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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned please ring the branch contact. Dates for March of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts on Page 21

ALL LONDON: Wed 18 to Fri 20 LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL. See Advert for details.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 2 (5.30) Social. THREE LORDS, Minorities, EC3 (Downstairs Bar) — Mon 9 (8.00) Social. GUN, 27 Coldharbour Lane, E14 — Tue 10 (8.00) Branch Meeting & AGM. APPROACH TAVERN, 47 Approach Road, E2 — Mon 16 (5.30) Social. LEOPARD, 33 Seward Street EC1 — Mon 23 (8.00) Social. ESSEX ARMS, 92 Victoria Dock Road, E16 — Fri. 27 (7.30) E11 Crawl. Start EAGLE, 76 Hollybush Hill; BRITISH QUEEN (8.15), 63 New Wanstead; CUCKFIELD HOTEL (9.00), 31 Wanstead High Street — DUKE OF EDINBURGH (9.45), 79 Nightingale Lane; NIGHTINGALE (10.30) 51 Nightingale Lane.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Thur 5 (9.00) Pub of the Month (and Jazz & Ale), WHITE LION, 50 St. Albans Road, Barnet — Wed 11 (8.30) Branch Meeting. HOLLY BUTCHERS, 168 Baker Street, Enfield — Wed 18 (9.00) Social at London Drinker Beer Festival — Thur 26 (8.00) Grand Breweriana Auction. MERRY HILLS, 95 Bramley Road, Oakwood, N14 (Proceeds to be shared between CAMRA & RNLI) — Wed 1 Apr. (Lunchtime) Flyover Social. CAMBRIDGE HOTEL, North Circular Road, N13 — Wes 1 Apr. (9.00) Social. KINGS HEAD, Chingford, E4 (Joint social with East London & S.W.Essex).

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 1 (12.00) Social. PRINCE OF WALES, New Malden — Mon 2 (8.30) Social. GRIFFIN, Claygate — Thur 5 (8.30) Branch Meeting. MASONS ARMS, Long Ditton — Wed 11 (8.00) Pub Crawl of Leatherhead. Start ROYAL OAK — Wed 18 (5.30) Social. London Drinker Beer Festival — Sun 5 Apr. (12.00) Social, BULL & BUSH, Washington Road, Kingston — Wed 8 Apr. (8.30) Branch Meeting, MAGPIE, Epsom.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thur 5 (8.30) Committee Meeting. DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Kneller Road, Whitton — Mon 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting. PRINCE BLUCHER, The Green, Twickenham.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 2 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. CROWN, 117 Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, SE12 — Mon 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting. COPPER, 208 Tower Bridge Road, Southwark, SE1 — Thur. 26 (8.00) Branch Social. VILLAGE BLACKSMITH, 4 Hill Reach, Woolwich, SE18.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON: Thur 12 (7.30) Open Committee Meeting, Canterbury Arms, Canterbury Crescent, S.W.9 (GBG Shortlisting) — Thur 2 April (8.00) A.G.M. & final GBG Selection, Brewery Tap, S.W.18 — Mon 6 April Mitcham Crawl starting Kings Arms (7.30), then along London Road to the Swan (8.30) and Gardners Arms (9.15).

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Tue 3 (8.30) Social. BLACK HORSE, Ongar Road (A128), Pilgrims Hatch — Thur 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. CROOKED BILLET, 113 River Road (1¼ miles south of A13), Creekmouth, Barking — Mon 16 (8.30) Social. DUKE OF WELLINGTON, Wellington Hill (near A104 & A121), High Beach — Tue 24 (8.30) Social. BRITANNIA, 1 Church Road (near A123) Barking — Thur 2 Apr. (8.30) Social, DOG & PARTRIDGE, Stifford Hill (between B186 & A13) North Stifford.

WEST LONDON: Wed 11 (8.00) Acton Amble. Start GEORGE & DRAGON, High Street, W3; KING HEAD (9.00), 214 High Street; RED LION & PINEAPPLE (10.00) High Street — Thur 19 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 — Sun 29 (12.00) Sunday Social. BRITANNIA TAP, Warwick Road, W14 — Advance warning: The Branch AGM will be in April; details next month.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Mon 2 Festival Promotion Tour. Meet THREE PIGEONS (7.30), High Street, Ealing, W5; move off 8.00 — Tue 3 (8.30) Games Evening. LORD NELSON, Enfield Road, Brentford — Wed 4 Festival Promotion Tour. Meet WHEATSHEAF (7.30) Haven Lane, Ealing, W5; move off 8.00 — Thur 5 Festival Promotion Tour. Meet KINGS ARMS (7.30), The Grove, Ealing, W5; move off 8.00 — Tue 10 Festival Promotion Tour. Meet NORTH STAR (7.30), The Broadway, Ealing, W5; move off 8.00 — Wed 11 — Mon 16 BEER ON BROADWAY FESTIVAL. Ealing Town Hall. Open Fri 13 — Sun 15. Helpers wanted. Phone for details — Wed 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. RED LION, Ruislip Road, Greenford (corner of Greenford Road; in Saloon Bar) — Tue 24 (7.30) West London Beer Guide Survey Crawl. Meet WHITE HART, High Street, Harlington; move off 8.15 — Tue 31 (8.30) Games Evening. LADY MARGARET, Lady Margaret Road, Southall (Public Bar; Bring games) — Tue 7 Apr. (7.30) West London Beer Guide Survey Crawl. Meet ROSE & CROWN, Heston Road, Heston; move off 8.15.

EDITORIAL



"We must educate our masters". That was the watchword of Gladstone's first Government at the outset of a campaign which led to compulsory schooling until (at present) the age of 16. It seems that our Parliamentarians are in urgent need of a little education — even though we, not they, are the masters — whatever they may think. *EDUCATE* — from the Latin *EDUCERE*, to lead out (of ignorance).

Ignorance may be bliss; outdated pub hours definitely aren't. On 30th January some highly dubious and irresponsible wheeling and dealing by some of our elected representatives at the Palace of Westminster made sure that the matter of flexible licensing hours was not properly debated, and was lost due to lack of time. Strange Democracy. Even stranger is the fact that it should need debating in the first place. In which other civilized country (by that I mean one where Mr. Citizen has the right to partake of alcoholic beverages if he is so inclined) is the consumption by adults of their favourite tippie at a reasonable hour so restricted as in England and Wales? Now, I am well aware that most drinkers can take home cans and bottles from the off-license and drink themselves to oblivion in private, but what about the real beer drinker who forms the main readership of this publication? The hours at which a pub may open are restricted in an arbitrary fashion which largely fail to take into account the needs and wishes of publicans or customers. Of course, pubs can with impunity impose unilateral flexi-hours by shortening drinking time at one end (or both) of a permitted session. The enlightened guv'nors who **EXTEND** their hours one way or another to cater for the needs of their customers

do so at the risk of their livelihood, which seems slightly short of ideal. There will be one final chance to debate the issue on March 27th, and it is to be hoped that our elected representatives will at least consider the matter fully. After all, their bars never close. Having said that, in what I hope was a fair and unbiased way, I will now go one stage further and be bigoted, biased and downright selfish on, I hope, behalf of our readership.

If someone requires a drink at ANY time of the day or night while in a fit state to handle it, what right have you, I or anyone to deny that privilege? The only people with a motive for opposing flexible licensing hours are those who would not personally benefit from them. But as the granting of more reasonable hours could not conceivably affect such people, their honest course of action is to abstain from voting if their conscience does not admit to the choice of the individual. Unless, of course, they honestly believe that pubgoers will start dragging in unsuspecting passers-by off the streets and forcing drink upon them. **It didn't happen in Scotland, did it?**

Martin Smith.

Young's of Wandsworth has put 4p on a pint of its draught ales and some lagers and 2p on its small bottled beers.

A spokesman said: 'This is the first review of prices for a year and not all beers have gone up.

'Winter Warmer and some lagers have remained the same.

'We conducted a survey in pubs neighbouring our own and found our beers were generally cheaper.

'In some cases we found a disparity of 10p and in Covent Garden the difference was 12p'

The spokesman added: 'We found our prices were falling behind those of other brewers and decided that an increase of 4p, or about 5pc., was not very much more than the rate of inflation.'

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

CHARITY CORNER

The Princess Royal, Abbey Road, Merton (GBG '87: Courage Best and Directors) has over the past few years supported a number of good causes including TVs for St. Thomas' Hospital and equipment for the baby units at Kings College and St. George's, Merton.

Most recently, the pub's customers have raised £1,000 to train a guide dog. The cheque was presented to Muriel Alden, Chair of the Borough of Merton Guide Dogs for the Blind by Kathy Palmer, wife of licensee Len. This was the second such donation in 1986.

The pub's current fund raising efforts are directed towards funding two beds for St. Joseph's Hospice in Cheam.

Over the festivities the Grove, Morden Road, Merton (Tetley, Friary, Taylor Walker and Burton) raised £1,600 in a raffle in aid of Merton Handicapped Children. In addition, a number of personal donations was collected.

BREWERIANA AUCTION

On Thursday 26th March 1987 there will be a Grand Auction of Breweriana in the function room of the Merry Hills, 95 Bramley Road, London N14. The pub is about 200 yards from Oakwood Underground Station and is served by buses from Enfield and Barnet.

The auction is being organised by CAMRA's Enfield & Barnet Branch and proceeds from the evening are being shared with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Amongst the items being auctioned are rare bottled beers, including Simpkins, Castletown, vintage Imperial Russian Stout and some Royal ales; souvenir beer glasses (including Covent Garden 1975 GBBF); GR stamped beer and cider glasses; brewery trays and bar towels; bottle labels from current and historic breweries; beer mats; books and many other miscellaneous items.

The auction will start at 8.00 pm and the branch look forward to seeing many collectors of breweriana attending to support the event — and also the RNLI.



WINDMILL WHEELERS

Wednesday 4th February saw the culmination of the efforts of the Windmill Wheelers for 1986 when the organiser of the ride, Andy Pirson, presented a cheque for £1749.23 to Roy Kinnear (You know — the one who advertises Peterborough dressed up as a Roman soldier) on behalf of the Richmond Branch of MENCAP, the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults. This magnificent sum was raised by just thirty cyclists who rode from the Windmill, Hampton Hill to Brighton on one Sunday last September, and most of whom normally never ride more than about two miles at a time.



