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EC2 RAILWAY TAVERN
EC4 BLACKFRIAR
EC4 HATCHET
EC4 WILLIAMSON'S TAVERN
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E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 MARKSMAN
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E2 SHIP & BLUE BALL
E3 PEARLY KING
E8 LADY DIANA
E9 CHESHAM ARMS
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E17 COLLEGE ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 BUNCH OF GRAPES
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
SE1 GEORGE INN
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
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SE1 ROYAL GEORGE
SE1 SOUTHWARK TAVERN
SE1 SULTAN
SE1 TRINITY ARMS
SE1 WELLINGTON
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SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE10 BRITISH SAILOR
SE10 FROG & RADIATOR
SE10 HARDY'S
SE10 SPANISH GALLEON
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE15 WHITE HORSE
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
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SE17 TANKARD
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
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SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
SE20 HOPE EXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE24 PRINCE REGENT
SE25 GOAT HOUSE

SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK
SE25 SHIP
SE27 HOPE
SE27 GIPSY QUEEN
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
CROYDON, LION
THORNTON HEATH, FOUNTAIN
HEAD
THORNTON HEATH, WHEAT
SHEAF

OFF TRADE

E4 Waltham Wines, 72 Sewardstone Road.
SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road.
SE23 2 Brewers, 97 Dartmouth Road
BEXLEYHEATH, Bitter Experience, 216 Broadway.
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill.

CLUBS

CROYDON, Ruskin House, 23 Coombe Road.

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N1 PRINCE ALBERT
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N1 ROSEMARY BRANCH
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N4 MORTIMER ARMS
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N16 TANNERS HALL
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N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NARROW BOAT
N19 DOG
N19 J. J. MOONS
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N20 CAVALIER
N21 DOG & DUCK
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ENFIELD, JOLLY BUTCHERS
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER
ENFIELD, KINGS HEAD
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 DUCK INN
NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS
NW1 VICTORIA
NW1 VICTORIA & ALBERT BARS
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
NW3 WELLS HOTEL
NW4 CHEQUERS
NW4 WHITE BEAR
NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN
NW8 CROCKERS
NW8 ORDNANCE
NW9 GEORGE
NW9 J. J. MOONS
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
HAREFIELD, PLOUGH
HARROW, KINGSFIELD ARMS
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK

OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street.
NW6 Grog Blossom, 235 West End Lane.

CLUBS

WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
UNION, Malet Street
WC2 L.S.E. Houghton Street

OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
SW1 GROUSE & CLARET
SW1 MORPETH ARMS

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EDITORIAL

Last month I wrote about the Sunday Opening referendum in Wales on November 8th. During the past six months family business has required me to spend quite a lot of that time in the Principality, giving me plenty of chance to gauge local feeling and observe the lengths some people will go to in order to impose their own narrow views on others. Now what has that to do with us in London? Nothing directly unless you happen to be in the one now remaining "dry" area on a Sunday, which well you might as it has several popular holiday resorts. However, any erosion of one's rights is indicative of what could happen elsewhere, given the right circumstances, as witness the fact that we are now taking orders from those clowns across the Channel who drive on the wrong side and use funny units of measurement. The daft Burghers who voted to stay "dry" in Dwyfor - the northern peninsula pointing towards Ireland - may well have cut the throat of quite a bit of their tourist trade, for in 1992 the EEC regulations will require its Hotels and Clubs to close their bars on Sundays. Mathematically, of the 25,775 eligible voter, about 40% turned out. 4,563 voted "wet" 5,951 "dry" - that is, 23% less than one quarter of the electorate are able to dictate what the vast majority and their visitors may not choose to do on their day of leisure. The relaxation (not repealed) off Lloyd George's Defence of the Realm Act (he was a teetotaler) has given us more choice of when we can visit a pub. Pretty silly to restrict it at all when you can get drunk cheaper at home - if such is your wish - with take-outs or off license sales.

Not only the two previously surviving "dry" areas - the other being Ceredigion, around Aberystwyth - had a referendum. This can take place every 7 years if sufficient electors sign a requisition. Geographically about one-half of Wales was involved this time, and no area has ever reverted to being "dry". The "dry" lobby pulled out all the stops. In one town I visited on the day prior to the referendum (where real cider was on sale at 50p a pint) I heard that in Cardigan the churches had booked every cab and such like for the whole of voting time. You can bet your boots someone make sure only known "dry" lobbyists could use them. This nonsense failed, and Ceredigion has now joined the fold. On polling day I witnessed little old ladies who had probably never entered a pub this century waving "Vote

Dry" placards like a museum-full of superannuated Suffragettes supporting the wrong cause. What a pity the "dry" vote did not require the killjoys to attend Sunday pub sessions - but then we don't go in for that sort of coercion. I did also hear of pub landlords who in former years organized coach transport for their thirsty would-be customers to areas where a Sunday pint was available.

Now, why do you go to a pub anyway? Some, of course, just go to get plastered - the irresponsible minority. Everyone, obviously, for sustenance either liquid or edible, and not necessarily alcoholic. A pub, tavern, inn - call it what you like, the terms are nowadays virtually synonymous - exists to cater for the needs of locals and travellers provided they can pay. In coaching days they were also the source of overnight accommodation, fresh horses and fodder for the same; the equivalent of a modern filling station, which can sell its wares at all hours.

In country areas even more so than in towns the pub is the focal point of social activity and that, I submit, is why most people go there. For a drink and whatever else they need - company be it of friends or strangers, a game of some kind indoors or otherwise, or maybe just to read a book. The pub is a traditional part of British life, a heritage of which to be proud, and not to be given up lightly. As one adoptive Englishman, the Anglophile Hilaire Belloc wrote "When you have lost your Inns, drown your empty selves, for you will have lost the last of England."

On a happier note at this festive season, do enjoy every minute in the spirit of merriment and goodwill traditionally linked with our pubs. The Editorial team wishes everyone who has had any connection with London Drinker during 1989 - whether contributor, advertiser, "behind the scenes" workers, or most importantly of all YOURSELVES, the readers, the most peaceful, merry, bibulous - take your choice - Christmas you could wish for, and to follow it a most prosperous and successful New Year.

Martin Smith
on behalf of the Editorial Team

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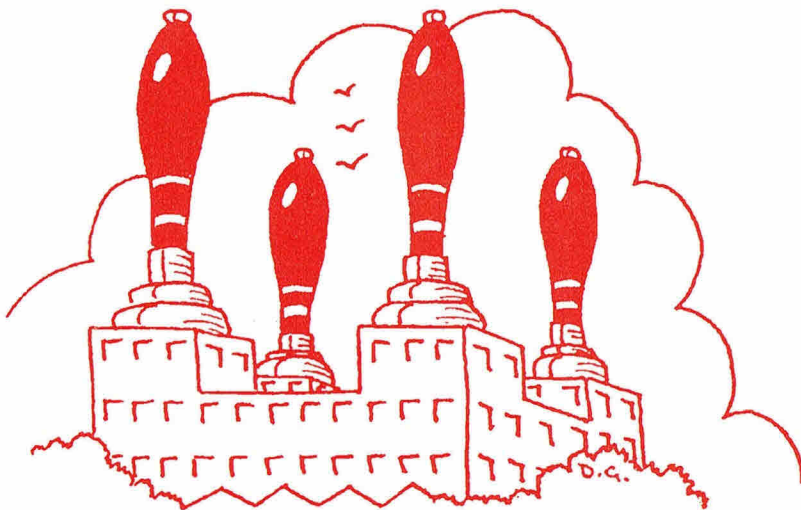
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SOUTH-WEST LONDON NEWS

The Brush, Point Pleasant, Wandsworth SW18 re-opened in August. This is now a Belhaven house with, alas, no real Belhaven. Tetley Bitter is available (at £1.16). The pub retains its intimate character and has been comfortably refurbished. However the neon sign in the middle of the pub telling you that you are in The Brush is a bit excessive and detracts from the ambience of the place.

The Roebuck, 84 Ashmole Street, SW8 celebrates the anniversary of its reopening this month (December). The original pub was badly damaged during the second world war and carried on with a temporary roof for forty years until it was found to be structurally unsound and was demolished, Charrington IPA (£1.08) and Bass (£1.20) are available and the pub is open all permitted hours. Lunches are available Monday to Friday and snacks Saturday lunchtime. This medium sized one-bar pub has a variety of comfortable seating, from bar stools to sofas. There is also a dartboard, conservatory and garden. This is one of the better examples of modern pub design, creating the atmosphere of a well furnished local without the clutter and mock period pieces of many other new pubs. Well worth a visit, it can be difficult to find. Visitors to the Oval can find it by taking the pedestrian access to Ashmole Estate opposite the West (main road) side of the ground and keep bearing left.

The Lord Morrison of Lambeth, 108 Wandsworth Road SW8 has been renamed Stockers and has been "Kinnockised" into something trendy. At least real beer is now thought to be present sometimes, Wethered Bitter (£1.20) and Flowers Original being available on my visit. Down the road the Britannia, 353 Wandsworth Road, is undergoing refurbishment. The pub remains open and is bright and noisy, an improvement on the dark, dreary hole it was before. Courage Best (58p/½ pint) and Directors remain available.

The Plough, 90 Stockwell Road SW9 seems to be attempting the record for the most expensive public bar - Ruddle's Best at £1.32 and County £1.38. Truman Best and Webster's Yorkshire are also available.

The Trafalgar free house, High Path, Merton SW19 has added King & Barnes Broadwood to

its range of Gales HSB, Charrington IPA, Bass and Young's Bitter.

Brewing has ceased at the Warrior, Coldharbour Lane SW9; Conway's other brew pub, the Prince of Wales, Battersea Park Road, SW11 is rumoured to be about to change hands, and ceased brewing some time ago.

Morden

In Morden Town Centre a new pub, the Abbot, in Abbotsbury Road, has opened. A much needed addition to the local scene, there being only one other pub in the town centre (the Crown, Courage Best and Directors). Beers available are Tetley Bitter, Young's Bitter and Ind Coope Burton at £1.24, £1.26 and £1.30 a pint!

Meals are available Monday to Saturday, lunch 12-3 (home made pies etc) specials 3-9.30 (platters etc) and evening main meals 7-9.30 (steaks etc.)

The pub itself is a fairly typical big brewers' attempt at creating a new expensive looking pub - e.g. brass lamps, mock art deco lamp shades, Victorian style wallpaper, Edwardian type furnishings, a variety of carpets, leaded lights and a large expanse of modern stained glass over the bar. Various prints, many of abbots, monks etc., adorn the walls. Two particularly hideous features were a glass fronted cupboard hiding a picture of a mill and a huge paper maché abbot who guards the entrances as well as the price list (makes a change from peering round pillars).

On a positive note the layout of the pub is well thought out with various areas for different sizes of drinking groups. Although gaming machines are in evidence they were not too noisy on my visit. An exception for a pub of this sort is a dart board and a proper darts area!

Overall, in spite of the somewhat cluttered appearance, the place is still worth a visit, the beer on my (and others) visits has proved to be in good condition. The only complaints being about prices - even from the lager drinkers! Allied deserve credit for opening the Abbot in this under pubbed area. What a shame to ruin it by more big brewer's greed - something which, judging from local reaction, could damage its long term viability.



Get on the London ale trail!

The Best Pubs in London is one beer lover's personal pub crawl to find the finest outlets for real ale. Roger Protz has left no stone unturned, no bus stop unqueued and no tube station deserted in his personal quest for the perfect boozers.

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Also available from Alma Books: Good Pub Food, **£5.95**; Best Pubs in Devon and Cornwall, **£4.95**; Best Pubs in Lakeland **£3.25**. Available from all good bookshops or direct from Alma Books, 34 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts AL13BW (add £1 for postage and packaging).

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Mr Pirson,

Your Editorial comment on our member Colin Richell's letter was very much appreciated.

There are nearly 4,000 clubs affiliated to the C.I.U., a huge market for CAMRA activity. Most clubs have a tied relationship of one kind or another with established large brewers, in this respect not very much different to the pub relationship. However, in theory, the club should be a softer target than the pub because the club is member owned and controlled.

We have long admired the work being done by CAMRA and look forward to being pressurised!

Yours sincerely,

Vic Butler, Secretary,
Wood Green Labour Club & Institute Ltd.

Editor's Comment

Thanks for your compliments, Mr. Butler. It is clearly down to club members, particularly those of you who are also CAMRA members to apply the appropriate pressure to your committees.

Dear Editors,

There was an article recently in our local paper about a pub's new guv'nor (the Thatched House). Apparently there had been a lot of problems with drugs before he took over but it was said that he had got rid of this and it was now a "drug free zone" to use his own words.

It is still, however, a "real ale free zone" or a "handpump free zone". Perhaps these terms could be used in future to describe keg pubs.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Price, Barking

Editor's comment:

A nice idea but I just wonder if it makes the lack of real ale sound like an advantage. Still, on the other hand considering the quality of the real ale in some pubs, a lack of it in those outlets could be for the better!

Andy Pirson

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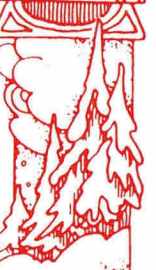
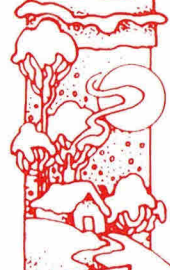
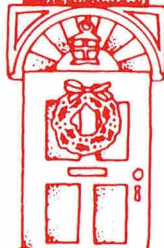
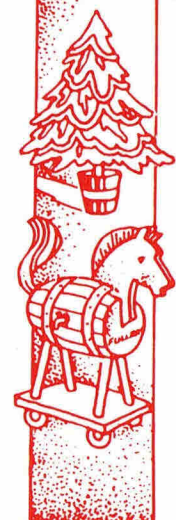
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BRANCH DIARY

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

ALL LONDON: Sat 16 (8.00 until Midnight) CAMRA CHRISTMAS PARTY. ROYAL GEORGE, 27 Carlisle Lane, SE1. CAMRA membership cards must be produced. Buffet £2.00 per head.

