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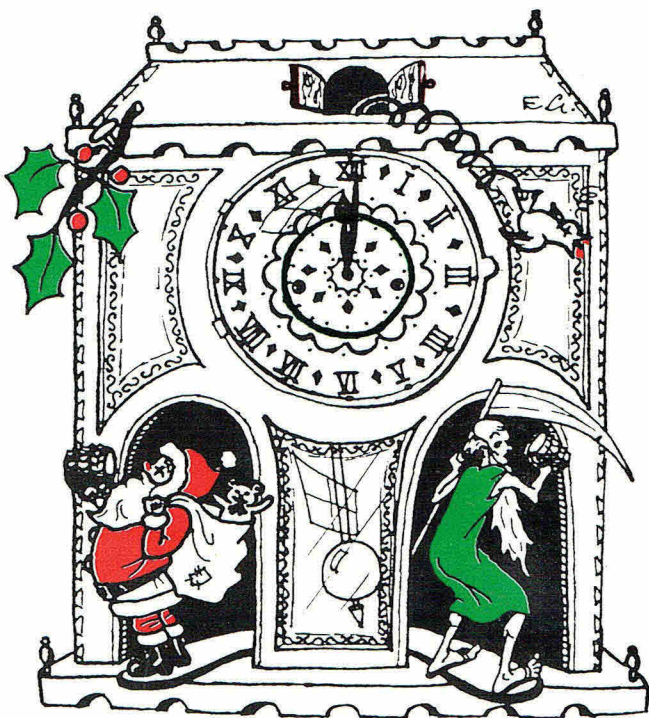
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OUTLETS — EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

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.
 EC4 BLACKFRIAR, 174 Queen Victoria Street.
 EC4 DANDY ROLL, Gateway House, Broad Street.
 EC4 WILLIAMSON'S TAVERN, Groveland Ct. Bow Lane.
 E1 FISH & RING, 141A White Horse Road.
 E1 PRIDE OF SPITALFIELD, 31 Henage Street.
 E2 APPROACH TAVERN, 47 Approach Road.
 E2 MARKSMAN, 254 Hackney Road.
 E3 PEARLY KING, 94 Bromley High Street.
 F8 LADY DIANA, 95 Forest Road.
 E9 CHESHAM ARMS, 15 Mehetabel Road.
 F9 FALCON & FIRKIN, 274 Victoria Park Rd.
 E9 ROYAL STANDARD, 84 Victoria Park Road.
 F10 AUCTIONEER, 597 Lea Bridge Road.
 F11 NORTHCOTE, 110 Grove Green Road.
 F17 COLLEGE ARMS, 807-809 Forest 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 HORNIMAN AT HAYS, St. Martins Walk, Tooley St.
 SE1 KINGS ARMS, Roupell Street.
 SE1 TRINITY ARMS, 29 Swan Street.
 SE1 WELLINGTON, Waterloo Road.
 SE3 BRITISH OAK, 109 Old Dover Road.
 SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN, Denmark Hill Station, Windsor Walk.
 SE5 WICKWOOD TAVERN, 58 Flaxman Road.
 SE7 McDONNELLS, 428 Woolwich Road.
 SE8 ROYAL GEORGE, 85A Tanners Hill.
 SE9 GREYHOUND, High Street.
 SE10 ROYAL GEORGE, Bisset Street.
 SE10 WILLIAM IV, 155 Trafalgar Road.
 SE13 FOX & FIRKIN, 316 Lewisham High Street.
 SE16 BLACKSMITH'S ARMS, 257 Rotherhithe Street.
 SE16 MANOR TAVERN, 78 Galleymall Road.
 SE16 MAYFLOWER, 117 Rotherhithe Street.
 SE16 SHIP, St. Marychurch Street.
 SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH, Hillreach.
 SE19 RAILWAY BELL, Cawnpore Road.
 SE19 ROYAL ALBERT, Westow Hill.
 SE20 GOLDEN LION, Maple Road.
 SE20 HOPE EXCHANGE, Maple Road.
 SE24 COMMERCIAL, 11 Railton 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.
 BEXLEY BLUE ANCHOR, Bridgen Road.
 CROYDON DOG & BULL, Surrey Street.
 CROYDON LION, Pawns Road.
 CROYDON TWO BREWERS, 22 Gloucester Road.
 SIDCUP JOLLY FENMAN, 66 Blackfen Road.
 THORNTON HEATH FOUNTAIN HEAD, 114 Parchmore Rd.

OFF TRADE

E4 Waltham Wines, 72 Sewardstone Road.
 SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road.
 SE10 Hardy's, 90 Trafalgar Road.
 SE23 2 Brewers, 97 Dartmouth Road.
 BEXLEYHEATH Bitter Experience, 216 Broadway.
 BROMLEY Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill.
CLUBS
 CROYDON Ruskin House, 23 Coombe Road.

OUTLETS—

WEST CENTRAL AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CAL THORPE ARMS, 252 Grays Inn Road.
 WC1 CITTY OF YORK, 22 High Holborn.
 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 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 GEORGE IV, Copenhagen Street.
 N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS, 158 Hemingford Road.
 N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
 N1 LORD WOLSELEY, 55 White Lion Street.
 N1 MALT & HOPS, 33 Caledonian Road.
 N1 PRINCE ALBERT, 16 Fia Street.
 N1 PRINCE ARTHUR, 49 Brunswick Place.
 N1 ROSEMARY BRANCH, 2 Shepperton Road.
 N1 ROYAL OAK, 140 Offord Road.
 N2 OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road.
 N2 WINDSOR CASTLE, The Walks, Church Lane.
 N4 MARLERS, 29 Crouch Hill.
 N4 MORTIMER ARMS, Green Lanes.
 N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, Stroud Green Road.
 N6 WRESTLERS, 98 North Road.
 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.
 N12 TILTED GLASS, Ballards Lane, North Finchley.
 N14 MERRYHILL'S, Bramley Road.
 N15 GOAT, 414 West Green Road.
 N15 K.K. MCCOOLS, 265 West Hall Road.
 N16 ROSE & CROWN, 199 Stoke Newington Church Street.
 N16 TANNERS HALL, 145 Stoke Newington High Road.
 N17 BOAR, 413 Lordship Lane.
 N19 DOG, 19 Archway Road.
 N19 J.J. MOONS, 37 Landseer Road.
 N20 BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone.
 N20 CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane.
 NW1 PRINCE GEORGE OF CUMBERLAND, 195 Albany Street.
 NW1 VICTORIA, 2 Mornington Terrace.
 NW1 VICTORIA & ALBERT BARS, Marylebone Station.
 NW3 SWISS COTTAGE, 98 Finchley Road.
 NW3 WASHINGTON, 50 Enchens Lane.
 NW4 GREYHOUND, Church End, Greyhound Hill.
 NW4 MIDLAND HOTEL, Station Road.
 NW4 WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs.
 NW6 BRITANNIA, Belsize Road.
 NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN, Hale Lane.
 NW7 RISING SUN, Highwood Hill.
 NW8 CROCKERS, Aberdeen Place.
 NW8 ORDONANCE, 29 Ordnance Hill.
 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 WHEAT SHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill.
 NEW BARNET BUILDERS ARMS, 3 Albert Road.

OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
 N13 Originales, 68 Aldermans Hill.
 NW1 Camden Real Ale, 4 Ferdinand Street.
 NW6 Grog Blossom, 253 West End Lane.

OUTLETS — SOUTH-WEST/ WEST

SW1 BARLEY MOW, Holferry Road.
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS, Petty France.
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS, Passmore Street.
 SW1 MORPETH ARMS, Millbank.
 SW1 PAVLOUS ARMS, Page Street.
 SW1 RED LION, 48 Parliament Street.
 SW2 TWO WOODCOCKS, 45 Tulse Hill.
 SW3 ROSE, 86 Fulham Road.
 SW3 SURPRISE, 6 Christchurch Terrace.
 SW4 RAILWAY, Clapham High Road.
 SW4 ROSE & CROWN, The Polygon, Clapham Old Town.
 SW6 WHITE HORSE, 1 Parson's Green.
 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS, 15 Selwood Terrace.
 SW7 SURPRISE, 16 Southville, 357 Wandsworth Road.
 SW8 NOTTINGHAM CASTLE, Wandsworth Road.

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At the recent launch of the 1988 Good Beer Guide in Hampstead, the Editor, Neil Hanson, spoke at length to the Press about alcohol advertising (see page 22). Unlike his last speech, about ingredients of beer at the launch of the previous GBG, this time he merely restated long-standing CAMRA policy about the drawbacks of allowing mass-media advertising which is increasingly being aimed at the younger drinker.

The Trade then set about lambasting Mr. Hanson and CAMRA in particular. The MORNING ADVERTISER advised its readers that "If ever the trade regarded the Campaign for Real Ale as a friend it should cease to do so from now on." In particular we are told off for moving away from our original aims (Real Ale) and poking our noses into affairs we know nothing about.

I would reply by stating that if the big brewers are content to fob us off with insipid "national" brands of real beer instead of preserving real choice, and this is achieved by advertising, then they must think we are easily pleased and will not fight back against their carefully worked-out plans. The Morning Advertiser also blames us for criticising the content of their "adverts". They say that the Advertising Standards Authority will "quickly bring to heel" any company which does not abide by its Code of Practice. Anyone even remotely connected with the Trade knows what a toothless watchdog this body is. If a brewery makes its advert amusing, it can get away with any sort of gimmickry.

The National L.V.A. also got in on the act. "Now they are interfering in things they know little about. They seem to want to do more harm than good." This body seems to be ignorant of the vast wealth of experience of certain members of our Campaign, some of whom are publicans themselves. It is the brewing industry which targets young people as potential customers and some adverts aim at the trendy youngsters by claiming success with the opposite sex if you drink a certain kind of lager. They also encourage sales of high strength lagers and beers in cans for the supermarket and off-licence trade by giving massive discounts to undercut their rivals, hence cheap strong beer is available without the same rigorous restrictions on age, and so encourage home drinking, which takes potential customers away from their hard-pressed pubs.

And now the ultimate hypocrisy. The Brewers' Society has launched a new "campaign" called Age Watch. As well as trying to deter under-age drinking in pubs and off-licences they say they are trying to curb drink-drivers by persuading them to have (high profit-margin) non-alcoholic drinks if they are driving. All this from a body that calls us "enemies of the trade" for daring to criticise its massive advertising budgets that try to get people to drink more of their alcoholic products and be more masculine for doing so.

Until there are more adequate controls at outlets for alcohol sales and a more responsible attitude by the big brewers in their advertising techniques, CAMRA will continue to press for further controls, and to hell with cosy friendships for the sake of it!

CHRIS COBBOLD

P.S. Seasonal greetings to all our friends in the Trade.

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Camera-Ready Copy to Martin Smith — address above.

Deadline for the February edition, 4th January. Material for March edition to arrive by 1st February. Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pirson.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR SUSSEX

Independent Sussex Brewers, King & Barnes Ltd., were delighted when their best-selling SUSSEX BITTER was voted Best Standard Bitter in the Country by CAMRA at the Great British Beer Festival in August.

But it was an even prouder moment when they were invited by CAMRA to a special national ceremony at "Doggetts" Pub in London to be presented with their coveted award.

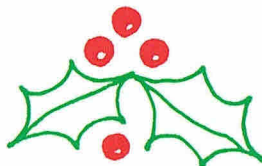



Pictured against the London Skyline are (from left to right) Andrew Hepworth, Head Brewer of King & Barnes, David Mallard, Tied Trade Manager, and (presenting the award) John Cryne, CAMRA's Organiser of the Great British Beer Festival to Jim King, Chairman of King & Barnes, with his son, Bill King, Production Director.

To mark the occasion, King & Barnes will be providing all their 56 Pubs with a replica of the award, so that their customers will know that they're drinking the Best Standard Bitter in the Country.

SUSSEX was certainly up against some pretty stiff opposition in the National "Champion Beer of Britain" Competition. For names up in the Standard Bitter Class were such notable beers as Youngs Ordinary, Brakspear's, Thwaites and Boddingtons.

This is the third National Award for King & Barnes within two years. In February 1986 their OLD ALE won a Gold Medal in the UK Export Beers Competition, and earlier this year their BROWN ALE took First Prize in its class in the Brewing Industry International Awards held every three years.





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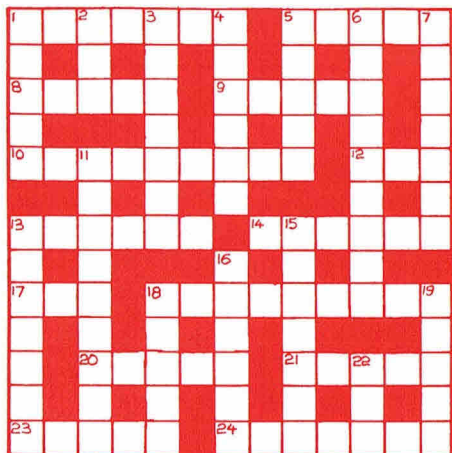
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The winner of the prize will be announced in the March London Drinker.
Solution next month.

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

Last Month's Solution



ACROSS

1. It may have nutty contents at Christmas. (7)
5. Stick to the man in the Christmas story. (5)
8. Christmas flowers from head shepherd, sore afraid. (5)
9. Each wise man came on one to Jesus. (5)
10. Quiet woman in stable's got minders. (9)
12. It may be part of a merry evening. (3)
13. Father's attempt to be rich at Christmas. (6)
14. What may be heard coming from the stable. (6)
17. Almost always comes before Christmas Day. (3)
18. They may be burning to find son is with star somehow united. (9)
20. A wonderful thing, to be silent at Christmas. (5)
21. The angels were this and doing it to the shepherds. (5)
23. Wise men see Christ's second coming in present situation. (5)
24. Teams of dancing ladies. (7)

DOWN

1. Does he tingle at Yuletide? (5)
2. A vessel in the stable? (3)
3. Do it to a woman under Viscum Album. (4,3)
4. A couple of these will make a party swing. (6)
5. Headless spirits may hold parties. (5)
6. They go round collecting at Christmas. (9)
7. Answers to fellow beasts. (7)
11. Chop down trees near wise man. (9)
13. Here for the gift. (7)
15. Track time of Jesus' ancestry. (7)
16. Question asked by Wise Men. (2,2,2)
18. View of a fallen angel. (5)
19. Gases choked wise men. (5)
22. It may have slippers on at Christmas. (3)

Winner of the prize for the October crossword:
Paul Gibson, J12 Du Cane Court, Balham High Road, SW17

Other correct entries were received from:
Aardvark, Peter Brown, Brendan Casey, I.Cobb, A.P.Comaish, Robert Day, U.T.T.Doughty, John Edwards, Tom Finucane, B.H.Felton, Eileen Graves, Anthony Greenbury, 'Arry Hart, Alison Henley, Imran the Cat, R.kerr, Mrs G.M.Lines, C.F.Maher, Merton, M.J.Moran, Old Smokey, P.Seud O'Nym, David Parker, Nigel Parsons, R.Prince, Mrs E.G.Roach, Peter Sinto, Miss Norma Stitz, Diane Sprowson, M.J.Trowell, Jon Tugwell, "Uncle Arthur", Dame Sybil Watkins, Nigel Wheatley, John Williamson, Yak (Miss).

