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 NW4 WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs.
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 NW9 GEORGE, 234 Church Lane.
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OFFTRADE

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

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EDITORIAL



June's CAMAL COMMENT remarks that the availability of real cider is irrelevant to CAMRA. Agreed in the sense that cider is not brewed — it is not heated at all; its production is virtually identical to that of wine, and those beverages are the oldest fermented drinks known to man. They — along with mead and perry — certainly pre-date beer and lager, whether the latter be authentic or otherwise. If, 17 years after CAMRA's foundation, we stick rigidly and exclusively to promoting and writing about real ales according to the now — accepted definition, we would soon run out of things to say. Should we not also take an interest in pub preservation and architecture, history, food, facilities and alternative drinks plus dozens of other topics which appear in the pages of CAMRA publications? CAMRA is for choice, not stereotypes; were that not the case, CAMAL would not get a look-in; neither would any of our team be prepared to work for a magazine — or organisation — with such a narrow-minded outlook. *Martin Smith*

PSYCHIC BREWING

It seems that BATEMANS have taken on a fortune teller, according to a poster seen recently at the Pheasant & Firkin in Goswell Road, EC1. It proclaims 'CAMRA Great British Beer Festival Premium Champion Bitter 1986/7/8.' Now as this year's GBBF runs from August 2nd to 6th in Queens Hall, Leeds, perhaps they know more than we do. If President Reagan uses an astrologer to do his bit in world politics, could we, perhaps, do something similar to get beer prices down? If anyone has such powers the Editors would like to know. Remember, Dipsy's crystal ball has a chipped corner, and only works one way!

PUTNEY PUNTERS HAPPY

What did the 'White Lion' Beer Festival at Putney and the Swallow Hotel in Gateshead have in common? The answer was that the former took place on 20-21 May when I was at a conference at the latter, so I missed out!

However, I heard so many complimentary remarks from satisfied punters about the beer, food and general organisation that I went down to Putney to talk to Michael Clayton, the Assistant Manager at the Vaux-owned Free House.

He confirmed that the Festival had been an enormous success and should be an annual event from now on. The beers (32 in all) included such rare visitors to London as Mitchell's ESB; there were also three Milds (Ward's, Bank's and King & Barnes). What really caught drinker's fancy, though, was Ward's new Kirby's Strong Ale, seen South of the Thames for the first time. This was the fastest-selling beer at the Festival, at which prices were a welcome £1 per pint, even for Old Peculiar!

The only brewers who failed to supply their products as requested were Gale's and Charles Wells. One assumes that they will not be featuring in the ongoing range of beers at the 'White Lion', which always has 10 ales on handpump in splendid condition. My personal favourite is the headbanging Arkell's Kingsdown, which has a faithful local following in Putney. Roll on the next Festival — hope I'm not at the other end of the country next time. *Pat Hanson*

NEWS FROM FULLERS

Latest news we hear from Fullers is that Mr. Harry, the beer that was test marketed in a few pubs last winter, is to become a permanent winter brew. It is expected to be available through all Griffin Inns and some tenanted houses.

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Beer — and Cricket

One of CAMRA's better known members, the London Regional Secretary Christian Muteau, is often to be seen exercising yet another of his special skills — that of the 'Entailent' (trans: Notcher) or cricket scorer — around the Home Counties, but more especially on the three central London grounds — the Artillery Ground, City Road EC1, Burton Court SW3; and Vincent Square SW1, where he scores for the Honourable Artillery Company, the Guards, and the Lords and Commons.

Naturally, the cricket apart, he has a very keen eye and palate for whatever beer is on offer, when it's keg he will only accept pints of Pimms, or the odd glass or three of malt whisky!

He advises us that Southgate Cricket Club serves excellent Fullers London Pride at the Walker Memorial Ground; Hurlingham club in S W 6 has, unfortunately, retreated into the keg world and no longer is one able to sup Youngs while watching nubile young things of all four sexes cavorting on the tennis courts (N.B. The sparrows don't like the change either!). The Civil Service Club at Riverside Drive, Chiswick W4 has excellent Courage

Directors, Tetleys & Websters Yorkshire — all at 78p pint but lousy, and expensive, teas (the scorebox needs renovation as well); Bank of England Sports Ground has real ale, but he can't remember what, why, where, or when — he fell in the swimming pool!; the BBC at Motspur Park don't, yet, have any of 'Dirty Den's' beers in but they've been promised — with a new Director-General, anything is possible; the London Welsh at Old Deer Park have something on a handpump (no clip), but it's not Welsh and caused massive eruptions of gas, as well as dark mutterings in Welsh from the equally dark bar-person.

On occasion, Christian has been known to venture outside London. One of his favourite places is Everdon in Northamptonshire where, on a private ground the pavilion contains a firkin of Old Hookey 'for the sustenance of the players and officials!' On his first visit he was asked if he'd like a beer, replied in the affirmative, and was presented with a brimming quart in a pewter pot! After matches at Everdon it is the custom to repair to a notable Free House, the Kings Head at Farthingstone, for quantities of reviving beverages.

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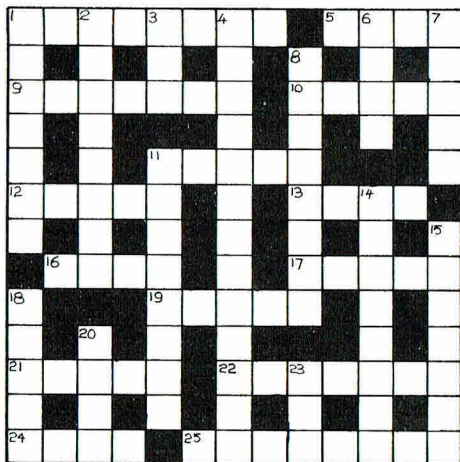
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1. Is in shade causing trouble. [8]
5. Dali's first painting has a point. [4]
9. Shoot the right German. [7]
10. Hurried to find account in red. [5]
11. King George, even, poetically inexperienced. [5]
12. She may have bird beheaded in anger. [5]
13. Member follows us back to the hole. [4]
16. To be left out of fashion is a sore point. [4]
17. Pretend that I am into vice. [5]
19. Correct Conservative. [5]
21. Gamble about, for example, bear. [5]
22. State of old papers. [7]
24. Still level. [4]
25. Poses due to becoming engaged. [8]

Name.....

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All correct entries received by first post on 27th July will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

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

DOWN

1. Bed wear in eight varieties. [7]
2. Pub with no money shouldn't be blamed. [8]
3. Remains a quiet concoction. [3]
4. Opportunists transport animal with egg flip in pubs. [6,7]
6. Cunning chief. [4]
7. Drink for vicar in play. [5]
8. Tarts can, in a way, perform. [8]
11. Make Rene turn round in the entrance. [8]
14. Intends to have revolutionary back inside but wanders. [8]
15. I am sitting under compulsion. [7]
18. Walk of medical man in drink. [5]
20. Illness that is somewhat vague. [4]
23. In favour of a small pair and nothing else. [3]

Last Month's Solution



Winner of the prize for the May crossword:
David Parker, 12 Cottesmore, Hanworth,
Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 4YL.

Other correct entries were received from:
Chelidon Faber, Tom Finucane, Devon Quaint,
Paul Wigham.
There were also 5 incorrect entries.

TRUMAN'S

Word came back to me at work that the Truman's Best at the Three Compasses, Cowcross Street had changed. The landlord had denied any difference but admitted later that it was a test brew and that in the evening free pints would be available.

I duly arrived that evening and ordered a pint of 'Red' prompting the new barmaid to check which beer that was and asking for £1.10p. A little taken aback I wandered away from the bar to an area that was populated by people with a large number of glasses and girls with clipboards. I was just appraising the beer, slightly thinner and more hoppy than before when one of the girls approached and enquired if I had been asked if I would like to sample some beer.

After the correct reply I was shown a picture of a handpump and a beer tap asked which I preferred to buy beer from, how many pints I drank a week and of which, from a list of 20 or more 'real ales'.

A card was then given to me that entitled me to three free pints and three more at 75p with a thoughtful reminder not to drive home after. The free beer was brought to me, presumably so that I could not see which pump it came from. That taste, however, was the same. Further questions followed after each of the three pints.

Did the beer have an aftertaste that was, very strong, slight or non-existent? Was it pleasant, not pleasant, neutral? How would I describe the beer and would I drink another? At the end of the three pints (my fourth) there was also a page or more of questions needing scores 1-4, 4 being ideal on the various qualities i.e. bitterness, maltiness etc. The final question was would I drink it regularly if the price was

right but not what I thought was the right price.

After four pints I thought the beer was more drinkable and hoppier than the old Best but by then the stronger after taste seemed to have disappeared.

The question is, or course, what is the beer and where is it brewed?

Another day produced a beer with a different taste again somewhere between the old and the new. The landlord was persuaded to part with some of the information that he had been given.

