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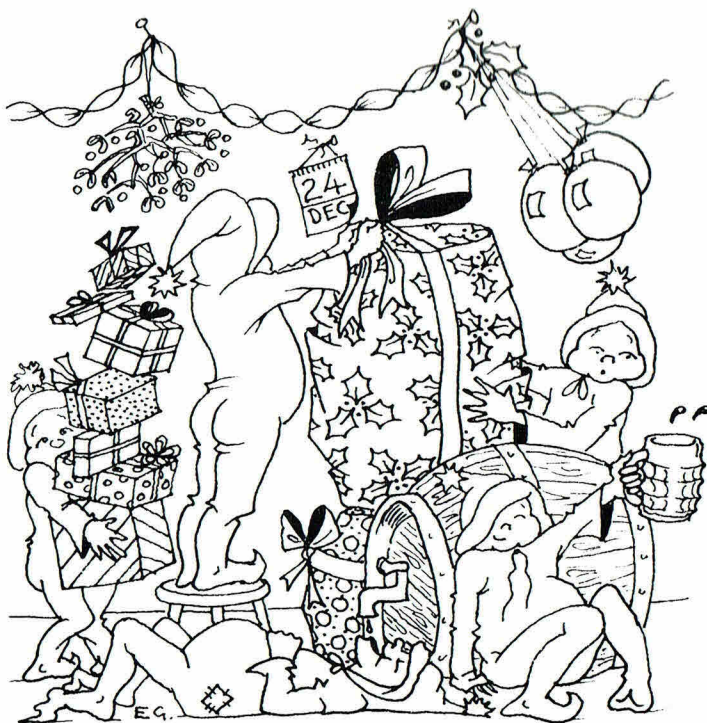
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Where to buy London Drinker

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 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 SUTTON ARMS
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED
EC3 SWAN
EC4 BANKER
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 CAMDENS HEAD
E2 MARKSMAN
E2 NELSON'S HEAD
E8 LADY DIANA
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E9 ROYAL STANDARD
E10 DRUM
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
E18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE23 BIRD IN HAND
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE25 ALLIANCE
SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK
SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
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 CITIE OF YORKE
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
N2 OLD WHITE LION
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 MOSS HALL TAVERN
N12 TALLY HO
N12 TILTED GLASS
N13 WHOLE HOG
N14 WOOLPACK
N16 PRINCE OF WALES
N16 ROSE & CROWN
N16 SHAKESPEARE
N16 TANNERS HALL
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NEW MOON
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, BUILDERS ARMS
NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 FRIAR & FIRKIN
NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS
NW1 MAN IN THE MOON
NW1 QUINNS
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
NW3 THREE HORESHOES
NW4 CHEQUERS
NW4 WHITE BEAR
NW4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
NW6 QUEENS ARMS
NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN
NW8 KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN
NW8 ROSSETTI
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
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
SW1 MORPETH ARMS
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS
SW1 RISING SUN
SW1 ROYAL OAK
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR

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EDITORIAL

As this is the last editorial of CAMRA's 21st anniversary year, it seems appropriate to attempt a brief survey of the current pub and brewery scene.

Starting on the debit side, there is considerable turmoil in the industry. At the time of writing some of the big brewers are frantically off-loading pubs in order to comply with the letter of the legislation. In many cases independent pub chains are being set up which continue to sell that brewers' products.

Further upheaval has been caused by the brewers' revision of pub rents and leases which has left many excellent licencees of long standing either leaving the trade or facing an uncertain future. Trade is also being lost by the big price increases in recent times. Any pint costing under £1.50 in London can be considered a bargain.

This general uncertainty was crystallised in one recent example. At the end of October, I attended a small celebration at the Fox & Hounds, SW1, which is just around the corner from Sloane Square. The occasion was to mark the fact that the Fox & Hounds was one of only 39 pubs in Britain to be included in every edition of the Good Beer Guide. The achievement was even more remarkable because Diane Pearce Harvey has been the licensee for the whole time. The local CAMRA branch presented Diane with a personalised CAMRA mirror and it was a very enjoyable occasion.

The only cloud cast over the proceedings was the fact that the Fox & Hounds is one of the pubs that Bass are trying to unload and there is doubt as to the pub's future. There is certainly something very wrong with the system and legislation if the future of such a pub is in jeopardy.

Looking on the bright side, there is now a much wider selection of real ale available in London compared with 21 years ago. It is especially encouraging that some excellent beers are being produced by small independent brewers who have established themselves in recent years. The Wetherspoon pub chain have proved that it is possible to provide a selection of beer at reasonable prices and still be successful.

As far as CAMRA is concerned, the Great British Beer Festival is now an established institution and there is an ever growing number of local festivals throughout Britain which help to sustain a demand for real ale. Membership continues to expand and links have been formed with like minded organisations in Europe to form the European Beer Consumers Union. CAMRA will continue to campaign for drinkers interests in the current uncertainty and I look forward to taking part in the celebrations when London Drinker celebrates its 21st birthday in March 2000.

Best wishes to all our readers for Christmas and the New Year.

Stan Tompkins

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Existing Establishments

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

HARINGEY
OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
10-12 Grand Parade N4

TURNPIKE LANE
THE TOLLGATE
26-30 Turnpike Lane N8

STOKI NEWINGTON
THE TANNERS HALL
145 High Street N16

WOOD GREEN/TOTTENHAM
THE NEW MOON
41-43 Lordship Lane N17

TOTTENHAM
THE ELBOW ROOM
503-505 High Road N17

ARCHWAY
THE DOG
17/19 Archway Road N19

KINGSBURY
J J MOONS
553 Kingsbury Road NW7

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

WALTHAMSTOW
THE DRUM
557/9 Lea Bridge Road E10

BARNET
THE MOON UNDER WATER
148 High Street Barnet

ENFIELD
THE MOON UNDER WATER
115/117 Chase Side Enfield

NEASDEN
THE OUTSIDE INN
312-314 Neasden Lane
NW10

SOUTH HARROW
J J MOONS
3 Shaftesbury Parade
Shaftesbury Circle
South Harrow

EAST BARNET
THE RAILWAY BELL
13 East Barnet Road
East Barnet

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

HAMPSTEAD
THE THREE HORSESHOES
28 Heath Street,
Hampstead, NW3

WEALDSTONE
THE SARSEN STONE
32 High Street, Wealdstone,
Middlesex

FOREST HILL
THE BIRD IN HAND
Dartmouth Road,
Forest Hill, SE22

WANSTEAD
THE GEORGE
High Street, Wanstead, E11

NOW OPEN

THE MOON UNDER WATER

10/11 Broadway Parade, Coldharbour Lane
Hayes, Middlesex

THE CAMDEN'S HEAD

456 Bethnal Green Road,
Bethnal Green, E2

THE MOON UNDER WATER

28 Leicester Square, London WC2
(Next to Comedy Store)

OPENING SOON

179 Upper Street, Islington, N1

402-408 Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middlesex

Old Coliseum, Manor Park Road,
Harlesden, NW10

52-54 Church Street, N9

419-421 Barking Road, East Ham, E6

25 Ross parade, Woodcote Road,
Wallington, Surrey

36-38 Friern Barnet Road, N11

17-21 George Street, Croydon

20 The Broadwalk, Pinner Road,
North Harrow

80-82 Chiswick High Road, Chiswick, W4

1250-1256 Uxbridge Road, Hayes End,
Middlesex

407-409 Brixton High Road, London SW9



SIRATHAM
J J MOONS

2 Streatham Hill SW2

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

PALMERS GREEN
THE WHOLE HOG
430-434 Green Lanes
Palmer's Green N13

CLINDALE
THE MOON UNDER WATER
10 Varley Parade
Clondale NW9

RUISLIP MANOR
J J MOONS
12 Victoria Road
Ruislip Manor

MITCHAM
THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
223 London Road
Mitcham

WEMBLEY
J J MOONS
397 High Road
Wembley

TOOTING
J J MOONS
564 High Street
Tooting SW17

NORTH FINCHLEY
THE TALLY HO
High Road, North Finchley
London N12

HOUNSLOW
THE MOON UNDER WATER
84-86 Stames Road,
Hounslow, Middlesex

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

HARROW
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, Middx

CATFORD
THE TIGER'S HEAD
Bronley Road, Catford, SE6

CRICKLEWOOD
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

IDLE MOMENTS

Welcome to the Christmas edition of Idle Moments and Seasons Greetings to you, unless you have come across this edition of London Drinker in January (it being a double issue) in which case may I wish you a Happy New Year.