Landlord Brian Davies; his wife Annie; Roy Kinnear and Windmill Wheelers Organiser, Andy Pirson with two of the cheques presented to Richmond Mencap.

A further cheque for £1356.93, and one for £50, were also handed over by the pub's landlord, Brian Davies. This money was mainly raised by a series of friendly darts tournaments held in the pub and a large collecting box which sits on the bar. This box, when emptied on the Sunday night beforehand was found to contain no less than £440.99 excluding the U.S. dollars and other foreign currency which it also contained.



Roy Kinnear discusses with Andy Pirson the problems of getting 29 inexpert cyclists to Brighton and back.

A raffle was held during the evening, the prizes being a selection of cuddly toys and tastefully crocheted bog roll holders. This raised a further £70.30 bringing the total money handed over to Richmond MENCAP to £3226.46.



Traditional English Beers

FULLERS

THE 1987 LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL

Beer beer glorious beer, and there's plenty of that to be found at The Third London Drinker Beer Festival taking place at the Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, WC1 between March 18th-20th.

Up to 20,000 pints of traditional milds, bitters, strong ales and ciders will be available from over 40 brews nationwide — served straight from the cask or through the handpump. There will also be a Foreign beer stand serving some specially selected beers from Belgium and Germany.

On the stage every evening there will be live entertainment with The Frog Island Jazz Band on Wednesday and Thursday and the comical folk trio Mad Jocks and Englishmen on Friday.

The CAMRA stand will be selling Festival souvenirs along with a wide range of CAMRA products and brewery ties and t-shirts.

Hot and cold food will be available all sessions, and you can try your luck on the tombola.

Visitors to the festival on Wednesday will have the added bonus of reduced prices on selected beers in our happy hour sessions which will be all lunchtime and 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

The Festival is open March 18th-20th from 11.30am to 3.00pm and 5.00pm to 10.30pm.

Admission is free at lunchtimes and £1 evenings. CAMRA members will be admitted free of charge all sessions. The Camden Centre is situated opposite the spire of St. Pancras Station behind the Camden town hall, just a short walk from Kings Cross and Euston stations.

BRAIN TEASER

You have three brim-fill measures with no intermediate markings. X has a known capacity of exactly one gallon of real ale (Fizz makes this impossible as it tends to froth over). Y will hold exactly 5 pints, and Z exactly three pints. Starting with X full of beer and Y and Z empty, and no other measuring instrument (including your mouth), how many transfers of beer from one or more container(s) to the other(s) will leave you with exactly 4 pints each in X and Y?

The sender of the comprehensible solution with the *lowest* number of transfers by the last day of this month to the address below will receive a prize of £5. In the case of a tie, a draw will be made between those entries. Thanks to Peter Fenech for suggesting this puzzle.

Entries should be sent to Brain Teaser, c/o Martin Smith, 64 Brailsford Road, London SW2 2TF. The name of the prizewinner, with solution will appear in the May issue.

THE QUEST Part 2

The story so far; 21st Century misfit consumer Simon Comett is about to be told the Legend of the Last Camra Branch Meeting by the beautiful Emerald Pyne.

"CAMRA," she continued, "began as a consumer organisation totally unlike those of today. It was there to support the beer drinker and help to maintain the standards of the elixir, Real Ale. We can only guess at the importance which was attached to CAMRA in its days of greatness. Its members were the Elite. The tales of their strange powers were many. It was said that Real Ale gave them their courage and pride, kept the true man steadfast, and every drinker young. Be that as it may, there is no doubt that the members of CAMRA were held in the highest esteem wherever beer drinkers met.

Nobody could have known in those halcyon days that these demigods were to be the last bastions against the hordes of Marketeers waiting their chance to flood the pubs with their lagers and other dreadful products. The Marketing campaign was insidious. By careful control and manipulation of the media and the use of advertising techniques which by today's standards would be regarded as laughably obvious, but were then the state of the art, they gradually undermined the CAMRA position. As more and more drinkers were bought off by the extravagant promises of the Marketeers, the power of CAMRA gradually diminished until finally the organisation was completely discredited.

One by one the Real Ale pubs were converted to Beer Dispensing Units, under the ruthless control of Sales Divisions. This meant the certain end for the special character and individuality of the CAMRA haunts which were replaced by the appalling Theme Schemes which still prevail today. Eventually only one authentic Real Ale pub remained, the King Arthur. On the last night that Real Ale was available, before the pub was to be closed ready for conversion to a Medieval Meal 'n' Mead unit, an Emergency General Meeting was called and the twelve remaining members of CAMRA assembled to honour the cause that had been their lives' work.

Unfortunately no minutes of that momentous meeting have survived. All that remains to mark the passing of CAMRA is The Final Proclamation. I have a copy of it here." She unzipped the jacket of her grey two-piece work suit, pulled out a small sheet of computer print out and handed it to Simon. "The original does exist," she said authoritatively. "I've seen the actual document."

Simon read eagerly, enthralled by this story of a bygone age. "The Final Proclamation of the Campaign For Real Ale. We being the last remaining CAMRA members, put on record our vow that our great struggle must continue. Though we face ignominious defeat now, we are certain that the standards we uphold will one day be honoured and cherished again. To this end we pledge for all those who have worked and suffered for our cause that one day a Champion will arise whose Quest shall be to seek out the Last that it may be the First. Only then can we twelve drain our measure of Real Ale to the dregs and march once more to astound and confuse the Forces of the Market, as we did in the days of our Ascendancy. Let the Chosen One ponder this: London is where we abide, let the Hiker be your guide."

Simon handed the piece of paper back to the girl, who sat quietly waiting for his reaction. "Well," he said after a long pause. "That's the biggest lot of rubbish I've ever come across. Do you really expect me to take any of this seriously? All this CAMRA nonsense. Legends and Proclamations! I grant you it's fun, but what on earth has it got to do with me?"

"There's nothing funny about it," she replied curtly. "Let me ask you two questions. Firstly, do you like the taste of beer, and if not, does it surprise you that everybody else seems to enjoy it so much?"

This struck a definite chord with Simon. He had long been aware that in many ways he did not fit the norm. It was only too true that he found the taste of beer foul, and could not understand the pleasure his workmates found in drinking so much of it. "Yes," he answered, "to both questions. But so what?"

"I can tell you exactly why you don't like it. You're a one in a billion throw-back. Your taste-buds function like someone from a hundred years ago. Luckily for you the Consumer Testers haven't figured you out yet. We realised as soon as you started on the beer test, but it's taken time to get to you. Look, I must go but I'll be in touch. Meanwhile if Market Research does start to ask questions then for the sake of your life, stall them. I warn you, you are in great danger."

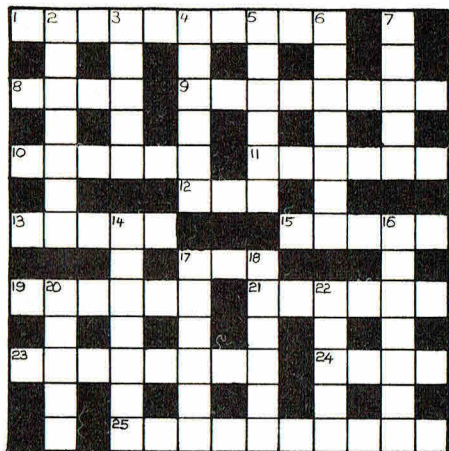
She stood up to go and after a hasty shared goodbye Simon let her out. Alone again he pondered the strange visitor and her incredible story. It looked as if life was going to become very interesting.

To find out how interesting please read next month's episode of THE QUEST.

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£5 PRIZE TO BE WON



ACROSS

1. Island grasses for goats. (10)
8. Fish upset aunt. (4)
9. Rush to moan about amount of work. (3,5)
10. I reach out for him. (6)
11. Alternative supporter, I hear, is fatherless. (6)
12. Brewery sign. (3)
13. Lawrence in battle for drink. (5)
15. The light of a magnificent orchid. (5)
17. Sign of the French with nothing on. (3)
19. Jewel in one sign. (6)
21. Adoring pine framing little violet. (6)
22. Seemed to drape pea around. (8)
24. Could be a barrier. (4)
25. Small complaint for little bird. (4,6)

Name.....

Address.....

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All correct entries received by first post on 25th March will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

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

DOWN

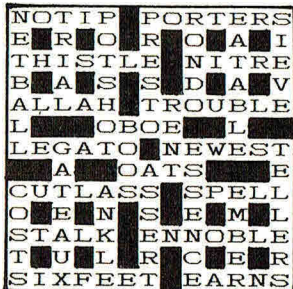
2. Water and air displaced here. (7)
3. Get fish or back ache endlessly. (5)
4. Does he loiter with intent? (6)
5. Chance to meet Northern Dance Orchestra in brewery. (6)
6. Sign of a sting. (7)
7. She may appear and not mother. (5)
14. Dive back over broken net and get clear. (7)
16. Signs of disease. (7)
17. A scaly individual? (6)
18. Novel pranks are not for him. (3,3)
20. Noisiest vessels. (5)
22. Sign of the snooker player. (5)

Winner of the prize for the December/January crossword:
P.R.Hanson, 81 Merton Hall Road, Wimbledon,
London SW19 3PX.

Other correct entries were received from:
Pat Andrews, G.A.Angel, B.E.Bradley,
A.P.Comaish, Gladys Myrtle Cringe,
John Edwards, Damien Farrell, B.H.Felton,
Paul Gibson, Eileen Graves, Alison Henley,
D.J.Hilditch, Roger Jacobson,
John McDonnell, R.T.Melville, David Parker,
Rissolle, P.Spires, Mike Trowell, Yak (Miss).

There was also one incorrect entry.

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



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Martin Smith, 64 Brailsford Road, SW2

The deadline is the 1st of the preceding month

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SHEPHERD NEAME CHAIRMAN'S "GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT" AT FLEXI-HOURS FAILURE

Mr Robert Neame, chairman of independent Kent brewers Shepherd Neame has expressed "great disappointment" over the failure of the latest attempt to introduce flexible licensing hours for pubs.