1. The beer comes from Brick Lane.
2. Best until now hasn't existed, it was produced from a mix of Bitter and Sampson.
3. What we had been drinking were test brews of limited size.

I don't know how much of this to believe. It seems logical, that if the 'mix' theory is correct that we won't see Sampson again due to lower volume needed and there being no advantage in changing if two brews were still produced. The beer is good but the news seems bad.

Brian Fretwell

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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Longer pub hours by late July!

In May The Queen signed the Licensing Bill, and with a stroke of her pen finally ruled out many of the absurd restrictions on pub hours imposed during the First World War.

"It's an historic moment" said the Brewers Society. Following the Royal Assent, all-day opening on weekdays for England and Wales is now expected to come into effect in late July, with pubs being allowed to serve alcoholic drinks from 11am to 11pm.

But the most significant change is certain to be on Sundays, with beer flowing over the pub bar for an extra hour at lunchtime, from 2-3pm.

This precious 60 minutes only slipped into the legislation through what a minister admitted was a 'cock-up' in the House of Lords; the extension to Sunday hours being carried by Peers during the Bill's committee stage when the Government failed to force a vote.

Junior Home Officer minister, Douglas Hogg, explained to MPs: 'It was inadvertence. There are two explanations — one is conspiracy, the other is cock-up. It was cock-up.' Despite this admission, the House of Commons approved the controversial amendment by 119 votes to

26. At the time this was announced, a radio commentator remarked that the noble Lord would no doubt have a pub named in his honour. There is an **Earl Ferrers** in Streatham, named after a peer who was hanged at Tyburn. Although denied a silken rope, he nonetheless travelled there in his private carriage. Doubtless the lazier publicans will wish the same fate on the noble Lord (The late Earl was executed for murder).

The extra Sunday hour will only apply to pubs. Clubs will still be restricted to 5½ hours, though they can serve until 3pm if they open an hour less in the evening.

The other major change drinkers will enjoy, will be the lengthening of drinking-up time from 10 to 20 minutes, accepted in an earlier agreed amendment.

Commented Home Secretary Douglas Hurd: 'This is a commonsense Act designed to remove an absurdity which came into our law as a result of history rather than logic. It is not the Government's business to stop people enjoying a leisurely drink in the afternoon.'

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'I welcome the opportunity people will now have to make use of the longer hours before the end of the summer.'

The main drawback of the Bill from CAMRA's point of view is the failure to relax pub hours further in our main day of relaxation, Sunday.

Commented Campaign chairman, Rob Walker: 'CAMRA has fought long and hard for this change, and naturally I am delighted that the pub-goer and landlord can have more choice and flexibility.'

'This will be particularly welcome in tourist areas, and it is all the more disappointing therefore that pubs still have to remain closed until 7pm on our main leisure day.'

'My only concern is that these changes will further encourage some brewers to expedite the growth of pub conversions and designer bars at the expense of a unique aspect of our heritage, the traditional British pub.'

The other drawback of the Bill is that it contains no provision for the display of opening hours outside pubs.

The Government, anxious to simplify the licensing laws as far as possible, wished to avoid further regulations. But the Brewers' Society agreed that it would now be sensible for licensees to advertise their hours to avoid confusion.

Pubs are not necessarily tied to opening only between 11am to 11pm, as they can still apply for extensions. On the other hand, the police, local residents and even school headmasters can apply to have a pub's hours restricted in the afternoons on the grounds of disturbance.

The Bill also contains a number of other licensing provisions which will be phased in later. These include the extension of pub licences from one to three years, stricter control on the sale of alcohol to the young, and the banning of drinks licences for petrol service stations. This last rule does not apply to the 186 garages currently selling alcohol.

The main opponents of the Bill, apart from the anti-alcohol lobby, were pub managers who objected to the longer working hours. Pubs which take advantage of all the permitted hours will now be open for 78½ hours a week, but most are still expected to take an afternoon break.

● In Scotland, where longer hours have been available for a number of years, further relaxation is expected to be announced

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shortly, including automatic all-day Sunday drinking in pubs and hotels.

The move is aimed at removing the need for constant applications for extended hours, so easing the workload of the over-burdened licensing boards.

A spokesman for the Scottish local authorities, which supporting the proposals, said: 'There is now a more civilised approach to drinking in Scotland. The time is ripe for another easing of regulations.'

● Less than half of the publicans in England and Wales intend to take advantage of longer hours come July — according to a survey commissioned for Haigs the distillers.

The survey revealed:

● Only 49 per cent said they were likely to remain open the full twelve hours six days a week.

● Just 3 per cent thought afternoon opening would attract drunks.

● Two thirds of publicans welcomed the new hours.



BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for July of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson, Branch Contacts page

CROYDON & SUTTON: Mon 4 (8.00) Independents Day Social. ROYAL STANDARD, Sheldon Street, Croydon, then DOG & BULL (9.30), Surrey Street — Wed 13 (8.00) Crystal Palace Crawl. Start CAMBRIDGE, then ALMA; WHITE HART; QUEENS ARMS finish ROYAL ALBERT (9.30) — Tue 19 (8.00) Branch Meeting, PITLAKE, Waddon New Road, Croydon.

ENFIELD & BARNET: JULY IS "INDEPENDENTS MONTH." Wed 6 (9.00) Two Pub Social in New Barnet, RAT & PARROT, 13 East Barnet Road, then BUILDERS ARMS (10.00), 3 Albert Road — Thu 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting, MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane, N12 — Tue 19 (9.00) Social, THE WONDER, Batley Road Enfield — Thu 28 (9.00) Two Pub Social in Barnet, WEAVER, Greenhill Parade, High Road, the OLD RED LION (10.00), Underhill, Great North Road — Tue 2 Aug (9.00) Two Pub Social in East Barnet, WARWICK, Victoria Road, then ALEXANDRA (10.00), 133 East Barnet Road.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Wed 6 (8.30) Branch Meeting, SURVEYOR, West Molesey — Mon 11 (8.30) Farewell Social, PRINCE OF WALES, New Malden — Sat 30 (8.30) Social, NORTH STAR, Chessington — Sun 31 (12.00) Social, BUN SHOP, Surbiton (also London Drinker pickup) — Wed 10 Aug (8.30) Branch Meeting, ALMA, Weston Green — Sun 21 Aug (12.00) Social with Isle of Wight Branch, MILL BAY, Ventnor.

NORTH LONDON: Sunday Socials, GLOUCESTER ARMS, NW1 — Tue 5 (8.00) Branch Meeting (with guest speaker). VICTORIA, Mornington Terrace NW1 — Tue 12 (8.00) St. John's Wood Pub Crawl. Start CROCKERS, NW8, then EXETER ARMS, NW8; MARQUIS OF ANGLESEA, NW1; finish PERSERVERANCE (10.00), NW1 — Tue 19 (8.00) Two Pub Social, HOLLYBUSH, NW3, then HORSE & GROOM, NW3 — Tue 26 (8.00) Bloomsbury Pub Crawl, Start UNIVERSITY TAVERN, then PRINCESS LOUISE; OLD RED LION; finish LAMB (10.00), all WC1 — Tue 2 Aug (8.00) Stoke Newington Pub Crawl. Start TANNERS HALL, then PRINCE OF WALES; STEPTOES; finish ROSE & CROWN (10.00), all N16.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Wed 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting, EEL PIE, 9 Church Street, Twickenham — Mon 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting, WINDMILL, 80 Windmill Road, Hampton Hill — Thu 28 (8.30) Two Pub Social, CASTLE, Upper Square, then TOWN WHARF, Swan Street, both Isleworth.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 11 (8.00) Committee/Branch Meeting, WICKWOOD TAVERN, 58 Flaxman Road, SE5 — Thu 28 (8.00) Thames Riverside Crawl. Start THE HORNIMAN, Hayes Galleria, Tooley Street, SE1.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Wed 6 (8.00) Out of Area Social. WENDENS AMBO (near Saffron Walden) — Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. CROWN & CROOKED BILLET, 13 Cross Road (B173), Woodford Bridge — Mon 18 (8.30) Social. WARREN WOOD, Epping New Road (A104), Buckhurst Hill — Wed 27 to Sat 30 CHELMSFORD BEER FESTIVAL, Chelmer Institute (within staggering distance of station), Chelmsford — Wed 3 Aug (8.00) Out of Area Social, CAP & FEATHERS, 8 South Street (B1021), Tillingham (OS: TL993036).

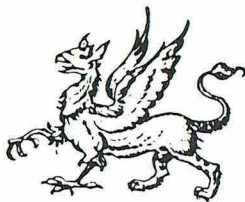
SOUTH WEST LONDON: Mon 4 Independent Day in Putney. (8.00) SPOTTED HORSE (Young) (9.00) JOLLY GARDENERS, (Fuller) Lacy Road. (10.00) WHITE LION (Vaux) — Tue 5 Darts Match v SPBW (return thrashing) (8.00) CASTLE (Young), Tooting High Street — Thur 21 Open Committee Meeting PRINCE OF WALES, Cavendish Road, Balham, SW12 (Saloon Bar) (8.00) All Welcome.

