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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 NORTHCOTE
E14 QUEENS HEAD
E15 PRINCESS OF WALES
E15 THEATRE ROYAL BAR
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
E17 COPPERMILL
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 SOUTHWARK TAVERN
SE1 WELLINGTON
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE9 PARK TAVERN
SE9 ROYAL ELTHAM
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
SE10 BRITISH SAILOR
SE10 FROG & RADIATOR
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MANOR TAVERN
SE16 MOBY DICK
SE17 CROWN
SE17 TANKARD
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 COOPERS ARMS
(PLAISTED'S)
SE18 GATEHOUSE
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE19 RAILWAY BELL
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
SE20 ANERLEY ARMS
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE24 PRINCE REGENT

SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK
SE25 SHIP
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
SE27 HOPE
SE27 GIPSY QUEEN
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
CROYDON, DOG & BULL
CROYDON, LION

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.

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
WC2 YORKSHIRE GREY
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
WC2 GEORGE IV
WC2 LYCEUM
WC2 FREEMASONS ARMS
N1 COMPTON ARMS
N1 EARL OF RADNOR
N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN
N1 GEORGE IV
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
N1 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 TOLL GATE
N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN
N12 TILTED GLASS
N15 GOAT
N15 K. K. MCCOOLS
N16 ROSE & CROWN
N16 TANNERS HALL

N17 BOAR
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NARROW BOAT
N19 DOG
N19 J. J. MOONS
N20 BULL & BUTCHER
N20 CAVALIER
N21 DOG & DUCK
N22 MOON UNDER WATER
N22 NELSON
BARNET, ALEXANDRA
BARNET, OLD MITRE
BARNET, TRENT TAVERN
BARNET, WEAVER
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 DUCK INN
NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS
NW1 MAN IN THE MOON
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
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
SW1 RED LION
SW1 ROYAL OAK
SW1 UNICORN, Victoria Place
(above Station Concourse)
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR
SW2 J.J. MOONS
SW3 COOPERS ARMS

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EDITORIAL

Pity the poor 'ordinary' drinker! Apart from the odd 'oasis' and a few areas of the Midlands and North West (e.g. Holt's), where can that stalwart of brewery supporters, the so called 'standard' bitter drinker, find a value for money pint?

All of the big brewers and many of the regionals have managed to convince themselves that "you must not sell cheap beer". So, why then, you might ask, do they practically give the stuff away to supermarket chains, offer enormous discounts to clubs and proffer large discounts to individual free houses?

The answer, in my opinion, is that in many cases the brewers do not want to run public houses and indeed, have lost the expertise. (Where is that great character - the old fashioned brewery rep? - Now replaced by a be-suited briefcase carrying university graduate salesperson).

So, in their managed houses, they set the price at "that which the market can bear" and to their tenancies and other tied leasehold houses, they set price conditions of rent and barrellage prices, so they have to follow suit. And, guess who is the one to suffer most? Yes, **you** the drinker, who wants a low gravity tasty volume beer. To support this argument, let us take the case of prices in a typical South London pub.

Standard Bitter 1035 o.g.	126p pint
Premium Bitter 1043 o.g.	135p pint
Winter Ale 1055 o.g.	140p pint

Now, if calculations are done on the cost of beer from the brewery, and then apply the same percentage mark-up, you come to an interesting result compared to a small West Country Brewery (N.B. not mine!).

	100% Mark up
Ordinary Bitter 1035 p.g.	110p pint
Best Bitter 1042 o.g.	120p pint
Old Something 1050 o.g.	140p pint
i.e. in the first case	14p pint difference
in the second case	30p pint difference

between standard and winter beers. By the way, having done the beer costing myself, the second example of prices are totally logical, the same percentage mark-up having been applied to the cost of each strength of brew.

Whilst I have no objection to paying £1.40 for a pint of 1050 o.g. (5% ABV) beer, I do feel, as a quantity drinker, somewhat miffed at having to pay exorbitant prices for an 'ordinary' pint to subsidise cheap lager drinking at home.

To put my money where my mouth is, so to speak, I follow the second type of pricing in my pub at The Wyndham Arms in Salisbury. My ordinary bitter is £1, while my Premium 1050 o.g. Beer, Summer Lightning, is £1.33. The net result has been that the high turnover of ordinary beer (G.F.B.) has been attained, and, so far, there has been no noticeable downturn due to the recession.

John Gilbert

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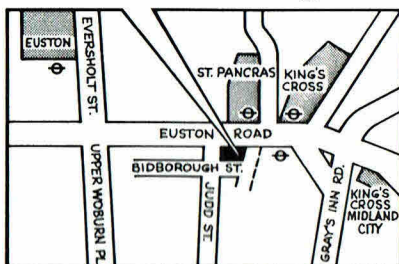
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CARRYING A TORCH

Barry Jones is the Inspector Morse of the beer world, ceaselessly looking for unspeakable crimes in the dark and dusty corners of pub cellars. In the best traditions of the constabulary, he carries a torch rather than a gun and he is quick to blow the whistle on any publicans guilty of serving beer that might cause grievous liverish harm to drinkers at the bar.

In common with Morse, Jones enjoys a drop of ale while detecting but his tasting is not purely for pleasure. His practised nostrils and tongue are seeking aromas and flavours that might indicate that the beer should be locked up and the key thrown away.

Jones is the trade liaison brewer for Ind Coope of Burton-on-Trent. He is the driving force behind Ind Coope's Guild of Master Cellarmen, set up to create enthusiasm among publicans for Burton Ale, the company's flagship cask beer.

When Burton Ale was named CAMRA's "Champion Beer of Britain" last August the reaction was akin to Hiredelle or Black Tower being nominated Wines of the Decade.

Ind Coope is not small. It is part of the vast Allied-Lyons conglomerate that is also responsible for such decidedly unlovely products as Skol and Castlemaine XXXX. Burton Ale is the first beer brewed by a national company to win the championship since its inception in the late 1970s.

Burton Ale won the accolade because Ind Coope, the Gallo brothers of brewing, produce one magnificent ale, the quality of which is rigorously checked not only in the brewery but by Barry Jones and his inspectors out in the trade.

Burton was launched as a draught cask-conditioned beer in 1976 but its origins are much older. It is rooted in the great tradition of strong pale ales developed in Burton-on-Trent. The distinctiveness of a Burton pale ale lies in the hard, gypsum-rich spring water that bubbles up from wells beneath the small Midlands town.

It is a beer whose reputation can be ruined by poor work in the pub. The Guild of Master Cellarmen was set up to encourage good cellar techniques and a crystal-clear pint in the glass.

Barry Jones spends his life on the road visiting pubs, armed with torch and clipboard.

There are 450 members of the guild. They receive a signed scroll, a clip for their handpumps and a plaque, all of which can be removed if Jones thinks they have become slipshod.

"The cellar is the engine room of the pub", Jones says. For a publican to be considered for guild membership he must sell a minimum of 12 gallons of Burton a week and empty each cask within three days to avoid oxidation.

"I like to taste the beer during normal opening hours", he added. "I drink the beer the punters drink. Ale should be good at 10.30 in the morning - there's no excuse for a bad pint at any time."

Norman Scott runs The Gardens in Stapenhill, Derbyshire. He is a long-standing guild member but he had had the misfortune to be struck down by a flu virus on the day Barry Jones called to make a routine inspection. Jones asked for a half pint of Burton, sipped it without much appreciation and then called for the cellar keys.

The inspection was long and painstaking. The thermometer stood at 58°F - "a bit high for this time of year." Jones recommends 54 degrees in summer and 58 in winter. He checked the dates on each cask to see when they were filled and when finings were added. Finings are made from fish bladders and clear the yeasty deposit.

Jones noted all the dates on a detailed chart attached to his clipboard. They told him whether Scott was rotating his stock correctly and serving fresh beer. Then he was down on his knees, torch flashing as he inspected every nook and cranny. Casks of real ale are vented and open to the atmosphere, which means they are prey to infection. He found dust at the foot of the delivery shute, a crack in the cellar floor that was filled with water and some damp on the walls that could lead to mould forming.

Now the torch was being guided along the plastic beer lines that take the beer from cellar to bar when the handpump is pulled. Jones was looking to see if there was yeast in suspension, which would indicate that the beer had not fined correctly. All was well on that score but

Jones was only prepared to mark the cellar with a B.

"The beer was slightly acetic at the bar", he said as he left. "That means it had been standing in the pipes for some time". He recommends that a couple of pints are pulled off at the start of every session to get rid of stale beer.

"B is acceptable for the cellar but the beer standard is not good enough. The pub will have to be revisited within three months. If all the problems are ironed out he will be approved for membership of the guild for the next year".

Ray Ashley has the unenviable job of running the Roebuck, which stands across the road from Ind Coope's Burton brewery and is used by brewery workers and company executives. If his Burton Ale is in less than top nick the message will flash across the road.

Barry Jones had his customary half at the bar and judged it to be impeccable. Then, torch and clipboard at the ready, he marched down to the small cellar and started to peer and pry. The temperature was 53°, a shade low but acceptable: too low and cask beer will get a "chill haze".

To an untutored eye, the cellar appeared to be pristine. Jones found no dust or mould but he thought the drain hole could be cleaner and spanners and pliers lying on a rack should be tidied away in a box.

The bung holes of the casks were clean and dry to ward off infection but one fresh cask of Burton was still "working", with gas forcing bubbles of beer up through the soft venting peg. "That will have to be hard pegged or the beer will lose its condition," Jones said.

He finished filling in his survey form and, rather harshly, awarded Ashley only a B. "But it's a good B". The guild checks had an important knock-on effect, Jones added. "If the Burton Ale is in good condition then all the other cask beers are likely to be good, too."

Back in the bar, Ray Ashley said the cellar checks were welcomed by good publicans. "A pint of beer is expensive and we must give good value. People look for the Cellarman clip on the pumps - it's good for business. And Barry keeps me on my toes."

And Jones, clipboard now firmly under his arm, called for one last half of the Burton, just in case a freak yeast infection had hit the Roebuck.

from the Week End Guardian

A LABOUR OF NEGLECT?

