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EDITORIAL

Once again the Beer Festival season in London is upon us with Wimbledon (16, 17, 18th Feb) London Drinker (1st/3rd Mar) and Acton (17/18 March). With the exception of Pig's Ear and Greenwich which have already taken place, these are the only opportunity Londoners have to sample the nulfarious brands of beer still brewed by our independent brewers, until next summer.

Like them or loathe them, Beer Festivals have been instrumental in our understanding and appreciation of British Beer and are becoming increasingly more so in the case of Foreign Beer. All the London Beer Festivals are staffed by volunteers and the organizers have trodden various minefields to bring the events to the drinking public. It is also necessary to say at this point that all the organizers are volunteers and their numbers have always been pitifully low when compared to their workload. The reasons for this are many. For instance, who wants to take on extra work when you are up to your neck in your paid employment? Fortunately there are a few of us unwise enough to prepare the ground for 2 or 3 days of mayhem.

As one of these unfortunates, let me take you, the reader, through some of the pitfalls awaiting us. Firstly will the festival make a profit or loss? All festival treasurers have to submit an itemised budget to CAMRA Headquarters for approval. If the powers that be approve, then you can go ahead. I can only speak for Wimbledon which I help to organize, but we try to give the public as good a deal as possible and still attempt to make a small profit. Last year our beer prices were 70p for Mild, 80p for Bitter and £1 for Strong Ales, plus a free programme. This year after the brewery price rises we will have to charge more of course but increases will be kept to minimum.

Next the venue. Wimbledon is by far the smallest, but all London Festivals have had problems over the years finding a suitable hall, which doesn't cost us an arm and a leg! We have used the William Morris Club for 3 years now and have worked fairly amicably with the committee of the club,

but is limited by the numbers we can accommodate. Despite various feelers, we have been unable to find another suitable location in South West London.

Next the beer range. This of course is dictated to us by the space available and the numbers we expect to attend. At Wimbledon we tend to go for a range limited to London brewed beers and a few outside guests and have found this too popular with our customers. Other London Festivals have different themes year year (eg Midlands, The North, West Country) to keep customers interested, but these cost more to transport. We also try to keep the beers in good condition, but storage in a hall is not ideal and mistakes have been made. However at least the customer can rest assured he/she will be drinking pure, unadulterated beer at London Festivals!

Lastly, will the customers come? From experience I know that everyone wants different things from a beer festival. Will the hall be too crowded or too empty? Will there be a children's room or do we have to put up with 'kids' everywhere? Does it have beers that I haven't yet tried, or will it have my old favourites again? Will it have its own festival glass, will we pay with real money or with tokens; will we be able to drink in the afternoon; do CAMRA members have to pay; is it ticket only on certain nights; is there going to be deafening music; will I be able to sit down if I choose; will there be any soft drinks, foreign beer, low alcohol beers; will it be infested with beer bores; can I make a booking in advance? These are just a few questions I have tried to answer over the phone to potential customers.

I think that as the London Festivals have become established, customers have learned to either pick or choose, or as is more my experience, can't wait for the next one! Hope to see you all at Wimbledon, London Drinker (Camden) and Ealing.

Chris Cobbold

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OLD ALE FESTIVAL (An Appreciation)

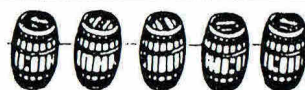
In November the annual Old Ale festival was held at the White Horse, Parsons Green. As always Mark Dorber, the cellarman, had set up a bewildering array of seasonal ales in his immaculate cellar, and landlady Sally Cruikshank kept the hoards happy upstairs in the bars with her huge breakfasts and cheery manner.

The beers are rotated at the White Horse so you take pot luck with what's on at a certain time. However, for those diehards who can last both sessions some unusual brew (for London) were available. Personally my favourites were again Gales, Harveys and Adnams Olds all at reasonable gravity of 1042-44. Towards the end of lunchtime I ventured onto the excellent Pitfield Dark STar (1050) and their Porter (1058). So you can see that I was fairly conservative in my selection. For others with stronger constitutions there were 3 barley wines (including the infamous Harvey's Elizabethan—1090), 15 Old Ales ranging from Adnams (1042) to Burton Bridge's Old Expensive (1066), 4 porters from Burton Bridge, Pitfield, Ringwood and Timothy Taylor, 4 Strong Ales from Belhaven Marston, Robinson and Traquair and finally 2 Milds, Sarah Hughes (1058!) and, thankfully, the pub's regular mild, the excellent Highgate.

I'm sure all London Drinker readers who attended would like me to extend thanks to Sally, Mark and Staff for yet another excellent festival and here's to next year.

Chris Cobbold

PS—My personal congratulations to Sally for her runners-up spot in the Bass competition for the Best Wine Cellar award. Hopefully this mention in the Bass Annual Report will help with her struggle to keep a good selection of beers available to her customers as well.

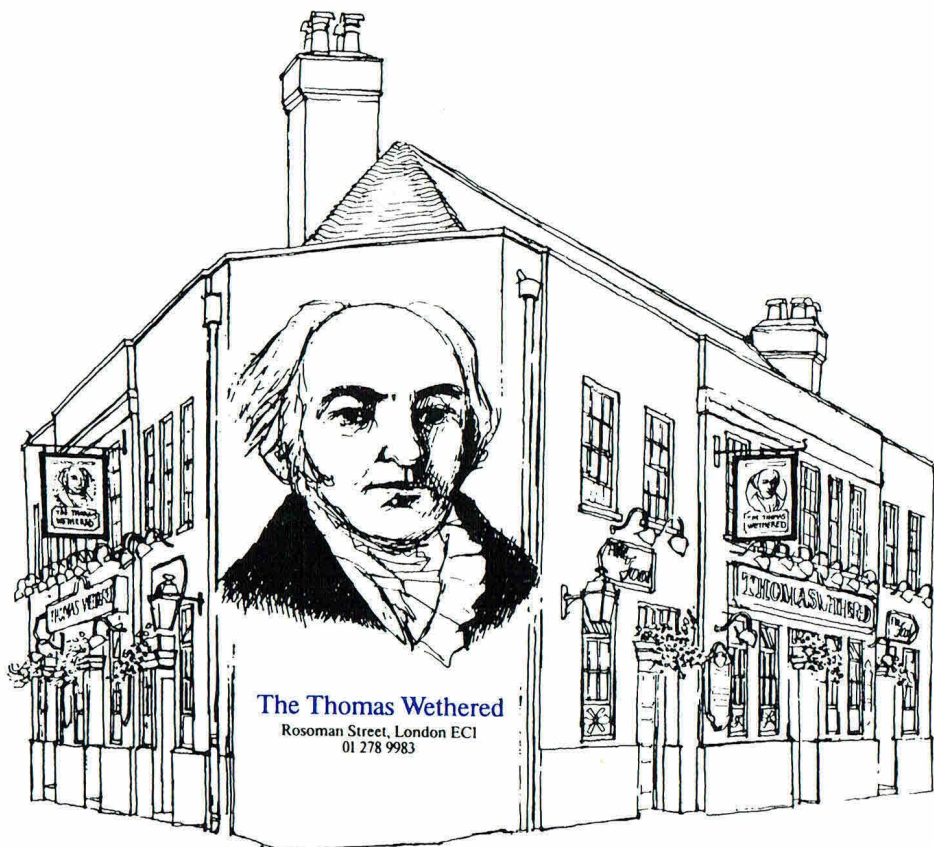


LAGER OUSTED FROM LOCAL

Lager louts have been given the heave-ho by a Buckinghamshire landlord. Dennis Winkworth of the Kings Head in Prestwood has removed all keg lagers from the pub and now serves only cask beer and stout.

"Lager seems to encourage the wrong kind of person," he said. "I don't want trouble in my pub."