WEST LONDON: Thu 21 (8.00) Branch Meeting, PAVIOURS ARMS, Page Street, SW1 — Tue 12 (8.00) Pimlico Pub Crawl. Start RISING SUN, Edbury Bridge Road, then ORANGE BREWERY (9.00), Pimlico Road; FOX & HOUNDS (10.00), Passmore Street — Sun 31 (12.00) Sunday Social. ARCHERY TAVERN, Bathurst Street, W2.

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Deadline for the August edition, 1st July. Material for September edition to arrive by 1st August. **Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pirson.**

Branch Contacts on p. 12



At long last, handpumps have arrived at

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EAST END NEWS

Another East End landmark has disappeared this time due to the LDDC (London Docklands Demolition Co — sorry that should read Development Co). What was lastly called Lipstick and before that the Londoner originally the Eastern Hotel, 2 East India Dock Road E14 has been demolished. Originally it was a Truman house and had an illuminated 'moving' one-legged Ben Truman hopping across the front of the building proclaiming that there were more hops in Ben Truman.

This is not the first time and East End landmark has disappeared. Some time back the Salmon & Ball in Bethnal Green, which was near the site of the execution of two silk weavers Valline and Doyle in 1769, became

Tipples and more recently the Green Man E11 became Cube. I wonder if the Ordnance Survey people will amend their maps?

Closed pubs:

Warners, 68 Warner Place E2 (Watney) was called Villa for a while. Follies, formerly the Empress of India (Taylor Walker) 130 Lauriston Road E8. Clarendon Arms, 86 Balcarne Street E9 (Courage) and still closed nearby is Northumberland Arms, 78 Well Street also Courage. Magpie & Stump, 18 Old Bailey (Charrington). Tipperary (Boars Head) 66 Fleet Street EC4 (Greene King).

Re-namings:

Only one this month — Queen Eleanor, 19 Martello Street E8 was Trumans now a free house called Taylors.

Branch Diary continued

WEST MIDDLESEX: Mon 4 (8.00) "Independents" Day Games Evening & 10 year GBG Presentation, BLACK HORSE, Oldfield Lane, Greenford — Thu 14 (8.30) Two Pub Social. GEORGE, 2 High Street, Ruislip, then SWAN (9.45), 10 High Street — Wed 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting. LORD WOLSELEY, 48 Dudley Road, Southall (Upstairs Room) — Tue 26 (7.30) Cranford Crawl. Start WHITE HART, 9 Bath Road, then BERKELEY ARMS, BARGE HOUSE BAR (8.30); JOLLY GARDENERS (9.30), 144 High Street; QUEENS HEAD (10.15), 123 High Street — Tue 2 Aug (8.30) Games Evening. ROSE & CROWN, Church Place, St. Mary's Road, W5 (Public Bar).

CAMAL COMMENT

Whilst the dispense of all kinds of beer is capable of improvement, if only to make it less susceptible to abuse, there is probably more room for improvement in the dispense of lager than there is with other kinds of beer, but first of all let us be clear what we mean by lager. Not to put too fine a point on it, let's say the real thing is lager malt, hops and water fermented by bottom fermenting yeast and aged naturally for six weeks or more. The other kind has one or more of these elements missing.

Authentic lager has more in common with wine than with ale. As with wine, you must wait for as long as it takes for it to reach maturity. Also, like wine, the yeast must be filtered out to avoid clarity and flavour problems. The comparison with wine does not end there. The wine waiter does not need to be familiar with the technicalities of wine production, but he does need to know his wines. Similarly, the person charged with the responsibility of dispensing lager needs to know a good lager when he or she sees and tastes one. The order is important — seeing and tasting. Appearances are a good guide to what the taste is likely to be, for example, condensation on the outside of the glass tells you that the temperature is too low. More than an occasional gas bubble on the interior surface of the glass, or a series of bubbles rising to the surface tells you that either the beer is over-carbonated or that it has been carelessly dispensed. Lack of a generous head, gives a choice of possible faults — The glass was not clean when the beer was put into it — The dispense equipment is either unsuitable, or faulty — The beer was badly dispensed. If any of these indications are present, the beer

should not be served to the customer. The cause should be investigated and remedied by the person in charge of the house, or cellar.

Dispensing lager is a skilled job not to be entrusted to the inexperienced, or untrained. Those who do the supervising and/or training should have at least a basic knowledge of lager brewing and its management. Only then will he/she appreciate fully the difference between lager and other beers and why it is not possible to dispense lager as quickly as other beers if the proper drinking quality is to be achieved.

It takes several minutes to draw a glass of lager, which is what makes the dispense of lager different from the dispense of other beers. The reason for this is that it is necessary to coax the surplus gas out of the beer and into the head. The more generous the head, the less gas there will be in the beer. Excess gas spoils the flavour of the beer giving it an acidic taste. The drinker may also experience discomfort. It is often argued by those in the trade, that the British drinker will not wait the necessary time for the beer to be properly dispensed. Another reason put forward is that British pubs offer for sale several different beers and it is not practicable to draw beer on the basis of anticipated demand. Neither of these arguments is, in our opinion, a valid excuse for serving inferior beer. We call for more research into alternative dispense methods and we deplore any attempt to alter the beer to suit the existing dispense system. We also call on brewers to allocate a part of their huge advertising expenditure to the persuasion of British drinkers to wait a few minutes longer for their glass of lager to be properly dispensed.

BRANCH CONTACTS

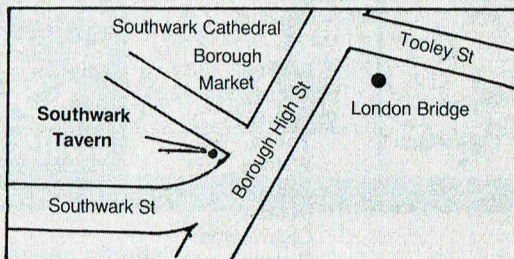
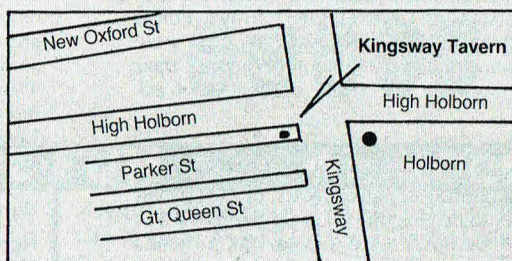
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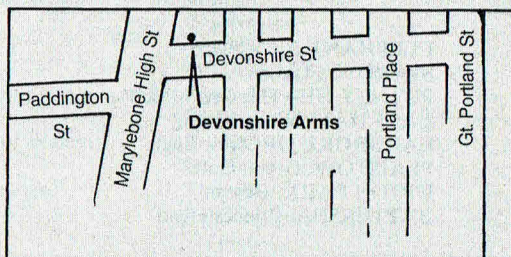


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W1



LONDON BUSES CAN DRIVE YOU TO DRINK!

There has long been a connection between beer and buses. The first bus of all in England, George Shillibeer's horsedrawn 'Omnibus', ran from the City to the 'Yorkshire Stingo' public house, Paddington, in 1829. This followed on from the practice of the mail coaches, which regularly called at inns and taverns, where both horses and men could gain rest and refreshment. The 'Yorkshire Stingo' survived to become a Watney house, before being demolished to make way for the Marylebone flyover in the late-Sixties.

Even after the coming of the motorbus, routes traditionally terminated on pub forecourts, or used pub names as the qualification point on their destination boards and blinds. Famous names such as CHINGFORD 'Royal Forest Hotel' or CRICKLEWOOD 'Crown' were once known all over London because of their appearance on the front and backs of LT buses.

Come the 1960's though and things began to change. Pubs were keen to exploit their yards for the parking of patrons' cars, or raised their charges to heights that LT were unprepared to go to. So buses were forced out, to stand instead in side streets, or in purpose-built bus stations. Redevelopment of town centres also led to casualties. Famous pubs were

demolished, and buses were diverted through pedestrianisation schemes to terminate well away from the remaining pubs.

The 1980's has seen a fresh threat to the presence of the pub name on bus destination blinds. For LT has not been willing to go along with the brewers' fad of rechristening 'fun' pubs with ridiculous new names. Thus when Ind Coope changed the famous North London pub in N.13 from the 'Cock' to the 'Manhattan', route 29 buses began showing PALMERS GREEN GARAGE instead of PALMERS GREEN 'Cock'.