The LABOURING BOYS is one of only two pubs on Worton Road, Isleworth, a heavily populated area in that part of the Borough of Hounslow. A former Isleworth Brewery house, this Watney pub is perhaps the closest of all to the now defunct brewhouse. At a recent council planning meeting planners sought permission to demolish the pub for commercial use. After a petition was raised by local residents, the council rejected the planning application.

The latest new, however, is not good. The pub, long neglected by Watneys, is set to be closed and boarded up. It appears that the land on which it stands is owned by the council and leased to Watneys and the tenants as well as locals are upset by Watneys' decision to close the pub when its lease expires at the end of the year. For many years Watneys have refused to invest in this large characterful, two roomed pub whose only competition is the Royal Oak

which has recently been refurbished and turned into a one bar pub by Fullers.

On a recent visit to the "Boys", I was told by the landlady, Jackie, that they are soon to reduce their opening hours from 12.00 - 4.00 and 7.00 - 11.00 as a result of dropping trade. The pub sells only one traditional ale, Websters Yorkshire Bitter, and a guest ale would unfortunately not be commercially viable considering the drop in sales. Ironically, sales increased sharply while the Royal Oak opposite was closed for its refurbishment, but this soon changed when the work was completed.

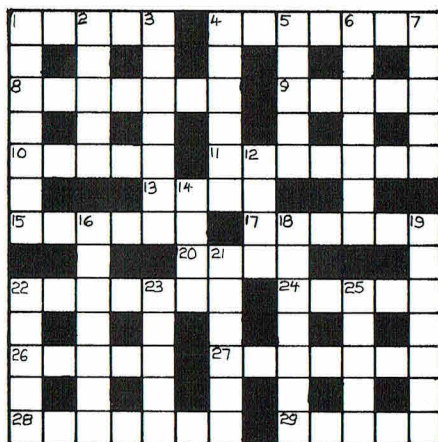
This is, yet again, a case of a national brewer refusing to invest in a pub situated in a heavily populated area with a great commercial potential. What is more sad is that there is no opportunity for the tenant to sell guest beers to increase the popularity of his pub owing to the brewery's neglect of the fabric of the building.

Doug Scott

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

SPECIAL PRIZE TO BE WON



ACROSS

1. Shilling added to supporters money. [5]
4. Ape or other animal. [4,3]
8. I'd press out these creatures! [7]
9. An acting job is different. [5]
10. Change at noon? [5]
11. Following American soldier into pub. [7]
13. It's still the night before. [4]
15. Me, rude? Never! [6]
17. Place for beer down under? [6]
20. He's found in a canoe lately. [4]
22. Give them a hand and they'll perform. [7]
24. But they may be odds. [5]
26. Tend to be right in fashion. [5]
27. Came to study about revolutionary. [7]
28. Tidy servant. [7]
29. Cut off valuables initially for noblemen. [5]

DOWN

1. Unpleasant fellow is evil about celebrity. [7]
2. Get up for a knight. [5]
3. Lean on southern banker [7]
4. Throw the French below fortress. [6]
5. Crash quietly told, I hear. [5]
6. Opportunity to have over forty in church. [7]
7. To talk endlessly is the result. [5]
12. It's uniquely found in prison cells. [4]
14. It opens between eleven and twelve. [4]
16. Mad hope to become cleaner. [7]
18. Rise and leave ET distressed. [7]
19. Desires ruin lives. [7]
21. Large quarry bird. [6]
23. Duck down. [5]
25. Surrey town is somewhat fresher. [5]

Name.....

Address.....

All correct entries received by first post on 27th March will be entered into a draw for **TWO SEASON TICKETS** to the 1991 GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL.

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

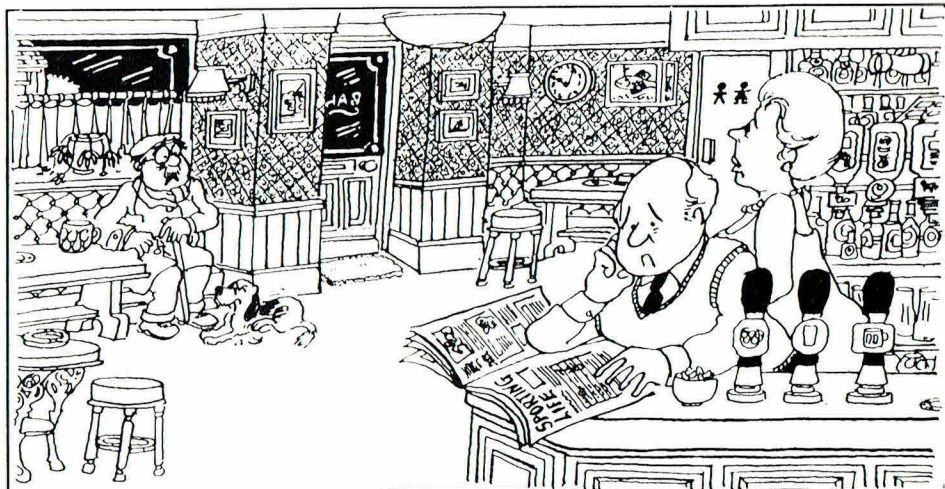
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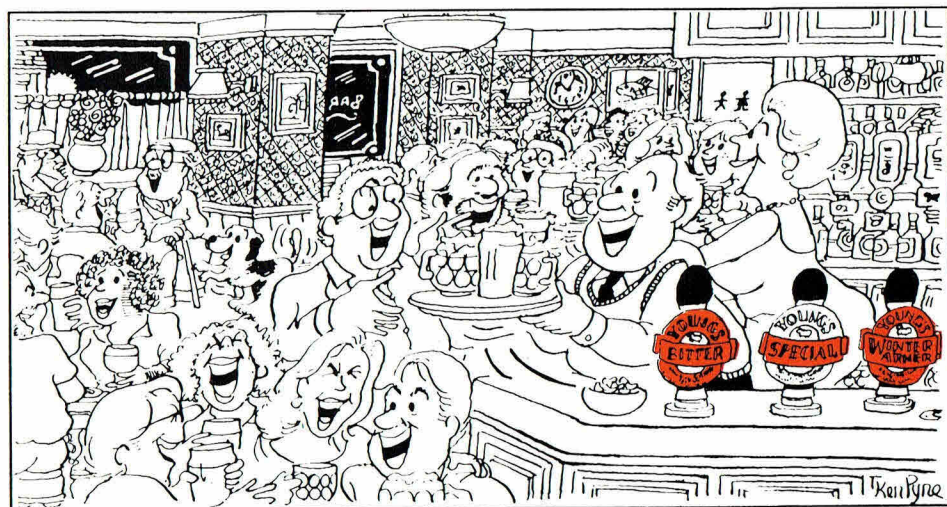


Winner of the prize for the December crossword:
Sharon Wheatley, 34 Chase Side Avenue,
London SW20 8LU

Other correct entries were received from:
Graham Bray, A.P.Comaish, Mrs Dubash,
Ian Fairweather, Derek Gibson, Elaine Glover,
Eileen Graves, John Heekin, Alison Henley,
Odd John (Colchester), Mike Jolly,
Phil Kempton, Mrs G.M.Lines, Rab Noolas,
369 A/sgt W.Priestley, Ken Seymour,
Jim Skea, Norma Stitz, C.Tinson, "Troglodyte",
Chris Whithouse, Steve "The Fez" Williams,
Susan Wilson, D.Woodward, Yak.
There were also 2 incorrect entries.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



The answer is in any Young's pub.

Telephone 081-870 0141 for a complete list.

IDLE MOMENTS

Do you know? There's something enjoyable yet worthwhile about compiling this column. It is enjoyable because it lets me think about all of you out there racking your brains just to solve these silly little riddles that I present to you each month. But it is worthwhile because as we all know it is better to recycle things than just throw them away. So here I am reusing all this rubbish. Good, isn't it. For example, several of the number puzzles are borrowed from Reach, the charity for children with hand or arm deficiency and the trivia questions are taken directly from a quiz I organised for the Social Club at work.

Well that's enough padding for the start of this month's column - I'll bet you don't read it anyway - so we'll plough straight into the answers to February's number puzzles:

1. 1912 Sinking of the Titanic
2. 6 King Henry's Wives (Two Lost their Heads)
3. 37 Degrees Celsius is Normal Body Temperature
4. 3 Steps to Heaven (by Eddie Cochran)
5. 405 Lines on an Old Television
6. 40 Life Begins at this Age
7. 7 Players in a Water Polo Team
8. 101 Dalmatians (Walt Disney Film)
9. 1 Top of the Pops
10. 12 Zeroes in a Billion (in the United Kingdom)

And here are this month's:

1. 100 YW
2. 999 OLT a T
3. 3 LP
4. 041 DC for G
5. 1000 MM in a M
6. 7 SA-S (TD of C)
7. 240 OP in the P
8. 5 GL in NA
9. 1977 RRW the GN
10. 221 BBS (SHH)

And without more ado we shall get on with the brewery anagrams, last month's first:

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. ROPED IDLE PEG | ELDRIDGE POPE |
| 2. WE ROOF ODDS | WOODFORDES |
| 3. DAMN FLIES | MANSFIELDS |
| 4. LARD SLAB | BALLARDS |
| 5. AIDS RAPE | PARADISE |

And, as if you hadn't guessed already, this month's:

1. BURLY NEW COCK
2. DOLLYS
3. CRASHER
4. MOROSE AXLE
5. LATE SLUTS

It seems that the negatives with no positives (not in common usage anyway) are catching on. The other day I received the following letter from the Branch Contact for West London, Robert McGowan, in with their branch diary information.

Dear Editors,

Your recent articles on unusual negatives made me wonder about how many words there are in English which are seldom or never used in their positive sense.

A few examples:

BIOTIC: promoting or sustaining life [opp. antibiotic]

COUTH: knowledgeable, cultured, refined [opp. uncouth]

FECK: effective [opp. feckless]

GAUM: knowledge, understanding [opp. gaumless, usually misspelt gormless]

MACULATE: spotted [opp. immaculate]

PLACABLE: able to be pleased [opp. implacable]

PREGNABLE: capturable [opp. impregnable]

RECK: care, attention [opp. reckless]

RUTH: compassion [opp. ruthless]

SIPID: tasty [opp. insipid]

All this has nothing to do with real ale, of course, but I hope that bit has made you more gaumful.