I was wondering whether to try and make all of my little puzzles extra difficult as they have to last you for an extra month but I thought better of it. If they seem extra difficult this month then they just worked out that way. Either that or perhaps you have been enjoying the festive season already and have reduced your mental powers in the process.

Be that as it may, I shall proceed with the number puzzles beginning, as ever, with last month's answers. You may recall that last time I gave you the clue that the first four all have something in common - did it help?

1. 123 O'clock Four O'clock Rock
2. 1 For the Money
3. 8 Days a Week
4. 16 Going on Seventeen
5. 1588 England Beat the Spanish Armada
6. 9 Service Stations on the M One Motorway
7. 13 Cards in a Suit
8. 55 Dominoes in a Double Nine Set
9. 2 Sides on a Gramophone Record
10. 868 Miles from Land's End to John O'Groats

This month's little clue is that one of the following puzzles is seasonal. No, I'm not going to tell you which one; that would make it too easy. You can push the Christmas spirit too far; and besides, as I am writing this it isn't even the middle of November yet.

1. 617 S are the DB
2. 92220 was BRLSL (ES)
3. 18 is the MVA in GB
4. 90 D from the E to the NP
5. 3 P on a T
6. 9 Z in a B (in A)
7. 11 L a-L
8. 2 F on the QE
9. 4 P in a SQ
10. 115 Y was the L of the HYW

And now for something completely different, except that it is just the same as last month. Yes it's the brewery anagrams again and to keep up the predictability I shall start with last month's answers:

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|------------------|--------------|
| 1. RAGE HAS HUSH | SARAH HUGHES |
| 2. TESS AT COW | WEST COAST |
| 3. BEG DIN | BIG END |
| 4. EAR SHALOM | EARL SOHAM |
| 5. RICH LENT | CHILTERN |

Brewery anagrams are never particularly Christmassy so I shan't even try to kid you that there is anything seasonal in this lot:

1. ERR BROW
2. ITCH, OLEG?
3. ON ROAST MAN
4. WAIT! LEN IS HATED
5. REV DARES

And now, as usual, we come to the (semi-) serious bit, the General Knowledge section or the "Not many people know that" section as Michael Caine might call it (though he probably wouldn't). As ever, I shall start with last month's answers; most of them probably don't make much sense unless you can remember the questions:

1. Lima
2. Alan Simpson and Ray Galton
3. Hyundai (in Korea)
4. Budapest (Hungary), Vienna (Austria), Belgrade (Yugoslavia)
5. Barry Took
6. 1086
7. Disc Operating System
8. Charles M. Schulz
9. Beaulieu Abbey
10. Manfred Mann

I've just checked over this month's questions again and there isn't anything there that you would immediately associate with the festive season, but in fact you would be wrong (small hint there). Anyway, here they are for your delectation and delight (if such is your taste). (I must stop using brackets so much). (Maybe I'll make it a New Year resolution). (Maybe I won't):

1. How many states of the USA have borders onto the Pacific Ocean and which are they?
2. Who was the Prime Minister of Great Britain at the time of Queen Victoria's death?
3. Which teeth are modified in elephants to form their tusks?

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4. Name the four Quarter Days in the English legal calendar
5. Of which county do the Dukes bear the family name Percy?
6. Which playing card is known as "The Curse of Scotland"?
7. What is the difference in weight between the Imperial ton and the metric tonne?
8. Which "literary" trilogy has had its fifth volume published this autumn?
9. What is 2,505,600 seconds long?
10. In what year did Concorde have its maiden flight?

And now it's Brain Teaser time again; I think I'll start calling them Mind Benders though. Either way here are the answers to last month's

1. Queue (Q)
2. Aitch (H)
3. 60 and 16
4. John should get £7 and Neil £1.
5. NOON.

Those were set by Glyn Thomas of Hounslow who also set the following five. These are the last of his though so if anybody fancies causing cranial mayhem to our readers I should be pleased to hear from you. I have got some of a slightly different kind from Simon Fyffe but you'll have to wait until February to be sent bananas by them. (Sorry Simon, I'll bet you're well pigged off with that joke by now).

Enough of that. Here are this month's:

1. Which chemical compound is represented by the letters "H I J K L M N O"?
2. Who is my father's only child's daughter's brother?
3. If 5 spiders catch 5 flies in 5 minutes, how many spiders would catch 100 flies in 100 minutes?
4. A man walked home down the middle of the road. There were no street lights and he was dressed all in black. A car with no headlights on swerved and just missed

him. How did the driver see him?

5. Stefan beat Ivan 6-3 at tennis. 5 games were won by the player who did not serve. Who served first?

I've just had an idea. If your Christmas guests are looking for a little diversion (or just a change from Eldorado) after the turkey and pud, why not pull out your back numbers of London Drinker from where you keep them (You should be able to wipe off most of the potato peelings) and use them to run a quiz. I shan't charge any royalties.

Well, that's it for this year so I shall just wish you all again a very Happy Christmas and a better New Year.

Cheers!

Andy Pirson

LONDON PUBS GROUP

The London Pubs Group of CAMRA exists to keep a register of the pubs in London which are of particular merit and which deserve to be preserved for reasons of their architecture or other less tangible facets. It also monitors changes in these and other pubs in an effort to preserve our heritage and to try to curb the ravages caused by breweries and other pub owners in the name of "progress".

The group is always on the look-out for new members with an interest in pubs to keep an eye on things in their area and to this end we are pleased to report their forthcoming events for anybody interested in going along. They are as listed below:

Mon 21st December (8.00). Pub crawl of the Fleet Street area. Meet at YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE, 145 Fleet Street, EC4.

Mon 25th January (7.30). Pub crawl of the historic pubs in Hampstead. Meet at the COACH & HORSES, 99 Heath Street, NW3.

Wed 24th February (8.00). Business Meeting at THE GRAPES, 121 Borough High St., SE1.



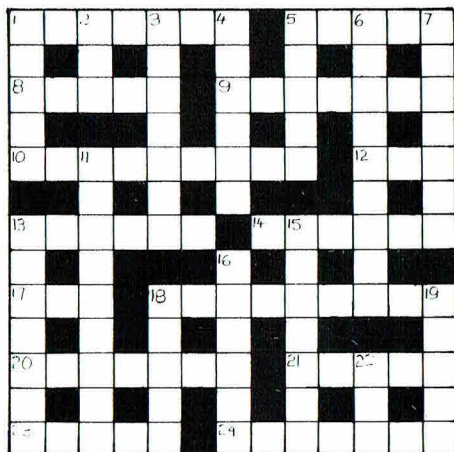
**THE EDITORIAL TEAM OF LONDON DRINKER
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AND ADVERTISERS THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON
AND THANK THEM ALL FOR THEIR SUPPORT
OVER THE PAST YEAR**



LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



ACROSS

1. It's a relief to get new clothes. [7]
5. It's silly to have right version. [5]
8. It's moving for first person to wear medal. [5]
9. Search for smuggled wine. [7]
10. That was thoughtful, dear. [9]
12. Also over. [3]
13. Clothing may be so blue. [6]
14. River camp is powerful. [6]
17. Tune arranged partly for organ. [3]
18. It gives you a step up with no effort. [9]
20. English politician in trial storm. [7]
21. Knock-out like bear? [5]
23. The occasion of a European opening. [5]
24. Needing food to tour round a country. [7]

DOWN

1. Rascal may go back in the French way. [5]
2. He returns a year after Christ's birth. [3]
3. Devices seen somehow to contain drink. [7]
4. Artist could be strict. [6]
5. He won't have his thinking cap on. [5]
6. Accommodation for hermits taken first? [9]
7. Kill the off-licence? [4,3]
11. Scheme for putting on weight. [9]
13. Whisper the queen's come back in to have a swim. [7]
15. Paints family clothing. [7]
16. Spirit of Caledonian church. [6]
18. Straight before getting caught. [5]
19. Prepared to study over a year. [5]
22. She's back all the same. [3]

Name.....

Address.....

All correct entries received by first post on 27th January will be entered into a draw for the prize.

The winner of the prize will be announced in the March London Drinker.
Solution in the February edition.

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 October crossword:
D.Woodward, 8 West Court, Church Hill,
London E17 9SG.

Other correct entries were received from:
Robert Anderson, Pat Andrews, Geoff B,
Gary Boden, Alan Brooke, A.P.Comaish,
Andy Darnbrough, Jane Darnbrough,
Hugh Duncan, Kathryn Everett,
Mikes Farrelly/Richards, Eileen Graves,
Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Earl Greybeard,
Alison Henley, Ron Herbert, Graham Hill,
Doug King & Queen, M.J.Moran, Jan Musson,
Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Steve Piggott,
R.Prince, Bill Rudderham, Peter Simcox,
Roger A.Slapper, Norma Stitz, David Tyrrell,
Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Tony Whitford,
Chris Whithouse, Stephen Williams, Yak.