CAMRA PRESENTS

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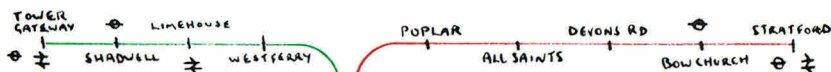
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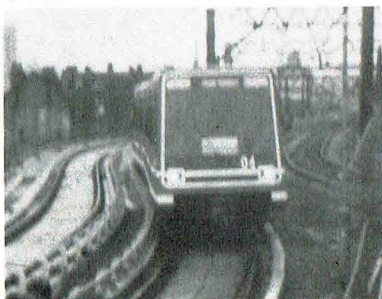


WETTING THE BABY'S HEAD



Docklands

Merton writes: *When the Docklands Light Railway was nearing completion I had planned a crawl of the sort which follows with Martin Smith, whose earliest memory is a tram ride. (The significance of that point will soon become apparent). However, we have been forestalled, but in order not to let me be outdone – or rather to avoid wading through an Historicrawl – the Editors have kindly allowed me to preface this article.*



The D.L.R. is a new and totally novel scheme for London, but running along old lines both literally and metaphorically speaking. Using for the most part long disused rail routes of a number of systems, it runs from Stratford BR/LT station at its eastern extremity and Tower Gateway at the City end near Fenchurch Street BR and Tower Hill LT to a junction at West India Quay, thence to Island Gardens on the Isle of Dogs, facing Greenwich. Double-tracked except between Stratford and Bow Road on the 'Red' route (the other being designated 'green') and between Mudchute and Island Gardens, due to lack of space, it runs on a third-rail electric system. The actual trackbed is a mixture of Victorian viaducts and earthworks, and modern structures reminiscent of a fairground roller-coaster, with steep inclines and sharp curves. Part

of the route follows the first line to enter the City of London – the London & Blackwall Railway in 1841. No other line succeeded until Blackfriars was open in 1865. The trains are permanently-coupled 12 wheeled two-car units with a common 4-wheeled bogie in the middle. They have pneumatically-operated folding doors, and appear to be driverless – you can sit right at the front and study the technology, which I did several times while preparing this. The function of the one crewman on board – known as the Train Captain – is to check tickets and give information. He can drive if necessary as there is a control panel – usually locked shut – at the front of each car – this is normally only done in the depot at Poplar. However, normal operations are computer controlled, and all the Captain has to do in order to set things in motion is to turn a key and push a button above whichever door happens to be nearest. Effectively, these trains are modern tramcars, and another such system is being considered for Croydon.

Extensions of the Docklands system to Bank and Beckton are under consideration.



The trains are built in Germany, where articulated trams are commonplace in the streets. Ironical, that, as the London trams were withdrawn as obsolete in 1952, although some of them are still in use in Hong Kong! Anyway, a ride is worth it for a novel experience. Travel and Capitalcards are usable on the system, or tickets can be bought from machines at the unmanned stations, which sport the 'Crystal Palace' style of roof.

If you follow this crawl using the line, you are best off with a travel card as breaking journey with single tickets is not permitted. Have fun.
MERTON

Slightly after 11am on 2nd October we embarked on a Christening party. The baby was the Docklands Light Railway and the mode was to down a pint in a pub near to each new station. With fifteen stations to visit a long day unrolled in front of us.

There are some notable watering holes on the 'City' side of the new TOWER GATEWAY station, not least the 2 Youngs pubs, the Three Lords (Minorities) and the East India Arms (Fenchurch St). However to maximise our drinking time we made our start in EI (where opening time is half an hour earlier), our arranged meeting place was the Princess of Prussia but that was closed due to renovations. The splendid Scarborough Arms was yet to open so we settled for a pint of Courage in the popular Black Horse (Leman St).

Not long after we clambered up the stairs at the 'Gateway' clutching our travel cards (just as well as they were checked twice before the train moved). Ten minutes later we were supping Greene King IPA in the Thomas Neale in Watney St, which differs from most of SHADWELL's other boozers in that it's a free house offering a choice of real ale.

Our next 'green route' train took us to LIMEHOUSE where because of the abundance of decent real ale pubs we faced the trickiest decision of the day. After some debate we plumped for a pint of Young's in the Queen's Head (Flamborough St). If we had had a little more time and had shown less discipline we would have also visited the Grapes (Narrow St) and the excellent Fish and Ring (White Horse Rd). Instead we arrived at WESTFERRY, which was once the heart of London's Chinese community. The Opporto (Charrington's IPA) opposite the station was our next port of call. This tavern, like many nearby, once bulged with



sailors and dockers, now the lunchtime trade comprises mainly of office workers and 'fish folk' (new Billingsgate is close by).

Back on the railway we reached its highest point at WEST INDIA QUAY where the view across the docklands is superb. Although with tons more concrete still to be shipped into the area it is probably best to capture this view while the revitalisation is in its embryo state. West India Quay and the following 3 stations (including the ghostly Canary Wharf) are strung out almost 'back to back' above the West India docks. Here there is a dearth of buildings let alone bars so we reduced our target by 2 and settled for one pub to cover this section of the line. Our choice was the City Pride (formerly Arms) that is about equally distanced from HERON QUAYS and SOUTH QUAY stations. This pub is now sandwiched between the West Ferry Rd and the new Marsh Wall Road. To catch trade from the latter it has gone through the most dramatic renovation of all in that it has changed its rear into its front. The beer is not back to front though it's well kept Websters Yorkshire.

Our longest walk then followed as we took in the last action at the Vulcan (MUDCHUTE) in the West Ferry Rd, where a nice pint of Fullers Pride rounded off part one of the day.

We then took the foot tunnel to Greenwich and on surfacing in South London we discovered that the pubs were still open (3pm shutdown). Of course as there was no DLR station in the neighbourhood we should have both resisted the temptation (Coach & Horses — Taylor Walker's).

Later after some good grub and much needed rest, on the hill in the park, we returned to North Greenwich for opening time (5pm). We christened ISLAND GARDENS with a game of

Continued over

The White Horse, Parsons Green

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pool and Friary Meux in the Waterman's Arms (Glenaffric Ave), a pub that has featured in several TV dramas.

Across the road from CROSSHARBOUR station we consumed some more Websters in the George, a cheerful pub with much of an old East End feel about it. When we rejoined the DLR we renewed acquaintance with a Train Captain from an earlier journey. There are no guards or drivers (the trains are computer controlled) just Train Captains who look after the welfare of both passengers and platforms. It's nice to have Captains visiting the Isle of Dogs again!

Our next stop was POPLAR and Carty's in the High St behind the DLR O&M centre. This is a free house that serves up top notch Youngs Special. Another 'red route train' took us to ALL SAINTS and we wandered down the East India Dock Rd to the Sir John Franklin. Despite the handpumps there was no real ale available, we did consider leaving but were tempted to stay and stomach stout (& keg!) by the gyrating entertainment.

Back up the line our next stop was DEVONS ROAD and a pint of Burton in the adjacent Widow's Son. This is alternatively known as the Bun House, for it is on the site of a house in which a widow used to put aside one bun per year for her lost sailor son. On Good Friday each

year the custom is upheld and another bun is hung above the bar. In addition the pub has retained a number of interesting Victorian fittings and offers a lively atmosphere.

Our penultimate ride on the DLR took us to BOW CHURCH where we by-passed the cluster of pubs on the Bow Road and headed for the Pearly King (Bromley High St). This free house serves a varied choice of fine ale and on a different night we would have stayed for the duration of the session. Instead after a quick pint of Green King IPA we embarked on the last leg of our mammoth crawl. It is worth recording that the trains are very frequent (seven minutes was the longest we had to wait all day), which was just as well because they are loo-less!

So safely and very merrily we reached STRATFORD and the aptly named Railway Tavern (Angel Lane) and what must have been Charrington's IPA. The quality of the pubs and the beer throughout the day was extremely high but lets hope that soon there will be some new pubs emerging amongst the housing and office developments. If so planning another crawl will be near impossible rather than very difficult. Having enjoyed 'wetting the baby's head' we are now looking forward to celebrating its offspring (ie the Bank & Beckton extensions).

D.J. POWTER & P.M. BROWN.

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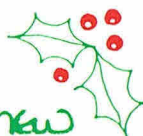
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Abbey Re-opens

In October's Historicrawl it was reported that the Abbey Hotel, Battle was closed. Since that time it has re-opened under the management of Alan and Lisa Henderson, formerly of Maidstone.



One of our roving reporters discovered the fact during a brief visit, and informs us that the one beer at present available, Shepherd Neame Bitter, is excellent. At present the refurbishment of the pub is still under way, and as soon as possible it is

planned to provide bar snacks. Live music is performed on Sunday evenings and commendably, opening times are shown at the entrance. They are 11-3 and 6.30-11 pm. except Sundays when the usual hours apply.



The Ship SE25

This Whitbread owned freehouse on South Norwood High Street sells Greene King Abbot and IPA, and a different guest beer each month. It has recently changed hands and in the words of our informant "local residents have been waiting for a good pub and good beer in South Norwood for some time, regardless of price, this is it!"

A few others in the area could be named, but we won't drag that up any more! - M.S.

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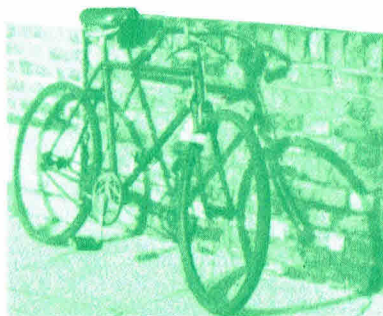
CHARITY CORNER — Seeing double.

Last year we published Martin Smith's offer of a tandem for charity rides. Unfortunately the cycle was stolen and several potential borrowers were out of luck. This year a similar offer was made regarding "Victoria" a 1910 machine which has raised thousands for good causes and appeared on TV, and history was repeated (only in part, thankfully) when the non-delivery of essential obsolete parts prevented her taking to the road for several proposed runs — she is still inoperable, but the end is in sight.



Meanwhile, Martin has acquired another tandem, a 50-year-old New Hudson ladyback which is in running order and suitable for riders of most sizes (see photo). For reference Martin is 6'5" tall.

If your charity would like to use this machine (as yet un-named) or Victoria, you will find his address elsewhere in this issue — Tandems are also popular for Old-Time Music Hall (as in Daisy, Daisy: M.S. knows all the words).



Martin also has an antique single-seater which is available for charity purposes. Nobody knows its age — could be anything from the 1890's to the 1920's (any suggestions? — see photo).





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 12

ALL LONDON: DECEMBER: Sat 12 (8.00) Christmas Party, FLEETWOOD, Wilson Street, EC2, Food available; donations required; **CARD CARRYING MEMBERS ONLY. JANUARY:** Tue 19 (7.30 for 8.00) CAPITAL MILD NIGHT, WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 (upstairs room).

CROYDON & SUTTON: DECEMBER: Thur 10 (8.00) Committee Meeting. SURREY CRICKETERS, Croydon — Fri 18 (8.00) Christmas Social. GOLDEN LION, Stanley Road, Croydon. All Welcome, Prizes to be won! — Wed 23 GREENE KING BREWERY VISIT. Ring Branch Contact for details.

EAST LONDON & CITY: DECEMBER: Tue 1 (8.00) Branch Meeting. HORN OF PLENTY, 588 Mile End Road, E3 — Mon 7 D.L.R. Crawl. Start WATERMANS ARMS (8.00), 1 Glenaffric Avenue, E14 — Mon 14 (8.00) Social. QUEEN ELEANOR, 19 Martello Street, E8 if open, otherwise OLD SHIP, 2 Sylvester Path, E8.

ENFIELD & BARNET: DECEMBER: Tue 1 (9.00) Social. NEW CHANDOS, 31 Colindale Avenue, NW9 (reserve — Red Lion) — Tue 8 (9.00) Social. YE OLDE CHERRY TREE, 22 The Green, Southgate, N14 — Wed 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting, FALCON, 11 South Street, Ponders End — Tue 22 Three Kings Crawl, Start KINGS HEAD (8.30), Cat Hill, East Barnet; then KING WILLIAM IV (9.30), Hadley Highstone; KING HEAD (10.15), 84 High Street, Barnet. **JANUARY:** Fri 1 (Lunchtime) "Cobweb Social", CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane, Whetstone, N20 — Wed 6 (9.00) Twelfth Night Social, ALEXANDRA, 1 Church Lane, N2 — Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting, YE OLDE MITRE INN, 58 High Street, Barnet — Tue 19 (9.00) Social, DOG & DUCK, 74 Hoppers Road, Winchmore Hill, N21 — Thur 28 (9.00) Social, JESTER, Mount Pleasant, New Barnet.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: DECEMBER: Sun 6 Social, BEAR (12.00), Oxshott; VICTORIA (1.00), Oxshott — Mon 7 (8.30) Business Meeting, LAMB, Kingston — Sat 19 (8.00) Christmas Party, SWAN, Mill Street, Kingston. **JANUARY:** Sun 3 (12.00) Social, BLACK LION, Surbiton — Wed 13 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, DRUIDS HEAD, Market Place, Kingston (Preceded by Branch Meeting) — Thur 21 (8.30) Social. BERRYLANDS, Chiltern Drive, Berrylands, Surbiton. **FEBRUARY:** Tue 2 (8.30) Business Meeting, WYCH ELM, Kingston — Sun 7 Social, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE (12.00), Shannon Corner, New Malden then FOUNTAIN, New Malden.

NORTH LONDON: DECEMBER: Tue 1 Two pub social. Start THIRD MRS. GIACONDA (formerly Portland Arms); then STAR, both NW8 — Sat 5 Pre Christmas Drink, Manchester (depart Euston 7.30 am) — Tue 8 (8.00) Two pub social. Start WINDSOR CASTLE, N1; then CROWN, Cloudsley Square, N1 — Sat 12 CAMRA Christmas Party. See All London entry — Tue 15 (8.00) Two pub social. Start GOAT; then K.K.McCOOLS, both West Green Road, N15 — Tue 22 (8.00) Two pub social. Start DOLPHIN TAVERN, Red Lion Street, WC1; then PRINCESS LOUISE, High Holborn, WC1 — Thur 24 (8.00) Drink up. RAILWAY, Roman Way, N7 — Tue 29 (8.00) Two pub social. Start SUN; then LAMB, both Lambs Conduit Street, WC1 — Thur 31 (8.00) New Year Social. PRINCE GEORGE OF CUMBERLAND, Albany Street, NW1 — Sunday Lunchtime Socials for December; WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, Stroud Green Road, N4. **JANUARY:** Tue 5 (8.00) Branch Meeting, PRINCE GEORGE OF CUMBERLAND, Albany Street, NW1 — Tue 12 (8.00) Two pub social. Start GEORGE & VULTURE, Titchfield Street, N1; then PRINCE ARTHUR, Brunswick Place — Tue 19 (7.30 for 8.00) CAPITAL MILD NIGHT. See All London entry — Tue 26 (8.00) Two pub social. Start SHEPHERDS TAVERN, Archway Road, N6; then DOG, Archway Road, N19 — Sunday Lunchtime Socials for January, RICHARD STEELE, Haverstock Hill, NW3.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: DECEMBER: Mon 7 (8.30) Committee/Branch Meeting. WHITE CROSS HOTEL, Riverside, Water Lane, Richmond. **JANUARY:** Thur 7 (8.30) Committee Meeting, POTTERY ARMS, 25 Claypolds Road, Brentford — Mon 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting, ROYAL ALBION, Hibernia Road, Hounslow.