Yours faithfully,

Robert McGowan

Thanks Robert, it's nice to know that there's someone out there who enjoys this rubbish. You may not believe this but there are some people who think this column shouldn't exist. But then, why should I worry? None of them have yet volunteered to replace us as editors.

And now, as I mentioned at the start here is another round from my firm's Social Club quiz. As before, if you've mislaid February's London Drinker you can have a go at concocting some questions to suit these answers:

Contd. from p.9

1. Gate of Heavenly Peace
2. John H. Glenn
3. James Thurber
4. George Gershwin
5. Sandown Park
6. Ringo Starr
7. Douglas Adams
8. Hope
9. 36
10. Pepsi Cola

So here is round three:

1. Who was the architect of the new Coventry Cathedral?
2. What was John Lennon's original second christian name? (He later changed it to "Ono")
3. What is the most common surname in Japan?
4. Who was the world's first woman Prime Minister?

5. Who invented the gramophone (using discs rather than the cylinders of Edison's phonograph)?
6. What is the fifth book of the Bible?
7. The world's first inter city railway was built by Robert Stevenson. What two cities did it link?
8. Who was the England Rugby Union team captain when they won their last Grand Slam title in 1980?
9. What colour of Smarties were banned in the USA?
10. How many funnels do you get if you add the Queen Elizabeth to the Queen Mary and the Lusitania?

Well that's it for another month. By the time you read the next edition Spring will be here; the clocks will have gone forward and Easter will be upon us - or perhaps gone if you don't get your Drinker hot off the press.

Lang may your lum reek!

Andy Pirson

CAMRA GOES 1992

CAMRA has joined forces with similar beer consumers organisations in Europe to form the "European Beer Consumers Union".

There are three major issues for which this group will campaign in Europe:

1. Effective legislation on the labelling of beer, i.e. ingredients and brewing source.
2. Takeovers and mergers not to be allowed unless the parties can prove that the new larger company will actually be of benefit to the consumers.
3. Continuing discussions with appropriate Government Departments to standardize excise duties throughout the EC.

Although by necessity it is early days in the relationship it is already clear that the member groups have much in common. This means that in addition to our National Campaign we can address common issues with one voice, particularly important with 1992 approaching, and an increasing involvement of the EEC in the beer industry.

MOVE THAT MILD - CONTAINER CONTROL

One of the major problems for the keen landlord

who wishes to sell cask mild is that many brewers do not supply it in small enough containers to help the licensee look after it properly.

CAMRA believes that the European Commission has come to the rescue on this issue -

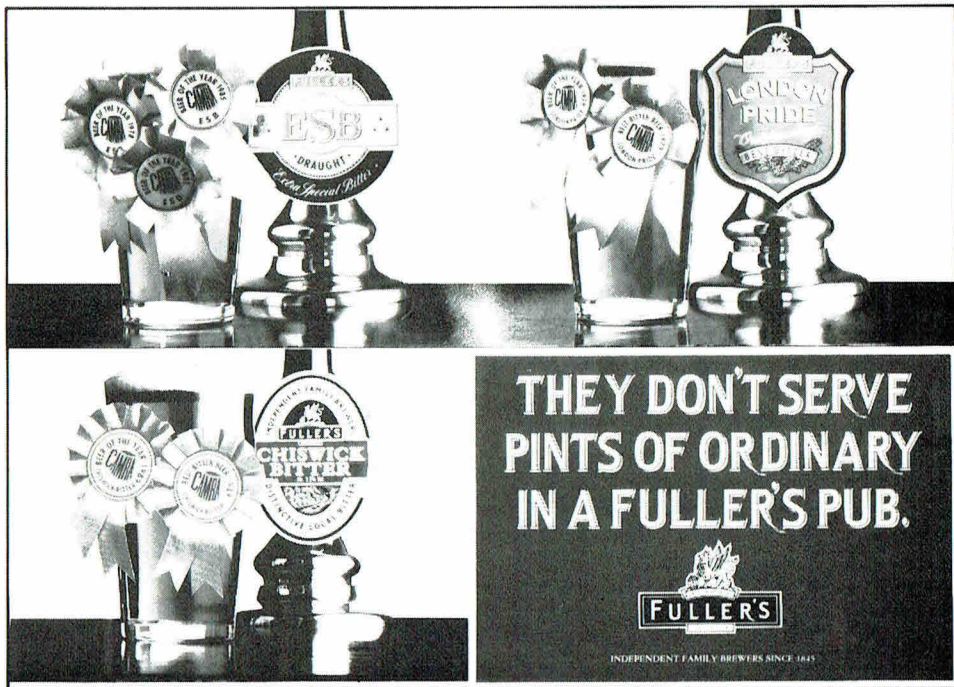
Regulation 1984/83 states that brewers are required to supply beer in "sufficient" quantities and we believe that this covers suitably small quantities as well as large ones. We are keen to find a licensee prepared to challenge his brewery over this issue since many companies are loathe to supply mild in 9 or 11 gallon containers. If you are a landlord of a tied house (loan tie as well) and are feeling brave please contact John Kelly at the address below who will happily supply further details.

John Kelly

54 Motherwell Road
Carfin
Lanarkshire ML1 4JL

(0698) 66806 H

(0698) 66111 Ext. 2142 W



LONDON BREWED REAL ALES IN WATNEY PUBS AGAIN

Isleworth once had its own brewery. Now it is merely a bottling plant and depot distributing Watney beers to pubs in the area and until recently the beer scene in Isleworth was quite depressing.

Now, however, things have changed and it is in Watney's pubs where most of the changes have come. In the **KINGS ARMS**, South Street you can buy Fuller's London Pride. The same guest beer is also to be had at the **IRON BRIDGE** on London Road, though previous to this the landlord was selling Felinfoel Double Dragon from Llanelli, a real rarity in this part of London. Ironically, the beer is available for 4 pence a pint less than in the Fuller's tied house just down the road.

A most welcome choice at the **ROSE & CROWN**, also in London Road, is King & Barnes Old Ale though it is expected that this will revert to the former choice of K&B Festive once the winter is over. The **RED LION** in Linkfield Road is a Courage pub which offers both Wadworth 6X and Young's

Special giving customers a good choice alongside the expected Best and Directors.

As Fuller's is also available in the **FOX** in Twickenham and the **SOUTH WESTERN** on the borders of Hounslow and Whiston, it would seem that the Chiswick Brewery is making the most of the guest beer market, distributing its products through a local wholesaler.

Not content with the local market, London Pride has even become a guest beer in a Bateman's tied house in Lincoln. As Bateman's has appeared in the **BUILDERS ARMS** in Teddington. Is this the end of the north south divide?

It seems that unlike some parts of the country this corner of south west London, and Isleworth in particular, is making the most of the change to the law following the recommendations of the MMC.

Doug Scott

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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 30.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Mon 4 Carshalton Crawl. Start GREYHOUND (Swan Bar, dep. 8.45) then RACEHORSE and RAILWAY TAVERN - Thu 14 London Drinker Beer Festival Visit. 19.29 train from East Croydon or 8.00 at the Camden Centre - Tue 19 Croydon Crawl. Start ROYAL STANDARD (dep. 8.45), Sheldon Street then STAR and WHEELWRIGHTS - Tue 26 (8.00) Branch Meeting. PRINCE OF DENMARK, Portland Road, SE25.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 4 (7.30 for 8.00) BRANCH AGM. APPROACH TAVERN, E2 - Thu 7 (8.30) Stepney Social. FISH & RING, 141A White Horse Road, E1 - Mon 18 (7.30 for 8.00) GBG Selection Meeting. DUNDEE ARMS, 339 Cambridge Heath Road, E2 - Wed 27 (8.00) "Hackney Hop". ROBIN HOOD, Shacklewell Lane, E8 then LADY DIANA (9.30), Forest Road - Thu 4 Apr (8.30) Stepney Social. FISH & RING, 141A White Horse Road, E1 - Mon 8 Apr Branch Meeting. Venue to be arranged.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Wed 6 (8.30) Branch Meeting. OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road, N2 - Wed 13 (5.00 onwards) Social. London Drinker Beer Festival - Tue 19 (9.00) New Pub Social. WHOLE HOG (Wetherspoon), 430-434 Green Lanes, N13 - Thu 28 (9.00) Social. TRENT TAVERN, Cockfosters Road, Cockfosters - Mon 1 Apr (9.00) Easter Monday Social. OLD WHEATSHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill, Enfield (Pub games optional!).

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 3 (Noon) Social. PLOUGH, Worcester Park - Tue 12 (8.30) GBG Selection Meeting. COCOANUT, Mill Street, Kingston (All interested branch members please attend) - Sun 17 (Noon) Joint MILD Social with Reigate & Redhill Branch. BLUE BALL, Walton on the Hill - Tue 19 (8.30) Business Meeting. VICTORIA, Victoria Road, Surbiton - Sun 7 Apr. (Noon) Social. BARLEY MOW, Epsom.

