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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 BETSY TROTWOOD
EC1 CROWN TAVERN
EC1 EAGLE
EC1 HAND & SHEARS
EC1 HORSESHOE
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 THOMAS WETTERED
EC2 FLEETWOOD
E1 ARTFUL DODGER
E1 FISH & RING
E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 NELSON'S HEAD
E2 SHIP & BLUE BALL
E8 LADY DIANA
E9 ROYAL STANDARD
E10 DRUM
E11 NORTHCOTE
E14 QUEENS HEAD
E15 PRINCESS OF WALES
E15 THEATRE ROYAL BAR
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
E17 COPPERMILL
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 SOUTHWARK TAVERN
SE1 WELLINGTON
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE9 PARK TAVERN
SE9 ROYAL ELTHAM
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
SE10 BRITISH SAILOR
SE10 FROG & RADIATOR
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MANOR TAVERN
SE16 MOBY DICK
SE17 CROWN
SE17 TANKARD
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 COOPERS ARMS
(PLAISTED'S)
SE18 GATEHOUSE
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE19 RAILWAY BELL
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
SE20 ANERLEY ARMS
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE24 PRINCE REGENT

SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK
SE25 SHIP
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
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.
E15 Bacchus's Bin
SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee 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 PERCY ARMS
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
WC1 SUN
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
WC2 GEORGE IV
WC2 LYCEUM
WC2 FREEMASONS ARMS
N1 COMPTON ARMS
N1 EARL OF RADNOR
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
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, OLD MITRE
BARNET, TRENT TAVERN
BARNET, WEAVER
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 DUCK INN
NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS
NW1 VICTORIA
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
NW3 WELLS HOTEL
NW4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN
NW8 CROCKERS
NW9 GEORGE
NW9 J. J. MOONS
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
HAREFIELD, PLOUGH
HARROW, KINGSFIELD ARMS

OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street.
N2 GROGBLOSSOM
NW6 Grogblossom, 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 MORPETH ARMS
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS
SW1 RED LION

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EDITORIAL

None of us likes to complain and especially when visiting a pub, a place to attempt to relax after a hard day. This is even more true when you are either out with your partner or by yourself for a quiet read of the newspaper. When you are with a group of friends, it is much easier to voice a complaint because there is strength in numbers, but usually the last thing you all want is hassle.

So, what are the things that annoy us in pubs? One of the biggest sources of complaint is service or the lack of it! A commercially successful publican will cut down on staff costs during slack periods and maximise his take while the pub is crowded by employing enough staff to serve the customers. This needs skilful judgement by the publican/employer. Why are we kept waiting then? Personally I don't mind if I know I have been seen by the barperson concerned and I will wait my turn without worry. My tension begins when the person just serves the nearest customer, a very common occurrence. The best barpersons are trained to stand back from the bar counter and face the pub. They can then see customers as they approach the bar. If they are leaning on the bar talking they cannot do this. In one pub I used to frequent a change of manager resulted in all the excellent barstaff being replaced by

others who used to spend most of their time talking to each other at the far end of the bar. Customers at the end of their tether, feverishly waving large denomination bank notes in the air, were treated with cool indifference until the bar staff had finished their conversation. This particular pub soon lost fifty regular customers and hundreds of pounds a week, and I personally have never returned.

Another thing that gets to me is the 'one person behind both bars' situation, at opening time or until the first shift barstaff appear. When it is the publican it is usually fine, but when it is a sloth-like apology, I make my excuses and go elsewhere. If this happens in my local. I make a point of telling the landlord and, conversely, I give praise when I think it's due.

What can we do when we are kept waiting for an inordinate amount of time? Very little it seems, without causing an incident with other customers - you know the situations: 'It's my turn next mate' 'I was here ages before you pal' etc, etc. My advice, born out of long and painful experience, is to vote with your feet to another pub where the barstaff are properly trained in the dying art of good service and good manners.

Chris Cobbold



APPLICATION FOR CAMRA MEMBERSHIP

I/We wish to join the Campaign for Real Ale Limited, and agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Campaign.

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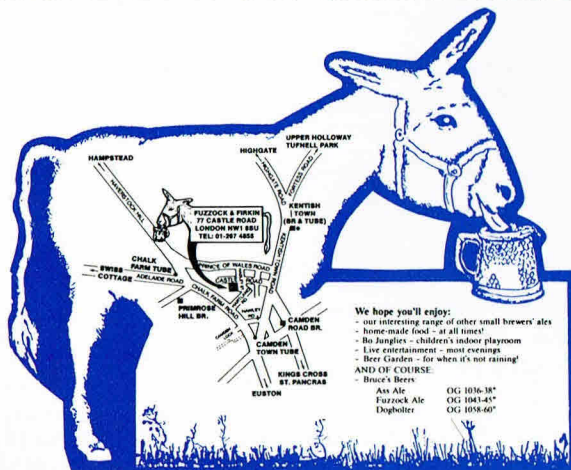
77 Castle Road
London NW1 8SU
Tel: 01-267 4855

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 Fuzzock Ale OG 1041-45°
 Dogbottle OG 1058-60°

Dear Drinkers

I was somewhat disappointed to see the piece on the new Brent Walker Tap and Spile outlets in London, in the September issue. Living in the vicinity of Crouch End, I recognised it as no more than an advertising blurb which had previously appeared in the local press.

Well, OK, advertising can be informative, but I think readers should be made aware when press releases are used without further comment. Unfortunately it gets worse. I have visited a number of Tap and Spiles in the north and always found them excellent. A good range of beer in good condition. It was with anticipation therefore, that I visited the outlet at Crouch Hill. Regrettably neither of the beers tried was in good condition - one was virtually undrinkable. The curse of Crouch End strikes again?

I hope not and I will return to give the pub another chance - but, critically.

Yours faithfully

Keith Flett

WETHERSPOON UPDATE

The expanding J D Wetherspoon free house empire has opened its first tavern south of the Thames. The former Watney-owned Crown and Sceptre, Streatham Hill, now renamed J J Moon's, has undergone a complete refurbishment and will add a new dimension to drinking in the area.

The Mayor of Lambeth Councillor George Huish and Mayoress Mrs Joyce Cray were the first visitors to sample the splendours of the newly furnished and carpeted interior. Yet, despite the opulence of the surroundings, visitors can still buy a pint of bitter for less than £1.

The Wetherspoon formula of cask ales at reasonable prices in a music-free environment is increasingly finding favour with London drinkers, claims Tim Martin, founder and managing director of the company. With 29 hosterlies in business by the year's end it will be the largest free house chain in the capital.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Sir,

In response to J Clements's letter in the October edition regarding "Rail Ale Rambles", I can confirm that they still take place. I have been on a couple of them over the last year or so, and in my experience they have been very well planned and organised, with brewery visits and a good selection of ales to sample. Unfortunately, they seem to have been overrun by lager louts and hooligans, upon whom all the organisers' efforts are wasted; they seem simply to want to get drunk and be offensive, and I am sure that I have even heard some of them discussing urinating in one of the vats during a brewery visit. Of course, these are not CAMRA tours, but frankly, I do not want to waste a day in such unpleasant company; genuine beer enthusiasts have been very much in a minority. So, I do not expect I shall be going again.

Of course, my particular experiences may have been exceptional, and Mr/Ms Clements may be more tolerant than I am. If he/she wishes to see for him/herself, then the address to write to is:

Rail Ale Rambles
Crookham Travel
11 Attlee Gardens
Church Crookham
Fleet, Hants., GU13 0PH
(Tel: Fleet (0252) 628647)

Gyan Mathur

CAPITAL ALE NIGHT

East London & City CAMRA (ELAC) announce that a Capital Ale Night will be held in the Ship & Blue Ball, 13 Boundary Street E2 on Wednesday 14th November.

Special Features include the complete Premier Beer's range including "Old Merlin" & "Maidens Ruin" and the seasonal return of Pitfield Porter especially brewed for the Pigs Ear Festival (held 2 weeks later).

Early start: from 7 pm

Food will be supplied courtesy of the Pigs Ear Festival.



BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for November of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 7.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Thu 8 Redhill Crawl. East Croydon Station, depart on 19.33 train. Start NEWINN (dep 8.45), 147 Brighton Road then GREYHOUND; GARLAND and HOME COTTAGE - Tue 13 SE25 Crawl. Start ALBERT (dep. 8.45), Harrington Road then PORT MANOR and ALBION - Thu 22 (8.00) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon - Wed 28 Visit to Pig's Ear Beer Festival. Depart from East Croydon Station on 18.57 train or meet at Stratford Town Hall - Fri 7 Dec Sutton Crawl. Start JENNY LIND (dep. 8.45) then NEW TOWN and LORD NELSON.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 29 Oct (8.00) Leyton Mini-Crawl. Start HOLLYBUSH, 32 Grange Road, E10 then TAP & SPILE (9.00), 596 Lea Bridge Road; DRUM (10.00), 559 Lea Bridge Road - Mon 5 (8.00) Branch Meeting. ARTILLERY ARMS, Bunhill Row, EC1 - Tue 13 (8.00) Capital Ale Night. SHIP & BLUE BALL, 13 Boundary Street, E2 - Wed 28 Opening night of PIG'S EAR BEER FESTIVAL. West Ham Town Hall, Stratford Broadway, E156 - Mon 3 Dec (8.00) Branch Meeting. SHIP & BLUE BALL, 13 Boundary Street, E2.

