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Where to buy London Drinker

The following is a list of all of the current outlets for London Drinker. Where the full addresses of outlets are not given, these pubs are to be found in one of the local beer guides, covering the whole of Greater London.

OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH

EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS
EC1 CROWN
EC1 EAGLE
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 SMITHFIELD'S PAST & PRESENT
EC1 STICK & WEASEL
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED
EC2 FLEETWOOD
EC2 RAILWAY TAVERN
EC4 BLACKFRIAR
EC4 HATCHET
EC4 WILLIAMSON'S TAVERN
E1 FISH & RING
EC1 PRIDE OF SPITALFIELD
E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 MARKSMAN
E2 OWL & THE PUSSYCAT
E2 SHIP & BLUE BALL
E3 PEARLY KING
E8 LADY DIANA
E9 CHESHAM ARMS
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E9 ROYAL STANDARD
E11 NORTHCOTE
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 ANCHOR TAP
SE1 BUNCH OF GRAPES
SE1 COPPER
SE1 DOGGETTS
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 ROYAL GEORGE
SE1 SULTAN
SE1 TRINITY ARMS
SE1 WELLINGTON
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE5 WICKWOOD TAVERN
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE10 HARDY'S
SE10 ROYAL GEORGE
SE10 SPANISH GALLEON
SE10 WILLIAM IV
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE15 WHITE HORSE
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MANOR TAVERN
SE16 SHIP
SE18 ANGLESEA ARMS
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 GATEHOUSE
SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT

SE20 ANERLEY ARMS
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
SE20 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE24 PRINCE REGENT
SE25 ALBERT
SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE25 SHIP
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
SE27 HOPE
SE27 GIPSY QUEEN
SE27 KINGS HEAD
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
CROYDON, DOG & BULL
CROYDON, LION
CROYDON, TWO BREWERS
SIDCUP, JOLLY FENMAN
THORNTON HEATH, FOUNTAIN HEAD
THORNTON HEATH, WHEAT SHEAF

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

CROYDON, Ruskin House, 23 Coombe Road.

OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE
WC1 HANSLER ARMS
WC1 LAMB
WC1 MARLBOROUGH ARMS
WC1 MOON
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
WC1 SUN
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
WC2 GEORGE IV
N1 COMPTON ARMS
N1 GEORGE IV
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS
N1 HOPE & ANCHOR
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
N1 LORD WOLSELEY
N1 MALT & HOPS
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 PRINCE ALBERT
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
N1 ROSEMARY BRANCH
N2 OLD WHITE LION

N2 WINDSOR CASTLE
N4 MARLERS
N4 MORTIMER ARMS
N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
N7 ADMIRAL MANN
N7 FAT HARRY'S
N7 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN
N10 MAID OF MUSWELL
N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN
N12 TILTED GLASS
N15 GOAT
N15 K. K. MCCOOLS
N16 ROSE & CROWN
N16 TANNERS HALL
N17 BOAR
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NARROW BOAT
N19 DOG
N19 J. J. MOONS
N20 BULL & BUTCHER
N20 CAVALIER
N21 DOG & DUCK
N22 MOON UNDER WATER
N22 NELSON
BARNET, ALEXANDRA
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
BARNET, WEAVER
EAST BARNET, CAT & LANTERN
ENFIELD, JOLLY BUTCHERS
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER
ENFIELD, KINGS HEAD
ENFIELD, OLD WHEAT SHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST

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

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

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

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EDITORIAL

Following the article on pub hygiene on page 13 of last month's London Drinker, it is interesting to note that one London pub chain has recently announced the following scheme to promote hygiene and cleanliness in its houses. In view of the deplorable state of the facilities in many of the Capital's pubs, I make no apologies for reproducing the Nicholson's release in full.

NICHOLSON'S ANNOUNCE PUB HYGIENE STANDARDS

Nicholson's, the London free house chain, has announced a new scheme to ensure that their 33-strong group of pubs offers the best possible standard in hygiene.

The scheme, which runs over 1989/90, started with courses on hygiene conducted especially for Nicholson's pub managers by two ex-public health officers employed by Dickens, a company among the leading suppliers of cleaning materials to the food and drink industry.

This is to be followed up at each pub by two separate and unannounced visits by the same inspectors sometime over the coming eight months. During these visits, a complete Environmental Health Audit will be carried out on all aspects of hygiene in the pub and on both occasions, points will be awarded to the licensee. The top-scoring publican will win a free weekend away for two.

Those publicans achieving a minimum standard as set out by the inspectors will receive a framed certificate, which must be hung in the pub, in full view of the customers. The scheme is on-going and not restricted to 1989 - and if during a subsequent visit the pub is found to have let hygiene standards slip, then the certificate will be removed from the pub.

Nicholson's director and general manager

Christopher Faulkner explains the thinking behind the scheme: "What we intend to do is ensure that only the very best standards of hygiene exist in Nicholson's houses. The scheme is primarily a means to maintain those high standards".

Nicholson's is also running a 13 week incentive aimed at maintaining the best possible standards in toilet cleanliness. The "tips" fund for staff at each of the Nicholson's pubs has been topped up with £50 by the company - but any 'black marks' found by retail managers on each visit to the pubs' toilets over the coming 13 weeks will mean £5 being deducted from the pool.

A deduction will be made if: the overall cleanliness is not first class, soap and clean towels are not on hand, or the water for hand washing is not suitably warm.

However, each time everything is found to be in order during the retail manager's visit, the staff fund will be topped up by an extra £5.

Says Christopher Faulkner: "Our research has shown that many of our customers, particularly female customers, place the standard of a pub's toilets very highly on their list of priorities. This incentive is geared toward ensuring that the desired standards our customers expect are achieved and maintained".

I can only commend Nicholson's for this initiative. It is sad that such a scheme is necessary. However, I earnestly hope that other pub chains, and perhaps even the brewers, might take note and follow Nicholson's example.

Ian Amy

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

CARTOON TIME

This year the "Cartoonist of the Year" competition is being wholly sponsored by Courage. The competition is being run between 13th August and 2nd September as part of the Edinburgh Festival and is organised in association with the Cartoonists' Club of Great Britain and the Federation of European Cartoonists' Organisations.

Courage are putting up a prize fund of £1,000 which will be split into three prizes of £600, £300 and £100 respectively. They will also be sponsoring a major exhibition of the cartoonists' work at the Festival Club, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, where up to 1,000 cartoon entries are expected to be on view from Britain, Europe and beyond.

Courage public relations manager, Graham Stewart-Reed said, "We are delighted to be giving it our total support. This international festival of cartoon art fits in well with our philosophy of pursuing excellence and *fostering* European rivalry, as well as supporting our activities in Scotland". We assume by the last bit they mean their attempted take-over of Scottish & Newcastle which was blocked by the Monopolies Commission.

NEW GUIDE TO SURREY

Just in time for review in this edition the latest SURREY PUB GUIDE landed on the editorial door mat. My immediate impression was that here was an attractive guide which should stand out well on a bookshop shelf. The front cover features a cartoon in predominantly bright green and yellow by Noel Jones whose work will be familiar to readers of London Drinker - more of his cartoons appear at intervals throughout the guide.

The book lists all 861 pubs in Surrey (excluding those areas like Kingston which are covered in the South West London Guide), of which 98% are real, on 112 pages which exactly match in size the South West London Guide and the recently published Real Beer in West London. You will gather from this that it is very convenient for putting in your pocket when you are

travelling. There are fourteen maps of the main towns in the County. The layout is quite well spread and easy to read and the photographs which each take up about a third of a page really do show what the pubs look like.

