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Where to buy London Drinker

The following is a list of all of the current outlets for London Drinker. Where the full addresses of outlets are not given, these pubs are to be found in one of the local beer guides, covering the whole of Greater London.

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OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS	SE25 SHIP SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE	N16 ROSE & CROWN N16 TANNERS HALL
EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS	SE27 HOPE	N17 BOAR
EC1 BETSY TROTWOOD	SE27 GIPSY QUEEN	N17 ELBOW ROOM
EC1 CROWN TAVERN	BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR	N17 NARROW BOAT
EC1 HAND & SHEARS	CROYDON, DOG & BULL	N19 DOG
EC1 HORSESHOE	CROYDON, LION	N19 J. J. MOONS
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN		N20 BULL & BUTCHER
EC1 ROSEBERRY	OFF TRADE	N20 CAVALIER
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS	E4 Waltham Wines,	N21 DOG & DUCK
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED	72 Sewardstone Road.	N22 MOON UNDER WATER
EC4 BANKER	SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee	N22 NELSON
E1 ARTFUL DODGER	Road. BEXLEYHEATH, Bitter Experience,	BARNET, ALEXANDRA
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD	216 Broadway.	BARNET, OLD MITRE
E2 APPROACH TAVERN E2 MARKSMAN	BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons	BARNET, WEAVER
E2 MARKSMAN E2 NELSON'S HEAD	Hill.	COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN ENFIELD, KING & TINKER
E2 SHIP & BLUE BALL	,	ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
E8 LADY DIANA	OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL,	ENFIELD, CLD WHEATSHEAF
E8 ROBIN HOOD	AND NORTH PUBS	NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS
E8 VILLAGE	WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS	NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL
E9 ROYAL STANDARD	WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE	And the state of t
E10 DRUM	WC1 LAMB	CLUBS WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
E10 TAP & SPILE	WC1 MARLBOROUGH ARMS	UNION, Malet Street
E11 NORTHCOTE	WC1 MOON	V-CORRESPONDE SINTER CONTRACTOR C
E14 QUEENS HEAD	WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS	OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS
E17 COLLEGE ARMS	WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE	NW1 DUCK INN
E17 COPPERMILL	WC1 RUGBY TAVERN WC1 SUN	NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE	WC2 YORKSHIRE GREY	NW1 MAN IN THE MOON NW3 FLASK TAVERN
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS	WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR	NW4 CHEQUERS
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN	WC2 GEORGE IV	NW4 WHITE BEAR
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS SE1 KINGS ARMS	WC2 LYCEUM	NW4 WHITE LION OF
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE	WC2 FREEMASONS ARMS	MORTIMER
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY	N1 ALWYNE CASTLE	NW6 QUEENS ARMS
SE1 SOUTHWARK TAVERN	N1 COMPTON ARMS	NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN	N1 EARL OF RADNOR	NW8 CROCKERS
SE1 WHEATSHEAF	N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN	NW9 GEORGE
SE3 BRITISH OAK	N1 GEORGE IV	NW9 J.J. MOONS
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN	N1 GEORGE & VULTURE	NW9 MOON UNDER WATER
SE7 McDONNELS	N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.	NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
SE8 DOG & BELL	N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road. N1 MALT & HOPS	NW10 OUTSIDE INN
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE	N1 MARQUESS TAVERN	HAREFIELD, PLOUGH
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS	N1 PRINCE ALBERT	HARROW, KINGSFIELD ARMS
SE10 BRITISH SAILOR	N1 PRINCE ARTHUR	OFF TRADE
SE10 FROG & RADIATOR	N2 OLD WHITE LION	N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street.
SE10 RICHARD I SE13 FOX & FIRKIN	N2 WINDSOR CASTLE	N2 GROGBLOSSOM
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS	N4 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY	NW6 Grogblossom, 235 West End
SE16 MANOR TAVERN	N4 MORTIMER ARMS	Lane.
SE16 MOBY DICK	N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH	CLUBS
SE17 TANKARD	N4 TAP & SPILE	CLUBS NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM	N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER	STUDENTS UNION
SE18 COOPERS ARMS	N7 ADMIRAL MANN	STODENTS UNION
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SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES	N8 ELBOW ROOM	WEST PUBS
SE19 RAILWAY BELL	N8 TOLL GATE	SW1 BARLEY MOW
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SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN	N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN N12 TILTED GLASS	SW1 MORPETH ARMS
SE24 COMMERCIAL	N12 TILTED GLASS N13 WHOLE HOG	
SE24 PRINCE REGENT	N15 GOAT	
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EDITORIAL

I know that many of our readers regularly attend London-based Beer Festivals and that many of you travel great distances to go to others outside the Capital.

London Beer Festivals are now well-established with Pig's Ear (East London & City Branch), Greenwich (South East London Branch), London Drinker (North London Branch) Ealing (West Middlesex Branch), Dorking (Surrey Branches) and Battersea (South West London Branch).

This magazine acts as a focal point for the organisers of these and we carry as much advertising as we are given by the branches, who in turn foot the bill for the magazine. We, as editors, often get letters from our readers about various festivals; some complimentary, others critical. Rather than print these, we pass them on to the organisers when we hold our regular bi-monthly meetings. Increasingly, however, there are now voting slips and comment slips available at most of these festivals, so you can communicate directly to the organising committee.

My committee (S.W. London) sorts out the Battersea Beerex in February and it will come as no surprise to people concerned with other festivals, that all arrangements have already been finalised.

One of the major criticisms is that on the last day, there is a major reduction in the choice and often in quantity of beer. All branches are subject to a very rigorous check of their budgets by Ian ('the answer is no!') Amy. These budgets have to be approved if the festival is allowed to advertise in our national paper 'What's Brewing' and to be insured by our H.Q. in St Albans. Quantity of beer to be ordered is a crucial element in this decision.

A great discussion at our recent packed meeting was whether we should risk an increase from 87 to 95 or 100 kils (18 gallon containers) of beer. We ran out of draught beer 4 hours before our official closure time. There was also restricted choice at opening time on the final day when admittance is free. So it is a crucial decision, as any beer left at the end of the festival is only poured down the drain (yes, there is a limit to the amount of beer the staff can drink!)

So, all organisers are looking for the perfect set up; choice until closing time, when the last

drops are drunk by happy, satisfied customers. A solution to the problem would be beer on a 'sale or return' basis. Although we are very fortunate in having two extremely generous breweries who will help us out like this as part of their promotional budgets, the answer to our requests from Beer Agencies or other Breweries is always negative. Even if we had the products of these two on sale at closing time, we would have complaints that there were only nine different beers.

Another problem we face is giving customers a reasonable choice of products of differing breweries. Say we at Battersea had 95 kils of beer, we could in theory, offer 95 different brews. However, we open on Wednesday evening and stay open all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Barrels that are opened, immediately start to oxidise, whether they are rationed or not. Thus those beers on sale on the Wednesday will be in poor condition by the Saturday afternoon, even given the 'beer fingers' of Uncle Ted Higgins.

The Great British Beer Festival is trying to overcome this problem by ordering one 9 gallon container and an 18 of each beer, so, in theory, when the smaller barrel is sold the 18 will then be broached ready for the rest of the festival. I await the results with interst, especially as I am running one of the bars this year (Fens and Broads area). This novel idea, however, would be of little use to local festivals, where lack of stillage space is always a consideration. Some festivals have a different day for each beer printed in the programme with a disclaimer, but in doing so, lay themselves open to criticism if the beer will not settle or does not arrive! At Battersea we have two 18's of most of the popular beers and usually choose three or four beers from each brewery so the customers can sample the full range. This does tend to cut down the choice of breweries, however. A festival like Dorking, for instance go for a wider range of breweries and less of each one. Last, but not least there may be a theme. Most festivals specialise in, say, West Country beers or North West, etc; unashamedly at Battersea. we picked our own favourites!

Cheers

Chris Cobbold

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Further to my Guest Editorial in the August issue, I was informed of an anomaly in prices in a Central London pub where I usually drink real cider, though not too often in the future at £1.75 a pint.

The beers sold in the establishment concerned are:

Webster's Yorkshire
(og 1036, ABV 3.8%)
Fuller's London Pride
(og 1040, ABV 4.1)
Ruddles County
(og 1050, ABV 5.0%)
£1.58 per pint
£1.55 per pint
£1.70 per pint

The landlord, whom I have known for some years, is a Grand Met. tenant, and feels constrained to charge the figures due to the prices he has to pay to the brewers. Guess which is offering the best rate? The gentleman concerned decided NOT to up the price of Fullers when the others were raised as the London company had not done so. Whilst I deplore the actual prices charged in London, comparatively that seems a pretty reasonable deal.

As a footnote, on reaching Swansea the same day and - by design - having an hour to kill between trains, I paid £1.00 for a pint of Brain's S.A. (og 1042, ABV 4.2%). That was in the Adam & Eve, 2 minutes down from the station and featured regularly in the Good Beer Guide. In a nearby pub, Ruddles County cost £1.46.

