set in idyllic surroundings by the Caldrom Canal, a freight-only railway line to Frogall and at the bottom of the beautiful Churnet Valley. The previous time we visited this delightful pub, the landlord was petitioning *against* the building of a public road to the valley as he said a sudden influx of visitors would destroy his peace and the peace of the valley. The only way of approaching the pub was either by means of a steep footpath down the hill, a 2 mile walk along the canal towpath or by boat. The beer was delivered by way of a private road which the dray negotiated after paying a toll to the owner. The landlord was very happy to welcome canal people, hikers and regulars who descended the "steps down the hill". He said the police only raided the pub once, and by the time they had reached "The Black Lion", the lights were out and the lawbreakers hidden.

This time we cycled down the towpath in muddy conditions and arrived at 12.04 on a Sunday lunchtime. The magnificent scenery was unaltered but a new road had been opened up and the pub was packed with hundreds of people "getting away from it all". We found a seat as most people were sunning themselves on the grass outside. We attempted to get served. A large queue of people had gathered around the

bar end, and of the four barstaff to be seen, two were delivering food to the waiting throng and the others were busy dispensing lagers and taking food orders. We must have waited 10 minutes to be served and our plan to order a double round was thwarted because they ran out of glasses. The beer when we received it was all right (Marston's Pedigree: 74p) but was not a patch on the beer of our previous visit. During our 2 hour stay, the bar was never less than packed, the lager never stopped flowing (usually in halves with lemonade tops) and the supply of food went on till closing time. The bar staff were bickering among themselves and looked exhausted and obviously couldn't wait to get us out at close taps. At no time did anyone get a chance to talk to other people as everyone was preoccupied serving, eating or queueing. It was a most unpleasant experience. Obviously, though, it must have been a thoroughly profitable experience for the absent licensee, but I wonder if all those people who came to "get away from it all" will ever come back. I certainly will not. It appears that the profit motive has finally sounded the death of the English Pub and to find a country pub, with an easy-going relaxed atmosphere, is a pure joy.

Unfortunately the brewers, large and small, now seem hell bent on extracting the most possible cash from their "units" (pubs) and one way to do this is to increase the rent so much that the existing landlord is forced to make changes (fast food, lager, car parks etc) — or quit. During the course of these alterations the character of the pub will usually be totally destroyed. Nobby, Gerald, Mike and Dave who run beautiful peaceful retreats are members of a dying breed. Seek them out through the pages of this magazine and support them before it's too late.

Chris Cobbold.



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REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 19

Updates to CAMRA comprehensive guides to Greater London's real ale pubs are published monthly in *London Drinker*.

The 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 enables CAMRA in London to monitor progress by the brewers in installing real ale.

If you know of any outlet 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.**

ADDITIONS

WEST

WHITTON PRINCE ALBERT, 54 Hounslow Road.
Courage Best Bitter.

CHANGES

SOUTH WEST

RICHMOND BEEHIVE renamed **CAINES** (S51)

RICHMOND BULL & BUSH + Brakspear Bitter: +
Devenish Wessex Best Bitter. (120)

RICHMOND ROSE OF YORK + Sam Smith
Museum Ale. (121)

RICHMOND THREE PIGEONS renamed **THE
RAJ.** (U3)

WEST

HAMPTON COURT KINGS ARMS. Delete all beers
except Ruddle County. +Hall & Woodhouse Badger
Best Bitter, Tanglefoot: +Chudley Lords Strong Ale:
+Wethered Bitter: +Godson Wilmots Hop Cone Bitter.
Minor changes to range occur with guest beers. (137).

HOUNSLOW WINDSOR CASTLE +Courage Best
Bitter (133)



Photo: W Sussex County Times

HOLY WATER!

The item below was seen in the parish magazine of St. Mary's, Stoke Newington N.16, 16th May 1985.

TALKING THE GOSPEL — IN THE PUB

Some people believe that religion is a subject which should never be discussed in a public house but, in fact, some of the best conversations about faith in God, the church, and the meaning of life, etc. take place in pubs. There will normally be one of the brothers in the bar of — "The Rose and Crown" and "The Prince of Wales" pubs between 10 and 11pm on weekdays. If anyone feels like buying a friar a pint of bitter, and having a talk about anything under the sun, meet in the pub!

Trail king Roger

DRINKER Roger Hayes must know King and Barnes pubs better than the brewery chiefs themselves.

For Roger has supped his way around the West Sussex brewery's 58-pub Ale Trail an astonishing 10 times.

He set a record when he notched up his 10th complete Ale Trail at Ye Olde Six Bells at Billingshurst.

Roger, a 36-year-old chemical engineer of Southwater near Horsham, said: "When King and Barnes started their Ale Trail it seemed like a grand idea. We started going around their pubs and just carried on.

"The King and Barnes pubs are good pubs, and all different, and are full of character."

Peter King, joint managing director of the Horsham brewery which has tied houses in Sussex and Surrey, admitted he was flabbergasted by Roger's enthusiasm.

"When we set the Ale Trail up four years ago we thought one or two people might like to go around the houses, but over 700 people have completed it," said Mr King.

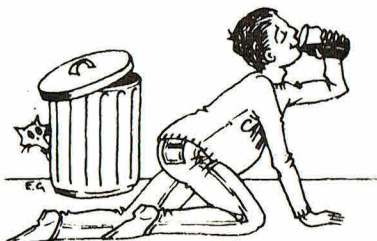
"Some people come down and do it for their holiday.

"All power to Roger's elbow. It is an amazing achievement to go around all 58 pubs 10 times.

"Somebody else has done eight Ale Trails but Roger is definitely way ahead of the pack."

On the same day Roger was celebrating his record, King and Barnes was adding a 59th taster for him to visit. It has taken over the Hobbins, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Pictured is Roger Hayes, left, with Six Bells licensees Mo and Chris Timmis.



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VINEGAR

As most readers of this magazine will know, alcoholic beverages are produced by the action of yeast on various sugary solutions. However, a situation can arise which will be familiar to some home brewers and those drinkers who have had the misfortune to be served a "dodgy pint", that is beer which has soured or started to turn into vinegar.

Vinegar consists of a solution of acetic acid flavoured by whatever the alcoholic base happens to be. The acetic acid is produced by the breakdown of the alcohol by a micro organism from the family *Acetobacter acetic*. There are about 20 varieties of these bacteria and most of them have the ability to produce acetic acid by the partial oxidation of the alcohol in the beer. Certain of these bacteria can go on to oxidize the acetic acid produced into water and carbon dioxide.

