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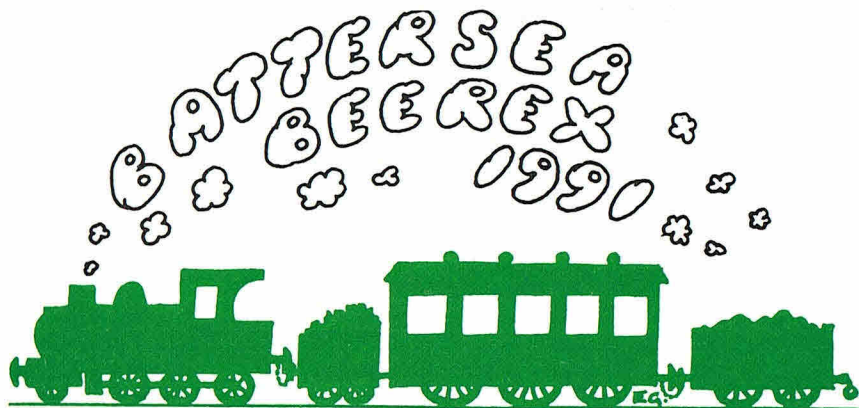
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Where to buy London Drinker

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 WETHERED
EC4 BANKER
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 NORTHCOE
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, WHEATSHEAF

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 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
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 MALT & HOPS
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 PRINCE ALBERT
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
N2 OLD WHITE LION
N2 WINDSOR CASTLE
N4 MORTIMER ARMS
N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
N4 TAP & SPILE
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
MW1 MAN IN THE MOON
NW1 VICTORIA
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
NW3 WELLS HOTEL
NW4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
NW6 QUEENS ARMS
NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN
NW8 CROCKERS
NW9 GEORGE
NW9 J.J. MOONS
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
NW10 OUTSIDE INN
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

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EDITORIAL

When I joined CAMRA in April 1974, my home town, Uxbridge, was a typical outer London 'beer desert'. Only three pubs sold real ale of any description, and the only beer of any note was Wethered's Special from Marlow. Today, I can find Courage Best and Directors, Ind Coope Burton, Taylor Walker, Tetley, Fuller's London Pride and ESB, Young's Bitter, Adnam, Greene King Abbot and IPA and a regularly changing guest beer (Felinfoel Double Dragon at the time of writing) all within a mile of my home.

Although the Wethered Special has now disappeared, there has been a remarkable improvement in the choice of beer available and on this evidence it seems that CAMRA's avowed aim of improving the choice of beer available has largely been achieved.

Is this really the case? The last quarter of 1990 saw the Department of Trade and Industry approve the arrangement for Watney to become solely a retailer of beer with Courage supplying the beer to Watney pubs. Greenall Whitley have also announced that they will cease brewing and Allied Breweries will supply their pubs in future.

Many CAMRA members will no doubt regard the closure of these two brewers as no great loss, but it must be remembered that Greenall Whitley have already closed Simpkins, stopped brewing at Davenport's, and Shipstone's brewery will now close unless the campaign to save the brewery is successful. Although brewing is continuing at Tolley Cobbold, the Higson and

Boddington breweries have been closed by Whitbread. In addition, Scottish and Newcastle have reneged on their pledge to keep Matthew Brown open, using the threadbare excuse that 'circumstances have changed'. Scottish and Newcastle also own Theakston and Home and Whitbread have substantial holdings in Brakspear and other breweries, so there are a number of other breweries whose future must be in doubt.

Some of these changes have come about as a result of general trends in the brewing industry, but others, such as the Watney and Greenall Whitley decision to stop brewing is a direct result of the legislation prompted by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report, which Lord Young was 'minded to implement'.

Whilst the intention of the report was to provide more competition and thus provide a wider choice for the consumer, the legislation has been implemented in such a half hearted manner that the net result is leading to a reduction in the number of truly independent brewers.

Ultimately, this can only lead to a reduction in the choice of real ale available and the apparent improvement of choice in my locality, and the rest of London, may turn out to be short lived. These changes underline the fact that the London beer drinker should not be complacent simply because there is now a wider range of beers available. The need for an organisation like CAMRA is as strong as ever.

Stan Tompkins

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Sirs,

If I could be permitted to further the Fullers gripe. Some years ago now their water supplies were found to have "wild yeast" growing inside. They did apologise after complaints at the bar.

A pint of London Pride has increased in less than a year by 30p!! What then is the real inflation figure? Certainly not 10.9% as this government tells us.

Yes, their two beers differ. I am 80% in and around West London for business and since the introduction of guest beers London Pride varies more than most; it appears to have a "twang" (metallic taste) to it.

I read the reply in London Drinker from one R.H.F. Fuller - I'm still waiting for mine. Furthermore for what their two beers cost, I certainly think they are well over-priced. Come to think out of context, Ruddles beers changed in flavour just before they were sold to Watneys. Surely this couldn't happen again, I wonder.

Yours faithfully

R.A. Perry, Erith, Kent

PS Most of the staff employed are from the Antipodes (Australia and New Zealand). Being exempt from poll tax, given a bed, meals (some) and spending money (low wages) this is a nice little earner in saving money. What do these people know about beer? When the economies of both countries are finished (*sic*). May I ask if Fullers advertise for staff in these two countries.

Lastly if you tell the truth these days you can get the sack, as two cases recently reported in the Guardian have shown.

Editor's Comments:

1. *My local still serves up consistently good pints of both London Pride and Chiswick Bitter - and, I believe ESB as well though I don't personally drink that. My personal belief is that there are actually some landlords who look after the beers better than others.*

2. *In my local (admittedly a managed house) Pride is currently £1.32 a pint and Chiswick £1.21. I don't recall that this represents a 30p a pint increase.*

3. *I don't spend the whole of my wages on beer and I am sure that there are some things*

that have gone up less than 10.9% in price over the last twelve months.

4. *With regard to your comments about antipodeans I thought long and hard about whether we should publish statements that border on the racist. I don't know of any physiological differences which make it impossible for people from the other side of the Equator ("these people" as you call them) to learn about British beer. I know you won't believe me but I've met some who LIKE English beer.*

5. *As far as I am aware they are not exempt from the poll tax simply because they are from overseas.*

6. *I cannot comment personally on the economies of either Australia or New Zealand but I don't think that we have depopulated either country yet - and I am sure that Fullers have not done so on their own. Furthermore, I suspect it is the individual licensees who employ their bar staff, not the brewery.*

7. *Lastly, I do not recall that industrial tribunals have yet been abolished.*

Andy Pirson (No connection with Fullers Brewery - though I do happen to enjoy their beers).

Dear Editor,

I picked up a copy of the October London Drinker on one of my many trips to the City; the letters page was of particular interest to me. The two letters in that issue mention pubs for families and pubs for early morning drinkers. How about printing this letter on pubs for non-smokers?

I am a CAMRA member who goes to local meetings and I'm having a campaign for more pubs to have smoke free areas. That is, if the pub has more than one room, I would like to see one set aside for non-smokers. This is effectively the wording of motion 43 carried at the 1979 CAMRA AGM, and in a survey by the Consumers Association for the January 1988 issue of their Which? magazine it emerged as the change people would most like to see in British pubs.

I sent out a letter to local pubs, local breweries and national breweries two months ago. To from from London! Youngs Brewery have 11 pubs with smoke-free areas and are seeking to increase this number. They will send you a list of them if you write to the brewery.

Anyway, the campaign has drawn much support from many areas. When I appeared on the Channel 4 "Checkout" programme last month it drew their biggest mailbag ever; every letter was in support. And now the reason I am writing to you. CAMRA (and other organisations who produce pub guides, including Nicholson's) have said that they will introduce a symbol for their 1992 guides to highlight pubs with no-smoking areas. As such could I ask your readers to find as many of these pubs as possible, for possible inclusion in the 1992 Good Beer Guide and to ask the licensees of those pubs without no-smoking areas whether they would consider providing one.

Yours faithfully

Craig Cockburn, Reading

Editor's Comment:

I am only too pleased to print your letter and to support the campaign for increased areas for non-smokers in pubs. I should like to offer a word of warning, though.

Although I am a lifelong non-smoker I do regularly drink with some very good friends who smoke. I am not going to ostracise them and go off to another area of the pub and so I ask everyone to consider whether a pub really has room for a non-smoking area before campaigning for one. If such an area is included in too small a pub it could lead to all of the smokers and their non-smoking friends being squeezed into a corner with an atmosphere like the top deck of a bus on a cold morning. (Yes I do appreciate, and welcome, the fact that as of the middle of this month all London's buses will become totally non-smoking areas). So let's temper our enthusiasm with a little thought for us non-smokers who talk to the other lot.

Andy Pirson

Dear Andy

I would like to tell fellow London Drinkers about the latest crawl I went on with nine other friends; we called it The Sunbury 15 Crawl and it took place on 17 Nov 1990. There are actually 16 pubs in Sunbury-upon-Thames but one of these is more of a restaurant so we decided to give it a miss. It was a great night and we had Tee shirts made up for the event. We started in the RUNNING HORSE (Charrington) with a good pint of Bass. Then it was on to my favourite brew, in the HARE & HOUNDS where we sank a good pint of

Fullers London Pride. From there we had a half a mile walk to the PRINCE ALBERT (Watneys). We only had a half in this one as Ruddles County is not a favourite. Our next port of call was the "Shack of Sunbury" across the road, otherwise known as the SHEARS (Courage), a prefab of a pub where we had a half of Directors, not a bad drop.

Then came the first long walk of the evening, at least a mile to the JOLLY GARDENERS (Courage) - a nice half pint (I wish I could say the same for the pub). Then yet another long walk of a mile to the ADMIRAL HAWK (Watneys - was it worth it?). We had a half of Ruddles Best and moved quickly to the THREE FISHES (Watneys) where we had another half of County - not a bad half and a nice pub too.

