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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned please ring the branch contact. Dates for August of which we have been notified are as follows. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. *Branch Contacts page 8*

CROYDON & SUTTON: Thur 22 (8.30) Branch Meeting. GOLDEN LION, Stanley Road, Croydon — Tue 6 Crystal Palace Walkabout. Depart 9.00 from ROYAL ALBERT, SE London and Bromley Branch members welcome — Fri 30 (8.30) Social. PLOUGH, Croydon Road, Beddington.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Thur 1 (8.30) Social (New Free House). THE WEAVER, Greenhill Parade, Great North Road, Barnet — Tue 6 (8.30) Pub of the Month Social. OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road, N2 (near East Finchley Tube) — Wed 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 103 Upper Fore Street, N18 (back bar).

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Fri 2 (8.30) Opening Day Social. PUNTERS, Ram Passage, Kingston (New Nicholson's Free House) — Sun 4 (12.00) Mild Social. NORTH STAR, Hook Road, Chessington — Mon 5 (8.30) Committee Meeting Social. CARDINAL, Tudor Drive, Kingston — Thur 8 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WOODIES, Thetford Road, New Malden — Sun 1 Sept (12.00) Sunday Social. KING WILLIAM IV, Mickleham (Bring your climbing boots!) — Mon 9 Sept (8.30) Committee Meeting/Social. GAZEBO, Kingston — Thur 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. KINGS ARMS, Epsom.

NORTH LONDON: Tue 6 (8.00) Branch Meeting. VICTORIA, 2 Mornington Terrace, NW1 (upstairs room) — Tue 13 (8.00) Two Pub Social. CLOTHWORKERS ARMS, Arlington Avenue, N1 then NORTH POLE, 190 New North Road, N1 — Tue 20 (8.00) Two Pub Social. WINDSOR CASTLE, 211 Liverpool Road, N1 then CROWN, Cloudsley Square, N1 — Tue 27 (8.00) Two Pub Social. FAT HARRYS, 60 Isledon Road, N7 then FAVOURITE, 7 Queensland Road, N7 — Sunday Lunchtime Socials for August. PRINCES, Alexandra Park Road, N8.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thur 8 (8.30) Committee Meeting. OLD ANCHOR, Richmond Road, Twickenham — Mon 19 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITE BEAR, Kingsley Road, Hounslow.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Tue 20 (8.00) Pool Social. LANDOR HOTEL, Landor Road, SW9 — Thur 29 Garratt Lane & Wandsworth Walkabout. Start 7.30 FORESTER, Allfarthing Lane, 8.00 Old Sergeant, Garratt Lane.

WEST LONDON: Wed 7 (8.00) Pub of the Month Social. CROSS KEYS, 31 Endell Street, Covent Garden, WC2 — Thur 22 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BEEHIVE, 60 Chelsea Manor Street, SW3.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 6 (8.00) Pub Games Evening. NORTHCÔTE ARMS Northcote Avenue, Southall (room off saloon bar) — Wed 21 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road, Sudbury Hill (in garden if fine) — Fri 30 Northwood Knee Trembler. (7.45) NORTHWOOD HILLS HOTEL, (8.30) SHIP, (9.00) WOODMAN, all in Joel Street, (9.45) CASE IS ALTERED, Southill Lane, off Eastcote High Road, (10.30) BLACK HORSE, Eastcote High Road.

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GUEST



In CAMRA's view, the case for reform of our outdated system is unanswerable. Modern society is no longer content to have a rigid and old-fashioned system imposed upon it. All the evidence points towards the need for a sensible change in licensing hours suited to the public requirements of the present time.

The Erroll Report on Licensing laws in England and Wales, published in 1972, came down strongly in favour of more flexible hours, but, apart from some minor adjustments to existing legislation, its main recommendations were shelved. (CAMRA, it should be stressed, has reservations about many aspects of the Erroll Report and would not, for example, go down its suggested road to all-day 'café pubs'). The Clayson report, a parallel enquiry into the licensing laws of Scotland, came to much the same conclusions on licensing hours as Erroll, yet its recommendations were passed in Westminster for Scotland only.

Scotland now enjoys the benefits of a more relaxed licensing hours system, while surveys and public opinion polls all reflect an increasing public demand for change in the rest of the UK. The police and licensing justices recognise the absurdity of the current system. All sections of the trade would welcome change. Even a substantial number of MPs favour reform (Ironically, bars in the House of Commons remain open at all times while it is in session!)

There would also be considerable economic benefits, not just to those with a vested interest, but to the country as a whole in terms of investment, tourism and employment, while responsible change would bring England and Wales more into line with our partners in the EEC, who all enjoy a more relaxed approach to licensing hours.

CAMRA is aware that a number of minority groups, such as temperance movements and anti-alcohol bodies, oppose any relaxation in licensing laws and, if given the chance, would prohibit the sale of alcohol. Similarly, the

Department of Health and Social Security and various medical and social groups have pronounced on the effects of alcohol misuse exclusively, with little consideration given to the positive side of drinking for pleasure. The Campaign seeks to redress the imbalanced picture and also to show that limited changes would not lead to an increase in overall consumption of alcohol.

CAMRA is most concerned about the future of the public house, which — wrongly in our view — comes under far too much criticism in relation to alcohol misuse. Critical bodies repeatedly fail to recognise that the public house imposes moderation in a supervised environment, where the sale and consumption of alcohol is controlled, as opposed to other uncontrolled outlets such as supermarkets and corner shops. A modern licensing hours system would ensure that the traditional British public house is protected for future generations.

There is no case at all for continuing the present system of 'permitted hours'. It was introduced during the First World War (originally for a limited period) to preserve Carlisle and the war effort from the alleged effects of over-indulgence by munitions workers. Social conditions have changed enormously since then and so too has social responsibility. Recreation has become a vast industry. In such an environment, CAMRA believes that easing the licensing hours would, as in Scotland, give rise to more relaxed drinking habits.

The government is committed to the reform of Sunday shopping hours. It has responded to public demand. It should respond similarly to growing demands for liberalising licensing hours for both Sunday and the rest of the week. As the only significant group representing opinion among the drinking public, CAMRA recommends that reform of the licensing laws in England and Wales should be a top legislative priority.

Tony Mills
Chairman

Campaign for Real Ale.



HOLIDAY PUB PROFILE



1) The Still, Cumbergate, Peterborough.

Trying to find a good pub in the centre of Peterborough is not the easiest of tasks, especially near the massive shopping arcades. About 50 pubs have either been closed or threatened with closure and parts resemble London in the blitz. However, there exists one ideal resting place for those who want to forget about shopping for a moment and take the weight off their legs. Proprietor John Crisp owns the excellent Still and all beer is served by gravity from a back room. It is pointless to list the beers as they change weekly but you can guarantee an excellent pint of Elgoods Bitter from Wisbech, and usually Marston's and Greene King. Many thanks to John and all our Peterborough readers for supporting our humble magazine.

YOUNGS AGM

We have been asked to announce that the time of the Youngs AGM is 1pm, not 12 noon. No admission cards are needed.

Tony Healy, landlord of the Old Wheatsheaf, Windmill Hill, Enfield, holding the coveted Enfield and Barnet Branch Pub of the Month award. In the background is Branch Chairman Laurence Fryer.



NEWS FROM FULLERS

- * We'll be at the Great British Beer Festival at Brighton — London Pride, E.S.B. and Chiswick Bitter.
- * Open from mid July, completely refurbished and really worth a visit: the Prince Blucher at The Green, Twickenham. Our full range of draught beers served by handpump.
- * First shipment of draught beer went to the USA this month. Pity it has to be keg — but they did defeat us all those years ago!

See you next month.
Margaret McClelland
Public Relations Officer.

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ADDITIONS

CENTRAL

W1 ADAMS ARMS, 4 Conway St. Bass, Charrington: IPA.

EC1 BLUE POSTS, 86 Cowcross St. Bass, Charrington: IPA.

EC2 PENNY BLACK, Tenter House, Moorfields. Charrington: IPA, Courage: Best Bitter.

EAST

E1 OLD HOUSE AT HOME 87 Watney St. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E2 BRITANNIA, 12 Chilton St. Truman: Best Bitter, Sampson.

E5 CLAPTON PARK TAVERN, 9 Chatsworth Rd. Charrington: IPA.

E8 DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 260 Haggerston Rd. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.

E9 ADAM & EVE, 155 Homerton High St. Friary Meux: Bitter, Ind Coope: Burton Ale (re-instatement)

E9 SPREAD EAGLE 224 Homerton High St. Watney: Combes Bitter.

E15 PIGEONS, 120 Romford Rd. Charrington: IPA (re-instatement).

CRANHAM PLOUGH, Front Lane. Charrington: IPA.

NORTH

N1 BEEHIVE, 36 New North Rd. Watney: Combes Bitter.

N1 FALLEN ANGEL 65 Graham St. Greene King: IPA, Abbot, Pitfield: Bitter, formerly PLUMS (re-instatement).

N1 FOX TAVERN, 1 Islington Green. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

N1 SALMON & COMPASSES, 58 Penton St. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.

N5 DRAYTON PARK HOTEL, 66 Drayton Park. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.

N7 FAT HARRYS, 60 Isledon Rd. Marston: Pedigree, Tolly Cobbold: Bitter, Original, Truman: Sampson. formerly EARL RUSSEL now a J.J.Moons chain free house.

N7 FAVOURITE, 7 Queensland Rd. Bass, Charrington: IPA, Greene King: Abbot, Young: Special Bitter, now a free house (re-instatement).

N7 TWO BREWERS 109 Roman Way. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

N9 OLD CIRCUS, 9 North Square. Charrington: IPA.

N10 ROYAL OAK, 143 Sydney Rd. Watney: Combes Bitter.

N15 J J MOONS, 11 Markfield Rd. Marston: Pedigree, Tolly Cobbold: Bitter, Original, Truman: Sampson formerly OLD SEVEN SISTERS now a free house.

N19 WHITTINGTON STONE, 53 Highgate Hill. Charrington: IPA.

N21 SALISBURY ARMS, Hoppers Rd. Bass, Charrington: IPA.

