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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned please ring the branch contact. Dates for December and January of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts on Page 9

EAST LONDON & CITY: DEC: Tue 2 (8.30) Branch Meeting, CITY DARTS, Commercial Road, E1 — Mon 8 (8.00) Social. TAYLORS (ROBIN HOOD), 42 Shacklewell Lane, E8 — Mon 15 (5.30) Social. TAYLORS, 34 Redchurch Street, E2 — Fri 19 Fenchurch Street Crawl. MONUMENT TAVERN (5.00) 60 King William Street; (5.20) SIR JOHN FALSTAFF, 17 Eastcheap; TANNERS HALL (5.40), Philpot Lane; SHIP TAVERN (6.00), 27 Lime Street; LAMB TAVERN (6.20), 10/12, Leadenhall Market; BUNCH OF GRAPES (6.40), 14 Lime Street; CHAPMANS WINE LODGE (7.00), 145 Fenchurch Street; EAST INDIA ARMS (7.20), 62 Fenchurch Street; PUMPHOUSE (7.40), 82 Fenchurch Street, JAN: Tue 6 (8.00) Branch Meeting, DENMARK ARMS, 381 Barking Road, E6 — Mon 12 (5.30) Social, JACK THE RIPPER, 84 Commercial Street, E1 — Mon 19 Sam Smith Crawl. SHADES (5.30); 5/6 Bucklesbury, EC4; GOLDEN FLEECE (6.30), 9 Queen Street, EC4 — Mon 20 (8.00) Social. TRAVELLERS REST, Cemetery Road, E7.

ENFIELD & BARNET: DEC: Tue 2 (9.00) Social, WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 — Wed 10 (8.30) Branch Meeting. PLOUGH, Cattlegate Road, Crews Hill, Enfield — Thur 18 (9.00) Social. YORK ARMS, 310 Oakleigh Road North, N20. JAN: Thur 1, 'Cobweb Social' at LUNCHTIME. ALEXANDRA, 135 Wood Street, Barnet.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: DEC: Mon 1 (8.30) Committee Meeting/Social, FOUNTAIN, New Malden — Sun 7 (12.00) Sunday Social, ALBION, East Molesey — Sat 13 Dec. (8.00 for 8.30) K&L Christmas Party, NEW STREETS OF LONDON, East Molesey. Phone Branch Contact for details. Ticket (£1.75) will include food. (Tickets now available). JAN: Sun 4 (12.00) Sunday Social. BLACK LION, Surbiton — Mon 12 (8.30) Committee Meeting/Social. NORTH STAR, Chessington (Mild Campaign Social) — Thur 15 (8.00) Branch Meeting followed by BRANCH AGM, SWAN, Mill Street, Kingston — Thur 29 (8.30) Social. WOODMAN, Ashstead. FEB: Sun 1 (12.00) Sunday Social, BOATERS, Canbury Gardens, Kingston — Mon 2 (8.30) Committee Meeting/Social. HARROW, Weston Green (near Thames Ditton Station) — Thur 5 (8.30) Branch Meeting, ROYAL OAK, West Molesey — Wed 18 Pub Crawl of Ewell. Start (8.00) EIGHT BELLS.

NORTH LONDON: DEC: Tue 2 (8.00) Two Pub Social. HEN & CHICKENS, St. Paul's Road, N1 then FOUR SISTERS, Canonbury Lane, N1 — Tue 9 (8.00) Two Pub Social. THREE COMPASSES, then PRINCESS LOUISE, both High Holborn, WC1 — Tue 16 (8.00) Two Pub Social. PRINCE ALFRED, Marlborough Road, N19 then J J MOONS, Landseer Road, N19 — Wed 24 (8.00) Christmas Eve Social. RAILWAY TAVERN, Roman Way, N7 — Wed 31 (8.00) New Year's Eve Social. GEORGE IV, Copenhagen Street, N1 — Sunday Lunchtime Socials in December. PRINCE OF WALES, Kynaston Street, N16. JAN: Tue 6 (8.00) Branch Meeting. LORD WOLSELEY, White Lion Street, N1 — Tue 13 (8.00) Two Pub Social. MAYNARD ARMS, Park Road, N8 then RAILWAY TAVERN, Crouch End Hill, N8 — Tue 20 (8.00) Two Pub Social. NORTH POLE, New North Road, N1 then CLOTHWORKERS ARMS, Arlington Avenue, N1 — Tue. 27 (8.00) Two Pub Social DARTMOUTH ARMS, York Rise, NW5 then LORD PALMERSTONE, Dartmouth Park Hill, NW5 — Sunday Lunchtime Socials in Jan. CALTHORPE ARMS, Grays Inn Road, WC1.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: DEC: Mon 8 (8.30) Branch Meeting. EARL RUSSEL, 274 Hanworth Road, Hounslow. JAN: Wed 7 (8.30) Committee Meeting, POTTERY ARMS, 25 Claypolds Lane, Brentford — Mon 19 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane, Richmond.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: DEC: Tue 2 (8.30) Social. HOLLY BUSH, 140 High Road, (A121) Loughton — Wed 10 (8.30) Branch Meeting CROWN & CROOKED BILLET, 13 Cross Road (B173), Woodford Bridge — Tue 16 (8.30) Christmas Social. EASTBROOK HOTEL, Dagenham Road (Junction with A112 Rainham Road South/North), Dagenham. JAN: Mon 5 (8.30) Social. VICTORIA ARMS, Ongar Road (A128), Brentwood — Wed 14 (8.30) BRANCH AGM, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Bridge Road (off A126); Grays — Thu 15, Brewery Trip to Greene King, Bury St. Edmunds, Details from Branch Contact.



As we draw to the end of 1986 and look forward to 1987, it is perhaps time to reflect on some of the events and trends of recent times.

PRICES

In the last few months CAMRA and our magazine have come under heavy fire from the national and regional brewers for publishing false information (in our case) and contentious information about additives in beer. The brewers seem to be increasingly defensive against the campaign's criticisms as their image is almost as important as their profits in the current take-over and merger media climate. The latest independents to fall are Castletown (Isle of Man) who blamed falling tourism and a switch to lagers when they decided to merge with rivals Okells, and Home Ales of Nottingham, whose directors sold out to new big brewers, Greenall Whitley. This was particularly relevant to the London beer scene as Home Ales were the cheapest in the Midlands. What hope is there for a London brewer to offer value for money beer, when profit margins are so important to fight off predators? Legislation is sorely overdue to help preserve our remaining independent breweries and consumer choice.

On the theme of prices, it is particularly gratifying to visit areas having independent breweries that still offer outstanding beers and outstanding value for money. I would heartily recommend any self-respecting beer drinker to visit Greater Manchester. Here healthy competition helps keep beer prices down, including the big breweries products! Holt's beers are available at 59 pence (mild) and 62 pence (exceptional bitter) or Boddington's, Hyde's, Robinson's and J.W. Lees' pubs all at under 75 pence per pint. Another oasis is the Isle of Wight in the pubs that belong to local brewer Burt's. Here is found what I believe to be the cheapest pint in the country, Burt's Mild. This excellent brew is available in most of their eleven houses based around the brewery at Ventnor. At The Volunteer by the bus station the beers are Mild at 57 pence and VPA Bitter at 62 pence (1040 gravity!). This follows a recent 4p price increase. The reason for the low prices are historical as the brewery pays virtually nothing for its water.

In London, however, it is very rare to find a pint under 80 pence and most are over 90 pence. This gives rise to a commonly held view that the brewers have an agreement over prices in the Capital which discriminates

against the customer. A similar situation seems to happen in Brighton. With the brewers constantly on the lookout for extra outlets in London, free houses are also under threat causing them to charge astronomical prices in response. In some cases, however, it is pure greed. Our Rip-off and Bargain Beer sections are your chance to inform the readership of these cases.

BEER QUALITY

A very difficult subject to quantify this. Opinions vary among our contributors. At one extreme, all big six beers are considered rubbish and should not be mentioned in our pages; and at the other, all beer is good unless it tastes like vinegar. As editors, we believe that beauty is in the mouth of the beholder and opinions are best expressed to the publican at the time of purchase, to the brewery or the local CAMRA branch, not through our pages. We are, however, pleased to hear from people who have been insulted for voicing a complaint. On a personal note, I have been very impressed by the consistent quality of Youngs, Fullers, Godsons, Pitfield, Conway and Clifton breweries' products throughout the year. My advice to readers seeking a reliable pint is to scan a Good Beer Guide.

Finally, can I on behalf of the Editorial Team, thank all our readers for their continued support throughout the year, to our helpers, contributors, distributors, advertisers and publicans who retail our magazine, and we as a team look forward to seeing you at our thankyou piss up in January. (See advert on page 17.)

Chris Cobbold

Editors' addresses appear on page 9.



NORTH LONDON NEWS

Two of North London's most popular real ale pubs changed hands during November. Jill and John Jeffery have left the LAMB in Lambs Conduit Street, Bloomsbury, after a very successful two and a half years in this historic and characterful pub. We wish them luck in their new pub, the HARE AND HOUNDS in Sheen, another Young's house.

Linda and Peter Swanson have relinquished the tenancy of the VICTORIA in North Hill, Highgate, in order to concentrate on their other pub, the FOX at Pirton near Hitchin. Jean and Alan Jamieson, who have managed the pub for nearly two years, will also be leaving and we wish them all the best for the future. The VICTORIA has been in every edition of CAMRA's Good Beer Guide since 1977, the LAMB in most editions since 1974.

John Conen.

GREYHOUNDS RESTORED

A hundred and fifty years ago the London & Croydon railway was built through Sydenham largely along the course of the Croydon Canal which was closed, and two stone greyhounds which had formerly guarded a set of lock gates became redundant. What better site to re-locate them than at the entrance to a new coaching house on Kirkdale opened to serve visitors to the Crystal Palace in 1856. Naturally it took its name from these three-dimensional signs, and there seems to be no record of the name of the pub which had previously stood on the spot. Recently the figures were very much the worse for wear with the ravages of time, and Taylor Walker have spent £400 giving them a facelift.

Internally the pub retains many of its original features, including tiling, glass and carved wooden bar fittings. The real ales on sale are Taylor Walker Bitter and Ind Coope Burton Ale. Other features are a garden, indoor children's room, darts, food at all times and live music in the function room — Cabaret Thursday evening, Jazz Sunday lunchtime and Folk music Sunday evening.



The 1856 exterior of the Greyhound, pictured by Dave Sullivan and featured on the cover of our October issue.



Landlord Jim Finegan with one of the restored greyhounds.