ENFIELD & BARNET: November is RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW MONTH. We're meeting in some of our best pubs so come along to meet potential new members and help tell the drinking public what CAMRA is all about (All Recruitment Roadshows start at 8.30pm). Thu 1 YE OLDE MITRE TAVERN, 58 High Street, Barnet - Thu 8 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, West Hendon Broadway, NW9 - Wed 14 CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane, N20 - Mon 19 KINGS HEAD, Market Place, Enfield - Tue 27 GREEN DRAGON, 889 Green Lanes, N21 - Thu 29 (9.00) Roadshow recovery Social at Pig's Ear Beer Festival. (Reserve: Dog & Duck, 74 Hoppers Road, N21) - Tue 4 Dec Branch 16th Anniversary Social. YE OLDE MONKEN HOLT, 193 High Street, Barnet.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 4 (12.00) Social. SPRING GROVE, Kingston - Wed 14 (8.30) Business Meeting. FOUNTAIN, New Malden - Wed 21 (8.30) Social. RIFLEMAN, Epsom (recently transferred Greene King pub) - Sun 2 Dec (12.00) Social. ROYAL BARGE, Horse Fair, Kingston (NEW PUB!). Advance Notice: Mon 21 Jan (8.00) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BUN SHOP, Surbiton. A short branch meeting will precede AGM.

NORTH LONDON: Every Sunday in Nov (12.00) Lunchtime Social. ADMIRAL MANN, Hargrave Place, N7 - Tue 6 (8.00) Two Pub Social. KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN, Queens Terrace, NW8 then BLENHEIM (9.30), Loudoun Road - Tue 13 (8.00) Branch Meeting. RUGBY TAVERN, Great James Street, WC1 - Tue 20 (8.00) Two Pub Social. OLD BLACK LION, West End Lane, NW6 then ARKWRIGHT'S WHEEL (new outlet - 9.30), 283 West End Lane - Thu 29 Social & London Drinker pick-up. NEW MAN IN THE MOON (new outlet), 40 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (NB: Thursday) - Sunday Lunchtime Socials for December (12.00) QUEENS ARMS, 1 Kilburn High Road, NW6 - Tue 4 (8.00) Party - All Members Welcome! Venue to be arranged: phone Branch Contact.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting. RED COW, 59 Sheen Road, Richmond - Mon 19 (8.30) Branch meeting. TOWN WHARF, Swan Street, Isleworth.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 12 (8.00) Committee/Branch Meeting. MITRE, 291 Greenwich High Road, SE10 - Mon 10 Dec (8.00) Branch Christmas Party. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 193 Crystal Palace Road, SE22.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Thu 8 (8.30) Social. ROSE, Chelmsford Road (A1023), Shenfield - Wed 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. SIR HENRY GURNETT, Romford Road (near B1335), Aveley - Mon 19 (8.30) Social. ROSE & CROWN, 16 Ilford Hill (A118), Ilford - Tue 27 to Sat 1 Dec at Pig's Ear Beer Festival. See separate entry.

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SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thu 1 (7.30) Crawl of Mitcham. Meet CRICKETERS, 340 London Road; finish KINGS ARMS (9.45), 268 London Road - Wed 21 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. JJMOONS (formerly Crown & Sceptre), 2 Streatham Hill, SW2. Note: New Branch Contact - Martin Butler, 92 Willmore End, Wimbledon, SW19 3DF. Tel: 081-542 3158 (H), 081-862 6178 (W).

WEST LONDON: Thu 15 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 8 (8.00) Shepherds Social. DUKE OF CLARENCE, 203 Holland Park Ave, W11 then MOON ON THE GREEN (9.00), Shepherds Bush Green, W12; BROOK GREEN HOTEL (10.00), 179 Shepherds Bush Road, W6.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Thu 1 (8.30) Social & London Drinker pick-up. PLOUGH, 297 Northfield Avenue, Ealing, W5 - Tue 6 (8.30) Games Evening. WINDMILL, Park Way, Ruislip Manor - Wed 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BEACONSFIELD ARMS, 63 West End Road, Southall - Wed 21 Gales Brewery Trip. Phone Branch Contact for details - Thu 29 (8.30) Social & London Drinker pick-up. BLACK HORSE, 425 Oldfield Lane, Greenford.

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South Harrow

OPEN AUGUST
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BELL**

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13 East Barnet Road
East Barnet

OPEN SEPTEMBER
**THE MAN IN THE
MOON**
40-42 Chalk Farm Road
NW1

OPEN SEPTEMBER
J J MOON'S
(formerly The Crown & Sceptre)
2 Streatham Hill SW2

OPEN OCTOBER
**THE MOON ON
THE GREEN**
172-174 Uxbridge Road
Shepherd's Bush W12

OPEN NOVEMBER
THE WHOLE HOG
430-434 Green Lanes
Palmers Green N13

OPEN NOVEMBER
**THE MOON
UNDER WATER**
10 Varley Parade
Colindale NW9

OPEN NOVEMBER
J J MOON'S
12 Victoria Road
Ruislip Manor

OPEN DECEMBER
**THE WHITE LION
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(formerly The Bucks Head)
223 London Road
Mitcham

OPEN DECEMBER
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397 High Road
Wembley



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405 Green Lanes N4

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

HARRINGAY
OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
10-12 Grand Parade N4

TURNPIKE LANE
THE TOLLGATE
26-30 Turnpike Lane N8

WEST GREEN ROAD
THE GOAT
414-6 West Green Road N15

STOKE NEWINGTON
THE TANNERS HALL
145 High Street N16

WOOD GREEN/TOTTENHAM
THE BOAR
413 Lordship Lane N17

TOTTENHAM
THE ELBOW ROOM
503-505 High Road N17

ON THE RIVER LEA
THE NARROW BOAT
Reedham Close N17

HOLLOWAY
J J MOONS
37 Landseer Road N19

ARCHWAY
THE DOG
17/19 Archway Road N19

WOOD GREEN
**THE MOON UNDER
WATER**
42,3 Lordship Lane N22

KINGSBURY
J J MOONS
553 Kingsbury Road NW7

WEST HENDON
**THE WHITE LION OF
MORTIMER**
3 York Parade
West Hendon Broadway
London NW9

WALTHAMSTOW
THE DRUM
557/9 Lea Bridge Road E10

WALTHAMSTOW
THE COLLEGE ARMS
807 Forest Road E17

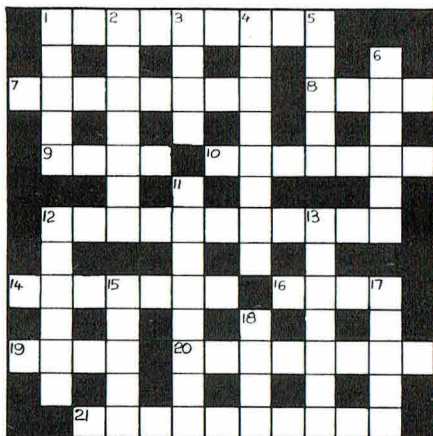
BARNET
**THE MOON UNDER
WATER**
148 High Street Barnet

ENFIELD
**THE MOON UNDER
WATER**
115/117 Chase Side Enfield

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Members of RADA may not miss a play - it's compulsory. [9]
7. Beginning before time - that's a facade. [8]
8. Equip a port. [4]
9. Leaders of youth organisation go initially to find mammal. [4]
10. Devotee holds one teacher back for language. [7]
12. Pregnant pause perhaps! [11]
14. Go! Belie ruthless creditor. [7]
16. Character with a race dog. [4]
19. Lose rotten fruit. [4]
20. I turn ten and am mixed up - must be the food. [8]
21. Family in old ship in a tall state. [10]

DOWN

1. Doctor has supertonic - it's a fish! [5]
2. Japanese drama with horse on, is many sided. [7]
3. Danger: A thousand missing having wings. [4]
4. Start to dance with magnetic tape. [4,4]
5. Indeed Puerto Rico is in battle. [5]
6. Amazed say with dental treatment. [6]
11. Hail falls in Berne unending - it happens in winter. [8]
12. ABC to fifty scrambled into an element. [6]
13. Head of Peru in Paris say has English. He's learned. [7]
15. Rusty tin record out of place. [5]
17. Branches of N. East rivers I hear. [5]
18. Leading employers taking unusual interest in case covering several points. [4]

Name.....

Address.....

