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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 HAND & SHEARS
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC4 BANKER
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 MARKSMAN
E2 NELSON'S HEAD
E8 LADY DIANA
E8 VILLAGE
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E9 ROYAL STANDARD
E10 DRUM
E10 TAP & SPILE
E14 QUEENS HEAD
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
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 TAVERN
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
SE10 BRITISH SAILOR
SE10 FROG & RADIATOR
SE10 RICHARD I
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MANOR TAVERN
SE16 MOBY DICK
SE17 TANKARD
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 COOPERS ARMS (PLAISTED'S)
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE19 RAILWAY BELL
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
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, DOG & BULL
CROYDON, LION

OFF TRADE

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

OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE
WC1 LAMB
WC1 MARLBOROUGH ARMS
WC1 MOON
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
WC1 SUN
WC1 YORKSHIRE GREY
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
WC2 GEORGE IV
WC2 FREEMASONS ARMS
N1 ALWYNE CASTLE
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 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY
N4 MORTIMER ARMS
N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
N4 TAP & SPILE
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
N7 ADMIRAL MANN
N7 FAT HARRY'S
N8 ELBOW ROOM
N8 TOLL GATE
N9 BEEHIVE
N10 WETHERSPOONS
N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN
N12 TILTED GLASS
N13 WHOLE HOG
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, WEAVER
COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

CLUBS

WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
UNION, Malet Street

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 DUCK INN
NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS
NW1 MAN IN THE MOON
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
NW4 CHEQUERS
NW4 WHITE BEAR
NW4 WHITE LION OF
MORTIMER
NW6 QUEENS ARMS
NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN
NW8 CROCKERS
NW9 GEORGE
NW9 J. J. MOONS
NW9 MOON UNDER WATER
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

NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC
STUDENTS UNION

OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
SW1 MORPETH ARMS
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
SW1 PAVILIONS ARMS
SW1 RED LION
SW1 ROYAL OAK
SW1 UNICORN, Victoria Place
(above Station Concourse)
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR
SW2 J. J. MOONS
SW3 COOPERS ARMS
SW3 ROSE

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EDITORIAL

Many thanks to all our loyal readers who turned up in their droves to the GBBF at Docklands Arena in August. The event was a rip-roaring success, despite the efforts of the hall management in keeping thousands waiting in queues; in having phones cut off; no cigarettes available; 85°F temperatures by 9.30 am and the Docklands Light Railway living up to its 'Lego' tag.

I had the responsibility of running a bar with 'Uncle' Ted Higgins and the problems were horrendous. The 'so called' air replacement system broke down so we had to resort to bags of ice, which of course, soon melted in the 80°F heat of the hall during opening hours. As the temperature rose, so the beer started to lose condition. Fortunately the crowds were very thirsty because of the heat and the beer sold before it got too hot. Some breweries installed or wanted to instal in-cask coolers, but some were scared off by the cost of hiring a power point from the hall. Greene King went so far as to build their own 'cool cellar' out of hardboard, consequently we sold an enormous quantity of their beers. We noticed that people no longer ask for 'your strongest beer', but show a lot more awareness of strengths of beers and pace themselves accordingly. Of the 35,000 people through the doors, there was no report of drunkenness from the stewards; obviously many had consumed a few, but nobody consumed too much.

Some statistics from the week: we sold out of badged glasses; of programmes; of tombola

prizes; of cider; of the original beer order, plus 97% of the re-order and of foreign beer twice.

There were complaints about food available to the public but this again was the responsibility of the Arena staff, who kept the food concession when signing the contract. Any of the volunteers who worked the festival will vouch for the excellence of the staff food.

Next year? We have been approached about a couple of venues in London and at the moment Olympia would seem to be the favourite among the organising committee. Obviously this venue will require even more volunteers from the London area. If you would like to help us next year, join up using the membership form in this magazine and come along and join the fun.

I write this Editorial amongst a storm of indignation from the trade about soaring prices charged by the brewers, threatening to put them out of business and forcing mass pub closures. As we have stated many times in the past, the independent brewers still offer best value for money in the capital, Youngs especially so. Many of our advertisers give special offers, so my advice to our readers is to vote with your feet away from the rip-off pubs and into those that still believe in giving value for money. By the way, if you think London is expensive, you must try Surrey and Sussex some time!

Chris Cobbold

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Since I wrote my recent letter about Fuller's new list of pubs I have received my 1992 Good Beer Guide. In the breweries section Fuller's are listed as selling real ale in all but three of their pubs.

The Master Spearpoint Hotel in Ashford, Kent is stated as having handpumps on the list; it has not been listed as such previously and when I visited it in June 1990 the beer was keg. Presumably this is a new addition which I had not noticed when I last wrote to you. The Chineham Arms, Basingstoke and the Wheatsheaf, Ealing are both listed in the new GBG (with handpump dispense).

Latymers in Hammersmith is not listed as having handpumps. On my only visit there some years ago the beer was served out of tall continental style fonts. I cannot remember how the beer tasted as I only had a half as I was in a hurry to get somewhere else; I only went to keep up the collection of Fuller's pubs. However, a similar system was used in the Waterfront, E14 and the beer was ungassy and seemed real. I presume it was served by electric pump - perhaps Latymers uses a similar system.

The Feathers in Hammersmith [*Actually it's in Ealing - AP*], according to previous London Drinkers is tenanted to Berni inns and is keg; according to the list it does not have handpumps.

One of the new pubs, the Swan in Bicester, does not have handpumps according to the list, but I have not been there so I cannot comment.

The list states that the Six Bells in Brentford does not have handpumps but the Red Lion does; I thought it was the other way round unless things have changed. I thought the Red Lion was the live music pub and the vibrations disturbed the barrels!

Perhaps Bernie Peal as Fullers BLO or somebody from West London Branch of CAMRA would like to comment.

Changing the subject, thank you for publishing my recent letter about back numbers of the Drinker in the October issue. A Mr Prince sent me the issues I was asking for. Unfortunately, I included one wrong date and so I am still missing one issue, that for November 1982; I

wrongly asked for the November 1984 edition (which I have passed on to Stan Tompkins). If anybody could oblige with the November 1982 issue I would be most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Price
Barking, Essex

Dear Editors

I went into CRAMPS, on Parsons Green Lane, SW6 and was delighted to see independence thrive, now that Watney have relinquished what was formerly the ALMA.

There are only 2 pumps, Ruddle Best and Young Ordinary Bitter, £1.80 and £1.75 respectively, each fresh and good. It's an interior slightly brasserie in style with wine and a good carte du jour.

Further down the lane, on the Green itself, stands the house that makes me blench at the measure being dispensed. There's always a half of froth on a brim measure of ale and if you protest the standard reply is "Oh this is Sally's pint." Who is this famous Sally? And why do drinkers not insist on full measure?

Yours sincerely

Stephen J. Fothergill
London SW6

Dear Editors

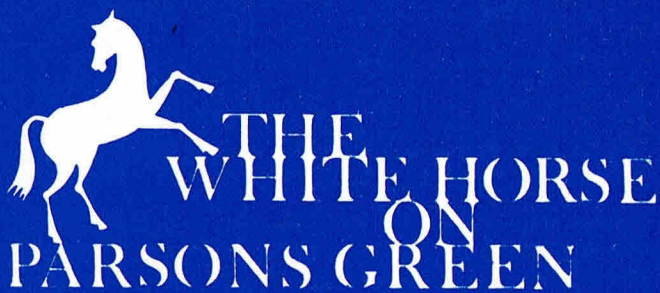
Having read Mr Hillman's letter on behalf of East London Branch re their half hearted ban on Bass branded beers, I strongly urge them to do it properly. No drinking of Bass branded produces, no Bass pubs in the G.B.G. and possibly even a sponsored advert in this magazine, come on East London, surely you can do better than to just boycott beer festivals selling Bass beers.

Finally I would like to say how much I enjoyed working with Mr Hillman and so many of the East London branch at the recent National Beer Festival in Docklands where many Bass products were on sale.

Yes Mr Hillman, hypocrisy certainly rules in East London.

Yours faithfully
John Goldsmith

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9TH

Annual
Old Ale Festival

ON SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 1991
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35 ALES including

**OLD ALES, STRONG ALES,
BARLEY WINES and PORTERS
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STREET ENTERTAINMENT AND JAZZ

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Dear Editors

My companion and I went into Bachus Bin,
Maryland Point Stratford on the 23rd of August.
We ordered two pints of Speckled Hen which
came up almost like vinegar, I shut off my
taste buds and forced mine down. My companion
could not drink his, so I took it back. No
reaction at all from behind the bar. We decided
to try the Broadside, this came up vinegary but
clear. We left our beer and walked out.