On Friday January 30 the Licensing (Amendment) Bill was "talked out" in the House of Commons. It was almost certainly the last chance to amend pub hours before the next General Election.

Said Mr Neame: "The failure of this Bill can only be damaging to the prospects for tourism and employment.

"Flexible licensing hours — with pubs being able to open at a time most suitable for their customers — are essential if they are to compete with other leisure facilities.

"The introduction of flexi-hours would also substantially boost job opportunities within the licensed trade, particularly here in the southeast with the opening of the Eurotunnel just over the horizon.

"I earnestly hope that as all parties have indicated their commitment to flexi-hours that the Government will introduce legislation at the earliest opportunity".

Pinta problem

It was 8 o'clock on a Saturday night in the lounge of a large pub in my home town. The conversation I overheard at the bar went as follows:

Wayne: "What you want Den, Den?"

Den: "I'm driving. Have they got a pint of milk?"

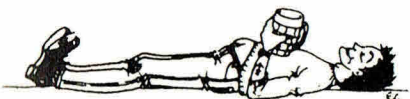
Wayne: "Three pints of Adnams and a pint of milk please, mate."

Barman: "Milk? This is a pub not a kindergarten."

Den: "It's OK, I didn't want a straw."

Barman: "I'm not serving him. Out. And don't come back."

I see what Alcohol Concern mean when they say it can be hard to drink sensibly.



DEDICATED DRINKING

Kent was one of the hardest-hit areas in the recent cold spell, and the Mounted Rifleman near Luddenham saw no customers for a fortnight, when it was cut-off for a fortnight.

At the end of that period, the landlord was surprised to hear a knock on the front door — which he couldn't open due to a five-foot snowdrift outside. His unexpected visitor turned out to be a local farmer who, missing his pint of Fremlin's, had used a pair of skis to fill the communication gap — and had to climb in through a first-floor window!

NEWS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

Those of you with long memories (or a full set of Drinkers) may recall that in September 1984 Andy Pirson wrote an editorial highlighting the situation of pubs which refuse service to motorcyclists (among others) simply because they can be identified as a "certain type of person" by the fact that they are carrying a crash helmet. Without exception breweries deny that they have any company policies along these lines but this does not ring true when certain pubs display signs printed in brewery colours stating that motorcyclists will be refused service (not known in London so far as we know, fortunately).

This theme was taken up by a gentleman called Phil Heath writing in his regular column in the October edition of *Motorcycle Sport* (the magazine read by the mature motorcyclist). Phil does not make any secret of the fact that he is well into his seventies — in fact, he was racing motorbikes at Donnington Park in the 1920's. He and a friend visited a pub that he has used on and off for about forty years when, following a recent change of licensee, he and others were shunted into a small end room by the landlady and to quote Phil, "It seems to us that she didn't really want motorcyclists at all". He even took the step of naming the pub, but as it is in the Midlands that need not concern us here.

Anyway, the main point of this is to draw attention to a letter which appeared in the September edition of *What's Brewing* which was on the same subject and which reported the formatin of an organisation with the acronym MAD (possibly apt with the onset of winter) which stands for Motorcyclists Against Discrimination. Further information about this organisation can be obtained by writing to MAD, P.O. Box 14, Wirral, Merseyside, L60 1YP.

REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 30.

The Updates include confirmed information on additions, deletions and changes to real ale pubs in Greater London. The information is not only of general interest but also enables CAMRA in London to monitor progress by the brewers in installing real ale. The number in brackets after each entry refers to the page number in 'Real Beer in London' the Supplement (S prefix) the London Drinker Update number (U prefix), the East London & City Beer Guide 2nd edition (E prefix), the North London Beer Guide (N prefix). Real Ale in South East London (SE prefix) or Real Beer in South West London (SW prefix).

If you know of any outlet for real ale not listed in CAMRA's guides or updates, or outlets where changes have taken place, or if you would like to help with surveying the sector guides under preparation, please write to:— **RBIL, Update, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR.**

ADDITIONS

CENTRAL

EC2 SCOTTISH POUND, 50 London Wall. Greene King: IPA. Abbot Ale, Rayment: BBA(E). A new Greene King tied house with small ground floor bar and cellar bar in modern pine clad style, on site of former 'Stirling Castle' and part of new office and shopping complex. Opens 8-11 am for breakfast and 11.30-3, 5-8.30. Closed weekends. Handpulls believed connected to electric pumps.

EC3 THREE LORDS, 47 Minories. Young: Bitter, Special Bitter, Winter Warmer. A new Youngs tied house, part of a new office development built behind the facade of the former 'Three Lords' free house in traditional decor. Open 11-2.30, 5.30-9. Opening experimentally at weekends.

EAST

E1 CHINA SHOP, 4 Orton St. Charrington: IPA (E56).

E2 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 25 Felix St. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. A Truman pub, real ale not always available (already in E.Guide).

E2 GREEN GATE, 228 Bethnal Green Rd. Benskins: Best Bitter, Friary Meux: Best Bitter, Ind Coope: Burton Ale, Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, Tetley: Bitter (E72).

E2 SPORTSMAN, 181 Whiston Rd. Wethered: Bitter. Formerly STILLETOS (E78).

E14 BLACKSMITHS ARMS, 25 West Ferry Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. A Truman pub. (already in E.Guide).

E14 ROYAL NAVY, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (E143).

E14 WHITE SWAN, 130 Blackwall Way. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (already in E.Guide).

E17 CHEQUERS Taylor Walker: Best Bitter (E159, already listed in U10).

BARKING CAPTAIN COOK, Axe St. Ind Coope: Burton Ale, Taylor Walker: Best Bitter.

DAGENHAM 'B G'S BAR, 24 New Rd. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. A new Wine Bar/Free House.

DAGENHAM ROBIN HOOD, 807 Longbridge Rd. Flowers: Original Bitter.

HAINAULT OLDE HAINAULT OAK, 710 New North Rd. Ind Coope: Burton Ale.

RAINHAM YESTERDAYS INN, 31 Broadway. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Formerly ANGEL (re-instatement).

NORTH

N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, 125 Stroud Green Rd. Greene King: Abbot Ale, Marston-Pedigree, Wadworth: 6X, Younger: Scotch Bitter. Plus guest beers. Another new Free House attractively created from shop premises.

N8 LION, 139 Tottenham Lane. Everard: Tiger, Marston: Pedigree, Ruddell: County, Watney: Combes Bitter. Yet another new Free House converted from shop premises. The latter beer is believed to be the one labelled 'Liberty Best Bitter'.

N16 WALFORD, 121 Stoke Newington Rd. Young: Special Bitter. Formerly Ind Coope, now a Free House (N85).

N17 BOAR, 413 Lordship Lane. Green King: Abbot Ale, Marston: Pedigree, Wadworth: 6X, Younger: Scotch Bitter. A further new Free House in converted shop premises.

N19 FOX & HOUNDS, 492 Hornsey Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (N92).

NORTH WEST

NW1 FEATHERS, 43 Linhope St. Flowers: Original Bitter (N111).

HARROW WEALD LEEFE ROBINSON, Brockhurst Corner, Uxbridge Rd. Flowers: Original Bitter.

WEMBLEY GREYHOUND, 324 Harrow Rd. Benskins: Best Bitter, Ind Coope: Burton Ale, Taylor Walker: Best Bitter (re-instatement).

WEMBLEY HEATHER PARK HOTEL, Heather Park Drive. Taylor Walker: Best Bitter (re-instatement).

WEMBLEY TORCH, 1 Bridge Rd. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.

WEMBLEY WILD DUCK, 299 Harrow Rd. Greene King: Abbot, Hook Norton: Bitter, Marston: Pedigree, Wadworth: 6X. A new Free House, beers may vary.

SOUTH EAST

SE1 UXBIDGE ARMS, 29 Bath Terrace. Ruddell: County, Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (SE37).

SE28 CUTTY SARK, 14 Joyce Dawson Way. Federation: Best Bitter (OG1036), Special Ale (OG1041), Morrells: Varsity (OG1041). Fed's first London tied house in the recently opened Thamesmead shopping centre. Only the second pub in SE28.

SOUTH WEST

SW4 WINDSOR ARMS, 165 Stonhouse St. Charrington: IPA*.

KINGSTON GROVE TAVERN, Washington Rd. Norbiton. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. A Trumans pub*.

RICHMOND SUN INN, 17 Parkshot. Fuller: London Pride, ESB*.

* already listed in S.W. Guide

WEST

W4 DUKE OF YORK, 107 Devonshire Rd. Fuller: London Pride, ESB.

GREENFORD OLDFIELD TAVERN, Greenford Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. A Truman pub, real ale only in saloon bar.

HARMONDSWORTH CROWN, High St. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors.

HEATHROW FOUR TO THE BAR, Terminal 4. Wethered: Bitter (E). A new 'Free House' bar.

HILLINGDON PEAR TREE, Goulds Green, Harlington Rd. Fuller: London Pride, ESB.

SIPSON CROWN, Sipson Rd. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

SOUTHALL HAVELOCK ARMS, 39 King St. Fuller; London Pride, ESB.
TWICKENHAM TURKS HEAD, 28 Winchester Rd. Fuller; London Pride, ESB.
WEST DRAYTON ANGLERS RETREAT, Mill Rd. Courage; Best Bitter.

SOUTH WEST

SW1 KINGS ARMS, Courage, renamed **ORIEL** and converted to cafe-bar, H removed (105) *.

SW5 PRINCE OF TECK, Courage, H removed (108) *.

SW9 CROWN, Charrington, H removed (U14) *.

CARSHALTON STHELIER ARMS, Whitbread, H unused (U6) *.

KINGSTON GEORGE & DRAGON, Courage, renamed **KINGSTON LODGE HOTEL**, and converted to residential hotel, H removed (118, SW66).
KINGSTON GRIFFIN, Courage, closed future uncertain (118) *.

SUTTON WOODMAN, Whitbread, H unused (U2) *.

* already deleted in S.W. Guide.

WEST

W7 PAK HOTEL, Watney, demolished (S54).

