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 E9 ROYAL STANDARD, 84 Victoria Park Road.
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 E17 COLLEGE ARMS, 807-809 Forest Road.
 SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE, The Cut.
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 SE1 BUNCH OF GRAPES, 2 St Thomas Street.
 SE1 COPPER, 208 Tower Bridge Road.
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 SE10 ROYAL GEORGE, Bisset Street.
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 WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE, 22 High Holborn.
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 N4 MORTIMER ARMS, Green Lanes.
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 N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, Stroud Green Road.
 N7 ADMIRAL MANN, 7 Hargrave Place.
 N7 FAT HARRY'S, 60 Isledon Road.
 N7 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN, 54 Holloway Road.
 N7 RAILWAY TAVERN, 10 Roman Way.

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EDITORIAL



At the end of March the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) at long last reported on the supply of beer to pubs. Readers will be well aware that they told brewers that if they were to own pubs as well as brew beer, they would be limited to 2,000 outlets. The report has been heralded as a revolutionary step by the government to open up the industry to more competition and therefore to lower prices charged to the customer.

I would like to make a few observations which might have eluded our readers in the midst of all this euphoria. Firstly does it really mean the big brewers will get rid of all their excess pubs to our beloved, independents. No, of course not. These are some of the ways that the Big Brewers will act to make sure they continue to restrict choice.

Only non-viable smaller tenanted pubs will be sold off, mostly to property developers who will convert them into desirable private houses. Pubs will be sold off to consortium groups such as Midsummer and Brent Walker at reduced rates with an understanding that these sell the original brewers products, plus one lager from a competitor. Allied's likely strategy is to retain all 6,700 pubs but sell off their breweries and beer brands perhaps to Alan Bond (Castlemaine XXXX) who has nearly 11% of the group. Grand Metropolitan are thinking of selling off their four breweries to concentrate on retailing and the growing food business in their 5,400 pubs. Whitbread, with no lager brand of its own, looks set to sell breweries (possibly to Heineken) and become a retailer. Bass will more than likely split into two quoted companies, a hotel division and a brewer with 2,000 managed pubs. Courage look likely to sell off their pubs and stick to brewing and supply many of the others. Whatever happens, a massive influx of rubbish lagers seems to be inevitable.

The guest beer policy also seems fraught with problems for the real ale drinker. Youngs and Fullers will have to sell a competitors beer but we tend to forget that both already do, viz: Tuborg and Heineken respectively. This, I suspect will be the norm for most brewers and pubs. Get in one rubbish lager from a cheap source (Big Brewer) and the publican has complied with the law. Where the independents will gain their extra outlest from, frankly baffles me.

One positive aspect of the report seems to be that our remaining 64 independents would at last be safe from takeover by one of the Big Six, but Greenall Whitley with 1,600 pubs could still bid for another couple of breweries and the 'dog eat dog' syndrome which has been so detrimental to choice, is bound to continue until, the magical 2,000 mark is reached.

Readers may have read that the Brewers Society is absolutely against the report, but there are deep divisions within the Society, with the smaller brewers led by Wolverhampton & Dudley Brewery wanting to welcome some aspects of it especially to criticism of the brewers for the vast price differential between the Midlands and London. W & D would be well placed to offer their beers at a cheap rate to highly-priced London Pubs!

Some of our friendly tenants will also be in trouble because of the report's recommendation that Tenancies will come under the Landlord and Tenants Housing Act. Already, as reported elsewhere in this issue one of our lovable independents has sacked all its tenants and is insisting that they make new agreements before the law is changed to protect them! Aren't some brewers wonderful!

In conclusion, it would be an advantage to have a crystal ball to foresee the possible implications of the report, and to whether it will ever be implemented, in the light of the brewers donation of £250,000 to the Conservative Party?

Chris Cobbold

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We kept our promise! on 25th March £1000 was presented to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and in a lengthy process we distributed 100 bottles from the raffle. In order to do so 100 members were selected electronically from 16,200. Annie and Michael Thair with their dogs Yvonne and Russell joined us for the evening, and the highlight of mine was occasioned by Yvonne gently relieving me of the cheque.

We have started again with a fund-raising programme, cause as yet undecided, but by the time this issue is printed, regular Mick McConnell will have completed his Marathon. Once again, thanks to all participants, congratulations to the winners, condolences to the non-winners, (there aren't any losers). We will continue to help charities with the assistance of the generous customers of the King's Head, West Norwood, where Jim and Eileen Holland and their staff always provide a warm welcome.

Once again, THANK YOU ALL.

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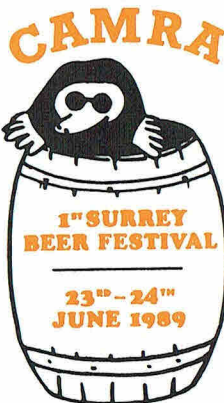
At long last! One of the most awaited guides for years has at last staggered through its various processes and now takes its place among the other local guides to complete the London set.

The new guide follows its predecessor 'Real Beer in South West London' very closely in its format and layout but of course covers over 1100 pubs and subsequently was a vast undertaking by West London, Richmond and Hounslow and West Middlesex Branches and helpers from other branches.

The guide extends from the West End in the east to Heathrow in the west and from Hampton in the south to Stanmore in the north. There are 31 (very clear) maps showing the more popular areas and the usual informative sections including one on mild from the late Keith Wilday and an excellent one on prices from Roger Protz. I particularly enjoyed the sections about the big breweries which is clear and concise.

While the cover price seems expensive by CAMRA standards, this is a well bound book which will fit easily into a pocket and will prove invaluable to anyone visiting the area.

Chris Cobbold



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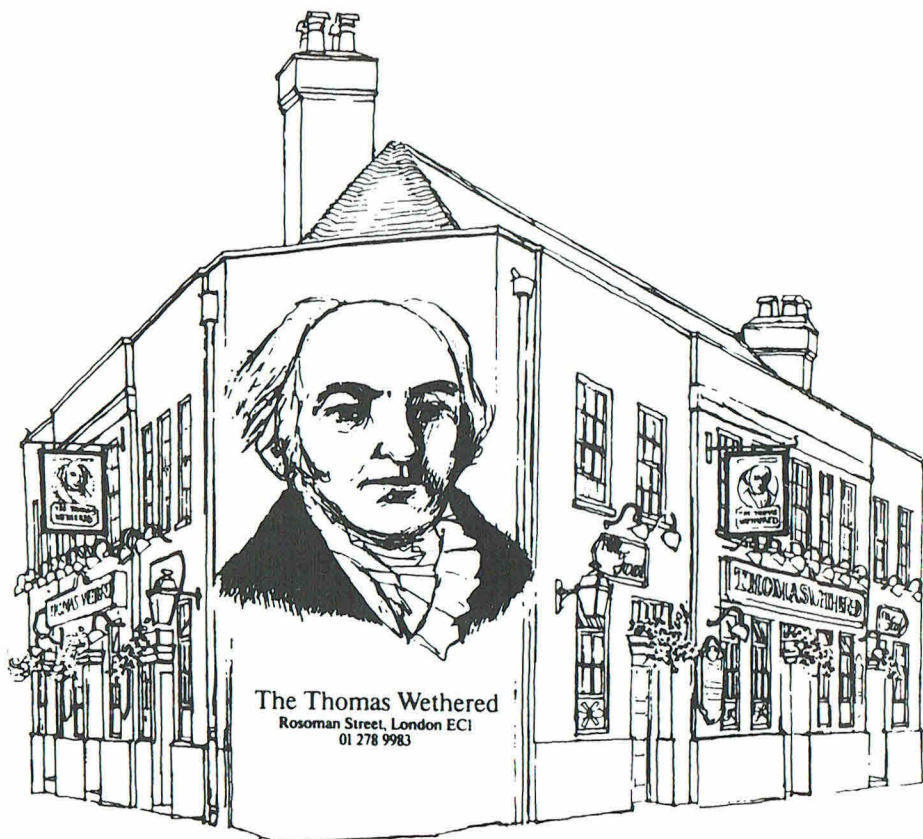
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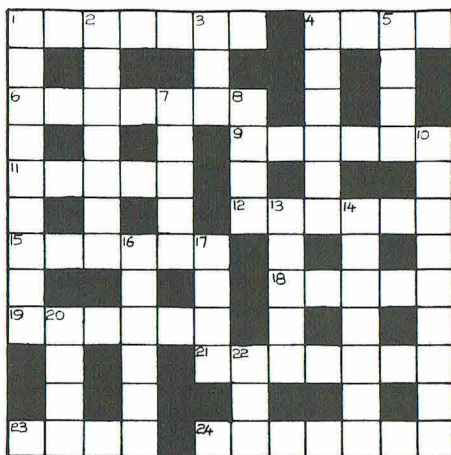
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1. He's left behind in a minute vessel, Queen Elizabeth! [7]
4. Carry animal. [4]
6. It's earth bound yet we're elsewhere. [3,4]
9. Insect the woman found in a flower. [6]
11. Plenty round the bend lager drinkers. [5]
12. Cycle beat them, I hear. [6]
15. Extends women's group studies. [6]
18. Smarten up grand chamber. [5]
19. Broke open peas in dire distress? [6]
21. S&N take extreme care of alcoholic liquid. [7]
23. Food for the small lady arachnophobe?. [4]
24. Cuts out notice and marches. [7]