A comment, perhaps, on the pricing policy of the Big 6 compared to the Independents?

Glad you London drinkers can afford it. Yours truly - a real Londoner (in exile) Martin Smith, Llangadog, Dyfed Dear Editors,

I was pleasantly surprised to find that the CHARIOT in Hounslow now has a section of tables set aside for non-smokers at lunchtime. I am aware that this is also the case in several Young's pubs. Could London Drinker find a small corner in which such pubs could be listed? Such a list would be much appreciated by readers seeking a smoke-free pint.

For starters John Young could probably provide a list - I would urge him to take action in the

Old Ship, Richmond and the Hare & Hounds, Sheen which are both poorly ventilated.

I am also writing to Anthony Fuller to compliment him on the Chariot and to suggest that he tries it in the Angel & Crown (particularly bad) and Sun Inn in Richmond.

Today a bloke sat at the next table, lit a cigarette and held it until it burned out. He then lit another! One cigarette, one puff (to light it) seems a ridiculous waste of money.

Yours sincerely, Tom Vickers, Twickenham

Dear Drinker,

I wholeheartedly agree with Martin Smith's editorial on London beer prices (August 91). Clearly, with the exception of very limited cases such as the Wetherspoon's free house chain, the market does not in any way regulate prices. Even London independents, Youngs and Fullers, which should be able to reap the benefit of locally based production are not significantly cheaper.

So, to address the question that Martin Smith poses, what is to be done? One possible route is to look to a future government, preferably Labour, to control beer prices. There are many complicated agendas here. For example, breweries could be made to raise prices by less than the rate of inflation in any one year provided profit figures were no worse than before.

This might make some difference but, no doubt, breweries would easily get round any provisions which threatened to have a serious effect.

The alternative is for a consumer led boycott of expensive pubs and expensive brands. Martin Smith can be forgiven for not noticing, as he lives elsewhere, but this is already well under way in London. For example, I do not, by choice, drink in central London pubs which are, virtually without exception, very overpriced. If, for social reasons, I go into a pub which I consider is overcharging, I constrain my drinking to, at most, two pints. CAMRA should put itself at the head of this movement by, to use a fashionable phrase, "outing" or exposing pubs which overcharge. London Drinker has been doing this for years, of course. Now is the time to raise the profile of such activities.

Yours sincerely, Keith Flett, Tottenham, N17

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The Stag Inn, Balls Cross



The Cherrytree, Faygate

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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.

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Dear Editors

I found your recent editorial (May '91) on the recycling of ullage both interesting and unappetising.

A couple of years ago I complained to my local health authority about this practice in one of my locals. In this case drip trays were being used to top up any drinks involving draught beer. The health authority phoned me back later to say that they couldn't find any evidence. I have since heard on odd occasions that it is still going on so I have withdrawn my custom permanently.

What I cannot understand is that there are obviously people about who are not disturbed by this. The fact that people with mouth infections can, via the drip tray, pass on heaven knows what doesn't seem to deter them. In wonder if they feel the same way about restaurants adopting the same philosophy whereby left overs are passed on to the next customer. Okay I'm not so naive to believe that this doesn't go on but the health authorities seem to be much stricter with food rather than drink.

Like most things I suppose the answer lies in education and as the authorities seem to be ambivilent couldn't CAMRA incorporate a hygiene rating in its pub reviews. Highlighting these pubs which have good practices might just induce the breweries to face up to their responsibilities. Commerce hates bad publicity, provedor implied, as it knows that bad reputations are bad for the balance sheet. As profit comes before everything else these days then an increasing awareness just might make them sit up and do something.

Here's to healthy drinking

Clive Kingham

Dear Editors

- Went into a Young's pub on Putney High Street the other day and ordered a Beamish; received a glass of Irish stout that was chilled to oblivian, from the tastebuds' point of view.

The first swig did not seem to cling to the glass and when the head doesn't stick, it ain't good, so I turfed it back and got a pint of sound ale instead. The barman did not offer to refund the difference, nor did I ask him to. Few Young's barmen will agree to hold up the glass to the

tap, Irish-style, even when you ask them to pour the pint the Irish way, resting the stout in "steps", so the glass is only poured in intervals so the head can settle each time the glass is put on the bar top.

Surely Youngs should look at the temperature at which they are serving Beamish and the method dispensing the pint?

Nobody wants to have to write to the Brewery in Cork City and tell Beamish that Youngs are wallies. Youngs are not wallies, but good brewers and pub proprietors.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen J. Fothergill

Dear Editors

At a recent East London CAMRA meeting a motion was passed unanimously, requesting branch members not to assist or attend-either as helpers or customers - any beer festivals where Bass branded beers are on sale.

This being a result of the disgraceful decision by Bass to close the Springfield Brewery in Wolverhampton. East London sincerely hopes nobody will be taking the "Poisoned Chalice" of free Bass beers at their festivals, particularly the new and rather bland Worthington Bitter.

One recalls that Bass beer was on sale at the 1991 Greenwich Festival and the organiser quite rightly made a packet from selling it!

Grassroots Hypocrisy rules, OK?

Graham Hillman Pigs Ear Festival Chairman

FORTH	COMING FESTIVALS
Aug 31	Maidstone
	Cobtree Museum of Kent
	Life, Sandling.
Sept 4-7	5th Chappel
-	East Anglian Railway
	Museum, Chappel & Wakes
	Colne Station, Nr. Colchester
Sept 13-14	2nd Shrewsbury
•	Music Hall, The Square,
	Shrewsbury.
Sept 17-21	9th Ipswich
•	Corn Exchange, Ipswich.
Oct 9-12	14th Bedford
	Corn Exchange, St Pauls
	Square, Bedford.

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

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All correct entries received by first post on 25th September will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

All entries to be submitted to: London Drinker Crossword 25 Valens House Upper Tulse Hill London SW2 2RX

Last Month's Solution



£10 PRIZE TO BE WON

ACROSS

1.	Concerning man with fire in London Zoo?			
	[7,4]			
9.	Pair comes after me in return for armed			
	encirclement. [7]			
10.	Groan about gas. [5]			
11.	Bit of quiet painting. [4]			
12.	Treading up hill. [8]			
14.	Inform about drink. [6]			
16.	Goes out east to drink and talk. [6]			
18.	A man of many parts. [8]			
19.	In '51 mother provided beans. [4]			
22.	Get enjoyment from the French show of			
	disgust. [5]			
23.	Be sick after drink, get the bird. [7]			
24.	Stop making speech on renewal. [11]			

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4.	it's not at the end of the month.	131				
3.	Dash from a strange land.	[4]				
4.	They have alternative idea.	[6]				
5.	Aural physician has father round.	Sweet!				
		[4,4]				
6.	Feels sorry for river birds.	[7]				
7.	How judo expert might behave?	[11]				
8.	. Pop off in changing circumstances?					
	Can't be helped.	[11]				
13.	Hanging trial in court?	[4,4]				
15.	Take for granted and quietly start					
	again.	[7]				
17.	Provide juice for each engineer.	[6]				
20.	Some time in the past is the final	L				
	state?	[5]				
21.	Tie equipment round nail head.	[4]				

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Winner of the prize for the July crossword: Lawrie Gordon, 18 Firs House, Acacia Road, Wood Green, London N22 5SA.

Other correct entries were received from:
Robert Anderson, Donald Barker, Geoff B,
Peter Bartlam, Jane Best, Ted Bridgeman,
Brendan Casey, Roy Cawood, Neil Chapman,
A.P.Comaish, Steve Cooper, Andy Darnborough,
Harry Davies, Robert Day, John Edwards,
Enigmatist, Mikes Farrelly/Richards,
B.H.Fletcher, Michael Flynn, Goat of Mendes,
Eileen Graves, J.E.Green, John Harmer,
Alison Henley, Barbara Honneyman,
Hugh Jampton, Michael Jolly,
Doug King & Queen, Trish Langley,
Martin Ap/Llundain, Jim Mason, Jan Musson,
Noj, Rab Noolas, Steve Piggott,
369 A/Sgt W.Priestley, Dave Rice,
Paul Rogers, A C Scutter, The Old Simmo,
Nein Tanner, Glyn Thomas, Martin Weedon,
A.G.Whitehead, Chris Whithouse, D.Woodward,
Yak, Robert Young.

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IDLE MOMENTS

Well, here we are again. By now the Great British Beer Festival is over for another year (though not as I sit writing this though) and you are back in your friendly local wondering why you read this rubbish. I hope you had a good time if you went, and if you first read idle moments at the GBBF and are with us again, welcome.