In order (I presume) to stop the guide from growing too big and cumbersome the editors have given full descriptions to only about one third of the pubs which are considered the best. I feel that this is a sensible precaution which will help the stranger to the area who does not have time to search out the gems or do his own survey. Obviously some people may get upset if their favourites have not made the full listing but I consider that the pros outweigh the cons.

In addition to the standard listings the guide includes separate abbreviated listings of pubs on or near to the rivers Thames and Wey, the Basingstoke Canal and the two long distance footpaths passing through Surrey, the North Downs Way and the Greensand Way as well as a number of linking paths. I like this idea and hope it will be appreciated by keen walkers.

About the only criticism I can level at THE SURREY PUB GUIDE is that the brewery section is somewhat lighter than I am used to, it only lists those brewery companies which have tied houses in the county. This is a very minor point to most CAMRA members and the like but the non expert who buys the guide because he lives in Surrey and is not interested in the Good Beer Guide may not have any idea who Marston, Brakspear or Ringwood (to choose a few at random) are or where they come from. I certainly don't think that this will (or should) stop people buying it, though.

THE SURREY PUB GUIDE is competitively priced at £2.50 and is an attractive publication, fully typeset as all the best guides are. It is available by post from Roy Golding, 46 Middle Street, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7HW. Please make cheques and postal orders payable to Surrey Beer Guide and enclose a stamped, addressed envelope 10" by 6" bearing 32 pence in postage.

Andy Pirson

EAST END NEWS

Belhaven-Brent Walker update

Since last month's news of the selling of Brent Walker pubs to Belhaven, the following pubs now also belong to Belhaven:

Sir Charles Napier, 697 Commercial Road E14, Royal Navy, (currently closed) Salmon Lane E14, Princess of Wales, 130 Brownfield Road E14, Hope & Anchor, 30 Rossington Street E5.

Other pubs bought by BW seemingly unaffected by the change are: George & Dragon, Dover Castle and Britannia (Chilton Street) E2, Whitethorn E3, Shamps E5, Star E12, Shakespeares Head (closed) and Royal Oak E16, St Leonards Arms (also closed) in E14.

Of the 46 East End purchases by Brent Walker, 5 went to Shepherd Neame, 26 to Belhaven, 1 is now a free house (Uncle Sams E8) and 14 have been retained.

PUB NEWS

Renaming of the month is that of Browns in Hackney Road E2 which has reverted to the former name of the Horns.

The City Retreat (formerly Dizzys), 74 Shoe Lane EC4 has now opened selling Charringtons IPA (108p), Bass (120p) and Youngs Bitter.

CLOSED

Hungerford Arms in Commercial Road E1.



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IDLE MOMENTS

Yes folks, this is it!!! For the first time ever you are to be regaled with a non-rhyming limerick penned by none other than yours truly! Okay, so its no big deal really to all you clever people who have been writing them for years but I thought it was quite good. Here it is:

**At the Spanish Open a Scot named McClean
Did a tee shot that was truly Herculean,
As it plunged in the hole
the crowd roared, "Ole!"
But the prize that they gave him was mean.**

By the way, that was the last one in stock so unless I receive some more soon there won't be any next month. Now for the ever popular (well I like them) Number Puzzle - first the answers to last month's:

1. 21 Consonants in the Alphabet
2. 50000 Scale of an Ordnance Survey Landranger Map
3. 4 Television Channels (Excluding Satellites)
4. 36 Inches in a Yard
5. 180 Maximum Score at Darts
6. 9 Points of the Law (what Possession is)
7. 22 Two Little Ducks
8. 1805 Battle of Trafalgar
9. 3 Balls in a Game of Billiards
10. 8 Furlongs in a Mile

And now for this month's selection:

1. 7 P of W (TEL)
2. 13 U for S
3. 24 C means PG
4. 2 S to ES
5. 21 S in a G
6. 100 BP of W (C)
7. 9 DO
8. 13 P in a RLT
9. 22 Y in a C
10. 88 TFL

Sometimes I have a bit of a problem thinking how to introduce each bit of this column; how to find an interesting way of saying, "and now for the Brewery Anagram bit". I've failed again. Never mind, here are last month's solutions:

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. REAL TYRO WALK | TAYLOR |
| | WALKER |
| 2. SNOB IRONS | ROBINSONS |
| 3. DIRELY | RIDLEY |
| 4. NAME TABS | BATEMANS |
| 5. IN BARS | BRAINS |

And as for this month's lot, I was sitting idly the other night and managed to produce no less than fifteen anagrams out of one brewer but it would be daft to print them all together so one of the ones below is likely to be repeated in coming months in a different order:

1. A FURY MIXER
2. HATES KNOTS
3. RIDGED PEOPLE
4. DATE ON FIRE
5. SLAM THIS EMU

And finally its mirror writing time again. I have just seen the final printed version of last month's efforts and I must apologise to Tim Moore and Ken Seymour. The typesetters used a much larger typeface than I expected and owing to the vagaries of the mirror writing effect each pair of lines as they appeared in the magazine must be transposed. The way their two pieces came out was total nonsense. Still, I don't expect anyone noticed.

This month our crossword compiler, Dave Quinton, sent in the piece below. I think he is cheating a bit not only in putting all those alternatives in brackets but having the temerity to include them all TWICE, well really! Anyway, here it is - all 210 characters of it:

MIA TUOHTIW TIWT YTTAT HTOMMAM TAHW
 ,YMMAM ,MUM) YMMUM YM TA TIH HTAH
 TOH ,OTAMOT A HTIW (AM ,MOM ,YMMOM ,MAM
 ,TAM A ,TAV A ,TAH A ,MAH A ,YAH ,XAW
 YM HTIW WOVA I OM A TIAW - OOT YHW
 OHW TAWT TAHT MA I TAHT HTUOM
 ,MAM ,YMMAM ,MUM) YMMUM TA TIH HTAH
 YTTIW YM- YHW (AM ,MOM ,YMMOM
 ,YMMUT YHTOMIT - YAW

Andy Pirson

**Whatever your taste
whatever your style**



**THE MARQUIS OF GRANBY
41 ROMNEY STREET SW1**

*You can be sure
of the perfect pint ...*

**...at a
CHARRINGTON
house.**

BEER ON PRESCRIPTION?

GUY'S, the London teaching hospital where consultants are debating whether to pioneer opting out of from health authority supervision, has been awarded a drinks licence.

Next week it will begin to run a hotel-style bar service for patients.

Mr Gary McKenna, the catering manager, said that patients would be able to get "what they ask for". If a private patient comes in for a minor operation and pays that little extra he will want certain services. We are probably talking about a glass of wine and a meal, and we have to be able to give that sort of facility.

"Obviously people aren't going to be allowed to drink themselves into a stupor," said Mr

McKenna. "It's there if they want it, under medical supervision."

Mr McKenna said that room-service drinks were already available, but had not been "taken up" yet. However, he was confident that the full service would be well-used when it was running.

A spokesman for the British Medical Association said several private hospitals already provided a wide range of alcoholic drinks. Some are understood to possess fine wine cellars, the contents of which are enjoyed by operators and the operated on alike.

The spokesman warned that some drugs could react dangerously with alcohol, and wine should be administered only under medical supervision.