Yours faithfully

J. Batt

Peeved East London CAMRA

Dear Editors

The GeeBeeBeeEff - being an Epic Oration in
a Metre Consistent with the Great Dignity and
High Gravity of Same Occasion.

I went to the G.B.B. Fest
With Teddy, Rob, Will and the rest;
Forth I went Docklands Light
With intentions snow-white . . .
But returned with brown stains down my vest.

On the train we were well up the spout
Till some beer-bellied blokes gave a shout:

“At each stop”, cried this crowd.

“Read the nameboard aloud -

If it sounds like ‘Dross Lager’, hop out!”

We arrived at the Docklands Arena
Where the crowds said, “We couldn’t be keener
To get into the hall
And to sample it all” -

I suspect they *weren’t* talking Ribena . . .

Said our Ted, at the turnstile machine,

“You want ‘ow much? Two-fifty?

Obscene!” ...

He was ‘bounced’ by a bevy

Of yellow-shirt heavies

For saying “One under-14!”

Inside, there were ales by the score,

And ciders and perries and more;

Stalls labulological

And tegestological,

(Try saying *that* once you’ve had four!)

With so much Real Ale within reach

We soon found an absolute peach -

Was it “Dobbin’s Defiant”

Or “Robin’s Reliant” ...?

Dunno - but we drank fourteen each . . .

With the beer-engine handles we toyed

Till the chap on the stall got annoyed

And we were berated

With words like “fixated”

And something about Sigmund Freud . . .

The beer-drinkers’ bellies were fizzin’,

And a flatulent fug had arisen,

So they drew it off - WHOOOFF!!!

With a fan in the roof,

(It was just like the old Newgate prison!)

When the urge became too strong to fight,
Rob said, “Let’s have some solids - all right?”

We found they provide a

Small takeaway cider

In a sausage that squirts when you bite!

Alas, all this drinking and eating

Caused visions most curious and fleeting;

For each of us there

Was willing to swear

That the venue had *vertical* seating!

In the lavs, Will said, “Let’s come again!

This occasion is run by *real* men!”

This illusion was shattered,

(And our strides nearly splattered),

When the burghers called “TIME!” at *half*
ten!?!?!?!?

So we left with the mild-muddled masses,

All clutching their limp travel-passes;

And the girls on the bus

Took no notice of us -

Seems they just don’t like fellers with
glasses . . .

At Greenwich we strolled, (with a shiver),

Through the tunnel deep under the river,

Where a guy with grey hairs

Said, “These spiralling stairs

Are enlarged on the right - like one’s liver”.

On the train, flushed with dry-hopped euphoria,

We exchanged boozing tales ever-gorier,

Till we rolled past the Darent

And my boob was apparent -

Three guesses who lives near Victoria . . .

The next day I suffered depression,

And migraines, and bouts of aggression,

Obscene halitosis

And renal necrosis,

And I boaked on the cat . . .

Brilliant session!

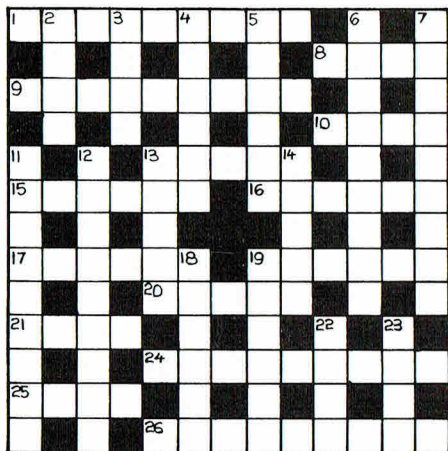
Regards

Ernest M. V. Beer

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



Name.....

Address.....

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.....

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

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

All entries to be submitted to:

London Drinker Crossword

25 Valens House

Upper Tulse Hill

London SW2 2RX

Last Month's Solution

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BRAGGARD BOOK
R I E O S K I
APRON CAPTAIN
Y P E K R P D
POORRELATION
E R A T Y E
VITALS COVERS
I B E F V S
DISCOMFORTED
E U O F O N L
NIGHTIE SPILE
C A H T E N A
EARN MESSAGES
    
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ACROSS

1. Put up against the wall, drunk. [9]
8. Handed over money fast. [4]
9. It's unusual for Eric to have a dollar. [9]
10. Almost slip in part of church. [4]
13. House moving expert, though slow. [5]
15. Cover for those who are late. [6]
16. Hot dirt or rubbish. [6]
17. Cockney bird battles but is green. [6]
19. It holds barrel up. [6]
20. It is held in reserve for services. [5]
21. Southern beer should be cheap here. [4]
24. Bag of hops? [9]
25. Want to be born dead? [4]
26. Daily do hesitate to write letter. [9]

DOWN

2. Mainly colour 25. [4]
3. Food from the west. [4]
4. Reach former nurse. [6]
5. Get out some relic, Italian or Greek. [6]
6. Anger consumed, becomes mild. [9]
7. He waits for worker after a race final. [9]
11. Working out how fools make music. [9]
12. The Yorkshire weaver is itinerant. [9]
13. It's excellent to reduce food intake. [5]
14. You and me go after many a flower. [5]
18. Harris turned up, sir. [6]
19. He asks for food in pub. [6]
22. Story of oriental movie. [4]
23. It's pretty sentimental during Ascot week. [4]

Winner of the prize for the September crossword:

J.E.Green, 31 Bishopric Court, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1TJ

Other correct entries were received from:

Pat Andrews, Mark Antony, Jane Best, Andy Brookes, Neil Chapman, A.P.Cormaish, Andy Darnbrough, Enigmatist, Mikes Farrelly/Richards, Rob Felton, Alison Henley, Mike Jolly, Jim Mason, Little Niggly, Noj, Rab Noolas, Steve Piggott, 369 I/P.W.Priestley, Norma Stitz, C.Tinson, Martin Weedon, Ivor Wright-Ardon, Yak.

There were also 10 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.

JDW FREEHOUSES THROUGHOUT LONDON

ARCHWAY
THE DOG
17-19 Archway Road N19

BARNET
THE MOON UNDER WATER
148 High Street

EAST BARNET
THE RAILWAY BELL
13 East Barnet Road

CHALK FARM
THE MAN IN THE MOON
40-42 Chalk Farm Road NW1

COLINDALE
THE MOON UNDER WATER
10 Varley Parade NW9

CRICKLEWOOD
THE BEATEN DOCKET
50-56 Cricklewood Broadway NW2

CROUCH END
THE ELBOW ROOM
22 Topsfield Parade Tottenham Lane N8

ENFIELD
THE MOON UNDER WATER
115-117 Chase Side

NORTH FINCHLEY
THE TALLY HO
High Road N12

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

HARRINGAY
THE MORTIMER ARMS
405 Green Lanes N4

HARRINGAY
THE OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
10-12 Grand Parade N4

HARROW
THE MOON ON THE HILL
373-375 Station Road Middlesex

SOUTH HARROW
JJ MOONS
3 Shaftesbury Parade Shaftesbury Circle

HOLLOWAY
JJ MOONS
37 Landseer Road N19

HOUNSLOW
THE MOON UNDER WATER
84-86 Staines Road Middlesex

KENTON
THE NEW MOON
25-26 Kenton Park Parade
Kenton Road Middlesex

KINGSBURY
JJ MOONS
553 Kingsbury Road NW9

NEASDEN
THE OUTSIDE INN
312-314 Neasden Lane NW10

PALMERS GREEN
THE WHOLE HOG
430-434 Green Lanes N13

ON THE RIVER LEA
THE NARROW BOAT
Reedham Close N17

RUISLIP MANOR
JJ MOONS
12 Victoria Road

STOKE NEWINGTON
THE TANNERS HALL
145 High Street N16

STROUD GREEN
THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
125-127 Stroud Green Road N4

TOTTENHAM
THE ELBOW ROOM
503-505 High Road N17

TURNPIKE LANE
THE TOLLGATE
26-30 Turnpike Lane N8

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

WINCHMORE HILL
THE HALF MOON
749 Green Lanes N21

WOOD GREEN
THE MOON UNDER WATER
132 Lordship Lane N22

WOOD GREEN / TOTTENHAM
THE BOAR
413 Lordship Lane N17

CATFORD
THE TIGERS HEAD
Bromley Road SE6

MITCHAM
THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
223 London Road

STREATHAM
JJ MOONS
2 Streatham Hill SW2

TOOTING
JJ MOONS
56a High Street SW17

WALTHAMSTOW
THE DRUM
557/9 Lea Bridge Road E10

WALTHAMSTOW
THE COLLEGE ARMS
807 Forest Road E17

HATCH END
THE MOON & SIXPENCE
250 Uxbridge Road

SHEPHERD'S BUSH
THE MOON ON THE GREEN
172-174 Uxbridge Road W12

WEMBLEY
JJ MOONS
397 High Road

OPENING SOON

HARLESDON
THE COLISEUM
Manor Park Road NW10

THE CITY
HAMILTON HALL
Liverpool St Station (Bishopsgate ent)

HAMPSTEAD
THE THREE HORSESHOES
Heath Street NW3

BARKINGSIDE
THE NEW FAIRLOP OAK
Fencepiece Road IG6 2JP

IDLE MOMENTS

Well, here we are again. As I sit here in my study (that's a posh name for the spare bedroom, isn't it?) on the last day of September, the sun is shining outside but there is a definite air of freshness as I found when I cycled to the local pub for lunch. No doubt by the time you read this in a month's time the weather will be noticeably more 'taters' in the mould.