NEW BARNET WEAVER, Great North Rd. Fuller: London Pride, Ruddle: County, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, a new free house.

NORTH WEST

NW1 BRIGHTON, 111 Camden High St. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

NW1 LOCOMOTIVE, 31 Jamestown Rd. Greene King: Abbot, Wethered: Bitter, a Whitbread pub.

NW1 ROYAL EXCHANGE 57 Hartland Rd. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.

News

- * The secret of the head on Guinness has been found at last. UNILEVER have been 'discovered' to own a 14% stake in Guinness (Nigeria). With their expertise in making things like Persil, the head on a pint of Guinness must have been easy.
- * The Shakespeare's Head W1 comes in for our special Ronald Reagan 'Bomb the Russians' Dead Giveaway Award. As pointed out by a price list mounted over 7 feet above ground, a pint of Websters Yorkshire Bitter in this Clifton Inn costs £1 exactly. On the wall you can read a recruiting notice for Clifton Inns managers which inter alia points out that "running a pub can be richly rewarding both in terms of *financial reward* and job satisfaction".
- * Have you heard the one about the CAMRA branch members who decided to show solidarity with Matthew Brown by ordering a number of their brewery ties? Yes, you've guessed, half the ties sent had 'SLALOM LAGER' all over them.
- * Anyone who wants a Slalom Lager tie at the knock down price of £2.50 should contact East London & City branch.
- * Latest example of the use of fake handpumps is the display in the Carlsberg lager ad now appearing on the billboards. Complaints are being made to the Advertising Standards people, who may in a few years ask for the things to be removed or qualified or something, but in the meantime readers might like to spread around the new slogan about a certain lager — "PROBABLY THE MOST OVER RATED GNAT'S PISS IN THE WORLD".

Badger.

HOLIDAY PUB PROFILE

2) The Upton Vale Inn, Upton Road, Torquay.

There are very few good pubs in Torquay town centre and you have to travel some way before good pubs are found, which have not had the guts knocked out of them. Such a pub is the Upton Vale, which is very close to the Coach Station and not far from Torre B.R. The manager, Barry Hill, has obviously brought good Yorkshire habits with him as far as ale is concerned and serves a consistently fine pint of Bass and Flowers IPA. When you visit, see if you can spot our shy, retiring delivery man, Terry, having a peaceful pint at the bar.



Russian Stout latest: The Dover Castle in Plumstead Rd. Woolwich has now got onto the 1980 bottles. Maybe they're working backwards.

Bargain beers:

The Mornington Arms, Mornington Street, NW1 (Courage) — Best Bitter 80p, Directors 90p.

Duke of York, Clerkenwell Road (Grays Inn end), EC1 (Watneys) — Beer of the week 70p between 5.30-7.00 Mon-Fri. (Range includes Yorkshire & Combes).

The Kings Head, West Norwood, High St, SE27, has Bass at 82p all the time.

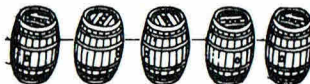
Rip-offs:

The Spread Eagle, Parkway, NW1 (Youngs) — Ordinary 88p, Special 94p.

Rails (tucked away on Euston station frontage, so if you're lucky you miss it altogether): Yorkshire 90p. They also have an "own brand" brew of which I'm highly suspicious.

The Hand & Spear, The Heath, Weybridge. Despite housing an excellent folk club on Fridays, the beer (Friary 90p, Burton £1.00) is way over the top pricewise.

The Elm Park Tavern, SW2 has Bass at 96p and IPA at 91p.



RUDDLES

Shortly after the July issue went to press, we received the following letter from Tony Ruddle, Chairman of Ruddle's Brewery, referring to an item headed "Rumours" on page 31, stating: *"Whispers have been heard that Ruddles are in financial difficulties. It is believed that aid will be forthcoming from Watney's (shades of the Whitbread umbrella?)"*. It read:

Dear Sir,

I was most disturbed to see the item in The London Drinker. There are absolutely no grounds for the rumour you are spreading and I would be grateful if you would correct it in your next issue.

I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of our press release announcing yet another £1m profit. As at the time of writing, our company has no less than half-a-million pounds on deposit awaiting investment decisions.

Yours faithfully,

K.A. Ruddle

Chairman

The text of the Press release was as follows:

G. Ruddle & Company PLC, the USM-quoted independent Rutland brewer, has announced pre-tax profits of £1,030,949 for the year ended 30th March 1985 (1984 — £1,021,462). Earnings per ordinary share (pre-tax) 21.8p (1984 21.6p). Earnings per ordinary share after tax 15.5p (1984 22.3p).

The directors are recommending a final dividend of 2.75p (1984 — 2.75p) on the ordinary shares of the company giving a total dividend for the year of 4.0p (1984 — 4.0p) and, subject to shareholders' approval, this will be paid on 13th August 1985 to shareholders on the Register of Members at the close of business on 11th July 1985.

Chairman, Tony Ruddle, states that delay in commissioning new brewing capacity, which had been scheduled to come on stream in the autumn, prevented the company from generating additional volume for the Christmas trade. Accordingly, sales targets for the second half of the year were not attained. Mr. Ruddle confirms that the plant is now operational and the sales situation is being remedied.

He concludes by saying: "We have a strong and healthy company, excellent staff and ample cash resources, and look forward to the future with confidence".

Editors' Comment

That being the case, why the hell are we paying through the nose for their products?. The figure of 98p a pint for Rutland Bitter (og 1032) at Victoria Station was reported as we went to press. That is 16p more than a pint of Bass at one local we know (even though it has to travel further and has an og of 1044) and 23p more than Nine Elms Mild (og 1040) at another. This is a great pity as Ruddle's beers have an excellent and well-deserved reputation, and they have no control over the price charged at the point of dispense. But presumably influence can — and must — be made where the beers originate, or very soon, in London at least, **Ruddles will have priced itself out of the market.**



WIDE RANGE OF ENTERTAINMENTS LINED UP FOR BEER FESTIVAL

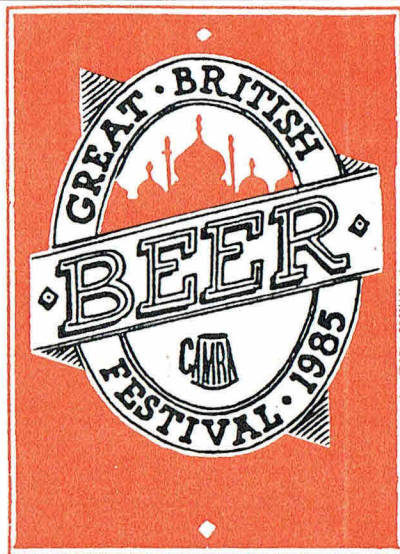
The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) Great British Beer Festival to be held at The Metropole, Brighton from August 13th-17th will not be just about beer. The organisers have lined up a star band plus a supporting act every evening and on Wednesday to Saturday lunchtimes. There will also be children's entertainment in the family area every lunchtime.

Visiting acts include Mad Jocks and Englishmen — three singers who play the music and the fool; New Style and Country Folk from Eastbourne; Parallel from Worthing; a genuine Steel Band; Smack Alley; the Fulham Brass Band and local Trad favourites, the Mike Collier Band.

For the children there will be visits from Topo — the popular local mime artist; Lyn Thomas; Rhubarb the Clown; and, of course, Punch and Judy.

On Saturday lunchtime there will be no less than six bands of Morris Men (and Girls) dancing at the Festival.

CAMRA are keen to emphasise that the event will be a Festival to appeal to the whole family, not just the beer enthusiast. "We shall be in a holiday town at the height of the holiday season" says local organiser Michael Morton-George "and we want to put on a show that will help every visitor to enjoy their stay in Brighton". CAMRA are hoping too that people will be able to get to the Metropole for their lunch breaks — admission is free at lunchtimes — as well as going along for a very lively evening of music and beer.



Rare American ales head for Brighton

For the first time the Great British Beer Festival, in Brighton on this month, will feature American beers.

These won't be the chillingly bland brews like Budweiser, but a rich variety of ales from the new small breweries set up in the N. Western states of Oregon and Washington in recent years.

Altogether beers from nine different breweries will cross the Atlantic, including Bridgeport Ale from the Columbia River Brewery, Widmer Ale from Portland And Grant's Imperial Stout from Yakima, voted best beer at the Great American Beer Festival in 1984.

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CROYDON & SUTTON	DAN ALLEN	642 5553 (H)	405 9222 x2432 (W)
E.LONDON & CITY	ADRIAN HALL	471 5361 (H)	405 7686 x501 (W)
ENFIELD & BARNET	TONY MORGAN	440 2186 (H)	283 1000 x 2944(W)
KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD	JOHN NORMAN	546 3476 (H)	Weybridge 47282 x 2380 (W)
NORTH LONDON	ANNE LODGE	888 5300 (H)	
RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW	ANDY PIRSON	977 1633 (H)	
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Everards

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

The following is a list of pubs selling beer at exorbitant prices. I visited 10 pubs in the WC2 area, some of which are listed below, on a crawl recently, and the average price of a pint worked out at exactly £1!

1) Marquis of Granby, Chandos Place WC2 — Ind Coope Burton, £1.02/pint; Taylor Walker Bitter 98p.

2) Duke of Buckingham, Villers Street, WC2. Wethereds, Websters & Combes, all at £1.

3) Pullman Bar, Charing Cross Hotel. Tolly Cobbold Original Bitter, £1.08.

The cheapest pint of the evening was at the St. Martin's Tavern, WC2 — a Beefeater place which has Wethereds and Flowers Original on handpumps, the Flowers at 88p.

One final point to note, however, is that the Ship & Shovel, Craven Passage, WC2 has a happy THREE hours, Monday to Thursday, 5.30 to 8.30pm, when Ruddles Bitter is priced at 69p/pint.

I hope this information will be of use to you and will perhaps help drinkers to stay away from rip-off joints.

Yours faithfully
Gary Elflett, E.16.

Editors' comment:

This is the sort of information we need — the pubs won't like it (except where it suits them) but that's too bad — if the truth is unacceptable, do something about it!

ear Drinkers,

The other day I was returning from The Ship at West Thurrock. The coach passed through Bexleyheath at about 1420. My problem was, when do the pubs shut in these parts? Shall I get off the coach now and maybe find myself with only ten minutes of ordering time? Or do I go on to Blackheath (ETA 1432) where to my certain knowledge the end of afternoon permitted hours is 1500?