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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



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

While drinking in the Friar and Firkin early in November I picked up a beer mat which lists a further two new pubs:

Friesian & Firkin, 87 Rectory Grove, London SW4 (formerly the Bull's Head). Fusilier & Firkin, 718 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1.

The bar staff said that these two pubs would be opening in mid-November but they were unsure if they would be brewing themselves.

Re the list of cider outlets in the October London Drinker, the Frigate and Firkin is in W14, not W13 (which is 5 miles away). It has also appeared in previous Firkin and CAMRA publicity as W12 and W4. Furthermore the correct spelling of the Road is BLYTHE Road, which is just behind Olympia.

One cider outlet missed from October's London Drinker is the Pit Bar at the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch, Essex. I was told by David Kitton that supplies had been erratic so I went down one Saturday night. Bulmers West Country (4.3%abv) was available and was in good condition at £1.60 a pint.

I spoke to the barman and obtained the following information:

1. There had been problems with the supplies in the summer but these had now been resolved.
2. Ten gallons are delivered on a Thursday; this usually lasts the whole week but if they have a busy weekend it may run out beforehand.
3. The supplier may be increasing his range in future so there may be a greater variety to look forward to.

4. Opening hours are:

Mon-Sat 12-2.30 & 6-11

Sun 12-2 (live jazz and a 10p surcharge on drinks) & 7-10.30 (only if there is a show on)

5. The telephone number is 0708 456118 if you want to phone in advance of going in midweek or on a Sunday evening.

6. The beer range is Greene King IPA and Abbot and a guest beer. I was told that this may be increased in future.

In a previous London Drinker (Dec 1989 - page 23, "Not a Tramway") I was critical of the beer quality but I was told that there had been a change of bar manager and improvements in the cellar. However, as I have only drunk the

cider there on recent visits I am not able to comment on this.

Finally, may I bring to your readers' attention an off-licence in East London with a range of about 100 beers. It is the TARTEN TAP, 586 Barking Road, E13 (081-472 3819). The range includes beers from Belgium (Trappist, fruit beers, Scotch Ales), France, Germany, USA, Australia, Czechoslovakia and Cuba.

The off-licence is open from 9.00 am to 10.30 pm Monday to Friday (11.00 pm Saturday) and normal hours on Sunday. The foreign beer section is run by Paul Tarten who is usually there from Tuesday to Friday and Saturday mornings.

Yours faithfully

Colin Price, Barking

Editors's Note:

The above is a composite of five letters received recently from Colin who must be our champion correspondent.

Andy Pirson

Dear Editors

May I as a fully full-up Real Ale Drinker (as opposed to being fully paid-up!) ask that there be no misunderstanding from my letter that your goodselves were kind enough to publish in last year's Christmas issue of the London Drinker.

You see in that letter I mentioned that why should anyone on earth really care how much they are paying for their beer as long as the beer itself is reasonably palatable and they can afford it!

Well this statement has produced a quantity of good-natured ribbing from my colleagues in my local boozer in Kingston i.e. the Grey Horse - a Young's house.

This establishment, you see, has never charged over £2.00 for a pint of real ale in its long existence.

Having cleared up this point, hopefully through your columns, I should, for the benefit of everyone's amusement, now like to point out that I am at present unemployed and therefore unable to pay much more than 4³/₄d (in the old money) for any pint - including milk!

Yours faithfully

Mike Farrelly, London SE23

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Dear Editors

Jim Bracken's letter in the October issue about sexual discrimination in a pub brings to mind an instance of what could be construed as racial discrimination. I refer to an incident in which I was a main participant at a pub just outside the City of London, during a rare visit to the Capital in July. Parking my cycle - of British design and construction - I approached the entrance to a modern establishment where in the past I had spent quite a few convivial hours in all forms of apparel, when a very polite gentleman of the staff barred my way and suggested - in an exceedingly civil fashion - that I might be better accommodated at another pub of my choice. It wasn't the colour of my skin to which he took exception - my skin is white, not entirely unknown in the area or unusual in a native Londoner. He didn't like my shirt. "We have a certain dress policy, here, sir" was his somewhat imprecise explanation. I happened to be wearing a Welsh rugby jersey, red in colour and patriotically sporting the three feathers of the Prince of Wales (whose only British ancestry is through a Scots grandmother), which happened to be not only comfortable for cycling but also ideal to make oneself seen by even the most myopic or arrogant motorist. I do happen to be a quarter Welsh, which is irrelevant to my choice of clothing, and my visit was for the purpose of ascertaining the range of beers available on behalf of a friend preparing an article of the kind favoured by Merton. That information was gladly given and the gentleman's attitude changed rapidly when I told him my reason for visiting, and I wasn't in the mood to sample the wares - there was an excellent Fuller's pub not far away. Having remarked that I was sure my money was not worth more if I had been wearing a tie, which in any case would have been ridiculous, if not impossible on a rugby jersey, I took my leave with all courtesy, which was reciprocated but probably wouldn't have been had he understood my final comments in my grandmother tongue, which I often hear from customers in my neck of the woods when announcing "Time gentlemen, please". In these days of recession I imagine that ANY form of custom would be welcome, but perhaps such pubs can afford to turn it away. In order not to

prejudice my friend's article I won't identify the recently renamed EC pub. Your readers will have to Rack their brains or remain on Tenter hooks.

Ichyd da (i.e. Cheers),

Martin Smith, Llangadog, Dyfed

Dear Editors

re: Mr Fothergill's letter on mild (October issue). I have lately found one new outlet for Highgate Mild at any rate. It is the formerly keg-only Duke of Clarence in the Great North Camberwell Beer Desert (181 Camberwell Road, near Burgess Park, the rear bar is more salubrious). The licensee has also gone in for cask Bass, IPA, and Worthington (in an area where you're lucky to get *one* beer on hand pump in most hostelryes).

This kind of enterprise deserves recognition. While you're in the area, don't forget the oft-G.B.G. listed Station Tavern in John Ruskin Street just off the Walworth Road. It is under threat of being sold off by Bass over the landlord's head, but as of last week remained heroically 'unimproved', and quiet too (not usual in pit-bull infested SE17!).

Yours faithfully

Martin Cook, London SE24

P.S. Is there a fan club for my current favourite bitter, i.e. Allied's Taylor Walker? The stuff is unheard of now in most T.W. badged houses, ditched in favour of boring Tetley's or Young's that one could easily get elsewhere. My last supplier is the excellent Crystal Palace Tavern in East Dulwich.

Dear Editors

I have always considered Heathrow Airport to be a beer desert apart from the Tap & Spile in Terminal One, so I was amazed to read that there are 92(!) draught beers on sale within the airport (the report appeared in the current edition of "Egon Ronay Recommends", which is distributed for free in Heathrow). Do you think it a good idea for Mr Jeff Evans to write a brief beer guide to the airport to appear in the "London Drinker" and using his notes?

Yours faithfully

Glyn Thomas
Hounslow

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SORRY SAIR

Arriving home from a visit to the old folks recently, I found a message on my answering machine from reader, John Allan about a brief piece in Martin Smith's "From Our Archives" column in the October London Drinker. In this Martin suggested that the brewery at the Sair Inn at Linthwaite, W. Yorkshire is no longer brewing as "neither brewery nor pub appears any longer in the Good Beer Guide". John was concerned at this as he described it as his favourite pub so he phoned them and verified that the pub was indeed thriving.

I thought that it would be a bit unusual if the editor of the Good Beer Guide had missed a brewery (although the local branch might well see fit not to include the pub in the main listing) so I did a few minutes searching myself - well rather less than a few minutes actually because drawing a blank under "S" in the brew pubs section I looked under "L" in the Independent Breweries section in my new 1993 Good Beer Guide (plug) and there found the Linfit Brewery with the address at the Sair Inn at Linthwaite. The description states that it brews for a growing trade as far away as Manchester and serves 12 regular outlets.

No less than 8 beers are listed ranging from the Mild Ale at an original gravity of 1032 (as 5 years ago) now going up to the Xmas Ale with an OG of 1082. In between are such wonders as Old Eli, Leadboiler and Enoch's Hammer.

Thanks for pointing out our error John. And Martin, stay in afterwards.

Andy Pirson

EAST MEETS WEST AT THE COCK & DRAGON

We have recently received information from Enfield & Barnet Branch's Pub Information Coordinator, Laurence Fryer about the COCK & DRAGON (formerly the Cock) in Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, which re-opened on 3rd November 1992 after extensive re-development by Dragon Inns & Restaurants Ltd.

