

DRINKER

GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

RETURNS TO LONDON

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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,

there	onowing is a list of all of the curre	ha laar	al beer guides, covering the whole	of C	rantar I and an
	· · ·	ne loca	il beer guides, covering the whole	or Gr	reater London.
OUTI	LETS - EAST and SOUTH	SE25	GOAT HOUSE	N16	ROSE & CROWN
EAST	PUBS		PRINCE OF DENMARK		TANNERS HALL
EC1	ARTILLERY ARMS		SHIP	N17	BOAR
EC1	BETSY TROTWOOD		DULWICH WOOD HOUSE	N17	ELBOW ROOM
	CROWN TAVERN		HOPE	N17	NARROW BOAT
	HAND & SHEARS		GIPSY QUEEN	N19	DOG
	HORSESHOE	REY	LEY, BLUE ANCHOR	N19	J. J. MOONS
	PHEASANT & FIRKIN	CPO	YDON, DOG & BULL		BULL & BUTCHER
	ROSEBERRY		YDON, LION	N20	CAVALIER
EC1	SEKFORDE ARMS	CKO	I DON, LION	N21	DOG & DUCK
EC1	THOMAS WETHERED	OFF	TRADE		
	BANKER	E4	Waltham Wines,	N22	MOON UNDER WATER
E1	ARTFUL DODGER	LT	72 Sewardstone Road.		NELSON
		CE2	Bitter Experience, 128 Lee	BAKI	NET, ALEXANDRA
E1	LORD RODNEYS HEAD	SES		BARI	NET, OLD MITRE
E2	APPROACH TAVERN	DEV	Road.		NET, WEAVER
E2	MARKSMAN	BEA	LEYHEATH, Bitter Experience,		KFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN
E2	NELSON'S HEAD	DDO	216 Broadway. MLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons		ELD, KING & TINKER
E2	SHIP & BLUE BALL	BRO			ELD, MOON UNDER WATER
E8	LADY DIANA		Hill.		ELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
E8	ROBIN HOOD	~ * ***	TOMO TIMOM OFFICE AT		BARNET, BUILDER ARMS
E8	VILLAGE		LETS - WEST CENTRAL,	NEW	BARNET, RAILWAY BELL
E9	ROYAL STANDARD		NORTH PUBS	CLUI	nc .
E10	DRUM		CALTHORPE ARMS		UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
E10	TAP & SPILE		CITTIE OF YORKE	WCI	
E11	NORTHCOTE		LAMB		UNION, Malet Street
E14	QUEENS HEAD	WC1	MARLBOROUGH ARMS	OUT	LETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS
E17	COLLEGE ARMS	WC1	MOON	NW1	DUCK INN
E17	COPPERMILL	WC1	PAKENHAM ARMS		GLOUCESTER ARMS
SE1	ANCHOR & HOPE		PRINCESS LOUISE		MAN IN THE MOON
SE1	FOUNDERS ARMS		RUGBY TAVERN		FLASK TAVERN
SE1	GOOSE & FIRKIN	WC1			CHEQUERS
SE1	HORNIMAN AT HAYS		YORKSHIRE GREY	NW4	WHITE BEAR
SE1	KINGS ARMS		CROWN & ANCHOR		WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
SE1	LEATHER EXCHANGE		GEORGE IV		QUEENS ARMS
SE1	PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY		LYCEUM		RAILWAY TAVERN
SE1	SOUTHWARK TAVERN		FREEMASONS ARMS		CROCKERS
SE1	WELLINGTON TAVERN		COMPTON ARMS	NWO	GEORGE
SE1	WHEATSHEAF	N1	EARL OF RADNOR	NWO	J.J. MOONS
SE3	BRITISH OAK	N1	FLOUNDER & FIRKIN	NWO	MOON UNDER WATER
SE5	PHOENIX & FIRKIN	N1	GEORGE IV		O GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
		N1	GEORGE & VULTURE		OUTSIDE INN
SE7	McDONNELS	N1	HEMINGFORD ARMS		EFIELD, PLOUGH
	DOG & BELL	N1	KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.		
	ROYAL GEORGE	N1		HAR	ROW, KINGSFIELD ARMS
	PARK TAVERN	N1	MALT & HOPS MARQUESS TAVERN	OFF	TRADE
	ROYAL ELTHAM			N1	Beer Shop, Pitfield Street.
	ASHBURNHAM ARMS	N1	PRINCE ALBERT	N2	GROGBLOSSOM
	BRITISH SAILOR	N1	PRINCE ARTHUR		Grogblossom, 235 West End
	FROG & RADIATOR	N2	OLD WHITE LION	14440	Lane.
	FOX & FIRKIN	N2	WINDSOR CASTLE		Lane.
	BLACKSMITHS ARMS	N4	NICHOLAS NICKLEBY	CLU	RS
SE16	MANOR TAVERN	N4	MORTIMER ARMS		MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC
	MOBY DICK	N4	OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH	14114	STUDENTS UNION
SE17	TANKARD	N4	TAP & SPILE		STODERTS CITION
SE18	EARL OF CHATHAM	N4	WHITE LION OF MORTIMER	OF ITE	TETE COUTH WEST
	COOPERS ARMS	N7	ADMIRAL MANN		LETS - SOUTH WEST and
	(PLAISTED'S)	N7	FAT HARRY'S		T PUBS
SE18	GATEHOUSE	N8	ELBOW ROOM		BARLEY MOW
	PRINCESS OF WALES	N8	TOLL GATE	SW1	BUCKINGHAM ARMS
	RAILWAY BELL	N9	BEEHIVE		FOX & HOUNDS
	ROYAL ALBERT		WETHERSPOONS		MORPETH ARMS
	ANERLEY ARMS		MOSS HALL TAVERN		ORANGE BREWERY
	HOP EXCHANGE		TILTED GLASS		PAVIOURS ARMS
SECO	CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN	N13	WHOLE HOG		RED LION
CEDA	COMMEDCIAL		GOAT	SW1	ROYAL OAK

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N15 GOAT N15 K. K. McCOOLS

SE24 COMMERCIAL SE24 PRINCE REGENT

GUEST EDITORIAL

Tremblingly I approached the Editorial presence to receive instructions - what rubbish! Stopping off for a few days in London en route for the Canterbury Beer Festival, I stayed with Chris and met Ian for a lunchtime quart, to hear the same request from both: "Not too busy, are you? Can you write a Guest Editorial? Deadline yesterday!" So here I am, unedited (as this script is going direct to the Printer) and free to pontificate about whichever bee currently occupies my bonnet. No, I'm not drunk maybe punch-drunk, though, for the reason which has everyone reeling - the price of a pint. Returning briefly from my exile in Wales for the first time in 8 months - my longest ever absence from London - I can't say I was surprised at the cost of a drink merely appalled. I thought it was bad enough adding 10p to the pound-a-pint where I frequently do bar-tending duty. Some of the prices I have been charged in the Metropolis are ludicrous, not to say extortionate - though I will. We all know the streets of London aren't paved with gold. Few people's pockets are similarly lined. But someone, somewhere, is making a hell of a lot of money at the drinker's expense. It is not only the publican who has to make a living, though not necessarily to take several expensive holidays a year out of the profits. He is the last in the pecking-order for a cut of the price charged. and a penny on at the beginning of the chain grows alarmingly at each stage, totally disproportionate to the original figure. Most of my life has been spent in London, and my income is static - it doesn't rise by so many per cent at each price increase; neither, I suspect, does yours. I haven't gone out of my way to find extremes, but £1.50 a pint seems about the norm. The best value I have encountered is £1.30 for the ever superb Youngs Ordinary, but that is only a comparative term. £1.30 is twenty-six shillings, a lot to part with for a pint, however excellent. So what can one say about some really ordinary beers at astronomical cost? On that note, I have been asked to publish a CAMRA Health (of Bank Balance) Warning. If you are attending the GBBF at the London Arena, beware of the pub opposite, The George. One official of this magazine visited it recently and was charged £1.57 for Ruddles Best ("Blue") - o.g. 1037, a.b.v. 3.8%! Didn't they shoot profiteers in the last war? Well, they should do so nowadays. My assumed norm of £1.50 is too much by half for what is basically water (and sometimes tastes of it), and the obvious slump in trade in so many pubs seems to reflect this. Rising prices are an excuse, not a reason, for rippingoff the customer, and the sooner the licensed trade realizes this and introduces some healthy competition rather than what is effectively price-rigging, before it cuts its own throat, the better for all concerned. How say you, London drinkers?

Martin Smith

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors.

Further to the "Looking back" list there are two price lists displayed in the New Market Tavern in Smithfield, EC1. They are for Charrington beers and the first reads:

Mild 1/- per pint Best mild 1/2 per pint Bitter 1/2 per pint Best Bitter 1/6 per pint Burton 1/7 per pint Strong Ale 2/6 per pint

and a slightly later one:

Mild 1/2 per pint
Bitter 1/4 per pint
Best Bitter 1/7 per pint
Burton 1/7 per pint
Strong Ale 2/7 per pint
Best Mild having bitten the dust

The landlord said he found them in his previous pub, the Catherine Wheel in E1 and he believed them to date from the fifties. The New Market sells Charrington IPA at £1.40 a pint and Bass at £1.48, time having taken its toll.

Further to Mick Lewis' articles in the April London Drinker, one cider outlet he doesn't mention is the bar at the Queens Theatre at Hornchurch. The cider is sold from a plastic barrel and is kept in a back room so it is not immediately obvious that it is available. On my last visit it was Bulmer's Medium.

Also on my last visit to the Falcon & Firkin in E9 two ciders were available; Weston's Old Rosie and Taunton Traditional.

Yours Colin Price, Barking Dear London Drinker,

Dave Sullivan's recent editorial gave me an insight as to why one has great difficulty obtaining a full brim measure. If what Dave says is true, and I have no reason to believe otherwise, the publican relies on shortpulling (stealing, theft) to satisfy an overzealous accountant.

I recently had it pointed out to me (in London), I may add, that if I required a full pint I should ask for a flat pint, otherwise I should shut up and not ask for it to be topped up, as it was The beer festival that's something else



13th-17th August 1991 London Arena, Docklands

cheap enough at £1.10 a pint, this after the latest price rise.