GAY AND GARY
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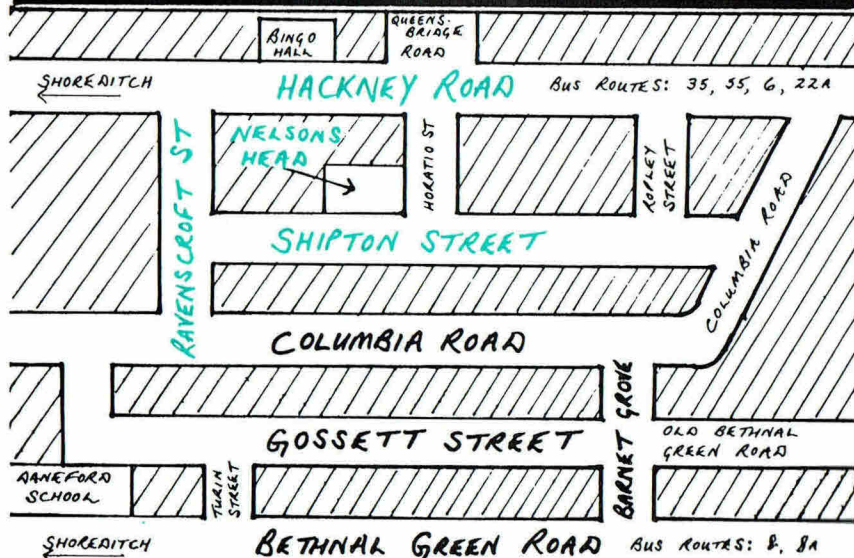
THE NELSONS HEAD

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AVAILABLE, ALONG WITH A FINE
SELECTION OF CONTINENTAL BEERS,

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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 45

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 two new "Firkin" Conversions, albeit without brewing equipment, the first to appear since the sell out. A further 30 Belhaven acquisitions from Watney/Truman (mainly via Brent Walker) have come to light. Those few pubs with real ale appear to be selling Allied rather than Belhaven beers. Further information on real ale availability in Belhaven pubs would be welcomed by the compilers. Those checked so far are listed below. More pubs are falling victim to trendy renamings; in some cases removing historic names established for well over 100 years.

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

EAST

E15, KING HAROLD, 116 High Road, Leyton. Charrington: IPA. (E149)

SOUTH EAST

SE18, WELLESLEY, 39 Hillreach. Tetley: Bitter. Acquired by Belhaven from Watney. Belhaven only keg (reconversion). (SE151)

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC4, WHITE HORSE. Taylor Walker, closed, future uncertain. (E48)

EAST

E8, LORD TRURO. Truman, closed and converted to offices. (E109)

E9, FOLLIES. Ind Coope, closed for conversion to flats. Originally EMPRESS OF INDIA. (E115)

NORTH

N1, QUEENS HEAD. Free House, closed for redevelopment. (N40)

SOUTH WEST

SW6, FULHAM TAP. Charrington, H unused. (SW27)

SW6, RED LION. Watney, renamed HENRY J BEANS, H removed. Formerly LEO'S (SW29)

WEST

W2, KINGS ARMS. Watney, H removed. (W59)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, SPREAD EAGLE. Renamed MOLLY BLOOMS. (E22)

EAST

E8, LAMB (ROSES). Renamed FLOCK & FIRKIN. - Beers listed. + Adnams: Bitter. + Bruce:

Shepherds Delight (OG 1036-38), Shear Beer (OG 1043-45), Dogbolter (OG 1058-60), Shepherds Warning (OG 1070-72). + Marston: Pedigree. + Weston: Scrumpy Cider. Former Rose's Free House, "firkinised" in typical style by its new owners, Midsummer Leisure. House beers brewed at Falcon & Firkin and believed kept in cellar tanks under a blanket of CO₂. (E108)

E8, RICHMONDS. Renamed UNCLE SAM'S, formerly SWAN. Still no real ale. (E111)

NORTH

N1, BACCHUS. Acquired by Belhaven from Brent Walker, ex Watney. Still no real ale. (N45)

N1, MARIE LLOYD. Acquired by Belhaven from Watney. - Beers listed. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. (N38)

SOUTH EAST

SE15, CADLEIGH ARMS. Acquired by Belhaven from Watney. Still no real ale. (SE117)

SOUTH WEST

SW6, JOLLY MALTSTER. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Note correct name (SW28)

SW6, KINGS HEAD TAVERN, 474 Fulham Road. Renamed SLUG & LETTUCE. + Ruddell: Best Bitter, County. (SW29)

SW6, PETERBOROUGH. Renamed SOUTHERN CROSS. Now the haunt of homesick Kiwis desperate for canned and bottled New Zealand beers. (SW29)

WEST

W6, EAGLE ARMS. Acquired by Belhaven from Brent Walker, ex Watney. Still no real ale. (W74)

ENFIELD & BARNET NEWS

Lawrence Fryer of Enfield & Barnet Branch has sent us the following snippets of pub news:

The KINGS HEAD in High Barnet has reopened after a major refit. This McMullen pub is selling AK light mild at 92 pence a pint.

The BAT & GOLDFISH, also in High Barnet, owned by Inn Leisure has closed. It is believed that they have not renewed the pub's licence.

Charrington's KINGS ARMS at Stirling Corner on the A1 at Barnet is due to reopen this summer as TJ's FUN BAR & GRILL.

The CHEQUERS (Courage) in NW4 is staying open during a major refit while also in NW4 it is reported that the Good Beer Guide listed WHITE BEAR has had its seating extended into the newly paved garden.

Lawrence has also sent us a print out of a summary of the database of all the pubs in the Enfield & Barnet area. It gives details of the numbers and percentages of real beer pubs listed under both postal district and brewery ownership. It shows that 80% of their pubs sell real beer. For example six postal districts are 100% real while HA8 (part of Edgware) has only 37.5% of its pubs selling real beer. On the brewery front Benskins, Courage, Fullers, Greene King and Vaux are all real while the worst, Whitbread is only 68% real.

Lawrence also offers other branches help in setting up their own database of pubs if they would like to produce their own. Please ring the E&B Branch Contact if you want to get in touch with Lawrence

T.R.A.M. DAYS

THE ENFIELD & BARNET BRANCH OF CAMRA ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TRAVELCARD REAL ALE MANOEUVRE DAY (T.R.A.M. DAY).

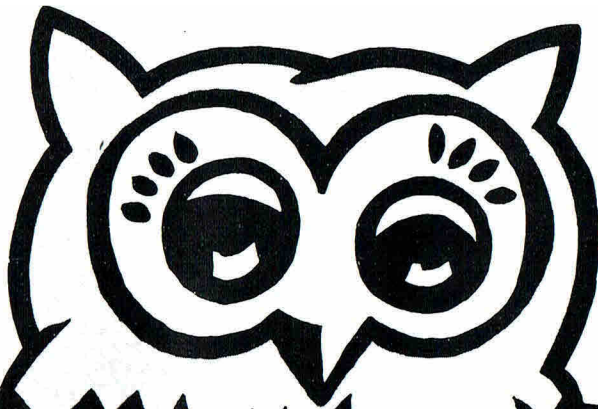
We have compiled a selection of routes (mainly B.R.) that will give you an opportunity to sample a slice of London's pubs and beers and leave the chauffeuring up to Network South East, the Underground and buses. All the selections offered have been fully researched on foot (and rail). You will need a One Day Travelcard which you can obtain for £2.30 from L.R.T. and B.R. stations and main bus garages.