The bacterium may be airborne or introduced by the vinegar fly — this is the minute fly which seems to appear from nowhere wherever there is stale beer or rotting fruit.

Vinegar may be made from beer as in Britain or wine as in France, from where the name derives — *vin aigre* — sour wine, or cider as in America, but whatever the alcoholic base the converting agent is one or more species of *acetobacter*.

British malt vinegar is produced from ground malted barley but other grains such as flaked maize are also added for economy purposes. This grist is mashed as for beer making but at a lower temperature so that the starch in the grist

can be converted into dextrinous sugar and then into maltose. Beer wort would have about 75% maltose and 25% dextrins but as the object is a high alcohol yield a higher proportion of the readily fermentable maltose is desirable. At this stage in beer making the wort would be boiled with hops to add flavour and inhibit further enzyme activity before being fermented. Vinegar wort however is fermented by yeast without being previously boiled or having hops added to produce an alcoholic content of between 6 and 7% w/v.

This alcoholic solution is run into an acetifier. This is a large vessel that is packed with birch twigs. The wort is trickled slowly over the birch twigs so that it has maximum exposure to the air, facilitating oxidation by the *acetobacter* which collects on the twigs. The liquid is recirculated until the acid content is of the required strength. At this stage there are two species of *acetobacter* that can cause problems. One is *Acetobacter rancens*, which will convert the acetic acid formed into water and carbon dioxide. The other is *Acetobacter xylinum* which forms a cellulose-like substance that can clog the twigs and pipes. These problems can be controlled by restricting air supply and maintaining a temperature of 38° to 40°C. The complete vinegar is stored for six months so that esters can form to produce a pleasant aroma and the residual acetaldehyde (the stage between alcohol and acetic acid) has turned to acetic acid.

LIQUID LUNCH ON ICE SHOCK

R.M. Rider has written to say to his or her many dedicated readers that once again insufficient lunchtime boozing hours have been made available by her or his employer in the past month. Therefore the long-awaited shuffle down Blackfriars Road to the Prince William Henry, Crown, Ring etc has yet to be documented.

All R.M. Rider has been able to describe for readers this month is a curious new(?) beer found in the beautifully refurbished Rising Sun (Carter Lane EC4). Here, in addition to the Truman Best Bitter and Sampson Lunatic broth is a beer with the standard attractive Truman's clip marked 'CATHEDRAL Old English Ale'. This tastes fairly thin and may well be the ordinary Bitter under another name ('own' beers are proliferating in the EC4 area and the pub is very near St Paul's). However the staff either didn't know or weren't saying. It was selling at 90p per pint compared with 98p(!) for the excellent Best. News of further ideas or sightings would be welcome — a subsequent research visit to the

Three Compasses in Cowcross St EC1 found no Cathedral and ended degenerately after the third pint of Sampson.

Takeover News

Latest on the takeover front is that Hull Breweries has been taken over by the Mansfield Brewery and is going to close. Bad news for the drinker is that Mansfield is a committed keg brewery.

The proposed takeover of Matthew Brown has been referred to the Monopolies Commission, delaying the battle for about seven months.

Higsons, the highly thought-of Liverpool brewery, has been taken over by Boddingtons of Manchester, ostensibly for their lager plant. This move would seem to indicate the early closure of Oldham Brewery by their new owners — Boddingtons.

FIRKIN' ALES

If you want a gallon of Bruce's bitter (OG 1038⁰) then all you have to do is have each logo signed (when you buy your pint) by its Firkin guv'nor and say in not less than two and no more than two thousand words why you do not like drinking in a Big Brewers cocktail bar/brasserie/'theme' pub!!



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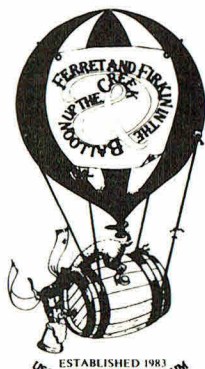
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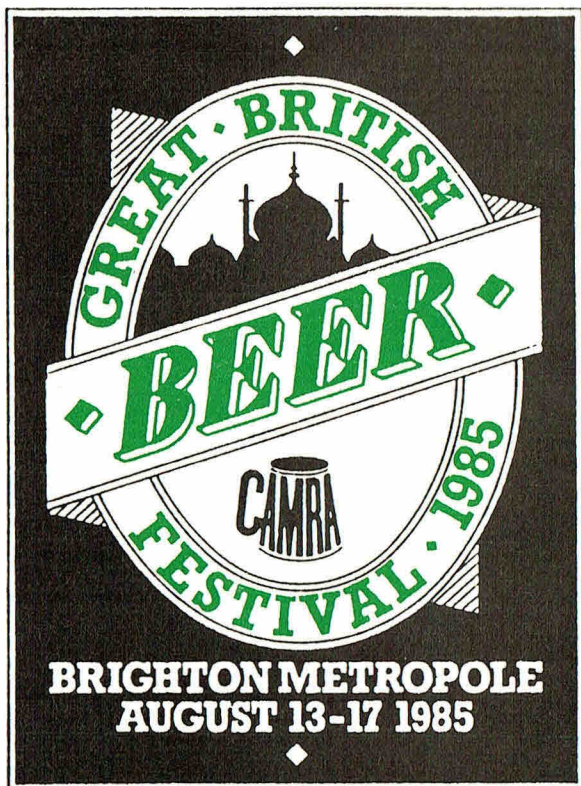


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SOUTHPORT WELCOMES CAREFUL DRINKERS

So the signposts might have said as the leading lights of CAMRA, joined by a motley band of less notorious activists, descended on Southport for the Campaign's Annual General Meeting. Now Southport, which is north of Liverpool on the same coast, isn't calculated to inspire — or at least not to do so on a wet and windy weekend in early April. So whilst the pubs amply and very satisfactorily watered the flower of the movement, there was a distinct lack of brewers waiting outside the Floral Hall on the windy sea front, their frozen feet rattling in their boots as they waited for the pronouncements from within.

The only ones to show up at the Hall (the name Floral, incidentally, refers to its appearance before being rebuilt) were locals (nearly) Matthew Brown, collecting support to fight off the S & N takeover bid. A couple of scantily dressed young ladies in the foyer made an incongruous sight as they handed out bribes of free beer vouchers for local pubs, which weren't really needed because the AGM voted overwhelmingly in favour of opposing the takeover. At lunchtime nearly 400 members then forwent some of their beer to march round the town in a display of further support. Ironically, back at the AGM bar it was gradually being realised that about the only beermats in sight were not only advertising keg beers, but S & N ones at that . . .

