

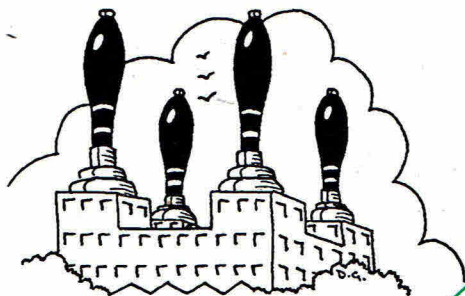
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Where to buy London Drinker

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 PRIDE OF SPITALFIELD
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 STICK & WEASEL
EC1 SUTTON ARMS
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED
EC2 FLEETWOOD
EC2 RAILWAY TAVERN
EC4 BLACKFRIAR
EC4 HATCHET
EC4 WILLIAMSON'S TAVERN
E1 FISH & RING
E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 MARKSMAN
E2 OWL & THE PUSSYCAT
E2 SHIP & BLUE BALL
E3 PEARLY KING
E8 LADY DIANA
E9 CHESHAM ARMS
E10 DRUM
E11 NORTHCOTE
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 BUNCH OF GRAPES
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
SE1 GEORGE INN
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 HORNNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE
SE1 ROYAL GEORGE
SE1 SOUTHWARK TAVERN
SE1 SULTAN
SE1 TRINITY ARMS
SE1 WELLINGTON
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE10 BRITISH SAILOR
SE10 FROG & RADIATOR
SE10 HARDY'S
SE10 SPANISH GALLEON
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE15 WHITE HORSE
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MANOR TAVERN
SE17 TANKARD
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 GATEHOUSE
SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE24 PRINCE REGENT

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

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

CROYDON, Ruskin House, 23 Coombe Road.

OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
WC1 CITIE 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 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN
N1 GEORGE IV
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
N1 LORD WOLSELEY
N1 MALT & HOPS
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 PRINCE ALBERT
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
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
N8 TOLL GATE
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 PUBS

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

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

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

OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
SW1 GROUSE & CLARET
SW1 MORPETH ARMS
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS
SW1 RED LION

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EDITORIAL

On returning from abroad this Summer, developed an illness, and I was forbidden certain foods, drinks and more importantly certain additives, so, I was forced to check packets of food, cans of drink rather like a strong-willed vegetarian or Vegan.

My main problem was with beer. I was allowed alcohol in limited amounts and draught beer was included. I don't drink spirits (after a mis-spent youth!) never touch bottled beer or lager and dislike most soft drinks. I drink wine with a meal but not in pubs. So, why couldn't I risk draught beer? Basically, you don't know what you are being served.

Traditionally breweries have been the most secretive of industries and it was only with the advent of CAMRA that their beers were tested for strength. Before this, only a handful of breweries disclosed the gravities of their products. Eventually they were forced to disclose these strengths to the general public by law and now draught beer drinkers are quite aware of how much of a certain brew it will take to send them over the limit to drive or even keel over. Rather than just crashing back any old drink, they are more discerning; opting for a lighter beer at lunchtime and saving the stronger beers for later on. There is one important aspect which the pump clip does not tell the drinker; The Ingredients! We fondly tend to imagine all our favourite beers brewed with just the traditional ingredients of Malt, Hops & Water. We also picture these beers being produced in the idyllic surroundings of an old-fashioned brewery like Hook Norton, Donningtons or Youngs, plenty of steam, mash tuns, gleaming coppers and horses a-plenty. The real picture is usually very different.

In most breweries white coats abound and push button computers are used to set the brew in motion. In the recently closed Brick Lane Brewery (Truman), we saw only **three** people and the brewery at the time was in full production! At no time did we see any beer, only when it was rather reluctantly presented to us in the sampling room. Watney's Mortlake Brewery is the same, but the hospitality is second to none. The point I'm trying to make is that the brewer now has to be a chemist as well as a brewer, if he is to be successful with a job application. Why?

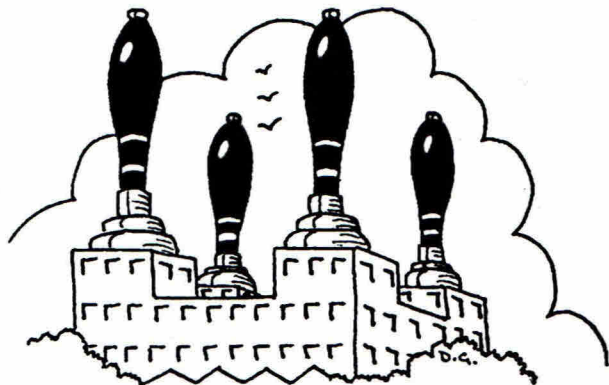
Firstly, in most breweries, the water needs to be treated, as most now use tap-water, rather than their own wells, and we all know about the recent scares over our drinking water. After the water treatment, some beers are given colouring, different chemicals added to make up for deficiencies in the quality of the malt, especially if there has been a bad harvest or a cheaper malt (possibly pollution affected?) bought. Some hops are now too expensive for the Big-Boys so they use hop oils instead. Add to these head retention agents, findings (usually from swim bladders of the Sturgeon fish (Vegans please note); then it becomes apparent why our brewer needs to be a chemist as well.

Secondly, customers don't trust the brewers any more and customer loyalty is at a low ebb. Even the brewers must now realise that people care about their environment and increasingly their health. It seems to be a non-sequitur that a drinker should worry about her/his health, but this is increasingly the case. How refreshing, then, to see Sam Smith's, Yorkshire Brewer, reverting to traditional ingredients and advertising the fact! Whether this is ever checked or not is a different matter. One beer that I can always trust comes from John Gilbert's Hop Back Brewery, who only uses the best ingredients and whose Stout is also finings free, so Vegans can tuck into it at leisure! Another is Joseph Holt, the Manchester Brewer, who also uses no finings, the beer having to settle over a long period in the cellar. It is not that finings are a bad thing, but why is it that a skinful of one beer leaves you wishing you were dead in the morning, and another one, drunk in equal quantities, leaves you feeling just slightly jaded?

The time has come for even the Brewers to come clean about their ingredients, so their customers can make up their own minds about the product. Some won't mind one way or the other, but to the rest, it could prove a tremendous selling point. Let's hope Youngs and Fullers show the way first.

Chris Cobbold

P.S. Correspondence on this subject is welcomed by the Editors.



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ALLIED-LYONS HAS AN EYE ON LONG JOHN

The food and drinks giant, Allied-Lyons, has confirmed that it is negotiating to buy a large part of Whitbread's spirits business which includes Beefeater gin and Long John whisky.

And in a new drive to streamline its sprawling empire, Allied is close to clinching a deal to sell its Normand car distributorships. The company's Embassy Hotels and J. Lyons catering businesses have been passed from Allied's food division to its brewing arm.

"The beer division is now looking at its future", said group chief executive Mr Richard Martin. But no decision has yet been made about whether they will be sold. Their fate may be decided only when Allied has a clearer idea what it will be required to do with its pubs and breweries after the implementation of new rules to loosen brewers' control over their outlets and a further investigation by the European Commission.

Allied-Lyons unveiled half-year profits up 13.5 per cent at £260 million.

Analysts expect the company to make around £560 million in the 12 months to next March.

Mr Martin admitted that "there are clear signs that the squeeze on consumers is beginning to bite." But still Allied hopes that Castlemaine XXXX, brewed under licence from Australia's Alan Bond, will this year sell more than 1 million barrels. Allied's other main lager is Skol and it has Britain's leading bitter brand, Tetley's.

Allied refuses to say what it plans for its brewing and pub operations. "When appropriate, we will respond positively, and if necessary radically", said Mr Martin. Most observers believe Allied would prefer to sell its six breweries than give up control of 2,350 pubs suggested by the new rules.

In Allied's food division, the ice-cream business Lyons Maid had a good summer thanks to the hot weather. But there have been substantial redundancies and cuts since.

Allied insists it has no plans to sell the operation.

First question:

What are the best Free Houses in North London

Answer:

*Those run by
J. D. Wetherspoon Organisation*

Second question: Where are they?

Answer:-

HARRINGAY
OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
10-12 Grand Parade N4

HARRINGAY
THE MORTIMER ARMS
405 Green Lanes N4

STROUD GREEN
**WHITE LION OF
MORTIMER**
125/127 Stroud Green Road N4

WEST GREEN
THE GOAT
414-6 West Green Road N15

STOKE NEWINGTON
THE TANNERS HALL
145 High Street N16

TOTTENHAM
THE BOAR
413 Lordship Lane N17

BRUCE GROVE
THE ELBOW ROOM
503-505 High Road N17

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

RIVER LEA
THE NARROW BOAT
Reedham Close N17

ARCHWAY
THE DOG
17/19 Archway Road N19

HOLLOWAY
JJ MOONS
37 Landseer Road N19

KINGSBURY
JJ MOON'S
553 Kingsbury Road NW9

WALTHAMSTOW
THE DRUM
557/9 Lea Bridge Road E10

WALTHAMSTOW
THE COLLEGE ARMS
807 Forest Road E17

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

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

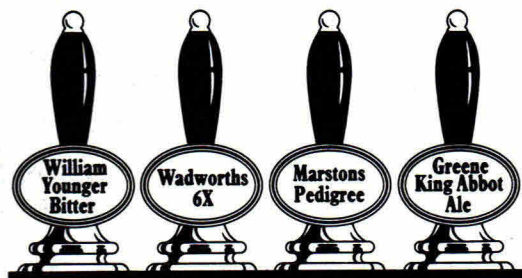
Final (Vital) question: What do they provide?