For 50p each plus s.a.e. we shall provide you with clear, easy to read details of the day's running order including current timings, platform numbers, street names, pub names, relevant local beer guides (and where to get them) and return train timings where needed. Please remember to list your requirements clearly when ordering and make cheques or postal orders payable to CAMRA Enfield & Barnet Branch (no cash please).

The Branch is running a number of official T.R.A.M. Days throughout the year and details are given on the Branch Diary page of the London Drinker. In addition we welcome all members of CAMRA (and non-members) who would like to assist in the compilation of future T.R.A.M. Days. Please indicate with your order if you wish to help survey T.R.A.M.s. Please send your orders to T.R.A.M. Days, 111 Torrington Park, London N12 9PN (and please don't forget the s.a.e.).

The list of T.R.A.M. Days currently available is as follows:

TRAM 1	Richmond to North Woolwich (North London Line)
TRAM 1a	Richmond to Custom House
TRAM 2	Barking to Gospel Oak
TRAM 3	Waterloo to Feltham
TRAM 4	Harold Wood to Liverpool Street
TRAM 5	Richmond to Waterloo via Teddington
TRAM 6	Enfield to Bethnal Green
TRAM 7	New Barnet to Crews Hill via Kings Cross



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Opening Hours Tuesday 1st August 6.00pm to 11.00pm, Wednesday 2nd to
Friday 4th August 11.30am to 3.00pm and 5.30pm until 11.00pm and
Saturday 5th 11.00am to 11.00pm. Yes all day!

Entrance fee £1.50

The organisers reserve the right of admission.
Absolutely NO persons under 18 will be admitted.

Absolutely no admission
after 10.00pm

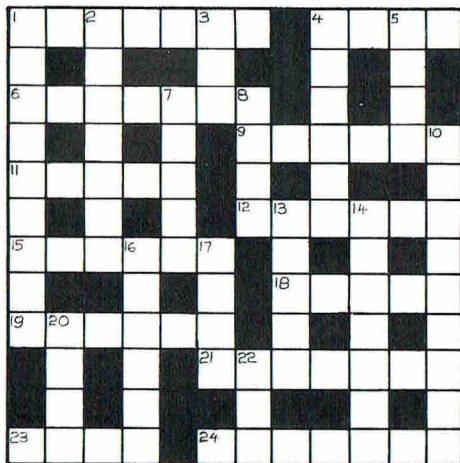


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ACROSS

1. "Freedom fighters" in way out adventure. [7]
4. First worry and waver. [4]
6. Went off after tea-ran. [7]
9. Went upon New Testament animal. [6]
11. Hold off sick man's return. [5]
12. Father phone cutting. [6]
15. We back out of the wrong crowd. [6]
18. Suggest I get into place. [5]
19. Country talks? [6]
21. Let care be sweet! [7]
23. Sentence reversed, let out. [4]
24. Stands up to work then sits. [7]

DOWN

1. I have morbid interest in disease. [9]
2. Do well to have old Bob inside right. [7]
3. Cockney above anger? [3]
4. Battle colour returned to holder. [6]
5. Time to go back and forth. [4]
7. Soldiers look north, it's gripping. [5]
8. Dip right in water. [4]
10. Touch above head height, being drunk. [9]
13. Fruit, very soft, put in drink. [5]
14. Animals found in groups. [7]
16. Beginning of unfashionable party. [6]
17. Breeze at the end of the month. [4]
20. Up market vehicle. [4]
22. A short, grave statement. [3]

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Address.....

All correct entries received by first post on 30th August will be entered into a draw for the prize.

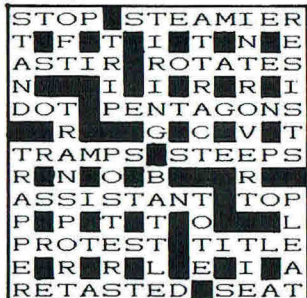
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All entries to be submitted to:
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Odd John (Colchester), Phil Kempton,
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Long Suffering Lin, Daisie Mae, Aunt Mary,
M J Moran, Moira Mullington, H Munday,
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Glyn Thomas, C Tinson, Martin Weedon,
A G Whitehead, Tony Whitford,
Susan C Wilson, Yak.

Last Month's Solution



BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for July of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson, Branch Contacts page 3.

BROMLEY: Thu 31 (8.00) Joint Branch Social with South East London Branch. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 143 Masons Hill, Bromley.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Tue 1 (8.00) Tetley Social for GBBF Absentees, PURLEY ARMS, 345 Brighton Road, South Croydon - Thu 10 (8.00) SE19 Crawl, start BEULAH SPA (dep. 8.45), 41 Beulah Hill then RISING SUN, 23 Spa Hill and REFORM, 69 Osborne Road - Mon 14 (8.00) Sutton Social, DOLPHIN, 316 High Street - Thu 24 (8.00) Branch Meeting, PROPELLER, 451 Purley Way, Waddon.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Wed 2 (9.00) Garden Social, CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane, N20 - Tue 8 (9.00) Two Pub Garden Social in N9, STAG & HOUNDS, 371 Bury Street West, then BEEHIVE, Little Bury Street (10.00) - Wed 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting, FALCON, 115 South Street, Ponders End, Enfield - Wed 23 Annual Branch Barbecue, GREEN DRAGON, 889 Green Lanes, N21 - Thu 31 (9.00) Social, WHITE BEAR, 56 The Burroughs, NW4 - Sun 3 Sept (12.00) Lunchtime Garden Social, EDGWAREBURY HOTEL, Edgwarebury Lane, Elstree.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Thu 10 (8.30) Business Meeting, FOLEY ARMS, Claygate - Sun 13 Visit to "Watercress Line" - Mid Hants Railway, 09.52 train from Surbiton & change at Alton (Not 08.52 as reported last month) - Sun 3 Sept (12.00) Sunday Social, FOUNTAIN, New Malden - Mon 11 Sept (8.00) Pub Games Evening, WYCH ELM, Kingston.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thu 3 (8.30) Committee Meeting, WINDSOR CASTLE, 152 Bath Road, Hounslow - Mon 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting, COACH & HORSES, 183 London Road, Isleworth.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 14 98.00) Open Committee/Branch Meeting. LEATHER EXCHANGE TAVERN, Leather Market Street, SE1 - Thu 31 (8.00) Joint Branch Social with Bromley Branch, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 143 Masons Hill, Bromley.

