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 WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS, 1 Pakenham Street.
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 WC1 SUN, 63 Lamb's Conduit Street.
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 N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
 N1 LORD WOLSELEY, 55 White Lion Street.
 N1 MALT & HOPS, 33 Caledonian Road.
 N1 MARQUESS TAVERN, 32 Canonbury Street.
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 N1 PRINCE ALBERT, 16 Elia Street.
 N1 PRINCE ARTHUR, 49 Brunswick Place.
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 N4 MARSERS, 29 Crouch Hill.
 N4 MORTIMER ARMS, Green Lanes.
 N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH, 10 Grand Parade, Green Lanes.
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 N7 RAILWAY TAVERN, 10 Roman Way.
 N10 MAID OF MUSWELL, 121 Alexandra Park Road.

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EDITORIAL



The publication of this issue marks our 10th Year as a magazine. I doubt very much if our illustrious predecessors could have envisaged that we would still be soldiering on in 1989. The background to the magazine has been described before very ably by Martin Smith, but a few words about our aims and some thanks are called for on this auspicious occasion.

The London Drinker magazine exists to further the aims of the Campaign for Real Ale with special regard to London. It was decided at the outset to attempt to keep internal politics out of our pages and we set out to project the magazine to the great drinking public and hopefully get them to feel involved and informed as a result. We have also recently adopted a more favourable approach to our independent breweries as the national campaign shifts emphasis in this direction. We operate as a mouthpiece for the London branches of CAMRA who in effect own the magazine, bail us out in times of financial disaster (not too often) and distribute the Drinker to the pubs. The London Branches who organise Beer Festivals are entitled to free advertising for these important campaigning events as they are also entitled to space for advertising their other branch activities.

We must stress, however, that you do not have to be a member of the campaign to submit articles, write letters, criticise others and generally make a nuisance of yourself to put us right, if you think it necessary. Putting pen to paper is not easy for most people (including myself, surrounded by 30 amused children) but it can be a rewarding exercise to see your efforts in print.

Now for the 'thanks' part of the editorial, always a pleasant task. First and foremost to Martin Smith, who has performed heroics to keep us afloat over the past year, coping with changes of printers, typesetters, God-forsaken journeys into grim beer deserts to deliver scripts at unearthly hours and then taking the 'flak' from 'Disgruntled of Croydon' et al.

Secondly to Stan Tompkins who for 10 years has dealt single handed with our growing number of postal subscribers. To Barry Tillbrook and long-

suffering Lyn who have dealt with potential advertisers, past and present, for the last few years. To Ian Amy for his financial wizardry and deadly manner in chasing any debtors to the magazine. To our regular writers and any who have become not so regular over the passing of the years. To Alan Marshall who has delivered to his pubs from the start and all other members who have helped in this respect over the last 10 years. To the handful of pubs who have never wavered in their commitment to the magazine and real ale be they owned by the dreaded Big 7 Brewers or not. To David Bruce and Peter King (of King & Barnes) for their generosity when times have been hard and for their encouragement when our enthusiasm waned.

Last but not least by any respects to the hundreds of regular readers who have given encouragement, praise or criticism; who have pestered Stan for back numbers to complete their collections; who have turned up in droves to London Beer Festivals; who support Dave Quinton's fiendish crossword; who fork out 5/- every month to support us. We thank you all, and hope to see as many of you as possible at our 10th Birthday party in June. Watch this space for details!

Branch contacts on p.24 *Chris Cobbold*
Editors addresses & Br.Diary p.12

CHARITY CORNER: FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH IN SE27

13 January 1989. What a date to start a charity fund; it proves that the confidence we have in our supporters overcomes all prejudices and superstitions.

Following our success in 1988 (reported in the last issue) we are working to raise £1000.00 to enable a blind person to lead a fuller and more enriched life with the aid of a guide dog.

It is our intention to present this money at or even before Easter.

A raffle for 100 prizes was started on the above date for this purpose.

If you visit the Kings Head, West Norwood, buy some numbers. The motto being:

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS



Dear Editors,

I refer to your article in the December/January issue stating that Fullers now have 150 public houses. I enclose a copy of the latest Fullers list which lists 149 pubs including three "to open 1988/9" (the Midland Tavern, Luton; Russia Court East and Waterfront—both London Docklands).

I understand from an ex-East London member,

now living in Luton, that the Midland is not open yet. The four pubs which have been dropped from earlier lists are:

Monument, City—now knocked down
New Found Out, Hitchin
Britannia, Hammersmith
Clarendon, Hammersmith

Colin Price
Barking, Essex

Editor's Comment: Thanks for the letter Colin. While I can't comment directly on the apparent discrepancy on numbers I am passing a copy of your letter to Bernie Peal, CAMRA's Brewery Liaison Officer for Fullers and hopefully we shall be able to clarify the situation next month. I can, however, verify that both the Britannia and the Clarendon have also been demolished for the redevelopment of the centre of Hammersmith.

Dipsy



taken
asylum

I been taken to.....? — Ed

BREWERY NEWS

1989 is the 'Year of Heineken' according to Whitbreads who are spending a massive £14 million to make sure this wishy-washy, UK brewed near-beer reaches even more parts than before. "Britains best known lager will be on everybody's lips this year" they claim.

Anyone who has drunk proper Heineken in Holland must wonder why the Dutch Brewers still allow Whitbread to take their name in vain with such an impoverished product, but that's another story. The really sad fact is that many British brewers, well capable of producing fine, traditional English beers, are hell bent on putting all their

WEST MIDDLESEX NEWS

Discerning drinkers in West London (and perhaps elsewhere) should be warned about Watney's latest 'commitment' to real ale.

Two notorious 'fizz' pubs in Southall—the "Three Tuns" and the "St. George & The Dragon" recently gained stickers proclaiming that "Ruddles Best Lives Here". Further investigation revealed that, if indeed it did, it was in the illuminated blue box on the bar top.

Has the Ruddles' 'Campaign for Real Ale' opened any other branches for it's superior products in the South East?

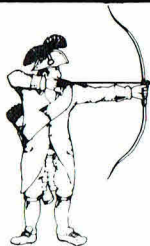
Kim Rennie

efforts and resources into promoting eminently inferior, pseudo-continental swill. Pure greed has taken over from any sense of heritage or National pride and the traffic is all one way. Can you imagine Heineken, for example, spending the equivalent of £14 million advertising any Whitbread product in Holland?!

And Ind Coope are not averse to driving another nail into our traditional drinking heritage too. Their new Parasol Corporation they describe as "a leisure retailing vehicle" and comprises four parts, namely:—

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3. Calendars—establishments based on the "US concept of making eating out an entertainment and an experience". Their "crews" are "specially recruited for their social skills".
4. Pizza and Pasta—"a new concept" one element of which will be "retail theatre"!

Perhaps Greenpeace should take the preservation of the British pub under its wing too—the big brewers certainly seem intent on rendering it an endangered species. From Notts & Dist. Drinker



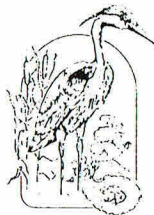
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To date 110 editions of London Drinker have been issued, back numbers of the following are available:

- 1979: April, May, September, December.
- 1980: Feb, Mar (1 copy only), April, Sept, Nov.
- 1981: April (1 copy only), June, July, Aug, Oct.
- 1982: Feb (1 copy only), May, July, Sept.
- 1983: Mar (1 copy only), June - Dec incl.
- 1984: March - Dec incl.
- 1985: All issues.
- 1986: All issues (April 1 copy only).
- 1987: All issues (June 1 copy only).
- 1988: All issues.
- 1989: Feb.

If you need any of the above for your collection, they are available at 50 pence each, post free from:

Stan Tompkins, 122 Manor Way, Uxbridge, Middlesex.



GAOL LOSES RESIDENT

If prison governor Denis Marsden was hoping for a quick, discreet getaway when he made his escape from Wandsworth, he was sadly disappointed.

Waiting outside the prison was a pair of Young's Brewery Shire Horses, complete with dray, to carry him off in very public fashion to the nearest Young's pub, the County Arms in Trinity Road, Wandsworth.



Denis Marsden meets his "escort".

The send-off, which came as a complete surprise to Mr Marsden, was organised by the prison's industrial manager, George Ash.