CROYDON & SUTTON: *December:* Tue 5 (8.00) Thornton Heath Crawl. Start VICTORY (dep. 8.45), Gillette Road then PRINCE OF WALES; RAILWAY TELEGRAPH - Mon 18 (8.00) Two Pub Social. CROWN (dep. 9.15), Stanley Road, Croydon then GOLDEN LION (Thu 28 (8.00) Social. CATHERINE WHEEL, High Street, Croydon. *January:* Thu 4 (8.00) Sutton New Town Crawl. NEW TOWN (dep. 8.45) then WINDSOR CASTLE; NEW INN; LORD NELSON.

ENFIELD & BARNET: *December:* Sat 2 Branch 15th Anniversary Party. Phone Branch Contact for Details - Mon 4 (9.00) Birthday Social. OLD WHEATSHEAF, Windmill Hill, Enfield - Thu 7 (8.30) Christmas Quaff in High Barnet. MOON UNDER WATER, High Street; KINGS HEAD (9.20), 84 High Street; ALEXANDRA (10.10), 135 Wood Street - Sat 9 (approx. 11.00) TRAMDAY from Paddington to West Drayton via Greenford. Start QUEENS RAILWAY TAVERN, 15 Chilworth Street, W2 (See Enfield & Barnet News for full itinerary). - Wed 13 Informal Branch Meeting. TRENT TAVERN, Cockfosters Road, Cockfosters - Sat 16 CHRISTMAS DINNER. Phone Branch Contact to Book - Tue 19 (9.00) Christmas Quaff in Enfield. OLD BELL, 223 Baker Street; JOLLY BUTCHERS (9.30), 168 Baker Street; KINGS HEAD (10.10), Market Place. *January:* Mon 1 (9.00) Cobweb Social. MOON UNDER WATER, Chase Side, Enfield - Tue 9 (9.00) Two Pub Social in N11. NORTHERN STAR, 130 High Road then ARNOS ARMS (10.00), 338 Bowes Road - Wed 17 Branch Meeting. QUEENS HEAD, 248 Regents park Road, N3 - Thu 25 (9.00) Two Pub Social in East Enfield. RAILWAY INN, 229 Ordnance Road then GREYHOUND (10.00), 425 Ordnance Road - Wed 31 (9.00) Social. ROYAL OAK, 117 Finchley Road, NW11.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: *December:* Sun 3 (7.00) Social. COCOANUT, Mill Street, Kingston - Thu 7 (8.30) Business Meeting. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Kingston - Wed 13 (7.00 for 8.00) Christmas Dinner. CROWN, Thames Ditton. *January:* Mon 1 (12.00) Social. WYCH ELM, Kingston - Sat 13 (11.00 am) Surrey Liaison. BUN SHOP, Surbiton - Mon 15 (8.00) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. DRUIDS HEAD (Upstairs Room), Market Place, Kingston (preceded by a short Business Meeting). *February:* Sun 4 (12.00) Social. ANTELOPE, Surbiton - Mon 12 (8.30) business meeting. RAILWAY, New Malden.

NORTH LONDON: *December:* Sunday Lunchtime Socials: LAMB, WC1 - Tue 5 (8.00) Two Pub Social. K K McCOOLS then GOAT, both N15 - Tue 12 (8.00) Kings Cross Crawl. SKINNERS ARMS; HANSLER ARMS, both WC1; MALT & HOPS (10.00), N1 - Tue 19 (8.00) Two Pub Social & Branch Meeting. BLENHEIM then KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN, both NW8 Note: Branch Meeting is at LATTER venue - Tue 26 (8.00) Pub Crawl. ROSSLYN; KING OF BOHEMIA; FLASK TAVERN (10.00), all NW3. *January:* Sunday Lunchtime Socials: PINEAPPLE, NW5 - Tue 2 (8.00) Two Pub Social. ANTWERP ARMS; TWO BREWERS, both N17 - Tue 16 (8.00) Two Pub Social. LORD HIGH ADMIRAL; CROCKERS, both NW8 - Tue 23 (8.00) Two Pub Social. VICTORIA; PRINCE OF WALES, both N7 - Tue 30 (8.00) Two Pub Social. TANNERS HALL; PRINCE OF WALES, both N16. *February:* Tue 6 (8.00) Two Pub Social. VICTORIA; NEPTUNE, both NW1.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: *December:* Mon 11 (8.30) Branch/Committee Meeting. SHAFTESBURY ARMS, 123 Kew Road, Richmond. *January:* Thu 11 (8.30) Committee Meeting. ALBANY, Station Yard, Twickenham - Mon 22 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BREWERY TAP, 47 Catherine Wheel Road, Brentford.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: *December:* Mon 11 (8.00) Branch Christmas Party. KINGS ARMS, 25 Roupell Street, SE1. *January:* Thu 11 (8.30) Committee Meeting. ALBANY, Station Yard, Twickenham - Mon 22 (8.30) Branch Meeting. HOP EXCHANGE, 149 Maple Road, SE20. *February:* Thu 1 (8.00) Branch Social & Charity Cheque Presentation. RED LION, 6 Red Lion Place, Shooters Hill, SE18.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: *December:* Wed 6 (8.30) Social. ROYAL OAK, North Road (B175), Havering-atte-Bower - Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITMORE ARMS, Rectory Road (B188)

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PITFIELD BREWERY

Last month we reported that an announcement on the future of the Pitfield Brewery was to be made on 11th October, following rumours on what was happening to one of London's all too few independent brewers. As we said at the time, the news would be too late for our November edition but we can now reveal the company's plans for the future and something of the events leading up to the change which has taken place.

Firstly we would report that the reported difficulties were due to a condition on the lease which they had on their brewery premises; they were under great pressure to vacate the premises in Hoxton Square as the owners wished to clear the site for redevelopment. They used the lever on Pitfield that if they insisted on staying in occupation until the termination of the lease then they would invoke a condition which would require Pitfield to put the building back into exactly the same condition as when they moved in (even though the building would then be demolished). Under such pressure Pitfield were forced to capitulate and move out early.

That is all in the past now and the news, for those of you who have not already heard it from other sources is that Pitfield have joined forces with Premier Ales Ltd of Stourbridge in the West Midlands to form a new company called PITFIELD'S PREMIER BREWING COMPANY. The new company will operate from the Premier brewery so the news from London's point of view is sad in that there is one less company brewing in the Capital.

However we can be relieved that the beers will survive and in fact will continue to be produced under the direct control of Pitfield's brewer Rob Jones. The other partner in Pitfield, Martin Kemp, will remain in London and continue to develop sales throughout London and the Home Counties. The beer will be distributed through Robert Porter & Co. Ltd. The two company identities and beer ranges will be maintained but the beers of both sides will be available in each other's outlets so an increase in the total range available can be expected.

Brewing conditions are reported to be much better at Premier which, with 16 ten barrel

fermenters, has ample capacity to meet the present total brewing requirements of the combined company as well as having room for expansion. At present the Premier plant uses ready crushed malt and pelletised hops but they are making plans to move the malt mill and mash tun from the Hoxton Square plant to enable whole grain malt and whole hops to be used.

These changes have not affected the Pitfield Beer Shop which will continue to trade as before supplying a wide range of beers as well as all kinds of supplies for home brewers.

Rob and Martin have not given up all hopes of brewing again in London and would like to open up a home-brew pub if suitable premises could be found.

Andy Pirson

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A WINTER'S TALE

This item has no connection with a similar title used some time ago by a certain provincial playwright. My heading is descriptive, as I refer to an incident which occurred a little over a century and a half ago, shortly before Christmas 1835.

The present A.40 corresponds very closely with the old coaching road connecting London and the South-West of Wales and, in particular, the Naval ports of Pembroke and Milford Haven. The latter was considered one of the best harbours in the world by Nelson, who used the road frequently, and will feature later, although at the time to which I refer the little East Anglian Vice-Admiral had been dead for three decades.

The 9 mile stretch from Trecastle and Llandovery, Dyfed was a turnpike road and hugs the contours alongside the small River Gwydderig. Its construction was essential for coaching traffic as the former main road, which is Roman in origin, is no respecter of contours and ploughs on straight over any gradients which would not have been a hazard for marching Legionaries.

At a spot formerly known as Melin Guto, (translated as "Guto's Mill") in a layby carved into a sheer rock face two miles short of Llandovery, stands a memorial to a spectacular, though not fatal, accident which befell the Gloucester to Carmarthen Royal Mail coach there due to drunken driving. A seasonal, cautionary tale, for which purpose that monument was intended.

On the evening of Saturday December 19th 1835, the Mail changed horses as usual at the Castle, Brecon. Its driver, Edward Jenkins, had many years of experience at his job, and knew the road well.

He was confident of his team, and is on record as having said on the journey in question: "These are the best horses on the road from London to Carmarthen, I know how to handle them".

Jenkins had lived up to his reputation as the Castle's best customers, fortifying himself against inclement weather, and despite trying to persuade him not to take another drink the landlord served him before the call to board was made. Soon after they set off at 5 pm for

what promised to be a wet, uncomfortable drive, it became apparent that the coachman, one Edwards, was in even poorer state. Jenkins insisted on driving as fast as he could, and on one sharp bend Edwards turned out to be asleep. Only prompt action on the part of a passenger, Daniel Jones, in grabbing him, saved his falling off. Several times before the next stop - the Camden Arms, Trecastle - Jones had to awake Edwards to prevent his falling, while Jenkins continued driving at breakneck speed as before. Inside the coach, two passengers, Colonel Gwynne and David Harries, a solicitor, had quarrelled - they had already done so at Gloucester - and at the stop the Colonel decided to travel outside. Meanwhile the Royal Mail guard, John Compton, cautioned Jenkins about his driving.

To no avail - Jenkins continued at this former pace. In 1805 the road concerned was described as being "equal to any in the Kingdom", and it was claimed that three coaches could pass along it abreast. At the location in question it is an artificial ledge cut into the rock with a near-vertical drop to the right into the river 121 feet below. Having traversed it, I can confirm that even given a modern road surface, good weather and a decent cycle, it is rather hair-raising despite the fence.

As the coach came over a slight incline on the wrong side at an estimated speed of 14 m.p.h., a cart came in sight, but Jenkins did not slow at all. His horses, unable to get past, jumped a low hedge and careered down the slope. The coach was totally wrecked. The horses were cut loose from their traces, standing in 2 feet of water but unharmed as it transpired - next day they did their normal turn. Colonel Gwynne, Jenkins, Edwards and Guard Compton had jumped clear and were unhurt, though the latter was briefly stunned. The other outside passenger, Daniel Jones, was thrown clear and only received cuts and bruises.

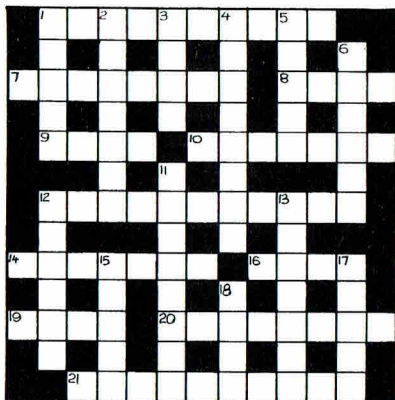
Of the two inside passengers, a youngster surnamed Kernick crawled unhurt out of the wreckage. David Harries, the solicitor, was led dazed from a rock in the river where he had landed, and staggered to a nearby farmhouse for help. A contemporary account says:

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Last Month's Solution



There is a letter (sometimes duplicated) which is common to all clues. The clues have two solutions, the first part without the letter(s), the second part with the letter(s) included. This is to be entered into the crossword. *This may help: "Why are there only 25 letters in the alphabet?" And it's seasonal.*

ACROSS

1. In the race at the finish. [10]
7. Also stain may be outstanding feature. [8]
8. Agreeing to marry hero. [4]
9. Stroke fur. [4]
10. I play chess with tools. [7]
12. Sucker boxed in, though prepared for defence. [11]
14. Doctor with fake cure causes decay. [7]
16. English Air Force growth. [4]
19. Vegetable ring. [4]
20. Devil flower's return is urged. [8]
21. Footwear company group store room. [4,6]

DOWN

1. Under the canvas press. [5]
2. Styles include fashionable pieces. [7]
3. Stale air of prevaricator. [4]
4. O.K. hated to grab. [4,4]
5. As in false ten digit endings. [5]
6. Went down and out. [6]
11. Eat in silence at this hour. [4,4]
12. Cater badly for group. [6]
13. Tries to make fence. [7]
15. A lot of ground cover. [5]
17. Measures ships. [5]
18. No father gives a stone. [4]

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"He failed to realize where he was, and asked those who came to his assistance whether he was not in the infernal regions, though he said he did not understand how it was so cold, as he always believed the temperature in those regions was quite the reverse".

Colonel Gwynne controlled his justifiable rage and told the driver: "Jenkins, you are greatly to blame for this". The latter's reply is unrecorded, but he received a kick in the backside as a vent to the gallant gentleman's feelings.

The mail for Carmarthen and Pembrokeshire was found under the coach following a search organized by Guard Compton, who then hired a post-chaise to continue the journey. The mail reached Carmarthen only two hours late. The remaining eight bags, and other luggage, were found when daylight returned. Nothing was lost. It is a sad comment on modern times and efficiency that a first class letter I sent from Llandovery - the ill-fated coach's next scheduled stop - posted when I was preparing this article, took 8 days to reach London, only 4 hours away by train, and a registered letter sent to me in the other direction never arrived.