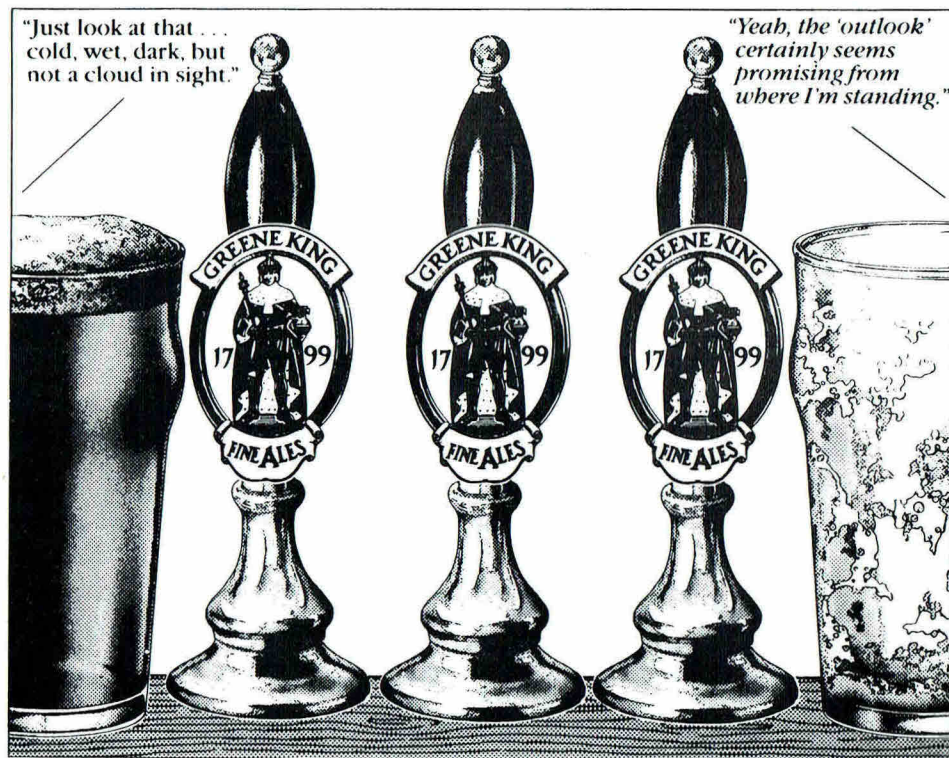
SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Wed 2 (8.30) Charity Games Night versus Thurrock Lions, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 48 Bridge Road (near A126), Grays (£2 each entry fee for benefit of Thurrock Lions. Note changed date) - Tue 8 (8.30) Branch Meeting (joint with East London & City). JOLLY FISHERMAN, 108 North Street (near A125), Barking - Mon 14 (8.30) GRAHAM PLATT'S 50TH BIRTHDAY SOCIAL, TOWER ARMS, Weald Road (opposite Church), South Weald - Wed 23 (8.30) Social, SHEPHERD & DOG, 91 Shepherds Hill, Harold Wood - Wed 30 (8.30) Trevor's Birthday Social, CAP & FEATHERS, 8 South Street, Tillingham (subject to confirmation) - Wed 6 to Sat 9 Sept (Wed evening; Thu - Sat lunchtime & evening) Third Chappel Beer Festival, East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel & Wakes Colne Station (A604 - Half way between Halstead & Colchester - near the Big Viaduct).

WEST LONDON: Thu 17 (8.00) Branch Meeting, WHITE HORSE, Parsons Green, SW6 - Tue 8 (8.00) Westminster Social, CARDINAL, 23 Francis Street, SW1; COACH & HORSES (9.00), 35 Willow place; PAVIOURS ARMS (10.00), Page Street - Sun 27 (8.00) Sunday Social, GROUSE & CLARET, 14 Little Chester Street, SW1.

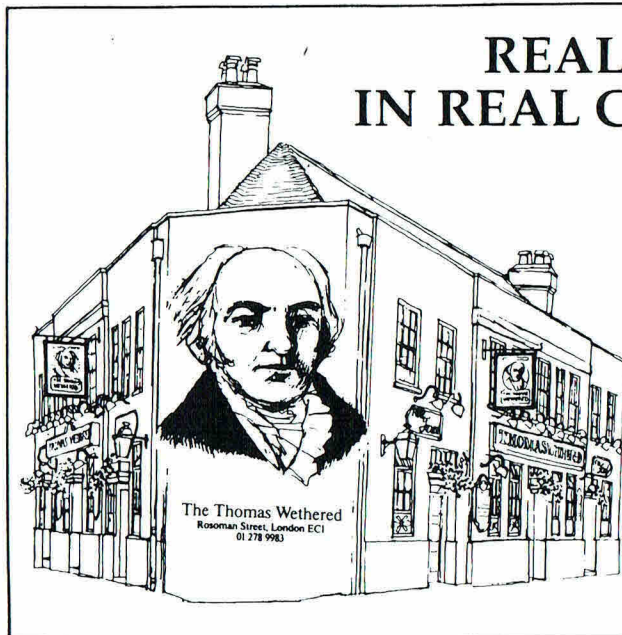
WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 1 (8.30) London Drinker Pick-up, ROYAL VICTORIA, 66 Boston Road, Hanwell, W7 - Fri 11 (7.30) Branch Barbecue, LORD NELSON, Enfield Road, Brentford - Wed 16 (8.30) Branch Crawl in Hounslow, meet BULSTRODE, 55 Lampton Road then BELL (8.30), 2 Staines Road; CROSS LANCES (9.00), 236 Hanworth Road; EARL RUSSELL (9.45), 274 Hanworth Road; ROYAL ALBION (10.30), 58 Hibernia Road - Thu 31 (8.30) London Drinker Pick-up & Games Evening, CROWN, Bath Road, Harlington.



This photograph has been sent to us by Eric Martin of Catford who took it from his flat opposite the bus garage there. He suggests that maybe the bus had had a Ruddles too many - or was it that subject of endless warnings of prosecution, Bill Stickers?



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HISTORICRAWL - Writing Wrongs!

Merton explains all (well, most)

If you ever appear in a pub with a notebook, the fact will be noted by the staff who happen to have their minds on the job. Your presence might provoke one of any number of reactions (or talk thereof) ranging from indifference to hostility, or even an invitation to vacate the premises forthwith. In the course of preparing my L.D. articles - the first of which appeared in the issue of September 1982 - I have come across all manner of attitudes towards questions any customer is entitled to ask, and some which require an explanation as to their purpose. As a writer by inclination rather than profession, likewise as an amateur historian, nothing pleases me better than to research an item in pleasant surroundings, preferably having real ale, plus their roots in antiquity and something gruesome, spectacular or unusual. In my official CAMRA capacity (I don't mean just pints) it has in the past proved difficult to give an honest answer convincingly to someone not in the know, "Who is Merton?" The answer is simple, in the anonymity of typeface. Just me. Not a London borough, but a pen-name allotted by the Editors of the time, who knew nothing then of my true identity and simply chose somewhere on the route of my first crawl. This was for professional reasons and the by-line was, in fact, Merton Park - the second word being dropped immediately.

"I'd love to meet the *** who wrote all this *** about my pub - said one gov'nor. When informed he was addressing the author (who happens to have about a 20% advantage in height and weight, though regrettably not income) he changed his tune. Conversely, the elicitation of the exact opening hours of a particular pub brought the reply from one harridan of a bar-person (the politest term I could use for her): "Why do you want to know? I don't like answering those questions. You'd better speak to the landlord, and he's out!"

Others, who know me personally (in both identities, or even in just the official one) have asked how an Historicrawl is put together. Well, basically, it involves a liking for history and beer, the knowledge of where to lay your hands on information, and plenty of time and

inclination for research. Having chosen the area, the local beer guide and street map are essential, even if you think you know it all - which nobody does. An official town guide is a good starting point, but you must be wary, as all sorts of mistakes creep into print, and are naturally accepted as gospel by subsequent writers.

For example, when preparing one of my offerings, a discrepancy of about 130 years and an error of location - ½ mile or so with two different buildings for the same incident came to light, whilst research in the local museum produced additional information for one of its own publications. Local libraries and museum curators are often most helpful in providing access to archives and such like when they know the purpose, and especially if they realize the possibility of new information surfacing by someone else's efforts.

Of course, the "official" purpose of an Historicrawl is to tour the pubs of the chosen location, dropping in the occasional titbit of historical interest. Frequently the converse applies. An order of pubs and where to interperse other information has to be made at an early stage, and there is always a last-minute rush to get the thing finished and have the map drawn accurately - or as nearly so as possible. That is why the Horsham epic was in three parts, and my first stretched into four, spread over about five years. Most are in preparation over a long period and have to be cross-checked for last-minute changes. Luckily you can't be breathalyzed on a bicycle!