Unlike real beer, 'real' buses — i.e. those with an open platform at the rear and a conductor, have vanished from much of London. In many areas the pay-as-you-enter pub dominates the scene, just as keg beer did in the 'Sixties. Though LT have recently called a halt to any more one-man bus conversions in Central London, there is no prospect of any vehicular equivalent of the late-Seventies real ale revival to revitalise areas such as Barking, Croydon, Harrow, Kingston, Romford or Uxbridge.

Here therefore are the remaining destination displays used as termination points by London's last 'real buses' — the Routemasters.

Route/s	Display	Brewer
2B	BRIXTON 'George Canning'	Watney
9	BARNES 'Red Lion'	Fuller
9/11	HAMMERSMITH 'Brook Green Hotel'	Young
11	FULHAM 'Salisbury'	Watney
11	CHELSEA 'Worlds End'	Watney
12	PENGE 'Pawlens Arms'	Courage
12	DULWICH 'Plough'	Charrington
12	PECKHAM 'Heaton Arms'	Watney
		<i>Now known as the Duchess of Peckham after a period as the Vicar & Kilderkin!</i>
12	ELEPHANT & CASTLE	Truman
13	SWISS COTTAGE	Sam Smiths
14	PUTNEY HEATH 'Green Man'	Young
15	EAST HAM 'White Horse'	Charrington
15	LADBROKE GROVE 'Eagle'	Truman
15	PLAISTOW 'Green Gate'	Charrington
15	UPTON PARK 'Boleyn'	Taylor Walker
19	BATTERSEA 'Princes Head'	demolished 1978!
		<i>This name has now been assumed by the former Ale House, a modern Whitbread pub a short distance away.</i>
19	HIGHBURY BARN	Free House
19	ISLINGTON 'Angel'	Converted to Lyon's cafe, now bank
22	CHELSEA 'Worlds End'	Watney

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On being excluded from the Guide

We've just been drummed out of the Brownies,
Removed from the beer drinkers guide,
The ultimate humiliation,
Our faces in shame we must hide.

Does this mean we'll get no more visits,
From serious young men in flared jeans?
Who demand to know what the O.G. is,
Though they're not really sure what it means.

No more groups in obscure brewery tee-shirts,
Tightly clutching their half pints of beer.
First a sniff — then a sip — then a swallow,
After making quite certain it's clear.

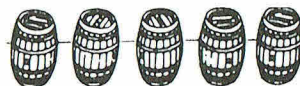
What can we have done to offend them?
These self proclaimed experts on booze.
Just what are the things that they look for,
When deciding which pubs they will choose?

Perhaps we should alter our image,
And serve Chilli and Curry 'til ten.
Maybe then we would get reinstated,
Back in the Good Beer Guide again.

Or we could add some instant nostalgia,
Put up shelves filled with old books and pots.
And cover the walls in old pictures,
Bought at a sale in job lots.

Or maybe we'll choose to ignore them,
And try to put on a brave face.
For it's probably not too important,
We've a feeling that could be the case.

From 'Two Beers, my friend will pay'. Anon



London buses continued

28	HARROW ROAD 'Prince of Wales'	Truman
29	HOLLOWAY 'Nags Head'	Charrington
29	MANOR HOUSE	Watney
29	PALMERS GREEN 'Cock'	Ind Coope/Taylor Walker
29	WINCHMORE HILL 'Green Dragon Lane'	Courage
31	CHELSEA 'Worlds End'	Watney
31	HARROW ROAD 'Prince of Wales'	Truman
38	ISLINGTON 'Angel'	see above
53	BLACKHEATH 'Royal Standard'	Truman
53	BRICKLAYERS ARMS	Pub long gone
53	ELEPHANT & CASTLE	Truman
		<i>Route 53 converted to one-man bus, Feb 1988</i>
73	TOTTENHAM 'Swan'	Taylor Walker
73	ISLINGTON 'Angel'	See above
88	TOOTING 'Mitre'	Taylor Walker

Note:- Not all the above pubs serve real ale.

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Christian will always be associated in many CAMRA members minds with the Red Cross, opposite Brakspears gates in New Street, Henley-on-Thames, where he helped-out at many times over the years. Henley Cricket Club must be thankful to him since it was he who reminded Michael Chalcraft (MD of Brakspears) of the old tradition of the Henley Town CC (which had amalgamated with Henley CC) and which was, virtually, the Brakspears team, whereby the Brewery donated a barrel of beer every time the Club played a new fixture. When the Honourable Artillery went to Henley for the first time, the Henley players were gazing in amazement at a stillaged 18 gallons — and wondering why it had been delivered in addition to their normal firkins. The necessary explanation was made, and the score-book suffered. We understand that the tradition is still kept up today by Brakspears.

He now also scores for the Army sometimes, and it may well be that Mess Stewards and NAAFI Managers will find a benevolently smiling giant of ample girth, bald pate, and glasses slipping down his nose enquiring why the beer is in such appalling condition and would they like him to look at their cellar? He

does this to publicans when necessary, and it shakes them to find that not only is he a qualified Chef, but a graduate of the Brewers Society Training Course, as well as an ex-licensee! Mind you, he invariably makes a point of congratulating them if their beer is good! As he says, 'Fair do's...'

He, and we, wish to make the point that there are many sports clubs in the southern part of the country which sell real ale, but which CAMRA's Clubs Working Party don't know about. Why not drop them a line about your favourite, and otherwise, clubs?

Rough Justice

The historic Magpie and Stump next to the Old Bailey in London, from where drinkers once used to watch public executions, has been demolished. The pub, rebuilt as an exact replica of the original in 1931, with wooden panelling and leaded windows, survived the IRA bombing of the courts in 1973, only to fall to property developers.

The Charrington house was bulldozed along with an Eldridge Pope pub, The George, to make way for offices. A new pub is to be incorporated, and should open in 2 years. See also PX

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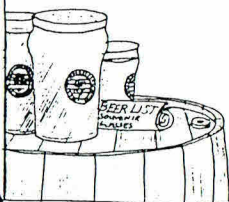
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CAR PARK

Directions from Canterbury
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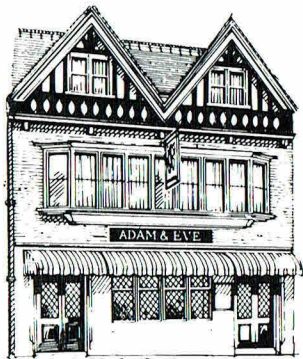


OUT OF TOWN — Windsor, part 2.

Merton finishes the Historicrawl he began in May.

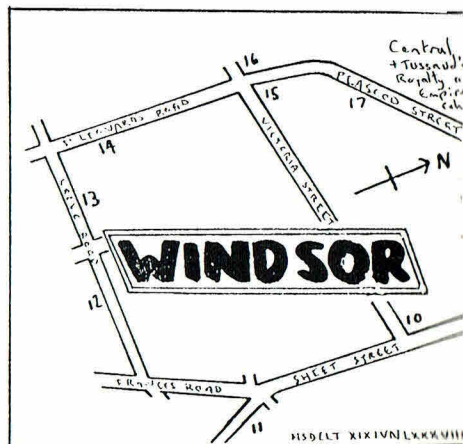
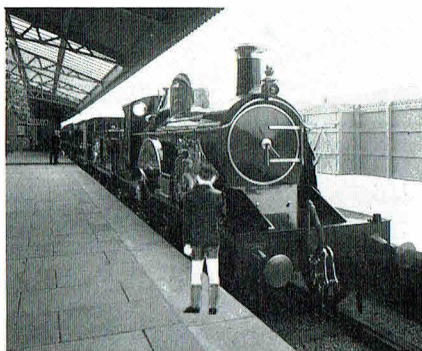
I terminated the first part of this article rather abruptly with a rush along the High Street in order to appease Father Time and the Editorial Team as well as getting in my plug for the Frogmore Mausoleum. Now the dust has settled, here I am panicking again to finish it in time for the next deadline. We begin, as before, at Windsor & Eton Riverside Station. Remembering the Royal Oak (1), William IV (2) and the Swan (3) — each serving Courage Best and Directors (henceforth a reference to that brewery shall infer both beers unless otherwise stated) we now turn left at the crossroads up towards the Castle, noting on the left the statue of Prince Christian, who was killed in action in the South African Wars while serving as a major; his grave near Pretoria was re-discovered by his mother using psychic means, and he is commemorated by a pub which features later in this article.