A coloured Licensing Map of Greater London and the adjacent boroughs would be a great boon to travellers, and might even reduce the mindless clamour for what are called 'flexible' hours. They would make the situation worse, because no-one could ever be sure of a drink here or whenever he got off a bus.

If anyone will undertake to prepare such a map I would be happy to participate. And if you want to know why I left The Ship so early, it was because I feared that if I consumed any more I'd need a pee at alone a drink before the end of the journey.

Cheers ...

Ben Davis

PORTRAIT GALLERY.

The third of an occasional series — See illustration opposite, in the centre of the Crossword.

Dave Quinton has been called a few choice names in his time by our readers who follow his regular crosswords in our magazine. Dave, a teacher working in south-west London, hails from Nottingham and cut his drinking teeth on Home Ales.



Enfield and Barnet Branch Chairman Laurence Fryer, hands George Knowles, landlord of the Old White Lion, East Finchley, N2, the £250 second prize in the London Drinker Draw. The prize was won by a ticket sold during the launch of Real Beer in North London. The winning ticket was one of those donated to the landlord's favourite charity and, together with other money raised during the Christmas period was donated to the Charity.



Dear Sir,

At Lord's for the MCC v Australia the advertising boards on the boundary read, "People prefer Gas" immediately adjacent to and in more or less the same colour scheme, "Fosters Lager." This was also evident on TV during the one day test.

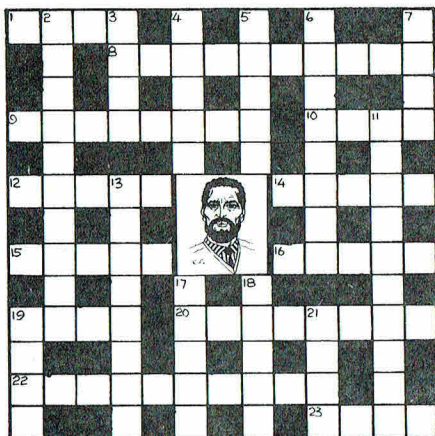
Can there be a CAMRA mole (Talpa Vulgaris Vulgaris) down among the Ad-men?

Sincerely,
John Mackett,
The Featherstone Arms, Southall.

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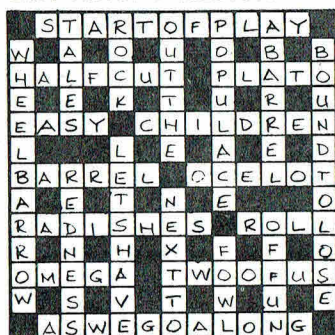
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All correct entries received by first post on 28th August will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the October London Drinker.
Solution next month.

All entries to be submitted to:
London Drinker Crossword
25 Valens house
Upper Tulse Hill
London SW 2

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

1. Drink from the shop in town. (4)
8. Iced cake-topping in a different setting makes one greedy. (10)
9. Real fraud on the island? (8)
10. Stare at open page. (4)
12. Bet on 4's GT replacement. (5)
14. 4's DT fantasy found in the marsh. (5)
15. I pee in bed as upright being appears. (5)
16. Endure out east, though most small. (5)
19. Make jumper out of tinker, upset without the Queen. (4)
20. Reprobate I saw yawn at home defeats. (4,4)
22. Tennis player always living in Jesus. (5,5)
23. Talks forever in the ship. (4)

DOWN

2. Enthusiastic about country way of speaking? (10)
3. Powder found in capital city. (4)
4. I leave restaurant worker for a drink. (5)
5. One who dwells in an organ? (5)
6. Sam given surprise from China. (4,4)
7. I will shortly, you may hear, be found in the river. (4)
11. Light-headedness, in the common people, is nice. (10)
13. Choose Little Richard to be shocking. (8)
17. 4's FT circulation is thin. (5)
18. Hesitate to put 4's TV in. (5)
19. Enjoyment from the boot? (4)
21. Softies in a stew. (4)

Winner of the prize for the June crossword:
'Arry Hart, 109 South Park Road,
Wimbledon, SW 19

Other correct entries received from:
B.E.Bradley, Damien Farrell, B.H.Felton,
Eileen Graves, Anthony Greenbury,
P.R.Hanson, Mike McHugh, P.Spires.

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1. YORKSHIRE "BITTER"?

Watney's recently denied our story that Webster's Yorkshire Bitter was being brewed at Mortlake. We certainly got it wrong - the other day one of our scouts discovered it being brewed at Wilson's in Manchester. Apparently Mortlake is the only Grand Metropolitan brewery where it has NOT been produced.

2. FEWER BREWERIES, FEWER BREWS ?

In April Watney Mann & Truman closed the Norwich Brewery. Now we hear that the Scottish arm, Dryborough's of Edinburgh, might go. Allied Breweries (Ind Coope etc.) bid for it and were turned down - but only because the price was too low - not as a matter of principle. It is also strongly rumoured that Usher's of Trowbridge will close - in some eighteen months' time is the latest guess.

Norwich closed partly because of surplus brewing capacity in the group, but, more disturbingly for real ale drinkers, because W.M.T.B. felt it was unsuitable for brewing lager, the demand for which is being artificially boosted by multi - million pound advertising campaigns for such foreign delights as Foster's Australian Lager (brewed at Mortlake) and Budweiser, an American copy of a Czech beer now brewed at Halifax by Webster's. Both are considerably more expensive than beer.

Not so long ago, you may recall, the Watney group were promoting local beers brewed for the local palate. A few weeks after the Norwich closure, Bullard's mild cask beer was discontinued. Now the other "local" Norwich cask beer, S & P Bitter, (brewed in Manchester!) has serious quality problems. The whole of one recent batch had to be withdrawn, leaving many Norwich pubs without cask beer. Local CAMRA members feel that the poor quality might be a prelude to dropping the beer altogether. Not to worry, though, Ruddle's County is now available in Norwich Brewery pubs, at the London price of £1 a pint.



What about Watney's in London ? Well, in the last year, Antler, a cheap cask bitter, Hammerton's Porter and Truman's Prize Mild have been withdrawn. The strength of Stag Bitter has recently increased from 1044 to 1047 og, taking it interestingly close to Ruddle's County at 1050. We understand that Watney's claim Stag's sales to be "holding steady", but is this a eunhemism of brewery P.R. for falling ? Is Stag going to die, leaving Combe's Bitter as the only Watney "local" cask beer in London ? And, will Truman's Bitter, which seems much less hoppy these days, be the next to go ?

3. CARLSBERG CON.

The latest dirty trick in W.M.T.B's lager promotion is their recent advertising for Carlsberg. The bank of four handpumps is shown, with one bearing the well-known slogan "Probably the best lager in the world". Now we all know that Carlsberg is never served by handpump, the preserve of cask conditioned beer. To repeat a quote, from the CAMRA newspaper, "What's Brewing", "Once again one of the major keg/fizz brewers has used the association between a traditional method of delivery of a quality product to promote sales of their own woefully inadequate chemical stew". Please join the many who are complaining at this cheap tactic to the Advertising Standards Authority, Brook House, 2 - 16 Torrington Place, London WC1 E7 HN.

Shepherd Neame.

Our Kentish scouts report the quality of Shepherd Neame bitter to be indifferent of late. Is this the result of the retirement of the head brewer and his replacement by a recruit from Whitbread Fremlins ?..... Or is the rumour true that Chairman Robert Neame is losing interest in running the brewery and is looking for a purchased ?

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LIQUID LUNCH on the Fleet Street fringes

On a Test Match Monday the first port of call at lunchtime had to be a pub with a television, so I headed for the Coach and Horses in Whitefriars St., where the well-kept Charrington IPA costs a reasonable 82p a pint. There are quite a few pubs in Central London with sawdust on the floor, but in most cases it's merely part of the tourist-directed decoration. Not so at the Coach and Horses, where a good proportion of the customers in the basic ground floor bar are fairly dripping with printing ink — the pub is just opposite the News of the World works entrance.

With plenty of handy shelves the Bar was fairly evenly divided between sitting and standing drinkers, all of whom were treating the activity with suitable dedication. Two Australian barmen joined in good-natured abuse about the course of the cricket when not otherwise contributing to the excellent standard of service. I've never been upstairs at this pub, but I believe that there's some sort of bar and restaurant up there (or pool tables according to the ELAC Guide).

Further down the same street the Harrow looked grimy and was scarcely noticeable from the

pavement. Inside, however, I found a comfortable split-level bar with jukebox and a fair range of food. The Charrington IPA was again in fine nick, but cost an astonishing 17p more than up the road. I finished that pint in an understandable state of shock and turned right into Tudor St. to look for the Witness Box.

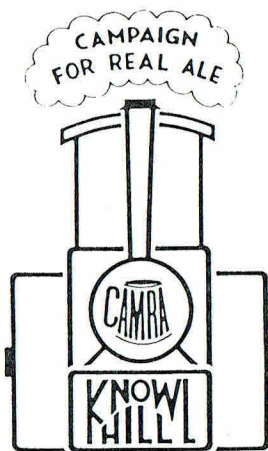
This turned out to be a very plush Watney corner basement bar with the accent on food, but also serving good beer at a more reasonable price. The Coombe's was 92p and Webster's Yorkshire and Ruddle's County were also available. Around the walls were displayed original cartoons and other press ephemera, rather in the style of the Cartoonist (also Watney's) over the other side of Fleet St. The Coombe's tasted terrific (especially after thinnish IPA) and it was a shame to have to move on back down Tudor St. to the brash and larger-than-life Truman's pub called the White Swan.