They are a new company owned and operated by the same team who ran Licensing Solutions Ltd. from 1984 to 1988 and whose Clifton Hotel in St. Johns Wood won the Evening Standard Pub of the Year Award in 1985. At the Cock & Dragon they are combining what they describe as "the best of East and West" by blending the best traditional English pub (with traditional ales) with the best of Spice Islands cuisine from Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore among others. English food will also be available to suit all tastes.

The planned selection of real ales will include Wadworth 6X, Tetley Bitter and Ind Coope Burton Ale together with a guest beer from an independent brewery (up to two per week are envisaged). Other drinks available will include Sake and bottled Tiger beer.

The company also own the Norbiton Hotel, Clifton Road, Kingston, shortly to be renamed the Norbiton & Dragon.

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If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for December and January of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 30.

ALL LONDON: Sat 12 Dec (8.00) All London Christmas Party. GRAPES, Borough High Street, SE1.

CROYDON & SUTTON: DEC: Tue 1 (8.00) Addiscombe Social. CLARET WINE BAR, Bingham Corner - Wed 2 (8.00) Joint Social. ROYAL OAK, 68 High Street, Caterham on the Hill - Thu 10 South Norwood Crawl. Start FREEMASONS TAVERN (dep. 9.00), 81 Penge Road then GOAT HOUSE; ALBION; ALLIANCE - Fri 18 (8.00) Croydon Christmas Social. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street - Tue 22 (8.00) Wallington Christmas Social. MOON UNDER WATER, 25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road - Fri 25 (from 4.00 am) "Feet-Up" Social with S. Claus. THE GROTTTO, Lapland - Tue 29 South Croydon Crawl. Start WINDSOR CASTLE (dep. 8.30), 415 Brighton Road then RED (-NOSED REIN-) DEER; RAIL VIEW; CROWN & SCEPTRE; EARL OF ELDON. **JAN:** Thu 7 (8.00) Sutton Social. ROBIN HOOD, Robin Hood Lane - Mon 11 Beulah Crawl. Start BEULAH SPA (dep. 9.00), 41 Beulah Hill then RISING SUN, 23 Spa Hill; REFORM TAVERN, 69 Osborne Road; FOUNTAIN HEAD, Parchmore Road - Fri 22 Carshalton Crawl. Start LORD PALMERSTON (dep. 9.00), Mill Lane then SUN INN; RAILWAY TAVERN - Wed 27 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BUILDERS ARMS, Leslie Park Road, East Croydon.

EAST LONDON & CITY: DEC: Tue 1 to Sat 5 PIGS EAR BEER FESTIVAL - Sun 6 (12.00) Branch Meeting. Stratford Town Hall, Broadway, E15 - Wed 16 (8.00) Social. CAMDENS HEAD, 456 Bethnal Green Road, E2. **JAN:** Mon 4 (8.00) Branch Meeting. GRIFFIN, 93 Leonard Street, EC1 - Tue 19 (8.00) Social. CAPTAIN KIDD, 108 Wapping High Street, E1. Mon 1 Feb (8.00) Branch Meeting. Venue to be announced (ring Branch Contact).

ENFIELD & BARNET: DEC: Thu 3 (8.30) Branch 18th Anniversary Social. TRENT TAVERN, Cockfosters Road, Cockfosters - Sat 5 Day Trip to Cambridge - Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting. KING GEORGE, 149 High Street, Barnet - Tue 15 (8.30) Christmas 'Quaff' in Enfield Town. Start WHEATSHEAF, 185 Baker Street then MOON UNDER WATER (9.20), Chase Side; CRICKETERS (10.10), 18 Chase Side Place. **JAN:** Fri 1 (noon) "Cobweb" Social. MITRE, 58 High Street, Barnet - Thu 7 (9.00) Social. HALF MOON, Green Lanes, N21 - Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting & Slide Show. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20 - Tue 19 (9.00) Social. HADLEY HOTEL, 113 Hadley Road, New Barnet - Thu 28 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. BANKERS DRAFT, Friern Barnet Road, N11.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: DEC: Tue 8 (8.30) Business Meeting. WAGGON & HORSES, Surbiton. **JAN:** Sun 3 (noon) Social. SWAN, Mill Street, Kingston - Thu 21 BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (preceded by short business meeting). WILLOUGHBY ARMS, Willoughby Road, Kingston. **FEB:** Thu 4 Social. BOATERS, Canbury Gardens, Kingston - Wed 10 (8.00) 200th Branch Meeting. COCOANUT, Mill Street, Kingston.

NORTH LONDON: Sun 29 Nov (12.00) Lunchtime Social. GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane, NW10 (Harlesden tube). **DEC:** Tue 1 (7.45) Bloomsbury Crawl, WC1 (jointly with West Middlesex Branch; nearest tube High Holborn). Start PRINCESS LOUISE, High Holborn then CITTIE OF YORKE (8.30), High Holborn; THREE CUPS (9.15), Sandland Street; LAMB (10.00), Lamb's Conduit Street - Thu 10 (7.30) Good Beer Guide 1994 Initial Selection Meeting. QUEENS HEAD, Acton Street, WC1. Open Committee Meeting in bar followed by Branch Meeting (8.30) in function room. [NOTE CHANGE OF DATE] - Tue 15 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Crouch End, N8 (W3 or W7 bus from Finsbury tube). HARRINGAY ARMS, 153 Crouch Hill then RAILWAY TAVERN (9.30), 23 Crouch End Hill - Tue 22 (7.45) Festive Pub Crawl in the Euston area, NW1. Start FRIAR & FIRKIN, 120 Euston Road then SOMERS TOWN COFFEE HOUSE (8.30), 60 Chalton Street; NEPTUNE (9.00), 51 Werrington Street; CARRIAGE (9.30), Eversholt Street;

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SQUARE TAVERN (10.15), 26 Tolmers Square - Tue 29 (8.00) Festivities Escape Committee Social. **PRINCE ARTHUR**, Brunswick Place, N1 (Angel tube) - Thu 31 (9.00) Hogmanay Social. **LAMB**, Lamb's Conduit Street, WC1. **JAN**: Tue 5 (8.00) New Year Recovery Social. **MITRE**, 181 Copenhagen Street, N1 - Tue 12 (8.00) Social Secretary's Sub-Senility Social. **HOLLY BUSH**, Holly Mount, NW3 (Hampstead tube) - Tue 19 (8.00) London Drinker Beer Festival 1993 Final Planning Meeting. **CARRIAGE**, Eversholt Street, NW1 (Euston tube) - Thu 28 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. **GEORGE & VULTURE**, 63 Pitfield Street, Hoxton, N1 - ~Sun 31 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. **CROWN**, Cloudsley Road, N1 - Tue 2 Feb (7.30) Good Beer Guide 1994 Final Selection Meeting (also to consider proposals for AGM motions). **RUGBY TAVERN**, Great James Street, WC1. Open Committee Meeting in bar followed by Branch Meeting (8.30) in function room.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: **DEC**: Tue 1 (8.30) Committee Meeting. **WHITE HART**, 123 Kneller Road, Whitton - Fri 11 (7.30) Branch Christmas Dinner. **WHITE HART**, 1 High Street, Hampton Wick - Mon 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting. **WHITE HART**, 70 High Street, Hampton. **JAN**: Tue (8.30) Committee Meeting. **COACH & HORSES**, 183 London Road, Isleworth - Mon 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. **WHITE CROSS**, Riverside, Water Lane, Richmond - Thu 28 (8.00) Three Pub Social in Teddington. Start **BUILDERS ARMS**, 38 Field Lane then **HOGARTH** (9.15), Broad Street; **QUEEN DOWAGER** (10.00), 49 North Lane.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 30 Nov (8.00) Open Committee/Branch Meeting. **CATFORD RAM**, 9 Winslade Way, SE6. **DEC**: Mon 7 (8.00) Branch Christmas Party. **CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN**, 193 Crystal Palace Road, SE22 - Mon 11 (8.00) Open Committee/Branch Meeting. **PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY**, 217 Blackfriars Road, SE1. **JAN**: Mon 25 (7.30) **BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & 1994 Good Beer Guide Selections**. **MARKET PORTER**, 9 Stoney Street, SE1 (Near London Bridge Station) - Thu 28 (8.30) Branch Social. **RAILWAY TELEGRAPH**, 112 Stanstead Road, SE23.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: **DEC**: Tue 1 (8.30) Social. **WHITE HORSE**, 173 Coxtie Green Road (1 mile off A128), Coxtie - Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting. **ALEXANDRA**, 114 Warley Hill (B186), Warley - Dec 17 (8.30) Social. **WHITE LION**, Lion Hill (B1420), Fobbing - Tue 22 (8.30) Christmas Social. **PLOUGH INN**, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ538970) - Tue 29 (8.30) Social. **TRAVELLERS FRIEND**, 496-498 High Road (A104), Woodford Green. **JAN**: Wed 6 (8.30) 12th Night Social. **FOXHOUND**, High Road (B188), Orsett - Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. **DURHAM ARMS**, 101 Brentwood Road, Romford - Tue 19 (8.30) Social. **WHARF**, Wharf Road (off A126), Grays - Thu 28 (8.30) Social. **THE RABBITS**, Stapleford Road (B175), Stapleford Abbots.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: **DEC**: Fri 18 (8.00) Christmas Anti-Social. **CASTLE**, 38 Tooting High Street, SW17. **JAN**: Thu 7 (8.00) Branch Meeting (Good Beer Guide Shortlisting; Pub Design Award Nominations & National AGM Motions). **PRINCE OF WALES**, 270 Cavendish Road, SW12 - Fri 22 (7.30) Open Committee & Open Festival Committee Meetings. **PRIORY ARMS**, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8.