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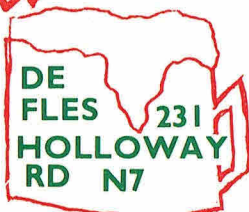
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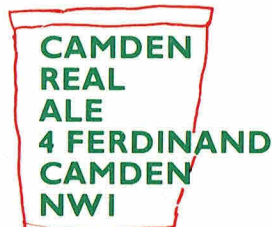
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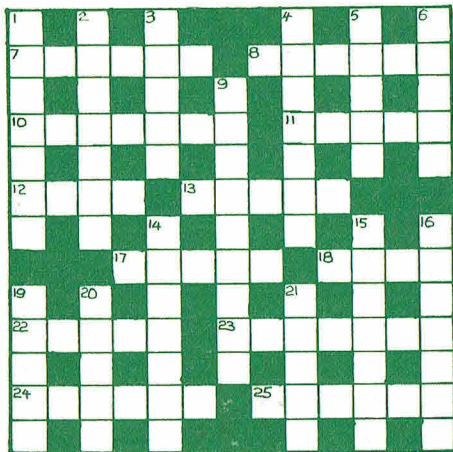


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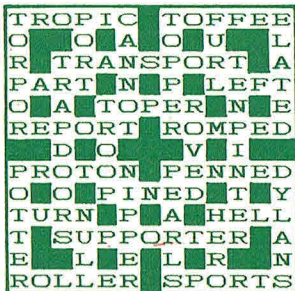
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All correct entries received by first post on 28th January will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

All entries to be submitted to:
London Drinker Crossword
25 Valens House
Upper Tulse Hill
London SW2 2RX

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

7. I see, I see Elly, it's found hanging at Christmas time. (6)
8. The sky of Bethlehem. (6)
10. Land of the Magi. (7)
11. Was Mary full of this drink? (5)
12. The shepherds in the fields were all these. (4)
13. S'deep, s'crisp, stroking Cygni. (5)
17. Man of Bethlehem. (5)
18. Christmas tree? (4)
22. Stick on the man for the king. (5)
23. Collects in the morning animals from the stable. (7)
24. Eating place of unarticled runner. (6)
25. Present for the President? (3,3)

DOWN

1. Nemesis from Southend to West End brought back travellers. (4,3)
2. Mouths under the mistletoe. (7)
3. What to do in heavenly peace. (5)
4. Boxing day feast of chicken after walk. (7)
5. The wise men came in it. (5)
6. The baby rests partly in stables. (5)
9. Lance and Gail turn out like Gabriel. (9)
14. I hear drunken Dawson on Christmas cake. (7)
15. Sea gems brought round by the angels. (7)
16. Here for the gift. (7)
19. Ring the one they came to worship in church. (5)
20. Here's a Christmas gift without anger, honest! (5)
21. Two men together make Christmas Day for Jesus. (5)

Winner of the prize for the June crossword:
Yak, Melfort House, Crowborough, Sussex.

Other correct entries were received from:
R.J.Andersen, Andrew Bovey, B.E.Bradley, Peter Brown, David Calderbank, J.Calderbank, Brendan Casey, A.P.Comaish, Gladys Cringe (Spinster), Mick Daley, John Edwards, Damien Farrell, B.H.Felton, Paul Gibson, Eileen Graves, 'Arry Hart, Alison Henley, Dave Hilditch, Ron Hunt, Roger Jacobson, Terry Jenkins, Phil Kempton, Pete Large, Mrs G.M.Lines, Ron Lynam, J.McDonnell, D.J.Maynard, A.Rennison, Mrs E.G.Roach, H.H.Saffery, B.Sheridan, Eddie Sissons, Ron Smith, Old Smokey, P.Spires, Alex Montague Douglas Scott, P.M.Tidd, Mike Trowell, John Williamson, Willy the Giant Kangaroo, Nigel Wheatley.
There were also two incorrect entries.

March

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Send all genuine claims to Sally Smith, Bruce's Brewery, 126 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5NE. Sally will then arrange for you to collect the beer from your nearest/favourite Firkin pub.



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GREMLINS IN THE WORKS

As if to emphasize Andy's comments in his November editorial about the professional status of the Editorial team, the last minute panic to get the October issue out in time led to several errors as we did not see proofs until everything was printed. And just to cap it all, we did not manage to put corrections in the last issue. *Nostra culpa*. The most glaring error — the more so as the piece was produced to update and correct an item written over two years ago but still in circulation — occurred in the centre spread "Palace to Burn Again". A caption was missed under the fourth photo, which should have identified it as the ROYAL ALBERT, a regular London Drinker outlet serving Charrington IPA and Bass, which has frequently featured in Good Beer Guides, including the 1987 edition. The fact that the remaining numbers were incorrect by one made a nonsense of the map, but then you realised that, didn't you? Incidentally, Editor Martin won the quiz which formed part of the crawl with which the feature was designed to coincide. The subject was the history of the Crystal Palace, which proves that CAMRA members don't only think of beer. In fact we had nothing to do with organising the crawl!

Another error on our part meant that MALTWORM's article STRANGE BREW was incorrectly ascribed to the Thames Valley Drinker. In fact it had originally appeared in

PINT IN HAND, the magazine of the SOCIETY FOR PRESERVATION OF BEER FROM THE WOOD.

Sorry to have confused you. To err is human, to forgive divine, to get it right all the time downright impossible.

We must try to do better next time. We must try to do better next time. We must try to do better next time. We must try to do better next time. We must try to do better next time.

P.S. One correspondent suggests that Dipsy got his grammar wrong in the same offending issue, and should have signed off with "*twll tyn pob sais*", we intend to leave things there, so if any cognoscenti of the Welsh language wish to object — well *ditto* to you!

BRUCE'S

David Bruce is due to open his ninth London pub in February. Formerly the Red Lion in Balaam St. Plaistow E13, it is to be renamed the Phantom and Firkin, which brings a few puns to mind (Beer to get you by the Ghoulies?). Our inn-spectre was unable to discover the origin of the title — not the ghost of a chance! Purchase was delayed as the previous owners, Allied Breweries, had mislaid the deeds, but since their re-appearance the deal has gone through and work continues apace. More information, hopefully, next time.

BRANCH CONTACTS

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ENFIELD & BARNET	TONY MORGAN	440 2186 (H)	283 1000 x2944 (W)
KINGSTON &			
LEATHERHEAD	ALLAN MARSHAL	942 9115 (H)	227 3584 (W)
NORTH LONDON	ANNE LODGE	888 5300 (H)	
RICHMOND			
& HOUNSLOW	ANDY PIRSON	977 1633 (H)	
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SOUTH-EAST LONDON	DAVE FOORD	690 5104 (H)	
SOUTH-WEST LONDON	CHRIS COBBOLD	674 0556	
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CAMDEN BEERSHOP

A year ago Martin Richardson and Angelo Giovino were unemployed except for drinking Abbot. Then they decided to go into business supplying the needs of home brewers in a former bakery in Camden Town. Within a short while this had developed into a real beer shop. They are specialising at present in Belgian beers (see advert on page 5) - which Martin considers to be the best in the World for their variety. When I called a few weeks back there were 84 kinds of bottled beer on sale - soon to increase to 100 plus a selection from 16 cask ales and bottled ciders. They are trying to keep the prices down as far as possible, and certainly their rates are competitive. It is intended in the future to work through the beers of other countries and get a similar range.

There is an awful lot more to real bottled beers than a novice would imagine. For example, the Chimay label bears the advice "Don't use a cylindrical glass", and that of Lucifer the admonition "Sale in Italy prohibited". Many labels in fact recommend the temperature and type of glass for best results.

There is a full range of home brewing equipment, including wooden casks and a cider press, as well as the ingredients, and enquiries on techniques are answered all the time. A real enthusiasts' paradise.

M.S.

AN APPEAL

The editors are searching for a regular, topical columnist to contribute to the magazine on a monthly basis. This is a chance for someone who holds strong views to have a regular spot to themselves. If you have an axe to grind (non-libellous please!!) and would like the freedom to comment on topical issues, please contact the editors at the Thankyou Piss-up, preferably with copy for our perusal.

The Editors

FAR FLUNG READERS

Over a few pints with Stan Tompkins and Barry Tillbrook who combine to send copies of each month's magazine to our subscribers, I was surprised to see how far our organ travels. I thought perhaps our readers would be interested to know some of the exotic and none too exotic places where these readers live.

In this country we reach as far north as Rutherglen, Glasgow, Preston, Richmond (North Yorks.), Otley, Manchester and Sheffield; as far east as Grimsby and Cambridge; as far west as Cardiff, Cheltenham, Torquay, Tetbury and Tredegar. Overseas we travel to Vancouver, Eslov (Sweden), Svenborg (Denmark), Washington D.C. and last but not least the Falklands.

We wish all our far flung readers special London greetings for Christmas and the New Year and hope it's not too long before their next Capital pint.

Chris Cobbold.

BID DENIAL AT GREENE KING

Greene, King company secretary, Ian Barron denied suggestions that the Suffolk brewer was in imminent danger of being taken over. A new high for its share price and the belief that U.S. brewing giant Anheuser Busch is on the prowl for a European base fuelled speculation. Mr. Barron denied that directors had been put on the alert.

UPDATE ON EMPRESS OF RUSSIA EC1

Following our recent reports about this old fashioned pub and its impending renovation/despoilation we have received an update from Will Williams of the North London Branch:

The pub reopened on Thursday 30th October and has been made into a one bar pub. It is expensively fitted out and quite tasteful in the modern conception of a Victorian interior with overdone wall lights, heavy carpet etc. and none of the original features remain. In fairness, there probably wasn't much to save where fittings were concerned; the charm of the pub was the ex-landlord and his staff.

The old cheese board has gone but a good selection of cold pies etc is available. The small toilet which must be the narrowest in London has been retained on the first floor but there are plans to change it - how, I don't know. At least that bit of charm is left. The folk room upstairs has been retained and has been tarted up and overdone with imitation pistols over a fake fireplace. Folk sessions are weekly and seem to have a selection of well known singers. It is called Islington Folk Club.

Only Wethered was available but it seems they will have the normal Whitbread "free" range - Everards, Castle Eden etc. Prices were about normal for today. In short, we have lost a very good traditional pub and landlord but, by today's standards, the Empress is not a bad one bar emporium and I think the Governor is trying quite hard to make it a success.

SPBW PUB OF THE YEAR - YE OLDE LEATHER BOTTLE, BELVEDERE

The Society for the Preservation of Beers from the Wood have announced that their award for the best pub in the Greater London area has been won by "Ye Olde Leather Bottle", Heron Hill, Belvedere, Kent.

The award has been made annually since 1979 and this year some thirty nominations were received from the six London branches. The final run up was very close giving the judges a most difficult task in choosing the winner.

In the event, the "Ye Olde Leather Bottle" triumphed. The striking features of the pub are the consistently high standard of Courage beers served, a most excellent high class restaurant and "al freco" barbecue during weekends and, most unusually, an aviary. Mr. George Copeland, the tenant for the last three years, will receive the society's award on Saturday 6th December at 1 pm at the public house.

Mick and Sue of the Goat House, South Norwood

*Send Best wishes for
Christmas and New Year
to all their friends and customers.*

Fuller's real ales on handpump, also Poly and Minipins.

A WINTER'S TALE

Yes, I know Shakespeare used the title (exit pursued by a bear etc....), but for this topical anecdote I doubt he could claim the monopoly.

The Snowdrop.... an innocuous flower, and just the right sort of name for a homely English tavern. Not so the Snowdrop at Cliffe, just across the river from Lewes. The name commemorates a tragedy which befell a row of workers' houses and their occupants a hundred and fifty years ago this Christmas. This story has all the makings of Victorian melodrama, but it is well documented - if you know where to look. It's also pre-Victorian - by a few months.

The first three weeks of December 1836 were mild in Sussex. However, as Christmas approached Southern England was crippled by violent snowstorms. The temperature was below freezing on 24th December, and the coach from London was so hampered by the conditions that it arrived two hours late - at 11 pm - on what was scheduled as a seven hour journey. Snowdrifts were deeper than at any time within living memory.

