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CROYDON & SUTTON: Tue 1 (8.00) Committee Meeting (All welcome). WINDMILL, St. James' Road, Croydon — Tue 8 (8.30) Branch Meeting. TWO BREWERS, Gloucester Road, Croydon — Thur 17 (8.00) West Croydon Crawl. Start WANDLE ARMS, Waddon New Road; PITLAKE ARMS; ROSE & CROWN; EAGLE — Wed 23 (8.30) Social, ANGEL, Angel Hill, Sutton.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue 1 (8.00) Branch Meeting. Leyton Conservative Club, Jesse Road, E10 — Mon 7 (7.30) Pig' Ear Crawl. Meet CARLTON ARMS, 238 Bancroft Road, E1 — Fri 11 (7.30) Pig's Ear Crawl. Meet ADAM & EVE, 155 Homerton High Street, E9 — Mon 14 (7.30) Pig's Ear Crawl. Meet DOWNS HOTEL, Downs Road, E5 — Mon 21 (7.30) Pig's Ear Crawl. Meet MOORGATE, 85 Moorgate, EC2.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Tue 1 (9.00) Joint Social with North London Branch. ROYAL OAK, 1 Offord Road, N1 — Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting. JOLLY BUTCHERS, Baker Street, Enfield — Mon 14 (9.00) Social. GROVE TAVERN, 51 Snells Park, N18 — Tue 22 (9.00) Social, BLACK BULL, 1446 High Road, Whetstone, N20 — Wed 30 (8.30) Turkey Street, Trot. Start PLOUGH INN, Turkey Street, Enfield: TURKEY (9.45), 13 Turkey Street.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 6 (7.00) Social. BOATERS, Kingston — Wed 9 (8.00) Barbecue, BRICKLAYERS, Hawks Road, Kingston — Tue 15 (8.30) Business Meeting, BREWERY INN, Ashtead — Wed 23 (8.30) Joint Social with Surrey/Hants Borders Branch. Pub crawl of Surbiton, Start VICTORIA — Sun 4 Oct (12.00) Social. ALBION, East Molesey — Mon 5 Oct (8.30) Business Meeting, DUKE HEAD, Leatherhead.

NORTH LONDON: Tue 1 (8.00) Joint Social with Enfield & Barnet. ROYAL OAK, Offord Road, N1—Tue 8 (8.00) Branch Meeting. PRINCE GEORGE OF CUMBERLAND, Albany Street, NW1—Tue 15 (8.00) Two Pub Social. MARKET TAVERN then KINGS HEAD, both Essex Road, N1—Tue 22 (8.00) Two Pub Social. KNIGHTS OF SAINT JOHN, Queens Terrace, NW8 then ROSETTI, Queens Grove—Tue 29 (8.00) Two Pub Social. FEATHERS, Linhope Street, NW1 then VOLUNTEER, Baker Street—Sunday Lunchtime Socials for September COACH & HORSES, Heath Street, NW3.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 8 (8.30) Committee Meeting. POPES GROTTO, Cross Deep, Twickenham — Mon 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting, COACH & HORSES, 183 London Road, Isleworth — Wed 30 (8.30) Social. EXPRESS, Kew Bridge Road, Brentford.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 7 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. ANCHOR TAP, 28 Horselydown Lane, SE1 — Mon 14 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HART, 2 Eltham High Street, SE9 — Fri 25 (7.00) Greenwich Real Ale Festival Staff Party. All those involved with the 1987 festival are invited. BUNCH OF GRAPES (upstairs room), 2 St. Thomas Street, SE1 — Thur 1 Oct (8.00) Social. CLOCK HOUSE, 196A Peckham Rye, SE22.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Wed 2 (8.30) Social. PRINCE OF WALES, Roman Road (B1002), Mountnessing — Thur 10 (6.00 - 11.00); Fri 11 (11.00 - 2.30 & 6.00 - 11.00); Sat 12 (11.00 - 3.00 & 5.00 - 11.00) CHAPELL BEER FESTIVAL, East Anglian Railway Museum, Chapell & Wakes Colne, Near Colchester. Admission 40p at all times — Tue 15 (8.30) Branch Meeting, WHITE LION, Lion Hill (B1420), Fobbing – Mon 21 (8.30) Out of Area Social, Stansted Mountfitchet (Convenient for airport and M11) — Tue 29 (8.30) Social. WAGON & HORSES, New Road (A13 junction B1335), Wennington.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thur 10 (6.00 onwards) BEEHIVE (Fullers) St. Johns Hill, SW11: S.W. London Branch 1987 Pub of the Year Presentation. Thur 24 (7.30) KINGS HEAD (Youngs) High St. Merton SW19 (next to bus garage) Open Committee Meeting all welcome. All parties interested in the next Wimbledon Beer Festival (27/28 Feb. '88) are invited to attend.

WEST LONDON: Tue 8 (8.00) Strand Social. GEORGE IV, 28 Portugal Street; WHITE HORSE (8.45), St. Clements Lane; CHESHIRE CHEESE (9.30), 5 Little Essex Street; GEORGE (10.15), Strand — Thur 17 (8.00) Branch Meeting, HARCOURT ARMS, Harcourt Street, W1 — Sun 27 (12.00) Sunday Social. SUN & 13 CANTONS, 21 Great Pultney Street, Soho, W1.

EDITORIAL

If you checked your change or read the cover when you bought this, you will have noted that our price is now 25p. We managed to keep it down for as long as possible, but the rise has been inevitable for some time. We trust you think you have had your money's worth.

The 1987 Great British Beer Festival — the tenth of that ilk — was, predictably, a resounding success, and a suitable tribute to John and Chris Cryne for the enormous effort they have put into organising the event three years running.

It is no mean feat to weld a large number of CAMRA members from all over the country into a work force comparable in its efficiency to many professional organisations. Next year the Festival will again be at the Metropole, Brighton, and the new organisers have an excellent and enviable example to follow. There is a lot of nonsense talked about the north-south divide in the context of the venue of the GBBF. To say that it should be moved northwards simply because it has taken place down south is utter rubbish. Brighton is far more accessible from most parts of the country than virtually any other location, and there is certainly the money around in the area to support such an event. If it is true that poverty is rife beyond Watford (despite the cheapness of the beer up there — by London standards) then moving northwards is a recipe for financial diaster. Food for thought when it comes up again for discussion.

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Branch Diary continued

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 1 (8.30) Social. ROYAL VICTORIA, Boston Road, Hanwell, W7 — Sat 5 (11.00am) Chiltern Crawl. Phone for details — Thur 10 (8.30) Social. LORD ALLENBY, Allenby Road, Southall — Sat 12 (10.45am) Maidenhead Meander. BELL (10.45); CRICKETERS (12.00); SWAN (2.05); BOARS HEAD (6.00); CROWN (7.30); GREEN DRAGON (10.00) — Wed 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting. TARGET, Corner of Church Road & A40, Northolt (Saloon Bar) — Tue 22 (8.00) Pinner Crawl. Start GEORGE; finish WHITTINGTON (10.00) — Tue 29 (8.30) Social. CROWN, Colham Green Road, Hillingdon

CAMAL COMMENT

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AUTHENTIC LAGER

Last month's comments were inspired by a lager kit marketed by Viking Brews Ltd. a subsidiary of Wander Ltd. who make Ovaltine Malted Milk. Wander Ltd. are themselves a subsidiary of the multinational giants, Sandoz.

The kit bears the trade mark "Geordie" because Viking Brews Ltd, were originally based in the North East, From their South Shields location, they produced one of the most wholesome beer kits ever produced. It was called "Sarah's Bitter" and was the basis of the writer's first experiments in home brewing.

There was a nice little story attached to it, relating how many years ago Sarah was renowned among the sea-going community of South Shields for her home brewed beer - a kind of latter-day MaPardoe you might say.

The kit was in a cardboard box bearing the picture of a sailing ship. The box contained a plastic bag of dried malt extract and another (muslin) bag containing whole hop cones and crystal malt. Naturally, its shelf life was limited; a factor which probably contributed to its demise.

Anyway, about the "Geordie" lager kit. It is said to contain barley and malt extracts, hop extract and caramel - exactly the same as most other beer kits whether they purport to be mild, bitter, best bitter, strong bitter, or lager. The only difference between them is in the amount of caramel they contain and the amount of sugar and water to be added by the home brewer.

Now, the suitability of malt extract for brewing depends on how it is made. For a true lager, it would have to be made from lager malt. The better the quality of the malt, the better will be the malt extract and the better will be the beer brewed from it.

It should, perhaps, be explained that what we are talking about is concentrated malt extract. All good beer is made from malt extract, but where the extract is produced in a brewery, there is no need to concentrate it, since it is used immediately in the copper, where it is boiled with

the hops. There is no reason why beer made from concentrated malt extract should be in any way inferior to beer made from its unconcentrated equivalent.

It is cheaper for a brewery to make its own extract than to buy it in concentrated form. For the home brewer, however, the reverse is the case. He would need to brew at least a barrel (36 gallons) a week to make it an economic proposition to make his own extract. Otherwise, it would be cheaper to buy concentrated malt extract. Barley extract (syrup) is made from unmalted barley and is, therefore, cheaper than malt extract. It can be used as a direct substitute for malt extract, but it lacks the fullness of flavour of malt extract. It is often mixed with a proportion of malt extract by the producers.

Hop extract is an extract of the bittering component of the hop cone. It doesn't matter what kind of hop is used, because its character is largely lost in the extraction process. The process is still in the development stage and better methods of extraction may yet be discovered. Meanwhile, it should only be used to adjust the bitterness of a normally hopped brew. It is unsuitable for lager, because lager cannot be dry hopped to restore the aroma, but it can be used with whole hops for ale type beer.

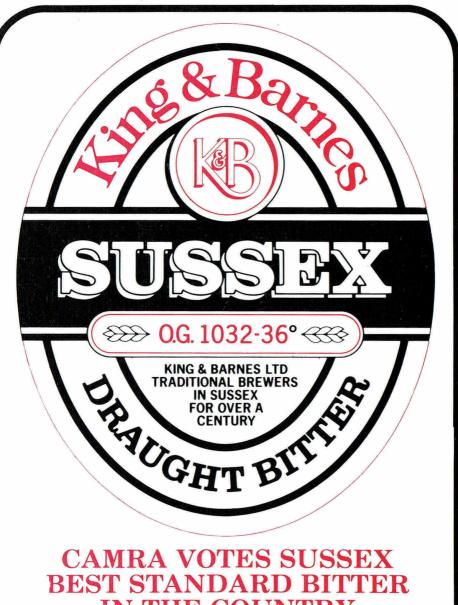
Caramel, i.e., caramelised sugar, is a cheap way to add colour to beer. Ideally, the colour should be derived from the use of kilned malt in the mash, or caramelised malt in the boil.

