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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 BLUE POST
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 SUTTON ARMS
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED
EC3 SWAN
EC4 BANKER
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E1 YORKSHIRE GREY
E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 CAMDENS HEAD
E2 MARKSMAN
E2 NELSON'S HEAD
E8 LADY DIANA
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E9 ROYAL STANDARD
E10 DRUM
E10 TAP & SPILE
E11 GEORGE
E14 QUEENS HEAD
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 COPPER
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 GRAPES
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 MARKET PORTER
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE3 HARE & BILLET
SE3 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE3 RAILWAY TAVERN
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE6 TIGERS HEAD
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
SE10 RICHARD I
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MANOR TAVERN
SE16 MOBY DICK
SE18 COOPERS ARMS
(PLAISTED'S)
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SE20 HOPEXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE
TAVERN
SE23 BIRD IN HAND
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE25 ALLIANCE
SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK

SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE26 DULWICH WOODHOUSE
SE27 HOPE
ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE
BAR
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP
OAK
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS
CROYDON, DOG & BULL
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 PAKENHAM ARMS
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
WC1 SUN
WC1 YORKSHIRE GREY
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
WC2 GEORGE IV
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY
N1 ALWYNE CASTLE
N1 COMPTON ARMS
N1 CROWN
N1 EARL OF RADNOR
N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
N1 MALT & HOPS
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 MITRE, Copenhagen Street
N1 PINT POT
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
N1 RADNOR ARMS
N2 OLD WHITE LION
N4 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY
N4 MORTIMER ARMS
N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
N4 TAP & SPILE
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
N7 ADMIRAL MANN
N7 FAT HARRY'S
N8 ELBOW ROOM
N8 TOLL GATE
N9 BEEHIVE
N10 WETHERSPOONS
N11 NORTHERN STAR
N12 MOSSHALL TAVERN
N12 TALLYHO
N12 TILTED GLASS
N13 WHOLE HOG

N14 WOOLPACK
N16 PRINCE OF WALES
N16 ROSE & CROWN
N16 SHAKESPEARE
N16 TANNERS HALL
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NARROW BOAT
N19 DOG
N19 J. J. MOONS
N21 DOG & DUCK
N21 HALF MOON
N22 MOON UNDER WATER
N22 NELSON
N22 PHOENIX
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
BARNET, OLD MITRE
COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN
ENFIELD CRICKETERS
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS
NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 QUINNS
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 KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN
NW9 GEORGE
NW9 J.J. MOONS
NW9 MOON UNDER WATER
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
NW10 OUTSIDE INN
HAREFIELD, PLOUGH
HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL
HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
KENTON, NEW MOON
RUISLIP, J.J. MOONS
SOUTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
SUDBURY, BLACK HORSE
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC
SOCIAL CLUB

OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS

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EDITORIAL

Interested in applying for the job? Probably not. It's the job specification for the average bar-person and £2.91 per hour is the present minimum rate laid down by the Wages Councils. The rate is likely to rocket to £3.01 in November and no doubt the breweries are already quaking in their shoes and planning more price increases to cover "substantial rise in staff salaries".

We have all complained about the speed and quality of service in pubs but is it surprising when bar staff are so lowly regarded and badly paid. The breweries would argue that a large proportion of the staff are merely supplementing earnings from "day jobs" or are housewives earning pocket money and that there is no shortage of staff on the labour market at the present rates so they must be the correct rate for the job. There was no shortage of chimney boys in the last century but it was still exploitation.

The original idea behind the Wages Councils was good; a statutory body to set minimum levels of earnings for casual non-trade union staff in public houses, hotels, restaurants etc. However the brewers, hoteliers, restaurateurs etc quickly came to regard the rates as the maximum as well. So we suffer from a high turnover of poorly trained bar staff.

Those of us who drink in central London must all have experienced the antipodean who doesn't know his XXXX from his 6X. More often than not he or she is a very cheerful individual who wants to be helpful but has not received any proper training. What is the point when he or she will be moving on in a few weeks to continue their European tour?

The government has proposed that the Wages Councils be disbanded and that wages be

allowed to find their own levels in a free market economy. Some experts have argued that bar staff wages could drop by anything up to £1 an hour down to about £2. That is certainly a possibility with the present high levels of unemployment and if it does happen we can expect two things. First, an even worse service with a higher turnover of disinterested staff. Second, no decrease in the cost of a pint; the savings in wages being pocketed by the breweries.

Alternatively other experts say that if the Wages Councils are disbanded then wage rates will probably rise (any two economists with identical data will give you opposing viewpoints). If this happens then one thing is absolutely certain. The price of a pint will rise again to cover "substantial rises in staff salaries". However if the breweries do have to start paying higher wages to bar staff they will wish to recruit more stable better qualified staff. They might even start giving them proper training rather than the present hit and miss on the job training.

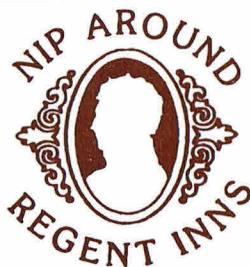
I suspect, if the Wages Councils are disbanded, we will see a combination of both situations. Those unenterprising pubs with low profit margins will reduce staff wages in an effort to increase meagre profits. They will become even more depressing places with a very high turnover of disinterested staff. Hopefully the better run establishments with an enlightened management will offer higher wages to attract better quality staff. No doubt the price of a pint will rise but let us hope it is only a small price to pay for being served by more enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff.

Dave Sullivan

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From Monday 14th September
to Monday 16th November 1992 inclusive

BRAKSPEAR ARKELLS ALLIED YOUNG WARDS WADWORTHS

IDLE MOMENTS

Hello again folks. Here we are at the beginning of November; the clocks have gone back and you are wondering what to do with the long evenings to come. (Actually, as I write this, that is mostly wrong but never mind eh?) What better way can there be than to sharpen (or is it addle) your minds with the following puzzles? No that isn't one of the questions - it has probably got more sensible answers to it than the pages of a year's London Drinkers could find room for.

Enough of that rubbish! It's time for the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 27 Cubic Feet in a Cubic Yard
2. 1936 Year of the Berlin Olympics
3. 12 Tourist Trophy Wins by Mike Hailwood
4. 144 Pints in a Kilderkin
5. 8 Wheels on a Railway Carriage
6. 30 Players in a Game of Rugby Union
7. 14 Percent is the Alcohol By Volume of Samichlaus Bier
8. 4 Kings of England were Called William
9. 3600 Seconds in an Hour
10. 142 Directory Enquiries for Central London

This month it may (or may not) help you to know that the first four all have something in common:

1. 123 O'CFO'CR
2. 1 F the M
3. 8 D a W
4. 16 G on S
5. 1588 EB the SA
6. 9 SS on the MOM
7. 13 C in a S
8. 55 D in a DNS
9. 2 S on a GR
10. 868 M from LE to JO'G

And still the brewery anagrams keep coming! Last month was no exception and here are the answers to prove it:

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. FINN LARKS | FRANKLINS |
| 2. BE HEN, VAL | BELHAVEN |
| 3. I ATE WASHED | DANIEL |
| LINT | THWAITES |
| 4. MOON AN'STAR | ASTON MANOR |
| 5. INCAS | CAINS |

..... and this month's to carry on the tradition:

1. RAGE HAS HUSH
2. TESS AT COW
3. BEG DIN
4. EAR SHALOM
5. RICHLENT

You may recall (if your subconscious hasn't blanked out the memory) that for the last few months we have been doing silly things with the alphabet at this stage in the proceedings. Well, this month nobody has written to me on that subject so I thought it would be nice to look back to a feature that appeared regularly some time ago. In fact, looking back through my collection of old London Drinkers I find that it was the basis of the very first Idle Moments column way back in March 1988. What is it? Why, none other than the famous non-rhyming limerick, a regular feature up until October 1989 since when it has only appeared three times. I was thinking that it was time to try to revive the art form again so after a bit of mental contortions I came up with this:

*There was an old soldier named Dewar
Who'd made a long career out of war.
But when he found that his foe
Had stolen his shoe,
said, "This time you've just gone too far!"*

As you can see, although it does not rhyme, it looks like it should. Can you come up with anything similar? If so, fame (but not much chance of fortune) could be waiting for you.

Now we shall proceed in the long established way to the general knowledge bit of the column, starting (well, there's a surprise!) with last month's answers:

1. Hey Jude by the Beatles
2. Lincoln Cathedral. Its spire was 525 feet tall (121 feet taller than Salisbury)
3. Ten (Kingston, Richmond, Kew, Barnes, Putney, Chelsea, Victoria, Charing Cross, Blackfriars, Cannon Street)
4. The Queen Elizabeth II Bridge at Dartford
5. Gary Larson
6. The Longstone Lighthouse in the Farne Islands
7. Stephen Pile
8. George Orwell
9. 86million miles

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10. Seven feet and a quarter of an inch

Like I'm sure I've said before, if you didn't see last month's London Drinker you could have hours of fun(?) working out what the questions were. Whereas with this month's all you can do is work out the answers (or get someone else to do so):

1. What is the Capital of Peru?
2. Who wrote Steptoe and Son?
3. Which is the World's largest car factory?
4. What three capital cities stand on the river Danube?
5. Who is chairman of Radio 4's "The News Quiz"?
6. In what year was the survey for the Domesday Book carried out?
7. In computing, what does the acronym DOS stand for?
8. Who is the cartoonist who produces "Peanuts"?
9. Where is the National Motor Museum?
10. With what 1960's group did Paul Jones sing before going solo?

Last month, after a break of a month we had some more brainteasers sent in by Glyn Thomas of Hounslow who must like seeing his name in print. He can't be under any misapprehension by now that he will get paid for them! I like to think of them as being a bit like a game of conkers played over the telephone - absolutely pointless but a way of passing the time. Anyway, here are the answers:

1. He was born on 29th February in the village of March in Cambridgeshire.
2. It is 1st January and he was born on 31st December.
3. SCHOOLMASTER
4. BOWEL and ELBOW
5. In the year 2020

And now, here are this month's stringless cerebral conkers:

1. Which 5-letter word is pronounced the same if you omit the last four letters?
2. And which 5-letter word is pronounced the same if you omit the first four letters?
3. A man is 44 years older than his grandson; 5 years ago he was 5 times as old as his grandson. How old are they now?
4. John and Neil shared a simple meal; John produced 5 loaves and Neil produced 3. Then a stranger asked to eat with them although he brought no food. The three shared the 8 loaves equally and the stranger then generously gave £8 for his share. How should the money fairly be divided between John and Neil?
5. Which ordinary 4-letter word, when printed in capital letters, reads the same upside down as the right way up?

