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# Where to buy London Drinker

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

## OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH

### EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS  
EC1 BETSY TROTWOOD  
EC1 HIAN & SHEARS  
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN  
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS  
EC4 BANKER  
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD  
E2 APPROACH TAVERN  
E2 MARKSMAN  
E2 NELSON'S HEAD  
E8 LADY DIANA  
E8 VILLAGE  
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN  
E9 ROYAL STANDARD  
E10 DRUM  
E10 TAP & SPILE  
E14 QUEENS HEAD  
E17 COLLEGE ARMS  
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE  
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS  
SE1 KINGS ARMS  
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE  
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SOUTHWARK TAVERN  
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN  
SE1 WHEATSHEAF  
SE3 BRITISH OAK  
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN  
SE7 McDONNELLS  
SE8 DOG & BELL  
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE  
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS  
SE10 BRITISH SAILOR  
SE10 FROG & RADIATOR  
SE10 RICHARD I  
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN  
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS  
SE16 MANOR TAVERN  
SE16 MOBY DICK  
SE17 TANKARD  
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM  
SE18 COOPERS ARMS  
(PLAISTED'S)  
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES  
SE19 RAILWAY BELL  
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT  
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE  
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE24 COMMERCIAL  
SE24 PRINCE REGENT  
SE25 GOAT HOUSE  
SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK  
SE25 SHIP  
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE  
SE27 HOPE  
SE27 GIPSY QUEEN  
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR  
CROYDON, DOG & BULL  
CROYDON, LION

### OFF TRADE

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

### OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS  
WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE  
WC1 LAMB  
WC1 MARLBOROUGH ARMS  
WC1 MOON  
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS  
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE  
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN  
WC1 SUN  
WC1 YORKSHIRE GREY  
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR  
WC2 GEORGE IV  
WC2 LYCEUM  
WC2 FREEMASONS ARMS  
N1 ALWYNE CASTLE  
N1 COMPTON ARMS  
N1 EARL OF RADNOR  
N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN  
N1 GEORGE IV  
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE  
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS  
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.  
N1 MALT & HOPS  
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN  
N1 PRINCE ALBERT  
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR  
N2 OLD WHITE LION  
N2 WINDSOR CASTLE  
N2 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY  
N4 MORTIMER ARMS  
N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH  
N4 TAP & SPILE  
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER  
N7 ADMIRAL MANN  
N7 FAT HARRY'S  
N8 ELBOW ROOM  
N8 TOLL GATE  
N9 BEEHIVE  
N10 WETHERSPOONS  
N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN  
N12 TILTED GLASS  
N13 WHOLE HOG  
N15 GOAT  
N15 K. K. MCCOOLS  
N16 ROSE & CROWN  
N16 TANNERS HALL  
N17 BOAR  
N17 ELBOW ROOM  
N17 NARROW BOAT  
N19 DOG  
N19 J. J. MOONS  
N20 BULL & BUTCHER

N20 CAVALIER  
N21 DOG & DUCK  
N22 MOON UNDER WATER  
N22 NELSON  
BARNET, ALEXANDRA  
BARNET, OLD MITRE  
BARNET, WEAVER  
COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN  
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER  
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER  
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF  
NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS  
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

### CLUBS

WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
UNION, Malet Street

### OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 DUCK INN  
NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS  
NW1 MAN IN THE MOON  
NW3 FLASK TAVERN  
NW4 CHEQUERS  
NW4 WHITE BEAR  
NW4 WHITE LION OF  
MORTIMER  
NW6 QUEENS ARMS  
NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN  
NW8 CROCKERS  
NW9 GEORGE  
NW9 J. J. MOONS  
NW9 MOON UNDER WATER  
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS  
NW10 OUTSIDE INN  
HAREFIELD, PLOUGH  
HARROW, KINGSFIELD ARMS

### OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street.  
N2 GROGBLOSSOM  
NW6 Grogblossom, 235 West End  
Lane.

### CLUBS

NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC  
STUDENTS UNION

### OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

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

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## EDITORIAL

When it was decided that it was my turn to write the Editorial column for this month's edition I was wondering to what matters of burning importance I should turn my mind this month. I should have liked to rip into the big brewers (yet again!) over their new policy of putting many of their tenants on to new 20 year leases with enormous increases in rent even by brewers' standards, and at the same time to make them full repairing leases which means that the tenants will be expected to pay for the effects on the structure of their pubs of the breweries' own neglect over the past years.

Unfortunately I am not sufficiently aware of all of the facts to be able to write as authoritatively as I would wish so I shall confine my comments to the observation that something appears to smell not very pleasant about this subject and that I fully believe that it will lead to the large price increases of which we have been warned. I also believe it will, in time, lead to the closure of many pubs. I have already heard of landlords who are effectively squatting in their pubs because they are refusing to pay the higher rents; I have also heard of pubs with long term temporary managers because the breweries cannot find new tenants.

Changing the subject completely, at the beginning of September I was invited to go on a weekend mini-coach trip to Greater Manchester with those excellent chaps from South West London Branch. A wonderful time was had by all (on Sunday morning one or two of the party were wondering whether Saturday evening had been a bit too wonderful) and some excellent beers were drunk. The purpose of this piece is not to make you jealous but to look at the question of prices - but from a different angle.

Yes, we all know that prices are much lower up there than they are down here but that, for once, is not the point. What I want to highlight is the fact that I found a much greater difference in prices in the pubs of Eccles than I have in any district of London, possibly wider even than across London as a whole. Here I must emphasise that I am taking my own personal findings, not any comprehensive survey.

I shall start with the familiar - that is my recent experience of London prices. Currently, one of the pubs I use regularly sells Fuller's Chiswick

bitter at £1.29 a pint. The most expensive I have seen is around £1.76 a pint in a certain pub just off Regent Street. This represents a difference of some 35% (of the lower price). By comparison I shall list some of the prices per pint that I came across in Eccles:

Holt's Mild - 80 pence  
Holt's Bitter - 85 pence  
Banks's Mild - £1.02  
Banks's Bitter - £1.06  
Thwaites' Bitter - £1.20  
Fuller's Chiswick Bitter - £1.20  
Timothy Taylor's Landlord - £1.25

Ignoring mild ales for purposes of comparison, that represents a difference of no less than 47%. Furthermore, I am told that one of the Holt's pubs that I did not personally visit was selling Mild at 78p and (if I remember correctly) Bitter at 84p. I have not included this price as I was not positive of the Bitter price.

I should point out that the last three beers listed were in the Duke of York, a Whitbread owned "free house" - just like the certain West End pub only that one is Watney owned. I just wonder whether there was any significance in the fact that the address of the Duke of York is Regent Street. I would additionally note that all of the pubs I visited in Eccles are within half a mile of each other along what is a single road though it does change its name to Liverpool Road a little way down from the Duke of York.

What all this goes to show is that while there is a very noticeable difference between prices in Greater London and Greater Manchester there are rip-offs wherever you go and they seem, on the whole, to be perpetrated by the big brewers.

Why did we go into the Whitbread pub? Well, after a six hour slog up the M1 and M6 through their contraflows we were all cream cracked and it was the only pub open when we arrived where we could get a seat (not that that's very surprising). And there's another thing. Why is it that people who run pubs think that we only want to drink our own local beers when we go away. The staff in the Duke of York were most surprised (and, I believe, slightly offended) when nobody out of sixteen of us asked for the Chiswick!

**Andy Pirson**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

With regard to the item printed in the recent London Drinker headed "Manchester The Jolly Angler" I was rather perturbed at the inaccuracy of your member's report. Having been a regular at the Jolly for the past twenty eight years I can assure you that the beer and the atmosphere are the best and the friendliest they have ever been. It is one of the only pubs you can still go into and be made to feel very welcome by the licensees Michael and Sheila Reynolds. There is a folk night on Monday and Irish music on Thursday. Come on, play the game, give credit where it is due.

Yours faithfully

E. Owen, Manchester

P.S. Just for the Book Dave the previous Landlord went out of the pub bankrupt and now works clearing trollies in a supermarket car park in Openshaw, Manchester.

How come you don't send us the London Drinker anymore.

Dear Editors

I was saddened to read Graham Hillman's letter in the September issue of LD.

Fair enough, Graham states the policy of his branch. I have no quarrel with that and for that reason the Editors would have been wrong to suppress it, but did he have to end with that comment about hypocrisy?

Obviously South East London branch take a different view of the Bass situation which given the firm views that I know they hold over Whitbread is interesting but surely the constructive approach is an invitation to them to explain their viewpoint, not an outburst of "more-radical-than-thou" abuse.

CAMRA is a reasonably democratic body and, within reason, its branches have the right to differ from each other just as those who put their free time into the running of beer festivals are entitled - again, within reason - to do their thing their way.

Our resources such as London Drinker are

limited and with prices rocketing, short measures endemic, good publicans being evicted for short-term gain etc etc can't we find a better use for them than internecine sniping? Let's exchange views, ideas and information, not insults.

Yours faithfully

Tony Hedger  
Hammersmith W6

Dear Editors

Tremblingly I opened "London Drinker" to read the Guest Editorial - what rubbish! Where does this fellow get the idea that "£1.50 a pint seems about the norm?" Let me quote prices from a few pubs visited during August.

Young's Bitter: ranging from 125p (Queen's Head, E14) to 141p (Three Lords, EC3).