The "Geordie" kit, as stated last month, uses bottom fermenting yeast and this is heralded as a novel feature. Certainly, we have not come across any other lager kit that uses bottom fermenting yeast, but how it is possible to brew lager which is not bottom fermented is difficult to image, since it is bottom fermentation that necessitates the long cold storage that gives lager its name.

We are, of course, purists, but that is what CAMAL is all about. Sarah got it right, but the use of cheap substitutes to meet competition has, sadly, put her out of business.

DEAR DIPSY





IN THE COUNTRY

AT THE 10TH GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL BEING HELD AT THE METROPOLE IN BRIGHTON 4-8TH AUGUST, CAMRA, THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE VOTED KING & BARNES SUSSEX BITTER TO BE THE BEST STANDARD BITTER IN THEIR CHAMPION BEER OF BRITAIN COMPETITION

DRINKING CENTRALLY

My lunchtime "patch" in WC1 is a typical Central London Office area. The pubs are characterised by their busy lunchtime trade and a rapid fall-off in trade in the evening, as commuters go home. Only pubs with exceptional beer or character keep busy until evening closing time, and many fail in these respects - some of the managed houses are pretty impersonal, and some of the tenancies are sadly unenterprising. There is however a not inconsiderable residential population in this area, and some pubs come into their own as true locals when the office workers have caught their trains. But an increasing number of pubs are finding it uneconomic to open at weekends and many now shut for part of or all the weekend sessions.

With the crowds, lunchtime drinking is not always comfortable, and some of the lunchtime customers can be a pain — particularly the "is this seat free?" brigade who seem to set more store by getting a seat than actually enjoying their beer and food. The boring business types are always in evidence and always seem to consider a large evil-smelling cigar essential to their image. Office parties take over whole sections of pubs and are usually seen on Fridays or on fine sunny days when they will spill outside the pub and drink amid the traffic fumes, or, as I witnessed recently, in a dark alley amongst the dust bins!

Pub food has improved tremendously in recent years but there are still pubs which only do snacks, or only serve the worst type of microwaved junk food. However I would rather remember my favourite Bloomsbury pub as it was ten years ago — full of Ale-swillers rather than the present clientele picking at the (undoubtedly excellent) food and making a half of lager last all lunchtime. But then, ten years ago I never thought I would see Young's drays running around London advertising lager — but that's another story!

Some specific recommendations: The Lamb, with its historic interior, excellent beer and clientele still inclined to the intellectual — the University is nearby; The Cittie of Yorke where Alan Ramsay and his cheerful staff serves vast quantities of Sam Smiths in the packed cavern of the back bar, and The Princess Louise which was a popular meeting place even before it won the Evening Standard Pub of the Year award last year. The beer at The Princess Louise is based around the Vaux range and is generally good but you might think they have a bit of a cheek advertising already rather expensive beer as "only£1.03" etc. Despite takeover by the Clifton

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Inns chain, The Sun's legendary beer exhibition continues to draw the crowds and its sister pub, The Moon retains a good local atmosphere.

The small Queens Larder and Dolphin Tavern both have a bit of character as well as a good choice of beers from the Whitbread stable. The Yorkshire Grey lacks charm but is worth a visit to try their home brews and perhaps to listen to one of their jazz sessions. Hotel bars can provide a quiet refuge when pubs are busy. Try the Bonnington which is very comfortable indeed and has no smoking areas. Further details of all these pubs are in the new edition of the North London Beer Guide, available at £2.50 from Steve Barnes, 25 Old Kenton Lane, London NW9 9ND (cheques payable to CAMRA North London).

JOHN CONEN

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All correct entries received by first post on 30th September will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the November 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



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Winner of the prize for the July crossword: Phil Kempton, 36 Avenue Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 9TY.

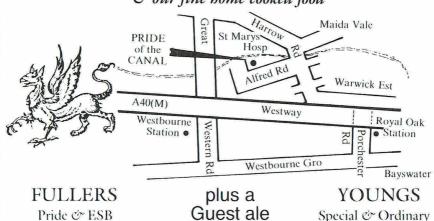
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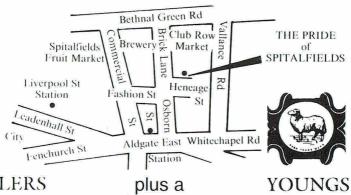


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NORTHERN WASTES

Merton's Historicrawls over long forgotten railways prompted me to conduct my own crawl over a disused line. This one closed far more recently though, for whilst passenger trains were withdrawn by BR in 1954, much of the line was retained for stock transfers until 1970. More bizarre though is that, had it not been for the war, it would today be electrified and part of LT's Northern Line.

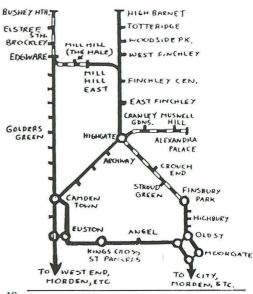
I refer to the 'Northern Heights' railway line, built by the Great Northern Railway in 1867, which ran from Finsbury Park to Edgware via Stroud Green, Highgate, Finchley and Mill Hill. Further extensions saw branches run from Finchley to High Barnet in 1872, and from Highgate to Alexandra Palace in 1873. Some of the names are familiar from the Underground map of today, but what of the rest? Unbelievebly, in spite of the millions of pounds spent preparing these lines for tube train operation, the scheme was suspended as the war progressed, only to be cancelled afterwards due to 'changed circumstances'.

Starting at Finsbury Park, here the Moorgate -Finsbury Park tube line built by the Great Northern & City in 1902 was to be linked to the Northern Heights line, LT erected a huge girder framework here just prior to war, which was to form the basis of an imposing new facade for the station. In the event no further work was done. and it remained a rusting eyesore until demolished in the early seventies. I call first at the RAILWAY (Taylor Walker), a single 'U'shaped bar with an Irish atmosphere, which sells Best Bitter a little expensively at £1 a pint. Cutting through the foot tunnel which links the bus station in Wells Terrace to the one in Station Place, I reach the SILVER BULLET (Whitbread). This was once dreadfully run down, but has recently been refurbished. The bar nearest the station is decorated with bus and rail prints, and Wethered Bitter is on handpump. Outside, the 1930's tiling bears an innsign depicting a LNER A4 Pacific ('Mallard' type).

The route of the line from Finsbury Park to Highgate is now designated a 'Parkland Walk' by the council, so can easily be traced. Access is from the end of Woodstock Road, which itself leads off of Stroud Green Road. The walk is marked on the maps of the 'Geographia' company, as well as on the new coloured A – Z's. As I'm not walking it today, I return to Well Terrace and take a W7 bus. The relatively high frequency of the route shows just what demand there would have been had LT electrified the line. Going north along Stroud Green Road, I

note the new J.D. Wetherspoon pub being prepared for opening. The bus route approximately parallels the old line, which it passes over about half way along Crouch Hill. From the bridge a large, square building can be seen on the left, just by the trackbed. This was Crouch End substation, built for the electrification but never used. It is now a recreation centre. LT laid miles of cabling along the length of its intended new lines, as well as conductor rail in most cases too. The cable brackets remain today, hidden deep in the undergrowth.

Alighting at Crouch End Broadway, I return south, down Crouch End Hill. On the left is the RAILWAY (Charrington). Another 1930's pub, of the Brewers' Tudor mould, it retains its seperate public and saloon bars and sells IPA and Bass. The saloon is much used by students from the nearby art college, and as I sip my half of IPA I wonder if they ever give a thought to where the railway is now, probably not. A little further down Crouch Hill is the site of Crouch End Station. Both platforms still remain, these were rebuilt by LT to compromise main line/tube train height and some LT-style nosing stones still exist. A mural by the stairs to the Walk shows the only train still seen on the line, a LNER N2 Tank.



Boarding another W7, a quick run along Park Road brings me to Muswell Hill. I am now off of the route of the main line, and am instead on the path of the Alexandra Palace branch, Starting from Highgate, there were intermediate stations at Cranley Gardens and Muswell Hill. These were demolished after BR withdrew its steam service in 1954, their sites occupied respectively by an old people's home and a school, Muswell Hill station stood in Muswell Hill itself, just next to the GREEN MAN (Watney). Typical Chef & Brewer, my visit finds both Webster's and Ruddles County 'off', though they do have handpump cider. Across the road in the 'Swiss Chalet' it is even worse, with handpumps removed altogether.

Giving up the area as a bad job, I make for a 134 bus from the Broadway. Another route cursed by one-man buses, after what seems an age I arrive at Highgate. On the corner of Archway Road and Muswell Hill Road stands the WOODMAN (Watney), which unlike their previous establishment actually manages to sell me some beer. The usual choice, Ruddles, Combes and Webster's. Highgate was the last station before the Finchley and Alexandra Palace lines diverged, and the platforms were sited in a deep cutting between two sets of short tunnels. In 1939 LT extended their Northern Line from Archway to a new station below the LNER platforms, before running on to link up with the line from Finsbury Park at East Finchley.

In 1941 LT opened a new station building on the old LNER (ex GNR) platforms. Designed in their usual modern style, it even bore bullseye signs ready for the tube trains which were to come. In the event though it became redundant when the BR service ceased in 1954, but still stands today and can be glimpsed from the beer garden of the 'Woodman', or from the Priory Gardens exit of the Northern Line station.

I next enter the present Highgate Station, noting the platforms are still in pure 1930's style, but for how much longer? After a short wait, a northbound train arrives. Soon I am travelling deep underground. Above me is the junction of the Alexandra Palace branch, as well as Highgate tube depot, itself disused too. The train bursts to the surface, and on the right are two rusting tracks. These should have carried the trains from Finsbury Park into the centre platforms at East Finchley. Kept for access to Highgate depot, the latters closure made them surplus in 1984.

East Finchley is still almost a complete 1930's design, spoilt only by the insensitive new lighting put in recently by LT. On the rail bridge

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Bryan or Sandra — as above.

spanning the Great North Road, an archer shooting an arrow towards London symbolises rapid transit. The ticket hall windows still bear an eye-shaped frame which once held the LNER totem, now only LT's remains. Next door is the OLD WHITE LION (Charrington), built in 1938 by Wenlock when an earlier building was demolished due to the widening of the railway. Another Brewer's Tudor edifice with three bars, offering IPA and Bass. Before the war, the chairmen of LT and the LNER paused here for lunch whilst inspecting the new works.