Cliffe is aptly named as it stands at the foot of cliffs 300 feet high, and on top of these a huge drift formed itself into a lump of ice weighing thousands of tons. Directly below was Boulder Row, a terrace of local workers' houses, the homes of forty souls. Obviously, as soon as the thaw began the ice would obey gravity, and the houses were doomed. Despite exhortations to get out, the inhabitants stayed put in the main, some went back for belongings or to cook a last meal at their hearths. Then, on the morning of Tuesday 27th December, the temperature began to rise. Cracks developed in the ice, and two men tried once more to persuade the fifteen people still indoors to leave. One of them - Robert Hyman, tried to drag out two

women by force, but had to run for his life as a mass of ice fell, demolishing seven houses. Large sections of the ruins were carried bodily some 35 feet, and with the ice formed a temporary causeway across the river. Had it not been a fine day many more might well have remained inside. Immediately a rescue operation was mounted, and five people were found. The first, a boy named Rooke, had a broken leg. Next to be found was a Mrs. Taylor who was dead with her still living six week old baby cradled in her lap. She had come a few days previously from her home some miles away to spend Christmas with her father. Strangely, another baby of similar age

also survived. The grandfather was pulled out dead, then a boy named Bridgeman was found alive, and while he was being dug out another fall buried him a second time. It took a further six hours to bring him to safety. His sister Mary, aged eleven, was found dead - the youngest victim - and another relative also died. He recovered from his injuries in the local workhouse. Altogether fourteen people were buried in their homes, plus one workman who was buried up to his neck by the second fall. The oldest victim was 82. There were six survivors.

The victims were buried in a mass grave at South Malling Church, and this year on the anniversary the landlord and customers of the Snowdrop will make a pilgrimage to lay a wreath at their memorial. A subscription was opened in aid of the people who had lost everything. A total of £394 5s 6d was raised. £193 was given to the families and £75 was deposited in a savings bank for the orphans. Three years later a pub was erected on the site - the Snowdrop, with its tragic title, serves Webster's Yorkshire Bitter, King & Barnes Festive and Bulmers traditional cider - all on handpump.

Merton

Uproar over 'polluted pint'

Brewers' Society refuses to give drinkers the facts

The launch of the 1987 Good Beer Guide late last month stirred up a torrent of controversy after comments made by editor, Neil Hanson, about additives in beer.

Neil said that a special analysis of some brands of beer and cider carried out for CAMRA had shown "enough arsenic, cadmium, lead and zinc to start a heavy metal band". He appealed for all ingredients to be listed on labels, like other foodstuffs.

But this demand for information did not meet with approval from the brewers. The Brewers' Society described CAMRA claims over additives as "absolute tripe".

Youngs of Wandsworth cancelled the London launch of the Guide at their Ram brewery, planned for October 27. Everards of Leicester also pulled out of hosting the East Midlands launch in protest, followed by Brains of Cardiff and Tetleys in Leeds.

But Neil described the reaction of brewers in general, and the Brewers' Society in particular, as "bordering on the hysterical". He added: "We have obviously touched on a very raw nerve.

"The Brewers' Society have refused to debate

this with us on a BBC radio programme. That, and their over-reaction, shows that the stone we have lifted conceals some very nasty things.

"What we have said is that some brewers — not all — are using undesirable additives. But until they all come clean with the customer about exactly what goes into our pint, then a cloud of suspicion must hang over them all".

In their counter attack, the Brewers' Society rejected the idea of listing ingredients in beer. "Most of the things which start out to be used in the production of beer are not there in the final product", said spokesman Kenneth Dunjohn.

The whole uproar is not unlike the controversy a decade ago surrounding the declaration of original gravities. It was CAMRA who had to analyse beers to find out their strength, and who had to campaign for the consumer to be told basic information.

CAMRA's national launch for the Good Beer Guide was switched to the Waldorf Hotel in London, and regional launches still went ahead in Sunderland and Edinburgh (courtesy of Vaux), Manchester (courtesy of Tetley-Walker) and Aberdeen.

Plus one for the West Midlands at Ma Pardoe's home-brew house at Netherton in the Black Country, which officially re-opened after alterations on October 31.

From 'What's Brewing'.



Chairman of East London and City CAMRA, Adrian Hall, receives a presentation from Liz Abbot of Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, to mark the £600 recently raised by the Branch for the Guide Dogs. Adrian said that the customers at the recent Pigs Ear Beer Festival had been very generous to the Branch's adopted charity. The event took place at the Essex Arms, Forest Road, Walthamstow on 4 November.

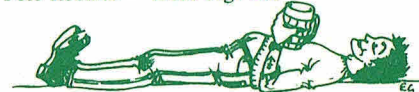


Found in the archives of the office library:

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TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

The Account of Mr. John Conner (landlord of the Mitre) for expenses attending a meeting of the Magistrates at the Mitre Inn, Barnet, in order to suppress an intended riot:

40 dinners at 1/6d each	£3. 0.0
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Punch	7.6
Horses	4.0
Tobacco	6
Servants	2.0

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Extracted from the Hertfordshire Session Rolls, 1787.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear Editors

London Drinker readers may be interested to learn of the sequel to my letter in the August edition, in which I castigated the extortionate price of London beer in general and that of Youngs & Fullers in particular (on the grounds that being locally-based they have even less excuse than the others). I duly sent a copy off to Youngs; after reading their forthright response to another item in a subsequent edition I thought they might care to comment.

In due course I got back a letter which said that they wouldn't be challenging my views in the "increasingly unsavoury pages" of London Drinker, and which explained that their prices were based on various factors such as costs of raw materials and labour — and, significantly, on "what the market will stand". The letter went on to draw a shaky comparison between the higher prices charged in two specific pubs run by other breweries and Youngs' "average price" of 95p for a pint of Special in a managed house saloon bar (which means there must be a lot which charge more than that!). This, it is claimed, destroys most of my arguments. I maintain that it does nothing of the sort — they still haven't explained why their prices should be so much higher than those charged elsewhere in the country, and I regard 95p a pint as a rip-off anyway, whatever they may say.

As I said originally, in London breweries charge what they know they can get away with, and I seriously wonder whether there isn't some kind of gentleman's agreement between them all not to rock the boat by undercutting each other too markedly.

Meanwhile, if anybody out there would like to send me details of Youngs pubs where the Special costs over 95p, I'd be interested to hear from them!

Yours faithfully

Graham Larkbey, London SW17.

Dear Editors,

As an avid Worthington White Shield drinker I have noticed an unfortunate trend in many bars to provide a brim measure glass with a bottled beer.

Certainly it is impossible to pour a White Shield and leave a proper head using one of these glasses, and I think that with any bottled beer it is more satisfying to be able to pour the whole bottle in one go rather than having to top up the glass. So please landlords can we have the oversize glasses which will allow us the full pleasure of our bottled beers?

Ron Pettit, Hampton.

Editors' Comment

I agree wholeheartedly with you, Ron. I consider that this is a symptom of poor management of staff; it cannot take more than two minutes to explain to new bar staff that all bottled beers should be poured into a larger glass than halves of draught beer.

While we are at it, can I add a further grouse of my own: bar staff who make a meaningless and desultory attempt to serve bottled beer by slurping half an inch into the glass and then proffering both bottle and glass to the customer. Please pour the beer properly or not at all. This even happened to me the other day when I purchased a White Shield for a friend (at a time when, I hasten to add, the pub was nowhere near busy). It came as quite a revelation to the poor chap when I refused the beer and pointed out that he had spoilt it.

AP

Dear Editor

You may wish to acquaint your readers of further cases of "rip-off" at present being offered at the HORSE & GROOM, 122 Westminster Birdge Road, SE1 (by Lambeth North Underground).

Current prices are: Fullers London Price £1.09 per pint, Shepherd Neame Master Brew £1.09, Charrington IPA £1.07.

Yours faithfully

N.C. GAZZARD, Bexleyheath.



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REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 29.

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. The number in brackets after each entry refers to the page number in 'Real Beer in London' the Supplement (S prefix) the London Drinker Update number (U prefix), the East London & City Beer Guide 2nd edition (E prefix), the North London Beer Guide (N prefix). Real Ale in South East London (SE prefix) or Real Beer in South West London (SW prefix).

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.**

CENTRAL

EC2 BANGERS, 2 Wilson St. Courage; Directors. A new Davys Free House. Beer is labelled 'Davys Old Wallop'.

EC3 ANGEL, 14 Crosswall. Charrington: IPA.

EAST

E1 LORD NELSON, 230 Commercial Rd. Charrington: IPA

E2 DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 52 Cyprus St. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E2 SHAKESPEARE, 460 Bethnal Green Rd. Truman: Sampson, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (E77).

E2 SOLLYS, 31 Coate St. Gibbs Mews: Salisbury Best Bitter (re-instatement).

E2 VICTORIA, 4 Ravenscroft St. Watney: Coombes Bitter.

E2 VICTORY, 27 Vyner St. Bass. An ex-Ind Coope, Free House.

E2 WEYMOUTH ARMS, 80 Weymouth Terrace. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E3 UNICORN, 27 Vivian Rd. Flowers: IPA (OG 1036). Wethered: Bitter.

E4 PRINCE ALBERT, 1 Old Church Rd. Flowers: Original Bitter. Wethered: Bitter.

E7 TRAVELLERS REST, 12 Cemetery Rd. Charrington: IPA. An ex-Charrington Free House. Other beers anticipated.

E8 DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, 212 Richmond Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E8 FLORFIELD ARMS, 40 Florfield Rd. Truman: Bitter, Best Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E8 FOX, 372 Kingsland Rd. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Beers alternate.

E9 DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, 72 Darnley Rd. Truman: Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E9 VICTORIA, 359 Wick Rd. Wethered: Bitter.

E10 LORD CLYDE, 175 Capworth St. Ind Coope: Burton Ale (re-instatement).

E11 BRITANNIA, 493 High Rd. Flowers: Original Bitter.

E14 BRITISH OAK, 28 Robin Hood Lane. Adnams: Bitter, Barking: Alsation Bitter (OG 1040), Bateman: XB, Tolly Cobbold: Original. An ex-Ind Coope Free House.

E14 CARTYS, 72 Poplar High St. Young: Special Bitter. An Ex-Ind Coope Free House, formerly the GREEN MAN.

E14 CUBITT ARMS, 262 Manchester Rd. Truman: Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E14 ENTERPRISE, 145 Three Colt St. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E14 LORD NELSON, 1 Manchester Rd. Charrington: IPA (E141).

E14 OLD SHIP, 17 Barnes St. Watney: Combes Bitter, Stag Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (re-instatement).

E14 QUEENS HEAD, 491 The Highway, Ruddle: County, Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

E14 WHITE SWAN, 556 Commercial Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Partly a private club.

E15 MANBY ARMS, 19 Water Lane. Charrington: IPA (re-instatement).

E17 COPPERMILL, 205 Coppermill Lane. Charrington: IPA. Fuller: London Pride, ESB, Marston: Pedigree. Re-opened as Free House after spell as off licence. Formerly **LORD KITCHENER**.

E17 ESSEX BREWERY TAP, 2 St James St. Charrington: IPA.

E17 WOODMAN, 150 Higham Place, Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.