Young's Special: ranging from 141p (Prince of Wales, E5) to 147p (Buckingham Arms, SW1 and Lamb WC1)

Fuller's London Pride: ranging from 130p (Anchor & Hope, E5) to 147p (Moby Dick, SE16)

The Nelson's Head (E2) sells Bateman's Mild, XB and XXXB at 124p, 130p and 150p respectively; the Lord Rodney's Head (E1) sells Banks & Taylor's Mild and Shefford Bitter - to name but two - at 120p and 140p; and the Star Tavern in wealthy Belgravia has Fuller's Chiswick, London Pride & ESB at 131p, 143p and 154p - incredibly cheap for the area and not bad by any standard.

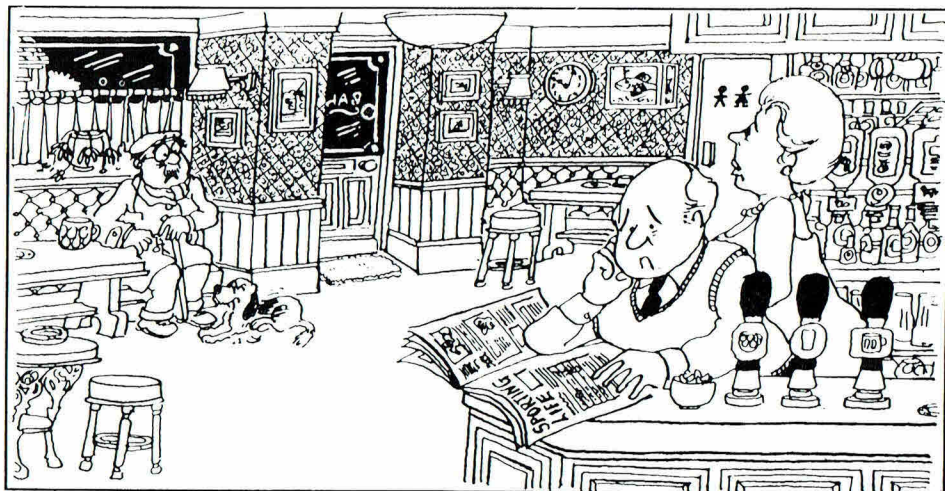
Finally, the TAP & SPILE (E10) offered the following range on 1st August (NB their range changes constantly) - Bateman's XB 128p, Bateman's XXXB 158p, Banks & Taylor's SOD 156p, Everard's Tiger 142p and Nethergate Bitter 122p - oh yes, and Weston's Perry 132p.

So, whilst there are undoubtedly a number of "rip-off" pubs around, there are plenty of cheap places too: even in the West End.

Yours faithfully

Hugh Smith  
London E15





# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



**The answer is in any Young's pub.**

Telephone 081-870 0141 for a complete list.

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Dear Editors

The old price lists detailed by Colin Price (London Drinker letters August) almost certainly date from the very end of the fifties and bring to mind an amusing incident.

From 1957 to 1962 I was a waiter in the Gateway, a large Hydes pub in South Manchester. When I started, mild was 1/- a pint. When you served a table and were offered a "drink", etiquette demanded that you would ask for a half of mild, i.e. you took a 6d tip. The mild went up to 1/1 in 1959. I still recall, very clearly, serving one regular old codger just after the increase. When he offered to buy me the customary "drink" I inadvertently said "Thank you, I'll have a half of mild". Quick as a flash he responded "No you won't, you'll take a sixpence and like it!"

Those were the days, when a 1/2d meant something!

Yours faithfully

Dave Sullivan

London SE26

PS Charrington pubs have tended to be among the cheapest, although I haven't been in any recently. It would appear that IPA is being superseded by Worthington's "Best" Bitter (I shudder to think what the worst must be like!) Best thing about it is the pump clip . . .

Dear Editors,

I have been collecting the back issues of London Drinker but there are seven not available from your back issues address. Could I please, therefore, ask if any of your readers have back copies they could let me have and how much they want for them? The issues I am lacking are as follows:

1979 July, November  
1980 June  
1981 March, October  
1984 November  
1984 May

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours, Colin Price,  
204 Lintons, Linton Road  
Barking  
Essex IG11 8HS

### *Editor's Reply*

*If any reader has any of the above editions they would like to pass on, would you please contact Colin direct. We have given his full address for this purpose. By the way, you need not bother about the May 1984 edition - I have managed to find one of those among my own spare back numbers.*

Dear Editors,

Recently I moved home and paid a visit to my new local pub, the Amersham Arms in New Cross Road. It had Courage Best Bitter at £1.80 a pint! Granted, the pub has music and entertainment in the evenings, but this was at lunchtime when there was no music nor other form of entertainment - and no price list either. so the Amersham Arms is one more pub I shall avoid in future.

Secondly, I must dispute the answer to one of your July quiz questions. Silverstone motor racing circuit is in Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire. There is an Ordnance Survey map of Milton Keynes and district in the window of my work place, which shows that the county boundary passes through the middle of the racing circuit.

Yours faithfully,

Robert McGowan, Deptford, SE8.

### *Editor's Reply*

*Thanks for the information Robert. Can anybody beat £1.80 a pint? I was in the Glassblower in W1 last week when the chap in front of me was charged £1.76 for two halves (one of Webster's, the other Brakspear's Special); this pub has no live entertainment at any time. My own round was more complicated as it contained a pint of Coke. (The gentleman from Leeds was going rugby training that evening). There is a price list near the door but my nerves weren't up to the shock of looking at the prices of any of the strong beers.*

*Andy Pirson*

Dear Editors,

I refer to recent correspondence in your pages concerning the unoriginal names of pubs owned by the J D Wetherspoon Organisation. It struck me that they might like to try the BLUE STAR or the LAUGHING CAVALIER.

Yours,

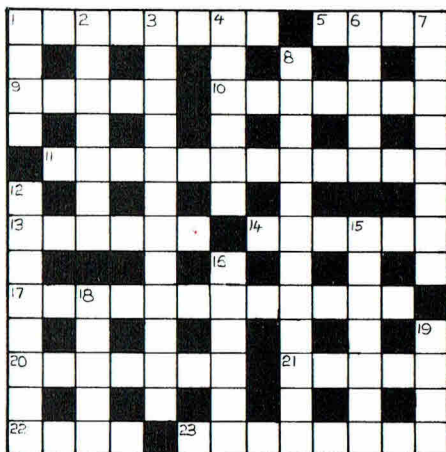
C J Player, Twickenham



# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



## ACROSS

1. He boasts of bringing back female clothes. [8]
5. Show disapproval of king's order. [4]
9. Children may find it has strings attached. [5]
10. Officer is likely to have murderer round. [7]
11. Later on I may be impecunious kinsman. [4,8]
13. Organs built up with tea in bottles. [6]
14. Fieldsmen put together a hundred bowling stints. [6]
17. Dance fairly strongly or Edward will be upset. [12]
20. Nearly match dress. [7]
21. Plug painful piles. [5]
22. Heather abandoned learning to make money. [4]
23. Teachings of untidy times. [8]

## DOWN

1. Railways always make a loud noise. [4]
2. One parrot crashed into landing place. [7]
3. Saving army leader from public phone box? [7,5]
4. Sweet on alien flyer. [6]
6. Some took a pig or other creature. [5]
7. Head after sort that gives favour. [8]
8. Watering the flowers? [5,2,5]
12. Traces found when breaking up oriental vice den. [8]
15. Still in good time. [7]
16. Degenerate seen at end of beef feast. [6]
18. Beat soundly or cane? [5]
19. Ales spilt over meadows. [4]

Name.....

Address.....

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All correct entries received by first post on 30th October will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

All entries to be submitted to:

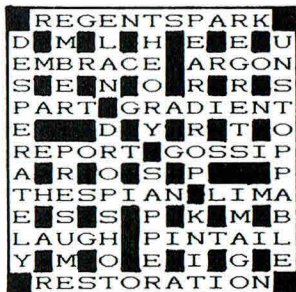
London Drinker Crossword

25 Valens House

Upper Tulse Hill

London SW2 2RX

## Last Month's Solution



Winner of the prize for the August crossword:

Susan C Wilson, 21A Station Parade, Northolt Road, South Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 8HB

Other correct entries were received from:  
 Ted Alloway, Mrs D.M.Amy, Robert Anderson,  
 Mark Antony, Jane Best, Andy Brookes,  
 N.Canton, A.P.Comaish, Steve Cooper,  
 Q.Cumber Dildo, Andy Darnbrough,  
 Patan Drews, The Ex-Troglydote, J.E.Green,  
 John Heekin, Bob Hubert, J J, Fat Ma,  
 Jim Mason, R.K.Naish, Steve Piggott,  
 369 I/P W.Priestley, Paul Rogers,  
 Martin Weedon, Chris Whithouse,  
 David Woodward, Yak.

There were also 13 incorrect entries.