An examination of the facts by the Inspector of Mail Coaches in Carmarthen was followed by closer examination by Mr John Bull, his counterpart from Birmingham, who decided that Jenkins was intoxicated and must be brought before a Llandovery magistrate, David Jones (no relation, as far as I know, of the passenger sharing his far from uncommon local surname). According to Mr Bull's official report, *"Jenkins pleaded guilty to the charge of negligence and misconduct ... but he denies that he was intoxicated ... Jenkins was convicted in the full penalty of £5 and costs which he has paid."*

The report continued to the effect that Colonel Gwynne and Daniel Jones - the outside passengers who saw the whole drama - wished that Jenkins should be convicted in the lowest penalty possible, but that the Inspector considered himself in duty bound to press for the fullest penalty. In 1841 the same Inspector John Bull designed and caused to have erected the Mail Coach Pillar, as it is known, at the spot where the coach left the road. 41 subscribers contributed £13 16s. 6d. to the cost (£13.82½p in our terms,

but infinitely more then). The inscription reads:

THIS PILLAR IS CALLED MAIL COACH PILLAR, AND ERECTED AS A CAUTION TO MAIL COACH DRIVERS TO KEEP FROM INTOXICATION AND IN MEMORY OF THE GLOUCESTER & CARMARTHEN MAIL COACH WHICH WAS DRIVEN BY EDWARD JENKINS ON THE 19 DAY OF DECEMBER IN THE YEAR 1835, WHO WAS INTOXICATED AT THE TIME & DROVE THE MAIL ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD AND GOING AT A FULL SPEED OR GALLOP MET A CART & PERMITTED THE LEADER TO TURN SHORT ROUND TO THE RIGHT HAND & WENT DOWN OVER THE PRECIPICE 121 FEET WHERE AT THE BOTTOM NEAR THE RIVER IT CAME AGAINST AN ASH TREE WHEN THE COACH WAS DASHED INTO SEVERAL PIECES.

This is followed by a list of those aboard at the time. At the time of this accident the days of the Mail Coach were numbered, on one side is a further inscription made at the same time

I HAVE HEARD SAY, WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY. ONE PERSON CANNOT ASSIST MANY, BUT MANY CAN ASSIST A FEW, AS THIS PILLAR WILL SHEW WHICH WAS SUGGESTED, DESIGNED AND ERECTED BY J. BULL INSPECTOR OF MAIL COACHES, WITH THE AID OF THIRTEEN POUNDS SIXTEEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE RECEIVED BY HIM FROM FORTY ONE SUBSCRIBERS IN THE YEAR 1841

The work of this Pillar was executed by JOHN JONES, Marble & Stone Mason, Llanddarog near Carmarthen.

a later inscription below reads:

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At the time of the accident the days of the Mail Coach were numbered, although 43 brand-new Mail Coaches were paraded through London on New Year's Day 1836 - the last London

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Mail Coach had ceased to operate by 1846. Post Buses have, in rural areas, latterly assumed their function. The railway Age had begun in 1825 with the opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, and in 1830 the first mail was carried by train on the Liverpool & Manchester Railway.

The moral of the tale with which I commenced is clear, particularly for the Festive season. If you intend to drive, don't drink. If you intend to drink, don't drive. Walk home or obtain the services of a sober driver.

To mark the 350th anniversary of the accident, in 1985, the Post Office arranged for a special mail coach run from the scene of the accident to the next scheduled stop of its fatal predecessors run, 150 years before - the Castle Hotel.

Llandovery, to feature below Llandovery-the next schedule stop for the doomed coach-had a total 67 pubs in rate books dating back to the last century. Now it has 14, of which 10 sell real ale. As no Beer Guide lists them except the GBG which features the first I am about to mention, London Drinker now presents a "first", with assistance from Myrddin up Llundain, a local counterpart of our own Merton:

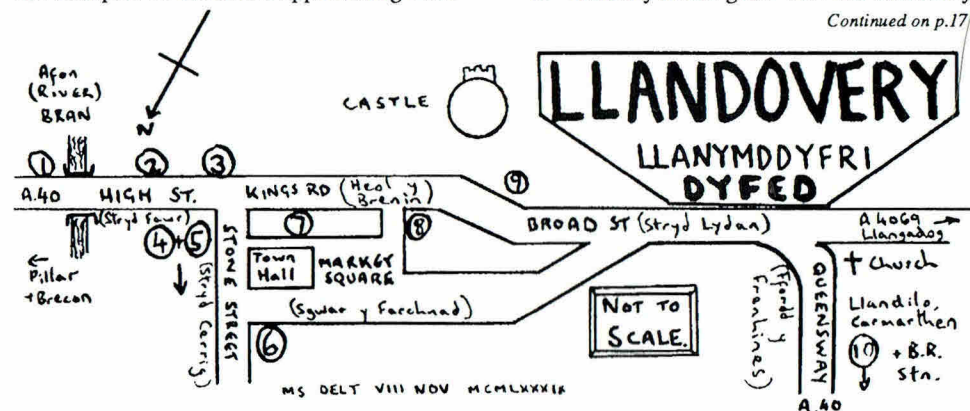
"Real Beer in Llandovery"

Located at the confluence of no less than 5 rivers of varying sizes, Llanymddyfri, to use its Welsh name (translated as "The meeting place among the waters") is a market town and received its charter from Richard III in 1485. The first pub we encounter approaching from

the north is the White Swan (1), featured in the current GBG and first listed as a pub in 1812. It serves Wadworth 6X and Marston Pedigree (with guest beers) drawn direct from casks in the cellar. The High Street once had 22 pubs. 4 survive but only two now have Real Ale-the Blue Bell (2) with Bass and Worthington BB, and the White Hall (3) with Bass. Opposite the latter is Stone Street (the map also shows its Welsh name as well as those of the other roads-this is very much a bi-lingual area, though with no animosity towards the English). Once boasting 16 pubs, of the remaining 4 only 2 serve real ale, the Greyhound (4) Felinfoel Double Dragon, on occasions Brains SA, and the White Hart (5), Hancock HB and Bass. Retracing our steps to the Market Square, we visit the King's Head (6), Hancock Bitter, a pre 16th century building. Its upper storey was added in the reign of Charles I, whose head appears on the sign.

In the mid 16th century the King's Head was used by Twin Shon Catti, a local outlaw, when on the run from authority. Considered as the Welsh equivalent of Robin Hood, his existence is beyond doubt. Born nearby in 1530 the illegitimate son of John Moethau and Catherine Levan (herself illegitimate)-both members of the minor gentry, his name signifies Tom the son of John and Cathy. He was pardoned from outlawry in 1559. A singer and poet, he took the Chair at the Llandaff Eisteddfod in 1561, and manuscripts of his survive in the National Library and the British Museum. Having "reformed" he married into the aristocracy and became a magistrate. A classic example of "local boy makes good". He was the loosely

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Llandovery Crawl

veiled model for Henry Fielding's "Tom Jones" aristocracy and became a magistrate.

The stone placed at one corner of the King's Head to protect the wall from cart wheels was used as an impromptu "pulpit" by Howell Harris, the founder of Methism in Wales. Its back bar is known as the Old Bank Bar, and was the first premises of the Banc yr Eidion Du (Black Ox Bank), founded by David Jones, a drover, in 1799 and eventually incorporated in Lloyds Bank.

The Market Square, once boasting 9 pubs, now only has one other remaining. Two were once in the Town Hall, through which we now pass to the Red Lion (7), Buckleys Mild and Bitter. There is no counter; the beer is drawn in the kitchen and served in the basic flagstoned bar area, on whose wall is a certificate commemorating the Red Lion's inclusion in all first ten Good Beer Guides, it is about 200 years old. Landlord John Rees, whose family has run the pub for 150 years, is the only Welsh landlord in the district. Being a fellow railway enthusiast, I have made a point of visiting this, my favourite pub in an area I have known for 16 years, whenever possible.



Follow the map to King Street, so named from a visit of King George IV, after whom a pub nearby was also once named. On the corner is the Bear (8) with Bass, Worthington BB and Dark Mild. A little further along the road curves to become Broad Street at the Castle Hotel (9) Worthington BB and Wadworth 6X. Dating from about 1485, it was the town's principal coaching house and is still its most prestigious hotel. Among its better-known guests were Lord Nelson - sometimes accompanied by Lady Hamilton - and George Borrow the

early nineteenth-century traveller who described Llandovery as "A small but beautiful town". The landlord was kind enough recently to show me the rooms used by and named after, the aforementioned gentlemen.

Adjacent to this Hotel, overlooking the town and the cattle market from its motte are substantial ruins of a modest castle built by the Normans in about 1100, which was almost immediately taken by the Welsh, then repossessed several times in the next century or so. It was destroyed in 1532 as a private reprisal for the execution of Lord Llandovery on trumped-up charges by order of Henry VIII.

Following Broad Street into Queen Street (formerly Station Road and re-named in honour of a visit by the Queen in 1976) we pass St Michael's College, founded in 1848 and the only Public School to use Welsh as its first language, on the way to the Station Hotel (10), whose deeds go back to 1850 when it was known as the Salutation. (Note the old Hancock's enamelled sign outside). Landlord Tom Evans is very keen on real ale, and serves two brews from a fairly wide range at any one time. Popular at the time of writing (November '89) were Worthington Best Bitter and Hancock's H.B. and other recent guest beers have been Wadworth 6X, Simpkins Bitter, Eldridge Pope Royal Oak, Ind Coope Burton, Wem and Brain's. Tom co-ordinated the successful local campaign to retain Sunday opening in November; of 28 licensees invited to a meeting only five attended! This is the end of the crawl, and a good place to watch the level crossing while awaiting a train at the adjacent station. The line first reached here from the south in 1858 as the Vale of Towry Railway, which was leased by the Llanelly Railway & Dock Co, to connect it to the national network. The northward line, to the former railhead at Llanwrtyd and thence to Shrewsbury, was opened on Whit Monday, 8th June 1868, allowing for through running of trains from the North, and the breaking of the Great Western Railway's monopoly in the South by the London & North Western Railway - the two companies having joint running rights. Nowadays run by BR Western Region, it has five trains daily each way, six on Saturday and none at all on Sunday. Their timekeeping is, to say the least, unreliable.

Martin Smith

SHEPHERD NEAME ANNOUNCE RESULTS

Shepherd Neame Ltd, the independent, Kent-based brewery company, recently reported record turnover and profits for the year ended July 1, 1989.

The Faversham brewery, which has 263 pubs and a broad free trade sales base throughout Kent, London, Sussex and the southeast, reports:

- Turnover up 11 per cent, from £21.27m to £23.62m;
- Pre-tax profits up 18 per cent, from £3.04m to £3.59m.

In his annual statement, Shepherd Neame chairman Robert Neame said that the company had invested £7.3m during the year. More than £5m of this had been spent on pubs, including the acquisition of 11 new houses - mainly from Brent Walker in the London area - and the opening of three new pubs.

More than 20 per cent of Shepherd Neame pubs were now under management, reflecting the company's policy of increasing the proportion of profits derived from retail operations.

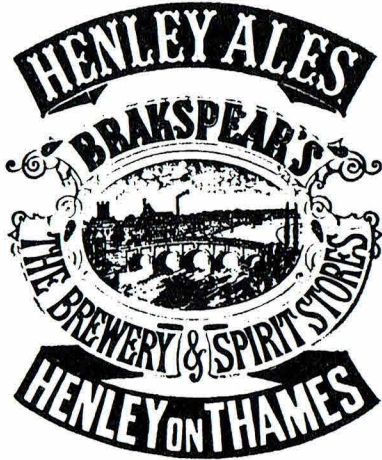
Mr Neame reported that investment would continue in the company's chain of Invicta Country Inns at an annual rate of up to £2m a year - new developments in these pub hotels were scheduled at Kennington near Ashford,

Wye, Maidstone and Canterbury. He said that investment in these pub hotels should be completed in time to maximise the benefit from the Channel Tunnel and the fast rail link.

It was also reported that Shepherd Neame had continued to increase beer sales against a national downturn in barrelage. Shepherd Neame volumes were up 2.5 per cent, mainly thanks to rising sales of canned Hurlimann lager and Master Brew bitter, and the availability of the company's low-alcohol beers.

Looking to the future, Mr Neame reserved judgement on the ultimate implications of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report. However he forecast a period of major change and added "We are well prepared to take advantage of any opportunity that might arise should it be financially viable in the medium to long term". He added that the new investigation by the EEC into the European Brewing Industry would place further burdens on management time "which should be devoted to the development of business opportunities for 1992".

Shepherd Neame are recommending a final dividend of 8.75 per cent, making a total for the year of 11.5 per cent, an increase of 15 per cent on last year.



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IDLE MOMENTS

You will be pleased (or perhaps you won't) to know that we have had some more mirror writing rhymes. They have been written by Noel Jones who is well known to London Drinker readers as the artist of quite a number of the cartoons that have brightened our pages in the past. Noel submitted a total of five rhymes but unfortunately three of them contained misspelt words which needed the letter "E" to correct them so they were not usable. Noel also submitted a mirror non-rhyming limerick but that had a couple of errors as well so I could not use it. Still I must not belittle a valiant effort and here are the two proper mirror rhymes for your delectation and delight.

MIHW YHT OT WOV I HTAO YM
 ,MIH OT MIA MUMIXAM HTIW
 OHW ,YHTOMIT OT
 ,OOTTAT A TUOHTIW
 !MIV HTIW YMMOT YXAW TIWTUO

 ,MA I MOT OT XAT A M'I
 ,MAHW A HTIW HTOOT A TUO TIH I
 ,YXAW MA I ,YAWOH
 IXAT A HTIW HTUOY OT
 " ,MA TAHT OMOH A " :MOIXA YM

We all know, of course that "HOWAY" (or "YAWOH") is a Geordie word which means "come on" or some similar incitement.