NORTH LONDON: Sunday Socials in March (12.00). CROCKERS, Aberdeen Place, NW8 - Tue 5 (8.00) Pre-Festival Bill-Posting Social. Meet at SKINNERS ARMS, Judd Street, WC1 - Tue 12 NO SOCIAL because of London Drinker Beer Festival - Wed 13 to Fri 15 London Drinker Beer Festival. See advert for details. - Tue 19 (8.00) Social. J J MOONS, Landseer Road, N19 - Thu 28 (8.00) Social and Presentation to Lincsee. ROSETTI, Queen's Grove, NW8 (Note the day - THURSDAY) - Sunday Socials in April (12.00) LORD PALMERSTON, Dartmouth Park Hill, NW5 - Tue 2 Apr (8.00) Social and New Members' Evening (Free pint for new members). SPREAD EAGLE, Albert Street (off Parkway), NW1.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 5 (8.30) Committee Meeting. BUILDERS ARMS, 38 Field Lane, Teddington - Tue 12 (8.30) Social. EARL RUSSELL, 274 Hanworth Road, Hounslow - Mon 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. NORTH STAR, 84 North Road, Brentford.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 11 (8.00) Committee/Branch Meeting. ANCHOR TAP, 28 Horselydown Lane, SE1 - Thu 28 (8.00) Social. WICKHAM ARMS, 69 Upper Brockley Hill, SE4.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Tue 5 (8.30) Social. CROWN & CROOKED BILLET, 13 Cross Road, Woodford Green - Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting (GBG Selection). PLOUGH, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (O.S. TQ 538970) - Tue 19 (8.30) Social. PRINCE OF WALES, Roman Road (B1002), Mountnessing - Tue 26 (8.30) Quiz Night. BEAR INN, Noak Hill Road, Noak Hill - Thu 28 (2.15) Brewery Trip to Morlands. Phone Branch Contact for details - Wed 3 Apr (8.30) Social. WARREN WOOD, Epping New Road A104, Buckhurst Hill.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Fri 1 (8.00) Informal Branch Meeting & Social to discuss and celebrate (we hope) the Battersea Beerex. GREYHOUND, 151 Greyhound Lane, Streatham, SW16 - Thu 14 (7.30) Branch Meeting (GBG 1992 Selection). RAILWAY TAVERN, 16 Clapham High Street, SW4.

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LOOKING BACK...

Snippets from our Archives

March 1981 issue, 10 years ago, bewailed the impending and seemingly inevitable closure of the Courage Horsleydown Brewery. At the time it was hoped to have it made a listed building with a view to preservation and to force Courage to reconsider its fate. So much for hindsight. On the other side of the coin, David Bruce had just opened his first pub north of the Thames, the Frog & Firkin, W11. At that stage he had two others, the Goose & Firkin, Southwark and the Fox & Firkin, Lewisham.

A new beer on the market was Taylor Walker bitter, described as "A very nice drop of beer, although rather expensive for what it is". In the same paragraph is a reference for contrast (though no actual price was mentioned in the first case) of Charles Wells Eagle Bitter for 46p a pint in the Hope & Anchor in the Cut, SE1.

Five years ago

The cover of the March 1986 issue bore the headline "ROMFORD GOES FIZZ" above a Stop Press repeating that all real ale production had ceased at Romford, and that henceforth all real Allied beers in the London area would

come from Burton. It ended hopefully: "We look forward to vast and overdue improvements".

The Falcon & Firkin - David Bruce's first pub in East London, had recently opened in Hoxton. Mild drinkers were informed of the availability of their favourite tipple; Marston Border Mild at 88p in Marler's, N4; Brains Dark at 96p in the new Priory Inn, N8; and Gales Dark Mild at 88p in the Trafalgar, SW19.

A resume appeared of the history of one of London's oldest breweries, then 308 years old and now defunct - Truman's, Brick Lane, E1.

"Prices news" referred to widely-differing prices in a small area of West Kensington - between 82p for Charrington IPA to Wethereds at 94p. The same item gave the extremes for the Sun in Holborn from 72p for the house beer, Advocate Ale (og 1032), to Marston Owd Roger (1080) at £1.70. Suggested at the same establishment as reasonably good value for the area was well-kept Brakspears at 88p. Elsewhere in the same issue it was stated that the current AVERAGE price nationally for a pint was 75p, compared to 34p in July 1979 and 63p in July 1983.

A (REVISED) DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE

In the East London News bit of the December edition of London Drinker (known to its friends as "A Dicky in your Bottle") we reported that Martin and Janine Heather had moved from the DRUM in Lea Bridge Road to the MAN IN THE MOON in Chalk Farm. We now hear from our North London correspondent, Will Williams, that Martin and Janine have now surfaced at the Wetherspoon's pub in N19,

JJ Moons, where there is an ever expanding portfolio of small brewers' products.

J J Moons is listed in the 1991 Good Beer Guide as selling Greene King IPA and Abbot Ale; Marston's pedigree; Theakston's XB and Younger's Scotch. Will does not give details of what the small brewers' products are so you will have to go and find out for yourselves (safe in the knowledge that you should get a good pint).

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WEST LONDON: Wed 13 (8.00) Pimlico Pub Crawl. Start RISING SUN, Ebury Bridge Road then ORANGE BREWERY (9.00), Pimlico Road and FOX & HOUNDS (10.00), Passmore Street - Thu 21 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BEEHIVE, Homer Street W1

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 5 (8.30) Games Evening. SWALLOW, Long Lane, Hillingdon - Wed 13 (8.00) Branch Meeting. KINGS HEAD, 214 High Street, Acton, W3 - EALING BEER FESTIVAL helpers needed at EALING TOWN HALL. Setting up from 1.00 on Wed 20. Festival open Fri 22 & Sat 23 12.00 to 11.00. Clearing up Sun 24 12.00 to 6.00.

Deadline for the April edition, 1st March. Material for May edition to arrive by 3rd April. **Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pilson.**

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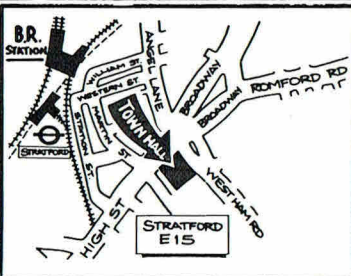
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LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the London Drinker Beer Festival. If you've been before you will know what to expect. If not, you should be in for a pleasant experience.

Last year's festival was so popular that we sold out earlier than we expected. For those of you disappointed, we apologise. So this time we have ordered extra beer. We have a large range of beers from Wessex and the North East. Most of the latter are from small breweries that are not normally available in London. Thanks to changes resulting from the MMC report, tenants of national brewers are allowed to take

one guest beer. This means that a lot of the beers at the festival could be in your local. If you find one you particularly like, why not ask your licensee to stock it?

Amongst the beers available, we also have 15 milds, all of which are available on Wednesday evening. For the availability of other beers, please see the beer list.

As with all CAMRA beer festivals, this festival is staffed entirely by volunteers. We hope you enjoy the Festival and will come again.

Ian Hasell
Festival Organiser

FOOD AT THE FESTIVAL

This year our famous "Sausage Kitchen" will again be bringing you O'Hagan's Real Ale sausages. The British Banger as it should be! Made from pork, a little rusk, a dash of real ale and no preservatives or additives, these slightly spiced sausages are served with home-made mash and baked beans. Or you can enjoy them in crusty French bread.

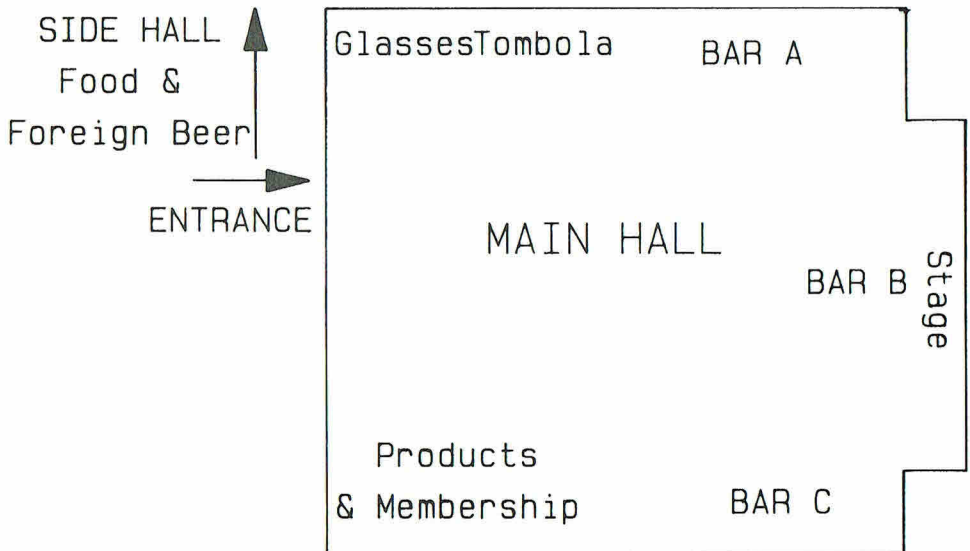
Also on the menu are authentic giant Cornish pasties, vegetable samosas and onion bhajis.

For the lover of spicy food, there is the CAMRA chilli, a popular favourite at CAMRA beer festivals.

For those not wanting hot food, there are giant baps and "torpedo" rolls, filled with ham or cheese. A meal in themselves!

The "Sausage Kitchen" will be open in the side hall from 12 to 2.30 and from 5.30 to 9 every day. Rolls and Baps will also be available on the bars.

Bon appetit!



THE BEERS

Beers marked# are available Wednesday only Beers marked * are available from Thursday onwards - All beers subject to availability

BAR A

BUTTERKNOWLE, North East

Bitter (1038) Butterknowle is a small brewery from the North East

- * Black Diamond (1050)

ELDRIDGE POPE, Dorchester

- * Dorchester Bitter (1033, ABV 3.3%) Well balanced with a hoppy aftertaste
- * Thomas Hardy Country Bitter (1041, ABV 4.2%)
- * Royal Oak (1048, ABV 5%) A slightly sweet, fruity, malty brew

HARDY & HANSONS, Nottingham

- # Mild (1035 ABV 3.1%) Dark, sweet and slightly malty

HOOK NORTON, Banbury

- # Mild (1035 ABV 2.9%) Hoppy, malty and highly drinkable

LEES, Manchester

- # GB Mild (1032 ABV 3%) Fruity sweet with a dry aftertaste

MA PARDOES, Netherton

- # Mild (1034 ABV 3.2%)

MANSFIELD

- # Riding Mild (1035 ABV 3.1%) Dark chocolate malt with a dash of fruit

MOLES, Melksham

Bitter (1040 ABV 4%) Malty with some bitterness

- * 97 (1050 ABV 5%) Sweet, malty but with a hoppy bitterness

MOORHOUSE, Burnley

Black Cat Mild (1034 ABV) New beer from this 1979 brewery

MORRELLS, Oxford

Dark (1033 ABV 3.2%) Refreshing fruity beer

- * Varsity (1041 ABV 4.1%) A robust malty, hoppy brew
- * Graduate (1051 ABV 5.3%) Pleasantly bitter

PALMERS, Bridport

IPA (1039 ABV 4.3%) Hoppy with a good balance of malt and fruit

PILGRIM, Reigate

XXXX Mild (1042 ABV 4%) Strong malty flavour

TIMOTHY TAYLORS, Keighley

Landlord (1042 ABV 4.3%) Distinctive, hoppy and fruity

- * Porter (1043 ABV 4.4%) Rich and sweet

TOLLY (IPSWICH)

Mild (1032) New brews from the recently re-opened brewery

Bitter (1035)

Original (1038)

WADSWORTH, Devizes

- * IPA (1034 ABV 3.8%) Very malty and flavoursome
- * Farmers Glory (1046 ABV 4.5%) Hoppy beer with a dry aftertaste

BRITISH EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

This year the charity at the Festival is the British Epilepsy Association. There are tens of thousands of epilepsy sufferers and the Association was formed to help them try and overcome the problems and difficulties that

are inherent with this complaint. Any money raised at the festival will go towards this work and to help fund further research into epilepsy.