As usual, here are the answers to last month's number puzzles. I hope you found them taxing to just the right degree:

- 1. 1605 Year of the Gunpowder Plot
- 2. 500 is D in Roman Numerals
- 3. 239,000 Miles to the Moon
- 4. 2 Violins in a String Quartet
- 5. 12 Old Pence in a Shilling
- 6. 4 Beatles (John, Paul, George & Ringo)
- 7. 224 Ounces in a Stone
- 8. 100 Pounds to Tax a Car in Britain
- 9. 3 Laws of Motion by Newton
- 10. 21 Platforms at Waterloo Station (before the Channel Tunnel Terminal)

And as I'm sure that you really enjoyed those (Oh yes you did!) here are some more of the same:

- 1. 160 FO in a G
- 2. 3 G (or W) in a H-T
- 3. 25,000 is the S of an OSPM
- 4. 1707 A of U
- 5. 840 was the T on MHC (in GE by CD)
- 6. 45 L on the RT
- 7. 8 KCE (one was not C)
- 8. 35,840 O in a T
- 9. 2 FD of JG (LM and LL)
- 10. 7926 M is the ED of the E

Last month, you may recall (if you haven't blocked it from your memory) that we had no less than ten brewery anagrams as a special treat. Here are the answers:

SMELL ITCH MITCHELLS
 MOL HAD OLDHAM
 LOADS RAN BY TANK BANKS AND TAYLOR

4. MRS REMAINS MINERS ARMS 5. SPILING FRED SPRINGFIELD

6. BATH MA BATHAM

7. LAINE AND CO CALEDONIAN

8. LAST AUNT LIES SAINT AUSTELL
9. WAIT SETH THWAITES

10. SCORE MAN! CAMERONS

We are back to our usual five this month as the old Scrabble set hasn't been out for a few weeks:

- 1. CLUNK, BOY CREW
- 2. A SPARE ID
- 3. BAR DES
- 4. DEEP DOPE GIRL
- 5. OH! A KILL

If you didn't read last month's London Drinker you could try to work out the questions to which these are the answers. Alternatively you could send off for a copy from Stan Tompkins the king of the back issues:

- 1. Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire
- 2. 17
- 3. Hyde Park
- 4. Kenya
- 5. Matthew Bolton & James Watt
- 6. Charing Cross
- 7. Ready Steady Go
- 8. Victoria Street
- Matchless (Single cylinder class and overall winner - Charlie Collier); Norton (Twin cylinder class - Rem Fowler)
- 10. Auguste Gustav Eiffel

This month's questions continue on in the same vein:

- One of I.K. Brunel's most famous bridges carries the Great Western Railway over the River Tamar into Cornwall at Saltash. What is it called?
- 2. The River Mersey is formed at Stockport by the confluence of what two other rivers?
- 3. How many United States presidents have been assassinated (while in office)?
- 4. Who collectively are (or were) George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison, Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne?
- 5. What is the second name of Captain James T. Kirk, captain of the Star Ship Enterprise (in Star Trek, the original version)
- 6. What are Spike Milligan's real christian names?
- 7. Who wrote "Brave New World"?
- 8. What name is given to gilded bronze used in decorating antique furniture etc?
- 9. What is the capital of Uruguay?
- 10. Which world famous potter founded his pottery at Barlaston, Staffordshire?

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And again for old times sake here are the last few words in my current stock of positives that only occur in the negative form as a rule. The observant ones of you (or those who have bothered to read this far) will see that the last two appear to be the same word but their meanings are quite different. This is in fact a measure of their authenticity - just like the two words row and row.

INCEED: (v) To be less than [opp. exceed] ODLE: (n) A wise man [opp. noodle] SEMINATE: (v) To keep information to yourself; to be secretive. [opp. disseminate] SIST: (vb) To be not too determined [opp. insist]

SIST: (vb) To continue [opp. desist]

Finally it's Brain Teaser time again, starting with last month's answers:

- Above freezing They are parts of a snowman which has melted.
- 2. Eleven (All except February)
- 3. K L. They are the first seven letters made from straight lines only.
- 4. A vicar.
- Prince Andrew (She was not queen when Charles and Anne were born).

I must warn you that my stock of these is running very low. I have only got five left of the original twenty five that I received from Glyn Thomas of Hounslow (there you go Glyn - another plug) plus a couple of others suggested by readers, so this bit of the column may dry up in the next couple of months unless someone else comes up with some good ideas. Still, there's enough for this month so here they are:

- A walker notices an abandoned meat lorry outside a barn which he enters. The driver has hung himself from a joist in the ceiling and there is a large puddle of water beneath him. The dead driver could not have climbed up to the joist so how did he hang himself?
- 2. Which everyday word is most often spelt incorrectly?
- 3. What are the next two numbers in this sequence: 1 2 5 10 20?
- A farmer went rabbit hunting and found 13 rabbits in his wheat field. With his first shot he killed one. How many rabbits remained in the field.
- 5. How much earth is there in a hole 5 metres long by 5 metres wide by 5 metres deep?

That's it for another month. Have a good September Andy Pirson

JOLLY ROGER BREWERY - BLAZING A TRAIL TO GBBF

In the early hours of the morning of 11th August, Jeremy Williams, Head Brewer at the Jolly Roger Brewery set off for London via the Aston Manor Brewery, Birmingham. Just outside Banbury on the M40 Jeremy noticed smoke coming from the engine of the Bedford van he was driving, as he slowed down and pulled onto the hard shoulder this quickly developed into flames and the smoke began to fill the van. On reaching a standstill he leapt from the cab and opened the bonnet to fight the fire, almost immediately realising that it had too great a hold he attempted to save what he could from the inside of the vehicle. This also proved to be futile as the flames and, to a greater extent smoke, were too dense within the vehicle; realising the danger of explosion Jeremy got clear of the vehicle. Two fire engines were quickly on the scene, no doubt alerted by a passing motorist, but alas to late to save the van or it's precious contents. All the beer destined for the Great British Beer Festival from both the

Jolly Roger Brewery and Aston Manor Brewery was sadly lost in the conflagration, some 157 gallons in total, as indeed was the totally gutted van.

Fortunately Jeremy was unharmed and our intrepid berwer, having arranged for the remains to be towed to a safe place, returned by train to Worcester to select some further casks to send to the Docklands Arena. Jolly Roger Ale, Shipwrecked, and Goodness were all still available at the festival, as indeed were the Aston Manor Beers which are normally only available in keg or bottles.

On his return Jeremy Williams said "My main concern at the time was the loss of all that lovely beer, then I became concerned that we may not have been represented at GBBF. I didn't really consider how close a shave I'd had until I had sorted that out." He went on to say "All I want now is a pint of Quaff, at least that's cool. I've never seen so much mulled ale!"

REAL ALE AT HEATHROW!

Terminal One at Heathrow Airport was the place to be on Thursday 18th July. On that day the Brent-Walker "Tap & Spile" chain opened their latest pub, bringing much needed relief to this enormous beer desert. Visitors were greeted by a bank of twelve handpumps each serving a different real ale, eight of them at an introductory price of just 99 pence per pint. Ales on sale during the first week were:

Adnams Broadside
Banks & Taylor Edwin Taylor Stout
Robert Cain's Bitter
Cameron's Strongarm
Bateman's Mild!!!
Tolly Cobbold Original
Mitchell's Best Bitter
Marston's Pedigree
Old Mill "Terminal Tipple" (a special brew)
Whitbread Boddington's Bitter
Whitbread Flowers Original

Not surprisingly, the Whitbread beers were selling at a very much higher price than 99p. All beers tried during the first three or four days were in excellent condition. Tap & Spile have drafted various experienced staff from their other pubs, including York, who clearly showed concern that the beer was served in tiptop condition.

After the introductory period, they hope to settle down to about six real ales on at any one

time with an average price of around £1.28 a pint, very reasonable compared to average pub prices around the airport. Mild will be a regular feature if demand is sufficient, so come on all you airport workers and users - support this welcome addition.

Bob Inman

Editors' Note:

I thought I ought to mention that this article was submitted under the title "REAL ALE FINALLY REACHES HEATHROW" but on checking through my copy of "Real Beer in West London" I found that four of the five bars listed are shown as selling a real beer. I have also checked through all subsequent updates and can find no reference to the cancellation of any of these bars (one each in Terminals One and Four and two in Terminal Three). If this information is out of date will somebody please send the relevant information to "Beer Guide Updates", 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE77LR. On a related matter, a colleague of one of my local branch members who also works at Heathrow visited the Tap & Spile shortly after it opened and found that the Marston's Pedigree was on sale at £1.28 a pint but on a subsequent visit about a week later the same beer had apparently gone up to over £1.70! We can only hope that this was an aberration!

Andy Pirson

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THE 135 ASSOCIATION

We had the Pub-of-the-Year presentation at the Nightingale on Wednesday 12th June. As usual, the pub was absolutely packed, the only difference being that an impressive number of those present comprised 135 members, and we were supplemented in almost equal numbers by CAMRA members and representatives from the London Drinker.