He thought of the idea because of a long-term association between the two establishments, Wood chippings and sawdust from the prison workshops are sent to Young's stables for the comfort of their 22 Shire horses.



Mr and Mrs Marsden take a final backward glance at Wandsworth Prison from their seat on a Young's Brewery day.

Mr Marsden is moving to a new post as director of prisons in the Cayman Islands.

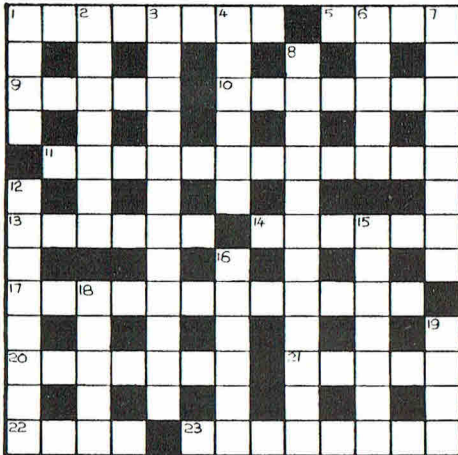
From a Young's Brewery Press Release

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

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ACROSS

1. Walk Stiffly and get nowhere. [4,4]
5. Finding taxi after close of business is sore point. [4]
9. Ron takes mother in to describe 1 Down. [5]
10. Took off less quietly like a tiger. [7]
11. First foot forward yet starting so slowly. [12]
13. Wild excitement from covering rock. [6]
14. Teaching is somewhat painful. [6]
17. Spoke after wait but spat out eventually. [12]
20. I would be found in water with this. [7]
21. Need, I hear, massage. [5]
22. Here or there, act the same. [4]
23. Sounds perfect but may only be mediocre. [3,5]

DOWN

1. God of this instant. [4]
2. Wanderer returns about pound mother rightly made. [7]
3. It is held aloft during the service. [6,6]
4. He's tight but takes in letter for man. [6]
6. Island of America prized by some. [5]
7. Chatter about one bandage. [8]
8. Choice breaker takes the biscuit. [5,7]
12. Pretending to be moved. [8]
15. Beg rice off sea monster. [7]
16. Left Alan at the gate. [6]
18. Quiet journey of lions. [5]
19. Tied up censor. [4]

Name.....

Address.....

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All correct entries received by first post on 29th March will be entered into a draw for the prize.

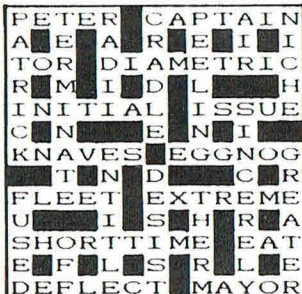
The winner of the prize will be announced in the May London Drinker.
Solution next month.

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

Winner of the prize for the December crossword:

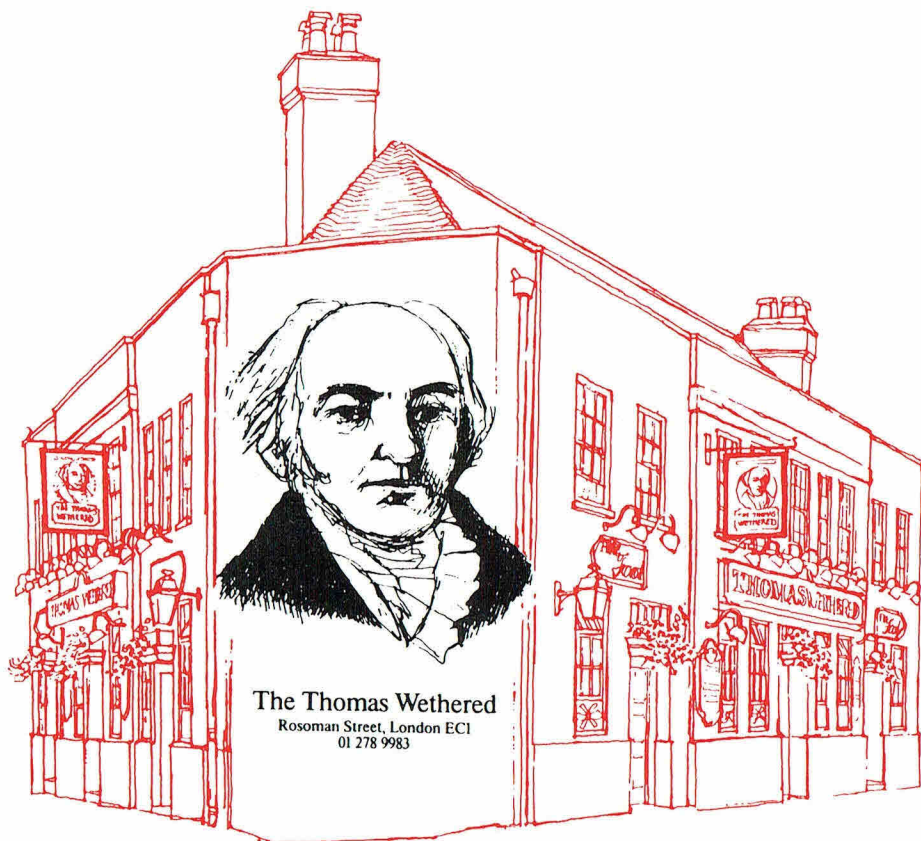
Ron Smith, The Cottage, Duncans Yard,
Westerham, Kent, TN16 1AD

Last Month's Solution



Other correct entries were received from:
Donald Barker, Ivor Boys, Kathy Braithwaite,
CAMRA Dengie 100, Miss N.A.Canton,
Brendan Casey, Jesus H.Christ, A.P.Comaish,
Art I.Culate, Dan, Robert Day, Count Famine,
Ros Frigmore-Fey, Eileen Graves,
Alison Henley, J.G.Hughes, Dick Inger Jr.,
Mrs G.M.Lines, Auntie Mary, Perry Merton,
"Odd John", David Parker, S.Piggott,
W.Priestley, Denys Vernall, Martin Weedon,
Nigel Wheatley, Tony Whitford, Yak.
["CHEEPER" & "CHEAPER" were both accepted as
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IDLE MOMENTS

Well, after all my warnings it has happened; like Old Mother Hubbard's, my Cupboard is bare (the non-rhyming limerick one, that is) so you'll just have to make do without for this month. I have heard that some more may be on the way but they have not landed on my desk as yet. Don't forget, this could be your ideal opportunity for instant fame and recognition (though I'm not saying what as)—make one up, send it to me and I shall put it in this column, provided that it is sufficiently different from the ones we've had before and is printable and, of course, so long as it doesn't rhyme while looking as though it should.

Right having got that off my chest, on with the numbers puzzle. Here is this month's batch:

1. 3 M in a B
2. 7 L of H
3. 5 P on a P
4. 15 M on a DMC
5. 10 DS
6. 92 T in the FL
7. 6 B in an O
8. 2 S on a T
9. 6 S on a G
10. 3 W on a T

There, easy, weren't they—just like last month's. They were so easy that it's hardly worth giving the answers, but I'm not mean (well, not that mean) so here they are:

1. 147 is the Maximum Possible Break at Snooker.
2. 30 Days hath September, April, June and November.
3. 6 Faces on a Cube.
4. 60 Seconds in a Minute.
5. 19 Pence for First Class Post.
6. 1760 Yards in a Mile.
7. 1000 Litres in a Cubic Metre.
8. 40 Days in Lent.
9. 10000 Grand Old Duke of York's Men.
10. 1028 Bytes in a Kilobyte.

As with the limericks, I am always looking for help to add to this puzzle. For example, I have only just stopped myself putting in the one about 19 pence... for the second month running. So if you have some brain teasers you would like to put forward I should be pleased to use them. All contributors will be acknowledged—though still not paid—so send them in for instant fame.

If you have any ideas for other brain teasers of a similar nature do please send them in as well. We are always after all kinds of material for this little bit of fun, send then to me at the address on page 12.

Andy Pirson

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SURVEYING THE CIDER SCENE

London these days has the reputation for shops selling almost any product from around the world. You can quite easily buy kiwi fruit, dried lily flowers, chayotes, parrot fish, Chilean wine, Indian lager and dried shrimp paste. Oh for the day when traditional cider is as widely available. Although it is still produced in Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Hampshire it usually hides away in the corner of remote country pubs.