**LONDON'S BEST**



**NICHOLSON'S NEW BEST BITTER**

Available at the

Black Friar  
Bloomsbury Tavern  
Butlers Head  
Crown  
Crown Tavern  
Globe  
Crown & Two Chairmen  
Old Bull Tavern  
Punch Tavern  
Red Lion EC3  
Kingsway Tavern



Ship & Compass  
Viaduct Tavern  
Dog & Duck  
Antelope  
Argyll Arms  
Australian  
Ship  
Golden Lion  
Clachan  
Coal Hole  
Barley Mow  
Unicorn

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





## IDLE MOMENTS

Welcome back my faithful friends; or if you have not read this rubbish before welcome to you, new found friend. This month fame (but no fortune) comes to two new contributors, but first let's have the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 160 Fluid Ounces in a Gallon
2. 3 Goals (or Wickets) in a Hat-Trick
3. 25,000 is the Scale of an Ordnance Survey Pathfinder Map
4. 1707 Act of Union
5. 840 was the Time on Miss Havisham's Clock (in Great Expectations by Charles Dickens)
6. 45 Locks on the River Thames
7. 8 Kings Called Edward (one was not Crowned)
8. 35,840 Ounces in a Ton
9. 2 Famous Daughters of Judy Garland (Liza Minelli and Lorna Luft)
10. 7926 Miles is the Equatorial Diameter of the Earth

Step forward Randy Newlove of North Finchley, it's your turn for all your friends to buy you a drink. To explain, Randy provided the first seven of this month's selection:

1. 1960 FCSL (AE 1)
2. 10 DD
3. 2 a T (N by TH)
4. 4 P for a W in S
5. 1042 is the OG of BBB
7. 13 Y to your LWA
8. 2 K on a CB
9. 78 RPM is the RS for an OGR
10. 36 E on a TFMMF

In fact Randy provided a total of eleven puzzles but I had already used three of the ones he sent in. So what of the eleventh? Well I have to admit that it was so obscure that even I could not keep you guessing until next month so I shall give you the answer to this one at the end: 1 NHO (CNC)

Now it's brewery anagram time and, once again here are last month's answers:

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. CLUNK, BOY     | CROWN BUCKLEY CREW |
| 2. A SPARE ID     | PARADISE           |
| 3. BAR DES        | BEARDS             |
| 4. DEEP DOPE GIRL | ELDRIDGE POPE      |

### 5. OH! A KILL OAKHILL

This month we have a bit of a change in that the following are anagrams of beers rather than breweries. I don't normally do these but they were sent in by a reader so I am putting them in. "Who was that reader?" I hear you ask. Step forward none other than Randy Newlove of North Finchley! Time for your mates to buy you ANOTHER pint for being doubly famous. (This time they might EACH buy you one!)

1. BAR DONKEY
2. TERRY WOBBLER DIET
3. ITS ROUTE TEN
4. STRAW EMBER
5. CHAP KISSED A RICH GUT

The second chap we are going to make famous is you, Nick Gondolo of SE19 (That's Crystal Palace, according to my copy of the South East London Beer guide). He writes: "I have never seen this before - the negative word with no corresponding positive - and I like the idea. Would you please consider printing these so I can be famous." See, some people even believe what I write! Your wish is my command, Nick. By the way haven't I seen your name among people who have sent in correct entries to our crossword? In Nick's case I had used just one of his contributions before so here are eleven of the twelve he sent me:

SULTORY: (adj) Unchanging, constant [opp. desultory]

ION: (n) Separation [opp. union]

CLE: (n) Person unrelated to oneself [opp. uncle]

SUADE: (v) To encourage [opp. dissuade]

EPT: (adj) Expert [opp. inept]

TORT: (v) To bring into focus, to clarify [opp. distort]

CREPIT: (adj) Brand new, ready for use [opp. decrepit]

TERFERE: (v) To mind one's own business [opp. interfere]

MAL: (adj) Light, happy, radiant [opp. dismal]

AUGURATE: (v) To dismiss from office, to expel [opp. inaugurate]

TER: (v) To dig up, to exhume [opp. inter]

When it comes to the general knowledge (it sounds better than trivia, doesn't it?) quiz, I'm

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afraid that you have to put up with my contributions. Here are last month's answers:

1. The Royal Albert Bridge
2. Goyt, Tame
3. Four (Abraham Lincoln, 1865; James A. Garfield, 1881; William McKinley, 1901; John F. Kennedy, 1963)
4. The Travelling Wilburys
5. Tiberius
6. Terence Arthur
7. Aldous Huxley
8. Ormolu
9. Montevideo
10. Josiah Wedgwood

And to keep things rolling along here are this month's questions:

1. What is the highest denomination of postage stamp currently available from the British Post Office?
2. Orville Wright was the first man to fly a powered heavier than air machine at Kitty Hawk in 1903. In which US state is Kitty Hawk?
3. The World's first Tunnel to be dug below a waterway (the Thames Tunnel) now forms part of London's Underground railway. What two stations does it link?
4. Who was the Engineer of the Thames Tunnel in the last question?
5. What team plays football at the Baseball Ground?
6. The stretch of water between the Isle of Wight and Hampshire is divided by geographers (though not physically) into two sections. What are they called?
7. What, to date, is the biggest selling compact disc in the UK?
8. Who founded the Promenade Concerts?
9. What British Government post is equivalent to the USA's "Secretary of State"?
10. Where would you look to see the Cassini Division?

Now step forward for the last time (for now at least) Glyn Thomas. This month we have the last of your brain teasers, starting, as ever, with (here we go again) last months answers:

1. He carried a block of ice in the lorry and scrambled up onto that. Later it melted
2. INCORRECTLY.

3. 50 100 (or 1 again). They are the values of British coins.
4. One rabbit - the dead one.
5. None at all.

And now (all together now) this month's

1. Arrange six matchsticks or pencils so that each one is touching the other five.
2. "You have been convicted of murder on the eye-witness account of your own twin brother," the judge declares. "I would have no hesitation in imprisoning or sentencing to death any other man guilty of your crime but I am compelled to set you free." Why?
3. A tennis racquet and a ball cost £31.60; the racquet costs £30 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?
4. How far can you go into a circular forest which is 10 miles in diameter?
5. Finally from Glyn Thomas, to discover who did best in the Gulf War take a calculator and enter 1,000. Now subtract 289.9447 and turn it jupside down to read the answers. Who was it?

Well that's about it for another month. I hope you enjoyed it. See you in November.

What's that? The suspense is killing you? Oh yes - the most obscure number puzzle of all time. Well, the answer is:

*I Not Howled Over (Corpus Nondum Clamatum)*

See, it was obscure wasn't it? Randy says he came across it in a dictionary of Phrase and Fable. I have looked in a copy of Fowler's that a friend has lent me and I haven't found it in there yet. Still I shall keep looking.

Cheers!

**Andy Pirson**

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## RIP OFFS

A Series of 1,000,000

**The Prospect of Whitby, 57 Wapping Wall, E1**

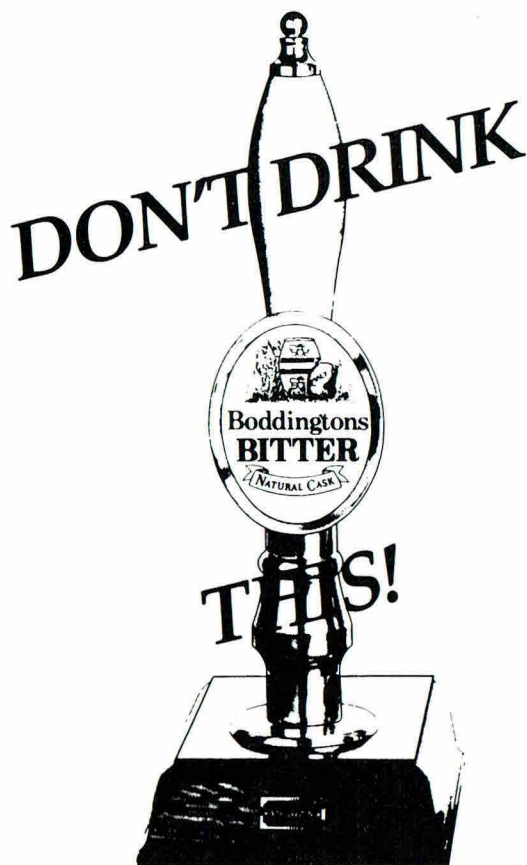
An historic Thames-side pub, built over five centuries ago and now Grade II listed. The prices, however, are futuristic: 87p for a half of Ruddle's County on August 4th. Perhaps it should be renamed the "Prospect of Penury"?

**"Ebenezer Scrooge"**



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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO in October 1981 issue, the reader was confronted right inside the front cover with:

“SURPRISE! SURPRISE! A survey conducted by CAMRA which took in most of the country (not London, no doubt because they could not find anyone energetic enough to do the leg work) concluded that Whitbread beers tend to be more expensive than those of other breweries.

Had London been included, we doubt whether the result would have been very different. Does any pub in Greater London sell a pint of ordinary Wethered's or Fremlin's bitter for under 60p?” (Treble that now - after only a decade).

Over the page was “NEW FROM TRUMAN. Truman are expected to launch a new draught beer in the near future. It will have an Original Gravity of 1036, slightly weaker than Tap, and is to be test-marketed during October. There is a slight confusion over the name of the new beer, because we have been told unofficially that Truman are thinking of changing the name of Tap to something like ‘Best’ or ‘Special’. But it does look as if there will be two draught beers available from Truman in the near future, which must be good news.”

Colin Riddett reported the launching of the King & Barnes Ale Trail, a passport scheme without time limit, and which continues to this day. The Bargain Beers column mentions one price of 40p a pint. Do you find this sort of quotation tantalising? Other references include 50 to 56p, and in one pub's Happy Hour “All the beers are reduced by 25% which works out at roughly 50p a pint.”

This was a 24 page issue with buff cover.

FIVE YEARS AGO in October 1986, yellow was the cover's theme colour, also used on the rear cover's advert for the Pig's Ear Festival, and inside to advertise the new East London & City Guide.