At first I was inclined to be upset by the barperson's apparent lack of appreciation that by tradition London was a flat pint area. Upon reflection, the barperson had, despite their rudeness and disregard for my rights, given me the key to getting a full pint each and every time.

If one wraps one's fingers around a pint glass, not a jug, one hand above the other, it is found generally that eight fingers encompass the drink area of the glass, thus each digit represents approximately 12.5% of a pint. At £1.30 for the average London pint it is easy to understand why short pints are so popular with publicans.

Many people with whom I drink are visibly disturbed when it is remarked that they ought to say something about a short measure. It would appear that they don't want to upset the person who has just stolen from them - yes, that is the situation.

So there you are. If you don't like a ruck ask for a flat pint. If you do like a bit of verbal make sure that the barperson will return to you by giving an amount in payment that requires that they give change.

In full pints, Jeff Sturrock, London E15

REAL DRAUGHT BEER and where to find it

A COMPLETE LIST OF YOUNG'S PUBS

Duke of Devonshire, High Rd Grove, Oldridge Rd Nightingale Nightingale Lane BARKING, Essex

Britannia, Church Rd BARNES, SW13 Bull's Head, Lonsdale Rd Coach and Horses, High St White Hart, Riverside

BATTERSEA, SW11 Castle, Battersea High St Duke of Cambridge, Battersea Bridge Rd BEDDINGTON, Surrey

Plough, Croydon Rd BETCHWORTH, Surrey Dolphin, The Street BLOOMSBURY, WC1

Calthorpe Arms, Gray's Inn Rd Lamb, Lamb's Conduit St

Coborn Arms, Coborn Rd BRIXTON

Hope and Anchor, Acre Lane, Trinity Arms, Trinity Gardens,

CARSHALTON, Surrey Greyhound, High St CATFORD, SE6

Catford Ram, Winslade Way CHELSEA Chelsea Ram, Burnaby St, SW10

Coopers' Arms, Flood St, SW3 CHERTSEY, Surrey Crown, London St

CHISLEHURST, Kent Bull's Head, Royal Parade CHISWICK, W4 Crown and Anchor, High Rd

CITY OF LONDON, EC3 Chapman's, Fenchurch St East India Arms, Fenchurch St Lamb Tavern, Leadenhall Market Three Lords, The Minories CLAPHAM COMMON, SW4

Windmill, South Sid CLAPHAM JUNCTION, SW11 Plough, St John's Hill

CLAPTON, E5 Prince of Wales, Lea Bridge Rd

CLAYGATE
Foley Arms, Foley Rd
CLERKENWELL, EC1
Sekforde Arms, Sekforde St
COVENT GARDEN, WC2
Marquess of Anglessey, Bow St
CROYDON, Surrey
Dog and Bull, Surrey St
Claucester, White Horse Rd

Gloucester, White Horse Rd Tamworth Arms, Tamworth Rd

DARTFORD, Kent

Malt Shovel, Darenth Rd DORKING, Surrey Old House at Home, West St

DULWICH, SE26 Dulwich Wood House, Sydenham

Hill EAST DULWICH, SE22 Clock House, Peckham Rye EFFINGHAM, Surrey

Plough, Orestan Lane EPSOM, Surrey King's Arms, East St ESHER, Surrey

Bear, High St ETON WICK, Berkshire

Pickwick, Eton Wick Rd **FULHAM, SW6** Duke of Cumberland,

New King's Rd GREENFORD, Middlesex
Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue
GREENWICH, SE10

Richard I, Royal Hill

HAM, Surrey Fox and Goose, Petersham Rd HAMMERSMITH, W6

Brook Green, Shepherd's Bush Rd Builders, King St Thatched House, Dalling Rd

HAMPSTEAD, NW3 Flask, Flask Walk Horse and Groom, Heath St

HARLESDEN, NW10 Grand Junction Arms, Canal Bridge, Acton Lane

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex Castle, Upper Square Coach and Horses, London Rd

ISLINGTON, N1 Marquess Tavern, Canonbury St KENSINGTON

Britannia, Allen St, W8 Britannia Tap, Warwick Rd, W14 KEW, Surrey Coach and Horses, Kew Green

KILBURN, NW6 Queen's Arms, High Rd KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, Surrey

Albert Arms, Kingston Hill Bishop Out of Residence, Bishop's Hall, off Thames St Grey Horse, Richmond Rd

Spring Grove, Bloomfield Rd LAMBETH, SW8 Plough, Wandsworth Rd Prince of Wales, Union Rd Surprise, Southville LEE, SE12

Crown, Burnt Ash Hill LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5 Wickwood Tavern, Flaxman Rd

Guinea, Bruton Place Windmill, Mill St

MERTON, SW19 King's Head, High St. Prince of Wales, Morden Rd

MITCHAM, Surrey Bull, Church Rd Cricketers, London Rd King's Arms, London Rd MORTLAKE, SW14

Charlie Butler, High St Jolly Gardeners, Lower Richmond

NORWOOD

Hope, High St, SE27 Railway Bell, Cawnpore St, SE19

King's Arms, Holywell St. OXSHOTT, Surrey

Bear, Leatherhead Rd PIMLICO, SWI

Morpeth Arms, Millbank

morpetn Arms, Milbank Rising Sun, Ebury Bridge Rd Royal Oak, Regency St PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex Fountain, Station Rd PUTNEY, SW15

Castle, Putney Bridge Rd Duke's Head, Lower Richmond Rd Green Man, Putney Heath Half Moon, Lower Richmond Rd Spotted Horse, Putney High St

REDHILL, Surrey Home Cottage, Redstone Hill REGENT'S PARK, NW1

Spread Eagle, Albert St RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES, Surrey Mitre, St Mary's Grove

Old Ship, King St Orange Tree, Kew Rd Red Cow, Sheen Rd Shaftesbury Arms, Kew Rd Shakespeare, Shakespeare Terrace, Lower Richmond Rd

Waterman's Arms, Water Lane White Cross, Riverside ROEHAMPTON, SW15

Angel, High St Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square ROTHERHITHE, SE16 Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St SHEEN, SW14

Hare and Hounds, Upper Richmond Rd West

SHERE, Surrey
Prince of Wales, Shere Lane
SOUTHWARK, SE1 Founders Arms, Bankside,

Hopton St Prince William Henry, Blackfriars Rd

Queen's Head, Flamborough St STREATHAM, SW16 Bedford Park, High Rd Pied Bull, High Rd

SURBITON, Surrey Black Lion, Brighton Rd Victoria, Victoria Rd Waggon and Horses, Surbiton Hill Rd

SUTTON, Surrey Lord Nelson, Lower Rd New Town, Lind Rd Robin Hood, West St SYDENHAM, SE26

Bricklayers' Arms, Dartmouth Rd TEDDINGTON, Middlesex Abercorn Arms, Church Rd

Queen Dowager, North Lane THORNTON HEATH, Surrey Fountain Head, Parchmore Rd Lord Napier, Beulah Rd

Railway Telegraph, Brigstock Rd TOOTING, SW17 Castle, High St Gorringe Park, London Rd Leather Bottle, Garratt Lane

Prince of Wales, Garratt Lane TWICKENHAM, Middlesex Old Anchor, Richmond Rd Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey

Royal George, Hersham Rd Swan, Manor Rd WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, Surrey

Chequers, Chequers Lane WALLINGTON, Surrey Duke's Head, Manor Rd

WANDSWORTH, SW18

Alma, York Rd Brewery Tap, High St County Arms, Trinity Rd Crane, Armoury Way Gardeners' Arms, Merton Rd Grapes, Fairfield St Halfway House, Garratt Lane King's Arms, High St

Old Sergeant, Garratt Lane Pig and Whistle, Merton Rd Queen Adelaide, Putney Bridge Rd Ship, Jew's Row

Spread Eagle, High St Two Brewers, East Hill Wheatsheaf, Putney Bridge Rd WESTMINSTER, SW1

Buckingham Arms, Petty France WIMBLEDON, SW19 Alexandra, Hill Rd Crooked Billet, Crooked Billet Dog and Fox, High St

Hand in Hand, Crooked Billet Rose and Crown, High St

FROM THE ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO in August 1981, London Drinker announced:

"One of the happier spin-offs of the Horselydown debacle (i.e. the closure of the Courage Tower Bridge Brewery) should be in the pubs by the time you read this. Tim Chudley was a brewer for Courage who was given the choice of redundancy or a transfer to Reading. He decided to leave Courage and set up on his own. He now has his brewery, tucked into the grottier end of Maida Vale and well placed for deliveries around London. Most of his equipment comes from Horselydown, and the capacity is about 50 barrels a week." In due course Tim Chudley joined forces with Godson's, and his Local Line is now brewed by Gibbs Mew in Salisbury. Greene King, whose beer had been available in London free houses for some time, had acquired its first tied pub in the area - the Trafalgar in Castle Road, NW1.

This was a 24pp issue. Prophetic, maybe, of the chaos soon to engulf us with the Eurobureau system, the green cover bore a cartoon showing a gentleman trampling around in a tub marked 'barley' while 2 onlookers looked on, one commenting "Old George has changed his home brewing methods since that holiday in France!" Beyond saying that lot over there have our pubs, and a whole chunk of the British way of life in their sights, no further comment is desirable. (The cover price, by the way was 10p). Five years ago in August 1986 London Drinker - then trying all sorts of experiments at the printers - used sepia ink throughout with green on 6 pages including the cover, which bore the price of 20p and an advert for the impending Great British Beer Festival in Brighton. It had 32 pages, of which nearly two were devoted to lists of pubs selling the publication.

Under the heading of 'Another Firkin' was the short item: "We hear that David Bruce has bought another pub, the Red Lion in Plaistow. Formerly an Ind Coope House, its last licensee kept whippets and a donkey. Any bets about the new title?" The answer to that, as published at a later date, was the Phantom & Firkin chosen because the premises are haunted.

Hope you enjoy the GBBF, in Docklands (see advert on p. 4). I certainly intend to.

Martin Smith

SOUTH WEST LONDON NEWS

The Horse and Groom, 107 Garratt Lane, SW18 has reopened after refurbishment. For once the designers have shown a total lack of imagination leaving the large single room with fixed seating around the around the sides of the room and only a few tables and stools in the middle - something more substantial was really needed to break up the space. The pub is now real again with Courage Best Bitter, John Smiths Bitter and Young's Bitter. The latter was in excellent condition on our visit and priced at the same level as local Young's houses.