The next pub I was looking forward to; once the oldest pub in Sunbury, it was closed down because the structure was said to be unsafe, but has now reopened as an hotel. It is, of course, the FLOWER POT, a Free House now, it was previously Ind Coope. I went for a pint of Youngs Special at this one as it was nice to see Youngs in Sunbury. Then we went on to another Free House, the MAGPIE - another hotel but it does do a good selection of beers. I had a good pint of Burton. Then it was back to the Grotneys again at the PHEONIX, a nice pub but we only had a half of County before going across the road to the WHITE HORSE. We had some good beer in this Courage house, surprisingly considering the state of the pub. Half of Best then another long walk to the JOCKEY (Charrington), easily the smallest pub in Sunbury. I had a quick half of IPA. (Normally I wouldn't wash my socks in it but if you are going to visit all the pubs . . .)

From there we visited a pub with something of a reputation, the GEORGE (Watneys). A quick half of Websters (yuk) then to another Courage pub, the JUBILEE. There was good beer here - and a guest beer too, Mansfield Riding Mild £1.25 a pint. Finally off to pub No 15, the GREY HORSE. This is a very good pub; the beer not always in top form but 90% of the time it is okay. I have to say though, that it is also the dearest pub in Sunbury.

I hope you will publish this letter and that everyone gets as much enjoyment out of reading it as I did participating in it. Incidentally we started at 5.30 and finished at 10.55.

**YES FOLKS, CHRISTMAS
HAS COME EARLY**

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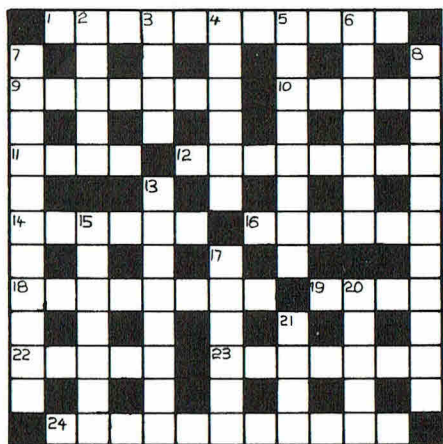
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All correct entries received by first post on 27th February will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

All entries to be submitted to:

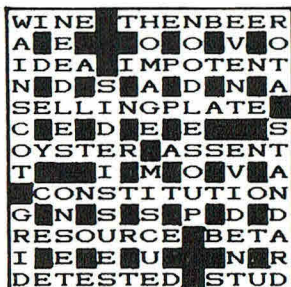
London Drinker Crossword

25 Valens House

Upper Tulse Hill

London SW2 2RX

Last Month's Solution



ACROSS

1. Think fool secretary not here yet. [11]
9. Not grand but honest. [7]
10. Say nothing about sin. [5]
11. Send after job. [4]
12. Right, in a small-minded way, but pleasantly. [8]
- 14 & 19. Where governors serve. [6,4]
16. She is a star. [6]
18. Lots of corporal punishment? [8]
19. See 14.
22. Some extra departments create business. [5]
23. First RSPCA member. [7]
24. Hangovers after too much booze? [4,7]

DOWN

2. These men threaten reserve after own goal. [5]
3. Article received about clothing. [4]
4. Victor is grown up. [6]
5. Go up when London Transport (East) hold musical. [8]
6. Rome four in court case. It's unimportant. [7]
7. Guilt of copper with record gift. [11]
8. Where to get early knock-downs. [3,4,4]
13. Maker of machine roundabout. [8]
15. Many have time to be captive. [7]
17. Design item to produce fire. [6]
20. Wicked apparition's head, when dug up is undead. [5]
21. Desire that may be left behind. [4]

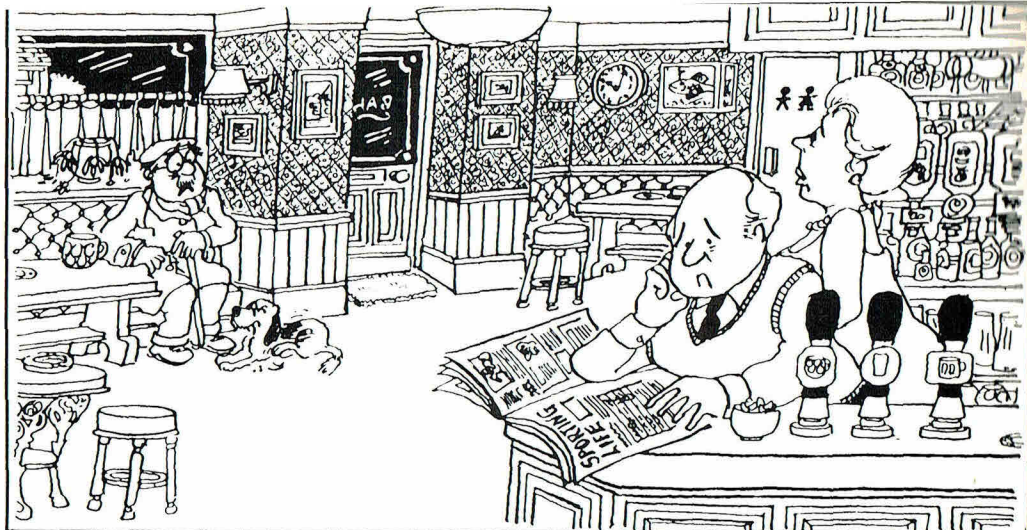
Winner of the prize for the November crossword:

Yak, 5 Heron Way, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex, CM9 7YA.

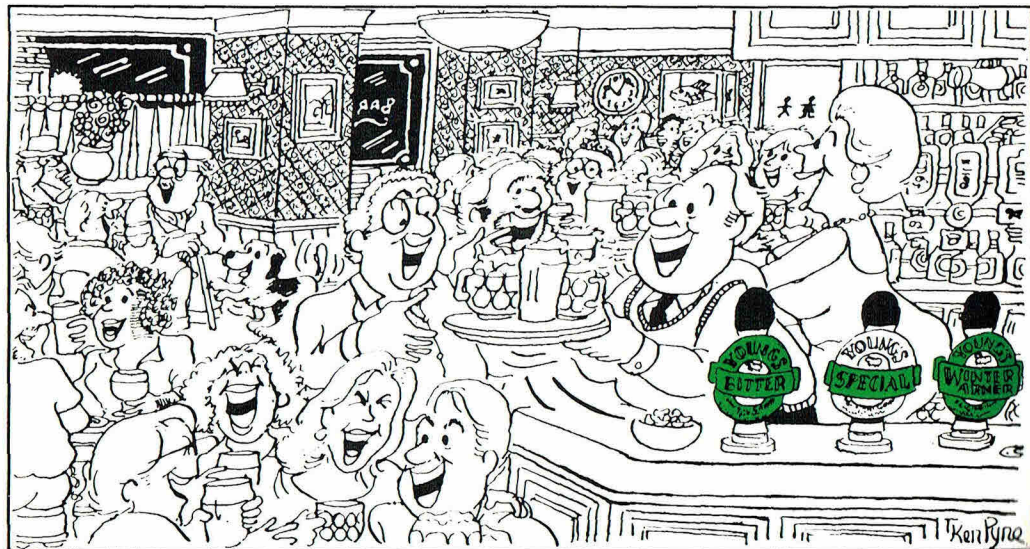
Other correct entries were received from: Peter Brown, Daphne Dubash, Ian Fairweather, Elaine Glover, J.E. Green, Alison Henley, Hugh Jampton, W. Priestley, Dave Quinton, A. Robinson, Chris Whithouse, D. Woodward.

There were also 3 incorrect entries.

We regret that only crosswords submitted on the original grid can be entered for the prize draw. Photocopies of the grid cannot be accepted.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



The answer is in any Young's pub.

Telephone 081-870 0141 for a complete list.

CAMAL COMMENT

British brewing interests will doubtless have given much thought to the export possibilities for British beer in the post 1992 era. There is every reason for them to be optimistic that there will be a healthy market on the continent for good quality ales and stout. These are products that our fellow EEC members have been unable to copy successfully. Equally, they have a range of beer styles that we have been unable to copy successfully. There can be no doubt that they will be at least as assiduous in taking advantage of our shortcomings as we are of theirs. We will have the advantage that we will be selling in a potential market of more than 250m, whereas they will be selling in a potential market of just over 50m. We will assume for the sake of argument that the proportion of beer consumers in the population is the same in each case. In theory, therefore, we should become a nett exporter of beer. The challenge facing the British brewing industry is to make this theory become the practice.

We put it to the British brewing industry that there is no reason why it should confine its exports to ales and stout. It already has the technology to brew the whole range of lager styles and to invent new ones. Newquay has shown how successful this approach can be and they have hardly scratched the surface. One thing is certain; if our brewers try to sell

the same monochrome near lagers on the continent that they are selling in this country, they will be wasting their time.

After 1992, not only will British brewers be under greater pressure to expand their exports. They will also be under pressure to maintain their share of the home market in the face of increased competition from other EEC countries. It is not just a matter of improving the quality of existing lagers. Other lager styles will be coming in from the continent in draught form; it is to be expected that they will also import their superior methods of dispense and presentation.

Whilst our method of dispensing cask ale would be hard to improve, our method of dispensing and presenting lager is by continental standards revolting. The dispense and presentation of a beer is a reflection of the vendor's confidence in the quality of the product. If the product is poor, he is unlikely to go the trouble and expense of presenting it properly, which just about sums up the situation in the UK.

We urge UK brewers to address these problems and not to wait until they are forced by circumstances to do so. If they lose the initiative they may find it impossible to recover it. It might already be too late.