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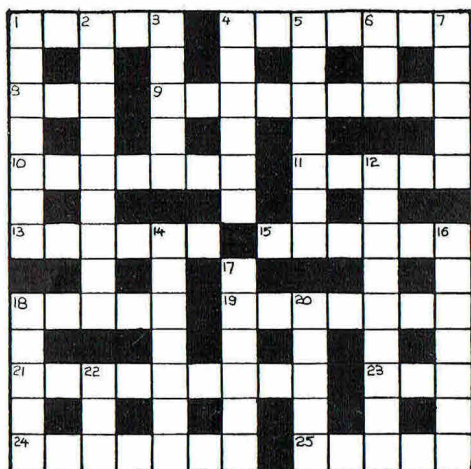
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1. Safe Man. [5]
4. Officer likely to be taken in by killer. [7]
8. Height of rubbish tip. [3]
9. It's about crossing the Circle Line. [9]
10. First I fool then I allocate no place. [7]
11. Susie bears children. [5]
13. Jacks know half the ways. [6]
15. Eleven Girl Guides naughty or good begin to drink. [3-3]
18. Fast ships. [5]
19. I can leave Mexican tree to wither round the edge. [7]
21. Mo is not fully working. [5,4]
23. Have tea out. [3]
24. Felt December shortly could be put off. [7]
25. Perhaps the alternative is a V.I.P. [5]

DOWN

1. Hit the hay for him. [7]
2. Stop insect taking in sodium. [9]
3. They go off centre. [5]
4. Where to find a young rocker. [6]
5. Stripping wet fish. [7]
6. Light tune. [3]
7. Falls headfirst into pleasant recess. [5]
12. Dear, it could be yours. [9]
14. Give the right name. [7]
16. More important king and queen have taste. [7]
17. Mr. O'Connor is the first to stop. [6]
18. United when loudly exploited. [5]
20. The Royal Marines unit. [5]
23. It's not on to have some effort returned. [3]

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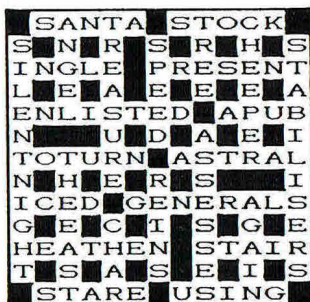
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All correct entries received by first post on 22nd February will be entered into a draw for the prize.

The winner of the prize will be announced in the April 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



Winner of the prize for the November crossword:

Gladys Cringe, 5 Heron Way, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex, CM9 7YA.

Other correct entries were received from:
'Arry, Peter Brown, CAMRA Dengie 100,
Brendan Casey, A.P.Cornish, Vam Eyebrow,
Count Famine, Ian Fairweather,
Damien Farrell, Sir Romeo ffryget,
Elaine Glover, I.Greenleaves, Odd John
(Colchester), Phil Kempton, Pete Large,
Lesley (who smells nice!), Mrs G.M.Lines,
Maeve Lynch, Perry Merton, M.J.Moran,
Di Nasty, Ron Newman, David Parker,
Steve Piggott, W.Priestley, D.Pritchard,
I.J.Roach, Ken Seymour, Sigh and Die,
Ron Smith, Mark Thomas, Mike Trowell,
Ms G.Tuhey, Dave Tyrrell, M.Weedon,
Grizelda Whiplash, D.Woodward,
Alan Wrinklyknob, Yak, Mrs E.*****er.

CLERKENWELL RE-OPENING

The Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell Green re-opened to customers on 19th December after renovations lasting 10 weeks. Formerly a Taylor Walker pub, it now forms part of the Nicholson chain. Its beer range is down from 6 companies—Adnams, Ind Coope Burton, Tetley, Benskins, Wadworths and Arkells. Also available is Addlestone's cask conditioned cider. On handpump under minimal blanket pressure, our staff cider expert has pronounced it not only palatable but excellent.

The present pub was built in 1815 on an older site. The decor revolves around local sights of days gone by, music hall and the theatre of early Victorian times. Not surprisingly so; upstairs is the once famous Apollo Concert Hall, where during the early 1840s plays were performed. On January 7th the tradition was revived with a presentation by the Crown Players—a resident company including the landlord—of two contemporary Victorian plays, "The Spectre Bridegroom—or A Ghost in spite of Himself"—a farce, and "What the Dickens"—a gameshow (the title does not refer to the author—The phrase actually appears in Shakespeare)—both using original scripts obtained from the British Library. Such performances must have been popular, as it is known that in January 1841 the price of admission was raised from 3d to 6d. Quite why they ceased is not recorded, (music concerts stopped many years back, at an unknown date) but in this repeat history has been vindicated. Inflation, however, has taken its toll, and the admission to the revival was ten guineas which—according to a delightfully contemporary styled hand-printed playbill advertising the event, "includes a Dinner of Incomparable Fare". The Concert Room has—like the rest of the pub—

been superbly restored, and is little changed except for one corner walled-off to provide other facilities. However, the original stage is no longer available as the area it occupied has since (about the turn of the century) formed part of the premises of the adjacent business, and the proscenium arch (only 10ft wide) is blocked. The old box office hatch now forms an electrical cupboard. During previous restoration work a lead coffin was found under the cellars—this was buried in consecrated ground. They connect with tunnels running from the former Court House across the Green to nearby Hugh Middleton School, which stands on the site of Clerkenwell Goal. In 1867 a plot by Fenians to blow up part of its wall and release their colleagues mis-fired (the charge was exploded in the wrong place) with the result that a number of unconnected prisoners were killed or maimed. The direct result was what turned out to be the last public execution in Britain the following year—of one Michael Barrett, outside Newgate Prison. As at that time the Metropolitan Railway had for five years been running to Farringdon nearby, presumably some of the spectators went to the hanging by Underground (Easterday—please note).

Landlord Greg Charters was formerly at the now-demolished Maggie and Stump in Old Bailey from whose predecessor's windows spectators witnessed the execution just mentioned. He is very keen on real ale, and is planning a bar festival, hopefully with CAMRA involvement and probably in June, by which time the Green (on which not a blade of grass survives) will have been pedestrianised. More information will follow when available and Merton has been detailed to organise an Historicrawl to coincide.

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A FISHY TALE

Since time immemorial The Londoner's traditional adjunct to a Sunday lunchtime pint has been a bag of shellfish. Until industrial pollution reared its ugly head last century, the Thames was an abundant source of free supplies, and in more recent years winkles have been picked from London's river to cook at home. The shellfish stand is an established sight outside London pubs (though they are dwindling in numbers) although in few other inland towns. Wet fish shops can and do stock shellfish—the supplies of all fish in London come from the same source—the new Billingsgate Market in Docklands. Supermarkets stock frozen shellfish—usually in peeled form—and the other main source in pubs is from an itinerant vendor with a basket, whose wares are always over-priced, and rarely fresh, being pre-packed with a long sell-by date.

The idea of this article is to list the main sources of what you will find on a stand, such as those you see advertised opposite, and whose owners have kindly provided most of the information which follows.

Certain fish are native to British waters, though even those are often imported. Others were never in this country until refrigeration came about, except maybe for scientific specimens in aquaria. At that time the only way to have fish available any distance from the sea (or river) was to have live supplies on the premises—the monasteries usually had a fish pond, as did great houses. Naturally, only fresh-water fish could be kept. However, going through the range in random

order (by no means comprehensive) we have:
WINKLES—from all around our coastline. The Scottish ones are best.

SHRIMPS—both brown and pink (different species and shapes)—native British. The brown are delicious, but are hard to keep in anything but cold conditions.

PRAWNS—native British ones are rare, small and tend to be expensive. Most on sale are trawled around Greenland; those sold peeled (in trays or tubs) are mainly Norwegian. The best are trawled from Denmark, but are no longer available in this country. Canada is another source. All are cooked and frozen at sea.

MEDITERRANEAN PRAWNS generally come from North Africa, and Australia.

KING PRAWNS normally live in river estuaries, and are usually trawled around Bangladesh.

MUSSELS come from all around our coastline, especially the Wash, and Wales. The best come from Ireland. Cultivated ones are usually obtained live, to cook at home—for Moules Marinière etc.