In Mitcham the Old Nags Head, Upper Green West, has been demolished to make way for a road.

5TH CHAPEL BEER FESTIVAL

Once again the East Anglian Railway Museum will be hosting the Chappel Beer Festival. The dates this year are Wednesday 4th to Saturday 7th September and the festival will be open to the public from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm & 5.00 to 11.00 pm on each day. The usual features will be available including approximately 60 beers, ciders, hot and cold food and commemorative glasses; and there will be entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings.

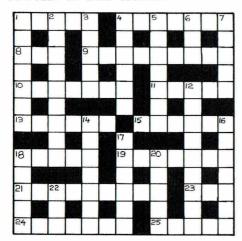
Admission costs £1.00 per head for each day but is free to members of CAMRA and the East Anglian Railway Museum whose headquarters are the venue for the event, a joint venture between them and CAMRA. Admission also includes entry to the railway exhibits during daylight hours.

The EARM is located at Chappel & Wakes Colne Station, near Colchester in Essex and is on the branch from Marks Tey to Sudbury off of the Liveprool Street to Colchester main line. A late train with London connection has been confirmed by British Rail leaving Chappel at 23.00 (11.00 pm) on Wednesday to Friday (not Saturday) arriving at Marks Tey at 23.11.

By road the venue is just off the A604 near the viaduct at Chappel village. A limited amount of space is available for camping but priority will be given to those working at the event. If you require further details please contact Dave Rayner on 0268 753245.

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON



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

The winner of the prize will be announced in the October 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



£10 PRIZE TO BE WON

ACROSS

4.	Girl in sacred dwelling finds rest.	[7]
5.	Pinch drink.	[3]
9.	Camp musical returns. It's experiment	al.
		[9]
10.	Drop dead from being tough and	
	strapping.	[7]
11.	Had a horror of bringing about death	
	5 5	[5]
13.	Actually how beer should be brewed.	[6]
15.	Wood in test is rubbish.	[6]
18.	Continue the innings with a stick.	[5]
19.	She gets praise in agency.	[7]

[5]

[9]

[3]

[7]

[5]

[7]

1. Indicate there's nothing in drink.

21. Is princess able to go out with

23. Number One returns and is charged.

24. Goes downhill and kills apparently.

DOWN

politician?

25. Walk is rated badly.

1. Breathe over female cat.

2.	It's urgent to bring in social work	er.
		[9]
3.	Object in article to 10 per cent du	ity.
	•	[5]
4.	Just sharpens tool head.	[6]
5.	Hide from English in state of agita	ation.
		[7]
6.	Welsh man from the dairy farm.	[3]
7.	Give and take?	[5]
12.	Lord's shot trying car out?	[4,5]
14.	It comes after a flight.	[7]
16.	Time Edward longed for.	[7]
17.	Bits of rubbish found in vessel.	[6]
18.	Deer county?	[5]
20.	Being watchful for beer, right?	[5]
	Born in need.	[3]

Winner of the prize for the June crossword:
W.J.A. Rudderham, Flat 78, Sutton Court,
Sutton Court Road, London W4 3JF
Other correct entries were received from:
E.Alleway, Robert Anderson, Mrs M.V.Andrews,
Mark Antony, Jacques Ash, Geoff B,
Jane Best, Andy Brooks, Peter Brown,
Stuart Brown, Diane Casey, Neil Chapman,
A.P.Comaish, Robert Day, Enigmatist,
Mikes Farrelly/Richards, Gareth Fish,
Michael Flynn, Derek Gibson,
Marvellous Maxine Gondolo, Lawrie Gordon,
Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green,
Mrs B.M.Grover, Alison Henley,
Ivor Hornicock, J.Jeeves, Doug King & Queen,
Colin Kolb, Simon Lammin, Pete Large,
Phil Loy, John Lay, Pat McAleavy, Fat Ma,
Jim Mason, Jan Musson, Terry Neill,
Rab Noolas, Steve Piggott, W.Priestley,
Paul Rogers, Jay Tamsitt, Jess Underhill,
Martin Weedon, Paul Weeks, Spud Whale,
Chris Whithouse, D.Woodward, Yak,
There was also one incorrect entry.

Existing Establishments

HARRINGAY THE MORTIMER ARMS

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 JJ MOONS 553 Kingsbury Road NW7

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

WALTHAMSTOW THE DRUM 557/9 Lea Bridge Road E10

WALTHAMSTOW THE COLLEGE ARMS 807 Forest Road E17

BARNET
THE MOON UNDER
WATER
148 High Street Barnet

ENFIELD THE MOON UNDER WATER 115/117 Chase Side Enfield

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE



The J.D. Wetherspoon Organisation. London's largest independent group of free houses is further extending its influence

Opening Soon

THE MOON UNDER WATER

250 Uxbridge Road, Hatch End

JJ MOONS

749 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, London N21

JJ MOONS

25-26 Kenton Park Parade, Kenton Road, Kenton, Middlesex

THE TIGERS HEAD

Bromley Road, Catford, London SE6

THE COLISEUM

Manor Park Road, Harlesden, London NW10

JJ MOONS

50-56 Cricklewood Broadway, London NW2



NEASDEN THE OUTSIDE INN 312-314 Neasden Lane NW10

SOUTH HARROW

JJ MOONS
3 Shaftesbury Parade

Shaftesbury Circle South Harrow

EAST BARNET THE RAILWAY BELL 13 East Barnet Road East Barnet

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

STREATHAM
JJ MOONS
2 Streatham Hill SW2

SHEPHERDS BUSH THE MOON ON THE GREEN 172-174 Uxbridge Road Shepherd's Bush W12

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10 Varley Parade
Colindale NW9

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56a High Street
Tooting SW17

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IDLE MOMENTS

With the Great British Beer Festival being back in London for the first time since 1980, I suspect that we might have one or two new readers who have not come across the delights of this little diversion before. If you are one of them may I offer you a warm welcome, especially if you received this copy of the London Drinker as part of the package being given to new members who join at GBBF. If you are not a new reader (and you are still reading this rubbish) I also welcome you.

For the benefit of new readers (and possibly some not so new ones) I should just like to explain that Idle Moments started through inconsequential conversations in local pubs with a few friends to fill in the minutes between arguments about whose round it was next. From that it grew into a simple pastime for those of you who had read all of the news items and fancied a bit of brain exercise but didn't feel up to Dave Quinton's crossword.

Not all of the items in this column are puzzles - some are just there for fun; read on and you will find some examples. Even here though, the idea is to try to stimulate the brain in not too serious a way in the hope that maybe you will be spurred into producing something similar. If you are please send in what you come up with - if it is any good (and that doesn't mean a very high standard at all) and is not libellous or obscene etc. there is a good chance it will get published, earning you instant fame (but certainly no fortune). (I do tend to put lots of things in brackets, don't I?)

Another thing you may notice is the way that each puzzle bit begins with last month's answers. The reason for this is quite simple, it's to try to get you hooked so you'll come back for next month's Drinker to get the answers to this month's puzzles. As an example of this I shall start off, as usual with the answers to last month's number puzzles. If it's not clear what they are read on:

- 1. 77 Sunset Strip
- 2. 1000 Days in Anne Boleyn's Reign
- 3. 12 Edges on a Cube
- 4. 100 Zeroes in a Googol
- 1840 Issue of the First Postage Stamp (Penny Black)
- 6. 2000 Pounds in a Short Ton

- 7. 22 Divided by Seven is Approximately Pi
- 8. 753 BC Foundation of Rome
- 9. 66 Clickety-Click
- 10. 0800 Free Phone Services

And here come this month's. Those of you who listen to Capital Gold on the way home from work may find that they bear a striking resemblance to the Dean Machine but we are kinder in that we give you the "ofs" and "froms" etc. No money though. Anyway (that's a word I tend to use far too often) here for your edification and delight (?) they are:

- 1. 1605 Y of the GP
- 2. 500 is D in RN
- 3. 239,000 M to the M
- 4. 2 V in a SQ
- 5. 12 OP in a S
- 6. 4 B (J, P, G & R)
- 7. 224 0 in a S
- 8. 100 P to T a C in B
- 9. 3 L of M by N
- 10. 21 P at WS (before the CTT)

Another puzzle I feature every month is the brewery anagram game. Each month I present you with five anagrams of breweries all of which can be found listed in the Good Beer Guide, though I must admit that some get printed in a somewhat colloquial form like, for example, number 40 in last month's:

- KARL'S IN LARKINS
- 2. POLE EDGED RIP ELDRIDGE POPE
- 3. SHAVE IN

ASH VINE

WHALE IS

DANIEL

TAINTED

THWAITES

5. AS A PRIDE

PARADISE

As a special treat this month I decided to dig deep into my Scrabble set and I've come up with no less than ten of the little teasers for you. And here they are:

- 1. SMELL ITCH
- 2. MOL HAD
- 3. LOADS RAN BY TANK
- 4. MRS REMAINS
- 5. SPILING FRED
- 6. BATH MA
- 7. LAINE AND CO
- 8. LAST AUNT LIES
- 9. WAIT SETH
- 10. SCORE MAN!

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One feature that has not been seen for over a year now is the non-rhyming limerick. It's main role seems to be to prove how futile life can be. In form it is a limerick (you guessed that, didn't you) where the words at the ends of the lines look like they ought to rhyme but in fact they do not. While I was sitting on the throne the other day, preparing to face the world, I thought it was about time to see if we could revive this art(?) form. After a bit of scratching my head and other things I came up with this example. Why not see if you can do any better.

To the little old lady in plaid, The man at the egg counter said: "If you will buy five, The sixth I shall give

And I guarantee that they're all new laid"

I know that some people north of the border rhyme plaid with laid but to southerners like me it sounds like lad - and the OED gives this as an acceptable pronunciation.

Now for another puzzling bit, but this time it is quite straight forward. Last October I was pressed into organising a quiz night for the social club at work and I have been recycling the questions, ten at a time, ever since. I have now used up all of the questions used on that evening but I still have some of the reserve ones left. First, though, here are last month's answers.

