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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 CITY PRIDE  
EC1 CROWN TAVERN  
EC1 EAGLE  
EC1 HAND & SHEARS  
EC1 HORSESHOE  
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN  
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS  
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED  
EC2 FLEETWOOD  
E1 ARTFUL DODGER  
E1 FISH & RING  
E2 APPROACH TAVERN  
E2 NELSON'S HEAD  
E2 SHIP & BLUE BAIL  
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 GEORGE INN  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS  
SE1 KINGS ARMS  
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE  
SE1 MARKET PORTER  
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  
SE10 HARDY'S  
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN  
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS  
SE16 MANOR TAVERN  
SE16 MOBY DICK  
SE17 TANKARD  
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM  
SE18 GATEHOUSE  
SE18 MELBOURNE ARMS  
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES  
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH  
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  
SE27 HOPE  
SE27 GIPSY QUEEN  
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR  
CROYDON, LION  
THORNTON HEATH, FOUNTAIN  
HEAD  
THORNTON HEATH, WHEAT  
SHEAF

### OFF TRADE

E4 Waltham Wines, 72 Seward-  
stone 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  
N21 DOG & DUCK  
N22 MOON UNDER WATER  
N22 NELSON  
BARNET, ALEXANDRA  
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER  
BARNET, WEAVER  
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER  
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER  
(OFF TRADE) N2,  
GROGBLOSSOM  
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 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.  
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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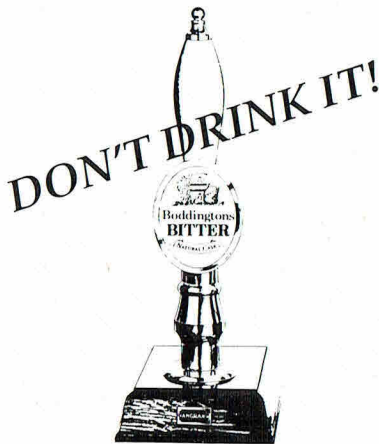
## EDITORIAL

I remember, when I first started drinking (underage) with my father, he and his friends almost constantly moaned into their pints how the taste of their beer had changed over the years. As all beer to me at that tender age tasted incredibly bitter to my palate, I couldn't comment or comprehend. I do remember how I switched to keg beer at college and found the sweeter taste much more to my liking.

However, since my re-conversion to real beer in the early seventies, I have really enjoyed hoppy, bitter beers like Young's Ordinary and Holt's Bitter. There are still beers of real quality around, but more and more breweries seem to be hell bent on ridding their products of any real bitterness. In the Home Counties there were so many wonderful beers, I was proud to be a Southerner when attending Beer Festivals in Leeds and Birmingham. How I loved the smell and taste of beers from King

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**IF YOU ASK FOR BODDIES,  
YOU'LL ONLY GET  
WHITBREAD**



Boddingtons Brewery, Taken Over By Whitbread,  
December 1989.

*Your Local Ale Next?*

and Barnes and Shepherd Neame! These two companies always produced beers that appealed to those with a sweeter palate, (King and Barnes Festive and Shepherd Neame Best Bitter), but to a lot of drinkers their other bitter beers have now lost the qualities that made them so highly regarded. Their beers are probably just as popular as ever, but the need for a longer shelf life seems to have taken over from the need to produce truly bitter beers.

Whitbread, however, haven't truly produced a beer of quality for at least three years and the other Big Five Breweries are not a lot better. No wonder lager has such a huge following in Bass pubs when often the only alternative is Charringtons IPA! Among our readers, I wonder if there are any who prefer Courage Best Bitter from Plymouth to that produced at Reading in the old Simonds Brewery? Scottish and Newcastle have never pretended to produce bitter beers and Allied Breweries have never tried, or if they have, have failed miserably. Watneys produce beer to the lowest common denominator, so they can be discounted. It seems remarkable to me, that with all their money and marketing expertise, they cannot produce a single ordinary bitter of real quality between them. Laughably, their export drive in 1992 and beyond will be spearheaded by such muck as Fosters, Carlsberg and Castlemaine. No wonder the Germans and the Czechs are finding such gaps to fill in our home markets already with quality bottled products!

So, it seems that it is up to the smaller independents to produce truly bitter beers for the many consumers like me. I write this editorial in deepest Norfolk and am able to sample Woodfordes, Reepham and Earl Sohan products in the local Free Houses. In London, apart from Youngs Ordinary and the Clifton Inn Brewing Pubs, it may prove a fruitless search in Big Six Tied Houses, although some publicans are willing to brave the wrath of their masters, by providing their customers with a real choice of beers, sweet and real bitter beer!

**Chris Cobbold**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Mr Pirson,

Thankyou for including my piece about pub chess in the current (July) edition which I hope will spark some interest. In the meantime I am enclosing a list of "positive negatives" (I imagine you'll get quite a response for this idea).

I enjoy your number puzzles each month but find that the percentage I solve is steadily falling and friends also think that they are becoming more obscure or overspecialised. Have you considered repeating some of the earlier lists which will be completely new to many current readers? Alternatively, perhaps, it's time to end this feature after first repeating 1,000 of the BQPP (best questions previously published) in a special article.

I was surprised to read that "Real Beer in West London" won a prize as being a best book. I have a well used copy and find the information in it to be valuable, but the layout itself is atrocious and as a professional book editor myself I would be ashamed of it. Let's take two minor faults and a major one.

1. Pubs only appear on one map even if another map overlaps with it. For example 12:22, the Castle (p87) and 12:24, the Raj (p90) appear on Map 12 not Map 5. The problem is even more important in the central maps. So you have to look at two maps most of the time.
2. Pubs that don't sell real ale are listed but not mapped. This is a faulty compromise - either omit them entirely or put them on maps with perhaps a special symbol (a death's head?).
3. The major fault, of course, is that neighbouring pubs can be twenty plus pages apart and well away from the appropriate map. Pubs can be impossible to find and this isn't helped by the fact that there is neither a contents page of pubs nor index. Why not?

I guess the reason why the book is set out in this bizarre way is because the information has been extracted from a computer database which has been categorised by postal districts, and if this so then it is another prime example of computerisation being carried out to the detriment of the public. The next time that

CAMRA publishes this or other guides I hope that they will at least include an index so that people can find a pub listing without needing to know the postal district the pub is in. Even better, of course, would be to have an orderly sequence of map, pubs on that map; second map, second group of pubs; etc.

Please don't let this criticism hide the fact that I do find the book useful, but a book that comments on, and often criticises, the aesthetics of pubs should be well designed itself - and this ain't. I hope you'll pass my comments on to the appropriate people.

In contrast, I do like the "London Drinker's" overall layout - you and your colleagues should be proud of it.

Best wishes,  
Glyn Thomas (anagram: Ghostly Man),  
Hounslow

### *Editor's reply:*

*I'm not sure whether you meant this letter for publication verbatim but I think that it raises important issues which are worthy of wider debate. Firstly, thanks for the nice things you say about the Drinker and my bias in particular; readers of Idle Moments will note that I have already started using Mr Thomas' stuff already. Secondly, I must also register an interest in 'Real Beer in West London' as I was one of the working party wh put that publication together and who with a very small number of others determined how it should look. To take your points in turn:*

*1. The extent of overlapping maps is generally small with the exception of the West End where the close packing of streets and pubs makes a larger scale necessary. I personally take the converse view that it is best to show something only once to minimise the risk of confusion and to ensure that when the inevitable revisions occur during the production stage one of the items does not get overlooked. I try to apply this rule scrupulously in my profession as an engineer and I believe that it works.*

*2. You have a valid point about showing non real pubs on maps - after all, it is our aim that all pubs should sell good real ale one day and when they do it's useful to be able to find them.*

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# BRUCE'S BREWERY

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## EAST LONDON & CITY NEWS

### "A DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE ..."

#### Return of the Tipperary

"The Tipperary", 66 Fleet Street, was closed some time ago and all but the facade demolished. It has been rebuilt, however, and is now back in business, though I have yet to pay it a visit.

#### Tap & Spile

"The Auctioneers", 596 Lea Bridge Road, E10 (nearly opposite the highly recommended (Drum")) was transformed into a "Tap & Spile" establishment on Tuesday 17th July. One wonders what was wrong with the old name ...

When visited on 25th July it was offering: Tolly Cobbold bitter (108p), Charles Wells Eagle bitter (111p), Fuller's London Pride (122p), Hook Norton's Old Hooky (130p) and Hall & Woodhouse's Tanglefoot (141p) with Rich's cider at 120p. Young's Special and Banks & Taylor's SOS were promised for the future.

The interior features plain wooden seating, tiles (at the front) and bare boards (towards the rear) and an absence of piped music, although there is a piano. My "pint" had an extremely generous head ...