DOWN

1. Could bloom at this time of year. [9]
2. Relaxed though hurt under the United Nations. [7]
3. Before coming or going. [3]
4. Fasten cask on. [6]
5. Care about land. [4]
7. Got up when siren went off. [5]
8. Point to make a stand on to some extent. [4]
10. Thinks back about limbs. [9]
13. He might have a cockney suspend us. [5]
14. Doctor had but lost. [7]
16. Take on and back me up over trick. [6]
17. Party of mass ideology. [4]
20. desire to have sex before church. [4]
22. But you wouldn't get Special Pale Ale here. [3]

Name.....

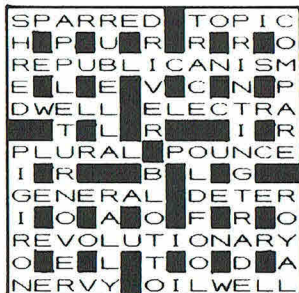
Address.....

All correct entries received by first post on 31st May will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

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

Last Month's Solution



Winner of the prize for the March crossword:
Rab Noolas, 7 Cavendish Gardens,
Trouville Road, London SW4 8QW.

Other correct entries were received from:
Bill Andrews, Mrs P.Andrews, Geoff Broadley,
Miss N.Canton, CAMRA Dengie 100, A.P.Comaish,
Ian Fairweather, E.G., Elaine Glover,
J.B.Harmer, Alison Henley, D.J.Hilditch,
A.C.Hilles, Odd John (Colchester),
Mrs G.M.Lines, Daisie May, E.Melville,
David Parker, W.Priestley, R.Prince,
Andrew Roberts, L.O.Sailor, Ken Seymour,
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The Crown Tavern dominates the peaceful Green of Clerkenwell and represents all that is best from Nicholson's, having been recently and sensitively refurbished. Formerly a Victorian Music Hall, it retains theatrical links with a theatre club in the large Apollo concert room which also provides an excellent venue for functions and meetings, having its own conference facilities.

The bar areas retain their historical layout with two lounges split by Victorian screening and a dining room with waitress service at lunchtime to complement the excellent food—all home made including the bread—available from the food servery. There is also an expresso coffee machine.

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IDLE MOMENTS

Firstly let me kick off with a non-rhyming limerick—the first since February. I am afraid that I cannot tell you the poet's name; when it was telephoned through to me, by a third person I failed to make a note of his name. However, rather than deny you the pleasure of his art I am publishing the poem now and shall give due acknowledgement next month:

Are you a man or a mouse?
For you're terribly hard to arouse,
You'll never go through
with anything that's tough,
like swimming in the River Ouse.

Now here are the answers to last month's number puzzle:

1. 8 teams left in the Quarter Finals.
2. 3 Wheels on a Reliant Robin.
3. 2 Wings on a Golden Eagle.
4. 100 legs on a Centipede.
5. 20 Fluid Ounces in a Pint.
6. 6 Faces on a Cube.
7. 9 Symphonies of Beethoven.
8. 12 Apostles of Jesus Christ.
9. 360 Degrees in a Circle.
10. 5 Vowels in the Alphabet.

And now, following an overwhelming response from the readership (Somebody wrote to me.) I can give you, for the very first time, a guest number puzzle! Stand up and take a bow Les Turland, your moment of fame has come. Les wrote to me from Hastings with no less than fourteen puzzles. Ten of these make up this month's selection and the remaining ones will be in next month's column. So here we go:

1. 58 M on a PC
2. 7 DS
3. 17 C in the CCC
4. 8 L on an AT
5. 38 T in the SL
6. 3 C in the F
7. 24 H from T
8. 6 D in which GC the W
9. 75 V in the R of OK (1E)
10. 10 Y of LD

And now its anagram time again. Firstly here are the answers to last month's:

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. KEEN GINGER | GREENE KING |
| 2. CHRIST BANGS NORA | BASS CHARRINGTON |
| 3. ANY MEN WANT | WATNEY MANN |
| 4. RED RAVES | EVERARDS |
| 5. HE-MEN HEAP REDS | SHEPHERD NEAME |

And to keep you going here are another five:

1. RAM'S SNOT
2. DON'T BIN GOD
3. VERY ASH
4. COIN DOPE
5. LEN'S FIRM

And finally....

We were sitting round in the local the other Sunday night and the conversation got round (as it sometimes does) to signs that remain legible, thought maybe not intelligible, from the rear. The whole thing started when John said that he had read a sign which read TUO YAW on a glass door—he said he was drunk at the time. Anyway as the conversation showed no signs of reaching any higher intellectual plane we started making up sentences made up from letters which appear the same in a mirror so that if printed reversed they could be read correctly in the aforementioned looking glass. The longest sentence I have been able to come up with is the following:

(YMMOT) HTOMMAM YM HTIW MA I—YMMUM
MAH A HTIW XO TOH A TIH OHW

See, when you hold that up to a mirror it becomes intelligible—though not very intelligent. Anyway, see if you can do better; that sentence is 46 characters long (excluding punctuation). If you can invent a longer or more intelligent sentence that obeys the rules send it to me and you can win fame and recognition. What is more, I shall personally give a prize of £5 to the writer of the sentence which I think (in my own totally biased view) is the best. I shall announce the winner in the Christmas London Drinker and therefore must ask for all entries by 1st November. Please send them in now, though as the idea is to print them on a monthly basis. Be warned the awarding of the prize is dependent on receipt of sufficient entries—say ten or more—and of a reasonable length. In fact if I receive more than 20 entries of publishable quality I shall increase the prize to £10. (Is there no end to this man's generosity?—Ed. Yes, there is,—AP.) As usual you can find my address elsewhere in the magazine. There is just one basic rule; all the letters used must be capitals—no slipping in a lower case "L" to get out of a tight spot. To save you some effort the letters which are reversible are A, H, I, M, O, T, U, V, W, X, Y.

Have fun.

Andy Pirson



"THE SPINNAKER"

Greene, King & Sons, plc, one of the U.K.'s largest regional brewers, has opened "The Spinnaker", its latest London public house. Greene, King currently owns and operates over 750 pubs in East Anglia, the Home Counties and London.