- 1. Brentford
- 2. Djakarta
- 3. Northamptonshire
- 4. George Orwell
- 5. The Beagle
- Bridge Over Troubled Water by Simon & Garfunkel
- 7. Henry's elder brother Arthur, the Prince of Wales
- 8. Eight
- 9. COMMITTEE
- 10. The River Shannon

And this month's questions:

- 1. Where is all Stilton cheese made?
- 2. How many No. 1 hits did the Beatles have in the UK charts?
- The Crystal Palace was built for the Great exhibition of 1851. Where was it first built?

- 4. Of what African Country is Ibrahim Babandiga the president?
- 5. What partnership built steam engines at the Soho foundry in Birmingham?
- 6. From what location are road mileages to the south of London measured?
- 7. What was the name of the sixties pop programme on ITV fronted by Keith Fordyce and Cathy McGowan?
- 8. In what street is Westminster Cathedral?
- The first motocycle TT race was held on the Isle of Man in 1907. It was run in two classes. Name the make of motorcycle which won either class (or both of them).
- 10. Who was the engineer who designed the Statue of Liberty

Have you ever walked up to a glass door with a sign on it which read, "TUO YAW"? My mate John Eastwood has done so on more than one occasion and one night during an "Idle Moment" we decided to see what other intelligible messages could be derived solely from letters that look the same in reverse. This led to a comeptition for the best one which was eventually won by Neil Rutherford of Slough with the following which also happened to be a non-rhyming limerick:

MIA YHTOMIT WOH YTTAT WOH MIH TA OTAMOT TIMOV OT HTUOM MUMIXAM HTIW HTUOY TOH TIWTUO OT

"M'I" HTIW YMMUT YM OOTTAT I Possibly the silliest idea that the aforementioned John Eastwood has come up with is the negative word with no corresponding positive. Well, now they too have positives! Looking back over a few back issues of the London Drinker I note that we haven't had any of these since February. Still, there's no time like the present to put things right so here are a few examples of the genre:

ASTER: (n) Nothing particularly untoward happening [opp. disaster]

C: (n) A square [opp. disc]

DER: (adj) On top of something [opp. under] DULATING: (adj) Dead flat [opp. undulating] FORMATIVE: (adj) Not telling you anything [opp. informative]

MOTE: (v) To leave something where it is or immobilise an item [opp. either promote or demote]

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NOUNCE: (v) To endorse [opp. denounce] PATCH: (v) To gather in or collect. [opp. dispatch]

PRECATE: (v) to praise [opp. deprecate]
TINCT: (adj) Unclear [opp. distinct]

There. I'm sure your lives would all have been a bit less exciting if you hadn't come across those little gems, wouldn't they? Oh well, suit yourselves then. Still, if you do come up with any good ones send them in - we may not have thought of them and they just might be your key to fame. (Still no fortune, I'm afraid).

Now for our last little puzzle. The following answers might not immediately appear to have much in common but a couple of months ago Glyn Thomas of Hounslow (there you see, someone has found fame - of a sort) wrote to me saying that not everybody can answer the general knowledge questions; they were something where you either knew the answer or you didn't. What he proposed was a series of brain teasers where, with a bit of logical deduction, you could work out the answer. Well, that's what he said; I can't say that the people I've watched trying to solve them got to the answers by anything but guesswork and sheer luck. They certainly are brain teasers though. Glyn did suggest that we should give the answers elsewhere in the same edition but that was against our mercenary instincts and I do believe that some readers may be tempted to give in too easily on some of the trickier ones if we did that. So if you want to make sense out of these answers I can only suggest that you try to find a copy of last month's Drinker.

- 1. SCYTHE
- 1,225. Each person shakes hands with 49 others (50 x 49) and since each handshake involves two people we divide this number by two (50 x 49 2 = 1,225).
- The sons swapped horses for the race and each rode as fast as he could.
- 4. Her parachute has failed.
- It uses every Roman numeral once and in ascending order of magnitude (MDCLXVI).

And finally here are this month's:

- A man walks across a ploughed field and sees two pieces of coal and a carrot. What is the weather like? (And what are they probably doing there?)
- 2. How many months in the year have thirty days?
- 3. What are the next two letters in this sequence: A E F H I?
- 4. A man has married a thousand women but is not a bigamist. What is he?
- 5. Who is the eldest child born to Queen Elizabeth II?

Well that's about all for this extended edition of Idle Moments. For me that title is something of a misnomer; putting this lot together has occupied quite a bit of time and ensured that what I won't have any of this week is any moments of idleness. I hope you've enjoyed it. We'll be back next month with more of the same.

Andy Pirson

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SOME ECCENTRICITIES OF THE CIDER BAR

The world of cider is, by its very nature, full of intrigue, anecdotes and a logic that defies even my understanding of the world we live in. This year's cider bar at the Great British Beer festival has a number of ciders and perries that reflect all of this.

In recent times, a lot of the smaller breweries have been started by people who have either left or been made redundant by the larger breweries. In Devon we now have Green Valley Cider, which came into being when Chris Coles was made redundant when Whiteways was closed by Showerings. He now produces a number of different real ciders, which only goes to show that he didn't learn everything from Showerings.

Also from Devon comes Alex Hill's Bollhayes cider and perry. Alex also markets cider making equipment and produces a "pider" - apples and pears fermented together.

The strange-sounding Gibbon Strangler is produced in very small quantities in Bromley, South East London, by David Kitton, editor of the Good Cider Guide, using a conglomeration

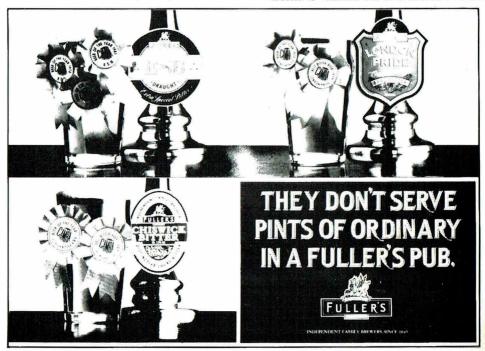
of household implements. The name makes a change from the myth of the dead rat in the cider!

In Herefordshire, ex-baker Jim Franklin is certainly not afraid to experiment and has produced a sage perry and a hop-flavoured cider?! He has also produced a perryaspi, not an Italian sparkling drink, but a perry flavoured with lavender buds.

A warm welcome back has been made this year to Long Ashton, who until recently were dispensing their cider in pubs using a gas sytem with a fake hand pump. After CAMRA pressure, they have decided to phase these out and revert to traditional hand pumps. Both their cider and perry will be available, and they have also produced yet another sage perry.

From the wilds of Norfolk comes Robbie Crone, a Dutch carpenter who also produces cider and perry. I could go on and on and on, but I won't.

Instead, why not visit the cider bar and try some of these wonderous concoctions yourself - around 45 varieties will be available. Wassail!



BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for Augustof which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 21.

CROYDON & SUTTON: AUG: Mon 5 (8.00) North Croydon Crawl. Start OAKFIELD TAVERN (Public Bar, dep. 9.00) then HORSE & JOCKEY (both on Spurgeons Bridge) and WINDMILL - Fri 9 (7.45) Out of Town Social. HUNTSMAN, Eridge (Next to Station, King & Barnes). 19.53 train from East Croydon, change at Oxted - Thu 22 (8.00) East Croydon Social. PORTER & SORTER, behind Post Office building. New members especially welcome!

SEP: Tue 10 (8.00) Shirley Crawl. Start SHIRLEY INN, 176 Wickham Road (dep. 9.00) then CROWN, 28 Wickham Rod and SURPRISE, 107 Upper Shirley Road - Mon 16 (8.00) South Norwood Social. ALBION, 26 High Street, SE25 - New members especially welcome! - Thu 26 (8.00) Branch meeting. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon.

EAST LONDON & CITY: AUG: Mon 5 (8.00) Two Pub Social. EARL OF ESSEX, 616 Romford Road, E12 then BLAKESLEY ARMS (9.00), 53 Station Road - Tue 20 (8.00) E8 Crawl. Start SPURSTOWE ARMS, 68 Greenwood Road then DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH (9.00), 212 Richmond Road and PRINCE GEORGE (10.00), 40 Parkhouse Road - Thu 29 (5.30) Two Pub Social. YE OLDE DR BUTLERS HEAD, Masons Avenue, EC2 (near Moorgate) then PENNY BLACK (7.00), Tester House, Joorfields, EC2.

SEP: Mon 2 (8.00) CHESNUTS TREE, Lea Bridge Road, E10. (1 mile from Leyton Midland Station, ½ mile from Leyton Bus Station. Buffet will be available).

ENFIELD & BARNET: AUG: Thu 1 (9.00) Farewell Social (landlord retiring). ALEXANDRA, 135 Wood Street, Barnet - Wed 7 (8.00) Annual Branch Barbecue GREEN DRAGON, 889 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N22 - Tue 13 to Sat 17 Great British Beer Festival - Tue 20 (9.00) Social. JOLLY FARMER (Back Bar), 92 Enfield Road, Enfield - Thu 29 (9.00) Social (and London Drinker pick up). TALLY HO, 749 High Road, North Finchley, N12.

KINGSTON & LEATHER HEAD: AUG: Wed 7 (8.30) Business Meeting. WYCH ELM, Kingston (in garden if fine).

SEP: Wed 4 (8.30) Business meeting. ASHLEY ARMS (Snug Bar), Walton on Thames - Tue 10 (8.00) Jonit Social with S.W. London Branch. HALFWAY HOUSE, SW18 (next to Earlsfield Station) - Sat 12 Oct (8.00) Barbecue BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Kingston.

NORTH LONDON: AUG: Thu 1 (8.00) Social (and London Drinker pick up). FLOUNDER & FIRKIN, Holloway Road, N7 (nearest tube Highbury & Islington) - Tue 6 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Tottenham, N17. CHEQUERS, Tottenham High Road then RAILWAY TAVERN (9.30), White Hart Lane - Tue 13 to Sat 17 Great British Beer Festival - Tue 20 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Islington, N1. KINGS HEAD, Essex Road (NOT Upper Street) then CAMDEN HEAD (9.30), Camden Walk - Thu 22 (8.00) Surveying Social. CROWN, Cloudsley Road, N1 - Sun 25 (12.00) Bank Holiday Sunday Lunchtime Social. WATERSIDE INN, York Way, N1 - Tue 27 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Highgate, N6. ANGEL, Highgate High Street then FLASK (9.30), Highgate West Hill - Thu 29 Surveying Social (and London Drinker pick up). NETPTUNE, Warrington Street, NW1.