The Back Numbers service was announced; five years on, it is still operated by Stan Tomkins.

A True Story told of the experiences some time previously of one of the Editorial team who, having been partially responsible for a pub being struck out of the Good Beer Guide

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for dubious practices, was shown the door on a repeat visit, after several mouthfuls of expletive from the land-pig concerned.

Courage had just introduced an Ale-Trail scheme; on the same page it was announced in a Stop Press that Elders had bought the same concern.

It was announced that Fuller's were planning to demolish its Oxfordshire outlet, the Flowing Spring, Sonning Eye, and replace it with a modern complex. As it was my uncle's pub - where I learned the licensed trade - I paid it a visit on the way to the 1991 GBBF, and it is still there, and likely to remain until 1995, so I am told. Come on, Pub Preservation Group. An article of my own about the Flowing Spring appeared in the February 1986 issue, and an update will duly appear, Editors permitting.

**Martin Smith**



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## BRANCH DIARY

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

**CROYDON & SUTTON:** Fri 11 Carshalton Crawl. Start ROSE & CROWN (dep. 8.45), London Road then FOX & HOUNDS: COACH & HORSES and GREYHOUND (Back Bar) - Tue 15 South Norwood Social. CHERRY TREES (dep. 8.45), Station Road then ALLIANCE, High Street - Tue 22 (8.00) GBG 1991 Launch. RAILWAY TAVERN, North Street, Carshalton - Thu 31 (8.00) Branch Meeting. RAILWAY BELL, North End, West Croydon.

**EAST LONDON & CITY:** Mon 7 (8.00) Branch Meeting. PRIDE OF SPITALFIELDS, 3 Heneage Street, E1 - Tue 15 (7.30) Three Pub Social. LORD RODNEYS HEAD, 285 Whitechapel Road, E1 then STAR & GARTER (8.30), 233 Whitechapel Road; WHITE HART (9.30), 1 Mile End Road - Thu 24 (8.00) Two Pub Social. HOLLY BUSH, 32 Grange Road, E10 then ALMA (9.30), 50 Church Road - Mon 28 (8.00) Two Pub Social. TRAVELLERS FRIEND, 496/8 High Road, Woodford Green then CRICKETERS (9.00), 299/301 High Road.

**ENFIELD & BARNET:** Tue 1 (8.30) Survey Social. KINGS HEAD, Market Place, Enfield - Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20 - Tue 15 (8.00) Joint Two Pub Social with North London Branch in Hampstead, NW3. BULL & BUSH, North End Way then SPANIARDS, Spaniards Road - Tue 22 (8.30) Survey Social. TILTED GLASS, Ballards Lane, N12 - Thu 31 (9.00) Social. RAILWAY BELL, East Barnet Road, New Barnet.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Mon 7 (8.30) Branch Meeting. FOLEY ARMS, Claygate - Sat 12 (8.00) Barbecue. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Kingston - Wed 23 (8.30) Social. SURREY COUNTY STAFF CLUB, Penrhyn Road, Kingston (adjacent to Guildhall) - Mon 4 Nov (8.30) Branch Meeting. CLAREMONT ARMS, Esher.

**NORTH LONDON:** Thu 26 Sep (8.00) Surveying Social & London Drinker pick-up. GEORGE & VULTURE, Pitfield Street, N1 - Tue 1 (7.00) Branch Meeting. PHOENIX, Alexandra Palace, N22. Open Committee Meeting in bar followed by Branch Meeting at 8.00 in function room (ask at bar) - Sun 6 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, Stroud Green Road, N4 - Tue 8 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Angel, Islington. BLUE ANGEL, next to Angel tube station then PRINCE ALBERT, Elia Street - Tue 15 (8.00) Joint Two Pub Social with Enfield & Barnet Branch in Hampstead, NW3. BULL & BUSH, North End Way then SPANIARDS, Spaniards Road - Tue 22 (8.00) Two Pub Social in NW5 (Chalk Farm tube). NEWBURY ARMS, 40 Malden Road then LORD SOUTHAMPTON, 2 Southampton Road - Tue 29 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Euston Area, NW1 (Euston Square or Warren Street tubes). EXMOUTH ARMS, Starcross Street then SQUARE TAVERN (formerly Tom Tiddlers), Tolmers Square - Thu 31 (8.00) Social & London Drinker pick up. CROCKERS, Aberdeen Place, NW8 - Sun 3 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. ROSSETTI, Queens Grove, NW8.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Wed 9 (8.30) Committee Meeting OLD ANCHOR, 71 Richmond Road, Twickenham - Mon 21 (8.30) WHITE HART, 1 High Street, Hampton Wick - Wed 30 (8.30) Social. JOLLY FARMER, 177 Lampton Road, Hounslow.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Mon 7 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. CROWN, 115 Brandon Street, SE17 - Mon 14 (8.00) Branch Meeting. YE OLD KINGS HEAD, 45 Borough High Street, SE1 - Mon 21 (8.00) Greenwich Real Ale Festival (GRAF) 1992, First Open Committee Meeting. All members welcome to attend and perhaps take part in next year's event. ASHBURNHAM ARMS, 25 Ashburnham Grove, SE10 - Thu 31 (8.00) Branch Social in our first Wetherspoon pub. TIGERS HEAD (formerly the SQUIRE), 350 Bromley Road, SE6.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX:** Tue 1 (8.00) Darts vs S E Essex Branch. HORSE & GROOM, Galleywood Common (Approach via Goat Hall Lane - off B1007) - Wed 9 (2.15 at brewery) Brewery trip.

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RIDLEYS, Hertford End. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 - Thu 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Bridge Road (off A126), Grays - Wed 23 (8.30) Out of Area Social. PRINCE OF WALES, Woodham Road (B1012), Stow Maries - Mon 28 (8.30) Social. WHITE HORSE, Coxtie Green Road (1 mile off A128) Coxtie Green.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Sat 12 (11.00 am) Vine Beerex, Taring High Street, West Sussex. Meet rear coach 9.21 from Victoria (9.27 Clapham Junction, 9.37 East Croydon); arrive 10.42 West Worthing. Non BR card holders ring Branch contact to arrange card sharing - Thu 31 (9.00) Branch Meeting; Pub of the Year Shortlisting & GBG distribution. **KINGS HEAD**, 18 High Street, Merton, SW19. preceded by Open Committee Meeting (8.00) and Open Festival Committee Meeting (8.30).

**WATFORD & DISTRICT:** Wed 2 (8.30) Rickmansworth Social. Start FEATHERS then WHITE BEAR (9.15) and COACH & HORSES (10.00) - Tue 8 (8.30) Bedmond Social. BELL then WHITE HART (9.30) - Wed 16 (8.30) Social. WHITE LION, St Albans Road, Watford - Tue 29 Good Beer Guide Launch. BLACK HORSE, Chorleywood - Wed 13 Nov (7.30) BREWERIANA AUCTION. West Herts Sports & Social Club, Watford.

**WEST LONDON:** Thu 17 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BEEHIVE, Homer Street, W1 - Wed 9 (8.00) WC2 Crawl. FOOTLIGHTS BAR, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych; OPERA TAVERN (8.45), 23 Catherine Street; NELL OF OLD DRURY (9.30), 29 Catherine Street; FREEMASONS ARMS (10.15), 81 Long Acre.

**WEST MIDDLESEX:** Tue 1 (8.30) Social. THREE HORSESHOES, Southall Broadway, Southall (in Private Bar) - Tue 8 (8.30) Mild Night. SEVEN BALLS, 749 Kenton Lane, Harrow Weald - Wed 16 (8.00) Branch Meeting. J J MOONS, Ruislip Manor (Including in house beer festival) - Fri 25 (8.00) Amersham Crawl. Phone for details - Thu 31 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. RED LION, Ealing, W5.

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

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## SOUTH EAST LONDON PUB NEWS

The outstanding recent development has been the opening of the first Wetherspoon pub in SE London, the Tigers Head on Bromley Road, Catford, SE6 at the junction with Southend Lanc. Members of SE London CAMRA were invited to the private buffet lunch on the opening day and the occasion was a double celebration because the pub was formerly a Whitbread house, the Squire, with a dubious reputation. Wetherspoons have spared no expense on an excellent refurbishment and licensees Mary and Pat Smyth provided a superb buffet. The Tigers Head (the pub's original name) which will be open 11 am to 11 pm Monday to Saturday and standard Sunday hours features Theakstons XB, Greene King IPA and Abbot, Courage Directors and Youngers Scotch Bitter. During the reception CAMRA questioned the management about the possible availability of beers from the small independent brewers. Promises were made that such beers will be sold in the future and if so the Tigers Head should do well in what has hitherto been a very deprived area.

We understand that Wetherspoons have also acquired a site in Greenwich and that further sites south of the Thames are being sought. We await developments with anticipation.

The Lord Palmerston, Maple Road, Penge SE20 has reopened selling Ruddles County at

a very reasonable £1.40 a pint. The half recently sampled was in very good condition.

The Ship (Fullers), 68 Borough Road, SE1 is under new management. Philomena and Kevin previously ran the Crown & Sceptre in South Croydon and the Garibaldi in St. Albans. These are both Fullers houses so Phil and Kevin should know how to look after the beer.