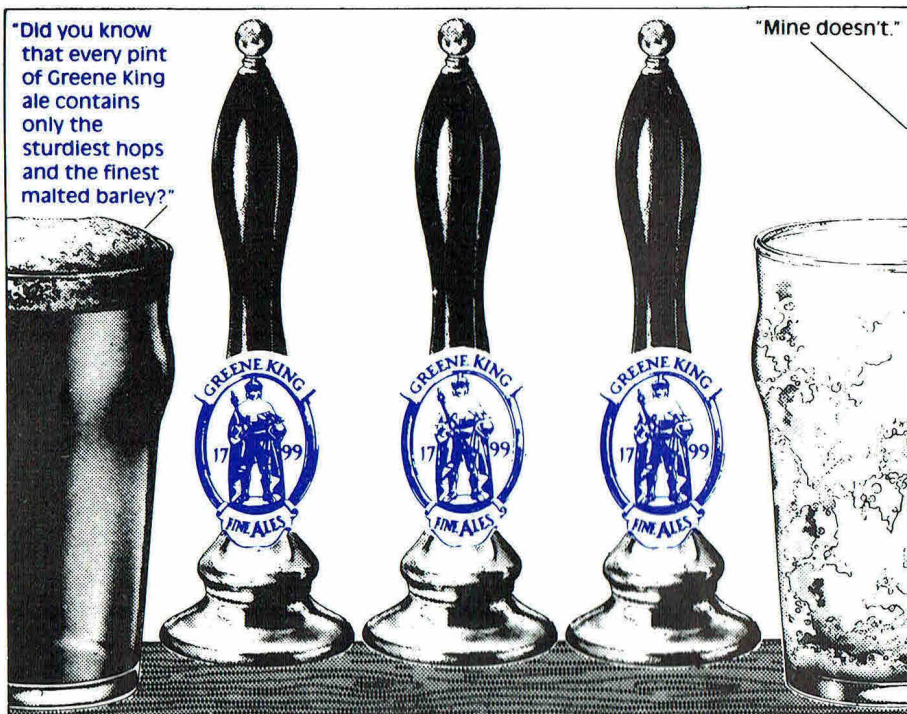
COCKLES are native; but the best come from Merseyside. Dutch ones are often better.

WHELKS are most common on the South Coast, but come from all around our coast. They are generally supplied in tubs of brine, like mussels and peeled prawns. Most other fish arrive cooked and frozen.

CRABS are native to British waters, especially the Cromer area, but mostly come from Cornwall and Scotland.

LOBSTERS come from all around our coast, the best being Scottish. Many are imported live from Canada.

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Many shellfish dealers buy their crabs and lobsters live, and cook them on the premises. Some dress them (ie remove the inedible bits, put the rest in the top shell and generally garnish them) ready for sale. Any dealer worth his salt will open a crab or lobster for you and do the necessary if you're squeamish. With the exception of the one example following, all shellfish is cooked by plunging into boiling water. According to the RSPCA death is instantaneous and painless.

OYSTERS were prized by the Romans, and later by the Normans. Their aphrodisiac qualities are debatable, and the cultivated ones you normally buy never have a pearl. (Cleopatra used to drink pearls dissolved in wine, according to legend). They tend to come from France or Portugal. And American ones are flown in—hence the cost. They are best swallowed whole (having been removed from the shell, of course!) but are also included in some meat recipes. Theoretically they are swallowed alive, but in fact they are dead as soon as the muscle attaching them to the shell is cut. Whitstable in Kent was famous for its oyster beds (the French word for oyster is *huître*—some linguistic connection there) but these have dwindled in recent years. They are native to our south and east coasts.

Two “synthetic” shellfish products are CRAB STICKS and PINKS—both textured white fish with crab and king prawn flavouring respectively (the former shaped like a fish finger, the latter like a peeled king prawn), largely from Japan, Taiwan and Korea.

The choice of fish—crustacean or otherwise—from a fish stall is endless, as is the variety in the new Billingsgate market in Docklands. But two of the most common non-crustaceans to be found are KIPPERS—usually Scottish—and SMOKED SALMON, also usually Scottish, either wild or farmed, and invariably excellent.

Finally—although, as already stated, this is not a comprehensive list—we have JELLIED EELS. Chopped up, prior to cooking, the jelly is their own juice. Native to the Thames (which is where we came in) they thrive all round our coast as well as that of France. Eel, pie and mash shops (selling the heated variety) are still very much a part of the traditional London scene. But that is a different story.

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The highlight of the presentation evening was a 100 prize raffle and we understand that the three residents from the home had a thoroughly enjoyable evening while they were with us during that evening—so we scored twice that time.

Our presentation to The Great Ormond Street Fund mentioned in the last issue finally totalled £2661.00, therefore we can truthfully boast that we are helping Great Ormond Street get better.

The KING'S HEAD has hosted the Tuesday meeting of the West Norwood Lodge of the RAOB for the past 35 years and their members's

support has been welcomed. Some of them have even been lucky (one twice).

In the last raffle it was interesting to note that the first person to buy numbers in the raffle won prize No. 74, he had to wait a long time since the raffle for 100 prizes takes approximately one and a half hours. We have a "bar break" of course, but his wait was rewarded with a bottle of Vodka, so despair is not to be considered since there is obviously no order of winning.

With the support of all our friends and acquaintances in the pub and those customers who first happen to come in and buy numbers we intend to improve on last year's figure in 1989.

At the time of writing, these causes have yet to be decided but you can be assured that they will all be worthwhile.

To all of our supporters past, present and future, be they winners or happy losers we salute you and say a big

THANK YOU
FROM
KING'S HEAD CHARITY FUND
COMMITTEE

and more

We recently received the following piece from the Matron of The British Home and Hospital for Incurables.

The Landlord of the KINGS HEAD, West Norwood and organisers did the residents of the British Home & Hospital proud on 17th December 1988.

They entertained three residents, the Matron and her Deputy to a jolly evening and presented them with a cheque for £602. The British Home and Hospital for Incurables provides medical and nursing care for adults who are chronically sick and disabled.

This money goes to the "Refurbishment Appeal", launched in April 1988 to modernise the beautiful 94 year old building in Streatham, SW16. The work commenced in October 1988 and the completion date is November 1989. The total cost is estimated at £1.3 million—a most ambitious project for an independent hospital run by a charity. We receive no government funding.

If any of your readers are willing to help us raise this money—all of which goes to the charity (none

lost to administration costs) we would love to hear from them. We promise to provide support if required.

Many thanks to the London Drinker and the Landlord and customers of the Kings Head.

Mrs N Kelly
Matron & Deputy House Governor

EX LD OUTLET

The fate of the historic Still ale house in Peterborough is still in the balance—but is now being supported by the city's mayor.

Mayor Connie Gray was due to meet the Norwich Union insurance group to discuss the future of the ancient inn in Cumbergate, which closed last April. Norwich Union plan to develop the site and will include a "licensed premises" but will not give details of its design.

Supporters of the Still, including the local branch of CAMRA, are campaigning for the Still to be retained as a traditional tavern. Norwich Union are due to make a presentation to the council early this year.

REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 42

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), South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition (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

WC1, DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 5 Whidborne St. Charrington: IPA (re-instatement). (N15).

WC1, NEW MERLINS CAVE, Margery St. Flowers. IPA, Greene King: IPA, Young: Special, Younger: IPA. (re-instatement). (N24).

EC3, MINORIES PUB, 22 Minorities. Flowers: Original, Tetleys: Bitter. New pub under arches beneath Tower Gateway DLR station. No jeans policy.

EAST

E1, HEARTS OF OAK, 36 Dock St., Courage: Directors. (E61).

E1, JOLLY BUTCHERS, 157 Brick Lane, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E62).

E1, SEVEN STARS, 49 Brick Lane, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E67). Note correct address.

E2, CROWN, 144 Whitton Rd., Flowers: Original. A Brent Walker Free House, ex Watney. (E71).

E2, SPREAD EAGLE, 1 Kingsland Rd., Ruddle: Best Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (re-instatement). (E78).

E3, ICE LAND, 421 Wick Lane, Truman: Best Bitter. A Watney pub. (E84).

E3, MILTON ARMS, 28 Wrights Rd., Websters: Yorkshire Bitter. A Free House, (re-instatement). (E84).

E5, DUKE OF CLARENCE, 78 Clarence Rd. Ruddle: Best Bitter, A Trumans pub. (E93).

E8, CROWN, 418 Mare St. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. A Truman pub. (re-instatement). (E107).

E9, ALBION, 36 Lauriston Rd., Ruddle: County. Now a Free House, ex Taylor Walker. (E113).

E9, BEDFORD, 220 Victoria Park Rd., Charrington: IPA, Reopened after fire. Note correct title. (Re-instatement). (E113).

E9, CLARENDON, 86 Balcorne St., Courage: Directors. Reopened, note correct title. (E114).

E9, STAG, 37 Brooksby Walk. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors. A Brent Walker Free House, ex Truman. (re-instatement). (E115).

E10, LION & KEY, 475 High Rd. Charrington: IPA. (re-instatement). (E120).

E11, KIRKDALES WINE BAR, 25 Kirkdale Rd., Greene King: Abbot Ale. Free House in Bistro style.

E17, TAVERN ON THE HILL, 318 Higham Hill Rd., Tetley: Bitter, Young: Bitter. A Taylor Walker pub. (Re-instatement). (E164).

BARKING, RED LION, 66 North St. Ind Coope: Burton Ale (re-instatement). (X14).