NORTH

N4 MORTIMER ARMS, 405 Green Lanes. Marston: Pedigree, Truman: Bitter, Wadworth: 6X, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. The latest Martins 'JJ Weatherspoons' new Free House. Trumans Bitter is believed to be the 'house beer' labelled 'Old Suffolk Best Bitter'.

N9 BRITANNIA, Sebastopol Rd. Taylor Walker: Bitter (re-instatement) (N68).

ENFIELD JOLLY BUTCHERS, 168 Baker St. McMullen: Country Bitter. Now a McMullen tied house, ex Watneys. (N164).

NORTH WEST

NW5 DREGHORN CASTLE, 157 Queens Crs. Courage: Best Bitter (N131).

SOUTH WEST

SW8 PRINCE OF WALES, 33 Wilcox Rd. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors (re-instatement) (SW34).

WEST

W7 DUKE OF YORK, 161 Uxbridge Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

DELETIONS

The following pubs should be deleted for the reasons given. H represents handpumps. The information provided is correct to the best of our knowledge. If any pubs have reverted to selling real ale the compilers would be pleased to receive details.

CENTRAL

EC1 CHISWELL STREET VAULTS. Whitbread, Demolished (37).

EC2 CRISPIN, Courage, Demolished (39, S11).

EC2 TURNERS, Free House, Demolished (S11).

EC2 WEAVERS ARMS, Watney. Demolished (S11).

EC4 BRADYS, Whitbread, Renamed **DOVE**, now a Cafe-Bar. H removed (S12).

EC4 REVERSIDE INN, Free House, closed (43).

NORTH

N1 CROWN & ANCHOR, Watney, H unused (S23, N30).

N1 OLD IVY HOUSE, Watney, H unused (U13, N37).

N9 COCK, Charrington, H unused (S25, N67).

N9 EXHIBITION, Ind Coope, H unused (S64, N67).

N9 HORSE & GROOM, Watney, H removed (S25, N67).

N9 TOWN CRIER, Whitbread, H unused (U3, N68).

N16 EBOR ARMS, Watney, H removed (U8, N81).

Deletions continued

N16 VICTORIA, Taylor Walker, H unused (65, N84).
N18 CROWN & ANCHOR, Whitbread, H unused (S29, N89).

ENFIELD WHEATSHEAF, Charrington, H unused (S29, N163).

NORTH WEST

NW1 CHALK FARM TAVERN, Charrington, H removed (S30, N101).

NW1 LANSLOWNE, Charrington, Closed (U13, N105).

NW5 MOTHER SHIPTON, Watney, H unused (U7, N130).

NW5 NEWBURY ARMS, Charrington, H unused (U7, N130).

WEMBLEY HEATHER PARK TAVERN, Taylor Walker, H unused (78).

SOUTH EAST

SE5 BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Watney, H unused (SE48).

SE5 FOX ON THE HILL, Charrington, H removed (U14, SE50).

SE8 HOY, Truman, H unused (U17, SE64).

SE14 DUKE OF ALBANY, 1 Kitto Rd, Watney, H unused (U17, SE106).

SE14 EARL OF DERBY, Charrington, H unused (U17, SE106).

SE14 WALPOLE, Charrington, H unused (S37, SE109).

SE16 ROYAL GEORGE, Courage, H unused (87, SE126, SE/A1).

SIDCUP IRON HORSE, Courage H removed (U27, SE230, SE/A1).

SOUTH WEST

SW11 WHITE HART, Charrington, demolished (U14, SW41).

SW15 RAILWAY, Charrington, renamed DRUMMONDS H removed (U5, SW47).

WEST

W7 OLD BILL, Watney, H removed (U10).

W10 NOTTING BARN TAVERN, Watney, renamed BARNS, H unused (S55).

GREENFORD HARE & HOUNDS, Courage, H unused (131).

CHANGES

CENTRAL

EC3 CHAPMANS FREE HOUSE, Now renamed CHAPMANS WINE LODGE, -beers listed in RB11 except Young: Bitter, Special Bitter, +Young: Winter Warmer, Now a Youngs tied house (41, S12, U27).

EC4 BOUNCING BANKER, Renamed BANKER -beers listed in supplement, +Fuller: Chiswick Bitter, London Pride, ESB, Now a Fullers tied house under the Cannon Street railway arches, riverside terrace, Closes 10pm Mon-Fri, Closed Sat. evening and all Sunday (S12).

EC4 CROWN & ANCHOR, Renamed SPATZ (42).

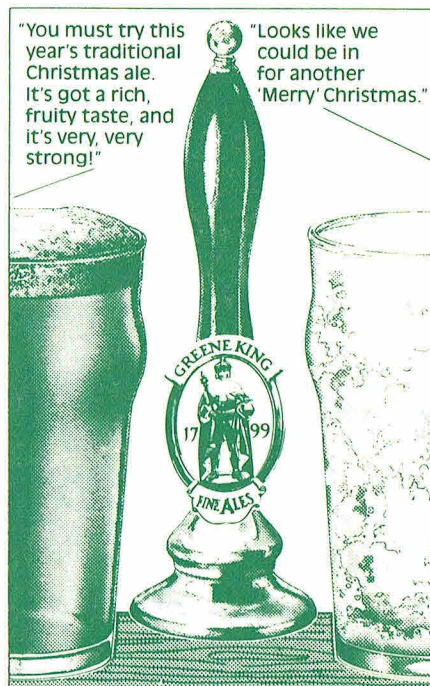
EAST

E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD, -Charrington: IPA, +Banks & Taylor: Shefford Bitter (OG 1038), SPA (OG 1041), Shefford Old Strong (OG 1050), Old Dark (OG 1050), Banks & Taylors first London tied house (U2),
E1 NORFOLK, Renamed NORFOLK VILLAGE (U6).

E1 THREE CRANES, Renamed FORTY FIVE, -Taylor Walker: Bitter (46, S15).

NORTH

N12 JUBILEE INN, Renamed TILTED GLASS, -Ruddle: County, -Watney: Stag Bitter, +Godson: Black Horse Bitter, +Young: Special Bitter (64, N73).



SOUTH WEST

SW11 QUEEN VICTORIA, -Courage: Directors (SW41).

SW15 FOX & HOUNDS, -Greene King: Abbot (SW46).

SW15 NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS, +Ruddle County (SW47).

SW17 KINGS HEAD, -Truman: Best Bitter, +Truman: Bitter (SW50).

SW17 RAILWAY BELL, +Courage: Best Bitter (SW50).

SW18 BUILDERS ARMS, +Courage: Best Bitter (SW51).

SW19 GROVE TAVERN, +Friary Meux: Bitter (SW51).

SW19 ROYAL SIX BELLS, -Ind Coope Bitter (SW56).

SW19 SPORTSMAN, -Young: Bitter, Special Bitter, +Ruddle: County, +Truman: Best Bitter, Sampson (SW56, U28).

SW19 WOODMAN, -Bass, +Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA (SW56).

MITCHAM RAVENSBURY ARMS, +Tetley Bitter (SW68).

WEST

W11 ALMA, Renamed COLONY (U3).

GREENFORD NUFFIELD ARMS, +Courage: Best Bitter (131).

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE No.28

ADDITIONS

SOUTH HARROW TITKE FARM HOUSE Should read TITHE FARM HOUSE.

CHANGES

W1 DUKE BAR, Should read DUKES BAR.

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The CAP and FEATHERS, Tillingham, Essex

On 15th October 1986, The Cap and Feathers at Tillingham, Essex, opened its doors as the Crouch Vale Brewery's first tied house; five years to the night after the launch of Crouch Vale beer — in the same pub.

The 500 year old traditional village pub was, until 8 years ago, a Truman's tied house (which it survived remarkably well) and then operated as a free house until bought by Crouch Vale. The new licensees, CAMRA members Les and Trish Norman, have made a number of improvements and, for once, "improvements" means just that — out have gone the pool table, the fruit machine and the muzak; in will come bar billiards, skittles and breweryana. There are also plans to re-expose some Victorian tongue-and-groove boarding and consideration is even being given to re-erecting an interior wall!

The full range of Crouch Vale draught beers is offered (Woodham Bitter at 74p), to be augmented soon by a naturally-conditioned bottled beer — Marsh Madness — to be brewed only for the pub. There will also be two traditional ciders and a selection of Belgian bottle-conditioned beers. Full meals (including vegetarian) and bar snacks will be available lunchtime and evening. There are men's and ladies' darts teams and the pub appears to be the HQ of the local branch of the Hull City FC

Supporters' Club. Another feature is bed and breakfast — useful for those who succumb to the Willie Warmer (OG 1060).

The Crouch Vale Brewery Company was started in 1981 by local CAMRA members Colin Bocking and Rob Walster. It has 50 free trade accounts and an outside bar business. The intention is to build up a small chain of tied houses.

The opening night was well-attended by locals and by CAMRA members from Essex and beyond, including representatives of the West Riding Brewery, which has a close association with Crouch Vale. A traditional, no-gimmick pub, once owned by a national brewer now owned by a small independent, good, cheap beer, wholesome food and pub games represent much that CAMRA stands for. Thoroughly recommended.

Yak.

Do you have difficulty in getting your copy of *London Drinker*? If so, please ask your local outlet to increase its order. It helps us greatly to know of increased orders before printing as we work to a tight budget. It also ensures that potential readers are not disappointed.

Editorial team

THE GOOD BEER GUIDE AND "THAT"

There has been a lot of flack flying around recently over the furore produced by the launch of the 1987 Good Beer Guide and the press release which accompanied it. The media picked up on the issue of the poisonous ingredients of British beer including such constituents as lead, cadmium, arsenic and cyanide.

In fact the articles in the Guide concerning the ingredients in beer were couched in much more measured terms basically highlighting the fact that some British beer does actually contain certain additives which mean that certain brands cannot be sold in other EEC countries. As an indication of the restrained style we reproduce below the article by Denis Palmer of Anglo-Dutch Ales who import British beers and cider into the Netherlands.

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THIRST ADDITIONS

Before you read this, please pour yourself a pint of beer, raise your glass, drink deep and repeat after me, 'British Beer is best'.

We British take our beer very seriously. We have poems about porter, ballads to beer and we even Campaign to keep our ale real. But when it comes to the ingredients of our national drink we don't seem to give a damn.

On the other side of the Channel, the Germans, Dutch, French, Italians — and the rest — want, even demand, to know what their brews are made from. More importantly, they concern themselves closely with the additives that must not end up in the beer. Not surprisingly, they consider our lack of interest quaint, to say the least, and our beers are shunned and treated with grave suspicion in most European lands.

In theory I occupy my days by exporting, and selling British beers in Europe. In practice I spend a large part of my time keeping up to date with volumes of law devoted to the purity of the European half litre.

Possibly the lowest point in my career arrived with the ringing of the telephone in the early hours of a Saturday morning. A slightly hysterical, and very Dutch, bar owner informed me that I was responsible for poisoning one of his customers who, at that very moment, was being sped by ambulance to the City hospital. 'It was that filthy flat English beer of yours — its worse than rat poison'. I assured him that it wasn't — crossing my fingers the while. The truth emerged that the injured party had consumed eight pints of England's strongest bitter to round off an evening spent sampling the alcoholic delights of Amsterdam. He recovered

and so — just — did my reputation. The bar owner went bankrupt some two months later.