Built and equipped to a totally modern design at a cost of £528,000, the new waterfront pub is situated in the exciting new Harbour Exchange development on the Isle of Dogs in Docklands. The designer and architect, Claire Craig of SBT Designwork, decided on an ocean-racing theme to reflect the waterside location. Special features include a ceiling of wave forms, a collage of ocean racing vessels and a bar 'formed to float on light'. These, together with extensive use of American cherry wood, create 'memories of creaking wood and shimmering reflections'.

Simon Miller, Chairman of The Charter Group plc, the developers, said: "The Spinnaker brings a much needed facility to the area. Greene King's scheme was chosen because its sympathetic and high quality design is in keeping with the concept of Harbour Exchange."

The Spinnaker is the latest addition to Greene King's expanding portfolio of prestige pubs in key areas of London.

Commenting, Simon Redman, Managing Director of Greene King, said "The development of a London estate has been the key factor to Greene King's strategy of expanding our business southwards. From a base of only six London pubs in 1987 we have increased the number rapidly to 14 with the opening today of The Spinnaker."

Mr Redman added: "A multi-million pound investment has produced a group of top quality, high-profile sites with very good custom. We expect to add to our London estate as suitable opportunities arise.

Greene, King have not chosen one particular style of house to be associated with its London expansion. The Spinnaker, the Unicorn at Victoria Station and the Scottish Pound in London Wall are contemporary in design, to meet the demands of the particular market segment each pub will serve—but they contrast strongly with the Victorian style of the Hope & Anchor and The George in Islington, and the Nelson in Wood Green. These, in turn, are different from the Edwardian ambience offered by the Blenheim in St John's Wood and the colloquial style of the Compton Arms in Islington. Our pubs in London are very individualistic in design and character, which we feel is all to the good, and reflect the traditions of Londoners and their pubs.

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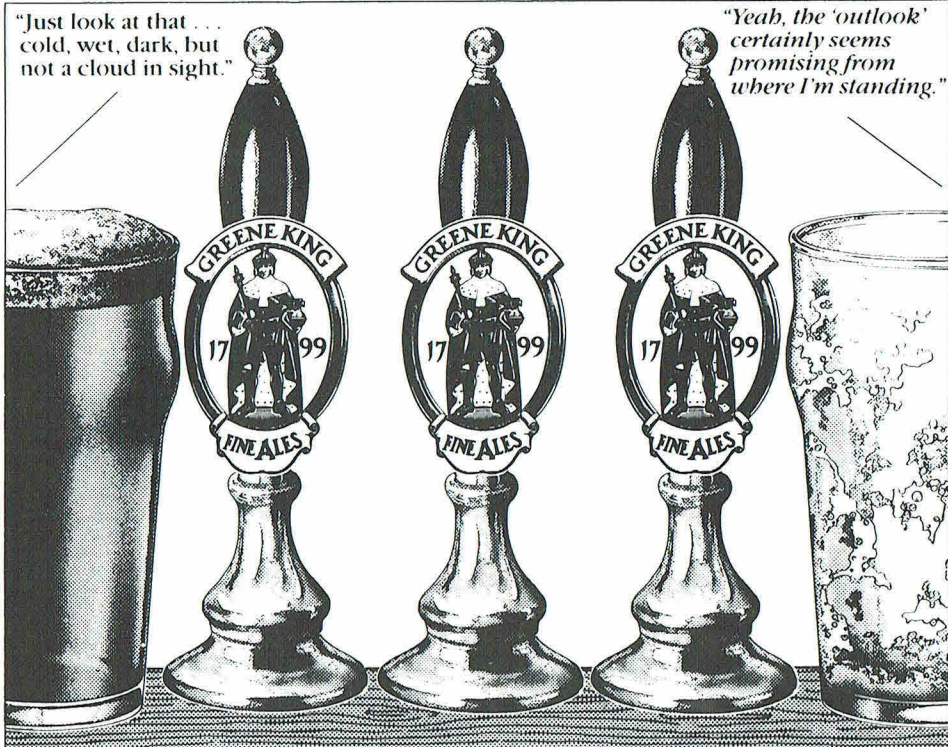
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From a Greene, King press release.





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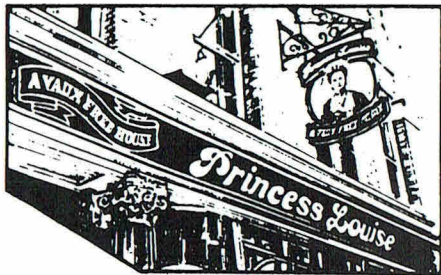
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BOOK REVIEW—‘PUBS OF NORTH LAMBETH

Author and Publisher Peter Walker

North Lambeth is not everyone's idea of the place to go on a Saturday night, but anyone who reads this superb little book might well be tempted to follow the author's advice.

Peter Walker is a CAMRA supporter who has for 30 years been visiting, recording and investigating the histories of Lambeth Pubs. This is the first of two books he is planning to publish; the next one to be 'Pubs of South Lambeth'.

He covers a lot of ground in his first book; Pub Architecture, Pub Names, Pub Owners, Brewery Ties and many Pub Crawls.

Peter also covers what he describes as 'not quite pubs' (Rivers', Café de la gare etc.)

More importantly he lists draught beers available though some are obviously out of date; Stag, Coombes, Truman Ordinary et al will take a lot of finding now! Each pub is illustrated with excellent line drawings and is given a comprehensive history in the descriptions, star ratings and in the historical lists.

I doubt if 60 pubs have ever been so thoroughly researched and I can heartily recommend this book to our readers whether they live within

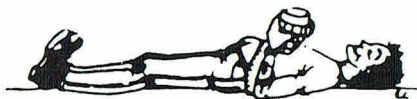
striking distance of North Lambeth or not! The Guide is available from Peter Walker at 208 Turnpike Link, Croydon CR0 5NZ. Price £2.95 (£3.25 post paid).

Chris Cobbold

NEWS FROM SALISBURY

Good news from John Gilbert's Hop Back Brewery at the Wyndham Arms, Estcourt Road, Salisbury. Sales of his excellent beers have proved so successful, he has employed the Gibbs Mew brewer, Simon Lovell, to help him brew three times a week to spearhead an assault on the local free trade. John tells me that demand from local publicans has justified the cost of an extra fermenting vessel and some 'new' casks. He is planning a slow expansion, but interested publicans will have to contact him and be willing to pick up the beer themselves! We wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

Chris Cobbold



Dipsy's beside himself



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SOUTH WEST LONDON NEWS

We have said goodbye to Bill and Denise Wood at the Castle, Tooting, who have moved to the excellent Brook Green in Hammersmith. They gave the Branch much help during their tenure and they will be fondly remembered. West London's gain is our loss.

The Wimbledon Beer Festival was an enormous success and we thank all members and London Drinker readers who came to help and make it such an enjoyable occasion.

We also thank all the Brewers for continuing to support our small venture.

The drinking public voted for Orange Pimlico

Porter for Best Pub Brewed Beer, Fullers E.S.B. for Best London Brewed Beer and to Holdens Mild for Best out of Town Beer. Batemans was voted the beer most wanted to see next year.

We continue to look for a larger venue and if you can help us please phone the branch contact.