SEP: Tue 3 (8.00) Surveying Social. SPREAD EAGLE, Albert Street (off Parkway), NW1 - Tue 10 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Hampstead, NW3. WELLS HOTEL, Well Walk then YE OLDE WHITE BEAR (9.30), Well Road - Wed 11 (8.00) Joint Social with West London Branch; Crawl of Warwick Road, W14 (nearest tubes Kensington Olympia & West Kensington). RADNOR ARMS then WARWICK ARMS (9.00) and BRITANNIA TAP (10.00) - Tue 17 (7.30) London Drinker Beer Festival (1992) Planning meeting. RUGBY TAVERN, Great James Street, WC1 - Tue 24 (9.00) Surveying Social. PINEAPPLE, Leverton Street, NW5 - Thu 26 Surveying Social (and London

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Drinker pick up). GEORGE & VULTURE, Pitfield Street, N1 - Tue 1 Oct Branch Meeting. Venue to be arranged.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: AUG: Tue 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting. PRINCESS ROYAL, 107 Ealing Road, Brentford - Mon 19 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BEEHIVE, 333 Staines Road, Bedfont - Tue 27 (8.30) Two Pub Social. PRINCE ALBERT, 54 Hounslow Road, Whitton then SOUTH WESTERN HOTEL, 158 Whitton Road, Hounslow.

SEP: Tue 3 (8.30) Committee Meeting. DUKES HEAD, 42 The Vineyard, Richmond - Mon 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting. COACH & HORSES, 183 London Road, Isleworth - Wed 25 (8.30) Social. RIFLEMAN, 7 Fourth Cross Road, Twickenham.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: AUG: Thu 1 (7.30) Branch Boules Social. Come and learn how to play this game with us. DULWICH WOOD HOUSE (in garden), 39 Sydenham Hill, SE26 - Mon 5 (8.00) Open Committee/Branch Meeting. ROYAL GEORGE, 85 Tanners Hill, SE8 - Thu 29 (8.00) Out of Town Branch Social. VIGO INN, Fairseat, Kent (Page 154, 1991 GBG).

& Nine Ashes Road, Stondon Massey - Tue 6 (8.30) Out of Area Social. 16-STRING JACK, Coppice Row (B172), Theydon Bois - Wed 14 (8.30) Social. PLOUGH, Off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ 538970) - Mon 19 (8.30) Social. SPENCERS, 122 Ardleigh Green Road (near A127), Hornchurch - Thu 29 (8.30) Out of Area Social. DRILL HOUSE, Mutton Row, Toot Hill Road, Stanford Rivers (Near Greensted, 1½ mile off A113).

SEP: Wed 4 to Sat 7 CHAPPEL BEEREX, East Anglia Railway Museum - Wed 11 (8.30) Branch Meeting. ROSE & CROWN, 31 Mill Lane (near A104), Woodford Green - Mon 16 (8.30) Out of Area Social. COMPASSES, Littley Green (OS: TQ699172) - Thu 26 (7.30) Brewery trip to GALES, Horndean. Details from Wendy Benson on 0708 723897 - Fri 27 (8.30) Social/25 Beerex. THATCHED HOUSE, 348 St Marys Lane (B187), Cranham.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: AUG: Wed 14 (5.00 onwards) Informal Social at GBBF. At East Anglia Bar (ask for Ted or Chris) or Yorkshire Bar (ask for Dave) - Thu 29 Presentation to Timothy Taylor's for best Out of Town Brewery at Battersea Beerex. At Keighley; make your own way there. Phone Branch Contact for details) by (19th August please).

SEP: Tue 10 (8.00) Joint Social with Kingston & Leatherhead Branch. HALFWAY HOUSE, 521 Garratt Lane, SW18 (by Earlsfield Station) - Mon 30 (7.30) Open Committee Meeting, followed by Open Festival Committee Meeting (8.30), NIGHTINGALE, 97 Nightingale Lane, SW12.

WATFORD & DISTRICT: AUG: Tue 6 (8.30) Social. FOX, Old Bricket Wood - Sat 10 Real Ale Ramble around Christmas Common - Fri 16 (evening) Branch Trip to the Great British Beer Festival - Tue 20 (8.30) Social. OLD SHEPHERD, Chorleywood - Wed 28 (8.30) Social. CRICKETERS, Sarrat.

SEP: Wed 4 (8.30) Games Social. STAG, Merryhill Road, Bushey. Advance Notice: Wed 13 Nov Auction of Breweriana. West Herts Sports & Social Club, Park Avenue, Watford.

WEST LONDON: AUG: Wed 7 (8.00) Westminster Walkabout. Start MORPETH ARMS, Millbank, SW1 then PAVIOURS ARMS (9.00), Page Street; ROYAL OAK (10.00), Regency Road - Thu 22 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BEEHIVE, Homer Street, W1 - Wed 11 (8.00) Warwick Road Wobble. Start RADNOR ARMS then WARWICK ARMS (9.00) and BRITANNIA TAP (10.00).

WEST MIDDLESEX: AUG: Thu 1 (8.30) Social (and London Drinker pick up). ROYAL STANDARD, 104 Coldharbour Lane, Hayes - Tue 13 to Sat 17 All Week Social at the GBBF, Docklands - Wed 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting. KINGS HEAD, High Street, Acton, W3 - Thu 29 (8.30) Social (and London Drinker pick up). BLACK HORSE, 425 Oldfield Lane, Greenford.

Deadline for the September edition, 1st August. Material for October edition to arrive by 2nd September. Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pirson.

MY FAVOURITE PUB

At the distribution of the last edition of London Drinker we were discussing what to put into the next edition and I suggested that it would be nice to give a bit of publicity to a favourite pub. Somewhat to my surprise this was not rejected as an ego trip so here we are. The trouble was that when I got home and thought about it there were actually two pubs that I wanted to put in. So you could regard this as my favourite (short) pub crawl though when I visit either one I tend to stay there so it isn't really a crawl at all.

Both pubs have a number of basic features in common; they are both quite small; are both tucked away in side streets in Teddington; have both retained their public bars; neither has music in the saloon bar and both are run by tenants who care deeply about their beer and their customers.

The first is in my blood in a way. My dad was born in a shop (demolished twenty years ago) just across the road though he did not really start drinking there regularly until the early seventies - about the same time as I first went there. It is of course the QUEEN DOWAGER in North Lane which is the side road off Broad Street opposite Woolworths. But what can I say about it that I didn't put into the last paragraph. I think that what I like about the place is all about Bill and Betty Lubbock who run it. They have been inthe licensed trade for many years and their last three pubs have all been very well-regarded Youngs pubs: the Britannia in Kensington; the Alexandra in Wimbledon and the Prince William Henry in Blackfriars Road, SE1.

They have been the tenants at the Dowager for about four years now I suppose and they immediately made all their customers feel at home. Before that, I have known a number of tenants in the pub and I certainly would not have even put it on a short list of favourite pubs under some of them.

Apart from that I find it difficult to put my finger on what I like about the pub-it is just the right sort of pub to feel comfortable in. It is not too bright though it is certainly not dim.

It goes without saying that the beer (Youngs Bitter, Special and Winter Warmer in season)

is all excellent and everybody I know who has eaten there has had nothing but praise for it. Betty's home made steak and kidney pies run my Mum's an extremely close second (but then I have to say that Mum's are best, don't I!) Of course I mustn't forget the pub's other great character, Ben; he comes round the pub at regular intervals to greet the customers and to see if they have any crisps or peanuts that he can scrounge before the management spot him and put an end to his rambling. It's a dog's life - well it is if you are a chocolate retriever.



The Queen Dowager, North Lane, Teddington

Oh, by the way the name merits some explanation - it is the only example that I know of a pub of this name. A clue is gained by looking at the sign but this in my humble opinion is an error, perpetrated by the brewery; it depicts Queen Mary, the widow of King George V. In fact the pub (in common with a number of others in Teddington) is named after Queen Adelaide who was Queen to William IV. Before they came to the throne William and Adelaide lived in Bushy House - now part of the National Physical Laboratory - which can be seen very well from Bushy Park. When William died and Victoria succeeded to the throne Adelaide returned to Bushy House to spend the rest of her days. Incidentally several pubs in both Teddington and Hampton Hill, across the park celebrate the time when William lived there as Duke of Clarence before he became King.

The other pub I wanted to include in this little piece is, as I have already remarked, similar in many ways to Dowager. I think I like this one

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THREE MEN HOLDING ME DOWN

A History of Truman, Hanbury and Buxton by Martyn Cornell

This is the first part of a two part history of Truman's brewery covering the period up to 1945. The article will be concluded in next month's edition.

When Charles II returned to England in 1660, the Spitalfields area, on the edge of the City of London, was still mostly what its name implied - open fields. Daniel Defoe, who was born in the year of the Restoration, remembered Brick Lane in his childhood as "a deep, dirty road frequented chiefly by carts fetching bricks into Whitechapel".

Over the next ten years, however, as London expanded, development spread up Brick Lane itself, and new streets were laid out where previously cows had grazed. Two of these streets were named Grey Eagle Street and Black Eagle Street. Soon after 1679 Joseph Truman acquired a lease on property in the latter street, which was eventually to give his brewery its name.

Truman is said, "based on papers now lost", to have set up business as a brewer in 1666, the year of the Great Fire of London. However, he is not definitely found as a brewer in any records that survive today until 1683, when he appears in the register of St Dunstan's, Stepney, as a "brewer of Brick Lane". He became a freeman of the Brewers Company in 1690. Who his partners were at this time is not known, but by 1716 they included his son Joseph II and one Alud Denne.

Another of Joseph Truman senior's nine children, Benjamin, born about 1700, became a partner in the brewery in 1722. At this time there were four separate brewhouses on the site. They provided enough wealth for Joseph Truman II to retire to Trowbridge in 1730, and to be "reputed worth £10,000" when he died in 1733.

By the end of that decade Truman's Brewery had getting on for 300 publicans on the books, though less than a tenth were tied houses actually owned by the brewery. It seems highly likely that most, if not all the beer produced in Brick Lane by now was Porter. This was first brewed in 1722, according to tradition, just next door to Spitalfields, in Shoreditch. It had

quickly proved extremely popular with London beer drinkers, and also peculiarly suitable to mass production. By 1760 Truman's was the third biggest of the London Porter brewers, with just over 60,000 barrels a year, narrowly behind Samuel Whitbread (though still some way behind John Calvert's Peacock brewery, on 75,000 barrels a year).