UXBRIDGE CHEQUERS, Courage, closed (137).

CHANGES

CENTRAL

W1 GROSVENOR ARMS, —beer listed in Supplement, +Ruddle; County, +Watney; Combes Bitter, +Webster; Yorkshire Bitter. Recently refurbished. (S6).

W1 SOUND & VISION, Reverted to original name **BATH HOUSE** (28, S6/7).

W1 SPICE OF LIFE, —beers listed in Supplement except Webster Yorkshire Bitter, +McMullen; Country Bitter. Now a McMullen tied house, ex Watney (57).

W1 SWISS TAVERN, Renamed **COMPTONS OF SOHO**, +Charrington IPA (31).

NORTH

N1 CAMPBELLS, Reverted to original name **CARPENTERS ARMS** (S23, N27, U28).

N1 WHITE HORSE, 80 Liverpool Rd. Renamed **MINOGUES BAR** (S24, N41). Refurbished.

N19 HOLLY LODGE, Renamed **CLUB HOUSE**, —Webster; Yorkshire Bitter, +Watney; Combes Bitter (U1, N91).

NORTH WEST

HARROW APOLLO, —Benskin; Bitter, +Taylor Walker; Best Bitter. Now in Taylor Walker livery (76).

KENTON BELMONT HOTEL, Belmont Circle, Kenton Lane, —Benskin; Bitter, +Taylor Walker; Best Bitter. Now in Taylor Walker livery (77).

WEALDSTONE GOODWILL TO ALL, Renamed **GOODWILL**, +Taylor Walker; Best Bitter. Now in Taylor Walker livery (78).

SOUTH EAST

SE20 LONDON TAVERN, Renamed **HOP EXCHANGE**, —beers listed in RB11 and SE Guide, +Everard; Tiger, +Greene King; Abbot, +King & Barnes; Sussex Bitter, +Young; Special Bitter. Now owned by Burke's Free House chain (90, SE154).

SOUTH WEST

SW14 HARE & HOUNDS, +Young; Winter Warmer, —I.M. +GD, (SW44).

WEST

W2 ABBEYS, Renamed **TAVISTOCKS**, —Manns; IPA, —Watney; Stag Bitter, +Ruddle; County, +Watney; Combes Bitter (124, S53).

W2 FOUNTAINS, Renamed **HERON** +Guest beers (124, U28).

W2 LEINSTER ARMS, —Charrington; IPA, +Adams; Bitter, +Boddington; Bitter, +Tetley; Bitter, +Wadworth; 6X. Now a Nicholson Free House, formerly Charrington (U1).

W6 COACHMAKERS, Renamed **PENNY FARTHING**, +Bass (126).

W6 RICHMOND ARMS, —beers listed in U5, +Benskins; Best Bitter, +Ind Coope; Bitter, Burton Ale, +Taylor Walker; Best Bitter. Now a Taylor Walker tied house, ex Nicholson Free House (U5).

W8 HOOP, —Charrington; IPA, +Courage; Best Bitter, +Young; Special Bitter. Recently refurbished (S55).

W11 MITRE, Renamed **RAJ**, —Watney; Stag Bitter, +Ruddle; County (S55).

W14 BARONS COURT TAVERN, Renamed **BARONS ALE HOUSE**, —beers listed in Supplement, +Ruddle; County, +Watney; Combes Bitter, +Webster; Yorkshire Bitter (S56).

W14 HOLLAND ARMS, Renamed **HOLLANDS** (U14).

HAYES QUEENS HEAD, Renamed **GRANGE**, +Ruddle; County, +Watney; Combes Bitter (U3).

HILLINGDON BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Renamed **HEATH TAVERN** (U2).

DELETIONS

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

CENTRAL

W1 RUPERT STREET JUNCTION, Free House, now a cocktail bar, H removed (U12, U23).

EC1 BRITISH QUEEN, Whitbread, H removed (U3, E14).

EC4 HORN TAVERN, Eldridge Pope, H dispenses fizzy beer (U15) †.

EC4 RUMBOE, Taylor Walker, H removed (S12) †, † already deleted in E. Guide.

EAST

E1 ANCHOR & HOPE, Watney, H unused (E53) *.

E1 OLD BLUE ANCHOR, Charrington, H removed (U5) †.

E1 QUEENS HEAD, 57 Greatorex St. Watney, H removed (U14) †.

E1 ROYAL DUKE, Truman, H unused (S14) †.

E2 ANGEL & CROWN, Charrington, H removed (U2) †.

E2 BLADE BONE, Charrington, H unused (E70) *.

E2 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 101 Queensbridge Rd. Charrington, H unused (U3) †.

E2 DUNDEE ARMS, Taylor Walker, H unused (46) †.

E2 GREEN MAN, Courage, H unused (E72) *.

E2 MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, Free House, H unused (46, S15) †.

E2 NELSONS HEAD, Gibbs Mews, H unused (U11) †.

E2 PERSEVERANCE, 112 Pritchards Rd. Watney, H unused (S15) †.

E2 SPREAD EAGLE, Watney, H unused (U14) †.

E3 BROMLEY ARMS, Watney, H unused (U15, E81).

E3 WHITETHORN, Truman, H unused (47, S15) †.

E5 JUBILEE, Truman, H unused (E94) *.

E6 EARL OF WAKEFIELD, Charrington, H unused (S16) †.

E8 DUKE OF RICHMOND, Whitbread, H unused (E107) *.

RBIL continued

E8 LEE ARMS, Watney, H unused (E108) *.
E8 MR PEPYS, Ind Coops, H unused (E109) *.
E9 DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Truman, H removed (U29, F114).
E9 LORD NAPIER, Taylor Walker, H unused (50) ‡.
E9 SPREAD EAGLE, Watney, H unused (U20) ‡.
E10 LORD CLYDE, Taylor Walker, H unused (U29, F120).
E11 HEATHCOTE ARMS, Charrington, H unused (S64) ‡.
E11 THATCHED HOUSE, Charrington, H removed (U2) ‡.
E13 CASTLE, Charrington, H unused (U2) ‡.
E14 AFRICAN TAVERN, Taylor Walker, H unused (S18) ‡.
E14 LOVAT ARMS, Truman, H unused (S18) ‡.
E14 SIR JOHN FRANKLIN, Watney, H unused (F143) *.
E14 WHITE HORSE, Truman, H unused (U2) ‡.
E15 KING HAROLD, Charrington, H removed (S18) ‡.
E15 STEAMCOACH BUFFET, Free House, H removed (53, S18) ‡.
E17 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Taylor Walker, H unused (54, F162).
E17 HIGHAM HILL TAVERN, Taylor Walker, renamed TAVERN ON THE HILL, H unused (54) ‡.
E17 RINGWOOD CASTLE, Truman, H unused (S19) ‡.
E17 WHITE SWAN, Watney, H removed (U7) ‡.
BARKING BREWERY TAP, Taylor Walker, H unused (139, S19).
CHADWELL HEATH CHADS, Watney, H unused (U23).
CHADWELL HEATH GREYHOUND, Charrington, H unused (S19).
CHADWELL HEATH HARROW, Watney, H removed (S20).
ILFORD HOPE REVIVED, Taylor Walker, H unused (56, S21).
ILFORD RED LION, Watney, renamed MAINSTREET, H removed (139, S21).
ROMFORD RAFFLES, Ind Coops/Romford Brewery, H unused, formerly MAWNEY ARMS (57, S20).
N.B. * pubs not listed in RBIL, Supplement or Updates.
‡ already deleted in E.Guide.

NORTH

N1 SHAKESPEARE, Courage, renamed DOME and converted to cafe-bar, H removed (60, N39).
N13 CAMBRIDGE, Charrington, closed, partly demolished (U14, N-A1, N75).
N16 HARE & HOUNDS, Watney, H unused (U9, N81).
N17 BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Taylor Walker, H removed (65, N86).

NORTH WEST

NW1 KINGS HEAD, Whitbread, H removed (70, N105).
NW1 LOCOMOTIVE, Whitbread, H unused (U20, N111).
NW1 PRINCE ALFRED, Ind Coops/Bass, H unused (71, N107).
NW1 STAGS HEAD, Charrington, H unused (72, N110).
HARROW PLOUGHMAN, Taylor Walker, converted to restaurant (S34).

SOUTH EAST

SE10 DUKE OF WELLINGTON, Whitbread, H unused (84, S176).
SE10 GREENWICH VILLAGE, Charrington, H removed (S37, S176).

SE10 WILLIAM IV, Charrington, H removed (85, S186).
SE15 BARNABY, Courage, H removed (U17, S110).
SE15 CROWN, Courage, H removed (U17, S112).
SE15 GOLDEN LION, Truman, H unused (S38, S113).
SE15 GOWLETT ARMS, Charrington, H removed (S38, S114).
SE15 HOPE, Truman, H unused (U17, S114).
SE15 RED BULL, Taylor Walker, H unused (U17, S118).
SE15 SAILOR PRINCE, Free House, H unused (87, S118).
SE15 TRAFALGAR, Watney, H unused (U17, S119).
SE15 TYRELL ARMS, Charrington, H unused (U3, S120).

SOUTH WEST

SW1 KINGS ARMS, Courage, renamed ORIEL and converted to cafe-bar, H removed (105) *.
SW5 PRINCE OF TECK, Courage, H removed (108) *.
SW9 CROWN, Charrington, H removed (U14) *.
CARSHALTON STELLIERS ARMS, Whitbread, H unused (U6) *.
KINGSTON GEORGE & DRAGON, Courage, renamed KINGSTON LODGE HOTEL, and converted to residential hotel, H removed (118, SW66).
KINGSTON GRIFFIN, Courage, closed future uncertain (118) *.
SUTTON WOODMAN, Whitbread, H unused (U2) *.

* already deleted in SW Guide.

WEST

W7 PARK HOTEL, Watney, demolished (S54).
UXBRIDGE CHEQUERS, Courage, closed (137).

OH NO! NOT ANOTHER FIRKIN PUB!

While Britain's Bigger Brewers continue to merge, close down or take each other over, Bruce's Brewery opened its ninth Firkin freehouse, the *Phantom and Firkin*, on Tuesday, 17th February 1987.