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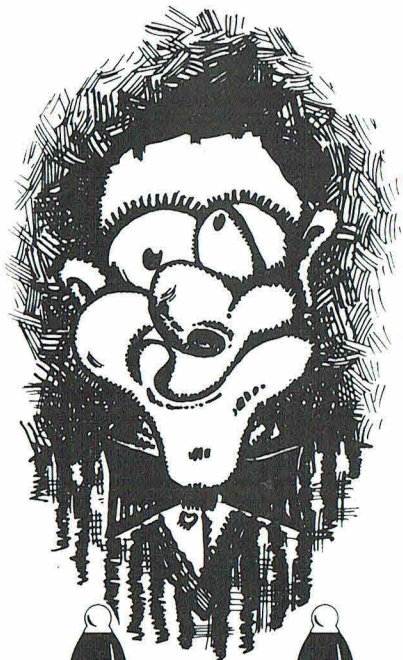
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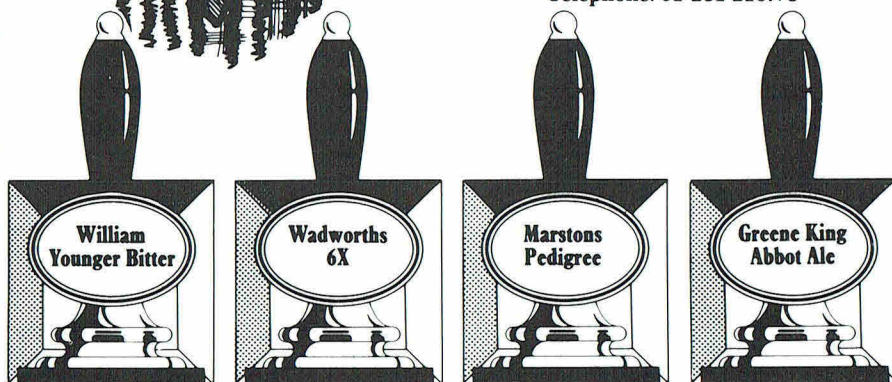
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HISTORICRAWL—Horsham, W. Sussex, part 2

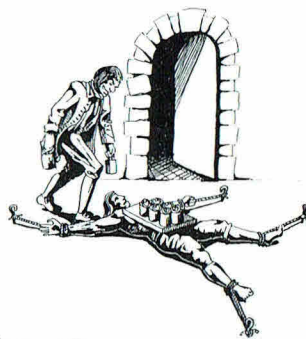
In this second part of the longest Historicrawl to date, we continue from where we left off last time, at the Bear (10), King & Barnes. My reference numbers and letters continue on the previous system, to avoid confusing anyone reading the parts consecutively at a later date. As on the last map (which this one partly overlaps), short cuts are shown accurately but not to scale. Beyond the Museum along the Causeway, St Mary's Church, which dates back to Norman times, is worth a few minutes' detour. Note the twisted spire (looking upwards from the base of the tower) and the roof of massive Horsham Slates. These slates were expensive to produce, and as the name suggests, were quarried locally, though they were used extensively throughout the county. They were very much prized as building material, and are still re-cycled each time their current building is demolished. Passing the King's Head (9)—bear in mind the crossroads for a gruesome story to follow



The King's Head around 1900

soon) we next come to the Stout House (11), King & Barnes, known as the Chequer in 1792. A 2 bar single-storied house with an attractive tiled frontage; it is probably the friendliest pub in town. Opening hours are as normal on Sundays, but 10 - 4 and 7.30 - 11 all other days. This part of town is known as Carfax—the Latin for Crossroads—and in 1792 it was recorded as Scarrefolks, an obvious linguistic corruption. The French word is Carrefour, itself deriving from Quatre Voies—Four Ways—although 7 main roads converged thereabouts. This was the town centre, scene of fairs, bonfires and bull-baiting (theoretically to make the meat tender). Half right from the Stout House is the Post Office (PO) site of the third Horsham Gaol, from 1640 to 1779—its two predecessors had stood on adjacent sites in North Street to the right from at least 1540. Another pub, the George, (N) stood facing the earliest (further) site in 1792.

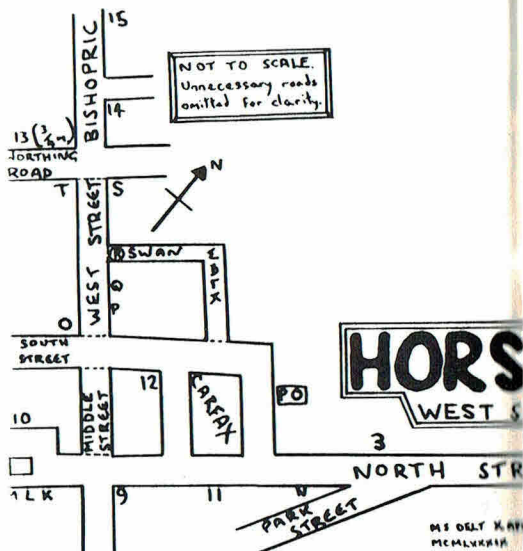
In 1735 John Weekes of Fittleworth (some miles to the west), was arraigned for robbery and the particularly brutal murder of one Elizabeth Symes. He refused to enter a plea. In those days that



Peine Forte et Dure.

Artist's impression by Tim Brown

would prevent you from being found guilty, so your goods were not forfeit, thus safeguarding the family. But the penalty for this action was: *"He shall be sent back to the prison whence he came, and laid in some low, dark house....." stretched out on the ground and normally a large board—such as an old door—placed upon him"....and let there be laid on his body iron and stone, as much as he can bear, and more: the next day following, he shall have three morsels of Barley Bread, without drink, and the second day he shall have*



Drink 3 times, as much at each time as he can drink of the Water next unto the Prison, except it be running water...." (i.e. the nearest stagnant pool, puddle or horse trough) "without any Bread, and this shall be his diet till he die." They could, of course, plead and end this last vestige of Trial by Ordeal. In practice the punishment was carried out quickly—the hangman was paid for each job completed, not by the hour, and usually had his own business to run. (St Margaret Clitherow, the butcher's wife whose shrine is in her former home in the Shambles, York, was treated in this way during the 16th century persecution of the Catholics, and died within 15 minutes). In Weekes' case, local people were so revolted by his alleged crime that they brought heavy objects to increase the load—the blacksmith adding his anvil. The hangman, taking the body in a cart for burial in the churchyard, tipped it out in disgust at the crossroads by the King's Head among the animal debris, then proceeded to the church. A week later to the day (one version to the minute) when passing there whilst off duty, he died on the same spot. Maybe a heart attack, but who knows? 14 years later his successor hanged himself at the Anchor (K), supposedly after losing at gambling a half-guinea entrusted to him to buy pigs. Torture was banned in 1640. Peine forte et dure was rendered obsolete by an Act of Parliament of 1828—which still applies—whereby a defendant refusing to speak is deemed to plead not guilty. Weekes' death was the last on record by that method.

Across the Carfax from the Stout House is the Crown (12), Flowers and Strongs. Here the horses were changed on the last stage-coach service in the country—London to Brighton via Horsham. It was financed by the American millionaire Alfred Vanderbilt, an accomplished horseman who went down with the Lusitania in 1915. Just over the road is the former Lamb Inn, now a white-painted building society office. Directly behind the Crown was the Punch Bowl in Middle Street, now a shop. Take a left, then a right at the Lloyd's Bank (0) on the site of the original Crown. Further along South Street was the Red Lion, now an estate

agent's—another of the same name was in West Street in 1792. As you walk down West Street, you pass the known sites of several former pubs (this was once the main road). On the right were the earlier Red Lion last mentioned (P) then the Castle Inn (Q) on the right, the Swan (R)—the entrance to Swan Walk, the shopping precinct, marks the spot—where the stagecoach from London arrived daily between 1810 and 1848. Its last sign is now in the Museum. Finally, on the crossroads, were the Prince of Wales (S) to the right, facing the Black Horse Hotel (T) to the left, commemorated in a local street name. Here we turn left (if you are cycling) along the Worthing Road, past the cricket ground whose former name, the Barrack Field, recalls the military presence here until 1815. Over the railway and up the hill is the only free house locally with real choice, hence my taking you a mile or so out of town. If you don't fancy the trek, take a short cut back through Swan Walk to Carfax then along North Street for the station. The Boar's Head Tavern (13)



has a permanent range of Palmers Bitter and Tally Ho, Eldridge Pope Royal Oak and Boar's Head Bitter—brewed exclusively for this pub; Wadworth 6X and Belhaven 80/-. The latter displaced Bass some months ago, after a brief period as a "guest" beer. Meals are available at all sessions (11—2.30 5.30—11 weekdays, (6 Saturday), Sunday as normal, with a special Sunday lunch. Built in 1761 as a farmhouse, in 1830 it obtained a beerhouse licence, being known as the Fox & Hounds by 1846. 5 years later it was granted a wines and spirits licence and registered as a tavern. Sold to Thomas Willet, a brewer of Brighton whose company was founded in 1809 it was taken over by the Rock Brewery in 1856. In 1890, a merger changed the company title to the Rock & Steyning Brewery Ltd. In 1912 this concern passed into the hands of the Portsmouth

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PLASTIC OR PSEUDO VICTORIANA

Whilst casually perusing my copy of a recent edition of the Morning Advertiser I noticed an article on pub design and the promotion of pubs to the drinking public. Within the article was a name I recognised so with added interest I read on.