GANTS HILL, SULLIVANS, Beehive Lane. Reverted to original name BEEHIVE, Courage: Best Bitter, Directors. Now also a Harvester Restaurant. (X48).

ILFORD, MAINSTREET, 71 Ilford Hill. Websters: Yorkshire Bitter. No longer a 'Sports' theme pub. (X73).

MARKS GATE, (CHADWELL HEATH), HARROW, Billel Rd., Ruddle: Best Bitter. (Re-instatement). (X73).

NORTH

N16, VICTORIA, 35 Stoke Newington High St., Ind Coope: Burton Ale. (Re-instatement). (N94).

N22, PHOENIX BAR, Palm Court Entrance, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Park. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors, Ind Coope: Burton Ale, John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter, Tetley: Bitter. New Free House replacing PANORAMA BAR destroyed by fire in 1980.

NORTH WEST

NW6, SALUSBURY ARMS, 50 Salusbury Rd. Ruddle: Best Bitter. New Free House in former shop premises.

NW9, J J MOONS, 553 Kingsbury Rd., Greene King: Abbot Ale, Marston: Pedigree, Younger: Scotch Bitter. New 'Wetherspoon' Free House in former shop premises. HARROW, LA PARISIENE BAR, Cumberland Hotel, 1 St Johns Rd. Ruddle: Best Bitter. Hotel bar open to general public.

WEMBLEY, VILLAGE INN, 529 High Rd. Ruddle: Best Bitter, County, Truman: Best Bitter.

SOUTH EAST

SE2, ABBEY ARMS, 31 Wilton Rd., Courage: Best Bitter, (re-instatement). (SE46).

SE12, BARING HALL, 368 Baring Rd., Ind Coope: Burton Ale, Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, Young: Bitter. Note correct title (re-instatement). (SE98).

SE23, FOREST HILL HOTEL, 41 Stanstead Rd. Charrington: IPA, (U41, SE 177).

ST. PAULS CRAY, BULL, Main Rd., Wethered: Bitter. (SE270).

SOUTH WEST

SW11, GREYHOUND, 136 Battersea High St. Charrington: IPA. (re-instatement) (SW40).

SW11, LATCHMERE, 503 Battersea Park Rd. Ruddle: Best Bitter, County, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (re-instatement). (SW40).

SW11, LONDON CHATHAM + DOVER, RAILWAY TAVERN, 41 Cabul Rd., Ruddle: Best Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW40).

SW11, PINE TAVERN, 69 Plough Rd. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW41).

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RBIL Update continued

CHEAM, CLARET WINE BAR, 33 Broadway, Eldridge Pope: Dorchester Bitter, Royal Oak, King & Barnes: Festive, Shepherd Neame: Bitter, plus guest beer. Wine bar/Free House now selling draught beer again. Included in RBIL, but omitted from SW guide. (re-instatement).

KEW, PIG & PARROT, Station Parade, Kew Gardens Station. Adnams: Bitter; Arkell: Kingsdown; Shepherd Neame: Bitter; Wadsworth: 6X; New Free House in former station buffet run by two ex-Brewery directors. 'Son of Firkin' decor.

WEST

W5 WHEATSHEAF, 431 Haven Rd., Fuller: London Pride, ESB. Another welcome Fullers conversion.

W7, KINGS ARMS, 110 Uxbridge Rd. Websters: Yorkshire Bitter. (re-instatement).

DELETIONS

CENTRAL

WC1, BEDFORD HOTEL, Free House, H removed. (U32, N10&).

EC—, BLUE ANGEL, Ind Coope, demolished, formerly BLUE COAT BOY. (U9, E14).

EC2, HANDPUMP, Whitbread, now demolished. (E27).
EC2, WINDMIL, Free house, closed for demolition. (40, E30).

EC3, CRUTCHED FRIAR (YE OLDE). Watney, demolished. (S11, E34).

EC4, MAGPIE & STUMP. Charrington, demolished. (42, E43).

EAST

E1, ANCHOR & HOPE. Watney, H removed, (never listed in update). (E53).

E1, CROWN & LEEK. Truman (fizz), closed and converted to a workshop. (E56).

E1, PRINCE REGENT. Truman, H removed. (S14, E64).

E1, THREE SWEDISH CROWNS. Watney. H removed. (S15, E67).

E2, WEYMOUTH ARMS. Watney, H unused. (U29, E78).

E3, KITSONS. Watney, H removed. Formerly BRICKLAYERS ARMS (U3, U24, E82).

E4, GREYHOUND. Charrington, H removed. (U9, E88).

E5, GOLDEN SHOE. Watney, H removed. (U2, E94).

E5, WOODMAN. Watney, H removed. (U27, E96).

E8, GRANGE TAVERN. Charrington, H unused. (50, E108).

E9, ADAM & EVE. Taylor Walker, H removed. (U20, E113).

E10, GREYHOUND. Taylor Walker, now a Free House, H unused (52, E119).

E10, OLIVER TWIST, Whitbread, H removed. (S17, E120).

E15, CHOBHAM ARMS. Truman, H removed. (S18, E146).

E16, BRITISH FLAG. Watney, closed. (E153, U32).

E16, HUNTINGDON ARMS. Charrington (fizz), closed and converted to cafe/laundrette. (E154).

E17, LORD PALMERSTON. Charrington, H removed. (S19, E163).

E18, FIRS. Watney, H removed. (S19, U15, E167).

BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK. Watney, Berni Inn, H removed. (U23, X14).

COLLIER ROW, DOUBLE TOP, Ind Coope, H unused. (U23, X36).

DAGENHAM, HIND HEAD. Whitbread, H removed. (S20, X38).

HAINAULT, BADGER. Truman, H removed. (139, X54).

HORNCHURCH, SPENCERS. Ind Coope, H removed. (56, X64).

ROMFORD, BITTER ENDS. Ind Coope, H unused. (S21, X82).

ROMFORD, BULL. Ind Coope, H unused. (56, X82).

ROMFORD, PARKSIDE. Ind Coope, H unused. (S22, X83).

WOODFORD GREEN, MR WOODS. Watney, H removed, formerly WOODMAN. (U1, U8, X106).

WOODFORD GREEN, RAILWAY TAVERN. Truman, H removed. (S22, X106).

NORTH

N7, NEW QUEENS HEAD. Whitbread, H removed. (N66)*.

N7, TWO BREWERS. Watney, H removed. (U20, N68).

N16, ALLEN ARMS. Watney, H unused. (N90)*.

N16, EBOR ARMS. Watney, H unused. (N92)*.

N16, HARE & HOUNDS. Watney, H removed. (N92)*.

N16, VICTORIA. Taylor Walker, H removed. (N94)*.

ENFIELD, KINGS ARMS. Taylor Walker, H removed. (N184)*.

NORTH WEST

NW1, PRINCE ALFRED. Taylor Walker, H unused. (N125).

NW5, ROSE & CROWN. Watney, H unused. (N145)*.

*Listed in N Guide as real, but never recorded as such in updates.

SOUTH EAST

SE8, DREADNOUGHT. Charrington, H unused. (83, SE69).

SE10, LONE SAILOR. Free House, H removed. (U27).

SE15, OGLANDER TAVERN. Courage, H unused. (U40, SE121).

SE18, GREYHOUND. Charrington, H unused. (already deleted in update). (SE146).

SE18, ROYAL OAK. Courage, closed and boarded up. (U40, SE149).

SE18, WELLESLEY. Watney, H removed. (U40, SE151).

ERITH, RAILWAY TAVERN. Courage, H removed. (U40, SE256).

ERITH, ROYAL ALFRED. Courage, H removed. (U40, SE256).

ERITH, TRAFALGAR. Truman, H unused. (U40, SE256).

ST. PAULS CRAY, CRAYFISH. Charrington, H unused. (U40, SE270).

ST. PAULS CRAY, ROBIN HOOD. Charrington, H unused. (U40, SE270).

SOUTH WEST

SW15, SPORTS. Watney (fizz) converted to restaurant. (SW47).

SW19, BURGHEY HALL. Trumans, H unused. (U1, SW55).

WEST

HILLINGDON, HEATH TAVERN. Watney, closed—future uncertain, formerly BRICKLAYERS ARMS. (U2, U30).

HOUNSLOW, ROYAL GEORGE. Taylor Walker, renamed MUSWELLS, H removed. Now a café-bar. (I33).

SOUTHALL, BLACK DOG. Courage, H removed. (U21).