Back in the main hall the action continued as the meeting worked its way through nearly 40 motions many of which seemed to cover rather familiar ground. Over Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning the dwindling band condemned takeovers, opposed misleading practises, attacked the ruination of pubs, demanded the proper use of the term 'real ale' and called for enforcement of the law on price lists. Then came the interesting bits, or so it seemed as the invective hotted up and the collars steamed.

The hardy perennial of the Good Beer Guide, especially the way that pubs are selected and how many each branch gets, seemed to arouse the usual passions as a mass of conflicting motions were put forward, claims even being heard that seemed to be saying that some branches made up a lot of the information in any case. Almost inevitably the end result was to just about maintain the status quo, enabling the Editor to breath a sigh of relief and get on with producing another successful edition for 86.

Also connected with the GBG was a direct attack from East London branch on the

CAMRA Chairman, Tony Millns, who was reported to have said that the Campaign was composed of middle class intellectuals who don't play darts. Unfortunately the report was from the Morning Advertiser and a misquote as Tony had only said that the National Executive was a bunch of middle class intellectuals, the scruffy bunch on the top table duly cringing as he revealed that they were in fact accountants, tax inspectors, tax dodgers, librarians, and even public relations officers. To add effect, the only non-intellectual hadn't made it and was presumed laid out after a heavy session. Despite a brave speech from the East London chairman revealing darts to be the branch's second favourite physical exertion (a demand for a GBG symbol for the first follows next year) and a bizarre demand from a Welshman for more longbow shooting in pubs, the motion then fell.

North London also had a go, joining North Manchester to demand the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting without having to pay the costs of the event. Another defeat followed as the members contemplated the prospect of monthly EGMs on almost every topic conceivable. After all, if the AGM could be asked to debate an anti-double glazing (ie pro real draughts — get it?) campaign, what havoc could a snap EGM wreak?

Was it all worthwhile? Leaving the hall and seeing that next weeks events featured the 'Tetley Talent Contest' made one wonder whether here was a way to liven up an AGM, Saturday's Liverpool Echo, though, showed how much had to be done. To finish with the last paragraph of a description of a newly refurbished pub;

"The beer . . . is adequate (sic) but these sort of watering holes seem to attract the punter that is not too bothered as long as the ale is the right colour and does not taste of acid"

BADGER

The Phoenix & Firkin celebrated its first anniversary on June 5th with a special brew, Firkin Ale, of 1055 og. David Bruce was present, on top form after returning from Denver, Colorado, where he lectured on pub breweries. He reckons that small brewing is the only thing at which Britain is ahead of the States. There we beg leave to differ. But then this magazine isn't about driving on the wrong side, talking proper English or mistreating motor vehicles . . . yet. Seriously though, Bruce's have started their own "Passport" scheme within our covers, so hold on to page 7.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear Editors

I read with interest the article about the fracas in the Elm Park Tavern, Brixton (June 'London Drinker'). It described how the couple who ran it left after six years, following their acquittal on a GBH charge (the offence, not the beer).

The thing which struck me was that it was written from an entirely one-sided viewpoint (that of the departed Long couple). Contemporary reports in the South London Press gave a fair view of the other side of the story, that of the unfortunate customer who spent three days in hospital after the closing-time rumpus which started when he asked for some cigarettes.

I suppose you could say that, as they were cleared, their version was the right one, but I think my point is worth making. I do know one thing for sure — I'm glad I wasn't there that night!

Yours faithfully
Pat Hanson

Dear Martin,
I don't know if "London Drinker" is still interested in or doing its "Rip-off" spot but I feel I have to bring the following to your notice. While on part of the Youngs Tour in Kingston, a couple of friends and I chanced upon the Newt & Ferret Pub on the corner of Villiers Road and Fairfield South. They sold Newt and Ferret (NAF) bitter, apparently brewed for the pub by a small Midlands brewery that they wouldn't name. No wonder — NAF bitter retailed at £1.14 a pint, for an estimated OG of 1045.

The lack of a readily-seen price list (in fact of any price list at all bar one stating, among other things, wine at 4½d a glass) prevented us from realising our error before it was too late. I for one will not be returning to this NAF pub and would like to warn-off any other drinkers as well. There are many other better and cheaper pubs in Kingston.

Yours sincerely
Ian Kitching, SW20

Martin comments:

Indeed we are resuming the rip-off feature, as indicated in our last issue. Another correspondent wrote recently: "Glad to see the Ripoffs and Bargain Beers are to make a comeback. On the former front the station bar at Marylebone (delightful spot though it is) is definitely coming on a bit strong with Boddingtons and Rutland Bitter at 96p and County at £1.04, though they do advertise a third off between 12.30 and 1.30 on Tue and Wed lunchtimes (ha! big deal). As for Russian Stout (which I'm glad to see back on the shelves), undated bottles have been sighted at the Princess Royal in South Wimbledon, and 1981 bottles at the Dover Castle in Plumstead Road, Woolwich. The Princess Royal still only charges 81p for Courage Best".

More information, please — M.S.

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Dear Editors,

Ian Worden was quite right in correcting the errors in Terminal Case, and I must apologise profusely to those who were unwittingly misled thereby. May I correct a few more mistakes ere they become by default a part of railway history. Firstly, there were THREE castles built by the Normans to keep Londoners in order. The third was near Ludgate Circus, and was recorded as being in a ruinous state by the late 1200s.

Secondly, the map did not agree with the text. Holborn Viaduct (14) was omitted - it should have appeared above (i.e. north of) no.13. Numbers 14 onwards on the map should be increased by one, otherwise London Bridge is west of Waterloo!

Regarding the latter, I was partly wrong about the Necropolis Specials; the Protestants travelled in front for all but the final stage of the journey. At Brookwood an extra engine was attached to the rear, and the entire train reversed down the cemetery line, Catholic end first, which will doubtless cause further confusion for theologians amongst your readers. (CAMRA has proved that protesting can reverse some situations, but that's going too far!) This I discovered since the article appeared, when cycling along the original trackbed. The terminus, Roman Catholic Station, now has a living occupant, a Greek Orthodox priest in an allegedly mobile home on the derelict platform. At the time I was en route home from Winchester, an excellent and historical town for drinking - article to follow. On Brookwood Station while awaiting a train home I clearly heard in plain English the announcement "The Waterloo train has been cancelled due to the guard collapsing and dying at Basingstoke." A comment on the pubs thereabouts, but why say it audibly?