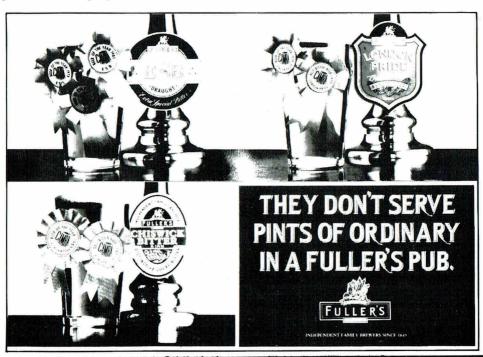
Jeremy Marley, the Manager, and his wife Diane, did us proud, with a most impressive display set out covering a long table. There were dishes of all kinds of delicacy (for those with the dtermination to win through to the feast), and the whole was set off by the Shield awarded to the pub when it was first pub-of-the-year in 1985. This impressive artefact caused to be somewhat bigger than the one that we were about to present (unfortunately, the cost of the large shields tends to be a trifle exorbitant these days).

Mr Mackenzie-Smith made a timely entrance - I harbour a suspicion that he was waiting in the wings until we decided to proceed with the presentation! His party also added a number to

the event, as he brought a relative who had been living Down Under until recently, and who was introduced as Mr Mac's 'minder'. Also in this party were James and Rosalie Musson, the Area Manager and his wife.

I then had to steel myself, and mumble out loud, after Stephen Eglesfield's embarrassing attempt at being a substitute town crier (the worst thing being that he managed to comand the entire pub's attention). I congratulated, on behalf of our membership, Jeremy and Diane for continuing such a magnificent tradition, amd managing to capture our coveted trophy for the second time in the history of the pub. Some of you may recall that the shield was won by the Nightingale, for the first time, in 1985 but by different management, although one of our members has served there faithfully throughout, namely Andrew Bovey, currently enjoying the rather important position of Cellar Manager. Whoever is responsible for the beer in the Nightingale certainly knows his job!

Hilton Lord



BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for September of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 16.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Thu 5 (8.00) Sutton Social NEW TOWN, Lind Road. New members especially welcome! - 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: Mon 2 (8.00)Branch Meeting. CHESNUTS TREE, Lea Bridge Road, E10. (1 mile from Leyton Midland Station, ½ mile from Leyton Bus Station. Buffet will be available).

- Tue 10 (8.00) Two Pub Social. BELL, 486 Leytonstone High Road, E11 then WOODBINE TAVERN, 119 Harrow Road, E11 - Thu 26 (6.30) Three Pub Social. ALMA, Spelman Street, E1 then WHITE HORSE, (7.30) 64 Shoreditch High Street; CONQUEROR (9.00), 2/4 Austin Street, E2 - Mon 30 (8.00) Social. THEATRE ROYAL BAR, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (If closed, BACCHUS' BIN, 7/9 Leytonstone Road, E15).

ENFIELD & BARNET: Thu 5 (9.00) Social. GREEN MAN, 143 High Street, Barnet - Wed 11 (8.30) Branch Meeting. PLOUGH, Crews Hill, Enfield - Tue 17 (8.30) Survey Social. MITRE, 58 High Street, Barnet - Thu 26 (9.00) Survey Social. WINDSOR CASTLE, The Walks, East Finchley, N2 - Tue 1 Oct (8.30) Survey Social. KINGS HEAD, Market Place, Enfield.

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

NORTH LONDON: 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 Drinker pick up). GEORGE & VULTURE, Pitfield Street, N1 - Tue 1 Oct (7.00) Committee Meeting followed by Branch Meeting (8.00). PHOENIX, Alexandra Palace. Committee Meeting in bar; Branch Meeting in function room (ask at bar) - Tue 7 Oct (8.00) Two Pub Social in Angel, Islington, N1. BLUE ANGEL, next to tube station then PRINCE ALBERT (9.30), Elia Street.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 3 (8.30) Committee Meeting. DUKES HEAD, 42 The Vineyard, Richmond - Fri 13 (8.00) "Bad Luck" Joint Crawl with West Middlesex Branch. Start at ORANGE TREE, 45 Kew Road, 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: Mon 2 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. COMMERCIAL, 212 Railton Road, SE25 - Mon 9 (8.00) Branch meeting. MOBY DICK, Greenland Dock, Near Surrey Quays, SE16 - Thu 26 (8.00) Social. WHITE HART, 2 Eltham High Street, SE9.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: 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 - Wed 9 Oct Brewery trip to RIDLEYS, Hertford End. Details from Wendy Benson.

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SOUTH WEST LONDON: 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: Tue 3 (8.30) Games Social. STAG, Merryhill Road, Bushey - Tue 10 (8.30) British Rail Pub Crawl. Start PARTRIDGE, Carpenders Park finish PENNANT (10.00), Watford Tue 17 (8.30) Hunton Bridge Social. DOG & PARTRIDGE followed by KINGS HEAD (9.30) - Wed 25 (8.30) Croxley Green Social. ARTICHOKE followed by SPORTSMAN (9.15) - Wed 2 Oct (8.30) Rickmansworth Social. FEATHERS followed by WHITE BEAR (9.15); COACH & HORSES (10.00) - Advance Notice: Wed 13 Nov (7.30) Auction of Breweriana. West Herts Sports & Social Club, Park Avenue, Watford.

WEST LONDON: Thu 19 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green SW6 - Wed 11 (8.00) Warwick Road Wobble; Joint Social with North London and Central London SPBW. Start RADNOR ARMS then WARWICK ARMS (9.00); BRITANNIA TAP (10.00), all Warwick Road, W14.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 3 (8.30) Social. GARDENERS ARMS, 119 Park Road, Uxbridge - Fri 13 (8.00) "Bad Luck" Joint Crawl with Richmond & Hounslow Branch. Start at ORANGE TREE, 45 Kew Road, Richmond - Wed 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road, Southall - Wed 25 (10.00 am) KING & BARNES Brewery Trip. Details from Branch Contact. Possible social with local branch in evening.

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

CAMRA BACKS LANDLORDS IN FIGHT FOR THEIR LIVELIHOODS "TWENTY PENCE ON A PINT WARNING"

CAMRA is supporting publicans in their fight against unfair lease agreements and higher rents. "We believe that the rents brewers are asking are too high for publicans to pay" said Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox. "This will have a direct effect on the consumer - it will mean higher prices, and smaller pubs will close."

"An average pub rent increase in the London area will be £20,000 per year. That will mean a price increase of 20 pence a pint. But a lot of customers simply would refuse to pay that. Brewers must rethink these leases or we will see hundreds of publicans driven to the bankruptcy courts."

CAMRA has also declared its support for tenants who are evicted so that the brewry can replace them with managers. "A pub is much more than a beer shop - the character of the publican is a major part of what makes a good pub work. You simply cannot keep the character

of the pub by replacing a long-standing, relatively independent tenant with a direct employee of the brewery."

One specific concern is that while tenanted pubs of the national brewers can take a 'guest beer', there is no obligation for managed pubs to stock such an additional beer. For example, Bass took six hundred of their largest tenanted pubs back into management, thus ensuring they would not offer a wider choice.

"CAMRA has to support publicans in the struggle to maintain their livelihoods, because this is an issue directly affecting the customers they serve" said Cox.



FOOTBALL WITH YOUNGS

As I began writing this, a rather interesting incident took place . . . I was in a pleasant Robinson's pub in Dulas, Anglesey. I had just ordered three superb pints of Robbies' Best Bitter when a middle aged man joined me at the bar "Have you any keg bitter?" he enquired. "No sir, we only have the real stuff - most people seem to prefer it". "Oh! I don't like it. Give me a lager instead".

Is this the start of the Campaign for keg?

Back to the business in hand: Eight five a side football teams representing seven Youngs' pubs met to contest the Ram Trophy.

The brainchild of a group of regulars from the Old Sergeant, Wandworth, the original idea was to involve the eight pubs nearest the brewery. Letters were sent but some pubs failed to respond. Eventually the following teams assembled (1) Old Sergeant A (2) The Crane (3) The Brewery Tap (4) The Halfway House (5) Duke of Cambridge (6) The Nightingale (7) The Hope and Anchor (8) Old Sergeant B.

The competition, sponsored by Youngs was a festival of football which also included raising money for the Wandsworth Primary Schools District Football team.

The competition took the form of two groups of four. The first two of each group played semi finals and the winners the final for the Ram Trophy. The bottom two played each other in a plate competition.

The day was superbly organised by Mark Dackett, Tim Barnard and Danny Blyth, ably assisted by Tom the guv'nor from the Old Sergeant.

In group A the Halfway House stormed through without conceding a goal. They were joined in the semis by a lucky Old Sergeant A team. In group B the Hope and Anchor were top and were joined in the semis by the Nightingale.

The semis were thus: Halfway House v The Nightingale (Clash of the Titans) and Hope and Anchor v Old Sergeant A.

Meanwhile the final of the plate trophy was won on penalties. The Old Sergeant B team beating the Duke of Cambridge.

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The first semi-final was a tense affair: chances were few and far between as the Halfway House and the Nightingale battled to a O:O draw. The Halfway House inspired by their landlord eventually won on penalties.