BASS IN BIG PUB SALE TO MEET MONOPOLY RULES

Bass - the leisure giant whose interests range from Charrington and Worthington beers to the Holiday Inn chain - is to sell more than a third of its UK pubs to comply with the Government's anti-monopoly ruling.

The group's Inns and Taverns subsidiary said Bass had decided to sell or lease free of the brewery "tie" 2,650 of its present 7,000-plus pubs. At the same time it is restructuring its remaining estate of 4,560 houses, transferring 580 from tenancy to managed-house status, leaving a core of 1,400 tenant-run pubs.

Most of the pubs being sold - around 2,500 - are tenancies; existing tenant-landlords will be given the chance to buy their pubs, provided it is not being sold as part of a package to another company. Bass envisages that some

pubs will be sold in blocks to commercial buyers.

The sell-off follows the 1989 Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into beer retailing, which ordered brewers with tied estates of more than 2,000 pubs to sell or lease without strings at least half the excess pubs by November, 1992.

As Bass has decided to stay in both brewing and pub management, it has to comply with the ruling.

Charles Derby, chief executive of Bass Inns and Taverns, said: "While we deeply regret the uncertainty created by the orders which followed the MMC report, we must now position our pub estate to comply with the orders and gain the best value for shareholders. We aim to have fewer, but high quality houses, whether managed or leased."

PUB GAMES

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BRANCH DIARY

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

CROYDON & SUTTON: Tue 5 East Croydon Crawl. Start OVAL (dep 8.45) then HORSE & GROOM and PORTER & SORTER - Wed 13 Battersea Beerex Visit. 7.39 train from East Croydon or 8.00 at Beerex - Mon 5 Mar Carshalton Crawl. Start GREYHOUND (Swan Bar - dep8.45) then RACEHORSE and RAILWAY.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 4 (8.00) Branch Meeting. FLOCK & FIRKIN, 512 Kingsland Road, E8. All CAMRA members welcome - Mon 11 (7.00) Tolly Cobbold Brewery Visit. Phone branch contact for details - Mon 4 Mar (7.30 for 8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. APPROACH TAVERN, Approach Road, E2. Please bring membership cards - Mon 18 Mar (7.30 for 8.00) Good Beer Guide Selection. Venue to be confirmed.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Tue 5 (8.30) Enfield Price Survey. KINGS HEAD, Market Place, Enfield - Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. GREEN DRAGON, 889 Green Lanes, N21 - Tue 13 (9.00) JOLLY FARMER, Church Street, N9 - Thu 28 (8.30) Barnet Price Survey. YE OLDE MITRE INN, 58 High Street, Barnet.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thu 7 (8.30) Committee Meeting. DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Kneller Road, Whitton, Twickenham - Mon 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITE HART, 70 High Street, Hampton (Note: This is NOT the one by Kingston Bridge).

SOUTHEAST LONDON: Thu 31 Jan (8.00) Branch Social. HOPE, 49 Norwood High Street, SE27 - Mon 4 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. BEEHIVE, 122 Meeting House Lane, SE15 - Mon 25 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. MITRE, 291 Greenwich High Road, SE10.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Mon 4 (8.00) Darts vs South East Essex. COACH & HORSES, 36 Chapel Street (behind High Street), Billericay - Wed 13 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 48 Bridge Street (off A1128), Grays - Wed 20 (8.00) Pub Games, rematch vs Lions. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 48 Bridge Street (off A1128), Grays.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thu 31 Jan (7.00) Publicity Crawl for Battersea Beerex. Meet at WINDSOR CASTLE, 36 St. Johns Hill, Clapham Junction, SW11 - Wed 6 (8.00) Open Festival Committee Meeting, followed by open Branch/Committee Meeting. PRINCE OF WALES, 270 Cavendish Road, Balham, SW12 - Fri 1 Mar (8.00) Informal Branch Meeting & Social - to discuss and celebrate (hopefully) the Battersea Beerex. GREYHOUND, 151 Greyhound Lane, Streatham, SW16.

WEST LONDON: Thu 21 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 13 (8.00) Notting Hill Gate Social. FINCH'S, 83 Notting Hill Gate, W11; DEVONSHIRE ARMS (9.00) 90 Notting Hill Gate; SUN IN SPLENDOUR, 7 Portobello Road.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 5 (8.30) Games Evening. PRINCE OF WALES, 1 Harlington Road, Hillingdon - Thu 14 (8.00) Two Pub Social. LAMB, Noorwood Green, Southall; WOLF (9.30), Norwood Green - Wed 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting. JJ MOONS, Ruislip Manor - Thur 28 (8.30) Social (& London Drinker Pickup). FORESTER, 2 Leighton Road, West Ealing, W13.

Deadline for the March edition, 1st February. Material for April edition to arrive by 1st March. Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pirson.

HOPES REST WITH HAVEL

Czech beer has long had its own band of devoted *aficionados* in Britain. British beer drinkers are well known for their championing the beery cause. Fearing for the unique taste of Czech beer, they have written to President Havel to intercede on behalf of a great national institution.

The Czech Budvar factory is currently negotiating with the US brewers Anheuser Bush on a privatisation deal. But British drinkers have never thought highly of American beers. "We are most worried", ran the letter, "that your brewery could be sold to the manufacturer of the American Budweiser. Budvar coming from Ceske Budejovice is one of the best beers of its kind in the world. American Budweiser using rice fails any comparison with your beer. If the Czech company is sold, nobody can guarantee the high quality of Budvar will be maintained."

WALKER SAVES THE DAY

Troubled leisure group Brent Walker, headed by former heavyweight boxer George Walker, has managed to beat the deadline for its £103.3 million bond issue that will keep the company

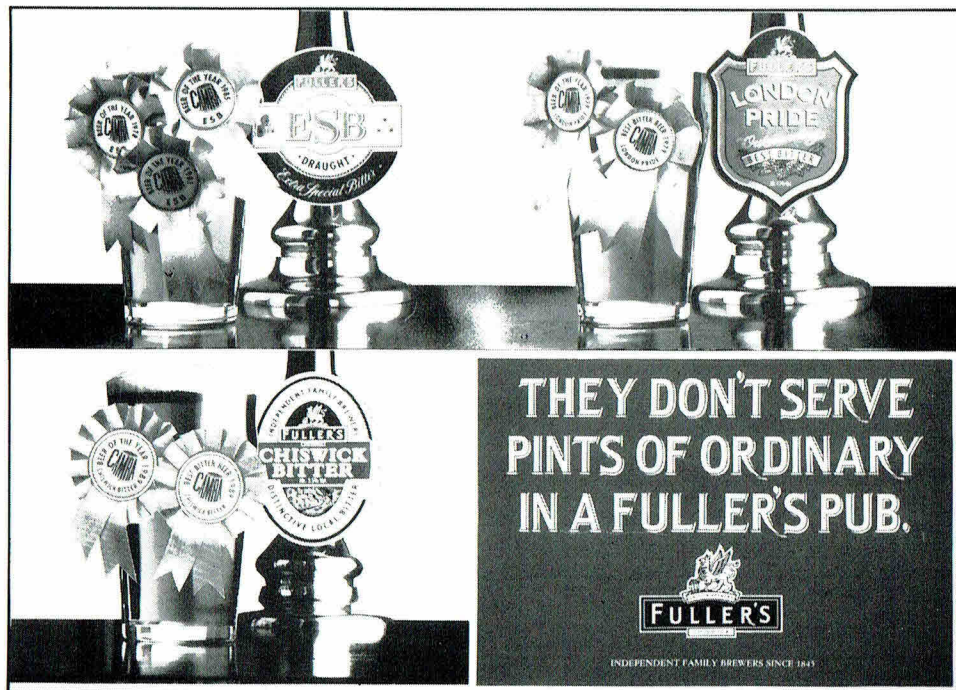
going for the next few months.

The group's bankers, headed by Standard Chartered and including TSB and National Westminster, have agreed to extend the £1 billion plus loans to the company while a detailed financial review takes place.

But Mr Walker has had to give up the chairmanship of the company and institute a change of management style to keep the backing of the banks. Mr Walker is understood to have bought £2.2 million of the bonds on top of the £27 million taken up by Jasaro, the trust fund for Mr Walker's children.

Jefferson Smurfit, the Irish paper and packaging group, has invested £25 million in the issue and this could lead to Michael Smurfit taking a closer interest in Brent Walker, with a possible seat on the board.

Mr Walker has personally arranged the underwriting of the bond and has agreed to buy back just over £10 million of the issue at par, on top of his own personal investment. And at the end of the day Mr Walker and the family trusts will control just over 27 per cent of the group. Mr Smurfit is understood to be looking at taking his holding, coupled with the Jefferson Smurfit stake, up to 20 per cent.



THEY DON'T SERVE
PINTS OF ORDINARY
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CHARITY CORNER

Some months ago a collecting box was stolen from outside the **KINGS ARMS** at Hampton Court. It was in the guise of Paddington Bear and collected on behalf of the charity Action Research for the Crippled Child. It was subsequently located minus its head and (of course) contents in a garden at the other end of Bushy Park in Teddington.

The Kings Arms is a popular meeting place for a group who revel in the title of The Medieval Combat Society and their members shared the outrage of the pub's management and other customers at the great loss caused to the charity by this despicable act. Consequently they saw fit to rectify this matter by replacing Paddington Bear with their own version. Hounslow based Lord Colin of Checkley, alias "Howling Mad", spent some months sculpting in steel a 4 foot high fully armed knight as a permanent collecting box which, it is hoped, will become a tourist attraction to rival the building next door. The new Paddington was dubbed a knight by the Society in a ceremony held on 24th November last and the proceeds from this event were divided between Action Research for the Crippled Child and the BBC's Children in Need appeal.