Charity boxes can be found on all the bars. Odd change is always welcome!

BAR B

BIG LAMP, Newcastle upon Tyne

Bitter (1040 ABV 4.5%) Well hopped

Prince Bishop (1048 ABV 5.5%) Nicely balanced and hoppy

* Old Genie (1068 ABV 8%) Dark and sweet

CROPTON, Pickering

Two Pints (1040 ABV 4%) Full flavoured

HADRIAN, Newcastle upon Tyne

Gladiator (1039 ABV 4%) Smooth and flavoursome

Centurion (1043 ABV 4.5%) Strong in hops and malt

MALTON, N. Yorks

Double Chance (1038 ABV 3.8%) Well hopped

Pickwick's Porter (1042 ABV 3.8%) A dry stout

* Owd Bob (1055 ABV 5.5%) Rich and dark

NORTH YORKSHIRE, Middlesbrough

IPA (1040 ABV 4.2%) New brewery brewing since March 1990

* Flying Herbert (1048 ABV 5.2%)

WHITBY

Ammonite (1038 ABV 3.8%) Light, refreshing and fruity

Wobble (1045 ABV 4.5%) Malty, roast dry brew

* Force 9 (1055 ABV 5.5%) Dark, sweet and fruity

CIDERS & PERRIES

BALLARD (Herefordshire) - PERRY A very small producer who also advises others in the area

BOLLHAYES (Devon) - CIDER A new producer who also makes perry

CALLOW (Somerset) - CIDER Very traditional cider from a small producer

COOMBES (Somerset) - CIDER Family has produced cider since 1919 with equipment dating from the 1880's

FRANKLIN (Herefordshire) - CIDER Another producer who set up a few years ago

HARLAND (Gloucestershire) - PERRY Committed to making perry from trees 200 years old. CAMRA member

RICHARDS (Avon) - PERRY One of only a handful of perry producers in this area

RICH'S (Somerset) - CIDER A cider made from apples from all over the West Country

SEPTEMBER (Herefordshire) - CIDER A fairly new producer making cider on a travelling press

STEWART (Dorset) - CIDER Another new producer who is also a CAMRA member

WHITEHEAD (Somerset) - CIDER A very traditional cider made from apples in their own orchard

WILKINS (Somerset) - CIDER Well known at beer festivals. One of the few farm ciders available in pubs outside the West Country

FOREIGN BEER

This year the selection of fruit beers from the continent will not only include the usual raspberry and cherry but also a more unusual peach flavoured beer.

The favourite Chimay will be back (red, white and blue) as well as Rochefort. Seven styles of German beer are available for tasting including a Weiss beer and Sparten Optimator, a strong dark, malty drink.

The pride and joy of this year are the 4 Czech beers. Not only the famous original Budvar but the different Regent Black Beer await your palate.

In total 35 different beers are expected, but come early to avoid disappointment.

BAR C

ARCHERS, Swindon

Village (1035 ABV 3.5%) Fresh and hoppy

Best (1040 ABV 4%) Well rounded with a strong flavour

- * ASB (1048 ABV 4.8%) Rich, fruity beer with hoppy notes

BATEMANS, Wainfleet

Mild (1033 ABV 3%) Creamy and fruity

- * XXXB (1048 ABV 5%) A beautifully balanced malty beer

BATHAMS, Brierly Hill

- # Mild (1036 ABV 3.6%) Sweet yet hoppy

EVERARDS, Leicester

- # Mild (1033 ABV 3.3%) Full bodied malty brew with a hint of cherries!

FULLERS, London

- * Chiswick (1034 ABV 3.5%) Refreshing strong flavoured beer

- * London Pride (1040 ABV 4.1%) Fruity and well hopped

GOLDFINCH, Dorchester

Tom Brown's Best Bitter (1039 ABV 4%) A pale malty bitter

Flashman's Clout (1043 ABV 4.5%) Clean and bitter

GUERNSEY, St Peter Port

Mild (1037 ABV 3.7%) Fruity and malty with a dry aftertaste

Bitter (1045 ABV 4.2%) A full bodied bitter

HOLDENS, Dudley

- # Mild (1037 ABV 3.6%) Full of roasted malt flavour

HULL

Mild (1032) A beer that has only been brewed since 1989

KING & BARNES, Horsham

- # Mild (1034 ABV 3.2%) Smooth, malty and dark

RINGWOOD

Best bitter (1038 ABV 3.8%) Very moreish well balanced beer

49er (1049 ABV 4.8%) Predominantly malty

- * Porter (1049 ABV 4.8%) Bittersweet ruby red porter

- * Old Thumper (1058 ABV 5.8%) Initially sweet but with a bitter finish

WOODFORDE, Norwich

Wherry Best Bitter (1039 ABV 4%) Malty and hoppy with some fruit notes

YOUNGS, London

- * Bitter (1036 ABV 3.7%) Distinctively bitter with a malty undertone

- * Special (1046 ABV 4.8%) A dry, hoppy brew with a little fruitiness
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BEER CHOICE, REAL OR IMAGINERY?

From its formation in the early 1970's, CAMRA has campaigned for choice. The choice for beer drinkers to be able to get what they want. But whatever that choice is, to ensure that it is good quality and not sold at rip-off prices.

Since the 1970's the change to keg beer has been reversed with brewers that were once 100% keg, such as John Smiths and Federation, now producing real ale. But CAMRA's battles are far from over. The Monopolies and Mergers Report on the Brewery Industry has caused changes in the brewing industry. Although the essence of the report had the consumer at

heart, the loop holes left have caused many problems. As a consequence, the past year has seen a reduction in choice not an increase.

THE BREWERIES

In the last year Higgs and Boddingtons were purchased by Whitbread and the former brewery closed. Some companies are still continuing to close breweries such as S&N closing Matthew Brown. Other breweries are pulling out of brewing altogether. Grand Met have sold their breweries to Courage (alias Fosters) and Greenall Whitley, not satisfied with closing Wem and Davenport, have now closed Shipstones and their Warrington brewery. All their beer is now brewed by Allied!

ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Due to many requests from our customers, this year the evening will be a quiet night with no entertainment other than what you make yourselves!

THURSDAY NIGHT - The Hotshots, who are Jim Murray (Vocals, Accoustic Guitar, National Guitar and Dobra Guitar) and Pete Mason (Vocals, Accoustic Guitar, Tiple and Washboard).

Their material is anything to do with the Blues, from the Delta Blues Slide Guitar of the 1930's

to the slick city Jazz Blues of the 1950's. They have been working up and down the country for 22 years so a high quality evening's entertainment can be expected.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Peter, Paul and Mary's Brother. After performing together for over 15 years, they have developed a repertoire that defies classification. From Bluegrass to Rock & Roll, they manage to produce performances that never cease to amaze. Always something new but always with the same easy style winning the audiences over and getting them singing along.

Hotshots



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

If any of your readers have the misfortune to be served a sub-standard pint in The World's End (Liberty Taverns), Stroud Green Road, N4, may I suggest that they do not waste their time or breath in returning it to the bar and attempting to get it changed. Such was my experience earlier this month when I returned a distinctly unpleasant pint of Wells Bombardier to the bar early one Saturday evening.

Some friends and I had already spent an hour in the pub during the lunchtime session, enjoying good pints of Adnams and Everards Tiger and which were still in good condition when we returned later on.

My polite words to the barman resulted in him taking the pint through to speak to the licensee who was in conversation, customer side of the bar. The barman returned moments later to inform me that if I wanted the pint changed I would have to pay for another. Somewhat taken aback by this response I went through to speak to the licensee myself. To cut what turned out to be a very long conversation relatively short, he basically dismissed my comments out of hand and wouldn't entertain the idea of replacing my pint. The fact that the pint looked O.K. and that the barrel had been apparently changed the previous day was enough to convince the licensee that he didn't need to taste the beer when I invited him so to do. When I informed him that several of us had enjoyed drinking the other beers earlier in the day and had been continuing to do so up till then, it made little impression. He couldn't afford to replace every pint returned to the bar, he went on. When I pointed out that he stood to lose far more than the price of one pint if my friends and I were to take our custom elsewhere, he seemed totally unconcerned. When, reluctantly, the licensee finally agreed to sample a glass of beer from the same pump, it was of course 'fine'. How often did I drink Bombardier, I was then asked. 'Not very often' was, not surprisingly, my reply. This of course clinched it. Neither was he moved by my argument that even if he didn't agree with me, in a half decent pub I should be able to expect my pint to be exchanged without question.

The conversation remained reasonably civil throughout - although increasingly frustrating on my part - and my friends and I all duly moved on - collectively amazed at the attitude of the manager of a large and fairly busy pub

- one I won't be rushing back to for sure.

Yours faithfully
K. Dixon, Barnet, Herts

Dear Editors

After reading the "fairly long and detailed letter" from your correspondent in W4, I began to feel considerable sympathy for pub landlords. To be fair, at the time I was extremely lucky to be using a pub whose tenant was coming to the end of her 24 year tenancy. Yet, in that period, she had employed some duff managers whilst she and her late husband built up a fairly large chain of Courage and Shepherd Neame tenancies. However, the last 18 months or so, were dedicated to my local and her attitude to her customers was exemplary.