Surveying for the next edition of the Good Cider Guide is about to start. Everyone can help with this. If your local pub sells traditional cider, please let us know about it, whether it is Bulmers in a polycask or Old Footwarmer served by sock pressure. Also important are off-licences, which are often overlooked but may be the only outlet in your area.

CAMRA's own APPLE committee was set up last year to promote traditional cider and perry and we are always pleased to hear from people who have found new outlets. Any information can be sent to David Kitton, Editor the Good Cider Guide at 161 Ravensbourne Avenue, Bromley, Kent BR2 0AZ.

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WEST MIDDLESEX NEWS—Continued

Following a review of our membership in the Southall area and finding it to be somewhat lacking (4 members!), it was decided by the branch that a campaign would be launched to try and improve statistics by introducing a special offer of a £2 discount on the first year's membership to anybody resident in the Southall postal district. This will be backed by a poster campaign in selected pubs. In one pub at least we have almost doubled the existing membership by recruiting 3 new members!

We are also embarking on a crusade to get more pubs to adopt at least one cask beer and to reverse an alarming trend of recent months of pubs in Southall becoming "sweet shops"—(Fizz). Enlightened management at the Beaconsfield Arms in West End Road has proved that you can sell vast amounts of Real Ale in what some cynics may say is "Lagerland".

Fans of modern jazz and good beer will be interested to hear of a new monthly pub venue—The Plough, 297 Northfield Avenue, Ealing W5. Landlord Jim Gurie has managed to get a quartet of musicians from the band Loose Tubes to appear on Thursday, March 2nd. (They are: John Parichelli, Stuart Hall, Martin France, and Chris

Batchelor). Jim is hoping to run Jazz Evenings every month—either on a Tuesday or Thursday. Watch this space for details or ring the pub on: 567 1416.

Bernie Peal

MORE CHARITY CORNER:

After celebrating their own 'domestic' Australia Day on January 26th, those amiable Antipodean hosts Linton and Diane Culbert of the Lord Nelson, Enfield Road, Brentford, held a "Downunder" charity evening the next day. The guests of honour were the Pearly King and Queen of Hornsey and the beneficiary of the evening was the Central Middlesex Hospital, Children's Wing. They are trying to raise money for a new incubator in the Premature Baby Unit. Nearly £200 was collected in a matter of only two hours! This was the pub's first of many functions held throughout the year in aid of Children's charities.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you know of any Real Ale outlet which does charitable work (most DO), please draw the attention of the Licencee to the fact that we are glad to give publicity to such efforts, whether before or after the event. This magazine is run by unpaid volunteers, who cannot be everywhere at once to gather information.

BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for March of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson, Branch Contacts page 24

CROYDON & SUTTON: Wed 1 London Drinker Beerfest Visit. Meet at East Croydon Station (dep. 19.29) or 8.15pm at Beerfest—Wed 8 (8.30) Joint Social with Reigate & Redhill, HOME COTTAGE, Redhill (dep. E. Croydon Stn 20.16hrs)—Mon 13 (8.00) Branch Meeting, RAILWAY BELL, West Croydon—Thu 30 (8.00) Two Pub Social, JOINERS ARMS then BEEHIVE, Woodside Green SE25.

EAST LONDON & CITY Tue 7 (8.00) Social, ESSEX ARMS, E15—Tue 21 (8.00) **BRANCH A.G.M.** APPROACH TAVERN, E2—Tue 28 (8.00) Social, LADY DIANA, E8—Tue 4 April (8.00) Branch Meeting, ring Branch Contact for details—Friday 7 April (8.00) Joint Social with South West Essex, ROSE & CROWN, Ilford.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Wed 1 (5.30 onwards) Social at the London Drinker Beer Festival. Bring your membership card—Sat 4 (11.00) “307 Thrash” from Brimsdown to Barnet by bus. Meet GOLDEN HIVE, 102 Green Street, Brimsdown—Mon 6 Brewery Visit to Shepherd Neame, Faversham. Ring Branch contact for details—Thu 9 (8.30) Open Evening, JOLLY BUTCHERS, 168 Baker Street, Enfield—Wed 15 (8.30) Branch Meeting & Slide Show, BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, N20—Wed 22 (9.00) Joint Social with Watford & District Branch, LOAD OF HAY, Pinner Road, Watford Heath—Sun 26 (12.00) Lunchtime Social, YE OLDE MONKEN HOLT, 193 High Street, Barnet—Thu 30 (9.00) Two Pub Social in East Finchley, WELCH BROTHERS, 130 High Road then OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Tue 7 (8.30) Business Meeting, ROYAL GEORGE, Hersham—Mon 20 (8.30) Social, WOODIES, New Malden—Sun 2 April (12.00) Social, CARDINAL, Tudor Drive, Kingston.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 7 (8.30) Committee Meeting, BEEHIVE, 227 High Street, Brentford—Mon 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting, ADMIRAL NELSON, 123 Nelson Road, Whitton—Tue 28 (8.30) Joint Social with West Middlesex, LORD NELSON, Enfield Road, Brentford.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 6 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting, BRITISH OAK, 109 Old Dover Road, SE3—Mon 13 (8.00) Branch Meeting, GATEHOUSE, Leda Road, SE18—Thu 30 (8.00) Branch Social, TWO TOWERS, 201 Gipsy Road, SE27.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Thu 2 (8.30) Social, WAGGON & HORSES, Junction of Wennington Road & New Road (A13), Wennington—Tue 7 (8.30) Branch Meeting (GBG selections), TOWER ARMS, South Weald—Mon 13 (8.30) Pre-Budget Social, PRINCE ALBERT, Abeley—Mon 20 (8.30) Darts Match v North West Essex, THE ASH, Burton End—Tue 28 (8.30) Social, CRICKETERS, High Road, Woodford Green—Tue 4 April (8.30) Social, ASH GROVE, Seven Kings—Wed 19 April (7.30 at Brewery) Brewery visit to Mauldon's, Bookings/Details from Wendy Benson (Romford 23897).

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Mon 6 Committee Meeting (7.30) followed by Branch Meeting (8.00), SURPRISE, Southville SW8 (GBG 1990 & Pub of the Year shortlisting)—Mon 13 GBG Inspection Crawl of Mitcham, Meet (7.30) KINGS ARMS, 268 London Road—Mon 20 (8.00) GBG 1990 & Pub of the Year Selection, CASTLE, 38 Tooting High Street, SW17.

WEST LONDON: Thu 23 (8.00) Branch Meeting, HARCOURT ARMS, Harcourt Street, W1—Tue 14 (8.00) Belgravia Social, Start STAR, Belgrave Mews, SW1 then TURKS HEAD (9.00), Motcombe Street; WILTON ARMS (10.00), Wilton Street—Sun 26 (8.00) Sunday Social, GROUSE & CLARET, 1 Little Chester Street, SW1.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Wed 8 Hayes End Crawl. Start WHITE HART (8.30) then VINE (9.15), Angel Lane; ANGEL (10.00), Uxbridge Road—Wed 15 (2.00—10.00) Beer Festival Setting Up, Acton Town Hall, High Street, Acton—Fri 17 (11.00—3.00 & 5.00—11.00) and Sat 18 (11.00—4.00 & 6.00—11.00) ALE IN ACTION, Acton Town Hall, High Street, Acton—Wed 22 (8.30) Branch Meeting, BEACONSFIELD ARMS, Southall—Tue 28 (8.30) Joint social with Richmond & Hounslow, LORD NELSON, Enfield Road, Brentford—Tue 4 April (8.30) Games Evening, SUDBURY ARMS, Sudbury Heights Avenue, Sudbury.

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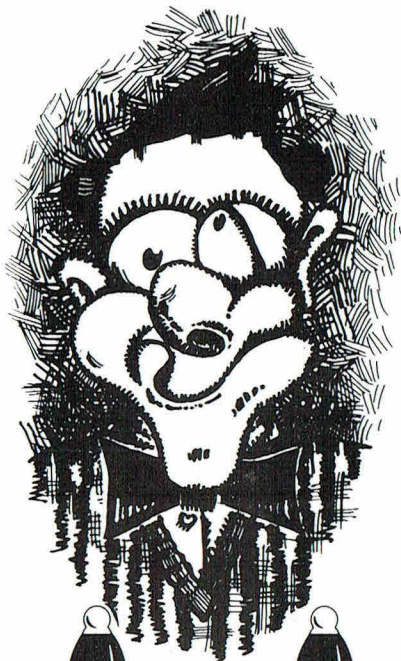
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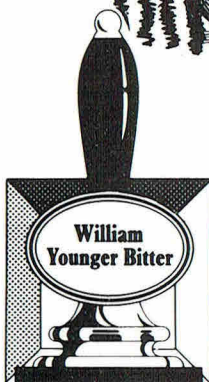
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Since its formation in the early 1970's, CAMRA has campaigned for choice. The choice for beer drinkers to be able to get what they want. But whatever that choice is, to ensure that it is good quality and not sold at rip-off prices.