My chief defence for doing it is personal pleasure, coupled with the fact that every comment but one fed back to me has been complimentary. The exception was "Thank goodness Horsham's over - now perhaps we can get on to something else - well, I'm open to suggestions, and try to tie-in with current events such as beer festivals. Anyway, even a complaint means people do actually read the stuff - or don't they?"

Merton

REAL ALE RAMBLE

The following ramble has been put together by Denys Vernall. We should point out that the emphasis is as much on the "Ramble" part as on the "Real Ale" bit as the total length is about fifteen miles and it is likely to take you all day. You may also find it very useful to have with you a copy of the Ordnance Survey Landranger Series Map, Sheet No 187 (Dorking, Reigate & Crawley) - we have added grid references for this purpose. The map enclosed by Denys was not really suitable for reproduction.

This little ramble takes us through some of the most beautiful Surrey countryside and enables us to experience some of the best kept beer in this area. Take the train to Dorking, walk through into the town, the walk proper starts at the CRICKETERS (Fuller: Chiswick, London Pride & ESB). Turning left out of the pub, cross over the road and continue round down a side street for 20 yards. Turn left into Falklands Road for 60 yards then take the right fork for the entrance of "The Nower" about 100 yards on the left (TQ 158487). Inside the gate turn left and make for the ridge, then turn right. Stroll along the top of the ridge for half a mile until you reach a shelter. Turn right down the path for 200 yards and turn left at a cross path down hill to a metalled drive. Go left along the drive until you reach a lych gate; here turn right then right again down the footpath to "Milton Street". Turn left for 30 yards then right over the brook. Follow this path until you finally come out on a road with a large wooded common in front. Continue across taking the path slightly to your left. Continue down to "Rookery Bridge".

Turn left and continue round past a mill house; notice the waterfall. Soon after, turn left and carry on up hill until you see a field gate on the left. Here turn right and climb up through the woods right to the top of the hill. Turn right for a few yards then left along a cart track until you get to a road. Turn right down this road until you reach the WOTTON HATCH HOTEL (Fuller: Chiswick, London Pride & ESB). Food is also available to any who require further sustenance.

After refreshment go through the pub car park to a stile, cross over the field to another stile, through the wood to another stile, cross the bridge over the "Tillingbourne" to another

stile and turn right into the woods. Climb up ignoring all cross paths to a bridge; turn left along the path, crossing a ford, to Friday Street (123458). Turn right along the lane for half a mile to a main road. Cross the road and continue down the path beside the bus shelter. After a short while you come to another road leading to the village of Abinger. Cross this road and climb up the path ahead. Keep going for quite a while; this path then skirts a large plantation then drops steeply to a stile. Cross the stile then cross over a bridge; walk up to the main road and turn left into the village of Holmbury St. Mary.

Continue left past the village green and church till you see a thatched village pump on the left. Cross over the road and turn right up to the KINGS HEAD. This excellent free house has at least four real ales regularly on. The walk continues up the road in front of the pub; 25 yards after, a road joins from the left. Turn right up a rough path which soon winds left to pass a cricket pitch. When the path forks, turn left and continue to the top of Holmbury Hill (102432). At the summit carry on by the main track. Where the paths appear to divide keep to the left hand track and continue for over half a mile, past a large car park until it reaches the wire fence of a public utility enclosure. Keep left of the wire fence to reach a little lane. Turn down hill for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile into Peaslake Village (088446).

Take the lane signposted Gomshall and continue uphill to a telephone box on the left. Cross over the road to Rad Lane and turn left at a junction after 50 yards. Turn left along a lane past some cottages; this leads to a path. Follow the path all the way down then cross the "Tillingbourne". At the main road turn right for Abinger Hammer (095475). The ABINGER ARMS stays open all day and serves excellent Friary Meux bitter and Tetleys; food is also available. After suitable refreshment turn left up the lane by the pub for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and turn right over a stile at a National Trust sign to Abinger Roughts (097478). This path leads to some woods; follow the path. Notice the large cross which marks the place where Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Winchester, was fatally thrown from his horse. He was son of the abolitionist.

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J & W Nicholson is a group of high quality London Inns which specialise in selling a range of English Country Ales. The pubs have an authentic London pub atmosphere and also sell a selection of traditional food.

Our recommendation for the Month of August is:

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ANNE HOBBS PROVIDES THE WIMBLEDON CONNECTION

Holdens, the West Midlands brewery, scooped a top prize at this year's Wimbledon Beer Festival and on hand to present the prize was British ladies tennis star Anne Hobbs.

Visitors to the Wimbledon festival, organised by the SW London branch of CAMRA, voted Holdens Mild tops in the Best Beer from outside London category.

"Holdens Mild won by a landslide", said SW London CAMRA chairman Chris Cobbold. "And it was a pleasure to have brewery chief Edwin Holden come down to London to accept the award.

"On such an occasion, you need somebody special to do the honours and Anne Hobbs made the perfect Wimbledon connection. We are indebted to her sponsors, Prince UK, for allowing her dispensation to appear to present

an award so close to the other event that makes Wimbledon famous!"

Brewery managing director Edwin Holden brought some of his award-winning beer down to the capital on the night and it certainly impressed Anne, the former British number one tennis star. "It is a beautiful beer, so pleasant and flavoursome - its just a pity we don't have mild beer like this in London", she said.

In July, Anne entered the Wimbledon championships for the first time since 1987, after spending more than a year out of the game through injury.

Holdens Brewery managing director Edwin Holden (left) receives his award for excellence from Anne Hobbs.



YOUNG'S EXTEND ESTATE

Youngs, the South London independent brewers, have bought three new pubs in Surrey - bringing their total number of tied houses to 152.

They are taking over the Plough, in Orestan Lane, Effingham, the Old House at Home, in West Street, Dorking and the Bear, in Leatherhead Road, Oxshott.

The Plough and the Old House at Home became Young's houses on Thursday 28 June. The Bear was accepted into the fold in July.

The licensees of the Plough, Derek and Lynn Sutherland, and of the Old House at Home, John and Vivien Howe, are staying on as Young's tenants.

Youngs have bought the pubs from Courage as part of a deal surrounding the import of the Cork-brewed Beamish stout, which was introduced to England by Youngs four years ago. Since then, Beamish and Crawford have been taken over by Australian brewers Elders IXL, who also own Courage.

THE BRITANNIA, KENSINGTON

A Kensington pub has opened what is believed to be the first all-weather garden of its kind in the area.

The old paved garden at the Britannia in Allen Street, off Kensington High Street, has been transformed into an indoor drinking area by being enclosed in a large glass conservatory.

Flowers and indoor plants abound in the new garden, which has added 35 per cent to the floor space of the popular Young's pub.

The new area, which is available for hire for private functions, was officially opened by the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Ernest Tomlin.

Licencee John Eaglestone said: "Our old garden was only used in the summer months, but now people can enjoy a pint of Young's beer in the garden all year round. It really is a little oasis."



Left to right: brewery chairman John Young, licensees John and June Eaglestone, and the Mayor in the new indoor garden at the Britannia.

THE QUEEN'S ARMS, KILBURN

The famous Shire horses from Young's Brewery made the long journey from South London when a Kilburn pub officially re-opened after extensive refurbishment.