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

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

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

Last Month's Solution



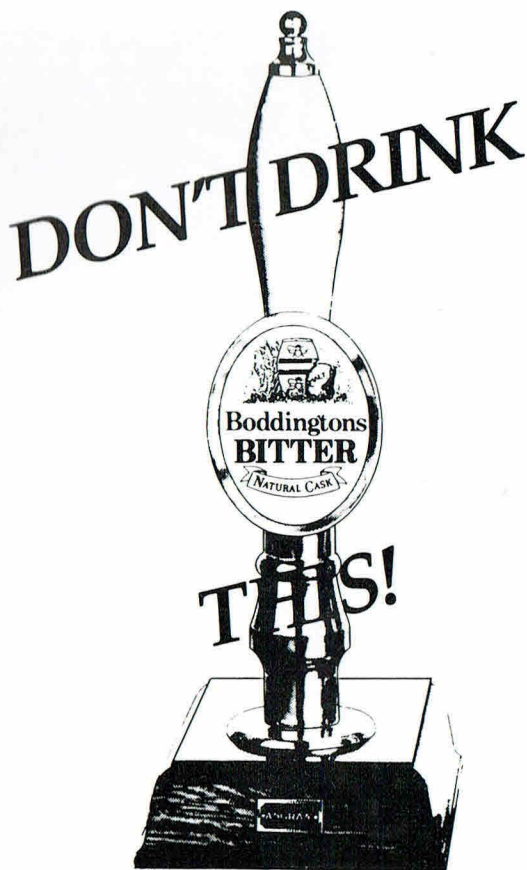
Winner of the prize for the September crossword:

David Woodward, 8 West Court, Church Hill, London, E17 9SG

Other correct entries were received from:

Geoff B, Brendan Casey, A.P.Comaish, Eileen Graves, J.E.Green, John Heekin, Alison Henley, Mike Jolly, Odd John (Colchester), Mrs. G.M.Lines, Rab Noolas, D.Oddie, W.Priestley, Rod Prince, Stuart Sody, Norma Stitz, Steve Webb, Martin Weedon, Chris Whithouse, Yak.

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**Boddingtons Brewery, Taken Over By Whitbread,
December 1989.**

Your Local Ale Next?

IDLE MOMENTS

So here we are again thinking about fireworks and roasting our chestnuts over an open fire (they don't cook as well on a radiator, do they) and thinking, "What rubbish is that Pirson character going to come up with this month?" Meanwhile, I sit here thinking, "What rubbish can I fob them off with this month?" So what do we get? More number puzzles, that's what; starting, as ever, with last month's answers:

1. 22 Balls on a Snooker Table
2. 1000 Cubic Centimetres in a Litre
3. 126 Miles Per Hour is the Record Speed for a Steam Hauled Train
4. 13 Amps is the Current Rating of a Three Pin Plug (Domestic)
5. 1215 Magna Carta Signed at Runnymede
6. 42 is the Answer to the Ultimate Question
7. 1948 year of the Last London Olympics
8. 4 Inches in a Hand
9. 60 Miles an Hour is the Speed Limit on a Single Carriageway Road
10. 1 Eye on a Cyclops

I do try to keep them a bit easier these days, honest - well some of them anyway. See what you think of these:

1. 36 G in a B
2. 4 T on a FE (excluding the SW)
3. 22 Y in a CW
4. 100 YR round the OOT
5. 1 W on a W
6. 1057 OG of TOP
7. 35 MM is a PS of PF
8. 65 PA for M
9. 6 L on an A
10. 2 L of S on a DDB

And just to keep to the well tried formula, I shall continue with the brewery anagrams, starting (in the interests of mundaneness) with (you'd never have guessed, would you) last month's solutions:

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| 1. LES SHALL CREW | CHARLES WELLS |
| 2. KEN GRAINS BAND | KING AND BARNES |
| 3. YES E.G. RUN | GUERNSEY |
| 4. STATE LUST | ST AUSTELL |
| 5. TALL DAN | HOLT PLANT |
| HONKED PAINT | AND DEAKIN |

And once again with my Scrabble set akimbo (and a little help from Denys Vernall) I offer the following for your delectation and delight:

1. SCARE HOG
2. AND SAM
3. R.C. SHARE
4. GEL ERODED PIP

5. ROYAL TANK BANDS

And now, concerning the False Negatives I've been featuring recently, I've had a letter from Dave Quinton, whose name you'll probably know better as our regular crossword compiler. (This month though, we've got a guest compiler in the form of regular entrant, Brendan Casey. Neat that, it avoids overexposure of Dave's multifarious talents). He has written as follows:

Dear Andy,

As a possible extension to your false negatives which seem mainly to be prefixes (should that be prefixes? AP), their absence or opposites. What if there were such things as inter-fixes or post-fixes? (Surely Dave, as a teacher you should know that a SUFFIX goes at the end of a word. AP)

You then have some interesting opposites, eg:

SAT (N) A masochist [opp. Sadist]
 NUT (N) One who wears clothes [opp. Nudist]
 AT (N) An uncle [opp. Aunt]
 CLE (N) An aunt [opp. Uncle] - or is this a prefix?
 FOTAIN (N) A lake [opp. Fountain]
 MOTAIN (N) A valley [opp. Mountain]
 ABDANCE (N) A shortage [opp. Abundance]
 COT (V) To stand for nothing [opp. Count]
 R (N) The centre [opp. Rim]
 H (Pronoun) Her [opp. Him]
 D (adj) Intelligent, bright [opp. Dim]
 WH (N) A carefully considered plan [opp. Whim]
 SPLE (adj) Complicated or intelligent [opp. Simple]
 PPLE (N) A dimple [opp. Pimple]
 DPLE (N) A pimple [opp. Dimple]
 DRKER (N) A teetotaler [opp. Drinker]

Worth pursuing? Or have I finally flipped? (Probably both! AP)

Dave Quinton

PS Dave Quton - One who does not compile crosswords.

I have finally flipped!!

pps. dy Pirson - One who does not edit "IDLE MOMENTS" (Sorry, that's a prefix).

Thanks Dave, letters like yours save me hours of head scratching - and the attendant baldness (and splinters).

Enjoy the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. And don't forget the old axiom they have in the Post Office: "If you have to ask the last posting date you've already missed it." Cheerio!

Andy Pirson

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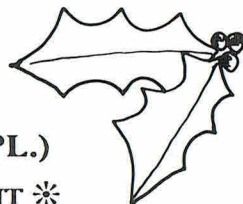
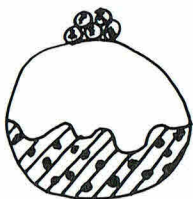
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LAURIE SEES RED

Author Laurie Lee is campaigning to save his historic village pub from closure.

Laurie, aged 75, whose best-seller "Cider with Rosie" is set in his home village of Slad, near Stroud, Glos, fears the 18th century Butcher's Arms will be sold off for development.

He is supporting fellow villagers in a campaign to keep the traditional local in business.

Although he divides his time between London and the Cotswolds, Laurie is still a frequent customer in the Butcher's Arms, which featured in his classic book.

He is one of 460 villagers who are petitioning the Whitbread brewery to ensure the pub stays open.

Tenant Alan Meredith, whose offer to buy the pub has been rejected, said: "They want £240,000 for it, which I just can't afford. It's now on the market and I have been told my position is only safe until January."

YOUNG DRINKERS' PROOF OF AGE

Pubs run by members of Swindon Licensed Victuallers' Association display notices to the effect that persons over 18 whose exact age may be in doubt will only be served on production of an "Official Identification Card" available at such establishments. These bear the holders' photograph, and as a national policy, would save publicans a great deal of difficulty, though in areas with a large influx of visitors, London being a case in point, a similar "local" system would be unworkable.

Although the cards are provided on proof of age and identity, they are not provided free of charge - which would be to the advantage of the licensee who would not otherwise lose custom to off-licences - but in exchange for a £1 donation to the Great Ormond Street Wishing-Well Appeal. A highly laudable cause but this is to say the least a debatable way of fund-raising, verging on coercion. The notices with information about the policy and use of these cards states that the scheme is sponsored by a local company of solicitors, with words to the effect "We've solved this legal problem - now let us solve yours."

BOOK REVIEW:

The Good Beer Guide, 1991

The eighteenth edition of the Good Beer Guide was published on October 22. It is of the same page size and format that has become customary over the years; the minimal 4p rise in cover price more than compensates for 26 more pages of content, now totalling 504. The order of content has changed - an enlarged section on breweries has moved towards the back along with the useful index of all beers by name with indication of brewer, though in this case with woefully small print (about half the size of this typeface) which makes it less than easy to follow. The pub entries - listed as usual alphabetically under place name, with clear if simplified maps under each county heading - which are, presumably, the main reason for buying the Guide, begin on p.30; last year it was p.115! Most of the "reading" matter appears at the front, and reflects the intention of new Editor Jeff Evans to appeal to a wider readership. The articles are entitled:

Home Thoughts and Abroad (the upheaval in the brewing world); The Future of the British Pub; Hunting Beer on the Box (Michael Jackson on his television series *The Beer Hunter*); Lost Beers; All the Best Pubs Have Coal Fires - Official! (reflecting British Coal's sponsorship of the Guide). Pubs for Families; Your Round I Think, Sergeant (about Inspector Morse, the TV real beer-drinking Detective - by his creator),

the Heritage Brewery Museum; and Pursuing a Pint in Parliament (by Joe Ashton MP, a CAMRA member since its inception). Also featured are a GBG quiz - in five sections (though you have to search for them) - with answers - a competition to win a trip to the 1991 Oktober Bierfest in Munich, and various shorter articles on real beer-orientated topics interspersed within the content.