The final answer:

*Traditional atmosphere (no music)
Fine victorian decor
Splendid Real Ales*



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London N12 8LB



S&N TO SIDESTEP 'GUEST BEER' RULE BY SELLING PUBS

Scottish & Newcastle recently became the first of Britain's six national brewers to announce a major round of pub sales to bring itself into line with new government regulations to shake up the beer industry.

The brewer is putting 250 pubs on the market and will cut its stake in a further 60 pubs to below the 15 per cent level.

The move will leave S&N with fewer than 2,000 pubs and means the company can sidestep a new rule which gives other brewers the right to sell their beers in outlets controlled by the big six.

The pubs for sale are spread across Scotland, northern England and the East Midlands.

By cutting the number of pubs from 2,300 to below 2,000, S&N will no longer be classified as a national brewer under regulations introduced by the Department of Trade in the wake of the Monopolies Commission's report on the supply of beer published last year.

The brewer will escape the obligation to allow licensees the right to buy a "guest beer" from an independent supplier, and it can continue the tie which obliges publicans to take S&N's choice of wines and low-alcohol beers.

The Edinburgh-based brewing group is expected to sell the 250 pubs in clusters to a handful of regional brewers. Mr David Thompson,

Managing director of Wolverhampton Breweries, said that there had been a recent upsurge in the number of pubs being put up for sale by national brewers as they get to grips with the new regulations on ownership.

S&N reported pre-tax profits up 21 per cent at £87.4 million for the half year to the end of October. Earnings from its Thistle Hotels offshoot were showing signs of tailing off by the time their sale to Mount Charlotte was completed at the beginning of November, said S&N chairman Mr Alick Rankin.

S&N now has no net debt, and money from selling surplus pubs will allow it to invest further in brewing and leisure: S&N already owns Pontins holiday camps and controls the more up-market Center Parcs holiday villages.

Mr Rankin is cautious about the coming year for the beer trade. "After Christmas I think people will be rather more careful with their cash," he said.

Mr Thompson of Wolverhampton & Dudley predicted that total beer sales for this year would be down by about 3 per cent. W&D's profits were £30.6 million in the year to the beginning of October, a rise of 15 per cent.

From The Guardian

BRANCH CONTACTS

BEXLEY	DES WARD	Erith 457156 (H) Orpington 38321 x29
..... (Wed-Fri only)
BROMLEY	DAVE FOORD	0689 54798 (H)
CROYDON & SUTTON	TERRY HEWITT	660 5931 (H)
EAST LONDON & CITY	HUGH SMITH	519 1743 (E)
ENFIELD & BARNET	LAURENCE FRYER	203 0710 (H)
KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD	ALLAN MARSHALL	942 9115 (H) 227 3377 (W)
NORTH LONDON	GARY WHITE	801 9513 (H)
RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW	ANDY PIRSON	977 1633 (H)
SOUTH WEST ESSEX	ANDREW CLIFTON	Romford (0708) 765150 (H)
SOUTH EAST LONDON	DAVE SULLIVAN ..	699 8476 (H & W)
SOUTH WEST LONDON	CHRIS MORTON	499 8931 (W) .. 874 7661 (H)
WEST LONDON	ROBERT McGOWAN	691 8019 (H) 242 0262 x2148 (W)
WEST MIDDLESEX	TED BRADLEY	573 8144 (H) 997 8880 x2153 (W)

BRANCH DIARY

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

ENFIELD & BARNET: Thu 8 (8.30) Barnet Prices Survey. Meet at MITRE, 58 High Street - Mon 12 (8.30) Games Evening. OLD WHEATSHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill, Enfield - Wed 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road, N2 - Thu 22 (8.30) Enfield Prices Survey. Meet at KINGS HEAD, Market Place - Thu 1 Mar (9.00) St. David's Day Social. PRINCE OF WALES, 2 Church Hill Road, East Barnet - Tue 6 Mar (9.00) Two Pub Social in Edmonton. THREECROWNS, 164 Fore Street then GROVE TAVERN (10.00), 51 Snells Park.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 4 (12.00) Social. ANTELOPE, Surbiton - Mon 12 (8.30) Business Meeting. RAILWAY, New Malden - Tue 20 (8.30) Social. ALBERT ARMS, Kingston - Sun 4 Mar (12.00) Three Pub Social. VICTORIA then LAMB (1.00); BLACK LION (2.00), all Surbiton.

NORTH LONDON: Sunday Lunchtime socials. MARQUESS TAVERN, N1 - Tue 6 (8.00) Two Pub Social. VICTORIA then NEPTUNE, both NW1 - Tue 13 (8.00) Branch Meeting and preliminary discussion on 1991 GBG entries. Venue to be arranged; contact Gary White - Tue 20 (All day) Coach trip & visit to MARSTON'S BREWERY (Evening social with local branch.) Coach leaves in the morning. Contact Mick Lewis for details - please give a definite yes or no so that ML may ascertain numbers - Tue 27 (8.00) 1990 London Drinker Beer Festival Final Coordinating Meeting. Contact Gary White for details/venue. Tue 6 Mar (8.00) 1991 GBG Meeting to Finalise Entries. Contact Gary White for venue. - Tue 13 London Drinker Beer Festival Set Up - Tue 20 (8.00) Post London Drinker Beer Festival Social. ROSETTI, NW8.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting. QUEEN DOWAGER, 49 North Lane, Teddington - Mon 19 (8.30) Branch Meeting. CROSS LANCES, 236 Hanworth Road, Hounslow.

SOUTHEAST LONDON: Mon 5 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. PRINCE OF WALES, 52 Perry Rise, SE23 - Mon 12 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and 1991 GBG Nominations. LEATHER EXCHANGE, 15 Leathermarket Street, SE1 - Thu 1 Mar (8.00) Branch Social. PAXTON ARMS, 52 Anerley Hill, SE19.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Thu 1 (8.30) Social. HARROW, Ripple Road (A123), Barking - Wed 7 (8.30) Branch Meeting (GBG nominations needed). WHITE HORSE, Coxtie Green Road, Coxtie Green - Mon 12 (8.30) Social. OLD WHITE HORSE, Ockendon Road (B186), North Ockendon - Thu 15 (All day) Brewery Trip to KING & BARNES, Horsham. Details/bookings to Wendy Benson on Romford 23897 - Wed 21 (8.30) Social. THEOBOLDS ARMS, Kings Walk (near A126), Grays - Thu 1 Mar (8.30) St. David's Day Social. WHITE HORSE, High Road (A118), Chadwell Heath.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thu 1 (7.30 prompt) Beerex Committee Meeting. SURPRISE, 16 Southville, SW8 - Mon 5 (7.00) Promotional Crawl for Beerex. Start WINDSOR CASTLE, 36 St. Johns Hill, SW11 then FALCON (7.30) - Thu 15 (8.00 sharp) Beerex Meeting. BEEHIVE, 197 St. Johns Hill, SW11 - Wed 21 to Sat 24 The 1st Battersea Beerex. Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, SW11. See advert for details.

WEST LONDON: Thu 15 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 7 (8.00) Bayswater Booze. WHITE HART, 31 Brook Mews North, Craven Terrace, W2; ARCHERY TAVERN (9.00), 4 Bathurst Mews; VICTORIA (10.00), 10A Strathearn Place.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Mon 5 (8.30) Social. DUFFY'S FREE HOUSE, 124 Pitshanger Lane, W5 - Thu 15 (8.30) Two Pub Social. WILLOW TREE, Jolly's Lane, Yeading, Hayes then WALNUT TREE (9.45), 115 Willow Tree Lane - Wed 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting. RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High Street, Acton, W3 - Thu 1 Mar (8.30) London Drinker Pickup & Social. RED LION, Royal Lane, Hillingdon Hill, Hillingdon.

Deadline for the March edition, 1st February. Material for April edition to arrive by 1st March.

Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pirson.

THE RED COW, RICHMOND

Over the last couple of years or so there has been a general trend among Young's pubs to change from tenancies to managed outlets. Among these was the RED COW at 59 Sheen Road, Richmond when Nora Pogson retired some time after the death of her husband Doug.

We can now report, however, that after its period as a managed pub (during which time it has had its ups and downs) the Red Cow has reverted to a tenancy under the aegis of Nick Toulson, who until recently was the manager of the White Cross Hotel beside the river, also in Richmond. Also, the pub, including the upstairs function room have been recently refurbished in the traditional Young's manner.

Both Nick and his wife Pamela are keen to retain the intimate Victorian character and distinctive qualities of the pub and no major changes are proposed. For example, the Public Bar remains complete with its snob screens. They look forward to introducing a wider range of good quality bar food and extend a

warm welcome to all of their customers, new and old.

Bernard Flynn

INTEREST RATES HIT GREENE KING

James Morrow

Greene King, the East Anglian brewers in which Elders IXL has a 13 per cent stake, announced flat half-time profits recently as interest charges began to bite.

Trading profits for the six months increased from £6.9 million to £8.36 million, but profit from property sell-offs fell and interest charges jumped from £32,000 to £461,000, leaving pre-tax profits just £274,000 ahead at £9.4 million.

Greene King IPA bitter and Harp Lager have continued to increase substantial market share. Interim dividend is up from 2.6p to 2.9p.