Well, that's about the lot so I shall finish with a thought that I heard a long time ago:

If all the women in Soho were laid end to end nobody would be the least bit surprised.

Cheers!

Andy Pirson

TOLLY LAUNCHES ANNIVERSARY ALE

There were choruses of "Happy Birthday" at the Corn Exchange Ipswich as Mr Peter Broughall, landlord of the Maybush Waldringfield pulled the first pint of Tolly Cobbold's Anniversary Ale at the Ipswich Beer Festival.

Mr Brian Cowie, Joint Managing Director of Tolly Cobbold explained that there were 3 reasons for brewing this celebration beer.

1. CAMRA celebrate their 21st Anniversary
2. Ipswich CAMRA are holding their 10th Beer Festival
3. Tolly Cobbold celebrate the 2nd

Anniversary of the return of brewing to Ipswich.

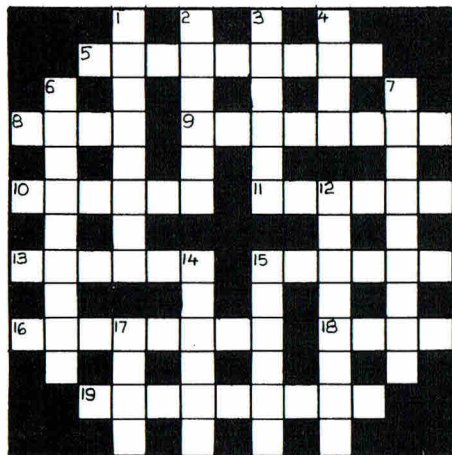
It was therefore appropriate that Peter Broughall, who was celebrating 20 years as a Tolly Cobbold-now Pubmaster landlord should be the first to taste the 1048° premium bitter.

Mr Broughall wished continued success to both Ipswich CAMRA and Tolly Cobbold and singled out Chris Gregson the Head Brewer for special praise, "The quality of Tolly Cobbold beers is excellent and as a retailer I am delighted to be able to sell a local beer which satisfies my customers".

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



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Address.....

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

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

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

Last Month's Solution



ACROSS

5. Metal that is about to be made into cups. [9]
8. Expose behind the satellite [4]
9. then leap about the animal. [8]
10. Break out of prison at last and get support. [6]
11. Subjects of the Mesopotamians. [6]
13. Second letter has pointer to ancient tomb. [6]
15. Trouble with this cockney woman. [6]
16. Begging to get food in passage. [8]
18. Heavy weapon causes damage. [4]
19. Well oiled? No! But having a drink. [5,4]

DOWN

1. See father over row between states. [8]
2. When dispatched agreement is reached. [6]
3. Dreadful: caught: going straight. [4]
4. Chief gateway. [4]
6. Objection on finding politician has been lying in bed. [9]
7. Meddle with the right to go off to Tenerife. [9]
12. Basically this mainly comes in before time. [8]
14. Country has aspiration to breed animals. [6]
15. One man went to mow with this. [6]
17. Pear may be cut down. [4]

Winner of the prize for the September crossword:
J.E.Green, 31 Bishopric Court, Horsham,
West Sussex, RH12 1TJ.

Other correct entries were received from:
Paul Adams, Tony Alpe, Mrs D.M.Amy,
Robert Anderson, Pat Andrews, Mark Antony,
Bob Arnold, Geoff B, Billericay Dickie,
Alan Brooke, Andy Brookes, Mrs. N.Canton,
Neil Chapman, A.P.Comaish, Andy Darnbrough,
Jane Darnbrough, Mikes Farrelly/Richards,
Eileen Graves, Alison Henley, Graham Hill,
T.E.Hurrell, Hugh Jampton, Terry Jenkins,
Mike Jolly, Tom Kemp, Doug King & Queen,
Pete Large, Jim Mason, M.J.Moran, Jan Musson,
C.Northeast, Steve Piggott, The Potman,
Rod Prince, A.C.Scutter, David Skates,
Paul Smyth, David Tyrrell, Neil Walton,
Martin Weedon, Tony Whitford,
Chris Whithouse, Stephen Williams,
Susan Wilson, D.Woodward.

There was also one incorrect entry.

LONDON'S BEST



NICHOLSON'S NEW BEST BITTER

Available at the

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Bloomsbury Tavern
Butlers Head
Crown
Crown Tavern
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Punch Tavern
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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



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

A friend of mine recently attended the Fullers AGM as he is a minor shareholder. The Chairman announced that he welcomed the increase in shareholding by Whitbread as the two companies have had a long term relationship, and that a director of Whitbread had telephoned beforehand to alleviate any worries on the part of Fullers that there was anything sinister in this move. Whitbread PLC has 9.7% and Whitbread Investment PLC has 4.3%.

I am not surprised by the growing shareholding; this is after all the normal way for Whitbread to gradually infiltrate successful independent breweries, gnawing away like rats at the remaining shareholders until a full bid is almost certain to succeed with the likely result being closure. The callous way Morlands Brewery was thrown to the wolf (Greene King), when a more sensitive dispersal of their shares in the market was possible, illustrates their attitude. No doubt over the years the directors of Morlands were repeatedly assured by Whitbread that there was nothing sinister in their growing shareholding.

I am, however, amazed that there are still small breweries around whose directors actually believe such bland assurances. The alternative (that the Fullers directors see no long term future for the brewery that they are paid to run successfully) is too frightening to contemplate. Despite all the good work of CAMRA over the years to make the public aware of such actions by the large breweries, this will all come to nothing if the small brewers' directors do not wish to stay independent. When does the Chairman of Fullers think that a growing Whitbread shareholding becomes unacceptable? If I were a shareholder committed to Fullers future then I would be extremely worried by recent events.

Yours faithfully

David Kenlock, Richmond

Dear Editors

Reading through the excellent London Drinker, I cannot help but notice that most partaking of real ale, branch meetings and publicity all revolve around public houses.

My own club (Wood Green Labour Club - CIU affiliated) stocks four real ales (not bad for a members club). Invariably all four real ales are on and they are priced around the £1.20 a pint mark. Ales are also changed from time to time.

London Drinker quite rightly complains about overpricing in public houses but I am not aware that CAMRA offers any support to clubs who are doing their bit to fly the flag, other than arranging very occasional branch meetings in a local club.

Do the pubs or clubs need your support? Clubs are suffering as much as anyone in this recession and working on a much lower profit margin.

Yours faithfully

Colin Richell, London N13

PS The address of Wood Green Labour Club is 3 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22.

Editor's Comment:

The question of what support to give to a members' club is a difficult one in some ways. By comparison, when we say something about a pub the information is relevant to every one of our members who can make his way to the place and go in and drink there (so long as he doesn't do something to upset the landlord). In the case of a club the audience for our information is restricted to members of other affiliated clubs (such as CIU or British Legion clubs).

Also, a club caters almost totally for its members. If they are not interested in real ale there is no point in an outside organisation like CAMRA coming in suggesting what they should be offering. If, on the other hand, they do want real ale, it is they alone who have the power to get it in.

I think it comes down to whether the active members of CAMRA are members of clubs because, at the end of the day, we are campaigning for our own choice. I campaign for real ale because I like it; if the drinking public as a whole benefit that is a bonus.

Andy Pirson

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Dear Editors

Further to my letter on the Southwark pub crawl, it is good to see someone leap to the defence of the Wheatsheaf in SE1 (D. Dineen - Oct. issue). I agree with many of his points but everyone has their own personal preferences and I was merely expressing mine. I hoped I was being diplomatic but obviously this was not the case. The pub is certainly basic; to be honest, our initial reaction was that it was a bit of a dump. No way would I personally describe it as a "Victorian gem".

I was certainly not knocking the area but there are a couple of excellent pubs within a few strides of the Wheatsheaf. It does serve a wide range of beers, including Goachers Mild and Larkins Bitter on my last trip, and also farmhouse cider but for me a pub needs more than an imaginative beer choice. Again it is personal preference but I have yet to find a beer that I prefer to a well kept pint of Pride or indeed Courage Best. The unusual ales were interesting but not a sufficient reason for me to return.

However, I have to confess that we did return if only because on a Friday night it was impossible to get served in comfort in the Market Porter (and the Wheatsheaf was much improved on that visit). My main complaint is that for me the pub lacks atmosphere, perhaps due to a lack of customers. I have certainly never seen the Wheatsheaf crowded although we have peered inside the door many a time to see if we were wrong the first time. Usually there were a couple of mild drinkers just inside the saloon door and a solitary cigar smoker reading a newspaper in the public. The biggest excitement was the arrival of the newspaper vendor, so another bonus is that you do not have to move to get a copy of the Evening Standard!

The Wheatsheaf does serve mild and a notable feature of the GBBF was the number of milds which were available. This is obviously not the case in the Capital's pubs where any mild on tap is a rarity. I was never a great fan of the drink; a lot of it is still tasteless coloured water, but it does have a certain novelty value and the Festival proved that it is possible to find a tasty pint.

Part of its resurgence may be due to the fact that great bitters are now so readily available and people have become a bit blasé. As I have already declared, I like London Pride and also Courage Best. It is very easy to find these brands in London pubs.

I am, however, a bit worried that quality may suffer as a result. Reading Des Tuddenham's article about heady brews in the October issue reminded me of a recent experience in the Red Lion, a Charrington house in Watling Street in the City; this recently has had Pride on tap. When I asked for a pint it came with a foaming head; a second pint was the same. I enquired as to whether it was a new barrel and was told by the landlady that it was not but that she put a sparkler on it to give it a head. "It looks nicer like that, don't you think".

It was still a nice pint, but I was worried that this was the thin end of the wedge.

