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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned please ring the branch contact. Dates for February of which we have been notified are as follows. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 3

BROMLEY: Tue 4 (8.30) Joint Social with Bexley branch, SYDNEY ARMS, Old Perry Street, Chislehurst (A to Z needed) — Tue 18 King and Barnes Brewery trip. Meet at East Croydon Station 8.30 (for 8.57 train) or 10.00 at brewery. Contact P. Thomas for places (Tel:650 7149 — weekends only) — Thur 27 (8.00) BRANCH AGM. ANERLEY ARMS, Ridsdale Road, Anerley, SE20.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 3 (8.00) Social. BELL, 617 Forest Road, E17 — Tue 4 Branch Meeting. Venue to be arranged — Fri 7 Fleet Street Crawl. COCK TAVERN (5.30), TIPPERARY (6.00), OLDS BELL (6.30), ALBION, 2 New Bridge Street (7.00), BLACK FRIAR, 174 Queen Victoria Street (7.30) — Tue 11 Shepherd Neame Brewery Trip — Sat 15 (8.00) Social. UNICORN, 27 Vivian Road, E3 — Mon 17 (5.30) Social. TOWN OF RAMSGATE, 62 Wapping High Street, E1 — Sat 22 ELAC Guide Crawl of E15. PRINCESS OF WALES, West Ham Lane (8.00); SWAN, The Broadway (8.30); CHEVY CHASE, 11 Leytonstone Road (9.00); RAILWAY TAVERN, 131 Angel Lane (9.30); ESSEX ARMS, 82 Leytonstone Road (10.00); DEW DROP INN, 22 Brydges Road (10.30) — Wed 26 Trumans Brewery Trip — Wed 4 Mar (8.00) BRANCH AGM. WINDMILL, Tabernacle Street, EC2.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Wed 5 (9.00) Pub of the Month Social. YE OLDE MONKEN HOLT, 193 High Street, Barnet — Wed 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20 — Tue 18 (9.00) Social STAG, Little Park Gardens, Enfield — Thur 27 (9.00) Social (London Drinker pick up). HENDON ALE & WINE HOUSE, 377 Hendon Way, NW4 — Tue 4 Mar (9.00) Social. RED LION, Red Lion Hill, N2.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 2 Feb Noon Social ROYAL OAK, Ewell Rd. Surbiton. Mon 3 Feb (8.30) Comm/Social WILLOUGHBY ARMS, Willoughby Rd. Kingston. Thur 6 Feb (8.30) Branch WAGGON & HORSES, Surbiton. Sun 2 Mar (Noon) Social RED LION, Thames Ditton. Mon 3 Mar (8.30) Comm/Social DUKE OF WELLINGTON, Kingston Rd. New Malden. Thur 6 Mar (8.30) Branch DUKES HEAD, High Street, Leatherhead.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thur 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting. WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Richmond — Mon 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. OLD ANCHOR, Richmond Road, Twickenham — Thur 27 (8.30) Social. KINGS ARMS, Lion Gate, Hampton Court.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 10 (7.30) BRANCH AGM. BLACK HORSE, 167 Rushey Green, Catford, SE6. All branch members, past, present or potential welcome.

S.W. LONDON: Thur 13 Feb (8.00) ST. VALENTINES EVE MASSACRE SOCIAL. WHITE LION, High St. Putney SW15. (13 Real Ales). Thur 27 Feb. (8.00) London Drinker Pick-Up Social at THE BEEHIVE, St. John's Hill, SW11 (Fullers).

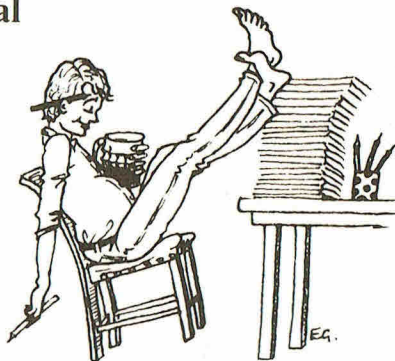
WEST LONDON: Wed 5 (8.00) Chiswick Crawl. CROWN & ANCHOR, 374 Chiswick High Road; WINDMILL (9.00), Chiswick High Road; DUKE OF YORK (10.00), 107 Devonshire Road — Thur 20 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 4 (8.00) Games Evening. FORESTER, Leighton Road, W13 (in Lounge bar — please bring board games) — Mon 10 (8.30) Two Pub Social. JOLLY GARDENERS, High Street, Cranford then QUEENS HEAD (9.45), High Street, Cranford — Wed 19 (8.00) Branch Meeting. HALF MOON, Roxeth Hill, South Harrow (Saloon Bar) — Thur 27 (7.45) Ruislip Crawl. WHITE BEAR, Ickenham Road; ORCHARD (8.25), Ickenham Road; SOLDIERS RETURN (9.10), High Road, Ickenham; FOX & GOOSE (9.50) High Road, Ickenham; COACH & HORSES (10.30) High Road, Ickenham — Tue 4 Mar (8.00) Games Evening. WINDMILL, Park Way, Ruislip Manor. (In brand new Public Bar with skittle alley, chess tables, cribbage, dominoes etc.)

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Editorial

Now, let's get this straight — CAMRA is not against anything — unless it is against us. We advocate, encourage, support . . . (use any verb in a similar vein) the production of beer which is brewed and served by traditional methods without the introduction of carbon dioxide. Although we would not drink them of choice, we do **not** eschew lager, keg or bright beer. Their adherents are welcome to drink it until it comes out between their toenails if such is their desire. We simply wish that **everyone** should be satisfied, and that includes the cost. At one time lager drinkers were exploited price-wise because of the extra equipment and fermentation period. Later the real ale drinker began to suffer, largely because more skill and labour were required to keep and serve a decent real pint. This is pure profiteering from the resurgence of real ale, or to put it another way, greed. It is not unknown for traditional beers to be neglected in the cellar with the express intention of letting it come up in bad condition, and the consequence that nobody will want it at any price. It can then be discontinued as "it won't sell/keep". This leads to a reduction in choice, a rise in price and dissatisfaction to the drinker. OK, it takes a little time and patience to teach a new member of staff how to care for the real thing, but isn't it worthwhile? You don't see many poor landlords, largely because most have the sense to try and please their customers; free houses go under if they are no good. But I'm straying from the point somewhat; it is the responsibility of the landlord to see his beer is well kept, even if the job is delegated to someone else. You can blame the bar staff for short measure, smoking on duty, putting fingers into



glasses, wrong change or virtually any other misdemeanour; but not for the condition of the beer — whether through bad handling or dirty pipes. If it's a duff batch he can send it back; or if it's been adulterated with slops or water, that's downright dishonesty on his part — whoever commits the act itself. Of course a lazy landlord will prefer the easy option of keg or whatever, which can be served in "standard" condition at any time with no more skill than it takes to turn a spanner (I still haven't really covered pricing, but my point should be clear on that score).

Luckily the rogues are still in the minority. The honest, skilful, conscientious landlords who sell a good drop of real ale (as well as the rest of their wares) merit our full support. The others deserve as much patronage as the service they give to customers such as ourselves — precisely NONE.

Martin Smith.

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Deadline for March Edition — 1st February. Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.

BRANCH CONTACTS

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NEWS

Amongst a mass of company results coming out at the end of last year FULLERS was the most outstanding with an increase in beer volumes over the six months to September — despite a fall of nearly 2% in sales over the industry as a whole. Turnover over the period came to £19.6 million and profits were £1.4 million (after tax) — compared to under a million last year. Additional finance is being raised for further expansion and the company looks forward to a record second half to the year.

FULLERS have also announced that the Griffin Trophy for the most popular pub on their passport scheme over the past three years, has been presented to the Blacksmiths Arms SE16 and the Victoria Arms at Binfield, jointly. The Passport scheme is being run again in 1986. Another promotion seen recently is an offer to off licence customers spending over £2, of a voucher for a free drink at a local Fullers pub. And on the product front, ESB is now available in 17 pint minipins.

Despite beating Fullers brewing team at darts, YOUNG's came behind financially selling just a little more, but turning in profits of £1.2 million after tax — again for the six months to

September. The volume of sales was down and better management was cited as making up the profits.

From East Anglia GREENE KING reported profits of nearly £3 million for the half year to end October, on sales up 9% to £43.4m. Beer sales held about steady but lager was up 2/3% — Greene King in fact owns a quarter of Harp. Around half the total sales now come from the free trade.

From RUDDLES came profits of £0.5 million before tax (£0.33m+ after) on six months sales of some £5.5 million — not much up on last year despite a rise in beer volumes of 5%. Ruddles County was the subject of the company's first ever advertising campaign on television, in the Anglia TV area so far with the prospect of an extension to London if successful in the longer run. The largest customer is Sainsburys but sales through Tesco are rising fast and both chains are stocking "own label" beer supplied by Ruddles. Extra sales will be handled by a recently completed £3 million expansion of the brewery.

Over at the big brewers bid news has dominated. At ALLIED-LYONS there was some relief as the 'sighting shot' bid from Australian Elders IXL was referred to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission. The outcome will not be known until mid 1986.

