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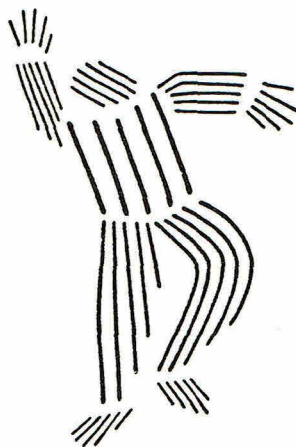
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## 8th GREENWICH Real Ale Festival

BOROUGH HALL  
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29-31 MAY

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## BRANCH DIARY

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

**EAST LONDON & CITY:** Tues 6 (8.00) Branch Meeting. The GUN, 54 Brushfield Road, E1.

**ENFIELD & BARNET:** Thur 1 (9.00) Social & Pub of the Month. GEORGE INN, 5 The Town, Enfield — Mon 5 (12.00) Lunch time Social. COACH & HORSES, Waltham Abbey, Herts — Wed 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. PLOUGH INN, Crews Hill, Enfield — Sat 17, Branch Ramble. 11.00am THE WONDER, Batley Road; 12.00 ROSE & CROWN, Clay Hill; 1.00 FALLOW BUCK, Clay Hill; 2.00 KING & TINKER, Whitewebs Lane (all Enfield) — Thur 22 (9.00) Social. KING GEORGE, 149 High Street, Barnet — Thur 29 (9.00) Social. MERRY HILLS, 95 Bramley Road, N14 (near Oakwood Tube Station) — Tue 3 June (9.00) Pub of the Month Social. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Sun 4 (12.00) Social. PLOUGH, Leigh — Tue 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting/Social. HARROW, Leatherhead Road, Chessington — Thur 8 (8.30) Branch Meeting. CRICKETERS, Clayton Road, Chessington — Wed 21 Inn Rally. Start 8.00 at CANBURY ARMS, Canbury Park Road, Kingston — Sun 8 Jun (12.00) Social. FOLEY ARMS, Claygate — Mon 9 Jun (8.30) Committee Meeting/Social. DRUIDS HEAD, Kingston — Wed 11 Jun (8.30) Branch Meeting. SURVEYOR, Island Farm Road, West Molesey.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Tue 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting. SOUTH WESTERN, Whitton Road Hounslow — Mon 19 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, The Market Place, Brentford — Thur 29 (8.30) Social. ANGEL & CROWN, 5 Church Court, Richmond.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Thur 1 (8.00) Social. NORTH POLE, 131 Greenwich High Road, SE10 — Mon 12 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting. DUKE OF WELLINGTON, Old Woolwich Road, SE10. VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR GREENWICH REAL ALE FESTIVAL, MAY 29-31. Anyone interested please ring Dave Sullivan, 01-699 8476(h), 01-588 2345(w).

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX:** Wed 7 (8.30) Social. FORESTER, 107 Burrow Road, Hainault — Wed 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. CROWN & CROOKED BILLET, 13 Cross Road (B173), Woodford Bridge — Thur 22 (8.30) Social. GARDENERS ARMS, Hart Street (off A1023), Brentwood — Wed 28 (8.30) Social. ROYAL OAK, North Road (B175), Havering-atte-Bower.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Sat 10 (11.30am) Pre-Cup Final Social. PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road, SW19 — Tue 20 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Balham High Road SW12 — Sat 7 Jun (12.00) Social. BEEHIVE, 197 St. John's Hill, SW11.

**WEST LONDON:** Wed 7, Soho Social. HANDSEL, Argyll Street (8.00); DOG & TRUMPET, Carnaby Street (9.00); STAR & GARTER, Poland Street (10.00) — Thur 15 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6.

**WEST MIDDLESEX:** Tue 6 (8.30) Games Evening. BRIDGE (in Public Bar), Greenford Road, Greenford (by Western Ave Flyover). Bring games — Sat 17, Kew Bridge Crawl. Meet ROYAL TAR, Kew Bridge Road (7.00); WAGGON & HORSES (7.30); PLOUGH (8.00); EXPRESS (8.30) all in Kew Bridge Road; then to CITY BARGE (9.15); BELL & CROWN (9.45); STEAM PACKET (10.15); BULLS HEAD (10.45) all Strand on the Green — Wed 21 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. OLD CROWN & TREATY HOUSE, Oxford Road, Uxbridge. Meeting in upstairs room. Please bring membership cards. New committee and other active members urgently needed. All members welcome — Mon 26 All day Three Counties Crawl. Meet Harefield: WHITE HORSE (11.00) Church Hill Road; SWAN (11.40) Breakspear Road; KINGS ARMS (12.15) High Street; PLOUGH (12.55), Hill End Road; FISHERIES (1.50), Coppermill Lane, by canal; ROYAL OAK (2.30), Old Oxford Road, West Hyde. Then afternoon walk to Denham Village; SWAN (5.30); GREEN MAN (6.15); FALCON (7.00), all in Village Road; then on to New Denham & Uxbridge: DOG & DUCK (8.00); LAMBERT ARMS (8.45); WAGON & HORSES (9.30); OLD CROWN & TREATY HOUSE (10.15) all on Oxford Road to Uxbridge — Tue 3 Jun (8.30) Games Evening. LORD NELSON, Enfield Road, Brentford. In Public Bar; bring games.

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## EDITORIAL

There are no two ways about it — our Sunday permitted hours are LUDICROUS. On the one day when most people are free to relax and do as they choose, beer drinkers are limited to a mere 5½ hours (as opposed to 9½ on a *working* day) when they *can* get a drink if they so desire. I differentiate between beer drinkers — real or fizz — and “bottle” drinkers because you can store bottles and cans you don’t use. On the other hand, if you take home some carry-out beer (bought during pub hours only) and don’t use it, then it’s wasted. Sunday hours originally came about to encourage church attendance (at the beginnings of sessions), and in deference to the new working week at 10.30 on a Sunday night.

Church attendances have been declining steadily over the years in the Established church — even though as a rule service times and pub hours don’t overlap. So there is an element of hypocrisy in persisting with short Sunday hours. OK — leave midday opening if it will placate militant churchgoers, even though there is no Intemperance Lobby trying to get abstainers to drink. But why force anyone to drink their afternoon’s quota into two hours in an abnormally crowded pub prior to washing the

car/kids/dishes, digging the garden, or in my case fixing cycles or working on London Drinker ? Did not the founder of the Christian religion say “*The Sabbath is made for Man, not Man for the Sabbath?*” (In this context, read “Sunday for Sabbath”, which exactly reflects His meaning).

Now, I’m not having a go at any church. Indeed, I nearly became a priest, and have a strong religious conviction. I would also point out that the first recorded Miracle involved turning water into wine, Holy Communion is administered with wine, both the Pope and The Archbishop of Canterbury are beer drinkers, the oldest pubs were almost invariably religious establishments or had some such connexion, and the beverage drunk at the Last Supper was certainly wine — Jesus said at the time “*I shall not taste the fruit of the vine again until I come into my Father’s kingdom.*” If they drink alcohol in Heaven, who has the right to deny us that privilege on Earth?.

With the above precedents, I doubt whether the commandment “Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy” is being flouted. Incidentally, to the best of my knowledge alcohol is not forbidden in the scripture of ANY religion.

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