For starters here are the answers to last month's number puzzles of which, I would remind you, the first seven were sent in by Randy Newlove of North Finchley:

1. 1960 First Communications Satellite Launched (America's Echo 1)
2. 10 Drummers Drumming
3. 2 On a Tower (Novel by Thomas Hardy)
4. 4 Points for a W in Scrabble
5. 1042 is the Original Gravity of Ballards Best Bitter
6. 104 Symphonies Composed by Haydn
7. 13 Years to your Lace Wedding Anniversary
8. 2 Kings on a Chess Board
9. 78 Revolutions Per Minute is the Right Speed for an Old Gramophone Record
10. 36 Exposures on a Thirty Five Millimetre Film

This month they are all my own work:

1. 480 S in a R of P
2. 33 IDC for F
3. 5 G R
4. 50 S in the US
5. 604,800 S in a W
6. 3 S in the B of O
7. 32 BS on a CB
8. 4 S on a BR
9. 11 E of LD in a Y
10. 10 E in the D

You may remember that last month Randy Newlove also provided the beer anagrams. Once again, as usual, here are the answers:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. BAR DONKEY | EBONY DARK
(Bull Mastiff) |
| 2. TERRY WOBBLER
DIET | OLD BREWERY
BITTER
(Sam Smith) |
| 3. ITS ROUTE TEN | ENTIRE STOUT
(Hop Back) |
| 4. STRAW EMBER | MASTER BREW
(Shepherd Neame) |

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| 5. CHAP KISSED A
RICH GUT | HICKS SPECIAL
DRAUGHT
(HSD - St Austell) |
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No doubt you will have noticed a lot of posters around the country, predominantly yellow in colour that make use of such anagrams to advertise an imported German beer. While I make no claim that this series of ads was inspired by this column, I thought I would offer a few suggestions of my own:

SPIT ON SHELL
STOPS IN HELL
NOT HELL, P*SS
SPELL NO SH*T

I'll bet they don't use it though. Meanwhile here are this month's. You may or may not be glad to know that I've reverted to anagrams of brewery names rather than beers:

1. "R" KEG ENGINE
2. HIS VANE
3. STUN TILE, ALAS
4. PEEL GROPED DI
5. EARTH GENET

Now it's scrape the bottom of the barrel time as the only unused item left in my stock of false negatives is this progressive assembly of words relating to comprehension:

RSTAND: To comprehend
DE-RSTAND: To miss the point
UN-DE-RSTAND: To comprehend a bit more than before
MIS-UN-DE-RSTAND: To miss the point even more

Well that's your lot unless I get the odd flash of inspiration or somebody else comes up with some more ideas. Now it is general knowledge quiz time and here we go with last month's answers:

1. £5
2. North Carolina
3. Wapping (north) & Rotherhithe (south)
4. Sir Marc Brunel (Isambard's Dad)
5. Derby County (and their visitors)
6. Solent and Spithead
7. Brothers in Arms by Dire Straits
8. Sir Henry Wood
9. Foreign Secretary
10. In between the rings of the planet Saturn

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Now for this month's. My original batch of questions for the firm's quiz have now been exhausted, including all of the spares so from now on I am having to dig them up month by month. I hope the quality doesn't suffer - always assuming that there was some quality there in the first place. Anyway, here they are for your delectation and delight:

1. The Lockheed C5 Galaxy is no longer the World's largest aeroplane, what is?
2. Reg Dwight did not have a number one hit until he made a duet with Pauline Matthews. What was its title?
3. What was the world's first 35mm still camera?
4. As we all know, Vauxhall cars are built at Luton, Bedfordshire but where were they first built?
5. Where and when was the first World Cup competition held?
6. The yard is based on the distance from the tip of the nose to the end of the outstretched thumb. Who owned the nose and thumb originally supposed to have been used to establish the standard yard?
7. Large optical telescopes used in astronomy use mirrors instead of lenses. After whom is this pattern of telescope generally known?
8. Who was the director of the classic Russian film Battleship Potemkin?
9. Possibly the most famous statue in London was carved by Edward H. Bailey - whom does it represent?
10. Which major planet was discovered in 1846?

And as has become the custom of late we finish with the brain teasers. As I reported last month we have used up all of those sent in by Glyn Thomas but I have received some more from Harry Davies of Shepherds Bush which will keep us going for a couple of months. Firstly, though, here are the answers to the last of Glyn's:

1. Lay three matches in a fan shape so that they touch at their bases. Then lay the other three in a similar fan across them.
2. He was a siamese twin.
3. 80 pence (not £1.60)
4. 5 miles. After that you are coming out.
5. ESSO.OIL

This month just numbers 4 and 5 are from Harry; number 1 is from a fellow toper of mine, one John (Sloop) Blennerhassett while numbers 2 and 3 are the product of my own devious mind:

1. If you drive a car into an hotel and go bankrupt, where are you?
2. If H is 1, B is 5, C is 6 and N is 7, what is 8?
3. A man walks one mile to the south; one mile to the east. He shoots a bear and then walks one mile to the north, whereupon he finds himself back where he started. What colour was the bear?
4. There are eleven grown men, in a straight line crawling on hands and knees across a school playground. What on earth are they up (or rather, down) to?
5. What is it that nobody wishes to have but nobody wishes to lose?

Now I know you are all wondering why John should have earned the epithet "Sloop" so I'll tell you - next month. See if you can work it out for yourself first. In the meantime have a good month.

Cheers, **Andy**

GRIBBLE BEERS COME TO TOWN

Delivering the October London Drinkers to the EEL PIE in Twickenham, Richmond & Hounslow stalwart, Bill Usher, has found that three beers from the Gribble Inn at Oving, Sussex were on sale. They are Gribble Ale (OG 1042); Reg's Tipple (OG 1050) and Harvest Pale (OG 1034).

The 1990 Good Beer Guide tells us that the beers are brewed at Madam Green Farm near the pub and are sold in the free trade under the Bosham Brewery name. Curiously, neither the Gribble Inn nor Bosham Brewery is to be found in the brewery section of either the 1991 or 1992 GBGs (the latter of which is hot off the press as we write this).

Bill was also informed that the beers are to be available at the other pubs in London owned by the Dorset brewers, Hall and Woodhouse; these are the Woodman at Battersea, SW11; the Railway Tavern, Mortlake, SW14; the Kings Arms, Hampton Court and the Newt & Ferret in Kingston. Confirmed sightings in these pubs would be welcomed.

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(Tuesday 12th November)

*Crown & Greyhound
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(Wednesday 13th November)

*Three Tuns
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NORTH LONDON

(Thursday 14th November)

*The York
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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the November 1981 edition consisted of 24 pages including blue outer cover, featuring the sign of the Britannia, Allen Street, W8 (Youngs).

At that time the first heading to greet the reader inside was "News & Views", a title abandoned in 1983 as one of the new Editorial team was already editing a veteran-cycle magazine of that name. Since then the first heading has simply been "Editorial". In this case the first item was headed "Truman take the plunge". The text may sound old hat at this distance in time and can well be read with some irony. However, I quote it in full:

"THE COMMITMENT SHOWN by Truman to real draught beer could be underlined irrevocably over the next few months. In the past, they have been rather tentative and have also done their cause no good by serving most of their beer by a system which CAMRA frowns upon.

All this should change. Firstly, the new beer which has been hinted at in our columns from time to time is to be launched officially this month. Truman Bitter is the name and it will weigh in at 1036 Original Gravity, a few degrees weaker than Truman Tap. The brewery hope to install it in 30 pubs each month so that it should be available in about 400 pubs throughout their trading area by the end of 1982.

The beer will be brought from cask to bar by proper beer engines and not by the controversial DCL air-pressure system. DCL is used in most of the Watney houses as a means of dispensing London and Stag bitters, so the comment attributed to a Truman official that 'DCL is dead' may have implications beyond Truman."