The new tenant of the large establishment on the edge of SE10 has a completely different approach. "Mine Host" doesn't serve beer, he stands at the corner of the bar. Occasionally he goes downstairs and changes a keg or a barrel but I did not see him pull through the fresh beer and check it.

What I did see were the glasses of 'beer' filled to various levels beside most pumps. The young, seemingly untrained barstaff, use these glasses to top up the beer from the pump. Complaints are referred to 'mine host'. Refusal to accept the mixture leads to a request to leave the premises, no matter how politely the reasons are put.

Even simple requests, such as "Can I have a pint of best bitter from one pump please, with no additional beer poured in from any other glass", are referred to 'mine host' by the staff with the inevitable request to leave the premises quickly following.

To quote 'mine host': "they are not slops, they are spillages". The 'spillages' are available seemingly every day. They affect traditional bitter and keg lager. Perhaps your readers can tell this drinker who has enjoyed beer the length and breadth of Britain over 20 years what these 'spillages' are?

This tenant is not new to the trade. Before taking over the tenancy of my local on 7th January, he held, and still does hold, two other tenancies. I do not know how the managers of those pubs maintain such high levels of 'saleable' beer from each barrel. They must think their 'governor' is a tough act to follow.

You were good enough to refer the 'long and detailed' letter to Fullers. Perhaps you would

refer this complaint to Courage. There is sufficient detail in this letter for them to pinpoint this hostility. I would love to know if this tenant's actions are company policy. If it is, it provides yet another reason for those who work for Customs and Excise, to reconsider duty on beer and the relief applied for 'spillages'.

Howard Chart
SE10

BA NEWS

If you look through the Branch Diary in this edition you may see that Kingston & Leatherhead Branch will be having a joint social with Reigate & Redhill Branch on Sunday 17th

March in the Blue Ball at Walton on the Hill. It is hoped that Courage Bitter Ale will be available. The beer which up until now has been confined to the old George's Brewery trading area around Bristol is being test marketed in a number of pubs in the south east.

BA is a 1031 original gravity beer (3.2% alcohol by volume) and is described by the 1991 Good Beer Guide in the following terms.

A golden/amber-coloured beer with a light aroma of hops. A light mix of malt and bitterness, plus a grainy feel, is present in the flavour and leaves a hoppy/bitter aftertaste, making a good, refreshing, light session beer.

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BATTERSEA BEER FESTIVAL

They came from Bristol, Bath, Salisbury, Stafford, Worthing, Wolverhampton, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Edinburgh, Epsom and all points north south, east and west. Their destination Battersea Town Hall for the Battersea Beerex. Their aim, to drink quality beer at reasonable prices.

They were a diverse group, from teachers to truck drivers, from brickies to barristers, from nurses to nine-to-fivers, from eighteen to eighty-year-olds. But they all got what they were looking for. They enjoyed good beer, a load of laughs. They solved the problems of the world, picked the England team and met new friends.

All this is in an elegant hall with plenty of room to stand and even more room to sit, (what a bonus!) The large crowds quenched their thirst with a choice of 49 beers brought to the peak of condition by the doyen of draught, Ted Higgins.

ITS MILDLY INTERESTING AT THE SECOND NATIONAL CIDER & PERRY EXHIBITION

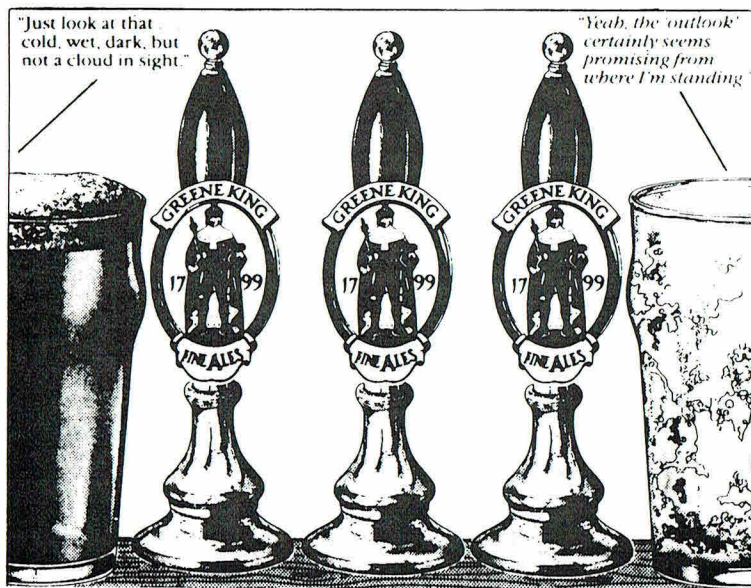
Keep this quiet. At this year's Exhibition (25th - 27th April) there will be a small range of milds available on the Friday evening session and during the Saturday. This is to cater for the

The comments were varied, "No music, thank God". "More music please". "Put the prices down", (from a Holt's drinker). "Great family room." "Stop the bearded wally on the Tombola stall ringing the bell every five minutes." Quotes from Cicero, votes for B*ll*cks bitter. Opinions about the food did not vary, "A rip-off" sums it up.

Who provided the enjoyment? The members of South West London CAMRA and friends who put in hours of preparation and pounds of muscle power to bring the Battersea Beerex to London for the second year.

Will it happen again? Three thousand customers suggest it will. But it will be changed; for the better. Hundreds of comments invited by the organisers will be carefully considered so that next time it may truly be called, "The Great Battersea Beerex".

minority of non cider and perry drinkers who are forced along to the Exhibition by their cider/perry drinking friends. Sources have it that the presence of the mild bar is only being advertised in London Drinker to try and ensure that there is sufficient mild for those attending. Didn't we tell you that this is an elite magazine?



WHEAT BEER TEST MARKET IN LONDON

Lowen Weisse, the reputed wheat beer from the Lowenbrau AG brewery in Munich, went on test market in 40 London pubs belonging to Taylor Walker and Nicholson's last month.

Wheat beer is brewed just like any other beer, except that it includes wheat in the brew as well as malt, hops, yeast and water. Lowen Weisse is top-fermented, like British ales. It is a naturally-conditioned bottled beer (5.4% alcohol), and is therefore very cloudy in the glass - like Coopers beers from Adelaide.

This is a very full-bodied and distinct-tasting beer, something for those with adventurous tastes. Wheat beer is very popular in Germany, where it enjoys something of a "cult" status. It is also common in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Taylor Walker claim its not just the depth of taste that attracts people to wheat beer, but the whole culture surrounding it. It being poured into tall, ornate glasses and sometimes a slice of fresh lemon is added for extra zest suggesting it is a stylish brew, and a fun drink.

Allied Breweries will be looking at sales in this test market over the February-April period, before deciding on any wider distribution. "We see it as appealing very much to the discerning drinker of real ales and also to those who prefer the up-market imported lager brands", says Peter Dow, marketing director at Taylor Walker.

"Lowen Weisse combines the depth of taste of a cask beer with the thirst-quenching sharpness of a good lager, so it will have a wide appeal", he adds.

What marks this imported beer launch from others is the care Allied has put into getting everything just right. The considerable planning

has involved:

- * careful selection of a wide-ranging group of pubs
- * flying a German expert over from Munich to train licensees and their head barmen on handling and serving
- * supplying proper Weisse Bier glasses
- * producing a range of point-of-sale material
- * 'incentivising' pub staff to get it right, by rewarding proper service (after visits to pubs by 'mystery drinkers')

For the London customer, this all adds up the best possible preparation for the introduction of a radical new beer. Many Taylor Walker people content that, whilst welcoming the appearance of so many specialist foreign brews, have complained that it was about time a beer and not a lager, and something with a real, distinct taste came on to the shelves. Does wheat beer fill that niche?

PS: A popular debate among beer buffs these days is the lengthy, flowery descriptions that beer writers apply to the taste of beer. Allied is offering a case of Lowen Weisse to the London Drinker reader who can come up with the most pretentious, eloquent and flowery description

of Lowen Weisse.

Send your entry (in less than 50 words) to Lowen Weisse, 22 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH, by March 30th.

So over to you readers, and keep it clean, well fairly clean - Ed.



THE COUNTRY'S CHEAPEST BEER? (AGAIN)

Last month we mentioned that the Wetherspoon organisation was stealing a march on Joseph Holt's by selling Youngers Scotch Bitter at 79 pence a pint - a penny less than Holt's Mild - through January and February. This was following publicity about Holt's being the cheapest beer to be found (in a pub) in the country.

Shortly after the last edition came out, we received a telephone call from South East

London CAMRA member, Grant Cook who pointed out that the ALL NATIONS (or Mrs Lewis's) in Madeley, Shropshire sells its bitter at only 78 pence a pint. As we all know the All Nations was one of only four remaining pub breweries before the upsurge in real ale led to the new wave of brew pubs. The others, of course, were the Blue Anchor, Helston, the Old Swan (Mrs Pardoe's), Netherton and the Three Tuns, Bishops Castle, also in Shropshire. Over to you Wetherspoon's. Are you willing to take up this challenge?

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 60

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 welcome another new riverside pub, this time in Kingston, operated by Taylor Walker. Greene King have acquired a London pub from Belhaven, their first south of the river, in SE11 and Sam Smith have added another pub in the West End to their London estate. Another batch of Belhaven acquisitions from Grand Met have come to light in the East End. More guest beers are recorded.