Another train takes me one stop to Finchley Centrel. This is the junction of the Barnet and Edgware lines, but whilst the Barnet branch was electrified in 1940 as planned, the line to Edgware was curtailed at Mill Hill East and electrified as a single line only. Finchley Central was to have been rebuilt as a four platform station, similar to East Finchley. But the war put paid to that, so it retains its rustic GNR buildings. Across the road is the MINSTREL (Courage), an appallingly rundown tip in urgent need of redecoration. I quickly gulp down a half of Best before returning to the station.

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Within a few minutes a Mill Hill East train arrives, and I travel the short distance to the terminus. Opposite Mill Hill East Station is the barracks, the sole reason the line was electrified thus far in 1941. Beyond here, freight continued to run until the 1960's, when these trains too were withdrawn and the line lifted. The steam passenger service to Edgware was suspended in 1939 to allow the new works to take place, never to be reinstated, and the 240 bus put on as a 'temporary' replacement. Around the corner from the station is the RAILWAY ENGINEER (Taylor Walker), serving Best and Burton. Formerly the 'Railway', its renaming as the 'Royal Engineer' to honour the barracks provoked an outcry, hence the present compromise.

One intermediate station existed between here and Edgware, Mill Hill (The Hale). In theory at least, buses 221 and 240 give a 10 minute service over this section. Indeed I do not wait long before catching a 240. Mill Hill itself is scarred by the viaduct carrying the M1 motorway, and it was spoil from this which obliterated most of the route of the line in this area. But part of the platform of The Hale Station still stands, under the bridge next to the park in Bunns Lane. Instead of viewing this I remain on the bus, until coming to the junction of Hale and Dean Lanes. Ignoring the 'Everglades' - formerly the 'Green Man', I enter instead the RAILWAY TAVERN (Truman). Another single-bar pub, with an attractive conservatory drinking area at the back. It has the widest range of real ales yet, with the complete Truman set - Bitter, Best and Sampson, as well as Ruddles County. Railway relics cover the walls, and the pub was Enfield & Barnet CAMRA's Pub of the Month in June 1985.

Outside again, another 240 takes me to Edgware. Here the 1867 GNR line would have, once electrified, been diverted from its own station into the Northern Line one, which had reached Edgware from Golders Green in 1924. The two new platforms built at the Underground station for the extra trains remain unused today. Edgware also boasts the RAILWAY HOTEL (Truman), one of the finest examples of Brewers' Tudor in North London. The two L-shaped bars are now combined, but little else has been done to alter the interior. Three real ales – Best, Sampson and Webster's.

Edgware marks the end of the Northern Heights line, but not of what was proposed. For LT's pre-war plans envisaged extending tube trains north of Edgware, through green fields to Elstree and Bushey Heath. In the days before the Green Belt, rapid development was expected once the

railway came. So I take a 107 to the roundabout where Edgware Way and Spur Road meet. Standing gaunt in a field are a row of half demolished brick arches. These were to carry the line into Brockley Hill Station, which would have stood just north of the Edgware Way. Unused following the abandonment of the extensions, they were blown up by the Army in the fifties as part of a training exercise.

A few hundred yards along Spur Road is my final pub, the CORNER HOUSE (Taylor Walker). It typifies the 1930's 'roadhouses', and has three bars, these being saloon/saloon/and games. The usual Best/Burton choice is offered. From Brockley Hill the proposed line was to run north to Elstree Hill, before terminating at Bushey Heath. A huge new depot was built at Aldenham to house the trains needed to operate the new, enlarged Northern Line. Isolated when the Green Belt prevented further outward expansion, it was converted to a bus overhaul works. This did not save it though, and the reduction in size of the bus fleet saw it close in 1986

After BR closed the Alexandra Palace line in 1954, the section of line from East Finchley to Finsbury Park was retained for stock movements until 1970, when this too was lifted. When one considers how built-up most of the areas served by the Northern Heights lines are, it seems incredible how anyone could have sanctioned the cancellation of the scheme, especially when LT went ahead with sending tube trains to Ongar in 1957! Nevertheless, enough remains to remind North London of what it could have, and should have got forty years ago.

EASTENDER

(Further details of the uncompleted Northern Line extensions can be found in 'Northern Wastes', a recently published 48 page illustrated history in A4 size, available from: Regent Press, 8 The Rowans, London N13 at £4.95)

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



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STANE STREET STAGGER — Part 4. The Elephant is not Forgotten

The previous part of this epic finished at the PLOUGH & HARROW in what was known as Newington from about 1200 when it was a new village. On the main road this is the last pub before reaching that traffic nightmare now known as Elephant & Castle after a pub we soon encounter.

However, shortly after leaving the Plough & Harrow on our northwest journey we meet a comparative rarity, a cycle-crossing. Go right here for the HAMPTON COURT PALACE (1), a large, comfortable pub of about the 1880s supplying Truman Best and Webster's Yorkshire. Back to the crossing and stay on the right side of the road. It's a sad sign of the times that special lights are needed for cyclists: their means of conveyance long pre-dates the infernal combustion engine and all other forms of road transport, except steam and feet, human or otherwise. Even so, there is no automatic cycle phase. Someone needs to press a pedestrian button.

On the first roundabout we encounter BLAKE'S BAR (12) to the right, formerly the Pineapple, which occasionally serves Combes Bitter. On the second roundabout is the ELEPHANT & CASTLE (13) itself serving Truman Sampson. This is the third pub on the site, on a junction once known as Kennington Cross. Its predecessor dating from about 1760 was a famous coaching inn, and as pub names were used to indicate the stops, it stuck to the whole area. To this day London Transport uses pub names to indicate destinations following the same custom — perhaps a project for one of Red Rover's successors? (Or I may try it myself — you have been warned).

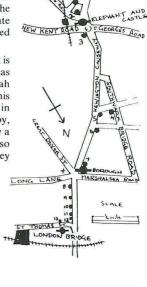
There is some controversy as to the origin of the name. One version is that it is a corruption of *Infanta de Castilla* — Spanish for Castillian Princess. Just as possible is that it is based on the device of an elephant bearing a howdah (which looks like a chess castle) on its back, which was recorded in this country in the 15th century, and was the arms of the Royal Africa Company in 1588. Local legend suggests that elephant bones were once unearthed nearby, which is quite possible. The first elephant seen in England was drawn by a monk of St. Albans named Matthew Paris in the 13th Century. It is also possible that the Romans used elephants over here (rather like tanks) — they certainly did so on the continent.

A well-known son of the area was Charlie Chaplin, but when they decided to name a pub after him nearby he refused to have anything to do with it. Hardly surprising; he spent his early years in misery in South London including some time in an orphanage in West Norwood.

Proceeding up Newington Causeway — so named for about 3 centuries — a deviation to the left along Southwark Bridge Road brings us to the GOOSE AND FIRKIN (4), David Bruce's first pub serving his own brews as well as a range of guest beers, real cider and excellent value food. This pub, formerly the Duke of York, was the prototype of the string of "Firkin" theme pubs whose success goes from strength to strength.

If you prefer to stay on the original route, disregard this detour (from the Goose it's left along Borough Road to the next stop). Go towards London Bridge until you reach the SHIP (5), a Fullers house with their full range. Until a few years back this was a free house.

Continuing northwards, we reach the RED LION (6) selling Ruddles County, Websters and Combes. When Watney's got the message about real ale in 1975 and produced Fined Bitter (remember it?) this was one of its first outlets.



Next we come to the HOLE IN THE WALL (7), a recent re-conversion with Charrington IPA and Bass.

Borough Station alongside marks the point of deviation of the underground line from its original course. In 1900 the line was diverted to London Bridge and onwards. The section from here under the Thames to King William Street in the city was abandoned but still exists as storage space, and during the last war King William Street Station was used as an air raid shelter. The name Borough is an abbreviation of Borough of

Southwark, but the word derives from the Old English burh which persists in place names such as Bury (and as a suffix, such as in Tilbury), Edinburgh, Brough and so on, denoting a fortified settlement. Incidentally, Southwark comes from Suthgeweork — the Southern fortification

On the right beyond the church we pass the site of the Tabard, where Chaucer's pilgrims assembled. It was here that the road to Rochester, Canterbury and Dover turned off the route which concerns us. That road is known as Watling Street, and the A2 follows it for quite a bit of the way. Nearly every building between here and the Thames was once an inn. London Bridge was the only crossing point until 1739 and ground for some way both up and downstream was marshy. As the bridge was often closed to traffic at night many hostelries sprang up alongside the road to cater for travellers shut out or wanting to make an early start. There are only 4 left now, but I'll take in a couple just off the route. THE BLUE EYED MAID (8) serving Ruddles County, Websters and Combes is the late Victorian successor of a famous coaching inn of the same name. Originally known as the Blue Maid, it was first marked as such on a map in 1542. In its heyday it had accommodation for 300 travellers and their horses - which were stabelled in a yard approached by the road alongside. Now known as Chapel Court in honour of a nonconformist place of worship built in 1690, it was formerly known as Blue Maid Yard. This was the starting point of a stagecoach - also known as the Blue Maid which ran from Southwark to Dover. Charles Dickens, who lived locally for sometime including a period in the nearby Marshalsea Prison where his father was held for debt, mentions the coach in Little Dorrit as the means of conveyance to the coast of that lady's husband, Arthur Clennam.

As you walk up (if you have the energy), note the names of the yards which indicate the pubs they served.

A few yards along Newcomen St. to the right, the KINGS ARMS (9) has Courage Directors and Best. The stone royal arms above the door came from Old London Bridge.



Back on Borough High Street, THE GRAPES (10) with the same beers as those just mentioned gives a good impression of what many local buildings must have looked like in the middle of the last century. For something a bit older, the next stop is the famous GEORGE (11) with a



selection from Flowers, Wethered, Brakspear and Greene King Abbot and draught cider. The photographs on the staircase leading up from the "George" room are worth inspecting for an impression of bygone Southwark. The pub is too well known to need description here — and it's unique.

A few doors along past the site of the oncefamous White Hart, down an alley is the OLD KING'S HEAD (12), Courage Directors and Best. Once again, the old photos are worth a glance.

My final port of call just around the corner is St. Thomas Street is the BUNCH OF GRAPES (13) which offers Young and Brakspear Bitters.