Bruce's Plaistow Brewery Company has invested over a quarter of a million pounds in the purchase and development of an ex-Allied Breweries' pub, formerly the Red Lion at 140 Balaam St. Plaistow, E13.

Delighted with the success of the Falcon and Firkin in Hackney, David Bruce is most excited at the prospect of opening up more pubs in the East End — yet again bucking the Big Brewers' trend to invest mainly in Central and West London.

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BADGERING ABOUT

Apparently half the country tuned in to watch Eastenders over Christmas. But have you spotted the prices in the Queen Victoria. Careful monitoring of the list suggest that the Churchill Strong Ale (perhaps not entirely dissimilar from Burton Ale) costs only 85p a pint. And the pub now even has some new pump clips ending the practise of selling beer from unmarked Benskins pumps. Another wizzard development is the introduction of . . . yes, an Austrlian lager under the catchy name of Melbourne Star. Sounds like a newspaper not a beer.

Perusal of the British Beermat Collectors Magazine reveals a couple of other points from the media. Did you know that the Bull Inn in the Archers has its own beermats? If you listen carefully to the radio when its on then you can just make out the sound of the glasses being put down on the beermats. Meanwhile over in Wales S4C has produced beermats for the Bragdy Cwmperi Brewery which features in their 'Pobol Y Cwm' programme. Lets hope they never work out the Welsh for Fosters.

Finally on the television front we await a call from the Old Bill on the pub featured in Chas n'Dave's latest Courage Best knees up ad. Amongst the happy punters appears to be a jolly

policeman in uniform, serving whom would of course be grounds for the licensee to lose his licence. Perhaps the pub enjoys particularly generous drinking hours.

While on Courage, have you seen the competition beermats for the Club 18-30 holiday (now closed)? Yes, you didn't have to be under 30 to enter with the chance of winning one of those well known nudge-nudge holidays. Apparently at least one pub was stripped of its stock of mats by a team of old men in raincoats.

In one of the great news stories of 1986, American brewer Anheuser Busch announced that it has no intention of buying free houses in Britain. Neither does it plan to take over a British brewer. Obviously there is nothing whatsoever going on here.

Here's an interesting little calculation — how to work out the duty on your pint. If the original gravity is 1030.09 then its £25.80 per Hectolitre. You then add £0.86 for each complete degree of og above 1030 so that eg 1037.9 is taxed as 1037. Then you get a loss allowance of 6%. Now 1 hectolitre is 100 litres, 163.653 litres is a barrel and a barrel is 288 pints.

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Views from the Floor

The Editors asked for a columnist with strong views and an axe to grind who wants freedom to comment on topical issues. Here is how I shape up.

I claim to represent the majority of readers of *London Drinker*; I commute to London and confine my use of London pubs largely to lunchtime. I have my small group of favoured pubs — not outstanding ones, but the beer's OK and you can get (a) served and (b) a seat. I don't campaign — except with my feet — but I have been known to complain about extreme cases of short measure, unpleasant beer or unnecessarily long waiting times — and have received very courteous treatment as a result. All I want to do is to sup a pint with a colleague and discuss matters of mutual interest (drinking, walking and theology — not necessarily in that order, nor even always one at a time). I suspect I'm being ripped off (£1.07 for a pint of Shep's — full, though) but prices in my home town, High Wycombe, are only about 10p below.

I have never written to "Dipsy".

I write articles for my local church magazine (not so typical, this), basing my claim to do so on presenting an opinionated, eccentric point of view, but here I am basing my offer to write for *London Drinker* on ordinariness. This is right and consistent. Church magazines have a chronic shortage of boat rockers, but the Editors of *London Drinker* need another opinionated eccentric like they need another hole in the head.

So my strength as a columnist will be that I don't shape up to the Editors' requirements. However, my habit of selecting pubs for their provision of a quiet pint implies selecting those where nothing much happens. So I have suggested to the Editors that they run a sort of job-share scheme with 2 to 4 of us. So if my stuff hasn't got anything worth reading one month, you'll know it's someone else's turn next month. There are also other advantages, too uninteresting to list here.

Topical issues? No problem. How about these?

Ingredients of beer

I am very moved by the generous concern of the brewers not to expose us to the trauma of seeing listed as "ingredients" substances that do not appear in the final product. It is in the same spirit of generosity that I offer this solution which will enable them to achieve their unswerving aim of pleasing everyone: list first the main ingredients and those additives that we will drink and then list separately "ingredients introduced as part of the brewing process but not present in the final

product" or (if the law won't allow that) publish only the first list. Either way it will be a legal declaration of the absence of any unlisted chemicals. Thus the anxiety of us sensitive British drinkers will not be unduly aroused and anglophobic foreigners will have no grounds for their chauvinistic libels.

CAMRA helped encourage breweries to list OG's by publishing them at beer festivals and awarding prizes according to OG category. I don't know how quickly or cheaply beer can be analysed, but it is now perhaps time for festivals to list the ingredients found on analysis that are not in a *Reinheitsgebot* beer (and those not found that are). We would then be able to award prizes for the "best *Reinheitsgebot* style beer" or the "best beer with added propylene glyco alginate", the "best beer with more adjuncts than malt" or the "best that used giberellic acid in the brewing process", assuming any nominations in the latter categories.

This is not a new problem. I read somewhere that Henry VIII made it a requirement when ordering his ale that it should not contain hops or strychnine.


Flexible opening hours

As a hiker, my greatest worry is that a day's walking can be ruined by finding the pub I planned to have lunch or supper at is closed. So I suggest a "flexitime" sort of arrangement with the present Sunday hours as "core time". Thus all pubs will be open 12 to 2 and 7 to 10.30 plus whatever other times are relevant to them. Groups of nearby pubs could make exceptions to this if they wish by running a cover rota like chemists, any pub closed during core time having a notice on the door directing customers to another (less than 1/4 mile away) that is open.

This suggestion also solves a few other problems related to flexible opening hours. There will be no need to register the opening times on the premises' licence — it will be possible to vary them day by day if the publican wants. It will also make it more obviously silly for the brewery to decide the hours that a publican should "want" to open, and, being properly reactive, it will be less likely that extra staff will have to be hired to serve an empty pub. Licensees will only have to stay open outside core time if they are making money.

The Tie

I'm not too worried about the existence of the tie; I do accept that the tied house system allows people to run pubs who couldn't otherwise afford to, which is something I approve of. The aspect of the tie that needs attention is the tightness of it. So: each pub should be required



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to stock at least one beer that is not made by the owner or any company associated with him and which is chosen by ballot of the customers. A brewery should have to answer to someone independent if more than say 20% of its pubs have the same guest beer at any one time, or if there is a suspicious similarity in the choice on the ballot papers.

These rules should apply separately to whichever of real ale, keg beer and lager are sold in one house.

If free houses are similarly required to stock beers from at least two unrelated breweries, it will matter much less that "Free House" has no more to do with freedom than "Gay Bar" has to do with gaiety.

CAMRA campaigning

All the above issues are at least as important to lager or keg drinkers as they are to real ale drinkers (except, of course, for the tie — who cares whether the stuff in their glass is Hofmeister or Heineken?) If we work on these aspects of our campaign imaginatively and entertainingly and offer to involve the lager and keg drinkers, perhaps they will join their strength (1030) to ours (1036 upwards) to our mutual benefit. We may perhaps also benefit them, and ourselves, further by introducing them to beer they can taste. It would certainly be

far better than the execrable taste of Nottingham Branch's anti-lager campaign, reported in December's *What's Brewing*, ripping off the Government's anti-heroin ad; if I lived in Nottingham, I'd have disowned the branch until the committee members had apologised — over the counter — to all the licensees affected. Some things make me feel ashamed to be a member of CAMRA.

Derek Edwards

Life-saving brew

Bass, in conjunction with American "brewers", Stroh, have come up with a remarkable use for spent yeast.

The traditional disposal of this valuable commodity has been to turn it all into Marmite, but Bass's biotechnologists have found a way of using it to brew human plasma!

The firm belief of Delta Biotechnology, a Bass Group subsidiary, is that they have perfected a method of producing it in much larger quantities using the dregs from fermenting vessels.

I wonder if they will put the red triangle on every transfusion bag.

Miles Brewster

From What's Brewing

THE LAGER INVASION

Lager is more than just a fun drink for today's youth and a meal ticket for marketing men, it is an insipid and insidious threat to the continuance of traditions that have lasted hundreds of years.

At the moment there are 250 lagers competing for customers and devouring enormous sums in advertising. New labels come and go, victims to the ever-fickle young drinking market. Currently the pseudo-Australian lagers (Foster, Castlemaine, etc.) are non-flavour of the month, with the pseudo-American lagers (Budweiser, Miller Lite, etc.) gaining ground fast. All lagers account for 41% of the UK beer market.

Generally, the UK-produced versions of foreign lagers are weaker than the originals. Filtered, recarbonated and dispensed under CO₂ pressure from kegs via flash coolers, the stronger the lager is, the more flavour will survive the chilling process. However, strong lager works against the brewers' interests: they have to pay more duty and their customers fall over after drinking fewer pints. So even though the newly introduced UK lagers are becoming slightly stronger, they still barely approach the strength of a special bitter, even though they are more expensive.

Nevertheless, although lager is monumentally mediocre, it is where the profits lie which pay for the advertising campaigns, such as the four million pound Harp Beat promotion, aimed at the music-conscious young. As the advertising agencies compete against each other, so the campaigns, and consequently the beer prices, go spiralling upwards.

The Campaign for Real Ale was born out of a growing sense of frustration among beer drinkers who increasingly encountered new insipid liquids (keg beers) masquerading under the name of our national beverage. As a traditionalist, CAMRA campaigns for cask conditioned ales, beer brewed from natural ingredients and served in the traditional way, unlike lager.

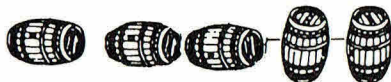
CAMRA is not the only voice against lager. Michael Parkinson has stated "dreaded lager is to decent beer what Kenneth Williams is to weight-lifting". He also called the new theme pubs catering for the young lager drinker "malignant growths in our society; the proper pub is one of our great traditions and an important part of our heritage. Today's alternatives are obnoxious impostors".