The Battersea Brewery

in THE PRINCE OF WALES

339 Battersea Park Road,

Battersea SW11

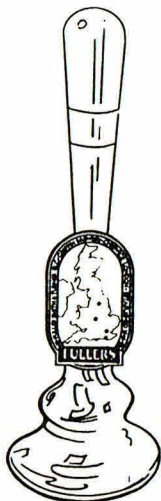
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**1985 – Brighton
Great British Beer Festival**

**E.S.B.
Best Strong Ale and
Beer of the Year**

**1983 – Birmingham
Great British Beer Festival
E.S.B.
Best Strong Ale**

**1981 – Leeds
Great British Beer Festival
E.S.B.
Best Strong Ale and
Beer of the Year**

**1979 – London
Great British Beer Festival
E.S.B.
Best Strong Ale**

**1979 – London
Great British Beer Festival
London Pride
Best Bitter Beer and
Best Overall Beer**

**1978 – London
Great British Beer Festival
E.S.B.
Best Strong Ale and
Joint Beer of the Year**

FULLERS

For SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE there was disappointment as their bid for Matthew Brown was ruled out. At one point it seemed that they had won, but it was found that the final closing time for the bid had been extended despite the tone of all their statements which said that it was to run to a fixed time. This created a misleading market in Brown's shares. Additionally S&N had been using very dubious telephone tactics to try to get acceptances, such as threatening insurance companies with loss of business if they didn't hand over their shares. For these reasons the Takeover Panel overruled the bid — this Panel is a form of City watchdog. Brown also pointed out that S&N had been making quotes out of context, such as by suggesting that stockbrokers Laurie Milbank were right behind them when the latter had in fact said that S&N shares "should be avoided". Rumours also went round the City about parties indirectly

connected to S&N selling them shares which they didn't own.

At the time of writing the bid has lapsed and cannot be renewed for a year: S&N were in discussions about what to do with the 30% of Brown shares which they had bought.

More bid news has hit COURAGE. Just days after their parents Imperial Group announced a merger with United Biscuits (who also own Wimpey) Hanson Trust put in a bid for Imperial itself. Hanson is one of our largest and least known companies, owning amongst other things Ever Ready, London Brick and Allders stores. It has never owned anything like a brewery before and has given no information yet on its intentions towards Courage but 'rationalisation' such as by pub sales could be on the cards.

Badger.

NEVER!

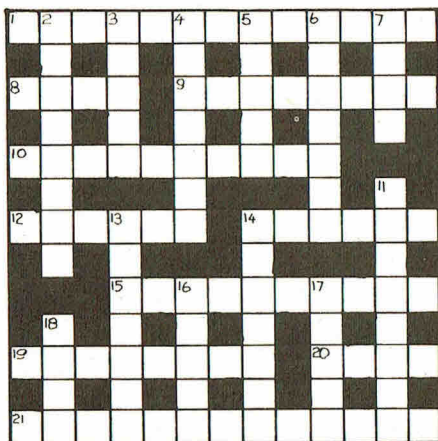
An Essex University economist has warned that by the turn of the century, a pint will cost 65p.

Reproduced by courtesy of 'Piddle Valley Drinker' who got it from 'Avon Ale' who ask for it to be credited to 'Blackrod and Horwich CAMRA News' who saw it in 'Dundrinkin' the newsletter of the East Kilbride Beer Society who found it in the 'Spargers & Mashers Review' who took it from the December 1983 'London Drinker' where it was credited to the November 1973 'Whats Brewing'.

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£5 PRIZE TO BE WON



Name.....

Address.....

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All correct entries received by first post on 26th February will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

All entries to be submitted to;
London Drinker Crossword
25 Valens House
Upper Tulse Hill
London SW2

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

1. Where to find a heavy drinker? (5,3,5)
8. Never again! (4)
9. The point of this is commitment. (2,6)
10. Woolly Whiskers? (6,4)
12. Grass on a father, a thousand fathers! (6)
14. Agree to have yo-yo beginners in choppy seas. (3,3)
15. About father doing light bending? (10)
19. Hair og the girl with ursine trio. (4,4)
20. Flower Girl. (4)
21. This game involves elbowing Northern pint. (3,3,7)

DOWN

2. Soul-less? (3,5)
3. Happening to find first woman before New Testament. (5)
4. A number of workers may become governors. (7)
5. Land of my Liege, Arthur. (5)
6. Put nothing, say, into examination. (7)
7. The French way produces fat. (4)
11. Voted number one for affection. (8)
13. Average cut for the vegetable. (7)
14. He may have a right but he's a bastard. (2,3,2)
16. Show disapproval of the National Front coming round about a brawl. (5)
17. It is going to be old-fashioned material. (5)
18. Split peas in church. (4)

Winner of the prize for the November Crossword:
G.Rounce, 83 Sewardstone Road,
Bethnal Green, London E2.

Other correct entries received from:

Ian Amy, K.Atkinson, H.JBaxter,
A.JBovey, B.EBradley, Brock, P.J.Brown,
A.P.Comaish, Steve Coombes, Mick Daley,
B.R.Davis, Judith Dixon, Ian Fairweather,
Damien Farrell, B.H.Felton, Elaine Glover,
Dick Goudge, Olly Graham, Eileen Graves,
Anthony Greenbury, P.R.Hanson, 'Arry Hart,
Alison Henley, David Hilditch,
Gordon Hopkinson, T.C.Jenkins, P.Kempton,
C.LKolb, Mrs G.M.Lines, Dennis Lucas,
J.Mackett, J.R.Mason, A.McQueen,
Alan Millington, M.JMoran, Steve Mott,
J.S.Penfold, Peter Sharples, B.Sheridan,
Eddie Sissons, M.J.Trowell.

There were also two entries which were not completely correct.

REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 24.

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

The number in brackets following certain entries refer to the page number in the relevant sector beer guide.

CENTRAL

EC2 CITY GATES BAR, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool St. Charrington: IPA. Hotel bar.
EC3 CITY ALE & WINE HOUSE, Seething Lane. Boddington: Bitter, Brakspear: Bitter, Wethered: Bitter. Large basement bar under office block.
EC4 OLDE LONDON (YE), 42 Ludgate Hill. Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA, No.3. Re-opened after extensive renovations including basement bar and 'mews garden' (re-instatement).

EAST

E1 ARTFUL DODGER, 47 Royal Mint St. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, Young: Bitter. Formerly the **CROWN & SEVEN STARS**, now a Free House.
E2 LORD HOOD, 89 Dunbridge St. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now a Free House owned by Allan Roberts M.P. beware Websters also in keg form.
E5 LORD CECIL, 42 Lower Clapton Rd. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.
E7 SIMPSONS, 342 Romford Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. A Truman pub, formerly the **FREEMANSONS TAVERN** (re-instatement).
E7 WAGGON & HORSES, 392 Romford Rd. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (re-instatement).
E14 CITY ARMS, 1 West Ferry Rd. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.
E14 TELEGRAPH, 194 West Ferry Rd. Ruddell: County, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Formerly **MAGNET & DEWDROP**.
E15 GREYHOUND, 136 West Ham Lane. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.

NORTH

BARNET BAT & GOLDFISH, High St. Marston: Pedigree, Ruddell: County. The latest Masters pub converted from a shop. Two 'house beers' are labelled 'Liberty Ale' and 'Empire Ale' origin unknown; information welcome.

NORTH WEST

NW1 WINDSOR CASTLE, 32 Parkway. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (N113).

SOUTH EAST

SE1 BLAKES, 16 Elephant & Castle. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.
SE1 PRINCE OF WALES, 51 St Georges Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.
SE17 SURREY GARDENS ARMS, 9 Chapter Rd. Courage: Best Bitter.

SOUTH WEST

SW9 PRINCE ALBERT, 418 Coldharbour Lane. Wethered: Bitter.
SW11 STAG, 96 Westbridge Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.
SW15 MONTAGUE ARMS, 3 Medfield St. Ruddell: County, Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

WEST

HEATHROW HORIZONS BAR, Terminal 3 (Departures) Wethered: SPA.
HEATHROW BAR, Terminal 3 (Arrivals) Wethered: SPA.

OUTSIDE GREATER LONDON

GATWICK UPSTAIRS BAR, Gatwick Village (Departures), Gatwick Airport. Ind Coope: Burton Ale.

DELETIONS

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

CENTRAL

WC2 WHITE LION, 15 St Giles High St. Ind Coope: Converted to cafe-bar, renamed **CAFE MUNCHEN**, H removed (35).
EC2 ABERCORN BAR Free House, closed (39).

EAST

E14 BLACKSMITHS ARMS Truman, H unused (S18).
E15 BAY TREE Charrington, H unused (S18).

NORTH

N1 EUROPA LOUNGE Free House, closed (59 & N34).

NORTH WEST

NW4 BELL Taylor Walker, H unused (73 & N126).
NW7 ROYAL SCOT Courage, Converted to 'Happy Eater' restaurant, H removed (S33 & N135).

SOUTH EAST

SE17 DUCHESS OF YORK Truman, H unused (S38).
SE17 GLOUCESTER Free House, H removed, now has Youngs keg! (U6).
SE17 KINGS HEAD Watney, H removed (U15).

SOUTH WEST

SW9 WHITE HART Truman, H unused (S48).
SW15 SPORTS Watney, H unused, formerly **HORSESHOE** (S52 & U15).
SW18 FREEWAYS Watney, H unused (U12).

CHANGES

CENTRAL

W1 QUEENS HEAD, 93 Marylebone High St. renamed **NIKI'S** -Manns: IPA. —Watney: London Bitter, Stag Bitter, +Ruddell: County (S7).
WC2 CHANDOS -Truman: Best Bitter, Sampson +Samuel Smith: OBB, Museum Ale. Now a much renovated Sam Smiths tied house. (U6).

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THE STAMFORD STREET STUMBLE

On the way down to Waterloo to collect a new season ticket what better place to start this journalistic jaunt than the Brunswick Arms (Charrington) (4), opposite the giant IPC King's Reach Tower offices? (See map opposite)

This is a modern box-like pub set in a modern box-like building and has a lounge bar and eating place downstairs. I suppose that makes the ground floor bar a public, but it's unusual in that respect in having a choice of 10 wines! I selected, however, a pint of Charrington IPA and settled down in the comfortable no-frills bar. Early 60s tapes provided the background music and the bar soon got busy with a varied assortment of customers.

A large 5ft by 4ft Bass mirror reflected the grey cold street scene outside as I drank my good pint of IPA. Just visible up the road was the hired red bus which takes IPC staff over the river for lunch (was the Tower office built without noshery?). Anyway, although I was enjoying the atmosphere at the Brunswick I had to move on and strode up to the White Hart (1) in Cornwall Rd, just a few yards down from Stamford St, passing the 'RSJ' on the way (an allegedly top-class French restaurant, not a housebuilding bit).