The Gowlett Arms, Gowlett Road, Peckham, SE15 is a pub to keep an eye on. John Hardy, long established guvnor at the Old Nuns Head at Nunhead Green - a Good Beer Guide pub for many years, has moved to the Gowlett Arms and introduced Charrington IPA and Fullers London Pride to this former fizz pub. John has been a champion of real ale for many years and needs the support of Drinker readers if this very comfortable back-street two bar local, just off East Dulwich Road, is not to revert to keg only beers.

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## FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

Oct 9-12	<b>14th Bedford</b> Corn Exchange, St Pauls Square, Bedford
Oct 18-19	<b>Bath</b> The Pavilion, North Parade Road, Bath

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## NEWS FROM SALISBURY

Over the past 5 years several mentions have been made in the pages of this magazine of John Gilbert's brewing concern in the Wyndham Arms, Salisbury, which he opened as a free house after leaving London, where he was Vice-Chairman of the South-West London Branch. Buying an all-but derelict Usher's pub with virtually no trade, John had it totally transformed and, selling the products of local small independent brewers, within a year the Wyndham was featured in the Good Beer Guide. His own products went on sale at about the same time, brewed on the premises, and they have taken many Beer Festival prizes since. At present the beer range is:

- Stout - og 1043
- Special - og 1040
- GFB - og 1035 (the initials signifying Gilbert's First Brew. Perhaps a misnomer, as John was formerly the Chief Brewer for Conway Taverns, and was responsible for such brews as Brixton Warrior).

Summer Lightning - og 1049. This must be one of the brewing phenomena of all times. To give some recent examples, it took the second prize for Strong Beers at this year's Great British Beer Festival, after Fuller's ESB; several prizes at last year's Portsmouth Beer Festival - where this year it was the Best Strong Beer;

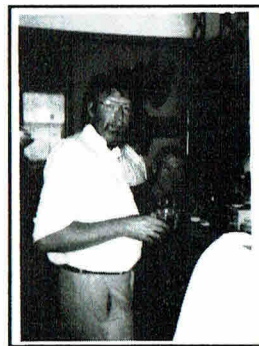


*Wyndham Arms*

also this year it was voted the Best of Festival at the Salisbury, Hampshire Downs, Dorking Surrey and Wirral Beer Festivals, in the latter case, according to the citation, "By a large majority". The 40 barrels output per week

over all has been outstripped by demand, and many prospective customers are currently having to be turned away. Summer Lightning, for example, has regular outlets in West Wales, where the Real Ale Ramblers based on Swansea voted it their Beer of the Year for 1990, and chose as their Top Cask Ale House for 1991 the Denant Mill at Haverfordwest for the same brew with twice as many votes as cast for the Runner-Up. Although I live near their patch I don't know the Ramblers - I prefer two wheels - but, by reputation, they know their stuff. Perhaps they'd consider a Cycling Section?

A second pub has been added to the Hop Back Brewery "chain", the Waterloo Arms in Waterloo Road, Southampton, which has proved far more successful than projected - within three months it was achieving the same takings as the Wyndham Arms, and John tells me the success is due largely to managers Jackie and Charlie Marsden - Jackie formerly ran the Wyndham, whose continued success is maintained by present manageress Thalia Thornton, though on my last two visits excellent ales were served to me by John and his "other half" Julie.



*John Gilbert*

With demand literally going through the roof, John is now planning to move the brewing side of the business to another site in Salisbury - he has an eye on an Industrial Estate - in order to double the output and improve the quality of consistency of the product - his words, not mine. I wish him all possible luck in the project - not that he will need it on his track record, and I am sure so do many of you.

**Martin Smith**



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## HISTORICRAWL - Real Ale at the End of the Line

In the March 1985 London Drinker there appeared the first of two parts of "*A Terminal Case*" which visited the real ale bars of 12 British Rail London termini, the nearest watering-holes of 3 others, and two Underground stations, one still a terminus and one originally such, with real ale on the premises. This is an update which shows a sharp decline in the choice in station bars, limited to 4 beers compared to 22 counted in the same establishments featured below. Into my original work I crammed more dates, statistics and historical facts than ever before or since, and I do not propose to repeat verbatim what you can look up in the edition already cited and its immediate successor, though I make no apology for inserting what I consider to be interesting facts. The Underground no longer hosts real ale, two termini have been obliterated (Holborn Viaduct and Broad Street - both of which had only "nearby" venues) and two others have no real ale - Liverpool Street and Blackfriars. And so out of the original 17, eleven remain at present. All the bars are operated by Travellers Fare and serve Arkells BB and Bass, invariably on my travels - during 3 days of surveying and on all previous occasions - in excellent condition but over-priced, and other brews are indicated in the text. All but one have a direct connection with the Underground, and most are on the Circle Line, which I take as the basis of my route. For the deviations, I recommend that anyone wealthy and daft or bored enough to follow it invest in a one-day Travel Card. Where opening times do not embrace all permitted hours the variations are shown.

Working anti-clockwise from the most southerly point, we begin at: VICTORIA (1), Southern Region BR. This is really two stations in one. In the eastern part, which was opened on 3rd December 1860 by the London, Chatham & Dover Railway, the *Belgravia Bar* faces platforms 3 & 4. Originally there was no access through the dividing wall common to the 2 stations, and it was necessary to go outside in order to enter the premises of the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway, opened 2 months

earlier.

Two floors above platforms 14 & 15 - serving the Gatwick Express - is the *Unicorn* on Victoria Place, a Greene King tied house serving Abbot, IPA and Rayment's. It has a view of the busy concourse from amid the roof gardens, and - although only opened as a purpose-built pub in December 1987 - has recently had complete refurbishment. The decor consists largely of prints on mediaeval themes, and the chairs provided are interesting in their varied styles. One useful new addition is the provision of departure-information TV screens, which also feature in a number of bars in this article.

Using the Circle Line, we remove to Embankment, connected to CHARING CROSS (2) - Southern - opened by the South Eastern Railway on 11th January 1864. The *Kent Connection* is something of a haven from the rush-hour pandemonium on the concourse, if you can ignore what passes as piped "music". Outside is a Victorian replica of the original Charing Cross, the last of the Eleanor Crosses, erected where the body of Edward I's Spanish wife was laid overnight in its progress from Harby, Northamptonshire where she died, to Westminster for burial in 1290. That is normally taken as the point from which distances to London are measured.

From here we cross the Thames, either by train or on foot, in both cases via the Hungerford Bridge. The brick piers below this structure originally supported a suspension bridge to Brunel's design. When the railway arrived it had to provide a pedestrian walkway, which is still in use.

WATERLOO (3) - Southern at its far end was opened in 1848 by the London & South-Western Railway, and its Eastern section, of 4 platforms (designed A to D), simultaneously with Charing Cross, by the South-Eastern Railway. This is the largest station in Europe, and will rapidly gain an importance with the arrival of the Channel Tunnel trains. How appropriate that our French co-Europeans should arrive at a station named after their most recent defeat at our

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hands (1815) - note that Paris has a Gare d'Austerlitz (Napoleonic victory over the combined forces of Austria and Russia in 1805) but not a Gare d'Hastings (Norman victory, last foreign one on our soil, 1066). The *Balcony Bar* opposite platforms 5-9 has Arkell's 2B - the latter with an og of 1032 and ABV of 3.2%, at £1.50!

From here we take a local train to LONDON BRIDGE (4). This was the first railway terminus in London, on the spot now occupied by the Oast House Bar. This has been refurbished but is little changed except for the dearth of railway photos, amongst the pictures on various themes. The site opened for passenger traffic on the London & Greenwich Railway on 14th December 1836, and a number of other companies subsequently had their terminus here - the London & Croydon and the London & Brighton spring to mind. The first line ran on a 6 mile viaduct of 878 arches to Greenwich - and most of the structure is still in use. From here the first ever excursion train departed on Easter Monday 1844. Its 6 locomotives and 57 carriages took 5 hours to reach

Brighton. The organiser of this enterprise was a certain Mr Thomas Cook.

The only Tube connection here is the Northern Line, so your best bet to reach the next stop is via the commuter line to CANNON STREET (5), which, along with its *Buffet Bar*, is closed on weekends and after 18.45. Opened in 1866 by the South-Eastern Railway, the name comes from the religious Canons of the church of St Mary Bothaw, which stood on this site until destroyed by the Great Fire of London 325 years ago.

We are now back on the Circle Line, and 2 stops take us to Tower Hill, just around the corner from FENCHURCH STREET (6). The *Raven* is a new bar replacing a "Portakabin" used during the major rebuild of the station. The decoration is pleasing and consists of prints, cartoons and old photographs on a London/transport/railway theme. It closes 10pm weekdays and 9 pm Saturdays, and all day Sunday. Situated a storey above ground level with no road access to platform level, this was opened on 2nd August 1841 as the first terminus in the City, and the only one for a further 24

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years, until more or less the mid-point of the Victorian age. Such was the fear of fire (remember, the Great Fire was less than a couple of centuries past) that the Royal Commission for Metropolitan Termini of 1846 forbade the building of any railway nearer to the City than New Road (now Euston Road), City Road, Bishopsgate Street, and Finsbury Square - hence the distance away of the northern termini (nos. 7 to 11). Yet this was the centre of world commerce! In this particular case, the trains were hauled by cables worked by stationary winding engines in Minories - outside the City boundary.