To add to the normal range of attractions here, there was a lunchtime disco going on upstairs. A brief examination disclosed a loud and high-quality sound system being used to play obscure

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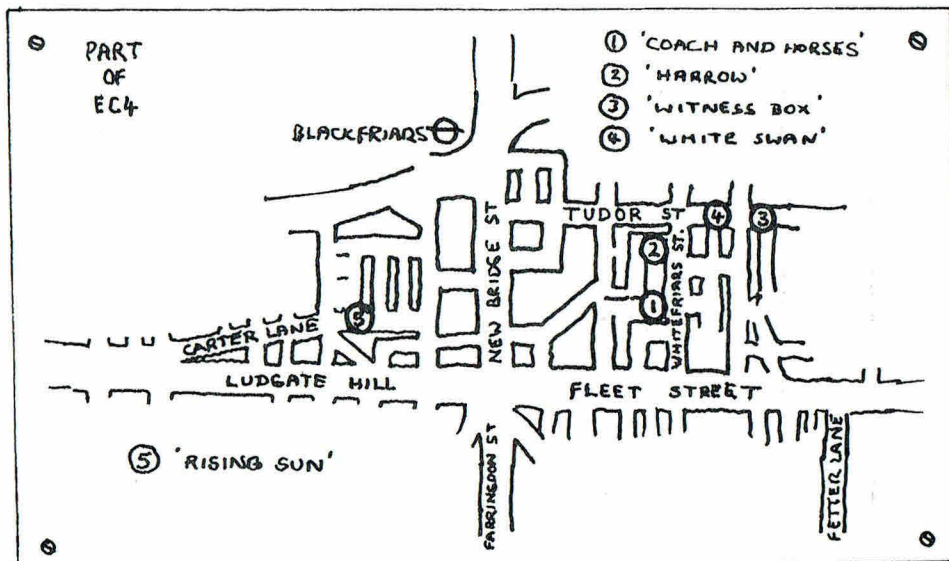


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US funk to which no-one was dancing. Back on the ground floor Truman's Bitter, Best and Sampson and Webster's Yorkshire were on handpump. I had Best at 98p as it's one of my favourite beers and usually reliable — this one was certainly OK. Darts, pool, pinball, 'two minute snacks' and video jukebox were featured in the busy bar, which is unusually open all afternoon for non-alcoholic activities. The refurbishment here was one of the first to make use of the now-familiar high-level shelf full of books, barrels, etc, with the addition of ancient typewriters and printers' bits and pieces for local flavour.

The last stop had to be about halfway back to the office, so the Truman's taste was indulged again at the Rising Sun in Carter Lane, near

Blackfriars Station and Ludgate Hill. This is home of the mysterious Truman's Cathedral Old English Ale, which I had on this occasion (90p) in preference to the more headbanging Best and Sampson. I like this pub a lot, although I don't really think it's necessary to make the bar staff wear such a formal uniform and there was just a suspicion of some slops being served up on a previous visit. It remains, however, a superb and sympathetic restoration by Truman's who would stand even higher in my estimation if they (a) relaunched the Mild and (b) bucked-up their delivery system in South London.

I shan't even mention the non-existent Blackfriars Rd. crawl report this time!

R.M. Rider

While licencing magistrates in many areas around London are doing the sensible thing in regularising evening closing times to a standard 11:00 pm from Monday to Saturday, those in Newham have placed their heads firmly in the sand in turning down an application from ELAC Branch for such a change. This was despite a statement from the police that they had no objection to the extension and the fact that there had been no complaint from any other organisation.

The magistrates stated that any decision would be delayed until the Government reviews licensing laws throughout the country. ELAC Branch Secretary, Christian Muteau later said outside the court, "That's not likely to happen until September 1986 at the earliest." He went on to say, "It is a ridiculous decision and shows just how short-sighted the magistrates in Newham are."

ELAC Branch Chairman, Adrian Hall stated, "It is well known that motorists rush to Tower Hamlets for final orders. All the decision will do is take trade away from Newham to other boroughs."

The Queens Hotel in Victoria Park Road E3 has been sold by the Crown Estate to Bruce, who no doubt will soon install one of his pub breweries. This should make for a good choice of beer in the area with the Royal Cricketers just up the road (and canal) selling local beers from Godson & Chudley alongside its Whitbread range (including the new Strong Ale) and the Approach just up the road offering a wide range usually including Pitfield beers.

The bad news though is that Bruce has taken to keeping his beers under a slight blanket pressure. This seems totally unnecessary given the high standards of beer quality usually found in his pubs and we hope that it will be no more than a passing fad. Given his high publicity profile, we equally hope that the new pub won't become the Fizz & Firkin. With two waterways and the East End in the area something like the Eel & Firkin should be a much better bet.

SAM STRIKES BACK at 1048 og

For those who have not yet heard, Whitbread have launched a new strong bitter, brewed at Marlow. Described by Head Brewer Bernard Scott as a "quaffable ale", it is intended as a strong session beer rather than a "headbanger" — in other words the emphasis is not on the alcohol content. It has gone into 150 pubs to date in the South-East; everywhere but Kent, and interestingly, into more tenanted than managed houses (90:60). It is being offered as part of the portfolio to pubs in general, but on a minimum turnover of 20 gallons a week. Promotion is low-key; just a Pump Clip, Bar Towel and Drip Mat. There is no intention of substituting this new beer for any of the existing Marlow range, although sales of Marlow Special are in decline. Winter Royal will also be unaffected; Special may be "relaunched" in the Marlow trading area soon.

Centres handling the beer include Romsey, Tiverton, Portsmouth, Marlow, Dunstable and Kentish Town.

Price recommended in the Marlow trading area is 95p, although in practice it tends to be 96p; there does not seem to be a recommended price in London, but don't expect change from a beer token. Apparently the price in the Romsey area can be as low (!) as 92p. (for a whole pint).

A further note: Brakspear's Bitter now seems to be on general offer to the tied trade as long promised. I would be interested to hear of new outlets.

Mostyn Lewis, Whitbread London BL0

Second pub for Virgin

WATNEY Combe Reid and the Virgin Group are continuing their joint business venture in the Trade with the opening soon of their second pub.

The Vultures Perch in Kentish Town, North London, formerly the Oxford Tavern, has undergone extensive refurbishment.

A wide range of ales and lagers will be on offer as well as pub food.

GREATER LONDON TIED TRADE OUTLETS FOR SAMUEL WHITBREAD ALE (TENANTED HOUSES)

Brewery Tap, 68/69 High Street, Wimbledon.
Duke of Wellington, 63 Eaton Terrace, SW1.
Fox & Hounds, 167 Upper Richmond Road, SW15.
Hansler Arms, 133 Kings Cross Road, WC1.
Kings Head & 8 Bells, 50 Cheyne Walk, SW3.
Old Fountain, 3 Baldwin Street, EC1.
Uxbridge Arms, 13 Uxbridge Street, W8.
Victoria, 28 North Hill, N6.

*Is it named after the Founder or the Chairman?
We must be told!*

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EC1 Kings Head, 49 Chiswell Street
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EC2 Railway Tavern, 15 Liverpool St.
EC4 Dandy Roll, Bread Street.
EC4 Ludgate Cellars, Apothecary St.
EC4 Printers Devil, 98/9 Fetter Lane
WC1 Mabels, 98/9 Mabledon Place
WC1 Queens Larder, 1 Queens Square
WC2 Sherlock Holmes, 10 Northumberland Street
W1 Grillrays, 24 Maddox Street
E1 Kings Stores, 14 Widegate Street
E2 Royal Cricketers, 211 Old Ford Rd.
NW1 Victoria, 37 Chalton Street
NW4 Hendon Ale & Wine House, Hendon Way
SE1 Union Jack, 225 Union Street
SE3 Hare & Billet, 1a Eliot Cottages
SE10 North Pole, 131 Greenwich High St.
SE13 Jolly Farmers, 354 Lewisham High St.
SE25 Ship, 55 South Norwood High Street
SE25 Two Brewers, Chigwell Row, Chigwell
SE25 Ship, 47 High Street, Croydon
SE25 Fox, West Common Road, Keston.

NORTH LONDON PUB NEWS

At the beginning of June, The Favourite, 7 Queensland Road, N7, re-opened as a Free House. This ex Ind Coope fizz house was purchased by Michael, Ellen and Martin Boyle and was closed for six months to carry out essential work.

They previously owned the Rochester Castle, Stoke Newington before it changed hands and became the Tanners Hall. Now back in the trade, they hope to make The Favourite live-up to its name. Four regular real ales are on offer, Youngs Special, Greene King Abbot, Charringtons IPA, plus one other to be decided.



A TASTE OF TRADITION IN THE MODERN '80s

If you take a stroll around the City of London in search of hand-pumped beers such as Adnams, Fullers, Wadworth, Tetley or Eldridge Pope, served in some of the most historic and traditional pubs, you stand a pretty good chance of finding yourself in a Nicholson Free House. Many CAMRA members are aware of a Company called 'Nicholsons' but not all know of the philosophy and history behind the Company and its pubs.

Established in 1736 as a family company, Nicholsons developed as a wholesaler, distiller and pub-owning company. Rumour has it that they acquired pubs by taking them over when the owner could not afford to pay the wholesale bill! In 1982 the Nicholson family sold out to Allied-Lyons and the company was rationalised with the hotels being transferred to Embassy Hotels and the distillery sold off. Thus the new Nicholson company comprised some nineteen pubs, all of which needed considerable repair.

Nicholsons Managing Director, Alan Hall, transferred from Ind Coope East Anglia to run the new Company and took over full-time in November 1982. His brief and his aim was to restore the company to its original glory. Thus a programme of renovation and restoration commenced on the pubs and now, having spent some £2.5m., fourteen have been renovated and two have won CAMRA Pub Preservation 1984 Awards. In addition, a Wholesaling Company was set up in March 1983, in line with the Nicholson tradition, and this has already supplied several CAMRA beer festivals and will be the co-ordinating company for the Allied Beers and some independent brewers for delivery to the Great British Beer Festival in August this year.

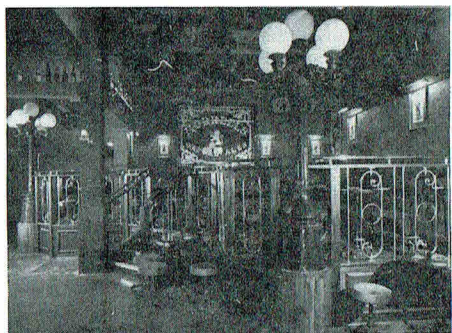
The Nicholson team is small and has been developed over the past two year — Alan Hall heads the company as Managing Director, James Mussen and Tim Udell are Retail Managers guiding the pubs, David Brampton is Finance Director and Mary McLeod acts as PA to Alan Hall and handles Public Relations and Promotions. On the Wholesale side we have Len Sumsion, Wholesale Distribution Manager and Bernard Snell, Wholesale Account Executive.