From The Guardian

MARY AND GERRY

FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES, CAVENDISH ROAD,

BALHAM SW12

BEING SOUTH WEST LONDON'S PUB OF THE YEAR

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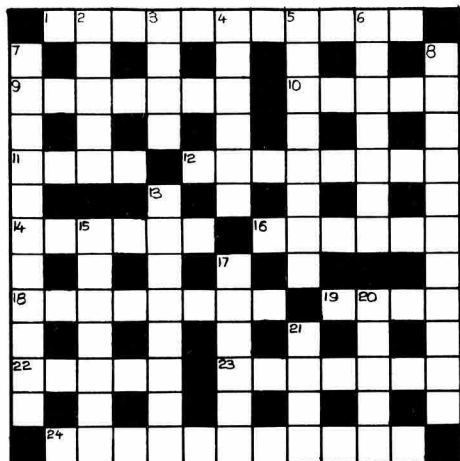
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ACROSS

1. Three quarters arrive with request for racing. [11]
9. He leaves headdress to make speech. [7]
10. Argumentative sportsman? [5]
11. Almost discover how to make money. [4]
12. Wanted paper to be in colour. [8]
14. Detectives Ronald brought back from the north. [6]
16. Soundly against poetry. [6]
18. Hot stuff Conservative makes in little room. [8]
19. I am returning twice for her [4]
22. Letter after teacher makes temptress. [5]
23. Nurses consumed by feeling. [7]
24. Tides out - people at the landing stage. [11]

Name.....

Address.....

.....

All correct entries received by first post on 28th February will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

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

Last Month's Solution



DOWN

2. Command of Senor Derigo. [5]
3. Look noble. [4]
4. Thanks to Edward it's eaten [6]
5. He takes great pains with his work. [8]
6. Advance in hospitals. [7]
7. A later pint's out for him. [11]
8. Longed to possess revolutionary estate. It's sure to happen. [11]
13. It's clear there's metal caught under Sid's back. [8]
15. Mistakenly worships defeat. [7]
17. Little prince is on porridge. [6]
20. I had nothing corrupt. What a state! [5]
21. One hundred thousand in return tie. [4]

Winner of the prize for the November crossword:

John Harmer, 438 Chertsey Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW2 6LP.

Other correct entries were received from:

Albert Bridge, Peter J. Brown,
Miss N. Canton, A.P. Comaish, I. Cox,
W. Bruce Davies, Ian Fairweather,
Elaine Glover, Eileen Graves, J.E. Green,
Alison Henley, Sleepy Jeff, Odd John
(Colchester), Maura Mullington, Rab Noolas,
Faber Scaevola, C. Tinson,

There were also 12 incorrect entries.

OWN A

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PUB!

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or evening*

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22-24 EATON TERRACE SW1
01 730 7781

THE CATHERINE WHEEL
23 KENSINGTON CHURCH ST W8
01 937 3259

THE CLACHAN
34 KINGLEY STREET W1
01 734 2659

THE COAL HOLE
91 THE STRAND WC2
01 836 7503

THE KINGSWAY TAVERN
51 PARKER STREET WC2
01 405 0590

THE CROWN & TWO CHAIRMEN
31 DEAN ST W1
01 437 8192

WILLIAMSON'S TAVERN
GROVELAND COURT EC4
OFF BOW LANE
01 248 6280

DOGGETTS COAT & BADGE
1 BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE SE1
01 633 9081

CALL FOR DETAILS

THE CROWN TAVERN
43 CLERKENWELL GREEN EC1
01 250 0757

THE PRINCE ALFRED
118 MARYLEBONE LANE W1
01 486 0828

THE BLACK FRIAR
174 QUEEN VICTORIA ST EC4
01 236 5650

THE UNICORN
32A DUKE STREET SW1
01 930 0278

THE SOUTHWARK TAVERN
22 SOUTHWARK STREET SE1
01 403 0257

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IDLE MOMENTS

Well, that's Christmas over and done with and just the long cold days of winter to come. Now that you don't have to go around being nice to various aunties, uncles etc. you can sit indoors with a good Idle Moments column and a bottle of pop and try to solve the following puzzles. Firstly, though I shall start with the December brewery anagram solutions:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. MORE CANS | CAMERONS |
| 2. I FLED TIP | PITFIELD |
| 3. DROPPED LIEGE | ELDRIDGE POPE |
| 4. SHUTTER MAN UNDER FRILL | |
| | FULLER SMITH |
| | AND TURNER |
| 5. SELL ARK | ARKELLS |

And now for this month's ones:

1. OLD HEN
2. LEW SELLS CHAR
3. NOAH HELD A LOUD SOW
4. DANNY CASTS A JOKE
5. NEW CAT SLOT

And here is the December number puzzle solution:

1. 10 Green Bottles (Hanging on the Wall)
2. 100 Telephone Operator
3. 39 Steps (by John Buchan)
4. 600 Charge of the Light Brigade
5. 7 Sides on a Fifty Pence Piece
6. 181 Highest Number You Can Bust in Darts
7. 8 is the Square Root of Sixty Four
8. 1992 Year of the Barcelona Olympics
9. 4 Firkings in a Barrel
10. 4 Strings on a Violin

And here we go with this month's:

1. 12 M in a Y
2. 8 H (K of E)
3. 3 C on the TL
4. 19 NB (RS)
5. 1000 W that a P is W
6. 1728 CI in a CF
7. 4000 H in BL
8. 6 P on a ST
9. 3 V to the L of the R
10. 37 S on a RW

A belated happy new to you all.

Andy Pirson

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SHEPHERD NEAME LAUNCHES BISHOPS FINGER ON DRAUGHT

Bishops Finger, one of the most distinguished ales in Shepherd Neame's portfolio, is being launched on draught.

The premium strong ale has been available to the independent Kent brewery's licensees and free trade customers in half pint bottles since 1958.

In October it was also launched to the UK take-home trade in 16oz (440 ml) cans.

Now Bishops Finger - which has an Original Gravity of 1051° - 1055° and an alcohol content of 5.4 per cent - makes its debut as a cask-conditioned ale in nine and 18 gallon casks. It is to retail at around £1.30 a pint.

Says a spokesman for Shepherd Neame: "Bishops Finger has gained a legendary reputation in our 260 pubs and among our free trade customers as a super quality bottled ale.

"The increase in demand for speciality beers has spurred our decision to introduce Bishops Finger in draught form."

Bishops Finger now joins Shepherd Neame's other main cask-conditioned ales - Master Brew Bitter and Best Bitter - to form one of

Britain's most renowned portfolios of traditional beers.

Bishops Finger takes its distinctive name from a style of old Kentish wayside signpost, and is a reflection of Shepherd Neame's heritage. The company, which has been brewing ale continuously since 1698, is Britain's oldest brewery.

PUB SURVEY

A survey of licensed premises by trading standards officers in seven counties has revealed widespread breaking of the law.

Of the 110 premises and 189 bars inspected, 71% of the beer and 74% of the lager tested was sold below measure.

The results, which covered Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk, were described as 'disappointing' and higher than expected by Suffolk County Council's trading standards officer, Alan Fletcher.

The wine code of practice was not applied by 80% of pubs, and a third failed to comply with legal price marking requirements.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Last weekend, the lads and I thought we'd give Chiswick a visit.

We met at **The Windmill** in Chiswick High Road, had a few pints of Chiswick Bitter (Fullers) which was in excellent condition and then wondered as to whether it was worth popping over to the large free house, **The Packhorse and Talbot**.

After much deliberation we decided to see what was on offer. With the weather changing, they might surprise us with something out of the ordinary such as Old Devil or Bishop's Tipple.

On arriving, I made my way to the bar and was greeted by a friendly barman. "Yes sir, what would you like?"

I looked along the bar; there was no Old Devil, there was Webster's Yorkshire Bitter... Guest beer, I thought and looked a bit further. No Bishop's Tipple but there was Ruddie's Bitter and County.

Then it suddenly hit me. "This isn't a Watney's pub now, is it?" I asked. "Oh yes," came the reply.

I could feel the room beginning to spin. I knew I wasn't drunk and so presumed I'd been slipped some sort of hallucinogenic mindblowing drug. But no, it was true. Everybody was drinking lager. In fact, I was so shocked, I nearly bought a round but then I realised where I now was and so said, "No thank you," and promptly left.

So that's it, no free house between West Kensington and Kew. Of course, you never know, they will probably sell it off next year ... Some chance!

Yours sincerely,

David Swilliams,
Ealing

Andy Pirson replies:

Yes, it's nice to know whom you can trust, isn't it?

And in the case of Watney's (or Grand Met if you prefer) it's clear that that means nobody at

all. In the great majority of cases in the Capital the term "Free House" means virtually nothing. And what is the Government proposing for those brewers who own more than 2,000 pubs now? Why, turn them into "free houses"! Let's not beat about the bush; we are being ripped off by the Government. The recommendations of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission are being watered down so far that they are a total sham. And who knows how much more they will get diluted before they actually become law?

Andy Pirson

Dear Editors,

In the last edition of London Drinker there was an appeal for information about overpriced and reasonably priced pubs. Regrettably, £1.30 or more is quite common for a pint in the West End and even quite a few suburban pubs. A few examples:

Surprise, Christchurch Terrace, SW3. Bass £1.40; IPA £1.30.

Sun & 13 Cantons, Soho, W1. Ruddles Best £1.30. I don't know other beer prices as there is no price list.

Molly Moggs, WC2. Castle Eden Ale £1.40. Again, no price list.

Birds Nest, Deptford. Theakston's Bitter £1.30. Ship, Gate Street, WC2. Shepherd Neame Bitter £1.30.

The Sun, Drury Lane, WC2. Wethered's Bitter £1.24 a pint. That was last February - I haven't been in there since.

On the other hand, the Angel & Crown, St. Martins Lane, WC2 almost gives away, by West End standards, IPA at £1.08 per pint!

On a lighter note, has it ever occurred to you that ***** is an anagram of ROMANCES?

And your initials game. What does 168 PNV 1000 stand for? Answer next month.

I wish you all a happy new year.

Yours sincerely,

Robert McGowan,
New Cross, SE14.