SOUTHALL, RED LION. Free House. H unused. (U28).

CHANGES

CENTRAL

W1, GEORGE, 1 D'Arblay St. —Friary Meux: Bitter, +Tetley: Bitter, +Wadworth: 6X. Now a Nicholson Free House, transferred from Taylor Walker. (29).

W1, GROSVENOR ARMS. Beer range now: Greene King: IPA, Ruddle: Best Bitter, County, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Nor a Clifton Inns Free House, ex-Watney tied. (S6).

W1, HOLYROOD. +Wadworth: 6X. (S6).

W1, NEW INN. +Wadworth: 6X. (30).

W1, OLD RISING SUN. Renamed RISING SUN. —Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, +Tetley: Bitter. (30).

W1, OLIVE BRANCH. Renamed QUINTIN HOGG. (30).

W1, PONTEFRAC T CASTLE. +M & B: Highgate Mild. (30, U40).

W1, WOODSTOCK. +Wadworth 6X. (31).

W1, YORKSHIRE GREY, 28 Maple St. Beer range now: Greene King: IPA, Abbot. Ruddle: County. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now a Clifton Inns 'Free House', ex Watney tied. (S8).

WC1, DANES, Reverted to CROWN. (32, S8, N13).

WC1, SKINNERS ARMS. —Greene King: XX Mild. (N23).

WC1, THREE COMPASSES. +Wadworth: 6X. (33, N23).

WC2, BLOOMSBURY TAVERN. —Ind Coope: Burton Ale. —Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Tetley: Bitter. Now a Nicholson Free House, transferred from Taylor Walker. (34).

WC2, CROWN, 43 Monmouth St. +Young: Bitter. (34).

WC2, NEW SAVOY TAVERN. +Wadworth: 6X. (35).

WC2, NEWTON ARMS. +Young: Bitter. (35).

WC2, OPERA TAVERN. +Young: Bitter. (35).

EC1, CROWN TAVERN. —beers listed in E guide. +Adams: Bitter, +Boddington: Bitter, +Tetley: Bitter, +Wadworth: 6X. Now transferred to Nicholsons'Free House' chain, ex Taylor Walker tied. (E16).

EC1, RED LION. Renamed THOMAS WETHERED. +Fremains: Bitter, +McMullen: Country Bitter, +Wethered: SPA. Closed Sunday evenings. (E21).

EC2, THREE BUCKS. Renamed SHORTS. (E29).

EAST

E1, BROWN BEAR. +Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. (E55).

E1, CUCKOO. Renamed WHITE SWAN & CUCKOO —Truman: Bitter. +Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. +Truman: Best Bitter. (E58).

E1, DOG & TRUCK. —Watney: Combes. +Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (E58).

E1, FRYING PAN. —Truman: Bitter, +Truman: Best Bitter. (E59).

E1, OLD STAR. Renamed TURNER'S OLD STAR. —Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. +Ind Coope: Burton Ale. +Tetley: Bitter. (E64).

E1, PROSPECT OF WHITBY. —Watney: Combes, Stag. +Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E66).

E1, SIDNEY SMITH. —Truman beers, +Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (E67).

E2, CITY OF PARIS. —Truman: Bitter. (E71).

E2, DUKE OF WELLINGTON. +Truman: Best Bitter. (E72).

E2, HOP PICKER. Renamed TANTRUMS (still fizz). (E73).

E2 LORD HOOD. Renamed CAVALIER. (E73).

E2, OLDE AXE (YE). —Greene King: Abbot, +Flowers: Original, +Young: Special. (E74).

E2, SHIP & BLUE BALL. —Beers listed in E Guide, except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Pitfield: Bitter, Hoxton Best Bitter, Dark Star. Pitfield Brewery's first tied house, ex-Watney. (E77).

E3, BEEHIVE. Renamed KATHYS INN. —Beers listed in U39. +Adams: Bitter. +Bateman: XXXB. +Flowers: Original Bitter. (U39, E81).

E3, BOMBAY GRAB. —Flowers: Original Bitter. —Greene King: IPA. +Wethered: Bitter. (U39, E81).

E3, LORD CARDIGAN. —Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, +Tetley: Bitter. (E82, U32).

E4, BULL & CROWN. Renamed SLUG & LETTUCE. —Ind Coope: Bitter. +Benskins: Bitter. +Ind Coope: Burton Ale. +Tetley: Bitter. (E87).

E4, COUNTY ARMS. —Truman: Best Bitter, Sampson. +Ruddle: County. (E87).

E4, FOX & HOUNDS. —Watney: Combes Bitter. —Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E88, X86).

E4, KINGS HEAD. —Benskins: Best Bitter. —Friary Meux: Best Bitter. —Ind Coope: Bitter. +Tetley: Bitter. (E88).

E4, OLD HALL. —Watney: Combes Bitter. +Ruddle: County. (E89).

E4, QUEEN ELIZABETH. —Truman Bitter, Sampson. (E91).

E4, SIRLOIN. —Watney: Combes. (E91).

E5, CROOKED BILLET. —Watney: Combes, Stag. +Truman: Best Bitter. (E93).

E5, DOWNS. —Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. +Tetley: Bitter. Note correct title. (E93).

E5, FOUNTAIN. —Watney: Combes, Stag. —Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Truman: Best Bitter. (E93).

E5, LORD CECIL. —Courage: Best Bitter; +Courage: Directors. (E94).

E5, OLD KINGS HEAD. —Truman: Best Bitter. +Ruddle: County. (E94).

E6, RODING. +Tetley: Bitter. (E99).

E9, BRIDGE HOUSE TAVERN. —Ruddle: County. —Tolly Cobbold: Original. +Fuller: London Pride: +Courage: Directors. (U34).

E9, LEA TAVERN. —Boddington: Bitter. (E115).

E9, PENSHURST ARMS. —Ind Coope: Buirton Ale, +Tetley: Bitter. (E115).

E9, ROYAL. —Truman: Bitter, Best Bitter, +Ruddle: Best Bitter, Note correct title. (E115).

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RBIL Update Continued

E9, VICTORIA. — Wethered: Bitter, + Flowers: Original Bitter. (E116).
 E9, WHITE LION. — Truman: Best Bitter, + Ruddle: County. (E116).
 E10, AUCTIONEERS. — Beers listed in E Guide. + Boddington: Bitter. + Paines: EG. + Tolly Cobbold: Bitter. Now Tolly Cobbold owned, ex-Wetherspoons. (E119).
 E10, BAKERS ARMS. — Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (E119).
 E10, THREE BLACKBIRDS. — Truman: Bitter, Sampson, + Ruddle: County, + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E120).
 E10, WAKEFIELD ARMS. — Truman: Best Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E120, U32).
 E11, BELL. + Bass. (E123).
 E11, BRITISH QUEEN TAVERN. — Watney: Combes, Stag. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E123).
 E11, CROWN. Delete reference to Bass. (E123).
 E11, DUKE OF EDINBURGH. — Friary Meux: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (E124).
 E11, LINCOLNS. — Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E124).
 E11, NIGHTINGALE. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (E124).
 E11, SIR ALFRED HITCHCOCK HOTEL. — Everard: Old Original. — Godson: Black Horse. + Flowers: IPA. + Young: Special. (E126).
 E11, WOODBINE. Unchanged Beers listed in E Guide. + Marston: Pedigree. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E126).
 E14, CITY ARMS. Renamed CITY PRIDE. (E138).
 E17, BELL. — Watney: Combes, Stag. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E159).
 E17, CHEQUERS. — Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, + Tetley: Bitter, + Young: Bitter. (E159, U30).
 E17, COACH & HORSES. — All Truman Beers. + Ruddle: County. (E162).
 E17, COPPERMILL. — Marston: Pedigree. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot. + Young: Special. (E163).
 E17, DOG & DUCK. — Watney: Combes. — Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. Formerly RACERS. (E164, U39).
 E17, DUKES HEAD. — Watney: Combes, Stag. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (E162).
 E17, ESSEX ARMS. — Watney: Stag. + Ruddle: County. + Truman: Best Bitter. (E162).
 E17, LORD RAGLAN. — Watney: Combes, Stag. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (E163).
 E17, NAGS HEAD. — Watney: Combes. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E163).
 E17, PLOUGH. — Watney: Combes. + Ruddles: Best Bitter. (E163).
 E17, PRINCE OF WALES. — Watney: Combes. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E164).
 E17, RINGWOOD CASTLE. — Truman: Bitter, Best Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E164, U32).
 E17, ROSE & CROWN. — Truman: Bitter, Sampson. + Ruddle: County. (E164).
 E18, NAPIER ARMS. — Young: Bitter. (E167, U34).
 BARKING, BARGE AGROUND. — Truman: Sampson. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (X12).