Now on with the brewery anagrams, and as usual I shall start with the solution to last months:

1. AND SHOW A LOUD HOLE
HALL AND WOODHOUSE
2. NOT IN GROWTH WORTHINGTON
3. DRY ALE DARLEY
4. BANK AND SINGER
KING AND BARNES
5. SLOG ODE ELGOODS

And here to keep you going (hopefully) over the festive season are five more:

1. MORE CANS
2. I FLED TIP
3. DROPPED LIEGE

4. SHUTTER MAN UNDER FRILL

5. SELL ARK

I've only received one complaint about the number puzzle (well, about the whole column in fact) and comparing this with the number of positive comments I receive - especially from those of you who make the effort to submit material - I reckon that a bit of light entertainment is worth its little corner in among the campaigning stuff. As an example here are the solutions to last month's puzzle, which you may remember was set by reader, Alistair Blackett:

1. 12 Countries in the European Community (Common Market)
2. 650 Members of Parliament
3. 26 Counties in the Republic of Ireland
4. 6Men and 6Women in a Korf-Ball Team
5. 5 Cinque Ports (originally)
6. 2 or 4 Men in a Bob-Sleigh
7. 6 Test Cricket Grounds in England
8. 8 London Teams in the First Division
9. 4 Local Radio Services covering Greater London
10. 50 Stars on the United States Flag

If you are reading this in the quiet moments after your turkey and pud I hope this little lot doesn't give you indignation:

1. 10 GB (H on the W)
2. 100 TO
3. 39 S (by JB)
4. 600 C of the LB
5. 7 S on a FPP
6. 181 HNYCB in D
7. 8 is the SR of SF
8. 1992 Y of the BO
9. 4 F in a B
10. 4 S on a V

I wish you all a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year free from dodgy beer. In the meantime if you have an idle moment during the forthcoming holiday why not think up a few puzzles of your own and send them to me. Fame (but definitely not fortune) could be yours!
TTFN

Andy Pirson

VERY CROSS WORD

	A	B	C	D	E
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

CLUES ACROSS

1. Tool for nails
2. E. Anglian horse
3. Blow
4. Mixed drink
5. Topical magazine.

CLUES DOWN

- A. Vegetables
- B. Sheep
- C. Poultry
- D. Oceans
- E. H'long toime

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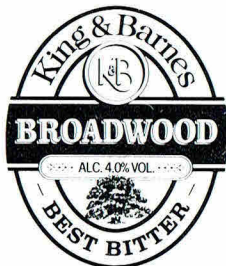
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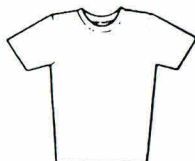
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Making a strong German lager can take two months. Brewing a traditional British bitter is speedier, but still takes about a week.

The new process is not only quicker and cheaper, but beer can be produced from a plant just a tenth the size of a conventional brewing installation.

Exactly how Kirin's process works remains a mystery. It is vaguely described as a new "bioreactor technology". Kirin has applied for patents to use ceramics as a catalyst to make yeasts work harder.

So far, no one outside the company has been allowed to compare the taste of the high-tech

beer with Kirin's conventional brews which command half the Japanese market.

But the company is so confident about its new process that it is building a bioreactor plant at its Yokohama brewery and hopes the process will be commercial within two years.

British brewery watchers are reserving judgement but they are not dismissing its possible implications. Mr Dermot Carr, brewing analyst with stock-broker WI Carr said: "Kirin has a first-rate reputation for technological development. This shouldn't be scoffed at."

In its non-brewing business, the company has used biological engineering to create designer vegetables, its greatest triumph on Tokyo's supermarket shelves being senpousai, a cross between cabbage and spinach.

A spokesman for the Campaign for Real Ale was less than enthusiastic, finding the "idea of lager whistling through a factory in Tokyo a pretty ghastly thought.

"And Japanese lager is hardly the stuff to set a real beer-drinker's heart a-racing."

NOT A TRAMDAY

by Colin Price

The recent series of railway crawls in London Drinker has missed out one of the smallest and most obscure railway lines, the Romford to Upminster Line.

This is a one track line served by one four-carriage train running back and forth between the two stations in approximately half hour cycles. The service starts at 6.05 am from Romford and finishes at 21.49 back at Romford, there is no service on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Romford Station is served by trains from Liverpool Stret; Upminster is served by trains from Fenchurch Street and by District Line Underground trains The only other station on the line is Emerson Park which is like a country halt.

The only pub close to Upminster Station is the ESSEX YEOMAN, a recently renovated Anglia Hosts pub. This is a medium sized one bar pub which is open all day from 11.00 am to 11.00 pm. Afternoon teas are advertised on the board outside. The walls are decorated with copies of old documents about the Essex Yeomanry and the Territorial Army and a copy of the Stratford Express of Saturday April 10th 1926. The beers on offer were Websters 9£1.04 a pint) and Truman Best Bitter at £1.12. The beers were reasonable and I found the pub pleasant if somewhat characterless.

The closest pub to the next station, Emerson Park, is the CHEQUERS which is an Allied house just south of the station. The beers on offer are Friary Meux at 99p and Young's Special at £1.06. On noticing the look of amazement on my face at the prices, the landlord said, "Yes, I had to put them up recently". This is more of a locals' pub and there are notices from the golf society which seems to be quite active and an equestrian sports society. The equestrian sports society's notices urge members to make sure that their investmen(?) are up to date. Opening hours here are 11-3, 5.30-11 Monday to Friday and all day (11-11) Saturday.

Further down Billet Lane is the Queens Theatre. The Pit Bar here is open to the public (12-2.30, 6-11) and sells Greene King IPA (£1.06) and Abbot (£1.10). The beers are not always in

good condition which is probably due to inadequate cellar arrangements. A better bet would be to try the draught cider (West Country Dry) at £1.10 a pint. Although the bar is open to the public, most of the trade comes from the actors, staff and playgoers.

And so on to Romford, home of the (in)famous brewery. The nearest pub to the station is the MORLAND ARMS (formerly the Rising Sun) which was recently renovated with lots of fake beams, loud music and a young clientele. Tetley's and Burton are on sale here at £1.18 and £1.23 before 8.00 pm and 6p extra after 8.00 pm. No opening hours are shown and I didn't bother enquiring.

Further up from the Morland is Romford Market where the LAMB sells Tetley's at £1.16 a pint. Opening hours are 10-2.30, 5-11 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 10-4, 5-11 on Wednesday Friday and Saturday (market days). This is the pub used in the John Bull adverts several years back.

Just outside the market is the GOLDEN LION which is open 11-3, 5.30-11 Monday to Friday and 11-4, 7-11 on Saturday. Beers on sale are Websters (£1.12), Ruddle's Best Bitter (£1.14) and Ruddle's County (£1.30).

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If you are still puzzled, see page 46

ENFIELD & BARNET NEWS

Let me start with a message of thanks and seasonal greetings to all of our London Drinker outlets.

ENFIELD

FERRY FLOATS AGAIN!!!

Despite proposals to widen the North Circular Road, Whitbread have refurnished the COOKS FERRY INN and are back in business.

DOGGONE!

Long time "Beer n'Bubbles" boozier, the GREYHOUND (McMullens) in Ordnanace Road, Brimsdown now sells handpumped Country Bitter to the local anglers. This should cut down on the incidence of involuntary fish impersonations (Geddit?)

BARNET

DRUMMONDS (Formerly the BELGRAVE - fizz Bass) in High Road, N12 has reopened as ... PAGES BAR (still fizzy). This is no doubt a forerunner (Did somebody say Heralds?) to Serfs and Slaves Saloon, Lords Lounge, Kings Kitchen etc. etc.

NOT ALL BAD NEWS AT BASS, HOWEVER: The ARNOS ARMS, Arnos Grove, N11 has had the treatment and (now managed) has added draught Bass and Greene King IPA to the faithful Charries' IPA. Bass have broken the golden rule and introduced the first no

smoking bar in our branch area since the late lamented Old Park Heights Hotel. Sadly you have to bring your own ear plugs as the staff are training to mind and lip read your order to the dulcet tones of Kylie, Jason etc. etc.

YOUNGS/TAYLOR WALKER UPDATE:

The WHITE BEAR, NW4 and the BALD FACED STAG, East Finchley, N2 are now selling Young's Bitter. Also in N2 is the Grogblossom Real Ale Off Licence on High Road. Recently available have been Hook Norton Best Bitter and King & Barnes Festive.

In spite of holding the lowest proportion of real ale outlets in the branch area, Whitbread have taken the handpumps out at perhaps our most imposing pub, the EDGWAREBURY HOTEL, Elstree.

The MITRE, High Street, Barnet (Benskins) closed on 10th October for renovation but Allied's hands are firmly tied as the pub is a Grade 2 listed building.

By the time you read this Truman Best Bitter may be only a hoppy (sic) memory. My spy tells me that orders are not being taken for the tasty 1045 brew now produced at Ushers in Trowbridge and you'll be left to cuddle a Ruddle and say bye bye to 323 years of Truman's Brick Lane Beers.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON NEWS: YOUNG'S

Three days after their 9-nil thrashing by Liverpool, at least two Crystal Palace players were feeling well enough to risk a visit to one of their local pubs.

Sick parrots Jeff Hopkins and Geoff Thomas seemed well on the road to recovery after joining Palace chairman Ron Noades at the official re-opening of the Railway Telegraph in Thornton Heath, which has been refurbished by Youngs, the independent Wandsworth brewers.

Proud licensees Don and Karin Turner, whose new-look pub now also boasts a beer garden, were only too happy to dispense a pint and some sympathy to the unlucky players.

SW15

In Putney the Jolly Gardners, Lacey Road has started selling Fuller's Chiswick in addition to London Pride and ESB. At 99p a pint sales are reported to be going well.



Left to right: Karin Turner, Ron Noades, Jeff Hopkins, Geoff Thomas and Don Turner, under the watchful gaze of two Young's dray horses and drayman Joe House.

TARRED AT "THE FEATHERS"

As a devoted CAMRA member, I have what ought to be a shameful confession to make. I am continually being barred from pubs. But before I'm condemned out of hand as a 'lager-lout' let me make one thing clear - I get barred BEFORE I've had a chance to buy a drink. The problem is that I'm too easily identified as an undesirable by the way that I dress.

Let me elaborate a little. In the course of my work, vital to the smooth-running of business in London, I travel a considerable distance both in town and around the country. My Good Beer Guide is always on hand to enable me to locate somewhere suitable for a quick lunch or a more leisurely evening drink at the end of a hard-working day. I am dressed in my fitted £350 suit and my £120 hand-stitched Italian boots. Yet your average cheap man-made fibre "Man at C&A" casual dress is considered respectable enough for service in a 'classy' pub while my dress is not. Because along with my £50 gloves and £200 hat it identifies me indisputably as a - gasp! - motorcyclist. It's probably the leather that gives me away. I am, in fact, a professional motorcycle rider, more commonly known as a despatch rider, that well-known sub-species of humanity.

Now in this country it is against the law for a publican to discriminate against someone on grounds of race, religion, or sex. (Or even sexual preference, come to that). Yet incredible as it seems, I can be discriminated against on the grounds of HOW I ARRIVE at a pub. It never fails to amaze me. I sit, FUMING, in the car-park outside, making up imaginary conversations that one might have with the landlord. I mean, its so embarrassing to walk into a pub and be refused service, and then having to shrink back out again, tail between the legs, with the lips firmly buttoned up to prevent any reinforcement of prejudices. Can you imagine the proprietor of a filling station saying "Sorry, I can only serve vehicles with four wheels". Ridiculous, isn't it?

Now I am aware that landlords do not have to give reasons for refusing to serve a potential customer, but I often ask anyway, as politely as possible of course. And the invariable reason I am given is 'I had a lot of trouble in here

once with a gang of bikers". Personally speaking, I have my doubts as to this, as the number of times I've heard it would lead the man on the Clapham Omnibus to infer that England's green and pleasant land is regularly terrorised by tooled-up gangs of Hell's Angels that would make Mad Max look like a village tea-dance. But all I would say here to this is that, even supposing it were true, what has it got to do with me? I wasn't there when the local Chapter burnt down the pub, molested the landlord's daughter, and defiled the ducks on the village pond. I don't even know them, and I have a cast-iron alibi, honest officer. All I ask for is a little discretion. Fair enough, if the landlord's had trouble with a bike gang, then let him ban bike-gangs, but look at me, on my own on a Tuesday lunchtime with a burning desire for a fresh, crusty cheese and onion roll, washed down with a pint of Brakspear's Mild on gravity, to be savoured in a country garden whilst I read the cricket reports in the paper and listen to the birdsong, I AM NOT THAT GANG OF BIKERS!!

One would think it was only bikers who caused trouble in pubs. Can you imagine if the same criteria were applied to everyone else. A bunch of lager-louts in "casual dress, over 21's only" mode have a fight before fleeing in their XR3i's and Cortinas. "SORRY NO CAR-DRIVERS". A country pub would close for lack of custom. The landlord's mother-in-law gets upset by a couple of lesbians holding hands in the garden. "SORRY NO WOMEN". It couldn't happen. A Rastafarian is spotted having a quick 'joint' in the toilets. "SORRY NO BLACKS". The Race Relations industry would have a field day. So please, please, please, licensees, show some discretion. Not everyone on a motorcycle is a lawless thug, don't tar us all with the same brush.

A few months ago, on a sunny summer evening, a publican actually said that to me. "I'm sorry sir, but I have to tar you with the same brush". It really did upset me. Entre nous, it didn't happen at "The Feathers", but at "The Fox and Hounds", which wouldn't have made such an awful pun for a headline, but I digress.

Continued on page 26

The pub in question was the GBG entry for the lovely village of Walton-on-the-Hill in Surrey. I'd made a special journey of 30 miles to visit it, as a last-minute attempt to "do" all the '89 GBG pubs in Surrey before the '90 GBG comes out and I have to start again. You can imagine, therefore, how frustrating I found this. As it turned out, I went to the "The Bell" instead for a delicious pint of Draught Bass, so my journey was not entirely wasted. Ironically, a local was complaining about the 20p a pint price-rise in the "Fox and Hounds", so perhaps the landlord was only trying to do me a favour.

I would like to end on a happy note, so here it is. I am sitting to write this while drinking an excellent, as usual, pint of Youngs Special in my local, "The Lamb", WC1. It is quite a smart pub, as I'm sure many readers will know. But it is also smart in the sense that the landlord, Richard, is not stupid. He knows that I ride a motorcycle - it is parked right outside now - as do most of my friends who also drink here. Yet he treats us with courtesy, as "normal" people, and valued customers. Other landlords please take note. Its a pleasure to drink here.

Cheers!!