Southwark has a great deal of history, but I wrote it up fairly extensively in my Southwarkcrawl in the August 1984 issue — back numbers are available for 25p from Stan Tompkins, whose address appears elsewhere in this issue.

Pubs numbers 6 and 13 on that map no longer exist, so ignore them.

Now — where shall I go next? Cheers

MERTON

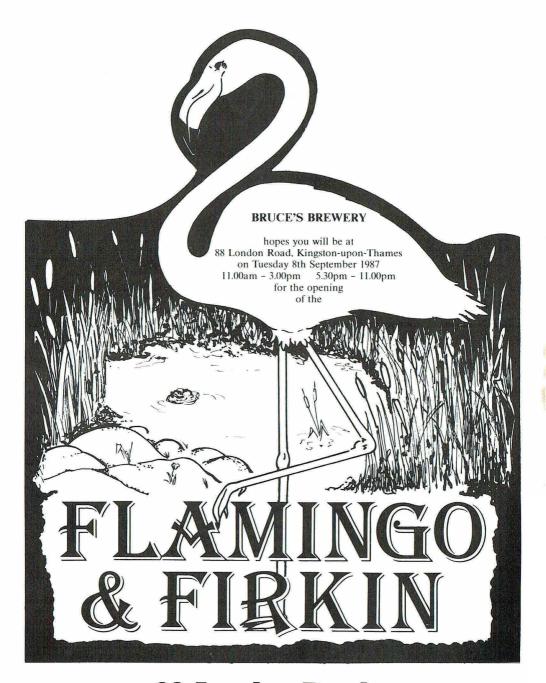
IT MAKES YOU THINK!

Did you know that on an IBM personal computer the spellingcheck facility allows "John Smiths" and "Bass" but rejects "Whitbread"?

Alternatives given include "whispered, whimpered or windbreak".

Well, obviously it is a name that no one would shout and anyone attempting to drink it may well start whimpering. Some form of windbreak may also be needed to counteract the aftereffects!





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NORTH LONDON NEWS

- * The Portland Arms, the Charrington pub in St. John's Wood High Street has been renamed 'The Third Mrs Gioconda'! In charge is Ralph Taylor, formerly of the nearby Good Beer Guide-listed Ordnance Arms, so good ale is guaranteed, as well as pizzas and pasta in the integral restaurant.
- * Charrington are set to open a brand new pub in the former off-licence premises at 121 Alexandra Road, N10. The pub will be called the Maid of Muswell, a name chosen as a result of a competition in the local Hornsey Journal newspaper. The pub promises to be traditional in character and will irrigate a very underpubbed area of North London.
- * Pubs for sale include the Radnor, a Courage house in Mildmay Grove, N1, the Prince George of Cumberland in Albany Street, NW1 and the Narrow Boat free house on the River Lea in Tottenham.
- * The Duchess of Kent in Liverpool Road, N7 has reopened as the Fox and Fiddle following an extensive refurbishment by Taylor Walker which includes a new conservatory and a children's room.
- * A new free house has been opened by the Inn Leisure chain in an unlikely venue in the High Road, South Tottenham, adjacent to South Tottenham Station. The Dutch House is selling Hook Norton, Marstons and Greene King beers.
- * New managers at the Victoria in Highgate are Nev and Carol Berry. The Vic had a lean time after Baldwin Inns took over earlier this year the closure for redecoration and swingeing price increases led to most of the locals deserting the pub. Things are now looking up, with a new beer garden open, food at all times and regular jazz on Wednesday, Friday and Sundays.
- * News from Stoke Newington: Marler's Bar, Stoke Newington High Street was recently gutted by fire, a barmaid being rescued from an upstairs window by a passing fireman (writes Trevor Unwin) The pub is thought to have reverted to Tolly Cobbold a few days earlier although it was not included in the recent deal between that brewery and Tim Martin's J.D. Wetherspoon organisation. Almost opposite, The Three Crowns has opened after extensive refurbishment. Once one of Whitbread's least attractive establishments (from a field of many) the pub is now in the same ownership as the Earl of Warwick, Beatty Road, and boasts three

Real Ales and a restaurant with dress restriction. There were scenes of near-riot in the Prince of Wales, Kynaston Road, when the landlord announced swingeing increases in beer prices. Charrington IPA now costs 85p a pint, surely still the cheapest around—any better offers?

JOHN CONEN

LETTER TO THE EDITORS



Dear Editors

It is indeed good news that Mr. Paterson, brewer at the Brixton Brewery is adding yet another beer to his range, but it is misleading to refer to it as lager.

If in fact he is using top fermenting yeast as you infer, what he is brewing is a beer in the style of Cologne called Kölsch. The recipe is similar to those used for lager, but top fermenting yeast is used. The citizens of Cologne would be most insulted if one referred to their style of beer as lager.

Mr. Paterson would in my opinion be missing what might be a valuable sales aid if he did not call his new beer 'CONWAY'S KÖLSCH'. Provided he did not export his beer to Germany, he would probably escape the law there which forbids the description 'Kölsch' unless the beer is brewed within the municipal boundaries of Cologne.

Certainly, if he can match the quality of genuine 'Kölsch', I shall be one of its most ardent devotees.

Yours sincerely,

W.G. Broadley,

Chairman CAMPAIGN FOR AUTHENTIC LAGER.

Cuffley, HERTS.



BOOK REVIEW

Real Ale and Real Pubs in Sussex

To cover every pub in a county the size of Sussex is a mammoth task. But that is exactly what the Sussex branches of CAMRA have achieved in an excellent beer guide which was published just in time for the Great British Beer Festival. Nearly 1500 pubs were visited, and every one is listed—those closed at the time of visiting as well as a tiny minority of 105 fizz-only establishments. The entries are clear, giving addresses and, where necessary, a grid reference. The use of numbers to indicate facilities offered gives an uncluttered appearance, and the comments are well thought-out and worth reading.

Something occasionally lacking in beer guides is a clear content list; in this case, you couldn't ask for a better one. Mentioning which, apart from the usual articles: CAMRA, the English Pub, Brewing, County brewing history and the brewers and beers represented, there is an excellent article on the true story of licensing laws.

Also appearing are separate lists in alphabetical order of place name of clubs with real ale and pubs respectively with children's facilities, mild,

special features or attractions, accommodation, restaurants, function and meeting rooms, camping and caravan facilities.

Line drawings add to the interest of the guide, and the provision of town maps is useful to the stranger. They are, however, not as easy to follow as could be the case, being proprietary ones with detail which is unnecessary in a search for pubs, which themselves are not marked.

There is no county map, which would have been useful, but I understand that there were technical reasons for both of these facts.

Nevertheless, an excellent guide at £2.95; copies are obtainable from Phill Bethell, 29 Stirling Court Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 OPS.

The sample entry reproduced below refers to a pub featured elsewhere in this issue.

M.S.

Newpound Common

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CAPES AND ALE by P. Sartist



The characters:— Movement, Whip, Nosh and Log: four cyclists on a week's trip from Southampton to Northampton. The scene:— the idyllic Cotswold village of Little Barrington. We enter — THE FOX INN (Donnington) Nosh drinks the bitter, the rest drink mild. The bitter is cloudy. After half a pint, Nosh slips on to the special. It is cloudy. Nosh drinks it and tries one more. It is cloudier. Time to complain. Whip, an expert in diplomacy, says "Excuse me, this beer's rubbish." "No it's not. Hold it up to the light." He refuses to change it.

The governor comes in. We expect satisfaction. Instead, we are subjected to a tirade of abuse. "Do you drink much real beer?" (Sixty pints in the last four days.) "I'll give you £50 if you can take me to a pub where the beers consistently clearer than that. "I've been serving beer for twenty years and it's always been like that." There follows a heated debate on various matters which proves both lively and interesting but which leads to us being thrown out of the pub. We return to the camp site full of righteous anger and secure in the knowledge that there's still fifteen minutes to go till closing time!, In a rather confused state, we pitch the tents and sleep.

Wednesday May 27th

We rise to a warm, mellow morning. Nosh provides a picnic breakfast. We strike camp and feast our eyes again on the beauty of Little Barrington. Then over the Gloucestershire hills to Great Rissington. The pub is shut so we cycle past hundreds of empty houses at the Air Force base into Nether Westcote, to THE NEW INN (Morrell's). Several games of bar billiards, several home-made steak and kidney pies and several pints later, we cycle off through rolling country and kip by the side of the road. Later, we reflect on the fact that we've cycled fourteen miles through several villages without seeing a single shop.

A two mile ride finds us in Chipping Norton — THE CHEQUERS (Hall's) — THE BLUE BOAR (Marston's) - THE CROWN AND CUSHION (Donnington's and Wadworth's). Then five miles into Hook Norton. We suss out several camp sites, all unsatisfactory for various reasons, then enter - THE RAILWAY INN (Hook Norton) with "Oxfordshire Aunt Sally" in the garden. We cycle back through the village, which looks lived-in compared to the Cotswold villages, and go to see Hook Norton Brewery. It is an impressive, almost awe-inspiring sight as it looms above us like a Victorian hulk in the half light. A hundred yards away is — THE PEAR TREE (Hook Norton) where a kind, thoughtful landlady offers us the pub garden to camp in. Wonderful. We relax and get nicely drunk. Movement falls in love with a girl in the pub. Log falls asleep.

Thursday May 28th

On waking we find we are in a little glade by a babbling brook. A perfect pitch. The first rain of the week begins to fall. We cycle off towards Banbury, on the way struggling up a 1-in-6 hill. We are rewarded with a two mile downhill stretch without a single turn of the pedals. A full breakfast at the bus station then into - THE WHEATSHEAF (M&B). A basic, lively, friendly pub. Tremendous atmosphere; everybody knows everybody else. Full of chatter and laughter. On to - THE WINE VAULTS (Free House Marston's). A neglected stone floored pub with four small rooms predominant colours nicotine yellow and pre-war brown. Wooden benches. A great place for those who like to drink in simple, solid surroundings. A Salt and Co., mirror on the wall worth about £5,000. The landlord regales us with stories of tandem rides into Cornwall during the war. No afters.

After a deep pan pizza and a visit to Tesco's for provisions, we ride through rush hour traffic into the village of Chacombe — THE GEORGE AND DRAGON (Free House, Theakston's, Donnington's, Adnams). Welcome sign outside giving opening times. It opens on the dot of 5.30. Five miles, with a puncture on the way, to Chipping Warden — THE ROSE AND CROWN (Hook Norton) then onto — THE STAR at Sulgrave, flagstone floor and inglenook fireplace, unfortunately closed down. Again, we fail to find a good camp site and cycle onto Marston St. Lawrence to — THE MARSTON INN (Hook Norton). This is an

absolute gem. The room is the size of a living room with an assortment of chairs and a log fire in a small grate. The walls are bare. The whole place has an air of being lovingly cared for. At the counter stands an elderly man who goes downstairs to the cellar and brings our beers on a tray. There are only two other people in the room.