The Talbot Hotel: *View of Courtyard*



The Red Lion: *View of upstairs 'City' Bar*



The Richmond Arms: *Interior*



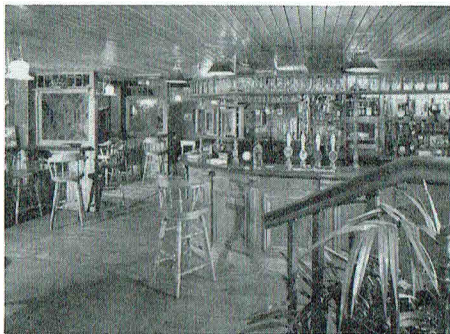
The Catherine Wheel: *Exterior*

The pub renovation/preservation programme began in January 1982 and The Black Friar was the first to reopen in April that year. A unique art nouveau pub on the north side of Black Friars Bridge, this was the first house in London to receive Tetley hand-pumped beer from Leeds in October 1984. During 1983, restoration was completed on Williamsons Tavern, once the home of the Lord Mayors of London until the Mansion House was built and was the original H.Q. for Nicholsons; Doggetts Coat and Badge — overlooking the Thames on the south side of Blackfriars Bridge; The Lincoln Arms in Weybridge opened after a two year closure and won a PPG Award from CAMRA; The Argyll Arms came next, showing how an original Victorian pub should look and winning yet another PPG Award and finally that year came The Richmond Arms which has been styled with a '1985' traditional approach. The refurbishments continued during 1984 with The Punch Tavern in Fleet Street, The Catherine Wheel in Kensington Church Street (highly commended in a competition by the Royal Boroughs of Kensington & Chelsea) and a brand new pub in the City, The Red Lion, Lombard Court, opening in December 1983.

Other refurbishments include The Talbot, Ripley, Surrey; The Commercial, Herne Hill and The Old Bell (Fleet Street) which was built by Sir Christopher Wren just after the Great Fire of London. The next pub on the agenda is The Bald Hind, the new Nicholson H.Q., and a new venture in the form of a Wine Bar in Kingston-on-Thames called 'Punters' will open in August 1985.



The Richmond Arms: Exterior



The Red Lion: View of downstairs bar



The Catherine Wheel: Interior

All the Nicholson Licensees pride themselves in the quality of their hand pumped beers — many of the houses serving as many as four different ales — and on the quality of their food and service. Try some — the Nicholson 'Seven' City Walk is well worth the time for a good range of beers and a bit of 'education'! The three Surrey houses could be visited on another occasion — though a car might be of help (driver to volunteer!), whilst the three 'West End' pubs and The Catherine Wheel can provide a good deal of entertainment and good beer.

WHERE TO FIND US . . .

TRY THE NICHOLSON CITY WALK — Recommended route for the shortest walking distances!:-

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2. **WILLIAMSONS TAVERN, Groveland Court, Off Bow Lane, EC4.** Open same as Red Lion (Features Tavern Bar which was part of Lord Mayor's dining room).
3. **THE QUEENS HEAD, Blackfriars Lane, EC4.** Open same as Red Lion (Basic pub, not refurbished, situated on large bomb/building site).
4. **THE OLD BELL, 95 Fleet Street, EC4.** Open Mon-Fri 11.30-3, 5-11; Sat Lunchtime (Refurbished April 1985 — small, simple pub frequented by printers & journalists).
5. **THE PUNCH TAVERN 99 Fleet Street, EC4.** Open 7 days a week, 11.30-3, 5-11. (Refurbished end 1984 — full of Punch Cartoons, very popular Fleet Street pub).
6. **THE BLACK FRIAR, 174 Queen Victoria Street, EC4.** Open same as Red Lion. Easter to Sept. on Saturdays 11.30 to 3.00 (Unique art nouveau pub).
7. **DOGGETTS COAT & BADGE, 1 Blackfriars Bridge, SE1.** Open Mon-Fri 11-3; 5.30-11. (Pub Bar and downstairs Ale & Wine Bar — superb views across the Thames).

OUR "WEST END" HOUSES:

THE ARGYLL ARMS, 18 Argyll Street, W1. Closed Sundays (Beautiful Victorian pub and winner of CAMRA PPG Award 1984).

THE QUEENS HEAD, 15 Denman Street, W1. — Open 7 days; Small theatre pub, good atmosphere.

THE UNICORN, 32a Duke Street, St. James's, SW1. — Closed Sundays (Modern beer drinkers pub).

THE CATHERINE WHEEL, 23 Kensington Church Street, W8. — Open 7 days. (Magnificent Victorian Pub, refurbished December 1984).

THE RICHMOND ARMS, 55 Shepherds Bush Road, W6. Open 7 days. (Large '1985' Victorian).

SURREY & OUTER LONDON:

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THE TALBOT, High Street, Ripley, Surrey — Open 7 days. Old famous coaching inn, reputedly much visited by Nelson & Lady Hamilton, good pub bars & an ale & wine bar.

THE BALD HIND, Hainault Road, Chigwell, Essex — Open 7 days. Large pub due to be renovated late 1985/early 1986. Nicholsons Head Office situated over pub.

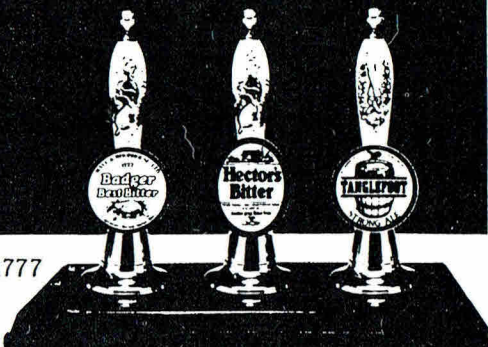
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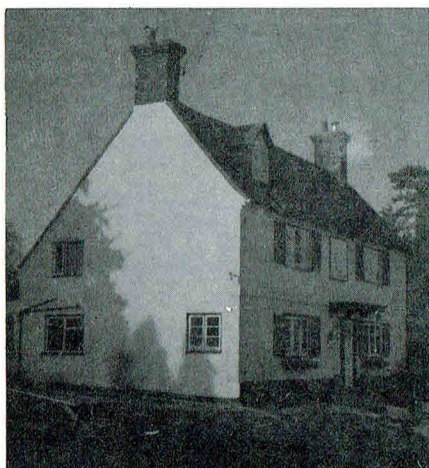
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HOLIDAY PUB PROFILE

3) The Three Horseshoes, Bighton.

One of the very few Gales pubs to have retained its character over the years is the Shoes at Bighton, which is set in peaceful rural countryside near the steam railway centre at Alresford. Try to spend a whole session in this wonderful pub, which is superbly run by Dave and Pat (ex-Morant Arms, Brockenhurst). If you wish to escape from the bustle and rush of travelling to the West of England, this is the perfect place to relax.

The pub is a true local, where the friendly customers make you welcome while you quaff Light Mild, BBB or HSB from the pump. If you wish to eat, try the excellent value-for-money Ploughman's Lunch, and call again on your return.



PORTRAIT GALLERY



The fourth in an occasional series (in this case two in one issue).

TED HIGGINS is a long-standing contributor who is a familiar face in our S.E. London outlets in the vicinity of the Labour Party H.Q. in Walworth Road. He also has the dubious honour of trying to keep various members of the Editorial Team working at the Great British Beer Festival in Brighton.

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CONWAY TAVERNS.

Mick Conway's latest pub, the Crown & Anchor, about half-way between Brixton and Oval tube stations on Brixton Road, is due to open on Wednesday 7th August. This former Courage house has been completely rebuilt inside as a two-bar traditional local with public bar and panelling similar to that in the nearby Warrior and Two Woodcocks. A "house beer", Anchor Strong Ale, is being brewed at the Battersea Brewery to 1050 o.g., identical to Warrior. It had been intended to have a brewery on the premises, but the plant is now to be installed in a pub in Ireland. The other beers are listed on the advert on page 5.

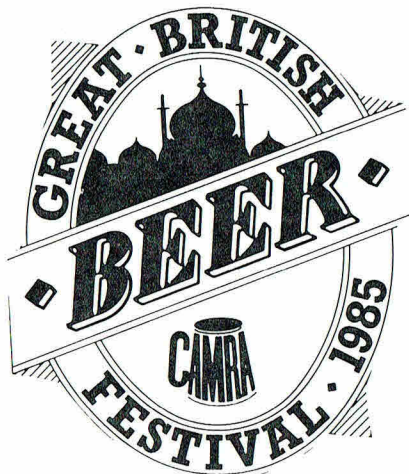
Nine Elms Mild is still going very well at the Two Woodcocks at the Brixton end of Tulse Hill, despite the possibility of its being discontinued for the Summer. Martin, who lives just around the corner and usually drinks bitter, has his "supper" there most nights and reports that it is always excellent. It also qualifies as a Bargain Beer, at 75p a pint for 1040 o.g.

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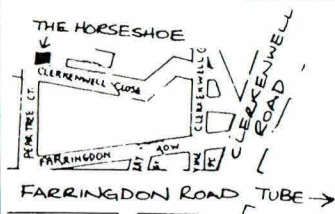
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* GUINNESS has announced a rise of an eighth in profits for its brewing division in the six months to March. Draught sales increased but returnable bottle sales were down again, although can sales were up. In June the company spent £10 million buying the Lewis Meeson chain of newagents giving them a total of 737 now - double that of WH Smith, for example. On a larger scale Guinness have also made a take over bid for Bells, the whisky firm, worth over £300 million. The bid is being strongly resisted.

* BASS has reported that 47% of its sales are now lager whilst for WHITBREAD the figure is 44%. The latter has also come out in its Annual Report in favour of flexible licensing hours. Also with the Report comes a set of vouchers giving shareholders concessions on various Whitbread products - representing the beer side is an offer of money off cans of Heineken, no less.