On the same page an item headed "Away the Lads" outlined a scheme whereby supporters of Watford Football Club received a free pint of Benskin's each Thursday by presentation of a card received at the Saturday match - provided the team did not lose. The author continues "As Watford are riding high at the moment the scheme must be giving widespread satisfaction. It will be fascinating to see what happens when they lose three or four matches on the trot. Perhaps Young's might do the same for Wimbledon".

As Sir Alistair Cooke once said at the end of a "Letter from America" broadcast after discussing some momentous event whose conclusion had not come about at the time of recording: THE REST - WE KNOW.

FIVE YEARS LATER the November 1986 issue also had 24 pages - though, by this stage, on glossy paper, and inflation had long since doubled the price from 10p to 20p. On the other hand, the content was printed to a far higher standard. The cover frame and title were in mauve, and the illustration showed the cover of the then newly issued 1987 Good Beer Guide - in triplicate. Among the content was a report that Fullers had opened a new brewhouse, and was about to test-market a new lager.

Boddingtons took the centre-page spread for an advert listing 88 outlets in London and the Home Counties. The Tramshed in Woolwich, which the November 1981 issue said had received an 8 month reprieve from demolition, was very much still in action - its title in the advert was misprinted as "The Tronshed" - you can't win 'em all!

In his Editorial, Andy Pirson discussed the production and policies of London Drinker. He stressed the fact that the entire magazine was run on an entirely voluntary basis by people following full-time professions unrelated to journalism - as is still the case.

The only professional involvement is on the printing side.

As if to prove that LD is prepared to accept flak, a Letter to the Editors was printed criticising the magazine for tardiness in putting the record straight after a totally erroneous article had appeared a few months previously in good faith. The writer concludes: "I have enjoyed reading LD for some years, but what confidence can I have in any of your articles, short of Dear Dipsy, after this episode?" Ironically, the last words of text in the magazine read: "Dipsy's beside himself. "No B.....s Written!"

The obituary was published of Ben Davis, referred to as "Probably the most influential pub architect of his generation". It went on to say that he was a good friend to CAMRA and

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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for November of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 15.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Thu 14 Addiscombe. Start CRICKETERS (dep. 9.15), Shirley Road then CLARET WINE BAR Lower Addiscombe Road - Fri 22 Sutton Crawl. Start ROBIN HOOD (dep. 8.45), West Street then NEW TOWN and LORD NELSON - Thu 28 (8.00) Branch Meeting. CROWN, Stanley Road, Croydon - Fri 6 Dec Thornton Heath Crawl. Start LORD NAPIER (Dep. 9.00), Beaulah Road then FOUNTAIN HEAD and RAILWAY TELEGRAPH.

ENFIELD & BARNET: NOVEMBER IS RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW MONTH. All Recruitment Roadshows start at 8.30 pm. We're meeting in some of our best pubs so come along to meet potential new members and help tell the drinking public what CAMRA is all about. Thu 7 Recruitment Roadshow. OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road, N2 - Sun 10 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. BLACK HORSE, Wood Street, Barnet - Wed 13 Recruitment Roadshow. CRICKETERS, 18 Chase Side Place, Enfield - Tue 19 Recruitment Roadshow. MITRE, 58 High Street, Barnet - Thu 28 Recruitment Roadshow. WHOLE HOG, 430-434 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21 - Tue 3 Dec (8.30) Three Pub Crawl in East Finchley, N2. Start WINDSOR CASTLE, The Walks, Church Lane then WELCH BROTHERS (9.20), 130 High Road and OLD WHITE LION (10.10), Great North Road.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Mon 4 (8.30) Business Meeting. CLAREMONT, Esher - Thu 7 (8.00) Social. PRINCE OF WALES, Oatlands Park - Thu 28 (8.30) Social. COCOANUT, Kingston - Thu 5 Dec (8.30) Joint Social with Richmond & Hounslow. WHITE HART, 70 High Street, Hampton.

NORTH LONDON: Sun 3 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. ROSSETTI, Queens Grove NW8 - Tue 5 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Stoke Newington, N16. PRINCE OF WALES, 59 Kynaston Road then SHAKESPEARE (9.30), 57 Allen Road - Tue 12 (8.00) London Drinker Beer Festival Planning Meeting. PHOENIX, Alexandra Palace, N22 (in function room; ask at bar) - Tue 19 (7.30) Joint Social with South East London; crawl of Stoney Street SE1 (near London Bridge Station). Start SOUTHWARK TAVERN then MARKET PORTER (8.35) and WHEATSHEAF (9.40) - Tue 26 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Bloomsbury, WC1. THREE CUPS, Sandland St. (off Red Lion St.) then PRINCESS LOUISE (9.30), 208 High Holborn - Thu 28 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane, NW10 (Harlesden tube/BR) - Tue 3 Dec (8.00) Two Pub Social in Marylebone. FEATHERS, Linhope Street then PERSEVERANCE (9.30), Shroton St.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thu 7 (8.30) Committee Meeting. RED COW, 59 Sheen Road, Richmond - Mon 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. POPES GROTT, Cross Deep, Twickenham - Thu 28 (8.30) Joint Social with South West London. Railway, 11 Sheen Lane, Mortlake, SW14 - Thu 5 Dec (8.30) Joint Social with Kingston & Leatherhead. WHITE HART, 70 High Street Hampton.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 4 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. EDINBURGH CASTLE, 110 Samuel Street, Woolwich, SE18 - Mon 11 (8.00) Branch Meeting. CROWN, 117 Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, SE12 - Tue 19 (7.30) Joint Social with North London; crawl of Stoney Street, SE1. Start SOUTHWARK TAVERN then MARKET PORTER (8.35) and WHEATSHEAF (9.40) - Thu 28 (8.00) Social. GOWLETT ARMS, 62 Gowlett Road, Peckham, SE15 - Mon 9 Dec Branch Christmas Party with buffet, all welcome. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 193 Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, SE22.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Thu 7 (8.30) Social. SIR HENRY GURNETT, Romford Road (near B1335), Aveley - Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. KINGS ARMS, Stifford Clays Road, Baker Street, Orsett - Tue 19 (8.30) Out Of Area Social. VIPER then CRICKETERS, both Highwood Road, Mill Green, near Ingatestone (OS: TL 641019 TL 639012) - Fri 22 (7.30) Herts/Essex borders. Quiz Night. LATTON BUSH CENTRE, Harlow - Tue 26 to Sat 30 South East Essex Beerex. Freight House, Rochford - Tue 3 Dec (8.30) Out Of Area Social. WHITE HART, Moreton.

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SOUTH WEST LONDON: Mon 18 (7.30) Open Committee Meeting followed by Open Beer Festival Committee Meeting (8.30). **PRINCE OF WALES**, 270 Cavendish Road, Balham, SW12 - Thu 28 (8.30) Joint Social with Richmond & Hounslow. **RAILWAY**, 11 Sheen Lane, Mortlake, SW14.

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Wed 6 (8.30) Bushey Social. **HORSE & CHAINS** then **KINGS STAG** (9.15) and **SWAN** (10.00) - Wed 13 (7.30) **BREWERIANA AUCTION**. West Herts Sports & Social Club, Watford - Tue 19 (8.30) Chorleywood Social. **LAND OF LIBERTY** then **THE SWILLETT** (9.30). Meet 8.00 at Watford Junction for taxis - Sat 23 Branch Day trip to the **NEW INN**, Hadlow Down - Wed 27 (8.30) Watford Crawl. **GOLDEN LION** then **ESTCOURT TAVERN** (9.15) and **ESTCOURT ARMS** (10.00).

WEST LONDON: Thu 21 (8.00) Branch Meeting. **WHITE HORSE**, Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 13 (8.00) Portobello Pub Crawl. **DUKE OF NORFOLK**, 202 Westbourne Grove, W11 then **PORTOBELLO STAR** (8.45), 171 Portobello Road; **DUKE OF WELLINGTON** (9.30), 179 Portobello Road; **EARL OF LONSDALE** (10.15), 281 Westbourne Grove.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Fri 1 (8.30) Governor's Farewell Knees-up. **CROWN**, 49 Bath Road, Heathrow, Harlington - Wed 6 (12.00) Brewery trip to Gibbs Mew, Salisbury. Please phone for details - Sat 9 (All day) Bernie Peal's folly. **LORD NELSON**, 9 Enfield Road, Brentford (to celebrate Lynton's birthday) - Tue 12 (8.00) Social visit to West Country Products Ltd., Unit 4, Ascot Road, Bedfont - Wed 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting. **WHEATSHEAF**, 41 Haven Lane, Ealing, W5 - Thu 28 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. **RED LION**, Royal Lane, Hillingdon Hill, Hillingdon - Sat 7 Dec Branch Christmas Party. Details to follow.