BARKING, ROYAL OAK. — Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. Formerly FLY HOUSE. (X14, U34).
 BARKING, WESTBURY ARMS. — Ruddle: County. (X14).
 BARKING, WHITE HORSE. — Watney: Combes. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (X14).
 BARKINGSIDE, CHEQUERS. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, (X14).
 BARKINGSIDE, Dr JOHNSON. John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Ask for real ale. (X14).
 BARKINGSIDE, HORNS. — Watney: Combes, + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (X14).
 CLAYHALL, COCKED HAT. + Bass. (X30).
 COLLIER ROW, CHARCOAL BURNER. + Ruddle: County. (X35).
 DAGENHAM, BULL TAVERN. — Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, + Ruddle: County. (X37).
 DAGENHAM, EASTBROOK. — Rayments: BBA, + Felinoel. Double Dragon, + Fuller: London Pride, ESB, + Greene King: IPA. Note correct title. (X38).
 DAGENHAM, MATAPAN. + Bass. (X38).
 DAGENHAM, RAILWAY. — Ind Coope: Bitter, + Ind Coope: Burton Ale, + Tetley: Bitter. (X38).
 GANTS HILL, HARTS. Renamed AJ's. Now just a wine bar. (X48).
 GANTS HILL, KING GEORGE V. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (X48).
 GANTS HILL, VALENTINE. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (X48).
 GIDEA PARK, CARDINALS. — Ruddle: County. (X48).
 GIDEA PARK, DRILL. — Romford: Brewers Bitter, + Tetley: Bitter. (X48).
 HAINAULT, FORESTER. — Watney: Coombes, Stag, + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (X54).
 HAINAULT, OLD HAINAULT OAK. Renamed OAK. — Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, + Tetley: Bitter. (X54).
 HORNCHURCH, BULL. — Romford: Brewers Bitter, + Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, + Young: Bitter. (X64).
 HORNCHURCH, COMPASSES. — Bass. (X64).
 HORNCHURCH, CROWN. — Watney: Coombes, Stag, + Ruddle: County. (X64).
 HORNCHURCH, HARROW. — Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, + Tetley: Bitter. (X64).
 HORNCHURCH, KINGS HEAD. — Watney: Coombes, Stag, + Ruddle: County. (X64).
 HORNCHURCH, QUEENS THEATRE (PIT). + Guest Beers. (X64).
 ILFORD, BELL. — Shepherd Neame: Invicta, — Watney: Stag, + Adnams: Bitter, + Ruddle: County, + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (X65).
 ILFORD, CRANBROOK. — Truman: Sampson, + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (X65).
 ILFORD, RED COW. — Ind Coope: Bitter, + Benskins: Best Bitter, + Tetley: Bitter. (X65).
 ILFORD, ROSE & CROWN. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale, + Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, + Young: Bitter. (X65).
 MARKS GATE, CHADWELL HEATH, CROOKED BILLET. — Romford: Brewers Bitter, + Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. (X73).
 REDBRIDGE, RED HOUSE. — Wethered: Bitter. (X81).

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THE PRICE OF INFLATION

As our last issue went to press we received an old price list from a pub belonging to Gale's of Horndean. Dated 23rd September 1976, it showed prices inclusive of VAT. We quote below the cost then, and in brackets () now, of such items then appearing as are now available in that house.

DRAUGHT BEERS (inc fizz) per pint:

XXX Light.....	19...(95)
B.B.B.....	23...(100)
H.S.B.....	28...(115)
Harp Lager.....	30...(115)

Bottles (½ pint):

Prize Old Ale.....	27...(130)
The nip of the above was.....	18...(95)
Guinness.....	18...(69)
Mackeson.....	18...(69)

Ciders, Squashes & Minerals (sic):

Cider Bulmers (½ pt).....	16...(58)
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Babycham.....	20...(75)
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Coca Cola.....	14...(55)
Baby Mixers.....	12...(38/40)
Mineral splts.....	14...(35)

Liqueurs etc:

Advocaat.....	25...(80)
Apricot Brandy, Anisette, Benedictine, Chartreuse, Cherry Brandy & Whisky, Cointreau, Creme de Menthe, Drambuie, Peach Brandy, Pernod, Grand Marnier, Sloe Gin, Tia Maria all	32.....(90)

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Brandy.....	32...(85)
Vodka.....	27...(75)
Ginger Wine.....	16...(90)

All quoted are Public Bar prices.

Accordingly, a single measure/pint etc of each adds up to £10.43 old price, nowadays £31.88 a total average rise of 322.24%.

The tenant is not to blame—his rent has doubled over the 12 intervening years as well—and this is not the most blatant example. But it seems to reflect the way in which breweries are pushing up prices far above the rate of inflation; the list was simply one which came to hand at a time when prices always seem to rise. We Londoner's whether affluent, average or impoverished (of whom there are a large proportion) have been subjected to far more draconian rises. It's high time either the pub industry or the authorities put the brakes on.

RBIL updates continued.

ROMFORD, AMALIAS. —Ind Coope: Burton Ale, + Adnams: Bitter. (X82, U33).

ROMFORD, BIRDCAGE. Renamed **ROBINS** (Still fizz). (X82).

ROMFORD, CROWN. —Beers listed in X guide, + Taylor Walker: Best Bitter, + Tetley: Bitter. (X83).

ROMFORD, DURHAM ARMS. —Romford; Brewers Bitter, + Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. (X83).

ROMFORD, GOLDEN LION TAVERN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (X83).

ROMFORD, LAMB. —Romford: Brewers Bitter, + Tetley: Bitter, + Young: Bitter.. (X83).

ROMFORD, MORLAND ARMS. —Romford: Brewers Bitter, + Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. (X83).

ROMFORD, OLD OAK. —Watney: Combes, + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (X83).

ROMFORD, PRINCE ALBERT. —Watney; Combes. (X83).

ROMFORD, RUSH GREEN. —Watney: Combes. (X83).

ROMFORD, SLATERS ARMS. —Watney: Combes, + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (X83).

ROMFORD, SUN. —Truman: Sampson, + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (X83).

ROMFORD, RUSH GREEN. —Watney: Coombes. (X83).

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SW LONDON BRANCH—GILLINGHAM CRAWL!

"Meet Saturday 3 September at 09.30 platform 6 Victoria Station Britannia—High Street then Prince Albert." So the notice in London Drinker said.

The Assembled party duly arrived in the Britannia at 10.45 and yours truly the Movements Officer, late at 11.10 am. A branch subsidy had been voted and was paid out on arrival and after the Ind Coop Bitter in the Britannia we progressed through the Saturday Morning Shoppers to the Prince Albert, probably the best preserved Victorian Gin Palace in the Medway Towns. Both Courage CBB and ADB (Best and Directors—Alton Director Bitter) were in excellent nick, 95p and £1.02 respectively per pint.

Onward to the Napier Arms at the corner of Britton St and Napier Road for 2 pints of Scrumptious Green King IPA at 87p pint. Here was a typical example of a dull pub coming alive as soon as the regulars, all tradesmen, arrived from their Saturday morning's work.

We moved off gently mellowed to the United Services in Arden Street. Here Bernie the landlord, is justifiably proud of his Shepherd Weame Bitter. However today it was not in top form. Not Bernies

fault: a brewing problem that has persisted for the last few weeks! However, there were no complaints regarding the excellent food at very reasonable prices, although some comment was made that the home-made Chilli was f*****g hot.

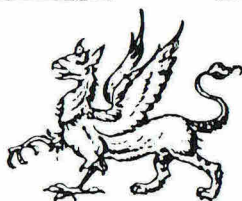
According to Maureen the missus, she had toned it down a bit this week! a bit hot last week!!

Two pints, a few hands of Crib and we started the ten minutes walk to the Golden Lion in Brompton. Now this is my local—GBG listed, rightly so for his Courage Best, no Directors unfortunately!

When I was planning this trip I asked Tom the guv' whether food would be available all afternoon, in case we had not eaten by this time. Tom was worried that a dozen or so boozed up CAMRA members would descend on his pub at about 3.30 pm—having placated him saying that our members were never out of order and acted like gentlemen at all times, he agreed to let us in then and not at 11.00 am as he suggested. I uncrossed my fingers!