Final confession - I had a date wrong. The L.C.D.P. side of Victoria opened on August 25th 1862 - according to B.R. - and not as stated. Incidentally, one fact I missed - Broad Gauge also ran into Victoria from the opening of the west London Extension Railway, commencing March 2nd 1863. I trust no more of my details are incorrect.

Yours in tandem,
MERTON.

P.S. Bet you don't print this.

Dear Sir,

For some reason or other, I picked up the February issue of L.D. from my heap of old periodicals, and an item caught my eye that I'd previously missed - 'Quote of the Month'.

Rightly, in my view, do you castigate Vaux for calling their pubs 'Free Houses'. The phrase is well established as meaning a pub owned by an individual rather than by a Brewery company.

But lo! I turn the page, and what do I see, in the same issue? An advertisement listing fifteen Nicholsonsons' 'Free Houses'. The thing is catching. The other day I saw a Young's Free House.

Of course, all it means is that the pub is 'free' to sell the products of brewers other than its owners, or of the Group of which its owners form part; and that, in itself, is something not to be objected to by a pub-going man. However, as a member of the Queen's English Society, I do deplore anything that reduces the precision of language. We can no longer be quite sure what is meant when we hear of a 'Free House', and I think it is a pity if some other phrase cannot be thought of to cover the new meaning.

Yours very truly,
B.R. Davis



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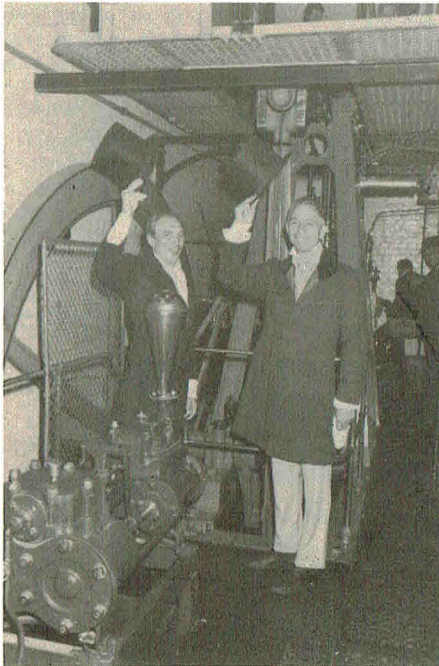
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REALLY STEAMING

One of the most historic steam engines in Britain has celebrated its 150th birthday. The 1835 beam engine at Young's Brewery in Wandsworth was built while Charles Dickens was writing *Oliver Twist*, and ordered from a local firm by Charles Allen Young, the firm's founder and great, great grandfather of the present chairman, John Young.

The engine — constructed to develop “12 horses power”, according to the plaque on its superstructure — is the oldest of its kind in any brewery in Britain, the oldest working beam engine in London, and the second oldest still in its original position anywhere in the country. It was adapted to work at 16hp in 1863, and was four years later joined by a second beam engine “erected for 20 horses power”.

Both engines were in regular use until the early 1980s, providing power for pumping, milling, mashing and other operations in the brewery. On its birthday, the 1835 engine showed its paces with a little help from Young's fitters John Bailey and Ken Adams, who dressed up for the occasion in period costume, complete with stovepipe hats.

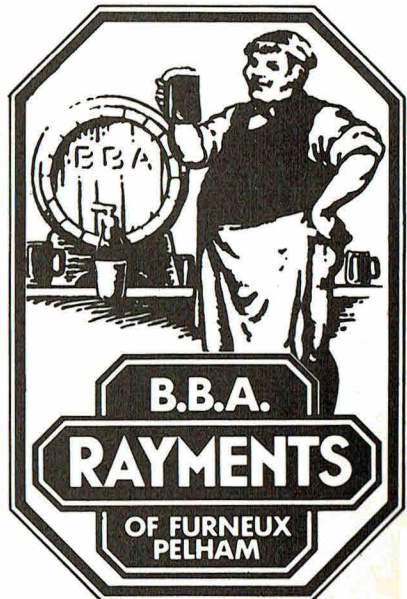


A salute to the 150-year-old beam engine from Young's fitters John Bailey (left) and Ken Adams.



Brewery chairman John Young leads forward Hercules (left) and Goliath from a parade of 12 of Young's Shire horses, which assembled in the stable yard to give an impression of the power generated by the 1835 beam engine.

More than £7,000 has been raised by 150 customers and staff from the Nightingale in Balham. They walked 35 miles from Windsor to Putney along the tow path to raise cash for several local charities including Guide Dogs for the Blind. Eighty of the walkers who started out finished the course.



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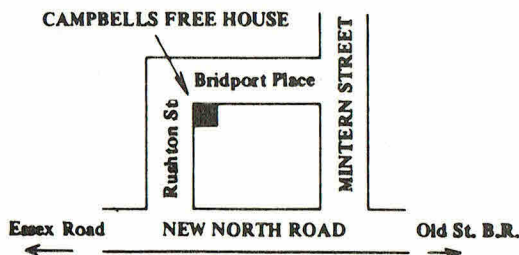
NEWS

- * Three of our biggest brewers came up with financial results last month, all of them showing sizable profit rises. BASS managed an increase of a quarter for the half year to April on beer sales in excess of £900 million. The company now supplies one pint in every five, having increased market share to 21% nationally.
- * Trailing behind a little were Allied Lyons, owners of Ind Coope, Taylor Walker &c, who had about 14% of the beer market in the year to March, selling almost a billion pounds worth. Lager now accounts for 43% of their sales and is expected to increase now that Castlemaine lager is being sold nationally. Allied is re-organising its beer division at the moment with the aim of increasing profits — but at the expense of up to 1500 job losses nationally.
- * WHITBREAD completes the trio, making £110 million for the year in profits — the tenth year in which profits have gone up and a rise of 16% on last year, but still only about what Bass managed in six months. Sales here were little changed. As an aside, Whitbread recently told CAMRA that real ale accounts for only about 5% of their beer sales — perhaps due to the fact that it seems to take up something closer to 0% of the promotional budget.
- * Closer to home, YOUNG also announced their years results and reported a 14% profit increase to about £3 million before tax on sales up 10% to £35½ million by value. The bad news is that despite opening 6 new pubs, beer production in fact went down by over 1% whilst lager climbed to nearly 20% of sales. With sales now being made to Sainsbury, Waitrose, Tesco and Italy as well, it is clear that the decline of traditional beers in Youngs pubs continues.
- * Further up the Thames, BRAKSPEAR managed a 30% profit rise last year with sales now exceeding £7 million. Their push into the free trade is set to go on and is backed by a brewery redevelopment scheme — or rather, it will be backed once a new scheme can be devised which won't be refused planning permission like the first one.