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SOUTH EAST LONDON: DECEMBER: Mon 7 (8.00) Committee/Branch Meeting. HORSE & GROOM, 122 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 — Thur 10 (7.00) Survey Crawl around Greenwich. Start CRICKETERS, 22 King William Walk, SE10. **JANUARY:** Mon 4 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. ROYAL GEORGE, 85A Tanners Hill, SE8 — Thur 7 (7.00) Survey Crawl around London Bridge. Start SHIP, 68 Borough Road, SE1 — Mon 11 (8.00) Branch Meeting. MAISMORE ARMS, 104 Peckham Park Road, SE15 — Thur 14 (7.00) Survey Crawl around Waterloo. Start KINGS ARMS, Roupell Street, SE1 — Thur 21 (7.00) Survey Crawl around the Old Kent Road. Start SULTAN, 238 St. James Road, SE1 — Thur 28 (7.00) Survey Crawl around Penge. Start HOPE EXCHANGE, 149 Maple Road, SE20. **FEBRUARY:** Mon 8 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. GREYHOUND, 315 Kirkdale, SE26. All CAMRA members welcome.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: DECEMBER: Wed 2 (8.30) Social. ALMA ARMS, Horsemanside, Navestock (OS: TQ 544961) — Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting. OLD GREEN DRAGON, Chelmsford Road (Junction A1023/A129), Shenfield — Tue 15 (8.30) Social. ROYAL OAK, Hale End Road, (Junction with Oak Hill), Hale end, Woodford Green (This pub is so far to the west of our branch that it is in the wrong borough!) — Mon 21 (8.30) Out-of-Area Christmas Social. PHANTOM & FIRKIN, Balaam Street, Plaistow, E13 — Tue 29 (8.30) End of the Year Social. NAGS HEAD, Brook Street (A1023 — near A12 & M25), Brentwood. **JANUARY:** Thur 7 (8.30) Social. COCKED HAT, Woodford Avenue (A406), Clayhill, Ilford — Wed 13 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 48 Bridge Road (A126), Grays (If you can only make one meeting, make it this one!) — Thur 21 (8.30) Social. YE OLDE KINGS HEAD, High Road (A113), Chigwell — Tue 26 (2.30 at brewery) Brewery trip, YOUNG & CO, Wandsworth, Bookings to Branch Contact — **FEBRUARY:** Thur 4 (8.30) Social. BELL, 308 Ley Street (near A123), Ilford.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: DECEMBER: Sat 5 Meet 12.00 at Greyhound, SW16 or 16.10 at Waterloo BR for Branch Trip to Wyndham Arms, Salisbury. Branch members welcomed for this visit to John Gilbert's. Return Sun PM — Thur 10 (6.30) Putney Social. Meet FOX & HOUNDS (opp. BR Station), then (7.30 for 8.00) at ARAB BOY (meet with Watneys) — Sat 12 CAMRA Christmas party. See All London — Fri 18 (5.30) Anti-Social. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 (Meet with West London — Highgate Mild) — Sat 19 (8.00) Branch Christmas Party. ROSE & CROWN, Polygon, SW4 (Special offers for CAMRA membership card holders). **JANUARY:** Thur 14 (7.30 for 8.00) Open Committee Meeting & Social, GORRINGE PARK HOTEL, Mitcham Road, Tooting, SW17 (near Tooting BR Station — Saloon Bar).

WEST LONDON: DECEMBER: Sat 19 (8.00) Christmas Party. EALING LAWN TENNIS CLUB, Daniel Road, W5 — Wed 9 Chelsea Crawl. Start ANGLESEA ARMS (8.00), 15 Selwood Terrace, SW7; then QUEENS ELM (9.00), 241 Fulham Road; ROSE INN (10.00), 81 Fulham Road — Sun 27 (12.00) Sunday Social. SUN & 13 CANTONS, Great Pultney Street, W1. **JANUARY:** Thur 21 (8.00) Branch Meeting. HARCOURT ARMS, 34 Harcourt Street, W1 — Wed 13 (8.00) Social. Commence BEEHIVE, Homer Street, W1 — Sun 31 (12.00) Sunday Social. SUN & 13 CANTONS, Great Pultney Street, W1.

WEST MIDDLESEX: DECEMBER: Tue 1 (8.30) Games Night, STAR, Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon — Wed 9 (8.30) Two Pub Social. Start PLOUGH; then WILLIAM IV, both Sipson Road, Sipson — Wed 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITTINGTON, Cannon Lane, Pinner — Sat 19 (7.30) Branch Christmas Party EALING LAWN TENNIS CLUB, Daniel Road, off Creffield Road, W5. Tickets £2.75 available in advance on the door. Free food & first drink — Tue 22 (8.30) Two Pub Social in Hanwell. Start FOX, Green Lane; then ROYAL VICTORIA (10.00), 66 Boston Road — Wed 30 (8.30) Social. CLAY PIGEON, 446 Field End Road, Eastcote (1988 GBG available). **JANUARY:** Tue 5 (8.30) Games Evening. ROYAL OAK, Peel Road, Wealdstone — Thur 14 (8.00) Two Pub Social. Start DEANE ARMS, Long Drive, South Ruislip; then TALLY HO, West End Road, Ruislip — Wed 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting. GREYSTOKE, 7 Queens Parade, North Ealing, W5 — Tue 26 (8.30) Social. CROWN, 48 Bath Road, Harlington — **FEBRUARY:** Tue 2 (8.30) Games Evening. WINDMILL, Parkway, Ruislip. 1988 Good Beer Guide available at most meetings.

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THE QUEST — Part 10

The story so far: Our friends have found the Last Branch of CAMRA but their evil pursuer is closing in.

Roland Petrie stood gazing through the window of his office out onto the crowded streets below. In the early evening gloom the droves of office workers scurried home. Petrie despised the nine-to-fivers and their settled ordered lives. Perhaps the dealings he had had with so many social misfits had given him some measure of regard for the rebels of such a well-ordered society. Although ultimately the Mind Probe was able to rectify their aberrations he always felt some pity for the spark of individuality that would die under the Probe.

However he knew that for the good of society his duty was vital. No corrupting influence must be allowed to seep into the delicately structured society that had developed since the Great Crash of 1998. It was now nearly one hundred years since that disastrous stock market crash had heralded the complete breakdown of the world's economic systems already severely weakened by the Plague. Had it not been for the enlightened policy of the Disaster Government of 2018 and the triumph of social engineering the country would have entered a dark age from which it may never have recovered. Now in order to maintain that society any possible deviation must be rooted out with the utmost severity.

That is why Comett had to be tracked down. In himself he was no threat to anyone, nor were most of his group. They were harmless cranks, but already they were becoming a focus for every dissatisfied element in London. That was precisely why he had allowed them to discover the Last Branch and why he had not moved in sooner. Now he could be sure that his next move would have the maximum effect. This would be achieved not by smashing the whole group in an orgy of arrests which would just bring attention to the rebel cause. The "Petrie Touch", as he liked to think of it, was to achieve the maximum effect with the minimum of effort. In this case it would mean turning Comett around, convincing him of the folly of his cause and the personal danger he was in. How often it was that the threat was more powerful than the execution, not that the execution would be avoided if it proved necessary.

And so later that evening Simon Comett found himself in that very office, overlooking the now dark and silent streets of South London. "Well Mister Comett, I'm sure you are waiting to go through all the usual rituals. The outrage. "Why am I here? What right do you have to keep me

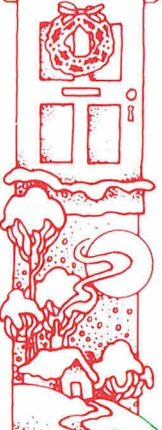
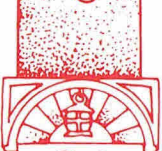
like this?" Couldn't we take all that as said and formally noted? I just wanted the opportunity to talk to you Simon. I can't believe that a well integrated individual such as you has swallowed all this nonsense about CAMRA and Real Ale". You must see that it has all been a cover for the real organisation which is dedicated to the overthrow of the Government." Petrie dismissed Simon's spluttering denial with a curt wave of the hand. "I'm sorry Simon but these people have taken you for a mug. You see, I was supposed to believe all that rubbish and let you CAMRA people go on with your silly schemes until it was too late. The question is are you willing to play your part in helping us to track down the real threat? Your co-operation is absolutely necessary if I am to nip this revolution in the bud."

"Never," said Simon quietly and firmly. "You can hook me up to the Probe right now because you'll never get anything out of me by any other means. I'll never betray my friends"

"That is no less than I expected from you. Rest assured that the Probe is only the very last resort; it does so much irreparable damage I am afraid. Look, what I will say is this. Emerald is basically a silly romantic young visionary; your friend Cress is in his own way similarly a romantic fool. These are not the people I am really after. I want those who have joined CAMRA in the belief that they can mould it into a fighting force strong enough to have an effect on our benevolent consumer society. Real Ale you can have. Pubs in your own quaint style you can have. But any attempt to undermine the rights of the producer must be put down. Surely the history of the 1980's and 1990's has shown beyond all doubt that the consumer is there to serve the producer who in turn must serve the government. No other economic system makes sense, there is no alternative. So I say again, will you help me to find these misguided people, not for the sake of some minor criminal charges, not to do away with your CAMRA group altogether, but to rid our society of the possibility, however remote, of another period of violent upheaval? Think carefully Simon for all our futures depend upon what you say now".

But Simon already had his answer ready. "Yes", he whispered, hunched in defeat. "Yes I will help you, even though it means betraying my friends and everything I thought we stood for". Roland Petrie turned to the window to hide the smile of satisfaction that had crept across his face. He had them now!

Will Petrie triumph and destroy CAMRA for once and for all? To find out read the next episode of The Quest.



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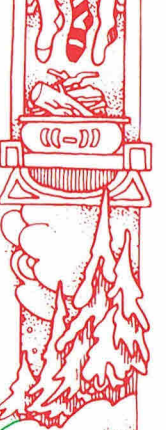
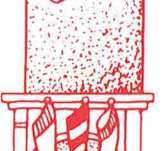
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CAMAL COMMENT

In October a group of CAMAL members visited the oldest brewery in the world, the largest pub in the world and sampled the first of the winter season's Bock beer to run from the lager tanks. It was all part of the Lager Grand Tour organised by CAMAL.

The tour started at a small town in the Sauerland region of Germany between Dortmund and Kassel. The town is called Warstein and its main claim to fame is its brewery which dates from 1753, the 6th largest in West Germany. The original brewery site in the town centre is still owned by the brewery, but today, brewing takes place in a superb modern brewery in wooded surroundings about two kilometres from the town centre. Warstein is fortunate in having a plentiful supply of soft water which is ideal for the type of lager which they brew, a Pilsner style lager. Only one beer is brewed, their explanation being that if they concentrate on one beer, they can brew a better beer. The brewery has many "tied" houses in the area and its beers are distributed worldwide including the U.K. They even have a pub in Moscow. We spent a day and two nights in Warstein as guests of the brewery and were accorded VIP treatment.



Our next port of call was Bamberg — after all; one cannot go to Germany without visiting Bamberg. So much has been written and will, no doubt continue to be written about this ten brewery town that, on this occasion, mention will be made only of the high spot of the visit — the sampling of the first batch of Bock beer, gravity circa 1060, at one of Bamberg's ten breweries which trades under the name Klosterbrau. Our host was the landlord of the Polarbear, spelt Polarbär, who had arranged the visit. After the head brewer had conducted us round the brewery, we assembled in the small sampling room, which also served as the office. Amber though it was, nectar was too feeble a word to apply to this beer. Pure ecstasy would, perhaps be a more apt description.

That same evening saw us in Munich, having made a brief call at Nuremberg. We decided to leave the serious drinking until the morrow, so we strolled northwards along les grand boulevards to Schwabing where, in the back streets of this popular night spot are to be found many basic locals such as the Wifling and the Hopfen Dolde.

A somewhat more pricey pub called Haus der III Bier was dispensing the draught version of Budweiser Budvar which was adjudged by one of our number to be the best Pils he had ever tasted. We ended the night playing darts in a pub boasting two dart boards.

The following day at 11 o'clock the glockenspiel in the clock tower of the old town hall performed its gyrations to the delight of the crowd which had gathered in the Marienplatz. The Hofbrauhaus was quiet and Schneiders had closed for refurbishment so we ended the lunch time session about 5 pm. at the Mathäuser — the largest pub in the world. (If you know of a larger one, write to the editors who will be pleased to publish your letter).

Next day we took the S - Bahn to Freising in search of the oldest brewery in the world — established in the year 1040. (If you know of an older one . . .). This proved very elusive. Eventually, we found it tucked away on top of an almost inaccessible hill. The outward appearance of the brewery tap belied its spanking new and spacious interior. The well designed traditionally vaulted bierkeller was spoilt only by its obvious newness. The beer seemed unexceptional, but perhaps the Bock beer and the Budweiser Budvar had upset our critical faculties.



We returned to Frankfurt by coach along the Romantic Road calling at the well preserved mediaeval towns of Dinkelsbühl and Rothenberg — our first dry (almost) day of the tour. The weather, regrettably, was less temperate.

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Fall in number of brewers making political donations

The latest research on political donations by companies shows a net fall of three in the number of brewers making political contributions in the year from December 1985. Eldridge Pope, Everard, Devenish, McMullen and Heavitree ceased making donations. Charles Wells and Shepherd Neame joined the list.

Vaux have increased their donation to the Conservative Party by £3,000 and Wolverhampton & Dudley quadrupled their donation to the same party to £2,000.

The full list is as follows:

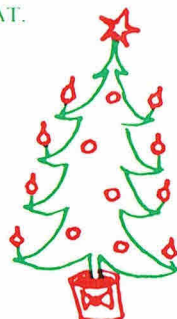
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Allied Lyons	57,000 (a)
Vaux	8,000
Boddington	5,000
Scottish & Newcastle	5,000
Wolverhampton & Dudley	2,000
Fuller	1,100
Morland	1,000
Timothy Taylor	1,000
Hardys & Hansons	900
Hall & WQoodhouse	500
Ruddle	500
Charles Wells	225 (b)
Shepherd Neame	150 (b)

Notes: 1) All donations to the Conservative Party except: (a) includes £55,000 to British United Industrialists who are estimated to pass on 80% of its funds to the Conservative Party, (b) receipt of donation not specified.

2) Research covers approximately 12 months from December 1985. Last figures reported covered the year from March 1985 so comparisons are not possible in all cases and above list may include donations reported in London Drinker, April 1987.

3) Heavitree ceased brewing in 1970 but maintain an estate of 110 pubs. Source: Labour Research, June 1987.

RAINCOAT.



SOUTH EAST LONDON - THE OUTLOOK IS MILD or a weekend away for the South East London Branch

It was wet, even the sun had decided to stay in bed! It was also early (and that might have been a factor in his decision) as our Budget Bus slooshed through the puddles, picking up bleary eyed refugees from the windswept streets of south east London. However, nothing could damp our spirits for long, and there was more than a hint of excitement in the air as we headed out of the City that Friday morning, the promised land of mild (and little money) coming closer with every second.

10 o'clock saw us exit the M11 and we stopped for breakfast at a Little Chef, the table mats recalled the early days of Little Chef as did the antique and lacklustre staff and the general air of indifference. We thankfully escaped at the cost of only one hour of our life and splashed off through the Wash to Wainfleet via the hundred foot drain, stopping only briefly to admire the delights of a manual level crossing (the alternative route under a bridge would have given as a free sun roof which was not much use in the prevailing weather conditions).

Wainfleet, home of Batemans Brewery and George's "GOOD HONEST ALES" appeared out of the murk and the party disappeared into the Red Lion (see photo 1) with surprising speed.



The Red Lion, our home for the day, made us immediately welcome as Brin the guv'nor bent to his task producing 11 pints of Batemans finest mild amid the noise of coins being slapped on the pool table. The dark, slightly sweet beer slipped down parched throats in record time and soon the wheeze and gurgle of the handpump was heard again.

Off to the brewery, to be met by our guide (see photo 2), who had been with the brewery so long he seemed part of it. He explained the brewing process which at Batemans, is as much to do with the people who work there, as the mechanical process of brewing itself. No hype here, just an honest pride in the beers he helps to brew. One of



the most essential parts of any brewery visit is of course to the sampling room (just to make sure, you understand, that the beer is up to standard) so we paddled through the yard to the old windmill tower (see photo 3) where George Bateman, his position, as the patriarch of the Brewery he loves, secure after a two year battle against the odds, came to meet us.



We left the brewery singing the praises of Batemans mild just finding time to try the local delicacy — fish and chips cooked in a coal fired fryer — before reporting to the Royal Oak for the trivia quiz which Batemans had arranged for our evenings entertainment. The three teams formed by the branch disposed of the seven local teams in short order coming 1st, second and second and then, generously donating their free pints to the locals, repaired to the Red Lion to claim residents privileges.