#### New Elac Branch Chairman

The East London & City Branch of CAMRA (ELAC) recently elected Bernard Boorman as

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WEBSTERS YORKSHIRE**

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its new Chairman. Bernard succeeds Graham Hillman who was responsible for transferring the "Pig's Ear" beer festival to its present palatial venue in Stratford. Details of future ELAC events - both formal and informal - may be found elsewhere in this issue of "London Drinker".

**East Ender**

## BRANCH CONTACTS

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WEST LONDON .....	ROBERT McGOWAN	(081) 691 8019 (H) (071) 242 0262 x2650 (W)
WEST MIDDLESEX .....	IRENE DIX .....	(081) 573 8144 (H)



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## NEWS FROM YOUNGS

Youngs have clinched a major deal with Courage that will see draught beer from the Wandsworth brewery being available in Courage pubs throughout the London area.

The agreement adds one of Britain's best known real ales to the Courage portfolio in the wake of new regulations giving the tenants of national brewing companies the right to stock a guest beer of their choice - one of the main recommendations of last year's report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Young's Special Bitter will be distributed through four Courage depots, at Merton in South London, Tottenham, North London, Brooklands, Surrey and Reading, Berkshire.

Young's beers are already available to Charrington tenants through four depots in the south-east and are being sold in more than 200 Taylor Walker houses, both as guest beers and as part of a reciprocal agreement that sees some Allied Breweries products in Young's pubs.

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## BREWERS MAKE MILLIONS ON 'DUTY FREE PINTS'

Britain's biggest brewers are making tens of millions of pounds through an archaic customs allowance to avoid paying duty on one in 24 pints sold in pubs.

The "duty free pint" has been uncovered just as Customs and Excise is to press John Major, the Chancellor, to change the way duty is levied on beer.

The brewers' hidden profits stem from the failure of the Government to alter a tax concession, granted by William Gladstone in 1880. The concession was worth £132 million to the industry last year.

A "wastage" allowance allows brewers to avoid paying duty on six out of every 100 pints brewed because of estimated losses in production.

Duty is levied not at the point of sale but during fermentation. When the wastage rate was set in 1880, the average size brewery was estimated to lose six in every 100 pints at this stage.

Modern production processes have dramatically cut wastage, but the companies still claim the full rebate.

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WADWORTH 6X ★ CHUDLEY LOCAL LINE ★ GIBBS PREMIUM  
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MALT  
& HOPS

Large breweries are also helped by the Government's retention of an inadequate system of classifying beer duty by gravity introduced in 1914 by the last Liberal prime minister, Lloyd George.

The scale of the problem is outlined in a confidential draft report now at the National Audit Office.

The report's conclusions - still to be agreed with Customs and Excise - are said to be critical of Customs' ability to check whether the brewing industry is paying its fair share of duty. None of the gains the brewers receive are passed on to customers.

A Customs and Excise spokesman said some big breweries lost only 1.5 pints per 100.

"We have been aware of this anomaly for some time and issued a public consultation paper to the industry last April. The present system foone wastage rate is unbalanced. The big modern brewer is likely to gain, but the small scale brewer could well lose out."

The system discriminated against small real ale

producers in favour of the big brewers, he said.

Customs has just completed consultation, and will put substantial proposals for change to the Chancellor. It wants to abolish the wastage allowance by levying duty at either point-of-sale or when the finished product leaves the brewery. This would bring Britain into line with the rest of the European Community.

Customs would also like to scrap the present system of levying a duty on beer based on gravity, preferring one based on a beer's strength. Ministers will consider their proposals after talks with the brewers. Any change will be announced as a Budget decision - either next April or, more likely, in the spring of 1992.

from the Guardian

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**house.**

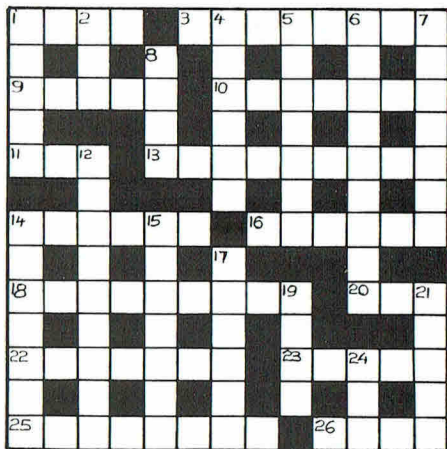
*You can be sure  
of the perfect pint ...*



# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



## ACROSS

1. Tolerate animal. [4]
3. Shorten agreement. [8]
9. Alternative to the German command. [5]
10. Problems arise when he abandons the currency. [7]
11. The ayes have it. [3]
13. Yank up in the air? [1,1,1,1,5]
14. Boy might come about illness. [6]
16. Country of Father Andrew's first two churches. [6]
18. Plunder oriental waste in time. [9]
20. Part of a tune arranged for organ. [3]
22. Upset at changing gear. [7]
23. Piece of land is hired. [5]
25. Duly send off without delay. [8]
26. Even light entertainment is this. [4]

## DOWN

1. Slimy under bar top when full of drink. [5]
2. Also takes shorthand. [3]
4. Cost of free range? [6]
5. You must swear to be one. [7]
6. You may see a doctor turn and cut here. [9]
7. Sorting letters of support. [7]
8. Wife almost caught cheating. [4]
12. It is dry outside, I state, though watered. [9]
- 14,15. It must be spreading if seaside cod swam away. [3,4,7]
17. Hollow lines written for heroine. [6]
19. Way out old object. [4]
21. It turns this way and that. [5]
24. Ale spilt over meadow. [3]

Name.....

Address.....

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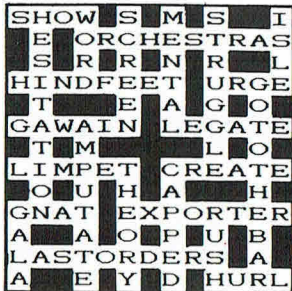
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All correct entries received by first post on 26th September will be entered into a draw for the prize.

The winner of the prize will be announced in the November 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 July crossword:  
Robert Day, 35 Naylor Road, Peckham,  
London SE15 1AX

Other correct entries were received from:  
Geoff B, N. Canton, Brendan Casey,  
Imran Catt, P. Colling, A.P. Comaish,  
Ian Fairweather, Elaine Glover,  
Eileen Graves, J.E. Green, Odd John  
(Colchester), Mike Jolly, Maura Mullington,  
Rab Noolas, David Oddy, C. Tinson,  
Denys Vernall, Steve Webb, Martin Weedon,  
Sharon Wheatley, Tony Whitford,  
Chris Whithouse, Yak.  
There were also 2 incorrect entries.

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# ROSE & CROWN BEER FESTIVAL

29 September - 7 October

Burton Ale  
(CAMRA Beer of the Year)

Marston Pedigree  
Youngs Bitter  
Friary Meux  
Adnams  
Tetleys  
Greene King IPA  
Taylor Walker  
Youngs Special  
Belhaven  
Wadworth 6X  
Arkells  
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guest beers from those listed above*

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## IDLE MOMENTS

I managed to listen to that Graham Dene chap on the radio a couple of times like I said last month, but it didn't help with the number puzzles - I couldn't work his ones out. Mind you, his are harder because he uses only initials; no "helpful" ands, ons, ofs etc that I give you. So you'll just have to put up with the ones I come up with, like last month's which were:

1. 6 Georges (Kings of England)
2. 1548 Kilohertz is the Frequency of Capital Gold
3. 256 Cycles Per Second is Middle C
4. 8 Strings on a Mandolin
5. 15 (Ordinal) March is the Ides of March
6. 1066 Battle of Hastings
7. 4 Strokes in the Otto Cycle
8. 1000 Fathoms in a Nautical Mile
9. 6 Categories in a Game of Trivial Pursuit
10. 1957 Launch of Sputnik One

I've tried to make this month's a bit easier - there were one or two which I was a bit surprised that I hadn't used when I looked back through the master list of blasts from the past. Also a couple of them are quite topical, so here we go:

1. 6 S on a H
2. 5 P is the V of the SC for the QM's NB
3. 2 H of ZB (HG to the G)
4. 1 is O and AA (and EMSBS)
5. 7 D in a W
6. 1966 EW the WC
7. 10000 SM in a H
8. 4 E on a BS-F-S
9. 18 M is the D of the NFPC
10. 4 S in a D of C

I've had another brief missive from Dinah N. Pint (alias Thin Dan Pin) with some more anagrams but this time (s)he didn't attach the solutions so I shall have to try to solve them myself to ensure that they're kosher before subjecting you to them, meanwhile this month's are still all my own work. But first, here are last month's answers:

- |                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. WING DOOR           | RINGWOOD           |
| 2. RUNG EYES           | GUERNSEY           |
| 3. USE TAIL SLANT      | SAINT AUSTELL      |
| 4. A SHALLOW DUNE HOOD | HALL AND WOODHOUSE |
| 5. SET BREWS           | WEBSTERS           |

And once again this month's anagrams are just breweries, not beers. These are they:

1. PELE GROPED DI
2. PIED LIFT
3. LES CAN'T TOW
4. RED LAY
5. WORTH NOTING

I've had a response to my false negatives! It's nice to know that there is somebody out there who likes some of his entertainment to be as trivial as mine. Glyn Thomas of Hounslow sent me a long list of the things, some of which I have used below; the rest have been assimilated into the master list and will pop up from time to time. I particularly liked the progressive assembly which brings the list to a close:

ADEN: (v) To bring to life [opp. deaden]  
GRUNTLED: (adh) Happy [opp. disgruntled]  
MAD: (n) Someone who never leaves his place of birth [opp. nomad]  
TABLE: (adj) Anything that a visitor doesn't compliment you on having [opp. notable]  
RSTAND: (v) To comprehend  
DE-RSTAND: (v) To miss the point  
UN-DE-RSTAND: (v) to comprehend a bit more than before  
MIS-UN-DE-RSTAND; (v) to miss the point even more  
A bientôt!