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- * Returning to Allied Lyons, the latest news is that they have consolidated their Australian links by selling half of Britvic to Castlemaine in return for shares in the latter, increasing their holding from 21% to 25%.
- * Any visitors to Dublin may like to look out for disturbances in the graveyards near St James Gate — the one-time Arthur Guinness Son and Company Ltd is now just plain 'Guinness plc'. Will they have a go at the bottle labels next?
- * Did you know that WHITBREAD is the second largest disco operator in the UK, owning 35 and a further seven 'disco-pubs'? The chain is now to be called Aureon Entertainments and is set to grow further.
- * Latest from Watney is Beacons, a concept (sic) intended to go between the Berni Inn and the upmarket Burgundy Room restaurant. A site in Uxbridge has been chosen to test the idea, which aims to sell meals at around the £10 a head level. 40 more could follow if it is a success.
- * Take-home beer is estimated to account for about 14% of the market now, and is

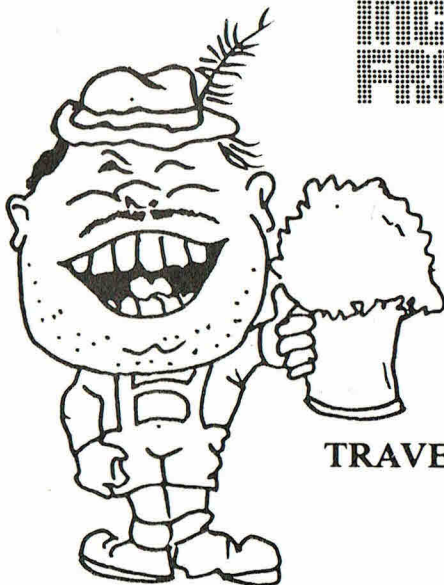
growing at 10% a year. Over half the sales are lagers and there also seems to be a switch to low gravity bitters (1030-1035 og), perhaps on price grounds.

- * Finally a little guidance from Courage for anyone looking for an "American style bar and restaurant for the fashion-conscious young with or without families". The place to be is Sullivans and you can disport yourself in a choice of Ruislip, Ilford, Tolworth or Golders Green.

BADGER.

Travel Associates is a specialist travel company operating tours and excursions for the social clubs of many nationally known companies and Government departments. Their product, which is often tailored to suit a particular company's requirements, ranges from a day excursion to something like the British Beer Festival to say European and Worldwide tours. On specific dated events, like the festival at Brighton and the Belgian Beer Festival in Wieze, they extend services to individuals by promoting 'open' excursions. Their staff have been operating excursions to the Belgian Beer Festival since 1969. *See their ad below*

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Patients are likely to mention a drawback to life on a high-pulse diet, however — folklore links the consumption of pulse seeds fairly and squarely with flatus. Beans make you fart.

But is this belief only so much hot methane? An intrepid group of American nutritionists set out to quantify the gas effect.

The technique was simple. Subjects were put on either a high-bean or negligible-bean routine, and flatus was collected and measured.

As predicted in other work, the 100g pureed kidney bean daily did indeed increase gas production. Output for a six-hour spell doubled in habitual non-bean eaters from 200ml to 400ml.

And for those whose diet contained more beans and fibre to start with, the volume of carbon dioxide, methane, hydrogen and other gases topped the $\frac{1}{2}$ litre in half a day.

The two Californians responsible for the research, Anne O'Donnell and Sharon Fleming, were hoping to find evidence of habituation to the fermentable matter, but were able to show no decrease in volume over the 20-odd days on the

bean regime, or a lower output in those who started out with a diet closer to the wholefood ideal, and who might already have been habituated.

Writing in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, the authors note that despite this lack of objective data, subjects reported an excess of flatus in the first 12 to 48 hours of the flatogenic bean regime, accompanied by discomfort which passed after this time.

Gas volume measurements were not made in the first two days, however.

Subjects also reported diminishing flatus as the experiment wore on, but as this was not reflected in the gas volume measurements it was taken to be a subjective, rather than a physiological, effect.

Spouses, family and colleagues of the beans were not it appears, consulted for their assessments. But none of the subjects felt it necessary to drop out of the trial, for reasons social or otherwise. So you can counsel anxious fibre seekers: yes, it's true what they say, but you'll get used to it.

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Extract from General Practitioner, Friday 7 September 1984.

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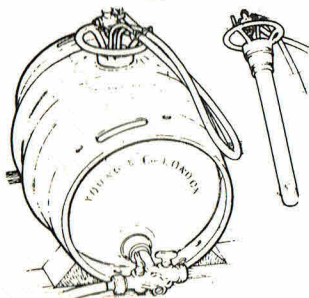
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Keeping cool this summer

There is a wide range of beer cooling equipment on offer to the publican wishing to keep his customers happy and drinking cool real ale during the summer. Here are just some of the alternatives to running down cellar stairs with dripping sacks.

For converted kegs, popular with brewers large and small, there is the Coolkeg system from HSB of Sheffield. This enclosed system involves cooled coils touching the top of an upright cask. Beer temperature can be lowered by 20° Fahrenheit in 24 hours. The system is best suited to small pubs with a low turnover. It has recently been exported to new breweries in France, Canada and the Caribbean.

Grundy of London can offer in-cask cooling coils, which can be used in firkins, kils and barrels. A central cooler supplies cooled water through stainless steel coils which sit in the cask. Several casks can be supplied at a time from the



one cooler. This system was devised with the aid of Youngs of Wandsworth, the noted London real ale brewers.

For a system developed for gravity dispensed beer, there is the Coolcask from AD Engineering of Wells, Somerset. This is a wooden stillage frame for two casks, separated by a temperature-adjusting microprocessor. The casks can be cooled to different temperatures and beer can be cooled from 75°F to 56°F in only six hours. Cooling is applied externally with no in-cask probes. The Coolcask is also portable, and so is useful for outside bars and mini beer festivals.

Filtons of Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, offer a range of three Coolabeer systems. For smaller pubs, there is a basic manual system and a room thermostat system. For larger pubs there is a temperature-sensed system which employs cooled air on to jacketed casks, when an electronically powered demand base senses a temperature rise. This latter system was the subject of a recently conducted study made by Sussex University. It was found that five firkins could be kept at 12°C in a room where the ambient temperature is 26°C, using less energy than a 100 watt lightbulb.