G. RUDDLE & COMPANY PLC

* RUDDLES reported profits for the year to March at just over a million pounds, about the same as the previous year. Its three year brewery redevelopment is now complete, though, so sales are expected to start rising again. Ruddle's County is now about half of the company's total sales, although only 30% of the total is draught as opposed to cans or bottles.

* In the stout line, YOUNG'S have now secured the agency for Beamish of Cork, and the brew is starting to appear in their pubs.

* The Department of Trade and Industry say that drinkers are losing £320 million a year because of short measure due to the froth which is often included as part of a 'pint'. They recommend implementing a provision of the 1979 Weights and Measures Act which would outlaw the inclusion of froth in measures of beer.

* The European Commission has called for indirect taxes to be roughly equalised in member states by 1992. As far as VAT is concerned this would not make too much difference in the UK given that our rate is about the average, but the effect on excise duties and thus the price of a pint could be dramatic. The list below shows the duty in each country on one litre of beer, in European Currency Units;

France	0.03
Luxembourg	0.06
Germany (GFR)	0.07
Belgium	0.13
Italy	0.18
Greece	0.22
Netherlands	0.23
Denmark	0.65
UK	0.70
Ireland	1.14

Of the ten, only Ireland hits the drinker harder than the UK, whilst in Germany the duty is only a tenth of ours. It is to be hoped that the EEC can get things back to more realistic levels, although our present government would need pushing very hard given that its own actions in putting taxes up have made things worse. What is likely to happen could well become apparent next year; it is proposed that EEC states should then agree not to do anything which would put duties further out of line than at the moment.

Badger

LONDON PRIDE IN MANCHESTER.

After selling various guest London beers, one of our Manchester outlets, the Marble Arch in Rochdale Road is now selling Fuller's London Pride as a regular beer. Fuller's are supplying one of their signs to be displayed outside. Recent guest beers at the Marble Arch have included Fuller's ESB and Hoxton Heavy. Beers promised for the near future are Tim Taylor's Landlord, Felinfoel Double Dragon, Shipstones Bitter and Hook Norton Bitter.

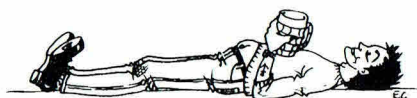
WILLIAM MORRIS CLUB — SW19

The William Morris Club at 267 The Broadway, Wimbledon, is now open for business selling Ruddle's County at only 80p a pint.

This is the only real ale at present, but the Club may add a second, from the Watney's range, subject to demand.

The Club is situated in the basement of the Wimbledon Labour Party's headquarters in the area previously occupied by the Tennessee Club. Extensive alterations have taken place and the Club provides a separate drinking area, darts area, pub games and children's corner as well as a hall that may be hired. The Club is open every evening and weekend lunchtimes.

Membership is open to Labour Party supporters at £5, or £2 unwaged per annum, or at £25 for life.



OUT OF TOWN-THREE-LEGGED CRAWL OF LEWES

The first thing to say about Lewes is that it is a small compact town steeped in history and has a number of interesting pubs and landlords to go with them. Also the home of Harveys Brewery the products of which are obviously the main subject of a crawl around the town. The last two I will tell you about including a certain amount of pub and brewery history especially those lost forever. On other historical points I understand Merton will interject every now and then with a real gem. So look out for this style of type.

An old saying of Lewes is that it had seven churches, seven breweries and seventy pubs. In fact there were nine breweries including two, at Malling. Finding the churches is easy and the breweries/sites not to difficult. Locating the pubs thanks to active preservation societies is easier than could have been. Today there are around 25 pubs and hotels with full licences of which only three do not sell real ale.

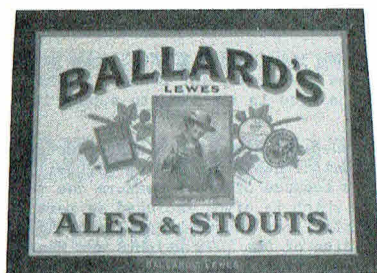
CRAWL A: Starts from the Station and railway buffs will notice that the platform numbers are now in sequence 1-5 and not the marvellously eccentric 2,3,6,7,8, which seemed to confuse everybody except the fanatics. We go left from the Station along Station Road cross to the right at the junction of Mountfield Road and Priory Street and continue. On your left at No.24 was the Jolly Friars which closed around 1960. Reaching the corner of Southover High Street you will see the King's Head, (1), Charrington IPA and Bass. It is the only pub in Lewes that is now selling Bass, so have a pint then look around this games paradise, especially at Ringing-the-Bull, a genuine old one and Toad-in-the-hole, a game peculiar to the Lewes district. Good for food as well. Rebuilt in 1888 there has probably been an inn here since Tudor times. Incidentally the landlord mentioned another lost local which he used to visit, the Bell in Eastport Lane, closed in 1974.

A short distance further along on the left is the Church of St. John the Baptist, formerly the Hospital of the Priory of St. Pancras at whose gateway it stands. This Priory was the Head of the Cluniac order in England, and its church was larger than Chichester Cathedral. It was founded by William de Warenne, first Lord of Lewes, who received the town as a reward for his part in the Norman invasion in 1066, and died in 1088 as the result of a wound sustained while besieging Pevensey Castle, shortly after he was created Earl of Surrey. He was buried in the Priory Church next to his wife Gundrada (died 1085), said to be the daughter of William the Conqueror. The majority of the buildings were demolished by order of Thomas Cromwell, to whom they were given by Henry VIII in 1537. When the railway was constructed through the ruins in

1845, the remains of William and Gundrada were re-discovered, and now lie in St. John's.

Southover High Street is thought to be Roman in origin, but apart from an encampment on the north side of the town, there is no other sign of Roman occupation hereabouts.

Continue along Southover High Street past Anne of Cleves Museum and the Three Mariners, another of Lewes' ancient former pubs. Pass St. Pancras Road on your right make a mental note of it we'll be going down there shortly. In front of you on the corner of Bell Lane is the Swan, (2), Harveys only tied house in town. Why there should only be one house in the town where the beer is brewed I don't know, I'll find out and report back in a latter issue. Don't panic! there are five Beards pubs and nearly all the free houses sell an excellent pint of Harveys, so you won't go short. Back in the Swan it has by far the best leaded and etched glass windows in Lewes. One of a diminishing number of pubs with a public bar, it also has a nice secluded garden around the back. On the opposite corner stood Varralls Brewery and immediately behind was Ballards, both long since gone. Retrace your steps back to St. Pancras Road, go down the hill and climb the opposite side.



As you toil upwards, ponder the fact that Lewes derives its name from the Anglo-Saxon Hlaew - a hill. An ideal spot for fortification, it commands lines of communication in all directions. At one time the station served six different rail routes.

At the junction of Grange Road, cross diagonally to the right hand footpath, following the curve of the road into Rotten Row. When you reach the double barrier, cross the road into a small passage called Church Lane, follow to the end, where you will emerge opposite the Pelham Arms, (3) a free house noted for its food. On entering the main door, real ale is on the end of the bar to your right, the unusual Sussex Bitter clip is Harveys BB. Also available is Websters Yorkshire Bitter. Very crowded in peak drinking times, the Pelham is one of the larger Lewes pubs, believe it or not!

On the exterior side wall is a sign proclaiming that it has sold real ale since 1624, an impressive record, a little further along is a pair of Tamplins windows.

The most important historical event locally was the Battle of Lewes in 1264 to the west of the town. The fighting spread to the area through which we now pass, and Simon de Montfort's defeat of Henry III led to a treaty called the Mise of Lewes, from which parliamentary government is said to originate.

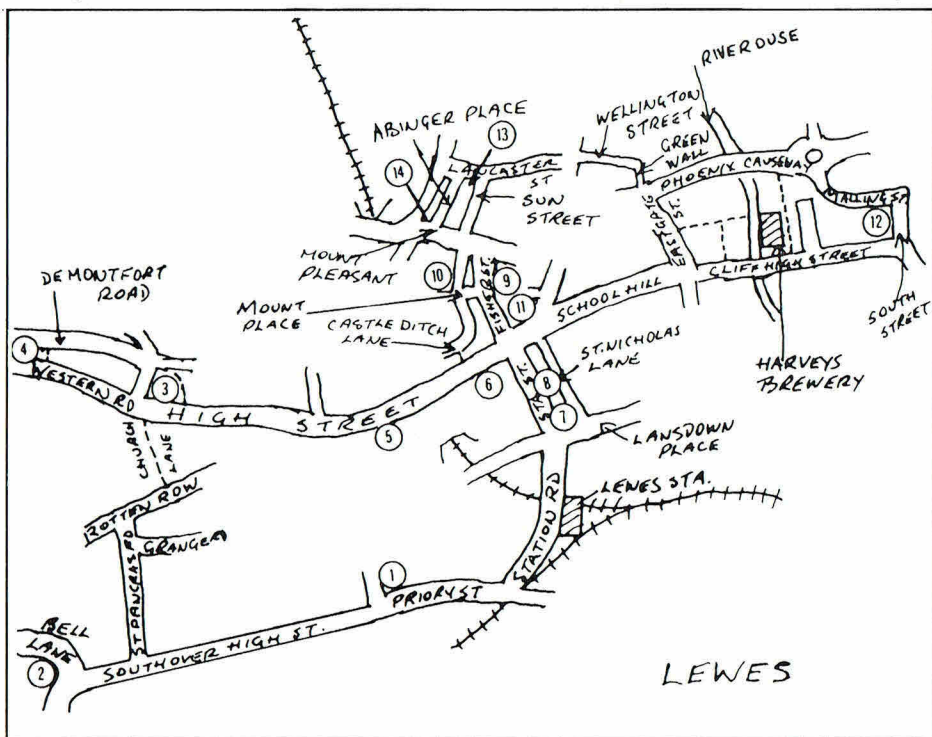
Turning right follow Western Road until you reach the Black Horse (4), the first of the Beards houses; B.B. and P.A. are available. There is another small bar at the side. The Black Horse also has accommodation; if you ever stay in Lewes what better place for real ale and B&B? Leaving the pub turn sharp left into the passage alongside, down the steps and right into De Montfort Road, cross the road for a glimpse of Lewes Castle behind the trees. Cross back again, at the junction, head for the passage next to Ireland Lane, this brings you to the rear of the Pelham Arms. Turn left into the High Street, continue past the traffic lights. As you pass Westgate Street notice the old pub sign fixed high on the wall; this is the sign of the White Lion (demolished on that spot just before the war), saved by the Friends of Lewes.