At the risk of upsetting more folk, I would like to mention a few pubs on the Blackfriars Bridge to Waterloo end of the crawl. The Founders is a fine pub and the Kings Arms is another splendid find in a fascinating Coronation Street type location, well worth a return visit. The Charles Wells house which will remain nameless was deserted although we visited near a weekend when business should be a bit lively. Even worse, I was served a bad pint of Bombardier which had to be pulled in the other bar. The "boxing" pub was also nothing to rave about. But then that is what a pub crawl is all about - some good pubs and some that you would not choose to return to. We had great fun on the crawl and I would strongly recommend people to give it a go and make up their own minds.

To close on a positive note, I am delighted to read that The Great British Beer Festival is to return to the Capital again next year.

Yours faithfully

Peter Campbell, Chessington, Surrey

PS I was amused that there was a Brickwoods memorial bar at the Great British Beer Festival. As a student in Portsmouth we used to curse the stuff. The 1975 Good Beer Guide even describes Whitbread (Portsmouth) as a "distinct improvement on the Brickwoods beers they replaced". How times change.

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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for November of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 23.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Mon 2 (8.00) Croydon Crawl. J B KEANE, 35 White Horse Road (dep. 9.00); CRESCENT ARMS, 323 White Horse Road; DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE - Thu 12 (8.00) Social. J D WETHERSPOONS, 25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road, Wallington if open (otherwise DUKES HEAD, 6 Manor Road, Wallington) - Mon 16 (8.00) Branch Meeting. CLIFTON ARMS, Clifton Road, SE25 - Fri 27 (8.00) Committee Meeting. NEW TOWN (Public Bar), Lind Road, Sutton - Tue 1 Dec (8.00) Social. CLARET WINE BAR, 5A Bingham Corner, Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 2 (8.00) Branch Meeting. ARTILLERY ARMS, Bunhill Row, EC1 - Tue 10 (7.30) Social. BLAKESLEY ARMS, Station Road, E12 - Wed 18 (7.30) Social. OWL & PUSSY CAT, 34 Redchurch Street, E2 - Tue 25 (7.30) Social. COPPERMILL, 205 Coppermill Lane, E17 - Sun 29 (10.00 am onwards). Pigs Ear Set Up. Stratford Town Hall - Sun 29 (12.00) Social. PRINCESS OF WALES, West Ham Lane, E15.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Tue 3 (9.00) Campaigning Social. RAILWAY BELL, 13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet - Wed 11 (8.30) Branch Meeting. OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road, N2 - Thu 26 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-Up. DOG & DUCK, Hoppers Road, N21.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Thu 5 (8.00) Firework Night Social. WYCH ELM, Kingston - Thu 12 (8.00) Business Meeting. DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Kingston Vale, SW15 - Advance Information: The 200th Branch Meeting will be held on Wed 10 Feb 1993 at the COCOANUT, Kingston.

NORTH LONDON: Sun 1 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. CARRIAGE, Eversholt Street, NW1 (Euston Tube) - Tue 3 Crouch Vale Brewery Visit & rural pub crawl by minibus (jointly with Dengie Hundred Branch). Travel by rail from Liverpool Street Station. ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT; details from & bookings to Gyan Mathur, 071-405 8400 ext 260 (work) - Tue 10 (8.00) Treasure Hunt (to be organised by Ian Hassell). Start CALTHORPE ARMS, Gray's Inn Road, WC1 - Tue 17 (8.00) London Drinker Beer Festival Planning Meeting. THREE CUPS, Sandland Street, WC1 (Holborn Tube) - Fri 20 (8.00) Pub Crawl of Ealing, W5 (jointly with West Middlesex Branch). Start WHEATSHEAF, 41 Haven Lane then NORTH STAR (8.30), 43 The Broadway; KINGS ARMS (9.00), 55 The Grove; RED LION (9.30), 13 St Mary's Road; CASTLE (10.00), 35 St Mary's Road; NEW INN (10.15), 62 St Mary's Road; ROSE & CROWN (10.30), Church Place - Thu 26 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-Up. FRIAR & FIRKIN, 120 Euston Road, NW1 - Sun 29 Lunchtime Social. GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane, NW10 (Harlesden Tube) - Tue 1 Dec (7.45) Bloomsbury Crawl, WC1 (Holborn Tube - jointly with West Middlesex Branch). Start PRINCESS LOUISE, High Holborn then CITTIE OF YHORKE (8.30), High Holborn; THREE CUPS (9.15), Sandland Street; LAMB (10.00), Lamb's Conduit Street - Tue 8 Dec Good Beer Guide 1994 Initial Selection Meeting. Details & venue to be arranged - Sat 12 Dec All London Party.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 3 (8.30) Committee Meeting. MITRE, 20 St Mary's Grove - Sat 7 (8.00) Bonfire Social. COUNTY ARMS, 2 Hall Road, Isleworth - Mon 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting. ROYAL OAK, 38 New Road, Brentford - Thu 26 (8.30) Two Pub Social in Hounslow. WINDMILL, 45 Bell Road then LORD CLYDE, 77 Inwood Road (Now Morland Houses).

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 2 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. PRINCE ALBERT (ROSE'S), 49 Hare Street, SE18 - Mon 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BROCKLEY JACK, 410 Brockley Road, SE4.

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SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Tue 3 (8.30) Social. BEAR INN, Noak Hill Road, Noak Hill - Wed 11 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BLACK HORSE, Ongar Road (A128), Pilgrims Hatch - Tue 17 to Sat 21 Rochford Beerex. Freight House (adjacent to Station), Rochford (5.30 - 11 Tue, 11.30-3.00 Wed-Fri, 11-11 Sat) - Thu 26 (8.30) Social. BULL, 109 High Street (A124), Hornchurch - Tue 1 Dec (8.30) Social. WHITE HORSE, 173 Coxtie Green Road (1 mile off A128), Coxtie Green.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Mon 16 (8.00) Open Branch and Open Festival Committee Meetings. PIED BULL, 498 Streatham High Road, Streatham, SW16 - Fri 27 (7.30) Branch 18th Birthday Party. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8.

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Wed 4 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Launch. SWAN, Bushey - Tue 10 (8.30) Social. Croxley Green Community Centre, Barton Way - Fri 13 to Sun 15 Hertfordshire Branches Annual Trip. Burnham on Sea - Wed 18 (8.30) BREWERIANA AUCTION. West Herts Sports Club (Prompt start please) - Tue 24 (8.30) Social. ESTCOURT TAVERN, Watford - Sun 29 (8.30) Committee Meeting. West Herts Club (All welcome).

WEST LONDON: Thu 19 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 11 (8.00) Notting Hill Gate Social. WINDSOR CASTLE, 114 Campden Hill Road, W8 then HILLGATE (8.45), 24 Hillgate Road; HOOP (9.30), Notting Hill Gate; CHURCHILL ARMS (10.15), Kensington Church Street.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 3 (8.30) Social. QUEENS HEAD, Cranford - Wed 11 (7.30) Pool Match Vs Ruislip Manor Sports & Social Club, Cranley Drive, Ruislip. Nearest station is Ruislip. Special surprise guest beer plus sandwiches - Wed 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road, Southall - Fri 20 (8.00) Ealing Amble with N. London Branch. Start WHEATSHEAF, 41 Haven Lane then NORTH STAR (8.30), 43 The Broadway; KINGS ARMS (9.00), 55 The Grove; RED LION (9.30), 13 St Mary's Road; CASTLE (10.00), 35 St Mary's Road; NEW INN (10.15), 62 St Mary's Road; ROSE & CROWN (10.30), Church Place - Thu 26 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-Up. DRAYTON COURT, The Avenue, West Ealing, W13.

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HIGHER PRICES AND LESS CHOICE - GOOD BEER GUIDE WARNS

The 1989 Monopolies Commission Report into the brewing industry has left beer drinkers crying into their beer. The MMC wanted more competition, a wider choice of beers, lower prices, and a fairer deal for pub tenants.

Instead, according to the 1993 *Good Beer Guide*:

Beer prices have risen 17% more than inflation since 1989.

There are fewer big brewers, and they have a stronger grip on the market;

Thousands of hard working tenants have been thrown out of their pubs;

The increase in free houses has not led to wider choice. In fact, cosy deals between brewers and pub-owning chains have kept

exactly the same beers on the bar.

The brewers have limited and muted any effect of the "guest beer" policy.

"The Government was right to intervene in the consumer's interest," said Good Beer Guide Editor Jeff Evans. "But it hasn't finished the job, or heeded CAMRA's warnings."

"The Government's Beer Orders finally take effect in November, and a review of the legislation has been promised by the end of next year. This is much too late".

CAMRA's action plan includes limiting the ties between brewers and pub chains, action on local monopolies in pub ownership, clearer rules on guest beers, and fairer lease agreements for pub tenants.

SHEPHERD NEAME ANNOUNCES ANNUAL RESULTS

Shepherd Neame recently declared annual results showing increases in turnover of 14 per cent and operating profits of 20 per cent.

Chairman Robert Neame reported that this had been achieved despite the company trading almost exclusively in the southeast, where the recession had been most severe.

The Faversham-based company had leased 58 pubs from Whitbread, which offered the opportunity of increasing volume throughput without further capital outlay.

Together with the purchase of other pub packages from Bass and Courage the previous year, this now took the Shepherd Neame pub estate to 372 in Kent, London, Sussex, Surrey and Essex.

Key points from Mr Neame's report . . .

***Turnover** up 14 per cent from £31.34m to £35.82m.

***Operating profit** up 20 per cent from £5.20m to £6.22m, indicating economies of scale from supplying the expanded pub estate.

***Pre-tax profit**, after finance charges and exceptional items, up 10 per cent from £3.68m to £4.06m. Finance charges, resulting from the expansion of the estate, up 27 per cent.

***Final dividend** recommended of 12.25 per cent (11 per cent last year), payable on 6 November to shareholders on the share register at 16 October. Shepherd Neame 'A' shares are traded under the Stock Exchange's Rule 535.2.

Mr Neame said that a new revaluation indicated that the company's pub estate was worth within 5 per cent of its book value, based on a 1987 revaluation, despite falling southeastern property values.

Substantial efficiencies had been achieved in brewing and distribution operations.