So there is, after all, a range of weapons available to publicans to help them in their struggle against climbing temperatures. Once the setting-up costs have been written off, it appears that running costs are low. And the benefits — cooler, better kept beer for the customer — can only keep everyone happy during the summer months.

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CLIFTON INNS

Two old customs were revived to celebrate the official re-opening of the Greyhound, Streatham on May 23rd — conning the ale, and the raising of an ale garland. Lambeth's Town Crier, Alfie Howard, performed the first ceremony clad in his regalia and a pair of leather breeches, in which he sat for a short while in a quantity of ale poured on to a cask. This procedure, first recorded in 1377, was a primitive way of testing the strength of the ale. The idea was that if the breeches stuck there was too much sugar in the ale, signifying low alcohol level. If, after half an hour of sitting, the conner could rise without inconvenience (from sticking, not what he had been sampling meanwhile), then the ale was good, and a garland of flowers was raised outside to signify the fact. As it was, Alfie had no difficulty rising after a short sitting (30 minutes not being thought necessary to prove known fact), and accordingly he declared the ale good.



Alfie and landlady Chris Lane during the conning ceremony.

Outside of London this office was known as that of the Ale Taster, probably a clearer description, and in some areas it was a statutory duty, similar to jury service. You'd think nobody would mind, and yet in 1629 one Robert Brun of Woodstock was fined 40 shillings for refusing to accept the office.

The ceremony of raising the garland was performed by the Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Mrs. Pat Williams, and after

appropriate speeches, beer and food on a lavish scale were on the house.

The Greyhound has been extensively remodelled without fully closing, and anyone remembering what a shambles it was before Clifton Inns took over will be agreeably surprised at the changes.

On the following day another Clifton Inn, the Jolly Fenman at Sidcup, was reopened with due ceremony. Sadly, our roving reporter was otherwise engaged, and no details have reached us as we go to press.

And now for a ghost story.

The Queen's Arms at Crystal Palace, recently renovated by Clifton's at a cost of £130,000 is believed to be haunted. "She" used to cause mischief when managers Brian and Betty Hudson were away — turning off the cellar coolers, reversing photographs, pushing a barman on one occasion and such like. Brian, who doesn't believe in that sort of thing, has never been affected, and "She" hasn't been felt since the redevelopment. However, Betty — a former nurse and definitely not the imaginative sort, had a spectral visitor one night. At the time, she was sleeping in what must once have been a lounge — with a large marble fireplace — when a man in a top hat and Victorian clothing, emanating a sense of evil, touched her with an ice-cold hand. Betty had the presence of mind to say "I know what you want — now go away", and has remained untroubled since — but now sleeps in a different room.

Even if you think that lot is rubbish, you will say the opposite about the beer and excellent home cooked food. Hot and cold meals, with a guest dish daily, are available at all times. The beers, always well kept, are Greene King IPA and Abbot, Shepherd Neame bitter, Everard's Old Original and Tiger, and Eldridge Pope Royal Oak.

The Queen's Arms was once a large family house, then it became Finch's Wine Merchants, who turned it into a pub around 1937, when it was known as the Long Bar. It was taken over by Clifton's about 5 years ago. Brian and Betty have been there for three years, arriving originally as holding managers but applying for and getting a permanent appointment there, having fallen in love with the place. Previously, they were at Cambridge opposite the Middlesex Hospital, and prior to that they worked for Truman's. They originally came from New Zealand, and both can tell a pretty good story. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

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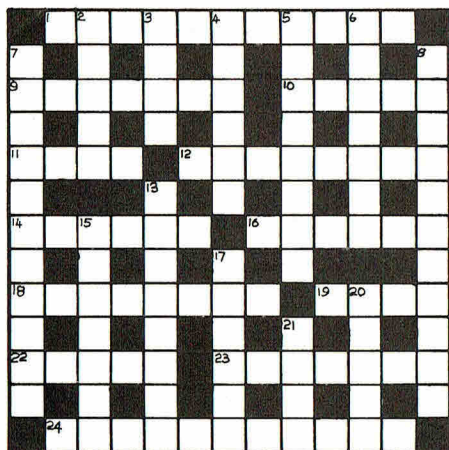
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ACROSS

1. Curtain up on a sporting stage? (5,2,4)
9. A Liverpool football club found in shed partly drunk. (4,3)
10. He's a republican, no thanks to record backing. (5)
11. Take it and relax. (4)
12. Unbearable issue for men. (8)
14. Ban about all, finally, then get the tube. (6)
16. Cat returned to the French Company. (6)
18. Artistic meals may contain these. (8,19,4,14,13,6,20. Drinking song? (4,3,3,6,4,4,1,6,2,3)
22. A jewel ring comes back at last. (5)
23. We both come from out of the South West. (3,2,2)
24. How to sing a song about a West End ambition. (2,2,2,5)

DOWN

2. Stories of the Yorkshire beers? (5)
3. It hardly goes with 19. (4)
4. University Band of Hope man. (3,3)
5. People turn into a burst net. (8)
6. Real bra outfit. (1,6)
7. How real brew may be a carrier? (11)
8. Sure to come second in a tie? (5,2,4)
13. Allow to cut off. (3,5)(or 4,4, see 19)
15. Quality of 14 and 18? (7)
17. Almost side by side. (4,2)
20. It's no very loud international union. (2,3)
21. Loud hooter gets the bird. (4)

Winner of the prize for the May crossword:

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Other correct entries received from:

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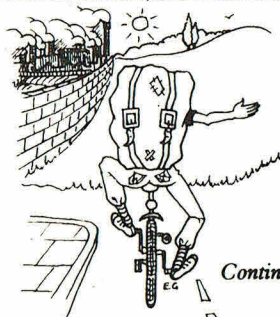
THE ROAD TO PARADISE.

An eight in the morning start isn't the most popular way to start a pub crawl, but it comes in useful if you're in Plymouth and wanting to take in Penzance, the furthest west town in England. Rain and high winds made things little better but at least there was time for improvement, the 08.25 from Plymouth being timed to take over 2 hours to Penzance. In fact by Liskeard the rain had dried up and 45124 kept the train on time all the way.