The Medieval Combat Society was formed in 1972 and exists to promote the art of foot combat from the Middle Ages. Members of the society have presented many exciting exhibitions throughout the length and breadth of England; from the Yorkshire Dales to the Sussex Downs audiences have thrilled to the clash of steel as the combatants pit their brawn and brains in a "battle to the death".

What is more, they will come and enliven your gathering should you so wish. Their own commentator will set the scene, describing each knight as he steps forward to do battle and will encourage the audience to cheer or boo combatants from the brave champions to the evil Black Knight, who is hated by all.

The Medieval Combat Society states that it is one of the most dedicated and authentic teams appearing publicly in this country today, putting on a show which is suitable for children of all ages.

If you would like to know more about the Medieval combat Society you can do so by contacting Colin Checkley on 081-574 7182 (W) or 081-890 3551 (H).

LONGER HOURS LINKED TO CALM

Allowing pubs to stay open as long as they liked throughout the night would help to reduce alcohol-related violence, a social psycholosit suggested recently.

Dr Peter Marsh, who has headed a study on drinking and disorder over the past 14 months, said violence was caused by cultural and social influences rather than by alcohol itself.

He told a conference in Oxford paid for by the brewing industry that one of the main reasons for disorderly behaviour being linked to alcohol was the sudden concentration of young people in city streets at 11pm after the rush before last orders and then the milling about and wait for transport or fast food.

Flexible hours would remove the flashpoint of closing time. "Nearly half of all violence in pubs occurs in just two hours of the week, between 10.30 and 11.30 on Friday and Saturdays evenings.

"Over half of the arrests for public disorder offences are made about closing time and just after on these same days. What would happen

if we did not having closing times?" Dr Marsh asked.

He suggested that 24-hour licensing should be tried for an 18-month period in some cities and the results monitored. Waiter service would also help by reducing the frustration of queuing also help by reducing the frustration of queuing for service.

Dr Marsh, a senior lecturer at Oxford polytechnic, said street disorder fell in Holland when the Dutch abandoned fixed closing times.

In other countries with high alcohol consumption, such as Italy, there was not the same link with public disorder.

In Britain for some people "violence and disorder is a ticket to improved self-esteem, a sense of social belonging and increased status within peer groups."

It served as an alternative career structure for those whose mainstream lives were characterised either by lack of achievement or by absence of personal success."

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY BREWERS UP BY AN EIGHTH

Political contributions by brewers in 1989 were up over an eighth on the previous year according to recently published figures.

Allied-Lyons and Scottish & Newcastle increased their contributions by £18,000 and £20,000 respectively, more than balancing

Whitbread's reduction of £14,850 and the end of donations by Eldridge Pope, Everards, Heavitree and McMullen's.

In total £213,200 was donated, all but £5,000 of which went to the Conservative Party.

The full list is as follows:

Brewer	Amount £
Allied Lyons (28.2.90) (see note 1)	115,000 (97,000)
Scottish & Newcastle (30.4.89)	50,000 (30,000)
Whitbread (28.2.90)	15,150 (30,000)
Vaux (30.9.89)	12,000 (12,000)
Boddington (31.12.89)	5,000 (5,000)
Brent Walker (31.12.89)	5,000 (2,500)
Wolverhampton & Dudley (30.9.89)	5,000 (4,000)
Fuller (30.3.90)	1,500 (1,500)
Morland (30.9.89)	1,000 (1,000)
Hardys & Hansons (30.9.89)	1,300 (1,000)
Ridley (30.9.89)	1,000 (1,000)
Timothy Taylor (30.9.89)	1,000 (1,000)
Shepherd Neame (30.6.89)	250 (500)

All donations to the Conservative Party except - note 1 - includes £5,000 (£5,000) to British United Industrialists

Source - Labour Research - December 1990

Key: Dates next to name are the last day of the financial year reported. Amounts in brackets are the previous year's donations.

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**THE RAILWAY
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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
Palmer's 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
OF MORTIMER**
(formerly The Bucks Head)
223 London Road
Mitcham

OPEN DECEMBER
J J MOON'S
397 High Road
Wembley



Existing Establishments

HARRINGAY
**THE MORTIMER
ARMS**
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
JJ MOONS
37 Landsker Road N19

ARCHWAY
THE DOG
17/19 Archway Road N19

WOOD GREEN
**THE MOON UNDER
WATER**
423 Lordship 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

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

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

OLD WHEATSHEAF BRINGS (YET ANOTHER) SUCCESS

CAMRA, has chosen its best pub in London - the Old Wheatsheaf at Windmill Hill, Enfield.

The accolade comes as the Old Wheatsheaf has been voted as London winner of CAMRA's national Pub of the Year competition - beating 7,000 other pubs to the title.

The Old Wheatsheaf carried the London banner in a second round of judging over December, against regional winners from nine other regions of the UK such as Scotland, Wales and Midlands.

Says CAMRA's London director Ian Hassel "The Old Wheatsheaf is a very worthy winner and stands every chance of winning the national title for London".

"We judged the capital's pubs on matters such as: community involvement; welcome and friendliness; facilities; cleanliness; standards of decor and of course, the quality of food and drink".

Landlord Tony Healey added: "We have a simple recipe for success here - we always keep the highest possible standards - be they food, drink or dress of bar staff and we make every effort to keep the pub as clean as we can. The pub has got to be welcoming too, so that people feel they are walking into somebody's

living room."

"Customers do appreciate the effort, trade has increased in every one of the ten years we have been here. We have some people that come in here just about every night of the week."

The Old Wheatsheaf's success is just the latest in a string of similar successes chalked up last year by London brewer Taylor Walker, who own the pub, including:

- * The first Silver Trumpet award of European Year of Tourism 1990 from the British Tourist Association for the company's efforts to encourage publicans to learn a foreign language.
- * The Best Refurbished Pub title in the Pub Design Awards from the Chartered Society of Designers and CAMRA
- * Two regional winners of the British Institute of Innkeeping annual awards (South East England - Railway at New Malden; East Anglia - Crown at Southend)
- * Two pubs shortlisted in the final ten of the Evening Standard Pub of the Year competition (Argyll at Oxford Circus; Crown & Greyhound at Dulwich)



Old Wheatsheaf licensees Christine and Tony Healey check their menu at the award-winning old Wheatsheaf in Enfield

A PINT OF VIEW

“Use it all you can and then throw it away”. This is an eminently sensible principle when applied to a baby’s nappy. It is efficient, if ecologically unsound, when applied to sealed units in cars or washing machines. It is immoral to apply it to human beings. And it is dangerous to apply it to pubs - which are, after all, among the places where the rest of us try to relax.

Legislation exists to force people to maintain their cars properly. Yet there seems to be no effective law to make people maintain buildings. Perhaps it is because the dangers of failing to do so are less obvious. Yes, all right, a falling ceiling does make someone’s hair prematurely white now and then, and a loose coping stone might flatten a passer-by. But more importantly, buildings are a part of our tradition, and they are part of what keeps us sane. For some reason using a building for the same purpose as our fathers and grandfathers has a calming effect and makes us feel secure, and this is particularly true of buildings like pubs, theatres, halls and churches, where we spend our non-working time. If we knock it all down, then realise we were wrong, the result is ‘conservatories’, fake pillars and the like, which don’t have the same effect at all. Rising costs of materials and labour mean that we can’t recreate what we have allowed to decay. And we are the poorer for it, psychologically.

Pubs and clubs are blamed for a lot of social evils, but where are the troublesome places? Often where ‘target marketing’ has crowded together large numbers of foolish, energetic, aggressive youths with inadequate supervision, or where surroundings are so scruffy that they don’t encourage customers to behave themselves.

In fact, a clean, well-maintained pub with a good cross-section of customers can encourage sensible drinking and harmonious social relations. It’s common sense. A lad who’s had too much will always be a nuisance when encouraged to show off by his mates in a similar condition. The same lad is less likely to make an ass of himself in a good local where his parents or their friends might be watching. And pugnacious fathers can sometimes be calmed down by their sons, too.

On a more serious level, there will always be

villains, drunkards and thugs - and not only in inner city areas. Take the pubs away and you drive them onto the streets, or behind closed doors. Leave the pubs alone, and at least you know where they are. Better still, get the right man or woman to run the pub, and they’re under some kind of control.

Breweries have been guilty in the past of failing to maintain their pubs, and it is not surprising that present owners, under financial pressure, should be reluctant to pick up the tab. They are not encouraged to do so by current land values, business rates or planning policies. But for all our sakes, it’s important that the decay stops. Perhaps we should be campaigning for redevelopment grants or flexible rating systems which are biased against change of use in different areas - then it might not be cheaper to sell off the Windmill for offices or let the Kings Arms decay.

This is not to say that things shouldn’t change. They will inevitably, but let’s slow the process down, think about what we’re doing, and give ourselves time to get used to it. Demolishing our pubs, or neglecting them to the point where they are no longer viable, is a bit like neglecting to change the baby’s nappy. The effect may not be immediately apparent, but sooner or later the shit will stick to our hands.

**(This article was first printed in October
‘What’s Doing’ from Manchester)**

RANK INSOLENCE

You have to feel sorry for Alick Rankin, Chairman and managing director of S&N. Staff cutbacks mean that Alick now has to do two jobs; not only running the brewery but also having to chair his own board meetings. All that work and nothing more to show for it at the end of the day than most people earn in a month!

Not only that but Alick also chairs the Brewers Society in his spare time. No wonder he awarded himself a large increase in wages shortly after awarding you and me a 7p increase on the price of a pint. It’s enough to drive anyone to drink. Two pints of Theakston’s please. Oh and have one yourself Alick, the next round’s on you.