Deliveries were now being made using fewer drays, following a major review of transport routing; improvements had been made to cask and keg warehousing, resulting in more storage and faster dray loading; and

additional brewing plant had been bought at advantageous prices, with the continuing closure of smaller breweries.

The decision to acquire good quality houses in areas where the company was not well represented had helped enhance the company's name throughout the region. The house acquired from other brewers had either maintained or improved trade.

Sales through take-home outlets and the free trade had shown an increase of more than 16 per cent.

In the free trade, this had been achieved without reliance on reciprocal agreements to sell competitors' lagers, and with only limited access to the guest beer market in major brewers' pubs.

Take-home now accounted for more than 13 per cent of total sales. But Mr Neame warned that growth in this sector would become restricted, as national brewers cut prices and the southeast faces imports from France, where beer duty is 25 times less than in Britain.

Mr Neame said this was "unfair competition with legitimate UK businesses that have paid UK duty. The Government must recognise that it will suffer increasing revenue losses until duty rates are harmonised with the rest of the EC."

Mr Neame said that the changes that had occurred in the brewing industry over the past two years were clearly not envisaged by the Government when it decided to implement the recommendations of the MMC report.

He pointed out that in 1989, six national brewers accounted for 77 per cent of sales. By 1992, five brewers accounted for 82 per cent of sales, and the number of companies remaining in brewing was down to 59.

Mr Neame said that government was continuing to introduce legislation which would increase costs to the industry, but that Shepherd Neame remained committed to the partnership of traditional pub tenancy agreements.

REAL DRAUGHT BEER

and where to find it

A LIST OF YOUNG'S PUBS

- BALHAM, SW12**
Duke of Devonshire, 39 Balham High Rd
Grove, 39 Oldridge Rd
Nightingale, 97 Nightingale Lane
- BARKING, Essex**
Britannia, 1 Church Rd
- BARNES, SW13**
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Rd
Coach and Horses, 27 High St
White Hart, The Terrace, Roverside
- BATTERSEA, SW11**
Castle, 115 Battersea High St
Duke of Cambridge, 228 Battersea Bridge Rd
- BEDDINGTON, Surrey**
Plough, Croydon Rd
- BETCHWORTH, Surrey**
Dolphin, The Street
- BLOOMSBURY, WC1**
Calthorpe Arms, 252 Gray's Inn Rd
Lamb, 94 Lamb's Conduit St
Three Cups, 21-22 Sandland St
- BOROUGH, SE1**
Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St
- BOW, E3**
Coborn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd
- BRISTON**
Hope and Anchor, 123 Acce Lane, SW2
Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9
- CARSHALTON, Surrey**
Greyhound, 2 High St
- CATFORD, SE8**
Cutford Run, 9 Winslade Way
- CHELSEA**
Chelsea Ram, Burnaby St, SW10
Coopers' Arms, 87 Fleet St, SW3
King's Arms, 190 Fulham Rd, SW10
- CHELTSEY, Surrey**
Crown, London St
- CHISLEHURST, Kent**
Bull's Head, Royal Parade
- CHISWICK, W4**
Crown and Anchor, 374 Chiswick High Rd
CITY OF LONDON
Chapman's, the Wine Lodge, 145 Fenchurch St, EC3
City Retreat, 74 Shoe Lane, EC4
Dixy Dicks, 202 Bishopsgate, EC2
East India Arms, 67 Fenchurch St, EC3
Elephant, 119 Fenchurch St, EC3
Lamb Tavern, Leadenhall Market, EC3
Master Gunner, Cathedral Place, EC4
Three Larks, The Minors, EC3
- CLAPHAM COMMON, SW4**
Windmill, South Side
- CLAPHAM JUNCTION, SW11**
Plough, 89 St John's Hill
- CLAPTON, E5**
Prince of Wales, 146 Lea Bridge Rd
- CLAYGATE, Surrey**
Foley Arms, Foley Rd
- CLERKENWELL, EC1**
London Spa, 70 Exmouth Market
Seldorfe Arms, 34 Seldorfe St
- COVENT GARDEN, WC2**
Marquess of Anglessey, 39 Bow St
CROYDON, Surrey
Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St
Gloucester, 111 White Horse Rd
Tunworth Arms, 62 Tunworth Arms Rd
- DARTFORD, Kent**
Malt Shovel, 3 Darenth Rd
- DORKING, Surrey**
Old House at Home, 24 West St
- DULWICH, SE28**
Dulwich Wood House, 39 Sydenham Hill
- EAST DULWICH, SE22**
Clock House, 196a Peckham Rye
- EAST SHEEN, SW14**
Hare and Hounds, 216 Upper Richmond Rd West
- EFFINGHAM, Surrey**
Plough, Oreston Lane
- EPSOM, Surrey**
King's Arms, 144 East St
- ESHER, Surrey**
Bear, 71 High St
- ETON WICK, Berkshire**
Pickwick, 32 Eton Wick Rd
- FITZROVIA, W1**
One Tun, 36 Goudge St
- FULHAM, SW6**
Duke of Cumberland, 235 New King's Rd
- GREENFORD, Middlesex**
Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue
- GREENWICH, SE10**
Richard I, 52-54 Royal Hill
- HAMMERSMITH, W6**
Brook Green, 170 Shepherd's Bush Rd
Buildings, 81 King St
- HARLESDEN, NW10**
Thatched House, 115 Dalling Rd
- HAMPSTEAD, NW3**
Flask, 14 Flask Walk
- Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St**
- HARLESDEN, NW10**
Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane
- ISLEWORTH, Middlesex**
Castle, 18 Upper Square
- Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd**
- ISLINGTON, N1**
Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St
- KENSINGTON**
Britannia, 1 Allen St, W8
Britannia Tap, 150 Warwick Rd, W14
- Kew, Surrey**
Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green
- KILBURN, NW6**
Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd
- KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, Surrey**
Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill, Norbiton
Bishop Out of Residence, 2 Bishops' Hall, off Thames St
Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Rd
Spring Grove, 13 Bloomfield Rd
- LAMBERTH, SW8**
Plough, 518 Wandsworth Rd
Prince of Wales, 99 Union Rd
Surrey, 16 Southville
- LEE, SE12**
Crown, 117 Burnt Ash Hill
- LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5**
Widewood Tavern, 58 Flaxman Rd
- MARLYBONE, W1**
Black Horse, 109 Marlybone High St
Wargrave Arms, 42 Brendon St
- MAYFAIR, W1**
Guinea, 30 Bruton Place
Windmill, 6-8 Mill St
- MERTON, SW19**
King's Head, 18 High St
Prince of Wales, 98 Morden Rd
- MITCHAM, Surrey**
Bull, 32 Church Rd
Cricketers, 340 London Rd
King's Arms, 260 London Rd
- MORTLAKE, SW14**
Charlie Butler, 40 High St
Jolly Gardeners, 36 Lower Richmond Rd
- NORWICH**
Hope, 49 High St, SE27
Railway Bell, 14 Cawnpore St, SE19
- NOTTING HILL, W11**
Duke of Wellington, 179 Portobello Rd
Happ, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate
- OXFORD**
King's Arms, 40 Holywell St
- OXSHOTT, Surrey**
Bear, Leatherhead Rd
- PIMLICO, SW1**
Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank
Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd
Royal Oak, 1 Regency St
- PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex**
Fountain, Station Rd
- PUTNEY, SW15**
Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd
Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd
Green Man, Putney Heath
Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd
Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St
- RED HILL, Surrey**
Horse Cottage, Redstone Hill
- REGENT'S PARK, NW1**
Queens, 49 Regent's Park Rd
Spread Eagle, 141 Albert St
- RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES, Surrey**
Fox and Goose, 327 Petersham Rd, Ham
Mitre, 20 St Mary's Grove
Old Ship, 3 King St
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Rd
Red Cow, 59 Sheen Rd
Shaftsbury Arms, 123 Kew Rd
Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd
Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane
White Cross, Roverside
- ROEHAMPTON, SW15**
Angel, 11 High St
Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square
- ROSEBURY, SE16**
Ship, 39-47 St. Marychurch St
- SHERE, Surrey**
Prince of Wales, Shere Lane
- SOUTHWARK, SE1**
Founders' Arms, Bankside, 52 Hopton St
Prince William Henry, 217 Blackfriars Rd
- STEPTON**
Hollands, 7-9 Exmouth St, E1
Queen's Head, 8 Flamborough St, E14
- STREATHAM, SW16**
Bedford Park, 223 Streatham High Rd
Pied Bull, 498 Streatham High Rd
- SURBITON, Surrey**
Black Lion, 58 Brighton Rd
Victoria, 28 Victoria Rd
Wagon and Horses, 1 Surbiton Hill Rd
- SUTTON, Surrey**
Lord Nelson, 32 Lower Rd
New Town, 7 Land Rd
Robin Hood, 52 West St
- SYDENHAM, SE26**
Bricklayers' Arms, 189 Dartmouth Rd
- TELDINGTOWN, Middlesex**
Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd
Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane
- THORNTON HEATH, Surrey**
Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd
Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd
Railway Telegraph, 19 Bragstock Rd
- TOOTING, SW17**
Castle, 38 High St
Garrigue Park, 29 London Rd
Pioneer Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane
Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane
- TWICKENHAM, Middlesex**
Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd
Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep
- WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey**
Royal George, 130 Hersharn Rd
Swan, 50 Manor Rd
- WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey**
Chequers, Chequers Lane
- WALLINGTON, Surrey**
Duke's Head, 6 Manor Rd
- WANDSWORTH, SW18**
Alma, 499 York Rd
Brewery Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St
Country Arms, 345 Trinity Rd
Crane, 14 Armoury Way
Gardeners' Arms, 268 Merton Rd
Grapes, 39 Fairfield St
Hawthay House, 521 Garratt Lane
King's Arms, 96 Wandsworth High St
Old Sergeant, 104 Garratt Lane
Pig and Whistle, 481 Merton Rd
Queen Adelaide, 35 Putney Bridge Rd
Ship, 41 Jew's Row
Spread Eagle, 71 Wandsworth High St
Two Brewers, 147 East Hill
Wholesale, 30 Putney Bridge Rd
- WESTMINSTER, SW1**
Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France
- WIMBLEDON, SW19**
Alexandra, 73 Wimbledon Hill Rd
Crooked Billet, Crooked Billet
Dog and Fox, 24 High St
Hand in Hand, 6 Crooked Billet
Rose and Crown, 55 High St

NEWS FROM YOUNG'S

Youngs, the Wandsworth brewers, have this week launched a pioneering new policy on food, health and safety in their 180 pubs.