Skull & Crossbones

He wasn't the first, and I doubt if he'll be the last, to suggest that, as much of Britain's beer is stuffed full of all nameless additives and is sadly lacking in the vital ingredients (such as malt), every pint should carry a large skull and crossbones as warning to the unwary.

It is very difficult to convince the doubters. In light of the shelves of beer laws produced by our litigious EEC cousins, our own few pages of statutes concerning the drink seem very slim indeed. Not only do we seem to have problems in controlling what is added to beer — we are unable to produce a sensible definition of what beer is — even what it should be brewed from. Not so the Benelux countries. They demand that their beer must be brewed from a minimum 60% malt. Nor France or Italy — the present minimum malt levels here are 70 and 75% respectively.

Poison

Germany has the ultimate law — the Reinheitsgebot — under which beer must be brewed from malt, yeast, hops and water only. Not a hint of anything else, however seemingly innocuous, may even cross the brewery gates. Germans defend their law on the grounds that with an annual consumption per head of 300 pints per year, even tiny traces of the nasty bits (those that we seem to take for granted) would slowly poison the population. Seductive as this

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argument is it can take a bit of a battering when you see a group of Germans washing down additive-enriched Big Franzburgers with litres of ultra pure beer.

Bite

Other European lands don't attain quite such extremes, but they all keep a very careful eye on what ends up in the glass — and they bite very hard if you break the rules. Colouring — Forget it, unless it's caramel (and then not in Italy). A sniff of sulphur dioxide (a hundredth part of that allowed in headache inducing cheap wines), a drop of head stabiliser, a touch of natural acid for balance (or perhaps by accident) and a pinch of vitamin C — and that's about it — except, of course, for the malt, hops, yeast and water. Even in those countries where additives are permitted, the brewer is kindly requested to list them in full, ensuring an end product with all the appeal of a pack of instant pot noodles.

Drawbacks

Exporting beers from Britain, where some brewers have been known to consider potatoes and onions as suitable substitutes for malted barley, can have its drawbacks. A few of the larger brewers, wise to the business, will probably have a product for export only — one that doesn't contain dyes more suited to kippers or day-glo-t-shirts. Thankfully, there are still some smaller concerns where the head brewer wouldn't recognise a flask of propylene glyco alginate if it walked in and introduced itself.

Nor, for the average European are the vague epithets of 'Best Bitter', 'Strong Ale', 'Supa Dupa Headbanger', or whatever suitable names to describe beer. If it is beer (as defined by law) then you print that word on the label. If it's pils (Eurospeak for what lager should be) then the word pils is writ large.

Don't write off these strange practices as the products of minds softened by years of real pilsner — or even as a means to prevent the hardworking importer introducing the best of British beers (though I sometimes allow myself a little doubt here). The simple fact is that when most people in Europe consume a glass of beer they know what it's brewed from and they are certain that it contains no dubious colourings, doubtful preservatives or dire additives. They are comfortable in the knowledge that the most harmful ingredient of their pure and natural brew is alcohol.

The price of this security can be heavy for British brewers trying to market their beers in Europe. Some years ago, I sent some cases of a famous dark ale to a British reception in West Germany. The beer never arrived. Many months later I received the cases back — now full of empty bottles — with a covering note from the German Customs authorities. I quote: 'Your English "beer" was analysed before being allowed to enter the country. It was found to be injurious to human health and we have, therefore been forced to destroy it'.

Contemplate that as you enjoy your pint

Denis Palmer

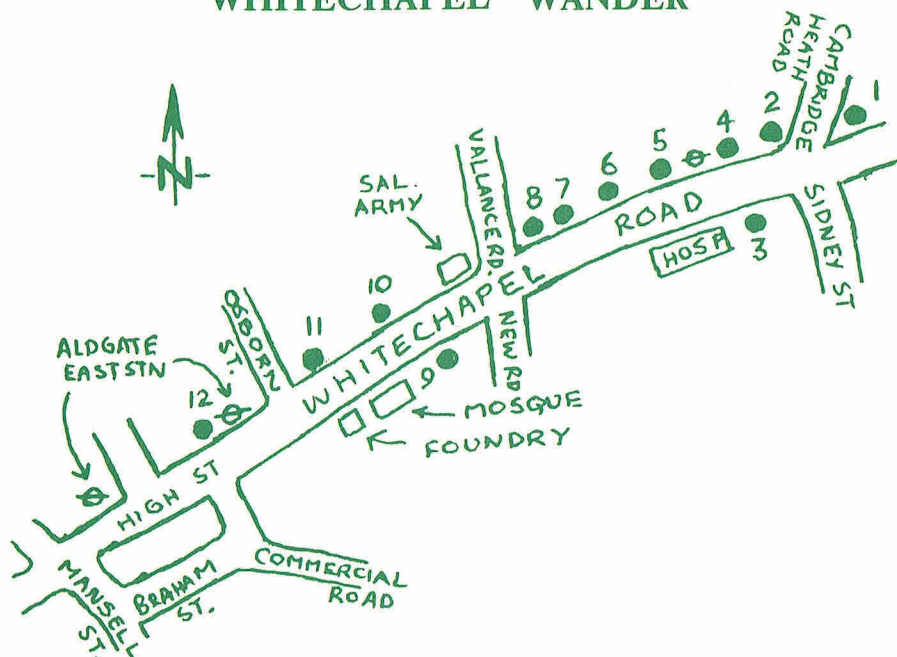
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Another article by CAMRA founder member Graham Lees concerns the "Rheinheitsgebot", the German pure beer laws which mean that only beer brewed from malt, hops, yeast and water and nothing else can be sold in Germany. Graham also finishes by making the very valid point that while all German brewers adhere strictly to the Rheinheitsgebot for home consumption, for the export trade they are free to (and do) use all kinds of adjuncts. It is also significant that the EEC, under pressure from breweries in Britain and other countries, are trying to get Germany to repeal the Rheinheitsgebot, claiming that it is a restriction of free trade.

The major point of these articles was to highlight the fact that beer, and other alcoholic beverages are unique in this country in that they are the only manufactured foodstuffs which do not have to state their lists of ingredients, and to call for this situation to be remedied. Are there any British brewers that use no adjuncts whose beers are available in London ? Please let us know.

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WHITECHAPEL WANDER



If Whitechapel has any claim to fame, it is perhaps being one of the two cheapest properties on the Monopoly board. Also, the area shares an association with the Ripper murders together with Spitalfields — the site of my last crawl for 'London Drinker'.

The area gets its name from a white stone chapel, first built in 1329 and dedicated to St. Mary Matfelon, which was rebuilt three times before falling victim to Hitler's bombs in 1940, and was subsequently demolished in 1952.

The Whitechapel Road is host to the Salvation Army's Booth House, the huge London Hospital, the Post Office's Eastern District sorting office, and last but not least the former Mann's Albion brewery — now a distribution plant for GrandMet's Watney Combe Reid.

Whitechapel Road begins to the east at the crossroads with Cambridge Heath Road and Sidney Street, the latter famous for its 1910 seige, still brought vividly to life by the photograph of Home Secretary Churchill directing operations at the scene together with armed soldiers and police.

On the north-east corner of the junction stands the WHITE HART (1) (Free). This Irish house has long been known as 'Murphy's', but has recently had its original title restored outside, though it was always carried by a stone plaque

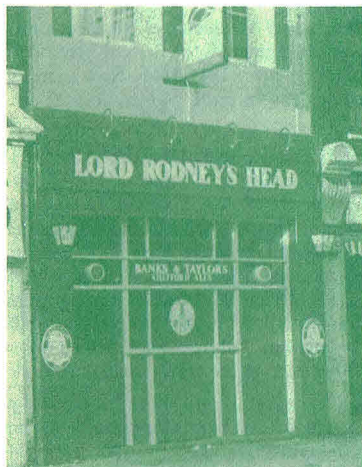
on the exterior. The interior is predictably tatty, but some fine glass screens remain. Irish records on the juke box, both Guinness and Murphy's stout taps on the bar, and a steep wooden staircase to the gent's which moves when you use it (the staircase moves that is — not the gent's!). Real beer choice on my last visit was between Everard's Original and Godson's Black Horse — both pretty potent brews and not my idea of a 'session' beer.

Across the road and adjoining the former brewery stands the BLIND BEGGAR (2) (Watney). Built in 1895, it gained infamy for a gangland killing of the Kray era. Its all seems quite safe now though, and the comfortable L-shaped bar offers all three of Watney's usual cask ales, Stag, Combes and Webster's Yorkshire. Detractions are that I once found all three of these unavailable at once, and that the music was rather too loud on another visit. To be fair though it was on a Saturday night, and none of the youngsters crowding the bar seemed to mind. Next door the brewery still bears the title 'Mann, Crossman and Paulin'. The sight of lorries in Watney's green and Truman's maroon sharing the same premises (and registered in the same series) shows the way the two units are being progressively merged.

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Opposite is the Post Office building, where deep below terminates the eastern end of the Post Office railway, opened here in 1923. Next to it is the LONDON HOSPITAL TAVERN (3) (Taylor Walker). Refitted some years ago in a disco-pub style, it has at least still got its handpumps in use — offering Taylor Walker Bitter and Burton. High stools and a false ceiling covered in prints of various sizes indicate this is not my kind of pub. The London Hospital itself stands adjacent, founded in 1740 and transferred here circa 1751.

Recrossing the Whitechapel Road and a few yards to the east of the station is the LORD RODNEY'S HEAD (4) (Banks & Taylor). A former Charrington pub, it has been recently taken over by this Bedfordshire brewer, being



fully renovated inside. Six handpumps adorn the bar, serving Shefford Bitter, Shefford Old Strong (SOS) and Shefford Old Dark (SOD). The plain varnished fittings inside are quite attractive, and no doubt the pub — and the brewery — will build up a following as their products become better known. The pub is leased from London Transport, but alas no discounts for staff or Travelcard holders though.

Whitechapel station was open in 1876, when the utilisation of Brunel's Thames Tunnel allowed the East London Railway to be built. The broad pavement which lies outside is crowded with market stalls during the week. Whitechapel was once home to one of London's three biggest hay markets, essential in the days before motor traction. It was still the biggest in the country when abolished in 1927.

A few yards to the west of the station is the GRAVE MAURICE (5) (Truman). A favourite of mine, it is in almost total contrast to any other in the area, with its quiet and gentile interior, and with classical music playing in the background. The row of seats opposite the bar are reminiscent of a railway carriage, with white anti-macassars and brass table lamps. The mock Tudor interior gives the impression of stepping back in time thirty years. Beers are Truman Best and Webster's Yorkshire, the latter having recently replaced the Truman 'green' bitter. See it while its still there, but be warned — with Best at £1.10 a pint its not cheap for the pleasure.

Between the 'Maurice' and the next pub stands a memorial to King Edward VII, erected by the areas Jewish residents, a small reminder of those who once occupied the district in their thousands.

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Further along is another, Grozinsky's Koshier bakery — formerly the Lord Napier P.H., and next door is the STAR & GARTER (6) (Charrington). A small single bar corner pub, with an inside refurbished in pseudo-cocktail bar style. The trouble is they haven't refurbished the customers though, and they sit incongruously amongst the low tables and yukka plants. IPA on pump, but I wouldn't bother.