Over the next two hours the evening develops into a magical one. Customers come in gradually until the place is comfortably crowded and the country burr fills the log smoky atmosphere. The landlady enters, bright, welcoming, attractive in her old age. Her son lives in Romsey, which we passed through. "The apple of my eye." We hear tales of his family. "Do you want to see the relic?" Out comes a large leather bottle, over three hundred years old, once used as a communal liquor pot by the villagers. Frank, the governor, loves fishing and makes his own flies. We all admire them, apart from Whip, who's at the loo. On his return, Log causes some confusion when he asks Frank, "Can we have another look at your flies?" "Where are you camping?" asks the landlady. We explain. "Why not camp on our lawn at the back?" Paradise. After four or five pints there is an air of fantasy about the place. A regular knows Worthing, Whips home town, like the back of his hand. They swap memories of pubs, many of which are now sadly closed. Another pint, more stories from a marvellous couple and we drift out, almost literally onto the lawn, where in soft refreshing rain we pitch our tents.

Friday May 29th

We rise to bright sunshine and take the tents down. "Would you like a cup of tea?" enquires Frank. With thirsts quenched, we leave the clucking of the bantams, the quacking of the ducks, the chirping of the budgerigars and with profuse thanks, we leave Frank and his wife to their immaculate vegetable garden and cycle off with happiness in our hearts.

Yet more idyllic cycling through rolling Northamptonshire finds us in Blakesy — THE BARTHOLOMEW ARMS (Marston's). Over the road is a tiny Nat. West Bank, opening times Thursday 11am to 1pm, and a charming little post office-cum general stores where we buy playing cards made in East Germany. The pub has many naval artefacts and a tasty refined barmaid. We enjoy the hundredth pint of the week. To Eastcote — THE EASTCOTE ARMS (Eastcote Bitter).

We cycle on in perfect conditions and we are contemplating the beauty of the world in general and cycling in particular when, in Whip's phrase "The Bike Bites Back" Nosh has a blow out in his rear tube. The tyre is useless and cannot be repaired. We have no spare tyre. Whip and Log set off for Northampton along the busy, hilly A43. We estimate it's six miles there and back. It turns out to be fourteen. We arrive back hot, sweaty and worn out. Unfortunately, Nosh's wheel is metric, the tyre is imperial and, consequently is an inch too big for the wheel. Nosh, on a borrowed bike, and Movement set off for Northampton on the fourteen mile round trip along the busy, hilly A43. While they're away, a bloke comes by and tells us there's a bike shop in Towcester, two miles away.

With the tyre fitted, we move on, exhausted, to the canal museum at Stoke Bruerne and have a mediocre pint in — THE BOAT INN (Free House, Marston's). On wearily, to Great Houghton, just outside Northampton. We suss out a poor camp site in the entrance to a field, then enter — THE CHERRY TREE (Charles Well's), described as, "Pretty basic but posh" by the local guide. After eight pints we cycle uphill to the camp site, finish off the food and enjoy some hilarity bitter.

Saturday May 30th

We rise to a breezy, sunny morning, packup quickly and after a three mile ride, sandwiches at the Traveller's Fare and an eighty minute train journey, we arrive at Euston. A dusty ride through London. We cycle past Waterloo Bridge which is closed for the finish of the Milk Race. (But could they do sixteen miles to the gallon?) We make our way to Clapham Junction to — THE BEEHIVE (Fuller's) South West London CAMRA pub of the year, for a cocktail of Chiswick, Pride and ESB. We sleep it off on Clapham Common, then home to bath, bed and dreams of a marvellous week.

BLACK COUNTRY REAL ALE WEEKEND

Elsewhere in this magazine D ddley Leisure Services are promoting another of their successful 'Real Ale Weekends'. Being a paying customer on the last one (June '87), I can report a well organised and excellent value for money, weekend break.

Brewery trips (we managed 5... or was it 6...?), low prices, real pubs and an endless supply of good quality mild ale. (Hanson's mild production outnumbers that of bitter by 4 to 1!) made this a memorable few days.

An honourable mention also for our amiable guides, who at the end of each session will cheerfully carry you back onto the Beer Bus with a song and a smile. Highly recommended.

BARRY TILLBROOK

REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 33.

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

W1 BLITZ, 23 Orchard St. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. A basement bar

W1 CROWN & SCEPTRE, 86 Great Tichfield St. Bass, Charrington: IPA

W1 CHESTERFIELDS, 7 Shepherd St. Bass, Charrington: IPA. Formerly OLD CHESTERFIELD (re-instatement).

WI DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 77 Wardour St. Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA (re-instatement).

WI KINGS ARMS, 68 Tichfield St. Charrington: IPA.

W1 SAMUAL PEPYS, 29 Clarges St. Bass, Charrington: IPA (re-instatement)

E1 ACE OF HEARTS, 60 Stepney Green. Tolly Cobbold: Original (E53)

COLLIER ROW PINEWOODS, St Johns Rd. Ruddle: County, Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster:

Yorkshire Bitter. New one bar Watney pub with fine countryside views. Expensive.

DAGENHAM CHERRY TREE, Wood Lane. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter

ROMFORD AMALIAS, 48 High St. Ind Coope: Burton Ale (X82)

NORTH

N7 FOX & FIDDLE, 441 Liverpool Rd. Benskins: Best Bitter, Ind Coope: Burton Ale, Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, Tetley: Yorkshire Bitter. Formerly DUCHESS OF KENT (re-instatement) (N69)

N15 DUTCH HOUSE, 148 High Rd. Greene King: Abbot Ale, Hook Norton: Bitter, Old Hookey, Marston: Pedigree. New 'Inn Leisure' Free House in former restaurant premises.

N16 GOLDEN LADY, 2 Clissold Rd. Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. Formerly ALBION (re-instatement) (N94) N18 GROVE TAVERN, 51 Snells Park. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter (N100)

NORTH WEST

EDGWARE SPARROWHAWK, Flowers: Original Bitter (already listed in Updates) (N178)

SOUTH EAST

SE1 ARCH 970, 18 Duke Street Hill. Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA. New Younger tied house in arch under London Bridge Station. Closes 8pm Sat. and all

SE1 BRICKLAYERS, Gainsford St. Truman: Best Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. A Truman pub, reopened after 20 years to serve new riverside development.

SEI HORNIMAN AT HAY'S, St Martins Walk/Battle Bridge Lane, off Tooley St. Adnams: Bitter, Boddington: Bitter, Ind Coope: Burton Ale, Marston: Pedigree, Tetley: Bitter. New Nicholsons Free House, on riverside, part of Hay's Galleria

development, near H.M.S. Belfast. Housed in shell of former warehouse, it has a grandscale mock-Victoria decorative interior. Expensive.

SE8 ROYAL GEORGE, 85A Tanners Hill. Samuel Smith: OBB, Museum Ale. Sam Smith's latest tied

house, formerly Courage. (SE65)

SE10 WILLIAM IV, 155 Trafalgar Rd. Banks & Taylor: Shefford Bitter (OG1037), Best Bitter (OG1041), SOD (OG1050), SOS (OG1050). A former Charrington pub now Banks & Taylors third London tied house (SE86)

SE14 NEW CROSS INN, 323 New Cross Rd. Courage: Best Bitter (SE107)

SOUTH WEST

SW11 GREYHOUND, 136 Battersea High St. Charrington: IPA (SW40) SW18 ROYAL STANDARD, 1 Ballantine St.

Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter (SW54)

WEST

W2 PRINCE OF WALES, 2 Cleveland St. Bass, Charrington: IPA

W3 WHITE LION, 20 High St. Courage: Best Bitter W6 CHANCELLORS, 25 Crisp Rd. Watney: Combes Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. W6 GOLDEN GLOVES, 80 Fulham Palace Rd.

Charrington: IPA

W6 OLD CITY ARMS, 107 Hammersmith Bridge Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter

W10 BARNS, 40 Silchester Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Formerly NOTTING BARN TAVERN (reinstatement)

W10 BREWSTERS BEER HOUSE, 13 North Pole Rd. Webster Yorkshire Bitter (re-instatement)

W10 EARL PERCY, 225 Ladbroke Grove. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter

W11 CROWN, 57 Princedale Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (re-instatement)

W11 GOLDEN CROSS, 74 Lancaster Rd. Webster:

Yorkshire Bitter (re-instatement) W11 STAR, 46 Queensdale Rd. Watney: Combes

Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter BRENTFORD WATERMANS, 40 High St. Fuller:

London Pride, ESB. Bar in riverside theatre/arts

HILLINGDON PRINCE OF WALES, 1 Harlington Rd. Fuller: London Pride, ESB.