IDLE MOMENTS

It's a funny old world, isn't it? A few days after the last edition of London Drinker came out I went along to my local branch Christmas dinner and was accosted by the wife of a fellow CAMRA member complaining about the number of wheels on a Ford Escort! That struck me as a bit daft - it would be most unstable with only three. Anyway such are the tribulations of those of us who seek to keep you entertained. So with trepidation I give you this month's number puzzles, but not before giving you last time's answers:

1. 40 Winks
2. 206 Bones in the Human Body
3. 1000000 Pounds Make You a Millionaire
4. 071 Dialling Code for Central London
5. 2 Shoes in a Pair
6. 14 Lines in a Sonnet
7. 7 Hills of Rome
8. 100 Age to Receive a Telegram from the Queen
9. 3 Primary Colours (Red, Blue and Green)
10. 15 First Point in Tennis

So here are this month's:

1. 1912 S of the T
2. 6 KHW (TL their H)
3. 37 DC is NBT
4. 3 S to H (by EC)
5. 405 L on an OT
6. 40 LB at this A
7. 7 P in a WPT
8. 101 D (WDF)
9. 1 T of the P
10. 12 Z in a B (in the UK)

There. Dead easy, weren't they. Weren't they? Oh well, try the brewery anagrams then. As always, last time's solutions come first.

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| 1. LION AND ACE | CALEDONIAN |
| 2. NOONS RIBS | ROBINSONS |
| 3. HAVE SIN | ASH VINE |
| 4. IF ONE FELL | FELINFOEL |
| 5. HAM BAT | BATHAM |

And this Month's are:

1. ROPED IDLE PEG
2. WE ROOF ODDS
3. DAMN FLIES
4. LARD SLAB
5. AIDS RAPE

Now you can take a little rest before the next brain taxing bit while I suggest a few more false negatives that you might like to slip into everyday conversation (provided that you don't mind being branded as a loony, that is):

ADEN: (v) To bring to life [opp. deaden]

COTHEQUE: (n) Quiet place of entertainment. [opp. discotheque]

GUST: (n) Feeling of wellbeing. (v) To promote feeling of wellbeing; to banish feeling of nausea. [opp. disgust]

MAD: (n) Someone who never leaves his place of birth [opp. nomad]

MANTLE: (n) To put together or assemble [opp. dismantle]

TRAUGHT: (adj) Of calm demeanour. [opp. distraught]

The next bit won't appear to make a lot of sense unless you read December's Idle Moments.

1. Portugal
2. Eric Clapton
3. Jesus Christ Superstar
4. Trent Bridge
5. The Unfinished
6. The Orlop Deck
7. The Rio Negro
8. Sir Robert Walpole (3/4/1721 to 12/2/1742)
9. The Boer War
10. River Wensum

If you did then you will realise that it was the answers to the trivia questions that I introduced as a new feature last time. If you didn't get the December edition or have mislaid it then you could have hours of fun (?) sorting out what the questions were that gave the above answers. Meanwhile you might like to pit your wits against this month's; they formed Round 2 of the quiz I put together for my firm's social club:

1. What is the English translation of Tian an men Square in Peking?
2. Who was the second man in space?
3. Who was the American humorist who wrote "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"?
4. Who wrote "Rhapsody in Blue" and "An American in Paris"?
5. What is the name of the race course at Esher in Surrey?

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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 59

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 opening of four more Wetherspoon Free Houses throughout London, in NW9 Colindale, Wembley, Ruislip and Mitcham. All except the last are in converted shop premises. Weekly guest beers are now appearing in certain Wetherspoon pubs which makes a nice change from the usual predictable range. A chance to sample some of the products of the small brewers, impossible to find in London outside beer festivals would be particularly welcome. Wetherspoon Free Houses are also reducing the price of Youngers Scotch Ale to 79p a pint during January and February. In the West End Sam Smiths have acquired two pubs from Taylor Walker (one of which came from the Nicholson Free House chain) and Greene King have taken over the lease of a former Clifton Inns Free House. A number of Charrington pubs in the East End are up for sale free of tie.

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, SIMPSONS CAFE BAR, 58 Hatton Garden. Charrington: IPA. Formerly Q CAFE BAR and originally ROSE. Omitted in error from E guide. Note correct address.
EC4, BANKER, Cousin Lane. Fuller: Chiswick Bitter, London Pride, ESB. Reopened in July 1990 after major reconstruction of the railway arches under which it is located. Formerly BOUNCING BANKER. Opens 11.30-3, 5-9.30 Mon - Thu; 11.30-9.30 Fri; closed weekends. (E41, U29, U50)

EAST

E1, KATHERINE WHEEL, 50A Cephas Avenue. Premier: Pitfield Dark Star. Wiltshire: Stonehenge Best Bitter. (E62, U34)
E2, BISHOP BONNER, 21 Bonner Street. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. (E70)
E2, HALFWAY HOUSE, 388 Hackney Road. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Tetley: Bitter. (E73)
E3, NEW GLOBE, 359 Mile End Road. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Reopened pub with emphasis on food, open 8 am till late for eaters. (E84)
DAGENHAM, MERRY FIDDLERS, Wood Lane. Tetley: Bitter. (X38)

NORTH WEST

NW9, MOON UNDER WATER, 10 Varley Parade, Edgware Road (between Woodfield Ave & Sheaveshill Ave), Colindale. Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Theakston: XB. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest beer. Yet another new Wetherspoon Free House in former Woolworths premises.

Open all licensed hours, Good value.

WEMBLEY, J J MOONS, 397 High Road. Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Theakston: XB. Younger: Scotch Bitter. A further new Wetherspoon Free House in former furniture shop premises. Spacious but with even more shelves of old books than normal. Open all licensed hours, Good value.

WEST

HAYES, RAM, Dawley Road. Marston: Pedigree. (W118)
RUISLIP, J J MOONS, 12 Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor. Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Theakston: XB. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest beer. Yet another new Wetherspoon Free House in former supermarket (originally Woolworths) premises. Opposite Ruislip Manor tube station. Open all licensed hours. Good value.
SOUTHALL, PRINCE OF WALES, Western Road. Courage: Best Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. (W142)

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

EAST

E1, GLOSTER ARMS. Watney (fizz), closed, future uncertain. (E59)
E1, HORN OF PLENTY. Free House (fizz), closed, future uncertain. (E61, U50)
E1, OLD RED LION. Free House, closed, for sale. (E63)
E2, ACORN. Belhaven, closed, future uncertain. (E69, U40, U47)
E2, PRINCE OF WALES, 59 Barnet Grove. Free House (fizz), closed, future uncertain. (E74)

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 59 Continued

E2, PRINCE OF WALES, 76 Bishops Way.
Charrington (fizz), closed, for sale free
of tie. (E74)

E8, CROWN & CASTLE. Watney, H removed.
(E107)

E8, THREE COMPASSES. Charrington (fizz),
closed, for sale free of tie. (E111)

SOUTH EAST

SE8, WHITE SWAN. Watney (fizz), closed for
sale. (SE72)

SOUTH WEST

SW10, SOMERSET ARMS. Watney, closed for
conversion to shop. (SW38, U51)

SW19, DARK HOUSE. Watney, H unused. (SW55,
U36)

WEST

HARLINGTON, ARIEL HOTEL. Residential
hotel/Free House. No longer has bar open
to general public. Delete entry. (W110)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, CROSBY HEAD. - Truman beers.

+ Fuller: London Pride. (E16)

EC2, BARLEY MOW. - Ruddle: Best Bitter.

+ Fuller: London Pride. + King & Barnes:
Sussex Bitter. (E25, U39)

EC2, BRICKLAYERS ARMS. Current range
includes:- Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. John
Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Morland: Bitter,
Old Masters. Palmer: IPA. Premier: Old
Merlin. Young: Bitter. Range varies. (E26)

EC2, GRIFFIN. + Adnams: Bitter.

+ Charrington: IPA. (E27)

EC2, LORD ABERCONWAY. - Friary Meux:
Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (E28)

EC2, RED LION. + Ruddle: Best Bitter,
County. (E29)

EC2, TALBOT. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County.
(E29)

EC2, WINDMILL. + Fuller: London Pride.
(E30, U42, U53)

W1 (F), GEORGE. - Beers listed except
Greene King: IPA & Abbot Ale. + Greene
King: XX Mild. + Rayment: BBA. Former
Clifton Inns Free House, now a Greene
King tied house. Open all licensed hours
except closes 8 pm Sat. (W29)

W1 (F), HORSE & GROOM. - Beers listed.
+ Samuel Smith: OBB, Museum Ale. Formerly
a Taylor Walker pub, now a Sam Smiths
tied house. (W29)

WC1, CROWN, 51 New Oxford Street. - Beers
listed. + Samuel Smith: OBB, Museum Ale.
Former Nicholson Free House (ex Taylor
Walker), now Sam Smiths latest tied house.
(N13, W46)

WC2, GRIFFIN TAVERN. - Beers listed.
+ Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA. Still a Free
House. (W54)

WC2, HERCULES PILLARS. + Greene King:
Abbot Ale. (W54)

WC2, KINGS ARMS. + Young: Special. (W54).
EAST

E1, GOLDEN HEART. - Webster: Yorkshire
Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (E61, U41)

E1, KINGS STORES. - Brakspear: Bitter.

+ Boddington: Bitter. + Flowers: IPA.

+ Marston: Pedigree. (E62)

E1, WILLIAMS. - Wethered: Bitter.

+ Boddington: Bitter. + Flowers: Original
Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. (E68)

E2, SHIP & BLUE BALL. + Premier: Knightly
Brew (OG 1044), Black Knight Stout
(OG 1050). (E77, U42)

E2, THREE LOGGERHEADS. Renamed TURTLES.
It had to happen! (E78)

E3, CROWN HOTEL. Now Belhaven, ex Truman.
(E81, U40)

E8, YOUNG PRINCE. Renamed 19TH HOLE.