Since the 1970's the change to keg beer has been reversed; with brewers that were once 100% keg, such as John Smiths and Federation, now producing real ale. But CAMRA's battles are far from over. The problems that face us today include:

—TAKEOVERS—brewery takeovers, big and small, are again on the increase. With 1992 facing us, many breweries are trying to grow by takeovers, to protect themselves against big

European brewers such as Kronenberg. To ensure that breweries outside Europe can get their beer into the EEC, the likes of Castlemaine, Labatt etc., are likely to be on the prowl. If we are not careful, 1992 could lead not to just the Big 7 in the UK, but the Big 7 Euro brands.

—PUB CLOSURES—many villages all over the country are becoming publess due to the demands from breweries for greater profit. Often, the village local's turnover does not meet the required amount set down by the brewery as being a profitable unit. Nor are cities immune, with tasteless conversions to cafe-bars and "theme pubs".

—QUALITY—how many times have you been served an awful pint, returned it, only to be told "There's nothing wrong with that mate!"? How many breweries take enough pride in their beers to teach their publicans how to look after beer and what it should taste like?

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MILD, A GREAT BRITISH DRINK

"What's all this about mild then? You can't get any round my way. Anyway, it's an old man's drink".

So what are milds? Generally, they have a lower alcoholic content than bitters. In colour, texture and taste they vary, reflecting the palates of local drinkers, unlike national brand bitters and British lagers. A pint of one of the latter will be just as overpriced, cold and tasteless alongside a pint of dark, nutty Felinfoel's mild as it would alongside a creamy, wonderful Bateman's mild from Lincolnshire.

For generations, traditional mild was enjoyed throughout the whole of British Isles. Today, however, there is little or no cask conditioned mild available. The North East, South West, Greater London and Kent are all sad examples of areas where the drinker no longer has the choice between traditional mild and inferior products which cost so much more.

Over the years the brewers, particularly the large national combines, have realised that they can make far more profit from lagers, keg beers and national brands than they can from local milds. Yet cask mild is a quality product which is enjoyed

for its own merits and not for the image it gives.

Rarely a year goes by without us losing another mild and in London the outlets for milds are few and far between. Most Beer Festivals have a selection of milds on sale and the London Drinker Festival is no exception. Not only will you find the milds pleasing on the palate but you'll find their price a nice change as well.

Come and taste what you've been missing!

CAPITAL ALE NIGHT

A Capital Ale night was held at the Hemingford Arms, N1, in November, where several milds were available. A surprise presentation was made to Mr Norman Bedow. Norman is possibly the leading campaigner for mild. He always asks for mild and frequently has to tell bar staff about it. For this reason the Mild Marketing Board made a presentation of a certificate. Jackie Bateman presented a book on Victorian pubs, on behalf of his branch (North London). This was appropriate as Norman claims that Bateman's is his favourite drink. Guest speakers of the evening were Stuart and Jackie Bateman, and John Norman of the Mild Marketing Board and National Executive.



PROGRAMME

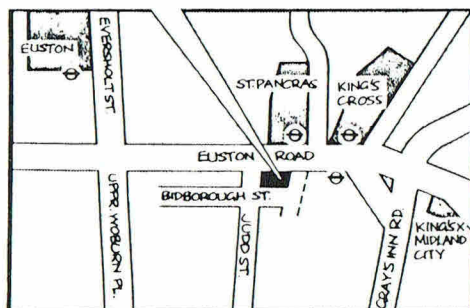
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WELCOME

Welcome to the fifth London Drinker Beer Festival. For the second year running, all the beers and ciders are from independent breweries. This is a deliberate decision on our part to demonstrate the wide choice available in Britain today. Unfortunately if the present trend of brewery takeovers and closures continues, this choice may well be much reduced within a few years.

This year our theme is the beers of Wales and the West Country. We also have an unusually large selection of mild ales. Mild is a great British tradition which is now hard to find in the London area.

I trust that you will enjoy your visit to our festival.

Mike Rose

The fifth London Drinker Beer Festival has been devised organised and staffed entirely by volunteer members of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale.
Festival Organiser — Trevor Unwin

FOOD

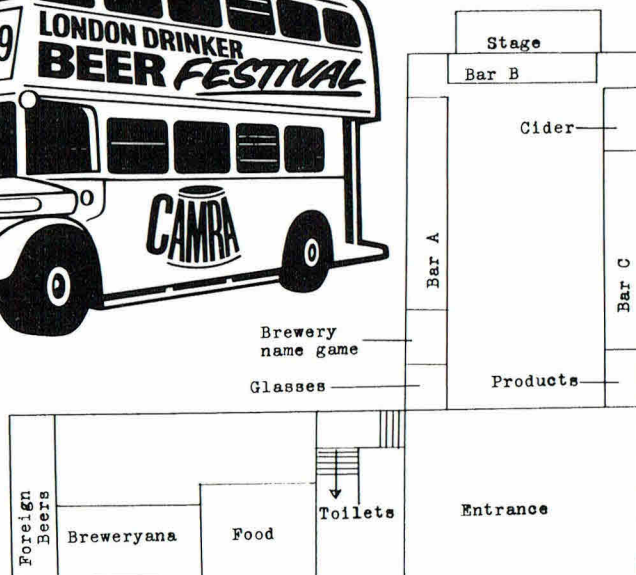
Hot and cold food is available in the side hall at lunchtimes from 12 to 2.30pm, and from 5.30 to 9.30 each evening. We have designed our menu to provide "real" food to complement the festival's real ale. Our specialities are real Cornish Pasties, home-made Chilli con Carne and the famous "Pedigree" sausages. The latter, which contain no preservatives and are made with real ale, are served in french bread or with mashed potato. For vegetarians there are vegetable samosas and onion bhajis. In addition we have giant baps and rolls filled with cheese, ham or beef. All are priced very reasonably.



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LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL LIST

(Lounge) BAR A

FEDERATION.....	Bitter	1036
(Newcastle).....	Special	1041
MANSFIELD.....	Riding	1035
(Mansfield).....	Old Baily	1045
FULLER'S.....	Chiswick	1035
(Chiswick).....	London Pride	1041
YOUNG.....	Special	1046
(Wandsworth).....	Winter Warmer	1055
WOODFORDES.....	Mild	1036
(Erpingham, Norfolk).....	Wherry	1039
NIX WINCOTT.....	Bitter	1040
NETHERGATE.....	Bitter	1039
(Clare, Suffolk).....	Old Growler	1055
MITCHELL.....	Mild	1034
(Lancaster).....	Bitter	1036
BATEMAN.....	Mild	1032
(Wainfleet).....	XXXB	1048
.....	Victory Ale	1056
LARKINS.....	Best Bitter	1045
(Tunbridge Wells).....	Porter	1055
PITFIELD.....	Bitter	1038
(Hoxton, London).....	Dark Star	1050

(Lounge) BAR B (Wales)

BRAINS.....	Mild	1034
(Cardiff).....	SA	1042
CROWN.....	SBB	1036
(Pontyclun).....	1041	1041
FELINFOEL.....	XXXX Mild	1031
(Felinfoel, Llanelli).....	Bitter	1033
.....	Double Dragon	1041
BUCKLEY.....	Mild	1032
(Llanelli).....	Bitter	1036
BULLMASTIFF.....	Mild	1042
(Penarth).....	Son of a Bitch	1062
OLD MILL.....	Mild	1034
(Goole).....	Bitter	1037
SARAH HUGHES.....	Mild	1058
(Sedgley, W Mids)		

NEW

New to this year's festival! You've played the TOMBOLA now try THE BREWERY NAME GAME. If you pick out a brewery in current operation you win a prize! You will be surprised by the number of breweries which have been closed. Lots of prizes to be won.