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Surprisingly early on Saturday, after a hearty breakfast we departed Wainfleet, en route to Keighley. There are nine things which Keighley has going for it; the Timothy Taylors beers (thats seven things), the Boltmakers Arms and the steam railway; most of the former can be sampled at the second, the latter is but a short walk. Time restricted us to the Boltmakers Arms, its unprepossessing exterior belies the warm welcome and the glorious beers obtained within its portals. Camouflaged and with seemingly the same dimensional qualities as the good Doctor's Tardis before the BBC accountants took over; this is one pub everyone must visit before they die. It was difficult to leave, but the Turkey Inn at Goose Eye was so close it could not be ignored and the end of the afternoon session saw us drinking the produce of the Goose Eye Brewery in this out of the way hamlet.

The evening found us in Manchester, at the Woodthorpe Hotel, a Holts pub, built in the grand style during Manchesters great days. It was not raining! Whilst some took time to explore the trendy side of Manchester, the rest of us, after a filling pasta, visited the Boddingtons Brewery Tap (eight pints for £5.60!) memorable more for its over-the-top decor — barrels for lamp shades! than the beer and then adjourned to the Ducie Arms hidden in the back streets where seduced by the beer and sixties music we languished until time was called and Manchester's excellent public transport whisked us off to bed.



Sunday — and for the first time in days the sun showed itself, as we travelled south, stopping for lunch at the Gate, in the village of Ratcliffe Culey. Two of the party braved the guargantuan "HE MAN" 32oz. Steaks (£6.95), whilst the rest tucked into an assortment of excellent dishes at equally excellent prices (a few heads were turned

SW NEWS

At last an outlet has appeared for the excellent Pitfield Dark Star at the White Lion, Putney High St., SW15. Also this Vaux Free House will be hosting a Strong Ale Festival during January (up to 70 Firkins). No date available at print deadline. Putney residents enjoy yourselves!

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SEASONS GREETINGS
FROM THE STAFF & MANAGEMENT.
"A Youngs House"

when garlic mushrooms were ordered for sweet). The record for those who wish to try it is two 32oz. steaks and a gâteau.

Six o'clock saw us back in London, tired but content (photo 5). The outlook likely to remain bitter until the Greenwich Festival brings mild to South East London again in early June.



1988 Good Beer Guide calls for Fair Deal for Drinkers

A call for a complete ban on mass media advertising of alcohol come from a very surprising quarter — the Campaign for Real Ale! Neil Hanson, editor of CAMRA's 1988 Good Beer Guide, published on 26th October, describes the present level of advertising of alcohol as "irresponsible, almost an incitement to over-consumption among drinkers, especially the young".

Says Neil: "Our TVs are awash with advertisements for lager and beer, while advertisements in cinemas, hoardings, newspapers and magazines push all forms of alcohol. Multi-million pound advertising campaigns glamourise alcohol consumption, implying that consumers of a particular brand will be trendy, modern, and successful with the opposite sex.

"We believe that the moderate consumption of alcohol, particularly in the social environment of the pub, does no harm at all and can actually be beneficial, but mass media advertising encourages excessive consumption by those who are least able to control it".

Neil Hanson also called for recognition of the uniquely valuable social role fulfilled by the

British pub and announced a 7-point 'Drinkers' Charter', "to restore the British pub to its rightful place at the heart of our social lives and to encourage sensible and moderate drinking":

1. A complete ban on mass media advertising.
2. A restriction on the numbers of off licences and a relaxation of restraints on full licences, to encourage purchase and consumption of alcohol in the "socially controlled and properly supervised atmosphere of the local pub, instead of through cans and bottles bought in supermarkets and drunk on street corners".
3. Liberalisation of pub opening hours to be extended to Sundays "the one day of the week when 90% of the population would welcome the opportunity of an afternoon drink".
4. The full listing of ingredients of alcoholic drinks on the packaging or at the point of sale.
5. A sharp increase in excise duty on high alcohol drinks such as spirits and a reduction on lower alcohol drinks such as beer and lager, to discourage hard drinking.
6. A change in the excise duty system to encourage small breweries and end financial penalties on those that mature their products properly.
7. Action by the monopolies & Mergers Commission to introduce fair competition, including the loosening of the 'tie' to allow all publicans to stock at least one product from a different company.

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Rent	4	6	
Fags	1	6	
Reserve beer fund	3	6	
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**Overspent by 1/- cut out WIFE'S BEER.
(apocryphal)**

SOUTH EAST NEWS

The members of the Branch are now getting on with the arduous but pleasant task of surveying all the pubs in the area for the new Guide which it is hoped to publish next May. More volunteer surveyors are needed; most surveys are being done on organised crawls on Thursdays over the next three months. If you would like to help, check the Branch Diary in London Drinker or Whats Brewing. The Guide will be produced with the assistance of Croydon & Sutton, Bexley and Bromley Branches so if you live in those areas and would like to help with surveys give the Branch Contact a phone call.

The surveys thus far carried out reveal numerous alterations to the range of beers available at pubs in the area. We won't detail these here and you'll have to wait for the new guide. However, we must mention one real change; the Duke of Edinburgh, Brockley SE4 is featured in the 1988 edition of the Good Beer Guide. This is a quiet but very friendly side street local with an enthusiastic guvnor who kept excellent Bass and Charrington IPA. Unfortunately sales have been so low recently that he has had to withdraw both beers. Lets hope there's a revival in the near future.

The Branch Chairman Dave Foord is shortly moving out of the area to Orpington. His

campaigning abilities and experience will be sorely missed. Despite Dave's enthusiasm for CAMRA there is no truth in the rumour that he is moving house just so that he can help in the attempt to revive the ailing Bromley Branch. It is true however that at a Bromley Branch EGM at the Freedlands Tavern on 21st October last Dave volunteered his services as Chairman of Bromley Branch provided a viable committee would be formed around him; we wish Dave and Bromley Branch well.

Jim Finegan the guvnor of the Greyhound, Sydenham SE26 is hoping to provide Ansell's Mild for SE London Branch AGM at the Greyhound on the 8th February so this will be another rare chance to sample real mild in South East London. Make a note in your diaries.

Dave Sullivan, Branch Contact 01-699 8476.

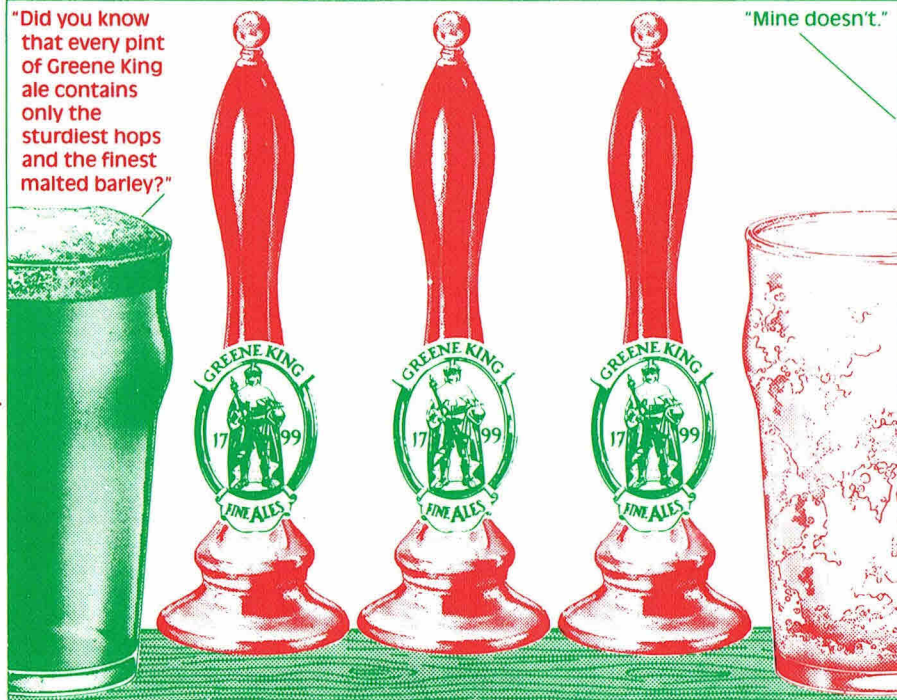
NEWS FROM THE CITY.

Bulgarian lager to arrive. Shock! Horror!

Rank Xerox have done a swap deal with the Bulgarian authorities to exchange their equipment for 5 million litres of Astica Lager to be sold through U.K. off-licences.

A Rank Xerox gourmet said : "It's just like any other lager". - AJB.

"Did you know that every pint of Greene King ale contains only the sturdiest hops and the finest malted barley?"



BOOK REVIEW — the 1988 Good Beer Guide

The new Good Beer Guide, which was launched on 26th October in the Old Bull & Bush, Hampstead, is the fifth and last to be edited by Neil Hanson, who is now going to concentrate his skills on writing books and reporting Rugby League. The Guide follows the now well-established format, with the main exception that this time county maps head each section (that for London being simply a diagram of the layout of postal districts). This, to me, is a welcome change, although some would argue that when travelling in border areas, you need to refer to two maps. OK, it's no worse than thumbing through the back and trying to read maps which, for me anyway, seemed to defy interpretation. As a work of reference it is a masterpiece of co-ordination of the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, and a few errors have inevitably crept in — such as one London pub apparently not selling beer. However, with the amount of information provided along with well-written articles, it is a must for anyone who takes beer seriously.

Two other books were launched simultaneously with the Good Beer Guide. "Two Beers, My Friend Will Pay" describes itself as "a cracked glass of pub humour". Perhaps someone who is partial to that sort of thing would submit a

review; I couldn't do it justice.

The third, and in fairness I should have given it precedence over the last paragraph, is the Good Cider Guide. It is edited by David Kitton, a world authority on cider and its pear-based counterpart, perry. I share his enthusiasm and a modicum of his knowledge, but a worthier hand than mine is preparing an article on the subject which hopefully will appear in the next issue. David remarked at the launch that real cider — and the book — "will broaden your drinking horizons". It follows the format of the Good Beer Guide in small size — 192 pages about the size of a standard paperback — and lists 2500 Outlets.

The cover prices of these books are GBCG: £5.95; Two Beers: £2.95; and Good Cider Guide: £4.95. CAMRA members are entitled to reduced prices of, respectively, £3.95; £2.25 and £3.50. All three are obtainable for £8.50 — a saving of £5.35 — from: **1988 Good Beer Guide Offer, CAMRA, 34 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3BW**, or through your branch. Please quote your membership number and make cheques payable to CAMRA Ltd.

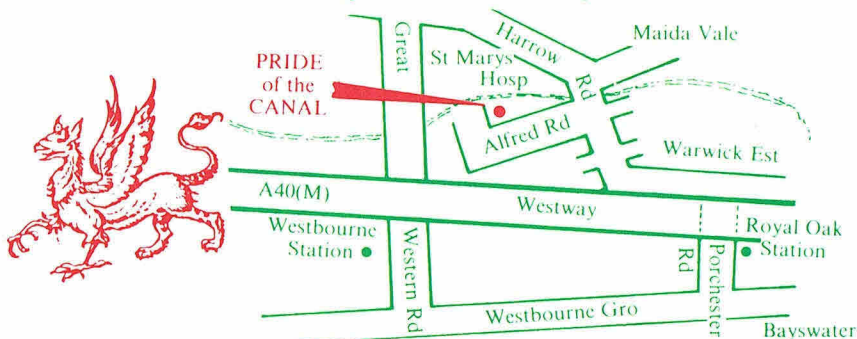
Returning finally to the Good Beer Guide and particularly to our area, the number of entries

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for Greater London has been raised by 54 to 362; of these 122 are new or did not appear in the 1987 issue.

The following is a full list of new or reinstated entries in the new Guide which did not appear last year:

ABBREVIATIONS:

AI Allied group	FH Free House	(TA) "Try Also"
BC Bass Charrington	FL Fullers	Wh Whitbread group
Co Courage	Mc McMullen	Wt Watney group
CW Charles Wells	SS Sam Smith	Yg Youngs

EC2 Sir Paul Pindar	BC Croydon Surrey Cricketers	Co
EC3 Sir John Falstaff	FH Croydon Tamworth Arms	Yg
WC1 Hansler Arms	Wh Farnborough Two Badgers	FH
WC1 Mabel's	FH Kenley Wattenden Arms	BC
E3 Little Driver	BC Sidcup Charcoal Burner	Co
E4 Fox & Hounds	Wt Thornton Heath Fountain Head	Yg
E6 Boleyn Tavern	AI SW1 Grouse & Claret	FH
E6 Denmark Arms	AI SW1 Turks Head	BC
E7 Holly Tree	BC SW1 Westminster Arms	FH
Barking Victoria	BC (TA) SW2 Hope & Anchor	Yg
Chadwell Heath Crooked Billet	AI SW3 Rose	FL
Dagenham Cherry Tree	Co (TA) SW4 Rose & Crown	Co
Romford Golden Lion	Wt SW9 Trinity Arms	Yg
Upminster Huntsman & Hounds	AI (TA) SW14 Hare & Hounds	Yg
Woodford Green Travellers Friend	FH SW15 Duke's Head	Yg
N1 York	AI SW17 Castle	Yg
N2 Windsor Castle	FH (Mc) SW17 Gorrington Park Hotel	Yg
N4 White Lion of Mortimer	FH SW18 Alma Tavern	Yg
N6 Shepherds Tavern	Wt SW18 Spread Eagle	Yg
N6 Wrestlers	BC SW19 Grove Tavern	AI
N10 Wetherspoons	FH SW19 Alexandra	Yg
N14 Merry Hills	AI Carshalton Lord Palmerston	Co
N20 York Arms	Wt Carshalton Sun	AI (TA)
Barnet Albion	AI Kew Rose & Crown	Co
Enfield Highway Red Lion	BC Kingston Boaters Inn	FH
New Barnet Duke of Lancaster	Co Kingston Lamb	Co
Whitewebbs King & Tinker	AI Kingston Newt & Ferret	FH
NW1 Wheatsheaf	Co Mitcham Ravensbury Arms	AI
NW1 Victoria & Albert Tavern,	Wt Norbiton Norbiton Hotel	Wt
Marylebone Stn.	FH Sutton New Inn	Wh
NW1 Gloucester Arms	AI Sutton New Town	Yg
NW3 Sir Richard Steele	BC Wallington Dukes Head	Yg
NW3 Washington	AI W1 Audley	Wt
NW3 Coach & Horses	Co W1 Harcourt Arms	AI
NW8 Crocker's	FH W1 Worcester Arms	FH
NW10 Fisherman's Arms	AI W2 Pride of the Canal	FH
Pinner Whittington	Wh W4 City Barge	Co
Sudbury Sudbury Arms	Co W5 Plough	FL
SE1 Anchor & Hope	CW W6 Dove	FL
SE1 Anchor Tap	SS W7 Royal Victoria	Wt
SE1 Kings Arms	AI W9 Prince Alfred	AI
SE1 Royal George	FH W9 Warrington	FH
SE1 Ship	FL Brentford Pottery Arms	FL
SE1 Streets	Wt Colham Green Crown	FL
SE4 Duke of Edinburgh	BC Eastcote Clay Pigeon	Co
SE6 Catford Ram	Yg Hampton Wick White Hart	FL
SE8 Dog & Bell	FH Harlington Crown	Co
SE11 Tankard	BC Hillingdon Red Lion	FL
SE12 Crown	Yg Hounslow Royal Albion	Co
SE13 Freemasons Arms	Co New Brentford Lord Nelson	FL
SE13 Jolly Farmers	Wh Norwood Green Wolf	AI
SE18 Navy & Army	Co Ruislip Manor Windmill	BC
SE20 Hop Exchange	FH Southall Havelock Arms	FL
SE21 Crown & Greyhound	AI Uxbridge Crown & Sceptre	Co
SE22 Crystal Palace Tavern	AI Whiston Admiral Nelson	FL
SE25 Prince of Denmark	Co Whiston Duke of Cambridge	Wt
SE26 Greyhound	AI Yeading Walnut Tree	FL
SE26 Woodman	Wh	
SE27 Kings Head	BC	
SE27 Paxton	BC	
Belvedere Royal Standard	BC	
Blendon Three Blackbirds	BC	
Bromley Common Bird in Hand	Co	
Crayford Lord Nelson	FL	
Crayford White Swan	FH	
Croydon Rising Sun	BC	



DEAR DIPSY



DEAR DIPSY, On entering 'The George' in the Old Bailey, I was sentenced to pay the price of £1.18 for a pint of Huntsman Royal Oak. My defence was that you don't see Huntsman Ales around London that often, my crime — I was thirsty. There I rest my case and leave it to you to pass judgement.