(E11, U38, U47)

BARKING, CAPTAIN COOK. - Benskins: Bitter.
(X12, U50, U53)

ROMFORD, BITTER END. Renamed HARTS. (X82,
U42)

ROMFORD, LAMB. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale.
(X83, U42)

ROMFORD, PRINCE ALBERT. - Greene King:
IPA. + Guest beer. (X83, U42, U57)

NORTH

N1, COMPTON ARMS. + Rayment: Special (OG
1038-42) (N30)

N1, GEORGE IV. - Beers listed in N guide
& update except Thwaites: Bitter.

+ Eldridge Pope: Hardy Country Bitter.

+ Marston: Pedigree. + Webster: Yorkshire
Bitter. (N34, U44)

N1, HEMINGFORD ARMS. - Arkell: BBB.

- Eldridge Pope: Best Bitter. - Greene

King: Abbot Ale. - Marston: Pedigree.

- Palmer: Best Bitter. + Bass. + Tetley:
Bitter. (N34, U50)

N1, PRINCE ARTHUR. + Shepherd Neame:
Bishops Finger. (Pub omitted in error from
N guide, N-sup)

N1, TARMON. - Beers listed. + Everard: Old
Original. + Tetley: Bitter. (N43)

N4, NICHOLAS NICKLEBY. - Beers listed in

update except Fuller: ESB. + Boddington:

Bitter. + Mansfield: Riding Bitter.

+ Thwaites: Bitter. + Webster: Yorkshire
Bitter. (U43)

N4, WORLDS END. + Ruddle: Best Bitter.

Formerly EARL OF ESSEX. (N53, U53)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, BRITANNIA. - Taylor Walker: Best
Bitter. (SE18)

SE1, DUKE OF CLARENCE, 132 London Road.
- Ind Coope: Burton Ale. (SE20)

SE1, FLEECE. + John Smith: Yorkshire
Bitter. (SE22)

SE1, JUBILEE TAVERN. - Truman beers.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (SE27)

SE1, LAMBETH WALK. - Courage: Directors
Bitter. (SE28)

SE1, MITRE. - Greene King: Abbot Ale.
+ Wethered: Bitter. (SE30)

EAST END NEWS

The selling of Burton and Tetley in the Halfway House in Hackney Road brings the percentage of pubs selling real ale there to something just under 25%. Of the 13 pubs two are closed and only the Olde Axe, Browns and the Marksman sell the real thing. The Godfrey map of Shoreditch of 1872 shows some 27 pubs (including beer retailers) in Hackney Road. Gone, amongst others are the Duke of Clarence at 61, the Nightingale at 321, Pritchard Arms number 439, Greengate 98, Rising Sun 152, Roebuck 200, Queens Arms 288 and Havelock Arms 405. There were brewers in Hackney Road, and West and Chandlers are known but does anyone know who Mills & Court were at 458? The brewery would have been next to what is now the Norfolk Arms.

News of more Belhaven pubs for the East End. In E2 the Stick of Rock, 143 Bethnal Green Road (formerly the Well & Bucket), E3 the Crown, 223 Grove Road, George & Dragon, 94 St Pauls Way (formerly the Cotton Arms) and Blue Anchor, 67 Bromley High Street and E9 the Royal in Lauriston Road, where they still have handpumps but nothing coming out of them, in fact I couldn't even see a keg bitter dispenser. The Albion, 25 St Pauls Way also E3 is up for grabs on a 25 year lease.

The closure of the Old Red Lion in Whitechapel Road has bought the re-opening of the Old Red Cow further west. Named Location it no doubt was once owned by Charrington or Watney due to its 'location' midway between both breweries at 67 Mile End Road. With a silly name like that of course it served no real ale.

East London claims the prize of the first pub to have changed its name to Turtles. The distinction belongs to the former Three Loggerheads, 57 Virginia Street E2. As above, with a silly name like that The Prince of Wales in Bishops Way E2 though being open is for sale free of brewery tie (Charringtons). The Perseverance, Gosset Street is now keg but the Green Gate in Bethnal Green Road E2 is selling Tetley, Youngs Special and though there was none on my visit, Youngs Bitter.

The Duke of York in Antill Road E3 sells Youngs Special though it had none available on my visit. It is also reported that the New Globe also in E3 sells an excellent pint of Marstons

Pedigree along with two other beers. Unfortunately it is a Whitbread house. The Bow Bells, 116 Bow Road E3 is one of the few pubs in the East End offering a genuine guest beer policy. Currently it is Exmoor Ale but every week sees a different beer, from London Pride to Thwaites to Brains to Pedigree to 6X to

In E8 the Crown & Castle 600 Kingsland Road is now open again and the Black Bull, 217 Haggerston Road has applied for a licence after being closed through fire damage. Nearby the Young Prince, 216 Haggerston Road has been re-named the 19th Hole.

In EC1 the Simpson's Cafe-Bar (formerly the Rose, 53 Hatton Garden) now sells Charrington IPA at £1.40 a pint. The same price is charged at Sparrows in the Shopping Mall in E15, they also sell Youngs Special and seem to be trying to complete with the nearby Theatre Royal Bar which currently has West Riding mild as a semi-permanent fixture as well as Merlin.

5th Avenue (keg Courage) in Mile End Road E1 has re-opened as has The Banker (Fullers) in Cousin Lane EC4.

Sam Smiths have opened their first pub in the real East End, all be it in yuppie land with the Captain Kidd at (circa 108) Wapping High Street. Turn right out of Wapping Station.

Meanwhile in Fleet Street the re-opening has occurred of the King & Keys selling Friary Meux, Tetley and Youngs Bitter and the Cock whose range is nothing more adventurous than Websters. Ruddles County and Best. Nearby the Harrow in Whitefriars St is closed.

Keith Emmerson

BEER ON BROADWAY IV

Ealing Beer Club in conjunction with CAMRA West Middlesex are now organising the social event of the year! It is BEER ON BROADWAY IV. The venue is Ealing Town Hall and the dates are Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd March (open 11 am to 11 pm both days). There will be over 30 beers, cider and perry available plus evening entertainment. Arrive early to avoid disappointment!

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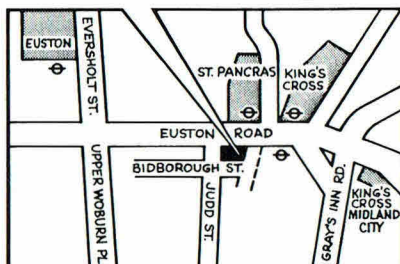
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DRINKING IN ALDERNEY (C.I.)

The Real Ale scene has vastly improved since my previous visit in 1988. It now has five pubs selling the real thing and possibly more on the way.

In St Anne the real ale pubs are The Coronation Inn, a superb locals pub, sparse and bare, but spotlessly clean, regularly in the Good Beer Guide. The Beer is Randell's Best (1047) on gravity and shove ha'penny and darts are played here. Perhaps the best pub on the island and with very friendly owners, well worth seeking out.

The Rose and Crown Hotel is a very comfortable hotel bar selling Wadworth's 6X on handpump. For those who are interested it also sells London Pride on Top Pressure. Good food is available most of the time and is recommended; the beer is excellent.

The Albert House Inn is a very lively boozier in the main shopping street selling Guernsey Best (1045) generally in good condition. Food is available, and darts is played here. Pub can be crowded at certain times, especially between 12am - 1am weekdays. All pubs are open 12-12 (some take the extra hour) Mon-Fri there is no 1am extension Saturdays and hours are 12-2 and 8-12 Sundays.

The Georgian House Hotel is more of a restaurant with a bar but does sell Ringwood Best on gravity, a rare brew for the Channel Islands, in good condition. The food here is very tasty, although you don't get a lot.

Down in Braye Harbour The Moorings Hotel sells Guernsey Best, the quality suffers in hot weather due to a glass roof, it is a bit like a railway waiting room, not the most friendly of Alderney bars, but worth a visit. The rest of the pubs currently do not do real ale. Here is a list of the better Keg bars, with reasons for going there:

Divers Inn, Braye Harbour - The best draught Guinness in Alderney.

Campania Inn, St Annes - Superb Guinness, good food.

Harbour Lights Hotel, Newtown - Good cheap food, Keg Randell's.

Belle Vue Hotel, St Anne - T.P. London Pride, may change to real ale.

Essex Manor, Longis Bay - Superb food, Keg Randells.

Marais Hall, St. Anne - Darts

Seaview Hotel, Braye Harbour - Fisherman's Bar/Fishing Trips.

Eagle-Eye

BRITAIN'S CHEAPEST BEER IN LONDON?

Just recently Joseph Holt's of Cheetham, Manchester have been in the news for the fact that they keep making increased profits despite selling beer at prices that other brewers would claim it is possible to survive by charging. At 80 pence a pint it is claimed that their Mild Ale is the country's cheapest beer in a pub.

Now London's drinkers can benefit from a challenge to this title. Having heard this claim,

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Make the most if it though, the offer period is already half gone.