The White Hart turned out to be another first-class Charries pub, with a lino'd public bar and a comfortable big saloon full of people eating the good value, basic food. I went in the saloon for warmth and had a pint of Bass for 96p; IPA was also available. I could have done without the sub-Boney M tapes, but otherwise found the White Hart another good pub in this area to add to the excellent King's Arms (Taylor Walker)(2) just around the corner in Roupell St. This is also marked on the map for completeness.

At this stage I remarkably remembered that I was meant to be buying a season ticket at Waterloo and went and did so. Cleverly just missing a 70 bus, I made off back down Stamford St. and entered the Stamford Arms (Courage)(3) for only the second time ever.

This was again well-filled for a Monday lunchtime, with two large dimly-lit saloon-type bars, high quality jukebox sound and Best and Directors on handpump, the latter delicious and 94p a pint.

It's a pity that the continuing Coin St. area demolition and redevelopment currently makes any building in this area look dirty and nondescript; hopefully when a suitable non-commercial re-vamping of Stamford St. has

THE BRIXTON BREWERY

in the Warrior,

242 Coldharbour Lane,
Loughborough Junction,
SW9



BRIXTON BITTER

O.G.1036 at 79p per pint.

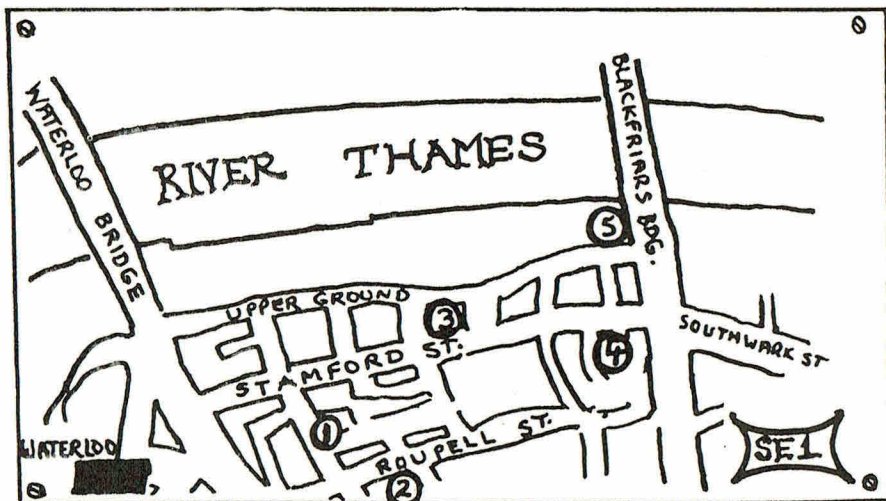
BRIXTON BEST

O.G.1040 at 84p per pint.

WARRIOR

O.G.1050 at 94p per pint.

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been completed, places like the Stamford Arms will come into their own and look less seedy from the outside.

Last stop before hurling myself through the office doors was Doggetts Coat and Badge (Nicholson's Free House)(5) possibly one of the best known modern (i.e. concrete) pubs in London. I trotted down to Doggetts downstairs Wine and Ale bar jet-propelled (weekend chickpea curries) after a quick pie and mash leaving the Stamford.

£1.02 is of course a ridiculous price for Boddington's Bitter, so I just bought a half and found a quiet corner in which to scribble the last of these notes. I suppose, when you think about

THE 1986 LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL

This year's festival will be held from April 9th — 11th at The CAMDEN CENTRE, Bidborough St. WC1.

Opening times for the three days are lunchtime 11.30am — 3.00pm and 5.00pm — 10.30pm, admission is free at lunchtime and £1 in the evening.

CAMRA members will be pleased to hear that throughout the festival they will be admitted free of charge on show of their membership card.

If you're not already a member, why not take this opportunity to join CAMRA and help protect your pint, and you could also save up to £3 on entry fees to the festival —

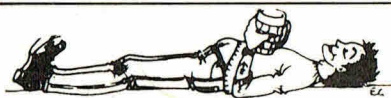
In next month's issue of the Drinker we will have the full details of this year's event.

it, that if Charrington IPA is 90p (see above) then no price should be surprising. But here's a good word for Doggetts — despite selling lots of food in their bars they are not too proud to sell nuts and crisps, unlike some otherwise ordinary pubs in the suburbs which seem to have picked up funny ideas about such things and don't sell them.

Anyway, the time finally came to re-cross the Thames and re-enter boring work surroundings.

This had been almost the Blackfriars Rd. crawl, but not quite. Next month will be totally different — up West!

R. M. Rider



* Fuller's has taken over the Vulcan pub in West Ferry Road, Isle of Dogs.

This latest acquisition for Fuller's, the independent West London brewery, is in an area destined to prosper with the Docklands Development.

* Two distraught air hostesses drag an unconscious pilot from the cockpit. "Can anyone fly a plane?" screams one, to the consternation of the passengers. A young gentleman with a can in his hand volunteers his services, lands the thing and emerges in triumph saying: "Good job I was drinking Barbican". TV adverts get dafter by the week. Anyone knows that even relief pilots aren't allowed alcohol. But surely they have the intelligence to stick to something more worthwhile — like water? It's cheaper and some would say it tastes better too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear Martin,

I have recently obtained my December issue of *The London Drinker*, which has maintained its usual high standard with a good crop of news from all over the country. My congratulations to all concerned.

I also noted the increase in price to 20p and whilst I still think this remarkably good value for an excellent magazine, I am just a little surprised that no mention of this was made. It would I feel sure have warranted a brief editorial mention.

In case you have not yet been given the bad news Youngs have made an all time record for price increases. Over this weekend they have increased their Strong Export, which incidentally I regard as a revival of their popular and excellent 150 Ale and also Old Nick by no less than 10p per half pint bottle. Admittedly these are both strong ales, Export has an OG of 1054+ and Old Nick of 1070+ but this represents an increase of 16%.

In a managed house Public Bar Export is now 71p per bottle and Old Nick 87p which is 6p more than a whole pint of ordinary Bitter.

Personally, this means that I can now no longer afford the pleasure of either of these (my favourite tipples) and no doubt others will do the same with the sad result that demand will fall and in due course these brews will disappear.

I have written to John Young and enclose a copy of my letter.

Sincerely yours
George Platt SW18.

Editor' comment:

Thank you for your first remarks, George. We gave advance notice of the price increase in the November issue, so regular readers expected it. We don't think first timers would have been disappointed with their twenty pence worth. The letter to John Young appears below.

Dear Mr. Young,

I am seriously concerned at the recent drastic price increases imposed in all the Young's Houses I have visited this month. I am of course referring to the drastic and totally unacceptable increase of 10p per half pint bottle of your Export and Old Nick beers.

Whilst I appreciate that these are high gravity beers and indeed have always been my favourite brews I simply cannot now afford the luxury of drinking these ales and doubtless many other drinkers will reach the same conclusion.

This will inevitably reduce demand to a level where you will decide that sales do not warrant your continuing to brew them and two more fine beers will disappear from the market.

This drastic increase represents a price rise of 16% for Export and 14% for Old Nick. In fact Old Nick is now 87p per half pint bottle — more expensive than a full pint of your also good Ordinary Bitter.

You may recall that I did some time ago comment in similar terms when the price of Old Nick reached 70p per half pint. I shall be glad to learn the reason for this drastic and unwarrantable price rise and sincerely trust that this will not be the forerunner of another price increase over the whole range of your beers.

Sincerely yours
George Platt

Dear Editor,

Our licensing laws are **not** a sham — only the way they are abused. Even the refusal of an extension to over-70s was the fault (if it was a fault) of the local fuzz and the licensing Committee, not of the law itself.

A few pages on you report that another Bench has forbidden the conversion of a Public Bar (a drinking amenity that many brewers are only too anxious to abolish) into a Restaurant. Surely that can be reckoned a Good Thing, for which we are indebted to the law?

Cheers!
Ben Davis, SE10.

Dear Editors,
As a pig-ignorant heathen (i.e. Northerner) I thought I'd drop you a line to say how much I enjoy reading your mag. An exile from "the smoke" (do you really call it that, or is it just T.V. cops who use the expression?) now sentenced to living up here passes on his imported copies to me, after he's finished with 'em.

"The Drinker" is somewhat similar in content and (admirable) philosophy to our own "New Tyne Taverner" — though as a bona fide investor in the latter I naturally have a preference for it. A

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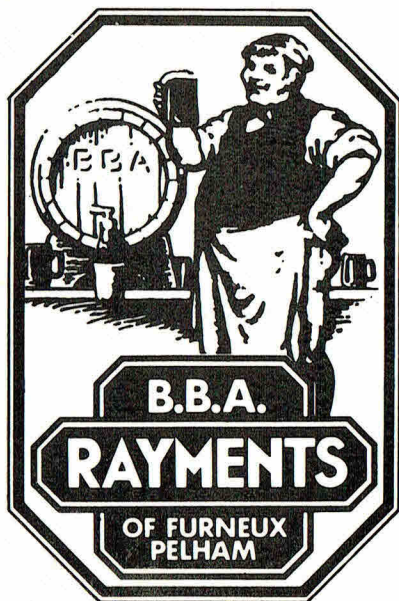
feature I think is particularly useful in your mag, is the Bargain Beers/Rip Offs column — although to class a pint as good value at sixteen or seventeen bob sends shudders through the wallet — and at a quid or 21/ — I'd have to stick to home brew — or mug a solicitor. Just to make you puke, this "winter" (July '85) we were supping Boddies and Higsons mild at 60p a pint! Where? — **Fleetwood** (as Les Dawson would say — "Liverpool with 'O' Levels") — though I must confess that's about the only attribute the town has, apart from its fish oils. Average prices around here about about fifteen bob (75p), but you can get a pint for as "little" as 13/6d (68p), and probably less, given more chance to search around. Anyway — enough waffle. Do keep an eye out for the aforementioned N.T.T., won't you, and it it's any reassurance, your price increase is absolutely justified (compare it with the price of a bag of crisps or peanuts — or pork scratchings if you get them down there).