**Andy Pirson**

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## WILTSHIRE IN PROFIT AND SEEKS NEW HOUSES

The Wiltshire Brewery Company announced taxable profits of £10,744 for the six months to March 31 - its first interim profit since being bought out of receivership in 1985.

Results of the brewery - which came to the USM in February - compared with losses of £37,031 in the corresponding period last time.

Turnover amounted to £396,739, a rise of 38 per cent, although the seven pubs purchased in February from Whitbread for £1.25m made "minimal contributions".

There is no interim dividend, but the directors expect to recommend a distribution for the full year.

**From the FT**

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## BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for August of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 6.

**CROYDON & SUTTON:** Thu 6 (8.00) Sutton Social. LORD NELSON (Public Bar end), 32 Lower Road - Wed 12 (8.00) Crystal Palace Social. ROYAL ALBERT (Back Bar), 42 Westow Street, SE19 - Thu 20 (8.00) Branch Meeting. PRINCE OF DENMARK (Back Bar), 152 Portland Road, SE25 - Fri 5 Oct Wallington/Carshalton Crawl. Start MELBOURNE (Dep. 8.30), Manor Road, Wallington then DUKES HEAD, COACH & HORSES, GREYHOUND.

**EAST LONDON & CITY:** Mon 3 (8.00) Branch Meeting. DENMARK ARMS, 381 Barking Road, E6 - Tue 11 (6.00) Stratford Social. THEATRE ROYAL, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 then GREYHOUND (8.00), 136 West Ham Lane; PRINCESS OF WALES (9.00), 25 West Ham Lane - Wed 19 (8.00) Social. LADY DIANA (in garden, weather permitting), 95 Forest Road, E8 - Mon 28 City & Aldgate Crawl. LAMB TAVERN (6.00), Leadenhall Market, EC3; EAST INDIA ARMS (7.00), 67 Fenchurch Street; THREE LORDS (8.00), Minorities; PRIDE OF SPITALFIELDS (9.00), 3 Heneage Street, E1 - Mon 1 Oct (8.00) Branch Meeting. Venue to be confirmed.

**ENFIELD & BARNET:** Tue 4 (8.30) Darts Evening. ALBION, 74 Union Street, Barnet - Wed 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. PLOUGH, Crews Hill, Enfield - Tue 18 (9.00) Social. MOSS HALL TAVERN, Ballards Lane, N. Finchley, N12 - Thu 27 (9.00) Social. RED LION, 371 Hertford Road, Enfield - Tue 2 Oct (9.00) Social. ROYAL OAK, 1117 Finchley Road, NW11.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Thu 13 (8.00) Games with other CAMRA branches. Claremont, Esher - Mon 17 (8.30) Business Meeting. PLOUGH & HARROW, Long Ditton - Wed 26 (8.30) Joint Social with North Surrey Branch. HARE & HOUNDS, Sunbury - Sat 30 (Noon) Social. BLACK SWAN, Martyrs Green - Wed 24 Oct (7.30) Games with Reigate & Redhill Branch. GREYHOUND, Redhill.

**NORTH LONDON:** Sunday Lunchtime Socials for September. NARROW BOAT, N1 - Tue 4 (8.00) Social. JJ MOONS, N19 - Tue 11 (8.00) Branch Meeting. RUGBY TAVERN, WC1 - Tue 18 Two Pub Social. BRITANNIA, NW6 then YE OLDE SWISS COTTAGE (9.30), NW3 - Thu 27 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. GLOUCESTER ARMS, NW1 (NB: Thursday) - Sunday Lunchtime Socials for October. GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, NW10 - Tue 2 Oct (8.00) First Planning Meeting for 1991 London Drinker Beer Festival. RUGBY TAVERN, WC1 - Tue 9 Oct (8.00) Two Pub Social. GEORGE IV, Pentonville Road, N1 (NB: NOT Copenhagen Street) then MALT & HOPS, N1.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Thu 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting. POPES GROTT, Cross Deep, Twickenham - Mon 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. NORTH STAR, 84 North Road, Brentford - Thu 27 (8.00) Richmond Crawl. Start OLD SHIP, 3 King Street then WATERMANS ARMS (8.45) 12 Water Lane; ANGEL & CROWN (9.15), 5 Church Court; TRIPLE CROWN (10.00), 15 Kew Foot Road; ORANGE TREE (10.30), 45 Kew Road.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Mon 3 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. MOBY DICK, Greenland Dock, off Redriff Road, near Surrey Quays, SE16 - Mon 10 (8.00) Branch Meeting. OLD NUNS HEAD, 15 Nunhead Green, SE15 - Thu 27 (8.00) Joint Social with West London Branch. WICKWOOD TAVERN, 58 Flaxman Road, SE5.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX:** Wed to Sat 5-8 (11.00-4.00 & 5.00-11.00) 4TH CHAPPEL BEER FESTIVAL, East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel & Wakes Colne Station (just off A604 - near the viaduct). Entrance charge £1.00 per day - Wed 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. KING HAROLD, Station Road, Harold Wood (close to BR station) - Tue 18 (8.00) Quiz Night V THE BELL INN, Broadway, Rainham (Essex) - Fri 21 (11.00 at brewery) Brewery Trip to HOOK NORTON. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 - Mon 24 (8.30) Out of Area Social. Hatfield Heath (hopefully all 4 pubs) - Thu 4 Oct (8.30 onwards) Woodford Green Pub Crawl. See why this area has produced so many of our Pub of the Year nominations - Ring branch contact for suggested route(s).

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## TAP & SPILE GOES SOUTH!

### Two Tap & Spile Ales Houses Open in Nation's Capital

Two new Tap & Spile traditional ales houses recently opened in London, one at Lea Bridge Road, E10, and the other at Crouch Hill, N4, there are now 18 Tap & Spile's nationwide, and the concept is proving so popular that John Sands, Managing Director, Brent Walker Inns & Retail, has announced the opening of several more before the end of the year.

"This is the type of pub people have been crying out for", said Mr Sands after pulling the first pint at the official opening at Crouch Hill. "It is a return to traditional values - quality and choice in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We have abolished juke boxes and loud music, and opted for surroundings which are conducive to conversation and the savouring of excellent beer brewed by the many micro-brewers throughout the British Isles."

John Brackenbury, Chairman, Brent Walker Breweries Limited, officially opened the Tap & Spile at Lea Bridge Road on the same day. "It's hard to believe that four years ago that we opened the first Tap and Spile", said Mr Brackenbury. "In that case it was a forlorn pub in a rather run down area of Newcastle that needed a facelift. The Tap & Spile concept was born, and we haven't looked back since."

#### Variety - The Spice of Life!

At any one time there will be at least eight cask-conditioned ales on tap, offering a fascinating variety of aromas and tastes in beers using ale malts, traditional English hops and top fermenting yeast strains.

"With a shopping list of nearly 200 excellent cask-conditioned ales from all over the British Isles at my disposal, I think the Tap & Spile will keep its customers alert and interested!" said Edie McKenzie, Manager, Lea Bridge Road. "More and more discerning beer drinkers are seeking out traditional ales brewed in the traditional manner, and the Tap & Spile is committed to supplying the widest possible choice. Our hand-pulled ales will be constantly changing to cater for varying tastes."

Tap & Spile pubs are giving independent breweries a chance to flourish. You won't need to go to Oxfordshire for a pint of Old Hookey, or to Dorset for some Tanglefoot, or to Bedfordshire to sample some Charles Wells

#### Eagle Brew!

"The Tap & Spile is obviously a very welcome concept, especially for small breweries like ourselves", said Bill Stephenson, Charles Wells Brewery, Bedfordshire. "There is a wealth of excellent beers brewed by small independent breweries, and we welcome any initiative that offers wider distribution, and encourages choice".

#### More Than Beer

The Tap & Spile also has an impressive array of 32 English Country wines which have been a well kept secret up until now. These include Dandelion, Ginger, Sloe, Parsnip, Raspberry, Rhubarb, Strawberry, Birch, Elderberry, Apricot, Blackberry and Mead. These wines will take you by surprise in more ways than one!