(Lounge) BAR C (West Country)

BLACKAWTON.....	Forty-Four	1044
(Totnes).....	Headstrong	1049
AXMINSTER.....	Hardington	1037
(Axminster).....	Horrors	1055
CORNISH.....	Original	1038
(Redruth).....	G.B.H.	1050
COTLEIGH.....	Old Buzzard	1048
(Wivelscombe)		
BARRON.....	Exe Valley Bitter	1042
(Silverton, Devon)		
GOLDEN HILL.....	Exmoor Gold	1045
(Wivelscombe).....	Royal Porter	1055
ST AUSTELL.....	Mild	1038
(St Austell).....	Bitter	1038
Hicks Special.....		1050

CIDERS

Coombes
Crossman
Naish
Plum Tree
Riddle
Summers
Vickery
Wilkins

PERRY

Franklin
Hartland
Summers



For fuller details see pp26 of March London Drinker.

FOREIGN BEERS

From Belgium:

Trappist beers from Chimay, Orval and Westmalle.

Lambic Beers

Hoegaarden "White": Oud Hoegaards and Grand Cru.

Duvel Classic Pale

Leifmans

Goudenband

Krick

Framboise

From Germany

Bavarian Weizenbier (wheat beer).

From Holland

Van Vollenhoven Stout.

We will do our best to ensure that the range of beers and ciders listed above is available throughout the Festival. However, due to factors beyond our control it may be necessary to make changes.

C.A.M.R.A.—North London Branch—Forthcoming Social Events

MARCH 1989

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME SOCIALS — 'Queens Arms' NW6

TUESDAY 7th: Post-London Drinker Beer Festival social—'Rugby Tavern' WC1 8.00pm.

TUESDAY 14th: Wood Green two pub social—'The Phoenix' (south-west end of Alexandra Palace complex) —then— 'The Starting Gate' Both N22. Start 8.00pm.

TUESDAY 21st: **Branch Meeting** to finalise entries for the 1990 'Good Beer Guide'—'The Moon' WC1 8.00pm for 8.30pm.

TUESDAY 28th: N1 Pub Crawl—'George 4th' (Pentonville Road), 8.00pm; then 'Flying Scotsman' (formerly 'Scottish Stores', No. 2 Caledonian Road); then 'Malt & Hops', 10.00pm. All N1.

APRIL 1989

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME SOCIALS: 'Crookers' NW8.

TUESDAY 4th: Two pub social; 'York' (8.00pm), then 'Prince Albert' (Elia St.). Both N1.

TUESDAY 11th: Two pub social; 'Bull' (8.00pm) then 'Victoria'. Both N6.

TUESDAY 18th: 'Banks & Taylor' brewery trip (in evening). Contact Gary White for details.

TUESDAY 25th: Hampstead pub crawl. Commence 8.00pm 'Stag' then 'Railway Tavern' then 'Magadala Tavern'. Finish 'Wells Hotel'. All NW3.

MAY 1989

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME SOCIALS: 'Admiral Mann' N7.

TUESDAY 2nd: 'Old Black Lion' NW6 (8.00pm) then 'O'Henerey's' NW3.

ENTERTAINMENT

AT LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL

Wednesday Easy Street

Easy Street are a violin and guitar playing duo who are gaining quite a large following in North London. Their act includes jigs and rag time music.

Thursday The Original Victoria Jazz Band

This Trad Jazz band is named after the Victoria in Highgate, a well known watering hole for classical musicians heading north after their shows. The band has been playing on Sundays in the Vic for about ten years. Personnel consists of a university lecturer, a lab technician, a B.Mus(Oxon) and two members of the Covent Garden Opera Orchestra (both of whom were very early members of CAMRA).

Friday The Hoovers

The Hoovers are Hector Munro (guitar, vocals and harmonica) and C.D Sharp (guitar and vocals). The duo regularly play at some Firkin pubs. They play a mixture of rock and R&B.

NEW MEMBERS

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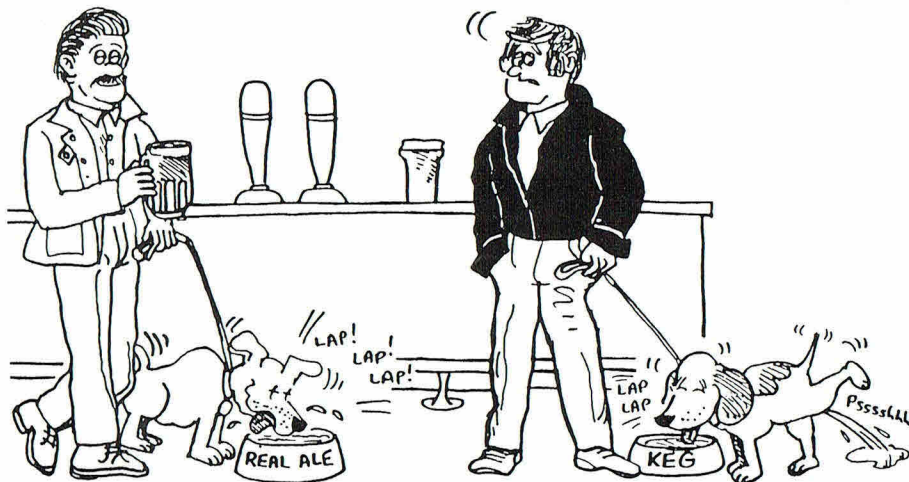
The Crown

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Ales: Adnams, Boddingtons,
Draught Burton Ale,
Benskins Best Bitter, Tetley Bitter.

Food available all day.



TRAFALGAR, High Path SW19

Georgie and Doug Webb have recently retired from the Trafalgar Free house after over 30 years service. The new licensee is Tom Keane.

The beer range is currently King & Barnes, Festive and Old, Gales HSB, Fullers London Pride, Youngs bitter, Charrington's IPA and Bass.

This small two bar pub is situated about five minutes walk from South Wimbledon Station

(turn right on leaving the station and first right Pincott Road).

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We wish Georgie and Doug best wishes for their retirement and Tom every success in his new venture.



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WHAT ALE'S, YOU?

The last time I worked behind a bar in England was back in 1976. I have had the odd foray since then, but, imagine the culture shock after twelve years in Hong Kong working in sales, marketing, advertising and other such *"give us yer money, we know what we're doing"* jobs, finding myself in London behind the pumps of a Greene King Cask Ales pub.

The Unicorn, in Victoria Place SW1 above the station, does have a business orientated regular clientele, but please appreciate my problems with the day to day handling of this carefully nurtured nectar, after Hong Kong, where switching a barrel can, if set about by a determined retard, take 20-30 seconds. No lines to flush, no pulling through and definitely no pulling off a pint or two to get the clarity, temperature and sparkler settings right. Then we have the punters. All have a favourite tippie. From IPA to Winter Ale, "Gordon's please, not the pouring gin" "Don't want that, make mine a Famous Grouse" etc. etc., all takes a bit of getting used to.

I'm not saying that the drinkers in Hong Kong are not fussy. On the contrary, demanding is the word that comes to mind. But its a very close community and geared up to suit the requirements. In London, thanks to the efforts of CAMRA and the response by brewers and the drinking classes, stepping into the pub for a pint has become an exacting science. The regulars at the Unicorn will no doubt remember my first night, running up and down the bar looking for BBA and Abbot, and jumping about like a demented pogo-stick to check the front of the pumps (they do all look the same from the back), worse still were the requests for a pint in a JUG? (Back home in Honkers, a jug holds four pints of insipid frothy slop known as San Miguel. This jug is than shared out between half a dozen British soldiers morosely mourning the absence of good English beers like Holsten or Budwieser. Now I know what they mean; it's a **Tankard**, isn't it?

Living in Fawty Towers style accommodation has helped me get into the mood for the statuary Monty Python-like reply to "What flavour crisps have you got?" "Bovrilcheeseandonionspringonion saltvinegarplainandwevegotporkyscratchings scampifriessavourymomentscashewsplainsalted anddryroastedpeanutsGuvnor! Back home in Hong Kong you would get peanuts, crisps, prawn crackers, savoury breadsticks etc., laid out on the bar and tables, along with the boxes of matches, (monogrammed of course), and the tent cards bearing useful information such as special cocktails and the like, and all complimentary. (I bet this hint has dropped on stony ground).

A VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE

I must mention 'till talk'. "I've got an overring on till two", and all the staff, calmly, without panic, acknowledge this crisis and make a mental note to correct it at the first opportunity. You thought N.A.S.A. had it tough. (BEEP-Hello Mission Control this is Eagle, I'm registering an overring on my instruments-BEEP Hello Eagle this is Mission Control, Roger overring, out to you. Hello Skyhawk reference overring on Eagle, move your two pints of Abbot to No Sale on Eagle, over-BEEP. Skyhawk this is Eagle. Roger two pints, AOK Mission Control, do you copy? etc. etc.)

All in all, I firmly support the pub as an English institution. If you want your gin and tonic in a Highball with shaved ice and a monogrammed swizzler then go to a yuppie wine bar and pay double, it's easy. In this day and age when we are witnessing an erosion of our traditions to Americanism and being dragged by the short hairs into European socio-economic idealism, the pub is always a retreat to which we Brits can retire and our foreign visitors can envy, because there is no other country with our pub traditions. I know, I've been to many countries and they ain't got what we've got. Pardon the "Americanism!"

Peter G Coyne
(temporary barman, Unicorn)



THE DEATH OF THE LONDON FREE HOUSE

One reason for attending a beer festival is to sample beers that are not normally available locally. The London Drinker festival has always tried to offer a selection of more unfamiliar brews and this year is no exception. Our advice though is to try them now—tomorrow may be too late!

There are a whole host of reasons why Britain's tiniest breweries have such a struggle to survive. Foremost among them is the lack of free trade to supply, and the situation is getting worse, particularly in London. Why is this?

The process of fermentation has been known, if not fully understood for thousands of years and beer-like substances have been brewed for as long. In mediaeval houses beer was a safer beverage than water and most households, big and small, brewed. Some would offer their wares to passing travellers and provided the rudimentary origins of the public house. Gradually those who were better at their craft became recognised and would brew for their neighbours on a barter basis. Some developed into full time brewers.

Until Victorian times, most pubs were owner occupied especially in London. The late Victorian era was characterised by property speculation on a massive scale. This was the era of the gin

palace—large and lavishly decorated pubs of which very few remain today. Even so, pub ownership was unattractive to the brewers as many pubs were on short leases. Instead the breweries offered low interest loans on almost the whole capital outlay in return for a monopoly in the supply of beer.

All this was to change, for two reasons. Firstly with the development of the railways the London brewers were suddenly faced with competition from Burton on Trent where brewers were prepared to buy pubs to secure a market in the metropolis. Secondly and more importantly, many breweries became public companies for the first time and the public rushed to invest in them. The brewers ended up with more money than they knew what to do with, and pub purchase was an obvious solution.

By the nineteen-sixties most of London's remaining free houses were in the hands of elderly owners. With the reawakening of interest they became hot property and were sold to a new breed of young entrepreneurs, most of whom found themselves sitting on gold mines. The ranks were swelled by surplus pubs being sold off by the big brewers as unremunerative. Trade was good and

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property prices were beginning their inexorable rise. The urge to take the money and run was now just too much. Now, though, the prices were above the reach of most individuals. Consortiums came and went and gradually these former free houses fell to the brewery tie (often regional independents seeking a foothold in London) or to "free" house chains.

Most of these chains are not at all free, being offshoots of large breweries or organisations with extensive brewing interests. Where a range of beers

is offered they tend to be those that are financially beneficial to the shareholders, or the subject of some reciprocal arrangement. The micro brewers have no place in this market. Nor can they provide the massive loans provided by the big brewers to the few remaining genuine free houses to further restrict competition.

The effect of all this on the smaller breweries has been disastrous. Such breweries have come and gone in London, and only one, the Pitfield Brewery in Hoxton has endured. But despite winning sackfuls of awards for its beer quality the products of this enterprising concern are more likely to be encountered in the West Midlands than in London.

Nothing can put the clock back but CAMRA believes that there are measures that could be taken to help the situation. Firstly, a partial relaxation of the tie enabling landlords to stock one bulk beer over and above that supplied by the regular brewery would offer the prospect of greater choice. Secondly, there needs to be a legal tightening of the description "free house" to restrict it to those who are genuinely free to sell any beer they choose. Any other definition CAMRA believes, is thoroughly misleading to the public.

So, if there is anything at the festival which is unfamiliar and tempting, try it now. You may never have another chance. And join CAMRA to campaign for the changes that will make drinking choice not just the prerogative of those attending beer festivals.

Trevor Unwin

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COOMBES: cider

Chris Coombes is the third generation of the family firm, which began in 1919. He has five acres of orchards on the farm, at Mark, near Highbridge; and his own fruit, and other varieties from nearby, ensure a well blended Somerset cider. He does not believe in artificial processes or additions, though **you** may acquire a new sunnier disposition after a few pints: "Coombes Cider will make your smile grow wider and wider", say the labels—try it and see.

CROSSMAN: cider

Ben Crossman's farm, near Weston-super-Mare, is a mecca for the holiday maker. The cider is made from a variety of authentic cider apples, such as Bulmer's Norman, Yarlington Mill, Dabinett, Michelin, Chisel Jersey, and last but not least the legendary Kingston Black. Visitors may wander round the orchards, and see the fruit at first hand; here you may enjoy the results of Ben's expertise.

FRANKLIN: perry

Perry is an endangered drink: but at the Cliffs, near Tenbury Wells, on the Shropshire/Herefordshire border, Jim Franklin and his son Richard are determined to ensure it stays alive. Jim owns six acres of orchard, and gave up his teaching post to concentrate on making good cider and perry—surely a case of getting ones priorities right! He rejects all artificial flavourings, colourings, and preservatives, so nothing will get between you and the taste of the perry pear, as nature intended.

HARTLAND: perry

Guardian readers will already have been introduced to the Hartlands: visitors who arrive at the tiny Flat Farm, in the shadow of the Malverns, may feel they know them too, for there is a distinct resemblance to the "everyday story of country folk" as depicted daily in the Archers! Ray now leaves most of the cider and perry making to his son Derek, who began helping at the age of eight. Derek uses Moorcrofts and Malvern Hills pears, but says that with the trees now over 200 years old he can't afford to be choosy. While supplies remain the Hartlands press on, producing one of the finest perries in the country.

NAISH: cider

When asking for this, be sure to get the name right: it is pronounced "Nash". Within living memory, every village in deepest Somerset could boast at least half a dozen cider presses: folk were weaned on the stuff. At West Pennard the Naishes are the last surviving cider makers, though even they now sell most of their apple crop to the big firms.

But after 150 years old habits die hard, and the family still make a limited amount. Naturally there is not enough to go far, so make the most of it here.

PLUM TREE: cider

Buy while stocks last, as they say. The reason is that, sadly, Mr and Mrs Stan Stone's farm, near Weston-super-Mare, is soon likely to disappear under the bricks and mortar of a new housing estate. The Stones make one of the best traditional ciders on offer, the virtues of which my sometimes be lost on the holiday makers who descend on Plum Tree Farm in the season. Do try it, and experience the authentic taste of the cider apple blended to perfection. You may not get another chance.

RIDDLE: cider

Still something of a mystery make, which the cider sniffing bloodhounds of APPLE are working on. Yes, the name is a touch unfortunate, but we are assured that the farmer's first name is **not** James! The cider comes from the flat expanse of the Severn estuary, near the Avon village of Oldbury on Severn. It has a confident and individual tang, and looks set to make many friends. A few pints should make even the Severn Bore seem interesting!

SUMMERS: cider & perry

Though Rodney Summers has only been pressing for a few years, he has fast become a master of his craft. The fruit on his Gloucestershire farm is free from artificial fertilisers, pesticides, and fungicides, and nothing nasty goes on in the making either. Rodney is one of the rare breed of perry makers, and it is this which you can enjoy here. But so you don't leave without a taste of his cider too, he has produced a blend of perry **and** cider—what else could it be called than "pider"!

VICKERY: cider

A traditional Somerset cider from the Hills above Broadway, south of Taunton. In these parts the cider barn forms the centre of village life, and the locals come thick and fast, to make sure Jack Vickery does not drink all his cider himself. Visitors to the farm may have a long wait to be served, but sharing the gossip and a few samples, with a splendid view to enjoy, is a pleasurable way of passing the day. Here the cider can be had on demand, but the scenery is not nearly so good!