Thanks again for a good read — Cheers!

Phil Greaves, Otley, Yorks.

SANDOWN PARK FESTIVAL

Usually at this time of year we give advance notice of the Sandown Park Beer Festival. Regrettably, there will not be another due to an extortionate rise in rent. Evidently it's not only the drinker who is being charged over the odds.



RBIL Updates continued

EAST

E2 PERSEVERANCE renamed **MONTY'S** (U3).
E3 BRICKLAYERS ARMS renamed **KITSONS** (U3).
E14 VULCAN -beers listed in Update 6, +Fuller: London Pride, ESB. Now a Fullers tied house (U6).

NORTH

N1 YORK BAR Refurbished and renamed **YORK TAVERN** Beer range now Arkell: BBB, Benskins: Bitter, Ruddle: Bitter. Samuel Smith: OBB. Taylor Walker: Bitter (60 & N34).

SOUTH WEST

SW8 ALBERTS reverted to original name **ROYAL ALBERT** -Fremlin: Tusker. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Fremlin: Bitter (109).

SUTTON WINDSOR CASTLE, 13 Greyhound Rd. - Charrington: IPA. +Fuller: London Pride, ESB. Now a Fullers tied house (123).

WEST

HEATHROW CONTROL TOWER BAR -Courage: Best Bitter (S58).

HEATHROW PILOTS ARMS BAR +Brakspear: Special Bitter (S58).

The Victoria Tavern, opposite Victoria Station in Buckingham Palace Road, reopened on 18th December. It boasts 10 real beers — all at over £1 a pint, and has a wide range of food which will be available at all times, including weekends. Carpenters' tools on shelves, open beams and sawdust on bare floors add up to an "olde-worlde" atmosphere.

Keith Emmerson.

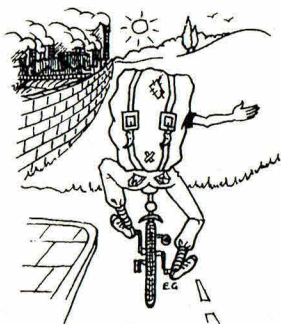
STUART BURTON — AN APOLOGY

In an article about the Pope's Grotto, Twickenham in the October Drinker, we mentioned, as reported to us, that the previous manager, Stuart Burton, had left the pub owing to the pressure of running a thriving pub and bringing up a young family.

We have been contacted by Mr. Burton who tells us that this was not his reason for leaving. In fact the success that the pub currently enjoys is due in no small part to the efforts of Stuart and his wife, Kathy, during the period when they were at the pub, thus proving their ability not only to run a thriving pub but also to build up trade and create a success. They had not intended to stay in the trade indefinitely and they moved for personal reasons when the time was right for a change.

We realise that our statement has caused annoyance to Stuart and Kathy and we apologise for suggesting that they found running the pub an onerous task.

OUT OF TOWN



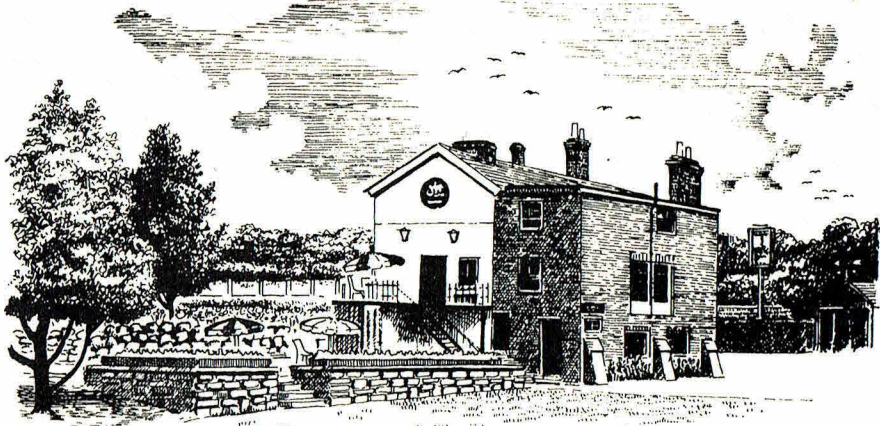
A short distance over the Oxfordshire border on the Reading-Henley road stands the Flowing Spring, Fullers' farthest-flung tied house. It is a pub very close to my heart for excellent reasons. For twenty years — to the day — from 1956 to 1976 — the tenants of the then Simonds and subsequently Courage pub were my uncle and aunt, Bill and Ivy Tucker. It was the first pub I ever entered, drank real ale and pulled a pint in. The idea was originally that my grandparents would move in there with them, but sadly both died before they could do so. One of my few memories of my father — who died the same year — was walking out of the door of our council place repeating "Sonning 3207" on the way to the phone box to arrange a visit. (The pub's number is now Reading 693207 so I must be right). Anyway, many of my earliest holidays were spent in this ancient roadside house which has been a pub since the 1840s. It is remote, to say the least. The nearest buildings, several hundreds of yards away, are a row of thatched cottages significantly named "Botany Bay". It has always relied on passing trade, and the breathalyzer nearly ruined Ivy and Bill until the locals took to going there on horseback! Horses, in fact, were the original reason for the Flowing Spring being established as an inn; it stands at the foot of a 1 in 10 climb. The spring after which it is named — one of many locally — provided refreshment for the horses, and the stables, which still exist as a store, provided extra hauling power. They are the lower level of the "new" part at the rear, shown in the illustration in darker brick. When it was constructed about 150 years ago, it was necessary to divert the stream from the spring to make way for the foundations, and the whole place began to tilt — hence the buttresses. In consequence, it is, or was, impossible to leave any door open. The bar, now approached through the door by the umbrella, is at road level. Until Fullers made

— The Flowing Spring, Sonning Eye, Oxfordshire

major alterations 6 years ago on taking over, there were two small bars, entered directly from the road under a shelter which projects a few feet from the doorsteps — no pavements hereabouts! The alterations, which are very tasteful (but I prefer my early memories) included knocking the bars together and extending into part of the landlord's quarters, giving a serving area on three out of four sides. The cellar is under road level, beneath the bar, was reached through the kitchen which in my memory had handpumped water while the entire building relied on oil lamps. During recent conversions the stable/harness room, which I recall as a dining room with a sloping floor, became a bottle store, with access to the cellar; no more disrupted cooking on delivery day! On a recent visit the present landlord, Derek Tomlin, kindly showed me round the building — it has changed very little in the twenty and more years since I last went beyond the bar, although the surveyors recently discovered that apart from a distinct eastward list, the top end has now moved 1/16th of an inch southwards in the direction of Reading! The powers that be have apparently decided to underpin the foundations — if that is the right description for a streambed filled with rubble when Lord John Russell was Prime Minister and Queen Victoria had just had her 5th baby out of 9! (Furthermore motors, the phone, keg, income tax and closing time didn't exist — but then I digress).

Bill — my uncle — was a typical country publican. A boatbuilder by trade and a former sergeant-major, he welcomed my presence as an "apprentice" — he enjoyed his ale and had a shape akin to his barrels, and the steep steps to the kitchen had and still have more in common with a ladder. Anyway, he was quite pleased when Courage put in top pressure and (I regret to say) swore by it — he fell out with Frank Baillie on the subject when we paid him a visit in retirement on a cycling crawl!

For several years in my late teens I missed out on visiting the Flowing Spring, then on a cycle trip with a group of youngsters to Henley Youth Hostel I happened to call in, "Hello, Bill!" I began, "do you recognise me?" Looking up with his head at 45 degrees (I'm 6ft 5, he was about five-nought) he burst out in his broad Oxfordshire accent: "Gaw! It's my little newiew! 'Ow yer doin', son?!" He fell about and later repeated the procedure when I quoted with accent a previous comment on the same spot



about a decade before "If I were you, zonn, I'd stand closer t'bar. I can see your bloody knees — and you ain't washed em!"

One of Courage's last acts at the Flowing Spring was to commission a new pictorial sign. It shows the reclining statue of Old Father Thames, which until 1936 resided at the Crystal Palace and now lies near one of the many sources of the Thames, by the one designated as such, in Tewsbury Mead near Cirencester. A slight error; the descriptive blurb mentions it as "the only flowing spring which had any significant influence on this inn". Rubbish; it's named after the one over the road, which gives the clearest, coolest water imaginable. On the bar wall is a photo of the pub taken in about 1900, showing external beams — long since plastered over.



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

Alongside is the following poem, written by R. H. Hart-Davis:

Under the slope of Dunsden's Hills
A spring wells up, and bubbles
With water crystal clear, and fills
The air with plaintive troubles.

Strong from its birth it gushes forth
With youth's tempestuous eddy,
And to the dyke in fearful wrath
It bubbles swift and heady.

Well known its waters far and wide
For healing and refreshing
In drought comes all the countryside
To draw a bounteous blessing.

The hill heath which it bubbles up
The name Pool Hill well merits
At Flowing Spring we take a cup
To elevate our spirits.

And thus according to your use
The inn or spring will please you
If Reading ale you do refuse,
Then Adam's Ale will please you.

The soil of the area is prodigiously fertile; a photo of me taken in about 1958 in the car park shows a fence whose posts in due course sprouted into willow trees — sadly they were removed some time back. However, the pub has received constant awards from Fullers for Floral decorations. It has also been in every Good Beer Guide since Fuller's took over. I haven't even mentioned the beers yet, or the facilities. The 1986 Good Beer Guide lists the beers as Chiswick, London Pride and ESB, all on handpump, with lunchtime meals except Sundays and camping facilities if booked. The comment goes: "Comfortable and cosy. Attractive wrought-iron staircase leads to award-winning garden". I can't do better than that. But then, I'm biased.