WATFORD & DISTRICT: **DEC**: Wed 2 (8.30) Watford Social. Start **WHITE LION**, then **BEDFORD ARMS** (9.15); **NASCOT ARMS** (10.00) - Fri 11 Vegetarian Curry Evening. Chapel Market, Islington, N1 - Wed 16 (8.30) Oxhey Social. Start **RAILWAY** then **RIFLE VOLUNTEER** (9.15); **HAYDON** (10.00)

WEST LONDON: **DEC**: Wed 9 (8.00) Star Social. **STAR TAVERN**, 6 Belgrave Mews West, SW1.

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Conduit Street - Tue 8 (8.30) Two Pub Social. Start SARSEN STONE, Wealdstone High Street then ROYAL OAK (9.30), Peel Road, Wealdstone (inc. surprise ale) - Wed 16 (8.00) Branch Meeting. TURKS HEAD, Harlington Road, Hillingdon. Special 'Xmassy' beer! - Fri 18 (7.30) Fancy Hat Xmas Party. LORD NELSON, Enfield Road, Brentford. Sole use of public bar. Tickets £4.50 inc. food & free pint. Evening will include Games Olympics - winners on to final quiz for prizes!! - Wed 30 (8.30) Winter Warmer Social. BRIDGE HOTEL, Greenford. JAN: Tue 5 (8.30) New Year Social. CROWN & SCEPTRE, High Street, Uxbridge - Thu 14 (8.30) Two Pub Social. Start KINGSFIELD ARMS, 111 Bessborough Road, Harrow on the Hill then CASTLE, 30 West Street - Wed 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting. RED LION & PINEAPPLE, Acton, W3 - Thu 28 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. PLOUGH, 297 Northfield Avenue, W5.

Deadline for the February edition, 4th January. Material for March edition to arrive by 1st February. **Please be sure to send diary material to Andy Pirson.**

WHAT USE REAL ALE PUBS WITHOUT REAL ALE?

A good question, which all those interested in Real Ale should ask. The future of the public house, a great British institution, certainly looks bleak. The city centre bar, the market town boozer and the familiar back-street local; all are under threat from refurbishment, redevelopment and closure, maybe now more than ever before.

That is the reason behind the CAMRA's recently launched manifesto for pub preservation. At the same time as the launch, a London-wide group has been formed to campaign locally on the various issues affecting all pubgoers in the capital.

Called, appropriately enough, the London Pubs Group, we hold regular meetings to discuss these issues. Our present task is to compile at list of those pubs within the Greater London Area, which we feel have either a historical, architectural or other special interest. With so many pubs within our area we are forced to limit this list to pubs which are listed buildings, or to those with particularly fine and outstanding features. Despite the large number of pubs which have been "refurbished" or drastically altered within the last 30 or more years, there are still a significant number of pubs which retain many of their original features. These include Snugs (small private areas for groups to drink in), Snob Screens (to separate the public bar from the saloon), and etched glass windows, both in the interior and the exterior of the building.

The "Heritage Inns" scheme recently initiated

by Taylor-Walker is to be welcomed, but we wonder what the future holds for those pubs destined to be excluded from the scheme. In addition, such schemes cannot undo the damage already caused to a very large number of pubs, which have either been refurbished, usually in a particular, stereotyped style, mainly to attract the fickle youth trade, or redeveloped, or even closed altogether. We recognise that some people enjoy going to disco pubs, theme pubs and similar places, and are not against the promotion of choice. What we are against is the imposition of these changes by the pub owners, whether owned by a brewery or a pub-chain, without the consultation of the very people the changes will affect, or by any other interested parties.

If you are concerned for the future of your local pub, or are just interested in the preservation of the British public house in general, you are warmly invited to attend our regular meetings. Details of the next meeting can normally be found in the meetings diary of either London Drinker or Whats Brewing. In the same place you can also find details of the pub crawls of historic pubs in the Capital which we also arrange, and enjoy.

Copies of the Manifesto mentioned in this article may be obtained free of charge from the Campaign for Real Ale, 34 Alma Road, St. Albans AL1 3BW, upon receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope, clearly marked "Manifesto for Pub Preservation".

Andrew Padgham

THE PUBS OF BRUSSELS

Following my article in the last London Drinker about the pubs of Central Antwerp, it seems sensible to offer a guide to the mecca for Belgian beer drinkers, Brussels. This survey has been helped considerably by Stephen D'Arcy of the Brussels branch of CAMRA, who produces a much more comprehensive list of cafes.

There are many excellent bars and cafes, catering to all tastes. In order to be recognised as a specialist beer cafe, the locals expect a pub to sell at least 300 different beers, mostly by the bottle. They should also have the appropriate glasses!

In contrast to Antwerp, the better bars in Brussels are quite spread out. However, it makes sense to start at the Grand' Place, the seventeenth century Town Hall square and market place, which also contains the Tourist Office. For reasons of space, only French language names are given, although street signs etc will show the Flemish equivalent as well.

Coming from the UK, take the train to Brussels Central Station. The first bar is reached without really leaving the station. Follow the underpass to the Metro entrance, then follow the sign to Rue des Colonies. **L'Oasis** is at number 30. There is a fair beer list, good food (lunchtime and early evening) and fine wood and marble fittings. Open 7am to 8pm, Monday to Friday.

Next stop is one of the most famous Brussels bars. Come back to the major road junction, and walk down the Rue Cardinal Mercier. **A La Mort Subite** (7 Rue Montagne aux Herbes Potageres) is on the right. This fin de siecle bar has its own brewery (in the suburbs) and is famous for the gueuze beers. it is open all day from about 10 am.

Now it's time to visit the Grand' Place, just across the road. From this end, you get the picture postcard view of the Town Hall and the other buildings. There are many bars in the Place, and often stands selling refreshments as well (look out for the Cantillon stall). The brewery museum is at number 10. My favourite cafe - cheap, quiet and friendly, was Stella Grand' Place, just on the corner as you enter, but last summer the rent was raised ten-fold, and it has now closed.

For the next bar, come back out of the Place and turn left onto the famous street of restaurants, the Rue Marche-aux-Herbes. On the right is a small turning, the Petit Rue des Bouchers. Tucked away down a side alley, you will find (eventually!) the **Toone Puppet Theatre Bar** (6 Impasse Schuddevelde), a very old building, with a puppet theatre to one side, and puppets and scenery in the bar. Open from noon.

Further along the Marche-aux-Herbes, you will again have to search the side alleys for the next cafe, **A L'Imaige Nostre Dame** (6 Impasse de Cadeaux). This is rather expensive and tourist-infested, but has an excellent Dutch-style tiled interior.

Perhaps, by now, you are in need of a meal, as well as a drink. Turn left out of the Marche-aux-Herbes, and walk around the Bourse. **Falstaff** (17-23 Rue Henri Maus) is a restaurant and bar with stained glass and mirrors in Art Nouveau and Art Deco style, and a big terrace in front. It gets very crowded at peak hours, even though it appears never to shut.

Amongst the best of the suburban cafes is **Chez Moeder Lambic St Gilles** (68 Rue de Savoie, take a 55 or 90 tram). This has over 1100 beers, including (expensive) foreign and old Belgian beers (back to the 1940s). Its sister establishment **Chez Moeder Lambic Ixelles** (441 Chaussee de Boondael, 71 bus) has over 50 draught beers. In the same area is **L'Atelier** (77 Rue Elise), a student bar with over 250 beers.

The only working brewery in Brussels is **Cantillon** (56 Rue Gheude, near the Midi Station). This is a museum which brews from October to April each year, and allows visits until 4 pm (every day except Sunday). Tastes are given, and there is a shop.