Editor's Note:

*I have **ed out the brewery name in Robert's letter, otherwise the puzzle would have been wasted. Look for the answers in next month's Idle Moments column.*

Andy Pirson

Dear Mr Pirson,

We regulars at the CROSS LANCES, a Fullers pub in Housnlow, have been regularly playing pub chess for some months now and would like to play any other West London pub. I would be very grateful if you could briefly mention this in the London Drinker to see if anyone else would be interested. If you have any queries could you please phone either me (560 6445) or the pub captain, Gordon Somerville (570 8863).

Best Wishes,
Glyn Thomas, Hounslow

Editor's Comment

I know that there are a number of pubs where chess is played regularly but I do not know many personally or whether any have teams that play against other pubs. If there are any out there we suggest that you get in touch with either of the above gentlemen direct. We should be pleased to hear of a successful outcome to Mr Thomas' letter; perhaps it may even lead to a small league being set up.

Andy Pirson

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EC PROPOSES EXCISE MINIMUM

The European commission has proposed a new set of excise duties on beer, wine, cigarettes and petrol. It is part of its plan to bring widely differing taxes on these items into line across Europe and follows efforts to do the same with VAT.

Christiane Scrivener, the European commissioner for fiscal issues, has proposed a set of minimum excise rates plus a set of rate objectives to meet criticism of earlier proposals and allow for these commodities to circulate freely between the 12 states.

Scrivener said her proposals for alcohol and tobacco 'took account of fiscal, budgetary and health preoccupations'. Her proposals for petrol duties also introduce a 3.5p per litre difference between leaded and unleaded fuel.

She proposes that a litre of beer right across Europe bears a duty of at least 6p and preferably 12p in the long term. UK beer currently bears 60p.

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THE UK PUB TRADE

WHITBREAD RE-FOCUSES ITS RANGE

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As the first step towards that end, Whitbread has restructured its management organisation to create a new beer division, which covers the previously separate brewing, marketing and selling activities.

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director of the division early this year, says: "There is a big cultural change to drive through the division to give it the necessary focus that puts the customer first."

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Whitbread's estate of 1,600 managed pubs will also be run separately, forming another division alongside those which will run the rest of the group's retailing operations: restaurants such as Pizza Hut, Beefeater Steak Houses and TGI Fridays; and hotels and other leisure outlets.

Templeman can thus concentrate on the development of the portfolio of brands with which Whitbread increased its overall share of the UK beer market during the past year to around 13 per cent. "Initially," he says, "that will mainly be a case of marketing and selling what we have even better."

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EARLY MEMORIES OF BEER DRINKING IN SW1

The following is the winning entry in the recent Writers' Competition as advertised in the recent editions of London Drinker. We will in due course be publishing all the entries, but here is Paul Tibbles' winning entry.

A child awakened in the night alarmed to find the house in darkness and his parents missing. So alarmed he rushed along to his grandmother's house a few doors away. Calm was restored when he learned that it was before closing time and that mum and dad had popped across the road for a drink at the Rising Sun, the then wooden fronted Young's pub on the corner of St Barnabas Street in Ebury Bridge Road, Pimlico.

That child was me, the time was the mid-fifties, and the Rising Sun would play a part in my eventual discovery of the elixir of life - real ale - passing it as I did every day to school at St Barnabas; absorbing the aromas and seeing the product of our delight being delivered.

Dad was born in Westminster, not far from the New Westminster Brewery (bought by Hoares, the brewery that is, then Charringtons) an area dominated even then by Watney, Coombe & Reid, largely due to the proximity of the Stag Brewery behind and running parallel to Victoria Street. Dad was partial to a drop of Reid's Fighting Mild, fittingly named due to its far from pacifist OG and the aggressive qualities it induced into some of its supporters near and after closing time - a particularly fine pint could be had in the Stage Door, Allington Street.

At weekends and fine summer evenings I would walk with my parents, younger sister in pram, to St James's Park and to this day I can recall the wonderful fragrances, passing the back of the brewery at Allington Street as we made our way along Buckingham Palace Road.

Friday nights I would be sent to the off-licence at the end of Ebury Bridge Road, next to Thompson's Fish and Chip shop. What an evocative place this was! Standing on a wooden floor in a dimly lit Aladdin's cave, gazing up at numerous brands of bottled beer, lining wooden shelves on all sides right up to the ceiling. Amongst others I would come away with a couple of bottles of Watneys Dairy Maid Stout for mum and gran, capped with black rubber screw tops - remember them?

The multi-coloured bottle tops sparked like large jewels.

A few years later we had moved a short distance, but another treat was in store - walks to the Star Tavern in Belgravia and the distinctive taste of the Fullers range of beers!

At a time of advancing Keg Beer I must have counted myself lucky to have Young's and Fuller's pubs as locals. The other being the Buckingham Arms in Petty France. There are no doubt other London drinkers who can recall this hostelry in pre-CAMRA days when on a Saturday night you could walk in around 9pm, pick and choose your seat, look up at the clock behind the bar and smile at the second hand proceeding in an anti-clockwise direction (no I did not drink too much Winter Warmer)!

Another pleasure was supping Worthington in the Coach and Horses, Willow Place, when it was not identical to Bass and the governor insisted in getting in some 'E' and not 'B'!

The off-licence has long gone and the Rising Sun is unrecognisable minus public bar and beer-off section. It is not only brewery takeovers and closures that have radically altered the beer drinker's scene.

Brands have disappeared within existing companies. The late sixties when drinking in the area cost about 1s 10d. a pint and the activity began to seriously compliment my first love, Chelsea Football Club, you could get M & B Mild in the odd house, Fullers Pale, Pride and OBE, but no ESB. Youngs Burton before its re-incarnation as Winter Warmer, Mellow Stout and IPA but not RamRod. They were though, good times indeed!

Paul Tibbles

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SMALL ROOM

Nicholson's, the up-market "free house" chain in London has set an unenviable record for the most expensive property acquisition in the City. It has paid the equivalent of £3,215 per square foot for a building that will extend its Ship pub near the Monument.

The property in question cost Nicholson's £75,000 and measures just six feet by four feet. It is a disused gentlemen's lavatory, off-loaded by the Corporation of London.

Now just what type of customers will Nicholson's be expecting to drink in a disused carzey?

UNCHEERY NEWS

The Consumers' Association has a built-in dislike of big brewers, says the Brewers' Society. Many individual consumers, including me, share that dislike. Perhaps the Brewers' Society should ask themselves why?

Stephen Harvey

18 Peverells Road
Chandler's Ford
Hants.

From The Guardian

RUMOURS CORNER

Is it true that an unnamed Australian has bought 16% of the 'A' voting shares of Youngs.

AND YET ANOTHER RUMOUR

Is it true that Youngs draught bitter is now being supped on a regular basis in the British Embassy in Washington. A long way to go for a pint to check this out! Is there any ex-pat or visitor who could check this out?

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THAT OLD PITFIELD MAGIC WINS AGAIN

Pitfield Dark Star, winner of the Champion Beer of Britain accolade in 1987, has won another prize as the Best Old Ale. The award came from a panel of beer experts in December following a tasting at the White Horse pub in Parsons Green, South London.

The White Horse, whose cellarman Mark Dober stages an annual old ale and porter festival, assembled a panel to thoroughly taste each ale available and give them marks using a detailed tasting sheet devised by himself and Dr Keith Thomas of Brewlab.

The panel was composed of writers Michael Jackson and Roger Protz, together with Keith Thomas, Mark Dorber and Martin Kemp, who runs the commercial side of Pitfield, and head brewers Gerry Dyson of Bass's Highgate Brewery, Martin Cullimore of Bateman and Rob Jones of Pitfield.

The first beer tasted was Harvey's Old Ale (OG 1043°) which the judges found pleasantly dry but thin.

Brakspear's Old has the same gravity. It troubled the panel and there was some debate over whether it was a true Old Ale as it is Special Bitter with the addition of caramel. The judges felt it was not a true example of the style though it was found to be more enjoyable than Harvey's Old.

Pitfield Dark Star (OG 1050°) impressed the panel greatly. It uses only Goldings hops and is not dry hopped in cash. The judges remarked on its pleasing cherry aroma, good balance in the mouth and long dry finish. Again there was debate over its style - was it a porter or a dark bitter?

Rob Jones said that Whitbread, once the greatest porter brewers in the world, considered it to be close to a style once known as "cooper's ale". Gales 5X (1044°) was another blend of Best Bitter with additional sugar. It was highly regarded and Michal Jackson found a certain lactic sourness in the palate: "It's very much like a Belgian beer".

Gerry Dyson was not impressed with his own Highgate Old (1055°). It's too sweet. It needs to mature for another two to three weeks." The ale is not dry hopped and has a comparatively low hop rate. It is brewed in the mini-brewery

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at Burton-on Trent, not Highgate. The other judges also commented on the sweetness and lack of hop character.

Theakston's Old Peculier (1057°) brought out the hyperbole. "The aroma is like polished leather or a well-oiled cricket bat. "Protz said. The panel liked its grainy aroma but Jackson found a slightly medicinal finish "like Dr Collis Brown".

Malton's Owd Bob (1055°) is another Yorkshire brew but it failed to find favour. Cullimore thought it had decided off flavours and the general opinion was that it was too astringent - "it's like bottled Guinness with off flavours" was one comment.

All the beers had been tasted blind, the names only being revealed after each tasting. When the marks were added up, Pitfield's Dark Star emerged as the clear favourite among the judges.

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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 50

Welcome to the fiftieth edition of the current series of "Updates." The very first "Update" appeared in February 1982 following the publication of the new all-London guide, **Real Beer in London**. The first series ran to 12 editions before being absorbed into a "Supplement" booklet in May 1983. The current series resumed in September 1983, initially cross-referencing to the all-London guide, and then later to each of the replacement "sector" guides as they were published in turn. The last of these, **Real Beer in West London**, prompted a change to the current title in May 1989.