DELETIONS

CENTRAL

W1 CAFE ROYAL BAR Free House, renamed DANIELS WINE BAR H removed (28)

WI WHITE BEAR INN Free House, closed (31) WC1 DUKE OF WELLINGTON Charrington, H unused (32, N15)

WC1 HARRISON ARMS Watney, H unused (S8) 5 WC1 NEW MERLINS CAVE Free House, H unused (32) *

EC1 JOINT & GAM Truman, closed (S10, E18)

^{*} already listed in N. Guide (2nd edition)

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EAST

HAROLD HILL (Noak Hill) BEAR INN Charrington, H unused (U23, X77) RAINHAM CAULIFLOWER Charrington, H

unused (56)

NORTH

ALMA TAVERN Charrington (S23)

NI BARING ARMS Truman (S23)

N1 BELINDA CASTLE Taylor Walker (59) N1 DOWNHAM ARMS Watney (S23)

NI DUCHESS OF KENT Watney, H removed (U14)

W1 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE Courage (U10)

KENILWORTH CASTLE Taylor Walker (59) LADY MILDMAY Whitbread (U13) N1

NI

MARKET TAVERN Courage (U14) NI

MITRE 130 Upper St. Charrington (60) OLD QUEENS HEAD Watney (U14) NI

N1

NI PERSEVERANCE Watney (U3)

N4 FINSBURY PARK TAVERN Taylor Walker (U6)

N7 CITY OF LONDON Charrington, H unused (U5)

N7 HOLLOWAY CASTLE Charrington, H unused

(S25)

N7 LAMB TAVERN Courage, H unused (S25)

N7 MEDINA TAVERN Charrington, H unused (63)

N7 ST GEORGES THEATRE BAR Free House, H unused (63)

N8 TRACKS Formerly RAILWAY HOTEL, Watney, H unused (525, U22)

N9 OLD CIRCUS Charrington, H removed (U20)

N9 STEPS Whitbread, H removed (64, S25)

N14 WAGGON & HORSES Watney, H removed (S26)

N15 BULL Taylor Walker (65)

N15 PRINCE ARTHUR Truman, closed (U14)

N16 ARMY & NAVY Truman, H removed (65) HOWARD ARMS Free House (S26) N16

N16 PRINCE OF WALES, 1 Allen Rd. Courage, H

removed (\$26)

N16 THREE CROWNS Whitbread, closed future uncertain (U1)

N17 BELL & HARE Whitbread, H unused (S26)

NARROW BOAT Free House, H unused (S28) N17

N17 PARK HOTEL Whitbread, H removed (U5)

WHITE HART, Devonshire Hill Lane, N17 Whitbread, H removed (S28)

N17 WHITE HART, 51 The Hale, Charrington, H unused (S28)

ARCHWAY TAVERN Watney (U13)

N19 DRUM & MONKEY, Taylor Walker (U25)

N19 PRINCE OF DENMARK Charrington (U5)

N19 SHAFTESBURY Taylor Walker (66)

WHITTINGTON STONE Charrington (U20) N19

KINGS ARMS renamed KINGS, Charrington N22

(S28)ENFIELD WHITE HOUSE Watney, H removed

(S29)

NORTH WEST

NW1 CONCOURSE BAR Free House, Closed (70) NW1 DRUMMONDS, 137 Drummond St. reverted to CROWN & ANCHOR, Charrington (70, S30)

SEYMOUR ARMS Taylor Walker (72) NW1

WINDSOR CASTLE 98 Park Rd. Younger, NWI closed (72)

MOTHER SHIPTON Watney (47) NW5

PRINCE OF WALES Courage (74) NW5

NW5 WOLSEY TAVERN Truman, closed (74)

NW8 PHOENIX Charrington (74)

NW10 BUCCANEER renamed BUCKS, Watney, H unused (U13)

WHITE HART Watney, H unused (S34) NW10

NW10 WILLESDEN JUNCTION Taylor Walker, H removed (75)

NW10 WILLIAM IV Courage, H removed (U2)

EDGWARE PRINCE OF WALES Truman, H unused (S33)

SOUTH EAST

SE10 COACH & HORSES 107 Blackheath Rd. Courage, H unused (\$36, \$E74)

SOUTH WEST

SWI BUFFET BAR (DIVE BAR) Truman (fizz) closed (SW16)

SW1 ST STEPHENS TAVERN Watney, closed (S45,

RICHMOND IMPERIAL Truman, converted to Pizza Restaurant (U12, SW72)

WEST

W2 BRITISH OAK Taylor Walker, H unused (124) W2 CASTLE BAR Free House, closed (124)

W2 CROWN Watney, renamed JOOLS, H removed (S53)

W2 OLIVER ARMS Taylor Walker, H unused (124) W2 WESTBOURNE TAVERN Charrington, H unused (U27)

W2 WESTMINSTER ARMS Watney, Closed (S53)

W6 LYRIC THEATRE Free House, H removed (U12) W10 CARNARVON CASTLE Truman, H removed (S55)

W11 PORTLAND ARMS Charrington, H unused (S55)

W12 CONINGHAM ARMS Charrington, H unused (S55)

W12 DUKES Watney, formerly WHEATSHEAF H

unused (S56, U22) W12 RAILWAY ARMS Charrington, H unused (129) W12 SUN Charrington, H unused (129)

W14 CLARENCE Watney, H removed (U3) FELTHAM PRINCE OF WALES Courage, closed

TWICKENHAM KINGS HEAD Watney, converted to Pizza Restaurant (S61)

W1 BEEHIVE, 126 Crawford St. +Wells: Eagle, Bitter, Bombardier, +Younger: No.3, Now a Clifton Inns 'Free House' formerly Watney tied (S6)

W1 BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 6 New Quebec St. -Ruddle: County, -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +King & Barnes: Sussex Bitter, Festive + Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA. Another Clifton Inns 'Free House', formerly Watney (S6)

W1 COCK & LION -beers listed in supplement +Adnams: Bitter, +Ruddle: County, +Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA (S6). Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House' (S6)

W1 DUKE OF ARGYLL -beers listed in RBIL and supplement, +Everard: Tiger, +Wells: Eagle Bitter, Bombardier. Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House'

W1 MASONS ARMS, 58 Devonshire St. -beers listed in supplement except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Bass, +Charrington: IPA, +Wells: Eagle Bitter. Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House' (S7)

WI MASONS ARMS, 38 Maddox St. -beers listed in supplement except Ruddle: County, +Brakspear: Bitter, Special Bitter, +Younger: IPA, No.3. Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House' (S7)

W1 ROSE & CROWN -beers listed in supplement except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Adnams: Bitter, +Everard: Tiger, +Watney: Combes Bitter. Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House' (S7)

W1 THREE TUNS -beers listed in supplement except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Adnams: Bitter, +Everard: Tiger, Old Original, +Truman: Sampson

Ale. Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House' (S7)
W1 VALIANT TROOPER -beers listed in supplement, +Wells: Bitter, Bombardier, +Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA. Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House' (S7)

WI WHITTAKER ARMS Renamed WHITTAKERS, -Watney: Stag Bitter (S8)

W1 YORKSHIRE GREY, 46 Langham St. -Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter, +Samuel Smith: OBB, Museum Ale. Now a Sam Smith's tied house, formerly Courage (32)

WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE + Ward: Princess Louise Bitter (OG1036) (32, N20)

WC2 EDGAR WALLACE -beers listed in RBIL, +Boddington: Bitter, +Brakspear: Bitter, +Flowers:

Original Bitter, +Greene King: Abbot Ale (34) WC2 GLOBE TAVERN -Friary Muex: Bitter, -Ind Coope: Burton Ale, +Adnams: Bitter, +Boddington: Bitter, +Tetley: Yorkshire -Bitter, +Wadworth: 6X. Now a Nicholson Free House, formerly Friary Meux badged Taylor Walker Pub (34)

WC2 MARQUIS OF GRANBY, 142 Shaftesbury Ave. -beers listed in supplement except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Shepherd Neame: Bitter, +Watney: Combes Bitter, +Wells: Eagle Bitter. Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House' (S9)

EC1 EAGLE - Ruddle: County, -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Banks & Taylor: Shefford Bitter (OG1037), SPA (OG1041), SOS (OG1050) SOD (OG1050). A former Watney pub, now Banks & Taylors fourth London tied house, (U27, E16)

FAST

RAINHAM (Wennington) LENNARDS Renamed WAGGON & HORSES, -Watney: Combes Bitter, Stag Bitter, +Ruddle: County, +Webster: Yorkshire Bitter

WOODFORD GREEN CRICKETERS +McMuller: A K Mild (S22, X106)

NORTH

EAST BARNET TRADITIONAL ALE & WINE TAVERN, Renamed CAT & LANTERN (69, S29) ENFIELD TOLLY BUTCHERS, +McMullen: A K Mild (U29, N184)

NORTH WEST

NW1 TRAFALGAR Renamed FUZZOCK & FIRKIN, -Green King: IPA, Abbot Ale, +Bruce: Ass Ale (OG1037), Fuzzock Ale (OG1044), Dogbolter (OG1060), +Wethered: Bitter, Bruce's tenth London pub, formerly Greene King, House beers are transported from other Bruce brewpubs and are believed to be kept under a blanket of CO₂ (72, N127) NW2 PRODUCTION VILLAGE -beers listed in RBII & N. Guide, +Charrington: IPA (72, N130) Former Free House, now Charrington tied.

SOUTH EAST

SE3 HARE & BILLET +Boddington: Bitter (82, SE42)

SE3 RAILWAY TAVERN, -Friary Meux: Bitter, +Ind Coope: Bitter (82, SE44)

SE3 ROYAL STANDARD TAVERN, -Truman Bitter, Sampson Ale, +Ruddle: County (82, SE44, SE-41) SE7 HORSE & GROOM, +Courage: Best Bitter (83, SE58)

SE7 PICKWICK, -Courage: Directors (83, SE60) WHITE HORSE, -Watney: Combes Bitter (\$36, SE7 SE61)

SE8 BRADLEYS, -Shepherd Neame: Bitter, -Younger: IPA, +Tetley: Yorkshire Bitter (83, SE63, SE-41)

SE10 ANGERSTEIN HOTEL, +John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter (84, SE72)

SE10 DUKE OF WELLINGTON, -Fremlin: Bitter, +Flowers: Original Bitter (84, SE76)

SE10 GREENWICH THEATRE +Younger: No. 3 (84, SE76)

SE10 KINGS ARMS -Courage: Directors (84, SE78) SE10 LORD HOOD -Watney: Combes Bitter, +Ruddle: County (S37, SE79)



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FULLERS

SE10 MORDEN ARMS, -Courage: Directors (U3, SE80)

SE10 PLUME OF FEATHERS -Watney: Stag Bitter (85, SE81)

SE10 PRINCE OF ORANGE +Bass (U27, SE81)

SE10 SPANISH GALLEON - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter (85, SE83)

SE10 STAR & GARTER +Ruddle: County (U27, SE83)

SE10 TRAFALGAR TAVERN +Watney: Combes Bitter (85, SE83)

SE10 VICTORIA -Truman: Bitter (U17, SE86) SE10 YACHT TAVERN +Watney: Combes Bitter

SOUTH WEST

(S37, SE86)

SWI PAVIOURS ARMS, -Courage: Best Bitter, Directors, +Fuller: Chiswick Bitter, London Pride, ESB. Fullers latest tied house, formerly Courage (106, SW17)

WEST

W2 DANIEL GOOCH -beers listed in RBIL and supplement +Boddington: Bitter, +Eldridge Pope: Dorret IPA, Royal Oak, +Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now a Clifton Inns 'Free House' ex Watney. (124, S53) W2 MOSCOW TAVERN Renamed ASHES TAVERN, -beers listed in supplement except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Ruddle: County, +Watney: Combes Bitter (S53)

W2 PRINCESS ROYAL Renamed SLUG & LETTUCE (S53, U28)

W6 HOP POLES +Ruddle: County, +Watney: Combes Bitter (S61)

W8 GOAT -beers listed in supplement except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA. Now a Clifton Inns 'Free House' ex Watney (S54) W8 GREVHOUND -beers listed in supplement except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Green King: IPA, Abbot Ale, +Ruddle: County, +Wells: Eagle Bitter, Hombardier. Another Clifton Inns 'Free House' ex Watney (S54)

W11 LADBROKE ARMS -beers listed in supplement except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Eldridge Pope: Dorset 1PA, Royal Oak. Yet another Ex-Watney, Clifton Inns 'Free House' (S55)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 32

ADDITIONS

WCI KINGS HEAD, E3 BOW BELLS, E10 DRUM, E10 PRINCE OF WALES, N22 WELLINGTON, ENFIELD PLOUGH, NW5 GEORGE IV are all reinstatements. NI TRAFFIC formerly CITY OF YORK

N4 OSBORNE TAVERN Address is 106 Stroud Green Rd. N14 BRAMELES it should read BRAMBLES

NW8 EXETER ARMS Address is 9 Ashbridge Rd. NW10 RISING SUN is a Truman pub SURBITON BERRYLANDS Delete already listed in Update 31.