Deadline for the December/January edition, 1st November. Material for February edition to arrive by 2nd January. **Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pirson.**

Mick & Liz

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CAMRA STRATEGY

The Brewery Action Group, which likes to think of itself as a regional think tank, has been considering the question of CAMRA's future strategy. BAG recognised the need for CAMRA to concentrate on one common aim and identified two stages in adopting a strategy . . .

1. Determining one major objective.
2. Determining methods of achieving this

In concentrating on the first stage, many suggestions were forthcoming but the greatest danger was seen as the growth of national brands of real ale. CAMRA's main objective should focus on opposition to National Branding. Many evils were considered to flow from the growth of branding, including prices, monopoly control, the demise of regional beers, brewery closures, the loss of mild, the marginalisation of pubs and the deterioration in quality.

The suggestion that opposition to national branding should form the major thrust of our future campaigning was brought to the Regional Meeting and overwhelmingly endorsed. A conceptual shift might be required to campaign against real ale, or to support a real ale in one location and reject it in another, but the trend was seen as something

which must be arrested and reversed at all costs.

If we end up with the "choice" which consumers can exercise in America or Australia, it won't really matter who owns the pubs, whether they display price lists or opening hours or sell keg cider through hand-pumps. In CAMRA's early days, the campaign against Red Barrel mobilised and united members in a way which brought about rapid changes. Lager has, perhaps, run its course. Let us make sure that the brewer's latest wunderkind, real ale, remains locally brewed for local tastes.

We need to consider ways in which this objective might be achieved. Greater Manchester branches will be proposing the adoption of Opposition to National Branding as the major campaign objective at CAMRA's 1992 AGM.

With acknowledgements to "What's Doing".

WHAT'S DOING

Subscriptions (£2.40 for 6 issues) are available from: Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester M9 2PW. Cheque/PO payable "What's Doing". Back numbers are also available from the same address price 15p each.

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TWENTY ONE YEARS OF CAMPAIGNING

The Campaign for Real Ale, Britain's best known consumer group, is 21 years old.

Kicking off the birthday celebrations at the launch of the 1992 Good Beer Guide, the Guide's Editor, Jeff Evans, said that the efforts of CAMRA had transformed the British brewing industry.

"CAMRA was forced into existence by the attitude of the big brewers. They were trying to bludgeon the beer drinkers of this country into drinking mass-advertised, poor quality, fizzy keg beers", he said. "But the drinkers fought back and, by forming the Campaign for Real Ale, they told the breweries what to do with their inferior products."

"Twenty one years on, keg beers are finished and interest in traditional, cask-conditioned ale has never been greater."

Since CAMRA was founded, independent breweries like Young's of Wandsworth, Bateman of Wainfleet and Samuel Smith of Tadcaster have prospered, and many new small breweries have come into existence. With CAMRA support, the Tolly Cobbold brewery in Ipswich and the

Cains brewery in Liverpool are now back in production, and CAMRA has also been influential in the reform of pub licensing hours and the introduction of the guest beer law.

The 1992 Good Beer Guide, CAMRA's flagship publication, features no less than 185 breweries, plus over 50 pubs which brew their own beer. In contrast to the gloomy days of 1971 when real ale was becoming so hard to find, there are now 900 different traditional beers brewed in this country.

Meanwhile, CAMRA continues to thrive. Membership has just passed 30,000, its highest ever total, and Mr Evans is in no doubt why this is: "Drinkers recognise the contribution CAMRA has made to the British pub scene and are pleased to be associated with the movement." And he added: "People also realise that, although many battled have been won in the last 21 years, we still have to fight to ensure that drinkers are protected from the greed of the big brewers so we can all enjoy a variety of traditional beers in pleasant pubs at fair prices."

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“ A DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE ... ”

(East London & City News)

HOLLAND'S - a Grade II listed pub in Stepney, which has been in the hands of the Holland family since the 1840's - became the latest addition to Young & Co's tied estate on 27th September.

Situated in Brayford Square, Exmouth Street (just off the Commercial Road) the pub was originally called the Exmouth Arms. It was listed because of its "Original interior with boarded ceiling, pine panelling and settles. Engraved and painted glasswork. Elaborate fireplaces and overmantles." The East London & City Beer Guide (now out of print) described it as a "treasure house of Victoriana, breweriana and old photos and press cuttings" - adding that real ale (Whitbread Fremling's) was not always available. That last comment is no longer true: Young's Bitter and Special are now available on hand-pump, and presumably Winter Warmer will also be available in season.

Holland's is within easy walking distance of Young's other pub in the area, the QUEEN'S

HEAD in Flamborough Street, which achieved fame through the visit of a certain Royal personage some years ago. Both pubs are well worth a visit.

“East Ender”

NEWS FROM HOLTS

Joseph Holt increased volumes, thanks to a pricing formula that has kept the price of a pint of bitter at 84p, and boosted production at a time when major brewers are reporting declining sales. The price of Holt's beer can be kept low because all its 100 outlets are within a small radius of its Manchester brewery. Holt also benefited from a small increase in the amount of free trade in its beers as well as an eight per cent increase in interest income, which rose to £848,000. On the strength of these better-than-expected results, broker Henry Cooke Lumsden increased its full year profit forecast to £6.5m (£5.7m in 1990).

CAMAL COMMENT

The Campaign for Authentic Lager was established to encourage interest in real lager beers such as those found on the Continent. The founders of the Campaign could not help noticing the gulf in quality and variety of bottom fermented beers between Britain and Europe. This was at the time when the Eurofiz/Lagerade wave was in full swing - often representing brands which, aside from name, bore scant resemblance to the home-brewed original.

Thanks to the efforts of CAMRA, real ales are picking up momentum in the market place often at the expense of the fake fizzy lagers. This is good news as long as it does not result in the disappearance of the good lagers as well as the bad. CAMAL believes in choice for the drinker and actually encourages its members to drink good ale as well as good lager. Quality is our main concern whatever the style of beer.

Adverse publicity associated with the lagerlout has harmed the promotion of Eurofiz and even

though lager is moving up market, authentic lager remains rare. When available, conditions of dispense are poor - certainly not comparable to continental Europe. Ironically, having encouraged customers to drink bad lager we find one of the big brewers brewing and marketing Weizenbier and going to great lengths to serve it properly. All is not yet lost.

Increasing exposure to other European countries and the consequences of 1992 mean that more people will discover different beer styles and acquire the taste. At the same time, 1992 means that the activities of large brewing groups will put pressure on the more traditional styles of beer often brewed with loving care by small breweries. This means that there is a need for CAMAL and other beer lovers' organisations to increase awareness of our European brewing heritage and campaign for quality and choice.

For further information:

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Dear Drinker,

Noting that the discussion of prices continues unabated in the October issue of the Drinker, I hereby add a few further thoughts of my own.

The yearly price hike has been in operation, certainly from Courage, Youngs and Fullers. Ostensibly this is a percentage designed to allow for increased costs (inflation). In a Courage pub in Crouch End, N8 Best has risen from £1.31 to £1.43 as a result; that is roughly a 9% increase when inflation is around 5%. How many drinkers have had a wage rise of 9% this year?

I would argue that the tendency at work is one of equalisation of Central London prices throughout London. For example, popping into the Princess Louise recently, for the first time in a while, I was surprised to find the price of a pint as low as £1.50 (!).

The answer to the brewers' greed can be seen in most pubs, most weekday evenings. They are, of course, empty.

Role (sic) on workers' control of the brewery trade in 1992.

Yours sincerely,
Keith Flett, Tottenham

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ended with the line "Ben knew, and cared, he will be sadly missed."

Under the heading "Changes at Conway's" was an outline of the career of the newly appointed brewer, Martin Paterson, a local man. He had stepped into the shoes of John Gilbert, who had recently taken over the Wyndham Arms, Salisbury, where his Hop Back Brewery produces ales which have won him many CAMRA awards. Sadly, both the Brixton and Battersea Breweries have long since ceased production, and as their former BLOI, for one, bemoan the fact. In five years' time, how many more such undertakings will have such a report in these pages?

More next time.

Martin Smith

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Letchworth is easily reached by rail from London, with a regular service from Kings Cross. Please don't drink and drive!

Forty cask conditioned real ales, all from independent breweries, together with traditional cider and perry, can be sampled during opening hours, which will be:

Friday 11.30am to 3pm & 5pm to 11pm

Saturday 11.00am to 3pm & 6pm to 11pm

A small admission charge will be made. The beer will be on sale at reasonable prices and commemorative glasses are being produced.

Other attractions include a CAMRA product stall, a tombola "Every 1's a Winner") and food, all available during opening hours.