J.A. Crawford, Bromley.

Dear J.A.C. Unfortunately there is no appeal once you have handed over the cash. My verdict is don't do it again unless you are prepared to accept the consequences. DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, I have seasonal employment during the annual worldwide festivities, but nothing to do for the rest of the year except answering correspondence — emulating your excellent example of replying to the most inane or naive letter. Could you suggest a full-time job which would be fulfilling of my outgoing nature, without the need to muck out reindeer stables, climb down chimneys, drink several years' supply of booze in one night, put up with constant din from the toymakers living nearby, and answering endless impossible requests from avaricious little swines for extortionately priced rubbish they would not have thought of if the brat next door hadn't claimed to be getting it?.

Yours hopefully, S. CLAUS, North Pole

DEAR SANTA, Buy your own real ale pub — that's a full time job-and-a-half! Then when you have made a mint by ripping off customers (which will allow you to be as outgoing as you like — if you can trust the staff) employ minions to muck out the reindeer and do all other work including clearing up all correspondence — especially tax demands. Meanwhile, open a kids' room, paper the walls with adverts for all sorts of wierd (non-taxed) soft drinks and push the prices through the roof! (Don't call it the Pop Inn — a certain other company is using the idea on a similar principle).

While I'm writing, please may I have a train set... a new bike... a season ticket to the headshrinker... (rest of list omitted — Ed) DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, Something is wrong with my life these days. It isn't the fact that all my privatisation shares have halved in value, that my Porsche has the first signs of rust, or that my Gucci shoes won't shine. It's just that Hofmeister doesn't satisfy me any more. My friends tell me it's Fosters this week anyway but I've run out of Paul Hogan jokes. I feel rootless, aimless and somehow just less. What can I do?.

Upstein, Canary Wharf.

DEAR UPSTEIN, Don't worry about running out of Paul Hogan jokes — so has he. No, you are just one of the beautiful people who wakes up one cold morning with the first crow's feet of autumn. The remedy is to recover your real values — a pint of Winter Warmer and a bacon buttie cooked on the radiator of a 1974 Renault 4. Alternatively just forget the whole thing and accept you're just a pretentious little gerbil. DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, My wife doesn't understand me. I give her my wage-packet every Friday and let her allocate my beer-money. I ferry her and her dear mother around everywhere, do all the laundry, and get up at five to prepare the meals for her and the six kids (or is it at six for her and the five kids — I'm not quite sure). After all that, why does she get so upset at me going down the pub and screwing the barmaid after closing time?

Edgar, Ealing

DEAR EDGAR, I don't quite know how to put this, but somehow I don't feel you've got the mix quite right. Perhaps you're a shade too indulgent of your mother-in-law, DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, Why do you come down so hard on women?

Ermyndyke, World's End.

DEAR ERMYNDYKE, I don't know that I do, but in your case it seems as though I might have difficulty, to judge from your interesting enclosed photographs. I have just three questions: 1) What is the long rubber tube for? 2) How did you manage to hold that position balanced on one hand in a photo-booth? 3) Why are the three other women so tight-lipped? DIPSY.

For reasons of space, please bear with me using this column to reply to some correspondents who were too embarrassed to include their addresses:

Welwyn, Herts

Lightly buttered on one side with two anchovies and a small black olive, and then strained through a fishnet stocking.

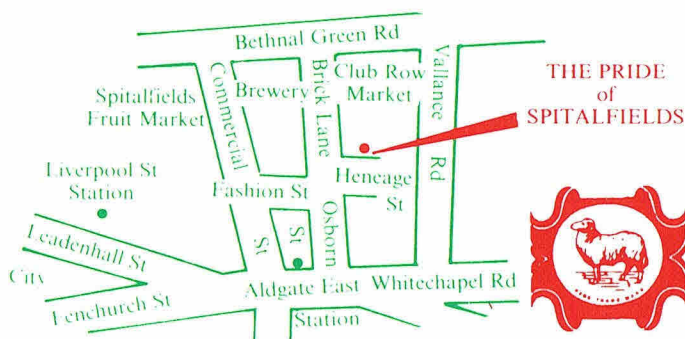
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Glenys, Kidbrooke

Ten and a half inches; nothing back on the empties.

Charlie, Highbury

Eight yards wide by eight feet high. You can't miss it – surely?

Andromeda, Mudchute

This kind of activity is not only dangerous but illegal. For further details get the leaflet from the Stock Exchange Panel.

Merton, Merton

Try starting earlier with a longer run-up.

McShagnasty. Pratts Bottom

This correspondence must now cease.

A Note from DIPSY

While I've been taking a bit of a sabbatical this year I've been researching with Dr. Patrick O'Topresiaerch, the well-known Irish biological chemist and bodhran man into the influence of excess Carbon Dioxide on brain atrophy. However, our researches have run into some trouble — we have found it impossible to set up adequate control groups for study.

We wanted to assemble a control group of established lager drinkers and monitor their

deterioration. The problem has been that we found no clear difference between those in the early stage of lager-drinking and those in the terminal stages of abuse (Die Alte Toscheren, as Grupelstein has described them). We have called this the "Wossiss abaht anyway John" syndrome.

We cannot therefore establish whether the casual connection is assimilative or just spontaneously symbiotic, i.e. Lager drinkers may just be like that all along but the lager throws the condition into sharp relief, not to mention the effect on the small intestine

We are therefore seeking the help of readers to take part in a control group for study. We would administer British-brewed lagers at 25 psi under normal pub conditions. (We would not simulate home consumption with supermarket cans in view of the well-known side-effects) Any changes would be closely monitored — an antidote in the form of a polypin of London Pride will be kept near to hand — and any acceleration in deterioration (e.g. the Hofmeister waddle, crunching cans by hand, trying to discuss "Eastenders" or saying "Ere John got a new motah?") will be the signal to withdraw the subject from the programme.

Volunteers should contact the Editors.

Out of Town — Small Breweries

I recently visited Wiltshire's only pub-brewery, The Wyndham Arms in Salisbury. Many of my colleagues had informed me that the quality of the beer was matched only by the warmth of the welcome — they were right on both accounts.

On arrival I was confronted with a choice of three fine beers: GFB (1034-37) at 75p per pint, HBS (1038-42) at 85p per pint and a guest beer, which at the time was Robinsons Best Bitter at 90p. All three were in superb condition but the GFB (Gilbert's First Brew) was an absolute delight. A genuine session bitter which tastes delicious even when one has consumed more than one perhaps should (i.e. when you're absolutely pissed!).

Since my visit the brewer — John Gilbert — has brewed an entire stout. This will be regularly available, as long as the locals don't drink it too quickly.

The Hopback Brewery (a name chosen by the regulars) is owned and run by John and Julie Gilbert with assistance from Roger McBride. John (formerly of Watneys, and Conways — Brixton, Battersea Brewery) and Roger (who built the old Chidham Brewery) built the full mash plant themselves using celler tanks from the now defunct Axe Vale Brewery. The brewery is sited below the pub.

When they first took over the Wyndham Arms (previously a Keg Ushers pub) John brewed at Bunces but after converting downstairs now brews approximately 4 barrels per week of GFB and 2 of HBS. If the locals continue quaffing so ardently then he'll have to increase production!

Musical Notes

Central Folk Club have been forced to suspend activities after the landlord of the Sols Arms (by Capital Radio) decided he didn't want them there anymore for unspecified reasons and threw them out with no advance notice whatever. Is this how Watneys train their licensees in public relations?

On a happier theme, The Hand and Spear club has relocated to the Foley Arms in Claygate — an excellent Youngs pub with an even better club room than the one they had at Weybridge. The club is still on Fridays; there are late trains back into London and details can be obtained from Brian Ravehill on 0372 67208.

Closer into town, Chiswick Folk Club is every Wednesday in the back room at the Packhorse and Talbot in Chiswick High Rd. (Near Turnham Green Tube). The pub has a wide range of real ales, and while prices are not cheap,

In addition the pub boasts an impressive selection of bottled beers: All of the Newquay Steam Beers, Gales Prize Old, Worthington White Shield, Bishop's Tipple, Owd Roger and the sedimented Hacker Pschorr Munich White.

Also available is Broad Oak 'real' cider and Hacker Pschorr Lager and Murphy's Irish Stout. I list these only out of consideration to others. The GFB is all I need!

If, like me, you also enjoy good food with a great pint then you'll not be disappointed either. Julie's home-cooked food is excellent and very reasonably priced. How many pubs offer such treats as Beef Curry, Gazpacho Soup, Borscht, Parsley Soup, Chicken Kiev, Gooseberry Fool or Apple Snow?. However, more simple fare is also provided.

If you think the pub sounds too good to be true, then pay it a visit. You'll find a great atmosphere, superb cheap beers (Polypins — GFB £19.50, HBS £21.50. Not bad for 36 pints!), fine food and friendly regulars. It is also a real pleasure to be served by people who know and really care about real ales. To conclude, I apologise for overusing clichés and superlatives but I'm just glad the pub isn't in London. I'd spend all my wages there! Now I think I'll write a poem about GFB . . .

Aardvark.

STOP PRESS — Gilbert's beers will be available at the Wimbledon Beer Festival — February.



there is usually a 'Beer of the Day' on offer at slightly under a quid.

Also, slightly under normal prices is the beer at the William Morris Club at 267 Broadway, Wimbledon (South Wimbledon Tube), which plays host to Wimbledon Folk Club on Sundays. Usual beers are Websters and Ruddles County and they have occasional one-offs like the recent appearance of Truman Best at 80p.

Graham Larkbey.

Editors Note: Wimbledon Folk Club will provide Friday nights entertainment at the 2nd Wimbledon Beer Festival to be held at The William Morris Club on Thursday, Friday, Saturday 25-27th February 1988.

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DRAMA ON THE HEBRIDEAN EXPRESS

The wind swept across the Highlands and lashed the rain against the windows of the abandoned train. As its engine vanished into the mist, the surrounding mountains glared down on the passengers whilst they contemplated the inhospitable moorland of this remote glen. The cries of long dead Highlanders seemed carried to them on the storm as remote glimpses reached them of the small hamlet of Achnasheen ahead. The grim faced Scot's guard, his knuckles white on the hilt of his claymore, handed them rain soaked sheets. At the top, the inscription 'What's on in Achnasheen'. The rest was blank. Totally blank . . .

Well, we got out of that little local difficulty with British Rail and not long after the sun had come out and we were bowling along the shores of Loch Carron on the highly scenic Kyle of Lochalsh line to what looked like being a sickening anti-climax for the first day of our Scottish beer trip (brought to you at great expense). Kyle has always been known for its scenery, its ferry to Skye and a well above average number of visitors humming bad renditions of seditious Jacobite ditties. But this time there was a slight change — one of the bars had actually got some real ale in. The Ferry Boat Inn, a lounge sited up behind the Lochalsh Hotel, now does Tennant Heriot 80/-, and quite good it was too. The beer is unusually served by handpump.

Scottish Drinking Note 1: most real ale is served from tall 'founts' on the bar using the traditional air pressure or, more latterly, electric pumps. Handpumps therefore tend to be rare. Note that some keg beers are now served from founts or imitations thereof — watch for the words 'cask conditioned beer' on the dispense equipment.

Back to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. Macbeth was born at Dingwall, on the way, and Mary Queen of Scots stayed in most places round here, so one can be forgiven for expecting the streets to be filled with kilned characters shouting 'Och aye the noo' to the skirl of pipes. Instead they were packed with rucksack laden German students yelling 'Vere . . . ist . . . ze . . . Youth . . . Hostel' at bemused Americans in bullet proof tartan.

The beer scene here isn't all that brilliant. Many of the pubs look like they would be better placed on the Golden Mile in Blackpool but the Phoenix Bar, just on the right from the station, is well worth a look and sells almost the only real ale in the town centre, having McEwan 70/-, Younger No 3 and the local Alice Ale. The pub has a traditional island bar with lounge behind

and seems to be surviving refurbishment. Sensibly, the dart players have a room to themselves. Visitors are advised not to lend any pens to inebriate butchers in there — he lost mine.

Alice Ale comes from a local brewery set up some three years ago in Inverness as quite a large scale project. Unfortunately most of its output is keg, and the real ale always seems to be served from electric pumps fitted with fake handpumps. The other outlet in the town is the Kingsmill Hotel on the outskirts, a three star job where I wandered into the residents bar by mistake. It really was a mistake as the beer was 6p more expensive at a ridiculous 99p a pint. I was given the option of charging it to the room bill and wondered how mine host down the road, where I was staying at a quarter of the price, would take a demand for payment of my drinks bill thudding onto his doormat. Preferably after I had gone.

Next stop Aberdeen, the Granite City. Macbeth seems never to have come here, although on the way we passed Forbes — he murdered Duncan either here or somewhere else, according to legend. Aberdeen has a windswept promenade on the windswept North Sea and a great long windswept shopping street, Union Street, closed on the seaward end by a granite citadel — the Salvation Army citadel. Even the plastic litter bins are done up to look like granite as they are swept by arctic gales. In winter it gets colder. A sign in a pub pointed out that Aberdeen is an old gaelic word meaning 'hypothermia' and this seemed about right.

Scottish Drinking Note 2; beer here is known by the shilling system, denoting what a barrel used to cost. Thus Macbeth might have paid 60/- for his 'light' (mild to us), 70/- for 'heavy' (bitter) and 80/- for 'export' (best bitter and the most commonly found). These three were no doubt the original brews at the Blasted Heath Bar, said to have been near Forbes.

Perhaps because of the cold, Aberdeen has a thriving pub trade with a good spread of real ale. The Good Beer Guide provides a useful selection including several near the station handy for a day visit. Down by the quay the Moorings was selling Bin Hill 80/-, an aggressively malty product from a new brewery. Visit the bar at lunchtime to avoid the disco but don't wear dark glasses or you will fall over the chairs, as they keep the lights very low.

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Thwaites Bitter (O.G. 1036)
Thwaites Best Mild (O.G. 1034)

Nearest tube: Angel or Kings Cross.

More locally, the Devanha Brewery brews at Alford: set up in 1982 it had to be rescued in 1985 and now supplies a number of outlets. Camerons Inn is a good example, with the XXX beer. The snug here is a classic Scottish boozer and there are two lounges as well. At the Tilted Wig you can try Alice as well as Devanha and the Prince of Wales has Lorimer and Darley beers — both of course under threat from owners Vaux. Many pubs and bars in the city sell McEwan beers from Scottish & Newcastle — try the 80/- in the Grill in Union Street, a basic pub with a prewar air which won the Sunday Mail pub of the month Award in June 1974. There is an unusual metal strip around the bar for striking matches, but no Ladies is provided.

The trip continued, after returning to Inverness, with a run down the Highland Railway line to Perth taking in the Passes of Drumochter (highest point on BR) and Killiecrankie. William III's troops were defeated here by Bloody Clavers, who preferred his friends to call him Bonnie Dundee. Afterwards Dunkeld was sacked (the town, not the Scottish team manager). Near here the train may pass through Birnham Wood if it hasn't gone off to Dunsinae again for the weekend. We went on to try Stirling, guarded by its impressive stone castle mainly built in the fifteenth and sixteenth

centuries. The site is older and King Arthur is said to have captured it from the Saxons in the great Seventh Century Miners Strike.