This column aims to record confirmed changes to pubs and beers in the constantly changing London scene and is not only intended to be of general interest, but also helps CAMRA to keep track of what brewers and pub owners are up to in Greater London's 5,500 pubs.

This month we welcome a new Youngs acquisition in Victoria, SW1 but record the loss of two Fullers pubs. Three brand new pubs are listed, including the latest Wetherspoon free house, now opened in West Hendon, NW9. More City pubs are demolished to make way for yet more office developments. The sale or lease of Grand Met pubs continues apace, a number of which have emerged as cafe-bars or what appears to be the latest fad, "tapas bars." In contrast, erstwhile "80's" theme pubs are continuing to revert to their former names and traditional styles.

The fiftieth edition provides an opportune time publicly to thank all those many individual contributors, both within the CAMRA branch structure and outside it, who over the years have provided information for this column. Every contribution, however small, has been much appreciated and has helped to build up a picture of the changing pub and real ale scene, London-wide. The nineties promise to bring even more changes with major brewery and pub chain sales imminent. Keep the news flowing in and we shall do our best to keep London Drinker readers up to date with events as they happen.

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

E8, TAYLORS, 19 Martello Street.
Boddington: Bitter. Cameron: Strongarm.
Fuller: London Pride, ESB. Ruddle: County.
Young: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex-Truman. Enamel adverts and period mirrors adorn walls. Formerly **QUEEN ELEANOR**.

E9, McCANNS, 235 Victoria Park Road.
Adnams: Bitter. Courage: Directors Bitter.
Plus house beer, "McCanns Bitter," origin unknown. New Free House opened in Jan 1989 in former shop premises, not previously reported. Finished in traditional style.

E14, NORTH POLE, 74 Manilla Street.
Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E141)

NORTH

ENFIELD, GREYHOUND, 425 Ordnance Road.
McMullen: Country Bitter. Welcome conversion of McMullen tied house. (N190)

NORTH WEST

NW6, NORTH LONDON TAVERN, 375 Kilburn High Road. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Fuller: ESB. (N149)

NW9, WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, 256-8 West Hendon Broadway. Boddington: Bitter.
Greene King: Abbot Ale. Marston: Pedigree.
Theakston: XB. Younger: Scotch Bitter.
Latest Wetherspoon Free House in former shop and restaurant premises. Large ground floor and upstairs bars. Patio at rear. Open all licensed hours.

SOUTH EAST

SE10, STUDIO BAR, Greenwich High Road (between Royal Hill & Stockwell Street).
Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Tetley: Bitter. New Taylor Walker bar attached to new Greenwich Cinema. Access to cinema through upstairs seating area. Open all licensed hours.

SE11, WHITE BEAR, 138 Kennington Park Road. Charrington: IPA. Expensive. (SE97)

SAFE DRINK LIMIT IS CHALLENGED

Drinking limits currently recommended by doctors are challenged in a book which says an extremist "anti-alcohol lobby" has become too influential.

One contributor to *Drinking to Your Health*, published today, says that most men can drink up to 70 measures of alcohol a week without seriously affecting their health, but 42 measures would be safe.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford, a former Conservative MP who works for the private health group, BUPA, also says moderate drinking can reduce stress, prevent heart disease, provide nutrition, and help relaxation.

The medical Royal Colleges recently agreed that 21 measures a week for men and 14 for women is sensible. Damage to liver, brain and muscles begins above that, they say. A measure is a half pint, a glass of wine, or a pub spirit.

The book is published by the Social Affairs Unit, a rightwing pressure group headed by Dr Digby Anderson. His introduction says that experts' recommendations will soon amount

to teetotalism. He said yesterday that there was studies of harm from alcohol varied greatly, and the basis for 14 and 21 was "not all that solid".

Other contributors say that informal social restraints on drinking are more effective than government control, advertising does not induce excessive drinking, and random breath testing might reduce drink-driving.

Education about alcohol in schools cannot compensate for home and community, it is argued, and education should value alcohol use and encourage individual responsibility.

Mr Don Steele, spokesman for Action on Alcohol Abuse, said the book tried to revive arguments that the industry lost three years ago. He defended the 14 and 21 figures, which most people stayed under.

"We're not anti-alcohol, but we're worried about health and marketing. Twenty per cent of people in hospital are there because they drink too much."

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BEER BRIEFING

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SOUTH WEST

SW3, MARLBOROUGH ARMS, 43 Elyston Street.
Boddington : Bitter. Flowers: IPA. Marston:
Pedigree. (Reinstatement SW22, U38)

WEST

W11, COLVILLE, 186 Portobello Road.
Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter.
(W87)

SOUTHALL, PIG & WHISTLE, Uxbridge Road.
Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. Webster:
Yorkshire Bitter. Formerly **GREENFORD**.
Large pub next to Iron Bridge, much
improved. (W142)

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE CENTRAL

EC2, BARBICAN TAVERN. Free House,
demolished. (E25)

EC2, SIR PAUL PINDAR. Charrington,
demolished. (E29)

EC3, BULLS HEAD. Free House, demolished.
(E33)

EC4, BANKER. Fuller, closed for
redevelopment. Formerly **BOUNCING BANKER**.
(E41, U29)

EC4, GEORGE. Eldridge Pope, confirmed
demolished. (E42, U36)

EC4, QUEENS ARMS. Courage, closed -
future uncertain. (E45)

EC4, RIVERSIDE INN. Free House, confirmed
demolished. (E46, U29)

EC4, WHITE HORSE. Taylor Walker, confirmed
demolished. (E48, U45)

W1 (Mar), WHITTAKERS. Watney, renamed **NO
COMMENT**, now a wine bar, H removed.
(W36)

EAST

E2, LYONS CORNER. Free House, closed &
converted to leather clothing wholesalers.
(E73)

E4, FOX & HOUNDS. Watney, H unused. (E88)

E15, BRITISH LION. Taylor Walker, H
removed. (E146)

NORTH

N1, BELVEDERE. Watney, now renamed **FINCA**,
a tapas bar & restaurant, H removed.
(N28)

N1, SWAN TAVERN. Charrington, H removed.
(N43)

ELSTREE, EDGWAREBURY HOTEL. Whitbread,
H removed. (N179)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, VALENTINE & ORSON. Watney, renamed
VALENTINES, H removed. (SE43)

SE4, GOLDEN DRAGON. Courage, H unused.
(SE52)

SE8, PRINCE ALFRED. Charrington, H removed.
(SE72)

SE14, GOLDSMITHS TAVERN. Courage,
H unused. (SE111)

SE20, ROYAL OAK. Charrington, H unused.
(SE164)

SE23, FOREST HILL HOTEL. Charrington,
H unused. (SE177, U42)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (P), DOLPHIN. Watney, now renamed **EL
FLAMENCO**, H removed. (SW15)

SW1 (P), STANLEY ARMS. Watney, renamed
BRAHMS, bar & eatery, H removed. (SW16)
SW3, CRANLEY. Courage, closed - future
uncertain. (SW21)

SW8, MASONS ARMS. Brent Walker, closed
for conversion to offices & restaurant.
(SW34)

SW9, CROWN & ANCHOR. Free House,
H unused. (SW36)

SW9, HERO OF SWITZERLAND. Ind Coope,
H unused. (SW36)

WEST

W6, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA. Watney, renamed
NUMBER ONE, bar & bistro, H removed. (W6)

SOUTHALL, NORTHCOTE ARMS. Fuller, closed &
sold, future uncertain. (W142)

SOUTHALL, RED LION. Free House, closed -
future uncertain. (W143)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES CENTRAL

EC2, OLDE GRESHAM. Renamed **BLADES** in 1987
and now sold and converted to wine bar
named **JAMIES**. (E28)

W1 (F), HOPE. - Brakspear: Bitter.
+ Flowers: Original Bitter. (W29)

W1 (F), NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS. - Taylor
Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Special.
(W32)

W1 (F), PRESLEYS. - Truman: Best Bitter
(W32)

W1 (F), WHEATSHEAF. - Younger: No. 3.
+ Theakston: Best Bitter. (W33)

W1 (F), WINDMILL. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale.
- Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Bitter, Special.
(W33)

W1 (May), AUDLEY. - Truman: Best Bitter.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W38)

W1 (May), BUBBLES. - Webster: Yorkshire
Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W38)

W1 (May), GROSVENOR ARMS. - Greene King:
IPA. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (W39)

W1 (May), PUNCHBOWL. - Truman: Best
Bitter. + Ruddle: County (W39)

W1 (May), ROSE & CROWN. - Everard: Tiger.
(W40)

WC2, NAGS HEAD. + McMullen: Strong Hart
(OG 1070). (W55)

EAST

E1, HORN OF PLENTY. Now a Free House,
ex-Truman (E61)

E1, HORSE & GROOM. Renamed **CAUTHENS**.
(E61)