The name that had attracted my attention was Ms Phillipa Brown who is, and I quote from the article, "Taylor Walker's Dynamic Young Development Manager". Ms Brown's views are, and I trust I have paraphrased them correctly, that the English Pub is not falling in popularity as a

source of entertainment, good pubs are becoming more popular and the 1960's style of plastic and chrome especially designed to appeal to the younger drinkers, with Red Barrel or its equivalent of ersatz beers and lagers are on their way out.

Ms Brown went on to comment on the style of Taylor Walker's restoration and refurbishment of its estate and that the company's policy followed one of three basic styles: to restore pubs of character to their original or traditional style, to refurbish and modernise using light woods and soft fabrics, or to convert to the café bar. The latter type of premises clearly needed some justification and defence as she said that they were not a bad thing and more often than not they had replaced pubs that were not particularly good, and that nobody changed a thing for its own sake. Stirring stuff indeed, but why do these establishments (I cannot refer to them as pubs) appear completely devoid of character and atmosphere.

To prove that Taylor Walker does have pubs that are traditional and with character one only has to visit the Northern Star in New Southgate N11. A truly traditional pub with a well used look and feel about it, from faded flock wallpaper and old photographs and stuffed creatures as decoration, to a real fire, Victorian woodwork and glasswork. There is even a large working area behind the bar; an attribute that is becoming rarer and rarer these days in the quest for efficient utilisation of expensive floor area.

However, I have noted that the Northern Star is currently being offered for sale, with licence and (I believe) free of Tie. One must wonder how much longer we can enjoy the ambiance and atmosphere of this traditional pub before it is tastefully refurbished with sledgehammer and chainsaw. If Taylor Walker see this pub as a haven of traditional beer in traditional surroundings they would presumably refurbish it themselves in their quoted style for traditional pubs of character.

Let us hope that this pub does retain its original wood and glass and does not fall victim to the pseudo Victoriana seen in so many public houses, nor, heaven forbid, must it become one of the increasingly numerous café-style drinking emporiums. We need to protect our pubs from the vandalism of some modern refurbishments.

Lawrie Gordon



THE SHIP AND BLUE BALL

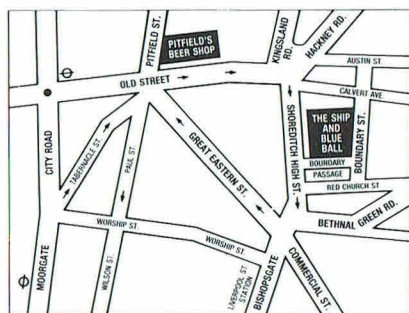
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and Brighton United Brewery (retaining its own name), becoming Brickwoods (founded 1884) in 1953 and sold to Whitbread Wessex in 1971. Eight years later it was sold as a free house and assumed its present title. Retrace your steps to the crossroads with West Street, where the final stage of this crawl will begin next time. Directions back to the station are as already stated. The next two pubs visited are the Green Dragon (14) and the King's Arms (15) along Bishopric. Both are King & Barnes Houses, and between the two stands the Brewery, whose history we will review in the next issue, Editors permitting.

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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 43

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 report the first Batemans tied house in London complete with the prize winning Mild! Seven Brent Walker ex-Watney pubs have been acquired by Shepherd Neame. Greene King have bought three recently renovated Free Houses from Marlers and, in addition, four pubs from Sam Smiths. No less than eleven brand new pubs have opened (of which three are in Docklands), and two former wine bars now sell real ale.

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 CENTRAL

EC4, CITY RETREAT, 74 Shoe Lane. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Formerly DIZZIES, originally the TWO BREWERS. (E42)

*W1(My), BUBBLES, 41 North Audley Street. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Wine bar now selling draught beer.

*W1(My), YATES'S WINE LODGE, 11 Avery Row. Yates's Ale. Now selling draught beer again (half pints or jugs only) after a spell as a restaurant. Origin of house beer unknown - information welcome.

EAST

E2, NELSONS HEAD, 32 Horatio Street. Bateman: Mild, Bitter, XXXB. First Bateman's tied house in London, acquired from Gibbs Mew. (E74)

E3, BROMLEY ARMS, 51 Fairfield Road. Shepherd Neame: Bitter. One of 7 pubs in London acquired by Shep's from Brent Walker. Formerly Watney (reinstatement). (E81)

E3, CALEDONIAN ARMS, 62 Fairfield Road. Shepherd Neame: Bitter. Another Shep's ex-Brent Walker, ex-Watney pub. (E81)

E14, DRUMMONDS, 3 Heron Quay, Marsh Wall. No Real Ale. Charrington café-bar opened in Nov 1988.

E14, SPINNAKER, Harbour Island, Marsh Wall. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Rayment: BBA. New Greene King pub overlooking Millwall Inner Dock. Opens 11am-9pm weekdays and 11am-3pm Sat. Closed Sat evening & Sunday.

E14, WATERFRONT, South Quay Plaza, 187 Marsh Wall. Fuller: London Pride, ESB. New Fullers café-bar tucked away behind office block overlooking West India Docks. Beers dispensed through continental style fonts alongside lagers - views on

authenticity welcome. Opens 11am-9.30/10pm weekdays. closed weekends.

BARKINGSIDE, OLD MAYPOLE, 105 Fencepiece Road. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Tetley: Bitter. Newly renovated. (X14)

ROMFORD, CHARMERS, 29 Angel Way. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. A new Free House.

SEVEN KINGS, JOKER, 1 Cameron Road. Courage: Best Bitter. (X86)

NORTH

N1, FLYING SCOTSMAN, 2 Caledonian Road. Wadworth 6X. Formerly a Truman pub named SCOTTISH STORES. Now a Free House. (N46)

N4, NICHOLAS NICKLEBY, 6 Ferme Park Road. Fuller: Chiswick Bitter, ESB. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Marston: Pedigree. Wadworth: 6X. Guest Beer. A new Free House in former shop premises, typical of the style.

N6, MAGPIE & STUMP, 132 Stoke Newington Church Street. Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. Formerly RED LION. (N95)

N22, HENLEYS BAR, 101 Myddleton Road. No Real Ale. Another Free House in former shop premises.

N22, LORDS, 451 Lordship Lane. No Real Ale. Yet another Free House shop conversion.

ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER, 115/117 Chase Side. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Marston: Pedigree. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA. The latest addition to the Wetherspoon chain of free houses now totalling 16. A spacious attractive new pub in premises previously a restaurant and originally a dairy. Opened late 1988.

NORTH WEST

NW1, WINDSOR CASTLE, 98 Park Road. Boddington: Bitter. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Marston: Pedigree. Young: Bitter, Special.