Back on the Circle Line, we head towards King's Cross. Not the most inspiring of rides, though Aldgate is an interesting station, not the least because of the probably spurious theory that the place-name is a corruption of Ale-Gate, where that commodity was brought into the City. The station itself is haunted, and supernatural happenings are frequently noted in its Log Book. It is not the only underground station with such a reputation. The most famous of these is probably Covent Garden, where the wrath of actor William Terris - murdered at the stage door of the Adelphi Theatre - is seen on occasions. The fact that it was not built until some years after his death gives rise to one or two rhetorical questions.

KINGS CROSS (7), Eastern Region, boasts the *York Tavern*, a comfortable bar with interesting prints of York, and railway locomotives - but with unfortunately overpowering "music". Webster's Yorkshire Bitter is on sale in addition to the ubiquitous Bass and Arkells. The station's brick facade is remarkably modern-looking, all the more so when you consider that it was opened by the Great Northern Railway as long ago as 1852. The architect was Thomas Cubitt, the most forward-looking builder of the day.

Just across the road, St. PANCRAS (8), Midland Region, could once boast 14 handpumps in the *Shires Bar*, which now only offers Arkells and Bass - both excellent beers, but this is getting monotonous. It was featured in the Good Beer Guide, but nowadays

you need a rather generous pinch of salt when persuing mirrors proclaiming "*Shires Bar, famous for real ales*", and advertising the products of Messrs. Ruddle and Sam Smith, which it does not sell. The exterior has to be seen to be believed - the Midland Hotel which forms its frontage is reputed to have been based on a design submitted for the Houses of Parliament. When the Midland Railway opened the station in 1868, its roof was the largest single span of its kind in the world. St Pancras is built on iron columns, and at road level there were sidings for trains of tankers bringing water from Burton on Trent to brew pale beers, for which London's soft water was unsuitable until the scientists found a way round the problem. The trains depart at a high level in order to clear the Grand Union Canal - those from Kings Cross tunnel beneath it.

Take either the Northern or Victoria Line to EUSTON (9) - Midland. The "*Upstairs Bar*" is reached by a staircase flanked by "Foodcourt" on the eastern side of the concourse. It is comfortable and relatively peaceful, with prints of London scenes, beer taps and cask fittings on display. The beers are nothing new for this crawl. Outside, the statue of Robert Stephenson ponders an architectural monstrosity he would never recognise, let alone approve. This was the terminus of the first main line to reach London, the London & Birmingham, later renamed the London & North-Western Railway, whose motto was "*Safety, Speed, Comfort, Efficiency*". Tell that to the 150 passengers in the 14 four-wheeled carriages of the first train to arrive - it ran into the buffers. The best-known departure from here has been the Royal Scot, since 1848.

We now need to re-join the Circle/Metropolitan Line at Euston Square. In the area after which it is named the first, experimental steam train in London ran on a circular track in 1808. (*Ten years before the first bicycle was patented - Ed*). A change to the Bakerloo Line at Baker Street - or a walk if you are energetic - brings us to our penultimate port of call, MARYLEBONE (10) - Midland. This was London's last terminus, opened by the Great

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*J. J. Moon*



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## IPSWICH PRIDE ON DRAUGHT - FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY

As you may recall, it was on the 24th September last year that cask conditioned ale from the Cliff Brewery, Ipswich was, once again, being enjoyed in the pubs and clubs throughout East Anglia.

The return of brewing to Ipswich (following the closure of the Brewery in July 1989) and the re-establishment of Tolly Cobbold as an independent regional brewer was achieved following a successful management buy-out from Brent Walker.

To celebrate the first birthday of the reborn Tolly Cobbold, and the continuation of a tradition dating back to 1723, there seemed only one suitable way - to brew a special cask ale.

We are pleased to announce that Ipswich Pride, brewed to the original Cobbold Cardinal

Ale specification, was available on draught from Thursday 19th September.

This 1048° premium quality bitter had the same smoothness and hop character as the bottled Year Beer, and, of course a delicious aftertaste. It is being launched on the 19th September to coincide with the Ipswich Beer Festival, which was held at the Ipswich Corn Exchange from 17th-21st September.

Of course, it was Ipswich CAMRA that mounted a major publicity campaign to save the brewery and hence it seemed appropriate that the launch of Draught Ipswich Pride should be held at the Festival itself.

As part of the birthday celebrations, this 1048° premium bitter was at the same price as the 1038° Original Best Bitter - so it should be a memorable birthday party!!



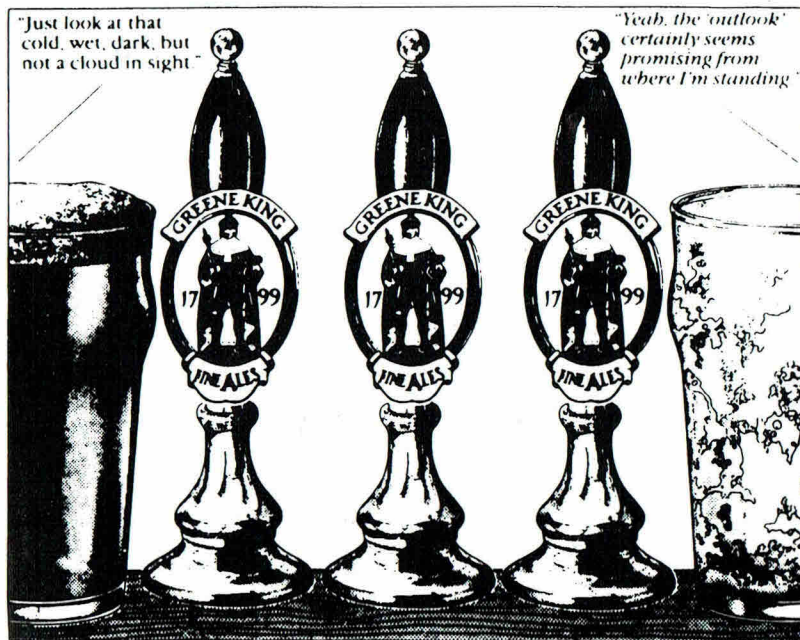
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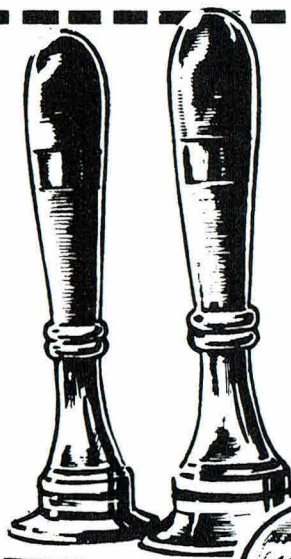
Central Railway in 1899. The former hotel is now the headquarters of British Rail, but trains from here are the exception rather than the rule. The *Victoria & Albert Bar* has changed little in the past decade - it is interesting in being genuine late Victorian throughout, and interesting railway photographs are on display. A former Good Beer Guide entry, Webster's Yorkshire is available. One enterprising businessman spent a fortune building a pub to attract customers using this line, only to find that it went straight past for a further mile. The ill-informed Mr Crocker jumped off the roof, and is thought to haunt the pub now bearing his name.

We continue along the Bakerloo Line to our last stop, PADDINGTON (11) - Western. The *Knights & Herald's Bar* faces the concourse, which although it has been no such thing for many years, has been known as The Lawn since the Great Western Railway opened the station in 1854. The hanging sign outside the bar depicts the arms of that company, and they in turn belong to the Cities of London and Bristol, which it was first built to connect. The choice of beer is

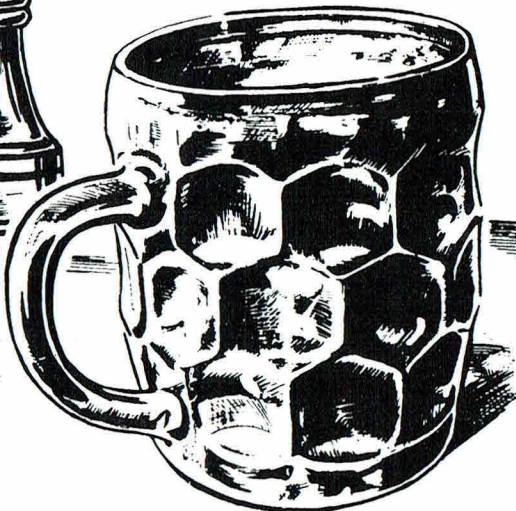
as uninspiring as elsewhere in this article, but the prints of London scenes and railway pictures provide a diversion if you are waiting for a train. I may be old-fashioned - and proud of it - but these big toy HSTs that pass as trains aren't a patch on those magnificent locomotives that used to grace this station - *Kings, Halls, Castles, Counties*, heading exotically-named trains such as the *Cornish Riviera Express*, the *Red Dragon*, the *Cheltenham Flyer*, the *Capitals United*, the *Cambrian Coast Express*, the *Cathedrals Express*, the *South Wales Pullman*, the *Golden Hind* . . . (shut up! - Ed). I may be less grubby than in my loco-spotting days, but the enthusiasm is undimmed. **Why** must progress - so called - always be used as an excuse to obliterate the glories of the past? CAMRA came into being in order to avoid just such a situation. One problem, though - what price choice? And mentioning price, in August the Arkell's on these stations cost £1.50 a pint, Bass £1.58. A *Terminal Case* took me 18 months to compile, this offering precisely three days - though I had the historical material to hand for the re-write. Better news next time, I hope.

Merton





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## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 66

The pub and real ale scene in London is constantly changing. The aim of this column is to keep "London Drinker" readers up to date with events as they happen and record confirmed changes to pubs and beers as they are reported.