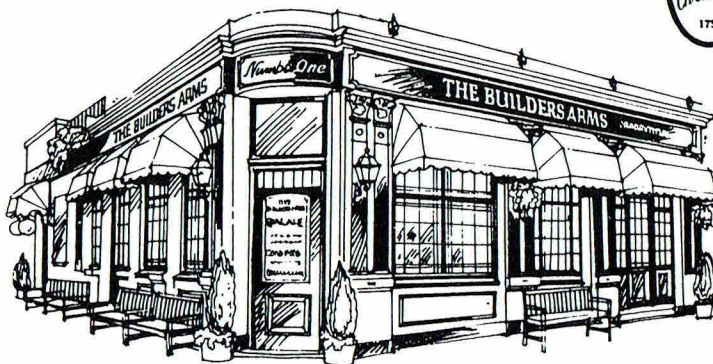
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P.S. Now that's swatted that particular bee in my bonnet, I hope I can turn to more entertaining or trivial features in future "Drinkers".

Reaching the parts ...

A suitable use for Heineken has at last been discovered - by a West Country fire brigade! Called out to attend a blaze in a Conservative Club, firemen doused the flames with the British made pseudo-Dutch lager (if they recognize it as such we must be the proverbial Dutchmen!) We assume that adherents to other political persuasions would advocate using the liquid for other purposes, and certainly far from the incident concerned. Perhaps the relevant club ought to stick to good traditional British products. In an emergency they can quench a fire, but otherwise at least they will quench a thirst in a civilized manner.

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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 49

The pub and real ale scene in London is constantly changing. The aim of this column is to keep "London Drinker" readers up to date with events as they happen and record confirmed changes to pubs and beers as they are reported. This month we welcome the fourth known outlet for the rare Highgate Mild in Greater London, namely the Spaniards, NW3. For the record, the others are the Pontefract Castle, W1; the White Horse, SW6 and the North Star, Chessington. Three out of four Youngs pubs in East London leased from Whitbread have sadly reverted to Whitbread after expiry of their 21 year leases. It is understood that Youngs are still negotiating to try to retain the fourth pub, the Prince of Wales, E5. Allied traditional beers are continuing to appear in some Belhaven pubs. The "Department of Silly Names" continues to wreak havoc with tradition.

The numbers in brackets after each entry are intended to make it easy to update your London beer guides. They refer to page numbers in the East London & City Beer Guide, 2nd edition (E prefix); the North London Beer Guide, 2nd edition (N prefix); the South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition (SE prefix), Real Beer in South West London (SW prefix); Real Beer in West London (W prefix); the Essex Beer Guide, 7th edition (X prefix) or previous updates (U prefix).

If you would like to report changes to pubs or beers please write to: Beer Guides Updates, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR.

NEW PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE NORTH

N1, FILLING STATION BAR, Building Design Centre, Berners Road. No real ale. New first floor bar, part of Royal Agricultural Hall complex.

SOUTH EAST

SE11, FRENCH HORN, 49 Lambeth Walk. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Tetley: Bitter. A welcome reinstatement of real ale in this Belhaven pub. (SE93, U47)
SE20, RAILWAY, 1 Anerley Station Road. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Tetley: Bitter. Similarly welcome reinstatement in a Belhaven pub. (SE164, U46)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (W), PAGES, 75 Page Street. Charrington: IPA. Formerly **DRUMMONDS**, originally **WESTMINSTER ARMS**. Reinstatement of real ale in renamed cafe-bar style pub. (SW18, U38)
SW8, STOCKERS, 108 Wandsworth Road. Flowers: Original Bitter. Whitbread: Best Bitter (cask). Formerly **LORD MORRISON**. (SW33, U43)
SW8, ROEBUCK, 84 Ashmole Street. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Newly rebuilt pub replacing original bomb damaged building. (SW35, U37)

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE NORTH WEST

HARROW, ROXBOROUGH. Watney, demolished for road widening. (W113)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, ELEPHANT & CASTLE. Truman, H unused. (SE21)
SE27, BUFFERS. Watney, H removed. (SE193)

WEST WICKHAM, CONEY. Taylor Walker, renamed **MANOR HOUSE**, H removed. (SE288)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES CENTRAL

W1 (F), NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS, 119 Tottenham Court Road. - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (W32)

EAST

E2, ROYAL STANDARD. - beers listed.
+ Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. Reverted to Whitbread after expiry of lease to Youngs. (E77)
E8, ROSE & CROWN. - beers listed.
+ Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. + Wethered: Bitter. Reverted to Whitbread after expiry of lease to Youngs. (E111)
E9, TIGER, 245 Wick Road. - beers listed.
+ Flowers: Original Bitter. + Wethered: Bitter. Reverted to Whitbread after expiry of lease to Youngs. Note correct address. (E116)

NORTH WEST

NW3, SPANIARDS. + Fuller: ESB. + M&B: Highgate Mild. + Young: Bitter. The fourth known outlet for Highgate Mild in Greater London. (N139)
NW4, LOAD OF HAY. - Truman: Best Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (N141)
NW4, WHITE BEAR. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (N142, GBG90; p276)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, GEORGE, 23 Kegworth Street. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE22)
SE1, RIVERS. - Flowers: Original Bitter. (SE38)
SE11, BLACK DOG. + Ruddle: County. (SE90)

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 49 Continued

SE20, CROOKED BILLET. + John Smith:
Yorkshire Bitter. (SE161)
SE20, GOLDSMITH ARMS. - Ind Coope: Burton
Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE162)
SE20, GRACES. - Truman: Best Bitter.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE162)
SE20, MAPLE TREE. - Shepherd Neame: Best
Bitter. + Charrington: IPA. + Ruddle:
County. (SE163)
SE20, PAWLEYNE ARMS. - Courage: Directors
Bitter. (SE163)
SE20, QUEEN ADELAIDE. - Courage: Directors
Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter.
(SE164)
SE27, GIPSY QUEEN. - Courage: Directors
Bitter. (SE194)
SE27, GIPSY TAVERN. + Young: Bitter.
(SE194)
BECKENHAM, CLOCK HOUSE. - Taylor Walker:
Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. Note correct
title. (SE204)
CROYDON (ADDINGTON), CRICKETERS INN.
+ Bass. Note correct title. (SE238)
CROYDON (SELSDON), DALES. - Truman: Best
Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. + Webster:
Yorkshire Bitter. (SE239)
CROYDON, MAIL COACH. + John Smith:
Yorkshire Bitter. (SE245)
CROYDON, PORTER & SORTER. Delete
reference to impending closure. (SE248)
CROYDON, ROSE & CROWN. - Ind Coope:
Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE249)
CROYDON, WANDLE ARMS. - Charrington: IPA.
(SE251)

SOUTH WEST

SW2, JOHN COMPANY. + Flowers: Original
Bitter. (SW19)
SW4, FROG & FORGET-ME-NOT. + Ruddle:
County (SW24, U31, U48)
SW4, PRINCE OF WALES. - Whitbread: Samuel
Whitbread Ale. + Marston: Pedigree.
+ Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. (SW25)
SW6, WATERFORD. Renamed FROG & PELICAN.
- Ruddle: County. + Ruddle: Best Bitter.
(SW29)

SW6, WHEATSHEAF, 562 Kings Road.
+ Whitbread: Best Bitter (cask). (SW31)
SW9, BEEHIVE. - Greene King: Abbot Ale.
+ Flowers: IPA. (SW36)
SW9, PLOUGH. - Truman: Sampson Ale.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (SW37)
SW15, RED ROVER. Renamed CAFE MORE.
- Ruddle: County. (SW47)
SW16, ROSE & CROWN TAVERN. + Ruddle: Best
Bitter, County. Note correct title. (SW49)
SW18, BRUSH. - beers listed. + Tetley:
Bitter. A Belhaven pub. (SW51, U47)
SW19, HORSE & GROOM. + Marston Pedigree.
(SW56)
SW19, SPORTSMAN. - Truman: Best Bitter.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (SW56)
SW19, WOODMAN. Reverted to Watney tied
house after a period as a Clifton Inns
Free House. (SW56, U43)
SURBITON, ACADEMY. Renamed CAP IN HAND.
(SW74)

WEST

W8, DEVONSHIRE ARMS. - Taylor Walker: Best
Bitter. (W82)
BRENTFORD, FIRESTONE. Renamed COLT. (W97)
GREENFORD, LITTEN. - beers listed.
+ Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. + King &
Barnes: Sussex Bitter. + Morland: Old
Masters (OG 1040). Litten: Bitter (origin
unknown). + Guest Beer. Pub considerably
extended with buttry/carvery, open
noon - 9pm. (W102)
RUISLIP, BELL. + Tetley: Bitter. Completely
refurbished. (W137)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 47

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES
SE11, JOLLY COCKNEY. Beers listed are
Whitbread "guest beers" only.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 48

NEW PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE
SW8, VICTORIA. Address is 642 Wandsworth
Road.
SW19, WAY INN, Wayfairer Hotel. Note
correct spelling.



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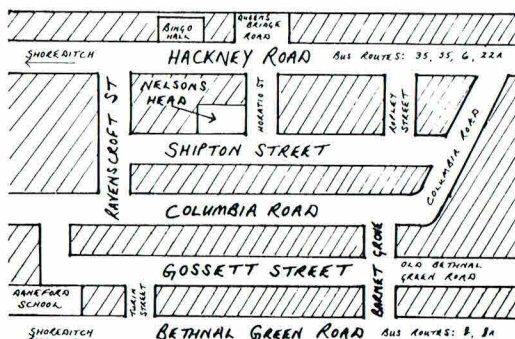


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Boddington calls time on its breweries

Boddington of Manchester is to pull out of brewing after producing beer for more than 130 years.

The company recently unveiled plans to sell its Manchester and Liverpool breweries to Whitbread for £51 million. It believes sales of traditional ales are in terminal decline as lager continues to gain market share.

Boddington, famed for its sharp, straw-coloured bitter, will concentrate on running pubs, restaurants, hotels, drinks wholesaling and old people's homes.

Drinkers in the company's 500-plus pubs will continue to be served Boddingtons, Higsons, and Oldham brews, as Whitbread has signed an agreement to supply the beers for at least five years.

Under the deal, Whitbread has pledged to continue brewing Boddingtons bitter at the group's Strangeways brewery in Manchester. But the future of the Higson's brewery in Liverpool - bought by Boddington in 1985 - is now in doubt.

The Liverpool brewery produces lagers, a hoppy bitter, and a dark mild, but output of 80,000 barrels a year is less than half its potential capacity. There is plenty of room to expand output from Strangeways - where production of 260,000 barrels is almost 200,000 short of capacity.

Boddington chairman Mr Dennis Cassidy insisted that the decision to quit brewing was taken almost a year ago - well before the Monopolies Commission published its recommendations loosening the brewers' grip on their pubs.

There were two other serious bidders before Boddington decided to sell to Whitbread. The national brewer and its off-shoot, Whitbread Investment Company, between them hold about 30 per cent of Boddington, which increased half-year profits by 9.3 per cent to £7.3 million.

The deal will give Whitbread, which already has about 12½ per cent of the British beer market, about an extra 1 per cent, and adds to the company's portfolio of real ale brands which includes Flowers, Fremilns and Wethered.

Draft rules which threaten to force Whitbread to sell major stakes in Boddington and the Burton brewer, Marston, are likely to be watered down by the Department of Trade and Industry, Boddington's managing director, Mr Hubert Reid. Mr Reid, who saw DTI officials to urge modification of the rules, said: "I got the impression that ministers and the department recognised that the obligations imposed on Boddington were inequitable and they would change that."

As drafted, the DTI rules mean that where a company like Whitbread owns more than 15 per cent of another brewer, both companies' estates of pubs would be bundled together in working out how many should become brewery-owned free houses, given complete freedom in deciding whose beers to buy. The DTI says that half of the pubs in excess of 2,000 should become free houses.

Boddington and Marston would both be caught by this rule. Marston is 38 per cent owned by Whitbread and its associated investment company.

Boddington's decision to sell its breweries to Whitbread does nothing to circumvent the rules as drafted at the moment. Boddington would have to turn half of its pubs into free houses or Whitbread would have to cut its investment below 15 per cent.

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HOLT'S NEWS

"A cobbler sticks to his last" is Holt's motto; the brewer has been in the business since 1849 and intends to stay. Holt isn't in the business of brewing fancy brands but aims at pure and simple value for money. Nothing is spent on marketing. The company secretary was shocked on a recent visit to London to have to part with £1.35 for a pint; Holt's costs 69p (bitter) and 66p (mild). This must have some appeal because when most brewers are complaining about declining ale volumes, Holt has managed a small increase, perhaps helped by the hot weather. The rating, though not low, is less than for some of the other regionals. Over half the shares are in safe hands.

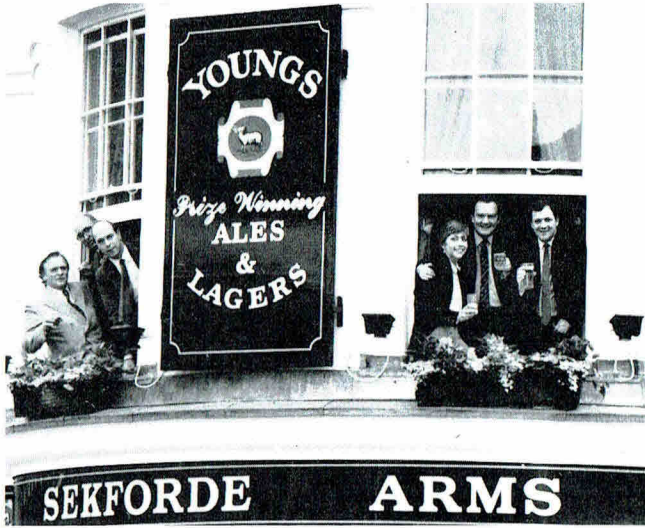
THE SEKFORDE ARMS EC1

Clerkenwell, one of London's increasingly fashionable business areas, now has another attraction in the form of the newly refurbished Sekforde Arms.

The pub, which stands at the end of an elegant Georgian terrace, has been restored to its past glory by independent South London brewers

Youngs, who bought the former free house last year.

Licensees Roger and Michelle Aldous can now welcome customers to an extended bar area, as well as a lunchtime restaurant and evening function room on the first floor, with splendid views overlooking Sekforde Street.