CHANGES

SW6 WHITE HORSE, Delete reference to Shepherd Neame

SW11 WOODMAN Reference should read (SE41)



THE QUEST — Part 7

The story so far: Simon Comett and his friends are searching for the Last Camra Branch with the help of their one hundred year old Good Beer Guide.

The Riverside Complex in South West London Area 6 was one of the Capital's four Sport and Leisure Complexes designed to provide the necessary outlet for the office clerks who made up the great majority of London's workforce. It was at these centres that they could take part in the Video-Golf, Dry Rowing and Stationary Cycling which were all the rage. Liaisons could be made at the various Eateries and Bars, and the evening brought to a romantic conclusion at the Rest Centre "With Sauna and whirlpool in every room!"

It hardly seemed a likely place to find a traditional Real Ale Pub from the past, but at the quieter western end of the complex adjacent to the Sonic Bowling Greens, was the Twickenham Tavern which was proud to announce in its free leaflet that "A Pub had stood on this site for over two hundred years, overlooking the mighty Thames River, once London's Main Street. We are proud to uphold the traditions of the Cockney Sparrows in providing the kind of beer that gave London its Pride." One sip was enough to tell Simon that the beer was as hopeless as the leaflet. He voiced his doubts to this companion. "This stuff tastes even worse now I have some idea what ale should be like. I can't say that I face the prospect of hundreds of pints like this with any great pleasure. And what if we do manage to track down what has become of CAMRA, how do we know that they will be ready to start a crusade? They might be happy just to keep things the way they are rather than risk losing what little they did manage to hold on to from the consumer revolution."

"Possibly," replied Emerald. "But at the very least we need their expertise in brewing before we can go into proper production ourselves. Don't forget that any trading in alcoholic beverages is strictly regulated by Consumer Control which of course means that the market is still split between the existing Big Seven who divided the spoils after the demise of CAMRA in the 1990's. We will need to have a beer that can meet the regulations without all the chemicals they pour in now. And that's the easy part. We still have to sell it, without advertising and without any outlets to sell it in. We need CAMRA and I hope that we can prove that they need us."

At that moment a cheerful Wally appeared with a young bright eyed waitress. 'Hallo all,' he said. "I've arranged the grub with this lovely lady who has found us a table at the back." This was Wally using his talents to the full again. A little charm here and a few credits there and he could get you a table anywhere. He also had a good nose for trouble and as the three sat down he began to talk quietly and quickly. "Listen," he said, "We're being followed. I don't know who it is yet or who is paying the piper but my guess is the jolly old Consumer Control boys. Try to relax for now but keep the old mince pies peeled." So the meal was a rather hurried affair and the friends were glad to get on their way to the comparative safety of the flat at Mornington Crescent. Wally seemed satisfied that they had escaped detection, but he was obviously concerned. "It may be nothing," he concluded. "But I think we should be much more careful from now on. It might be an idea to get some of the others to do the first inspections so that we can choose the most likely candidates." This Emerald agreed to, much to Simon's relief. He had not forgotten his encounter with Consumer Control after they had discovered his acute sense of taste. Simon had no intention of falling into their hands again.

Meanwhile on the top floor of Consumer Control (London) behind a small uncluttered desk stood an unprepossessing man looking out across London through the one-way mirror glass of his small office. He was waiting for a message and he reflected that he spent most of his time waiting. Patience was probably his greatest virtue, he thought. Either that or attention to detail. It was he who had pieced together the evidence firstly for the existence of this illicit brewery in Old Wandsworth and now for the involvement of the renegade Comett. Well, friend Mr. Comett would be making his way to this office eventually, one way or another.

The shrill ring of the telephone broke his revery. "Agent Maxwell, Sir. We located the suspects at the Riverside Complex and followed them back to the flat at the Crescent. We made our presence clear to Cress as you suggested. We are now keeping the flat under surveillance." "Very good," was the quietly spoken reply. "I expect them to wait now to see if we bite, so I want your men to back off again. Now I have put some fear into them I expect they will be keen to hurry things along."

With a smile of ruthless satisfaction the infamous Roland Petrie waited for the flies to enter his web.

Will Petrie manage to trap our heroes, or will they be able to find CAMRA before he does? To find out please read the continuing story of "The Quest".

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CHAPPEL BEER FESTIVAL

A beer festival is being run jointly by the Essex Branches of CAMRA and the Stour Valley Railway Preservation Society at the East Anglian Railway Museum which is at Chappel and Vakes Coine Station on the line between Colchester and Sudbury. The festival runs from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th September and the opening hours will be Thursday - 6 to 11pm; Friday - 11am to 2.30pm & 6 to 11pm. Saturday - 11am to 3pm & 5 to 11pm. Entry will cost 40 pence to each session and this also gives access to the railway exhibits. Evening entry will be free to card carrying CAMRA members.

Beers available will include Strathalbyn, Federation Bitter and Pitfield Dark Star (if its recent success at the Great British Beer Festival does not render it unobtainable) as well as beers from small local breweries. If you need further details phone Dave Rayner on 01-921 7115 (work) of 0208 753245 (home).

PUB NEWS — Deep South London

ROSE's the pink pub on the A22 at Kenley has reverted to its old name THE ROSE & CROWN and its old colour of beige. The interior has been completely re-done and Friary Meux Best Bitter, Benskins Best Bitter and Burton Ale — the two best bitters costing 95p per pint.

Slightly nearer town THE BOURNE TAVERN (alias WAGON WHEEL) beneath the Astoria Cinema in Purley has been done-up and renamed THE DOG & DUCK and sells Webster's Yorkshire Bitter and Ruddle's County — the former at an exorbitant £1.05 per pint.

T.W. Hart

BREWERY NEWS — YOUNG'S

Young's has boosted this year's profits with a 43m, plus windfall from property appreciation.

Chairman John Young at the AGM said that a recent revaluation showed that its properties had nearly doubled in value since 1981.

The Brewery will also continue to pioneer the



development of non-smoking bars, now numbering 12 where space allowed. He assured Free Traders that there would be no loss of quality (please note Beards!) or rises in prices(!) as a result of the plan to use agency distribution outside London from September.

LEAVING AFTER 77 YEARS

Two and a half years ago I wrote about Ted Stanbridge, who was about to celebrate his 75th anniversary in the BAT & BALL at New Pound near Billingshurst, West Sussex. At that time I noted Ted's wish never to retire. However, the decision has been forced upon him, and on 18th September, four months short of his 80th birthday, the licensed trade will lose what by a huge margin must be its longest-serving landlord.



Ted outside his home of 77 years.

Born a mile away, Ted moved into the BAT & BALL with his family on the last day of the Edwardian era, May 6th 1910, at the age of 21/4. Above the fireplace in the bar hangs a framed copy of the front page of The Times for that date, and a perusal of the advertisements gives an insight into life as it was at that time:

"Bargain - 20 hp Hotchkiss. Handsome Landaulette body, seat four comfortably in inside. Specially suited for doctor or lady's town use. Price £295. Owner purchased larger Noiseless Napier car. Can be inspected."

"The RMS Dunottar Castle of the Union Castle Line (the only large steamer 100 A1 at Lloyds entirely devoted to pleasure cruises): St Petersburg (for Moscow). Stockholm.

Copenhagen, Lubeck, Danzig & c- £18.18."

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Meanwhile Madame Tussaud's was offering "Tableaux scenes and daily Cinematographic Performances without extra charge", and the RSPCA in its monthly returns for April of that year reports 679 convictions. "32 offenders were committed to prison and 647 offenders paid pecuniary penalties: 21 persons were acquitted, but the Society's costs were remitted, which justifies the Society's action; 136 persons guilty of minor acts of cruelty were admonished in writing: 2,027 persons guilty of minor acts of cruelty were cautioned by inspectors".

Ted Stanbridge is a mine of historical information, and many a happy hour have I spent picking his brains over numerous excellent pints of King & Barnes Sussex Bitter served direct from the casks on a stillage behind the counter — such as beer deliveries by steam dray, watching the sky lit up from the Crystal Palace blaze, and delivering bread baked on the premises in ovens built by Ted's uncle. I won't repeat my previous article — it has been extensively quoted (not to say plagiarized) in several trade and local papers and — only a few months back - in the local historical society's magazine. And, flatteringly, a copy appears next to the Times already mentioned.



Excellent beer from traditional servery.

Hopefully this offering will provide a modest appreciation of the popular landlord of a superb country local, whom I have been privileged to Continued over



The Bat & Ball and shop which will become part of the pub.

Author's photos.

call a friend for the whole of my adult life.

Happily, the BAT & BALL is not to close; indeed, Ted has been invited, but declined, to stay on an extra year while the bar is doubled in size by the removal of a wall, giving access to what was for many years the local grocery store. Ted and his daughter Margaret are to retire to a house nearby, and on behalf of their friends, not only in CAMRA, I should like to wish them a long, happy and well deserved retirement.

MARTIN SMITH.

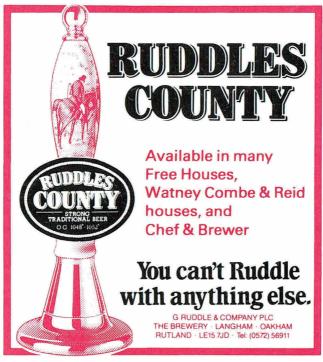


We would like to wish them success in their new venture at the POPE'S GROTTO, Twickenham. The assistance that they have given to CAMRA has been invaluable, and an inscribed CAMRA mirror was presented to them by over 25 Branch members and friends on Wednesday 12th August.