This month we record the opening of three more Wetherspoon free houses, including the first in South East London. We are also pleased to welcome three new outlets for Highgate Mild, one each in the City, East and North London, following on from the recent CAMRA Mild Award to the long term champion of "Highgate" in London, the White Horse, SW6 and subsequent national media coverage. Shepherd Neame have bought a pub in Victoria, their first venture into South west London.

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

EC2, SIR PAUL PINDAR, 175 Bishopsgate. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Worthington: Best Bitter. New Charrington pub built as part of the Liverpool Street Station/Broadgate redevelopment scheme, at colonnade level beneath a large office block. Open plan ground floor with first floor lunchtime restaurant doubling as function room in evenings. Open Mon-Fri 11am-9.30pm only, closed weekends.

EC4, MAGPIE & STUMP, 18 Old Bailey. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Fuller: London Pride.

M&B: Highgate Mild. Stones: Best Bitter. Worthington: Best Bitter. Another new Charrington pub built at the base of an office development and on the site of a famous pub of the same name sadly demolished in 1988. Real ale in "Gallery" bar only. Basement wine bar/restaurant. Opens Mon-Fri 11am-10pm, Sat 11am-3pm, closed Sun.

##### EAST

E2, GREEN MAN, 287 Cambridge Heath Road. Ruddie: Best Bitter. Whitbread: Best Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Grand Met (Truman). (E72, U30)

E8, GORING ARMS, 24 Broadway Market. Renamed DOVE (THE). Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Now a Free House, ex Taylor Walker (E108)

##### NORTH WEST

KENTON, NEW MOON, 25-26 Kenton Park Parade, Kenton Road. Greene King: IPA,

Abbot Ale. Theakston: XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest Beer (weekends). New Wetherspoon Free House in former supermarket and newsagent premises. Open all licensed hours, food 12-10pm.

PINNER, MOON & SIXPENCE, 250 Uxbridge Road, Hatch End. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Theakston: XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest Beer (weekends). New Wetherspoon Free House in former bank premises (hence the name). Open all licensed hours, food 12-10pm.

##### SOUTH EAST

SE6, SQUIRE, 350 Bromley Road. Reverted to original name, TIGERS HEAD. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Theakston: XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest Beer (weekends). Former Whitbread roadhouse acquired and renovated in typical style by the Wetherspoon Free House chain. Large patio at front, car park. Misleading list of beers displayed inside (most of which are rarely, if ever available in Wetherspoon pubs) continues to include breweries and beers long since defunct! Open all licensed hours, food 12-10pm. (SE63)

SE8, LORD PALMERSTON, 81 Childers Street. No real ale; reopened Charrington pub. (SE71, U64)

##### SOUTH WEST

SW6, FULHAM TAP, 248 North End Road. Charrington: IPA (reinstatement). (SW27, U31, U45)

## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 66 Continued

SW19, NELSON ARMS, 15 High Street, Merton.  
Charrington: IPA (reinstatement). (SW56,  
U32, U43)

#### WEST

W11, PELICAN, 45 All Saints Road. Greene  
King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Now a Free House,  
ex Charrington. (W88)

#### PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE WEST

W11, BLENHEIM ARMS. Whitbread, H removed  
(W87, U51)

HEATHROW AIRPORT, PAVILION BAR, Terminal  
Three (Arrivals). Free House, H removed  
(W120)

#### OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES CENTRAL

EC1, SMITHFIELDS PAST & PRESENT. No  
longer open in early morning. Erroneously  
under EC4 in E. guide. (E47, U54)

EC2, FOX. + Young: Bitter♦. (E27)

EC2, WHITE HART, 24 Clifton Street.

+ Stones: Best Bitter. (E30)

W1 (F), KING & QUEEN. - Webster: Yorkshire  
Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (W29)

W1 (Mar), GOLDEN EAGLE. - Charrington:  
IPA. + Adnams: Bitter. + Boddington:  
Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. Now a Free  
House (Marylebone Taverns), ex  
Charrington. (W34)

WC1, CROWN, 22 Dane Street. Renamed  
OVERDRAUGHTS. Now a "beer & wine bar".  
(W46)

#### EAST

E1, DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 12 Toynbee  
Street. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (E58)

E13, BLACK LION. + Wethered: Bitter♦.  
(E129)

E15, KING EDWARD VII. - Stones: Best  
Bitter. - Worthington: Best Bitter. + Bass.  
+ Fuller: London Pride. + M&B: Highgate  
Mild. (E149)

E17, VILLAGE. - Beers listed in Update 44.  
+ Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter.  
+ Ruddle: County. + Wadworth: 6X. (U44)

#### NORTH

N2, OLD WHITE LION. - Young: Bitter.  
+ Fuller: London Pride. + M&B: Highgate  
Mild. + Worthington: Best Bitter. (N48,  
U44)

#### NORTH WEST

NW3, ROEBUCK. + Bass. + Stones: Best  
Bitter. (N138)

NW3, SPANIARDS. - Fuller: ESB. - Young:  
Bitter. + Stones: Best Bitter. + Young:  
Special. (N139, U43, U49)

#### SOUTH EAST

SE1, NEW CROWN & CUSHION. + Courage:  
Directors Bitter. (SE34)

SE1, STEAM ENGINE. - Wethered: Bitter.  
+ Boddington: Bitter. (SE41)

SE9, PRINCE OF WALES. - Adnams: Bitter♦.  
+ Courage: Directors Bitter. + John Smith:  
Magnet. (SE77, U59)

SE10, WHITE SWAN. Renamed RUMPOLES, now  
presumably a Free House, ex Belhaven,  
still fizz. (SE89, U39, U46)

SE11, PRINCE OF WALES. + Sam Smith: OBB♦.  
(SE95)

BEXLEYHEATH, CHARMERS. renamed POLO BAR,  
still fizz. Formerly DRAYMAN. (SE211, U61)

#### SOUTH WEST

SW1 (W), CASK & GLASS. - Webster:  
Yorkshire Bitter. + Shepherd Neame:  
Bitter. Now a Shepherd Neame tied house,  
ex Watney. Beer still sold only in half  
pints (at 80p!). (SW17)

SW6, ATLAS. - Ruddle: Best Bitter.  
+ Fuller: London Pride♦. Selling at £1.20  
a pint. (SW27, U51, U60)

SW6, JOLLY BREWER, 308 North End Road,  
+ Brakspear: Bitter♦. (SW28)

SW6, JOLLY BREWERS, 2 St Dionis Road.  
- Young: Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride♦.  
(SW28, U59)

SW6, IMPERIAL. + Boddington: Bitter♦.  
Selling at £1 per pint. (SW28)

SW6, LILLIE LANGTRY. + Charrington: IPA♦.  
Selling at 99p per pint. (SW29, U38)

SW6, WHITE HORSE. - Hook Norton: Best  
Bitter. + Adnams: Extra♦. (SW31, U32)

SW15, WHITE LION. - Beers listed except  
Ward: Sheffield Best Bitter. + Brakspear:  
Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. + Guest  
Beer. (SW48, U51, U56, U58, U62)

SW17, J J MOONS. + Guest Beer at  
weekends. (U63)

#### WEST

W6, LAURIE ARMS. + Fuller: London Pride♦.  
(W76, U57)

W6, OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE. + Worthington:  
Best Bitter. (W76)

W10, PRINCE ARTHUR. Now a Free House, ex  
Charrington, still fizz. (W86)

W11, SUN IN SPLENDOR. + Worthington: Best  
Bitter. (W90)

HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS. + Everard: Old  
Original. + Shepherd Neame: Bishops  
Finger. (W104)

HAMPTON WICK, FORESTERS. + Young: Special.  
(W106)

HEATHROW AIRPORT, HORIZONS BAR, Terminal  
Three (Departures). Renamed RAFFLES BAR.  
- Brakspear: Bitter. + Courage: Best  
Bitter. (120)

HEATHROW AIRPORT, PLAZA BAR, Terminal Two  
(Upper Level Concourse). Renamed LOUIES  
BAR, still fizz. (W120)

#### CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 65

##### OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

E8, RAILWAY TAVERN. Address should read  
339 Mare Street.