The pub entries - nearly five thousand of them and, as mentioned, the Guide's *raison d'être*, are clear and concise, with addresses and, where necessary, grid references, opening times and phone numbers where appropriate, beers offered (plus real ciders where available) facilities - an index to symbols appears inside the front cover and within the text - and in each instance an informative description or comment. Inevitably since surveying was done in the springtime some changes have occurred in ownership or other details. All the surveys were done by volunteers, and the Good Beer Guide is a masterpiece of co-ordination. Copies are available in the bookshops price £6.99 or from CAMRA branches (see Branch Diary, p.xx) or HQ. Price to members is £4.50 post free on quoting membership number.

Martin Smith

A full list of new/re-instated London listings (ie those not in the 1990 GBG) appears below.

NEW LONDON GOOD BEER GUIDE ENTRIES/RE-ENTRIES FROM PRE 1990

The following is a full list of the 94 Greater London pubs appearing in the 1991 Good Beer Guide which were not featured in the previous edition. Altogether 133 pubs have not re-appeared from last year, for a variety of reasons which do not necessarily reflect detriment to the houses concerned.

Key to Abbreviations: (figures = number of new entries).

A	Allied Breweries	9
BC	Bass/Charrington	7
Co	Courage	17
F	Fuller	15
FH	Free Houses	16

GK	Greene King	2
GM	Grand Metropolitan	2
McMullen	1
OL	Off License	1
SN	Shepherd Neame	3
SS	Sam Smith	1
W	Whitbread	1
Y	Young	19

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EC1	Leopard	FH
	Roseberry	FH
	Sekforde Arms	Y
EC3	Three Lords	Y

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WC1	Skinnars Arms	GK
WC2	Newton Arms	A
E1	Ship on the Green	FH
	Fish & Ring	F
N1	Crown	F
	Compton Arms	GK
W1	Edinboro Castle	BC
	Gloucester Arms	A
	Prince Albert	BC
SE1	Ship	F
	Horseshoe	FH
	Wheatsheaf	Co
	Anchor Tap	SS
W1	King & Queen	GM
	Barley Mow	FH
	Turners Arms	SW
	Worcester Arms	FH
E4	Royal Oak	M
E10	Drum	FH
Havering-atte-Bower	Orange Tree ..	A
Ilford	Rose & Crown	A
Noak Hill	Bear	BC
N2	Welch's Ale House	FH
	Grogblossom Beershop	OL
N6	Victoria	W
N9	Jolly Farmer	A
N19	JJ Moons	FH
Cockfosters	Trent Tavern	Co
Enfield Highway	Red Lion	BC
High Barnet	Weaver	FH
New Barnet	Duke of Lancaster	Co
NW9	JJ Moons	FH
NW11	Royal Oak	A
Harefield	White Horse	A
Harrow	Kingsfield Arms	Co
Sudbury Town	Sudbury Arms	Co
SE5	Cambria	Co
	Wickwood Tavern	Y
SE9	Royal Eltham	Co
SE10	Mitre	BC
	Richard I	Y
SE12	Crown	Y
SE17	Globe	Co
SE18	Anglesey Arms	SN
SE19	Railway Bell	Y
SE23	Dartmouth Arms	Co
	Railway Telegraph	SN
	Malt Shovel	FH
SE25	Albion	Co
SE26	Bricklayer's Arms	Y
SE27	Hope	Y
Addiscombe	Cricketers	Co
Bexleyheath	Kings Head	Co
Crayford	One Bell	A

Croydon	Builders Arms	F
	Dog & Bull	Y
	Gloucester	Y
Upper Belvedere	Queens Head	Co
SW4	Rose & Crown	Co
SW8	Roebuck	BC
SW10	Fox & Pheasant	BC
SW11	Windsor Castle	Co
	Woodman	FH
SW13	Bulls Head	Y
SW17	Castle	Y
SW18	Gardener's Arms	Y
	Grapes	Y
	Spread Eagle	Y
Carshalton	Railway	F
Kingston	Boaters Inn	FH
	Cardinal	Co
Morden	Beverley Tavern	GM
Richmond	Princes Head	F
	Red Cow	Y
Surbiton	Victoria	Y
Sutton	Windsor Castle	F
W3	Castle	F
W5	Duffy's Free House	FH
W6	Builder's Arms	Y
	Cross Keys	F
W7	Viaduct	F
Brentford	Brewery Tap	F
	O'Riordan's Tavern	FH
Cranford	Queen's Head	F
Hounslow	Jolly Farmer	Co
	White Bear	F
Isleworth	Swan	F
Norwood Green	Plough	F
Twickenham	Old Anchor	Y
Uxbridge	Three Tuns	A

This represents just under 30% of all
London listings for 1991

FROM THE ARCHIVES - Ten Years Ago

The November 1980 issue of *London Drinker* (20 pages) reported:

FULLER UP - RECOMMENDED PRICES
for Fullers beers are now: 51p (per pint) for London Pride, 57p for ESB and 48p for Chiswick.

A centre-page supplement carried an attack on Courage for closures, including the Horseleydown Brewery.

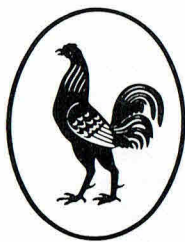
Advertised as newly published was the 1980 issue of *Real Beer in London*, with all the latest additions and amendments, at 75p.

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CAMRA SLATES PUB VANDALISM

The Campaign for Real Ale has hit out at what it sees as one of the major threats to British society in the 1990's - the widespread destruction of the pub.

Speaking at the launch of the 18th **Good Beer Guide**, sponsored by British Coal, Editor Jeff Evans slammed the trend towards pub closures and conversions to identikit chain restaurants.

"Financial pressures ranging from uniform business rates and rent reviews to high interest rates are forcing smaller landlords out of business", he said, "whilst breweries are looking to rationalise whenever possible. If they own several pubs in an area they are seeking to close one or two to limit costs."

Many pubs are being sold for development, or converted into private housing, leaving many communities miles from their nearest hostelry. And CAMRA believes that the real sufferer is the consumer.

"Thousands of country pubs, village inns, town taverns and roadside hostleries are in danger each year", Jeff explained. "We need to make people aware that the great British pub is under threat and that publications like the **Good Beer Guide** may have little to report on in the not-too-distant future."

A particular target for his venom is the identikit

chain restaurant-pub. "It is criminal that so many of our idyllic inns are being torn apart by pub-restaurant chains, destroying their character and depriving locals of their social centre, and all to serve bland beer and food. The **Good Beer Guide** features nearly 5,000 excellent pubs, but how many will be left in ten years' time?"

"We'd like to see locals given more say in what happens to their pub; it is, after all, the heart of the community in many cases. Public opinion ought to be sought before a pub is delicensed and sold for other purposes."

Prime examples of such destruction include the Cat and Fiddle in the New Forest, now a chain restaurant where the new owners "have spoiled the whole look", according to the grandson of the first landlord; Peterborough's the Still, an atmospheric town haunt, now being transformed into a bar/restaurant, closing at 9pm; and the Butcher's Arms at Slad in Gloucestershire, a village local whose preservation campaign is being led by author Laurie Lee, who featured the pub in his book **Cider With Rosie**.

Good Beer Guide 1991, sponsored by British Coal, was published by CAMRA on 22 October at £6.99.

GUEST BEER

The ROYAL ALBERT in Westow Hill, Upper Norwood SE19, a regular **Good Beer Guide** entry, has been offering a guest beer in addition to the usual Charrington tied products IPA and Bass. Licensee John Brock has declined the brewery's own guest beers, Fullers London Pride and Youngs Bitter, which he feels are already widely available in the London area. He has instead gone to a wholesaler who can supply a much wider range of beers and has offered Adnams Bitter and Broadside, Felinfoel Double Dragon and Wells Bombardier.

NOWHERE INN PARTICULAR

The CANTERBURY ARMS in Sumner Road, Croydon was purchased from Taylor-Walker in the summer by Dave Horan who has an interest in two other pubs in the South London area. After a brief spell trading under that

name it closed temporarily for a complete refit. The results of that were unveiled on 28th September when it re-opened as NOWHERE INN PARTICULAR. As well as a repaint outside the interior has been completely redone with the walls in a dark green and furnishings in red.

The bar has a bank of five handpumps offering Fullers London Pride and ESB, Sam Smiths OBB, Youngs Bitter and a guest beer of the month (Adnams Bitter for October). These are all priced at 132p except the ESB at 134p, which can be good news only for ESB drinkers. The pub is being managed by Steve Fleming and Helen Glen and will be open 11-11 Mon. to Sat. Food including a vegetarian dish will be available Mon. to Sat. lunchtimes (12-2.30) and evenings (6.30-8.30).

Music on the opening night was too loud but no doubt that (and the prices!) could be turned down a bit.

BRAINS OF BREWING

London Drinker readers certainly know their stuff about beer and brewing, according to Burton Ale. For all four finalists in a unique knowledge of beer competition were found to have been regular readers and CAMRA members.

The "Burton Ale London's Brain of Brewing" competition was run by Burton Ale over September in association with London Drinker. The aim was to celebrate Burton's winning the Champion Beer of Britain title in a light-hearted competition.

Heats were held in Taylor Walker pubs for South, North, East and West London - where each licensee was a member of the Burton Guild of Master Cellarmen.