Benjamin Truman had moved out of London by 1754, to a home near Hatfield, in Hertfordshire, just within commuting distance of the Black Eagle brewery along 18th century roads. In 1757 he confirmed his position as a country gentleman by taking over Pope's Manor, a newly-built house just to the east of the Marquess of Salisbury's Hatfield Park. Four years later the seal was almost literally put upon his arrival among the upper classes when he was "pricked" to become the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire.

As Sheriff, it was Truman's job that year to deliver a loyal address to the new King, George III. The two had links from many years before, in 1737, when George, then Prince of Wales, had thrown a public celebration for the birth of his daughter. The first night the crowds had rioted over the quality of the beer provided by some anonymous brewer. The next night Truman supplied the beer instead, to the satisfaction of all. Reminded of this by Truman's appearance at court with the address, George III rewarded the Brick Lane brewer with a knighthood.

By coincidence, Truman's near neighbour in Hertfordshire was his great rival, Samuel Whitbread, who owned Bedwell Park, Essendon, only a mile away from Pope's Manor. There is strong evidence that the two did not fraternise - Whitbread and his family were patrons of Essendon church, while Truman avoided that village, travelling past it another couple of miles to Hertingfordbury to worship. It was in Hertingfordbury churchyard that Truman's only son was buried in 1766, and Truman himself followed in 1780. (The tomb is now half-hidden under a yew, with the inscription barely readable, but the Truman arms - three hearts - can still be seen).

Sir Benjamin Truman's daughter had two sons, Contd. on p.17 William and Henry Truman Read, and a daughter, Frances, who had married a Frenchman called Villebois. Neither William nor Henry were really interested in the concern, although Sir Benjamin left a one-eighteenth share in the Black Eagle brewery for William, and the business took his name, becoming Read's Brewery. But Sir Benjamin left the rest of his estate, worth £180,000 to Frances's sons, John and William Truman Villebois.

The management of the brewery stayed in the hands of Sir Benjamin's head clerk, James Grant. In 1786 Read's Brewery was the second-biggest producer in London, with just over 121,000 barrels brewed a year. This was only some 14,000 barrels behind Whitbread, but well ahead of the third-placed brewer, Thrale's (later Barclay Perkins) at not quite 106,000 barrels a year.

Two years later Grant bought William Truman Read's one-eighteenth share in the brewery. Shortly after, however, Grant died at his country home, in Motcombe, Dorset. Within a month, by August 1789, Sampson Hanbury, aged 30, a member of a family of Quaker bankers, had purchased Grant's share and come to live in the brewer's house in Brick Lane.

While Hanbury ran the business, which changed its name to Truman and Hanbury, Sir Benjamin's half-French grandsons remained sleeping partners. Trade slipped badly at first, with the Brick Lane brewery falling to fifth place among the London brewers in 1792, selling only 98,000 barrels a year (Whitbread, by comparison, managed to get rid of more than 170,000 barrels). As the century neared its end, in 1799, Hanbury had increased sales to 117,000 barrels a year, but Whitbread was still way ahead with more than 200,000 barrels and Barclay Perkins was making 136,000 barrels a year.

Steam only seems to have arrived at Brick Lane in 1805, when Hanbury ordered a beam engine from Boulton and Watt of Birmingham. This was a considerable time after the other big London brewers had installed steam. Whitbread had its first engine in 1784, and Barclay Perkins had followed five years later, in 1790.

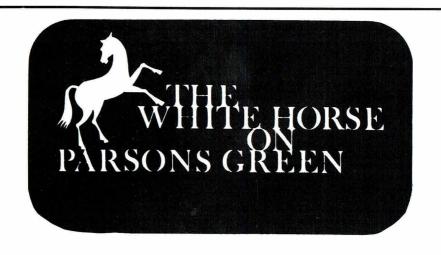
The year Brick Lane acquired the steam engine, Hanbury had built his share up in the brewery to a third, after slowly buying more and more off the Truman Villebois brothers. In 1808 Hanbury's nephew, another Quaker, Thomas Fowell Buxton joined the brewery. He became a partner in 1811, at the age of 25, bringing the last element to what was now Truman, Hanbury, Buxton and Company.

Buxton's greatest gift to the brewery was sorting out the management of a concern that, by 1815, owned 200 pubs outright and financed another 300 landlords. His efforts helped Truman's finally to overtake its rival in Chiswell Street, so that in 1827 the Brick Lane brewery was selling 211,000 barrels of beer a year to Whitbread's 163,000. (At the same time Barclay Perkins, then probably the biggest brewery in the world, was pushing out 276,000 barrels a year).

Truman's had still felt the need in 1816 to strengthen its management, and its financial base, when the opportunity came to take on board as partners another couple of Quaker brewers. Robert Pryor and his brother Thomas Marlborough Pryor were members of a family which ran a brewery in Baldock, in Hertfordshire. But they had been leasing another concern, Proctor's, which had ranked 23rd (out of more than 140) among the London brewers in 1792. One of the pubs they controlled was the Old Blue Last, Shoreditch, supposedly the first pub to sell Porter. When their lease on Proctor's Brewery ran out, the Pryor brothers bought their trade, worth 20,000 barrels a year, into Truman's. For the next 138 years the brewery in Brick Lane was to be run exclusively by members of the Hanbury, Buxton and Pryor families.

Sampson Hanbury died childless in 1835, making his heir his nephew Robert Hanbury, who had joined the brewery in 1820. Thomas Marlborough Pryor had died in 1821, while his brother Robert lived until his death in 1839 aged 60 in the house reserved for bachelor partners at the Brick Lane brewery. It was Robert who put up the money in 1836 for one of his nephews to buy a brewery in Hatfield, Hertfordshire from, of all people, James Watney's brother-in-law. (By another of those convoluted links so common in brewery history, a later partner in the Hatfield brewery was the son of the Reid of Watney, Combe and Reid). Robert Pryor introduced another newphew, Arthur Pryor, son of one of the Brick Lane brewery's biggest malt suppliers, into the

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A MILD NIGHT BEFORE THE STORM **MONDAY 12TH AUGUST** 6 pm - 11 pm A SELECTION OF **FAVOURITE MILDS**

partnership in 1839. It was Arthur's descendants who were to play such a dominant part in the brewery's history.

Arthur Pryor came to live in Putney. In the 1850s, at least, every working day he would conduct family prayers at 7.45 am for his children and the servants, before mounting his horse and riding to the local station. There he left the horse behind and caught the train to Brick Lane, returning home at 6 pm.

The brewery Arthur was helping to run was selling 400,000 barrels of beer a year, a quarter of it now ale rather than porter. If ale brewing had ever stopped at the Brick Lane brewery, it had certainly begun again by 1804. The whole operation now covered nearly six acres. Black Eagle Street had been swallowed completely, surviving only as the dray walk, where casks were loaded. The brewery employed 65 coopers, used 130 horses to move the beer out to publicans, and consumed 500,000 barrels of water a year from its own artesian wells. It even had its own Thames-side wharf, Black Eagle Wharf, near St Katherine's Dock, bought in 1841.

Like most London brewers. Truman's had long bought most of its malt from Hertfordshire, where the maltsters specialised in the brown malts needed for Porter. In Sir Ben Truman's heyday, from 1746 to 1766, nearly 90 per cent of the brewery's malt came from Hertfordshire, shipped down the Lea and other rivers and canals. In 1842 the Northern and Eastern Railway Company built a line from Hertford to London, and within eight years 57 per cent of Truman's malt from Hertfordshire was coming by rail. In 1855 the brewery went over to bringing in all its Hertfordshire malt by rail. But Truman's was sufficiently concerned about the monopoly power of the railways to step in and buy the Stort Navigation in 1873, to stop it falling into the hands of the railway companies, who might have closed down this rival means of transport of Truman's essential supplies.

Thomas Fowell Buxton, who was made a baronet in 1841, died in 1845. He had a great reputation as a politician and philanthropist, and helped campaign to get slavery abolished in the British Empire. He was succeeded at the brewery by a younger son, also called Thomas Fowell Buxton. Thomas junior, who lived like Ben Truman in Hertfordshire, was an entirely

different character from his father, if the comment of a man who had business dealings with him locally is to be believed: "As he is one of the richest men in the county, so he is the meanest. So thoroughly is he despised... not a village boy touches his hat when the wealthy brewer passes".

As the Porter trade slowly declined, so the London brewers found themselves under pressure from brewers in Burton-on-Trent, where the water was so much better for making the increasingly-popular pale ales. Truman's decided that if it could not beat the Burton breweries, it would join them. After a couple of abortive attempts to set up agency agreements with Staffordshire brewers, in 1873 Truman's bought the Phillips brewery in Burton (there was another family link here - 20 years earlier a branch of the Phillips family, named Simpson, had bought the original Pryor brewery in Baldock).

Arthur Vickris Pryor, son of Arthur Pryor, was sent to Burton to run the new acquisition, and between 1874 and 1876 Truman's enlarged and completely refitted it. The brewery gave Truman's the advantage of being able to sell Burton pale ales under its own name, something no other London brewer was able to do, which is why so many Truman's pubs to this day still carry the Burton name outside. But at first Truman's Burton brewery lost money, and the partners considered selling it. Eventually, by 1880, trade picked up and the first profit was shown.

About the same time, Truman's was expanding its sales outside its London heartland. In 1879 it acquired a "large block" of public houses in Chatham, Kent. A year later a brewery stores was set up in Swansea, South Wales. Another agency was set up in Newcastle upon Tyne, where in 1897 Truman's acquired a bottling business.

Nine years earlier, in 1889, the partners in the brewery had finally taken the step of turning it into a limited company, Truman, Hanbury and Buxton Ltd. The first board of directors consisted entirely of Hanburys, Buxtons and Pryors, with Arthur Pryor as first chairman, Pryor stayed in the chair until 1897, to be followed by Edward North Buxton.

Around 1900 Truman's moved up into Essex, Contd. on p.30



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Southwark Tavern



WHAT DO THEY TAKE US FOR?