Being on bicycles two points struck us forcefully on leaving the station; strong winds "gusting to gale force" in the words of the weatherman, and the adverse steep hill up the main street to the first stop, the Fountain Hotel — which seemed to be the highest pub in the town. This locals' pub had a steady stream of regulars dropping in even at 11.30. A large three-storey building, it has a preservation order on it and sells St. Austell Brewery beers — from one of Cornwall's 2 regional brewers. Hicks Special and Best Bitter were on the handpumps (the latter up to 64p following the Budget) but the Mild had recently gone on to top pressure at the instigation of the brewery. The manager regretted the change but said the sales had doubled.

Next stop was back down the hill to Makhans — a window-less bar behind a restaurant where the attraction was MSB from Coref Pensans (Cornish for Penzance Ales) — a tiny local brewery set up on a farm in 1982. Three other real ales are regularly sold, including Bass and Hicks' Special. The MSB weighs in at 1050, and is dark and sweet; seeing us grimace half-way down, the landlady rushed over to check. There was nothing wrong with the beer — as in fact there wasn't — we'd just remembered that the remains of a haggis left in the fridge some days before hadn't been dealt with before leaving home . . .

Outside, the wind was gusting up to hurricane force as we left for Marazion. Dominated by St Michael's Mount, this small stone coastal village



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NEWS FROM FULLERS

- * For cricket fans: when visiting Lords ask for FULLERS and call in at the Rossetti, Queen's Grove, St John's Wood or the Warrington Free House, Warrington Crescent, Maida Vale - both serving London Pride and ESB on hand pump.
- * The Rock Garden at the Flowing Spring, Sonning Eye, Reading is the traditional scene at its best. Why not take a ride out this summer and enjoy our beers in the beautiful surroundings?
- * A Fullers tie to the first correct answer (by post only please) to this problem: If ESB is 26, what does that make London Pride?

More news in August,

Margaret McClelland

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FULLERS

was today being lashed by waves and rain from the Atlantic — as of course were any travellers. Right opposite the Mount stands the Godolphin Hotel, giving a useful shelter and an excellent pint of Cornish Best Bitter from Devenish, Cornwall's other regional brewer. Draught Bass is also on sale, as well as a range of food.

Outside the rain had stopped and the southerly wind would now be right behind us on the way to St. Erth and Hayle. Only problem — no signposts and a choice of side roads in Marazion. First option was the lucky one, with two routes signed. Less than 15 minutes up the road brought us to St. Erth and a screech to a halt to check the map — another unsigned junction. All this secrecy called for a quick check for any nuns disguised as German parachutists. Then it was straight off to Hayle.

The good news was that Paradise was signposted — or at least Paradise Park. The bad news was that it was uphill, the rain had re-started and it was back into the wind. Five minutes or so of these ideal cycling conditions brought the Park and the Bird in H and pub.

The pub itself was a converted stone barn, and backing-on to it, in what was once presumably stables or cowshed, was the Paradise Brewery. The beer on sale lived up to its name —

"Paradise Bitter", seems a hard act to follow, but the "Artists Ale" was well up to the mark, especially after arriving dripping wet from the last shower.

For anyone with a family, it is well worth noting that the park offers numerous attractions, although specialising in its collection of tropical birds. Equally the pub offered a choice of four other beers besides its own, including a couple from the Devon Brewery, Cotleigh. Not that there was anything wrong with their own brews — quite the contrary, Artists Ale homebrew kits were also on sale, and the barman pointed out that they were the first to offer such a kit — pre-dating Bruce's Dogbolter. My only complaint was that it was still raining when I had to cycle back from Paradise to Hayle Station.

Badger.

BREWERY NEWS HALL & WOODHOUSE

In the February Edition of LONDON DRINKER we reported that Hall and Woodhouse had bought a chain of four free houses from Terry Cooper, these being the Woodman, Battersea; the Kings Arms, Hampton Court; the Railway, Mortlake and the Eel Pie, Twickenham. At that time our report was somewhat speculative as to whether the pubs would continue to offer as wide a range of beers as they had previously done or whether the availability of beers from outside brewers would decline in favour of Badger beers.

We have subsequently spoken to Mr. David Woodhouse who assures us that while these four pubs, which are being run by the company's managed house arm, Badger Inns, are their first free houses they will continue to trade as such with no significant change to the numbers of beers available. In fact, Mr. Woodhouse went so far as to ask us our opinion as to beers which we thought would sell well in the London area.

Furthermore, we understand from the manager of the Kings Arms, Tim Monroe, that although the landlords are managers they do have a degree of autonomy in the choice of the beers they sell and that, for example, while the Kings Arms continues to sell Badger Best Bitter and Tanglefoot as before the ordinary, Hector's Bitter, is not a regular feature but will take its turn as an occasional "guest" beer.

Hall and Woodhouse are a brewery who are proud of their independence; unlike many (if not most) independents, a significant proportion of whose shares are held by members of the Big Six (notably Whitbread), their entire shareholding is in the hands of the Woodhouse family who are firmly committed to real beer. What is more they have a good fund of new family blood coming into the business who are being (or have been) educated into the brewing trade in the time-honoured method of working in breweries, not necessarily just their own.

Also, apart from their beer brewing activities their profitability, and hence their independence, is protected by their soft drinks subsidiary who are the country's third largest producers of cola (behind the two obvious ones) both under their own Panda trade mark and as "own brand" producers for several supermarket chains.

(For an independent view of the brewery — at least on one evening — see the article by

Steve Collingwood

SOME PEOPLE WILL DO ANYTHING FOR A FREE DRINK

It would appear so when the "people" are the regulars of the EEL PIE (Church Street, Twickenham) and the "free drink" is Badger beer. So a cold, wet Thursday 11th April saw a coach load of the Eel Pie's hardened quaffers off to "Badger's" HQ at Blandford Forum, Dorset. Led by landlord, Dave Wright, a quiet and thirsty two hours of "spoot" saw the party arrive at the Badger Base (Shouldn't that be Set - Ed.) in low spirits (or beer, or anything. Please!!)

The Hall and Woodhouse brewery is built in the best 'rustic Industrial Revolution' style and the lack of black-faced urchins sweating in satanic and foul smelling chambers was a surprise to some of the more aesthetic members of the party. (That sentence was brought on by an overdose of Tanglefoot — the beer, not on the back seat of the coach.) [A likely tale! - Ed.] Instead, within its unprepossessing confines the Badger brewery is a high tech. enterprise of impressive dimensions. 1,000 cans a minute pass through the canning plant and 100,000 pints a day, untouched by human hand. (The number may have been bigger or smaller; your reporter's DT's at that point made his notes illegible.)