UPDATES Continued

Formerly a Youngers pub, now reopened as a smart Free House. (N129)

SOUTH EAST

SE16, CAULKERS, 126 Lower Road. Courage: Best Bitter. John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE127)

BEXLEY, BLACK PRINCE, Southwold Road. Bass. Charrington: IPA. The pub is a separate entity from the adjoining Crest Hotel which also has its own bar (evenings for residents & diners only) selling the same beers. (SE208)

BEXLEYHEATH, GOLDEN LION, 258 Broadway. Flowers: Original. Wethered: Bitter. Note correct address. (SE212)

SOUTH WEST

SW8, HOPE, 7 Heather Close. Shepherd Neame: Bitter. Another Shep's acquisition, ex-Brent Walker, ex-Watney. (SW33)

SW8, MAWBEY ARMS, 7 Mawbey Street. Shepherd Neame: Bitter. Another Shep's acquisition, ex-Brent Walker, ex-Watney. (SW34)

SW10, REDCLIFFE, 268 Fulham Road. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Reopened and reverted to original name after several years closure. Now a 'Bar and Bistro' Latterly CARLOS & JOHNNYS. (SW37)

SW11, CHANDLER, Lombard Road. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Fuller: ESB. New Charrington pub near site of former WHITE HART. (SW41)

SW11, FOUR CHIMNEYS, 317 Battersea Park Road. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. Tetley: Bitter. Formerly the BATTERSEA SHOW PALACE, originally the CRICKETERS. (SW39, U28)

SW14, PIG & WHISTLE, 86 Sheen Lane. Adnams: Bitter. Greene King: IPA. Ruddle: County. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. New Free House run by Grand Met. but not as a "Clifton Inn". Near Site of BULL, now demolished. Opens 10am (11am Sundays).

SW19, WAY INN, Wayfarer Hotel, Broadway. No Real Ale. A free house attached to hotel. Beware Ruddle County on fake handpump. Opened 1988.

CHEAM, GANDER INN, 2 St. Dunstons Hill. Charrington: IPA. (SW61)

WEST

W3, LEAMINGTON, 222 Horn Lane. Charrington: IPA. (W65)

W4, DUKE OF SUSSEX, 75 South Parade. Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. Tetley: Bitter. Recently refurbished. (W68)

W12, BEAUMONT ARMS, 170 Uxbridge Road. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Fuller: ESB (winter). (W91)

*W14, BEACONSFIELD, 24 Blythe Road. Courage: Best Bitter. A Free House.

*HAYES, ANGEL, 697 Uxbridge Road. Fuller: London Pride, ESB.

*HILLINGDON, OAK TREE, 137 Ryefield Avenue. Fuller: London Pride, ESB. There are now just 6 flizz Fullers pubs left in Greater London, plus 1 outside!

*SOUTHALL, RAILWAY TAVERN, South Road. Charrington: IPA.

Note: * denotes already covered in Real Beer In West London.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE CENTRAL

EC1, METROPOLITAN TAVERN. Free House, demolished. (E20)

EAST

E12, STAR. Brent Walker Free House, H removed. (E127)

E14, LORD STANLEY. Watney. H removed. (E141)

E16, CALIFORNIA. Free House, closed. (E153)

E16, KILKENNY CASTLE. Free House, closed. (E154)

E16, SHAKESPEARES HEAD. Brent Walker Free House, H removed. (E155)

BARKING, BULL. Charrington, H unused. (X12)

DAGENHAM, BEACON. Ind Coope, H unused. (X37)

GOODMAYES, LORD NAPIER. Taylor Walker, H unused. (X49)

HAROLD HILL, BOW & ARROW. Whitbread, H unused. (X56)

RAINHAM, YESTERDAYS INN. Watney, closed. (X80)

SOUTH HORNBURCH, BARNABYS CARVERY. Watney, H removed. Formerly CHERRY TREE. (X88)

NORTH

N5, DRAYTON PARK. Courage (N56)

N19, ST. JOHNS TAVERN. Watney (N102)

NORTH WEST

NW1, GOOD MIXER. Courage (N120)

NW3, TALLY HO. Watney, formerly HUDSONS. (N144, U32)

SOUTH EAST

SE11, LAMBETH SPORTSMAN. Brent Walker Free House, H removed. (SE94)

SE14, EARL OF DERBY. Charrington, H unused. (SE110)

SE16, WARRIOR. Charrington, H unused. (SE134)

SE17, VICTORY. Courage, H unused (SE140)

SOUTH WEST

SW4, BELLE VUE. Watney, H unused. (SW24, U38)

SW8, CANTON. Charrington, H unused. (SW33)

SW9, PRINCE OF WALES. Charrington (fizz) converted to Pizza Hut restaurant. (SW37)

SW11, CRAVEN ON THE HILL. Watney, closed & boarded up. (SW39)

UPDATES Continued

SW11, GREYHOUND. Charrington, H unused. (SW40, U42)

SW14, BULL. Watney, demolished. (SW44)

SW14, DERBY ARMS. Watney, closed for conversion to luxury flats. (SW44)

SW17, FOUNTAIN (SPORTS). Watney, renamed GIN PALACE, H unused (SW50)

SW19, NELSON ARMS. Charrington, H unused (SW56)

SURBITON, RENE'S. Free House, converted to restaurant. (U32)

SURBITON, SOUTH WESTERN. Free House, demolished. (SW75)

WEST

*W2, MITRE. Whitbread, H unused.

*W3, WHITE HART. Truman, H unused

*BRENTFORD, RED LION. Fuller, H removed.

Note: * denotes already covered in Real Beer in West London.

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC3, SAVAGE GRILL. Renamed BULLA. - Eldridge Pope: Dorchester Bitter.

+ Tetley: Bitter

EC4, GOLDEN FLEECE. - Samuel Smith beers. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Rayment: BBA. Now a Greene King pub, ex-Samuel Smith. (E42)

EC4, OLD CITY OF LONDON SHADES. - Samuel Smith beers. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Rayment: BBA. Another acquisition by Greene King from Sam Smiths. (E47)

W1(F), GEORGE & DRAGON. + Fuller: ESB (winter) (W29)

W1(F), HOLYROOD. + Theakston: Best Bitter. Note correct name. (W29)

W1(F), STAGS HEAD. + Theakston: Best Bitter. (W32)

W1(Mr), TURNERS ARMS. - Younger: Scotch Bitter. (W36)

*W1(S), CROWN & TWO CHAIRMEN. - Friary Meux: Bitter. + Arkell: BBB. + Tetley: Bitter. Now a Nicholson Free House, transferred from Ind Coope.

WC1, OARSMAN. - Younger: No. 3.

+ Theakston: Best Bitter. (N19, W47)

WC1, THREE COMPASSES. + Theakston: Best Bitter. (N23, W51)

*WC2, FREEMASONS ARMS. - Samuel Smith beers. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Rayment: BBA. Now a Greene King pub, ex-Samuel Smith.

EAST

E2, SOLLYS. + Flowers: IPA. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Reverted to SEBRIGHT ARMS and now a Free House, ex-Gibbs Mew. renovated in traditional style and minus boobs & bums. (E77)

E3, ELEANOR ARMS. Acquired by Sheps from Brent Walker, ex-Watney but no real ale installed. (E82)

E8, DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH. - beers listed. + Shepherd Neame: Bitter. Acquired by Sheps from Brent Walker, originally Watneys. (E107)

E13, LORD STANLEY. - beers listed. + Shepherd Neame: Bitter, Best Bitter. Another Sheps acquisition from Brent Walker, originally Watneys. (E130)

E16, CHURCHILLS. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Flowers: IPA. + Gibbs Mew: Salisbury Best Bitter. + Wethered: Bitter. Reopened Free House in smart style. (E154, U37)

DAGENHAM, ROYAL OAK. POSEURS now renamed AJ'S (X38)

DAGENHAM, THREE TRAVELLERS. - beer listed. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. Recently renovated, no longer an unspoilt local. (X38)

ILFORD, ROSE & CROWN. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (X65, U42)

NORTH

N1, GEORGE. - beers listed in Update 36. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Rayment: BBA. Former Marlers Free House acquired by Greene King. (N33, U36)

N1, HEN & CHICKENS. + Young: Bitter (N35)