Crossing the road we pass the Theatre Royal and enter the Adam & Eve (4), Bass and Charrington IPA with, naturally, theatrical memorabilia. A sign outside proclaims its date of establishment as 1724; other sources



(including the Charrington leaflet which provided this and the next pub illustration) state that an inn of sorts has existed on the site since Norman times, and that it was connected by tunnel to the Castle opposite. Quite possible; why ruin a good story? The garden at the rear with its newly-installed barbecue provided kid-space without needing to buy them a meal (pricey in this area) or park them on the pavement. In the summertime, though, outdoor drinking is quite convenient and pleasant at nos. 7,8,9 and 13 which follow soon. Sadly, not one hostelry on the High

Street serves real beer. We next come to Central Station — bear it in mind for after closing time; licensing hours decree a dry spell from 2.30 to 5.30 except when Sunday hours apply, although that will hopefully soon be remedied in this, a predominantly tourist area. The Station was built by the Great Western Railway to serve the Castle at Queen Victoria's request. The present building commemorates the Diamond Jubilee, as does the magnificent waxwork display inside — only one platform is now used by B.R. with a shuttle service from Slough. It was to that station that Victoria travelled early in her reign, proceeding thence to the Castle by carriage. The journey did much to popularise rail travel. As I said, the display is magnificent, and well worth an admittedly expensive visit — cheap rate combined rail travel and admission tickets are available from station of departure. Editor Martin claims he could only give a better history lesson if possessed of several million pounds; I once accompanied the most awkward class of



A left turn takes you to the Two Brewers (9), Courage and John Smiths, mentioned last time — but no longer selling real cider, although providing good value meals. Double back to the road junction and turn left along Sheet Street to the Round Tower (10) — Courage Best — then continue to the Prince Christian (11), the only free house in Windsor proper, serving Brakspear, Fullers London Pride and King & Barnes Sussex. Back track a little to Frances Road on the left, then take the first right, Grove Road to the Prince Arthur (12) for Flowers Original and Wethersdays which is nothing of the sort. Next comes the Crispin (13) — Courage — the friendliest pub I

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IDLE MOMENTS

Seemingly the popularity of this load of rubbish remains undimmed as more of you send in your entries. Is it the urge to be creative (?) or to see your names in print that drives you on.

Anyway, let's get down to business with one from **Robert McGowan** whose name is also to be found under West London on the Branch Contacts page:

There was an old man of Hove,
Who said, "It's the place that I love,
It's commonly known
There is no better town,
And that's why I never will move."

Following on from that, I always thought that crossword compilers had warped minds. As if to prove it here are two from our own crossword supremo, **Dave Quinton**:

Fred, whose contortionist lover
Was an idiosyncratic mover,
Had a terrible row,
Received the elbow,
Got his leg under instead of over.

He asked at half past four
For a drink, according to rumour,
In a small public house
On the banks of the Ouse
And was told, "No chance at this hour."

Not only that, but we've got a couple more of Dave's tucked up our sleeve for next month. Now we have a solo effort from **Ron Pettit** who has collaborated with one or two of the efforts published in recent months:

A man from the Free State that's Orange
Had a badly warped aeroplane flange.
Realising his danger,
He went to the hanger
But was unlucky to contract the sheep mange.

Ron reminds all devotees of the television programme, Call My Bluff that sheep mange is, of course a minor Turkish official. Finally this month, by way of a change we have a limerick that rhymes but gained our interest by using the device of a contorted abbreviation. It was sent in by **Stan Cole** of Crouch End:

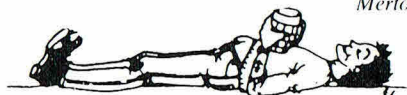
An Esq. who objected to "Mr."
Was once so addressed by his sr.
So deep was the snub
That he want to the pub
And got pr. and pr. and pr.

As always if you would like to contribute a non-rhyming limerick (or something else equally silly) to this column, send your item to Andy Pirson — you too could become famous.

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encountered in several visits to the area preparing this article. Take a right at the crossroads on the St Leonards Road, to the Merry Wives of Windsor (14) — Ind Coope Burton and Friary. Coming on to the next crossroads where this thoroughfare becomes Peascoe Street and pedestrianised. On the right is the Criterion (15) — Courage. Note the superb windows advertising Ashbys of Staines; that company was taken over many years ago by Simonds of Reading, passing to Courage. During the last decade several of them, including the Adam & Eve and the Carpenters Arms (4 & 6 on the map) changed hands in the pub exchanges — otherwise there would be virtually no choice of beers hereabouts. Just over the road is the Hope (16) — Courage Best. Carry on up the road to the Star (17) — Courage, and there we finish this crawl. At the top you are again on the High Street, with a choice of 2 stations, the Castle, Tussaud's Royalty & Empire exhibition, and no real beer. Tank up beforehand — it's worth it.

Merton



BEER GUIDES

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

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

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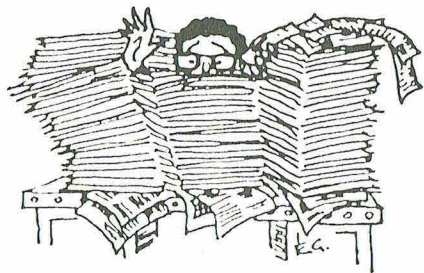
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LETTER TO THE EDITORS



Dear Editors,

I feel that I must reply to the attack made on cider in CAMAL comment (June 1988)

1. First and foremost, CAMAL is not a part of CAMRA, so why does it have a regular column in a CAMRA publication? This is a very important point when you look at Motion 1. at the AGM in April, which among other things said. "This AGM recognises the threats to real ale and traditional pubs from: 1. The International lager culture fostered by lifestyle advertising." This motion was proposed by the National Executive and passed unanimously.

2. Cider is a traditional British drink which is threatened with extinction. Lager is a totally foreign product with **no** tradition in this country whatsoever. It is certainly not threatened by anything (except people with good taste).

3. The motion which I put forward at the AGM regarding promotion of cider was passed almost unanimously. I wonder what people's reaction would have been to a motion for actively promoting lager?. Is this why no-one from CAMAL stood up to be counted? (see 5, below). My motion was democratically passed. What right does a non-CAMRA organisation have to criticize this in a CAMRA publication?

4. Cider is usually drunk by non-beer drinkers. It should not affect beer sales. Anyone who is of the opinion that lager is not drunk in preference to beer is being naive to the extreme.

5. At least I have the courage to put my name to anything I wish to be published!

Mick Lewis
Secretary, A.P.P.L.E.

Dear Editors

THE surveys for the 1989 Good Beer Guide have reminded the Devon and Cornwall Branches once more of the difficulties we have in gathering information about pubs, especially in the rural north of our region and along the coastal strip from Ilfracombe to Bude.

We know that many CAMRA members visit our two counties each summer on holiday, and are always interested to hear from you about pubs you have found — both good and bad!

Let us know, too, if you come across pubs which cater particularly well for families, or which serve first-rate, fresh, tasty food. Send the information to me via CAMRA headquarters — TIM WEBB, Plymouth Branch.

Dear Readers

Recently while on Bruce's Firkin Ale trail I stopped for a pint in my local Firkin pub, the Flamingo in Kingston.

I had been given a lift there from the Pheasant and Firkin by some people from Essex who were also on the trail.

However, in the few days before my next visit to the Flamingo, somebody has seen fit to pinch the pewter Beer Tankard that I keep there. This has baffled the staff and caused some embarrassment also as the next time I went there was for David Bruce's farewell party — the absence of the tankard was discovered as he was buying me a pint!

God alone knows what possible good the tankard would be to anyone else as it was a 21st birthday present, complete with personal inscription. It has my name "Noel" in old style lettering engraved by the lip, a large key with the "21" on it, and the date of my 21st birthday "25-12-78" engraved near the base. It also bears my signature in black marker pen on the underside.

The value of the tankard only comes to around thirteen pounds so it is no big prize to whosoever removed it. I would be very grateful for information of its whereabouts, and hopefully its return as it is of great sentimental value.

Cheers,

your resident cartoonist,

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Noël Jones.

More opposite

COVER STORY

Our cover photograph this month was taken on Easter Monday 1935, at the annual Regents Park Heavy Harness Horse Parade.

Featured is the Charrington's dray with working horses Indigo and Ivory. At the reins is Leonard Tillbrook, grandfather of our overworked advertising manager Barry.

It seems that B T owes his very existence to the Mile End Brewery. Both his grandfathers were long serving draymen there and became good friends. It was as a result of this friendship, that their children (later to become Barry's mum and dad) first met.

As you can see from the picture below, it didn't take the young master Tillbrook long to discover what his laughing gear was really made for!



letters continued

Dear Editors

Seeing Danny Blyth's article 'Budget Threat to Beer Quality' in this month's 'London Drinker' prompted me to tell you of a pleasant low-alcohol lager (0.5%) imported from Frankfurt/Main Germany where it is brewed and bottled by the Binding Brauerei AG. In supermarkets Waitrose sell one-third litre bottles at 33 pence while Sainsbury puts on its own label and charges a little less.

The label declares that only water, barley-malt, hops and yeast are used in brewing, and it keeps for about one year.

I have drunk this lager for two or three years, but when I have a bottle in a pub I am charged upwards of 65 pence to 90 pence. Maybe if this lager could be imported in casks or drums it could be retailed in pubs at 65 pence a pint draught or beer-drinkers who drive and who relish the flavour of beer.