Left to right: Brewery Directors Thomas Young, Christopher Clitherow and James Young, Michelle Aldous, managing director Patrick Read and Roger Aldous enjoy the magnificent view from the restaurant of the Sekforde Arms.

OLIVE BAZELEY HARDS

Friday 17th November was the 100th birthday of Mrs Olive Bazeley Hards, a familiar local figure who was the landlady of the BUILDERS ARMS in Field Lane, Teddington from 1913 until 1960.

Despite her advanced years Olive still visits her old pub every evening for a nip of whisky and a packet of crisps, though these days she is pushed in her wheelchair by her 75 year old son Ted.

In 1913, before the restrictions brought in under the Defence of the Realm Act (and only relaxed - not repealed - last year) the pub was

open from 6 am until midnight. In those days beer was 2d a pint and porter 3d a quart; whisky was 2d a nip or 3/6 a bottle. Coal was delivered by dray horses and they would refuse to pass the pub until they had poked their heads through the window for a titbit from Olive.

Olive's centenary was celebrated on the 17th starting at 12 o'clock. The regulars had clubbed together and bought Olive a remote control colour television and a licence. It is hoped that the money raised will also ensure that Olive's nightly whisky will also be paid for so that she never needs to buy another drink.

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ABOUT THE CITY WALL

Before the Romans arrived, LONDINIVM (London) was but a small village. Within a decade of the invasion in AD43 it was established as a town at the lowest bridging-point over the Thames, facing a spur of firm ground at Southwark with marshy land either side. By about AD90 it had succeeded CAMVLOVNVM (Colchester) as the provincial capital. In AD61 Boudicca massacred the inhabitants and it was considered expedient to build a fort, with walls 5ft thick around AD120. Towards the end of the second century two of its walls were strengthened and incorporated into a city wall enclosing 330 acres which ran (in modern terms) northwards from the east side of Blackfriars Station to Newgate Street, eastwards to a little beyond Aldersgate Street, northwards to the Museum of London, eastwards to the north of London Wall and Bevis Marks to Aldgate, thence southwards to the Tower of London. A further wall was added to the river front in the 4th Century and a westward extension built in the 13th Century down Ludgate Hill and alongside the River Fleet - nowadays New Bridge Street. This Crawl follows as closely as possible the course of the Wall (as I shall refer to it to save confusion with the street named London Wall), basically on the inside but with a few excursions outside. To save an over-complicated map and a fair bit of narrative, I will refer you to the A to Z and the East London & City Beer Guide, keeping pub information to a minimum. A fair amount of the Wall is still visible - largely Mediaeval rebuilding as the ground level has risen some twenty feet since Roman times, but with the exception of the extension mentioned, around Blackfriars, the rest was on the original alignment.

We begin at the Blackfriar (1), a fascinating building owned by Nicholsons and describing itself as "London's most unique public house" serving Adnam's, Boddingtons, Bass and Tetley. Go under the railway bridge - the viaduct coincides with the later Wall, and some of its foundations, along with the bank of the long-covered River Fleet, were uncovered during recent construction work. Going up Blackfriars Lane the Queens Head (2), Tetley, Boddington & Adnam's is the only building still standing in a road overlooking one of the last large bombed sites from the last war, currently

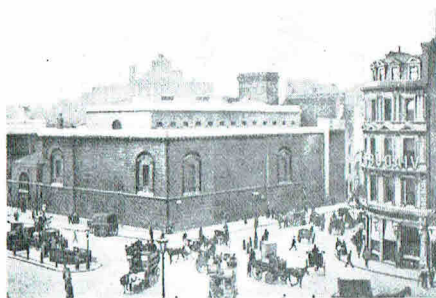


An Artists impression of the Roman city as it might have appeared from high above the location of Tower Bridge, in the 4th Century.

being re-developed as the new St Paul's Thameslink station which will shortly replace Holborn Viaduct.

All of this area, once enclosed by the walls, was occupied by the Priory of the Black Friars, founded in 1276 and dissolved in 1538, when this effectively became part of the City. The grant of Land by the Lord Mayor included the abandoned Montfichet Castle, one of 3 built locally by the Normans. Pick your way through the rebuilding work to Ludgate Hill. The Old City of London (3) Younger's No. 3, IPA & Best bitter plus Theakston's Best stands at the site of Ludgate, supposedly named after a local king called Lud who died in 66 BC, and demolished in 1760. The 6 other City gates were also demolished in the 1760s and 70s, to ease traffic congestion. There has been a church on the adjacent site - St. Martins within Ludgate since the early 600s. Old Bailey was just outside the Wall. The Rumböe (4) halfway along serves Ind Coope Burton, Taylor Walker and Tetley. At the top end the road was extra-wide to accommodate crowds at the public executions which took place outside Newgate Prison, demolished in 1902 to make way for the Central Criminal Court popularly known by the name of the road it adjoins. Newgate (demolished 1777) stood adjacent to the site of the Viaduct (5). Tetleys, Marston Pedigree and Boddington. The first pub in the world to

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The Viaduct Tavern, which externally is unchanged, facing Newgate Prison in 1897.

be lit by electricity, its cellars were once cells of the prison which was first established in the Gate in 1196. St. Sepulchre's Church, the largest in the City, over the road was the departure point for the Knights Templar to the Crusades. Later, condemned criminals once stopped there to receive a nosegay on the way to the gallows at Tyburn. The church is not named after a person - Saint simply means Holy - but after the Holy Sepulchre (the tomb of Christ) whose traditional location outside the North-West gate of Jerusalem the building was thought to parallel.

From here it is not possible to follow the course of the Wall, which is entirely built over. Go along Newgate Street, passing the site of the Bethlehem Hospital (Bedlam), founded as a convent in 1247 which first received lunatics in 1403 when the original asylum near Charing Cross was closed. The site was later used for the Blue Coat Boys' School, moved near to Horsham in 1902 and known as Christ's Hospital. Turning left into King Edward Street, the National Postal Museum in the GPO building merits a visit. A few paces past the entrance, go into Postman's Park on the right. Formerly the churchyard of St Botolph's, Aldersgate and shared by 2 other parishes, its southern boundary coincided with the course of the Wall. Inspect the interesting plaques under the shelter, which commemorate acts of bravery by ordinary people of the last century. A few simple words tell some poignant and frequently tragic tales. Across the road from the east gate, the Lord Raglan (6). Courage Best and Directors, stands adjacent to Aldersgate, where Samuel Pepys wrote on 20th October 1660 "I saw the limbs of some of our new trytors, set upon

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Aldersgate ... A bloody week this and the last have been, there being ten hanged, drawn and quartered". The victims had been signatories of Charles I's death warrant, condemned after the Restoration. The Lord Raglan was formerly called the Bush, and once had a 24 hour licence by royal edict of Charles II, for whom the landlord once opened in the early hours of the morning. Raglan was a hero of the Crimean War at the time of its rebuilding in 1855. Go along Gresham Street to Noble Street, where you will see the south-west corner and the west wall of part of the Roman fort. Informative signs tell you all you need to know. At the northern end, the fort's west gate - blocked some time after the wall was reinforced to become part of the City Wall - coincided with London Wall (the road). On the far side you will see the Mediaeval bastion overlooked by the superb Museum of London, which is an absolute must - admission free, closed Mondays. Two of the pubs we are seen to visit are located on the Highwalk above and to the north of London Wall. I won't confuse you with directions as there are plenty of signs. Outside the Museum is the largest religious memorial to be erected in the last 150 years. It commemorates the conversion of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, in a house nearby in 1738, 4 days after his hymn-writer brother Charles. Both were already ministers in the Church of England, and had done missionary work in America. Go under the Highwalk along Wood Street, which corresponds with the central road of the Roman Fort and thus can claim to be one of the oldest streets in London. Its northern gate was the only one to be retained as a City gate, and was known later as Cripplegate whose site is marked by a plaque on the wall of Roman House. It was unique in not actually leading anywhere in particular (although a substantial suburb to the north was to grow up in due course), and was only placed there as part of the standard Roman Fort design - more or less square, with a gate in the middle of each wall. The origin of the name has two interpretations - "crepel" meaning a covered way, i.e. underground entrance to the City; and the story that a number of cripples were miraculously cured in 1010 when the body of St Edmund was brought here for safe keeping from the Danes.

Just outside the gate from 1329 to 1536 Elsing Spital, an Augustinian Priory where 100 blind men were cared for. Note, on the corner of Fore Street, the plaque commemorating the first bomb on the City in World War II, recording its fall with historical precision as 12.15pm on 25th August 1940. At this point you are a few yards from the Crowder's Well (7), Bass and Charrington I.P.A. A pleasant modern pub, it is part of the impressive Barbican development. When I first visited this part with a friend a couple of years ago I would never have recognized it as part of London, which I know well. The Crowder's Well was in use nearby until about 1850, and reputedly had curative properties. Just around the corner, St Giles' Church is one of the few mediaeval churches in the City, whose boundaries extended well beyond the Wall many years ago. Founded in 1030 - in the reign of Canute by Alsane, Bishop of London and rebuilt in 1393 then again - in more or less its present form - after a fire in 1545. It survived the Great Fire of 1666, which was contained by the Wall on all but the western side, which it crossed by means of houses built on top collapsing. Helped by the wind, it spread as far as Fetter Lane and the Temple. Further fire damage was sustained from bombing in 1940. Inside the church a plaque records the names of all its vicars since Aylward in 1135. A number of famous persons had connections here in varying degrees, Sir Thomas More's parents were married here in 1475, and John Milton was buried in the chancel in 1674. Shakespeare attended here at least once for the baptism of his brother's children. Admiral Sir Martin Frobisher was buried here in 1594, having received his Knighthood for his part in the destruction of the Spanish Armada in 1588, the same year that the most famous Vicar of St Giles took up his incumbency - Lancelot Andrewes was here for 17 years before becoming, successively, Dean of Westminster, Prebendary of St Paul's, Bishop of Chichester, Ely then Winchester. Lovers of modern poetry (assuming there are any) may know that T.S. Eliot plagiarised part of one of Andrewes' sermons for a large section at the beginning of "The Journey of the Magi". Four busts are to be seen of men with connections here - Milton, Oliver Cromwell, John Bunyan and Daniel Defoe. The filling of the Mediaeval

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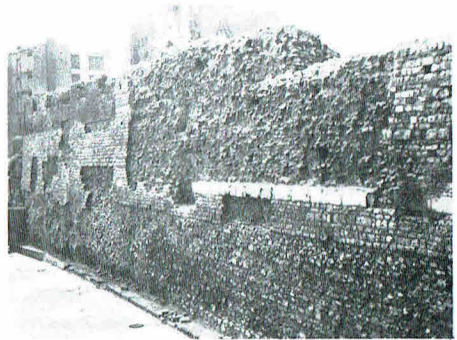
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Ditch in the 17th century led to the extension of the Churchyard to the Wall, and its recent re-excavation at this point has provided a pleasant "lake" and a home for large goldfish, coloured from orange to black - which jump! The backdrop is a sizeable surviving portion of the Wall. History repeats itself - the Ditch was once recorded as being "*a great store of verie good fish, of diverse sorts*". Make your way on to the Highwalk. The Podium (8), serving Greene King Abbot and Wethered Bitter is open 11-11 (not Sundays). Most City pubs close early and at weekends. It overlooks St. Alphage Gardens, a former churchyard just inside more remains of the Wall. Continuing eastwards along the Highwalk, we cross the line of the Wall and come to the Plough (9). Courage Best & Directors, with restaurant attached. Keep going eastwards (down the stairs adjacent to the pubs far side) and cross Moorgate. On the far side is another informative plaque, indicating the site of the City Gate of that name. This was the last Gate to be constructed - only as a small entrance, in early mediaeval time. The building of the Wall prevented the



A surviving portion of the Wall in St. Alphage's Churchyard (now Gardens), showing Roman masonry below mediaeval additions, and background buildings long since demolished for redevelopment.

local streams - which ended as the Wallbrook, which we will encounter later - from flowing through the City, and resulted in the marshy ground, or moor, from which the area took its name. This was the only Gate whose title

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described its location, and was the last breach of the Wall until its defensive value had ceased. It was replaced by a large structure in 1415 at the instigation of Thomas Falconer, Lord Mayor of the time, and again as an imposing ceremonial entrance in 1672, only to be demolished less than a century later, in 1761. A long section of the wall to the eastwards was incorporated into a later Bethlehem Hospital (Bedlam) and survived until 1817.

The Scottish Pound (10) on the corner of London Wall and Cophthall Avenue, on the right, sells Rayment, Greene King IPA and Abbot on electric pump. Situated in the ground floor and basement of a modern office block, it is so named because in years long gone by, Scottish prisoners were held just over the road. We are, of course, no longer at war with the Scots. They were keen enough to merge with England - then a very wealthy country - in 1603 when James I/VI came to our throne. Now that the pendulum has swung the other way, they want independence! *Plus ça change* I stray from the point, to another diversion. This pub is only included as it adds two beers to the somewhat limited range available on my route. I find it guilty of the pub crime of making up rules as it goes along. A year ago this magazine published a letter from a CAMRA member who had been refused service as he was wearing jeans - the smart sort (he works in an office, not a building site) - while other drinkers were similarly attired. On visiting the pub in company preparation for this offering, I noted a sign on the door: *"It is house policy that all customers are suitably dressed. persons wearing overalls, trainers or jeans will not be served"*. On the hottest day of the year - as it transpired - one of our Editors was clad appropriately to his means of transport, a bicycle, none of the aforementioned garments adorning his person and all necessary parts covered. We were asked to drink outside - no hardship given the temperature. (My other companion, incidentally, was clad as is customary for a city gent). What a pity the management won't state its requirements before taking rather more money than is reasonable for beer which on the occasion was sub-standard. A couple of days later, said Editor paid a second visit, this time sporting a "plus-fours"

cycling suit - the trousers buckle just below the knee - of the type popular a century ago, and dating back about half that time. No problem. He is now seeking the loan of a kilt to see the reaction and if necessary invoke the Race Relations laws. Behind the buildings opposite is Finsbury Circus which in 1606 became London's first public park. In 1925 it boasted the only bowling green in the City. The older name, Fensbury indicates the former marshy nature of the area. The next pub, also on the right, is the Talbot (11), Truman & Ruddles Best - A single-bar modern Chef & Brewer house, its decor is predominantly on a sports and horse-drawn carriages theme. Opening at 11 am (11.30 Mondays) it closed at 8 pm, with no weekend sessions.