As I mentioned in the last article, I hope to be going out to a spring beer festival in Belgium. If you are interested in coming along, drop me a line. Even before the Channel Tunnel opens, the rail and jet-foil journey from London to Brussels only takes five hours.

Ian McLaren

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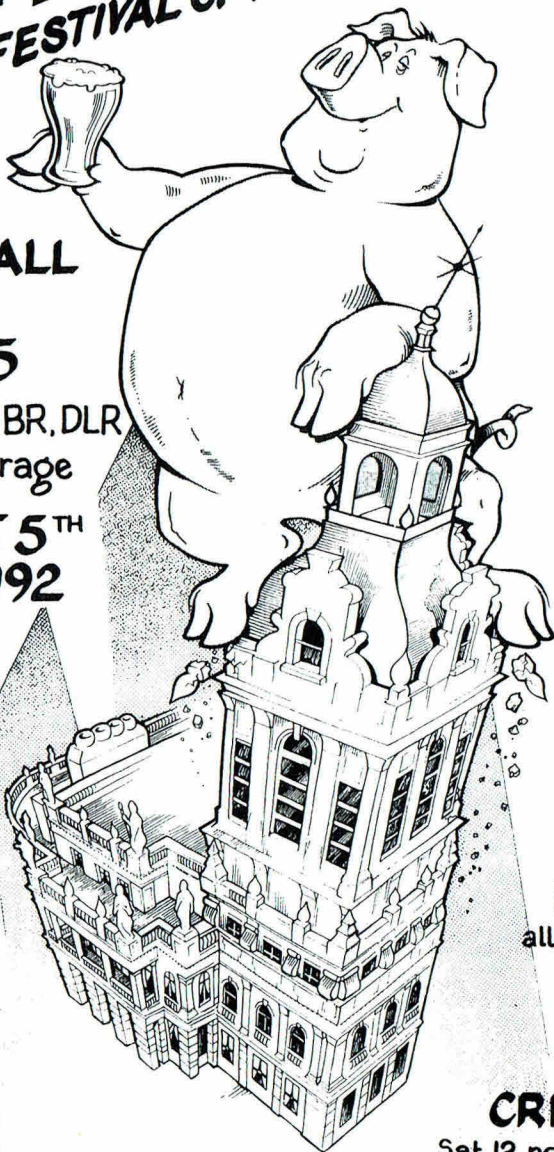
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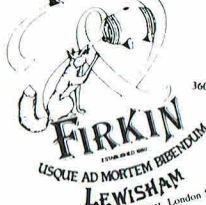
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PIGS'S EAR 1992

Welcome to the 1992 Pig's Ear Real Ale Festival (P.E.R.A.F) run by the East London and City branch of the Campaign for Real Ale . (CAMRA)

As usual the P.E.R.A.F brings to you some of the best beers from around the UK. This year the theme is speciality evenings .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAMRA : 21 YEARS AND STILL GOING !

Tuesday will be CAPITAL MILD evening with 21 Milds to savour . Why 21 ? , so as to celebrate the 21 years of hard campaigning that have finally put paid to the tasteless tide of Keg beers from the Big Six breweries.

Wednesday evening will have at least 10 Porter beers from around the UK. This style was popular some years ago and a recent revival has even caused major regional brewer Youngs and latterly Whitebreds to review their policy on it. What about the MILD then chaps !

Thursday evening will have at least 10 Stouts from around the UK . This style of Beer has never really been dead , only mummified in various Keg versions .

Finally Friday will have 21 Winter Brews on sale from 4pm through until 11pm.

THE BEER ORDERS

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So CAMRA has made the big boys flinch a little with Real Ale and the attempted Largerisation of the UK. Unfortunately the struggle against them must continue, as the Beer Orders have seen to be an abject failure. Not only has the Big Brewers market grip tightened , but they have increased prices over the last 3 years by over 17% above the rate of inflation . Couple this to the creation of various Pub chains and closed user group beer suppliers , where is the consumer now ?

Answer = WORSE OFF FOR CHOICE AND PAYING A HIGHER PRICE FOR BEER

The brewers are not the only ones to blame however. The Governments treatment of Tax on Beer can only be described as ludicrous.

SO JOIN CAMRA AND HELP US COMBAT BOTH BIG BREWERIES AND BIG BROTHER NOW , SO AS TO WIDEN CHOICE AND REDUCE THE COST OF DECENT REAL ALE IN YOUR LOCAL .

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BLACK CAT MILD	1034	STRONGHEART	1055
PENDLE WITCH BREW	1050		
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DARK MILD	1040	4 X PORTER	1049
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MILD	1034	WHERRY	1039
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		NORFOLK NOG	1049
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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Looking back to the December issues of 1982 and 1987.

Firstly an apology. In my last contribution four lines which appeared as the second paragraph had in fact been omitted from their correct place eight lines previously, with the result that it appeared to state that Red Barrel was a product of Bass, and had supplanted all its real ales in 1930. No doubt anyone in the know would have spotted the error, as that brew was Watney's which had already been referred to earlier in the article. My fault, I'm afraid; my duplicate script shows that I had typed things in the wrong order.

TEN YEARS AGO the December 1982/January 1983 issue of *London Drinker's* yellow cover featured an outline map of the Greater London boroughs overprinted with the figure 54%. This celebrated the passing of the half-century mark for the availability of at least one real ale in London's pubs, compared to 43% a year before. The only postal district with no real ale was Abbey Wood SE2 (which now has three pubs filling the need). Compared to only two postal districts a year previously, the total with 100% real ale pubs was Kew, Shirley, Ham, Chislehurst, Kensington W8, Highgate N6 and Blackheath SE3. In a table breaking down the actual data, Roger Warhurst reported that of 5,480 pubs in Greater London, 2,983 were serving real ale - 54%.

Taylor Walker had just introduced draught Mainline Bitter. As I recall, it was very palatable. The title originated, many years before, with a bottled beer. The number of older drinkers who said on trying it "This isn't like it used to be" may well have forgotten that they could never have drunk it in that form in the past, to say nothing of the old adage "absence makes the heart grow fonder". The superb pump clips were enamelled and bore a representation - with the usual artist's license - of a train hauled by a steam locomotive of the London, Midland & Scottish Railway. They have been collectors' items ever since, and sadly this better-than-average brew lasted less than two years.

Ruddle's County was available in 150 of London's Watney pubs; it was vastly overpriced, but the fact had not at the time become

widely voiced. We all know what happened to Ruddle's don't we? It's still excellent beer - if you can afford it.

Mostyn Lewis, a good Welshman, quoted a passage from George Borrow's "Wild Wales", published in 1862, mentioning Allsopp's beer, prefacing a brief history of the brewers whose business in due course became part of Allied. It didn't appear in the article, but a certain quotation comes to mind (it took about an hour to find the exact words) from Charles Stuart Calverly, a contemporary of Borrow:

"O Beer! O Hodgson, Guinness, Allsopp, Bass!

Names that should be on every infant's tongue."

Merton Park - who soon after discarded the second part of the pen-name allotted to him by the Editors of the day for the sake of professional anonymity - contributed the second part of his first article, "Stane Street Stagger" which began in September 1982 and was not completed until its fourth section appeared in September 1987, during which time this first Historicrawl had been overtaken by a score or so others. The route followed in the Stagger was the Roman Stane Street - the A24 for most of its length - from South Wimbledon to London Bridge calling at all Northern Line stations and real ale pubs, with a few minor diversions, this section being a case in point. It covered Clapham Old Town and points east.

"Sir Rudolph to the Rescue" was the title of a lighthearted fictional story peppered with odd names such as the titled gentleman's surname of Clumping-Twatt, the Gurlepis Brewery, with its Fund for Disoriented Bar Staff, the Load of Cobblers pub and such like. Got the idea? I won't trouble you with the story-line except to say that real ale triumphed. What else?

At 28 pages, this was the largest edition to date, no doubt boosted by a total of 13½ pages of advertising which then, as now, covered a large portion of the production costs.

FIVE YEARS AGO the Bumper December 1987/January 1988 issue was the most ambitious edition to be printed up to that time and only

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once, arguably, superseded a year later. The two, in fact, were the only 48 page issues to have been produced. Red and green were used throughout its pages, with black as a third colour used to advantage on both covers and 6 inside pages.

The cover cartoon featured a cuckoo-clock complete with inebriated bird, and its two lower doors occupied by an equally unabstemious Santa Claus and Father Time.