# JDW FREEHOUSES THROUGHOUT LONDON

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

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

**EAST BARNET  
THE RAILWAY BELL**  
13 East Barnet Road

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

**COLINDALE  
THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
10 Varley Parade NW9

**CRICKLEWOOD  
THE BEATEN DOCKET**  
50-56 Cricklewood Broadway NW2

**CROUCH END  
THE ELBOW ROOM**  
22 Topsfield Parade Tottenham Lane N8

**ENFIELD  
THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
115-117 Chase Side

**NORTH FINCHLEY  
THE TALLY HO**  
High Road N12

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

**HARRINGAY  
THE MORTIMER ARMS**  
405 Green Lanes N4

**HARRINGAY  
THE OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH**  
10-12 Grand Parade N4

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

**SOUTH HARROW  
JJ MOONS**  
3 Shaftesbury Parade Shaftesbury Circle

**HOLLOWAY  
JJ MOONS**  
37 Landseer Road N19

**HOUNSLOW  
THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
84-86 Staines Road Middlesex

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

**KINGSBURY  
JJ MOONS**  
553 Kingsbury Road NW9

**NEASDEN  
THE OUTSIDE INN**  
312-314 Neasden Lane NW10

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

**ON THE RIVER LEA  
THE NARROW BOAT**  
Reedham Close N17

**RUISLIP MANOR  
JJ MOONS**  
12 Victoria Road

**STOKE NEWINGTON  
THE TANNERS HALL**  
145 High Street N16

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

**TOTTENHAM  
THE ELBOW ROOM**  
503-505 High Road N17

**TURNPIKE LANE  
THE TOLLGATE**  
26-30 Turnpike Lane N8

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

**WINCHMORE HILL  
THE HALF MOON**  
749 Green Lanes N21

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

**WOOD GREEN / TOTTENHAM  
THE BOAR**  
413 Lordship Lane N17

**CATFORD  
THE TIGERS HEAD**  
Bromley Road SE6

**MITCHAM  
THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER**  
223 London Road

**STREATHAM  
JJ MOONS**  
2 Streatham Hill SW2

**TOOTING  
JJ MOONS**  
56a High Street SW17

**WALTHAMSTOW  
THE DRUM**  
557/9 Lea Bridge Road E10

**WALTHAMSTOW  
THE COLLEGE ARMS**  
807 Forest Road E17

**HATCH END  
THE MOON & SIXPENCE**  
250 Uxbridge Road

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

**WEMBLEY  
JJ MOONS**  
397 High Road

## OPENING SOON

**HARLESDON  
THE COLISEUM**  
Manor Park Road NW10

**THE CITY  
HAMILTON HALL**  
Liverpool St Station (Bishopsgate ent)

**HAMPSTEAD  
THE THREE HORSESHOES**  
Heath Street NW3

**BARKINGSIDE  
THE NEW FAIRLOP OAK**  
Fencepiece Road IG6 2JP

## JD WETHERSPOON

Wetherspoons is holding its second beer festival this year at all its free houses.

Each of the 38 free houses will be offering at least 50 different beers throughout the week (Monday October 14 to Sunday October 20), with some of the company's bigger free houses offering up to 100 different beers.

The event, known as JD's Munich Beer Festival in London, follows on from the successful festival staged at all Wetherspoon free houses in April.

Among the beers on offer are Archer's

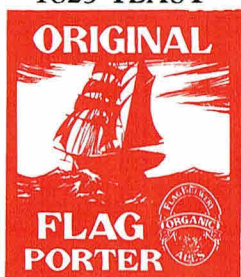
Headbanger, Cotleigh's Old Buzzard, Crouchvale Willie Warmer, Nethergate Old Growler and Dr Thirsty's Draught.

Wetherspoon managing director Tim Martin said: "We will be selling all the beers at 99p a pint which I am sure will please our regular customers and attract new people to the free houses.

"The April beer festival was a complete sell out and I think this one will prove just as popular".

**Note** - There are currently 35 Wetherspoon free houses, but there will be 38 by the start of the beer festival.

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*(Tuesday 12th November)*

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London SE21*

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*(Wednesday 13th November)*

*Three Tuns  
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## PREMIER PUB?

Groups of people stand or sit together, chatting light-heartedly. A ripple of laughter breaks the low rumble of voices, the most common refrain - "What'll you have?" As the evening progresses voices grow louder, the laughter more intense and the barman busier. By closing time a few arguments have broken out, been settled, forgotten. It's time for the regulars to go home.

"A typical British pub?" you might think. Not quite, for the Premier Club has a video entry phone; a waiter or two; air conditioning; a register for members to sign in and upholstery in a rather bawdy turquoise blue. No, this isn't the Nag's Head at Chipping Norton.

There is, however, a fruit machine, music and a video, not to mention a bar well stocked with the now familiar array of Australian, Canadian and Mexican beers as well as traditional bitters. The music? Now that is unusual, perhaps best described as melodic yet plaintive. On the large video screen, characters mime and act out the words of the songs. One does not have to understand the language - Hindi - to match the choreography and facial expressions to the lyrics and rhythm.

The clientele or "regulars" are mostly, but by no means exclusively, members of north west London's Asian community, who came to this country approximately a generation ago, following independence granted to Britain's former African colonies. Informal socialising, relaxation and business entertaining are some of the reasons for coming. Here one can enjoy a pub atmosphere, alcoholic drink (discouraged by Hindu philosophy and strictly taboo by Koranic law), a selection of snacks known as "bitings" and good quality food cooked to order.

The Premier and a dozen or so similar establishments throughout London and the Midlands is, strictly speaking, not a pub because of its formal membership requirement. In practice this requirement is loosely enforced and it amounts to a pub with a particular niche in the market place. These establishments have grown up over the last decade, and particularly blossomed over the last three years in response to a demand by the Asian community for a place to enjoy both films and songs from the subcontinent and a social drink. This demand

has proved to be a lucrative source of income for those businessmen who originally recognised it. In true entrepreneurial fashion others have followed suit, opening with lavish first night parties and free drinks. But the hospitality has not always been repaid with regular custom and there have been failures as well as successes in the trade.

Despite differences in style and presentation from the "George and Dragon" or "Kings Arms", the Premier and its rivals remain, at heart, pubs. Forget the flashy gold tinted furnishings and the wailing voices of a Hindi classic; these are places where the test match score and your golf handicap are the really important issues. And what about that membership register? It's rather sparsely completed considering the number of regular customers. Recent customers include Norman Schwarzkopf and Elvis Presley!

**Roger Horne**

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 W3 KINGS ARMS  
 W3 KINGS HEAD  
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE  
 W4 BELL & CROWN  
 W4 WINDMILL  
 W5 DUFFY'S FREE HOUSE  
 W5 PLOUGH  
 W5 RED LION  
 W6 BLACK LION  
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL  
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS  
 W6 SALUTATION  
 W7 VIADUCT  
 W8 UXBRIDGE ARMS  
 W10 NARROW BOAT  
 W10 VILLAGE INN  
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN  
 W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE  
 W12 MOON ON THE GREEN  
 W13 THE FORESTER  
 W14 WARWICK ARMS  
 BRENTFORD, BREWERY TAP  
 BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON  
 CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD  
 GREENFORD, BLACK HORSE  
 HAMPTON HILL, WINDMILL  
 HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS  
 HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART  
 HARLINGTON, CROWN  
 HAYES, ROYAL STANDARD  
 HILLINGDON, RED LION  
 HILLINGDON, STAR  
 HOUNSLOW, BEAVER  
 HOUNSLOW, CHARIOT  
 HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES  
 HOUNSLOW, EARL RUSSELL  
 HOUNSLOW, HUSSAR  
 SOUTHAL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS  
 SOUTHAL, SCOTSMAN  
 SOUTHAL, THREE HORSESHOES  
 TEDDINGTON, BUILDERS ARMS  
 TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER  
 TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE  
 TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTT  
 TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT  
 WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON

**OFF TRADE**

W11 GROGBLOSSOM

**CLUBS**

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

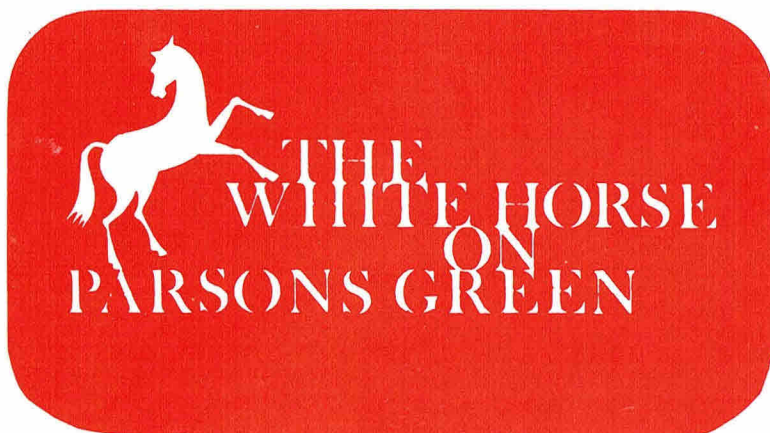
W3 LT District Line Social Club,  
 Park Place

**OUTSIDE LONDON**

COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT, 28  
 Mersea Road.  
 EASTBOURNE, CAVALIER, 13-15  
 Carlisle Road  
 HITCHIN (Herts), NEW FOUND  
 OUT INN, Stevenage Road.  
 LINCOLN, GOLDEN EAGLE, High  
 Street  
 MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS,  
 Ducie Street  
 MILTON KEYNES, PLOUGH,  
 Simpson Village  
 PETERBOROUGH, BOGART'S,  
 North Street  
 POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS,  
 Coopers Lane.  
 READING, WARWICK ARMS,  
 Kings Road  
 SALISBURY (Wilts), WYNDHAM  
 ARMS, Estcourt Road.  
 STEVENAGE (Herts) RED LION,  
 High Street, Old Town.  
 STOTFOLD (Beds) - FOX & DUCK,  
 Arlsey Road  
 SOUTHAMPTON, PLATFORM  
 TAVERN, Town Quay  
 SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO  
 ARMS, Waterloo Road  
 SUNBURY - HARE & HOUNDS, 132  
 Vicarage Road  
 TEYNHAM, SHIP INN  
 Conyer Quay  
 TILLINGHAM (Essex) CAP &  
 FEATHERS, South Street  
 WATFORD - WEST HERTS SPORTS  
 CLUB  
 WINCHESTER, BELL,  
 St. Cross Road  
 WORCESTER, BREWERY TAP &  
 BREWERY, 50 Lowesmoor  
 WORTHING, VINE,  
 Tarring High Street  
 WORTHING (Sussex),  
 WHEATSHEAF, Richmond  
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