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

EC2, HORSE & GROOM, 28 Curtain Road. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Varying guest beer♦. Reported as closed in E guide, reopened 10/86 but not previously confirmed in updates. (E27)

WC2, TIN PAN ALLEY BAR, 7 Denmark Street. No real ale. New Free House bar in former shop premises

EAST

E2, GREEN GATE, 228 Bethnal Green Road. Tetley: Bitter. Young: Special. A Taylor Walker pub. (E72, U30, U41)

E15, SPARROWS, North Mall, Stratford Centre. Charrington: IPA. Young: Special. (E150)

NORTH WEST

NW1, CROWN & ANCHOR, 137 Drummond Street. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Erroneously reported as demolished in Update 39! Formerly Drummonds. (N129, U39)

SOUTH EAST

SE8, WHITE SWAN, 217 Deptford High Street. Reopened and renamed MAIMIE O'LEARY'S. No real ale. Now part of an Irish Free House chain, Lissarda Taverns, ex Watney. (SE72, U59)

SE11, LAMBETH SPORTSMAN, 73 Lambeth Walk. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Formerly a Belhaven pub acquired from Brent Walker, originally Watney. Now a Greene King tied house, the fourth owner in 2½ years. (SE94, U391, U43, U48)

SE17, CANTERBURY ARMS, 2 Maddock Way. Courage: Best Bitter. Young: Bitter, Special. Former Truman pub, now a Free House. (SE135)

SE17, ROYAL STANDARD, 226 Hillingdon Street. Charrington: IPA. (SE140)

SOUTH WEST

SW4, CROWN & ANCHOR, 116 Stonhouse Street. Charrington: IPA. (SW24)

SW8, CANTON, 177 South Lambeth Road. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Reinstatement. (SW33, U43)

SW15, CAFE MORE, 470 Upper Richmond Road. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Reopened.

Formerly RED ROVER. (SW47, U49, U58)

SW15, DRUMMONDS, 202 Upper Richmond Road. Charrington: IPA. (SW47, U29, U53, U54)

SW19, WHITE HART, 144 Kingston Road.

Greene King: Abbot Ale♦. A Whitbread pub. Reinstatement. NB from unmarked handpump. (SW56, U55, U58)

KINGSTON, ROYAL BARGE, Horse Fair, off Wood Street. Friary Meux: Best Bitter. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Tetley: Bitter. Young: Special. New Taylor Walker, large one bar riverside pub under John Lewis store. A mixture of decorative styles. Open all licensed hours. A belated replacement for the ROW BARGE (Courage) demolished in 1984.

WEST

RUISLIP, BREAKSPEAR ARMS, Breakspear Road South. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Wadworth: 6X♦. Note correct title. (W137)

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

EAST

E1, CROWN & SHUTTLE. Truman, H unused. (E56)

E2, PERSEVERANCE, 125 Gosset Street.

Watney, H removed. (E74)

E8, FOX, Watney, H removed. (E108)

E8, NOLANS BAR. Free House, H removed. Formerly ACTON ARMS. (E105, U40)

E8, RAILWAY TAVERN, 59 Kingsland High Street. Charrington, H removed. (E111)

E8, RAILWAY TAVERN, 339 Mare Street, Charrington, H removed. (E111)

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 Landseer Road N19

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

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

**KINGSBURY
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WATER**
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THE MOON UNDER
WATER**
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E9, ROYAL. Acquired by Belhaven, ex Truman, H unused. (E115, U42)

NORTH

N1, FLYING SCOTSMAN. Free House, H removed. Formerly SCOTTISH STORE. (N46, U43, U52)

NORTH WEST

NW1, SOMERS TOWN COFFEE HOUSE. Charrington, H unused. (N127)

SOUTH WEST

SW8, CROWN & THISTLE. Friary Meux, H unused. (SW33)

WEST

W9, CHIPPENHAM. Taylor Walker, H unused (W83)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, OAKLEY ARMS. + Flowers: IPA♦. (E20, U57)

EC2, DR BUTLERS HEAD (YE OLDE). - Beers listed. + Boddington: Bitter. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. + Marston: Pedigree. (E27)

EC2, MAGOGS. - Benskins: Best Bitter. - Everard: Tiger, Old Original. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E28)

EC2, MAGPIE. - Taylor Walker: Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (E28)

EC2, OLD KINGS HEAD. - Truman: Best Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. + Young: Bitter♦. (E28)

EC2, PENNY BLACK. - Beers listed. + Boddington: Bitter. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Eldridge Pope: Best Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. (E28)

EC3, MAILCOACH. - Theakston: Best Bitter. (E36)

EC3, SHIP, 3 Hart Street. + Theakston: Best Bitter. + Younger: Scotch Bitter. (E36)

EC4, COCK TAVERN (YE OLDE). - Truman beers. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (E42)

EC4, KING & KEYS. - Ind Cooke: Burton Ale. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (E43)

W1 (F), GEORGE & DRAGON. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (W29)

W1 (F), NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS, 119 Tottenham Court Road. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (W32, U49)

W1 (Mar), BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street. + Boddington: Bitter. (W33)

W1 (May), MASONS ARMS. - Theakston: Best Bitter. + Ruddle: County. (W39, U56)

W1 (May), WINDMILL. + Young: Winter Warmer. (W40, U54)

W1 (S), JOHN SNOW. - Beers listed. + Sam Smith: OBB, Museum Ale. Now a Sam Smith tied house, ex Watney. (W43)

W1 (S), SUN & 13 CANTONS. - Beers listed in Update 54. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Still a Free House. (W44, U54)

EAST

E1, ARTFUL DODGER. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E54)

E1, WHITE HART, 1 Mile End Road. - Beers listed. + Fuller: London Pride. + Young: Special, Winter Warmer. (E68)

E2, CONQUEROR. - Beers listed. + Adnams: Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. (E71)

E2, MARKSMAN. - Beers listed. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Sam Smith: OBB. + Young: Special. (E73)

E2, OWL & PUSSY CAT. - Beers listed in E guide & updates except Flowers Original Bitter, Greene King Abbot Ale & Marston Pedigree. + Arkell: BBB. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + Harvey: BB. Formerly TAYLORS, previously ALTERNATIVE. (E69, U28, U41)

E2, WELL & BUCKET. Renamed STICK OF ROCK in 1988. Now Belhaven, ex Truman (fizz). (E78)

E3, BLUE ANCHOR. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. Now Belhaven, ex Watney. (E81)

E3, BOW BELLS. + Varying guest beer♦. (E81, U32, U40)

E3, GEORGE & DRAGON. Now Belhaven, ex Truman (fizz). Formerly GILLIES, originally COTTON ARMS. (E81, U50)

E8, FLOCK & FIRKIN. Renamed VILLAGE AT DALSTON. - Beers listed in update.

+ Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Formerly FLOCK & FIRKIN having been acquired by Midsummer Leisure from Roses to add to the ex Bruce estate in 1989. Now owned by Free House chain Wessex Taverns. Originally LAMB. (E108, U45)

E15, BACCHUS' BIN. - Beers listed except Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Adnams: Bitter, Broadside. + Boddington: Bitter. + Brakspear: Special. + Marston: Pedigree.

NORTH

N1, KING EDWARD VI. - Wethered: Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Marston:

Pedigree. (Omitted in error from N guide, N-sup)

N1, PASSAGE. Renamed STEAM PASSAGE. (N39)

N1, RED LION. - Ruddle: County.

+ Wethered: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Watney (N46, U55)

N1, THREE WHEATHEAVES. Renamed SOLOMON GRUNDY. (N46)

N16, QUEENSBURY RULES. Reverted to RAILWAY TAVERN. (N93)

N19, BOSTON ARMS. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. + Tetley: Bitter. (N103, U53)

BARNET, ALEXANDRA. - Truman beers. + Fuller: ESB. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (N166)

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we report the death of David Hook, a well known character who worked as a bar/cellarman at The Royal Eltham, Kingsley Wood Drive, Eltham SE9. David died on October 12th of a sudden heart attack - he was only 37. David worked hard to keep the three real ales (Best, John Smiths & Directors) in tip top condition. The fruits of his labours were recognised when the pub gained its first GBG listing in 1991. But sadly David died before the Guide was published. David, who was a lover of children, had a collection raised in his honour, and the proceeds were donated to Childrens' Charities.



THE GUEST BEER

The MMC report in theory should have opened up a multitude of outlets for the small brewer, but what is actually happening is that the beers that are getting into the pubs are still from the big brewer or at best, large regionals. These brewers can afford to undercut the small ones making it impossible for them to get their beer listed. Look at a selection of pubs in London and you will see the same beers repeated over and over again. Choice, my foot!

A change in the excise duty to the German style of a sliding scale of taxation based on beer sales, would enable the small to compete on an equal footing with the large. The consumer then might be able to see some real choice in their pubs.

However, at CAMRA beer festivals you will see a good selection of the more unusual beers all at reasonable prices. At London Drinker there will be beers from the North East and Wessex. Many of these beers have rarely been seen in London.

If you agree with us that the consumer should have choice, at reasonable prices, why not join and add your voice to 26,000 others?

There are other benefits. As a member of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, the entry to the London Drinker Festival is free. CAMRA membership will also enable you to get free entry or discounted entry to many other beer festivals not only in London, but throughout the rest of the country.

You can also get discounts on some CAMRA publications. The 1991 Good Beer Guide will only cost you £4.50 as opposed to £6.99 in the shops.

You will find a form in this publication or join at the Festival and get the added incentive of 2 free pints and your entrance fee back!

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NORTH WEST

NW1, HAWLEY ARMS. - Beers except Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. + Whitbread: Best Bitter. (N120)

NW5, ROYAL. - Beers listed in Update. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. + Tetley: Bitter. Formerly ROYAL ARMS. (N146, U44)

SOUTH EAST

SE11, FRENCH HORN. Renamed **LAMBETH**

TAVERN, still fizz. (SE93)

SE17, ROYAL ALBERT. Renamed **BELL,** still fizz. (SE140)

CRAYFORD, JOLLY FARMERS. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (SE231)

CRAYFORD, ROYAL CHARLOTTE. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE232)

CRAYFORD, WHITE SWAN. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE232)

CROYDON, PITLAKE ARMS. - King & Barnes: Sussex Bitter. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE247)

CROYDON, SHIP. - Everard: Tiger. - Fuller: Mr Harry. - Ruddle: County. + Adnams: Broadside. + Guest beers. (SE250, U43)

CROYDON, STAR, 101 Southbridge Road. + Fuller: London Pride. (SE250)

ERITH, CORNER PIN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE254)

KESTON (LEAVES GREEN), CROWN INN.