The penultimate pub on this parade is the OLD RED LION (7) (Free). I note that the East London & City Beer Guide states that it has been 'left to run down in recent years' — a charitable way of putting things indeed! Split PVC seats, tables awash with beer, peeling ceiling, periodic ejecting of drunks, locals consuming pints of Newcastle Brown. Tolly Cobbold Original dispensed through handpump with Young's Special clip. Real Ale unavailable on a subsequent visit.

There now follows a run of keg only pubs, relieved only upon reaching Aldgate East. The BLACK BULL (8) (Free), with a bias to Scottish & Newcastle products. On the south side of the road, the ROYAL OAK (9) (Watney), also keg. Opposite is the Salvation Army hostel, General Booth started the movement in the East End. at

100 Whitechapel Road, a disused filling station stands on the site of the old St. Mary's station. District Line trains ceased to call here in 1938, but street access to the platforms below still exists. The station was flanked on both sides by the 2,268 seating Rivoli cinema. Opened in 1921 and destroyed in the blitz of 1941, a replacement planned was never built. All that remains now is a row of tiles on the edge of the building to the left of the site. Both the OLD BLUE ANCHOR (10) (Charrington) and the NAGS HEAD (11) (Courage) are keg too, but the walk to Aldgate — and real beer again — is enlivened by the huge mosque, complete with minarets, and the Church Bell foundry — which has stood here since 1738. The building was originally an inn, and both Big Ben and America's Liberty Bell were cast here.

The shop at 27 Whitechapel Road was another long vanished cinema, the Bellvue operated for a few years between 1911-1916. Now used by the rag trade, the exterior plaster decoration still remains.

At last there is a pub with real beer, the WHITE HART (12) (Taylor Walker). Visited on my Shoreditch crawl, it still offers Taylor Walker Bitter and Burton. A welcome oasis after so many fizz-pubs. Aldgate East no longer has its Gardiners department store — from which the corner got its name — but Bloom's restaurant and Townsend's 1899 Art Nouveau art gallery, not to mention Tubby Isaacs' jellied eel stall, remain as part of the traditional East End.

It is a pity there are not more traditional pubs serving traditional beer along the Whitechapel Road, but there is still interest and variety — if you know where to look.

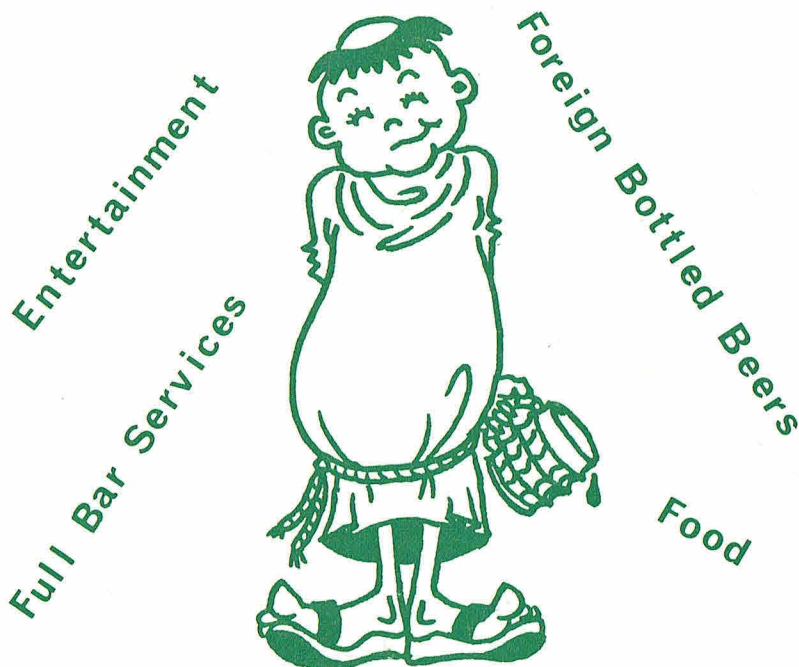
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PROGRESS AT PITFIELD

The Beer Shop at 8 Pitfield Street, NI was the first off licence to brew for sale on the premises for some years. The brewing operation outreached the space available, and is now done on a larger site a short distance away in Hoxton Square.

The draught beers are Pitfield Bitter (O.G. 1038), Hoxton Heavy (O.G.1048) and Dark Star (O.G. 1050). The latter, which was awarded a prize as the best beer from a new brewery at the 1986 Great British Beer Festival, will be made available in bottled form for Christmas.

Apart from the Pitfield beers, the Beer Shop supplies polypins and firkins of other real beers for parties and suchlike. A wide range of cider, scrumpy and mead is available, as is a selection of high quality Belgian and continental beers, such as Brigand, Oud Hoegaarden, Timmermans Kriek and Framboise and Gambrinus from Czechoslovakia. Home brewing and wine making enthusiasts' needs are supplied in the form of ingredients and equipment. See advertisement opposite.

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FRIENDS AND RELATIONS

During the course of the year we peruse many of our sister magazines from different parts of the country, and these provide us with information and inspiration for many of our articles. All the following are worth a subscription if your funds run to it, although some are free. I can heartily recommend the Mersey Drinker, which I consider to be the best I have seen.

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BEST OUT OF TOWN PUBS

Following my article in the August London Drinker about my favourite personal pubs, I have to report that Nobby has retired from the Crooked Billet in happier circumstances after a visit from Paul Brakspear. The pub is also to continue as a licensed house, although in what guise is open to debate. I wish the new landlord well, but nobody can hope to replace someone with such a huge character as Nobby. All at London Drinker, and following many phone calls and written requests many of our readers, send warmest wishes to him for a long and peaceful retirement.

For those wishing to appreciate another pub of real character I urge you to seek out the New Inn at Hadlow Down, East Sussex. As with Nobby's this pub has to be treated with a large amount of discretion - but don't expect a replica of the Crooked Billet. Be prepared for another landlord of character who often bandies insults about, but where you are made instantly welcome if you accept the pub for what it is. Harveys Bitter is on sale direct from the barrel at a price which must be the cheapest for miles. As at Nobby's, there is no food except for the crisp variety. Have a good time!

While on the subject of unspoilt country pubs, please let me have your own nominations (in writing please) to me at the editors' address. If you do not wish your letter to be published please say so.

London pubs are much more difficult to classify as unspoilt pubs really don't exist any more, but I feel it would be an interesting exercise for our readers to nominate one or two of their favourite pubs with reasons why. I know the Standard are currently doing their thing but their nominations often do not reflect the particular interests our readers and contributors. One of the considerations would be a high standard of preservation rather than alteration. CAMRA nationally gives awards to pubs and brewers for efforts in this respect, so perhaps London, which is much underrepresented in the CAMRA search, could increase its entries through our pages.

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SUCCESS AT THE PRINCE GEORGE OF CUMBERLAND

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The building is one of a terrace laid out by John Nash between 1811 and 1814, and is largely unspoilt - being Crown property, that precludes the vandalism which often passes as progress. However, Jim has made improvements to the cellars, which he is proud to show to visitors. This is his first venture as a landlord, although he has previously worked for free houses and as a relief manager. He treats real ale as a hobby and uses the pub as the means to being involved in it. He will happily chat about beer all day, and it's not difficult - there is no entertainment, only one fruit machine and light background music.

On the social side there is a very active darts team, with tournaments on Thursdays and a knockout competition on Fridays. A cribbage team is being formed and locals interested in

traditional pub games are encouraged to state their preferences. The pub has a challenge at all or any games with other pubs, with proceeds going to charity. The pub's adopted charities include: the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital - for which a regular recently raised £45 by having half his beard shaved off; and a children's group run by Camden Council for which the regulars are giving a christmas party.

The chef is Julie, who believes in providing good quality food at reasonable prices - everything is home cooked, and there is no prepacked food in the place! Everything is prepared to order, whether it be a sandwich (toasted or otherwise), steak, gammon, chilli or whatever takes your fancy.

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LONDON'S GOOD BEER GUIDE PUBS

Last month we published a brief review of the new Good Beer Guide, mentioning that of 308 entries in the London area, 123 are either new to the Guide or did not appear in the 1986 edition. The full list of these is as follows:

EC1	City Pride	Fullers
	Hat & Tun	Bass-Charrington
EC2	Fleetwood	Fullers
EC3	Lamb	Young
EC4	Cock	Truman
	Old Bell	Free
	Tipperary	Greene King
WC1	Dolphin Tavern	Whitbread
	Pakenham Arms	Free
WC2	Chandos	Sam Smith
E1	Castle	Courage
E4	Larkshall	Courage
E6	Tollgate Tavern	Whitbread
E8	Prince George	Whitbread
E11	Eagle Hotel	Bass-Charrington
Collier Row		
	Bell & Gate	Courage
Cranham		
	Golden Crane	Bass-Charrington
Havering		
	Royal Oak	Whitbread
Ilford		
	Angel	Bass-Charrington
Newbury Park		
	Avenue	Courage
North Ockenden		
	Old White Horse	Allied
Rainham		
	Phoenix	Courage
Romford		
	Victoria	Bass-Charrington
N1	Clothworkers Arms	Free
	Four Sisters	Courage
	Malt & Hops	Free
N2	Clissold Arms	Courage
N4	Marlers	Free
N6	Red Lion & Sun	Bass-Charrington
N9	Beehive	Allied
N15	Green Gate	Watney
N16	Prince of Wales	Bass-Charrington
N21	Dog & Duck	Whitbread
N22	Starting Gate	Allied
Barnet		
	Weaver	Free
Enfield		
	Crown & Horseshoes	Whitbread
New Barnet		
	Builders Arms	Greene King
NW1	Gloucester Arms	Allied
	Prince George of Cumberland	Free
NW3	Flask	Young
	Holly Bush	Allied
NW5	Duke of Cambridge	Truman
NW8	Blenheim	Greene King
	Ordnance Arms	Bass-Charrington
NW9	George	Allied
Harrow		
	Kingsfield Arms	Courage

SE1	Leather Exchange	Fullers
	Bunch of Grapes	Free
	Founders Arms	Young
	George	Whitbread
SE3	British Oak	Courage
SE5	Grove House Tavern	Allied
SE7	Anchor & Hope	Bass-Charrington
SE9	Framhouse	Allied
	White Hart	Courage
SE10	Coach & Horses	Allied
	Royal George	Shepherd Neame
SE13	Ladywell Tavern	Bass-Charrington
SE15	Montpelier	Watney
SE16	Ship	Young
SE18	Who'd A Thought It	Truman
	Earl of Chatham	Watney
	Red Lion	Courage
	Princess of Wales	Whitbread
SE19	White Swan	Bass-Charrington
SE20	Anerley Arms	Sam Smith
SE22	Clock House	Young
	Grove Tavern	Courage
SE24	Commercial	Bass-Charrington
SE25	Beehive	Bass-Charrington
SE26	Dulwich Wood House	Young
Albany Park		
	Albany	Courage
Beckenham		
	Coach & Horses	Courage
Bexleyheath		
	Volunteer	Truman
Blackfen		
	Jolly Fenman	Clifton
Bromley		
	Palace Tavern	Whitbread
Chislehurst		
	Queens Head	Courage
Crayford		
	White Swan	Free
Croydon		
	Eagle	Whitbread
	Royal Standard	Fullers
SW1	Morpeth Arms	Young
	Red Lion (Crown Passage)	Watney
	Red Lion (Duke of York St.)	Allied
SW2	Two Woodcocks	Conway
SW3	Princess of Wales	Courage
SW4	Railway Tavern	Bass-Charrington
SW5	Drayton Arms	Bass-Charrington
SW6	Jolly Brewer	Watney
SW9	Landor	Truman
SW11	Beehive	Fullers
	Duke of Cambridge	Young
SW13	Red Lion	Fullers
SW15	Fox & Hounds	Whitbread
SW18	Ship	Young
SW19	Hand in Hand	Young
	King of Denmark	Courage
	Prince of Wales	Young
Carshalton		
	Greyhound	Young
Cheam		
	Bell	Bass-Charrington