In his Editorial, Chris picked up on comments in the Trade press following the launch of the 1988 Good Beer Guide, at which its Editor, Neil Hanson, had made a few telling remarks in his speech about the CAMRA policy over mass-media advertising aimed at the young drinker. One publication had stated "If ever the trade regarded the Campaign for Real Ale as a friend it should cease to do so from now on." "In particular" wrote Chris, "we are told off for moving away from our original aim (Real Ale) and poking our noses into affairs we know nothing about." Another publication was quoted: "Now they (CAMRA) are interfering in things they know little about. They seem to want to do more harm than good." Chris pointed out that CAMRA has a wealth of experience among its membership in all aspects of the pub trade, and his final paragraph read: "Until there are more adequate controls at outlets for alcohol sales and a more responsible attitude by the big brewers in their advertising techniques, CAMRA will continue to press for further controls, and to hell with cosy friendships for the sake of it!" followed by a PS: "Seasonal greetings to all our FRIENDS in the Trade".

"Wetting the Baby's Head" was the unlikely title of a pub crawl penned by D J Powter and P M Brown. It was a reference not to child abuse but to their alcoholic christening of the recently-opened Docklands Light Railway, visiting each station and its nearest pubs, in one day. The three available colours were put to good use for a map (two routes converged as one) and Merton put in the historical and technical details. The trains (which were German built articulated tramcars) were illustrated, as was a drawing of a London double-decker tram - scrapped with the last of the system in 1952 - which, thanks to a mistake in the

printing department, was shown in green livery!

A South-East London Branch weekend away was described in graphic detail - visiting Wainfleet, including Bateman's Brewery, and staying overnight in Manchester. Red was the unfortunate choice of colour for the photographs (black not being available on the relevant pages) - mea culpa, as Editor i/c production. We all make mistakes.

Pat Hanson contributed a resumé of the places to find good beer in SW8 - South Lambeth and east Battersea - and MacBadger described a Real Ale rail tour of Scotland, with useful tips on the Scottish beer scene.

The 1988 Good Beer Guide was reviewed; it was priced £5.95, or £3.95 to CAMRA members. There had been an increase in London entries to 362, 54 more than the previous edition. (A review of the 1993 GBG appears on p.29-Ed).

Launched at the same time were the first Good Cider Guide and "Two Beers, My Friend Will Pay", which described itself as "a cracked glass of pub humour."

In a Letter to the Editor, the manager of a London Independent small brewery complained - tongue in cheek I recall as he dictated it to me over several pints of his wares - that the price of London Drinker had been raised by 25% without warning (5p - to 25p), a situation which in his line of business would have (in his words) "create a lot of moaning and groaning from the Editorial Page." The definitive reply was that advance warning had been omitted in error, and the rise had been due to price increases at the printer's, and generated no extra profit for CAMRA. Advance warning WAS given in the same reply that from the next edition copies of LD priced 50p would appear in bookshops, their main content being the same as in the "pub" version at 25p. The experiment was short-lived, and will be described (Editors permitting) when, in a few months, we reach the 5th anniversary of its demise.

The Pitfield Brewery, then situated in North London and now in Stourbridge, W Midlands, was featured, as was the Hop Back Brewery in Salisbury.

Under the heading "The Preservation of Man", in the outline frame of an ancient scroll was the introduction: "Legend has it that on Christmas

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Eve at midnight, animals are briefly given the power of human speech. Should you happen to find yourself in conversation with one (excepting pink elephants!) you might ask its opinion on the following - and pass the comments on to us." This preceded a re-write of a ditty often seen on pub walls, musing on the brevity of life of teetotal lower life forms compared to the human beer drinker. If you don't know it you will get the drift from the last eleven lines - mainly of our own invention for the purpose:

"In so few years fish kick the bucket (!)
They don't touch beer, so you can finish the sentence yourself.
The dinosaurs, so you may think,
Knew nowt of ale, now they're extinct.
All animals are strictly dry,
They sinless live, and swiftly die.
But cheerful, beerful, ale-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten.
And some of us, the mighty few,
Still drink real beer at ninety-two!"



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This was followed by the customary thanks to everyone for supporting the magazine in various ways during the year, and the Editorial compliments of the season. To the latter sentiment I will add my own.

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Martin (ap Llundain) Smith

SHEPHERD NEAME WARMS UP WINTER WITH ORIGINAL PORTER

Shepherd Neame Original Porter, a new strong dark ale from Britain's oldest brewers, was launched on Monday, 26 October.

A malt-rich, well-hopped 5.2% abv brew, Shepherd Neame Original Porter will be available on draught in many of the Faversham-based brewer's 372 pubs throughout Kent, London, and the south east counties.

It is also being sold into the free trade and through wholesalers.

Says Shepherd Neame sales director Mark McJennett: "Shepherd Neame has traditionally produced a 'winter warmer' Christmas Ale in both bottles and polypins.

"Now we have developed Original Porter, which will appeal both to our core traditional ale customers, and to the rising generation of speciality beer drinkers."

Shepherd Neame Original Porter - which will be available until March - is packaged in 9-gallon firkins and 34-pint polypins. Customers ordering firkins will be supplied with a handsome black-and-gold pumpclip.

OLD AND "NOUVEAU"

Tolly's Old Strong - the Suffolk Brewer's famous winter ale is back in the pubs. To celebrate the return of "Old", Malcolm Banks, Chairman of the local LVA, organised an Old Strong "Nouveau" run to collect his casks from the Brewery on Monday, 26th October.

As in previous years Old Strong was also featured at the Norwich Beer Festival.

BOOK REVIEW - The Good Beer Guide, 1993

The 1993 Good Beer Guide is its 20th annual issue, and was launched nationally in September. Containing 512 pages in cardboard cover, it follows the regular format, with pubs listed in alphabetical order of town for each county of G. Britain and Northern Ireland, plus the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, with clear sketch maps for each section showing the whereabouts of recommended pubs and independent breweries. Greater London - which features 320 pubs of the total of approximately 5,000 in the book, is represented by a map showing London postal districts, and another of Inner London. As a work of reference this is a masterpiece of co-ordination of the efforts of hundreds of volunteer inspectors, who year by year perform a labour of love parallel to that of Sisyphus, who, as mythology tells us, is condemned forever to roll a rock to the top of a hill, only for it to roll back down when the end is in sight. Every pub has been visited by one or more inspectors, and entries are cross-checked up to the last moment before the whole work goes to press. Even so it is impossible to be completely up-to-date, as the pub scene is currently very much in a state of flux. To give an example, of the seven entries for which I was responsible this time, five between them needed altogether six changes to the printers' proofs. However, the Good Beer Guide is the most comprehensive and reliable means of finding a good pint as you travel around the country, and with other features it is a must for anyone who takes real beer seriously. Articles include a look back to the birth of the Good Beer Guide by Michael Hardman, one of CAMRA's original four members; Roger Protz reviews the invasion of foreign beers on our shores; Angie Carmichael discusses the difficulties encountered in pubs by wheelchair users; Stephen Cox calls on the

Government to get tough with the big brewers to tighten up loopholes in the Beer Laws; short measure on pints is discussed. A clear description of the brewing process is provided, with a well produced diagram to illustrate the stages. A glossary explains technical terms which often crop up in beer discussions and articles. An essential for those interested in a little more than just drinking the product is a section listing all real ale breweries, with historical details as well as a list of their brews with related details including ABV and OG, and an index of beer titles enables the reader to locate easily details of a beer whose only detail to be recalled is the name. Did you know that 64 different brews have "Old" in their title? Of historical interest is a list of 34 pubs which have featured in every edition, including 5 in London. The latter are: Anglesea Arms, SW7; Buckingham Arms, SW1; Fox & Hounds, SW1; Star Tavern, SW1, and the Thatched House, Cranham. Pubs listed in the text provide for all tastes and styles of building, from the basic backstreet boozer to the plush hotel, all with one common factor, good beer. Recommendations are, of course, subjective and won't please everyone all the time, but a vast proportion of satisfaction for the reader is guaranteed. The text is interspersed with cartoons which have appeared in previous editions - some still very topical. The Good Beer Guide provides an ideal Christmas present to yourself or someone else, and at £5 for CAMRA members on quoting membership number, that must be a bargain for the vast amount of information contained. The price to non-members is £7.99 from local branches, or post free (in both cases) from CAMRA Headquarters, 34 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 3BW.

Martin Smith

THE TRUSCOTT

This house opened on the 15th October. It is operated by Clarke Baker Inns. They also run The Owl & The Pussycat, 34 Redchurch St, E2.

The site is at the junction with Worship Street opposite the Broadgate development. The building was formerly a beverage warehouse.

Features include: a red telephone box, a room for hire for meetings with telephone and fax facilities, both kitchen and beer store are at ground floor level.