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 50 Continued

SE18, COOPERS ARMS. - Young: Special.
+ Charrington: IPA. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. Former Roses Free House acquired by John McDonnell of McDonnell's, SE7. (SE144)
SE18, PRINCE ALBERT, 49 Hare Street.
- Young: Special, Winter Warmer. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Former Roses Free House also acquired by McDonnell. (SE148)
SE18, VILLAGE BLACKSMITH. - beers listed except Greene King: Abbot Ale and Marston: Pedigree. + Fuller: Chiswick Bitter, London Pride. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Former Midsummer Leisure ex-CAMRA Investments Free House acquired by McDonnell. (SE150)
SE19, ALMA. - Wethered: Bitter, Winter Royal. + Flowers: Original Bitter. (SE154)
SE19, COLBY ARMS. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE155)
SE19, QUEENS ARMS. - beers listed.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. No longer a Free House, Grand Met range beers only. (SE156)
SE19, SPORTSMAN. - Younger: Scotch Bitter, No. 3 + Theakston: Best Bitter. (SE157)
SE23, DARTMOUTH ARMS. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE177)
SE23, MALT SHOVEL. - Greene King: IPA. - Wadworth: 6X. + Fuller: London Pride. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE177)
SE23, PIE & KILDERKIN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE177)
SE23, RAILWAY TELEGRAPH. + Shepherd Neame: Bishop's Finger. (SE178)
SE24, HALF MOON. + Courage: Best Bitter. Note correct title. (SE179)
SE24, TULSE HILL. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Note correct title. (SE180)
SE25, BEEHIVE. + Bass. + Greene King: IPA. (SE184)
SE25, JOINERS ARMS. - Ind Coope: Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE185)
SE26, BELL. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE189)
SE26, PRINCE ALFRED. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE192)
SE26, RAILWAY TAVERN, 401 Southend Lane. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE192)
SE26, WOODMAN. - Wethered: Winter Royal. (SE192)
SE27, TWO TOWERS. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. - Tetley: Bitter. (SE196)
CROYDON, ALMA TAVERN. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE234)
CROYDON, BEDFORD TAVERN. + Young: Bitter. Note correct title. (SE234)

CROYDON, CHERRY ORCHARD. Renamed ORCHARD.

Good value (SE237)

CROYDON, DUKES HEAD. - Friary Meux: Best Bitter. + Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. (SE241)

CROYDON, GREYHOUND HOTEL. Renamed CAFE MOONSHINE, still fizz. (SE243)

CROYDON, OVAL TAVERN. - Courage: Directors Bitter. - Hook Norton: Best Bitter.

+ Adnams: Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. Note correct title. (SE247)

KENLEY, KENLEY HOTEL. - Ind Coope: Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. Note correct title. (SE258)

KENLEY, ROSE & CROWN. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE258)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (W), ROYAL OAK. - beers listed.

+ Young: Bitter, Special Winter Warmer. Small corner ex-Watney pub acquired and renovated by Youngs. (SW17)

SW8, PRIORY ARMS. - beers listed.
+ Fuller: London Pride, ESB. + Young: Bitter, Special. Now a Free House, ex-Watney. (SW34)

SW8, VICTORIA, 166 Queenstown Road.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter. Formerly BROWNS. (SW33, U32, U48)

SW9, PRINCE OF WALES. + Fuller: ESB (Winter). (SW33, U46)

SW9, WHITE HART. - Truman beers.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW37)

SW11, PRINCE OF WALES, 339 Battersea Park Road. Renamed LEGLESS LADDER. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (SW41, U46)

SW14, HALFWAY HOUSE. - Brakspear: Bitter. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. (SW44)

SW14, MARKET GARDENER. - Ruddle: County. (SW45)

SW14, PLOUGH. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW45)

SW14, VICTORIA. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW45)

SW15, FOX & HOUNDS. - Wethered: Samuel Whitbread Ale, Winter Royal. - Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale, Best Bitter (cask). + Flowers: IPA. + Marston: Pedigree. (SW46, U48)

SW15, JOLLY GARDENERS. + Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (SW46)

SW15, KINGS HEAD. - Courage: Best Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW46)

SW18, LE GOTHIQUE. - Ruddle: County. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (U35)

MORDEN, MORDEN TAVERN. - Truman beers. (SW70)

WEST

W3, FRANKIES. Renamed CAPTAIN COOK. (W64)
BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON. + Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (W98)

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BEER BRIEFING

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E3, COTTON ARMS. Renamed **GILLIES** in 1985 and now renamed **GEORGE & DRAGON.** (E81)
E3, LORD CARDIGAN. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Special. (E82, U32)
E3, ORDELL ARMS. Now a Free House, ex-Courage, still fizz. (E84)
E3, PARK INN. Renamed **GI BIOS**, bar & restaurant. Formerly **INN AT THE PARK.** (E82, U40)
E9, RISING SUN. Renamed **JADES** in 1987 and now renamed **RETREAT.** (E115)
E11, BELL. + Greene King: IPA. (E123)
E11, CROWN. + Greene King: IPA. (E123)
E15, PRINCESS OF WALES. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Special. (E150)
E16, RAILWAY HOTEL. Now a Free House, ex-Taylor Walker. (E155)
E18, RAILWAY BELL. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (E167)
E18, WHITE HART. - Tolly Cobbold: Original Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. (E167)
BARKING, BRITANNIA. + Young: Winter Warmer (X12)
BARKING, CAPTAIN COOK. - Benskins: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (X12)
DAGENHAM, CHERRY TREE. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (X37)
DAGENHAM, FARMHOUSE TAVERN. - Felinfoel: Double Dragon - now brewery conditioned only. (X38)
WOODFORD GREEN, CRICKETERS. + McMullen: Strong Hart. (X106, U39)

NORTH

N1, HEMINGFORD ARMS. Current range is: Adnams: Bitter. Arkell: BBB. Boddington: Bitter. Eldridge Pope: Best Bitter (3.7% ABV). Greene King: Abbot Ale. Marston: Pedigree. Palmer: Best Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. (N34)
N1, NORTH POLE. Renamed **MULLIGANS.** Now a Free House but beer still tied to Greene King. (N39)
N1, SALMON & COMPASSES. + Courage: Best Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Delete comments in Guide. (N41)
N2, BALD FACED STAG. + Young: Bitter. (N47)
N2, WELCH BROTHERS. Correct name is **WELCH'S ALE HOUSE.** - Bob Bitter, Finchley Ale, Old Navigation. + Adnams: Old. + Bateman: Victory Ale. + Felinfoel: Double Dragon. + Gale: Best Bitter. A total of 12 different real ales on handpumps. (N48)
N2, WINDSOR CASTLE. - McMullen: AK Mild. + McMullen: Strong Hart. + Marston: Pedigree. + Ward: Sheffield Bitter. (N49)

N11, ARNOS ARMS. + Bass. + Greene King: IPA. (N79)

N12, DRUMMONDS. Renamed **PAGES BAR**, still fizz. (N82)

NORTH WEST

NW4, WHITE BEAR. + Young: Bitter. (N142)
NW10, SPORTS. Reverted to **COACH & HORSES**, Websters only. (N163)
PINNER, MANOR HOUSE. - Ruddle: County. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (W135)
WEMBLEY, HARROW TAVERN. - Ruddle: County. (159)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, LEATHER EXCHANGE. + Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (SE29)
SE4, LORD WOLSELEY. + Bass. (SE53)
SE4, TALBOT. + Bass. (SE53)
SE6, BLACK HORSE. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE61)
SE6, DARTMOUTH. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Note correct title. (SE62)
SE6, FELLOWSHIP INN. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE62)
SE6, PRINCE HENRY. + Flowers: IPA. (SE63)
SE6, TWO BREWERS. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE63)
SE8, BIRDS NEST. + Theakston: Best Bitter. (SE68)
SE8, CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE69)
SE11, COURT TAVERN. + Shepherd Neame: Bishop's Finger (5.4% ABV). (SE92)
SE11, GREYHOUND. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE94)
SE11, WHITE HART. Renamed **FINCA**, a tapas bar & restaurant, still fizz. (SE97)
SE14, FLOWER OF KENT. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE110)
SE14, ROYAL ALBERT. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE112)
SE15, HOLLYDALE TAVERN. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE119)
SE15, MONTAGUE ARMS. - beers listed. + Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Now a "Free House" but with Whitbread loan tie, ex-Truman. Incorrectly listed under SE14 in SE Guide. (SE112)
SE15, RAILWAY TAVERN. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE123)
SE15, SHERGAR. - Young: Special. + Bass. (SE123)
RUISLIP, WINDMILL. + Greene King: IPA (W138)
SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN. + Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (W143)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 48

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES
SW11, FOX & HOUNDS. Should read **SW15.**

THE NEW YORK BEER SCENE

New York's Hidden Bars

British visitors to America have long been depressed by the lack of decent refreshment due to the Nation's large brewers churning out tasteless, fizzy so-called beers. Apart from a few long established Irish taverns where a pint or bottle of St. James Gate Dublin Guinness has long been an oasis on the streets of New York or Boston, you would search in vain for a pint of traditionally brewed ale. However all is now changing due to a resurgence of micro-breweries and brew-pubs which originated in the San Francisco area and spread to New York in the early 80's, the first being the Manhattan Brewing Company of which more later.

The following is a sampling of bars in the Manhattan area of New York which are easily accessible by subway and/or bus from the main downtown area. All these bars serve a variety of products from micro-breweries throughout America as well as bottled beer products from Europe and the rest of the world.

We start our New York tour at McSorley's Old Ale House, 15 East 7th Street just off Third Avenue in the East Village. McSorley's has

long been regarded as a shrine of serious beer drinking dating back to 1850. With sawdust on the floor and a pot-belly stove in the corner, this establishment is little changed since it first opened.

Only beer is available in the form of McSorley's own brews, light and dark, although they do not brew their own trademark beers, both products being produced in Baltimore by Heileman. The light has little character apart from a slightly musty smell but the dark, with a hint of maltiness, is a great improvement. The main recommendation of the bar is the price, \$2.00 for a couple of beers which cannot be purchased singly!

One hundred yards east along 7th Street is a bar called Brewskey's which has a range of the famous San Francisco Anchor Steam brews on draught. This small single-roomed bar offers three brews: the original bitter; Anchor Liberty Ale and porter. Also on draught is Samuel Adam's lager brewed in Boston, a strong fruity brew slightly reminiscent of Fullers ESB. Brewskey's also stock a fine selection of Belgian bottled beers.