Young's licensees are being trained to pass examinations set by the Institution of Environmental Health Officers and are being sent a new manual that unravels millions of words of legislation on food, health and safety in pubs.

The manual - the result of a year's work and believed to be the first of its kind in the brewing industry - cuts through the gobbledegook of hundreds of government regulations, European directives and local authority bylaws.

The main aims of the new policy are to ensure that licensees are working to the highest possible standards and to give customers confidence when they eat and drink in Young's pubs.

The manual, which covers everything from hygiene in kitchens to accidents involving customers, has been drafted in layman's language by two leading experts - Paul Povey, an independent food safety consultant, and Henry Snell, a specialist licensed trade safety consultant.

Mr Snell said "Youngs are miles ahead of the rest of the brewing industry and licensed trade in the work they have done in this field."

Mr Povey, who lectures in environmental health at London University, said: "The manual offers practical guidelines and simple systems that help licensees comply with the law but also with good practice."

"A great deal more attention is now being placed on law enforcement by local authorities, and environmental health officers have stepped up the number of investigations they carry out.

"We want to ensure that Young's pubs are leading the way in both food safety and general health and safety policy".

All Young's pub managers are being trained to pass the Basic Health and Safety Certificate and the Basic Food Hygiene Certificate of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers.

CROYDON & SUTTON NEWS

The GEORGE at 132 Canterbury Road, Croydon, formerly a Charrington tied house has become a free house. This is, on the face of it, good news but the choice of draught beers available could have shown some more imagination. It comprises Charrington IPA and Worthington Best (?) Bitter! In addition the change of ownership has resulted in the loss of the bar billiards table and its replacement by table football at 50p a game.

On a brighter note, the WINDSOR CASTLE at 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton which is still a Charrington pub, is currently selling Highgate Mild, Draught Bass, Worthington Best Bitter and Fullers London Pride all at £1.50 a pint. This plush pub features a restaurant and outside patio/garden has live piano music from time to time. It also boasts a supper licence.

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MORE AWARDS FOR HOP BACK

Last month John Gilbert, the owner of the Hop Back Brewery which was originally in the Wyndham Arms Salisbury, received his certificate from Christine Cryne for the best Strong Bitter award from the Great British Beer Festival held at Olympia.



Various CAMRA members from South West London and from Southern England attended



a special party held by John to celebrate five years of Hop Back brewing. His new brewery



at Downton, near Salisbury, now brews all GFB and Summer Lightning with the Wyndham brewing Special, Stout and his new beer Wilts Alternative. Also at the party were members of the Portsmouth and Salisbury Branches who also presented John with certificates from their respective Beer Festivals where Summer Lightning also swept the board. London Drinker also



extends its warm congratulations to John, Roger, Simon and Bootsie and wish them many more years of success.



Chris Cobbold
Photos courtesy of Dave Paterson

JOHN YOUNG SPEAKS OUT

John Young, head of one of London's four surviving breweries, has sprung to the defence of the brewing industry with a rousing speech to MPs, local government leaders and police chiefs.

He told an invited audience of more than 60 at a Brewery Month open day at Young's Brewery in Wandsworth that Britain had the cheapest beer in Europe, despite levels of duty that were 10 times higher than in Germany, 20 times higher than Spain and 25 times higher than France.

London, he said, now offered a wider choice and variety of beer than ever before. Thirty-five brands were brewed in London, but the total number of beers on offer in the capital's pubs was probably more than 1,000, from all over Britain and the world.

The four London breweries - Youngs, rival independents Fullers, Guinness and Courage - produced three million pints of beer a year and contributed £175 million a year to the Exchequer in excise duty alone.

"On top of this," he said, "there is VAT, which means that the Government gets 43p every time a customer buys a pint of Young's Bitter in a pub".

The industry was also a major employer, said Mr Young, who was speaking on behalf of the London Brewers' Council, which organised the event.

"The four London breweries employ 2,700 people directly," he said, "but a further 30,000 are engaged in running London's 6,000 pubs, as tenants, managers, bar staff, cook and cleaners".

Mr Young criticised both the Government and the European Community for meddling in the brewing industry.

"The result of the regulations brought in after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's inquiry is that there is now a bigger monopoly, fewer breweries and fewer pubs", he said.

"But still we can be proud of what we are doing for the economy, for the customer and for countless charities, which benefit enormously from the tireless voluntary work of both publicans and drinkers."

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Mr Young's audience included two Conservative MPs, Dick Tracey (Surbiton) and James Couchman (Gillingham), the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Mrs Mary Holben, several senior council executives, and a dozen senior police offers, including Commander Tom Laidlaw of the Metropolitan Police, who is soon off to South Africa to advise the Pretoria government on law and order.



Existing Establishments

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

HARINGLEY
OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
10-12 Grand Parade N4

TURNPIKE LANE
THE TOLLGATE
26-40 Turnpike Lane N8

STOKES NEWINGTON
THE TANNERS HALL
145 High Street N16

WOOD GREEN/TOTTENHAM
THE NEW MOON
414 Lordship Lane N17

TOTTENHAM
THE ELBOW ROOM
503-505 High Road N17

ARCHWAY
THE DOG
17/19 Archway Road N19

KINGSBURY
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Hounslow, Middlesex

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THE ELBOW ROOM
22 Topsfield Parade
Tottenham Lane
London N8

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THE MOON ON THE HILL
373-375 Station Road
Harrow, Middlesex

HATCH END
THE MOON AND SIXPENCE
250 Uxbridge Road, Hatch End

WINCHMORE HILL
HALF MOON
749 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill
London N21

KENTON
THE NEW MOON
25-26 Kenton Park Parade
Kenton Road, Kenton, Middlex

CATFORD
THE TIGER'S HEAD
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THE BEATEN DOCKET
50-56 Cricklewood Broadway NW2

LIVERPOOL STREET
HAMILTON HALL
Liverpool Street Station EC2

BARKINGSIDE
THE NEW FAIRLOP OAK
Fencepiece Road, Barkingside

TWICKENHAM
THE MOON UNDER WATER
53-57 London Road
Twickenham

"A DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE . . ." (East London & City News)

First things first: my apologies to Fuller's for suggesting that THE MINT in East Smithfield doesn't have any provision for wheelchair access. This is not the case, as last month's issue revealed.

The existence of the lift is not clearly signposted but if you enter the building by the side door you will find it. Emerging from the lift, you will discover that the way to the bar is equally anonymous: it's the not marked "Ladies", "Gentleman" or "Private".

(My excuse is that I approached the pub from the City and went straight up the step, not realising that there was another entrance round the corner).

Meanwhile over in Brady Street, E1, the YORKSHIRE GREY continues to offer up to six real ales. Joe the guv'nor says that this will depend on his regulars not having drunk it all before you get there! Recently he has been offering Samuel Smith's at £1.20 a pint: I don't know if this will still be the case when you read this, but there's one way to find out!

"East Ender"

PUB ACCESS FOR ALL, DEMANDS CAMRA

"The way in which some pubs discriminate against visitors with disabilities is scandalous", declared editor Jeff Evans at the launch of CAMRA's 1993 Good Beer Guide.

The beer-lovers' pressure group has now set its face against badly designed pubs which prevent wheelchair users and other pub visitors with disabilities from enjoying their favourite tipple.

"From the flight of steps at the door, to the lack of an accessible loo, the problems facing some pub-lovers are overwhelming", says Jeff Evans. "For many drinkers, a pint down at the local is like tackling an assault course, as they struggle to overcome split-level interiors, high bar counters and obstructive

fruit machines".

CAMRA is calling on pub designers, breweries and pub chains to think of all drinkers when they refurbish their pubs. Though some pubs are old and have preservation orders placed on them, CAMRA believes landlords should still be able to think of ways around access problems.

"A ramp to cover steps is one obvious answer", says Jeff Evans. "Making sure gangways remain clear and doors open fully, installing a lower-level servery and fitting purpose-built toilets where possible are other options. But let's not ignore the attitude of staff which is, in many ways, the most important factor, particularly when serving customers with communication difficulties."

"Pubs are coming to terms with the challenges of the nineties in all sorts of ways. But they're dragging their heels on this issue".



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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the 1982 issue of London Drinker consisted of 24 pages including the cover, this time in pink, which illustrated the new logo of Watney Combe Reid (the significance of which will soon become apparent), a bottle label from the Eltham Brewery, and part of a price list of Reffells Bexley Brewery. Mostyn Lewis outlined the history of the Eltham Brewery in the content, as far as the scant details were available - it ceased brewing in 1921. Watney had adopted the name Watney Combe Reid, using as its symbol a Stag, reflecting the name of the original brewery in Pimlico and its successor at Mortlake. Bass had objected to the use of titles similar to their own - the Tower Brewery in Bermondsey (theirs, in Tadcaster, was so named), and Barbican Bitter from David Bruce's Pheasant and Firkin (Bass had an insipid liquid on the market using the title and masquerading as a beer, albeit low in alcohol, and the London beer assumed the name Barbarian.

Alan Greenwood, in his Beer Notes, outlined the history of that company, leading up to the introduction of Red Barrel in 1930, to the exclusion of all real beer from the company.

FIVE YEARS AGO the 32 page November 1987 edition used chocolate as its theme colour; this appeared on seven pages including the front cover, which illustrated the Pope's Grotto (Youngs) in Twickenham, and also bore the hand-written headline "Beer prices to rise yet again". SO WHAT'S NEW? The Editorial was

brief and to the point, and bears repeating in its entirety: "This year's bad summer has resulted in a poor harvest and that, it seems, is to be the next excuse for putting up the price of beer. As cereal crops are stockpiled for years, it will be some time before the shortage is felt - and then, no doubt, the same excuse will be used. It's high time something was done to bring the price of beer DOWN." All in my own fair hand - or rather, typeface. Was I right? Or was I right?