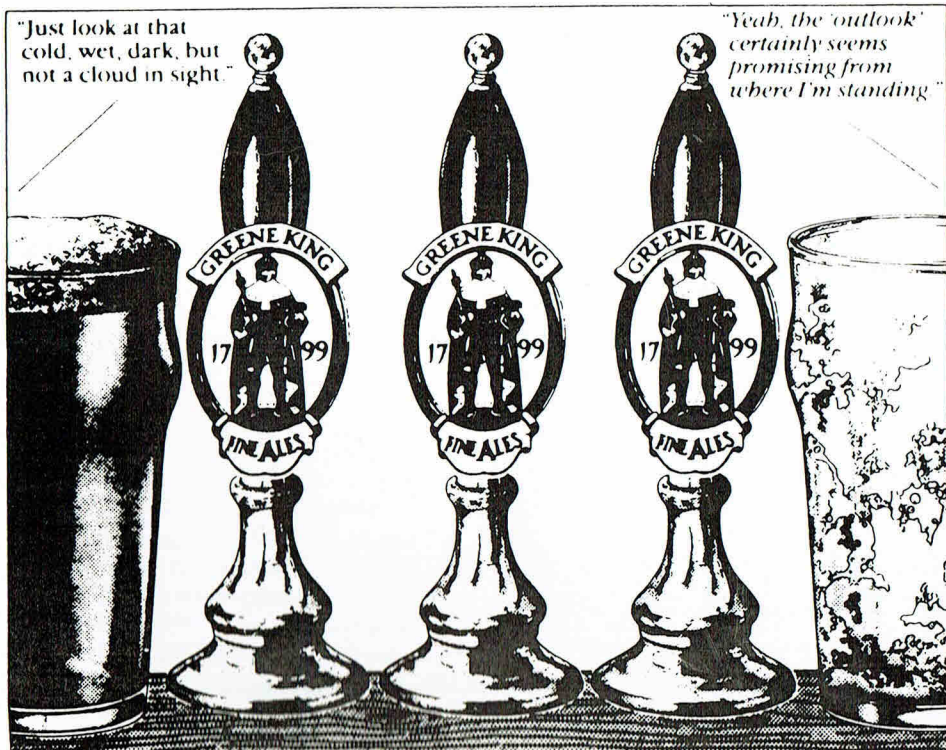
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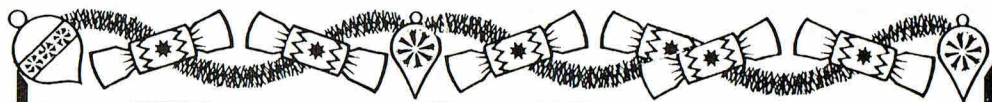
Readers may be aware that one of our favourite Fullers pubs, the Plough in Northfield Avenue W5, had to close the saloon bar earlier this year following extensive damage. The pub soldiered on with the public bar only, which is less than half the size of the saloon. The good news is that the saloon was re-opened on Monday 16 September, with many representatives from the Fullers estate joining Bernie Peal (CAMRA's Brewery Liaison Officer for Fullers) and me in the celebrations. Guv'nor Jim was in an expansive and relieved mood, and all three ales were in splendid form - the ESB being particularly fine, like a rich wine.

The saloon has been fitted out almost exactly as it was, but the wood - lighter than before - will need a few years' worth of smoke before it achieves that rich dark brown shade. Some of the windows are no longer leaded, and curtains have also been installed (with mixed opinions). But in all other respects it is as if nothing had changed. Back to business!

Peter Wicks

West Middlesex Branch











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SHEPHERD NEAME ANNOUNCE ANNUAL RESULTS

A substantial increase in the size of its tied estate, coupled with a 17 per cent rise in turnover, are the key features of the annual statement issued recently by independent Kent brewers Shepherd Neame Ltd.

Chairman Robert Neame reported that during the year to June 29, 1991, the company purchased 54 pubs from major brewers, at an average cost of £180,000 per pub.

This addition to Shepherd Neame's tied trade base had helped turnover to increase by 17 per cent, from £26.67m last year to £31.34m. Operating profits, before finance, grew by 14 per cent from £4.54m to £5.20m.

After tax earnings advanced by six per cent to £2.56m, and property sales contributed a further £0.4m to profits.

Other highlights from the annual statement:

- *Shepherd Neame's borrowings of £10m to finance its pub acquisition programme have now been re-scheduled over 15 years as part of a £55m package involving similar loans to three other regional brewers - Greene King, Morlands and Thwaites - at a coupon of 11.25 per cent.

- *Sales of take-home beers grew by 62 per cent, with the introduction of Bishops Finger and Steinbock Super lager in cans proving particularly successful.

- *The company is enjoying some additional business in the market for guest ales to national brewers' tenants - opened up by the MMC report - and this is set to increase.

- *The recession has resulted in a small decline of some 3 per cent in volume in the average Shepherd Neame house, but this is believed to be far less than the average for the south east as a whole.

- *Further investment in Invicta Inns - Shepherd Neame's small chain of pub hotels - will be deferred until there is a clear indication that the recession is ending.

- *Increased demand for Shepherd Neame beers means that the company will invest in improved loading and warehousing facilities in the coming year.

Mr Neame said that, with a base of 300 pubs in

its south eastern trading heartland, the company was on target to become the market leader in Kent.

He forecast that as a result of the MMC investigation into the industry, there would be an ultimate reduction in the number of companies brewing their own beer to no more than 30 or 40.

But he added: "We believe that there is a real future for an independent brewery that produces its own high quality beers and lagers, optimises its brewing capacity and maintains a tight cost control on its production and distribution facilities.

"We are determined that Shepherd Neame should remain in brewing, as the opportunities for development in the south east are considerable. We have tremendous confidence in the long term future."

PICKED AS A FINALIST

Popular Mitcham landlord Terry Jackson has been named as a finalist in the search for the nation's top innkeeper.

Forty-five-year-old Terry has been pulling pints at the Ravensbury Arms in Croydon Road, Mitcham since February after moving from his native Canada nearly a year ago.

He qualified to enter for the award as a member of the British Institute of Innkeeping and his pub will now be visited by 2 members of the judging panel who will decide whether he will represent the South East.



Landlord Terry Jackson with wife Gaynor and son Joshua

LIST OF BEER FESTIVALS & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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1991:

- 4 November: ARNHEM, The Netherlands. Beer Day, part of Gastvrij '91, catering trade show.
 - 9 November: ANDERLECHT/BRUSSELS, Belgium. Open brew-day, Cantillon brewery, Gheudestraat 56. From 0600. Organised by Brussels Museum van de Geuze. Free breakfast for those who arrive before 0800. Admission BFR 60
 - 9 November: DONAUESCHINEN, Germany. Breweriana day, Fürstenberg Brewery. Info: W. Friedel, Postfach 300405, D-7000 Stuttgart 30.
 - 9 November: ANDERLECHT, Brussels, Belgium. Open brew-day, Geuze Brewery and Museum Cantillon, Gheudestraat 56. From 0600; free breakfast for those who arrive before 0800. Admission BFR 60.
 - 14-16 November: NÜRNBERG, Germany. Brau 91/Getränkfachbörse Bier und Alkoholfrei. At Messezentrum; organised by Verband Mittelständischer Privat-brauereien in Bayern e.V.
 - 7 December: HEILBRON, Germany. Auction F v B. Wolfgang Graumann, Sylviastrasse 16, 4300 Essen. +49 201 264848.
 - 14 December: BAARLE-HERTOG, Netherlands/Belgian border. Christmas beer presentation. Organised by Bierclub Brouwershuis; information: Jos van de Heyden +31 13 561636.
- oldest catering trade fair. In the Maastricht Exhibition and Congress Centre. Details: tel. +31 43 838383; telex 56682 MECC NL; fax: +31 43 838300
- 10-15 February: LONDON, UK. Hotelympia trade show for hotel and catering industries; Olympia and Olympia 2.
 - 1-3 March: LONDON, UK. London Food Exhibition 92, incorporating The London International Cheese Show. Details: Andry Montgomery Group.
 - 6-8 March: DUBLIN, Ireland. IFEX 92, Ireland's 3rd International Food and Drink Exhibition. Details: Andry Montgomery Group.
 - 10-12 March: GLASGOW, UK, Foodfare 92. Provisional dates. Details: Andry Montgomery Group.
 - 7-10 April: SINGAPORE. Food and Hotel Asia 92. The 8th Southeast Asian International Exhibition of Food, Drink, Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Equipment, Supplies and Services, with the 8th 'FHA' Salon Culinare.
 - 24-26 April: VAALS, The Netherlands. Bier 92 beer festival
 - 28-30 April: DUBLIN, Ireland. IFEX 92: International Food and Drink Exhibition. Details: Andry Montgomery Group.
 - 20-23 May: TOKYO, Japan. Wine Japan 92; 4th international wine, spirits, beers and beverages exhibition. Details: Andry Montgomery Group.
 - 6-9 September: MELBORNE, Australia. AIFE 92: Australian Food and Drink Exhibition. Details: Andry Montgomery Group.
 - 6-9 September: MELBORNE, Australia. HOTEX 92: hotel, accommodation and retail food equipment exhibition. Details: Andry Montgomery Group.
 - 12-17 September: MÜNCHEN, Germany. Imefa, International Fachmesse der Ernährungswirtschaft und des Gastwerbes.