The historic parts are around the Castle in the area known as the Top of the Town. Get here early before the coach parties of Germans, Japanese and Italians arrive. We luckily avoided mentioning the war and hastened tight lipped down to the shopping area and the Barnton Bar and Bistro. This cafe type bar has good food and excellent Maclays 80/- (best pint in central Stirling) and is open all day.

Scottish Drinking Note 3; Standard Hours are 11 (12.30 Sun) — 2 and 5 (6.30 Sun) — 11 but since 1976 pubs have been able to get regular extensions allowing them in most cases to open from 11 to 11 or later. This introduction of civilised provisions has not been matched in England where First War World regulations are still thought necessary by the rulers.

Down the road from the Barnton the Rob Roy Lounge sells McEwan 80/- but doesn't live up to its name, featuring neither colourful Scots shouting 'Hoots mon its a braw bree brick the noo' or characters reciting quotes from Hancock. Up the hill near the Castle, Belhaven can be tried at the Settle Inn but it turned out to

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be flat, lifeless and expensive. For much better Belhaven try the Wallace Arms, one of two GBG pubs on the northern outskirts of the town. On a crag behind the pub, a grateful local, built the Wallace monument in 1869 to commemorate its beer. West of here a converted farmhouse forms the Birds and Bees pub. This doesn't open in the afternoon but does sell beer from the new Harviestoun Brewery set up recently by two experienced home brewers. The water used comes from the Ochil Hills which has supplied many breweries in the Alloa area. Any kings reading this may like to hear of a nifty idea thought up by a onetime King of Scotland, who demanded 15 gallons of ale from a local brewery every time he passed it.

Back at the Birds and Bees you can eat in a French restaurant (no doubt some connection with Mary Queen of Scots) or play something called petanque round the back. Several of the seats in the bar are in the form of sheep, so perhaps the petanque is for the benefit of visiting Australians as well.

Edinburgh used to be Scotland's beer mecca but brewery closures, pub refurbishments and high prices have detracted from this situation. There remain some good pubs well worth a visit though. One on the east side is the Piershill Tavern, a traditional local with good Belhaven 80/- and convenient for Meadowbank stadium. Few pubs seemed to be doing much for the games apart from a couple disfigured with enormous Fosters lager posters and the Rose Street home-brew house which had a 1050g Commonwealth Festival Ale. Thick, sweet and 115p a pint, a couple would induce anyone to boycott the games.

Real ale in Central Scotland is a bit patchy outside the cities but there are some bright spots. Users of the branch line to Bathgate, re-opened after some thirty years, might find the West Port Tavern there useful, doing Belhaven 80/- and lunches including trout caught personally by the landlord (no doubt only in season though). A trip to Inverkeithing gets in the Forth Bridge where one is reminded of the words of Scotland's national bard albeit about the Tay Bridge — 'Thy structure to my eye seems strong and grand/And the workmanship most skilfully planned' (*Willie McGonagall*). At Inverkeithing try the Maclays 70/- in the Volunteer, where the cellar is in the attic.

Over in Falkirk the Burns Bar is now owned by Scotland's oldest (and now well established) micro-brewery, Broughton. Here their Merlin and Greenmantle beers can be sampled. It is just up the hill from the bridge at the Edinburgh end of Grahamstown station — on a quick visit your

main impression of Falkirk will strongly feature a large car park.

Another of the new breweries has also now got onto a very firm footing, this being Strathalbyn — Clydebanks newest 'heavy' industry. They have a pub at Glasgow Cross, the Tolbooth. The Beardmore porter is especially recommended. There are other goods pubs in Glasgow but on our visit we had to get a train to Dumfries and it was a Sunday, so there was no time to lose.

The old Glasgow and South Western Railway was so plagued by sabbatarians that it even had to build a yard in England so that it could shunt its wagons on a Sunday. British Rail seems to have the same trouble judging by the severe lack of trains on the GSW line. This is a pity since the Nith valley route is well worth seeing.

Dumfries is the chief town of SW Scotland and every night here is Burns night — you can view his house, his statue, his grave, his second grave, and so on — although it is hard to fathom why the Scots should be so keen on an excise man. Macbeth never came here but Robert the Bruce passed through and stabbed someone in a supermarket. Today it is something of a crossroads of Europe; many of its visitors are Russian and most of the restaurants seem to be Chinese, except for a kebab carry-out run by a man from Rochdale.

The beer was non-stop McEwans. Three good places to try it include the Douglas Arms, a locals bar with 80/- and the new 60/-; the Ship near the Burns Mausoleum with the full range (60/-, 70/-, and 80/-); and the Lyvie with 80/- and also Youngers No.3. At the last pub much of the seats are out of an old coach and inside the bar is the former name sign from the old County Hotel, a fine establishment patronised by Bonnie Prince Charlie but now yet another boring Next shop.

"When shall we three meet again, in thunder, lightning or in rain?" As you can see, from Macbeth's time the Scots have been pessimistic about their weather. Indeed, to go back to the start, we found later that Achnasheen means 'field of rain' in Gaelic. Perhaps that's why they've developed some excellent pubs. But we can't always be lucky. There is a lack of real ale in so many pubs, especially in the Highlands. But you will get a welcome rather better than bard Willie McGonagall, who reported thus on his rendition of his poetry in his local: "It was a great triumph. The publican told the waiter to throw a wet towel at me, which, of course, the waiter did and I received the wet towel, full force, in the face". MacBadger.

THE PRICE OF A PINT THESE DAYS CAN BE A LITTLE HARD TO SWALLOW

THE TANNERS HALL
145 High Street, Stoke
Newington N16

THE DOG
17/19 Archway Road N19

THE GOAT
414-6 West Green Road N15

THE MORTIMER ARMS
405 Green Lanes N4

THE BOAR
413 Lordship Lane N17

WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
125/127 Stroud Green Road N4

THE DRUM
557/9 Lea Bridge Road E10

Most beer drinkers will have recently noticed a sudden rise in the cost of their favourite pint.

This is due to the fact that the majority of brewers have slapped on a hefty price increase at the pumps of about 4 pence.

The word is that The Chancellor of the Exchequer – who has kindly left beer duty alone in successive budgets – is not very happy and has been giving some of these brewers a bit of a talking to.

Well, at J D Wetherspoon Freehouses in North and East London, we're putting up a fight for fair prices.

Our excellent, hand-pumped, house bitter is still 69p – about 30 pence less than most brewers charge for a pint of this strength in the capital. What's more, we aim to hold our prices until 31st March 1988.

What about that!

Let's have a big round (of applause, of course) for J D Wetherspoon.



THE COLLEGE ARMS
807 Forest Road E17

THE ELBOW ROOM
503-505 High Road N17

THE MOON UNDER WATER
423 Lordship Lane N22

THE NARROW BOAT
Reedham Close N17
(Opening December)

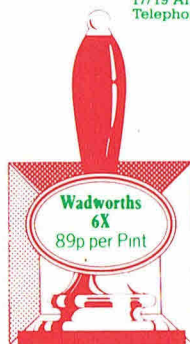
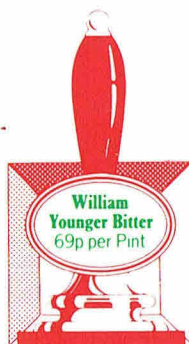
THE MOON UNDER WATER
148 High Street, Barnet
(Opening December)

J J MOON'S
37 Landseer Road N19
(Re Opening December)

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(Re-Opening December)



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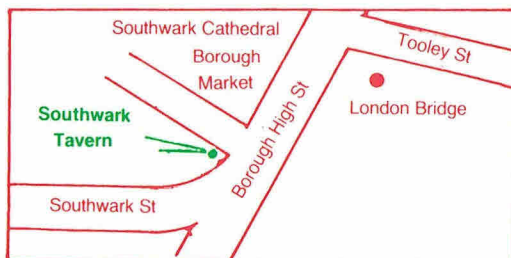
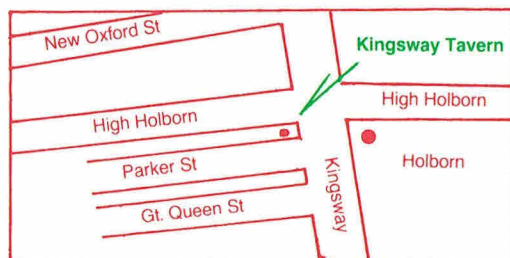


NICHOLSON'S

More NICHOLSON Houses join the Family Tree after extensive renovations in the Traditional style.

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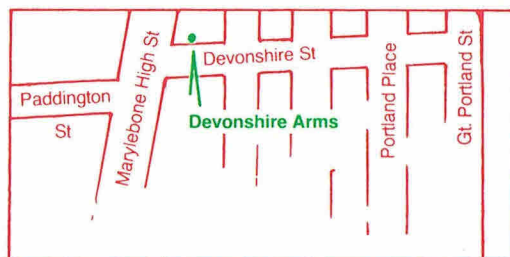


SOUTHWARK TAVERN

22 Southwark Street
SE1

DEVONSHIRE ARMS

21 Devonshire Street
(off Great Portland St.)
W1



Present this page in any of the 3 pubs for a
*free** pint of your choice — not spirits!

SAVE OUR SWAN (The decline and fall of the great British pub)

Why is it that breweries insist on changing successful community pubs into plastic palaces?

Regulars at the White Swan in Twickenham are up in arms over a move by Watneys to evict popular landlady Shirley Sutton, who has been in residence at the charming 17th century riverside pub for the past eleven years. According to the pub's clientele, the move follows years of harassment from the brewery, who attempted the same action last year. At that time it caused such a storm of protest that eventually they backed down, and agreed that for another year, with the proviso that certain conditions be fulfilled, another tenancy would be granted.

The brewery are now, in effect, moving the goalposts and locals are furious. The sticking point appears to be the appointment by Watneys of an "independent" business consultant to the White Swan, a Mr. David Stanley. It was (subsequently) discovered that, in effect, he was what can only be regarded as brewery "spy"; even while he was at the White Swan, he was under consideration as the new tenant/landlord should Mrs. Sutton be successfully evicted. He was therefore told that his services were no longer required.

Another notable point is that Mrs. Sutton is only 16 barrels short of an "impossible" target imposed upon her, despite the fact that she is not supplied with the new premium "Watneys" bitter, Ruddles County. This was also in spite of the poor summer which was ad for business, and the fact that for most of the summer the brewery had put up scaffolding over the pub front while they carried out building and other works.

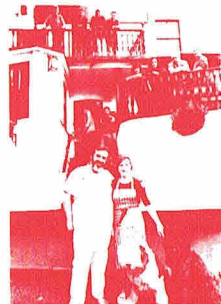
The feeling of local people is that this is not only a case of great injustice, but it is also an attempt by the brewery to turn their White Swan into a "plastic duck". Watneys state that they won't change the character of the pub but that is impossible; the Pub's character, warmth and atmosphere are generated not only by the building itself, but by Shirley herself. Not only is she an excellent landlady, but also a superb cook who has won rare recognition from Egon Ronay and the Good Food Guide, and various airline magazines, pulling in customers from home and abroad.

The White Swan is a pub where young and old from all works of life meet and locals do not want to lose this, which is why a campaign to "Save our Swan" has been launched. A petition totalling over 5,000 signatures was handed over to Watneys at the brewery by a group led by Tom Vernon of Channel 4's "Fat Man in the Kitchen"

fame. At the meeting, the brewery promised to consider the wishes and feeling of local people but their most recent communication appears to contradict this.

If this sort of behaviour by breweries is allowed to continue unchallenged, whether we shall have any real pubs left in and around London in a few years is extremely doubtful.

Sarah Booth & Helen Freeman — SOS Campaign.



The photo shows Shirley Sutton with Tom Vernon with the pub's other residents outside the White Swan while some of her supporters look on from the balconies which give the pub its unusually attractive external appearance.

Photo: Daily Mail

The 1988 Wimbledon Beer Festival

For the second year this event will be held at The William Morris Club at 267, Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 and it will be a FESTIVAL OF LONDON-BREWED BEERS.

Following the enormous success of last year's festival there will be five sessions:

Thursday 25 February 5.30 - 11pm

Friday 26 February 11-3 and 5.30 - 11pm

Saturday 27 February 11-3 and 5.30 - 11pm

plus stalls, food, bands, cider and guest beers.

Admission: Lunchtime - Free. Evenings £1.00 (free Camra and William Morris Club Members Thursday)

PUB NEWS

We hear that all Nicholson's Free Houses will be stocking a Mild Ale for a trial period. A recent example is The Viaduct, Newgate St. (opposite The Old Bailey) which is selling Ansell's Mild at £1 per pint and seems to be well advertised at point of sale. Other sightings are welcomed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear Editors

It's good to see your magazine is still pushing the breweries for a cheaper pint and are keen on publishing any brewery price rise that seem unnecessary (and quite right to). If any brewery was to put up their prices overnight without warning by 25% it would create a lot of moaning and groaning from the editorial page.

However the London Drinker was priced at 20p and went up overnight without warning to 25p which is a 25% rise. Can you explain the reason why.

Terry Jennings, Pitfield Brewery — Manager.

Editor's reply: The rise in price in September had been long overdue, and could not be avoided any longer. Advance warning was omitted in error, for which we apologise; it was due to price rises at the printer's, and generated no extra profit for CAMRA. Incidentally, if in February you see copies of London Drinker on sale in shops with the cover price of 50p, that is no error; experimentally for an indeterminate period a thousand or so will be distributed monthly via a chain of newsagents at that price - the 100% mark-up is to allow their profit margin! The content will be exactly the same as that of the regular 25p issue, with the exception that the "shop" version will omit list of pubs stocking our magazine at the regular price, and will contain more CAMRA information in its place. Stick to your Real Ale pubs - and don't let on to the ten-bob wallahs!

MS.



Dear Editors

Your actions in printing Mr. Muteau's letter in the November issue suggest that the columns of the London Drinker have become 'A debating chamber for the merits or otherwise of individual GBG entries!'. Your words on the other hand say you wish to avoid such debate and we must therefore abide by that.

Croydon & Sutton Branch has an allocation of 23 pubs in the 1988 Good Beer Guide. We split that allocation into 14 in the London Borough of Croydon and 9 in the L.B. of Sutton. As a result the active branch members had the task of selecting 14 out of the 150 or so pubs in the L.B. of Croydon to go into the guide. In that task we had to rely on the experience of the active members and their friends with whom they drink. It is always helpful to us in naming our selection to hear the opinions of other CAMRA members (and beer-drinkers in general) of pubs in our area which are thought worthy of inclusion in the guide. This would be best done by a few words (written or spoken) to us in the early months of the year before the selections are made in the spring.

We would have thought that someone of Mr. Muteau's breadth of experience in CAMRA would have realised this latter course of action would be more productive than elegantly signed letters in the November issue of the Drinker. We look forward to his views on which 23 pubs we should select for the next GBG reaching us early in 1988.

Terry Hewitt, Croydon & Sutton Branch.
P.S. The Branch Chairman and I enjoyed both Chiswick Bitter and London Pride at the Goat House whilst discussing this response to Mr. Muteau's letter.

Editor's comment: The letter concerned was published on the mistaken understanding that the Branch involved had agreed to its inclusion. As we said last time, no further correspondence will be published on any related topic.

Dear Editors,

That wonderful time of year is here again! Winter Warmer is again on sale, and as something of a self-confessed connoisseur (and addict) I am delighted to report that this year's first brew is delicious. Imagine my consternation and concern when I find my new local The Grove in Balham (a Youngs tied house) does not serve my favourite ale! I have sampled the W.W. at seven Youngs houses in the locality and it is superb! I don't want to move pubs again. Don't Young's pubs serve ALL Young's beers?