Look to the right down Keere Street, the oldest cobbled street in Lewes. It's bad enough to walk down, but for a bet the Prince Regent - later George IV - drove a coach and four down for a bet. A sign at the bottom records the fact and stresses that there is no entry for vehicles! The High Street bends here - a device to make an attack on the West Gate more difficult. Lewes was a walled town, but little remains of the fortifications apart from the Castle which is on our left.

Negotiating the kinks in the road, our next stop is the Brewers Arms (5) on the right. An ex-Charrington free house, the Brewers, has the best range of beers available in Lewes, always at least five. Before you enter look at the Page and Overton signs, according to my research they only had the pub for five years during the twenties before being taken over. Note the 1950's-1960's windows and 1970's Charrington signs. Incidentally the Brewers also has its own traffic lights, a few feet from the front door. Do readers know of any others with lights quite so close?

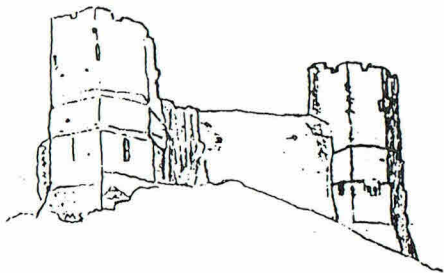


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The next turning on the left leads to the Barbican Museum and Lewes Castle. Both are well worth a visit outside pub hours. Prior to the Norman Conquest, Lewes was held by Godwin, father of King Harold II who got an eyeful in 1066. There may have been a garrison here - it was certainly important even then - but the Castle is Norman in origin. The earliest stonework dates from about 1100, but the first castle was wooden. It is almost unique in having two mounds, upon the larger of which - the western - the Keep stands. The Castle was inhabited until the death of the last de Warenne in 1347, and in 1620 and 1621 most of the fortifications were dismantled and sold as building material at 4d a load. In 1733 the barbican (the part visible from t is part of the High Street) was leased to Thomas Friend, a wool merchant, who lived in the Barbican House (now the Museum) and later leased the Keep, which he and his successors equipped as a summer - house. The superb views from the battlements make the climb well worthwhile.



Continue along the High Street until you arrive at the White Hart (6), a fine old building and largest hotel in Lewes. The facade and that of the estate agents next door which used to be a Harveys beerhouse, the Unicorn, have hardly changed in a hundred years. Both bars serve real ale, K&B and Harveys. From here you can make your way back to the station through the White

Hart yard and like me start Crawl B or if you are smart you've already noticed that by reversing crawl B you can do all three in one go if our archaic Licensing laws will allow it.

CRAWL B: Turning right from the station you can see the Lansdown Arms (7), a small friendly Whitbread local offering Wethereds, Flowers and Sam Whitbread Traditional Ale. Since Peter and Rose Hopkins have run the pub they have made it a community institution; look at the photos around the bar walls. If you are a snuff taker you'll get on well with Peter. If you're not, he'll still offer you a pinch and if he likes you, you'll take a pinch whether you like it or not.

Opposite is the site of the New Station, a Tamplins house which was discovered to have dry rot and immediately demolished in the early 1960's, so Peter tells me. Continue up Station Street hill to the Royal Oak (8). A look from outside shows this must have been a busy inn years ago. Today it is a good example of a Lewes town pub with two small bars. A Beards house, BB is available.

The name of the Royal Oak recalls Charles II's escape after the Battle of Worcester in 1650, when he hid up an oak with "bread, cheese and beer". Former owners of this pub were involved in his flight across the Channel in a small ship from Brighton, hence the name.

Carry on up the hill 'till you reach the traffic lights and cross over into Fisher Street. As you proceed, on your left is the old Beards Brewery, now due to be re-developed, but as they are listed buildings the general frontage will be preserved. Plans for the brewery have been the subject of much heated discussion at the local Council meetings. Beards ceased brewing in 1959 at a time when small breweries were closing and being taken over wholesale by larger ones. To continue trading in the future, Harveys and Beards made an agreement whereby Harveys brewed for both companies, an arrangement that has ensured the independence of both Companies.

Beards have now moved to new premises in Hailsham. Opposite is the Lamb (9), an ancient building. Go into the smaller bar for a pint of Beards BB, not the noisy disco bar.

Turn right on leaving the Lamb and look for a gap between the buildings on your left, through which you will see the legendary Lewes Arms (10), rebuilt in 1824, serving Beards BB, PA and Bulmers Cider. Hopefully by the time you read this, Landlord Paul will also serve Mild. Opposite the bar is a games room. Down below, the pub cellars go under the Brack Mount of Lewes Castle.

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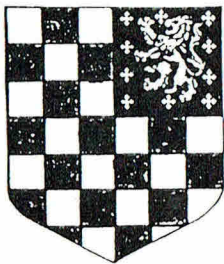
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As mentioned earlier, the Castle has two mounds. The Brack Mount appears to have been intended as the site of the Keep, and a change of plan must have taken place very early on. However, the vaults (dungeons) were constructed as the mound was piled up around them (much more sensible than excavating afterwards), and a walled-off section has been in use by the Lewes Arms for several centuries. It seems the mound is threatening to collapse - and indeed part of the vaults seems to be down - which is a pity from several points of view, and nobody has the money to do anything about it.

Between the Brack Mount and the Castle Keep is the oldest Bowling Green in the country. Although it has been in use for this peaceful pursuit for over 300 years, it was once the Castle tilting-yard, where nobles and men at arms practised the noble art of hacking each other to pieces. Although it was only intended for training purposes, fatalities did sometimes occur. One William de Warenne never succeeded to his father's titles as he was killed at a tournament at Croydon in 1285.



In the Public bar is a recently uncovered copy of the town's arms after which this pub is named. The larger part of the arms, described in heraldic terms as "chequy or and azure" - yellow and blue chequers, was adopted by William de Warenne, second Earl of Surrey, who held the title for 50 years until 1138. The arms were those of the Vermandois family, and on marrying Isabel de Vermandois after eloping her following the death of her first husband, Robert Count of Meulan, he took them as his own.

A word about Harveys beers; by now you will have noticed that PA and Mild are difficult to find, a great pity for although some people may think BB is probably the best bitter in Sussex, I'm going to do a commercial for PA, a light well-hopped, slightly nutty bitter, and Mild, a dry dark tasty brew. Both are vastly underrated beers which I think are amongst the best in Sussex. During my crawl of Lewes the Harveys was excellent, possibly only being consistently bettered in the sampling room of the brewery. Unfortunately on this occasion we won't be able to go around the brewery—a tour worth doing — maybe next time.

Opposite the Lewes Arms is Castle Ditch Lane at the rear of Beards brewery, to the right is the old Beards maltings, go up the lane until you see the sign for the High Street. You will emerge next to the Rainbow. Head across the street for another one in the White Hart (6).

For **CRAWL C**: We start again from the Lansdown (7). Walk along Lansdown Place then first left into St. Nicholas Lane, near the top of the hill, is another lost local, the Dolphin, which Peter of the Lansdown says was a Charrington pub, full of wood and glass. It closed in the mid 50's when Baxter's print works next door burnt down. Ask Peter how the Baxters workers got beer from the pub to the works! At the junction with the High Street look right and you will catch a glimpse of Harveys Brewery. To the left is the town hall, once the Star Inn, where Merton will tell you one of his ancestors was held prior to burning at the stake in the sixteenth century.

Altogether 17 Protestants were burned for their faith by order of Bloody Mary. The first, in 1555, was Deryk Carver, a brewer, after whom a pub is named on the site of his brewery in Black Lion Lane, Brighton. Six more followed, in two batches, a year later, and ten were burned together in 1557. As Mike mentions, a family tradition has it that an ancestor was among these, but as another of my forebears was a music-hall performer renowned for tall stories, that may be one of them. Certainly Lewes has always been a centre of Protestantism, and on Bonfire Night feelings run so high during the processions that the pubs shut up shop. The "guy" is in fact an effigy of the Pope - or started as one; Guy Fawkes was actually hanged, drawn and quartered, and only portions of him were burned. 'Nuf said.

Across the square is the Crown (11), an Inn of some 300 years standing. Gales HSB and Websters are available. Not your general, run of the mill Phoenix (Watney) type pub. Go down School Hill to the junction with Eastgate Street, then go left past the Volunteer, then right into the car park for the best view of Harveys. Come



back left past Sainsbury's into Cliffe High Street, over the famous bridge (more views of Harveys) and have a look at Harveys Off Licence. The facade hasn't changed since 1790.

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East London and City Branch of CAMRA produce their own local news magazine each month which is distributed within their own branch area. It is called Pig's Ear (rhyming slang, as you already knew of course) and it often carries a fair amount of news which is of interest outside its immediate distribution area. The following excerpts are taken from, or are based on, a fistful of editorial material which they recently sent us.

What was thought to be a new beer from Trumans appeared recently at the Rising Sun in Carter Lane, EC 4. It is called Cathedral and was reported to be selling at a lower price than the Best Bitter. It turns out, however, to be simply a renaming exercise on the ordinary bitter (probably something to do with the pub's proximity to St. Paul's) although it seems that the pump clip was professionally produced. Does anybody else have any information on other such renaming exercises, by Trumans or any other breweries? Any information to London Drinker or Pig's Ear or to your local branch contact please.

LANDLORDS: Every year we run an auction at our AGM and we would like to hear from any licensees who have any unwanted/excess brewery material for example bar towels, ashtrays, beer mats, trays and glasses with outdated logos (Watneys Red, Mainline etc.) in fact anything you would like to get rid of. Anybody who would like to donate anything please ring the ELAC branch contact, Adrian Hall. His telephone number is 471 5961 (home) or 405 7686 ext 501 (work).