Contestants first sat a 100-question test on all aspects of beer and brewing, devised by Burton Ale with help from CAMRA's research manager Iain Loc. Questions were divided into categories as diverse as beer measures, brewery history and even beer in soap operas!

Then followed a "Mastermind" style set of individual questions for the top four contestants to find the regional winner.

Each heat however, was won by a CAMRA member. The South London champ was Frank Kell, a fitter's mate originally from Newcastle and now a member of the Kingston & Leatherhead branch. Then a founding member of the East London & City branch, civil servant Peter Roberts of Upminster, took the East title at the Bow Bells pub.

Next to the Good Beer Guide listed Six Bells at Ruislip Common where the West London heat was won by Simon De Tute, a CAMRA member who makes his living as a relief licensee.

One of the questions, in the category of beer and music, was: In which pub are you invited to "come drink port wine with me"? answer: the Bull & Bush, Hampstead. And it was in this very pub that CAMRA swept the board when its very own "Garden Gnome", Richard Larkin from Belsize Park, won the North London title.

Richard went on to win a grand final at West Hampstead's new real ale "Mecca",

Arkwright's Wheel. This included a blind beer tasting and a gruelling two minutes in a "Mastermind" lookalike chair. He won a VIP day out for two at the Ind Coope Burton brewery followed by a holiday tasting beers and touring breweries.

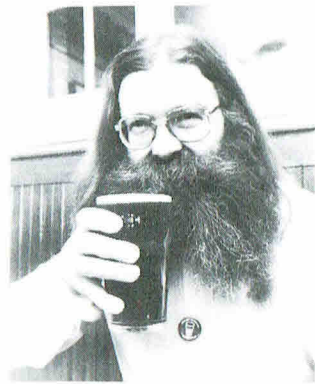
Said Richard: "This was a great piece of fun, being asked along to a superb pub in order to find out just how much you know about beer - while being plied with free Burton Ale all the time too!

"I'm not really surprised that CAMRA members won all the heats as we tend to keep our fingers on the industry pulse. But I'm happy as it shows that we really do know what we are on about".

David Gass, brands manager for Burton Ale, thought the standard of entrants very high. "We thought this was a fine time to run such a competition, what with a high and rising interest in beer, helped by there being so many beer books on the market and Michael Jackson's Beerhunter TV show just finishing.

"But we were surprised at just how good people were. The average entrant scored highly in what was a tough test not just on beer, but lager, stout and all other styles of beer. Our thanks go to London Drinker for helping us mount a truly fun event".

Burton Ale is to consider making the competition a nationwide event next year.



The face of a Champion - North London branch CAMRA member Richard Larkin toasts his success in the "Burton Ale London's Brain of Brewing competition".

CAMRA GIVES RASPBERRY TO LAGER FIGURES

The Brewers Society has announced that lager is more than 50% of all beer sold in the UK. CAMRA greeted this long-delayed announcement with a certain amount of derision, because lager has taken at least five years longer to reach this level of sales than was predicted in the 1970s. This slowing rate of growth is despite much higher levels of advertising spent on lagers compared with advertising of ales. At least twice as much money is spent advertising lager as ale, per pint.

The Brewers' Society figures lump together beer (ales and lagers) drunk in pubs and beer in the take-home trade. Lager dominates the world of the can, but in pubs ale is still the majority drink.

As big brewers like Bass and Whitbread will agree, cask conditioned beers (real ales) are a growth area of the market. The decline in ale drinking comes from the keg ales, which CAMRA was set up to oppose. But the Brewers Society isn't interested in cask beer and won't public statistics on its growth.

What we don't understand is why the big brewers have spent twenty years promoting a fake version of a foreign product. The German and Danish brewers don't spend millions of pounds advertising inferior versions of British beers, so why are our brewers so unpatriotic? CAMRA would have a lot less to say about lager if we were getting the genuine quality products of those countries which have a 'lager' tradition.

Meanwhile CAMRA's membership continues its 20% growth per year, with membership almost 27,000 in August. This is one statistic the Brewers Society don't publicise.



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1982: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, December.

1983: February, April, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

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Old Bell Tavern	95 Fleet Street
Punch Tavern	99 Fleet Street
The Red Lion	8 Lombard Court
The Ship	11 Talbot Court
Ship & Compass	18 London Street
Viaduct Tavern	126 Newgate Street
Williamsons Tavern	Groveland Court
Doggetts Coat & Badge	1 Blackfriars Bridge
Golden Lion	25 King St, St James's
The Horniman at Hay's	Hay's Galleria, Tooley Street
Red Lion	22 Duke of York St, Jermyn Street
The Southwark Tavern	Southwark Street, London
The Unicorn	32a Duke Street, St James's

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 57

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 record no less than seven new Free Houses (four with real ale) spread throughout Greater London, created by converting shop or commercial premises. These are offset, however, by an equal number of closures, demolitions or conversions of pubs to other uses. The first J D Wetherspoon Free House south of the River has opened, not this time in a shop conversion but in an ex Watney roadhouse on the South Circular.

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). ♦ indicates guest beers introduced into Big Brewers pubs following recent legislation.

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

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC1, OAKLEY ARMS, 32 Hall Street. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E20)

EC1, ROSEBERRY, 59/61 Exmouth Market. Adnams: Bitter. Courage: Directors Bitter. Mansfield: Riding Bitter. Fuller: Chiswick Bitter, London Pride, ESB. New Free House in former Wine Bar, opened 1989 but not previously reported. Beers may vary.

EAST

E14, FREEMASONS ARMS, 96 Salmon Lane. Tetley: Bitter. (E140)

DAGENHAM, BLITZ, 26 Goresbrook Road. No real ale. New Free House/Wine Bar style in former shop premises.

NORTH WEST

NW10, LAST RESORT INN, 350 Neasden Lane. No real ale. New Free House in former shop premises.

SOUTH EAST

SE1, BLACK HORSE, 254 Tabard Street. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter.

Note correct address. (SE16)

SE5, LORD CLYDE, 3 Bethwin Road.

Charrington: IPA. (SE57)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (SJ), WALKERS (WINE & ALE BAR), Craig's Court, 15 Whitehall. Adnams: Bitter. Tetley: Bitter. New Nicholson's Free House converted from office accommodation in alleyway off Whitehall. Real ale in basement bar only. Emphasis on food & wine. Open all licensed hours and until midnight for eaters.

SW8, MAXFIELDS, 134 Wandsworth Road. No real ale. A new Free House.

WEST

W6, DUKE OF YORK, 2 Perrers Road. John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (W74)

W7, ROUNDHOUSE TAVERN, Brent Valley Golf Course, Church Road. Adnams: Bitter. Bateman: XB. Felinfoel: Double Dragon. New Free House attached to public golf course, open to general public. All day breakfasts available.

W13, CAPTAIN WOODUCKS, 282 Northfield Avenue. Young: Special (G). Former wine bar, now a Free House. Beware Young Bitter on fizz dispense.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC1, HAT & FEATHERS. Taylor Walker, Closed, future uncertain. (E18)

EC1, VICTORIA. Taylor Walker, now demolished. (E23, U53)

EAST

E3, ALBION. Belhaven, Closed, for sale. (E79, U46)

DAGENHAM, BULL TAVERN. Watney, H removed. (X37)

DAGENHAM, CHAPLINS. Free House, converted to fish & chip shop. (X37)

DAGENHAM, CROSS KEYS. Charrington, H unused (X38, U53)

DAGENHAM, NEW INN HOTEL. Free House, Closed, future uncertain. (X38)

DAGENHAM, SPOONERS, 18-20 Goresbrook Road. Free House, H unused. Note full address. (U53)

ROMFORD, DOLPHIN BAR. Free House, H removed. (U53)

SOUTH EAST

SE8, BROADWAY TAP. Free House (fizz) demolished following fire. Formerly DOVER CASTLE. (SE69, U55)

SE11, KINGS ARMS. Watney, renamed LITTLE APPLE, H removed. Now an American style cafe bar. (SE94)

SE13, SPORTS. Watney, H unused. (SE105, U53)

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 57 Continued

WEST

- W6, RIVERSIDE STUDIOS.** Free House, H removed. (W77)
W10, BEVINGTON ARMS. Brent Walker, converted to offices. (W86)
W10, BRAMLEY ARMS. Ind Coope, converted to offices and flats. (W86)
W10, PIG & WHISTLE. Whitbread, H unused. (W86)
W11, DOLPHIN. Brent Walker, converted to offices. (W87)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES CENTRAL

- EC1, BISHOPS FINGER.** - Shepherd Neame: Invicta Best Bitter. + Shepherd Neame: Spitfire Ale. (E14)
EC1, LEOPARD. - Beers listed in E guide & updates except Courage: Best Bitter and Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. (E19, U44)
W1 (S), DUKE OF ARGYLL. - Everard: Tiger. - Wells beers. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Reclassify as Watney pub. (W42)
W1 (S), SHIP, 116 Wardour Street. + Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (W44)