Tap & Spile has gone out its way to recreate the ambiance of a traditional ale house. You won't find juke boxes, loud music, or video games. Background music of the early evening (including country folk and jazz), gives way to conversation, or a pianist will take over and before you know it you'll be signing along!

Traditional games like Shove Ha'penny, dominoes, Pub Skittles and Pool will be in evidence, and soon Tap & Spile teams will be taking on all comers!

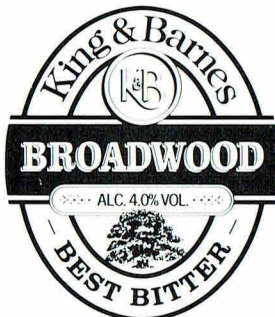
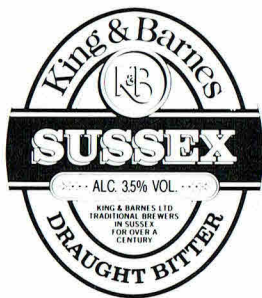
"There are a number of active leagues in the area and come September we'll be joining in", said Gary Worden, Manager, Tap & Spile, Crouch Hill "There has been considerable interest in the games we supply now, and we have been asked to also provide chess, draughts and backgammon".

#### A Relaxed Meeting Place

The atmosphere of the pubs has been developed with a very definite sensitivity to its customers and its chief product. Pictures and memorabilia depicting a bygone era also indicate a return to what an ale house used to be - a relaxed meeting place where excellent beer can be enjoyed in an atmosphere of warmth and conviviality, where conversation could never be called a lost art!

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Curtain Street, London EC2

**BOATERS**

Lower Ham Road, Kingston

**THE BRICKLAYERS ARMS**

63 Charlotte Road, London EC2

**CANBURY ARMS**

Canbury Park Road, Kingston,  
Surrey

**THE CLARET WINE BAR**

33 The Broadway, Cheam

**THE CLARET WINE BAR**

5 Bingham Corner,  
Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon

**THE CRICKETERS**

32 Rowtown, Addlestone, Surrey

**THE HOLE IN THE WALL**

Mephram Street, Waterloo Station

**THE HOP EXCHANGE**

149 Maple Road, Penge, London

**THE LION**

182 Pawsons Road, Croydon

**THE LITTERN**

118 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford

**THE NEW INN**

Walton Road, East Molesey, Surrey

**THE ORCHARD**

Orchard Road, Shirley

**THE OSTRICH**

High Street, Colnbrook, Middlesex.

**THE RACEHORSE**

17 West Street, Carshalton, Surrey

**THE RAILWAY TAVERN**

Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey

**REFUGE WINE BAR**

Selsdon Road, Croydon, Surrey

**ROSE AND CROWN**

333 London Road, Isleworth

**THE SHERGAR**

Consort Road, Peckham SE15

**THE SUN**

Lambs Conduit Street, London WC1

**THE TRAFALGAR**

High Path, Merton SW19

**THE TWO CHAIRMEN**

39 Dartmouth Street, London  
SW

**THE VICTORIA**

56 Buckingham Palace Road,  
London SW

**THE WELLINGTON TAVERN**

81/83 Waterloo Road, London  
SE1

**THE WESTMINSTER ARMS**

9 Storays Gate, London SW1

**THE WHEATSHEAF**

34 Kingston Road, Ewell,  
Surrey

**WHEELWRIGHTS ARMS**

Southbridge Road, Croydon,

**THE WHITE HART**

70 High Street, Hampton,  
Middlesex

**WOODIES FREEHOUSE**

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**YE OLDE BRIDGE HOUSE**

215 Tower Bridge Road, London  
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## MMC CHANGES - A PERSONAL VIEW

It is amazing what anomalies the MMC report has thrown up. One such case is the Belhaven tenant who, as mentioned in last month's drinker, was unable to get traditional 80/- from his brewery. The Shire Horse in Hounslow, for this is the actual pub, proclaims outside, "Traditional Ales" and "Belhaven". One could easily gather from this that the said public house dispenses traditional Belhaven ales. Inside the pub, however, a different picture emerges for what one encounters is traditional Allied ales, that is Tetley Bitter and Ind Coope Burton Ale. The anomaly lies in the fact that were the pub to be an Allied tenancy, which to all intents and purposes it appears to be, the landlord could have Belhaven 80/- as a guest beer supplied by a local wholesaler.

The fact that Belhaven will supply small quantities of traditional beer to wholesalers, and deliver from Dunbar to such places as the East Midlands or London, makes a mockery of their statement that there are insufficient outlets for their products. Supplying through wholesalers

does not guarantee the brewery quality control of the beer as outlets change regularly. By supplying their own pubs they can keep a tight rein on the beer's destination and its quality. It is clear then, that Virani is just giving us the run around and building up a property company to a saleable size.

After all, he doesn't even drink the stuff.

Doug Scott

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## NAVAL DAY AT NELSON

There were bell-bottoms and hornpipes at the re-opening of a pub in Colliers Wood High Street.

The Nelson, after being refurbished, hoisted its mainsail again recently at a special opening ceremony.

Dancers, soccer stars and a magician made an appearance, and the money raised was passed to Leukaemia Research.

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## MAIN ROAD INNS AND TAVERNS OF BYGONE BRENTFORD

It is a common belief among the more informed of local drinkers that the main Brentford highway, from the beginning of Kew Bridge Road to the east corner of Syon Park, once housed over fifty inns and taverns. When making this point they often refer to the existence of a poem that names them all.

This poem appeared in a recent local newspaper. It was said to have been written in 1948 by one Alfred Pearce who was then 74 years of age and whose family ran The Alexandra in Brentford High Street for many years. The lyric is entitled 'The Brentford Fifty-three' and it attempts to name each of these from The Star and Garter to The Coach and Horses in London Road, the latter being outside the area which we are interested in. To recall all these names the writer must either of had to rely on a memory of more than fifty years or on hearsay. A close survey of the poem reveals that Mr Pearce's effort was a good one but that it was by no means 100% accurate. Two of the inns mentioned, though in Brentford, were not in the main road while in some cases, such as Half Moon and Seven Stars he regards these as two establishments when in fact they were a single one. Also he misses completely a few hostelries that did exist.

The thought occurred that the legend of 50 plus public houses might have originated through the writing of this poem and that the actual number might have been somewhat less. So a search has been made to establish the highest number of licenced premises actually open at the same time in that stretch of road.

Various Kelly's Middlesex Directories, ranging from 1823 to 1937, were consulted but the most complete information came from Brentford Street Directories published by the Middlesex Independent. The earliest of these appeared in 1872 and it revealed that the number of pubs open in that year was exactly fifty. This figure remained the same until late 1877 or early 1878 when The Eight Bells closed. Since then the numbers have steadily declined to the present day total of eleven.

The properties in Brentford, prior to 1872, do not seem to have had street numbers or if they did Kelly's did not use them. The information

contained in these earlier publications tends to be more sketchy and less complete. Though they generally named the fully licensed premises they did not put an identity to beer-houses. A typical description of the latter might read 'J Plastine, beer retailer, High Street, New Brentford. Though one could detect the house name in some instances, in other it was not possible.

The most authentic of the early Kelly publications appeared in 1867. This named 32 fully licensed taverns plus 19 beer-houses, a total of 51. This number would seem to comprise of the fifty mentioned above plus The Britannia, which if the poem is right, was situated between One Tun Inn and Duke of Cambridge.

These 51 houses are named below with the street numbers mentioned alongside the names. In Brentford High Street numbers 1 to 158 are all on the south side of the road running from east to west, while 159 to 411 are all on the south side of the road running from west to east. There does not appear to have been any renumbering at any time as the few original buildings that remain still have the same ones. Kew Bridge Road is numbered in a similar fashion.

### KEW BRIDGE ROAD (South side)

#### STAR AND GARTER 2.

Situated on the east corner of the road diverting to Kew Bridge. An historical hotel finally killed off by the brewers in 1983. It has now been converted into a block of offices.

#### OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE. 18.

Stood east of The Plough and was the end building in Kew Bridge Road before the pavement veered round to the west side of the bridge. It closed sometime between 1917 and 1920.

#### PLOUGH. 24.

Still open. Has since been enlarged to take in the properties at numbers 22 and 23.

#### WAGGON AND HORSES. 26.

Has since been rebuilt and is now immediately next to the Plough by swallowing the shop at number 25.

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**ROYAL TAR. 3.**

Still open. Now known as O'Riordan's Tavern.

**GRAND JUNCTION ARMS. 12.**

A beer house which stood towards the east end of what is now Waterman's Park, a few yards west of Pottery Road. According to the illustrated booklet 'Brentford As It Was', it was pulled down in 1917 but in fact the house was still open in 1926. It eventually closed either later in that year or early 1927 to make way for the gasworks extension.

**HALFMOON & SEVEN STARS. 25.**

Situated in front of Waterman's Arts Centre, occupying part of its west side. It was last mentioned in 1903.