A couple of blocks west of McSorley's and
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DEAR DIPSEY



Dear Dipsey

The other night I was stopped by the Police on my way home from a pub, and asked to take a breath test. Unfortunately I was suffering badly from diarrhoea at the time and feared that the consequences of blowing hard might be disastrous, so I declined. I was then driven back to the police station, where the trauma of the occasion brought about the disastrous consequences I had earlier feared. The Police, to their credit, were very kind, allowing me to use their shower and even giving me a plastic bag for my underpants. However, I have been charged with failing to provide a specimen. Do you think I have a good defence?

Fill,
The Pantiles

Dear Fill

It sounds to me as if you managed to produce one hell of a specimen! You could always plead "insanitary" and produce your underpants as an exhibit, although this could lead to a further charge of "causing a piece in the breeches". Seriously though, if I were in your shoes I think I'd shit myself!

Dipsey

Dear Dipsey

I am intrigued why the point of sale advertising for Labatt's Canadian Lager here features a shadowy, headless figure holding a glass of same in a heavily gloved hand.

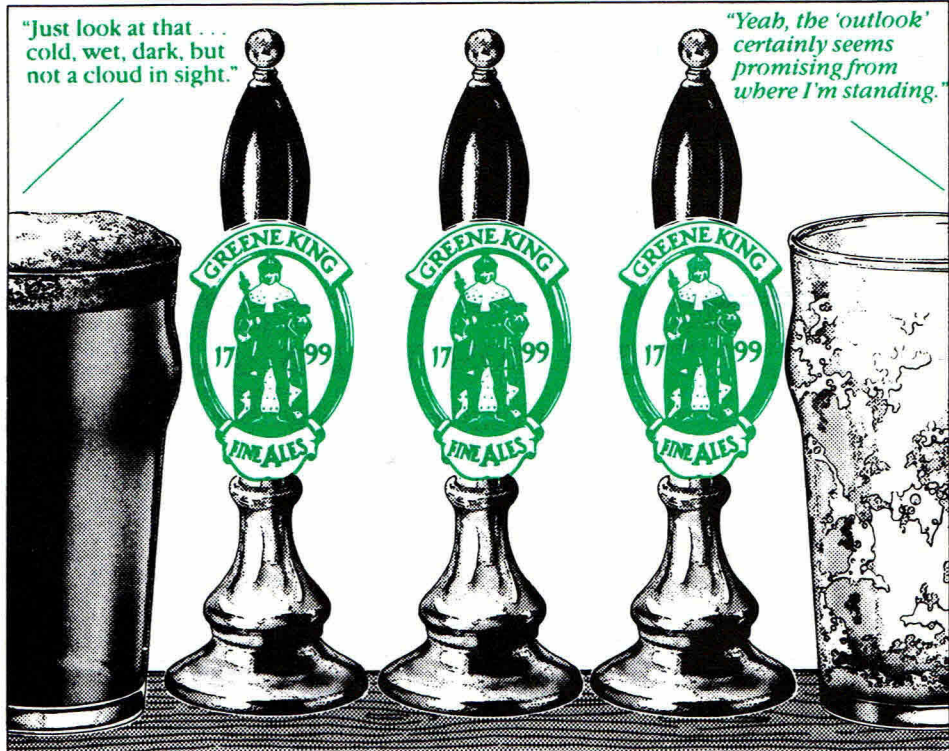
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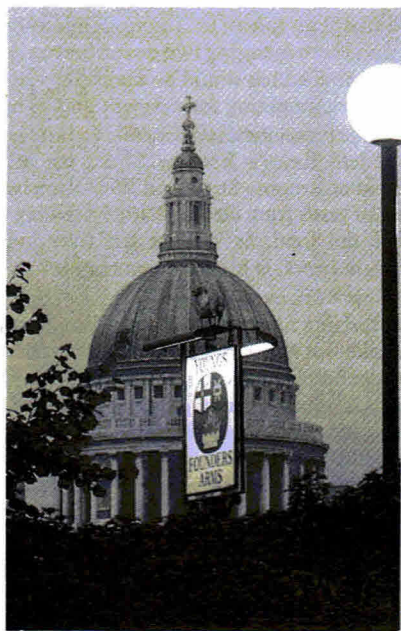
Anna Peeling, Toronto

Dear Anna

Even advertising models have their pride, you know, and no doubt the one used by the Agency on behalf of the Wandsworth based brewers who concoct this wonderful, transatlantic beverage, understandably did not wish to be recognised. As for the glove, would you want to hold a glass of Labatts for long at the temperatures at which it is served?

Dipsey





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There are famous and historic pubs in his guide but he has also wandered far from the tourist track to present a wide cross-section of the capital's hostelries. The book is packed with anecdotes, a history of brewing in London, and information about the capital's remaining brewers as well as pub listings which include details about food and family facilities. **£4.95.**

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Brewskey's lies Greenwich Village where, as well as some of the best jazz and rock clubs in New York, are a variety of interesting hostelries. Chumley's is a former speakeasy located at the corner of Barrow and Bedford Streets just off 7th Avenue in the heart of the village. It is very easy to miss as there is no sign, only a single light above an alleyway at the corner of Barrow Street, leading into a small courtyard. A door on the far side of the courtyard is the entrance to a small bar with an adjacent room crammed with old oak tables. The draught beer varies but on my visit was a superb pint of Anchor Steam.

After leaving Chumley's we proceed down Bedford Street turning along 11th Street as far as Hudson Street where the famous White Horse Tavern is located. Dylan Thomas died here but not for the want of good beer. This is a marvellous old establishment with a large bar leading off to numerous small rooms containing an assortment of interesting bric-a-brac. Among the brews on draught worth a mention are New Amsterdam Amber, light and fruity with a floral aroma, brewed at Utica in upstate New York, and an interesting bitter called Brooklyn Lager.

Back in the centre of Greenwich Village, at the corner of Bleecker and La Guardia Streets, is the aptly named Peculiar Pub. The Peculiar is renowned for its lengthy beer list, however don't automatically equate length with quality. The selection of draught beers is unremarkable but the list of bottled beers is impressive, for example, I sampled a bottle of Xingu, A Brazilian porter, sweet and thick as Amazon mud, also a bottle of Sierra Nevada pale ale from the Sierra Nevada brewery in Chico, California. This bar is a good spot if you plan to sample one of the jazz or rock clubs on Bleecker Street. Many of these bars on the street have New Amsterdam on draught and Rolling Rock, an interesting if unremarkable lager brewed in Philadelphia. Most bars are only open in the evening.

Moving uptown just west of the Theatre District is Joe Allen's at 326 West 46th Street between 8th and 9th Avenue. It is the only bar in town to offer the malty Newman's Albany Amber Ale brewed in upstate New York. As well as New Amsterdam Ale on draught, there is a

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wide selection of bottled beers including Portland Lager from Oregon. I was informed by the barman that in a city like Portland, Oregon, if you don't have six micro-brews on draught you aren't considered a real bar!

An uptown bar I would strongly recommend is the Museum Cafe at 80th Street on Columbus Avenue, directly opposite the Natural History Museum. Although primarily a restaurant the actual bar is a marvellous example of a Dutch type 'old bruin cafe' established by early Dutch settlers. Sitting at the bar quaffing a bottle of Duvel, you could easily be in Amsterdam itself. Appropriately, New Amsterdam beers are also on draught here.

The flagship of New York brewing renaissance, the Manhattan Brewing Company, was established by an Englishman in the early 80's. This massive brewpub was established in an abandoned Con Edison electricity substation at the corner of Thompson and Spring Streets deep in the Soho district. Unfortunately, when I last called it had fallen on hard times and closed its doors, but I was informed that it will re-open at the end of June 1989 with six beers on draught, including a superb (on past

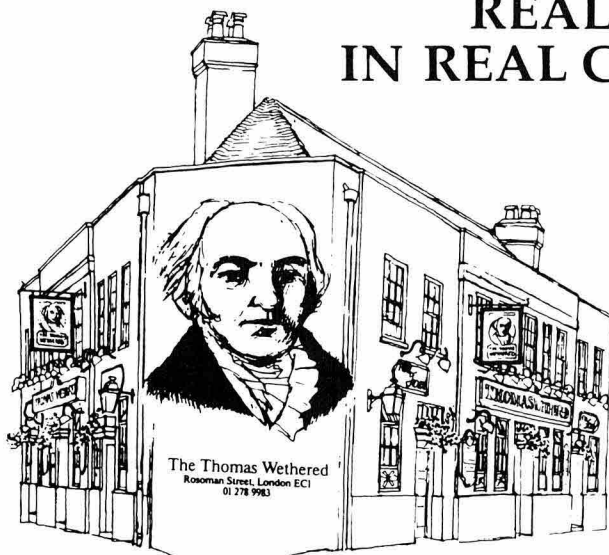
tastings) British bitter, the less exceptional Royal Amber Ale and Special Porter. There are also plans to host an American micro-brew festival here featuring two dozen breweries in September which would be a must for visitors from Britain pining for a decent pint of beer. Another recommendation in this vicinity is the excellent Kenn's Broome Street bar at the corner of Broome Street and West Broadway, just 50 yards from the Manhattan Brewing Co. Here the food, as well as the selection of draught beers, is highly recommended.

In New York even the average corner deli has a surprising number of unusual foreign beers for take-out so that, if you are forced to go back to your hotel, you need not go thirsty - not that there is much chance of that in New York where most bars are open to 3.00 in the morning. Hopefully, at that time you can find your way back safely, preferably by yellow cab as the subway, although running 24 hours, is certainly not recommended after midnight.