Further down London Wall on the left, the wall of the churchyard of All Hallows-on-the-Wall incorporates part of the mediaeval city Wall (sorry to keep repeating that noun; under the circumstances it is inevitable), whose Roman foundations are 13 feet below ground level. The church was built in 1765 to replace a structure some 7 centuries older. Its vestry stands on the foundations of a late Roman tower, and in the early 1500s there lived on this spot an anchorite, Simon the Anker, for whom the church was famous. Anchorites were religious hermits who were voluntarily walled into their cells in churches (in order to be near the Holy Sacrament) and survived on alms and food given by charitable passers by. Not all stayed put - one lady in Shere, Surrey, became fed up and broke out - only to be re-captured by the locals and bricked back inside! That also seems to be the origin of stories about monks and nuns walled-up alive. Short of being restrained or unconscious, an unwilling victim could hardly be expected to stay put while the mortar hardened! (Perhaps the Prison authorities would consider this method of confining undesirables, as the gallows is now redundant).

Beyond this the road becomes Wormwood Street. Standing on the right directly astride the Wall's foundations just before Bishopsgate is the King's Arms Tavern (12), another Chef & Brewer house with Ruddles's County & Best plus Webster's Yorkshire. Hours are 11.30 am to 9.30 pm, weekdays only. There is an outdoor drinking area with tables around

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Second question: Where are they?

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125/127 Stroud Green Road N4

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THE TANNERS HALL
145 High Street N16

TOTTENHAM
THE BOAR
413 Lordship Lane N17

BRUCE GROVE
THE ELBOW ROOM
503-505 High Road N17

TOTTENHAM
**THE MOON UNDER
WATER**
423 Lordship Lane N17

RIVER LEA
THE NARROW BOAT
Reedham Close N17

ARCHWAY
THE DOG
17/19 Archway Road N19

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JJ MOONS
37 Landseer Road N19

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JJ MOON'S
553 Kingsbury Road NW9

WALTHAMSTOW
THE DRUM
557/9 Lea Bridge Road E10

WALTHAMSTOW
THE COLLEGE ARMS
807 Forest Road E17

BARNET
**THE MOON UNDER
WATER**
148 High Street, Barnet

ENFIELD
**THE MOON UNDER
WATER**
115/7 Chase Side Enfield

Final (Vital) question: What do they provide?

The final answer: *Traditional atmosphere (no music)
Fine victorian decor
Splendid Real Ales*



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the back, and alongside is an odd Victorian folly in Indian style, now used as a restaurant. Over the crossroads, on the S.E. corner, the Mail Coach (13), a modern Younger's basement pub, commemorates the fact that all northbound traffic once had to pass this way. Deviating outside the line of the Wall, we next visit the Clanger (14), another modern pub, this time on a Fire Brigade theme, serving Charrington IPA and Bass, which closes at 9 pm and all weekend. The name of the street in which it is situated - Houndsditch - is a reminder of the moat which was once a receptacle for all forms of refuse including dead dogs. Further down on the right is the Red Lion (15), Bass & Charrington IPA. Turn right then left into Duke's Place, which covers the Wall's foundations. Almost at the southern end - next to a building on the right bearing a plaque informing us that it was the site of the Great Synagogue from 1690 until it was destroyed by bombing in September 1941 - is St James' Passage, leading into Mitre Square. The spot directly ahead of you is known as Ripper's Corner. It was here that the body of Catherine Eddowes - the fourth of five victims of Jack the Ripper, was found in the early hours of September 30th, 1888. This had long been considered a cursed area - in 1536 another woman was murdered as she prayed before the altar of the Priory of the Holy Trinity (founded 1108) by a mad monk, Brother Martin, who stabbed her twelve times before using the knife on himself - at the same spot.

Aldgate, which stood at the crossing of the road of the same name and Jewry Street, was Roman in origin and survived until mediaeval times, when it was known variously as Alegate (through which ale was brought into the City) and Algate ("the old gate" - it led to the previous Roman capital at Colchester). Rebuilt between 1108 and 47, again in 1215 and 1607-9, it was demolished in 1761. Its most famous resident was Geoffrey Chaucer, who lived in rooms above the gate from 1374, when he was a customs official in the Port of London.

Make your way into Jewry Street, where the Three Tuns (16), astride the Wall's foundations, serves Charrington IPA and Bass. Beyond this point no road coincides with the course of the

Wall, though a sizeable portion is visible behind Emperor House off Vine Street, and in Cooper's Row, where it is 35 feet high.

We deviate to the left down India Street then turn right into Minories, where on the opposite side is the Three Lords (17), the only Young's house on this crawl and offering the whole of that company's range. Built in 1890, its name refers to three Scottish nobles executed by beheading at nearby Tower Hill, as a result of complicity in the 1745 rising in support of the Young Pretender - "Bonnie Prince Charlie". William Boyd, 4th Earl of Kilmarnock, was captured at Culloden, and Arthur Elphinstone, 6th Lord Balmerino was taken 6 days later. Having already been pardoned for his part in the rising of 1715, he succeeded to his title, aged 58, when already a prisoner. Both met the headsman on 18th August 1746, having omitted to order appropriate clothes as they had assumed until the last moment that they would be reprieved.

Exactly seven months later they were followed by the last victim of the axe. Simon Fraser, 12th Lord Lovat, had been involved in the 1715 rising of the Old Pretender. After Culloden he gave refuge to Bonnie Prince Charlie and tried to persuade him to make a last stand. Brought to London, he was tried for High Treason and condemned to death. Seeing the crowds around the scaffold he remarked "why should there be such a bustle about taking off an old grey head?" (he was eighty years old), and when a stand collapsed, killing several spectators, his comment was "the more mischief, the better sport".

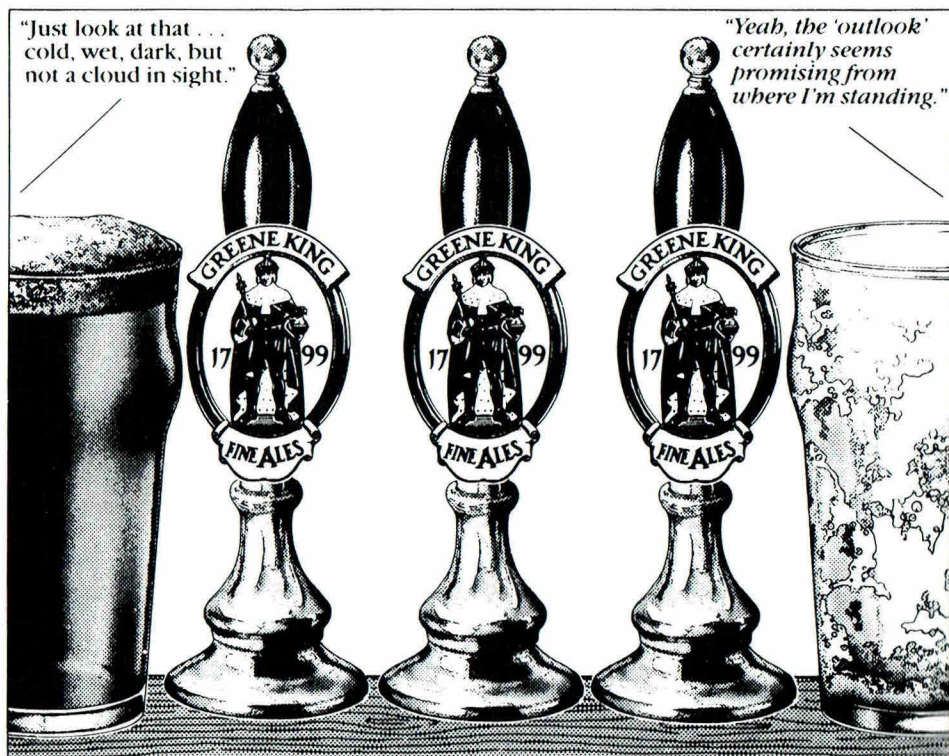
Find Crosswall in your A to Z and head for the Angel (18), Charrington IPA (not open weekends). Head southwards to Tower Hill tube station - the last prominent section of the Wall still stands round to the left. Across the road the Wall was demolished to make way for the Tower of London, which is not actually part of the City. No need for further details here of what is probably the best-documented site in the Kingdom. Pay a visit, if you are so inclined, to the Merchant Navy memorial in Trinity Square, and also to the site of the scaffold, where over 125 "traitors" were beheaded between 1381 and 1647. Going around the north and west sides of the Tower, we next

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encounter the Tiger (19), Bass & Charrington IPA, a modern successor to several other hostellers of that name on the site since the Middle Ages. Stay on the north side of Thames Street - the traffic is usually heavy. The other side marks the Roman river frontage, on which an extension to the Wall - completing the encirclement of the City - was built in the early 4th century. Only a small portion remains, inside the confines of the Tower. The rest was in a ruinous state (only parts remained) in Mediaeval times due to undermining by the river, and some parts were incorporated into later buildings. Its very existence is a point of contention among some historians. However, several Gates of varying sizes are on record, and what would be the point except to give access through a wall - in this case to the wharves on the Thames? Billingsgate - for many centuries the main fishmarket - had such a structure, first referred to in 971 as *Blynesgate* by a monk, John Brompton. An early English historian, Geoffrey of Monmouth, Bishop of St Asaph, records in 1152 that Belin was a local king in this area around 400 BC. His ashes - or whatever - were

thought to be preserved in the gate, though where they were in the seven or more centuries prior to its construction are a matter of conjecture - if they - or he - ever existed. The good Geoffrey had a habit of recording any legend, however unlikely, as fact - he was extremely inaccurate about the Norman Conquest, less than a century before his time. (He also gives the City's previous names as *Trinovantom* and *Caer-Lud*). Be that as it may, artefacts from abroad dating as far back as 600 BC have been excavated in the area, though they could have arrived at any time (perhaps even as "antiques") over the thousand or so years prior to the Roman withdrawal around 420 AD.

A little more about names - the Thames was known to the Romans as the *Tamesis*, and in Oxford it is still called by another derivative of that title, *Isis*. Roman legend had it that London was founded by a Trojan, *Brut*, who supposedly gave his name to Britain, and named the area *Caer Troiau* after Troy, and his eldest son Lud (as in Ludgate) re-named it Lud-din (Lud's city). The inclination is to take that with a



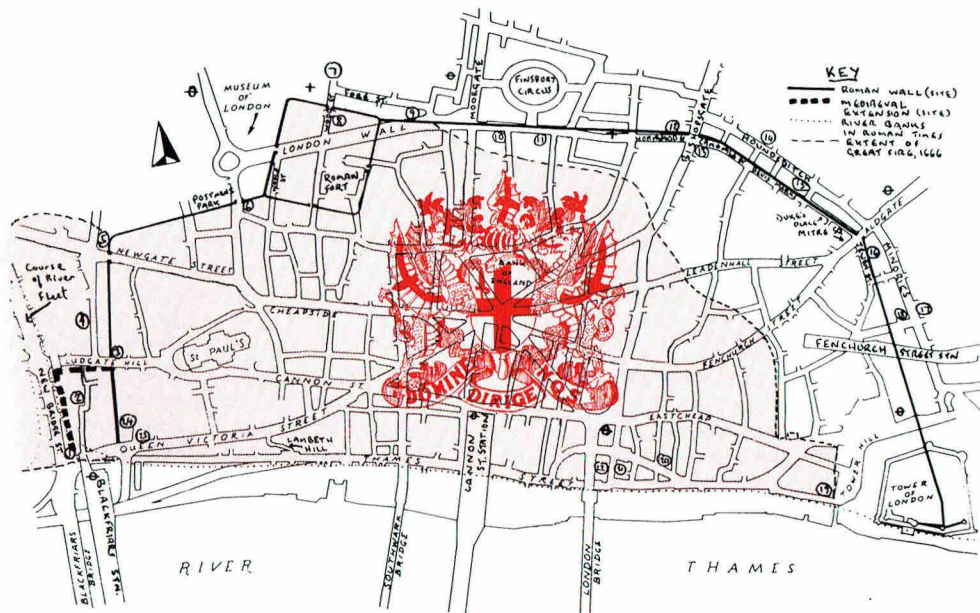
generous pinch of salt. However, the Roman title of *LONDINIVM* must have been a Latinization of the local name, which was recorded variously over the years as *London-Byrig*, *Lunden Ceaster*, *Lundain* (still used as



The monument, in 1880. The building on its right became the Monument Tavern, (Fuller's) demolished in 1988.

the Welsh spelling) *Lunden Wye*, *Lunden-Barb*, *Lunden-Burg* and *Lundenwic*. For a brief period around AD370 it was also renamed *AVGVSTA*. We continue along Thames Street (incidentally, the birthplace of Chaucer in 1340) and take a right into Monument Street.