1992:

- (4 January: Chinese New Year: the year of the Monkey.)
- 6-9 January: AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands. Horecava: food and drinks trade show. Congrescentrum RAI, tel. +31 20 5491212 telex 16017 fax: +31 20 464469
- 20-23 January: MAASTRICHT, The Netherlands. BBB '92, international trade fair for the catering industry, and Holland's

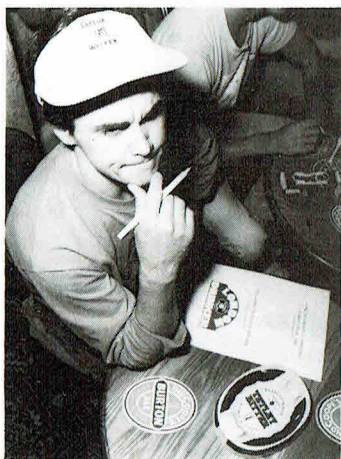
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BRAIN OF BREWING 1991 - A BARREL OF LAUGHS

You don't have to be an expert on beer to win the title of "Burton Ale's London Brain of Brewing", the laugh-a-minute competition now run annually by Taylor Walker.

Says last year's winner Richard Larkin (a member of the North London branch of CAMRA): "You just have to like pubs and a pint and have kept your eyes and ears open to the beery trivia that you pick up in pubs.

"I myself couldn't answer sections in the quiz like that on beer in TV soap operas - as I don't have a TV set! And I was lost on the beery sports questions - reading London Drinker is my idea of exercise!"



"Now what brewery is based in Henley on Thames?" - a CAMRA member from Kingston ponders his reply during last year's competition

The quiz has something for everybody (apart from some free Draught Burton Ale and brewery goodies). It is broken up into 20 sections such as: beer in songs; beer on TV; London brew pubs; south east breweries etc. etc. What you won't find is tough technical questions on enzymes and so on, that could only be answered by a head brewer.

Entry is free and guarantees you a free pint (at least) of Burton Ale and the chance to win free beer and lots of brewery goodies. The eventual winner scoops a beer-tasting holiday for two to Belgium, including brewery tours and a visit to the Bier Academie in Brugge.

Just turn up at one of the four regional heats and have a try. The heats (all starting at 8pm) are:

- East London: Mon 11 Nov, Denmark Arms, Barking Rd, E6
- South London: Tue 12 Nov, Crown & Greyhound, Dulwich Village, SE21
- West London: Wed 13 Nov, Three Tuns, High St, Uxbridge
- North London: Thu 14 Nov, The York, Islington High Street, N1

If you can't make any of these, you are welcome to turn up to enjoy the final, which is at Doggetts Coat & Badge pub, Blackfriar's Bridge, SE1, on Thursday 28th November, starting 8pm. There will be a special one-off beery quiz and other surprises for all turning up to watch the final.

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BALHAM, SW12

Duke of Devonshire, 39 Balham High Rd
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Britannia, 1 Church Rd

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Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Rd
Coach and Horses, 27 High St
White Hart, The Terrace, Riverside

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Castle, 115 Battersea High St
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228 Battersea Bridge Rd

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Plough, Croydon Rd

BETCHWORTH, Surrey

Dolphin, The Street

BLOOMSBURY, WC1

Calthorpe Arms, 252 Gray's Inn Rd
Lamb, 94 Lamb's Conduit St
Three Cups, Sandland St

BOW, E3

Coborn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd

BRIXTON

Hope and Anchor, 123 Acre Lane, SW2
Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9

CARSHALTON, Surrey

Greyhound, 2 High St

CATFORD, SE6

Catford Ram, 9 Winslade Way

CHELSEA

Chelsea Ram, Burnaby St, SW10
Coopers' Arms, 87 Flood St, SW3
King's Arms, 190 Fulham Rd, SW10

CHERTSEY, Surrey

Crown, London St

CHISLEHURST, Kent

Bull's Head, Royal Parade

CHISWICK, W4

Crown and Anchor,
374 Chiswick High Rd

CITY OF LONDON

City House, 86 Bishopsgate, EC2
City Retreat, Shoe Lane, EC4
Chapman's, the Wine Lodge,
145 Fenchurch St, EC3
Dirty Dick's, 202 Bishopsgate, EC2
East India Arms, 76 Fenchurch St, EC3
Elephant, 119 Fenchurch St, EC3
Lamb Tavern, Leadenhall Market, EC3
Master Gunner,
37 Cathedral Place, EC4
Three Lords, The Minories, EC3

CLAPHAM COMMON, SW4

Windmill, South Side

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, SW11

Plough, 89 St John's Hill

CLAPTON, E5

Prince of Wales, 146 Lea Bridge Rd

CLAYGATE, Surrey

Foley Arms, Foley Rd

CLERKENWELL, EC1

London Spa, 70 Exmouth Market
Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde St

COVENT GARDEN, WC2

Marquess of Anglesey, 39 Bow St
CROYDON, Surrey

Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St
Gloucester, 111 White Horse Rd