Chris Cobbold.

S.W. London Old Friends' Department

On Sunday 16th August CAMRA South-West London said farewell to Chris and Sally Marley and Vic & Karen Cunningham who have run the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE in Balham SW12 over the past few years.



Where to buy London Drinker

OUTLETS — EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS		
	WC1	PAKENHAM ARMS, I Pakenham Street.
ECI ARTILLERY ARMS, 102 Bunhill Row.	WC1	SUN, 63 Lamb's Conduit Street.
EC1 HORSESHOE, 24, Clerkenwell Close.	WC2	CHANDOS, 29 St Martin's Lane.
EC1 STICK & WEASEL, 273 City Road.	WC2	CROWN & ANCHOR, 22 Neal Street.
ECI STICK & WEASEL, 273 City Road. ECI YORKSHIRE GREY, Greys Inn Road.	WC2	GEORGE IV, 28 Portugal Street.
EC2 FLEETWOOD, 36 Wilson Street.	WC2	MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY, 39 Bow Street.
EC4 BLACKFRIAR, 174 Queen Victoria Street.	WC2	SHIP & SHOVEL, 2 Craven Passage.
EC4 DANDY ROLL, Gateway House, Bread Street.	NI	CARPENTERS ARMS, 21 Bridport Place.
EC4 TIPPERARY, Fleet Street.	NI	CLOTHWORKER'S ARMS, 52 Arlington Avenue.
EC4 WILLIAMSON'S TAVERN, Groveland Ct. Bow Lane.	NI	COMPTON ARMS, 4 Compton Avenue.
E1 FISH & RING, 141A White Horse Road.	NI	GEORGE IV, Copenhagen Street.
E1 PRIDE OF SPITALFIELD, 3 Heneage Street.	NI	HEMINGFORD ARMS, 158 Hemingford Road.
E2 APPROACH TAVERN, 47 Approach Road.	NI	KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
E2 MARKSMAN, 254 Hackney Road.	NI	LORD WOLSELEY, 55 White Lion Street.
E3 PEARLY KING, 94 Bromley High Street.	NI	MALT & HOPS, 33 Caledonian Road.
E8 LADY DIANA, 95 Forest Road.	NI	PRINCE ALBERT, 16 Elia Street.
E9 CHESHAM ARMS, 15 Mehetabel Road.	NI	PRINCE ARTHUR, 49 Brunswick Place.
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN, 274 Victoria Park Rd.	NI	ROSEMARY BRANCH, 2 Shepperton Road.
E9 ROYAL STANDARD, 84 Victoria Park Road.	NI	ROYAL OAK, 140 Offord Road.
E10 AUCTIONEER, 597 Lea Bridge Road.	N2	OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road.
E11 NORTHCOTE, 110 Grove Green Road.	N2	WINDSOR CASTLE, The Walks, Church Lane.
E17 COLLEGE ARMS, 807-809 Forest Road.	N4	MARLERS, 29 Crouch Hill.
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE, The Cut.	N4	MORTIMER ARMS, Green Lanes.
SE1 ANCHOR TAP, 28 Horselydown Lane.	N4	WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, Stroud Green Road.
SE1 BUNCH OF GRAPES, 2 St Thomas Street.	N6	WRESTLERS, 98 North Road.
SE1 COPPER, 208 Tower Bridge Road.	N6	VICTORIA, 28 North Hill.
SE1 DOGGETTS, Blackfriars Bridge.	N7	BALMORAL CASTLE, Caledonian Road.
SEI GOOSE & FIRKIN, 47 Borough Road.	N7	FAT HARRY'S, 60 Isledon Road.
SE1 KINGS ARMS, Roupell Street.	N7	FLOUNDER & FIRKIN, 54 Holloway Road.
SE1 WELLINGTON, Waterloo Road.	N7	RAILWAY TAVERN, 10 Roman Way.
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN, Denmark Hill Station, Windsor Walk.	N12	MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane.
SE5 WICKWOOD TAVERN, 58 Flaxman Road.	N12	TILTED GLASS, Ballards Lane, North Finchley.
SE7 McDONNELS, 428 Woolwich Road.	N14	MERRYHILLS, Bramley Road.
SE9 GREYHOUND, High Street.	N15	GOAT, 414 West Green Road.
SE10 ROYAL GEORGE, Bisset Street.	N15	K.K. McCOOLS, 265 West Hall Road.
SE13 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, High Street.	N16	ROSE & CROWN, 199 Stoke Newington Church Street
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN, 316 Lewisham High Street.	N16	TANNERS HALL, 145 Stoke Newington High Road.
SE16 BLACKSMITH'S ARMS, 257 Rotherhithe Street.	N17	BOAR, 413 Lordship Lane.
SE16 MANOR TAVERN, 78 Galleywall Road.	N19	DOG, 19 Archway Road.
SE16 MAYFLOWER, 117 Rotherhithe Street.	N19	J.J.MOONS, 37 Landseer Road.
SE16 SHIP, St. Marychurch Street.	N20	BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone.
SE17 TANKARD, Walworth Road.	N20	CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane.
SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS, 81 Sandy Hill Road.	NWI	PRINCE GEORGE OF CUMBERLAND,
SE18 QUEEN VICTORIA, 118 Wellington Street.	80 00 8	195 Albany Street.
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH, Hillreach.	NWI	
SE19 RAILWAY BELL, Cawnpore Road.	NWI	VICTORIA & ALBERT BARS, Marylebone Station.
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT, Westow Hill. SE20 ANERLEY ARMS, Ridsdale Road.	NW3	
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SE20 GOLDEN LION, Maple Road.	NW4	GREYHOUND, Church End, Greyhound Hill.
SE20 LONDON TAVERN, Maple Road.	NW4	MIDLAND HOTEL, Station Road.
SE24 COMMERCIAL, 11 Railton Road, Herne Hill.	NW4	WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs.
SE25 ALBERT, Harrington Road.		BRITANNIA, Belsize Road.
SE25 GOAT HOUSE, 2 Penge Road.		RAILWAY TAVERN, Hale Lane.
SE25 SHIP, 55 High Street.		RISING SUN, Highwood Hill.
SE26 DIJI WICH WOOD HOUSE 39 Sydenham Hill	NW8	CROCKERS, Aberdeen Place.
SE26 GREYHOUND, 315 Kirkdale.	NW8	ORDNANCE, 29 Ordnance Hill.
SE27 GIPSY QUEEN, West Norwood High St.		GEORGE, 234 Church Lane.
SE27 HOPE, 49 West Norwood High St.	NWI	0 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane.
BECKENHAM JOLLY WOODMAN, Chancery Lane.		NET ALEXANDRA, Wood Street.
BEXLEY BLUE ANCHOR, Brigden Road.		NET SEBRIGHT ARMS, Alston Road.
CROYDON DOG & BULL, Surrey Street.		NET WEAVER, Green Hill Parade.
CROYDON LION, Pawsons Road.		IELD KINGS HEAD, Market Place.
CROYDON TWO BREWERS, 221 Gloucester Road.		IELD OLD WHEATSHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill.
SIDCUP JOLLY FENMAN, 66 Blackfen Road.		BARNET BUILDERS ARMS, 3 Albert Road.
THORNTON HEATH FOUNTAIN HEAD, 114 Parchmore Road.		The second secon
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OFFTRADE	NI	Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
E4 Waltham Wines, 72 Sewardstone Road.	N13	Originales, 68 Aldermans Hill.
SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road.		Camden Real Ale, 4 Ferdinand Street.
SE10 Hardy's 90 Trafalgar Road	NIW/6	

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WCI CITTIE OF YORKE, 22 High Holborn.
WCI DOLPHIN, 44 Red Lion Street.
HANSLER ARMS, Kings Cross Road.

WC1 LAMB, Lamb's Conduit Street WC1 MABEL'S, 9 Mableton Place MOON, 18 New North Street.

OUTLETS - SOUTH-WEST/WEST BARLEY MOW, Horseferry Road. BUCKINGHAM ARMS, Petty France. FOX & HOUNDS, Passmore Street. MORPETH ARMS, Millbank. SWI SWI SWI

NW6 Grogblossom, 253 West End Lane.

SWI SWI ORANGE BREWERY, Pimlico Road. RED LION, 48 Parliament Street. SWI SW2 TWO WOODCOCKS, 45 Tulse Hill.

SW3 ROSE, 86 Fulham Road.

SW3 SW4

SURPRISE, 6 Christchurch Terrace.
RAILWAY, Clapham High Road.
ROSE & CROWN, The Polygon, Clapham Old Town,
WHITE HORSE, 1 Parson's Green. SW4 SW6

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HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road.
HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Hanworth Road. SWI2 FRINCE OF WALES, ZOUGVERIORS ROBUS SWI4 HARE & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road West. SWI5 ARAB BOY, 289 Upper Richmond Road. SWI5 FOX & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road. SOUTHALL BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road. SUDBURY BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road SW15 WHITE LION, 14 Putney High Street. TEDDINGTON QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane,
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TWICKENHAM PRINCE ALBERT, 30 Hampton Road. SW16 GREYHOUND, Greyhound Lane. SW17 PRINCE OF WALES, Garrett Lane, SW18 THE GRAPES, 39 Fairfield Street. SWI8 SPREAD EAGLE, Wandsworth High Street. SWI9 ALEXANDRA, Wimbledon Hill Road. WEALDSTONE ROYAL OAK, Peel Road. WHITTON ADMIRAL NELSON, 123 Nelson Road. SW19 BREWERY TAP, Wimbledon High Street, SW19 GROVE, 2 Morden Road. SW19 KINGS HEAD, Merton High Street. SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL, Abbey Road. SW19 WILLIAM MORRIS, 267 The Broadway, POLYTECHNIC of Central London S.U.Bar, SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road. 104 Bolsover Street. SW19 TRAFALGAR, High Path. L.T.District Line Social Club, Park Place. CHESSINGTON NORTH STAR, Hook Road. **OFF TRADE** EAST MOLESEY BELL INN, Bell Road SW11 Majestic Wine Warehouses, Hester Road. EAST MOLESEY NEW STREETS OF LONDON, SW18 Paines Off Licence, Garratt Lane. Bridge Road KENTON Littlemore Wines, Kenton Road. KINGSTON NEWT & FERRET, 26 Fairfield South. KINGSTON WYCH ELM, Elm Road. DRUIDS HEAD, Market Place.
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