The Walrus and Carpenter(20) offers Bass and Charrington IPA. Formerly called the Cock, it does not open weekends, and has 3 bars and a restaurant. You cannot possibly miss the Monument. Standing 202' high and exactly that distance from the point of origin of the Great Fire in 1666, the house of the King's baker, one Thomas Faryner, it was intended as the focal point of Wren's planned fan of roads in the new City. They were never carried out as many landowners would not sell their plots - hence the largely Mediaeval street configuration which survives to this day. The Fire devastated 436 acres including three-quarters of the City, destroyed some 13,000 houses and 89 churches with St Paul's Cathedral (35 were not replaced); the Monument stands on the site of one - the first to be burned. Only a change of wind direction saved catastrophe at the Tower - full of gunpowder - and the eastern section of the City. Accidental though it was, a Frenchman named Hubert confessed to starting the conflagration, and was duly hanged, drawn and quartered; he had not even arrived in the country until it had been raging for two days! The 311-step climb to the top affords a fine view of the area. Part of the Latin inscription on the monument blamed the Catholics for the fire, and this offending assumption (implying



that the cow who probably knocked over a lantern was a member of that faith) was removed last century. Go a few yards down Fish Street Hill. The Britannia (21) a tasteful modern basement pub replacing one of the many pubs formerly fronting this once important thoroughfare - two only survive - offers Charrington IPA and Bass. Its hours are 11 am to 11.30 pm weekdays, 11.3 Saturday. Opposite, the Canterbury Arms (22) has Wethered and Brakspear Bitter. It closes at weekends. This pub's name is a reminder that pilgrims to Canterbury, and all other travellers wishing to cross the Thames, had to go this way, as it led to the Mediaeval London Bridge - the one with houses on it until 1757. Started in 1176 at the instigation of Peter de Colechurch, a priest with architectural pretensions, it was not completed until 1209, four years after Peter's death - he had been in poor health for some time, and was relieved of his post by King John to minimize delays. It had 20 arches of irregular sizes, three gatehouses - one at each end (which I suppose classifies them as City gates on as the Bridge was, and its modern successor still is, part of the City of London). The middle one, upon which traitors' heads were displayed, was demolished in 1577, when the one at the Southwark end assumed that dubious privilege. It also had a chapel - dedicated to St Thomas Becket - and three pubs, to say nothing of the shops and houses, whose rental paid for the upkeep of the Bridge.

It is still a point of dispute whether the Romans actually built a bridge - it was not mentioned anywhere. There were probably several wooden structures at different times and locations. As there was a ford at Westminster, and Fish Street Hill aligns directly with Bishopsgate - once the only way to the north - that seems to clinch the point, or there would be no reason for a town here in the first place. When the foundations were laid for John Rennie's bridge in 1825 (the one that went in pieces to America - on the site of the present structure) a quantity of coins and artefacts from the Roman period were found. They may well have been offerings to the river gods.

Re-joining Thames Street, the church of St Magnus the Martyr warrants a visit - it is difficult now to imagine southbound traffic

passing its tower. We continue westwards. Just beyond Cannon Street station, Dowgate Hill (at the point where the Walbrook stream joined the Thames) commemorates the name of another river gate, and there were several others, one being named Ebbgate.

Passing Southwark Bridge on the left, turn right up Lambeth Hill then left along Queen Victoria Street to the penultimate pub on our crawl, the Baynard Castle (23), Charrington IPA and Bass. It is named after the Norman castle on the site, which incorporated part of the river wall. Destroyed by fire in 1428, the castle was rebuilt to succumb finally in the flames of 1666. Here Edward IV assumed the title of King and his uncle, Richard Duke of Gloucester laid his plans to usurp it as Richard III with the assistance of George, Duke of Buckingham, who shortly thereafter was accused of High Treason and parted company with his head in Salisbury's Market Square. There's gratitude for you. If by any chance you are still thirsty, turn right up St. Andrew's Hill to the Cockpit (24) - Courage Best & Directors, one of whose former purposes provides the name. Rejoining Queen Victoria Street, a right turn takes us past the south-eastern end of the Roman Wall (no longer visible) on the opposite side of the road from Printing House Square, where John Walter founded the Times in 1785 - it was printed here until the site was sold in 1977 to the Continental Illinois Corporation. The Great Hall of the Black Friars Priory formerly stood there, and was the venue for the Papal Court examining Henry VIII's demand for divorce from Catherine of Aragon in 1529. After the Dissolution it was put to the more secular use, as the Blackfriars Theatre. Several of Shakespeare's plays were presented here - he had property nearby. Under Charles I it became the Royal Printing House in 1627 - editions of the King James Version of the Bible had previously been printed there. A few yards away is Blackfriars Station, and the end of this marathon. There is a London Wall Walk marked with a total of 21 descriptive panels, from Aldersgate through to the Tower. These are reproduced, with excellent diagrams and further details, in a hand book of the same name available from the Museum of London, which I highly recommend.

ENFIELD & BARNET BRANCH PRESENT TRAVELCARD REAL ALE MANOEUVRE DAY (TRAMDAY) NO. 8 - PADDINGTON TO WEST DRAYTON VIA GREENFORD

This line is to be closed in the new year for engineering works lasting some months so the itinerary is being presented here rather than the Branch asking for the usual contribution. A branch TRAMDAY will take place on Saturday 9th December following this route if you wish to join in. For full timings (which only hold good until 30th December) see BR Timetable No. 117 - timings given are for a Saturday.

Whilst every effort is made, neither the Branch nor CAMRA can be held responsible for the accuracy of the information given below. The whole route is covered by the local Guide: REAL BEER IN WEST LONDON.

11.00 : Find yourself at the **QUEENS RAILWAY TAVERN** (Taylor Walker), 15 Chilworth Street (off Eastbourne Terrace), W2. Leave at 11.30 and go to **PADDINGTON** Station, arr:

11.35: KNIGHTS & HERALDS BAR (Free) on concourse. Leave 12.00 for the 12.05, arr: **12.08: WESTBOURNE PARK**. Out into Great Western Road and keep right into Tavistock Crescent; 100 yards on the right is the **FROG & FIRKIN** (Midsummer). Leave 13.00 for the 13.08, arr:

13.17: EALING BROADWAY. Out and right to roundabout; turn right into Madeley Road and take 2nd left into Haven Lane, 50 yards on left is the **WHEATSHEAF** (Fuller). Return at 13.50 for the 13.58 (N.B. TIMINGS ARE CRITICAL HERE), arr:

14.01: WEST EALING. Out and opposite is the **DRAYTON COURT HOTEL** (Fuller). Leave at 14.35 for the 14.39, arr:

14.44: CASTLEBAR PARK. Leave and enter

Bordars Road from Copley Close. Continue and sixth turning on right is Greenford Avenue; on the opposite corner is the **WHITE HART** (Fuller). Leave at 15.14 for the 15.24, arr:

15.33: GREENFORD. Out and left along Oldfield Lane North, 250 yards on left is the **BLACK HORSE** (Fuller - Public Bar is usually less crowded). Leave at 16.05 for the 16.16, arr:

16.28: WEST EALING. Change for the 16.31 Maidenhead/Slough service, arr:

16.38: SOUTHALL. Exit and left, continue to roundabout/subway across to The Green, down King Street. On left is the **HAVELOCK ARMS** (Fuller). Leave at 17.15 and turn right back up King Street; left into Featherstone Road and right into Dudley Road. On right is the **LORD WOLSELEY** (Fuller). Leave at 17.40, return and pass station. First left is Beaconsfield Road and third right is West End Road. 100 yards on right is the **BEACONSFIELD ARMS** (Free - homemade Indian snacks). Leave at 18.26 for the 1838, arr:

18.42: HAYES & HARLINGTON. Leave and left to traffic lights and right into Hyde Road, 50 yards on left is the **VICTORIA** (Courage). Leave at 19.10 for the 19.18, arr:

19.23: WEST DRAYTON. Out and left, 20 yards on left is the **DE BURGH ARMS** (Taylor Walker). Leave at 20.05; left down Station Road, on left is the **RAILWAY ARMS** (Courage). Leave at 20.50 for the 21.00 arriving at **PADDINGTON** at 21.29.

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Dear Dipsy

I took your advice last year and bought my own pub and brewery. The business is expanding so rapidly I have taken on several new pubs and, since they are all in London, the chain is known as Expensive House, as opposed to the misnomer Free. We are brewing a new line as an all-seasonal toy for juvenile adults and overgrown children - non-alcoholic beer! Of course, it STARTS life as real beer, and the extracted alcohol is put to other uses, mostly sold to certain larger brewers who seem incapable of producing the kind of beer I remember from a couple of centuries ago.

Of course, I charge the customers for the duty and also the other brewers, who pass the cost on to their own customers. How's that for enterprise? Of course, my profit goes into keeping down the production cost on toys for real children and under-age drinkers. One point though - how can I attract in more customers? The quality of my real beers - own brews and guests or outsiders - are beyond doubt, and each of my pubs was visited by CAMRA inspectors who wanted to put them in the Good Beer Guide. Oddly every one declined to do so when offered a consideration for their inclusion, although they all mentioned bar prices. Please give me the benefit of your advice and you can have the Xmas prezzie of your chioce.

S. Claus,
c/o The Dear Reindeer
HQ, Expensive Houses, Off Cheapside

Dear Santa,

You have a gift for making people happy, so why not drop your prices? Be reasonable - greed is not in your nature, unlike so many in the London pub game. This will guarantee you more trade and turnover, which leads to ever-

better quality, and so the upward spiral goes. Londoners are no wealthier than others and so deserve at least parity with the rest of the country's prices.

Having received my advice, now for your side of the bargain. What I want for Christmas is a Free House. Not a tied place 'cos I want a Free House supplies of free real beer which I can sell folks very dear. And I want that Free House soon - or now!

Can I also have some more engines, coaches and track for my train set so it can go round the bar, another bike because the Editors took mine away, an over-18 Burth Stiffkit so I can buy beer without being slung out, a key to my cell. (etc. etc. etc. - Ed).

Dipsy

Editor's note: S. Claus Esq says he is unable to deliver a free house via the Central Heating system (in lieu of a chimney) at Dipsy's abode. Instead he will deliver a Do-It-Yourself scale model kit of a pub for the model railway (train set indeed!) which is VERY free as it can't possibly sell beer. Extra equipment will also be delivered - with a key for the model engine ONLY!

Dear Dipsy

I'm left-handed and prefer to drink from a mug - otherwise known as a "jug", "jar" or "handle" as it is equipped with the latter. Whenever I order a pint and the staff member has managed to understand the type of receptacle I require, it arrives the wrong way round. Now I don't like beer trickling into my right sleeve, especially if its cold and fizzy, and I stick to real ale if possible to avoid physical discomfort. How can I get over this problem it's driving me to drink - about half of what I pay for!

Lefty Wright
Cackhand Lane WC13

Dear Lefty,

Your name is as muddled as your thoughts. This sounds like a sinister plot by the bar staff. But take heart, there are several solutions although most have a drawback.

1. Use a straight glass - internal contentment is preferable to external inconvenience.
2. Turn the glass round - requires a certain amount of thought and manual dexterity.
3. Drink on the other side of the bar - though it might get you banned.

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4. Ask for a straw - I prefer to use my mouth.
5. Become right-handed. However they made the last King do so and he ended up with a stammer. Might cause some confusion when ordering "A pint of best bitter in a jug pronto, please, my man."
6. Keep the jar with the handle to the right, put your hand round it with the finger through said handle then drink. A left-hander we know swears by the method - his langwidge is yusyully suspekt, especially when he spills it. We suggested a bib, but he points out that CAMRA aprons are available from HQ. More effective, less embarrassing and good publicity at the same time. Just keep drinking the real ale.

Dipsy

Diluted beer plan

Allied Breweries are researching how to concentrate freshly-brewed beer to four times its normal strength. It would then be frozen and taken to public houses for the publican to dilute with carbonated water.

Makes a change from diluting normal strength beer. But probably will have the same effect.

From Daily Telegraph

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My list of pubs visited on this crawl has been selective on a not exclusively geographical basis. I have deliberately omitted several Davy's houses. Although technically pubs, the only real beer they serve is entitled "Davy's Old Wallop" and seems for the most part to be Courage Best. But at a price around £1.50 a pint - they won't serve halves - that is outrageous even if the quality is excellent, which it frequently isn't. I'm not at all sure of the legality of refusing to serve halves - the Equal Opportunities Commission has outlawed refusing to serve a lady pints - but the beer comes in admittedly superb pewter tankards, usually unstamped and therefore illegal, and at least one house has a silver mounted drinking horn (chained to the bar) available on request - enabling them even to dictate where you drink! Apart from their standard gloomy decor and plain wooden floors, they also operate a snobbish dress policy - I was once served with reluctance and barely disguised hostility when wearing a round-

necked jumper. My money, presumably, was good enough!

On an historical note, it is sad - though understandable - that developers, of whichever century - should wish to wipe out the artefacts of their predecessors, however remote in time, for present day profit. In the City of London - at least superficially - builders give the archaeologists a chance to study the sub-structure of the present ground level. Others will bulldoze the lot or make life difficult for present-day historians, as witness the furore over the remains of the Rose Theatre recently discovered in Southwark.

The railway builders acted similarly in a far less enlightened age, as did the builders who demolished the majority of the Wall that was visible above ground in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Ironically, it was the Luftwaffe that revealed some of the portions we can see today. These details, along with the minor matter of the Great Fire, have ensured that no pub on this crawl was built earlier than the mid 19th century, although some are on much older sites. However, I think you will agree that the architectural quality of the modern pubs I have covered is above average, and in each and every pub mentioned which I visited in the 2 years preparing this piece the beer was good, in most cases excellent but sadly, likewise, expensive. Don't Londoners deserve a better deal? We aren't all tourists or wealthy!

This Historicrawl has turned out longer than I planned. However, there is no denying that it is exclusively about our Capital (what's wrong with "out of town"? A lot of our readers don't live here, and some actually like a pint or three away from home). I hope you will enjoy trying some of the pubs out, and will feel able to echo the thoughts of Dr Samuel Johnson, penned in 1777 "Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford". Nowadays he could hardly include price in his otherwise laudable sentiment!

Finally, I must thank the readers who have kindly written to suggest potential areas for Historicrawls, and to offer help with local information. These will, naturally, be followed-up in due course. Meanwhile, I'm keeping a low profile to save blowing my cover!

Merton

SHAFTESBURY ARMS, RICHMOND

For the past six months or so Sean Moran, the tenant of the Shaftesbury Arms a small, friendly Youngs pub at 123 Kew Road, Richmond has been selling all his keg and draught beers at a very reasonable £1 a pint - not just during specific happy hours but during all permitted licensed hours. While this represents a somewhat better bargain for drinkers of the higher priced keg beers such as Guinness and the various lagers which are available in Youngs pubs, it is to be applauded that a tenant should put the interests of his customers first in this way. When we spoke to Mr Moran he said that he might have to put his prices up shortly following the recent round of brewery increases but he was still intending to keep them below those of the competition in the area.

Bill Usher

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