Martin Smith.

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A to Z to find us!*

We're so **chough**-ed with our new pub we're almost **puffin** out our chests with pride!

Hopefully, you **toucan** find it a **pheasant** experience but don't **crow** on about it too much to your friends. If they all **diver** down at once for a quick **gander** someone could get hurt in **thrush** to leave when the landlord calls **ptarmigan**.

Don't be **chicken** by **swan**-ing around outside the front or **jackdaw**. If you're tall enough to see without having to **crane** your neck then beware, as you may have to **duck down** when you come in. We'd hate you to look a bit of a **tit** by banging your head, in which case you'd really have something to **grouse** about.

When we're really busy you may have to be a good **egg** and **wader** minute or two **teal** you're served. Please don't **snipe** at the barmaid or try to **harrier** up as she may throw a **warbler** and we don't want you to end up hitting **heron** the head.

You may just want to **swallow** a **swift** half, a glass of **brown owl** or a **nightjar** before going to bed. Sadly we **egret** that we don't **avocet** menu but real **gannets** may want to **shoveler** down **eider** some **pigeon** casserole or our special **maggie** and two veg.

Some pubs are run by 'here to-jay and gone tomorrow' types but they are often so empty inside that one is almost **petrel**-fied by the **eyrie** silence which can **curlew** blood or even make you **quail** at the knees.

In our pub there's always a bit of **lark**-ing about, but more so during our **talon** contests and **hen** parties when we decorate the bar with **bunting**. However, we don't recommend these noisier evenings if all you really want to do is just have a quiet **chiffchaff** with your **plover** or **bittern** the side.

If you consider, purely on an ad **hawk** basis, how much some of the big brewers charge, it's hard not to think they are **robin** you blind or at least trying to **rook** you in order to **feather** their own **nests**. You'd have to be a **raven** lunatic not to feel our beer is relatively '**cheep cheep**'.

You'd certainly have to be slightly **cuckoo** not to agree that our beer **goose** down well. In fact other beers can taste like **shearwater** in comparison, but don't drink too much of ours in case you feel **ruff** next morning.

Dodo remember the **pecking** order when it's your **tern** to buy a round, otherwise you could be **ostrich**-ised by your friends who'd say, 'Look, **cock**, **flamingo** buy us a drink' and that really could throw a **sparrow** in the works.

By all means bring your **gulls** and boys with you as there is a special room where **mynahs** can play games or enjoy **kid-stork**. When you want to hire our functions room please **wing**, don't write, in case we can't read your **cygnet**-ure.

Finally if you ever fall **fowl** of the law for not paying a **bill** or bouncing a **kite**, you could well end up in front of the **beak**. A good way of avoiding doing **bird** is by replying 'Yes, **mallard**' to every question. He may well think you're as mad as a **coot** - but then any **falcon** think that...!

David Bruce reckons that anyone who has read this far deserves a free pint of **Falcon Ale**!

To claim yours simply exchange this complete double page for your pint next time you're in the **Falcon & Firkin**.
Hope you enjoy it!

BIGGER PROFITS FOR THE BIGGER BREWERS

The bigger brewers profit figures for the half year to September/August were generally well ahead, led by Allied Lyons where the beer division (Ind Coope, Taylor Walker & C) made over £65 million — a fifth up on the previous year. This sort of result was not however completely unexpected given the bid from Elders but also reflects the effect of a maintained volume of sales compared to the rest of the industry which fell by over 1%. This is attributed to a rise in lager sales which are estimated to form 42% of the total compared to 39% before — due to the launch of Castlemaine 4X.

Further profit increases are expected to work through over the next couple of years as a result of putting 1500 employees on the dole, most at Burton but including some at Romford and at Tetleys in Leeds. There are also rumours of Romford becoming an all keg brewery with real ale going to Burton. Given the state of the real ale in many of the pubs and the number which now sell Burton Ale only this is not entirely unexpected.

Over at Whitbread a 14% profit rise left it level with Allied's breweries at just over £65 million (pre tax). Once again beer volumes were held level, this time with a big push from take-home trade where a 9% rise has left them with an eighth of the market and the clear leader. Whitbread now owns no less than 800 off-licences, the third biggest chain in the country.

Lager sales continued to rise and are now 47% of the total, compared to a national figure of 40%. Also going up are the numbers of specialist outlets with a total now of 180 Beefeaters, over 60 Pizza Huts and 34 Roast Inns. One Beefeater and three Pizza Huts have also been inflicted on the Belgians. Back in England over a million admissions were recorded in the six months at Whitbreads discotheques, the second largest UK chain.

Over at Bass the half year produced a figure of nearly £150 million made before tax, over two thirds of it coming from the brewing side. This is only about 4% ahead of the year before, but was particularly held back by the four week strike at the Runcorn keggery which particularly hit lager sales — on which the profits are much higher because people are seemingly willing to pay that much more.

As far as total lager sales are concerned these now represent 47% of the overall total, up 'only' a point from last year. In the whole year to September 1985 no less than £11.3 million was spent advertising lager, a rise of 30% on the period which partly reflects the spread of Tennents in the Midlands and North.

Bass in fact is by far and away our largest lager brewer with over a quarter of the total market — whilst only having a fifth or so of the total beer market. Currently the market breaks down as follows —

Company	% Of Lager Mkt	% Of Total Mkt
Allied Lyons	13	15
Bass	26	21
Watney	15	13
Scottish & Newcastle	7	9
Whitbread	15	13
Courage	10	9
Guinness	7	3
Others	7	17

An interesting point is that the brewers share of advertising expenditure roughly tends to equate with their market share, with the exception of S & N and Whitbread — the former spending very little and the latter far more of the total for the industry, as compared to their size within it.

For 1986 the prognosis is for a further rise in lager sales although for the major brewers this could well be more at the expense of keg bitters than the real ales. Perhaps more worrying is the way that the regionals are jumping onto the lager bandwagon and here many of their sales could detract from their real ales. An important factor will undoubtedly be the weather and for real ale a moderate summer could well be the best thing overall.

Badger.

London's latest brewery came on stream just before Christmas. John McDonnell, who has operated a brewery in the cellar of his QUEEN VICTORIA in Woolwich for two years, has now commissioned his second pub brewery at MCDONNELL'S FREE HOUSE, 428 Woolwich Road, SE7 (outside Charlton station). The brewery, unlike its predecessor, is a full-mash operation, and is producing three beers under the now familiar McDonnell names — Country (1037) at 76p, Sidekick (1047) at 88p, and Sledgehammer (1059) at 98p. The brewery is housed in a former stable and uses some equipment from the former Chudley Brewery of Maida Vale.

Both McDonnell pubs continue to have Happy Hours where the beer is 10p off from 5.30 to 6.30 (7.00 in the Queen Victoria) while Senior Citizens can get 6p off a pint lunchtimes.

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WINDMILL WHEELERS

Sunday 20th September saw the third run of the Windmill Wheelers leave the Windmill, Hampton Hill to cycle to the Palace Pier, Brighton, a distance of 55 miles, in aid of the Richmond Branch of Mencap. Twenty-eight cyclist left the pub and all of them arrived in Brighton under their own steam, a feat which had not been achieved on either of the two previous rides.

On Wednesday 11th December, this culminated in the organiser (and LD co-editor), Andy Pirson handing over a cheque for £1666.23 raised by the intrepid pedallers. The cheque was accepted on behalf of Richmond Mencap by actress Elspet Gray who will be remembered by the older ones of us for her regular appearances in the famous Whitehall Farces of the 1960's with her husband Brian Rix. She has recently taken major roles in the television series, Solo and the last series of Tenko.

In addition to this the landlord of the Windmill, Brian Davies handed her a cheque for £1024.50 which had been raised in the pub by the customers in a series of friendly darts matches together with raffles and a bottle on the bar. The

total contribution of more than £2600 has been put towards the cost of a new minibus for the Avenue Centre in Teddington, a day centre for handicapped adults over the age of 18. The minibus is used to ferry the people attending the centre from and to their homes and will shortly be signwritten to record the contribution to its purchase by the Windmill Wheelers.

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- * The Kingston and Leatherhead local branch advise us that the borough of Kingston is holding the record for real ale pubs, with only 6 fizz pubs out of a total of 94.

This list of shame reads:—

**BERRYLANDS; BOATER'S; DOLPHIN;
INN ON THE GREEN; JOLLY BREWER
and SULLIVAN'S.**

PIN UPS

Gardeners should forget fertilisers and use Draught Bass, that's the word of horticultural wisdom from the Exeter Arms Hotel, at Middlemear, Exeter. The Hotel boasts a bank of eight monster-sized sunflowers, all raised on real ale. Said the manager "They do tend to fall over if they have a bit too much — that's why they're nailed to the wall."

NORTH LONDON BOMBED

Manchester 7th December, 1985

On the 44th Anniversary of the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour a group of North London Branch Camra members ventured north to Manchester with the indirect objective of getting bombed.

Departing Euston station at 08.15 (after being accused by a bobbie of being football supporters, which was strange since the one he asked was American — Al Strano), the group arrived in Manchester at 10.45 and divided into two groups. One headed by Laurie Gordon, which stayed in the centre and covered 18 pubs, and the second lead by Trevor Unwin headed for the suburbs. This reporter was a member of the second group, so will leave the reporting of group one's travels to others.

Group 2 boarded a bus and travelled to Victoria Station, Manchester for a train to Besses-O-Th-Barn, near Whitefield, but first a pint of Thwaites at the Victoria Bar. All agree this version was hoppier than what we get at the George IV. Onto the train. First pub was Holt's, the Coach and Horses; mild all round, a new and delightful experience for some of us. Public bar adorned by framed posters from "The Gentle Art of Making Guinness" scenes.