**ROYAL HOTEL. 27.**

Both the Hotel and Brewery adopted the name with Royal approval following a visit to the Hotel by William IV in 1829. It was a widish building and its frontage was to the fore of the east end of the offices now used by Max Factor. Like the Brewery Tap and for the same reason, it closed late 1926 or early 1927.

**GEORGE IV. 50.**

Situated on the east corner of High Street and Goat Wharf. It closed about 1930 and later housed Moore's cycle shop.

**RISING SUN. 68.**

Originally a beerhouse which closed in 1964. The building is now used as an antique shop.

**BLACKBOY AND STILL. 87.**

Sited on the west corner of what is now the entrance to Wilson & Kyle. It was immediately opposite the entrance to Half Acre. Closed between 1922 and 1924.

**CATHERINE WHEEL. 94.**

Stood in front of the entrance to Colonel Sanders House. Closed in 1910 or 1911.

**BARLEY CORN. 98.**

There was no entrance from the High Street to Catherine Wheel Road when this beerhouse existed. Access to Catherine Wheel Yard was gained through a passage on the east side of Barley Corn. The pub had a narrow frontage occupying part of Sketchley Dry Cleaners and the pavement of present Catherine Wheel Road. It closed about 1909.

**MAGPIE AND STUMP. 124.**

Closed between 1904 and 1907. It faced the Three Pigeons at approximately where Bradford

& Bingley now stands.

**MAGPIE AND CROWN. 128.**

Has since been rebuilt with a wider frontage. Still open.

**TWO BLACK BOYS. 140.**

This house was on the west side and adjacent to St Lawrence's Church. It vanished sometime between 1880 and 1888.

**SIX BELLS. 149.**

There were two shops between this establishment and the east side of The Ham. It became the corner building at the time of its rebuilding.

**MAGNET. 152.**

A smallish inn, sited on the west corner of The Ham. Survived until 1955.

**LORD NELSON. 154.**

A very small beerhouse, situated next door but one to The Magnet. It closed between 1905 and 1907 when it became a confectioner's shop.

**NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS. 11.**

Recently refurbished and re-opened under the name of Mary O'Riordans.

**GEORGE AND DRAGON. 29.**

Survives to the present day.

**HALF MOON AND CROWN. 55.**

Stood near the bus-stop in front of Brent Lea. Closed in 1904 or 1905.

**ANGEL. 103.**

Has since been rebuilt, now going under the name of Park Tavern.

**HIGH STREET (North side)****GRAND JUNCTION ARMS. 166.**

Closed between 1913 and 1917. Was on Bridge Terrace and faced the entrance to The Ham.

**WATERMANS ARMS. 179.**

Situated on the west corner of Brent Wharf and faced the centre of St Lawrences Church. Closed in 1908.

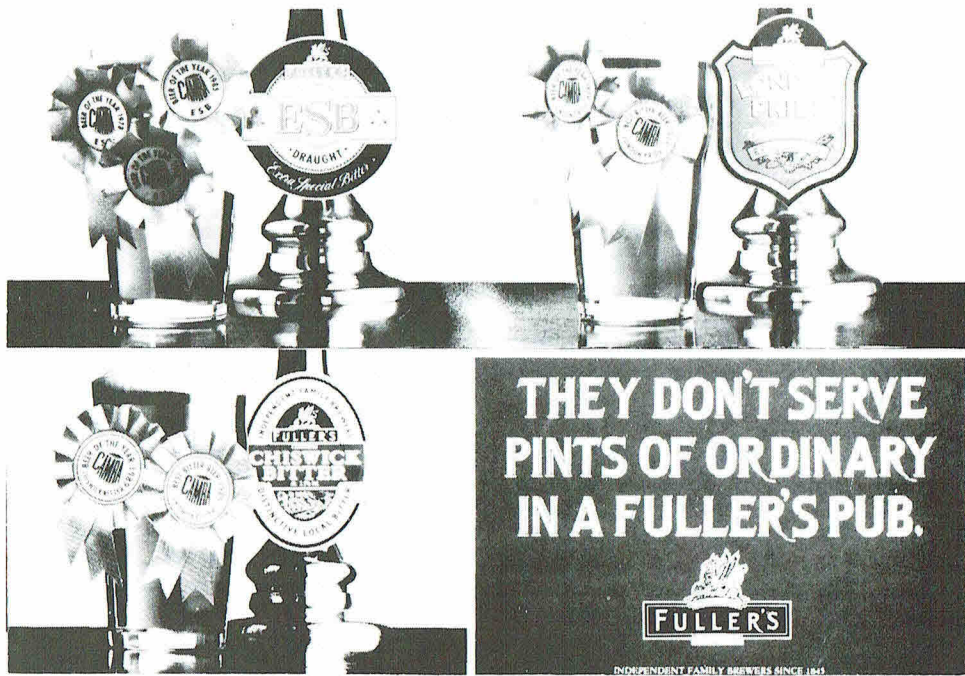
**THREE PIGEONS. 195.**

Occupied the west corner of Market Place. A large tavern which catered for various civic functions. Mentioned in local history books in late 1500's. Closed in 1916.

**RED LION. 197.**

Closed between 1926 and 1928. Also an historical pub and a meeting place for local societies. Records show that it was open by 1445. It was the third building east of Market Place at a

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point in front of Dollar High.

#### **CASTLE HOTEL. 208.**

Possibly the most impressive structure of the main road hostelrys. At one time catered for stage coaches with large stables at its rear. Its wide frontage was sited in front of the present Brentford Post Office. The hotel closed in 1936.

#### **CROWN AND ANCHOR. 224.**

Stood on the west corner of Half Acre. Closed between 1878 and 1880 when a bank, later to become Barclays, was built on the site.

#### **BEEHIVE, 227.**

Was three doors east of Half Acre which was later widened, leaving the rebuilt Beehive on its corner. Still open.

#### **FEATHERS, 232.**

Was sited on the west corner of St Pauls Road, near the west end of Gateways. It was right opposite number 80 High Street. Closed about 1971.

#### **DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE. 247.**

Positioned mid-way long Gateways car park at

a point opposite River Walk. A beerhouse which closed between 1912 and 1913.

#### **THE BRITANNIA**

Last mentioned in Kelly's Directory of 1867 and closed between then and 1872. According to Alfred Pearce's poem it was sited between Duke of Cambridge and One Tun Inn.

#### **ONE TUN INN. 254.**

Stood by the bus-stop in front of the west side of the County Court. Closed 1904.

#### **CANNON. 267.**

Occupied a site in front of the west corner of Berkley House, facing Concord House. The inn closed between 1880 and 1888.

#### **KINGS ARMS. 273.**

Second building east of Kings Arms Alley and opposite 59, High Street (part of Ferry Parade). Disappeared in late 1904 or early 1905.

#### **ALEXANDRA. 307.**

A beerhouse which was positioned in front of Jeffreys in Albany Parade and facing the centre of Thameside House. No mention in any directory after 1912.



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**RED LION. 318.**

Known in its later days as Original Red Lion. It was on the west corner of the High Street and Ealing Road. Closed in 1962 but re-opened, having been rebuilt on the east corner, in 1965.

**DRUM INN. 319.**

Both the High Street, from Ealing Road to Pottery Road and Ealing Road itself have been widened since this inn closed. The buildings in the High Street sector were demolished to make way for the east traffic lanes.

The Drum was a fairly large tavern and stood at the point where the traffic now leaves Ealing Road to enter the High Street. It closed in 1908 or early 1909, finally being demolished when Ealing Road was widened in 1921.

**PRINCE OF WALES. 346.**

Was called Running Horses before changing its name in the 1840's. It was the fifth building west of Pottery Road, more or less facing the west entrance to Waterman's Park. Closed about 1908.

**BULL INN. 350.**

Sited on the west corner of Pottery Road. Closed in 1961.

**BARGE AGROUND. 361.**

Was the third building west of North Road and closed sometime between 1960 and 1965.

**QUEENS ARMS. 366.**

Positioned 2 doors east of North Road. Closed between 1880 and 1888.

**MARQUIS OF GRANBY. 370.**

Situated next to St Georges Church on the east side. Closed in 1903.

**HAND AND FLOWER. 378.**

Stood approximately twenty yards east of what was the main entrance to the gasworks. It closed in either 1904 or 1905.

**EIGHT BELLS. 380.**

A single shop separated this beerhouse from the Hand and Flower. It was last mentioned in the directory of 1877.

**FOX AND HOUNDS. 384.**

Four doors east of Eight Bells. 'Brentford as it Was' states that it was demolished in 1901 but it appeared in each of Kelly's Brentford Directories that were published up to 1918 after which it was mentioned no more. The Kellys information would appear to be the more reliable.

**SALUTATION INN. 401.**

Closed between 1918 and 1920. It occupied a site on part of what is now Courtsell's Petrol

Pumps and faced County House.

**LAMBS INN. 409.**

Positioned on the west corner of Lamb passage (which is still in existence), and faced the cul-de-sac between Hall & Co and O'Riordans. Closed in 1909 or 1910.