The Queen's Arms, at the Maida Vale end of Kilburn High Road, has been remodelled on traditional lines, with dozens of old pictures lining the walls of its three inter-connecting main bars.



Seating has been introduced on the pavement outside and new flower tubs now add an extra splash of colour to the pub, which has won awards for its flower baskets from the London Gardens Society in each of the past two years.

On the day of the re-opening, licensees Patrick and Maureen Delaney gave brewery chairman John Young a conducted tour of the Queen's Arms, and offered him a taste of one of their specialities - home-cooked food in the spacious dining room.

Then they took staff, customers and guests on a trip round Kilburn in a horse-drawn dray.

Patrick and Maureen Delaney with the Young's horses, brewery chairman John Young (far right) and director Thomas Young (left).

THE PRICE OF INFLATION

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

DRAUGHT BEERS (inc fizz) per pint:

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

Bottles (½ pint):

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

Ciders, Squashes & Minerals (sic):

Cider Bulmers (½ pt).....	16...(58)
Cider Taunton (½ pt).....	16...(58)
Babycham.....	20...(75)

Fruit Juices.....	15...(50)
Coca Cola.....	14...(55)
Baby Mixers.....	12...(38/40)
Mineral splits.....	14...(35)
Liqueurs etc:	
Advocaat.....	25...(80)
Apricot Brandy, Ansette, Benedictine, Chartreuse, Cherry Brandy & Whisky, Cointreau, Creme de Menthe, Drambuie, Peach Brandy, Pernod, Grand Marnier, Sloe Gin, Tia Maria all.....	32 (90)
Other spirits:	
Whisky.....	27...(75)
Canadian Whiskey, Irish Whiskey all.....	28 (88)
Gin.....	27...(75)
Lambs Rum & Old Ships 70%.....	27...(75)
Old Ships 100%.....	29...(80)
Bacardi.....	29...(78)
Brandy.....	32...(85)
Vodka.....	27...(75)
Ginger Wine.....	16...(90)

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SPORTS CLUB FESTIVAL

Recently we were invited to a mini beer festival combined with a sporting event at the sports ground of The Western Geophysical Company at Isleworth where we were the guests of Club Chairman, Steve Blick and Steward, André McGill. In addition to a German lager, Eichbaum from Mannheim, there were ten real beers available including Golden Hill Exmoor Gold, Smiles Best Bitter, Burts VPA and Felinfoel Double Dragon.

The event was a great success, being well attended by club members and their guests. The club regularly has two beers available on handpump so there is demonstrably a demand for the real thing.

It occurred to us that with the number of beer agencies and other suppliers of real ale about now, setting up a small festival should not be too difficult and so more sports and social clubs ought to be able to organise one. If you are a member of a sports club (whether attached to your employer or not) why not approach your secretary with a view to holding such an event and introducing real ale into your clubhouse?

Bill Usher & Bernard Flynn
Richmond & Hounslow Branch

BACK NUMBERS

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RUDDLE HITS BACK

Tony Ruddle, chairman of Watney's subsidiary Ruddles of Oakham in Leicestershire, said last month that CAMRA should praise him for his "ability to meet consumer needs."

The Campaign has criticised Ruddles for an advertising pack promoting packaged as well as cask beers under the title "The Campaign for Real Ale."

Opening a new £3 million racking plant at the brewery, Tony Ruddle said: "We are producing good cask ale in ever-increasing quantity. I could understand the scepticism that our going in with GrandMet must have aroused initially.

"But I said then that we would maintain the quality of our beers. Now, two years on, we are still keeping our word."

The new racking plant is the final stage of an £8 million investment in the brewery, which can now brew 250,000 barrels a year.

A FULLER PROFIT

FULLER, SMITH & Turner, announced taxable profits some 10 per cent higher at £7.42m for the 12 months to end-March.

The outcome for the full year showed a modest improvement on the lacklustre first half when trade was hit by the compulsory purchase of pubs and last year's indifferent summer. Some improvement occurred during the second half reflecting benefits from newly acquired houses.

Referring to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the brewing industry, Mr Ian Turner, director, said "The report itself is rubbish . . . we have great hopes that everything will come right in the wash."

Fuller's estate currently consists of some 150 houses. "We are always looking for new opportunities", said Mr Turner. He stressed, however, that the group had no immediate plans to expand from its present heartland. "It is easier to control a tight distribution area", he stated.

Fuller's, one of only two publicly-quoted independent brewers in London, declined to state the percentage of sales attributable to lager. "In hot weather, lager makes inroads into ale sales" he said.

Turnover rose to £52.94m (£49.05m). Earnings per £1 share expanded to 19.68p, up from 17.56p last time, and a proposed final dividend of 2.9p makes 4.45p (3.6p) for the year.



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BURTES FREE HOUSE

237 Wandsworth Road, London SW8

THE CARTOON

177/181 London Road, W Croydon

THE CLARET WINE BAR

33 The Broadway, Cheam

THE CLARET WINE BAR

5 Bingham Corner

Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon

THE CONQUEROR

2 Austin Street, London E2

THE HOLE IN THE WALL

Mepham Street, Waterloo Station

THE HOP EXCHANGE

149 Maple Road, Penge, London

THE JOLLIFFE ARMS

London Road, North Mersham

THE LION

182 Pawsons Road, Croydon

THE LITTERN

118 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford

THE ORLEANS

Orchard Road, Shirley

THE RAILWAY TAVERN

Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey

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High Elm Golf Course, Farnborough, Kent

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High Path, Merton SW19

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39 Dartmouth Street, London SW

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WOODIES FREEHOUSE

Thetford Road, New Malden

YE OLDE BRIDGE HOUSE

215 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1

King & Barnes

FINE SUSSEX ALES

A PEDIGREE DEAL FOR WHITBREAD

A recent deal between Marston, Thompson & Evershed, the Burton-on-Trent brewer and Whitbread one of Britain's biggest brewers, highlights the opportunities that can be grasped by Britain's smaller brewers.

Marston, a brewer of cask-conditioned ale, will supply Whitbread with its Burton's Pedigree ale, while Whitbread, which has a 5.2 per cent stake in Marston through the Whitbread Trust, will supply Marston with its Heineken and Stella Artois lagers.

Whitbread supplies several regional brewers with its lagers and buys in a few local ales, such as Brakspear. However, the deal with Marston is the biggest reciprocal deal it has made and gives Pedigree national distribution.

Reciprocal deals of this kind could be particularly pertinent to the future of regional brewers should the tie—the system whereby most brewers sell their own beers in their own pubs—be abolished.

Regional brewers are best known for their ales: few succeed in brewing their own lagers. Since the lager market tends to be dominated by the big brewers with their nationally advertised brands, many regional brewers but in lagers from them. This is a strategy which attacks their own brewing volumes.

But within an increasingly homogeneous marketplace there are opportunities for niche brands—particularly in the ale sector where customers tend to have more discriminating tastes than lager drinkers. Regional brewers such as Marston—along with companies including Young, Wadworth, Greene King and Fuller Smith & Turner—appear well placed to satisfy this demand.

Paul Tunnicliffe, Whitbread's marketing controller for ales, says: "We felt there was a gap in our ale portfolio and we wanted a product to fill it. You have to offer ale-drinking customers a wide choice and we only had two ales in the premium-priced sector. One, Castle Eden, had patchy distribution and the other, Flowers, is only distributed in the South of England."