Tamworth Arms, 62 Tamworth Rd

DARTFORD, Kent

Malt Shovel, 3 Darenth Rd

DORKING, Surrey

Old House at Home, 24 West St

DULWICH, SE26

Dulwich Wood House, 39 Sydenham Hill

EAST DULWICH, SE22

Clock House, 196a Peckham Rye

EAST SHEEN, SW14

Hare and Hounds,
216 Upper Richmond Rd West

EFFINGHAM, Surrey

Plough, Orestan Lane

EPSOM, Surrey

King's Arms, 144 East St

ESHER, Surrey

Bear, 71 High St

ETON WICK, Berkshire

Pickwick, 32 Eton Wick Rd

FITZROVIA, W1

One Tun, 58 Goodge St

FULHAM, SW6

Duke of Cumberland,
235 New King's Rd

GREENFORD, Middlesex

Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue

GREENWICH, SE10

Richard I, 52-54 Royal Hill

HAMMERSMITH, W6

Brook Green, 170 Shepherd's Bush Rd

Builders, 81 King St

Thatched House, 115 Dallington Rd

HAMPSTEAD, NW3

Flask, 14 Flank Walk

Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St

HARLESDEN, NW10

Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex

Castle, 18 Upper Square

Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd

ISLINGTON, N1

Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St

KENSINGTON

Britannia, 1 Allen St, W8

Britannia Tap, 150 Warwick Rd, W14

KEW, Surrey

Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green

KILBURN, NW6

Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, Surrey

Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill, Norbiton

Bishop Out of Residence,
2 Bishop's Hall, off Thames St

Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Rd

Spring Grove, 13 Bloomfield Rd

LAMBETH, SW8

Plough, 518 Wandsworth Rd

Prince of Wales, 90 Union Rd

Surprise, 16 Southville

LEE, SE12

Crown, 117 Burnt Ash Hill

LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5

Wickwood Tavern, 58 Flaxman Rd

MARYLEBONE, W1

Black Horse, 109 Marylebone High St

Wargrave Arms, 42 Brendon St

MAYFAIR, W1

Guinea, 30 Bruton Place

Windmill, 6-8 Mill St

MERTON, SW19

King's Head, 18 High St

Prince of Wales, 98 Morden Rd

MITCHAM, Surrey

Bull, 32 Church Rd

Cricketers, 340 London Rd

King's Arms, 260 London Rd

MORTLAKE, SW14

Charlie Butler, 40 High St

Jolly Gardeners,
36 Lower Richmond Rd

NORWICH

Hope, 49 High St, SE27

Railway Bell, 14 Cawnpore St, SE19

NOTTING HILL, W11

Duke of Wellington, 179 Portobello Rd

Oxford, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate

OXFORD

King's Arms, 40 Holywell St

OXSHOTT, Surrey

Bear, Leatherhead Rd

PIMLICO, SW1

Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank

Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd

Royal Oak, 1 Regency St

PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex

Fountain, Station Rd

PUTNEY, SW15

Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd

Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd

Green Man, Putney Heath

Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd

Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St

REDHILL, Surrey

Home Cottage, Redstone Hill

REGENT'S PARK, NW1

Queens, 49 Regent's Park Rd

Spread Eagle, 141 Albert St

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES, Surrey

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Old Ship, 3 King St

Orange Tree, 45 Kew Rd

Red Cow, 59 Shen Rd

Shafesbury Arms, 123 Kew Rd

Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd

Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane

White Cross, Riverside

ROEHAMPTON, SW15

Angel, 11 High St

Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square

ROTHERHITHE, SE16

Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St

SHERE, Surrey

Prince of Wales, Shere Lane

SOUTHWARK, SE1

Founders Arms, Bankside, 52 Hopton St
Prince William Henry, 217 Blackfriars Rd

STEPNEY

Holland's, 7-9 Exmouth St, E1

Queen's Head, 8 Flamborough St, E14

STREETHEAM, SW16

Bedford Park, 223 Streatham High Rd

Pied Bull, 498 Streatham High Rd

SURBITON, Surrey

Black Lion, 58 Brighton Rd

Victoria, 28 Victoria Rd

Waggon and Horses, 1 Surbiton Hill Rd

SUTTON, Surrey

Lord Nelson, 32 Lower Rd

New Town, 7 Lind Rd

Robin Hood, 52 West St

SYDENHAM, SE26

Bricklayers' Arms, 189 Dartmouth Rd

TEDDINGTON, Middlesex

Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd

Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane

THORNTON HEATH, Surrey

Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd

Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd

Railway Telegraph, 19 Brigstock Rd

TOOTING, SW17

Castle, 38 High St

Gorringe Park, 29 London Rd

Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane

Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex

Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd

Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep

WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey

Royal George, 130 Hersham Rd

Swan, 50 Manor Rd

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, Surrey

Chequers, Chequers Lane

WALLINGTON, Surrey

Duke's Head, 6 Manor Rd

WANDSWORTH, SW18

Alma, 499 York Rd

Brewery Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St

County Arms, 345 Trinity Rd

Crane, 14 Armoury Way

Gardeners' Arms, 268 Merton Rd

Grapes, 39 Fairfield St

Halfway House, 521 Carratt Lane

King's Arms, 96 Wandsworth High St

Old Sergeant, 104 Carratt Lane

Pig and Whistle, 481 Merton Rd

Queen Adelaide, 35 Putney Bridge Rd

Ship, 41 Jew's Row

Spread Eagle, 71 Wandsworth High St

Two Brewers, 147 East Hill

Wheat-sheaf, 30 Putney Bridge Rd

WESTMINSTER, SW1

Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France

WIMBLEDON, SW19

Alexandra, 33 Hill Rd

Crooked Billet, 15 Crooked Billet

Dog and Fox, 24 High St

Hand in Hand, 6 Crooked Billet

Rose and Crown, 55 High St

HIGHGATE MILD AT THREEPENCE A PINT?

Could this really be true? Has our illustrious joint editor gone off his head? Has the pressure of work and magazine deadlines finally got to him?

The answers to the above questions are "Yes", "No", and "Most likely" respectively but the important one is the first. On Wednesday 2nd October 1991 I drank a pint of M&B Highgate Mild which cost me the princely sum of threepence - and that was three old pence (3d) not 3p. They also had Springfield Bitter at the same price though I'm not sure where that actually came from following the recent closure of the Wolverhampton brewery - Highgate as well, I believe.

I suppose I should explain where this wonderful hostelry is and what the catch is. The pub is the New Inn which is located at the corner of High Street and Canal Street, Blists Hill, Shropshire. Blists Hill, I should explain, is one of the six major museums in the Ironbridge Gorge, cradle of the Industrial Revolution where Abraham Darby first smelted iron with coke instead of charcoal.

And the catch is that you can't just raid your old piggy bank and go to this pub; you have to go to the local branch of Lloyd's Bank and exchange some of your modern money into replica old currency. The rate of exchange is in a ratio of 1 to 96 so that the coins available have the following equivalent values. A farthing equals 10p; a halfpenny (or ha'penny) is worth 20p; a penny buys you 40p's worth of goods and the silver threepenny bit (not the modern twelve sided version) is the same as £1.20 at today's prices. So the beer was not that cheap after all.

On the other hand, if you have a few days to spare and are interested in industrial history the Ironbridge Gorge is an interesting place to while away the hours. I warn you though, it takes a minimum of two full days to have a decent look around at all of the museum sites. Of these, I found Blists Hill open air museum to be the most interesting. It covers 50 acres and is a mixture of existing buildings and others moved from other locations and reassembled brick by brick to produce a reconstruction of a small town at the turn of the

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



Boddingtons Brewery, Taken Over By Whitbread,
December 1989.

Your Local Ale Next?

century. The prices are also intended to reflect the same era.

The New Inn itself, complete with etched glass windows advertising Butler's Ales (while the main sign painted on the wall reads Mitchells and Butlers) was originally to be found in Walsall before it came here in 1983. It has three rooms comprising a bar; a tap room (where women were apparently allowed in) and a more comfortably furnished smoke room. There is also a club room upstairs where today they sell refreshments, hot and cold lunches and snacks.

For those whose interests range on to the more industrial, there is also a small working iron foundry; the only ironworks in the World which still produces wrought iron (this building was moved from Woolwich Dockyard where it was built in 1815, designed by Sir John Rennie) and a reconstructed steam driven winding engine located at the top of one of the original shafts of Blists Hill coal mine.

Andy Pirson

A PINT OF THE USUAL

It's far too easy to pop into your local, ask for a "pint of the usual" and get just that. A somewhat boring bitter. Drinkable, sinkable, but hardly inspiring.

At Ruddles we are firm believers that you only get out what you put in. That's why we use only the finest whole hops in the brewing process and handpick the best English Barley. Naturally, our yeast strains are unique and you can be sure that the water used is of the utmost purity. And, of course, Ruddles beers are only brewed at Langham – our home since 1858.


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You see the quality of our ingredients coupled with years of traditional brewing experience results in pints of distinction. Craftsman's beer. Bitter with a light head, strong

clear body and distinctive hoppy taste. Flavour that comes through whether you fancy a slow sup of County or a deep draught of Best Bitter. A little unusual perhaps, but more than a little popular.

Now, we're not suggesting you ask for a "pint of the unusual" next time you're in the pub – that could cause a little confusion. Just ask for Ruddles County or Ruddles Best Bitter and make sure the barman knows your preference. Then, the next time you're in, you **can** ask for a "pint of the usual" – and know that it isn't.



Tony Ruddles.

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14-18 March: Glasgow, UK. ScotHot 93. hotel, catering and licensed trade exhibition.

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25-29 April: LONDON, UK. International Food Exhibition.

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

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

1984: All issues (May 1 copy only)

1985 to date: All issues.

If you need any of the above for your collection, they are available at 50 pence each, post free, from: Stan Tompkins, 122 Manor Way, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

SMOKERS RULE OK?

Surveys for the 1992 Good Beer Guide show that non-smokers are getting a raw deal in our pubs.

The Guide, which this year introduces a special symbol to highlight pubs with no-smoking areas, features around 5,000 pubs, but less than a hundred offer facilities for non-smokers.



Demand for clean air is growing and the Guide's Editor, Jeff Evans, suggests several reasons why non-smokers are not catered for: "The major stumbling block seems to be the belief in the trade that pubs are unavoidably smoky, and that customers are happy with this. But, as has been seen in the restaurant business, the anti-smoking lobby is beginning to make a breakthrough", he said.

Mr Evans also blamed pub refurbishments which rendered premises open-plan, making it difficult for licensees to segregate smoking and non-smoking areas. "This is just another reason why the old pub layout of several small rooms was so preferable", he added. "As well as providing rooms which catered for all sections of the community, the old style pubs would also have been able to keep both smokers and non-smokers happy. It wouldn't be a bad thing

if we returned to the days of the Smoke Room in pubs."

The attitude of the big brewers and larger pub chains is also unhelpful. Whilst some fit air-cleansing equipment, most draw the line at actively promoting smoke-free areas, except for dining. Often the decision is left to the pub's licensee. But Bass, for one, does seem to be taking the matter seriously, hoping to expand its number of smoke-free areas in the near future, and some smaller pub chains have also taken the issue on board. The North East-based Legendary Yorkshire Heroes chain offers no-smoking facilities in about half of its 18 pubs, for instance.

"We appreciate that for many drinkers a smoky atmosphere is part and parcel of pub life. But, from the letters I receive, it is clear that non-smoking drinkers are so fed up with other people's smoke that they are boycotting public houses, preferring to drink at home", concluded Mr Evans. "Many indicate that they would visit pubs more if smoke-free areas were available, and, with so many licensees in financial difficulty, looking after non-smokers as well as smokers could prove to be in the pub's own interest."



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