WILKINS: cider

Though Roger Wilkins is a farmer, cider has always been his first love. He inherited the business from his grandfather, and now makes enough to keep all the people of the Somerset

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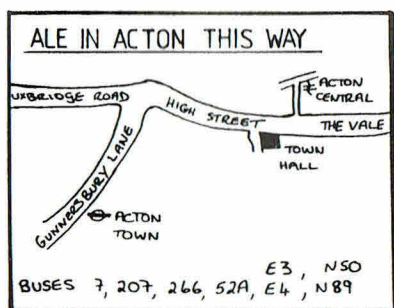
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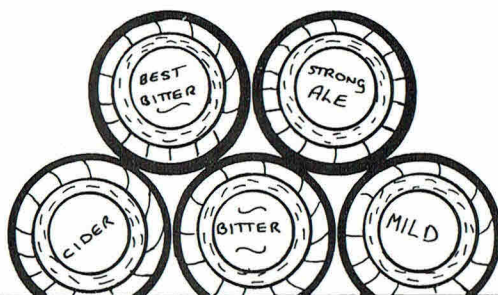
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- NW4 LONDON, MIDLAND & SCOTTISH, 10 Church Road.
- NW4 WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs.
- NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN, Hale Lane.
- NW8 CROCKERS, Aberdeen Place.
- NW8 ORDNANCE, 29 Ordnance Hill.
- NW9 GEORGE, 234 Church Lane.
- NW9 J.J. MOONS, 553 Kingsbury Road.
- NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane.
- HAREFIELD PLOUGH, Hill End Road.

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

- WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UNION, Malet Street.

OUTLETS SOUTH WEST/WEST PUBS

- SW1 BARLEY MOW, Horseferry Road.
- SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS, Petty France.
- SW1 FOX & HOUNDS, Passmore Street.
- SW1 MORPETH ARMS, Millbank.
- SW1 ORANGE BREWERY, Pimlico Road.
- SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS, Page Street.
- SW1 RED LION, 48 Parliament Street.
- SW1 UNICORN, Victoria Place (above station concourse)
- SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR, 132 Acre Lane.
- SW2 TWO WOODCOCKS, 45 Tulse Hill.
- SW3 ROSE, 86 Fulham Road.
- SW3 SURPRISE, 6 Christchurch Terrace.
- SW4 RAILWAY, Clapham High Road.
- SW6 WHITE HORSE, 1 Parson's Green.
- SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS, 15 Selwood Terrace.

- N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane.
- N12 TILTED GLASS, Ballards Lane, North Finchley.
- N15 GOAT, 414 West Green Road.
- N15 K.K. MCCOOLS, 265 West Green Road.
- N16 *ROSE & CROWN, 199 Stoke Newington Church Street.
- N16 *TANNERS HALL, 145 Stoke Newington High Road
- N17 BOAR, 413 Lordship Lane.
- N17 ELBOW ROOM, 503 High Road.
- N17 NARROW BOAT, Reedham Close
- N19 DOG, 19 Archway Road.
- N19 J.J. MOONS, 37 Landseer Road.
- N20 BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone.
- N20 CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane.
- N21 DOG & DUCK, Hoppers Road.
- N22 MOON UNDER WATER, 423 Lordship Lane.
- N22 NELSON, 232 High Road.
- BARNET ALEXANDRA, Wood Street.
- BARNET MOON UNDER WATER, High Street.
- BARNET WEAVER, Green Hill Parade.
- EAST BARNET CAT & LANTERN, East Barnet Road.
- ENFIELD JOLLY BUTCHERS, Baker Street.
- ENFIELD MOON UNDER WATER, Chase Side.
- ENFIELD KINGS HEAD, Market Place.
- ENFIELD OLD WHEATSHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill.
- NEW BARNET BUILDERS ARMS, 3 Albert Road.

OUTLETS—NORTH-WEST PUBS

- NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS, 5 Ivor Place.
- NW1 PEMBROKE CASTLE, 150 Gloucester Terrace.
- NW1 VICTORIA, 2 Morningson Terrace.
- NW1 VICTORIA & ALBERT BARS, Marylebone Station.
- NW3 FLASK TAVERN, 14 Flask Walk.
- NW3 WASHINGTON, 50 Englands Lane.
- NW3 WELLS HOTEL, 30 Well Walk.

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SOUTH EAST LONDON PUB GUIDE

We have received numerous comments on the "TOP TWENTY PUBS", printed in our Guide which lists over 1200 pubs. "Why is the Anchor Tap number one?" "Why is so-and-so's pub above my pub?" These 20 pubs do not appear in order of merit. We had thought that listing the pubs in postal district order was self-explanatory. We must apologise for not making it abundantly clear that, having selected our best 20 pubs, we put them in the Guide in postal district order and started at SE1, working our way through all of the numbered districts before reaching Sidcup. Tell us what you think of our Top Twenty Pubs.

The Guide is available at all WH Smiths or at most other bookshops in the area at £3.95, or by post from SE London CAMRA, 22 Panmure Road, London SE26. (£3.35 to members quoting number).

ATTENTION BEER FESTIVAL

ORGANISERS—We hold a stock of the December 88/January 89 issue of London Drinker surplus to requirements, ordered for fundraising purposes. These are on sale to Beer Festivals, Sale or Return, at 5p per copy, with the suggestion that you sell them at 10p, so we share the profit. For your supplies, please contact Martin Smith

FULLER'S NEWS

Following the conversion of the Wheatsheaf in Ealing W5 to handpumps—hard on its heels comes good news of two more. They are: The Angel, Uxbridge Road, Hayes and The Oak Tree, Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon. Both are now selling London Pride and ESB on handpump—alas no Chiswick.

Fullers will be launching their first Low Alcohol beer this month. It has already been on trial in a few selected pubs. At present it will only be available in bottled form—but a draught version should become available at a later date. Whatever your views on No/Low alcohol beer, I think we have to appreciate that they are here to stay and whilst I personally have not been impressed with other NAB/LABS and having had an opportunity to sample this one I have to admit that this product does actually taste like beer. I found none of that cloying sweetness and certainly no unpleasant aftertaste that one normally finds with these things. There was a genuine degree of bitterness that you would expect to find with a bottled bitter. My main adverse criticism of this product is its gassiness—which I found excessive, even by bottled beer standards. However, if it's a low gravity beer you're after—there is always the refreshing, yet sadly comparatively rare, Chiswick Bitter!! Drink it to Protect It. **Bernie Peal**

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SW8 SURPRISE, 16 Southville, 357 Wandsworth Road.
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 SW9 WARRIOR, (Brixton Brewery Co.), Coldharbour Lane.
 SW10 CHELSEA RAM, 32 Burnaby Street.
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN, 110 Lotts Road.
 SW11 BEEHIVE, 197 St. John's Hill.
 SW11 PRINCE OF WALES, Battersea Park Road.
 SW11 WOODMAN, 60 Battersea High Street.
 SW12 BEDFORD HOTEL, Bedford Hill.
 SW12 DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Balham High Road.
 SW12 NIGHTINGALE, Nightingale Lane.
 SW12 PRINCE OF WALES, 270 Cavendish Road.
 SW14 HARE & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road West.
 SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN, Sheen Lane.
 SW15 ARAB BOY, 289 Upper Richmond Road.
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS, Upper Richmond Road.
 SW15 JOLLY GARDENERS, 61 Lacy Road.
 SW15 WHITE LION, 14 Putney High Street.
 SW16 GREYHOUND, Greyhound Lane.
 SW16 PIED BULL, 498 Streatham High Road.
 SW17 CASTLE, Tooting High Street.
 SW17 GORRINGE PARK HOTEL, Mitcham Road.
 SW18 COUNTY ARMS, Trinity Road.
 SW18 THE GRAPES, 39 Fairfield Street.
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE, Wandsworth High Street.
 SW19 ALEXANDRA, Wimbledon Hill Road.
 SW19 GROVE, 2 Morden Road.
 SW19 HAND IN HAND, Crooked Billet.
 SW19 KINGS HEAD, Merton High Street.
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL, Abbey Road.
 SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road.
 SW19 TRAFALGAR, High Path.
 CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR, Hook Road.
 EAST MOLESEY, NEW STREETS OF LONDON, Bridge Road.
 KINGSTON, CARDINAL, Tudor Drive.
 KINGSTON, COCOANUT, Mill Street.
 KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD, Market Place.
 KINGSTON, FLAMINGO BREWERY COMPANY, 88 London Road.
 KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS, Glenthorne Road.
 KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET, 46 Fairfield South.
 KINGSTON, WYCH ELM, Elm Road.
 MITCHAM, RAVENSBUARY ARMS, Croydon Road.
 RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE, 45 Kew Road.
 RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane.
 SURBITON, ANGEL, Howard Road.
 SURBITON, BUN SHOP, Berrylands Road.
 SURBITON, VICTORIA, Victoria Road.
 WEST MOLESEY, SURVEYOR, Island Farm Road.
 WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES, Anderson Road, Otlands Park.
 W1 ARGYLL ARMS, 18 Argyll Street.
 W1 THE GLASSBLOWER, Glasshouse Street.
 W1 RED LION, Kingly Street.
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN, 4 Bathurst Street.
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD, 8 Sale Place.
 W3 KINGS ARMS, The Vale.
 W3 KINGS HEAD, 214 High Street.
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High Street.
 W4 WINDMILL, 214 Chiswick High Road.
 W5 GREYSTOKE, 7 Queens Parade.
 W5 PLOUGH, Northfield Avenue.
 W5 RED LION, St Mary's Road.
 W5 ROSE & CROWN, Church Place, St Mary's Road.
 W6 BLACK LION, Black Lion Lane.
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL, 170 Shepherds Bush Road.
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherds Bush Road.
 W7 ROYAL VICTORIA, 66 Boston Road.