*Jim Gordon
London W3*

BELGIAN SPECIAL BEER WEEKENDS

As mentioned by Michael Jackson in April's 'What's Brewing'...

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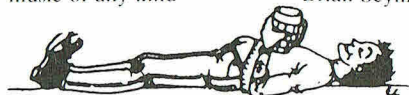
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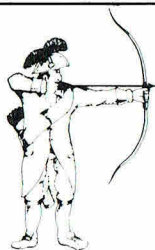
ENFIELD & BARNET NEWS

We have received a couple of snippets of information from the far flung (well not that far really) northern reaches of the Metropolis this month. The first concerns The Cricketers in Chase Side Place, Enfield Town, a McMullens pub, which has turned one bar into a no smoking area. This is a welcome return of a feature which has not been seen in the area since the enforced closure of the Old Park Heights Hotel about five years ago.

The other item of news is that the J. D. Weatherspoon chain is expanding again with the purchase of a wine bar and restaurant, also in Chase Side, Enfield. Formerly called La Cave, it is currently closed for modification and on reopening will be called, in common with others of the chain, the Moon Under Water. As they state in their advertising Weatherspoon's specialise in good beers at low prices in traditional pub surroundings free of music of any kind

Brian Seymour





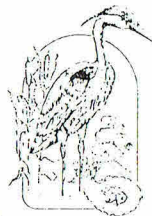
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DAVID BRUCE

A presentation was made on 27th May at the Phoenix & Firkin, Denmark Hill to David Bruce on behalf of CAMRA London Branches by Martin Smith, acting in his capacity of Brewery Liaison Officer for Bruce's.

Outlining the history of the Firkin pubs as described in *May London Drinker*, Martin recalled being accosted in the Goose & Firkin shortly after its opening by an overheated brewer wondering how the speaker could possibly cycle in shorts in Autumn! They next meet in court, the licensing session for the Phoenix & Firkin.

On behalf of all London Drinkers — not only CAMRA members — Martin thanked David for what he described as an outstanding and possibly the most significant contribution to the London real ale scene in many years.

The presentation consisted of two CAMRA mirrors, a 1988 GBBF tankard and a copy of Brian Glover's 'New Beer' (on whose cover David appears) which the author had inscribed with an invitation to appear on the cover of his next work — about retired multi-millionaires!

David responded appropriately, saying that he and CAMRA had not always seen eye to eye, but that a good relationship had been well established.

David is not retiring entirely from the scene. Midsummer Inns, who purchased the Firkin chain and registered names, have retained his services as consultant. As is well known, David Bruce turned down a far higher bid that he actually accepted in order for the fruit of his labours to go to the right buyer. After a short holiday he now plans to devote his time to a trust he has founded with the aim of building specially equipped canal boats to provide holidays for handicapped people and deprived children from London. Among those present were an expert on canals and boats, and another well experienced in work with children and the handicapped, both of whom offered their services in a voluntary and advising capacity.

Being connected with this publication, they will keep us informed of progress.



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LOADSA BEER – NO KIDS!

This year there will be no families visiting the Great British Beer Festival. Why? Bureaucracy has hit again!

A local interpretation of the licensing laws has prevented Pat Waters of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, from running a family room at the Festival at the Queens Hall, Leeds, from August 2-6. For the last three years (in Brighton), a room was set aside for families — with soft drinks, toys and sweets. The kids loved it and so did the parents!

With two children and husband in tow, you could see the disappointment on Pat Waters' face. She said: "I realise that the local authorities need to protect children, but we are going to have a lot of upset people. We have families coming from all over Britain. It was nice to give the children a good time and the parents a chance to enjoy the event as well. Many brought their grandparents!

"It was a very good, friendly atmosphere — a real example of everything CAMRA has been fighting for. We usually use the family room to support the local children's hospital. This obviously isn't going to be possible now."



CAMRA officials would still love to see a change of heart but think it unlikely. The best they hope for is to be allowed to run a family room next year.

For further information contact:

Pat Waters on 01-304 6478

Barrie Pepper on 0532 462627 (day) or 0532 658595 (eve)

David Fryer on 021-520 2211 (day) or 0543 432141 (eve)

If the Great British Beer Festival in Leeds simply means a quick dash along the motorway, or a whistle stop break by train — think again! Whilst the Festival will certainly be able to boast all the usual attractions, the City itself can boast a wealth of tourist and picturesque attractions. So before you decide on your length of stay, read on and see what you could be missing...

It was in the 19th Century that Leeds was developed as a major industrial city when it became the worlds leading centre for the production of cloth. However, it was back in the 12th Century that the areas potential was first recognised by the monks. Being well supplied with timber, stone and water, it was an ideal situation for a monastery. Kirkstall Abbey was built by Abbot Alexander. It still stands as one of the most complete examples of Cistercian architecture and with it only being 2 miles from the City Centre, on the Abbey Road, it is easily accessible to both motorists and those using public transport.

Whilst in the area, pay a visit to the Abbey House Museum. Once the gateway to Kirkstall Abbey, it now houses a small museum. Main exhibits being a toy collection and a folk gallery showing how ordinary people lived.

Moving back into the City Centre you will probably be taken aback by the sheer architectural splendour and heritage of the City. The magnificent Civic Hall on Claverley Street was built in 1933 of Portland Stone. As the name suggests, it is the administrative headquarters of the City. Viewing is by appointment only. Not far down the road you'll find the quite splendid Town Hall, venue for the Leeds International Concert Season and the famous piano competition. It is said to be the most famous building in the City.

Just a few minutes walk from the Town Hall, in Cookridge Street, stands the St. Annes Cathedral. This 19th Century Roman Catholic Cathedral holds daily services as does Leeds Parish Church situated in Kirkgate and dating from the 1840's. It is the only Parish Church in England to retain daily sung services in the Cathedral. As you will have, no doubt guessed, its open daily.

For those in a more leisurely mood, there's plenty to do and see and there is no better place to start than in South Leeds at the

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SOUTH EAST LONDON PUB GUIDE



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PUB PROFILE - The King's Head, West Norwood



Just over 14 years ago I moved into a flat in West Norwood and, naturally, priorities dictated finding the best pub. There is plenty of choice in the area, and the pick of the bunch is decidedly the King's Head. On first entering the building I was confronted with an array of eleven handpumps, all serving the best drop of Bass you could hope for. It featured in the 1975 Good Beer Guide, described as 'A most unattractive pub with an Irish flavour'. Architecturally I'd disagree - the late Victorian exterior featured in the advert opposite hides the much older structure in the sketch above — drawn from a photograph of the 1880s. The problem arose from the fact that the inspectors visited when there was scaffolding up outside, and bathroom fittings were being trundled through the bar. They just omitted to check the situation with the local contact — the present author. As for the Irish flavour — well, many locals are descended from the builders who came over in the 1850s to build the Crystal Palace. To all comers 'Cead Mile Failte' — a hundred thousand welcomes — is the order of the day, both from the regulars and the staff — Jim and Eileen Holland have run the King's Head for over a quarter of a century — their motto is 'quality, civility and service'. Deservedly, it has featured in the last two Good Beer Guides.

For a period of some 7 years only top pressure was available — until suddenly four handpumps appeared. Yet even so I have never had a bad pint there — I understand the Guinness is to be recommended, and can testify to the excellence of the home-made pies.

Now we reach the point where I stick my neck out — the historical side. No matter how well an article is researched, errors can creep in, and are bound to be challenged — but also accepted — as gospel at a later date. A few years back I wrote a history of the local brewery which appeared in this magazine as

well as the South-East London Beer Guide, and the local historical society's journal. The latter shot me to pieces over which pubs it owned. That has now been remedied in the new S.E. Guide. Basically, the King's Head was the principal house of the Norwood Brewery, which was demolished after falling into Charrington's hands in the early 30's. First listed in 1854, it started life as Bennet's, passed through several owners including Flower's of Stratford on Avon for the closing two decades of the last century, and becoming part of the already large Hoare's empire in 1919 — when its five pubs seem to have been sold off separately. The King's Head was for many years a Wenlock house until swallowed by Bass, who in due course merged with Charrington, so things have come full circle. Local records are so scant that it is at present unknown which the other pubs were. The pub adjoining the brewery site — and using its former cellars — is still a Charrington house, and a few remains can still be seen of the old Brewery Tap, so that takes care of two more. The long-closed Forester's Arms, a few doors away from the King's Head, is thought to have been a Whitbread house — there are none in the area now; remember, they took over Flower's, so there is a possible clue. Until 13 years ago another pub — the Rosemary Branch — stood on the main road parallel to the High Street on which the King's Head now stands. The High Street did not exist until 1806 — bear that in mind for a moment — whereas Knight's Hill — as the other road is known — is the original main road. A century ago the two pubs were connected by huge grounds — now almost completely built over. Known as the Tivoli Gardens, they included a monkey house, a maze, quoits, skittles and a cricket ground, plus one or possibly two outside bars, and orchards for customers to help themselves. Four pear trees still survive, and a fifth was destroyed by the great gale of October; its fruit now constitutes the strongest perry I have ever produced. It is known that there was a King's Head locally in 1595, and it seems (I won't put it any stronger than that) that the title was transferred when the present King's Head — or rather its predecessor — was built early last century. The name Rosemary Branch referred to the Grand Surrey Canal, of which a branch nearby was planned at the beginning of the last century. From memory, I'm pretty certain that it was older than that. The sign depicted a canal