Next stop Holt's Eagle and Child, we all anticipated the bitter taste of the bitter to be stronger, however it was still more bitter than most London beers. Onto Boddington's, the Red King, the bitter in excellent condition, despite some talk of Boddy's going down hill. When a local started pointing his shotgun at Patron's we headed for Holt's, the New Grove Inn. Here the Holt's bitter lived up to its reputation — pure hops, which was continued at the Church Inn, although I personally had fallen in love with the Mild and would have it at every opportunity. A long walk took us to our last stop of the session, Lee's the Hollins Bush (rumours of a missed Robinson's pub being exaggerated.) The Lee's proved to be sweeter than the Holts but still very bitter.

Back to Manchester with our starving troupe for an excellent many course chinese meal. The tea did not measure up to the Holts or Lees. Well fed, we needed a good walk and arrived at Wilson's, The Church, in the mood for a pint. The bitter was adequate if not outstanding. Continuing in the same vein, we tried Greenall Whitley's, the King's Head, another nice pint, now that our palates had grown accustomed to the hoppy taste of these beers.

Just to make sure, our next stop was Holts', the

Seven Stars, back to real bitter bitter. We were welcomed wherever we went, despite all of the pubs in this area having signs stating travellers not allowed.

A dramatic change in taste was encountered at Banks', Mitchell Arms. The Midland style beers held up well compared to the hoppier ales we had become used to.

For real smoothness we went to the Jolly Angler for the promised Hydes which did not disappoint us.

Time was growing short but we still had time for a Tetley's at the Cross Keys. Enjoyed by all, but the rate of consumption was slowing noticeably.

Time for one more stop — the Marble Arch Free House, where we were pleasantly surprised to find they served Winkles, which continued the hoppy traditions established by our previous stops. Taking our time over our last orders caused a mad dash to catch our train which was departing at 00.30. The two groups were reunited on the train and eventually all slept most of the way back to London arriving ahead of schedule at 05.30. Good morning and home to bed!

Pearl Harbour was never like this!

Pig and Whistle

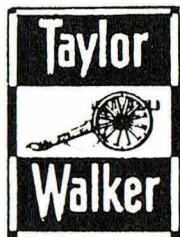
A vengeance-seeking drinker, tossed out of his pub while enjoying some "lates" blew the whistle on the policemen who raided the pub and put an end to his session.

For in an anonymous call to the local nick, he revealed that the two said members of the constabulary remained in the pub, the Bridge at Whorlton, near Barnard Castle — and then had a drink themselves!

The unfortunate bobbies landed in court and were fined £50 each for drinking on duty. The licensee, Dorothy Sayer, was not prosecuted, for she has already appeared in court for out-of-hours serving offences.

The constables, in their defence said they found Mrs. Sayer very upset after the raid and had only accepted her offer of a drink to help diffuse the situation.

The sooner we get some Scottish-style licensing hours in England & Wales the better — publicans could trade when the custom is there, coppers could wet instead of blowing whistles, and the poor enforcers of the law will have an easier time of it all round.



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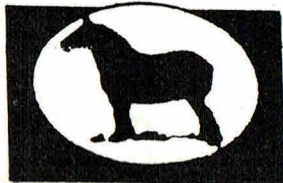
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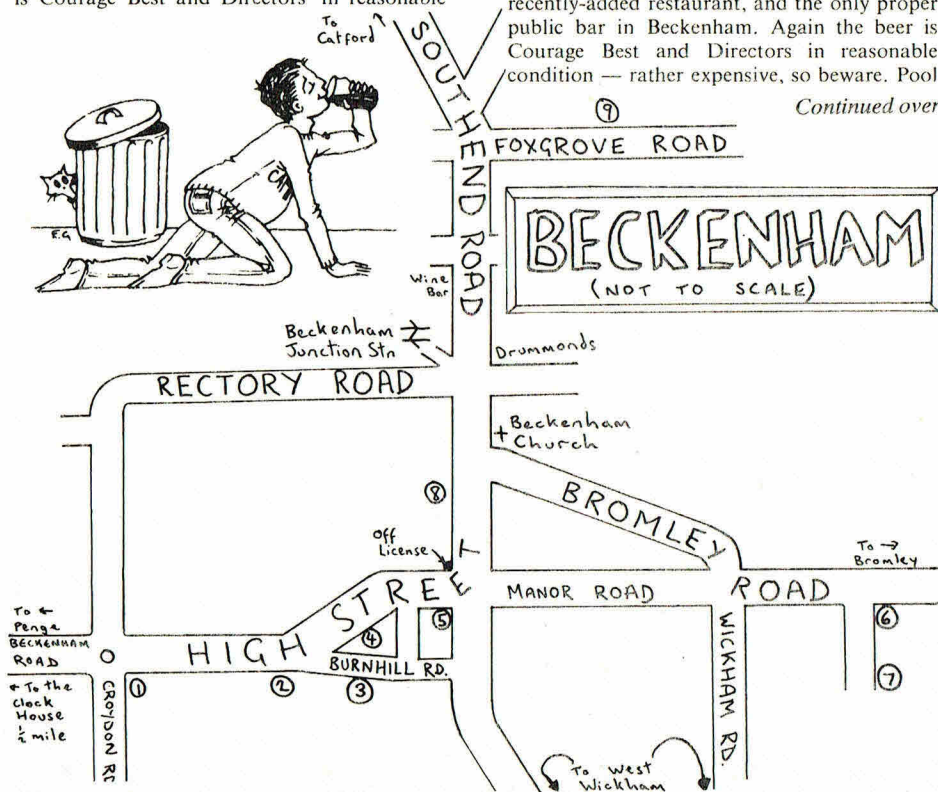
Pub Crawl — Beckenham

Beckenham is served by several rail routes from London, and we will start from Beckenham Junction Station with its adjacent bus terminus. There is plenty of history in Beckenham, as you will see from the pubs. From the station, turn right past the buses into Rectory Road, continue to the end and opposite the cinema is the Bricklayers' Arms (1) a good locals' pub with a friendly flavour to it and darts at the rear, selling a good pint of pretty cheap Bass or IPA. From here there is a choice. The first alternative is to turn left and cross over Croydon Road for a ten minute walk along Beckenham Road to the modern Clock House 150 yards past the station of that name, which sells Taylor Walker Bitter and Burton. If you don't fancy the detour, from the Bricklayers' Arms turn right up the High Street, to the Three Tuns (2), a youngsters' pub with good beer, Courage Best and Directors' formerly a really good pub until the biltz squad ripped it out. It has a very interesting exterior. Turn right out of here for a few steps, then turn right down Burnhill Road, a side street. 50 yards along on the right is the Coach and Horses (3). Again the beer is Courage Best and Directors' in reasonable

condition. A very comfortable locals' pub, good food is served here at lunchtimes. Now retrace your steps to the Three Tuns, turn right and continue down the High Street until you come to Ye Olde George Inn (4), a traditional Kentish weatherboarded pub. The beer is Taylor Walker and Burton Ale in reasonable condition. The landlord has been there for years. It was a Good Beer Guide pub until he made some rather unfortunate remarks about serving beer.

Next stop is the Beckenham (5), formerly the Greyhound. This place has to be seen to be believed. There are mirrors everywhere, even on the ceiling so you can watch yourself drinking. The beers are Wethered's Bitter, Flower's Original and Winter Royal when available. Flowers swops with Royal in summer. They are in surprisingly good condition for this type of place. Loud music dominates. Opposite in the off-licence is Beckenham's only outlet of London Pride and Wadworth 6X — it closes at 10pm. Cross over, go up Manor Road and past another set of traffic lights. 150 yards up on the right is the Oakhill Tavern (6), a large three-bar pub with recently-added restaurant, and the only proper public bar in Beckenham. Again the beer is Courage Best and Directors' in reasonable condition — rather expensive, so beware. Pool

Continued over



and darts are in the public bar — this is a friendly and popular pub. Turn out of here down the side road for a few paces and you will find the best pub for miles around, the Jolly Woodman (7) — a Charrington house selling Bass, IPA and this year in place of Highgate Old, Fullers ESB. All are in superb condition. The pub boasts a football team, cricket team, golf society, keen darts team and live music on Sunday evening; all this in a tiny pub; you can see why it is one of my personal favourites. It is a regular in the Good Beer Guide, friendly with a great atmosphere, and a superb landlord. This is a one-bar traditional local with no carpet, just lino, few seats and tables. Until three years ago it had only a beer and wine licence, but it now has spirits. If you can get away from here, you have two alternatives. The first is to go back to the station; down to the lights, take the right fork until the end by the church and right up to the lights, where you will see it opposite you. However, if you are a member of the

Constitutional Club, instead of turning by the church, cross over High Street, turn left for a few paces and on the right Shepherd Neame is offered, as well as snooker and other games. For those who like watching a good standard of cricket (Kent League) or hockey (London League Premier Division) or good quality squash, continue past the station, past the fizzy Drummond's and the fizzy wine bar, take the second turning right — Foxgrove Road. A hundred yards on the left is the Cricket Club (9), selling Shepherd Neame Bitter, Invicta and Young's Ordinary in pretty good condition. Spectators are welcome on match days. From here, head back to Beckenham Junction Station. Trains for Victoria are timed to leave at 09 and 39 with a service via Crystal Palace and Clapham Junction at 47 minutes past each hour, but not after 18.47 or at all on Sundays. Enjoy yourselves.

Paul Thomas, Bromley Branch.

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1986 Good Beer Guide: London Area New Entries.