Taylor Walker had just entered into a trading agreement with Young's, whose bitter was to be available in thirteen stated outlets. Mike Moran offered recipes for pickled eggs and onions - a popular adjunct to a session on real ale. Lars Torders provided a pub crawl of Tisbury, Wiltshire, with historical additions from Merton. Eastender also contributed a crawl, of South Woodford - an area which in due course those of us who worked at last year's GBBF and stayed at the "digs" came to know tolerably well.

Quoting from the Morning Advertiser - which in turn was quoting from a CAMRA report - L.D. noted that Holt's of Manchester was producing the cheapest pint in the country, the mild which at its cheapest cost 60p, or about half the price of the dearest pint in some southern pubs.

More next month, Editors permitting -

Martin Smith

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS

As mentioned in October's editorial, the Richmond & Hounslow Branch area now contains two Morland houses. Both are in Hounslow and are located fairly close to each other; they are the WINDMILL in Bell Road and the LORD CLYDE in Inwood Road. In addition to the Morland's beers the Windmill also currently offers Fullers London Pride, a remnant of the guest beer policy under its previous owners, Grand Met. The Lord Clyde also offers Hall & Woodhouse Badger Best Bitter at present.

Other developments in the branch have seen the opening of a completely new pub, the GENERAL ROY, in Poplar Way, Feltham, a

Charrington House which presently serves Bass, Charrington IPA, Stones Bitter and Fullers London Pride. The £1 million development has brought new interest in real ale in what has been something of a beer desert and the owners are hoping to promote traditional beers heavily.

Finally, the COUNTY ARMS in Hall Road, Isleworth is to become a free house on 7th November (ex Watneys). New owners, Eric Peacock and partners, are hoping to sell a wide range of traditional beers and plan to install a brewery in six months time if all goes well. The branch wishes Eric, who used to run the Ferret & Firkin, great success in the development of the pub.

HAPPILY LESS THAN MERRY

Des Tuddenham continues his voyage to the bottom of the glass with
a look at seasonal pub-going

Watch out - they're out again! And soon they're coming to a pub near you!

They are the once-a-year drinkers, or the amateur drinkers as they're becoming known. And what an awful lot they are too.

Brimming with Christmas cheer they descend on all types of pubs. No pub is safe. And they arrive over indulgent, over full of themselves and over your side of the bar. Worse still, they arrive en masse.

And just listen to what they come out with when they're asked what they want: "A beer please", "a lager I think", or the likes of "a bottle of that foreign stuff". Such lack of product knowledge is sure sign your normally quiet and enjoyable visit to the pub is about to be ruined.

Expect this sooner rather than later if you hear odd concoctions being ordered: "Guinness and peach Schnapps please" or such-like. But no matter what these cretins order, any average annual gathering of office revellers will always end in tears.

Those of us who have spent the eleven months prior to the "festive period" propping up the bar - and the pub's takings, have to put up with all this. And more the pity.

What irks me more than anything is the way pub Guv'nors play up to all this. Even in my own cosy SW18 local, regulars have to put up with their normally inviting environs being turned into a type of tinsel town that can only remind you of back street bordellos in Singapore.

It gets worse. Where normally some quiet background music is the norm, we suddenly find ourselves blasted by the likes of Slade and Roy Wood - or worse still - smultch like Bing Crosby or Max Bygraves.

All the while, the clowns perform, festooned with streamers, silly hats and glitter. The only bright spots is when somebody spews, or crashes over a table full of expensive drinks or - with luck - gets barred (I once saw a reveller barred for having a full-strip wash in the Gents). However, this *Schadenfreude*

pales when the floor show inevitably gets going with the ritualistic trying it on with the typists begins.

When are Guv'nors going to wisen up and realise there are many thirsty scrooges out there like me crying out for a decently normal, undecorated and civil pub atmosphere in December?

I once put this to a sceptical Guv'nor in St Albans, who decided to risk it and declare his hostelry a Christmas-free-zone. The result was a treat - trade poured in and he never had such a busy season. He even got some new regulars out of it.

But such heartwarming enterprise is too much the exception. After years of trying, I'm giving up and going away to Cuba for a while, where I am guaranteed no such pratts ruining my *Cuba Libre* while I very happily get drunk in peace.

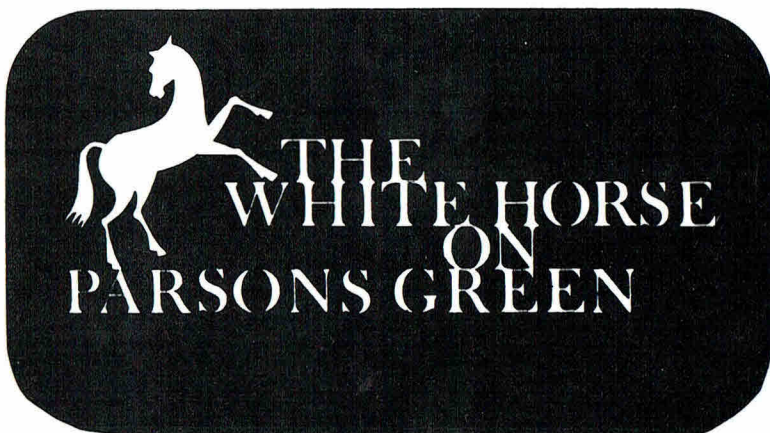
Your man in La Havana will be back though, in the new year, refreshed and looking forward to another eleven months of thoroughly enjoyable normality.

PROVINCIAL RIP-OFFS NO. 347

On a recent visit to some pubs in the Southend-on-Sea area, I was surprised to find a GBG entry on the outskirts of town (The Parson's Barn in North Shoeburyness, a Chef and Brewer house) was charging £1.84 for a pint of Abbot Ale. With the big head kindly provided by the barmaid (obliging and noblesse), I reckon the true cost would easily have been two quid a pint. I suppose they've got to make up Alan Shephard's salary somehow...

Compare this to the Riddleys tied house on the sea front in the centre of Southend (The Falcon), where the full pint of the award winning Riddleys IPA was £1.45 (dearer than most Ridley houses, but it's not situated in the back of beyond).

Billericay Dicky



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CAMRA GUIDE TWENTY YEARS-OLD

The Campaign for Real Ale's flagship publication, the Good Beer Guide, celebrates its twentieth birthday this year.

Conceived originally as a simple list of good pubs to visit for members of the fledgling campaign, the Guide has grown into an established feature of the annual publishing calendar.

"Its initial coverage of the best beer pubs was very sketchy", admits editor Jeff Evans, "but the Guide quickly matured into a reliable source of information for those who make the beer as well as those who drink it".

Now Britain's biggest-selling pub guide, the Good Beer Guide features 5,000 pubs across the country, arranged in county-by-county order. Also included is the only annually updated listing of Britain's 200-plus breweries, with full details of all the cask beers they produce, most with tasting notes.

The 1993 Good Beer Guide, published on 19th October, is also the biggest ever.

"We've packed in even more information", says Jeff Evans "but the principle remains the same as in its earliest days: we aim to direct the beer-lovers of this country to the pubs serving the best ale."

"For a pub to have maintained its place in the Guide for the full twenty years is quite an achievement, and our local members will be

honouring the ever-present pubs with special certificates".

Not surprisingly, coming from the beer-drinkers' lobby group, CAMRA, there is once again a strong campaigning message to the Guide. This year, the turmoil in the brewing industry, with its grave threat to pubs and breweries alike, is discussed at length, and the Guide also looks at the problems confronting pub-users with disabilities.

LONDON PRICE INCREASES

Without even a press release, both Youngs and Fullers have, coincidentally of course, jacked up the price of their bitters by 5p a pint. They obviously have never heard of a little recession happening in the South East.

What benefits will the long-suffering customer see for the latest increase. Better wages for bar staff? (see editorial). Or is it going to be better dividends for shareholders?

Chris Cobbold

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CAMRA TOASTS THE BEERS OF THE YEAR

Breweries across the country are celebrating 'Beer of the Year' awards in CAMRA's 1993 Good Beer Guide.

Chosen from the 1,000 real ales brewed in Britain, the 48 top beers have been selected from breweries nationwide, from the Big Lamp brewery in Newcastle to Randalls of Guernsey. They all took their place at CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain contest at the recent Great British Beer Festival at Olympia.

"These are this year's truly outstanding brews", declares Good Beer Guide editor Jeff Evans. "They have consistently found favour with their local drinkers and fully deserve the title of Beer of the Year."

Beers were selected by CAMRA's tasting panels, who provide the tasting notes for the Good Beer Guide. Their findings were combined with votes from the public at

CAMRA's many beer festivals and with the results of a poll of CAMRA's 35,000 members to come up with this definitive list of the year's best beers.

The Beers of the Year awards are arranged into eight categories, from Milds to Strong Bitters, with six beers nominated in each category.

"For a beer to be rated in the top six of its category, is quite an achievement", stressed Jeff Evans. "With over 1,000 beers now brewed in Britain, the breweries concerned certainly have reason to celebrate".

"Only four beers brewed by national producers have made the final 48, supporting the view that drinkers prefer distinctive local brews not bland national beers", concluded Jeff Evans. "And it is particularly pleasing to see brand new breweries like Cains, Coach House and Otter doing so well."



Fuller's Passport Scheme Returns!

Following the success of the Passport scheme some years ago, Fuller's are running it again to give you the opportunity of discovering all their pubs, both new and old.

The pubs have been divided up into three areas of equal size, loosely grouped into North, West and South and these may be completed in any order.

All you have to do to qualify for your Passport prizes is to visit each Fuller's pub and have your Passport stamped after you have purchased a pint of Fuller's beer.

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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 77

This month we record four brand new real ale outlets, including one in Wallington being the first in London to be run by the Boddington pub group, and a new Bass pub in Feltham. In addition Morlands have bought two pubs from Grand Met in Hounslow, again the first Morland pubs in London.

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page number in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; N - North London Beer Guide, 2nd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - Real Beer in South West London; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 8th edition. U refers to earlier updates. ♦ indicates a guest beer.