EAST

- E1, GRAVE MAURICE.** + Ruddle: County. (E61)
E15, RAILWAY TAVERN. + Young: Special♦ (E150)
DAGENHAM, EASTBROOK HOTEL. - Felinfoel: Double Dragon. - Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + Fuller: ESB. + Greene King: IPA. (X38, U42)
DAGENHAM, FARMHOUSE TAVERN. - Beers listed in X guide. + Fuller: London Pride. + Greene King: IPA. (X38, U50)
DAGENHAM, RAILWAY. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. (X38, U42)
ROMFORD, AMALIAS. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (X82, U33, U42, U53)
ROMFORD, CROWN. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. (X83, U42)
ROMFORD, DURHAM ARMS. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. (X83, U42)
ROMFORD, PRINCE ALBERT. - Beers listed in X guide. + Greene King: IPA♦. (X83)

NORTH

- BARNET, OLD RED LION.** + McMullen: A K Mild. (N169)
BARNET, QUEENS ARMS. + McMullen: A K Mild. (N170)

SOUTH EAST

- SE1, BEEHIVE.** Now Belhaven, ex Watney, still fizz. (SE15)
SE1, GLOBE, 8 Bedale Street. Now titled **GLOBE TAVERN.** - Charrington: IPA. Refurbished. (SE23)
SE1 ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL. - Beers listed in SE guide. + Ruddle: County. (SE39)

- SE9, PARK TAVERN.** - Truman: Best Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. + Guest Beer♦ (currently Hook Norton: Bitter). (SE77)

- SE13, ROYAL OAK.** + John Smith: Magnet. (SE105)

- SE14, ROYAL ALBERT.** Renamed **PARADISE BAR.** + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE112)

- SE23, PRINCE OF WALES.** + Fuller: London Pride♦. (SE178)

- SE25, ALBION.** + King & Barnes: Broadwood♦. (SE183)

SOUTH WEST

- SW2, CROWN & SCEPTRE.** Renamed **J J MOONS.** - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Marston: Pedigree. + Theakston: XB. + Younger: Scotch Bitter. Former Truman pub, now a Wetherspoon Free House in typical style, the first one south of the river. Open all licensed hours. (SW19)
SW4, RAILWAY TAVERN. - Exmoor Gold. (SW25, U52, U55)

- SW8, ROEBUCK.** - Guest beer. (SW35, U53)
SW9, BEDFORD ARMS. - Greene King: Abbot Ale. - Wethered: Bitter. + Boddington: Bitter. (SW36, U39)

- SW15, CEDAR TREE.** + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW46)

- SW15, PRINCE OF WALES.** - Young: Special. (SW47)

- SW18, ROYAL STANDARD.** - Pilgrim: Surrey Bitter. + King & Barnes: Sussex Bitter♦. (SW54, U33, U34, U55)

- SW19, BROADWAY.** + John Smith: Magnet. (SW55)

- SW19, CASTLE.** - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Special. (SW35, U28, U40)

- HAM, DYSART ARMS.** Renamed **DYSARTS (THE).** + Young: Special♦ (SW63)

- KEW, PIG & PARROT.** - Beers listed in Update 56. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Beers vary. (SW64, U42, U56)

- MORDEN, MORDEN TAVERN.** + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Major refurbishment as Hennelly's house with separate restaurant and large lounge with music room. Reclassify as Watney pub. (SW70, U34, U50)

- RICHMOND, RACING PAGE.** + Boddington: Bitter. (SW71, U56)

WEST

- W2, DUKE OF KENDAL.** + Wadworth: 6X. (W59, U43, U51)

- W2, HERON.** - Adnams: Bitter. - Young: Special. (W59, U47)

- W3, CAPTAIN COOK.** - Ruddle: County. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W64, U50)

- W6, LAURIE ARMS.** - Courage: Directors Bitter. (W76)

- W6, LE PUB.** + Bass. (W76)

- W6, OLD CITY ARMS.** - Ruddle: Best Bitter. Formerly **HARLEQUIN.** (W76)

- W6, PRINCE OF WALES.** - Courage: Directors Bitter. (W76)

CURIOUS PASTIMES

RECYCLING STALE BEER

No, this isn't a diatribe against unscrupulous landlords, though it has a connection with enjoyment and (though not exclusively) with pubs.

There can be few more pleasant ways to enjoy leisure moments in what the Weatherman allows of summer than sitting alongside a pub with a pint of good ale and - where appropriate - watching others indulging in varying and often eccentric pub games. I refer here not to darts, dominoes or cribbage, nor even chess - enthralling though they may be to connoisseurs - but to a more lively game (if that is the right definition) involving the throwing of beer, with which participants and spectators alike are saturated. I refer to dwyle flunking - the spelling of the name varies - which sometimes makes an appearance at beer and other festivals, usually in warm weather.

A probably apocryphal source claims that dwyle flunking was a pastime at the court of King Offa of Mercia in the 8th Century. Be that as it may, beer was certainly around at the time, as Julius Caesar wrote after his unsuccessful invasion in 55BC of the Ancient Britons drinking an infusion of barley; hops followed about 1500 years later.

Enough of history, maybe, but anyway let me throw a few quotations at you:

In the Prologue to the Cellarman's Tale towards the end of the Canterbury Tales, the first Englishman to go into print Geoffrey Chaucer, writes:

*At last ycame we to an inn
Wher folkes al seemed drunken
Pardee 'twere a local sport
Yclept a-dwyle yflunken*

There followed an appraisal of the honest cellarman's art, followed by his narrative which had little to do with beer but much regarding its effects on behaviour. I leave you to guess the details even without providing the storyline.

In the 1530s, between dissolving Monasteries, Henry VIII banned the game within two furlongs of his person, except when he was present behind a closed upstairs window, which also applied to burnings at the stake.

The Bard later put into the mouth of one of his characters the saying:

"I would give all my fame for a pot of ale and safety, outside an inn, to watch the dwile be flonked."

And later still, shortly before the Great Fire of London which he so poignantly described, Samuel Pepys records:

"Up betimes about my duties, which I concluded hastily. Home again, thence with my good lady to visit my Lord Quaffer. There dined well and shortly adjourned to the hostelry on the green, where the ale was acceptable and the entertainment unwontedly pleasurable. It being a village feast-day, the populace, inwardly refreshed, indulged in morris dancing and, having further quenched their thirst, certain peasants - upward of a score, performed a local sport or custom whereby a doyle was flunked (to give it the ancient name, this is very true) and all were bespattered outwardly with the remaining content of the barrel whereof we had earlier sampled. The next provided by the landlord was infinitely superior, and we partook right goodly draughts. It being dusk, betook us to the Manor, where My Lord provided revels and refreshment from his cellar, which was exceeding good, and we did greatly indulge. And so, methinks, to bed, I awaking fully dressed next forenoon, greatly troubled within and a raging sore head."

Actually, if you consider accusing me of plagiarism, all but a few words of the above are completely original - I invented them with the assistance of a flagon of real cider (along with writing the rest of this article) as much in order to while away a seemingly interminable rail journey (BR: "We're getting there" - EVENTUALLY!) as to keep the Editors busy and you amused! The following is serious, even if the performance isn't.

To play the game, you need two dozen volunteers, ideally not totally sober, dressed as yokels, and one or more musicians, most usual is an accordianist with instrument well covered.

The equipment involves a bucket of stale beer (water will do, but isn't as much fun!), mop-

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head of cloth, known as a DWYLE and a straight stick called SWADGER. Traditionally this epitome of the SWADGERSMITH'S craft was sold by the TANDWAINER'S NARD by a SWADGERMONGER, but as neither the occupations nor the unit of measurement apparently existed, these details are probably spurious. A broomhandle is normally used. Spectators require waterproof, or old, clothing, and a pint of real ale; the latter is optional, but ideal to drink!

The players are divided into 2 teams, and the first to flunk (throw) is decided by the toss of a coin or any other object which can only fall one of the two ways - pop records are ideal, or your best dinner-plates are perfectly satisfactory.

While the FLAIL SWADGER stands in the middle of a circle formed by the fielding side, the rest of his team stand clear if they have any sense!

The FLAIL SWADGER soaks the DWYLE in the beer, and hangs it on the end of the SWADGER which he brandishes in his right hand. The music begins and the fielders run clockwise, while the FLAIL SWADGER runs

round anti-clockwise as close as possible to the centre. This continues until the music stops - the timing is arbitrary, and dictated by the performer - or perhaps his thirst or bladder! When the music stops, he FLUNKS the DWILE (projects the cloth) from the end of the SWADGER in the direction of a fielder. He scores 3 runs for hitting the face or head, 2 for the body and one for a limb. Bystanders and own goals don't count. One version decrees that for letting go of the stick, the FLAIL SWADGER should drink a full bucket of stale beer as a penalty!

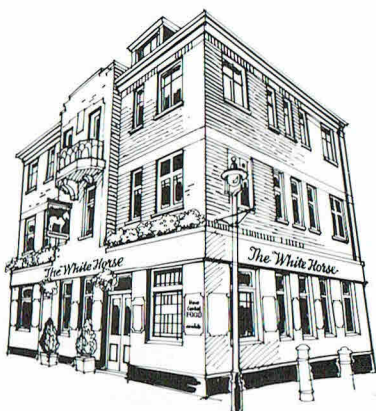
The next FLAIL SWADGER takes his place and each FLUNKS his DWYLE in turn, then the teams change places. Each team has two innings - more if so agreed at the outset, the bucket can be replenished at any pause in the proceedings.