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- SE1, RAVEN AT THE TOWER. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE36)
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- SE1, ST. JOHN TAVERN. - Ruddle: County. (SE40)
- SE1, STAGE DOOR. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE41)
- SE1, STREETS. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE41)
- SE1, TANNERS ARMS. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE42)
- SE1, WOOLPACK. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Young: Special. (SE45)
- SE1, YORKSHIRE GREY. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE45)
- SE2, BIRCHWOOD. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE46, U41)
- SE3, BRITISH OAK. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE49)
- SE3, DOVER PATROL. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE49)
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- SE3, SUN IN THE SANDS. - Younger: No 3. (SE51)
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- SE8, BLACK HORSE. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE68)
- SE8, RED LION. renamed BRADYS BAR, still fizz. (SE72)
- SE9, FARMHOUSE. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. (SE76)
- SE9, KINGS ARMS. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE77)
- SE9, MAN OF KENT. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE77)
- SE9, PARK TAVERN. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE77, U57)
- SE9, PORCUPINE. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE77)
- SE9, PRINCE OF WALES. - Courage: Directors Bitter. - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE77)
- SE10, HORSE & GROOM. + Flowers: Original Bitter. (SE84)
- SE10, MITRE, 291 Greenwich High Road. + Young: Special. (SE85)
- SE10, MORDEN ARMS. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE85)
- SE10, PILOT. + Courage: Best Bitter. (SE86)
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- SE10, TRAFALGAR TAVERN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE89)
- SE10, VICTORIA. - Truman: Best Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE89)
- SE10, YACHT TAVERN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE89)
- SE11, BEEHIVE. - Courage: Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE90)
- SE11, DUCHY ARMS. + Flowers: IPA. (SE93)
- SE11, JOHN BULL. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE94)
- SE11, PILGRIM. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE95)
- SE11, SHIP. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE96)
- SE11, SURREY TAVERN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE96)
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- SE13, ANCHOR. - Wethered: Bitter. (SE101)
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- SE16, BLUE ANCHOR. + Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE127)
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- SE18, EARL OF CHATHAM. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE145)
- SE18, FOX & HOUNDS. - Ruddle: County. Address is 57 Plumstead Common Road. (SE145)
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- SE18, PULLMAN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE149)
- SE25, ALLIANCE. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE183)
- SE25, DUKE OF CLARENCE. - Courage: Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE184)
- BECKENHAM, RISING SUN TAVERN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE205)

COMMONS DEMANDS DECENT PINT OF BEER

There are new moves to get real ale in the Members' Bar of the House of Commons.

As readers of the 1991 Good Beer Guide will know, Joe Ashton MP has spent two years trying to get the "wine snobs of the Catering Committee" to add cask beer to the keg Federation presently on sale.

Now an Early Day Motion has been tabled by MPs from both sides of the House demanding that real ale be put in the bar. At present some 18 MPs have supported the motion.

Ronnie Campbell, Labour MP for Blythe, raised a storm by describing the keg as "filthy". He said he was embarrassed to have to offer it to his cask drinking constituents.

The latest real ale row came after CAMRA's annual reception for MPs and peers. After supping of five beers brewed by members of the Small Independent Brewers Association, the MPs began to wonder why they put up with naff beer.

Unprompted by CAMRA, they began their

revolt. The Catering Committee provides English, Scottish and Welsh mineral water, and even English wine, so why not real ale?

The Commons has technical problems, including the classic club difficulty of no weekend trade. SIBA are looking into delivering small quantities throughout the week and there is no doubt that, with the technical will, the problems could be solved.

It is ironic that the place which gave drinkers the guest real ale law cannot manage a guest real ale of its own.

Meanwhile CAMRA spent the reception pressing home its case on the Monopolies commission, the guest beer, Grand Met-Elders, Shipstones and Matthew Brown.

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BEXLEY, KINGS HEAD. + John Smith:
Yorkshire Bitter. (SE209)
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Bitter. (SE210)
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BEXLEYHEATH, PRINCE ALBERT. - Courage:
Directors Bitter. (SE212)
BEXLEYHEATH, ROSE. + Tetley: Bitter.
(SE213)
BEXLEYHEATH, ROYAL OAK. + John Smith:
Yorkshire Bitter. (SE213)
BEXLEYHEATH, TRAVELLERS HOME. + Bass.
Address is 60-66 Long Lane. (SE214)
BIGGIN HILL, OLD JAIL. + Tetley: Bitter.
(SE215)
BROMLEY, GREYHOUND. - Flowers: Original
Bitter. (SE218)
BROMLEY, RED LION. - Flowers: Original
Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. (SE219)
BROMLEY, TEASEL. Ruddie County now all
year. (SE220)
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Yorkshire Bitter. (SE226)
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Abbot Ale. (SE227)
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Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE231)
SOUTH WEST
SW6, HARWOOD ARMS. + Fuller: London
Pride♦. (SW28)
SW6, JOLLY BREWERS, 2 St. Dionis Road.
+ Young: Bitter♦. (SW28)
SW8, PRIORY ARMS. - Hall & Woodhouse:
Badger Best Bitter. - Young: Winter
Warmer. + Guest beer♦ (changes monthly).
(SW34, U50, U51)
SW9, RUSSELL HOTEL. - Courage: Directors
Bitter. (SW37)
SW11, PRINCES HEAD. - Greene King: Abbot
Ale. + Boddington: Bitter. + Flowers:
Original Bitter. Formerly ALE HOUSE.
(SW39, U39, U43)
SW11, UNION ARMS. Young: Bitter. (SW41,
U39)
SW11, WOODMAN. - Gale: HSB.
- Wadworth: 6X. + Adnams: Broadside.
+ Everard: Tiger. + Ridley: IPA. (SW41,
U32, U53)
SW14, JOLLY GARDENERS. - Young: Winter
Warmer. (SW45)
SW14, RAILWAY TAVERN. - Adnams:
Broadside. + Adnams: Mild. (SW45, U51,
U53)
SW18, GARDENERS ARMS. - Young: Winter
Warmer. (SW51)
SW18, PARK TAVERN. - Bateman: XB. + John
Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X.
(SW53, U56)
SW18, QUEEN ADELAIDE. + Young: Winter
Warmer. (SW53)

SW19, HORSE & GROOM. - Wethered: Bitter.
+ Brakspear: Bitter. (SW56, U49, U56)
SW19, OLD LEATHER BOTTLE TAVERN.
- Truman beers. + Ruddie: Best Bitter,
County. (SW56, U28)
SW20, EMMA HAMILTON. + Ruddie: Best
Bitter. (SW59)
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Best Bitter. + Benskins: Bitter. + Tetley:
Bitter. (SW60)
CARSHALTON, LORD PALMERSTON. + John
Smith: Magnet. (SW60)
CARSHALTON, RACE HORSE. + King & Barnes:
Festive. (SW61)
CARSHALTON, SUN HOTEL. + Tetley: Bitter.
(SW61, U58)
CARSHALTON, WINDSOR CASTLE. + Bass. (SW61)
MITCHAM, BUCKS HEAD, 223 London Road.
Renamed **WHITE LION OF MORTIMER.**
- Charrington: IPA. + Eldridge Pope: Royal
Oak. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale.
+ Theakston: XB. + Younger: Scotch Bitter.
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Wetherspoon Free House chain and
refurbished in typical style. The second
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correct address. (SW68)
MITCHAM, OLD NAGS HEAD. - Ind Coope:
Burton Ale. + Young: Special. (SW68)
MORDEN, GEORGE INN. + Bass. (SW70, U43)
SUTTON, ANGEL. + Courage: Best Bitter.
(SW76)
SUTTON, BUTTERCHURN. + Courage: Best
Bitter. (SW76)
SUTTON, RED LION. + Courage: Best Bitter.
(SW76)
WEST
W4, BOLTON. + Fuller: London Pride.
+ Marston: Pedigree. + Theakston: Best
Bitter. Former Charrington pub, now a Free
House. (W68)
W5, DUFFY'S. - McMullen: Country Bitter.
+ Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (W72)
W12, DUKES. Renamed **CONWAYS,** still fizz.
(W91)
HAREFIELD, WHITE HORSE. + Moles: Bitter♦.
+ Young: Special♦. (W109)
HARLINGTON, WHEATSHEAF. + Cornish:
Original♦. + Gale: Best Bitter♦. (W111)
HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR. - Ruddie: Best Bitter.
(W117, U55)
HAYES, MUSIC BOX. + Fuller: London Pride♦.
(W118)
HAYES, VICTORIA. + Adnams: Bitter. + John
Smith: Magnet. (W118)
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SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE CALLS TIME ON BLACKBURN BREWERY

Scottish & Newcastle is to axe Matthew Brown's Blackburn brewing operations - breaking a promise to the Monopolies Commission that the business would be kept open.

In 1985, when S&N launched its first takeover assault against the Matthew Brown group, it gave categorical assurances that the Lion brewery at Blackburn would continue to produce beer. The brewery, which makes Slalom lager plus a bitter and a mild, was "sacrosanct for continued brewing purposes," it said.

The 1985 bid was halted when Matthew Brown - which also includes Theakstons - successfully lobbied for the takeover to be referred to the Monopolies Commission. It was during that inquiry that S&N made its promise about retaining brewing at the Lion brewery in Blackburn and the Theakston brewery in North Yorkshire.

The Commission said S&N could renew its bid. An offer worth about £125 million was made for Matthew Brown, and S&N appeared to have won when it clinched just over 50 per cent of the shares. But the Takeover Panel stepped in and ruled that some of the shares had been won after the bid should have closed. S&N's victory was blocked. But a fresh £194 million bid was launched at the end of September 1987; the stock market crashed less than a month later and S&N clinched control.

Ending brewing at Blackburn will mean the loss of 140 jobs.

Production of Lion brewery beers will be transferred to other S&N plants. Matthew Brown's bitter is described by the Good Beer

Guide as "light, gold coloured with a soft hoppy aroma and malty flavour - possibly just a hint of liquorice too." The brewery's mild is "fine ruby red in colour, with malty dominance in flavour and a hint of fruit which faded into dryness at the last."

S&N tried to defend its breach of the undertaking given to the MMC. "We did give undertakings at the time, but there have been changing circumstances.

"It is not a matter of broken promises but of reacting to changing circumstances," said a spokesman.

"Five years ago, things were slightly different."

Company chairman, Alick Rankin, insisted: "The brewery at Blackburn is simply too small and too old-fashioned. The industry as a whole has got too much capacity."