**KEW BRIDGE ROAD (North side)****EXPRESS HOTEL. 56.**

Still open. R G Aldington is named as the landlord in the directory of 1888 and the same family have held the licence ever since.

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Directories before 1867 do show that at least two other licensed premises were once in the High Street. The Retort was on the west side of The Hand & Flower, being separated from that building by Retort Alley. It was last mentioned in 1853 and disappeared between that date and 1867. Also in 1853 the New Brentford part of the High Street (that section from Half Acre to Canal Bridge) included a Jolly Boatman (at the Bridge), an Alton Arms and a W Hammerton, beer-retailer. There is, however, no mention of either The Magnet or Waterman's Arms. Both of these inns were beer-houses and it is likely that Mr Hammerton was the landlord of one of them. The Boatman or Alton could have been an earlier name of the other which would still have left an additional pub in this stretch of road.

In 1862 a Poplar Inn, Kew Bridge is named and it is thought this to be a previous title of The Oxford and Cambridge. The 1872 street directory shows a Volunteer at 1 Kew Bridge Terrace but does not make clear whether or not this was part of the main road.

Mr Pearce's poem mentions a Glittering Star alongside Half Moon and Seven Stars which was probably the former name of The Royal Hotel. It also refers to a Salute on the corner of Ferry lane of which no trace can be found at all.

In New Brentford, Plough Yard, Boars Head Yard and Ram Alley indicate that there were once taverns of those names in the area which may, or may not, have been situated in the High Street.

To conclude, the highest number of licensed premises it has been possible to prove to be open at the same time was the 51 of 1867. As already mentioned the directories of earlier

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172-174 Uxbridge  
Road Shepherds Bush  
W12

OPENING OCTOBER  
**THE MOON  
UNDER WATER**  
10 Varley Parade  
Colindale NW9

OPENING SEPTEMBER  
**JJ MOONS**  
(formerly The Crown &  
Sceptre)  
2 Streatham Hill  
SW2

OPENING AUGUST  
**THE RAILWAY  
BELL**  
(formerly The Rat & Parrot)  
13 East Barnet Road  
East Barnet

OPENING OCTOBER  
**THE WHITE LION  
OF MORTIMER**  
12 Victoria Road  
Ruislip Manor

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

OPENING JULY  
**JJ MOONS**  
3 Shaftesbury Parade  
Shaftesbury Circle  
South Harrow



## Existing Establishments

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**WHITE LION OF  
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125/127 Stroud Green Road N4

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**OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH**  
10-12 Grand Parade N4

TURNPIKE LANE  
**THE TOLLGATE**  
26-30 Turnpike Lane NS

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 Longship Lane N17

TOTTENHAM  
**THE ELBOW ROOM**  
503-505 High Road N17

ON THE RIVER LEA  
**THE NARROW BOAT**  
Redham Close N17

HOLLOWAY  
**JJ MOONS**  
37 Landseer Road N19

ARCHWAY  
**THE DOG**  
17/19 Archway Road N19

WOOD GREEN  
**THE MOON UNDER  
WATER**  
423 Tonship Lane N22

KINGSBURY  
**JJ 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

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

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

## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 55

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 the first two Brent Walker "Tap & Spile" free houses in London (in E10 and N4), ex Tolly Cobbold. The "Tap & Spile" chain was inherited from Camerons and is centred largely in the North East and Yorkshire. More guest beers have appeared and pub closures continue apace. The recently acquired Youngs pubs (omitted last month owing to shortage of space) are also detailed. Greene King have recently acquired 87 pubs from Allied in South East England of which the only two within Greater London, in Hampton Hill and Uxbridge, are recorded below.

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**

##### **EAST**

**BARKING, FISHING SMACK**, 92 Abbey Road.  
Tetley: Bitter. (X14)

##### **NORTH**

**N1, RED LION**, 41 Hoxton Street. Ruddle:  
Best Bitter, County. Webster: Yorkshire  
Bitter. (N46)

##### **SOUTH EAST**

**SE1, HAVELOCK ARMS**, 110 Fort Road.

Courage: Best Bitter. (SE25)

**SE1, SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS**, 88 Tooley Street.

Courage: Best Bitter. (SE40)

**SE1, STATION HOUSE**, 56 Tooley Street.

Flowers: Original Bitter. Greene King:  
Abbot Ale. Renamed **TOOLEYS**, an expensive  
cafe-bar. (SE41)

**SE5, BICKLEIGH**, 74 Vestry Road. Courage:  
Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. John Smith:  
Yorkshire Bitter. (SE54)

**SE5, MARLBOROUGH**, 67 Sedgemoor Road.  
Charrington: IPA. (SE58)

**SE15, GLENGALL ARMS**, 41 Glengall Road.  
Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter.  
(SE119)

**SE16, CHINA HALL**, 141 Lower Road. Greene  
King: IPA♦. (SE129)

**SE16, WARRIOR**, 185 Lower Road. Fuller:  
London Pride♦. (SE136)

##### **SOUTH WEST**

**SW15, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE**, Kingston Vale.  
Bass. Charrington: IPA. (Reinstatement)  
(SW46, U34)

##### **WEST**

**W4, EMPEROR**, 304 Chiswick High Road.  
Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Real ale in  
lounge bar only. (W68)

**TWICKENHAM, DIXIE McQUEENS**, 59 York  
Street. No real ale. A Free House/eating  
house.

**UXBRIDGE, MILITIA CANTEEN**, 21 Elthorne  
Road. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Now a Greene  
King pub, ex Taylor Walker. (W154)

#### **PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE**

##### **CENTRAL**

**EC1, KINGS ARMS**. Banks & Taylor, closed &  
boarded up. (E18, U34)

##### **EAST**

**BARKING, SHORT BLUE**. Watney, H removed.  
(X14)

##### **NORTH**

**N1, CROWN**, 103 Copenhagen Street. Free  
House, H unused. (N30)

**N1, ROYAL OAK**. Banks & Taylor, closed &  
boarded up. (N46, U32)

**N1, TRAFALGAR**, 17 Remington Street. Free  
House, closed & boarded up. (N46, U32)

##### **SOUTH EAST**

**SE15, GOLD DIGGERS ARMS**. Courage (fizz),  
closed due to fire. (SE119)

**SE15, SAILOR PRINCE**. Free House (fizz),  
closed & converted to offices. (SE123)

#### **OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES**

##### **EAST**

**E10, AUCTIONEERS**. Renamed **TAP & SPILE**.  
- beers listed. + 6 varying guest beers.  
One of two Brent Walker, ex Tolly "Tap &  
Spiles" to open in London. (E119)

##### **NORTH**

**N4, MARLERS BAR**. Renamed **TAP & SPILE**.  
- beers listed. + 8 varying guest beers.  
The other Brent Walker, ex Tolly "Tap &  
Spile" in London. (N51)

**N5, WHITE HOUSE**. - Strong: Country Bitter.  
+ Whitbread: Best Bitter. (N57, U40)



## BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 55 Continued

- N7, WIG & GOWN.** + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. (U47)  
**N15, DUTCH HOUSE.** - Hook Norton beers.  
+ Boddington: Bitter. + Ruddie: Best Bitter. (U33)  
**N15, J J MOONS.** - beers listed. + Bateman: XXXB. + Cameron: Strongarm. + Tolly Cobbold: Bitter. + Young: Special. Is a Brent Walker (Tolly Cobbold) owned Free House. (N88)  
**N16, CHAS'N DAVES.** Renamed **NEW PEGASUS**, originally PEGASUS. (N92)  
**N17, FERRY BOAT INN.** - Young: Bitter. + McMullen: Country Bitter♦. (N97, U43)  
**N17, NARROW BOAT.** - Wadworth: 6X.  
+ Greene King: IPA. + Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. (N98, U33, U36)