Have you ever wondered why Whitbread beer is so expensive? Seven months ago they converted a pub in SW 3 into Keatons, a fast food place. It cost them £120,000 to do so, and it went down like a lead balloon with the tourists. They have now spent a similar amount of money turning it back into the Grove Tavern, a Victorian public house. Now you know.

Sign seen outside a bar called Blondes in Dover Street, W 1 (we think) which has something to do with former footballer etc. George Best: "Happy Hour 6 - 8". Whesaid the Irish haven't got a sense of humour?

Londoners pay more for their beer than drinkers in any other part of the country. Breweries charge what they think the market will bear. The Empress in Blackpool charges 68 pence a pint for Thwaites Bitter whilst Thwaites tied house in North London charges 86 pence a pint for the same beer. However, breweries are by no means the only group to do this. If you travel on an Inter-City Saver on BR from London to Liverpool you will be paying £7 more than our Scouse friends travelling in the opposite direction. In a recent cutting down their selection of tickets the Londoner was done again. A minimum of 25 miles has to be travelled to be able to buy a new saver ticket purchased outside London, whilst we in the Metropolis will have to travel a minimum of 55 miles before we benefit.

The Pig's Ear Beer Festival is to return to York Hall, Bethnal Green, E 2 for the fourth year. Make a note in your diary for the dates of 16th to 19th October. The usual attractions of a jazz band; a brass band etc. are planned.

East London CAMRA have started the mammoth task of photographing all of the 1,000 pubs in their area. They also hope to obtain old pub photos from libraries, breweries etc. to help swell the collection. If anyone else has the odd photo of a once thriving pub in their area would they please get in contact with ELAC Branch.

Lewes Concluded

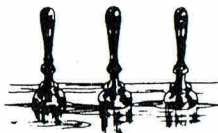
Cliffe Bridge is said to be the scene of an unspecified miracle performed by St. Richard of Chichester. Further downstream a grim fate befell a troop of cavalry fording the river after the Battle of 1264. They got stuck, the tide came in and when it receded, there they were, mounted in full armour, very dead.

To gain more brewery views, go left into English Passage or carry on to South Street and the Manxman (12), a free house which defies description, (tell me what you think) K&B and Websters were available when visited. Go left from the pub, then left into Malling Street and past the roundabout, over the bridge (yet more views of the brewery). At the lights cross sharp right into Green Wall, Wellington Street, across into Lancaster Street and on the corner of Sun Street is the Fruiterers (13), a Phoenix pub with K&B Festive. Left into Abinger Place, on the corner is the Elephant & Castle (14), another Phoenix house. From here up Mount Pleasant 'till you see Mount Place on your right. A few yards further on is the Lewes Arms.

At the bottom of Abinger Place is the Church of St. John-sub-Castro (below the Castle). Its graveyard was a fortified "camp", possibly Roman, and marks the northern boundary of Lewes. There is an interesting obelisk, erected by order of Tsar Alexander II of Russia in 1877 in memory of Russian prisoners who died in Lewes Naval Prison between 1854 & 6 during the Crimean War. It was restored by the Soviet Embassy in 1957. Incidentally, the Elephant and Castle was the site of the town gallows. Nice place for hanging around.

Food is available in most pubs; please ask, they all have different times of serving. The Lansdown will do vegetarian meals as well. Sussex pubs in general and Lewes ones in particular are very good on pub games. Most have Bar Billiards and Toad-in-the-hole; as you proceed on your crawl ask about the latter. Why you may well ask, have I offered a variety of crawls? The reason is if you come down in large numbers you are likely to swamp many of the pubs and upset the balance. SO PLEASE SPLIT UP INTO SMALLER GROUPS.

MIKE JACOMB.



DEAR DIPSY

DEAR DIPSY, I and my Sony Walkman are great friends and go everywhere and do everything together. We were cycling home from the pub the other night, after only 4 pints of ESB, when the third act of Siegfried was interrupted by a staccato voice claiming to come from just beyond the Great Bear, asking me if I am in a position to marry? I am perplexed. What should I do?

GLENYS, Kidbrooke.

DEAR GLENYS, Beauty is truth, truth beauty. If you can believe that, you will believe anything. I suspect your Sony Walkman to be in league with the organisers of GWR150 to get you to hang around Swindon for the summer spending money in the hope of a second coming. Drink nothing stronger than Chiswick until you hear from me again.

DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY I cannot rest after seeing your slanderous and inaccurate comments in the above letter at the Editorial meeting. Do you not know that there was nothing after The Great Bear, like any self-respecting enthusiast?

RAIL ROVER, 111 Pacific Close,
Churchward Drive, Old Oak Common.

DEAR RAIL ROVER You stand abjured as a Bear of very little brain, not easily pacified. How dare you come between Glenys and her lost love! For all you know, there might have been something beyond the Great Bear – a Polar Star perhaps? Glenys tells me that her cycle is still uninterrupted – we should await developments.

DIPSY

DEAR GLENYS, I forgot to ask. What did Siegfried do the first two times, and how did he manage it on a bicycle?

DIPSY

Editors' Note:

For those who found the above train of thought signally obscure, we sympathise. Anyone who managed to follow it can, by submitting an explanation on the back of a used ticket from Royal Oak to Potter's Bar, win a special prize of accompanying Rail Rover to the special GWR150 Exhibition of GWR inkwells and porters' trouser buttons to be held in September. We have instructed our contributors to stay in their own columns in future.



DEAR DIPSY, It is some time since I last wrote, as seeking advice does not come easily to me; However, over the past few months I have clearly developed a large and soggy middle, which is tempting me to stagger to the left a bit, and is driving my husband to drink (as usual) What can I do?

HILDA, Finchley

DEAR HILDA, So nice to hear from you again – how are the children? Any chance of them growing up? I hope you're getting over your minor operation – I'm sure you see now that it was a mistake to cut your heart out. As to your problem I'm afraid all I can say is stay right as you are; you might be left high and dry but at least you won't Wet yourself.

DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY I'm being driven to drink by my problems. Nobody seems to understand me and nobody will accept any figure I write down. (and I only change them once a week, which is far less often than I change my mind). Up and down the country they all scorn me but I'll get them, you wait and see! I'll show them who's boss! I'll scrunch them and squash them, I'll distraint them, I'LL . . . I'LL SURCHARGE THEM! I'LL CATCH THEM BY THE SHORT AND WOTSITS! And when the man who worked out my figures gets back from Las Vegas I'LL DO IT ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

PATRICK, Westminster

DEAR PATRICK, I always say, if the cap fits, wear it. Perhaps if all this is upsetting you so much, you should give it up and try something that suits you better: something calmer and more intellectually developing like pigeon-farming or merchant banking.

DIPSY.

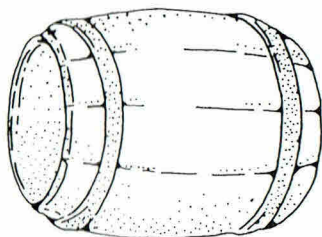
P.S. Is it your friend that wrote to me so plaintively from Las Vegas Greyhound Bus station saying that he'd taken some magic formula out there and finished up owing the National Debt of Paraguay?

DEAR DIPSY I'm twenty-seven years old, have all my own teeth, smile thinly but firmly and have a double first in Pornography and Irish Studies from the University of Buckingham. I am a light to moderate drinker of selected real ales and fairly fine wines, I believe in doing what I am told and have no workable concept of truth and falsity. Do you think I could get a job writing parliamentary answers for the Ministry of Defence?

BORIS, No fixed abode

DEAR BORIS, Not the sort of question I often get asked, but to me you sound admirable for the job; please don't take that personally. It's probably just as well that you are only a light to moderate drinker as the Ministry of Defence Staff Bar doesn't provide anywhere to pop out for a leak.

DIPSY.



DEAR DIPSY I have an awful confession to make: I have developed a strange fetish for drinking beer underwater. My friends keep asking me to come out to the pub but I have to make an excuse and slip away upstairs and climb into the cistern with my pint. I think the difficulty is what attracted me to it: you have to drink it very slowly and steadily so that it doesn't spill or mix with the water. It takes a lot of concentration and I don't know anyone else who does this. I have to do it all evening and I am afraid of falling into a stupor and drowning. What can I do?

JONAH, Sudbury.

DEAR JONAH, Well at least you haven't taken to a rubber wet-suit, so you have kept yourself from the worst excesses. Your problem is more widespread than you fear, but at least that means you can get help and support. Incidentally, you're not wasting real beer in this exercise are you? After all, most of the popular brands of lager are pretty near water and would thus be more at home in this environment. If you wish to seek help, the contact address is:

Underwater Alcoholics Anonymous HMS Conqueror, BFPO Somewhere-in-the-bloody-South-Atlantic-still-trying-to-find-the-bloody-Veinticinco-de-Mayo.

DIPSY.

GREENWICH BEER FESTIVAL — An apology.

In the June edition of London Drinker we advertised that the Festival would open for the lunchtime session on Friday 5th July. The Festival was not opened as advertised. The S.E. London branch of CAMRA would like to apologise to the many people who turned up for that session expecting to sample a variety of beers.

Apparently the London Borough of Greenwich had double-booked the hall, the other party involved being the National Centre for Orchestral Studies based at Goldsmith's College, who were recording for study purposes. Since the N.C.O.S. had booked the hall prior to S.E. London Branch the Festival had quite understandably to forgo the Friday lunchtime session.

S.E. London Branch.

Martin comments: Thank goodness musicians are hygienic! Some years back the South-West London Branch ran a Festival at Norwood Hall and, having set up everything, were prevented access to their casks because there was a double-

booking, and the majority of those present were canine! What would have happened had an exhibit of the local Dog-shit club performed what those animals are renowned for near a cask leaves little to the imagination — the Health people are very concerned when beer is involved, but aren't too worried if our four-legged friends inconvenience us! The local Authority — in the form of an effeminate gentleman who began his speech with "I'm not having it!" seemed to think that a few humans tending the casks and, by the way, their own needs from the Staff supply, would disturb the silly-looking animals and their equally silly-looking owners. Quite how their presence differed from several hundred wagging tails needs an explanation which at the time was not forthcoming. Anyway, we got our beer, as did the customers — uncontaminated.



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