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Surbiton	Black Lion	<i>Young</i>	Ickenham	Soldiers Return	<i>Courage</i>
Sutton	Windsor Castle	<i>Fullers</i>	Isleworth	Castle	<i>Young</i>
W1	Dog & Duck	<i>Allied</i>	New Brentford	Globe	<i>Fullers</i>
	Guinea	<i>Young</i>	Norwood Green	Lamb	<i>Courage</i>
W2	Star & Garter	<i>Courage</i>	Sipson	King William IV	<i>Courage</i>
W7	Hero of Maida	<i>Allied</i>		Plough	<i>Watney</i>
W13	Marquis of Clanricarde	<i>Courage</i>	Twickenham	Popes Grotto	<i>Young</i>
	Fox	<i>Courage</i>			
W14	Drayton Court Hotel	<i>Fullers</i>			
	Forester	<i>Courage</i>			
Brentford	Warwick Arms	<i>Fullers</i>			
	White Horse	<i>Bass-Charrington</i>			
Hampton Court	King Arms	<i>Free</i>			

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PUB PROFILE — WHITE LION, PUTNEY

I spoke to Gerry Crotty at the White Lion on a recent Saturday lunchtime when this excellent Putney High Street free house was not too busy.

He and his wife Margaret have been running the pub for Vaux since July 1986; although Vaux do not currently own the freehold they are trying to buy it from the GLC, or rather its residual offspring. This represents a vote of confidence by Vaux, who currently have four pubs in London and have just appointed an Area Manager — does this hint at more acquisitions?

Gerry had previously managed the well-known Spread Eagle at Wandsworth and also ran the Greyhound, Sydenham for 7 years; he recognised it instantly when it appeared on a recent London Drinker cover! He strongly opposes arguments that multi-beer pubs run risks of offering a poor-quality product on slow-moving lines, stressing that the current 10-beer line-up at the White Lion are all available, all the time, with no expectation that beer will languish long enough to go off. SW London Branch members and many non-CAMRA people, particularly free house enthusiasts, can vouch for the beers quality, which is why the pub has appeared in the 1986 and 1987 Good Beer Guides.

The current beer range is based on Ward's Sheffield, Vaux Samson, Marston Pedigree, Arkel Kingsdown and Brakspear Old, with other bitters and strong ales making up a typical range (with the occasional welcome Mild). I asked Gerry why the strong beers, for example Old Devil, were priced at a staggering £1.44 for a 1060 brew? He agreed that this was out of step with the reasonable (by London Standards) prices charged for the other beers and thought it would soon be reduced. I hope so too, because these prices compare very unfavourably with those normally charged for 1055 OG products like ESB, Sampson or Winter Warmer. Anyway, the range of beers is now planned to go up to 14 when cellar extensions are complete!

Although the landlord has a particular interest in pub history through old books and photos, he couldn't put his finger on the precise history of the 'White Lion' on my visit. Certainly it was a very down-at-heel Watneys pub before the new leasehold owners did it up in about 1984 and then quickly sold up to Vaux. There is a large local clientele as well as a hefty smattering of Sloane Rangers and of course beer-drinkers looking for something different. Friday and Saturday nights are particularly busy in the large single bar.



Photo: John Elliott

Not too many of the visitors, however, go downstairs to Lacy's Wine Bar and Restaurant (which also serves real ale). Improving the patronage of this facility may be one of the first tasks Gerry and the new Area Manager will have to work out.

Meanwhile, I look forward to the seasonal arrival of Draught Excluder at the White Lion, as well as Knockout drops like Caledonian Strong. With its competent promotion of a wide range of real ales the White Lion is something of a star attraction in SW London, and looks like giving Vaux success in Putney for years to come.

Pat Hanson.

* Heard in the 'All Nations' Madeley Shropshire just before the Great British Beer Festival at Birmingham 1983,

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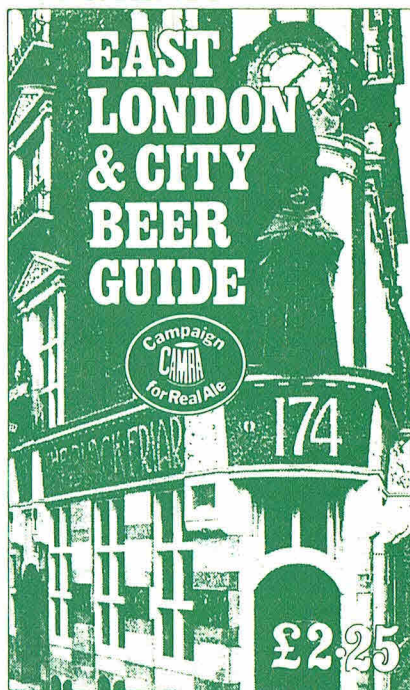
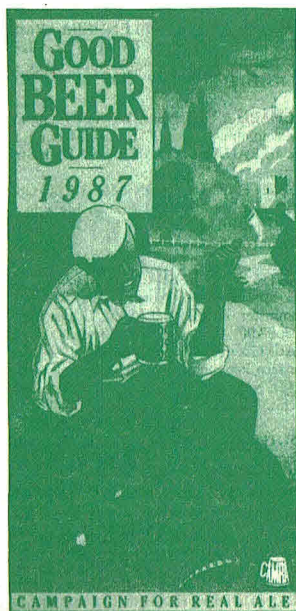
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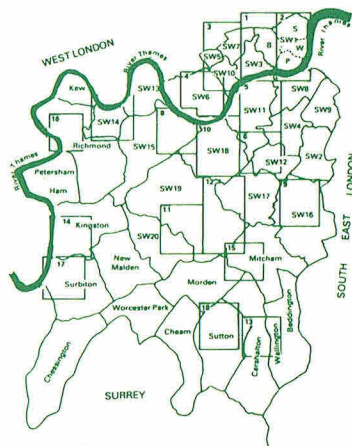
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The recently-published ELAC Beer Guide lists all 1006 pubs in EC and E postal districts; it shows a rise in number of 12 pubs since the previous Guide was published in 1983. In total 650 pubs (64.6%) are real, compared to 635 (63.9%) three years ago. The largest percentages of real pubs are among the independents — 100% in most cases, although the numbers held by each range from one (in 3 cases) to 10 (Youngs). Of the major brewers, Scottish & Newcastle have 100% (6), Whitbread 75% (47 — a rise of 6), Charrington 67.8% (152, a drop of 19, from 73.4%), the remainder ranging from 59.8 to 53.6%.

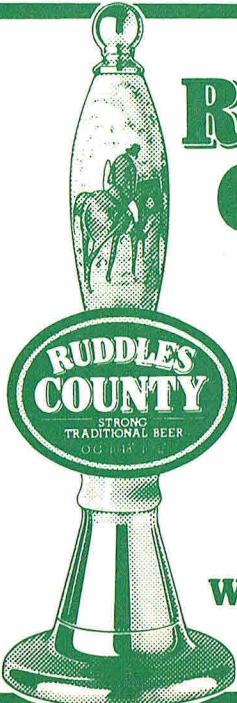
As in the last edition, all pubs are listed alphabetically by district, and the maps are clear — although quite why that for E6 has South at the top is not quite so clear. Somehow E20 has crept in complete with map, which is odd as it isn't in the A to Z — or anywhere but the papers and the box! Joking aside, though, as a guide and provider of information it is excellent, apart from the typeface! The word processor is a wonder of modern ingenuity, but it is not easy reading for long editorial passages — whose content is well worth the effort. It's fine for the entries, but only for reference, not for a long

session — a view echoed by several others who saw my copy.

Of particular interest are an alphabetical index of pubs, changed names and a list of pubs with gardens or outdoor drinking areas for children. Some pubs are illustrated, as are bygone hostelries from the Fotomas Index.

Altogether a good buy at £2.25 despite my misgivings about the presentation. Copies are available from Pete Roberts, 34 Meadow Way, Upminster, Essex. Please allow 38p for postage. MS.

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.



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A SEASONAL SENTIMENT.

Come, Landlord, fill the flowing bowl,
Until it doth run over
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Until it doth run over.

For Tonight we'll merry be,
For Tonight we'll merry be,
For Tonight we'll merry be,
Tomorrow we'll be sober!

The man who drinketh small beer
And goes to bed quite sober
Fadeth as the leaves do fade
And drop off in October

For Tonight we'll merry be, etc.

The lager wimp will sober stay,
But then he really oughter
'Tis like two lovers in a punt,
Extremely close to water!

For Tonight we'll merry be, etc.

The man who drinketh strong beer,
And getteth half-seas over
Will live until he dies, perhaps,
And then lie down in clover.

For Tonight we'll merry be, etc.

The man who drinketh keg and fizz,
Pukes, talketh tripe, belch, farten
Deserveth not our company,
'Twere better he departen.

For Tonight we'll merry be, etc.

But he who drinks just what he likes,
And goes to bed quite mellow
Will live just as he ought to live,
And die a jolly good fellow!

For Tonight we'll merry be, etc.

TRADITIONAL AND MEMEXXXVI ADDITIONAL.



DEAR DIPSY



DEAR DIPSY, As an avid fan of your remarkable column I have become immensely impressed by your strict disciplinary approach. So much so that I have decided, to use the modern parlance, to "let it all hang out".

One of my more tragic problems is that for some time now I have had the growing feeling that I am two separate people, one who writes to this magazine on various issues and one who doesn't, I am desperate to find which is the real me. If it is any help, an acquaintance of mine, one Mr. A. Pirson, says that the one of me that he has met never buys a round, but I seem to remember that when I was younger I never had my hand out of my pocket, Can this be cured?

Yours Sincerely,
One of the Ron Pettits, Hampton.

DEAR RON, As an avid reader of your letters it troubles me to hear about your plight. To deal with simple matters first, sew up your pockets before you go blind, but make sure your wallet is not in one of them – the ribald banter of your friends could prove fatal to someone of your obviously sensitive nature. I know that chap A. Pirson and some of his cronies – a thoroughly bad bunch! By the way, you don't play chess by any chance, do you?

Now, to deal with your more serious problem. As I see it there are two possible explanations; one is that some unscrupulous person is using your name as a pseudonym and the other is that you are schizophrenic (I had to look up the spelling in a dictionary). If the first is the case then we must get to the bottom of it; if the second is true I can only suggest that you go out and buy yourself a pint. If you do play chess, one test for schizophrenia is to see if you ever play with yourself.

By the way, which one of you wrote this letter?
DIPSY.



Branch Diary continued

SOUTH WEST LONDON: DEC: Fri 19 (6.30) Christmas Social, NIGHTINGALE, Nightingale Lane, SW12; then GROVE (7.30), Oldridge Road, SW12; then piss-up at DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Balham High Road, SW12 (8.30 onwards in raised portion of Saloon Bar).