- Shepherd Neame: Stock Ale. (SE262)

KESTON, FOX. - Wethered: Winter Royal. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. (SE262)

ST. MARY CRAY, ANGLESEA ARMS. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE269)

ST. MARY CRAY, WHITE SWAN. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE271)

SIDCUP, BLACK BOY. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. (SE272)

SIDCUP, OLDE BLACK HORSE (YE). + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE273)

SIDCUP (FOOTSCRAY), RED LION. - Flowers: Original Bitter. (SE273)

WELLING, FANNY ON THE HILL. - Courage: Directors Bitter. (SE286)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (B), ROYAL COURT TAVERN. - Beers listed except Wells: Bombardier.

+ Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. (SW11)

SW1 (W), OLD STAR. - Flowers: Original Bitter. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (SW17)

SW2, ROYAL OAK. + Bass. (SW19)

SW4, RAILWAY TAVERN. + Young: Special. (SW25, U52, U55, U57)

SW6, ATLAS. - Ruddle: County. (SW27, U51)

SW6, WILTON. + Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. (SW31)

SW8, WHEATSHEAF. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW35)

SW10, FOX & PHEASANT. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW38)

SW11, WINDSOR CASTLE. + John Smith: Magnet. (SW41)

SW15, FOX & HOUNDS. + Boddington: Bitter. (SW46, U48, U50, U51)

SW15, KINGS HEAD. + Courage: Best Bitter. (SW46, U50)

SW15, MONTAGUE ARMS. - Ruddle: County. + Young: Bitter. (SW46)

SW16, BEDFORD PARK. + Young: Winter Warmer. (SW48, U39, U55)

SW16, WHITE LION. + Greene King: IPA. (SW49, U39)

SW17, HOPE TAVERN. + Tetley: Bitter (SW50)

SW19, BREWERY TAP. - Wethered: Bitter. Recently knocked into one bar. The last proper public bar in the village has now gone. (SW54, U40, U55)

SW20, JUNCTION TAVERN. - Fuller: ESB.

Beers sold from unmarked handpumps. (SW59, U43)

CHESSINGTON, WHITE HART. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW62)

KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS. + King & Barnes: Sussex Bitter or Festive. (SW65)

KINGSTON, LAMB. + Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. (SW66)

NEW MALDEN, GARDEN. + Fuller: London

Pride. Formerly CLOUDBUSTER. (SW70, U43)

NEW MALDEN, PRINCE OF WALES. + Fuller: London Pride. (SW70, U58)

SURBITON, ANGEL. Renamed **BLUE ANGEL.**

- Beers listed. + Young: Special. A Watney pub. (SW74)

SURBITON, OAK. + King & Barnes: Sussex Bitter. (SW74)

SURBITON, ROYAL CHARTER. + Fuller: London Pride. (SW74)

SURBITON, ROYAL STANDARD. Renamed **GALLERY**

68. Now a cafe-bar. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter sold only in half pints or

pitchers! (SW75)

SURBITON, VICTORIA, 143 Ewell Road. + King

& Barnes: Festive. (SW75)

WEST

BRENTFORD, NORTH STAR. - Hall &

Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter.

+ Wadworth: 6X. (W98, U52, U55)

BRENTFORD, PARK TAVERN. + Young: Special. (W98)

HAMPTON, RAILWAY INN. Now just **RAILWAY.**

+ Fuller: London Pride. (W103)

ISLEWORTH, KINGS ARMS. + Fuller: London Pride. (W131)

ISLEWORTH, IRON BRIDGE. + Fuller: London Pride. (W131)

ISLEWORTH, RED LION. + Wadworth: 6X.

+ Young: Special. (W131)

ISLEWORTH, ROSE & CROWN. - King & Barnes: Festive. + King & Barnes: Old. (W131, U55)

TWICKENHAM, PRINCE OF WALES. + Brakspear: Special. (W151)

TWICKENHAM, RUGBY TAVERN. + John Smith: Magnet. + Young: Bitter. (W151)

RIVERSIDE PUB PLANS SCRAPPED AFTER STORM

Plans for a new riverside pub in Colliers Wood have been scrapped after a storm of protest from local people.

Residents persuaded the council to throw out the scheme for a pub with two bars, a roof terrace and a managers flat alongside the River Wandle in Brangwyn Crescent.

After studying plans councillors turned down the proposals because they were worried about noise levels and general disturbance in a residential area and because of inadequate parking.

Ward councillor Siobhan McDonagh said the decision was a victory for local democracy.

"Local residents were asked what they thought and told the council in no uncertain terms that they did not want the pub in their area.

"Now the proposals have been thrown out we can rejoice and also be happy in the knowledge that we at last have council which listens and responds to local opinion," Coun McDonagh said.

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CAMRA's East London and City branch have decided to produce a new East London & City Beer Guide which we hope to launch at the Great British Beer Festival on the Isle of Dogs in August. As I write (end of January) there are still five postal districts that have not been claimed (E9, E10, E12, E13 and E2) for surveying totalling some 200 pubs so if anybody out there wishes to help in any way between now and the end of June please contact Keith Emmerson, 111 Ordell Road, Bow, London E3 2EQ. Tel: 081-980 0631 (h). If anybody out there can help in other ways like the transfer of data from Amstrad PCW 3" disc to IBM

format or has access to a database to design an 80 field database to mirror our own, please contact me. Database users can use one I have designed. You are welcome to use our five year old data (once IBM formatted) or indeed the new information we are collating.

Don't expect too many pub updates from the East London & City Branch in the coming months for that reason. Having said that, the British Flag in E16 is now open but for real ale lovers remains a desert. The Earl of Essex E12 now sells Courage Directors and Best.

Keith Emmerson

SOUTH EAST LONDON NEWS FROM ELTHAM

Pubs on the Eltham scene remain very much uninteresting in general, all dominated by the big breweries, with no free houses or any small independents. There are, however, one or two notable exceptions. Firstly the Park Tavern which is situated in Passey Place, has recently undergone a change of landlord, and continues the previous manager's policy of serving beers supplied from the West Country Products portfolio. With more than 30 different beers being rotated on a regular basis, and at £1.40 a pint, although at the upper end of the price range, is outweighed by excellent quality beers, as no other pub in the area has, to my knowledge, introduced a personally selected ale range,

except the "Brewery Preferred" Marstons Pedigree in the Rising Sun. But as this is a Whitbread Medway managed house we need not mention any further!

Another pub worthy of mention is the GBG listed Royal Eltham, which is situated on the Coldharbour Estate, just south of the A20, and using Roger Segleys words, "A classic unspoilt estate pub". The Landlord here has worked hard at keeping all 3 beers in good condition, (Best, Directors & J.S. Yorkshire) and on the occasion of a recent committee meeting even had JS Magnet on hand pump for us.

Otherwise nothing else noteworthy to report at present, but if Youngs or Fullers should move in, that would be an occasion to report!

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 SW6 WHITE HORSE
 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS
 SW8 SURPRISE
 SW8 PLOUGH
 SW8 PRIORY ARMS
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN
 SW11 BEEHIVE
 SW11 PLOUGH
 SW11 WOODMAN
 SW12 NIGHTINGALE
 SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
 SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW15 JOLLY GARDENERS
 SW15 WHITE LION
 SW16 GREYHOUND
 SW16 PIED BULL
 SW17 CASTLE
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE
 SW19 ALEXANDRA
 SW19 HAND IN HAND
 SW19 GROVE
 SW19 KINGS HEAD
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL
 SW19 PRINCE OF WALES,
 Morden Road
 SW19 TRAFALGAR
 SW19 WILLIAM MORRIS
 CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR
 KINGSTON, COCOANUT
 KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD
 KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
 KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
 KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
 KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
 MITCHAM, KINGS ARMS
 MITCHAM, RAVENSBURY ARMS
 NEW MALDEN, RAILWAY
 RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE
 RICHMOND, RED COW
 RICHMOND, SHAFTESBURY
 ARMS
 RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS
 SURBITON, BUN SHOP
 SURBITON, VICTORIA
 WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES,
 Oatlands Park
 W1 ARGYLL ARMS

W1 MORTIMER ARMS
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD
 W3 KINGS ARMS
 W3 KINGS HEAD
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE
 W4 BELL & CROWN
 W4 WINDMILL
 W5 DUFFY'S FREE HOUSE
 W5 PLOUGH
 W5 RED LION
 W6 BLACK LION
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS
 W6 SALUTATION
 W7 VIADUCT
 W8 UXBRIDGE ARMS
 W10 NARROW BOAT
 W10 VILLAGE INN
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN
 W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE
 W12 MOON ON THE GREEN
 W13 THE FORESTER
 BRENTFORD, BREWERY TAP
 BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON
 BRENTFORD - NORTH STAR
 CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD
 GREENFORD, BLACK HORSE
 HAMPTON HILL, WINDMILL
 HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS
 HARLINGTON, CROWN
 HAYES, ROYAL STANDARD
 HILLINGDON, RED LION
 HILLINGDON, STAR
 HOUNSLOW, BEAVER
 HOUNSLOW, CHARIOT
 HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES
 HOUNSLOW, EARL RUSSELL
 SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS
 SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN
 SOUTHALL, THREE HORSESHOES
 TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER
 TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE
 TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTTO
 TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT
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W11 GROGBLOSSOM

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

W3 LT District Line Social Club,
 Park Place

OUTSIDE LONDON

COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT, 28
 Mersea Road.
 ELLAND (Yorks), BARGE &
 BARREL.
 HITCHIN (Herts), NEW FOUND
 OUT INN, Stevenage Road.
 LEWES, BREWERS ARMS, High
 Street.
 LINCOLN, VICTORIA, Union Road
 MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLER,
 Ducie Street
 PETERBOROUGH, BOGART'S,
 North Street
 POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS,
 Coopers Lane.
 READING, WARWICK ARMS,
 Kings Road
 SALISBURY (Wilts), WYNDHAM
 ARMS, Estcourt Road.
 SHREWSBURY, ADMIRAL
 BENBOW,
 10 Swan Hill
 STEVENAGE (Herts) RED LION,
 High Street, Old Town.
 STOTFOLD (Beds) - FOX & DUCK,
 Arlsey Road
 SOUTHAMPTON, JUNCTION INN,
 Priory Road, St Denys.
 SUNBURY - HARE & HOUNDS, 132
 Vicarage Road
 TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &
 FEATHERS, South Street.
 WINCHESTER, BELL,
 St. Cross Road
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