The second semi was a classic. The wise old heads of the Old Sergeant A against the athletic speedy youngsters of the Hope & Anchor. Experience prevailed and the result was Old Sergeant 1 Hope and Anchor 0.

The final was interesting in that the Halfway House, clearly the best team in the tournament, had already thrashed the Old Sergeant A 5:0 in the qualifying rounds. The final was closer but the Halfway House controlled the game and won comfortably 2:0.

There was some reward for the endeavours of the Old Sergeant A team. They picked up the Fair Play Award presented by match official and London Drinker Editor, Chris Cobbold.

Overall a fabulous day in glorious weather. Competitive football played in the best spirit, sponsored by Youngs, and raising approximately £700 for Wandsworth Primary Schools District Football. The Nightingale as ever remained tops in the charity field a cheque for £250 being presented by guv'nor Jeremy Morley.

Alan Millington

LAGER DRINKERS TO BE OUTED HOW YOU CAN HELP

It had been a long and difficult Cabinet meeting. Thrashing out the principles of the new Citizen's Charter had been heavy going. But now the job was done: in future British Rail would have to apologise whenever a train was more than 30 minutes late and the men who put traffic cones on motorways would have to wear name badges. There was no doubt about it; the Citizen's Charter was the most important document since Magna Carta. However, now it was time to relax. Most definitely.

Norma had placed the ice cold bottle of Sol, with the slice of lime already stuck in the neck, on the arm of his chair. He now took it, and with a tremble of anticipation pursed his lips into an O. Slowly, his mouth enveloped the bottle neck and he sucked, at first gently but with growing passion, his tongue flicking to and fro. When, sated, he gently slid the bottle neck from between his lips, a trickle of white foam ran down his chin. He gasped in pleasure "Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, oh yes..."

We don't actually know if John Major is a lager drinker, Nor, for that matter, do we know whether Neil Kinnock or Paddy Ashdown are. What we are sure about is that many important people in public life are closet lager drinkers.

Frightening isn't it? Senior politicians responsible for the country's future may be

lager drinkers! And not just politicians but members of the judiciary, of the professions, the sporting and entertainment worlds, the Church, even Royalty may all be addicted to tasteless fizzy alcoholic soda-water! No wonder the country is in such a mess!

It is a sad fact that lager drinking is not prohibited by law in this country. We think it should be; indeed we think that all lager drinkers should either be strung up or else castrated with a rusty knife and deported to Australia. Until the law is changed, all we can do is alert the public; tell them who the lager drinkers in public life are; in other words, "out" them. By exposing their disgusting propensities to public view we may be able to hound some of them from public life; and a bloody good thing too!

You can help us in our task. If you know of any prominent figure in public life who is a lager drinker, please let us know by writing to:

Lager "Outing" Campaign London Drinker

All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please Note: we are not interested in hearing about the following:

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Mr P "Gazza" Gascoine

Mr Roger "Hints of chocolate with pronounced notes of blackcurrant" Protz

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THREE MEN HOLDING ME DOWN

A History of Truman, Hanbury and Buxton by Martyn Cornell

This is the conclusion of the article the first part of which was in last month's edition and covered the period up to 1945.

At the end of the Second World War Truman's bought its own hop farm, and in 1947 it added its own maltings, at Long Melford in Suffolk. The first-ever non-family board member, H. Mallen, who had joined the company as a boy in 1896, was appointed in 1954. The shock evidently spurred Truman's four years later, into another take-over, of Daniel and Sons Breweries Ltd in Colchester and its 146 pubs.

By the mid-1960's Truman's had 1,300 pubs, concentrated mainly in the South-East. It was losing some traditions - in 1967 the very last apprentice cooper at the Brick Lane brewery passed out into a business where metal casks were steadily making coopers a rare species. The same year the last dray horses left Brick Lane. But a year later the brewery chairman, Maurice Pryor, was declaring his company "fiercely independent", even though ancient rival Whitbread held a 10 per cent stake in the Brick Lane concern.

The board - at that time three Pryors, three Buxtons and a Buxton relative-by-marriage responded to criticisms of its lower than average profits by appointing a 34-year old management consultant, George Duncan, as a director in April 1968. It was quite likely Duncan who persuaded Truman's in 1970 to sign an agreement with Tuborg to brew the Danish company's lager at Brick Lane, and sell it in Truman's pubs. The same year Truman's dropped its last links with traditional cask beers, spending the large sum of £500,000 on new 100-litre metal kegs, and rebuilding its draught beer packaging lines.

Late in 1970 Truman's announced the closure of the brewery in Burton-on-Trent. Its 73 pubs around Burton, plus a depot in Warrington, were to be sold to Courage in return for 36 houses in London and £850,000 cash, making the deal worth a total £2 million. At one point in the negotiations it looked as if Courage would take over the Burton brewery as well. But in the summer Courage had acquired John Smith's in Tadcaster, giving it ample capacity

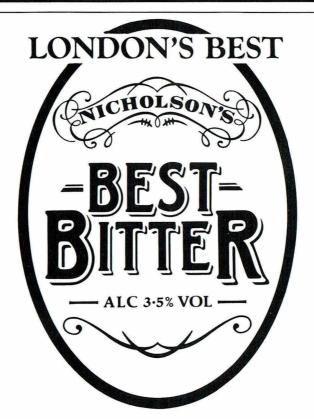
in the North and Midlands.

Maurice Pryor had died suddenly in December 1969, and the brewery was now being led by the outsider, George Duncan, who had become Chief Executive. Truman's was being thoroughly shaken up, to give its shareholders - 30 per cent of its institutions - a better return on their capital. Closing the Burton brewery had saved £500,000 a year, and the brewery in Brick Lane was being rebuilt, for £6 million, to improve costs (wastage from old, too large brewing vessels was estimated to be hitting Truman's for £300,000 in extra Customs and Excise payments alone).

Duncan and his management team were openly admitting that profits from the Brick Lane brewery and its 980 pubs - 830 of them run by tenants - would not show a real turn-around from their level of £2.3 million pre-tax until 1972-3. Quite possibly it was this candour that led on July 1 1971 to a sudden and completely unexpected takeover bid for Truman's from an outsider to the brewing business, Maxwell Joseph and his Grand Metropolitan Breweries chain.

Joseph, who obviously felt Truman's and its pubs would fit in perfectly with his 250 Berni Inns and Chef and Brewer pubs, was offering £34 million. If the bid was a surprise for Duncan and his chairman, Derrick Pease (a descendant of Edward North Buxton's daughter-in-law's family), it stunned another London brewer, Watney Mann. For the previous four months Watney's had been quietly planning its own bid for the Brick Lane brewery.

Watney's, then Britain's fifth-biggest brewer, had a problem. It wanted to close two of its high-cost breweries, the former Tamplin's plant in Brighton and the Mann's brewery in Whitechapel, and concentrate brewing at a rebuilt Mortlake Brewery. But Mortlake would not be ready until 1975, at a cost of £7 million. Michael Webster, chairman of Watney's, had decided that Truman's new plant could meet his company's needs immediately, and save a great deal in running costs. Unfortunately for Webster, Joseph's bid put a big foot in the middle of his preparations.



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Bloomsbury Tavern
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George
Harcourt Arms
Leinster Arms
Prince Alfred
Doggetts Coat & Badge
Catherine Wheel
Horniman at Hays
Red Lion SW1
Southwark Tavern



The first reaction from the brewing trade to the Grand Met bid was that someone - perhaps Whitbread, which still had ten per cent of Truman's shares - would rescue the Brick Lane brewery from the attempted embrace of the outsider Joseph. After all, the brewers had rallied together 12 years earlier when Sir Charles Clore had tried to take over Watney's. There was also a certain amount of racism around in some quarters over the Joseph bid - the Daily Telegraph felt obliged to point out that no British brewery had ever fallen into Jewish hands.

However, Whitbread remained cool. It had decided that acquiring the Brick Lane brewery did not fit in with its own development plans. Instead Watney's, galvanised by the Joseph bid, launched its own bid for Truman's just over a week later, topping the Grand Met offer by £4 million. At the same time Watney's bought almost a million shares in Truman's on the stock market, taking its holding in the Brick Lane company to 18 per cent.

The Truman's board, which itself controlled around ten per cent of the company's equity, announced that it had accepted the Watney offer. But in fact the board had been completely split, with half voting for Grand Met and half for Watney Mann. The Truman's ruling families were even divided amongst themselves. Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, the sixth baronet, was a Grand Met supporter, his cousins and fellow directors Henry and Mark Buxton voted for Watney. Only Derrick Pease's casting vote as chairman had carried the day for the beerage against the outsider.

Joseph was far from quitting, however. Four days after the Watney bid, he raised his offer for Truman's by more than a quarter, to £43 million. Within hours Watney Mann was back with a revised bid of its own, again topping Joseph by £4 million. What The Observer was to call "The most incredible take-over battle of all time" was under way.