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Pub Hours 'have not increased crime'

The extension of pub opening hours has not led to an increase in drink-related crime, Mr Douglas Hurd says, although he cautioned that these were still early days. Tea and coffee sales were flourishing.

The Licensing Act, which came into force in England and Wales on August 22, allows all-day drinking from Monday to Saturday and an extra hour on Sunday lunchtime.

Mr Hurd, who was addressing the British Institute of Innkeeping, cited figures showing that in London's Kentish Town arrests for drunkenness had dropped by 25 per cent—from 201 to 149—in the first four weeks after the longer hours came into force. Criminal offences after closing time fell by 30 per cent—from 141 to 106.

The minister said figures show no overall increase in alcohol consumption between 1978 and 1987.

The Home Office will use the survey as a benchmark to measure in detail the impact of the new hours.

From the Guardian

Gillingham Crawl continued.

display of ineptitude on the pool table by a certain Streatham-based brewer in our company.

By now a walk was in order so off we traipsed into Chatham, 2 miles distant, to the Command House, built 250 years ago as the Admirals Official home from where the adjacent Naval Dock Yard was administered; now a Vintage Inn selling fullsome Bass and IPA. We enjoyed the sunset over Rochester Castle and Cathedral, well two of us did, the rest were too busy disposing of the Bass.

By now at least two members of our party were suffering from pissed hair. You know how it is after a gallon or so the thatch refuses to obey orders and develops a style of its own. Unfortunately it is not always successful in being elegant and stylish.

So it was we arrived at the Ropemakers Arms in New Road where Goachers, Everrards Tiger, Courage Directors and Marstons Pedigree were on offer. It is with great sadness that I must reluctantly report that a full repeat performance, with knobs on, took place where the afternoons' pool exploits by Said Streatham Brewer were re-enacted. One frame lasted an unbelievably 45 minutes. His opponent had to be woken up twice during the frame.

Finally, to the Alexandra Hotel by Chatham Station. For many years this was the bastion of the late and much missed "Diesel" Dick Saunders. A lovely man with an ascerbic tongue and always a smashing pint of Shepherd Weame. It is said that when "Sheps" renovated the pub a few years ago they overlooked one detail—Dick. Always a favourite pub of mine, I was glad to finish here. The new gov'nor who took over from Dick has maintained the tradition of excellent beer. I'm not too sure that he appreciated all forty odd verses of Eskimo Nell at full volume. But he is still talking to me, at the moment!

Every Crawl has its black spots. For some time we had been looking forward to the cod and chips at the end of the night. Just around the corner from the Alex. is a good chippy. Closes 10.30 we arrived 10.35. Exit Chatham Station several hungry, disgruntled.....

HOLT FROM THE BLUE

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GRAND JUNCTION RE-OPENS

The Grand Junction Arms in Willesden took advantage of its grand re-opening ceremony to honour Fred Herman—otherwise known as Big Eddy—a regular of 64 years' standing.



Not everyone gets to have his beer poured by the chairman of his favourite brewery! John Young, chairman of Young's Brewery, does the honours for Big Eddy, watched by licensees John and Pauline Conroy.

Manager John Conroy, who runs the large Victorian pub at Canal Bridge, Acton Lane, with his wife Pauline, explained: "Eddy's quite a character, very well known locally. He never

misses a day. He first came here with his father, when he was 15. He was born and bred in the area, so it's a way of life to him.

"We thought he deserved some recognition for his loyalty, so we presented him with a silver tankard for his usual—Young's light and bitter."

Brewery directors present at the re-opening included chairman John Young, who has known Eddy, of Longstone Avenue, Harlesden, for many years.

The transformation of the pub has involved substantial structural changes and redecoration of the lounge and two front bars. Mr Conroy said: "We have kept the traditional look and it's really beautiful now."

The Grand Junction Arms was for many years a meeting place for the canal folk who manned the barges passing up and down the Grand Union Canal, and there is still a mooring stage at the pub.

TIME LORD

The former Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, has opened the first pub to be named after his family. He pulled the first pint in the Quintin Hogg, in Marylebone, London, where he was an MP under that name from 1963 to 1970.



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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact, Dates for February of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson, Branch Contacts page 7

EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue 7 (8.00) Joint Social with Enfield and Barnet and North London Branches, SHIP & BLUE BALL, 13 Boundary Street, E2.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Wed 1 (9.00) Pub of the Month, LORD KITCHENER, 49 East Barnet Road, New Barnet—Tue 7 (8.00) Joint Social with North & East London Branches, SHIP & BLUE BALL, 13 Boundary Street, E2—Mon 13 (8.00) Games Evening, OLD WHEATSHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill, Enfield—Wed 15 (8.30) Branch Meeting, STAG & HOUNDS 371 Bury Street West, N9—Tue 21 (8.30) 'Hadley Hobble'. Start TWO BREWERS, 64 Hadley Highstone then WINDMILL (9.20), 12 Hadley Highstone; KING WILLIAM IV (10.10), 18 Hadley Highstone—Sun 26 (12.00) Lunchtime Social, DOG & DUCK, 74 Hoppers Road, N21.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Wed 1 (8.30) Business Meeting, CROWN, Thames Ditton—Sun 5 (12.00) Social, FLAMINGO BREWERY CO, Kingston—Thu 23 (8.00 for 8.30) Brewery Trip, FLAMINGO BREWERY CO, Kingston—Sun 26 (12.00) Social, PRINCE OF WALES, Otlands Park, Weybridge—Mon 7 Mar (8.30) Business Meeting, ROYAL GEORGE, Hersham.

NORTH LONDON: Tue 7 (8.00) Joint Social with Enfield & Barnet and East London Branches. SHIP & BLUE BALL, 13 Boundary Street, E2—Tue 14 (8.00) Kingsbury Social, J.J. MOONS, 553 Kingsbury Road, NW9 (New JD Wetherspoons pub near Kingsbury Station, Jubilee Line)—Tue 21 (8.00) Pre-London Drinker Festival "Posters" Meeting, HANSLER ARMS, WC1—Wed 1 to Fri 3 Mar, LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL (see Advert)—Tue 7 Mar (8.00) Post Beer Festival Social, RUGBY TAVERN, WC1.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thu 9 (8.30) Committee Meeting, RED COW, Sheer Road, Richmond—Mon 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting, TURKS HEAD, Winchester Road, St Margarets, Twickenham.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 6 (7.00) Open Committee Meeting. ANCHOR TAP, 28 Horselydown Lane, SE1—Mon 13 (8.00) BRANCH AGM (A11 CAMRA Members welcome, new and old). OLD THAMESIDE INN, Clink Street, SE1—Thu 23 (8.00) Branch Social). FARMHOUSE, 52 Jason Walk, SE9.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Feb 8 (7) Campaigning Social, Castle, Church Road SW19

then 7.45 Brewery Tap and Rose & Crown 8.30. William Morris Club, 267 The Broadway, SW19.

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OBITUARY—JACK LONG

Jack Long, Chairman of CAMRA's East London & City Branch, died in early December. He will be greatly missed.

Jack's contribution to Branch activities was all the more valued when it was realised just how many different interests filled his life. To each, he gave of his best, and his conscientiousness encouraged others to give of their best as well. He will be very hard to replace.

Jack's qualities—not least his kindness and sense of humour—will ensure that his memory endures among all those who were privileged to know him.



DEAR DIPSY



Dear Dipsy,
I read in the paper that a Cardiff gardener who wins prizes for his giant vegetables says that he owes his success to watering them with lager. Do you think that lager is good for vegetables.

Alan, Mitcham

Dear Alan,
No, you've only got to go into town on Friday night to see what effect it has on the vegetables who drink it. I have also found that real ale kills garden vegetables—but it was applied some hours after consumption. By the way, do you think the Cardiff gardener leaks on his peas or pees on his leaks?

Dipsy

Dere Dispie,
Me and me friends cum to yore Bigs eer bere festival in octobar, and we was disapointed too find that their weren't no lager. We asks the baramon and he goes "ave you tried the gents" witch I dont get. enywhey, we ad too drinck beer al nite, and it cunt of bin no good cus we ad too drink it owt of a glass not a bottle like normal and non of us through up all nite. it wernt much fun nither cus there wernt no bouncers to ave a go at and after their want no one who wud av a punch wiv us so we ad too fite eachuvver on the way ome. Also yo sed yo was clozing at half ten, an as we cant reed a klok we thort if we went wen you shut weed each our lass buss to Plaistow but yo dint and we dint and we cunt carv up the seats and sware at the driver. Wot a roten nite owt. We wont cum agen.