Listed by postal district — addresses in G.B.G. No differentiation is made between first time entries and pubs omitted in the previous editions and re-instated. (Key to abbreviations on table)

EC1 Betsey, S.N. Horseshoe, Cour.
 Artillery Arms, Ful. Bishop's Finger
 (Rutland), SN. Hand & Shears, Cour.
 EC2 Bricklayers Arms, FH.
 EC3 East India Arms, Yg.
 EC4 Monument Tavern, Ful. Shades,
 Sam S. Punch Tavern, FH.
 WC1 Calthorpe Arms, Yg. Lamb, Yg.
 Cittle of York, Sam S.
 WC2 Cross Keys, Wat. Peacock, BC.
 E2 Duke of Sussex, SN.
 E3 Lord Tredegar, A.
 E6 Roding, A.
 E9 Adam & Eve, A.
 E14 Phoenix, A.
 E16 Essex Arms, Cour. Henley Arms,
 BC.
 E17 Bell, Wat. Dagenham Three
 Travellers, A. Hornchurch Chequers A.
 Ilford Cranbrook, Wat.
 N1 Mitre, CW, George & Vulture, Ful.
 Lord Wolsey, Sam S. Prince Albert, BC.
 N2 Old White Lion, BC.
 N7 Railway Tavern, Ful.
 N13 Woodman, Wh.
 N16 Queensbury Rules (formerly
 Railway Tavern) SN.
 N18 White Horse, Wat.
 N20 Cavalier, Cour. Griffin, A.
 Barnet Olde Monken Holt, Cour.
 Enfield Old Wheatsheaf, A. Southbury
 Hotel, A.
 New Barnet Duke of Lancaster Cour.
 NW1 Spread Eagle, Yg.
 NW4 Greyhound, FH.
 NW6 Queen's Arms, Yg.
 NW8 Knights of St. John, CW
 Wembley Norfolk Arms, Wat.
 SE1 Anchor, Cour. Barkers (Dive) Bar,
 FH. Copper, Cour. Hole in the Wall, FH.
 SE3 Royal Standard, Wat.
 SW4 Wickham Arms, Cour.
 SE5 Phoenix & Firkin, Bruce
 SE7 McDonnells, FH.
 SE8 Dog & Bell, FH. Duke, Whi.
 SE9 Greyhound, Cour.
 SE13 Royal Oak, Cour. Duke of
 Cambridge, A.
 SE14 Rose Inn, Cour.
 SE15 Man of Kent, Wat.
 SE16 Old Justice, BC. Mayflower, BC.
 SE18 Queen Victoria, FH.
 SE26 Dolphin, FH.
 Adiscombe Cricketers, FH.
 Beckenham Jolly Woodman, BC.
 Croydon Dog & Bull, Yg. Lion, FH.
 Railway Bell, A. Two Brewers, SN.
 Erith Trafalgar, Wat.
 St. Mary Cray Beech Tree, Wh.
 South Croydon Windsor Castle, BC.
 SW1 Old Shades, A.
 SW9 Russell Hotel, Cour. Warrior, FH.
 SW10 Chelsea Ram, Yg.
 SW11 Prince of Wales, FH.
 Beddington Plough, Yg.
 Chessington North Star, BC.
 Mitcham Ravensbury Arms, A.
 Ravensbury Tavern, A.
 New Malden Prince of Wales, Wat.
 Richmond Red Cow, Yg.
 Surbiton Waggon & Horses, Yg.

W1 Albany, A. George, FH. George &
 Dragon, BC. Beehive, Wh. Sun & 13
 Cantons, Wat.
 W2 Archery Tavern, BC.
 W4 Bell & Crown, Ful.
 W5 Greystoke, Cour. King's Arms,
 Cour. Plough, Ful.
 Ruislip Six Bells, A.
 Southall Beaconsfield Arms, FH.
 Featherstone Arms, BC.
 Teddington Queen Dowager, Yg.
 Uxbridge General Elliott A.

1986 Good Beer Guide — London Area Entries:

Brewer	Total Entries:	New/ Re-entries:
Allied (A)	34	16
Bass Charrington (BC)	43	10
Bruce	3	1
Charles Wells (CW)	2	2
Conway	2	2
Courage (Cour)	30	15
Fuller (Ful)	25*	8
Marston	1	—
McMullen	2	—
Sam. Smith (SamS)	4	3
Shepherd Neame (SN)	8	6
Thwaites	1	—
Watney Mann Truman (Wat)	25	13
Whitbread (Wh)	7	6
Young (Yg)	31+	14
Free Houses (FH)	32	15
Off Licenses	1	—
TOTALS	251	111

* 5 recommended houses outside London.

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GROVEL SECTION

In our last issue we mentioned a Lancashire pub called the Grapes. We should mention for anyone planning a visit that it is in Wrea Green not Wreygreen and that this is not part of Blackpool but near Kirkham, in the Fylde.

To amplify the story it is worth a mention that Boddingtons were wrong in saying that scrapping a public bar would not put prices up since they have a policy of charging less in public bars. The Grapes is also the only pub in the village, in an area where virtually all the pubs are now semi restaurants. Another insensitive piece of Boddingtonisation is the last thing the area needs.

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Golden Joker Award

What have Margaret Thatcher and Tony Benn in common with Hercules the Bear? All three have won the Golden Joker Award, given by the Cartoonists' Club of Great Britain to the person (or bear) who has most inspired its members during the year.

The 1985 Award, a gold tiepin, was presented at the Cartoonist pub in December to the surprise winner, Jeffrey Archer — surprise, because he came from nowhere with a late run. Though he cuts something of a literary figure these days, Mr. Archer is the first to admit that he owes his victory to his few months as Deputy Chairman of the Conservatives. In a speech nicely tuned to the occasion, he said he was delighted with the Award and he promised to go on making mistakes in the hope that he might be the first to retain it for a second year.

The Cartoonist, in Shoe Lane just north of Fleet Street, is unique in that its sign changes each year, and Mr. Archer helped judge the competition for the 1986 sign. The winner was Frank Holmes, known in the cartoon world as Quanda, with a witty design that prominently featured a sausage. Look out for it if you visit the pub, which sells Webster's Yorkshire Bitter and Watney's Stag and houses a splendid collection of cartoons on permanent exhibition.



The picture shows Mr. Archer outside the pub with landlord Kenneth Moore, holding a framed caricature of himself by Charles Griffen of the Daily Mirror.

EVERARDS LAUNCH THEIR WINTER WARMER, STRONG BEER

Everards Brewery launched their first ever 'winter warmer' in time for the Christmas festivities. 'Old Bill' is a strong gravity 1065° — 1071° cask conditioned ale and is available predominately through free-trade outlets, but also at selected Everards houses during the winter.

'Old Bill', which is brewed at Castle Acres, derives its name from a barley wine made many years ago by Everards in Leicester.

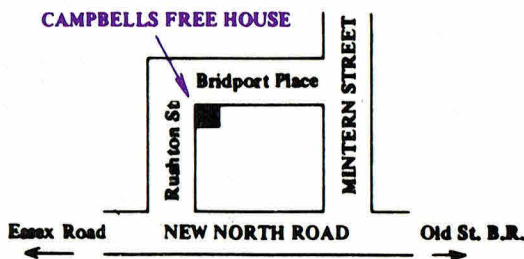
Anthony Morse, Managing Director of Everards Brewery comments, "I believe 'Old Bill' will particularly appeal to connoisseurs of real ale, and orders already received confirm that we will sell all we can brew. This is a specialist market that we at Everards are uniquely placed to meet, now that the highly flexible modern production plant is fully on stream."



Barry Horner (left), free trade sales manager at Everards Brewery and John Peacock (right), head brewer at Everards Brewery, raise a toast to 'Old Bill' — Everards first ever 'winter warmer'

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CAMRA's 1986 Good Beer Guide has something in it for everyone — even The Sun*. Hitting on the entry for the Waggoners at Ayot Green in Herts, its hacks naturally raced out for some fieldwork and found that the Guide had in fact been blacklisted in the pub. The entry? "Landlady has a lovely ass". The local

branch pointed out that they were referring to the popular donkey kept at the back of the pub, the landlady quite accurately retorted that this had never got a mention before. Perhaps they should just have put in the cream teas on Sundays again.

* The paper, not the pub.

DEAR DIPSY

DEAR DIPSY, Once upon a time there were three bears who lived in a pub in the middle of a dark wood. Daddy Bear did the cellar work, Mummy Bear served behind the bar and made the sandwiches, whilst Baby Bear was potman. I took a job as a temporary barmaid but had to share a bed with Baby Bear and am now six months pregnant. Can this really be a fairy story?.

GOLDBLOCKS, Locks Bottom.

DEAR GOLDBLOCKS, No. If it were a fairy story Baby Bear would have slept with Rupert.

DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, I popped out during the interval at the panto with my friend Tinkerbell for a long cool drink. We both had lager and they served me even though everyone says I don't look old enough for a real man. We liked it a lot. Now, we've been around for a long time but never tasted anything so enjoyable. Do your readers concur with my view?

P.Pan, Wimbledon Theatre.

Dear Peter, Certainly not. However, the majority of those who share your taste have never grown up either. The fact that Tinkerbell is a fairy (and presumably drinks light ale) may not be irrelevant to your mutual inclination.

DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, My husband used to go down the pub every night for about an hour because, he said, he enjoyed Fullers' Beer so much. I now find he has been deceiving me all these years and was seeing another woman and what is more, didn't ever go and drink Fullers at all. How deceitful can Men be ?!.

ALICE, Brentford.

DEAR ALICE, Where art thou? Do not fret, you are well free of this one. Any man who can be that deceitful does not deserve a good wife, or a wife of any sort for that matter. How anyone can take the name of Fullers in vain defeats me. Still, it could have been worse: he could have been telling you that story and sneaking off to a Courage pub. Prima facie grounds for decree nisi, I'd say.

DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, Last St. Valentine's Day I got 65 cards, all anonymous and all posted in Wandsworth. Is someone trying to tell me something I don't understand? Should I scour the district to find my secret admirer?

CONSTANCE, Wapping.

DEAR CONSTANCE, I don't think so. It sounds too much like a desperately subtle Youngs' promotion to shift the last of the Winter Warmer before the beginning of March. The rumour has been put about that two dabs of the precious liquid behind each ear makes any woman irresistible. There is little corroboration of any scientific probity, but the power of the popular conviction is incontrovertible. In parts of South West London the bottom has dropped out of the perfume market and the precious liquid is now ounce for ounce more expensive than Chanel No.5. Mind you at £1.12 a pint in the first place that didn't take long..