If you would like to report changes to pubs or beers please write to: Beer Guides Updates, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR.

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

NORTH

N2, MANOR COTTAGE, 57 East End Road. Tetley: Bitter. (N49)
N3, LEGENDS, 85 Ballards Lane. No real ale. New Free House in former shop premises.
N3, OLIVERS, 168 Ballards Lane. No real ale. Another new Free House in former shop premises.
N9, EXHIBITION, 49 South Mall. Tetley: Bitter. Young: Bitter. (N76)
N12, OLIVERS II, 866 High Road. Ruddle: Best Bitter. Tetley: Bitter. New Free House in former shop premises. Model train above servery. Open all permitted hours.
N14, WAGGON & HORSES, 107 Chase Side. Renamed **HAYWAIN**. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Ex Watney, now Whitbread since mid-1991. (N85)
N18, COOKS FERRY INN, 414 Angel Road. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Reopened Beefeater but still scheduled for demolition as part of North Circular Road widening scheme. Last two beers listed rotate. (N99)
N18, PHOENIX, 56 Fore Street. Boddington: Bitter. (N100)
N20, JO JO BALOUS, 1267 High Road. No real ale. A Free House/Wine Bar.
N20, TOM & GERRY'S, 1158 High Road. No real ale. New Free House in former shop premises.
ENFIELD, HORSE & DRAY, 8 Alma Road, Ponders End. Flowers: IPA. (N190)
ENFIELD, IZAAC WALTON, 257 Green Street, Brimsdown. Marston: Pedigree. (N190)
ENFIELD, PRINCE OF WALES, 588, Hertford Road. Wethered: Bitter. (N190)
ENFIELD, ROBIN HOOD, 240 The Ridgeway. McMullen: AK Mild, Country Bitter, Stronghart. (N190)

NORTH WEST

NW7, ROOKS, 9 The Broadway. Renamed **BRIDGE TAVERN**. Young: Bitter. (N152)

SOUTH WEST

SW19, HARDY'S WINE & TAPAS BAR, 134 Kingston Road. Eldridge Pope: Hardy Country Bitter. Free House/Wine Bar in former bank premises.
WALLINGTON, CRANGE, Beddington Park, London Road. Boddington: Bitter. New pub & spacious restaurant owned by Boddington's 'Henry's Table' chain in Beddington Park. One of only two outside the North West and the only one in Greater London. Open all permitted hours.

WEST

FELTHAM, GENERAL ROY, Poplar Way. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Fuller: London Pride. Stones: Best Bitter. New Charrington pub opened September 1992.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

EAST

E16, CALIFORNIA. Free House, H unused. (E157)
E16, SPANISH STEPS. Free House, now demolished. (E161)

NORTH

N9, CART OVERTHROWN. Watney, no real ale. (N74)
N9, ROSIES. Watney, no real ale. (N75)
N10, ROYAL OAK, 143 Sydney Road. Watney, no real ale. (N78, U35)
N11, GROVE. Watney, no real ale. (N79)
EAST BARNET, WARWICK HOTEL. Charrington, no real ale. (N173)
ENFIELD, ALMA. Charrington, no real ale. (N180)
ENFIELD, BARNYARD. Charrington, no real ale. (N180)
ENFIELD, BLACK HORSE. Watney, no real ale. (N180)
ENFIELD, PLOUGH INN, 105 Turkey Street. Whitbread, no real ale. (N186)
ENFIELD, RAILWAY INN. Whitbread, no real ale. (N186)
ENFIELD, SWAN. Charrington, no real ale. (N189)
ENFIELD, WHITE HOUSE. Watney (Fizz), closed. (N190)

NORTH WEST

EDGWARE, BALD FACED STAG. Charrington, no real ale. (N178, U69)
EDGWARE, SPARROWHAWK. Whitbread, no real ale. (N178, U33)

SOUTH WEST

SW8, MAXFIELDS. Free House (fizz), closed, future uncertain. (U57)
SW8, PUB CONTINENTAL. Whitbread (fizz), closed, future uncertain. (SW34)
SW11, PINE TAVERN. Watney, H unused. (SW41, U42, U58)
SW14, SPUR. Watney, closed, future uncertain. (SW45, U61, U70)
RICHMOND, BRICKLAYERS ARMS. Watney, closed and converted to offices. (SW71)
RICHMOND, CAINS. Watney, closed, future uncertain. (SW71)

WEST

W2, WESTMINSTER ARMS. Watney, building (listed) renovated and absorbed into adjoining Hotel Metropole but not used as licensed premises. All identification signs removed. (W64)
FELTHAM, FELTHAM. Watney, converted to community centre. (W100)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

WC2, ROUNDHOUSE. + Theakston: Old Peculier. + Wadworth: 6X. + Varying guest beers. + Bulmers Traditional Cider. Also promotes Belgian & German bottled beers. Expensive. (W56, U58)
WC2, ROUND TABLE. - Younger: Scotch: Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X*. (W56, U48)

BEER BRIEFING

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WC2, SUN, 21 Drury Lane. Renamed **HOGSHEAD**.
- Beers listed. + Boddington: Bitter.
+ Flowers: Original Bitter. + Fuller:
London Pride. + Varying guest beers
(H) & (G). Refurbished as a Whitbread 'Ale
House' with a regularly changing range of
real ales from the Whitbread 'Classic Ale'
stables. The three on gravity dispense
are air cooled. (W56)

EAST

E3, BLUE ANCHOR. Now a Free House,
ex Belhaven. (E89)

NORTH

N10, WETHERSPOONS. Renamed **SPOONS (THE)**.
- Ruddle: County. + Greene King: IPA.
(N78)

BARNET, BAT & GOLDFISH. Renamed **JUG &
TRUMPET**. - Beers listed except Marston:
Pedigree. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors
Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X.

BARNET, WINDMILL. Reverted to **OLD
WINDMILL**. - Ind Coope: Bitter. + Benskins:
Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. + Greene
King: IPA. + Tetley: Bitter. (N170)

ENFIELD, DIVERS BAR. Renamed **BROWNS**, still
fizz. (N190)

ENFIELD, ENFIELD STORES. Reverted to **HOP
POLES**. + Fuller: London Pride. + Young:
Special. (N190, U36, U47)

ENFIELD, RUMMER. Renamed **COACH HOUSE**.
- Flowers: IPA. + Wethered: Bitter. (N187)

NORTH WEST

NW1, RISING SUN. Renamed **FRIAR & FIRKIN**.
- Beers listed. + Firkin: Mild (OG 1035),
Confessional (OG 1036), Friar (OG 1043),
Dogbolter (OG 1058). + Tetley: Bitter.
+ Weston Cider. Formerly Taylor Walker
badged, the listed pub has been
transformed to the 'Firkin' estate,
decorated in typical style. A brewery has
been installed in the cellar using
equipment salvaged from the Frog (which
no longer brews). The bitters brewed on
the premises are held in cellar tanks
with nitrogen applied at low pressure.
The mild is in cask conditioned form and
is brewed at either the Falcon or
Flounder. Open all permitted hours. Food
available. (N126)

NW4, MANNINGS. Delete reference in U69 to
renaming as **LITTLE HOUSE**. (N142, U69)

NW4, TEDDYS. Reverted to **LITTLE HOUSE**.
- Ruddle: County. (N142)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (B), ANTELOPE. - Benskins: Bitter.
Adnams: Bitter. + Nicholson: Best Bitter.
+ Tetley: Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. Now a
Nicholson badged pub, formerly Benskins
badged. (SW10)

SW1 (B), FOX & HOUNDS. + Greene King:
IPA+. (SW10)

SW1 (B), GRENADIER. - Watney beers.
+ Courage: Directors Bitter. + Ruddle:
Best Bitter. (SW10)

SW1 (B), NAGS HEAD. - Ind Coope: Burton
Ale. + Young: Bitter. (SW10)

SW1 (B), PAXTONS HEAD. + Cains:
Bitter (SW11, U71, U74)

SW4, SPRINGFIELD. - Webster: Yorkshire
Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. + Guest beers
(small independent). + Wilkins Medium
Cider. (SW25, U53, U61)

**SW11, LONDON, CHATHAM & DOVER RAILWAY
TAVERN & RESTAURANT**. - Webster: Yorkshire
Bitter. + Courage: Best Bitter.
+ Wadworth: 6X. (SW40, U42, U43)

SW13, SUN INN. - Wadworth: 6X. - Young:
Special. + Marston: Pedigree. + Young:
Bitter. (SW43, U34, U53, U71)

SW13, WATERMANS ARMS. - Fuller: London
Pride. + Courage: Best Bitter. + Webster:
Yorkshire Bitter. (SW43, U58)

SW15, ROBIN HOOD. - Flowers: IPA.
- Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. + Fuller:
Chiswick Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale.
(SW54, U40, U55, U60, U70)

SW19, PRINCESS ROYAL. + Hop Back: GFB.
(U56, U61)

SW20, CAVERN. - Young: Porter.
+ Boddington: Bitter. + Young: Bitter.
(U68, U72)

SW20, JUNCTION TAVERN. - Bass. + Fuller:
London Pride. (SW59, U43, U60)

CHEAM, RED LION (YE OLDE). - Fuller: ESB.
+ Fuller: London Pride. (SW61, U43)

HAM, HAM BREWERY TAP. - Ruddle: County.
+ Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW63)

KINGSTON, CARDINAL. - Courage: Directors
Bitter. - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter.
- Young: Special. + Ruddle: County. (SW65,
U71)

KINGSTON, FLAMINGO BREWERY. + Flamingo:
University Mild. (SW64, U34, U43, U73)

WALLINGTON: ROSE & CROWN. - Ind Coope:
Bitter. + friary Meux: Bitter. + Tetley:
Bitter. Now Friary Meux badged, ex Ind
Coope. (SW59)

WEST

HAMPTON HILL, WINDMILL. + Worthington:
Best Bitter. (W106)

HOUNSLOW, FRIEND IN HAND. + Theakston:
Best Bitter. (W126, U62, U63)

HOUNSLOW, LORD CLYDE. - Courage: Best
Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride+. + Morland:
Original Bitter, Old Masters. Acquired by
Morlands from Grand Met (Courage). One of
the first two Morlands pubs in Greater
London. (W128)

HOUNSLOW, WINDMILL. - Beers listed. + Hall
& Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter.
+ Morland: Original Bitter, Old Masters.
Acquired by Morlands from Grand Met
(Watney). Open all permitted hours. (W128,
U71)

TWICKENHAM: CROWN. + Wadworth: 6X. (W150)

WHITTON, PRINCE ALBERT. + Wadworth: 6X.
(W162, U63)

WHITTON, WHITE HART. - Greene King: IPA.
+ Adnams: Bitter. (W162, U56, U69)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 75

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

SW15, WHITE LION. + Harvey: Bitter should
read + Eldridge Pope: Hardy Country
Bitter.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 76

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CHESSINGTON, MONKEY PUZZLE. Closes
Mon-Sat 2.30-5.30 pm.