### SOUTH EAST

- SE1, CROWN & ANCHOR.** + Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE20)  
**SE1, GOOSEBERRIES.** Renamed **UNCLE SAM'S**, still no real ale. (SE25)  
**SE1, HAND IN HAND.** + Fuller: London Pride♦. (SE25)  
**SE1, KINGS ARMS,** 25 Roupell Street.  
+ Young: Special. A Taylor Walker pub. (SE27)  
**SE1, WHEATSHEAF.** + King & Barnes: Sussex Bitter♦. + Wadworth: 6X♦. (SE44)  
**SE5, ANCHOR & HOPE.** Renamed **LEPRECHAUN**, still no real ale. (SE54, U47)  
**SE5, BRITISH QUEEN.** - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE56)  
**SE5, ORANGE TREE.** - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE56)  
**SE5, SKINNERS ARMS.** - beers listed.  
+ Young: Special. A Taylor Walker pub. (SE59)  
**SE8, DOVER CASTLE.** Renamed **BROADWAY TAP**, still fizz. (SE69)  
**SE10, ROYAL GEORGE.** + Shepherd Neame: Spitfire Ale. (SE88)  
**SE13, DACRE ARMS.** + John Smith: Magnet Ale. (SE103)  
**SE14, RISING SUN.** - Benskins: Best Bitter. - Tetley: Bitter. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. A Belhaven pub. (SE112, U46)  
**SE15, HAVELOCK ARMS.** + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter (now on handpump). (SE119, U53)  
**SE15, MONTAGUE ARMS.** - Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. + Whitbread: Best Bitter. Expensive. Incorrectly listed under SE14 in SE guide. (SE112, U50)  
**SE16, ROYAL GEORGE.** Renamed **BOATMAN**. (SE132)  
**SE16, SHIP YORK.** + Fuller: London Pride♦. (SE133)  
**SE17, BEEHIVE.** + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE135)  
**SE17, CROWN.** + Fuller: London Pride♦. (SE135)  
**SE17, GLOBE.** + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE138)  
**SE17, HENSHAW ARMS.** - beers other than Fullers. (SE138)  
**SE17, HUNTSMAN & HOUNDS.** - Bass. (SE139)  
**SE17, SIR ROBERT PEEL.** - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddie: County. (SE140)  
**SE17, SURREY GARDENS (ROSE'S).** Renamed **ROSIE O'GRADYS**, still fizz. (SE140, U41)  
**SE22, EAST DULWICH TAVERN.** - Bass. (SE172)  
**BECKENHAM, ELMER LODGE.** - Truman beers.  
+ Ruddie: County. Is a Grand Met, formerly Truman pub. (SE205)  
**BROMLEY COMMON (HAYES), BEACON.** - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (SE221)  
**BROMLEY COMMON (HAYES), GEORGE.** - Ruddie: County. + Ruddie: Best Bitter. (SE223)  
**CROYDON (ADDISCOMBE), BLACK HORSE.** - beers listed in SE guide & updates. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE236, U43)  
**CROYDON, CARTOON.** - beers listed except Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. + Wethered: Bitter. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. All beers now from Whitbread range. (SE237)  
**CROYDON, CATHERINE WHEEL.** - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE237)  
**CROYDON, CLARET WINE BAR.** - beers listed except Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak.  
+ Eldridge Pope: Thomas Hardy Country Bitter. + Palmers: IPA. + Wadworth: 6X. (SE238)  
**CROYDON (ADDISCOMBE), CRICKETERS,** 47 Shirley Road. - Young: Special. (SE238)  
**CROYDON, CROWN,** 90 Stanley Road. - Ruddie: Best Bitter. + Ruddie: County. (SE239)  
**CROYDON (SHIRLEY), CROWN,** 28 Wickham Road. + Bass. (SE239)  
**CROYDON, GOLDEN LION.** + John Smith: Magnet Ale. (SE242)  
**CROYDON, GOODYS.** - Ruddie: County. + Boddington: Bitter. (SE243)  
**CROYDON, HORSE & JOCKEY.** - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Young: Bitter. Formerly **BRIDGE HOTEL.** (SE236, U44)  
**CROYDON, JOLLY GARDENERS.** - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (SE244)  
**CROYDON, LESLIE ARMS,** 62 Lower Addiscombe Road. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Special. Note correct address. (SE244)  
**CROYDON, OAKFIELD TAVERN.** - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter, Special. (SE245)  
**CROYDON (WADDON), PROPELLER.** + Courage: Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE248)



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## EXTRA BEER

May's hot weather prompted a huge increase in beer production, new figures show. Some 3.5 million barrels were brewed, 12 per cent up on May 1989.

## GREENE KING TOPS UP TO £20.1m

Greene King, the East Anglian brewer reported pre-tax profits of £20.14m, up 5 per cent and in line with market expectations, for the year ended April 29 1990.

But the strong trading performance was overshadowed by problems at Big R Leisure, its associate which operates roller skating rinks, night clubs and other leisure facilities.

Greene King has written off, as an extraordinary item, the £795,000 after-tax cost of its 35 per cent stake in the company.

Mr Simon Redman, chairman, said that Big R, which has debts of £22m, had been "suffering from relatively depressed trading".

Trading profits from brewing and pub retailing increased by 20 per cent to £18.23m (£15.12m) on turnover of £109.16m (£103.59m).

Total beer sales increased by over 5,500 barrels; and the company, which is buying 87 more pubs in the south-east, has concluded trading arrangements with Bass and Allied-Lyons for the supply of its IPA and Abbot ale brands as guest beers. More than £1m is being spent on advertising the brands this year.

"We intend that Greene King should trade as a tightly focused, vertically integrated brewer, wholesaler and pub retailer throughout the south-east", Mr Redman said.

Continued sluggishness in the East Anglian property market reduced the profit contribution from property disposals from £3.24m last year to £2.56m.

Interest payments rose from £87,000 to £1.36m.

Earnings per share were up 4 per cent from 32.7p to 34.1p. A final dividend of 6.9p is proposed, increasing the total dividend by 13 per cent to 9.8p.

## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 55 Continued

**CROYDON, QUEEN VICTORIA.** - beers listed except Courage: Directors Bitter.  
+ Flowers: Original Bitter. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Whitbread: Best Bitter. (SE248)

**CROYDON, RAILWAY BELL.** + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (SE248)

**CROYDON (SHIRLEY), SHIRLEY INN.** + Tetley: Bitter. (SE250)

**CROYDON, TWO BREWERS.** - Shepherd Neame: Best Bitter. + Harvey: Best Bitter. (SE251)

**CROYDON (WADDON), WADDON.** - Friary Meux: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. Note correct title. Now a Taylor Walker badged pub. (SE251)

**CROYDON, WOOLPACK.** + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE252)

**WEST WICKHAM, PICKHURST.** - Truman beers. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. Note correct title. (SE288)

**WEST WICKHAM, RAILWAY.** - Friary Meux: Best Bitter. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (SE288)

**WEST WICKHAM, SWAN.** + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE288)

**WEST WICKHAM, WHEATSHEAF.** - Ruddle: County. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE288)

**WEST WICKHAM, WHITE HART.** - Bass. + Greene King: IPA. (SE288)

#### SOUTH WEST

**SW1 (P), QUEEN OF DENMARK.** Reverted to original name PERSEVERANCE. + Ruddle: County. (SW15)

**SW1 (W), BELGRAVIA BAR.** - Courage: Best Bitter. + Arkell: BBB. (SW16)

**SW1 (W), QUICK SNACK BAR.** - beers listed in SW guide & updates. + Arkell: BBB. + Bass. (SW17, U38)

**SW3, COOPERS ARMS.** - beers listed. + Young: Bitter, Special. Now a Youngs tied house, ex Watney. (SW21)

**SW4, RAILWAY TAVERN.** - Fuller: ESB. + Exmoor: Gold. (OG 1045). (SW25, U52)

**SW8, STOCKERS.** - Whitbread: Best Bitter. (SW33, U43, U49)

**SW12, PRINCE OF WALES.** + Hop Back: GFB. (OG 1034-7). (SW43, U51)

**SW13, BRIDGE TAVERN.** - Ruddle: County. (SW43)

**SW13, EDINBURGH CASTLE.** - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (SW43)

**SW16, BEDFORD PARK.** - Ruddle: County. + Young: Bitter, Special. Now a Youngs tied house, ex Watney. (SW48, U39)

**SW18, OLD EAST HILL.** - Ruddle: County. (SW53)

**SW18, ROYAL STANDARD.** - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. + Pilgrim: Surrey. (OG 1038). (SW54, U33)

**SW18, STAR & GARTER.** - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (SW54)

**SW19, BREWERY TAP.** - Strong: Country Bitter. - Wethered: Winter Royal.

+ Marston: Pedigree. (SW54, U40)

**SW19, VICTORY.** + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Bitter. Refurbished. (SW56)

**SW19, WHITE HART.** - Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. + Flowers: Original Bitter. (SW56)

**HAM, FOX & GOOSE.** - beers listed. + Young: Bitter, Special. Now a Youngs tied house, ex Taylor Walker. (SW63)

**MITCHAM, WINDMILL.** - Tetley: Bitter. + Benskins: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter, Special. (SW69, U34, U36, U48)

#### WEST

**W2, BENTLEYS.** + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W58)

**W2, GREAT WESTERN.** - Ruddle: County. + Fuller: London Pride. (W59)

**W2, LEINSTER,** 57 Ossington Street. + Greene King: IPA. (W62)

**W2, ROYAL OAK.** + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W63)

**W3, GEORGE & DRAGON.** + Fuller: London Pride. (W64)

**W6, CARPENTERS ARMS.** - beers listed. + Fuller: London Pride. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W74)

**W7, VIADUCT.** + Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (W79, U48)

**W9, WARRINGTON HOTEL.** - Arkell: BBB. + Exmoor: Gold. + Young: Bitter. (W84)

**BRENTFORD, NORTH STAR.** + Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. (W98, U52)

**HAMPTON HILL, RISING SUN.** - beers listed. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Now a Greene King pub, ex Taylor Walker. (W106)

**HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR.** + Fuller: London Pride. (W117)

**HAYES, ROYAL STANDARD.** + John Smith: Magnet Ale. (W118)

**HOUNSLOW, JOLLY FARMER.** + Wadworth: 6X. (W128)

**ISLEWORTH, ROSE & CROWN.** + King & Barnes: Festive. (W131)

**NORTHOLT, CIVIL ENGINEER.** + Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. (W134)

**NORTHOLT, PLOUGH.** + Fuller: London Pride. Handpumps replace the Porter-Lancastrian top pressure system - believed to be the last Fullers pub to dispose of the reviled system. (W134)

**SOUTHALL, BRICKLAYERS ARMS.** Now a Free House, ex Taylor Walker, still fizz. (W140)

**SOUTHALL, THREE HORSESHOES.** + Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. (W143)

**TEDDINGTON: BUILDERS ARMS.** + a varying guest beer (eg Brain: SA, Bateman: XXXB, Adnams: Bitter, Wadworth 6X so far). (W146)

**TWICKENHAM, ALBANY.** + Wadworth: 6X. (W150)

**UXBRIDGE: ROYAL OAK.** Renamed GRAND UNION. (W154)



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- South London - MON 10 Sept, British Oak, 98 Richmond Road, Kingston on Thames
- East London - TUE 11 Sept, Bow Bells, 116 Bow Road, E3
- West London - WED 12 Sept, Six Bells, Ducks Hill Road, Ruislip Common
- North London - THU 13 Sept, Bull & Bush, North End Road, Hampstead, NW3

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## BRAIN OF BREWING

London Drinker has teamed up with Burton Ale to present a competition that aims to find Burton Ale's London Brain of Brewing (see advert). And if you know a keg from a cask you could stand a chance of winning a real ale drinking holiday!

London Drinker readers should simply turn up to their local regional heat at 7.30pm and ask for an entry form on the spot - and receive a free pint of Draught Burton Ale just for taking part. There are beery prizes galore and a lot of fun to be had for the serious beer drinker.

The brewer promises that the questions will be fair and not too difficult. Winners of the regional heats will play off a grand final at a new real ale bar in Hampstead called Arkwright's Wheel on Sept 21.

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- ★ North London - Thurs 13 Sep, Bull & Bush, Hampstead, NW3

## WHITBREAD LOWER

Whitbread continued its recent weak form as Smith New Court reiterated its sell recommendation. Analysts at Smith said that on further examination of the European Commission report on the brewing industry, there was a significant chance that Whitbread's exclusive licence to brew and distribute Heineken could be against EC competition rules. Other analysts have come to the same conclusion. Whitbread has a similar arrangement with Artois Piedboeuf Interbrew, Belgium's biggest brewer, for Stella Artois.

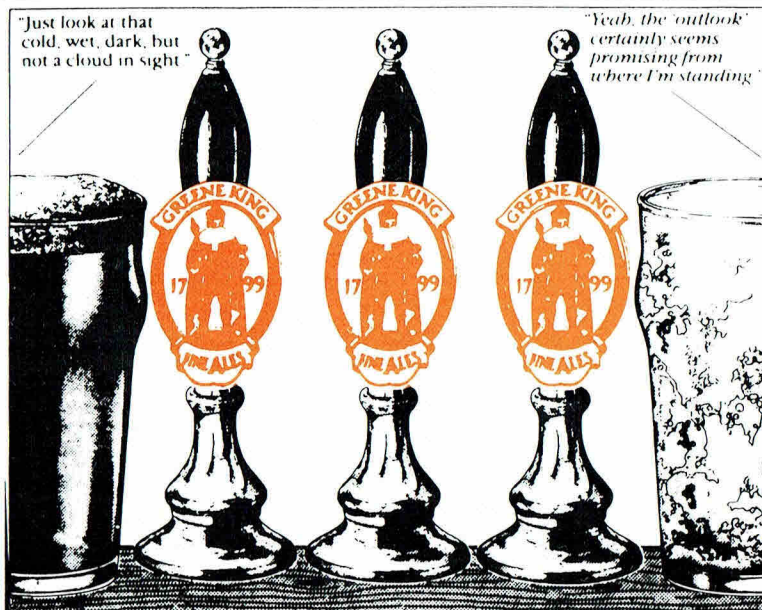
Smith analysts said about 20 per cent of Whitbread's profits came from the Heineken/Stella operations. They expect a further Commission announcement within six months.

**From the FT**

*Contd. from p.21*

years yielded less information and it has not been possible to establish whether or not all 51 were open together at dates earlier than this. However, it is thought highly likely that the number of pubs in the Brentford highway in 1853 stood at 53. It is also possible (rather than probable) that the total at its peak was nearer to 60 than to 50.

**Alan Benham**



*If we ever reprint RBIWL this point should be reconsidered.*

*3. On your major point I must state that I believe that the only sensible layout for main listings is alphabetically within postal districts. If this means that adjacent pubs are listed a long way apart I think that is an acceptable condition compared with alternative arrangements. It is the format which is, I believe, universal to all CAMRA produced beer guides including the prestigious annual Good Beer Guide.*

*I don't know whether you have first hand experience of using computers to handle databases but the fact is that the database of West London pubs from which RBIWL was produced was a good old fashioned paper one. Subsequently I have obtained an easy to use database program for my home computer and have listed the pubs in my branch area on it. It is in fact very flexible and gives the facilities which you indicate would be desirable in a guide. The fact remains, however, that when it comes to producing the work on paper you have to decide on a fixed format.*

*With regard to an alphabetical listing of all pubs in a guide, I can see that this could be of some interest but I think that the benefits would be slight when set against the extra space idea of dividing the guide into areas covered by single maps is interesting but if you look at the key map on pages 4 and 5 of RBIWL you will see that approximately half of the area covered by the guide is not mapped at all because the pubs in those areas are very thinly spread; this is even more the case with the South West London guide. I think that such a guide would price itself out of the market.*

*You have raised some interesting points, though and I should be very interested to hear the views of other readers on this subject.*

**AP**

Dear Andy

I refer to an article in the Evening Standard for 10th July which reported the purchase of 44 pubs from Ind Coope by Fullers. It stated that the purchase increased the number of Fullers tied houses from 157 to 201. However, according to my calculations the total should be 200 as the 157 pubs should be 156, made up of the 148 pubs on the Fuller's "Taste of Tradition"

there has never opened and has since been sold) plus eight new ones:

Gibraltar Castle, Harpenden  
Earl of Radnor, N1  
Farmers Boy, Kemsworth, Dunstable  
White Lion, Hemel Hempstead  
Queens Head, Bradwell  
Portland Arms, St. Albans  
Chincham Arms, Basingstoke  
Bull, Offley, near Hitchin.

On another matter, following my letter (August LD) about Young's being cheaper in the Allied pub in Barking, this is no longer true owing to an Allied 8p a pint hike in prices.

Best Wishes  
Colin Price, Barking

**Editor's reply:**

*I don't know if Bernie Peal, CAMRA's Brewery Liaison Officer for Fullers, would like to comment on the numbers, but maybe your information on Fuller's pubs is more up to date than theirs. It's not unknown for CAMRA to tell breweries the correct addresses of pubs in their estates.*

*I can't say I'm surprised Allied are hoisting the price of Youngs along with their other beers. They seem to regard it as a premium beer despite the fact it is about the same gravity as their own bitters.*

**AP**

## BACK NUMBERS

To date 127 editions of London Drinker have been issued: back numbers of the following are available:

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**WEST LONDON:** Thu20 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 12 (8.00) Chelsea Crawl. Start COOPERS ARMS, Flood Street, SW3 then BEEHIVE (9.00) Chelsea Manor Road; TRAFALGAR (10.00), 200 Kings Road.

**WEST MIDDLESEX:** Tue 4 (8.30) Social. STAR, Blenheim Parade, Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon - Wed 12 All day trip to Marston's Brewery. Phone Branch Contact for details - Wed 19 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BEACONSFIELD ARMS 63 West End Road, Southall - Fri 28 (8.30) Social. SURPRISE VENUE (Phone for details).

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**11.00 am for 11.15**

September 29th

## Guest Speakers



There will be a CAMRA Beer Festival in MAIDSTONE on Saturday 8th September, at the Cobtree Museum of Kent Rural Life, Sandling, Maidstone (400 yards from A229/M20 junction). The bar will be open from 11 am - 11 pm, selling over 50 beers. Other attractions include good food, entertainment, farm ciders, and traditional hop picking and drying. Admission is £1.50 including the museum. Concessionary beer tokens will be given to card-carrying CAMRA members. Come early to avoid disappointment! Travel by train to Maidstone East, then either bus 155 to the museum at 1025, 1140, hourly to 1640, 1747, 1907, or bus 101 to the Running Horse (400 yards) at 20/50 mins past each hour until 1920, then hourly. Last bus back to Maidstone at 2250. More info from Jeff Tucker on Snodland (0634) 241538.



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