WEST LONDON: DEC: Wed 10 (8.00) Branch Social, THREE KINGS, North End Road, W14; OLD OAK (9.00), 180 North End Road; SEVEN STARS (10.00), 253 North End Road — Sat 20 (8.00) Christmas Party, Ealing Lawn Tennis Club, Daniel Road, Ealing, W5 — Sun 28 (12.00) Sunday Social. BRITANNIA TAP, Warwick Road, W14.

WEST MIDDLESEX: DEC: Thur 11 Hillingdon Hill Crawl. TURKS HEAD (8.00), Harlington Road; PRINCE OF WALES (8.45), Harlington Road; VINE (9.30); RED LION (10.15), both Uxbridge Road — Wed 17 Branch Meeting. ROYAL OAK, Peel Road, Wealdstone — Sat 20 (8 'til late) Christmas Party, EALING LAWN TENNIS CLUB, Daniel Road, off Creffield Road, Ealing Common, W5. Tickets £2.75 include hot food and a free pint — Tue 30 (8.30) Social. GREYSTOKE, Queens Parade, North Ealing, W5. JAN: Tue 6 (8.30) Games Evening. WHITE HART, Bath Road, Harlington — Thur 15 Uxbridge Crawl. CONTINENTAL (7.30); CROWN & SCEPTRE (8.15), both High Street; WHITE HORSE (9.00), Belmont Road; METROPOLITAN (9.45), Windsor Street; THREE TUNS (10.30), High Street — Wed 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting. SUDBURY ARMS, Sudbury Heights Avenue, Sudbury Town (Lounge Bar) — Thur 29 Two Pub Social, HAMBRO ARMS (8.30); then WOOLPACK (9.45), both Dawley Road, Hayes. FEB: Tue 3 (8.30) Games Evening. GREENWOOD HOTEL, Whitton Avenue West, Northolt (Public bar).

Deadline for the February edition, 2nd January. Material for March edition to arrive by 1st February. Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pirson.

Where to buy London Drinker

OUTLETS — EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

- EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS, 102 Bunhill Row.
- EC1 HORSESHOE, 24 Clerkenwell Close.
- EC1 STICK & WEASEL, 273 City Road.
- EC1 YORKSHIRE GREY, Greys Inn Road.
- EC2 FLEETWOOD, 36 Wilson Street.
- EC2 BLACKFRIAR, 174 Queen Victoria Street.
- EC4 DANDY ROLL, Gateway House, Bread Street.
- EC4 TIPPERARY, Fleet 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.
- E8 LADY DIANA, 95 Forest Road.
- E9 CHESHAM ARMS, 15 Mehetabel Road.
- E9 FALCON & FIRKIN, 274 Victoria Park Rd.
- E9 ROYAL STANDARD, 84 Victoria Park Road.
- E11 NORTH COTE, 110 Grove Green Road.
- SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE, The Cut.
- SE1 ANCHOR TAP, 28 Horselydown Lane.
- SE1 BUNCH OF GRAPES, 2 St Thomas Street.
- SE1 COPPER, 208 Tower Bridge Road.
- SE1 DOGGETTS, Blackfriars Bridge.
- SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN, 47 Borough Road.
- SE1 KINGS ARMS, Roupell Street.
- SE1 WELLINGTON, Waterloo Road.
- SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN, Denmark Hill Station, Windsor Walk.
- SE5 WICKWOOD TAVERN, 58 Flaxman Road.
- SE7 McDONNELLS, 428 Woolwich Road.
- SE9 GREYHOUND, High Street.
- SE10 ROYAL GEORGE, Bisset Street.
- SE13 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, High Street.
- SE13 FOX & FIRKIN, 316 Lewisham High Street.
- SE16 BLACKSMITH'S ARMS, 257 Rotherhithe Street.
- SE16 MANOR TAVERN, 78 Gallewall Road.
- SE16 MAYFLOWER, 117 Rotherhithe Street.
- SE16 SHIP, St. Marychurch Street.
- SE17 TANKARD, Walworth Road.
- SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS, 81 Sandy Hill Road.
- SE18 QUEEN VICTORIA, 118 Wellington Street.
- SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH, Hillreach.
- SE19 ROYAL ALBERT, Westow Hill.
- SE20 ANERLEY ARMS, Ridsdale Road.
- 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 GIPSY QUEEN, West Norwood High St.
- SE27 HOPE, 49 West Norwood High St.
- BECKENHAM JOLLY WOODMAN, Chancery Lane.
- BEXLEY BLUE ANCHOR, Bridgen Road.
- CROYDON DOG & BULL, Surrey Street.
- CROYDON LION, Pawns Road.
- CROYDON TWO BREWERS, 221 Gloucester Road.
- SIDCUP JOLLY FENMAN, 66 Blackfen Road.
- THORNTON HEATH FOUNTAIN HEAD, 114 Parchmore Road.

OFF TRADE

- E4 Waltham Wines, 72 Sewardstone Road.
- NW1 Home Brew Centre, 4 Ferdinand Street.
- 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 HANSLER ARMS, Kings Cross Road.
- WC1 LAMB, Lamb's Conduit Street
- WC1 MABEL'S, 9 Mableton Place
- WC1 MOON, 18 New North Street.
- WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS, 1 Pakenham Street.
- WC1 SUN, 63 Lamb's Conduit Street.
- WC2 CHANDOS, 29 St Martin's Lane.
- WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR, 22 Neal Street.
- WC2 FREEMASONS ARMS, 81 Longacre.
- WC2 GEORGE IV, 28 Portugal Street.
- WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY, 39 Bow Street.
- WC2 SHIP & SHOVEL, 2 Craven Passage.

- N1 CARPENTERS ARMS, 21 Bridport Place.
- N1 CLOTHWORKER'S ARMS, 52 Arlington Avenue.
- N1 COMPTON ARMS, 4 Compton Avenue.
- N1 CROWN, Cloudeley Road.
- N1 GEORGE IV, Copenhagen Street.
- N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS, 158 Hemingford Road.
- N1 LORD WOLSELEY, 55 White Lion Street.
- N1 MALT & HOPS, 33 Caledonian Road.
- N1 PRINCE ARTHUR, 49 Brunswick Place.
- N1 ROSEMARY BRANCH, 2 Shepperton Road.
- N2 OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road.
- N2 WINDSOR CASTLE, The Walks, Church Lane.
- N4 MARLERS, 29 Crouch Hill.
- N6 VICTORIA, 28 North Hill.
- N7 BALMORAL CASTLE, Caledonian Road.
- N7 FAT HARRY'S, 60 Isledon Road.
- N7 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN, 54 Holloway Road.
- N7 RAILWAY TAVERN, 10 Roman Way.
- N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane.
- N14 MERRYHILLS, Bramley Road.
- N16 ROSE & CROWN, 199 Stoke Newington Church Street.
- N18 TWO BREWERS, 196 Silver Street.
- N19 DOG, 19 Archway Road.
- N20 BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone.
- N20 CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane.
- N22 STARTING GATE, Buckingham Road.
- NW1 VICTORIA & ALBERT BARS, Marylebone Station.
- 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.
- NW9 GEORGE, 234 Church Lane.
- NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane.
- BARNET ALEXANDRA, Wood Street.
- BARNET SEBRIGHT ARMS, Alston Road.
- BARNET WEAVER, Green Hill Parade.
- ENFIELD KINGS HEAD, Market Place.
- ENFIELD OLD WHEATSEAF, 3 Windmill Hill.
- NEW BARNET BUILDERS ARMS, 3 Albert Road.

OFF TRADE

- N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
- N13 Originales, 68 Aldermans Hill.
- NW6 Grogglossom, 253 West End Lane.

CLUBS

- N22 Wood Green Labour Club, Stuart Crescent.

OUTLETS — SOUTH-WEST/ WEST

- SW1 BARLEY MOW, Horsely Road.
- SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS, Petty France.
- SW1 FOX & HOUNDS, Passmore Street.
- SW1 MORPETH ARMS, Millbank.
- SW1 ORANGE BREWERY, Pimlico Road.
- SW1 RED LION, 48 Parliament Street.
- SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane.
- SW2 TWO WOODCOCKS, 45 Tulse Hill.
- SW3 SURPRISE, 6 Christchurch Terrace.
- SW4 JOLLY GARDENERS, 115 St. Alphonsus Road.
- SW4 RAILWAY, Clapham High Road.
- SW4 ROSE & CROWN, The Polygon, Clapham Old Town.
- 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 CROWN & ANCHOR, 246 Brixton Road.
- SW9 WARRIOR (Brixton Brewery Co.) Coldharbour Lane.
- SW10 CHELSEA RAM 32 Burnaby Street.
- SW10 FERRIT & FIRKIN, 110 Lotts Road.
- SW11 ANCHOR, Holgate Avenue.
- SW11 BEEHIVE, 197 St John's Hill.
- SW11 PRINCE OF WALES, Battersea Park Road.
- SW11 WOODMAN, 60 Battersea High Street.
- SW12 BEDFORD HOTEL, Bedford Hill.
- SW12 DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Balham High Road.
- SW12 NIGHTINGALE, Nightingale Lane.
- 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.

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BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

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SW15 HARE & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road.

SW15 WHITE LION, 14 Putney High Street.

SW16 GREYHOUND, Greyhound Lane.

SW18 BREWERY TAP, Wandsworth High Street.

SW18 THE GRAPES, 39 Fairfield Street.

SW18 SPREAD EAGLE, Wandsworth High Street.

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SW19 BREWERY TAP, Wimbledon High Street.

SW19 KINGS HEAD, Merton High Street.

SW19 LEATHER BOTTLE, Kingston Road.

SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL, Abbey Road.

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SW19 TRAFALGAR, High Path.

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Bridge Road.

KINGSTON NEWT & FERRET, 26 Fairfield South.

KINGSTON WYCH ELM, Elm Road.

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WEYBRIDGE PRINCE OF WALES, Anderson Road, Oatlands
Park.

W1 ARGYLL ARMS, 18 Argyl Street.

W1 BRICKLAYERS, Aybrook Street.

W1 COCK TAVERN, 27 Great Portland Street.

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W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High St.

W4 BELL & CROWN, Strand on the Green.

W5 RED LION, St. Mary's Road.

W5 ROSE & CROWN, Church Place, St Mary's Road.

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W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL, 170 Shepherds Bush Road.

W6 RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherds Bush Road.

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W13 FORESTER, 2 Leighton Road.

W14 BRITANNIA TAP, 150 Warwick Road.

W14 RADNOR ARMS, 247 Warwick Road.

BRENTFORD LORD NELSON, Infield Road.

CRANFORD QUEENS HEAD, 123 High Street.

GREENFORD BLACKHORSE, Oldfield Lane.

HAMPTON WINDMILL, Windmill Road.

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Hampton Court Road.

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HILLINGDON STAR, Uxbridge Road.

HOUNSLOW CHARIOT, 34 High Street.

HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road.

HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Hanworth Road.

SOUTHALL BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road.

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STOCKPORT (Gtr.Manchester) NEW INN, Wellington Road
South.

TORQUAY UPTON VALE, Upton Road.

WINCHESTER (Hants) GREEN MAN, Southgate Street.

WORTHING (Sussex) WHEATSHARP 22, Richmond Rd.

VALETE ANNO VOBISQUE:

Explicit hoc totum

Pro Christo da mihi potum.

M.S.