DIPSY.

P.S. Look for Youngs' latest leaflet on a related subject amongst the pub lists: "How Old Nick makes a Hardman"



DEAR DIPSY, My girlfriend and I are planning to get married next year and are saving for a place of our own, but somehow we never seem to get quite within reach. It's been five years of trying now and it's beginning to get us down, and sometimes we finish up crying into our Wethereds.

SAM, Islington.

DEAR SAM, It must be extremely trying for you. It's a sad reality of life these days: If you will drink in Whitbread pubs you'll never have any money left for anything.

DIPSY.

P.S. Wally from Bow tells me that Whitbread, BUPA and Abbey National have introduced a joint scheme to enable people to afford Gold Label Lager. It is a combination of a second mortgage and a frontal lobotomy, and a hitherto well-kept secret at Whitbread has been a mystery prize bonus of a Lamborghini, a country mansion and a weekend in Tahiti with Samantha Fox which awaits a lucky Gold Label Lager drinker. All this goes to the first person to go back for a second pint. After six months the prize is still unclaimed.

Where to buy London Drinker

OUTLETS — EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

- EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS, 102 Bunhill Row.
 EC1 EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 362 St. John's Street.
 EC1 HORSESHOE, 24, Clerkenwell Close.
 EC1 STICK & WEASEL, 273 City Road.
 EC1 YORKSHIRE GREY, Greys Inn Road.
 EC2 FLEETWOOD, 36 Wilson Street.
 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- NORTH COTE, 110 Grove Green Road.
 E15 BACCHUS' BIN 5-9 Leytonstone Road.
 ONGAR KINGS HEAD, High Street.
 SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE, The Cut.
 SE1 COPPER, 208 Tower Bridge Road.
 SE1 DOGGETS, Blackfriars Bridge.
 SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN, 47 Borough Road.
 SE1 HORSESHOE, Melior Street.
 SE1 PINEAPPLE, 53 Hercules Road.
 SE1 WELLINGTON, Waterloo Road.
 SE3 BRITISH OAK, 109 Old Dover Road.
 SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN, Denmark Hill Station, Windsor Walk.
 SE5 WICKWOOD TAVERN, 58 Flaxman Road.
 SE7 McDONNELLS, 428 Woolwich Road.
 SE7 ROYAL OAK, 54 Charlton 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 Galleyswall Road.
 SE16 PRINCE OF ORANGE, 118 Lower Road.

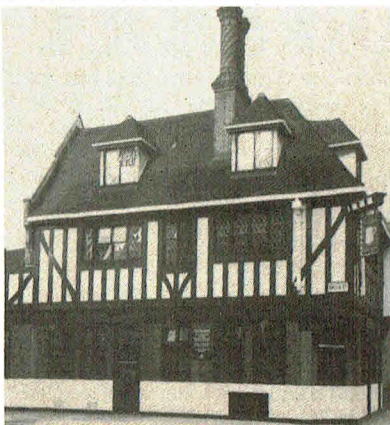


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- SE17 TANKARD, Walworth Road.
 SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS, 81 Sandy Hill Road.
 SE18 QUEEN VICTORIA, 118 Wellington Street.
 SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH, Hillreach.
 SE19 QUEENS ARMS, Westow Hill.
 SE19 ROYAL ALBERT, Westow Hill.
 SE20 GOLDEN LION, Maple Road.
 SE20 LONDON TAVERN, Maple Road.
 SE24 COMMERCIAL, 11 Raiton Road, Herne Hill.
 SE25 ALBERT, Harrington Road.
 SE25 GOAT HOUSE, 2 Penge Road.
 SE25 SHIP, 55 High Street.
 SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE, 39 Sydenham Hill.
 SE26 GREYHOUND, 315 Kirkdale.

- SE27 HOPE, Norwood High Street.
 BECKENHAM JOLLY WOODMAN, Chancery Lane.
 BEXLEY BLUE ANCHOR, Bridgen Road.
 CROYDON DOG & BULL, Surrey Street.
 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.
 BEXLEYHEATH Bitter Experience, 216 Broadway.
 BROMLEY Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill.

OUTLETS—

WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

- WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS, 252 Grays Inn Road.
 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, Cloudestley 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 WINDSOR CASTLE, 211 Liverpool Road.
 N2 OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road.
 N4 MARLERS, 29 Crouch Hill.
 N6 VICTORIA, 28 North Hill.
 N7 BALMORAL CASTLE, Caledonian Road.
 N7 FAT HARRY'S, 60 Isledon Road.
 N7 FAVOURITE, Queensland Road.
 N7 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN, 54 Holloway Road.
 N7 RAILWAY TAVERN, 10 Roman Way.
 N8 PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, Park Road.
 N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane.
 N14 MERRYHILLS, Bramley Road.
 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 ELIZA DOOLITTLE, 3 Ossaltan Street



- NW1 NEPTUNE, 51 Warrington Street.
 NW1 QUEEN'S HOTEL, 49 Regents Park Road.
 NW1 VICTORIA, 2 Morningside 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.
 NW8 CROCKERS, Aberdeen Place.
 NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane.
 BARNET ALEXANDRA, Wood Street.
 BARNET SEBRIGHT ARMS, Alston Road.
 BARNET WEAVER, Greenhill Parade, Great North Road.
 EDGWARE CORNERHOUSE HOTEL, Stonegrove.
 EDGWARE RAILWAY HOTEL, Station Road.
 ENFIELD CRICKETERS ARMS, 19 Chase 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.
 NW3 Vinebins, 150 Haverstock Hill.
 NW6 Grogblossom, 253 West End Lane.

CLUBS

N22 Wood Green Labour Club, Stuart Crescent.

OUTLETS — SOUTH-WEST/WEST

SW1 BARLEY MOW, Horseferry Road.
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS, Petty France.
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS, Passmore Street.
 SW1 ORANGE BREWERY, Picnic 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 SURPRISE, 16 Southville, 357 Wandsworth Road.
 SW8 NOTTINGHAM CASTLE, Wandsworth Road.
 SW9 BEDFORD ARMS, 409 Clapham Road.
 SW9 NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS, Upper Richmond Road.
 SW9 CROWN & ANCHOR, 246 Brixton Road.
 SW9 WARRIOR (Brixton Brewery Co.) Coldharbour Lane.
 SW10 CHELSEA RAM 32 Burnaby Street.
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN, 110 Lots Road.
 SW11 ANCHOR, Holgate Avenue.
 SW11 HABERDASHERS ARMS, Culvert Road.
 SW11 PRINCE OF WALES, Battersea Park 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 NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS, 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 SAILOR PRINCE 332 Garratt 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.
 CHESSINGTON NORTH STAR, Leatherhead Road.
 EAST MOLESEY BELL INN, Bell Road.
 EAST MOLESEY STREETS OF LONDON, Bridge Road.
 KINGSTON GAZEBO, Thames Walk.
 KINGSTON WYCH ELM, Elm Road.
 MITCHAM CRICKETERS, 340 London Road.
 MITCHAM RAVENSBURG ARMS, Croydon Road.
 MOTSPUR PARK EARL BEATTY
 RICHMOND WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane.
 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.

W2 WHITE HART, Brock Mews North.
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High St.
 W4 BELL & CROWN, Strand on the Green.
 W5 RED LION, St. Mary's Road.
 W6 BLACK LION, Black Lion Lane.
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherds Bush Road.
 W9 TRUSCOTT ARMS, Shirland Road.
 W10 NARROW BOAT, 346 Ladbroke Grove.
 W10 VILLAGE INN, Kensal Road.
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN, Tavistock Crescent.
 W14 BRITANNIA TAP, 150 Warwick Road.
 W14 RADNOR ARMS, 247 Warwick Road.
 BRENTFORD GRIFFIN, Brook Road.
 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.
 HILLINGDON RED LION, Hillingdon Hill.
 HILLINGDON STAR, Uxbridge Road.
 HOUNSLOW CHARIOT, 34 High Street.
 HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road.
 HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Hanworth Road.
 SOUTHAL BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road.
 SUDBURY BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road.
 TEDDINGTON QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane.
 TWICKENHAM EEL PIE, 9 Church Street.
 TWICKENHAM OLD ANCHOR, 71 Richmond Road.
 TWICKENHAM POPE'S GROTT, Cross Deep.
 WEALDSTONE ROYAL OAK, Peel Road.

CLUBS

SW19 WILLIAM MORRIS, 267 The Broadway, Wimbledon.
 W1 POLYTECHNIC of Central London S.U.B.A., 104 Bolsover Street.
 W3 L.T. District Line Social Club, Park Place.

OFF TRADE

SW11 Majestic Wine Warehouses, Hester Road.
 SW11 39er Webbs Road.
 KENTON Littlemore Wines, Kenton Road.
 NEW MALDEN HOP & VINE, Elm Road.

OUTSIDE LONDON

BRIGHTON LORD NELSON, Trafalgar Road.
 BRIGHTON QUEENS HEAD, Opposite Station.
 GLASGOW ALLISON ARMS, 720-722 Pollockshaws Road.
 HADLOW DOWN (E.Sussex) NEW INN
 MANCHESTER JOLLY ANGLER, Ducie Street.
 MANCHESTER MARBLE ARCH, 73 Rochdale Road.
 PETERBOROUGH BOTOLPH ARMS, Oundle Road
 PETERBOROUGH STILL, Cumberland
 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, Southgate Street.
 WORTHING (Sussex) WHEATSHAEF 22, Richmond Rd.

Brighton District Guide

Brighton & South Downs Branch has produced its own guide listing around 600 pubs, covering the area from the coast northwards to Haywards Heath, westwards to Rustington and eastwards to Lewes, which was featured in last August's issue. Copies are available from Phil Crabbe, 21 Stirling Court Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex BH3 762, price £1 plus an 8"5" SAE (17p stamp). Cheques payable to CAMRA Brighton, please.



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