At the close of play, the team with the greater number of "runs" is declared the winner, and all celebrate appropriately.

Dwyle flunking is described, along with many more skilful pub games, in "Pub Games of England" by Timothy Finn, published in 1975.

Martin Smith

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SOUTH WEST SOCIAL CLUB FESTIVAL

On Saturday 6th October members of Richmond & Hounslow Branch of CAMRA spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening as guests of Western Sports and Social Club, the staff club of Western Geophysical Co, a firm of geologists and geophysicists located at 455 London Road, Isleworth.

The invitations came from club steward André McGill who, ably assisted by his wife Lesley, provided barbecued food which we washed down with the undermentioned beers, all in prime condition:-

Archer's Village Bitter

Brain's S.A.

Brakspear Mild Ale

Hall & Woodhouse Tanglefoot

King & Barnes Mild and Broadwood

Wiltshire Stonehenge Best Bitter

Ma pardoe's Old Swan Bitter

Young's Bitter and Special

Also available were Zum Zum Special Dry Scrumpy (5% abv); Wiltshire bottled Stonehenge Real ginger Beer (6% abv) and a selection of west Country wines. The festivities were not concluded until the Club presented our Branch with an inscribed oak cask end from Young's

Wandsworth Brewery.

Incidentally, many WSSC members have joined CAMRA since André and Lesley became joint members at the GBBF at Brighton in August. Their club is open seven days a week and regularly dispenses through handpump King & Barnes Mild and Broadwood as well as Young's Bitter and Special.

Bill Usher

When we so often hear about the difficulties that club members have in getting their stewards interested in providing real beer it comes as a rare treat to find one so near to home who regularly carries such a good range. It is only a pity that circumstances prevent local CAMRA members from gaining access to the club except on special events like this. Bill tells me that there is a similar event planned for next May and I hope to be along to it myself - London Drinker duties prevented me from attending this one.

Many thanks, André, for the cask end - its really smart. All we need now is a suitable place to display it.

Andy Pirson

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MMC PROGRESS DOWN IN THE SOUTH WEST

As we begin to get around my local branch area, that of Richmond & Hounslow, finding some of the Big Six (or however many it is this week) pubs which are taking guest beers there seem, from the ones we have caught up with so far, to be two reactions from those tenants who have taken guest beers.

While we have not managed to cover the whole of the branch area by quite a long way, we have found fourteen pubs which appear to be taking advantage of the new law, although one of those has not found the exercise to be worthwhile and has unfortunately dropped its guest beer.

Of these fourteen, eight appear to be following the line their breweries (mainly Courage and Watney) would like them to follow as four are selling Wadworth 6X, which one tenant (not one of those four) has confirmed to me personally is available from Courage and the other four are selling Fuller's London Pride. Strangely (to me at least) these four pubs are all in Hounslow or Brentford - both of them areas with plenty of Fuller's pubs already. One other pub is selling Young's Special, again hardly a rarity in our area.

It is, however the remaining five pubs which seem to be showing more interest and enterprise. One of the first of which we heard was the NORTH STAR in Brentford which was selling Hall & Woodhouse Badger Best Bitter, obtained direct from the brewery's wholly owned distributor, Naris Ltd. Unfortunately this was the pub which could not sell enough to keep the beer on - a great pity as the governor was really keen.

Another pub which has featured in our adverts from King & Barnes is the ROSE and CROWN in Isleworth which is reported as selling their Draught Festive. This is a Watney pub and, though I have not ventured over to it yet (I'm more an ordinary bitter man myself), I wish it well.

Another Watney pub that I visited is the KINGS ARMS in Teddington High Street. When I called in there a couple of weeks ago on Saturday night I was delighted to find Eldridge Pope Best Bitter on sale. A great rarity in London as a whole and our area in particular,

it was in good nick and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is the last two that really stand out though.

The first is only a hundred yards from the Kings Arms. It is the BUILDERS ARMS in Field Lane, Teddington, a Courage pub run by a very keen tenant which was selling Brain's SA on 1st May. Since then he has been ringing the changes and Bateman's XXXB; Adnams Bitter; Wadworth 6X; Gale's GBB and, most recently Marston's Pedigree have all put in an appearance. It was this governor who confirmed that Wadworth's is available from the brewery as that was where he had got that particular brew from. You're doing a fine job Reg, keep it up.

I have left the ROYAL ALBION in Hibernia Road until last because the Courage tenant here has taken a somewhat different route. Rather than sell a guest beer he is selling a guest CIDER. All the way from Cheddar Gorge he has obtained Wilkins' Cider which was voted Cider of the Year in 1988 and 1989. This pub has sold draught Bulmer's Cider, which was obtained through Courage, for quite a long time but with his new found freedom (and, I understand, some supply problems with the Bulmer's) he took what was to him the logical step and went for something completely (as John Cleese used to say) different. Good on yer! I hope you have the support from your regulars that you deserve.

I hope that this little lot has whetted your appetite to look around your big Six (Five?) pubs and see what is on offer. I hope you will ask as well; tenants may never realise there is a demand unless customers ask for something different.

Andy Pirson

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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 57 Continued

W10, CARNARVON CASTLE. Correct address is 310 Portobello Road. (W86)

W10, STATION TAVERN. - Charrington: IPA. + Fuller: London Pride. (W86)

W11, METROPOLITAN. Correct address is 60 Great Western Road. (W88)

W12, BEAUMONT ARMS. - Charrington: IPA. + Bass. (W91, U43)

W14, FRIGATE & FIRKIN. - Shepherd Neame: Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. (W94, U45)

BRENTFORD, GEORGE & DRAGON. + Fuller: London Pride. (W97)

BRENTFORD, NORTH STAR. - Guest beer. (W98, U52, U55)

HAMPTON, JOLLY COOPERS. - Beers listed.

+ Cornish: Original. + Courage: Best Bitter. + "Jolly Cooper" (OG & origin unknown). Now an Inn Leisure Free House, ex Watney. (W103)

HAMPTON HILL, JENNY LIND. + Wadworth: 6X. (W105)

HOUNSLOW, ROYAL ALBION. + Wilkins: Cider. (W128)

TEDDINGTON, KINGS ARMS. - Ruddle: County. + Eldridge Pope: Best Bitter. (W147)

TWICKENHAM, COCK & BULL. + Tetley: Bitter.

Formerly JOLLY BLACKSMITH. (W150, U44)

TWICKENHAM, FOX. + Fuller: London Pride. (W150)

TWICKENHAM, GEORGE. + Cornish: Draught Steam Bitter. (W150, U53)

UXBRIDGE, METROPOLITAN. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Adnams: Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (W154)

UXBRIDGE, MILITIA CANTEEN. + Greene King: IPA. (W154, U55)

UXBRIDGE, THREE TUNS. - Benskins: Best Bitter. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Special. (W154)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 55

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

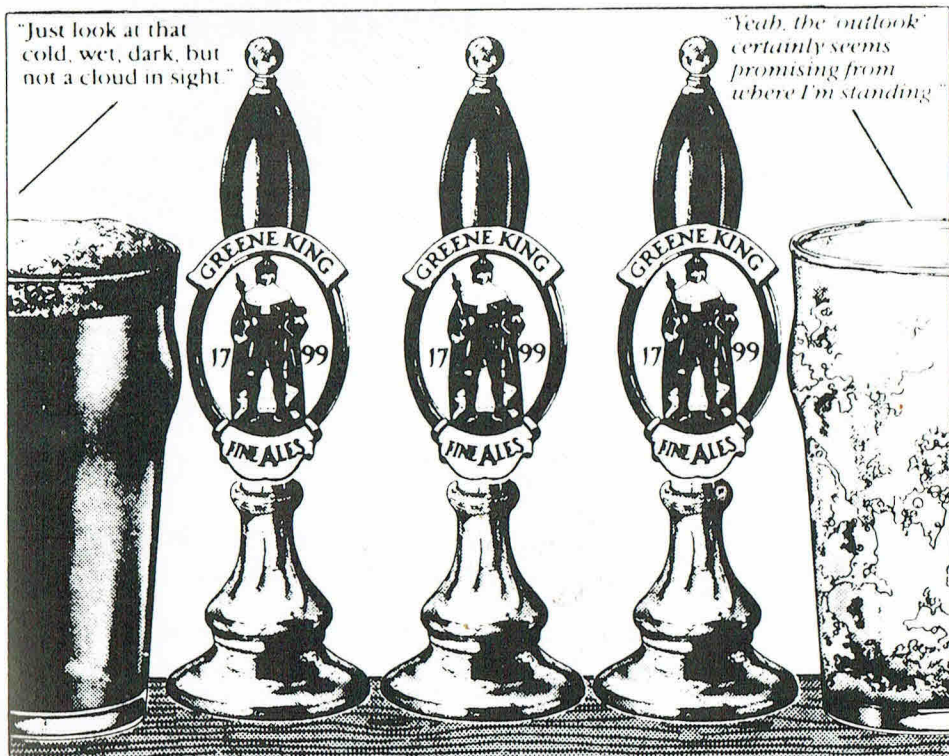
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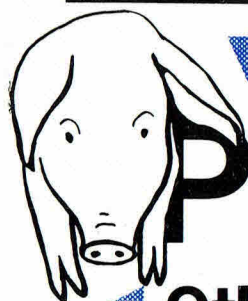
PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

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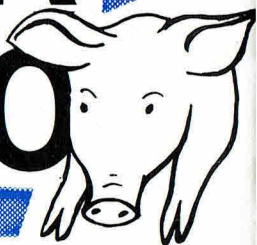




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Dear Dipsy

Does your name by any chance originate in the Emerald Isle? Before you dismiss this as a bit of xenophobic stirring, let me hasten to add that in a recently published book I came across a reference to the village of DIPSEY in County Cork. The context was the execution at Cork Prison of a certain Dr Philip Henry Eustace Cross, an army surgeon who resided in Shandy Hall, Dipsey who was hanged in 1887 for poisoning his wife with arsenic and strychnine in order to marry his mistress, who was also his children's governess. The executioner, James Berry, who in his 8 years in office hanged 134 persons, returned to England immediately after completing his duties, along with his wife (who had come along for the ride). He refused a request by letter to return for the inquest, unless he received £10 plus his travelling expenses! The case was adjourned, and never resumed, so the not-so-good doctor is officially not dead despite being, theoretically, 163 years old!