Whitbread had pledged its ten per cent stake to Grand Met, obviously feeling that it would rather not see Watney's get any larger. But the Truman's board was still divided between those who wanted the extra money being offered by the Red Barrel brewer and those who pointed out that a Watney take-over would mean 20 to 25 per cent redundancies at Brick Lane, with the

loss of 800 jobs in one of the poorest parts of London. Amid rumours that several other big brewers were thinking of launching a bid for Grand Metropolitan itself, Truman's workers voted in favour of the Joseph offer, and Watney's announced it now owned between 22.5 and 25 per cent of the Brick Lane company. On July 20 1971, just under three weeks after Joseph made his first bid, the Truman's board voted unanimously this time - to accept the Grand Met revised offer.

As is common in many take-over attempts, the offers from the two rivals were a combination of cash and shares in the bidder's own company. As the share prices of Grand Metropolitan and Watney Mann swayed up and down during the weeks, so the value of their two offers in real terms had altered. By July 29, with the fight still unresolved, despite the Brick Lane board's vote, the two offers were virtually equal, with Grand Met's now worth £44 million and Watney's £45 million. Watney's felt compelled to put its offer up yet again, valuing it at £47 million. The Red Barrel men admitted their plans would involve 260 redundancies at Brick Lane, but said they could double output from Truman's brewery within 12 months, and achieve savings of £1 million.

It took six days for Grand Met to come back with a revised offer, this time just £800,000 above Watney's. In the meantime each side had been buying Truman's shares on the stock market, with Grand Met happily paying almost £1.4 million to grab a block of 300,000 shares representing just 2.75 per cent of the total. By this time, five weeks after Joseph made his first bid, both sides owned about 30 per cent each of Truman's. Grand Met still had the promise of the ten per cent controlled by the Truman's board. But on August 14 Watney's made another offer, this time valuing Truman's at £49.5 million, close on half as much again as Grand Met had initially offered.

This latest Watney offer again split the Truman's board, which withdrew its recommendation of the Grand Met offer; four of the Brick Lane brewery's directors, led by Duncan, the chief executive backed Watney's. The other five, led by chairman Pease, supported Grand Met. The struggle had already caused a strike by Truman's workers against the Watney bid. On Sunday

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August 16 it sparked a sermon in St Paul's Cathedral from Canon John Collins, who attacked both bidders, saying they had no consideration of national interests, let alone Truman's workers or the Brick Lane brewery's many small shareholders.

Each side, meanwhile, was still paying out to buy more Truman's shares on the stock market - the Prudential Assurance, showing its normal impartiality, sold Watney's and Grand Met 50 per cent each of its £2 million holding in Truman's, But another 350,000 Truman's shares. owned by a pension fund and another insurance company all went to Joseph. By August 24 Watney's reckoned it owned outright 38 per cent of Truman's, with supporters bringing that up to 45 per cent. But Grand Metropolitan was claiming a beermat's width less than 49 per cent. With the usual number of Truman's shareholders dead, vanished, on holiday or just not bothering to reply to any letters from either side, Watney's had to concede that it could not catch up.

On August 24 1971 Watney's waved the white flag, and agreed to sell its holding in Truman's, worth £16 million, to Grand Met. After nearly eight weeks, eight bids and counter-bids, and furlongs of newspaper coverage, the great battle was finally over. Watney's could not complain too much, however. It made a profit of £2 million on its Truman's shares, and also secured an agreement that the Brick Lane brewery would supply it with 400,000 barrels of beer a year for five years, to supplement its own brewing capacity.

One of the first moves after the take-over was by George Duncan, the Truman's chief executive, who resigned from Brick Lane to take up the headman's seat with Watney's. He had supported Watney's throughout the battle with Grand Met, and clearly he was never going to sit easily alongside the new owners of the Brick Lane brewery.

Duncan's first job was to try to make sure that what had happened to his last employers did not happen at his new ones. Six months after failing to win Truman's, Watney's succeeded in taking over International Distillers and Vintners, the Gilbey's gin company in which it already had a one-third stake. Shortly afterwards Watney's grabbed the 73 per cent it did not

already own of Samuel Webster, the Halifax brewer. This left it a 6,500-pub drinks group worth some £400 million, inviolate, the Watney's directors must have thought, against any predator.

Maxwell Joseph, however, had his own agenda. Having swallowed one brewery group, he clearly decided he liked the taste. Even though Grand Metropolitan was now smaller than the new Watney's, in mid-March 1972 Joseph made a£360 million offer for the Red Barrel company. The struggle again swayed backwards and forwards, enlivened by a late bid in May by the Rank Organisation, which offered£425 million for Watney's - only to have to withdraw after a revolt by its American shareholders. By the end of June it was all over bar the final counting. Joseph had his revenge. He now owned both Truman's and Watney's.

Truman's new brewhouse opened that same year, and in October 1972 Ben Truman Export, a keg "premium" bitter, first saw the light of bar taps. Sadly, the jokes were no longer about the ability of Truman's beers to put you on the floor. Instead drinkers were asking what the difference was between Ben Truman and a dead frog, and giving the answer: "There are more hops in a dead frog".

A year later Grand Met bought its two brewing wings together, merging them into a new company, Watney Mann and Truman Holdings. The Brick Lane brewery's pubs still kept their own identity and beers, however, and in 1976 Grand Met expressed its faith in the brewery by bringing in Ove Arup, one of Britain's foremost architects, to design new offices for Brick Lane. When Arup's work was completed, in 1980, it brought a hail of praise for the way a wall of glass had been made to provide a new frontage, linking the two 18th century buildings to the north and south, the brewer's house and the directors' house, in a surprisingly sensitive fashion.

Meanwhile Truman's had found itself wrongfooted by the upsurge of interest in caskconditioned ales. In 1977 it introduced a compromise beer, Truman's Tap, cask conditioned but served by air pressure hand pumps. It never caught on, and four years later Truman's started brewing a proper, traditionally-

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THE HISTORY OF THE DOG AND BULL, CROYDON

The sign of the Dog and Bull claims that it dates from 1431 and although this cannot be proved from written record, it could be even older as parts of the Old Palace south of Surrey Street date from the 12th century and Croydon is well documented as a bustling centre of commerce since early mediaeval times. Royal permission to grant a market here was given in 1276 and the Archbishop of Canterbury lived at the Old Palace until 1758. The Dog and Bull was definitely standing by 1595, when it was called the Bell, and has always been in the thick of things, standing in a busy market street. The land at the back of the pub was originally the village pound where stray animals were kept - and possibly the animals belonging to inmates of the jail that also stood in Surrey Street. The street itself was originally known as Butchers' Row, after the dominant trade carried on there, and cattle and carcasses were kept in the Dog and Bull yard.

To one side of the Dog and Bull for many years stood a brewery, which even in 1695 was being described as "a very ancient brewhouse". Although the owner of the brewery and the pub were not always the same, the pub probably acted as a tap room for the brewhouse over many periods of time.

One of the owners of the Dog and Bull, Nicholas Northorpe, was executed in the late 17th or early 18th century for felony. Jack Ketch, public hangman from 1663 to 1686, who was infamous for his barbarous and often botched executions (taking eight strokes to dispatch the Duke of Monmouth), is recorded as flogging an unfortunate victim through Butchers' Row from the jail to the corner of Church Street and back. It is to be hoped that Nicholas Northorpe did not also meet his fate at Ketch's hands.

Both the pub and the brewhouse changed hands many times through the 17th and 18th centuries until the Dog and Bull was leased to Young & Bainbridge in 1832. The freehold was bought in 1899, possibly the longest time it has ever been held by one family and owner. The brewery is no more, but was latterly owned by Page & Overton, until they closed in 1954. The yard is still known as Overton's Yard. The Dog and Bull was rebuilt in the 18th century and is now a Grade II listed building, possibly the oldest

still standing in Surrey Street.

Croydon underwent a massive period of expansion in the 19th century and while the Dog and Bull belongs to an older period, both the Gloucester and the Tamworth Arms are products of that expansion. Two reasons for this development are the arrival of the passenger railway in 1839 and secondly, the reputation Croydon had for pure water (unlike London in the 19th century), which made Croydon seem an attractive and healthy place to live.

Tamworth Road was laid in the early part of the century, and houses were being built from about 1840 onwards. The Tamworth Arms was built between 1851 and 1855 and came into the possession of Young & Bainbridge in 1857. The freehold was bought in 1878.

The Gloucester is now a modern building, opened in 1961, built on the site of a previous Victorian beer house and then pub, which was demolished by bombs during the Second World War. Whitehorse Road, where it stands, is named after Walter Whitehorse, shield bearer to Edward III, who owned the land after 1368. The Gloucester itself probably takes its name from nearby Gloucester Lodge, which is connected to Richard III, Duke of Gloucester, who stayed in Croydon after the death of his brother to prevail upon Archbishop Bouchier to put into his care the two young princes, who later died in such mysterious circumstances in the Tower of London, leaving Richard free to become King. Thus are modern day buildings connected to important events of the past.