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

EC1, RED LION (YE OLDE). Should read **RED
COW**.

W2, DUKE OF CORNWALL. Should read **DUKE OF
KENDALL**.

Dear Editor

Great British Beer Festival - 1992 Olympia
Below is a copy of my original letter to HQ St Albans, from which you can readily see I promised to let you know if any response arose. Thankfully they have replied, and you might care to see their answer.

Sadly, they still intend to continue to assail our ears with music, to which no-one ever listens, and very few, if any, want.

I shall await the publication of the details promised and visit accordingly; OR THIS TIME DEMAND A REFUND OF ADMISSION FEES.

Yours faithfully

EJ Black, Wembley, Middlesex

'Great British Beer

Festival Organisers, 1992 Olympia

Dear Organisers

I write not to praise but to criticise.

Can you please tell me how one could ever consider it compatible with the aims of CAMRA, to inflict such a cacophony of noise at the Festival.

When I attended with a group of retired Post Office workers we all left, sadly without one drink. Without exception we all agreed we could not and WOULD NOT stand the noise.

We attended on Wednesday lunch, and some had travelled from Epsom, Sevenoaks and Bishops Stortford as well as from all over London.

The hall and the acoustics were just unsuitable for a Steel Band. Frankly, I just cannot think of anything more unsuitable when we were there only for the Beer. We did endeavour to ascertain at what time the noise would finish, as it was only just after twelve o'clock. No-one could answer us not the doormen, the cashiers, programme sellers nor the security man who was carrying a portable telephone. SO WE ALL LEFT.

However, we did enjoy the pub crawl, so I must thank whoever was responsible for that because we did not know the area.

BUT I DO THINK YOU SHOULD CONSIDER PRACTISING WHAT YOU PREACH, ENDEAVOUR TO TRY AND

EMULATE Weatherspoons (J. J. Moon's). GIVE US A CONVIVIAL ENGLISH PUB ATMOSPHERE WHERE WE CAN TALK AND DRINK BEER.

I do not expect you to be able to satisfy everyone. But, since the Festival all I have spoken to agree they could have done without the noise. Only they chose to stay, which seems to me to be incredible no matter how good the Beer. Sadly, and all the more disappointingly, they did not complain. Yet, if it had been a Pub they would have walked out.

I shall continue to support CAMRA, basically because I have no choice! Without your efforts where would any of us drinkers be able to find Real Ale. Nevertheless, I do feel justified in criticising and hope if nothing else you will provide a 'Silent Period' and publish the times so this friction can be avoided in future.

There are many who go out to get away from the television and hi-fi, searching for peace and tranquility. My friends and ex-colleagues included.

Written with HOPE and sent with FAITH for the future.

Yours faithfully

J. Black
Wembley'

Dear Mr Black

I am writing to you concerning your complaint made about this year's Great British Beer Festival.

At the Festival we try to provide a range of music that will provide a background for the beer. This ranges from string quartets to steel bands. We have had the latter at many Great British Beer Festivals with no problems. With the amplified bands we could control the way in which the sound moves and this was set up so that the West Hall (the seating area behind the stage) was quieter than the main hall. Unfortunately, the steel band was unamplified and the acoustics of the hall were such that the noise rebounded around causing the cacophony you quite rightly complained of. We also had similar problems with the band we had on Friday night.

I'm sorry that it ruined your visit to the Festival.

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Knowing the hall a lot better we can choose the music next year so that we do not have the noise problems of this year. We will take your suggestion on board and we will ensure that not just the starting time but the finishing times of the bands are on display at the Festival.

I am copying this letter to our entertainments officer who I'm sure will appreciate the seriousness of your complaint.

Yours sincerely
Christine Cryne,
Festival Director

Dear Editors

A quick bit of pub news from the Enfield & Barnet area; we have a new pub in Edgware called the EDGE OF TOWN BAR. It got a free ad in the National news when the recent heavy rains filled the cellar and the casks floated out of the hatchway and down the street! Not watered beer but beer in the water.

Carping and Criticism Dept. continued:

I must say that the front cover of the October issue was "No Surprise!", to me anyway. Regarding headlines and such [see *September letters* - AP], magazines in general use a comment based on their articles or something like "Win TEN POUNDS in our competition, see page xx". That's the sort of thing I meant.

Yours faithfully

Laurence Fryer, Enfield & Barnet Pub
Information Co-ordinator, Hendon, NW4

Editorial Comment:

It is slightly ironic that at about the same time as we received Laurence's first letter on the subject of cover photos we received another from another branch because we had not used some photos that they had sent us for the same purpose. What do our readers at large think? Please write and tell us what you think would make the cover more attractive and thus sell more copies of the Drinker.

By the way, I take it that the casks that floated away were the empties - either that or they contained some pretty low gravity beer!

Andy Pirson

Dear Editors,

Could I please appeal through your columns for a pub landlord who may be able to help out in the following way:-

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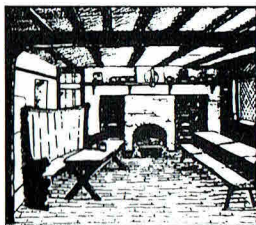
WETHERSPOON NEWS

Building work has started on the latest Wetherspoon free house - which is being converted from a bank. The Banker's Draft in Friern Branet Road, Friern Barnet, north London, is set to open at the end of November after a £400,000 building project. The free house, which will have 1400 square foot of drinking space, will be the third in Barnet. The other two are the Moon Under Water, High Street, Barnet and the Railway Bell in East Barnet.

Wetherspoon's has also won licensing permission for a new free house in Balham, South West London. The application was granted by South Western magistrates after a day long hearing. No date has been fixed for building work to begin or for the opening.

Managing director Tim Martin said that the hearing was 11 years to the day since he obtained his first licence and this was the 37th one obtained without defeat since then.

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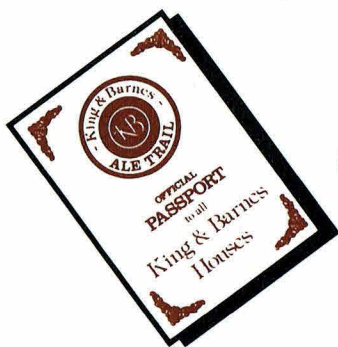
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Staff to enter a House Sticker and date it in the space provided in your **ALE TRAIL PASSPORT**.

But there's no need to hurry – there's no closing date – so take your time and enjoy a leisurely pint in all of these individual Pubs. For obvious drink and drive reasons, no more than 4 pubs may be entered in the Passport per day. Remember be safe, don't drink and drive.

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

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



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WATFORD AUCTION

On Wednesday, 18th November, the Watford & District branch of CAMRA will be holding their annual auction of breweriana. As well as the usual sort of lots: mirrors, pump clips (including Archers Golden and Ushers Founders), glasses, trays, and bottles (including Hartleys last Drop and Double Celebration Ale from the Kelham Island Brewery); there will also be some more unusual items including a metal advertising showcard from the South London Brewery,

and a pint china mug from Benskins issued in 1967 to mark the centenary of their acquiring the Cannon Brewery in Watford.

The West Herts Sports Cub, Park Avenue, Watford, are kindly letting us use their premises again this year. The auction will start at 8.00 pm, with the lots being available for viewing from 7.30. For further details contact Martin Few (0923 252412) or Bill Austin (0923 221217).

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The Globe, in Smithfield Street EC1, has been demolished. This former Charrington Pub has been vacant for at least the last 10 years. It never appeared in any East London & City Beer Guide, the first of which was in 1983.

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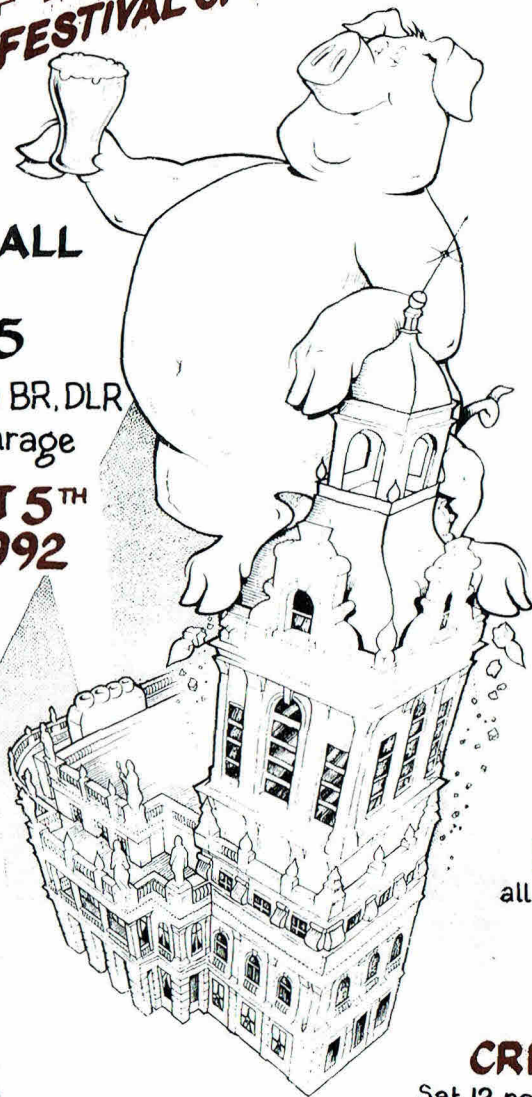
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