N1, HOPE & ANCHOR. - beers listed in Update 41. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Rayment: BBA. Former Marlers Free House acquired by Greene King. (U41)

N1, LORD WOLSELEY. - Samuel Smith beers. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Rayment: BBA. Acquired by Greene King from Sam Smiths. (N36)

N8, NEW PRIORY INN. - beers listed. + Bass. + Charrington: IPA. + McMullen: Bitter. + Young: Bitter. Now a Charrington's tied house. (N71)

N10, MAID OF MUSWELL. + Young: Bitter. (U34)

N17, FERRY BOAT INN. + Young: Bitter. (N97)

N22, NAGS HEAD. + Young: Bitter. (N109)

N22, NELSON. - beers listed in Update 36. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Rayment: BBA. Former Marlers Free House acquired by Greene King. (U36)

N22, STARTING GATE. + Young: Bitter. (N109)

NORTH WEST

NW3, SPANIARDS. + Young: Bitter. (N139)

NW9, GEORGE. + Young: Bitter. (N160)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, BRICKLAYERS. - Truman: Best Bitter. + Adnams: Bitter. Now a Clifton Inns Free House. (SE16)

SE3, RAILWAY TAVERN. + Young: Bitter. (SE50)

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SE5, GROVE HOUSE TAVERN. + Young: Bitter. (SE57)

SE15, BRITANNIA. Renamed KING JOHN. (SE117)

SE18, COOPERS ARMS. + Young: Bitter. (SE144)

SE18, UNION TAVERN. - Bass, - Fuller: ESB. (SE150)

SE21, CROWN & GREYHOUND. + Young: Bitter. (SE167)

BEXLEY, COACH & HORSES. - Ind Coope: Bitter, Burton Ale. + Young: Bitter. (SE209)

BEXLEY: GEORGE. - beers listed. + Flowers: Original. (SE209)

CHISLEHURST, QUEENS HEAD. - Benskins: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (SE227)

CROYDON, BLACK HORSE. + Young: Bitter. (SE236)

CROYDON, SHIP. + Everard: Tiger. + Fuller: Mr Harry. (SE250)

ERITH, CROSS KEYS. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. Beware Websters also on flizz. (SE255)

SIDCUP (BLACKFEN), JOLLY FENMAN. - beers listed. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. No longer a home brew pub; brewing equipment removed. (SE273)

SOUTH WEST

SW8, LORD MORRISON OF LAMBETH. Now renamed LORD MORRISON. (SW33)

SW10, RED ANCHOR. Renamed SPORTING PAGE. + Ruddle: Best Bitter: County. (SW38)

SW10, SWIFTS. Renamed MUSWELLS. Still No Real Ale. (SW38)

SW11, ALE HOUSE. Renamed PRINCES HEAD. (SW39, U39)

SW11, LONDON CHATHAM & DOVER RAILWAY TAVERN. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. Now added "& RESTAURANT" to name - to retain Longest Name title? (SW40)

SW11, VICTORIA ARMS. Renamed VICTORIA. (SW41, U39)

SW15, CRICKETER. - Brakspear: Bitter. + Flowers: Original Bitter. (SW46)

SW17, KINGS HEAD. - Truman beers. + Ruddle: County. (SW50)

SW18, HOP POLE. - Truman beers. + Ruddle: County. (SW51)

SW19, WOODMAN. - all beers except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: County. (SW56)

SW20, JUNCTION TAVERN. + Bass. Increases range of beers available in SW20 by 25%. (SW59)

BEDDINGTON, HARVEST HOME. + Bass. (SW59)

BEDDINGTON, RED LION. + Young: Special. (SW59)

CHEAM, LORD NELSON. + Bass. (SW61)

CHEAM, RED LION (YE OLDE). + Bass.

+ Fuller: ESB (winter). Note correct title. (SW61)

KINGSTON, FLAMINGO & FIRKIN. Renamed FLAMINGO BREWERY COMPANY. - beers listed in Updates. + Flamingo: Fairfield Bitter (OG 1037), Royal Charter Bitter (OG 1044), Coronation Strong Ale (OG 1059). + Greene King: IPA. + Ruddle: County. Former Bruce pub "rescued" from Midsummer Leisure and absorbed into Clifton Inns brew pub chain. (U34)

MORDEN, GEORGE INN. - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. - Young: Special. (SW70)

NEW MALDEN, CLOUD BUSTER. Renamed GARDEN. (SW70)

SUTTON, GREEN MAN. + Fuller: ESB (winter). (SW76)

SUTTON, PLOUGH. + Fuller: ESB (winter). (SW76)

SUTTON, SECOMBE CENTRE. - Fuller: ESB. + Adnams: Bitter. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. (SW76)

SUTTON, WHISTLE STOP. Renamed BUFFERS. Still no real ale. (SW77)

WALLINGTON, CAVALIER. - Everard: Tiger. - Wethered: Bitter. + Ruddle: County. Now Watney range beers only. (SW59)

WALLINGTON, MELBOURNE. + Bass. + Fuller: ESB (winter). (SW59)

WALLINGTON, PLOUGH. + Young: Winter Warmer. (SW59)

WEST

W2, DUKE OF KENDAL. + Theakston: Best Bitter. (W59)

*W2, TREE. Renamed TYBURN.

W7, ROYAL VICTORIA. + Truman: Best Bitter. (W79)

*ISLEWORTH, MILFORD ARMS. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Younger: IPA. Now a Clifton Inns Free House, ex-Watney tied

SOUTHALL, RAILWAY. + Bass. (W143)

Note: * denotes already covered in Real Beer in West London.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 40

ADDITIONS

N1, TROLLEY SHOP. Should read TROLLEY STOP.

DELETIONS

EAST - PANTHER, is in E2.

CHANGES

EAST - VICTORIA, is in E2.

EAST - VICTORY, is in E2.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 41

ADDITIONS

E15, WINDMILL. Formerly FORESTERS ARMS.

DELETIONS

E3, GREEN GATE, should read E2.

AN OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF PORTER

In Britain, Porter seems largely to have died out during the First World War, although Courage persisted with the style until the 1930s. In Ireland, Guinness brewed a Porter until 1973, though latterly only in the Six Counties.

The British revivals started with Penrhos and Timothy Taylor in 1978-9. In Scandinavia, several Slavic countries, China and North America, the style has never died. In those regions some, but not all, of the earliest Porters have sunk into both obscurity and bottom—fermentation. Some are still very dry, as the original Porter seems to have been, but others have become sweeter over the years.

The story goes something like this:

Pre-1650—All malt was dried using burning wood or straw. This was difficult to control and the lightest that could be produced was brown malt.

1650-1700—Development of coke provided a much more controllable source of hot gas and pale malt could be produced, hence pale ale.

1680-1720—London brewers ignored pale malt and pale ale because London water was more suited to making brown ales. Between 1700 and 1720 London brown ales came under pressure from pale ales coming in from the provinces.

We will never know about any unsuccessful attempts to improve London brown ales. What we know for certain is that a new dark ale was brewed for the first time in Shoreditch, by a brewer called Ralph Harwood. Within five years it had been adopted by most London brewers and by 1750 had spread over all England. (Ireland and Scotland did not really adopt porter until about 1800).

This new beer was originally called "entire butt beer" by brewers. Within a few years the colloquial name became "Porter". The porters of Smithfield/Covent Garden/Billingsgate were among the first drinkers to take to entire butt beer and it became known as "porter's beer", later shortened to Porter.

A contemporary description of Porter says it was 'black, thick, bitter to the tongue and full of nourishment.'

Technically it was a high gravity (o.g. 1080—1090) brown ale, heavily hopped compared to the older brown ales, and matured for a much longer period than usual. The nearest beer available is strong Export Guinness made in Dublin and sold on the continent (in most supermarkets), but not in the UK. A gallon of the original Porter would need 1 lb pale and 3 lb brown, malt. This would be mashed three to four times and drained between

each mash. The combined draining would be boiled with 1½-2oz hops to produce a very bitter fresh beer. The new Porter would be matured in very large storage vats for up to a year.