With acknowledgements to Youngs

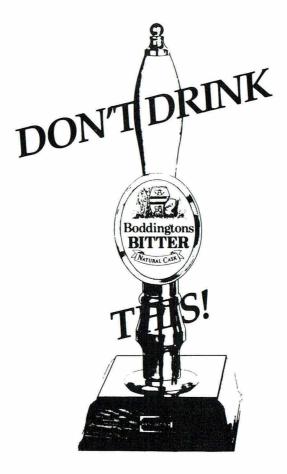
BEER PRICE RIP-OFF

Beer prices are rising well above the rate of inflation, according to the Campaign for Real Ale's 1991 Prices Survey. CAMRA found that the average price of a pint has risen 18p since this time last year. (1990 - 102 pence per pint. 1991 - 120 pence a pint). This 18% rise is double the rate of inflation.

The Chancellor put 5p on a pint in the Budget. Nevertheless, the pre-tax price of a pint still went up 15%.

"Beer prices are now out of control" said Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox. "No other industry can raise prices so quickly during a recession."

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Boddingtons Brewery, Taken Over By Whitbread, December 1989.

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GREENWICH REAL ALE FESTIVAL 1991

This year's festival was an outstanding success. The cooler weather helped to maintain the beer at a reasonable temperature and systems adopted to keep the beer cool this year worked extremely well and the organisers are now confident that proper temperature control can be achieved even in a heat-wave - if ever we have one again!

An innovation this year was opening on the Wednesday evening. This proved to be so popular that it is now likely to be a permanent feature of the festival. Naturally an increased supply of beer was obtained to cope with the extra session but because of the tremendous popularity of the festival it ran out earlier than anticipated on the Saturday evening. The organisers apologise to all those who were disappointed on the Saturday but can assure them that even more beer will be ordered for next year (17th to 20th June) to ensure that there is adequate beer for Saturday evening.

The London Quiz

Another popular innovation this year was "The London Quiz" with fourteen teams participating on the Wednesday evening. The winning team, "Randy Newlove", led by Robert Anderson, scored a very creditable 47 out of the 60 tough questions, about London, set by Dave Sullivan the S.E. London CAMRA Chairman.



Our picture shows Festival Organiser, John Goldsmith, presenting four sweat-shirts to Robert for the winning team. In addition the winners each received an engraved tankard.

The runners-up, "The 141's", each won a polo sports-shirt donated by Taylor Walker. Also in the photo is Gary Leader, licensee of the Wheatsheaf at London Bridge, who is holding the cheque for £70, contributed by all the participating teams to the Guys Hospital Evelina Childrens' Ward Appeal. Gary's pub raises a lot of money for this worthy appeal.

The Wheatsheaf SE1

Incidentally, for those not aware, the Wheatsheaf is one of the very few pubs in South East London which always features a guest cask-conditioned mild. The milds on offer are not "brewery guests" either but ones chosen by Gary himself. Recently available have been Brains, Hook Norton, Thwaites and Batemans. Gary tells us that he regularly receives phone calls from mild fans enquiring which mild is currently on offer. Not bad for a type of beer which, so the big brewers assure us, creates no demand!

You are strongly recommended to visit this unspoilt pub soon before it disappears to make way for British Rail extensions. It's a classic market traders boozer in the Borough Vegetable Market and used to be used by traders at the nearby (but now defunct) Hop Exchange. The Wheatsheaf has reasonable prices and is regularly listed in the Good Beer Guide.

BOOK REVIEW

I have great pleasure in reviewing a copy of John Conen's latest edition of 'Good Beer in Banberg and Franconia'. For any of our readers who visit Germany to sample the beers this area is thoroughly recommended by me.

Last time I visited, I took a rather tired photocopy of John's first book and it proved accurate and informative. This edition has been completely updated and helpfully contains a section detailing brewery towns within easy striking distance of Banberg which can be reached by train. It also contains a glossary of German pub and brewing terms to help us laymen. The clear maps are a great help to the intrepid traveller. If you wish to visit the area buy this book!

"Good Beer in Banberg and Franconia' is £2 including postage from: John Conen; 9, Scott Close, Farnham Common, Bucks SL2 3HT.

Chris Cobbold

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the September 1981 L.D. reported:

IMPERIAL SURVIVES - The fear that Courage's famous Imperial Russian Stout would disappear after they closed their London brewery has so far been unfounded. This powerful, naturally conditioned bottled beer is being produced at their Reading beer factory, apparently to the old formula.

At the 1981 GBBF in Leeds, Fuller's ESB had taken the prize for Strong Bitter and the Beer of the Year Award. The award for Mild went to Banks of Wolverhampton, and for Ordinary Bitter to West Riding Brewery.

Dave McKerchar enthused about Brakspear's Henley Brewery, whose products were then hitting the London scene. One ever-topical passage reads: "The only sad factor about selling beer in the capital is that the price goes up and although Brakspear's ales in their own pubs have gone up in price like everything else, the London pubs appear to slap on an extra few pence or so (!-Ed) on every pint sold. This does not, however, seem to deter the London drinker..."

A major centre-spread feature outlined the history of Beasley's Brewery in Plumstead, which in 1963 was the last independent in London to fall, in this case to Courage. No signs of the brewery still exist.

Sam Smith's were rapidly establishing a foothold in the Capital, largely through taking over a part of the Henekey empire.

This was a 24 page issue in yellow covers, and (for those who understand such things) bore the ISSN Number 0144 7866.

FIVE YEARS AGO the September 1986 cover had a blue frame, and featured a photograph of the Goat House, South Norwood, which was profiled by Dave Sullivan in the content. This was the thinnest edition for some time at 24 pages, as 32 was by then the standard. The reason was explained as the lack of contributions during the holiday season, always an Editor's nightmare as I know - I typed the item on the same machine I am using to prepare this, and it was printed camera-ready, i.e. without resetting.

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The rip-offs column (which, to avoid boring you, I won't quote) published an apology about a totally erroneous report made previously, and reminded contributors to verify their facts before submitting them. The paragraph ended: "Despite its professional appearance, London Drinker is staffed entirely by volunteers who have full time jobs and no time to cross-check for every reference."

A further paragraph at the end of the column raised a point as topical now as it was then: "In recent months there have been rumblings in the licensed trade to the effect that CAMRA's role - to bring back cask beer - has now been fulfilled, and that it has no business meddling in such issues as pricing and brewery policy. Until such a time as another organisation comes forward to take over the watchdog role on behalf of the ripped-off drinker, this Campaign, and in particular this magazine, will continue to criticise any moves deterimental to the interests of its following, in particular with regard to pricing, choice and quality. Anyone not liking this situation knows what to do about it."

DIPSY was still going strong - which brings to mind a phrase to be coined - "Dear Dipsy, Where art thou? - Nostalgic, Llansomewhere."

Martin Smith

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 BOW, E3

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 Side
CLAPHAM JUNCTION, SW11
Plough, St John's Hill
CLAPTON, E5
Prince of Wales, Lea Bridge Rd

CLAYGATE

Foley Arms, Foley Rd CLERKENWELL, EC1 Hekforde Arms, Sekforde St COVENT GARDEN, WC2 Marquess of Anglesey, Bow St UROYDON, Surrey

Dog and Bull, Surrey St 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

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

MAYFAIR, WI 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, SW1 Morpeth Arms, Millbank

Rising Sun, Ebury Bridge Rd Royal Oak, Regency St PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex

PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussess Fountain, Station Rd PUTNEY, SW15 Castle, Putney Bridge Rd Duke's Head, Lower RichmondRd 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 County Arms, Frinkly Rd Crane, Armoury Way Gardeners' Arms, Merton Rd Grapes, Fairfield St Halfway House, Garratt Lane King's Arms, High St

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, SWI

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

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A ROARING SUCCESS GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL LONDON ARENA

If there were any doubts that Londoners like a drop of beer, the Great British Beer Festival in August dispelled them. The return of the Great British to the Capital after an absence of 10 years proved to be a great success. Over the 4 1/2 days the Festival was open, 35,000 people attended the event and drank over 100,000 pints!

The lure of over 200 different real ales, ciders and perries attracted people not only from London and the rest of the UK, but from as far away as Australia and America.

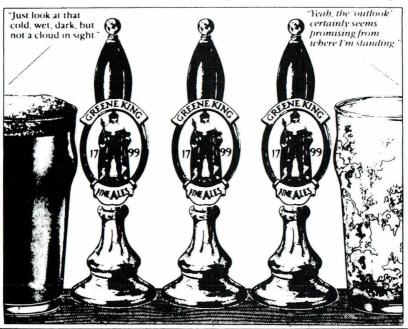
But not all the visitors were over 18. The Family Room again proved popular, particularly on the Saturday when the whole family came. With so many families coming from the Greater London area, it showed quite clearly the demand for family pubs; something which London is notoriously short of.

While the parents enjoyed the beer there was plenty to occupy the offspring, with live entertainment everyday as well as toys. The toys were on loan from Great Ormond Street Hospital, which was also the Festival charity. Hundreds of pounds being raised through people's loose change.