Believe it or not, the following is a copy of a circular sent out to managers of Taylor Walker pubs to "help" them reply to customers who question the recent beer price increase in their pubs. It was sent to us by Tim Rowley, a reader from Chessington, who was handed it by his local Taylor Walker landlord. I might add that in the pub in question Taylor Walker Best bitter has gone up by 8p a pint to £1.46!

- Q. Why has the cost of my drink/pint gone up?
- A Basically because of higher costs. It's now costing more to produce the beer and more to distribute it, that is to get it up to the pubs. Also, the costs of actually running the pub have increased costs such as wages, rates and other general overheads.
- Q. But you increased prices just a few months ago?
- A. The price adjustments we made were forced on us by the Budget. As well as the increase in duty, we also had to pass on the new rate of Value Added Tax so neither of these were of any benefit to us. We last put our prices up in July last year, so it is exactly a year since that increase. In fact tax (duty plus VAT) accounts for 38p in every pint.

It strikes us that the brewery that only put on the bare increase in duty and VAT is very rare indeed. We suspect that Joseph Holts of Manchester were probably the only brewer who were that abstemious.

- Q. But isn't this increase a bit much?
- A. No, not really. It works out on an average increase of 5-6%, which is below the rate of inflation. Nobody likes price increases so we've been doing all we can to absorb and hold down cost increase and to make economies in every area of our business.

This sounds a little like a case of having your cake and eating it to us. If TW are bleating about how much money goes in tax then the percentage increase they stated in the last answer should have been given as a percentage of the price net of tax - more like 8%.

- Q. The breweries are making too much money - they should consider their customers more?
- A. Yes, Taylor Walker is in business to make a profit but a lot of that profit is being reinvested in better pubs with better facilities for our customers.

Does "Yes" mean "Yes we are making too much money"? That is how it reads to us - talking literally, we mean.

Over the last 4-5 years, Taylor Walker has spent almost £100 million on improving our pubs to keep them up to the standard demanded by our customers.

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MORE FROM WETHERSPOONS

A press release turned up recently from the J.D. Wetherspoon Organisation informing us that they are to invest more than £4 million in opening six further outlets by the end of the year to bring the total to forty.

Five of the six free houses are being converted from retail outlets, including a cinema in Harlesden, NW10 and a Barclays bank in Hatch End, Middlesex. The only existing pub in the six is the Squires in Catford, SE6 which will return to its original name, the Tigers Head.

Wetherspoon's development manager, Gerry Martin, said, "It is difficult to find existing pubs in the right location, so we have continued to look for retail sites which are ripe for conversion. We will certainly be opening more free houses throughout 1992 to increase our influence throughout London."

A survey in the Independent on Sunday, carried out in association with accountants Price Waterhouse placed Wetherspoons in the 100 best performing companies, based on percentage growth over the last five years.

In the first issue of their house paper,

Wetherspoon News, Managing Director Tim Martin is reported as saying, "I am very pleased that all our hard effort in winning licensing and planning permission to open new pubs in the face of fierce opposition from big brewers in prime sites in London, is being reflected in gaining a position as the foremost expanding company in the trade.

"Over the next few years we are determined to continue our expansion programme while still selling the cheapest pint of beer in the capital".

"We have shown that by selling good beer in comfortable pubs, without any music, we can still be successful even in a recession."

Meanwhile the Railway Bell in East Barnet has won the Barnet in Bloom competition beating 21 other pubs to the title. It was the first time that Barnet had taken part in the competition and now managers Eamon and Barbara Hogan are hoping to win the outright title of London in Bloom pub display of the year.

Another Wetherspoon pub, the newly reopened Tally Ho in North Finchley, was joint runner up in the competition.

DRINK YOUR WAY AROUND BRITAIN GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL LONDON ARENA

In August the colourful Great British Beer Festival is returning to London after an absence of 10 years.

With 300 different beers, eiders and perries on offer, this Festival has the biggest selection to be found anywhere in the UK.

The bar is 930 feet 6 inches long and covers all of Great Britain. The bars are olaid out on a regional basis so you can drink in different parts of the country as you wander around the venue. In addition, for those who long for foreign tastes, there will be two foreign beers bars with a wide selection of beers from the Continent.

Live entertainment takes place every session and includes blues, jazz and country music (Hank Wangford is playing on Saturday night). For less passive entertainment, Britain has a history of pub games and there will be an opportunity to play some more unusual ones such as "Bat and Trap" or the very noisy "Northamptonshire Cheeses" alongside the less energetic "Devil among the Tailors".

The younger members of the family are also invited. There is a family room operating each day and there is live childrens entertainment each lunchtime.

John Norman, the Festival Organiser, said "With the biggest bar in the world we are expecting the biggest attendance for many years. Enquiries have come from all over Britain as well as overseas."

In fact John adds that the overseas attendees have not only come to visit the Festival, some are actually coming to work!

BEER BRIEFING LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 64

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.

A fairly quiet month with guest beers continuing to spread into the pubs of the big brewers, and a trickle of pubs being sold off as free houses, although not in the numbers required by the imminent application of the new legislation. Two new outlets for mild have emerged in SE1 and SW4 (the latter being a home brew) to add to the one in Harefield reported last month.

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, 8th 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

NORTH WEST

WEMBLEY, BARRETTS, 535 High Road. No real ale. New Free House at first floor level. SOUTH EAST

SE8, WINDSOR CASTLE, 161 Deptford High Street. No real ale. Reopened Belhaven pub. (SE72, U39, U44, U54) ST MARY CRAY, SEVEN STILES, Ranmore Path. Courage; Best Bitter. (SE271)

SIDCUP, IRON HORSE, 122 Station Road.
Courage: Best Bitter. John Smith: Magnet.
Greene King: Abbot Ale. (SE273)

Greene King: Abbot Ale♦. (SE273)
SOUTH WEST

SW18, HORSE & GROOM, 107 Garratt Lane. Courage: Best Bitter. John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Young: Bitter♦. Reopened after refurbishment. (SW51, U38, U48, U58)

W10, BREWSTERS BEER HOUSE, 13 North Pole Road. Renamed NEW MORTH POLE. Boddington: Bitter. Tetley: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Watney. Originally NORTH POLE. (W86) W11, BRITANNIA INN, 123 Clarendon Road. Fuller: London Pride. A Grand Met. (Truman) pub. (W87) SOUTHALL, WHITE SWAN, 2 Norwood Road.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE NORTH

Flowers: IPA. A Watney pub. (W143)

N22, WELCOME INN. Free House, H removed. Formerly LORDS. (U43, U52, U53) SOUTH EAST

SE8, LORD PALMERSTON. Charrington (fizz), closed - future uncertain. (SE71)

CHISLEHURST, WHITE HORSE. Whitbread, H removed. (SE227, U59)
ERITH, BRITANNIA. Belhaven (fizz), closed - future uncertain. (SE254, U39, U48)
ST MARY CRAY, ROBIN HOOD. Charrington (fizz) closed & boarded up - future uncertain. (SE270, U42)
SOUTH WEST

MITCHAM, OLD NAGS HEAD. Allied (Ind Coope), demolished. (SW68, U59) WEST

SOUTHALL, VICTORY. Watney (fizz), now demolished. Note, described erroneously as a Courage pub in W guide. (W143, U54)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES CENTRAL

EC2, WHITE HART, 121 Bishopsgate.
+ Stones: Best Bitter. (E30)
EC3, SHIP & TURTLE. + John Smith:
Yorkshire Bitter. (E36)
W1 (5), LEICESTER ARMS. Now just named
LEICESTER. - Everard Beers. + Brakspear:
Special Bitter. (W43, U53)
WC2, LADY HAMILTON. Renamed & WAY TO
HEAVEN, still fizz. (W54)
WORTH

N7, HOLLOWAY. - Beers listed in N guide except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Archers: Best Bitter. + Boddington: Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride, ESB. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Truman. (N65)
N16, RUMOURS. - Beers listed in N guide & Update except Greene King: Abbot Ale and Younger: Scotch Bitter: + Everard: Old Original. Formerly WALFORD. (N94, U40)

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 64 Continued NORTH WEST HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS. + Ansells: Mild. (W114) WEMBLEY, VILLAGE INN. - Truman: Best Bitter. (W159) WEMBLEY, WILD DUCK. Renamed COMNAUGHT. (W159, U61) SOUTH EAST SE1, WHEATSHEAF. + Guest Mild. (SE44, SE10, FOX & HOUNDS. - Beers listed. + Bass. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Worthington: Best Bitter. + Young: Bitter. Now a Free House (McGowans), ex Charrington. Reopened after 7 months closure. (SE83)

SE11, LAMBETH SPORTSMAN. + Greene King: Rayments Special Bitter. (SE94, U39, U43, U48, U60)

Se23, MALT SHOVEL. - Fuller: London Pride. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. (SE177, U50)

SE23, RAILWAY TELEGRAPH. + Shepherd Neame: Spitfire Ale. (SE178, U50) SE26, FOX & HOUNDS. + Worthington: Best Bitter. (SE191)

BEXLEYHEATH (BARINGHURST), RED BARN. + Greene King: IPA♦. (SE212) BEXLEYHEATH, TRAVELLERS HOME. + Greene

King: IPA♦. (SE214, U59) ERITH, NORDENFELT TAVERN. Pub is not in Slade Green. Note accurate spelling of name. (SE255)

ORPINGTON (FARNBOROUGH), GEORGE. Now GEORGE AT FARNBOROUGH, still fizz. (SE266) ORPINGTON (LOCKS BOTTOM), OLDE WHITE LION. Is correctly titled OLDE WHYTE LYON. (SE266)

SIDCUP, JOLLY FENMAN. Still named JOLLY FENMAN BREWERY despite loss of brewery equipment. (SE273, U43)

SOUTH WEST

Sw1 (B), ORANGE BREWERY. + Orange: Midsummer Mild (OG 1034-39). Also try Orange: Ginger Beer (abv 3.7%) and Orange: Victoria Lager (OG 1040) brewed according to Rheinheitsgebot principles. Note Symonds: Scrumpy Jack Cider on handpump is not real. (SW10)

SW1 (W), BARLEY MOW. - Watney beers. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. + Young: Bitter♦. (SW16)

SW3, BEEHIVE. Now BEEHIVE TAVERN. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter only. (SW21) SW3, MARLBOROUGH ARMS. - Boddington:

Bitter. (SW22, U38, U50)

SW3, PHENE ARMS. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW22)

SW3. SURPRISE. - Wadworth: 6X.