W9 TRUSCOTT ARMS, Shirland Road.
 W10 NARROW BOAT, 346 Ladbroke Grove.
 W10 VILLAGE INN, Kensal Road.
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN, Tavistock Crescent.
 W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE, Melina Road.
 W13 THE FORESTER, 2 Leighton Road.
 BRENTFORD BEEHIVE, 227 High Street.
 BRENTFORD BREWERY TAP, 45 Catherine Wheel Road.
 BRENTFORD LORD NELSON, Enfield Road.
 CRANFORD QUEENS HEAD, 123 High Street.
 GREENFORD BLACK HORSE, Oldfield Lane.
 HAMPTON HILL WINDMILL, 80 Windmill Road.
 HAMPTON COURT KINGS ARMS, Lion Gate, Hampton, Hampton Court Road.
 HARLINGTON CROWN, 49 Bath Road.
 HARMONDSWORTH CROWN, High Street.
 HILLINGDON RED LION, Hillingdon Hill.
 HILLINGDON STAR, Blenheim Parade, Uxbridge Road.
 HOUNSLOW CHARIOT, 34 High Street.
 HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road.
 HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Hanworth Road.
 SOUTHALL BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road.
 SOUTHALL LORD WOLSELEY, Dudley Road.
 SOUTHALL OLD OAK TREE, The Common.
 SOUTHALL SCOTSMAN, 96 Scotts Road.
 SUDBURY, BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road.
 TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane.
 TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE, 9 Church Street.
 TWICKENHAM POPE'S GROTTTO, Cross Deep.
 TWICKENHAM PRINCE ALBERT, 30 Hampton Road.
 TWICKENHAM PRINCE BLUCHER, 124 The Green.
 WEALDSTONE ROYAL OAK, Peel Road.
 WHITTON ADMIRAL NELSON, 123 Nelson Road.

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

OFFTRADE

SW11 Majestic Wine Warehouses, Hester Road.

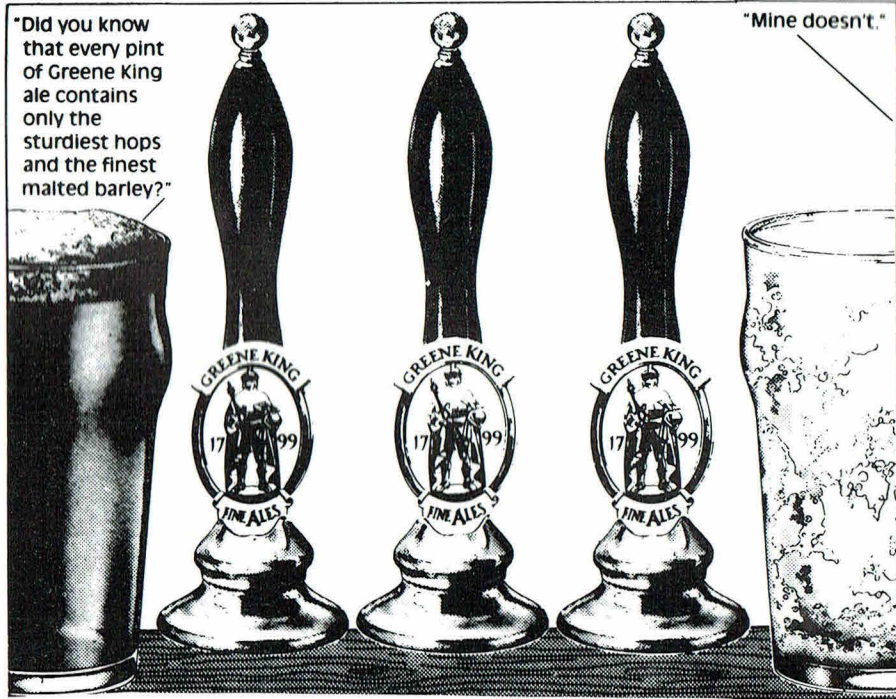
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BRIGHTON NOBLES BAR, New Road.
 BRIGHTON HAND IN HAND, Upper St James Street.
 BRIGHTON QUEENS HEAD, Opposite Station.
 COLCHESTER ODD ONE OUT, 28 Mersea Road.
 ELLAND (Yorks), BARGE & BARREL.
 HITCHIN (Herts), NEW FOUND OUT INN, Stevenage Road.
 LEWES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

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NORTH LONDON NEWS

Three of Andrew Marler's Liberty Taverns, the George in Liverpool Road N1, the Hope and Anchor on Upper Street N1 and the Nelson in Wood Green High Road, have been sold to Greene King. Greene King have also acquired the Lord Wolseley in White Lion Street, N1 from Samuel Smith.

A new Free House opened on 31st October in Ferme Park Road N4. The Nicholas Nickleby is situated at the junction of Stapleton Hall Road; the owner is David Eave, once licensee of the Windsor Castle in East Finchley when it was a home-brew pub. On a recent visit the beers included the complete Fullers range, plus Marstons Pedigree and Greene King Abbot. This pub provides competition for the nearby Marler's Bar, which had the misfortune to be shut for refurbishment at the same time the new pub opened.

The JD Wetherspoon empire is expanding again, with a very welcome new pub on the North West Frontier of London. JJ Moons at 553 Kingsbury Road NW9 opened its doors on December 19th.

The Scottish Stores in Caledonian Road N1 has been renamed the Flying Scotsman and is now a Free House. It reopened on 14th December after

refurbishment—the interesting interior fittings have been retained.

Wood Green has acquired two new bars, although neither are at present selling Real Ale. Lords in Lordship Lane and Henleys in Middleton Road both opened late in 1988.

The Red Lion in Stoke Newington Church Street has been renamed the Magpie and Stump. Ruddles Best Bitter and County are on sale.

The Windsor Castle in Park Road NW1 has reopened as a Free House. This former Scottish and Newcastle pub is now run by Top Taverns and is selling Adnams, Marstons, Boddingtons and Charles Wells real ales.

The following pubs no longer sell Real Ale: Drayton Park N5, St. Johns Tavern N19, Good Mixer NW1 and the Tally Ho NW5.

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John Conen

levels around Wedmore happy and content. This is prize winning cider, for Roger won CAMRA's first "Cider of the Year" award, the result of a ballot by visitors to the Cider Bar at last year's Great British Beer(?) Festival. Unusually for a "real" somerset cider, Wilkins can be found in at least one central London pub.



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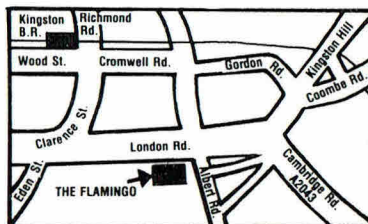
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