For the adults, the biggest name entertainer at the Festival was Hank Wangford, who appeared on Saturday night to a very receptive crowd. Earlier that afternoon there was a String Quartet that also went down very well, although the idea might be at odds with what one might expect at a beer festival.

While the customers were relaxing and enjoying themselves the volunteer staff were coping with all sorts of problems. In particular, the warm weather led to the Festival's technical team having a hard job on their hands to keep the beer cool. Ice was delivered daily to combat the heat. But the fast turn around on the beers, due to thirsty visitors, meant that most beers were very drinkable. The high temperatures also gave the sales of refreshing real cider and perry a boost. The sales were the highest ever recorded at the Festival, clearly showing that real cider and perry are alive and kicking in more ways than one!

If you missed the Festival this year, you may be in for a second chance. Pleased with the success of this year's events, namours have it that the Festival may come back to London again next year but a week earlier (4-8th August).



BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 65

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 report a further 8 Charrington pubs acquired by Charles wells, bringing to 18 the number acquired in Greater London this year. Out at Heathrow, the third London "Tap & Spile" has opened together with a branch of Harry Ramsden's fish & chip restaurants, complete with real ale!

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

CENTRAL

EC1, BLUE ANGEL, Torrens Street. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Tetley: Bitter. Young: Special. New Taylor Walker large open-plan pub in semi basement of new office block, facing City Road on site of former Blue Angel pub (originally Blue Coat Boy) demolished in 1988. Food, open all permitted hours. (E14, U42)

EAST

E2, OLD KING JOHNS HEAD, 90 Whiston Road. Wells: Eagle Bitter, Bombardier. Acquired by Charles Wells from Charrington. (E74) E8, HORSE & GROOM, 255 Mare Street. Renamed HOBSONS CHOICE. Adnams: Bitter. Boddington: Bitter. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Hobsons: Nobbler (OG 1036), origin unknown. Tetley: Bitter. Whitbread: Best Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. Comfortably furnished, food, garden at rear (reinstatement). (E108, U40)

SOUTH WEST

SW4, PERSEVERANCE, 44A Nelson Row. Charrington: IPA (reinstatement). (SW24, U39)

WEST

HEATHROW AIRPORT, HARRY RAMSDEN'S FISH RESTAURANT, Terminal 1. Theakston: Best Bitter. Enjoy the famous Yorkshire-style fish & chips with a pint before your flight.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

BARKING, FISHING SMACK. Taylor Walker, H unused. (X12)

SOUTH EAST

SE8, HARP OF ERIN. Free House, closed, future uncertain. Formerly BRADLEYS. (SE68, U46)

SOUTH WEST

SW4, BOWYER ARMS. Taylor Walker, H unused. (SW24, U39)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES EAST

E1, JOLLY SAILOR. Acquired by Charles Wells from Charrington, still fizz. (E62)
E3, WENTWORTH ARMS. - Charrington: IPA. + Wells: Eagle Bitter. Acquired by Charles Wells from Charrington. (E86)
E8, KINGS ARMS. Acquired by Charles Wells from Charrington, still fizz. (E108)
E8, RAILWAY TAVERN, 59 Kingsland High Street. Acquired by Charles Wells from Charrington, still fizz. (E111, U60)
E18, NAPIER ARMS. - Fuller: London Pride. - Young: Special. + Stones: Best Bitter. (E167, U34, U42, U62)
E18, WHITE HART. + Worthington: Best Bitter. (E167)

BARKING, CAPTAIN COOK. - Tetley: Bitter (keg version only). (X12)
BARKING, VICTORIA. + Worthington: Best Bitter. (X13)

WOODFORD GREEN, CRICKETERS. + Courage: Directors Bitter. (X114)

NORTH

N1, BENYON ARMS. - Charrington: IPA. + Wells: Eagle Bitter, Bombardier. Acquired by Charles Wells from Charrington. (N29) N1, HANBURY ARMS. - Charrington: IPA.

+ Wells: Eagle Bitter, Bombardier. Acquired by Charles Wells from Charrington. (N34)

NORTH WEST

NW5, NEWBERRY ARMS. Acquired by Charles Wells from Charrington, real ale tried but now still fizz, H unused. Note correct spelling of name. (N146)

Existing Establishments

HARRINGAY
THE MORTIMER
ARMS

405 Green Lanes N4

STROUD GREEN
WHITE LION OF
MORTIMER
125/127 Stroud Green Road

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



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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

PALMERS GREEN THE WHOLE HOG 430-434 Green Lanes Palmers Green N13

COLINDALE
THE MOON UNDER
WATER

10 Varley Parade Colindale NW9

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served beer, Best Bitter. Tap disappeared altogether in 1982, to be replaced by Prize Mild, Bitter and Sampson Extra Strong alongside the Best Bitter, all handpumped beers.

All this did little to end the dissatisfaction among workers at the Brick Lane brewery, who had seen the number of people employed there fall from 1,300 in 1972 to just over 700 in 1984. The unions at the brewery produced their own action plan in 1984 decrying the lack of investment by Grand Met in Brick Lane and expressing their fears for the future. Gradually the brewery's new real ales began disappearing - in a piece of black comedy Truman's had to reinvent a recipe for the last one left, Best Bitter, which had been a blend of the Sampson and ordinary bitter.

Insiders were predicting the brewery's imminent demise in 1988. In January 1989 it was finally announced that the Brick Lane brewry was to close, after more than 300 years. The ten-acre site was to be developed - the nearby Spitalfields Market development, over 11 acres, was going

to be worth £500 million when finished, and looking at that sort of return, Grand Met declared that the investment necessary to refurbish Truman's old plant "was not justified".

Almost 200 workers lost their jobs with the closure. For a while it looked as if there might still be a link with brewing, for Grand Met, which still owned four breweries after closing Truman's, was making the Brick Lane buildings its corporate headquarters. Even that, however, is now in doubt, as Joseph's old firm tries to unload its brewing interests and concentrate on being strictly a beer retailer.

Martin Cornell

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SOUTH EAST

SE1, DUKE OF SUSSEX. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (SE21)

SOUTH WEST

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SW4, MANOR ARMS. + Boddington: Bitter.

+ Brakspear: Bitter. (SW24, U28, U39)
SW4, PLOUGH. + Fuller: London Pride◆.
(SW25)

SW18, BUILDERS ARMS. + Young: Bitter♦. (SW51, U29)

SW18, MERTON INN. + Young: Bitter. Formerly SPENCERS. (SW54, U38, U46, U54, U58, U62)

GREENFORD, BALLOT BOX. - Taylor Walker:

Best Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale♦. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Special. (₩102) HEATHROW AIRPORT, PILOTS ARMS BAR, Terminal 1. Renamed TAP & SPILE. - Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA. + Adnams: Broadside. + Banks & Taylor: Edwin Taylor's Extra Stout. + Bateman: Mild. + Big End: Piston Bitter. + Boddington: Bitter. + Cains: Bitter. + Cameron: Strongarm. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. + Mitchell: Best Bitter. + Old Mill: Terminal Tipple. + Tolly Cobbold: Original. Beers will vary, range of 12. (W120) HOUNSLOW: JOLLY FARMER. - Young: Bitter . + Young: Special . (W128, U55, U58) CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 64 OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES BEXLEYHEATH (BARINGHURST) should read (BARNEHURST). SOUTHALL, THREE HORSESHOES. Reference should read (W143, U55)

CAMRA AWARD FOR 'THE BEST MILD PROMOTION IN 1990' TO THE LONDON EVENING STANDARD'S PUB OF THE YEAR

On Monday 12th August at 8pm Mark Taylor, Vice-Chairman of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), presented Sally Cruickshank of the White Horse with the award for the best mild promotion in 1990.

From its inception in 1988 this award was designed to stimulate interest in cask-conditioned draught mild; a beer style which has suffered a sharp decline in popularity in the last thirty years.

The White Horse resumed selling mild in September 1984. It is supplied with a creamily succulent dark mild by the prestigious Highgate Brewery in Walsall - the smallest brewery in the Bass group. Sales of four firkins a week, 14,000 pints a year, are a modest 6% of this busy pub's sales of cask-conditioned beer. However, it is seen as a vital part of the pub's appeal for two main reasons:

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Success at the GBBF would certainly give a fillip to Charrington Inns and Taverns' recent initiative to promote Highgate Mild in the London area. There are currently seven pubs stocking Highgate and more are expected.

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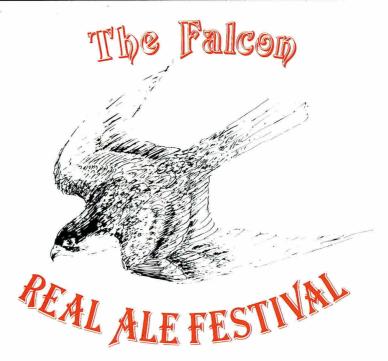
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