To sidestep Government restrictions on large brewers' control of their pubs, S&N has sold 300 pubs over the last year, of which about 100 were in Matthew Brown's heartland in the North-west, hence reducing the number of tied outlets selling the brewer's beers.

The Blackburn brewery is capable of producing about 300,000 barrels of beer annually. Present output is less than half that, says S&N.

A CAMRA spokesman said: "It is rather disingenuous for S&N to blame the Government's new rules on pub ownership when it boasts that 75 per cent of its production goes through the free trade. This illustrates exactly why we oppose mergers. Closures are depressingly common once a brewer has changed hands."

BASS CHAIRMAN GIVEN 45pc PAY INCREASE

Ian Prosser, chairman of Britain's biggest brewing group Bass, last year received a 45 per cent pay increase, the company's accounts reveal.

In the 12 months to September, Mr Prosser's overall pay package was £415,717 - equivalent to almost £8,000 a week. The year before, he received £285,610.

The cost of employing Bass's 98,000 staff averaged £8,358 each in 1990. The figure, including profit-sharing, social security costs

and other pension costs, is up by about 10 per cent on the year before.

The enormous jump in Mr Prosser's salary stems from the introduction of a bonus scheme linked to the company's cash flow and earnings per share.

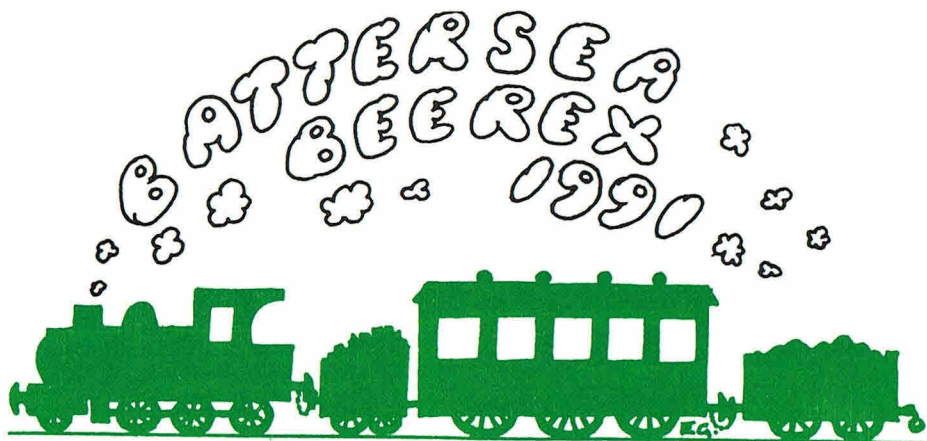
"The bonus scheme is linked very directly to the company's performance and company met its performance targets very comfortably," a spokesman said.

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QUOTE MARKS

They can take the gasoline prices sky-high for all I care, but if they sell the brew for the un-Christian money they do in Germany, that could change my life.

Ivan Wuensch, Czechoslovak beer-drinker

Everybody dreams of having just one share in the Pilsner Urquell brewery, and would pay a lot for that.

Czechoslovak deputy finance minister, Sudan Triska, on the privatisation drive which begins in February 1991.

LOW STRENGTH HYPE FALLS FLAT AS THE BUBBLE QUICKLY BURSTS

Heavy promotion may lead thirsty drinkers to low alcohol beer, but all the hype cannot make them swallow it.

More than 70 brands of low and no-alcohol lagers and bitters have been launched, but together they still make up less than 2 per cent of the total beer market.

Some reports suggest that sales of the nab-labs (no and low alcohol beers) have even begun to fall despite £16 million spent last year on advertising and other promotion.

Stephen Cox, for CAMRA said: "They all taste filthy, that is the simple answer why sales are tailing off."

Brewers Society spokesman, Tim Hampson, said sales were still rising, albeit more slowly than previously forecast. "It just shows how much it costs to try to establish a new brand," he said.

The three biggest sellers, Tennants LA, Kaliber, and Whitbread White Label, have all been backed by multi-million pound promotion campaigns. Sales of nab-labs more than doubled between 1987 and 1989, but from only 0.6 per cent of the total market to 1.4 per cent.

The brewers are sensitive to the accusation that they strangled the nab-labs by overcharging for them. The price of an ordinary pint of ale or lager includes 20p duty, but the Exchequer does not take a penny from low alcohol beers (1.2 per cent or less). In addition to this 20p saving, the brewers can also profit by selling or re-using the alcohol extracted from the nab-labs.

A supermarket survey conducted by the Guardian yesterday showed that Kaliber and Tennants LA were both priced significantly higher than full strength Fosters and Kestrel brands.

Pubs also charge full price, if not more, for nab-lab brands. "We sell gnat's piss, call it low alcohol lager and charge people £1.10 a can - marvellous isn't it," said one London publican.

The Brewers Society counters that it costs more first to brew and then remove the alcohol from the nab-labs. Mr Hampson also says that the heavy promotion breaks down to 12p spent on every pint, compared to a penny or two at most spent on full strength beers.

Another problem for the nab-labs is that they can only be sold within the licensing laws. The wording of the regulations prohibit free sale of any drink which, at any stage in its manufacture, had an alcohol content exceeding 1.25 per cent.

This has meant that someone driving to, and wishing to remain sober at, a Sunday afternoon party cannot even legally buy a six pack of no-alcohol Kaliber or Barbican. The law will not be relaxed until January 1994.

A survey by Mintel showed that only 7 per cent of people drink nab-labs as frequently as once a month. Those that do almost invariably cite a desire to remain sober and healthy, rather than choosing nab-labs for their taste.

BACK NUMBERS

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WHITBREAD GETS SOME FAST FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The last four months have seen a sharp fall in the number of people eating in restaurants, according to brewer Whitbread, which has added Berni Inns to its stable of Beefeater, Pizza Hut and Brewers Fayre outlets.

"There is no doubt that the retail market in the UK became more difficult in September," said Whitbread's chief executive, Peter Jarvis. "September and October were very poor months."

The downturn has been felt most in "family restaurants", whose typical customers are

married, in their mid-30s and with children. Even Pizza Hut and Brewers Fayre outlets.

The Whitbread group reported first half pre-tax profits up 16 per cent at £149.1 million. Restaurant are still a worthwhile business. A Beefeater makes about three times the profits of a typical brewery-managed pub.

But Whitbread's brewing business is more resistant to recession. Although beer drinking fell last year, Whitbread's sales grew by five per cent - about half of that being accounted for the purchase of Boddington's.

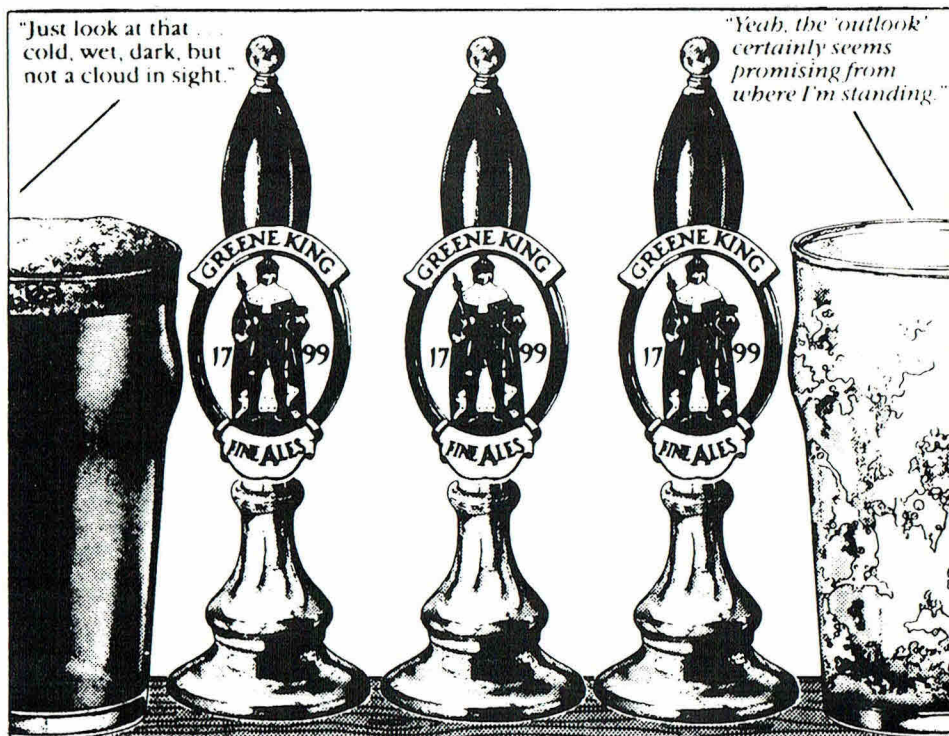
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6. By what name is Richard Starkey better known?
7. Who wrote "The Hitchhikers guide to the Galaxy"?
8. In Greek mythology all the ills of the world spilled out of Pandora's Box when it was opened. What was left inside?
9. How many gallons are there in a barrel (English beer measure)?

10. In 1986 Michael Jackson signed a contract for the largest advertising fee to that date - over \$50 million. What product did he endorse?

Well there you are. I hope you had a good January and are looking forward to the onset of Spring - it shouldn't be too long now. May I wish you a somewhat belated happy and healthy New Year. See you next time.

Andy Pirson



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 SW8 PRIORY ARMS
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 SW11 BEEHIVE
 SW11 PLOUGH
 SW11 WOODMAN
 SW12 NIGHTINGALE
 SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
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 SW15 WHITE LION
 SW16 GREYHOUND
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 SURBITON, VICTORIA

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 W3 KINGS HEAD
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 W4 WINDMILL
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 W5 PLOUGH
 W5 RED LION
 W6 BLACK LION
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS
 W6 SALUTATION
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 W8 UXBRIDGE ARMS
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