The visit ended with unlimited sampling of all the brewery's products at their expense in their lovely, wonderful and original bar. (It's bound to be with no till in it!) The party all seemed to have 'acquired' sufficient supplies to sustain them through two hours of hard singing on the way home. Return to Twickenham at 2 a.m. was a happy event; Friday morning at work was not so.

Thanks Badger's. Thanks Dave for fixing it up.

Steve Collingwood

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OUTLETS — EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

- EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS, 102 Bunhill Row.
- EC1 HORSESHOE, Clerkenwell Road.
- 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 Heneage Street.
- E2 APPROACH TAVERN, 47 Approach Road.
- E2 MARKSMAN, 254 Hackney Road.
- E3 PEARLY KING, 94 Bromley High Street.
- E9 CHESHAM ARMS, 15 Mehetabel Road.
- E9 ROYAL STANDARD, 84 Victoria Park Road.
- E11 NORTHCOTE, 110 Grove Green Road.
- E15 BACCHUS' BIN 5-9 Leytonstone Road.
- ONGAR KINGS HEAD, High Street.
- SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE, The Cut.
- SE1 BUTTS, Elephant & Castle.
- SE1 COPPER, 208 Tower Bridge Road.
- SE1 DOGGETTS, 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 Road.
- 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 Galleywall 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.
- SE20 LONDON TAVERN, Maple Road.
- SE24 COMMERCIAL, 11 Railton 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, Brigden Road.
- CROYDON LION, Pawsons Road.
- CROYDON SHIP, 47 High Street.
- CROYDON TWO BREWERS, 221 Gloucester Road.
- SIDCUP JOLLY FENMAN, 66 Blackfen 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.

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.
- WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY, 39 Bow 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 OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road.
- N4 MARLERS, 29 Crouch Hill.
- N6 DUKES HEAD, 16 Highgate High Street.
- N6 VICTORIA, 28 North Hill.
- N7 BALMORAL CASTLE, Caledonian Road.
- N7 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN, 54 Holloway Road.



The Flounder and Firkin.

Photo: John Elliott.

- N8 HARRINGAY ARMS, 153 Crouch Hill.
- N8 PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, Park Road.
- N12 JUBILEE INN, 359 Ballards Lane.
- N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane.
- N14 MERRYHILLS, Bramley Road.
- 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 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, Stonegrove.
- EDGWARE RAILWAY HOTEL, Station Road.
- ENFIELD CRICKETERS ARMS, 19 Chse Side Place.
- ENFIELD KING & TINKER, Whitewebbs Road.
- ENFIELD KINGS HEAD, Market Place.
- ENFIELD OLD WHEATSHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill.
- ENFIELD WASH PRINCE ALBERT, 611 Hertford Road.

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 Groggibosom, 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 HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane.
- SW2 TWO WOODCOCKS, 45 Tulse Hill.
- SW4 JOLLY GARDENERS, 115 St. Alphonsus Road.
- SW4 RAILWAY, Clapham High Road.
- SW6 WHITE HORSE, 1 Parson's Green.
- SW8 NOTTINGHAM CASTLE, 257 Wandsworth Road.
- SW8 SURPRISE, 16 Southville, 357 Wandsworth Road.
- SW9 WARRIOR (Brixton Brewery Co.) Coldharbour Lane.

Continued opposite

SW10 CHELSEA RAM 32 Burnaby Street.
 SW10 FERRIET & FIRKIN, 110 Lotts Road.
 SW11 ANCHOR, Holgate Avenue.
 SW11 HABERDASHERS ARMS, Culvert Road.
 SW11 PRINCE OF WALES, Battersea Park Road.
 SW11 RAVEN, Westbridge Road.
 SW11 VICTORIA, Battersea Bridge 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.
 SW15 WHITE LION, 14 Putney High Street.
 SW16 GREYHOUND, Greyhound Lane.
 SW18 THE GRAPES, 39 Fairfield Street.
 SW18 BREWERY TAP, Wandsworth High Street.
 SW18 FORESTER, Allfarthing Lane.
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE, Wandsworth High Street.
 SW19 ALEXANDRA, Wimbledon Hill Road.
 SW19 KINGS HEAD, Merton High Street.
 SW19 LEATHER BOTTLE, Kingston Road.
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL, Abbey Road.
 SW19 TRAFALGAR, High Path.
 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
 RICHMOND RED COW, 59 Sheen Road.
 RICHMOND WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane.
 SURBITON RAILWAY TAVERN, Ewell Road.
 SURBITON RISING SUN, 1 Villiers Avenue.
 SURBITON VICTORIA, Victoria Road.
 WESTON GREEN GREYHOUND
 WEYBRIDGE PRINCE OF WALES, Anderson Road, Otlands Park.

W1 ARGYLL ARMS, 18 Argyll Street.
 W1 BRICKLAYERS, Aybrook Street.
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High St.
 W4 BELL & CROWN, Strand on the Green.
 W4 PACKHORSE & TALBOT, 145 Chiswick High Road.
 W5 RED LION, St. Mary's Road.
 W6 BLACK LION, Black Lion Lane.
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherds Bush Road.
 W6 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.
 BRENTFORD LORD NELSON, Infield Road.
 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.

OUTSIDE LONDON

ARUNDEL, (W.Sussex) Museum of Curiosities, High Street.
 BIGHTON (HANTS) THREE HORSESHOES.
 BRIGHTON LORD NELSON, Trafalgar Road.
 BRIGHTON QUEENS HEAD, Opposite Station.
 FELIXSTOWE FLUDYERS HOTEL
 GLASGOW ALLISON ARMS, 720-722 Pollockshaws Road.
 HADLOW DOWN (E.Sussex) NEW INN
 THE HAVEN (W.Sussex) BLUE SHIP
 MANCHESTER JOLLY ANGLER, Ducie Street.
 MANCHESTER MARBLE ARCH, 73 Rochdale Road.
 PETERBOROUGH BOTOLPH ARMS, Oundle Road
 PETERBOROUGH STILL, Cumbergate
 SEAFORD (Sussex) WHITE LION, Claremont Road.
 STEVENAGE (Herts) RED LION, High Street, Old Town.
 STOCKPORT (Gtr.Manchester) NEW INN, Wellington Road South.
 TORQUAY UPTON VALE, Upton Road.
 WINCHESTER (Hants) GREEN MAN, Westgate Street.
 WORTHING (Sussex) WHEATSHEAF 22, Richmond Rd.

PORTRAIT GALLERY.

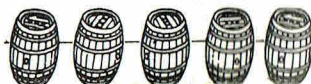
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