In 1817 the development of equipment to make black malt caused a revision of Porter formulations with a pale/black malt mixture replacing part of the brown malt. In time, Porter became a family of beers rather than one single brew. These not only varied in composition of the grist but ranged in o.g. from 1100 (Russian Export Porter) down to Scottish Table Porter at 1030-1035.

Porter wiped the floor with pale ale for at least a hundred years. In 1812/13 production of Porter was fifteen times the output of pale ale. In 1860 the ratio was 2:1. It was not until 1900 that the ratio became 1:1. According to Mathias ("The Brewing Industry in England 1700-1830") Porter's success was partly due to its being a good beer technically, but also because it had economic advantages as follows: (1) It could be made with 2nd quality hops and malt whereas pale ale needed the best. (2) It was less affected by hot weather during brewing than pale ale and this gave it two advantages: (a) the Summer recess when no beer was brewed was shorter, and (b) brewing on a large scale (which causes a temperature rise) is possible with Porter but not pale ale. (3) Beer returned from pubs could be treated and blended back into fresh Porter going out to pubs (the robust flavour helps), whereas this was difficult with pale ale. (4) Pale ale (in 1700-1800) was best brewed and stored in small vessels such as barrels or hogsheads. As Porter could be brewed and stored on a large scale, barrels were only needed when sending beer out to pubs, thus the stock of barrels needed was much reduced.

This combination of technical quality and economic advantage proved irresistible.

The decline of Porter started about 1830. The ability to control brewing temperatures by water chilling (1790) and refrigeration (1850), reduced some of the economic advantages of Porter over ale. The development of India Pale Ales 1820-1830 gave pale beer of real quality to edge into the sales of Porter.

There are still many unanswered questions regarding Porter. For example, early sources say that it was matured for very long periods of time, but they do not say why. In recent years there has been a revival of interest in Porter, Clifton Inns have produced the award-winning Pimlico Porter (o.g. 1043), which proved so popular that in their pubs it has now replaced draught

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Porter continued—

Guinness. The small Pitfield Brewery in London's East End has brewed London Porter (o.g. 1058-1060) to an 1850's Whitbread recipe. Burton Bridge has had a medium gravity Porter (o.g. 1042) for a number of years, which is available in numerous outlets. Other breweries which still produce Porter include Larkins, Timothy Taylor and Golden Oak.

With thanks to Dr John Harrison of Maidenhead Beer Circle, who is an expert on brewing old British beers and supplied the information, and to Neil Rutherford who originally received the letter from which this information is extracted.

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CROYDON & SUTTON: Thu 4 South Norwood Crawl. Start GOAT HOUSE (dep 8.00) then SHIP, ALBION, ALLIANCE, CHERRY TREES—Wed 10 Sutton Town Crawl. Start LORD NELSON (dep 8.30) then NEW INN, WINDSOR CASTLE, JENNY LIND—Mon 15 (8.00) Branch Meeting, PURLEY ARMS, South Croydon.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Mon 1 (12.00) Mayday Midday Mega Macs Mild Meander. Start QUEENS ARMS, Great North Road then OLD RED LION (12.40), Underhill, Great North Road; KINGS HEAD (1.20), 84 High Street; GREEN MAN (2.00), 143 High Street; SEBRIGHT ARMS (2.30), 9 Alston Road, All in Barnet—Thu 4 (9.00) Social, COCK, Chalk Lane, Cockfoster—Wed 10 (9.00) Two Pub Social in East Finchley, RED LION, Red Lion Hill then WINDSOR CASTLE (10.00), The Walks, Church Lane—Wed 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting & 'A Question of Beer', YE OLDE MITRE INN, 58 High Street, Barnet. Teams of up to 3 people—entry fee £1.00 per team; prizes for winning teams—Tue 23 (9.00) Two Pub Social in New Barnet, DUKE OF LANCASTER, Lancaster Road then RAILWAY TAVERN (10.00), 3 East Barnet Road—Sun 28 (12.00) Lunchtime Social, OLD SERGEANT, 29 Parsonage Lane, Enfield—Mon 29 Keep free for Branch Ramble—Thu 1 June (9.00) Social, RAILWAY TAVERN, 129 Hale Lane NW6.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Mon 8 (8.30) Business Meeting. GREEN MAN, Ewell—Sat 13 (10.30) Harveys Brewery trip. Ring Branch Contact for details—Sun 21 (12.00) Social, NORTH STAR, Chessington—Mon 29 (12.00) Social, OLD ANCHOR, Richmond Road, Twickenham. Followed by battle at Marble Hill Park—Thu 1 Jun (8.30) Business Meeting, BEAR, Esher.

NORTH LONDON: Sunday Lunchtime Socials; ADMIRAL MANN, N7—Tue 2 (8.00) Two Pub Social, OLD BLACK LION, NW6 then O'HENERY'S, NW3—Tue 9 (8.00) Two Pub Social, WHITE LION OF MORTIMER then NICHOLAS NICKLEBY, both N4—Tue 16 (8.00 for 8.30) London Drinker Festival post-mortem, RUGBY TAVERN, WC1—Tue 23 (8.00) Two Pub Social, QUEENS HOTEL then PRINCE ALBERT, Princess Road, both NW1—Tue 30 (8.00) Two Pub Social, CAMDEN HEAD then KINGS HEAD, Essex Road, both N1—Sunday Lunchtime Socials in June: MOON UNDER WATER, N22—Tue 6 June (8.00) North London Branch AGM, RUGBY TAVERN, WC1 (Buffet & Slide show).

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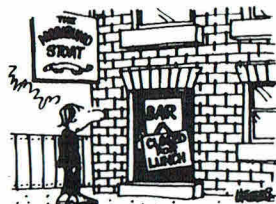
NEWS FROM RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW

Drinkers in the KINGS ARMS right beside the Lion Gates at Hampton Court Palace may have noticed a new beer which has appeared in a very limited way on the London scene which rejoices in the name of Reg's Tipple. The beer is the produce of a home brew pub, The **Gribble Inn** at Oving near Chichester which was taken over a short time ago by Hall & Woodhouse who also own the Kings Arms and a few others in London. The pubs beers are sold into the local free trade under the name Bosham (pronounced Bozzem) Brewery. The beer is a strong bitter and is somewhat sweet and malty, not unlike Fuller's ESB in character and I was told when I visited the Kings Arms that it has an original gravity of 1053—though the 1989 Good Beer Guides gives it as 1050. Either way it is not a beer for protracted lunchtime sessions.

Production capacity at the Gribble Inn is very limited and I am told it produces just 6 barrels a week, of which two are earmarked for Hall & Woodhouse's London pubs so continuous supplies cannot be guaranteed at any pub. It has also been seen at the Eel Pie in Twickenham and I understand that it will also appear (if it has not already done so) at the **Newt & Ferret** in Kingston.

The other bit of news concerns the **CHARIOT** in the High Street at Hounslow. Since 6th March this neo-Roman pub has been selling Fuller's Chiswick Bitter alongside the London Pride and ESB. This is good news for a beer which is not having too good a time in the market place—indeed rumour has it that the beer is under threat owing to poor sales, this is a great shame as it is high quality beer and makes a truly excellent lunchtime pint. The only reason for any unpopularity it might have is that not enough people drink it; and when sales are slow it goes off; and when it goes off nobody drinks it....and so on. So the message is clear; another pub has put its faith in Chiswick Bitter—drink it or lose it!

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- NW3 WELLS HOTEL, 30 Well Walk.
- NW4 LONDON, MIDLAND & SCOTTISH, 10 Church Road.
- NW4 WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs.
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- NW8 CROCKERS, Aberdeen Place.
- NW8 ORDNANCE, 29 Ordnance Hill.
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