ALAN MILLINGTON

Dear Editors

Is this a record?

There's a pub in Kenton (near Harrow, Middlesex) called the 'Travellers Rest'. It's a Beefeater Steak House with a large bar and restaurant behind. It sells 'Local Traditional Beers' like Wethered's Bitter (brewed locally at Marlow) and Flower's Original (brewed even more locally at Cheltenham) for £1.30 a pint!

For the record, the rest of the 'draught' range goes as follows:

Whitbread Best Bitter (Keg)	£1.10 pint
Flowers Best Bitter (Keg)	£1.10 pint
Heineken	£1.20 pint
Stella	£1.30 pint
Guinness	£1.30 pint

How can these prices and this pricing policy possibly be justified in a suburban London pub with nothing special to commend it? To my mind it's a blatant rip-off and I for one will not be drinking there again in a hurry!

Yours sincerely

Roger Hedley, Watford, Herts.

P.S. It does bar snacks too. You can get 'beans on toast' for £1.50!

Dear Editors

I would like to take this opportunity to ask LD why it has taken CAMRA so long to acknowledge one of the oldest drinks of this country?

The drink in question is of course CIDER. Over the past few years there has been a dearth of literature about this subject and when I saw the new tome published by CAMRA I was overjoyed. Having read it I am not of the same feeling.

Several of the entries are so out of date that this particular work should have been published at least three years ago. During the ensuing period many of the pubs that I frequent in the Gloucester area have changed their particular brews, almost as fast as their landlords. Also I would like to ask why the book was written along the same lines as 'The Good Beer Guide', seeing that you cannot compare like with like, especially with quite unrelated drinks as beer and cider.

I would uphold your views, as they are also my own, that pasteurised beer is an abortion, but that of cider is not. From the trends in drinking it will not have escaped your notice that though the consumption of beer has increased by almost 100% over the past few years, that of cider has increased by almost 300%. Most of this increase is due to pasteurised sales in the form of bottles and keg, which is how most of it is obtained in any case. But you cannot seriously expect any

TAFF and SHEILA at the

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cider drinker to say that only the 'natural' product is worth drinking.

As for those people who are ardent cider drinkers, you will still find the drunken louts and the dossers, but these too also drink beer, and almost anything they can get their hands on. Yet it is still said that cider is a girls' drink. I would like those people who use this rather insulting phrase to try a night's session on something a bit stronger than, say, Ruddles County. Have a dozen pints of Westons farmhouse and I bet they will be converted if not comatosed.

Now we come on to a separate subject. What about the humble pear. Perry is and shall always be another drink entirely. It may also seem to those people who sneer at anything that is not beer to be a girls' drink, but I can assure you that not all perry is Babycham.

Having run my gambit for a while, why not ask one Editor. 'Well Martin what do you say?'.

By the way, keep up the good work, but please get it right next time.

Dave SW2.

Editor's Note: I showed the original of this letter to David Kitton, Editor of the Good Cider Guide, the day after I received it, and offered him the right to reply. He will do so in our February issue, when Cider will also be a main feature. M.S.

RICHMOND NEWS

We welcome the new management to the White Cross in Richmond, Quinton and Denise Thwaites and wish them every success in their new venture. Already, within a couple of weeks of taking over the pub they have made their mark in being the first in the area to ask for further supplies of the 1988 Good Beer Guide as they had sold out of their initial stock.

Our pleasure at greeting such an obviously keen new team is tinged with a little sadness at the loss of Dick and Penny Mullis who have made some very good friends, both at the White Cross and their previous pub, the Britannia Tap in West Kensington (both Youngs houses). Now they have moved to a Whitbread pub, the Hare & Hounds, Bidborough near Tonbridge in Kent. We also wish them all the very best in their new pub and hope it will not seem too much like retirement after the bustle of the Richmond riverside scene, especially on warm summer evenings — if you can remember what those are.

BODDINGTONS LINKS WITH GRANADA FOR STREET BITTER

From Marketing Week, 16th October 1987.

Granada Television is linking up with Manchester Brewer Boddingtons in an unusual venture to market a canned bitter under the Newton & Ridley brand — the name of the fictitious brewery in Coronation Street.

Granada will receive a royalty on sales of the beer, but the IBA has ruled that it cannot be advertised on television.

The beer, called simple Newton & Ridley bitter, is being launched in selected outlets of Asda, Augustus Barnett, Liquorsave, Tesco and Victoria Wine this month, with plans for full national distribution next year.

The specially-designed Boddingtons can avoids any reference to the famous soap opera, and features a picture of a fictitious public house instead of the Rovers Return.

A spokeswoman for the IBA says it discussed the venture with Granada several months ago and gave the go ahead subject to the condition that no TV advertising was used.

London Drinker comments: Well, it makes a change from Boddingtons taking over real breweries to expand its product range. It should be remembered though that this is not the first time that a beer called Newton & Riddleys has been sold to the public.

Those of you with long memories may remember

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BEER ON BROADWAY

No, we don't mean the Great White Way in New York. This one is Ealing Broadway where West Middlesex Branch of CAMRA will be holding their second Beer on Broadway Beer Festival. The venue is Ealing Town Hall on the Uxbridge Road at the west end of the Broadway and the date is Friday and Saturday 5th and 6th February.

The festival will be open for the lunchtime and evening sessions on both days with free admission for the lunchtime sessions. Admission to the evening sessions (which start at 6pm) will cost £1. Over 30 different draught beers will be available, including a selection of winter brews and there will also be cider and foreign beers on sale. The usual CAMRA products and guides will be available as well as special commemorative glasses. See you there!

that excellent free house in Richmond called the Tudor Close where the landlord, Richard Willson, now tenant of the Fox at Bix just outside Henley, sold a bitter of that name on a number of occasions. The beer was reputedly best known then for being green in colour and only being available very early in the month of April. Some also said it tasted very much like Brakspears bitter.

ANDY PIRSON.

BEER GUIDES

The 1988 GOOD BEER GUIDE is now available from your local Branch, or direct from CAMRA Headquarters, 34 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 3BW.

Local Guides SHOULD be available from Branches, but in case of difficulty the suppliers are as follows:

EAST LONDON & CITY: Pete Roberts, 34 Meadow Way, Upminster, Essex — £2.25 plus 38p postage.

ESSEX: Phil Cunningham, 4 Hilltop Close, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 7TD. £2.50 inc. p&p, cheques payable to CAMRA Essex.

NORTH LONDON: Steve Barnes, 25 Old Kenton Lane, London NW9 9ND £2.50. Cheques and Postal Orders payable to CAMRA North London.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Now out of print. New guide available in May 1988.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Martin Smith, 64 Brailsford Road, London SW2 2TF. £2.50 inc. p&p, cheques payable to CAMRA South-West London Beer Guide.

SURREY: William Hill, Pendennis, Frimley Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants GU. £1.95 plus 26p s.a.c. 9x5".

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.

Paine's plea

CAMRA's Pub Preservation Group have objected to plans to demolish Paine's brewery, a listed building, in St Neots, Cambridgeshire, and carry out a new development on the market square site. Wrote PPG member Peter Lerner to Huntingdon Council: "The brewery is an elegant range of buildings and is quite rightly listed. We would urge your Council to resist this proposal and to go to great lengths to ensure that an industrial building of this quality is preserved as part of the local, and indeed national heritage."

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Whats going on in South East London

On the 7th of September the South East London Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale presented a CAMRA mirror to Ian and Kirsty, licensees of the Anchor Tap, Horsleydown SE1. The Branch members had voted the Anchor Tap the S.E. London Pub of the Summer 1987 and the mirror bears a brass plaque commemorating the award. Incidentally the Anchor Tap which is a superb multiroomed Sam Smiths house has been nominated for a national award by the Campaign's Pub Preservation Group.

If you wish to nominate a South East London pub as the Pub of the Winter then send your choice to the Branch Contact detailed in London Drinker. Branch members will be voting on all nominations at the Branch's Annual General Meeting at the Greyhound, Sydenham, SE26 on Monday the 8th of February 1988. All CAMRA members and prospective members, especially those living in South East London will receive a warm welcome and a buffet. So come along and vote the S.E. London Pub of the Winter. We will also be short-listing pubs for the next Good Beer Guide at the AGM so this will be your chance to nominate pubs which you feel the Branch may have overlooked. The Greyhound is within easy reach; close to Sydenham B.R. Station and on the 12, 12A, 108B, 122, 194 and N86 bus routes

Back Numbers

Copies of the following issues of London Drinker are still available:

1979: March, April, May, September, December.

1980: February, March, April, September, November, December.

1981: March to September inc. November, December.

1982: May, June, July, September, November, December.

1983: February, March, June to December inc.

1984: March to December inc.

1985-7 all issues.

London Drinker was first issued in March 1979. There was no edition in October 1979, and there has never been a separate January issue, which has always been combined with that of the preceding December to avoid production difficulties over the festive season.

With those exceptions, there has been an issue each month since the magazine's introduction.

There have to date, been 97 issues of London Drinker. Orders for back numbers should be sent to Stan Tompkins, 122 Manor Way, Uxbridge, Middlesex, with a remittance of 25p per copy.

so there is no excuse for not being there. The meeting will open at 8.00pm prompt.

The 25th of September saw a rare event at the Bunch of Grapes, St. Thomas Street, SE1. Real mild was being dispensed; so far as we know apart from the Greenwich Beer Festival the only outlet in S.E. London for cask conditioned mild. Before you rush along to the Bunch of Grapes to sample the delights of Brakspear Mild we must warn you it was a special occasion! South East London Branch of the Campaign was holding a party to thank the volunteers who worked at this years Greenwich Real Ale Festival. Bill the guvnor of the Bunch of Grapes kindly donated a firkin of mild whilst the Branch provided a further kil. During the evening some forty thirsty and enthusiastic CAMRA workers consumed all 216 pints; who says there's no demand for real mild! An excellent buffet produced by Maggie the guvnor's wife was also done speedy justice by the worthy workers.

By the way, make a note now in your new CAMRA diaries — the 10th Greenwich Real Ale Festival will be on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th June 1988. If you wish to work at the Festival then come along to the A.G.M. at the Greyhound or any other South East London meeting and we will give you fill details.

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The Preservation of Man.

Legend has it that on Christmas Eve at midnight, animals are briefly given the power of human speech. Should you happen to find yourself in conversation with one (excepting pink elephants!) you might like to ask its opinion on the following – and pass the comments on to us.

The mule and horse live thirty years
And nothing know of ales and beers.

A goat can live till twenty-five
And tastes no booze while it's alive
Teetotal sheep at twenty snuff –

They never taste the real stuff.

The swill-consuming sow and boar
Of years will rarely last a score.

The cow drinks water by the tun
And by eighteen is mostly done.

The dog, past sixteen, soon pegs out
Without the aid of ale or stout.

The cat in milk and water soaks
Then after twelve short years it croaks.

The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs galore then dies at ten.

The duck at six or so succumbs,
It water drinks, while eating crumbs.
In so few years fish kick the bucket (!)

They don't touch beer, so you can f-
-inish the sentence yourself.

The dinosaurs, so you may think,
Knew nowt of ale, now they're extinct.

All animals are strictly dry,

They sinless live, and swiftly die.

But cheerful, beerful, ale-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten.

And some of us, the mighty few,
Still drink real beer at ninety-two!

The editorial team wishes all readers, contributors,
advertisers and supporters all they would wish
themselves, and more to the point, the
compliments of the season.

Cheers!

Smallypoo



THE FREE STATE OF SW8

Down here in SW London we are very poorly served for free houses. Even after lumping in Clifton Inns, Hall and Woodhouse, Vaux and Conway houses we can only stagger up to a total of 21 out of 400 pubs!

Remarkably, four of these 21 are in the ill-defined area of SW8 (south and southwest of Vauxhall station) which is usually known as 'South Lambeth'. For those in search of an interesting pint in the area, here's a rundown of the current state of these free houses, with a few alternatives thrown in for good measure.

Burke's Free House — Nottingham Castle

A corner pub on Wandsworth Road (1) opposite the South Bank Squash Centre, this was until a few years ago a run-down Ind Coope pub. It was then bought and run as a genuine free house by one Norman Barker, who attempted to sell 8 real ales on a small turnover and, with keg, lager etc finished up with about 50 taps!

Finally the famous Burke's Free House chain bought him out in 1986 for about a hundred grand. They've spent ages doing the pub up inside and out but now all the painting has finished and the official name is apparently the whole of what you see above.

How about the beers, though? Norman's ambitious range has been reduced to four or five, typically King and Barnes Sussex, Webster's Yorkshire, Young's Bitter, Wethered Bitter and Greene King Abbot Ale. A useful thing to remember is that food is served at all times. With all the disruption, business has been rather slow to pick up, but the beer is good and Burke's

customary flair should see them through.

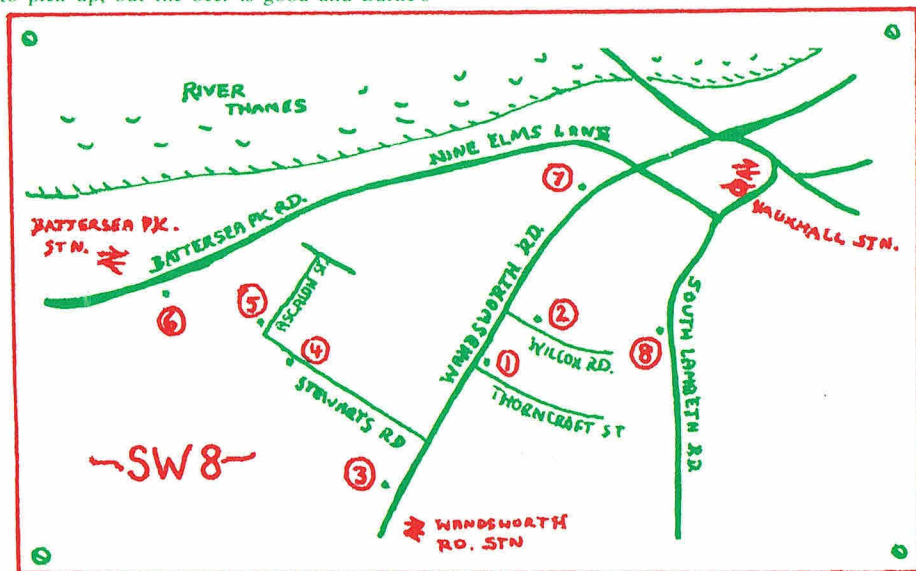
Try also: Gladston (Courage) in Wilcox Rd. (2) — a comfortable two-bar pub near Sainsbury's.

Buckley's

This pub nestles beneath the railway bridge at Wandsworth Road station (3). For this reason its roof garden is not only an unusual feature but also an excellent spot for observing cross-London freight trains on the adjoining SR tracks. Until recently it was called the Lord Raglan, and was in a similar sort of doldrums to the Nottingham Castle. Those who believe in conspiracy theories can note that it was renamed 'Buckley's' just a few weeks before 'Burke's' (not very different?) was painted up the road.

Buckley's richly encrusted Victorian interior has now been very nicely retouched with a range of bright gloss paint. The walls are covered with an amazing number of plates, plaques, trophies etc. The range of beers has again been reduced to Brakspear's Bitter (94p), Fuller's London Pride and Young's Special. See also the letter in the November issue of London Drinker! I must say that on my recent visit the Brak's was a bit cloudy. Finally, notice the unusual feature of newly-customised interior etched glasswork including the highly non-traditional 'DRAUGHT LAGERS'.

Try also: Dewdrop Inn (Taylor Walker) in Stewart's Rd. (4) — a friendly backstreet local which proudly proclaims itself to be in Battersea to end all arguments about SW8.



1988 LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL

Plans are now underway for next year's London Drinker Festival which will be held in its usual venue: the Camden Centre, Bidborough St. WC1.