Pedigree ale, says Tunnicliffe, has very high awareness among the drinking public; despite weak national distribution through Marston's pubs and the free houses it supplies, the brand has acquired near cult status. Access to both Whitbread's pubs and its free trade business would give the brand much wider distribution.

Michael Hurdle, Marston's chairman, says: "We want to increase sales of Pedigree by 50 per cent

within three years. There is room in the marketplace for products such as Pedigree; the public almost expects ales to come from a regional brewer." He says that he cannot say whether Marston's own lager—called Marcher—would continue to be brewed in the longer term.

Hurdle could see reciprocal relationships similar to Marston's with Whitbread growing up between other national and regional brewers.

Lisa Wood from the Financial Times

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BRIDGEWOOD UPDATE

In last September's London Drinker we carried an article on an unspoilt Shepherd Neame pub, the Bridgewood Cottage at Bridgewood, Bluebell Hill, near Chatham. We were recently sent a bit of news accompanied by an article on the Landlord Roy Gibbons from the Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham News by reader Alec James.

Roy was born in the pub and took over the licence from his parents thirty years ago. He and his fiancé Anne Mingay, who works behind the bar every night announced their engagement in the Daily Telegraph in the 1950's - now they are retiring and are to get married; both are in their seventies. They have always been too busy running the pub up until now to get round to tying the knot but now that he is retiring and leaving the pub Roy will marry Ann before moving in to her house.

We understand that the pub is closing for "extensive renovation" which will mean an end to the lino covered floors and bus seats. Sadly it was announced on TVS News that there had been a drugs raid on the premises on the night of 16th June just a few days before Roy left the pub on 20th June.

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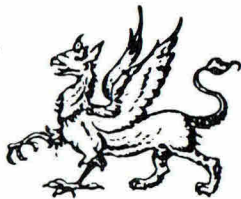
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DEAR DIPSY



Dear Dipsy

My wife doesn't understand me. Every week she goes to the supermarket and brings me back 20 cans of low-alcohol low-gravity low-taste low-lager on the grounds that "everybody knows" that it is better for me than going out for a pint of Young's Ordinary. Do I have grounds for divorce in mental cruelty?

Perchance, Plaistow

Dear Perchance

Our marital co-respondent, Lacy McNeekers, advises that this has been tried and failed on the incapacity of judges (who haven't been in a pub since they took silk) to understand that the working man can tell the difference. However, you could try for grounds of insanity, as anybody who buys 20 cans a week of that coloured carbonated water must be a few scratchings short in the bag.

Dipsy

Dear Dipsy

How do I deal with this. Our new baby wakes up squalling every night and my wife insists we take turns to nurse her to sleep. It's knackered me. How can I get a peaceful night?

Andy, Kensington

Dear Andy

Recipe is as follows. Take one 10oz baby bottle and fill it half-way with ESB. Add a generous measure of a good highland malt and about 1oz of a whisky-based liqueur. Top up with milk stout. Replace Teat.

Immediately before bedtime remove the Teat and take the lot down in one.

This won't stop the baby crying but you should

now comfortably sleep through it. If the wife succeeds in waking you, double the dose in future.

Dipsy

Dear Dipsy

I need your advice. Since all-day opening started I have been seriously trying to do it justice. However, every time I target a pub for a mid-afternoon drink it seems to be closed. Am I drinking myself to sleep at lunchtime and having a nightmare? Am I blacking out experiences? Is there something wrong with my watch?

Jejune, Pimlico

Dear Jejune

I am getting a lot of letters like this, to the extent that this appears to be reaching epidemic proportions. Obviously, as all-day opening is here, there is some form of collective hallucination happening. Early research bulletins will soon appear in the Lancet. In the meantime, trade your watch for a calendar, for all the use it will be for opening times.

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Dear Dipsy

I feel abused and calumnified. No-one believes a word I say when I tell them that I have my customers' interests at heart. Now even the government are trying to take my pubs away from me. When will my torments end?

A. Bigge-Brewer, The City

Dear Bigge-Brewer

I make a point of giving a fair and understanding answer to every letter, no matter how sanctimonious, hypocritical and self-justifying. So sod off.

Dipsy

Dear Dipsy

I can't get out of my mind that the Good Beer Guide is riddled with blasphemy in that it sets its face against Lager, whose truth is known to all true believers in the power of the market. I am infused with a desire to burn every copy and turn its heretic hussy editor into pork scratchings (reconstituted freeze-dried of course).

J. Walter Wan-kerr, Eastcheap

Dear J. Walter

You're wrong; you probably have gone out of your mind. However, rather than treatment, tell everyone what you think and then claim a share of the increased sales. It's an ill wind...

Dipsy

Dear Dipsy

Why is it that Newcastle Brown, as far as I am aware, is the only British beer bottled in clear bottles?

C. Threw, Bootle

Dear C.T.

Brewers have traditionally used brown or, occasionally, green glass for bottles in order to prolong the shelf-life of beer which can quickly deteriorate in strong light. Having once tried one, I doubt if this could happen with Newcastle Brown. Clear glass also makes it easier for Geordies to tell if there is any left.

Dipsy

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Real Ale Ramble *continued*

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Cross over the stile into the church yard. The church is worth a visit; John Evelyn, the diarist, is buried here with many of his family. Leave the church yard by the main gate and take the lane up to the WOTTON HATCH HOTEL. If you are too tired to continue, a bus from here will take you back to Dorking; otherwise retrace your route back to Dorking the way you previously came.

SOD THE PUBLIC

That was the title given to the following piece in the Weekend Guardian of 17th-18th June sent in to us by regular reader and occasional correspondent, Tom Vickers whose similar views he has put equally eloquently (if not more so) in our pages:

"A is for Amplification. The usual scenario involves a moronic barman forcibly separated, during his hours on duty, from the umbilical cord of his Walkman. He cannot face a few musicless hours, punctuated only by the chink of glasses and a background murmur of chat. So he slots the Pet Shop Boys into the pub cassette player and turns up the volume. Murmured chat becomes impossible. You have two options: shout, or find a pub without a moronic barman".

"This is of course, the most cliched way in which to sod the public, but has that made the remotest difference? Of course not. Indeed the soddies continue to plead that this is what we want - like the fizzy beer that trickles out of their chromium nozzles and the theme furniture that has replaced the old fittings. A little bit of background music helps us to relax, gets the conversation going.

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 45 Continued

W14, BEACONSFIELD. Renamed **FRIGATE & FIRKIN.** - Courage: Best Bitter. + Bruce: Wingspan (OG 1036-38), Frigate Ale (OG 1043-45), Dogbolter (OG 1058-60), Olympian (OG 1070-72). + Shepherd Neame: Bitter. + Weston: Scrumpy Cider. Another former Rose's Free House "firkinised" in typical style by Midsummer Leisure at the rear of Olympia. House beers believed brewed at Fox & Firkin, SE13 and kept in cellar tanks under a blanket of CO₂. Beware, Firkin publicity material states wrong postal district! (W94)

HOUNSLOW, SHIRE HORSE. - Beers listed. + Benskins: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. Acquired by Belhaven from Brent Walker, ex Watney. (Belhaven keg beers only) (W128)

TWICKENHAM, MULBERRY TREE. Renamed **MACKENZIES.** - Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W150)
TWICKENHAM, NAUGHTIES. Renamed **HEDGEHOG & STUMP.** - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: County. (W151)

"When they finally de-invent amplification in pubs, perhaps they could de-invent it in theatres and opera houses as well. It is just as intrusive and just as unnecessary, except as a bandage for inadequate performers."



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