In the seventies, CAMRA fought against the tide of keg bitter and won. The "Red Revolution"

fizzled out, taking with it the plastic pub and with the real ale revival came the revival of the internationally revered traditional British pub. Now the lager threat is beginning to change this and today's creed is that anything goes as long as it is different.

Even though lager has 41% of the market, bitter, mild, light and strong ales and stout account for the other 59%. CAMRA believes that, as with keg bitter, the lager challenge can be overcome. To achieve this purpose we need your support. Come and have a pint with us and experience the variety and fullness of flavours found in cask conditioned beers. The marketing men treat you as merely a sea of punters: don't let them choose your drink for you. Show them that the age of individuality is not dead and choose a quality regional product that is as individual as you are.

Andy Bannon/Rob Tough
From Thames Valley Drinker



Pulling more profit

Licensee Simon Mitchell swapped pint-pulling for pen-pushing to bring out a book on what some licensees consider an impossibility — making money in the Licensed Trade.

In "Pulling Profits" he passes on some of the tips which have helped him become the lease owner of two Cambridge pubs — the King Street Run and the Boat Race — in the past two years. "The problem is that most publicans don't think of themselves as businessmen," says Simon. "It is an attitude of mind. You have to look at things with a clinical eye."

The book wasn't written to tell people how to do their job. It was published as a reference guide to help get more profit out of the pub by minimising costs and pushing up takings, he explains.

For instance, he reckons his method of pipe cleaning saves around £2,500 a year, and he offers advice on every aspect of running a pub from stocktaking to staff productivity.

He says he has drawn on 10 years experience in management of the high-profit fast food business to run successful pubs.

"If anyone still has problems after reading the book I am prepared to talk to them about it."

Pulling Profits is available, price £4.75 from S.N. Mitchell, 170 East Road, Cambridge CB1 1DJ. (Reprinted from "Morning Advertiser").



NEWS FROM WATNEY COMBE REID.

Why not visit the Earl of Chatham in St Thomas Street, Woolwich.

The pub, which has recently been refurbished, now offers:

- * **good food at lunchtimes**
- * **Websters Yorkshire Bitter and Combes Bitter**
- * **A pleasant conservatory which overlooks the garden.**

Watney Combe Reid, Stag Brewery, Mortlake, SW14.

BREWERS ARMS, High Street, Lewes



The discerning beer drinkers of Lewes don't know how lucky they are; for it was by accident that Alan and Pam Dobson came to purchase the Brewers Arms in the High Street. Looking through various Freehouses for sale sent to them by estate agents — they had put the Brewers aside as a possible home several times but never got around to viewing it. Then one rainy day with nothing to do they decided to go to Lewes and give it the once-over. They liked it for the accommodation as much as for the pub itself and the Town.

The present building is Victorian and was originally called the Ship, hence the name of the back bar recently opened, where folk groups perform regularly. It is almost certain that a

structure of some sort has existed on the site since Saxon times, as the High Street trajectory has altered little since that time and it is just inside the Town's Westgate. Alan tells his present deeds date from 1696.

The facade and windows tell a story of changing brewery ownership. On the Bull Lane frontage there are windows with the initial S believed to be the Shirley (Croydon) Brewery of Page and Overton which ties in nicely with the terra cotta work each side of the main entrance.

Also, fronting the High Street are Charrington windows from the 60's advertising their beers. Charrington eventually sold the pub in the late 1970's when it became a freehouse.

Today, Alan, one of life's few genuine characters left, has a large selection of cask-conditioned beers: Youngs Bitter and Special, Shepherd Neame Bitter, Harvey's B.B., Pitfield Dark Star and regular guest beers all in excellent condition.

Pay a visit, and have a drink or two or more and take a look at the bar that Alan has taken care to strip all the old paint and varnish from.

I leave it to you to find out what his and his dogs favourite beer is!

D.M.S.

CAMAL CORNER.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR



AUTHENTIC LAGER

For the benefit of readers who have spent the past few weeks in a Buddhist monastery in Tibet, CAMAL is short for The Campaign for Authentic Lager, formed last year by a group of drinkers who enjoy drinking lager on the continent, specifically Holland and Germany and don't enjoy drinking the Australia-American British drinks with foreign names.

We have no objection to people drinking whatever they like to drink, but we do object to having no alternative in this country to the chemical rubbish dispensed by our pubs. We know CAMRA share our views, but so far CAMRA has not taken effective action to improve the situation. We are not saying that it should. In fact we would go further and say that it should not. We agree with the speakers at the recent seminar at Wolverhampton who, if we report them correctly, said that if CAMRA were to campaign for better lager it would only be at the expense of diverting resources from its main objective — promoting real ale. Anything that diminishes that objective, would, in our view, be undesirable. Believing as we do, there was only one thing to do, namely start our own campaign and so CAMAL was born.

We do not deny having capitalised on CAMRA'S image by using a similar logo and initials, and are sorry if we have caused offence. We do not intend to take on the big battalions of the brewing world at this stage. We shall be concentrating all our attention on the small independent brewers and independent outlets (not necessarily pubs) for authentic lager. We aim to publicise those outlets for the benefit of our members and create a demand for authentic lager such that it will be a commercial proposition for small brewers to brew authentic lager. We shall, of course, give them all our support.

We have a Manchester Branch which meets at the Marble Arch Inn, 73 Rochdale Road in that city. The landlord, CAMAL member John Worthington is we understand, experimenting

with gravity dispensed lager and we hope to report his success in the next issue of London Drinker. Meanwhile, he is dispensing real Bitburger Lager from the traditional high fount. John also keeps a selection of real ales in good nick.

We have appointed as Regional Organiser (North West), Steve Astley (Tel. 061-205 9286) and we are anxious to contact people in the North East, South West and Midlands who would be prepared to act as Regional Organisers.

Our H.Q. address is 35 Cranfield Crescent, Cuffley, Herts EN6 4DY and our annual membership fee is £2.

Working with the co-operation of CAMRA we believe that together we can proliferate both real ale and authentic lager and we are indebted to the Editors of London Drinker for agreeing to publish our material.

G B G PUBS

Unfortunately missing from the list of new and reinstated pubs in the 1987 Good Beer Guide in the December/January London Drinker was the GREYSTOKE, 7 Queens Parade, Ealing, W5. This "friendly two bar local", to quote the Guide, is one of the Booker Inns chain and sells Courage Best Bitter and Directors. It is situated just off the North Circular Road (A406) at the bottom of Hanger Hill and is close by North Ealing Station (Piccadilly Line) despite the guide's statement that it is close to Ealing Broadway Station.

"NEW" STAR & GARTER

Glendola Inns reopened the Star and Garter, 4 Lower Richmond Road, Putney, SW15 on 15th December following a £200,000 refurbishment. It is reported that the refurbishment of the pub which sells Courage Best Bitter and Directors has been carried out with great sensitivity and utmost care to "conserve the ambience that made it the pride of Edwardian Putney" (It was built in 1902). It is further reported that "Glendola have a touch of fun in the form of a mammoth collection of cheerful, heart-warming, and often amusing, bric-a-brac, friendly clutter and pithy philosophy" whatever that means.

Guests of honour for the reopening were nine residents of the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen in Richmond who were each presented with an engraved pewter tankard to commemorate their visit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

In my quest to seek out and visit real ale drinking establishments (a most enjoyable hobby!), my records show that I have visited over 1100 outlets throughout the country during 1986 which includes at least one real ale public house from every county bar 4 including Isle of Man/Isle of Wight (Gwynedd, Highland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands are the exceptions). This has proved a pleasant pastime as you can imagine.

However I have never been more incensed than on a recent visit on 14th January 1987 to the "Windsor Castle", Lanark Place, W9. Two handpumps offer the ubiquitous Websters Yorkshire Bitter (a beer I consider to be too bland for words and that coming from a Yorkshireman originating but a few miles from the 'Fostering' Halifax!) and therefore only a half pint was requested.

"Sixty-five pence, please"
barmaid No. 1 asked.

"Could you repeat that please?"
I responded.

"Sixty-five pence, half pint Websters",
which was also re-iterated by Barmaid No. 2.

"Do you realise that is £1.30 a pint?"

"It is if you buy two halves, otherwise it is £1.15 a pint."

Needless to say I walked out without drinking or paying and, to cap it all, the half was thrown away.

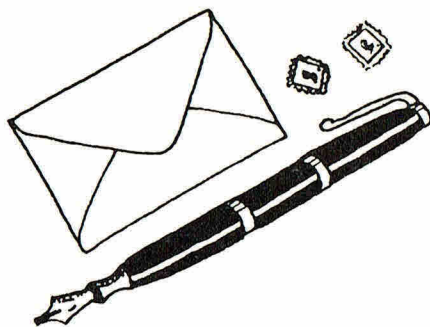
How on earth can this pricing structure be even meritable? Discrimination against the half-pint drinker, eh? — whatever next?!

Another rip off pub is the "Grave Maurice", Whitechapel Road, E1, where £1.15 per pint (November 1986) is well over the top compared to surrounding hosteleries.

On a happier note, good value ale at 84p. per pint of Charrington IPA can be had at the "Queens Arms", Queens Crescent, NW5 (January '87).

Changing the subject slightly, it may prove beneficial for getting pub up-date information to you if a telephone number(s) could be contacted instead of relying on letter, branch personnel visits etc. The public at large, and readers of LD obviously, are more likely to respond to that medium — I know I would.

A.S. HAIGH, Middlesex.



Dear Editors,

In keeping with most Breweries, Young's have always increased prices shortly after the Wages Council order comes into effect, i.e. 15th January.

However, this year no increase (in fact, a possible reduction) is the outcome of the latest Wages Order for workers in the London Area. Brewers with most of their pubs in the London Area seem, therefore, to have no justification for a price increase this year. The old rate for bar staff for a 39 hour week was £82.06 in London and £74.60 elsewhere. The new rate, with effect from 15th January, is £79.56 throughout — a difference of £2.50 LESS in London, and £4.96 elsewhere.

Name and address supplied.