The festival will be held over 3 days, Wednesday March 23rd to Friday March 25th, and will be open lunchtimes and evenings. Admission will be free at lunchtime and only £1 in the evening

(free to Camra members), meaning there has been no increase in the 4 years that the Festival has been on!

Good, wholesome food will be on sale at all times with live music each evening. So, make a date in your diary now! Further details in later issues of the Drinker.

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Duke of Cornwall

Things go downhill hereafter, however, because round the corner from the Dewdrop and under the railway tracks from Waterloo the Duke of Cornwall in Ascalon Street (5) now has no real ale at all on its five handpumps. It used to sell Greene King Abbot, King and Barnes Sussex, Shepherd Neame Master Brew and others; SW London Branch members may remember a particularly liquid night in there a few years ago when two visiting Americans were knocking back the Abbot. Since then the traditional Victorian corner pub has been left stranded by the demolition, even, of the more modern flats around it. The real fire and homely atmosphere do not make up for the complete loss of real ale

Try also: Old Red House (Courage) in Battersea Park Road (6) — a minute single bar opposite

the Dogs's Home where strangers are made welcome.

Market Tavern

Finally we turn to the Market Tavern, Nine Elms Lane (7), which is actually on the first floor of the large office block next to the New Covent Garden Flower Market. This is a gay disco pub with two bars which reputedly once sold Young's real ale, but as it's never open at the sort of times I'm around Vauxhall I can't give an update report, Tuesday nights are women only, by the way.

Try also: Wheatsheaf (Courage) South Lambeth Road (8) — an excellent two-bar pub selling reliable good-value beer. It has its own golfing society.

Pat Hanson.

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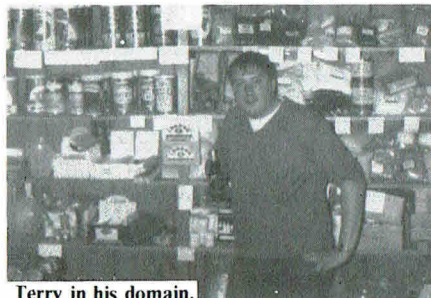
10AM - 4PM SATURDAY

PITFIELD BITTER · DARK STAR · HOXTON HEAVY



The popular win at this year's Great British Beer Festival by Pitfield Brewery's Dark Star as Champion Beer of the Year and Supreme Champion Beer of Britain was the culmination of five years' hardwork. And it was by no means its first award, having been the best New Brewery Beer and runner-up as Beer of the Year in 1986.

The brewery started in the rear of the Beer Shop in Pitfield Street, N1 producing beer for sale in the shop. Rob Jones, at the time managing the shop, was and remains the brewer. A keen home brewer, he went into partnership with a school friend, Martin Kemp, a former refrigerator engineer, and together they bought the business in November 1981. The decision was taken to brew commercially, and production began to increase. Martin dealt with the business side, leaving the brewing to Rob, whose products first appeared outside the shop at the First Pig's Ear Festival in October 1982. Other partners joined and moved on in due course, but the two originals remained. Terry Jennings (to whom I



Terry in his domain.

am indebted for the material in this article) had been associated with the venture throughout and joined the team full-time in January 1987 as manager of the shop. The fourth member of the team is Dave Melaugh, who joined from the YTS scheme (one of its successes!) in late 1985. He is now a very accomplished brewer, and indeed made this year's winning brew. Dave learned everything at Pitfield, and does most of the brewing under the guidance of Rob who, with co-owner Martin, does most of the delivering. That said, the various jobs can and do frequently overlap — each able to take over the other functions; co-operation in its truest sense.

With the increase in production (3 batches of 10

barrels a week, due to reach a total of 42 by Christmas), Andy Skynes has joined to assist in the brewery.

Pitfield brew three beers at present — Pitfield Bitter, O.G. 1038; Hoxton Heavy, O.G. 1048; and Dark Star, O.G. 1050. The latter is also sold in bottled form; 20 barrels a time are brewed for bottling, and demand far exceeds supply. It is exactly the same as the draught beer, and not fined; there are no additives of any kind except for essential water treatment, so it is suitable for vegans — health food shops stock it, and almost uniquely, the contents are listed on the label. There is to be a Christmas Ale this year of around O.G. 1060, in bottled and (limited) draught form.

At present there are about 40 outlets for the beers in London, Sussex and the Black Country. The big brewers have taken on Pitfield as guest beers, and they tend to outdo the "home team" in popularity. Three years ago the brewery was moved to a larger site nearby, and it is looking towards expanding due to demand, but without overdoing things because of financial structures. The company has applied for a pub — The Hop Pole, a disused Truman house a few doors away, and Council approval has been awaited for 2 years. Others have also been viewed. However, the company may find itself forced out of London due to the cost of property — possibly to the Black Country.

Head brewer Rob Jones is a member of CAMRA, and the whole company support our aims. They enjoy good relations with the Campaign, especially the local branch, East London & City — hardly surprising as Pitfield Bitter is the cheapest regularly available beer in London at 67p a pint, with Hoxton Heavy at 80p and Dark Star at 82p.

The Beer Shop itself, though small, is packed with an amazing range of bottled beers including many foreign varieties, and all descriptions of equipment and ingredients for the home producer. Beers from a number of brewers is available to order, including four of the five prize-winners at this year's GBBF — Bateman's, Fuller's, King & Barnes and, of course, Dark Star.

The Beer Shop is situated two minutes' walk from Old Street tube station, at 8 Pitfield Street N1, tel. 739 3701.

M.S.



REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 35.

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 2nd edition (N prefix), Real Ale in South East London (SE prefix), Real Beer in South West London (SW prefix), or Essex Beer Guide, 7th edition (X 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.**

ADDITIONS

CENTRAL

EC3 BULLS HEAD, 80 Leadenhall St. Charrington: IPA. A Free House. (E33).

NORTH

N10 ROYAL OAK, 143 Sydney Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (re-instatement) (N78)

NORTH WEST

NW11 REFECTORY, 911 Finchley Rd. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. (N165).

SOUTH EAST

SE4 GOLDEN DRAGON, 48 St Norbert Rd. Courage: Best Bitter (SE46).

SE8 CENTURION, 1 Depford Broadway. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors. Re-opened after 2 years' closure due to fire. (SE62).

SOUTH WEST

SW1 UNICORN, Victoria Place Shopping Centre, Eccleston Bridge Rd. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. New Greene King bar on upper floor of new shopping mall.

SW18 LE GOTHIQUE, Royal Victoria Patriotic Building Fitzhugh Grove. Greene King: IPA, Ruddle: County, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. New Free House bar attached to French restaurant inside former lunatic asylum. Closed Sundays.

WEST

W3 CASTLE, 140 Victoria Rd. Fuller: London Pride, ESB.

HILLINGDON MASTER BREWER MOTEL, Hillingdon Circus, Western Ave. Fuller: London Pride, ESB.

DELETIONS

EAST

HAROLD HILL WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, Charrington, H Unused (56, X57).

SOUTH EAST

SE4 CLARENDON, Whitbread, H unused (82, SE46).

SE4 DUKE OF EDINBURGH, Charrington, H unused (U17, SE46).

SE4 MAYPOLE, Watney, H unused (U3, SE47)

WEST

W10 BREWSTERS BEER HOUSE Watney, H unused (U33)

W14 BEACONSFIELD Free House, H removed (U31)

CENTRAL

W1 DEVONSHIRE ARMS, 21A Devonshire St. - Friary Meux: Bitter, -Ind Coope: Burton Ale, +Adnams: Bitter, +Marston: Pedigree, +Tetley: Yorkshire Bitter, +Wadworth: 6X. Now a Nicholson 'Free House' ex Friary Meux badged Taylor Walker (29)

W1 WESTMORELAND ARMS, +Arkell: John Arkell Bitter, +Boddington: Bitter, Now advertised as a Tolly Cobbold 'Free House' (31).

WC1 SUN, +Greyhound (Streatham): Pedigree Mild (33, N23).

WC2 KINGSWAY TAVERN, -Friary Meux: Bitter, +Adnams: Bitter, +Boddington: Bitter, +Tetley: Yorkshire Bitter. Now a Nicholson 'Free House' ex Taylor Walker (34).

EC4 POPPINJAY, +Young: Bitter (43, E44).

EAST

E8 PEMBURY TAVERN -Truman Bitter, Best Bitter, +Banks & Taylor: Sheffield Bitter, St. Albans Ale, SOS, SOD, Banks & Taylor 7th London pub ex Truman (S17, E110).

NORTH WEST

ALPERTON PLEASURE BOAT, +Young: Bitter (75).

WEALDSTONE ROYAL OAK, +Young: Bitter (78).

WEMBLEY GREEN MAN, +Young: Bitter (78).

WEMBLEY GREYHOUND, +Young: Bitter (U30).

SOUTH EAST

SE1 SOUTHWARK TAVERN, -Taylor Walker: Bitter, +Adnams: Bitter, +Boddington: Bitter, +Tetley: Yorkshire Bitter, +Wadworth: 6X. Now a Nicholson 'Free House' ex Taylor Walker (81, SE34).

SOUTH WEST

SW6 HAND & FLOWER, -Benskins: Best Bitter, -Friary Meux: Best Bitter, +Tetley: Yorkshire Bitter (SW28).

WEST

W2 KINGS HEAD, 132 Edgware Rd. Renamed **OLDS ENGLISH GENTLEMAN**, +Ruddle: County, +Watney: Combes Bitter (S53).

W3 MILL HILL TAVERN, +Young: Bitter (125).

W9 PRINCE ALFRED, +Affies' Ale. Believed to be Benskins Best Bitter, information welcome (127).

EASTCOTE BLACK HORSE, +Young: Bitter (130).

HILLINGDON VINE, +Young: Bitter (133).

RUISLIP SWAN, +Young: Bitter (135).

RUISLIP TALLY HO, +Young: Bitter (135, U28).

RUISLIP WINDMILL, +Fuller: ESB (Winter), +Morrells: Varsity (U13).

UXBRIDGE GENERAL ELLIOTT, +Young: Bitter (137).

UXBRIDGE THREE TUNS, +Young: Bitter (137).

SW9 CROWN & ANCHOR, 246 Brixton Road.
 SW9 WARRIOR (Brixton Brewery Co.) Coldharbour Lane.
 SW10 CHELSEA RAM 32 Burnaby Street.
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN, 110 Lots Road.
 SW11 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 HARE & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road West.
 SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN, Sheen Lane.
 SW15 ARAB BOY, 289 Upper Richmond Road.
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road.
 SW15 WHITE LION, 14 Putney High Street.
 SW16 GREYHOUND, Greyhound Lane.
 SW18 COUNTY ARMS, Trinity Road.
 SW18 THE GRAPES, 39 Fairfield Street.
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE, Wandsworth High Street.
 SW19 ALI-XANDRA, Wimbledon Hill Road.
 SW19 BREWERY TAP, Wimbledon High Street.
 SW19 GROVE, 2 Morden Road.
 SW19 KINGS HEAD, Merton High Street.
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL, Abbey Road.
 SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road.
 SW19 TRAFALGAR, High Path.
 CHESSINGTON NORTH STAR, Hook Road.
 EAST MOLESEY BELL INN, Bell Road.
 EAST MOLESEY NEW STREETS OF LONDON, Bridge Road.
 KINGSTON FLAMINGO & FIRKIN, 88 London Road.
 KINGSTON NEWT & FERRET, 26 Fairfield South.
 KINGSTON WYCH ELM, Elm Road.
 DRUIDS HEAD, Market Place.
 LONG DITTON MASONS ARMS, Portsmouth Road.
 MITCHAM CRICKETERS, 340 London Road.
 MITCHAM RAVENSBURY ARMS, Croydon Road.
 RICHMOND WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane.
 SURBITON VICTORIA, Victoria Road.
 WEST MOLESEY SURVEYOR, Island Farm Road.
 WESTON GREEN GREYHOUND
 WEYBRIDGE PRINCE OF WALES, Anderson Road, Otlands Park.
 W1 ARGYLL ARMS, 18 Argyll Street.
 W1 BRICKLAYERS, Aybrook Street.
 W1 RED LION, Kingly Street.
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN, 4 Bathurst Street.
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High St.
 W4 BELL & CROWN, Strand on the Green.
 W4 WINDMILL, 214 Chiswick High Road.
 W5 GREYSTOKE, 7 Queens Parade.
 W5 RED LION, St Mary's Road.
 W5 ROSE & CROWN, Church Place, St Mary's Road.
 W6 BLACK LION, Black Lion Lane.
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL, 170 Shepherds Bush Road.
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherds Bush Road.
 W9 TRUSCOTT ARMS, Shirland Road.

W10 NARROW BOAT, 346 Ladbroke Grove.
 W10 VILLAGE INN, Kensal Road.
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN, Tavistock Crescent.
 W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE, Melina Road.
 W13 DRAYTON COURT HOTEL, 2 The Avenue.
 W13 FORESTER, 2 Leighton Road.
 BRENTFORD LORD NELSON, Enfield Road.
 CRANFORD QUEENS HEAD, 123 High Street.
 GREENFORD BLACKHORSE, Oldfield Lane.
 HAMPTON HILL, WINDMILL, 80 Windmill Road.
 HAMPTON COURT KINGS ARMS, Lion Gate, Hampton Court Road.
 HILLINGDON RED LION, Hillingdon Hill.
 HILLINGDON STAR, Uxbridge Road.
 HOUNSLOW CHARIOT, 34 High Street.
 HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road.
 HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Harrow Road.
 SOUTHAL BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road.
 SUDBURY BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road.
 TEDDINGTON QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane.
 TWICKENHAM EEL PIE, 9 Church Street.
 TWICKENHAM POPE'S GROTT, Cross Deep.
 TWICKENHAM PRINCE ALBERT, 30 Hampton Road.
 WEALDSTONE ROYAL OAK, Peel Road.
 WHITTON ADMIRAL NELSON, 123 Nelson Road.
CLUBS
 SW19 WILLIAM MORRIS, 267 The Broadway, Wimbledon.
 W1 POLYTECHNIC of Central London S.U.Bar, 104 Bolsover Street.
 W3 L.T. District Line Social Club, Park Place.
OFF TRADE
 SW11 Majestic Wine Warehouses, Hester Road.
 SW18 Paines Off Licence, Garratt Lane.
 KENTON Littlemore Wines, Kenton Road.

OUTSIDE LONDON

BRIGHTON LORD NELSON, Trafalgar Road.
 BRIGHTON QUEENS HEAD, Opposite Station.
 BRIGHTON SUSSEX YEOMAN, 7 Guildford Street.
 COLCHESTER ODD ONE OUT, 28 Mersea Rd.
 ELLAND (Yorks) BARGE & BARREL.
 GLASGOW ALLISON ARMS, 720-722 Pollockshaws Road.
 GODSTONE (Surrey) BELL INN, High Street.
 HITCHIN (Herts) NEW FOUND OUT INN, Stevenage Road.
 LEWES BREWERS ARMS, High Street.
 LINCOLN QUEEN VICTORIA, Union Road.
 MANCHESTER JOLLY ANGLER, Ducie Street.
 PETERBOROUGH STILL, Cumbergate.
 READING (BERKS) ELDON ARMS, Eldon Terrace.
 READING HOOK & TACKLE, Katesgrove Lane.
 SALISBURY (Wilts) WYNDHAM ARMS, Estcourt Road.
 STEVENAGE (Herts) RED LION, High Street, Old Town.
 SOUTHAMPTON JUNCTION INN, St. Denys.
 STOCKPORT (Gtr. Manchester) NEW INN, Wellington Road South.
 TILLINGHAM (Essex) CAP & FEATHERS, South Street.
 WINCHESTER (Hants) GREEN MAN, Southgate Street.
 WORTHING (Sussex) WHEATSHEAF, Richmond Road.



DEAR DIPSY



BARGAIN BEERS.

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Dipsy is on Page 26

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