+ Brakspear: Special Bitter. (SW23, U56) SW3, TRAFALGAR. + Young: Special. (SW23) SW3, WELLESLEY ARMS. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW23)

SW4, RAILWAY TAVERN. - Bass. - Young: Special. (SW25, U52, U55, U57, U60) SW10, BLACK BULL. - Ruddle: County. + Theakston: Best Bitter♦. (SW37)

SW10, MAGPIE & STUMP. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Special. (SW38)

SW10, MUSWELLS. Renamed CHURCHILLS BAR, still fizz. Formerly SWIFTS. (SW38, U43) SW10, REDCLIFFE. Restricted opening times 7pm - 1am, with admission charge after 9pm. Formerly CARLOS & JOHNNYS. (SW37, U43)SW18, WAGGON & HORSES. - Bass. (SW54) WEST

W5, PENNY FLY. Renamed PENNY FLYER. + Fuller: London Pride. Formerly EALING PARK TAVERN. (W72, U56) W11, TOPS. Reverted to BRIDPORT ARMS, still fizz. (W90) HILLINGDON, TURKS HEAD. + Courage: Best

Bitter. + Everard: Tiger♦. (W123) SOUTHALL, HALFWAY HOUSE. + Adnams: Bitter+. (W142) SOUTHALL, PRINCE OF WALES. - Wadworth: 6X.

(W142, U59) SOUTHALL, THREE HORSESHOES. - Courage: Directors Bitter. - Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. + Guest beer♦. (SW43.

U55) CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 62 OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

SW19, PRINCESS ROYAL. Already in Update TWICKENHAM, THREE KINGS. Already in Update 61.

WHITTON, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE. Already in Update 61.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 63 OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES NW1, SOBERS TOWN COFFEE HOUSE. Should read SOMERS TOWN COFFEE HOUSE. SE10, MITRE. Young Special already reported in Update 59. SW6, SLUG & LETTUCE. Add ref. U45.



AUSTRALIANS COME TO GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

A tour party of at least twenty Australians will make a special trip to London to visit CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival in August. Posters advertising the Festival have already gone up in the bars and hotels of Perth, Western Australia.

The tour has been organised by Paul Christmass of Perth. The visitors are looking forward to sampling the three hundred British beers that will be on offer throughout the Festival, as well as visiting some of London's classic pubs.

"This has got to be the furthest any tour party has come to the Festival" said CAMRA'S Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox. "Mind you, we have people coming from Oregon and Quebec to work. Appreciation of good beer spreads far beyond the British Isles".

"Every visitor will get a warm welcome, but we'll offer our friends from Down Under a particular "thank you" for making the effort to attend."

The Festival is at the London Arena, Docklands, 13th-17th August 1991.

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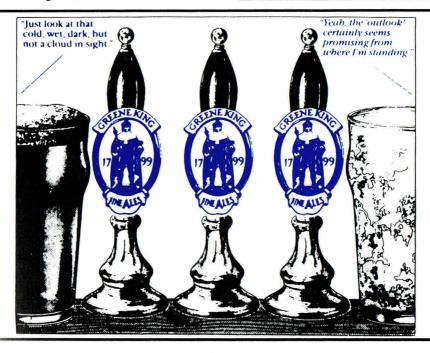
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Over 1,350 people have already completed the ALE TRAIL, and currently 32 have been round more than 10 times. There are different coloured Sweatshirts denoting one, three, five, ten and fifteen TRAILS.

Finally don't worry if you don't manage to make it all the way round – at least you will have found some great pubs, met new friends, and enjoyed a few pints of FINE SUSSEX ALES.



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THE DOG & BULL

Last month we had a picture of the Dog & Bull in Surrey Street, Croydon to adorn our front cover. Now we have received the following poem in the style of William Wordsworth, penned by a barman at the pub, David Hughes.

I wandered lonely through the crowd Of Croydon's market packed and full In midst of which a pub stood proud, The name of it - "The Dog & Bull".

On entry there I saw displayed A host of beers on draught so fine With bottled beers of every grade And also cider (draught) and wine.

The food at lunch-time I declare Would any critic soon impress -Italian, English Indian fare -And only costs two pounds or less.

Plus several types of ploughman's lunch, A sandwich, roll, or snack, or bite, A filling meal or just a brunch -There's food for every appetite.

The sumptuous treats prepared by Ann Whilst Frank pulls up the foaming brew, A genial, friendly, cheerful man - He'll help you with your crossword too!

Old farming tools the walls adorn With Croydon prints of yesteryear, Piano playing eve and morn Whilst locals sing and sup their beer.

The market trader with his wife, The clerks from offices around -Yes, people from all walks of life Can in "The Dog & Bull" be found.

So if you ever want to meet A friendly crowd in pub that's full Of atmosphere, try Surrey Street In Croydon at "The Dog & Bull".



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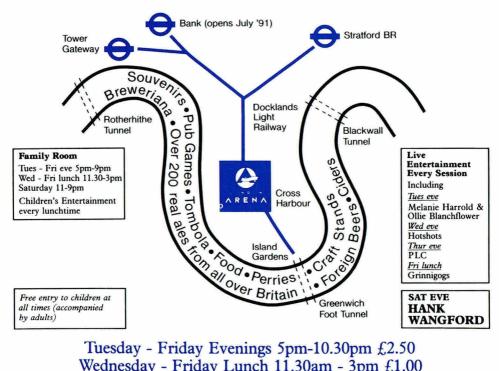
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We have to maintain our profit margins so that this programme of pub improvements can be continued.

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It is not our opinion that the price (£1.46) quoted represents particularly good value for what we consider to be an unremarkable medium gravity beer.

- Q. But Taylor Walker is still making lots of money, isn't it?
- A. The company is making a profit but there's nothing wrong with that. It's keeping pubs open, providing jobs for Londoners and by concentrating on training and customer care, the highest standards of pub hospitality.
- Q. But what use is all that to me I'd rather have a few more pence off a pint I can buy my beer much cheaper at the off licence or supermarket why can't you match their

prices?

A. When you visit a pub you are buying a package of hospitality service and comfort and such things as pub games, music and entertainment all of which cost money to provide. Supermarkets and off licences don't provide these.

These costs are all part of the price our customers pay for their food and drink.

- Q. So will these rises be it for another year?
- A. Unfortunately not. We never know what the future may hold and as well as the Chancellor's budget, our suppliers prices to us are increasing. But remember that just about everything else you buy has gone up over the last year.

Well, you can always top your beer up by crying into it.

Please note that we have not corrected the grammar of Taylor Walker's script - that's how we received it, including statements ending with a question mark.

THE GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL IS HERE!

Well this is it! This month you will have a chance to try over 300 different beers from over 100 different breweries.

Not for over 10 years has so much choice been assembled under one roof. There will be beers from all over the country, from Scotland to Cornwall, from small micro breweries, from reborn breweries such as Tolly and from longstanding favourites such as Batemans.

Added to this is a wide range of ciders and

perries, including some brand new ones. And of course, there are the Foreign Beer Bars with some good beers from the Continent.

Top this up with pub games, live entertainment and craft stands and you can be assured of a good time.

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buying the pubs belonging to a concern called Grimstones - evidently not a brewery - based in Colchester. However, the Brick Lane brewery by and large declined to take part in the rush of take-overs that was halving and quartering the numbers of British breweries even then, preferring to rely on its reputation to sell its beer. A drawing by the famous Edwardian illustrator Will Owen, published in 1908, shows a Cockney slumped against a wall and declaring that he cannot get up because he is being held down by three men _ "Truman, 'Anbury and Buxton!'"

After the First World War Truman's made its first London take-over, when it bought Michell and Aldous of the Kilburn brewery in 1920. Six years later Truman's acquired the Swansea United Breweries, to add to the 21 pubs the Brick Lane brewery already controlled in Swansea.

Truman's introduced a bottled brown ale for the first time in 1924, which was being sold under the name Trubrown by 1929. The following year the Brick Lane brewery stopped brewing draught Porter, after two centuries of supplying the stuff to thirsty Londoners.

By now another once-thriving part of brewery

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for much the same reason - it is an ordinary back street pub run by a very good friendly couple. It is the BUILDERS ARMS in Field Lane (a turning off High Street) and they are Frank and Joss (I hope I've spelt that correctly) Reynolds. No, this isn't a Youngs or Fullers pub; it belongs to Courage and sells excellent pints of Best and Directors.

I must admit though that the beer that endears me to the pub is there courtesy of the Monoplies and Mergers Commission; it is one of my desert island beers (I would choose endless supplies of eight beers rather than the gramophone records) - Brakspears Bitter. They have also just recently started selling Gales Best Bitter as a "guest" beer from the Courage list.

There's not really a lot more that I can say about the pub apart from mentioning that it has a bar billiards table in the saloon bar and darts and cribbage feature strongly in the public. It has nice wall panelling etc. and a buffalo's head over the fire place - but it is the friendly atmosphere that makes the place.

Andy Pirson

life was also fading out - the horse-drawn brewer's dray. Truman's had been using steam drays since 1921 at least, and petrol drays since 1926. The ending of horse-drawn power did, however, release the land where the stables stood for a much-needed new boiler house. The old beam engine had been replaced in 1896, and eight new boilers installed. These, too, were replaced in 1929, with a new boiler house on the other side of Brick Lane. The East End acquired another landmark, in the new 160ft high, 1,000-ton brick boiler house chimney, with the Truman's name down the side.

In 1930 Truman's made another of its rare take-overs, buying Russell's Gravesend brewery and its 223 tied houses. Around the same time the company seems to have acquired the 6 or so pubs around Bishop's Stortford in Hertfordshire owned by the long-defunct Flinn's brewery.

Meanwhile up in Burton Truman's brewery was still busy, sending 90 per cent of its trade away by rail. Like the other Burton breweries Truman's had its own sidings, and even its own engines. (The Brick Lane brewery also had a siding, built after a special Act of Parliament in 1872, and in 1952 British Railways built Truman's a special bulk beer tanker for journeys between the two breweries). The Burton brewery used the famous union system for brewing pale ale, although in 1934, at least, most of its mild beer was fermented in skimmers.

The second part of this history will be in next month's edition.

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