I digress [as usual - Ed]. How did your name originate?

Merton

Dear Merton

Knowing you are a Londoner from a part totally unconnected with your nom-de-plume, I am surprised at your inquiry. I should say we are, as indeed we are many - there is a biblical precedent (see St Mark ch 5 v 9), and the name heading this column was coined by the then Editorial team at the time of its none-too-immaculate conception. The place name you refer to is spelt differently from my title, but then as I recall various printers have re-styled me DIPSIE - anyway, it's a daft name and gives the wrong impression. After all, the present correspondence has nothing to do with beer - therefore you owe me a pint!

Dipsy

MOST YOUNG PEOPLE NOT AT RISK FROM DRINK ABUSE, SAYS REPORT

Young people are not drinking significantly more than in the past, according to a report published yesterday, which examined 900 teenagers' attitudes to drink.

Commissioned after concern about the amount of public disorder in rural or non-metropolitan areas, the report found that only 16 per cent of respondents drank to 'get drunk'; 98% would not drive if over the legal limit; and 70 per cent said you should not drink and drive at all.

Some 60 per cent of those over 18 supported the idea of identity cards to prove their age in pubs while just under half of those under 18 agreed with ID cards. Sixty-one per cent said they drank once a week or less.

The report, which was aimed at promoting sensible drinking, also found that everyone who filled in the questionnaire had sampled alcohol by the time they were 18.

"It's so easy to imagine that there's an enormous problem," said Dr John Deer, chairman of the Woking and Surrey Health Juvenile Liaison Group, which compiled the document.

"In fact, what we found is that the vast majority of people who drink enjoy it, and it doesn't get in the way."

Four per cent of teenagers found drink affected their work or schoolwork, but on the whole "young people's interest in health education and responsible attitudes to drinking and driving do not reveal a problem out of control."

The report concluded that young men in particular drank to feel part of the crowd and impress the opposite sex. However, 50 per cent of girls interviewed said they reacted negatively when faced with a drunken male, and only 13 per cent looked on it in a positive light. But 26 per cent of men thought drunken girls were more available for sex than their sober counterparts.

Towards Sensible Drinking, which interviewed a range of teenagers through schools, employment and youth clubs in Surrey, makes several recommendations.

More funds should be made available for education programmes, it says, and all licensees should be required to attend training courses on teenagers and alcohol.

REGULARS SAY THEY ARE TOPS

Pulling power has earned two Wimbledon landladies places in a national competition to find the best of their breed.

Liz Dobbie of the Crooked Billet and Brenda Hughes of the Rose and Crown were both nominated by pub regulars.

Drinkers at the Wimbledon Village pubs say they deserve to become Pub Landlady of the Year, which draws 1,700 entrants.

This week Liz, a landlady for nearly ten years, learnt she has been chosen as one of the three regional finalists.

She said: "It's all about enjoying people's company."

"You've got to give good service and be friendly, too".

Modest Brenda, who has spent seven years at the Rose and Crown, said: "I think it is important to know everyone, especially the regulars."

"But I don't think I am a good landlady!"

The overall competition winner will be announced in December and stands to win a week's holiday at Gleneagles Hotel.

"A DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE ..."

(East London & City News)

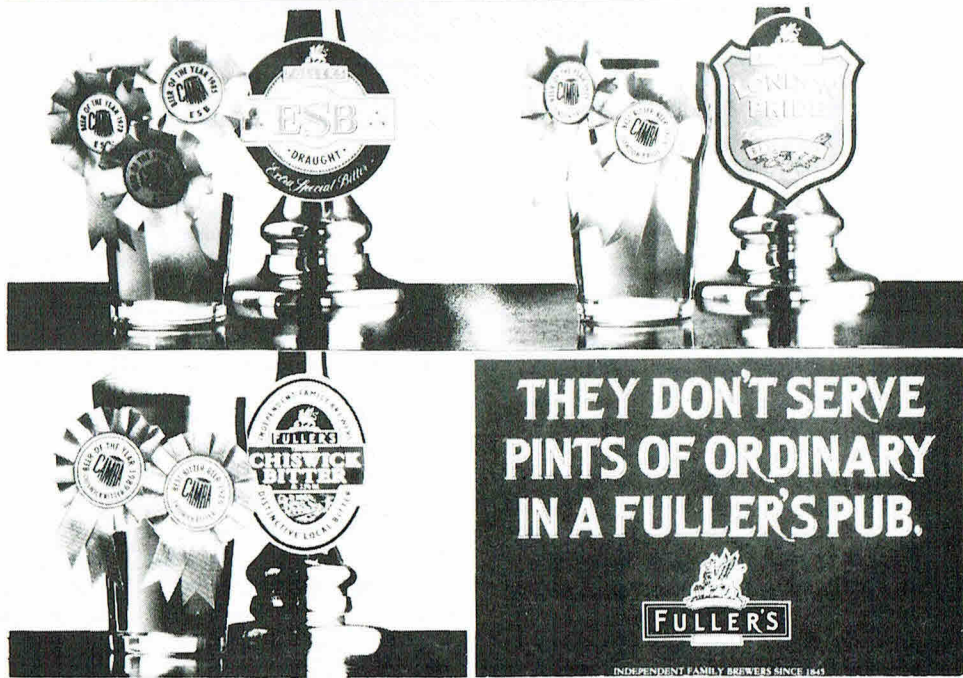
The Theatre Royal, Stratford (just a few hundred yards from Stratford station) has long been an outlet for Charles Wells' beers from Bedford; brews that are not otherwise available in the East End. More recently, however, it has started selling a couple of guest beers as well, not to mention traditional cider.

Entry to the bar (open 11-3; 5.30-11) is not restricted to theatre goers, but you are strongly urged not to pay a visit during the interval! After the show starts, however, things are fairly quiet.

In mid-September they made a feature of Mild ales which were very well received, so cask-conditioned mild - in the form of Mansfield Brewery's Riding Mild - is now a permanent feature. As I write this, Glenny Hobgoblin and Premier's Black Knight Stout are among the guest beers on offer. Quality is good and prices are reasonable.

The cider, by the way, was Wilkins but this has been replaced by Combes medium sweet.

East Ender



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 SW4 ROSE & CROWN
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 SW6 WHITE HORSE
 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS
 SW8 SURPRISE
 SW8 PLOUGH
 SW8 PRIORY ARMS
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN
 SW11 BEEHIVE
 SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE
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 SW11 WINDSOR CASTLE
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 SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
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 SW19 TRAFALGAR
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 KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD
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 KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
 KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
 KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
 MITCHAM, KINGS ARMS
 MITCHAM, RAVENSBURY ARMS
 NEW MALDEN, RAILWAY
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 ARMS
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 SURBITON, BUN SHOP
 SURBITON, VICTORIA

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 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD
 W3 KINGS ARMS
 W3 KINGS HEAD
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE
 W4 BELL & CROWN
 W4 WINDMILL
 W5 PLOUGH
 W5 RED LION
 W6 BLACK LION
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
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 W6 SALUTATION
 W7 VIADUCT
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 W10 VILLAGE INN
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 BRENTFORD - NORTH STAR
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 HOUNSLOW, CHARIOT
 HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES
 HOUNSLOW, EARL RUSSELL
 SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS
 SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN
 SOUTHALL, THREE HORSESHOES
 TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER
 TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE
 TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTTO
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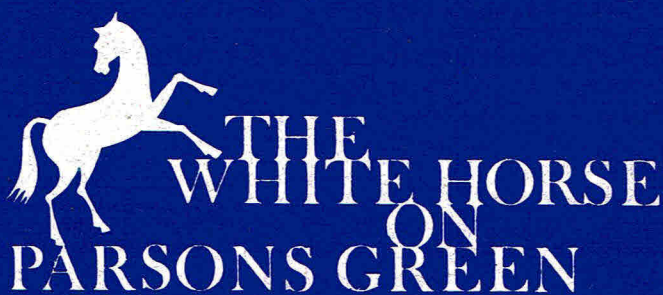
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 Street.
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 Ducie Street
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 Coopers Lane.
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