Ken Hubbard

Ken Hubbard is a long standing Nottingham CAMRA. Branch member, now living in Toronto, and a regular visitor to the Big Apple.

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Full cold buffet

Salted Beef Sandwiches
Carvery roast · Sunday lunch

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Happy hour 5.30 · 6.30pm
All beers at £1 pint

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SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
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SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN
SW15 FOX & HOUNDS
SW15 JOLLY GARDENERS
SW15 WHITE LION
SW16 GENEVIEVE
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SW19 GROVE
SW19 KINGS HEAD
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL
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Morden Road, S. Wimbledon
SW19 TRAFALGAR
CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR
KINGSTON, CARDINAL
KINGSTON, COCOANUT
KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD
KINGSTON, FLAMINGO
BREWERY COMPANY
KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
MITCHAM, RAVENSBRURY ARMS
NEW MALDEN, RAILWAY
RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE
RICHMOND, RED COW
RICHMOND, SHAFTESBURY
ARMS
RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS
SURBITON, BUN SHOP

SURBITON, VICTORIA
WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES,
Oatlands Park
W1 ARGYLL ARMS
W1 RED LION Kingly Street
W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
W2 ROYAL STANDARD
W3 KINGS ARMS
W3 KINGS HEAD
W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE
W4 WINDMILL
W5 FOX & GOOSE
W5 GREYSTOKE
W5 PLOUGH
W5 RED LION
W6 BLACK LION
W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
W6 RICHMOND ARMS
W7 ROYAL VICTORIA
W9 TRUSCOTT ARMS
W10 NARROW BOAT
W10 VILLAGE INN
W11 FROG & FIRKIN
W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE
W13 THE FORESTER
W13 KENT HOTEL
W13 VIADUCT
BRENTFORD, BEEHIVE
BRENTFORD, BREWERY TAP
BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON
CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD
GREENFORD, BLACK HORSE
HAMPTON HILL, WINDMILL
HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS
HARLINGTON, CROWN
HARMONDSWORTH, CROWN
HAYES, ROYAL STANDARD
HILLINGDON, RED LION
HILLINGDON, STAR
HOUNSLOW, BEAVER
HOUNSLOW, CHARIOT
HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES
HOUNSLOW, EARL RUSSELL
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SOUTHALL, OLD OAK TREE
SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN
SOUTHALL, THREE HORSESHOES
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TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER
TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE
TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTT
TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT
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OFF TRADE

W11 GROGBLOSSOM

CLUBS

W1 Polytechnic of Central London
S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsolver Street

W3 LT District Line Social Club,
Park Place

OUTSIDE LONDON

BRIGHTON, NOBLES BAR, New
Road
BRIGHTON, HAND IN HAND,
Upper St James Street.
BRIGHTON, QUEENS HEAD,
Opposite Station.
COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT, 28
Mersea Road.
ELLAND (Yorks), BARGE &
BARREL.
HITCHIN (Herts), NEW FOUND
OUT INN, Stevenage Road.
LEWES, BREWERS ARMS, High
Street.
MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLER,
Ducie Street
PETERBOROUGH, BOGART'S,
North Street
POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS,
Coopers Lane.
READING, GROG SHOP (Off
Licence), London Road
READING, WARWICK ARMS,
Kings Road
READING, HOOK & TACKLE,
Katesgrove Lane.
SALISBURY (Wils), WYNDHAM
ARMS, Estcourt Road.
SHREWSBURY, ADMIRAL
BENBOW,
10 Swan Hill
STEVENAGE (Herts) RED LION,
High Street, Old Town.
SOUTHAMPTON, JUNCTION INN,
Priory Road, St Denys.
TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &
FEATHERS, South Street.
WINCHESTER, BELL,
St. Aldate's
WORTHING (Sussex), WHEAT-
SHEAF, Richmond Road.
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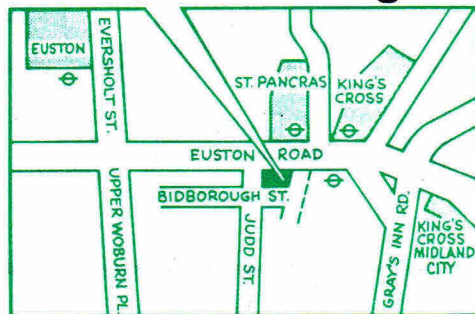
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Camden Centre, Bidborough Street WC1

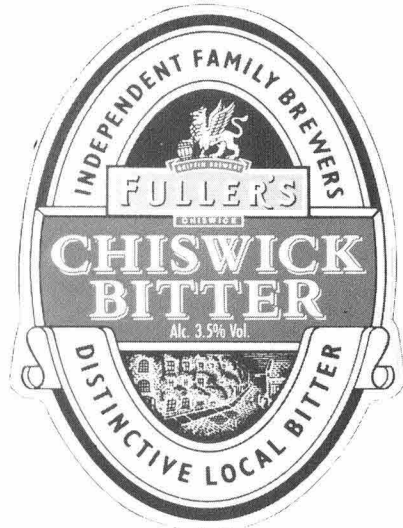
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Remember the Fuller's Passport?

We are now introducing a Passport with a difference. The Chiswick Bitter Trail will take you around 71 Fuller's pubs and give everyone an excuse (if one is needed!), to try the 1989 GBBF Supreme Champion Beer of Britain.

All you have to do is visit each pub and have a glass of Chiswick Bitter (or a Fuller's L.A. for the driver), and get your card stamped.

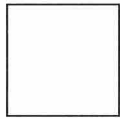
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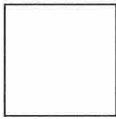
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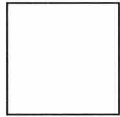
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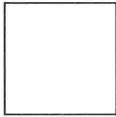
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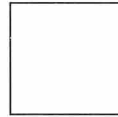
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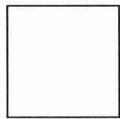
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Middlesex



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Offley
Nr. Hitchin
Hertfordshire



Cricketers Inn
South Street
Dorking
Surrey



The Aristocrat
1-3 Wendover Road
Aylesbury
Bucks.



The Butler
89-91 Chatham Street
Reading
Berks.



The Crown
116 Cloudsley Road
Islington
London N1



The Beehive
197 St. John's Hill
Wandsworth
London SW11



The Chariot
34 High Street
Hounslow
Middlesex



Crown & Sceptre
57 Melina Road
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Chineham
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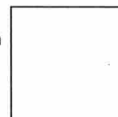
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Kennet Side
Reading
Berkshire



Bell & Crown
13 Thames Road
Strand-on-the-Green
London W4



Churchill Arms
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Street
London W8



The Fleetwood
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London EC2



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257 Rotherhithe Street
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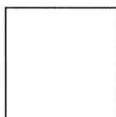
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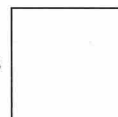
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Reading
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The Boat
Gravel Path
Berkhamsted
Herts.



The Cocoanut
16 Mill Street
Kingston-upon-Thames
Surrey



**Fox & Hounds &
Mawson Arms**
Mawson Lane
Chiswick
London W4

BITTER Trail



Garibaldi
61 Albert Street
St. Albans
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61-63 Lacey Road
Putney
London SW15



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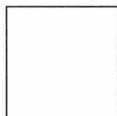
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Kings Head
214 High Street
Acton
London W3



Post Office Arms
46 Puller Road
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Hemel Hempstead
Herts.



George & Devonshire
8 Burlington Lane
Chiswick
London W4



Leather Exchange
15 Leathermarket
Street
London SE1



Prince Albert
30 Hampton Road
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Middlesex



George & Vulture
63 Pitfield Street
Hoxton
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Lord Nelson
9 Enfield Road
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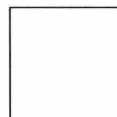
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The Green
Twickenham
Middlesex



Goat House
2 Penge Road
South Norwood
London SE25



Master Robert Hotel
366 Great West Road
Heston
Hounslow
Middlesex



Princes Head
The Green
Richmond
Surrey



Hare & Hounds
132 Vicarage Road
Sunbury
Middlesex



Old Pack Horse
434 High Road
Chiswick
London W4



The Queen
Victoria Street
High Wycombe
Bucks.



Harpenden Arms
188 High Street
Harpenden
Herts.



Pavours Arms
Page Street
Westminster
London SW1



Queens Head
High Street
Cranford
Middlesex



Hop Blossom
Long Garden Walk
Farnham
Surrey.



Plough Inn
Northfield Avenue
Ealing
London W5



Railway Tavern
47 North Street
Carshalton
Surrey



Red Lion
2 Castlenau
Barnes
London SW13



The Scotsman
96 Scotts Road
Southall
Middlesex



Victoria Arms
Terrace Road North
Binfield
Bracknell
Berks.



Red Lion
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Warwick Arms
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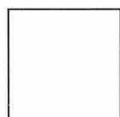
**Red Lion &
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281 High Street
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London W3



The Ship
68 Borough Road
London SE1



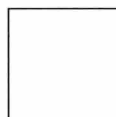
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Hampton Wick
Surrey



Rising Sun
407 London Road
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Middlesex



The Ship
116 Wardour Street
London W1



White Horse
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Richmond
Surrey



Rose & Crown
Church Place
St. Mary's Road
Ealing
London W5



Star Tavern
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London SW1



The Windmill
214 High Road
Chiswick
London W4



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London WC1



The Surveyor
Island Farm Road
West Moseley
Surrey



Wotton Hatch
Wotton
Westcott
Near Dorking
Surrey



The Salutation
154 King Street
Hammersmith
London W6



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