Fore Scholars, Plaistow

Dear Orl,
Good. Real ale drinkers don't cause trouble and don't want to know lager louts!

PS Was your spelling as poor BEFORE you started drinking lager? Or does it cause more brain damage than I thought?

Dipsy

(Typesetters note: Wots rong with the speling?)

Dear Dipsy,
One nice evening in October I was sitting outside in the garden of a well known pub when this bird crapped in my pint. What can I do to stop this happening in the future?

*Richard Dick
Orpington*

Dear Dick Dick,
Stop taking her out with you until she promises to stop this disgusting habit.

Dipsy

Dear Dipsy,
I went to Soho on one Thursday evening in May and found that the pubs were full of strange people. Many of the men were wearing womens clothing! it was disgusting—many of them weren't even drinking lager and lime. Either this behaviour should be banned altogether or the evidence recorded and shown by the BBC at peak viewing times. Then I can watch it in comfort while having my tea, switch it off and complain about it properly—not just in some twopence-halfpenny magazine.

M Whitehouse (Mrs), Brixton

Dear Mrs Whitehouse,
You must have arrived on the night of the annual Charity Pram Race which would account for these unusual sights. Although I suppose that Nelson's last words before he died were 'Kiss me Hardy'!

Dipsy

Dear Dipsy,
One has recently heard that one's Grand-mama has taken to drinking Real Ale in the Blacksmith's Arms at Covent Garden. Can one tell one is this likely to accelerate the Royal We?

Chas I Grove, Gloucs

Dear C I Grove,
Pass! Why doesn't one ask her Chambermaid?

Dipsy

Dear Dipsy,
I recently stayed in a hotel near this area and found that a barmaid mysteriously ended up in my room. Nothing happened but for some reason no one believes me. Can you help?

M. Batting, Middlesex

Dear Mr Batting,
A likely story! I've heard that you have been known to bowl a maiden over. Now you know that it's not just leg before that you can be dismissed for.

Dipsy



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KINGSTON, FLAMINGO BREWERY COMPANY, 88 London Road.
KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS, Glenthorne Road.
KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET, 46 Fairfield South.
KINGSTON, NORBITON, Clifton Road.
KINGSTON, WYCH ELM, Elm Road.
MITCHAM, RAVENSBUURY ARMS, Croydon Road.
RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE, 45 Kew Road.
RICHMOND, ROSE OF YORK, Petersham Road.
RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane.
SURBITON, BUN SHOP, Berrylands Road.
SURBITON, VICTORIA, Victoria Road.
WEST MOLESEY, SURVEYOR, Island Farm Road.
WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES, Anderson Road, Oatlands Park.
W1 ARGYLL ARMS, 18 Argyll Street.
W1 THE GLASSBLOWER, Glasshouse Street.
W1 RED LION, Kingly Street.
W2 ARCHERY TAVERN, 4 Bathurst Street.
W2 ROYAL STANDARD, 8 Sale Place.
W3 KINGS ARMS, The Vale.
W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High Street.
W4 WINDMILL, 214 Chiswick High Road.
W5 GREYSTOKE, 7 Queens Parade.
W5 PLOUGH, Northfield Avenue.
W5 RED LION, St Mary's Road.
W5 ROSE & CROWN, Church Place, St Mary's Road.
W6 BLACK LION, Black Lion Lane.
W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL, 170 Shepherds Bush Road.
W6 RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherds Bush Road.
W9 TRUSCOTT ARMS, Shirland Road.
W10 NARROW BOAT, 346 Ladbroke Grove.
W10 VILLAGE INN, Kensal Road.
W11 FROG & FIRKIN, Tavistock Crescent.
W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE, Melina Road.
W13 THE FORESTER, 2 Leighton Road.
BRENTFORD BEEHIVE, 227 High Street.
BRENTFORD BREWERY TAP, 45 Catherine Wheel Road.
BRENTFORD LORD NELSON, Enfield Road.

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IDLE MOMENTS

Let's kick off this month with the non-rhyming limerick—yes only one because it's the last one in my rubbish bag. It comes from John Parrick of Colchester who will presumably be keeping a low profile at his local from now on. Anyway it goes like this:

Said a brewer from Leeds—"When a bather,
And drinking, a pilsner I'd rather—
Today though—a lager,"
Came a voice from his pager,
"Your're sacked—you drink gnat's piss, I gather."

And now on with the rest of this month's tat—the bit that none of you in your right minds have been waiting for. Once again, nobody has stopped me so hear I go with the numbers puzzle:

1. 147 is the MPB at S.
2. 30 D hath SAJ and N.
3. 6 F on a C.
4. 60 S in a M.
5. 19 P for FCP.
6. 1760 Y in a M.
7. 1000 L in a CM.
8. 40 D in L.
9. 10000 GOD of YM.
10. 1028 B in a K.

There now, they were easy weren't they. Now for the answers to the Christmas puzzle. (And how many of you spotted the deliberate mistake? Yes there should have been a number for Question 11—but then you'll have worked out that it should have been 12, won't you as it was so easy).

1. 3 Wise Men.
2. 12 Days of Christmas.
3. 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree.
4. 4 Quarts in a Gallon.
5. 24 Hours in a Day.
6. 1 Wheel on a Uni-Cycle.
7. 13 in a Baker's Dozen.
8. 57 Heinz Varieties.
9. 64 Squares on a Chess Board.
10. 40 Days and Nights of the Great Flood.
11. Signs of the Zodiac.
12. 200 Pounds for Passing Go in Monopoly.
13. 3 Blind Mice.
14. 27 Books of the New Testament.
15. 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

By the way if any of you came up with alternative "S of the Z"s with other numbers, why not send them to me—there could be instant fame to be had. Don't forget that I need the solutions as well though—I'm not as clever as you lot.

Bye for now!

Andy Pirson



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SW11 Majestic Wine Warehouses, Hester Road.

OUTSIDE LONDON

BRIGHTON NOBLES BAR, New Road.
BRIGHTON HAND IN HAND, Upper St James Street.
COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT, 28 Mersea Road.
ELLAND (Yorks), BARGE & BARREL.
HITCHIN (Herts), NEW FOUND OUT INN, Stevenage Road.
LEWES, BREWERS ARMS, High Street.
LINCOLN, QUEEN VICTORIA, Union Road.
MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLER, Ducie Street.
POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS, Coopers Lane.
READING, HOOK & TACKLE, Katesgrove Lane.
SALISBURY (Wilts), WYNDHAM ARMS, Estcourt Road.
STEVENAGE (Herts), RED LION, High Street, Old Town.
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNCTION INN, St Denys.
TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP & FEATHERS, South Street.
WINCHESTER (Hants), GREEN MAN, Southgate Street.
WORTHING (Sussex), WHEATSHEAF, Richmond Road.
WORCESTER, BREWERY TAP & BREWERY, 50 Lowesmoor.

CRANFORD QUEENS HEAD, 123 High Street.
GREENFORD BLACK HORSE, Oldfield Lane.
HAMPTON HILL WINDMILL, 80 Windmill Road.
HAMPTON COURT KINGS ARMS, Lion Gate, Hampton, Hampton Court Road.
HARMONDSWORTH CROWN, High Street.
HILLINGDON RED LION, Hillingdon Hill.
HILLINGDON STAR, Blenheim Parade, Uxbridge Road.
HOUNSLOW CHARIOT, 34 High Street.
HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road.
HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Hanworth Road.
SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road.
SOUTHALL, LORD WOLSELEY, Dudley Road.
SUDBURY, BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road.
TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane.
TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE, 9 Church Street.
TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTT, Cross Deep.
TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT, 30 Hampton Road.
TWICKENHAM, PRINCE BLUCHER, 124 The Green.
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK, Peel Road.
WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON, 123 Nelson Road.

CLUBS

SW19 WILLIAM MORRIS, 267 The Broadway, Wimbledon.
W1 POLYTECHNIC of Central London S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsover Street.
W3 LT District Line Social Club, Park Place.



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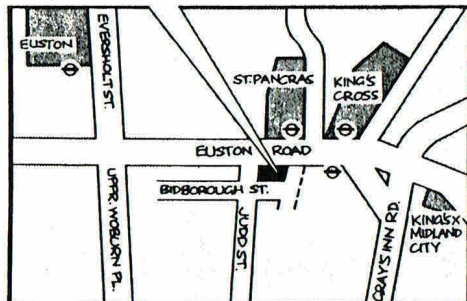
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