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house.

boat; it was a Charrington house. Anyway, that gets us no further with the King's Head, behind which still stands the former brewery stables and draymen's accommodation. Until recently it still contained harness, but for many years it was occupied by Tivoli Motors. The name is perpetuated in a road nearby. The large back room, which is used for entertainment, pool and indoor space for children (featured in the Pubs for Families Guide), and also on occasions as the London Drinker paste-up office, was an original music hall when home-made entertainment was the order of the day. When that became big business in the 1860's and Music Halls were purpose built, many of the stars settled in South London. The connection here only ceased in recent years when an elderly regular died — he had performed in the Dublin music halls in the 30s and 40s, and frequently accompanied one of our staff with similar connections — indeed, he had accompanied the legendary Irish tenor Count John McCormack.

Like so many such pubs, the King's Head is a great fund raiser for charities, and has recently presented cheques respectively for £1,000 for the Kings Cross Fire Appeal, £2506 for St. Christopher's Hospice and £60 for the

Telethon. I've gone on long enough — but after all, the place has been like a second home to me for many years, and I still visit it several times a week, despite having moved from the area three years ago. I just wish there were more pubs like it — of course there are, I just don't know them. How about a few recommendations?
Martin Smith

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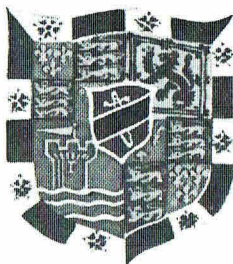
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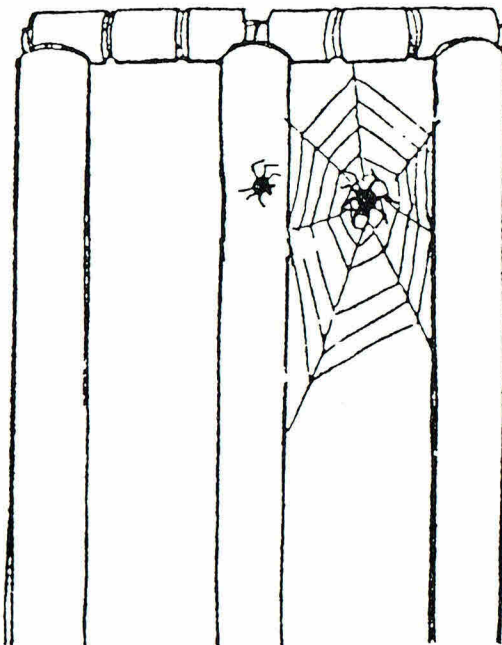
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THREE people who were arrested in a park in Rushden, Northants, surrounded by beer cans and a partly-drunk bottle of rum, denied that they were drunk when they appeared in court.

When one of the trio was asked by the prosecution to explain why he claimed not to be drunk after admitting he had consumed four pints of beer as well as some rum, he replied: "Because the beer was Watney's."

Watney mystery

THE London Evening Standard reported that a drayman and a driver employed by Watney in Whitechapel had each been jailed for four months after being convicted of selling beer they had stolen from their tanker and replaced with water. How on earth were they found out?



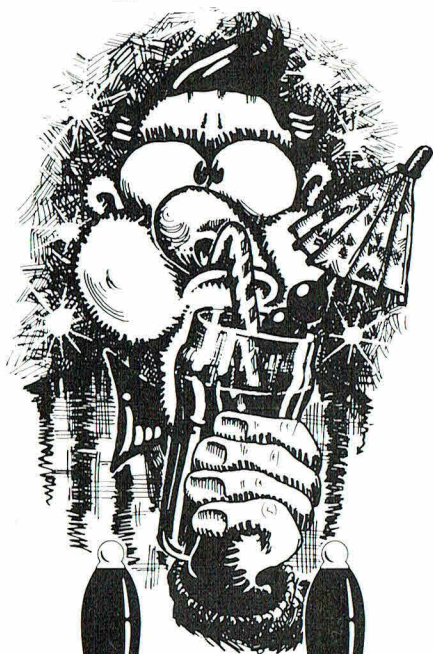
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These items are from 'Two beers, my friend will pay'

AWILES

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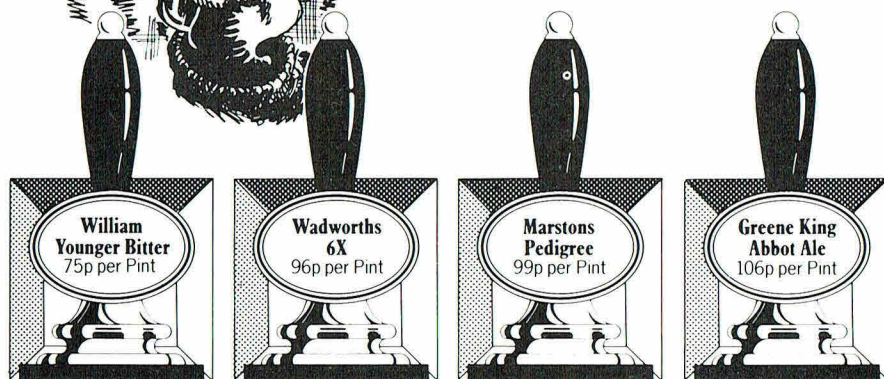
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DEAR DIPSY



Dear Mr. Dipsy,

It has come to our attention from various sources that you are beginning to develop a drinking problem. Come on now, you know the symptoms. You wake in the morning doubled up in pain, your head is throbbing away like mad, you feel nauseous in your stomach and you can't remember much about the night before.

Have you been getting spots before your eyes recently? Have you suffered palpitations and a severe loss of memory? Do you even remember who you are? If the answer to all these questions is yes then you are in desperate need of our very special kind of attention. It's never too late you know.

Just bear with me and let me explain why our treatment is far better than most others claimed for in this area of social abuse. First, you are segregated from alcohol in a clinically tested hospital ward for a period of not less than 3 months. Yes, that's right, I did say 3 months. Are you beginning to develop withdrawal symptoms already? Secondly, you are guaranteed by this new system to be able to refuse a drink at any time, any place, anywhere. Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it?

But are you interested? Maybe you are one of those few people that are holding out that promise that alcohol will solve all your problems. True, they do seem to melt away for a time, but they are always there strong as anything the following morning — once the hangover has passed.

Just put your name down on the list and you will be assured of the best possible attention to you and your needs. Whatever your request we will cater for it. As long as it doesn't include alcohol. We will teach you how to start eating again. Can you imagine how it will feel to wake up in the mornings feeling fit and alert? You can even go downstairs and eat a hearty breakfast every morning. You can then

leave for work feeling cheerful unless you've already lost your job through absence. Come on now, you know it makes sense.

If you feel like throwing off the shackles of your past and re-living your life anew — all you have to do is send us your name and address, and quickly, to the above address heading it L. Fitzpatrick, telling us when you can report for treatment and in return we will forward to you the particulars of your case. We will also tell you at which one of our centres you should report for treatment and rehabilitation.

Decide today, we have a wonderful atmosphere here and every day gone is a day lost.

If we hear nothing from you within 21 days we shall assume that you have ignored this letter and opted for the easy life of no feeling, and we will resign you to the dustbin of life.

Act now. This is a not to be repeated offer.