The Editors are pleased to consider all relevant letters for publication provided the name and address of the author is supplied, although this will be withheld if desired. They reserve the right to shorten letters if necessary without changing the sense; if the request to publish without amendment is received, the letter will only appear if there is no objection to any part of its content.

Dear Editors,

Investors need not fear for brewers' profit if the Monopolies Commission recommend abolition of the tied system for beer sales within tenancies.

Abolition of the tie on wines and spirits last year after implementation of EEC regulations resulted in a direct 10 per cent increase in rent, in my case.

Last month I was presented with a new tenancy agreement reintroducing a tie on wines and spirits. 'Sign or go' is our only choice, we have been told.

S. MULROONEY, Much Hadham, Herts.
From The Guardian

NORTH LONDON NEWS

Free house pioneers Tim Martin and Andrew Marler continue to make the news as they expand their empires. Tim Martin's J.D. Wetherspoon chain opened their 17th pub in December — the White Lion of Mortimer in Stroud Green Road, Finsbury Park. Tim was also granted a licence for a new pub in Tottenham High Road. Andrew Marler's Liberty Taverns were not so lucky. Their application for a licence for premises in Wood Green High Road was turned down after fierce opposition from local licensees. A crowd of demonstrators carrying placards opposing the licence appeared outside Highgate court for the hearing! However Andrew Marler was successful in obtaining a licence for premises in Turnpike Lane, Wood Green.

Also in Haringey borough, the Hope and Anchor in Tottenham Lane, Hornsey, has reopened after complete transformation of the premises into a "pub-hotel" by Chef and Brewer. Bed and Breakfast will be available at what seems very reasonable rates and waitress-served meals will be available until 9.30 pm. An interesting development! In nearby Crouch End the Queens Hotel, a classic Victorian pub, is locked in combat with planners over the removal of a screen which according to the licensee was shabby and relatively modern in origin. A public enquiry may result. In Highgate, conservationists are unhappy with plans submitted by Whitbread to alter the 18th century Rose and Crown in the High Street. Negotiations are in progress between the brewers and English Heritage. Meanwhile customers of the Wellington in Archway Road, Highgate have won a battle to save this listed pub, famous for its boxing gym, from demolition in order to expand the adjacent petrol station.

For much of the above information I am very grateful to the Hornsey Journal. Despite the retirement of sub-editor Stan Cole, a CAMRA member and devotee of Haringey pubs, the paper continues to give local hostelries the coverage they deserve for their contribution to community life. Stan continues to write, I'm pleased to say, and the Barnet Press is currently featuring one of his "Real Ale Trails".

Unfortunately, January's cold snap presented problems for pubs. Underheated draughty bars selling cold flat beer are hardly very appealing on a winter's night but this was a common story as heating systems failed to cope with the cold, and cellar temperatures dropped below zero — some pubs were even observed as having left their cellar coolers on! A nice drop of Old Ale at room

temperature would have been welcome but this is seldom found these days, and only then at a premium price. One licensee in Crouch End had certainly forgotten the seasonal cheer. At 11 pm. on one of the coldest nights for forty-odd years, he flung open his doors to the elements, encouraging his dozen or so peacefully drinking customers on their way with the usual moronic bellowing of "haven't you got homes to go to" etc. I have and I won't be going back to this gentleman's establishment again.

Surveying for the next edition of the North London Beer Guide is taking North London CAMRA members to areas they have not visited for some time. The Primrose Hill area as a shock as every other pub seems to have undergone a extravagant and largely unnecessary refurbishment without any apparent effect on the type or number of customers using the pub. Nearby Chalk Farm Road, however, has what must be one of the grottiest collections of pubs in North London.

News from the Taylor Walker camp can be gleaned from *"The Cellarman"*, an in-house magazine. In this I read that Mr and Mrs Colin Wood of the Osidge Arms, Southgate, have won second prize in the Ind Coope Guild of Master Cellarmen Awards for 1986; that the Old Cherry Tree, also in Southgate has its own Burton Club for regulars who are devotees of Burton Ale for the period July to September 1986 was headed by the Kings Head in Islington, with the Flask in Highgate in third place. In a Taylor Walker competition, the Royal Oak in St. James' Lane, Muswell Hill, was judged to be the brainiest pub in North London.

Finally, news from Neasden where the opening of a new pub has only just come to our attention. Unfortunately, the Three Barrels in Neasden Lane, NW10 does not sell Real Ale.

JOHN CONEN.





BRANCH CONTACTS

BEXLEY	DES WARD	Erith 45716(H)	Orpington 38321 x29 (W-Fri only)
BROMLEY	PAUL THOMAS	778-9324(H)	
CROYDON & SUTTON	DAVE HAMMER	647 9148 (H)	
E.LONDON & CITY	ADRIAN HALL	471 5361 (H)	405 7686 x2062 (W)
ENFIELD & BARNET	TONY MORGAN	440 2186 (H)	283 1000 x2944 (W)
KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD	ALLAN MARSHAL	942 9115 (H)	227 3584 (W)
NORTH LONDON	ANNE LODGE	888 5300 (H)	
RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW	ANDY PIRSON	977 1633 (H)	
SOUTH-WEST ESSEX	ANDREW CLIFTON	Romford (0708) 65150 (H)	
SOUTH-EAST LONDON	DAVE FOORD	690 5104 (H)	
SOUTH-WEST LONDON	CHRIS COBBOLD	674 0556	
WEST LONDON	RODNEY HOLLOWS	723 2798 (H)	
WEST MIDDLESEX	KEITH WILDEY	423 1243 (H)	

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

Editorial team

DEAR DIPSY



DEAR DIPSY, Since my old man has been out of work, he has got it entrenched in his head that the best way to spend the day is in good long healthy walks.

Us dogs like a walk but this is daft!! — down on the towpath it's raining, . . . it's always raining, . . . I HATE RAIN. . . , so it's head down, ears back and hoof it to the nearest watering hole. Been into a lot of watering holes recently, "helps the concentration" he says.

The other day the concentration was so good that he swears I tied his shoe laces together. Good trick if I could do it, and besides, green wellies would look damn stupid with laces. There I was for three hours listening intently to the old man holding forth to an un-occupied bar stool. Getting home was even better, I got lost trying to find the short cut, and him??? he was no bloody good, he had been concentrating so hard

that he was complaining of crossed eyes and a headache!

I tried to tell him that feeding time could wait till later, but he would insist. Just caught the tin of "Mongrel Chomp" on its way out of the cupboard and stepped back into my water bowl which smartly took off in the direction of the sink. With arms thrashing wildly in the wind and his other foot jammed behind the kitchen table, he defied all the laws of gravity and stayed upright. He was not however prepared for the cat!!

Now the Poxy cat, hearing tins rattling, had rushed in through the back door and had not seen me under the relative safety of the welsh dresser. I can resist anything except temptation, and this was it!!! irrespective of tin brandishing, split-legged drunks in the middle of the kitchen floor.

There were long questions that night about how there came to be "Mongrel Chomp" in the toaster, a broken telephone, and cats claws in the old mans bum.

All because of a few (?) pints of Pedigree. (named after me of course).

Yours, cowering in the hall way,
WOOLY WOOF.

DEAR MR. WOOF,

You should know by now that I don't answer letters from dogs that can't spell. DIPSY.

Where to buy London Drinker

OUTLETS — EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS, 102 Bunhill Row.
 EC1 HORSESHOE, 24 Clerkenwell Close.
 EC1 STICK & WEASEL, 273 City Road.
 EC1 YORKSHIRE GREY, Greys Inn Road.
 EC2 FLEETWOOD, 36 Wilson Street.
 EC2 SCOTTISH POUND, London Wall.
 EC4 BLACKFRIAR, 174 Queen Victoria Street.
 EC4 DANDY ROLL, Gateway House, Bread Street.
 EC4 TIPPERARY, Fleet Street.
 EC4 WILLIAMSON'S TAVERN, Groveland Ct, Bow Lane.
 E1 FISH & RING, 141A White Horse Road.
 E1 PRIDE OF SPITALFIELD, 3 Hengate Street.
 E2 APPROACH TAVERN, 47 Approach Road.
 E2 MARKSMAN, 254 Hackney Road.
 E3 PEARLY KING, 94 Bromley High Street.
 E8 LADY DIANA, 95 Forest Road.
 E9 CHESHAM ARMS, 15 Mechetabel Road.
 F9 FALCON & FIRKIN, 274 Victoria Park Rd.
 F9 ROYAL STANDARD, 84 Victoria Park Road.
 F11 NORTHCOTE, 110 Grove Green Road.
 SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE, The Cut.
 SE1 ANCHOR TAP, 28 Horselydown Lane.
 SE1 BUNCH OF GRAPES, 2 St Thomas Street.
 SE1 COPPER, 208 Tower Bridge Road.
 SE1 DOGGETTS, Blackfriars Bridge.
 SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN, 47 Borough Road.
 SE1 KINGS ARMS, Roupell Street.
 SE1 WELLINGTON, Waterloo Road.
 SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN, Denmark Hill Station, Windsor Walk.
 SE5 WICKWOOD TAVERN, 58 Flaxman Road.
 SE7 McDONNELLS, 428 Woolwich Road.
 SE9 GREYHOUND, High Street.
 SE10 ROYAL GEORGE, Bisset Street.
 SE13 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, High Street.
 SE13 FOX & FIRKIN, 316 Lewisham High Street.
 SE16 BLACKSMITH'S ARMS, 257 Rotherhithe Street.
 SE16 MANOR TAVERN, 78 Galleywall Road.
 SE16 MAYFLOWER, 117 Rotherhithe Street.
 SE16 SHIP, St. Marychurch Street.
 SE17 TANKARD, Walworth Road.
 SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS, 81 Sandy Hill Road.
 SE18 QUEEN VICTORIA, 118 Wellington Street.
 SE18 WILLAGE BLACKSMITH, Hillreach.
 SE19 RAILWAY BEL, Cawnpore Road.
 SE19 ROYAL ALBERT, Westow Hill.
 SE20 ASHERLEY ARMS, Ridsdale Road.
 SE20 GOLDEN LION, Maple Road.
 SE20 LONDON TAVERN, Maple Road.
 SE24 COMMERCIAL, 11 Ralston 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.
 SE28 BECKENHAM JOILY WOODMAN, Chancery Lane.
 SE28 BEXLEY BLUE ANCHOR, Brigden Road.
 SE28 CROYDON DOG & BULL, Surrey Street.
 SE28 CROYDON LION, Pawsons Road.
 SE28 CROYDON TWO BREWERS, 221 Gloucester Road.
 SE28 SIDCUP JOILY FENMAN, 66 Blackfen Road.
 SE28 THORNTON HEATH FOUNTAIN HEAD, 114 Parchmore Road.