Yours with much love and respect,
L. Fitzpatrick (Director),
Alcoholics Anonymous, SW10

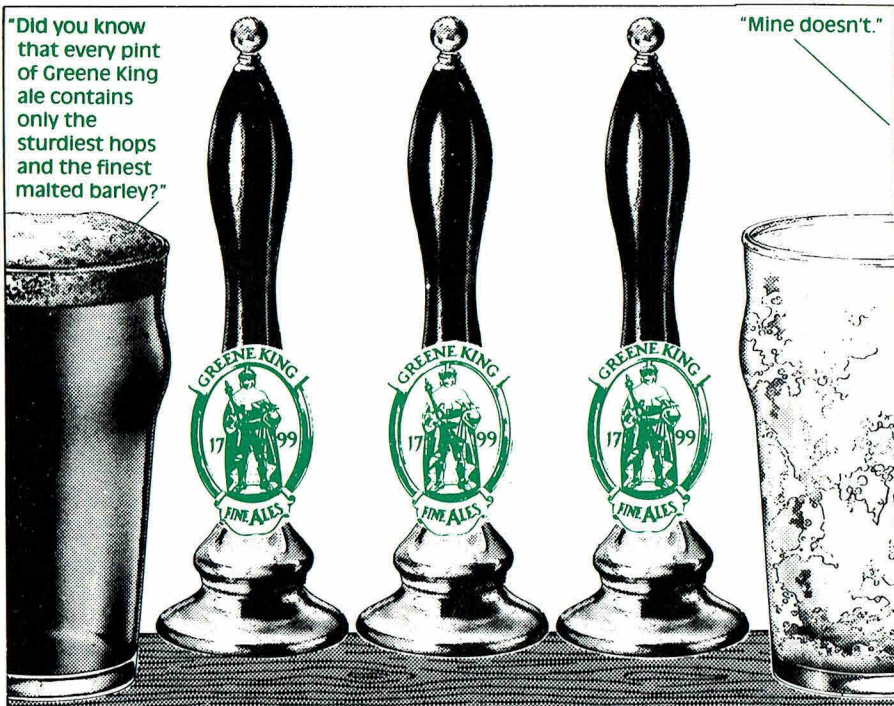
Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick, Thankyou for your concern. The biggest problem I have in life is trying to sort out which of the letters I receive are genuine and which are made up for a laugh by people who should know better (though maybe those people have other problems that they cannot bring themselves to put into writing). I still can't make up my mind about yours.

I have reread the tests in the second paragraph of your letter and (assuming it is genuine) I have come to the conclusion that I must be okay. I am always awake at the crack of noon ready to spring out of bed (or my resting place beside it) in time to get to the pub next door in time for opening at 5.30. I never have spots before my eyes, not by the time I have prised them open, anyway. I always have my monogrammed chamois leather beer bib to remind me who I am, and I only get palpitations when the barmaid in my local wears those tight leather hotpants and ... (Excuse me while I take a cold shower.)

So you see I am in no need of your services. I shall pass your letter on to a friend of mine who seems to be having hallucinations, though. The poor misguided person seems to think there is some time of day known as a "lunchtime licensing session"!

DIPSY

More opposite



DEAR DIPSY, I think you are rotten to lager drinkers. We can't help the way we're made.

BUTCH
SCARFACE
NANCY
BRAINS (who writ this)
SUNREADER (who couldn't)
Docklands Think-Tank

DEAR BUTCH etc., Quite possibly. However, your letter reminds me of recent enquiries as to whether all lager-drinkers read the Sun. I must clarify. Of course they don't. They just get somebody to explain the pictures to them. DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, Since the release of my latest film on video (1984) I have been very worried. Everytime I look at the cassette cover with the title through a large 'V' it reminds me of a certain SHarp lager advert and now I'm convinced that 'Big Brother' is insisting that I drink it. What can I do?

Winston Smith, Oceania

Dear Winston, Well for a start you can stop using this column for free advertising. If you really wish to avoid the pale-yellow peril try imagining that Martin Smith is your Big Brother. Failing that as a Last Wesort watch

all the Jonathon Woss you can. The thought of ending up like him should deter you for life. DIPSY.

A NOTE TO READERS

I get many letters agonising over the position of women in the pub. Should they buy their own drinks? Should they be seen to drink more or less than their male companions? Should they adopt male styles and attitudes or cultivate a feminine drinking style? Does anyone care anyway?

We now have a lavishly-funded research project sponsored by the Wilhelmina McEwan Younger Institute of Applied Feminine Logic of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, and require a team of female researchers to tour the gamut of pubs around London and the Home Counties. (Apparently the Department of Education and Science advised them not to look further afield. The Government don't bother, so why should anyone else?) The researchers will need to accost men in pubs and ask the 100 personal questions about their inclinations. We already have a waiting list of men to conduct the complementary female interviews. Contact the Editors for an exploratory discussion which will be held in a small hotel of their choice.



Middleton Railway. The first railway to be authorised by Parliament in 1758, hence its claim to be the oldest in the world, this is a must for any steam buff. Steam trips do still run Summer weekend afternoons and you will find the railway on Tunstall Road. Moving West you'll find the Armley Mills Industrial Museum on Canal Road. This former mill was the 'Industrial Museum of the Year' in 1983 and embodies all aspects of Leeds life from the early 1800's. As you would probably expect in an old mill, wool processing forms an important part of the museum, but, that isn't the only string to its bow, the golden days of Leeds Cinema are also recalled which also incorporates an actual cinema. When you add a water wheel and a working locomotive you really have got a great day out. One final point, don't go on Monday — it's closed. Moving back into the City and in close proximity you'll find a wealth of things to do and see. Starting off at Calverley Street, again, you'll find the City Museum. The Museum is actually located in the Municipal Buildings and features archaeology, coins, ethnography and natural history. It is open daily but not on Mondays.

For those that may want a bit of solace not far away is the library. Virtually in the same complex is the Art Gallery and Henry Moore Sculpture Centre. The City Art Gallery boasts a permanent collection of paints, sculpture, drawings and prints mainly from the 19th and 20th Centuries and the adjoining Henry Moore Centre seems to encourage a greater awareness of the aims and achievements of sculpture — if you're not sure what that means, go and see for yourself! Both are open daily.

If it's a leisurely walk you need, go no further. Leeds has more parks than any other major British City. Just 3 miles from the City is Roundhay Park, one of the largest natural parks in Britain. Apart from being able to stage major international events, some on a very large scale, Madonna appeared there last year, its other features including the canal gardens and the major tourist attractions of the Coronation House and the Tropical House.

For another picturesque and tranquil setting just 6 miles away, visit Temple Newsam, a Tudor-Jacobean house and birth place of Lord Darnley. Covering some 137 acres you will find mature woodland and limestone rock gardens. Once you have taken a stroll make sure you visit the Bakery Coffee House and Information Centre.

Sport too has a very important role to play in Leeds. Need one say more than Headingley — the home of cricket. And for real supporters, the Roses Match begins the weekend before the Festival, July 30th and finishes on August 2nd, the start of the Festival, what timing!

If you're a golfer, Leeds can boast 21, yes 21 fine golf courses. As for shopping, Leeds has got the lot, from traditional markets and modern precincts to exquisitely preserved Victorian arcades.

This guide doesn't claim to be a comprehensive guide to Leeds — it is quite simply a potted tour of the City that can rightly claim to be the regional capital of Yorkshire. If your appetite has been whetted why not make a week of it and discover the beautiful north. The great British Beer Festival will certainly prove to be a great attraction. Leeds and its attractive surroundings will provide all that much more.

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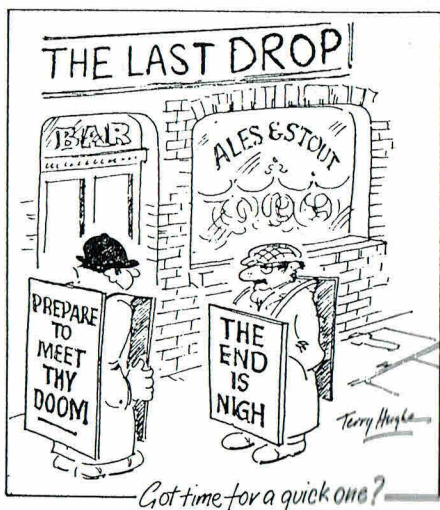
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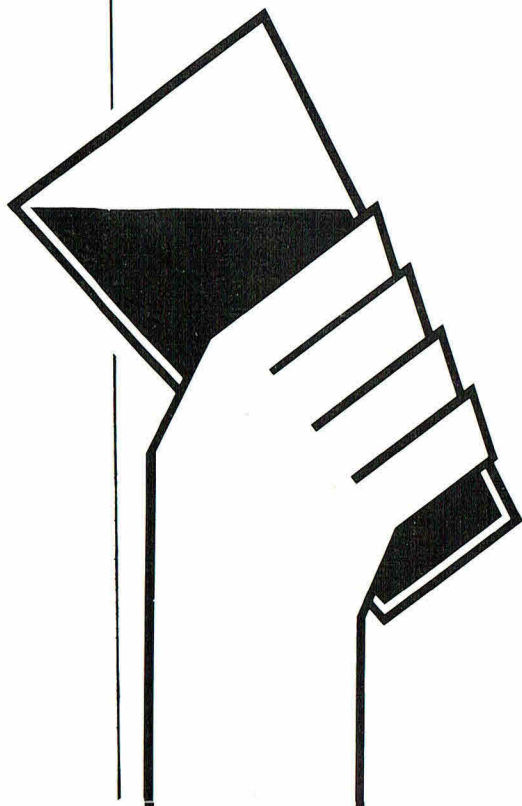
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