OFF TRADE

F4 Waltham Wines, 72 Sewardstone Road.
 SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road.
 SE10 Hardy's, 90 Trafalgar Road.
 SE23 2 Brewers, 97 Dartmouth Road.
 SE23 BEXLEY HEATH Bitter Experience, 216 Broadway.
 SE23 BROMLEY Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill.

OUTLETS—

WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS, 252 Grays Inn Road.
 WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE, 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 FREEMASONS ARMS, 81 Longacre.
 WC2 GEORGE IV, 28 Portugal Street.
 WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY, 39 Bow Street.
 WC2 SHIP & SHOVEL, 2 Craven Passage.
 N1 CARPENTERS ARMS, 21 Bridport Place.
 N1 CLOTHWORKER'S ARMS, 52 Arlington Avenue.
 N1 COMPTON ARMS, 4 Compton Avenue.
 N1 CROWN, Cloudesley Road.
 N1 GEORGE IV, Copenhagen Street.
 N1 HEMMINGFORD ARMS, 158 Hemmingford Road.
 N1 LORD WOLSELEY, 55 White Lion Street.
 N1 MAI T & HOPS, 33 Caledonian Road.
 N1 NORTH POLE, 190 New North Road.
 N1 PRINCE ARTHUR, 49 Brunswick Place.
 N1 ROSAMARY BRANCH, 2 Shepperton Road.
 N2 OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road.
 N2 WINDSOR CASTLE, The Walks, Church Lane.
 N4 MARLERS, 29 Crouch Hill.
 N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, Stroud Green Road.
 N6 WRESTLERS, 98 North Road.
 N6 VICTORIA, 28 North Hill.
 N7 BALMORAL CASTLE, Caledonian Road.
 N7 FATHARRY'S, 60 Isledon Road.
 N7 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN, 54 Holloway Road.
 N7 RAILWAY TAVERN, 10 Roman Way.
 N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane.
 N14 MERRYHILL LS, Bramley Road.
 N16 ROSE & CROWN, 199 Stoke Newington Church Street.
 N18 TWO BREWERS, 196 Silver Street.
 N19 DOG, 19 Archway Road.
 N19 J.J. MOONS, 37 Lansder Road.
 N20 BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone.
 N20 CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane.
 N22 STARTING GATE, Buckingham Road.
 NW1 VICTORIA, 2 Mornington Terrace.
 NW1 VICTORIA & ALBERT BARS, Marylebone Station.
 NW4 GREYHOUND, Church End, Greyhound Hill.
 NW4 MIDI AND HOTEL, Station Road.
 NW4 WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs.
 NW6 QUEENS, 1 Kilburn High Road.
 NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN, Hale Lane.
 NW7 RISING SUN, Highwood Hill.
 NW8 CROCKERS, Aberdeen Place.
 NW9 GEORGE, 234 Church Lane.
 NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane.
 BARNET ALI & KANDRA, Wood Street.
 BARNET SERRIGHT ARMS, Alston Road.
 BARNET WEAVER, Green Hill Parade.
 ENFIELD KINGS HEAD, Market Place.
 ENFIELD OLD WHEATSHIEAF, 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.

CLUBS

N22 Wood Green Labour Club, Stuart Crescent.

OUTLETS — SOUTH-WEST/WEST

SW1 BARLEY MOW, Horsely Road.
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS, Petty France.
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS, Passmore Street.
 SW1 MORPETH ARMS, Millbank.
 SW1 ORANGE BREWERY, Pimlico Road.
 SW1 RED LION, 48 Parliament Street.
 SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane.
 SW2 TWO WOODCOCKS, 45 Tulse Hill.
 SW3 SURPRISE, 6 Christchurch Terrace.
 SW4 JOILY GARDENERS, 115 St. Alphonsus Road.
 SW4 RAILWAY, Clapham High Road.
 SW4 ROSE & CROWN, The Polygon, Clapham Old Town.
 SW6 WHITE HORSE, 1 Parson's Green.
 SW8 SURPRISE, 16 Southville, 357 Wandsworth Road.
 SW8 NOTTINGHAM CASTLE, Wandsworth Road.
 SW9 BEDFORD ARMS, 409 Clapham Road.
 SW9 CROWN & ANCHOR, 246 Brixton Road.
 SW9 WARRIOR (Brixton Brewery Co.) Coldharbour Lane.
 SW10 CHIFFSEA RAM, 32 Burnaby Street.
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN, 110 Lotts Road.
 SW11 ANCHOR, Holgate Avenue.
 SW11 BEEHIVE, 197 St John's Hill.
 SW11 HABERDASHERS ARMS, Culvert Road.
 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 HART & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road West.
 SW14 RAIL WAY TAVERN, Sheen Lane.
 SW15 ARABBOY, 289 Upper Richmond Road.
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road.
 SW15 WHITE LION, 14 Putney High Street.
 SW16 GREYHOUND, Greyhound Lane.
 SW18 BREWERY TAP, Wandsworth High Street.
 SW18 THE GRAPES, 39 Fairfield Street.
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE, Wandsworth High Street.
 SW18 TWO BREWERS, Wandsworth High Street.
 SW19 ALEXANDRA, Wimbledon Hill Road.
 SW19 BREWERY TAP, Wimbledon High Street.
 SW19 GROVE, 2 Morden Road.
 SW19 KINGS HEAD, Merton High Street.
 SW19 LEATHER BOTTLE, Kingston Road.
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL, Abbey Road.
 SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road.
 SW19 TRAFALGAR, High Path.
 CHESSINGTON NORTH STAR, Hook Road.
 EAST MOLESEY BELLI INN, Bell Road.
 EAST MOLESEY NEW STREETS OF LONDON,
 Bridge Road.
 KINGSTON NEWT & FERRET, 26 Fairfield South.
 KINGSTON WYCH elm, Elm Road.
 MITCHAM CRICKETERS, 340 London Road.
 MITCHAM RAVENSBURY ARMS, Croydon Road.
 MOTSPUR PARK EARL BEATTY
 RICHMOND WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane.
 SURREY VICTORIA, Victoria Road.
 WESTON GREEN GREYHOUND
 WEYBRIDGE PRINCE OF WALES, Anderson Road, Outlands
 Park.
 W1 ARGVILL ARMS, 18 Argyll Street.
 W1 BRICKLAYERS, Avybrook Street.
 W1 COCK TAVERN, 27 Great Portland Street.
 W1 RED LION, Kingley Street.
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN, 4 Bathurst Street.
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High St.
 W4 BELL & CROWN, Strand on the Green.
 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 Shepherd's Bush Road.
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherd's Bush Road.
 W9 TRUSCOTT ARMS, Shirland Road.
 W10 NARROW BOAT, 346 Ladbrooke Grove.
 W10 VILLAGE INN, Kensal Road.
 W11 FROG & FIKIN, Tavistock Crescent.
 W13 FORESTER, 21 Eighton Road.
 W14 BRITANNIA TAP, 150 Warwick Road.
 W14 RADNOR ARMS, 247 Warwick Road.
 BRENTFORD LORD NELSON, Infield Road.
 CRANFORD QUEENS HEAD, 123 High Street.
 GREENFORD BLACK HORSE, Oldfield Lane.
 HAMPTON WINDMILL, Windmill Road.
 HAMPTON COURT KINGS ARMS, Lion Gate,
 Hampton Court Road.
 HILLINGDON RED LION, Hillingdon Hill.
 HILLINGDON STAR, Uxbridge Road.
 HOUNSLOW CHARIOT, 34 High Street.
 HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road.
 HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Hanworth Road.
 SOUTHALE BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road.
 SUDBURY BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road.
 TEDDINGTON QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane.
 TWICKENHAM EEL PIE, 9 Church Street.
 TWICKENHAM OLD ANCHOR, 71 Richmond Road.
 TWICKENHAM POPE'S GROTTO, 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.
 KENTON Littlemore Wines, Kenton Road.

OUTSIDE LONDON

BRIGHTON BASKEIMAKERS ARMS, Gloucester Road.
 BRIGHTON LORD NELSON, Trafalgar Road.
 BRIGHTON QUEENS HEAD, Opposite Station.
 GLASGOW ALLISON ARMS, 720-722 Pollockshaws Road.
 GODSTONE (Surrey) BELLI INN, High Street.
 HADLOW DOWN (E.Sussex) NEW INN
 LEWES BREWERS ARMS, High Street.
 LINCOLN QUEEN VICTORIA, Union Road.
 MANCHESTER JOELLY ANGLER, Ducie Street.
 MANCHESTER MARBLE ARCH, 73 Rochdale Road.
 PETERBOROUGH GLADSTONE ARMS, Gladstone 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.
 TILTINGHAM (Essex) CAP & FEATHERS, South Street.
 WINCHESTER (Hants) GREEN MAN, Southgate Street.
 WORTHING (Sussex) WHEAT SHEAF 22, Richmond Rd.

Badgering About Continued

Hence you will have
 calculated in a flash that the duty on a pint is as
 follows for the og shown:

1030	13.8p
1038	17.5p
1047	21.6p

Don't forget to add VAT on top.

Scotland has had two well known bards and
 here's a word from the second best, a Mr R.
 Burns, in a passage typical of his skill:

With alcohol in plant and tree
 I must be natures plan for there to be
 To some degree

Some alcohol in me. You can find this
 written over an arch at the Liver in Dumfries
 through the windows of which he could, if such
 were his wont, have put a stone flung from his
 own house nearby.

Mr. Badger



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 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
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 kegs and "lagers". We don't want to tell
 you what to drink (though we hope you'll
 give real ale a try!) but we hope that you
 believe in choice.

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