The decor is quite striking, the oxidised copper feature below the bar contrasts with the sculpture at the entrance to the nearby Liverpool Street station.

The range of beers is enormous including: 3 from Truscotts, the Colonel's Revenge was in excellent condition, Courage Directors', Wadworth 6X, Harvey's Best, Castle Eden Ale, Pompey Royal.

A welcome addition to the area.

J W Grayson

NEWS FROM YOUNG'S BREWERY

Young's Winter Warmer, the brewing industry's reigning champion real ale, was given a rousing send-off when it made its first appearance of the season.

Four hundred licensees from Young's own pubs, from free houses and clubs cheered brewery chairman John Young as he broached the first cask of the strong, dark ale at a new Winter Warming ceremony at the Ram Brewery in Wandsworth, south London.

Mr Young entered the brewery warehouse, which once hosted a tea party for the Queen, on board a horse-drawn dray.

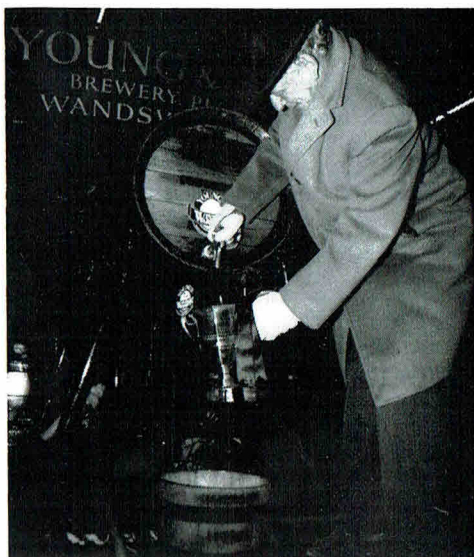
He tapped the wooden cask of Winter Warmer and drank the first draught himself from the Championship Trophy that the beer had won earlier in the year as the best overall draught beer at the Brewery Industry International Awards.

Young's Winter Warmer, which is available from October to March each year, beat beers of all types from more than 80 breweries throughout the country to take the most prestigious prize in the industry.

It is brewed at an original gravity of 1055° (five per cent alcohol by volume) from the finest English malt and hops and a special blend of sugars.

Youngs are now considering making the colourful Winter Warming ceremony - which included Cockney music, Morris dancing and

traditional hot food in the brewery's historic stable yard - into an annual event.



Picture shows John Young pouring the season's first Winter Warmer into the Championship Trophy.

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A WEEKEND AWAY

Last month 30 members of S W London CAMRA journeyed to Manchester and the Black Country for a weekend of Brewery Trips and drinking.

The trip was arranged as a 'thank-you' for working at the Battersea Beer Festival and as a bribe to persuade them to work again next year!

Our first port of call was 'The Kings Head' in Chorlton-in-Medlock, a particularly savoury part of Manchester. This is the home of Brendan Dobbins' excellent West Coast Brewery products, but we were there to present an award to Nick Astbury who, in his capacity of brewer at the Orange in Pimlico, was responsible for Orange Pimlico Porter which was voted the best London beer at Battersea. Nick has been with West Coast for nearly a year and he was presented with a suitably inscribed plaque by Chris Cobbold, branch chairman. He then conducted a trip around while we drank from the full range of beers. Then it was off to 'The Jolly Angler' for Hydes Ales in the genial company of host, Mike Reynolds.

Much, much later to the hotel and Eccles. The

Lamb is a very fine Holt's pubboasting a full sized snooker table and, as the Good Beer Guide states, 'a fine starting point for the 12 Holt's pubs of Eccles and Patricroft'. A discreet veil is now drawn over the ensuing 5 hours.

Full of the joys of October, we journeyed next morning to 'The Beacon Hotel' at Sedgeley for another presentation and brewery trip. The 'Beacon' is a marvellous pub, beautifully restored by owner John Hughes and we enjoyed seeing the traditional tower brewery. Onwards to 'The Park Inn', Holden's brewery tap for plateloads of 'sarnies' and finally on to 'The Lamp Tavern' for lunch. Here we were royally entertained and treated to Batham's wonderful beers. Here one of the Editors let his 'hair?' down while others just enjoyed a quiet pint.

We rounded off the trip in 'The Old Ship', one of Brakspear's finest pubs at Cadmore End in Buckinghamshire.

Here's to next year everyone. Guernsey?

Chris Cobbold

PS Sorry Stan!



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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Pick up an application form at your nearest Fuller's pub NOW!

ITS LONDON AGAIN FOR THE GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

The largest number of visitors recorded at a Great British Beer Festival since 1980 has confirmed the return of the Festival to London. A staggering 38,000 visitors went to the event in the Grand Hall, Olympia over the four and a half days it was open last August. They consumed over 180,000 pints which worked out a over 4 pints per minute!

Plans are already in hand to enlarge on this year's event including even more beer being ordered to cope with the expected increase in numbers. The bigger Festival will mean that even more staff are needed for 1993. In total, an amazing 520 volunteer staff give up their holidays to come and work in 1992 and the London branches of CAMRA made up almost one third of that.


<i>Note for 1993 diary</i>
<i>Great British Beer Festival</i>
<i>is back at the Grand Hall, Olympia</i>
<i>3rd-7th August</i>
<i>300 real ales, ciders, perries, foreign beers</i>
<i>family room, breweriana</i>

With over 300 real ales, ciders, perries and beers from Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Holland and the USA, the 1993 Great British Beer Festival again promises something for everyone. The Festival will take place from Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 7th August. If you are a CAMRA member and intend to work, or an avid beer drinker, put the dates in your diary now. And don't forget that there is discounted entry for CAMRA members. With the number of CAMRA beer festivals coming up shortly, all offering discounted rates for new members joining and discounted entry too, there couldn't be a more cost effective time to join.

LAGER SALES FALL

Sales of lager have declined, according to the Brewers Society. Draught lager fell from 32.6 to 31.4 per cent of the total beer market. Taking draught and packaged beer together, lager fell from 51.4 to 51.0 per cent of the market. These figures compare 1991 and 1990, the most up to date figures available.

Commenting on the decline in lager sales, CAMRA Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox said "The great lager bubble has burst. Draught lager just isn't fashionable any more - despite the enormous sums spent on advertising.

"Only the fad for dull lagers in pretty bottles is keeping lager ahead. That fad will certainly pass." "Real Ale, on the other hand, continues to show significant growth."

"Real Ale has grown from 19.7% of draught sales to 21.5% in a year. [Brewers Society]. We expect this growth to continue, as more and more customers seek a traditional, quality, tasty product." "After all, real ale is a world class product - unlike the bogus beer called British lager."

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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**
Bulls Head, 373 Lonsdale Rd
Coach and Horses, 27 High St
White Hart, The Terrace, Riverside
- BATTERSEA, SW11**
Castle, 115 Battersea High St
Duke of Cambridge, 228 Battersea Bridge Rd
- BEIDINGTON, Surrey**
Plough, Croydon Rd
- BETCHWORTH, Surrey**
Dolphin, The Street
- BLOOMSBURY, WC1**
Calthorpe Arms, 252 Gray's Inn Rd
Lamb, 44 Lamb's Conduit St
Three Cups, 21-22 Sandard St
- BOROUGH, SE1**
Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St
- BOW, E3**
Coburn Arms, 8 Coburn Rd
- BRIXTON**
Hope and Anchor, 123 Acre Lane, SW2
Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9
- CARSHALTON, Surrey**
Greyhound, 2 High St
- CATFORD, SE8**
Cutford Ham, 9 Winslade Way
- CHELSEA**
Chelesea Ram, Burnaby St, SW10
Coopers' Arms, 87 Flood St, SW3
King's Arms, 190 Fulham Rd, SW10
- CHELTSEY, Surrey**
Crown, London St
- CHISLEHURST, Kent**
Bulls 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
Dirty Dickie, 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 Lords, The Minories, 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
Sekford Arms, 34 Sekford St
- COVENT GARDEN, WC2**
Marquees of Anglessey, 39 Bow St
- CROYDON, Surrey**
Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St
Gloucester, 111 White Horse Rd
Tamworth Arms, 62 Tamworth Rd
- DARTFORD, Kent**
Matt Shovel, 3 Darent Rd
DORLING, Surrey
Old House at Home, 24 West St
- DULWICH, SE26**
Dulwich Wood House, 39 Sydenham Hill
EAST DULWICH, SE22
Clock House, 196a Peckham Rye
- EAST SURREY, 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**
Polewick, 32 Eton Wick Rd
- FITZROYA, W1**
One Tun, 58 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
Builders, 81 King St
Thatched House, 115 Dalling Rd
- HAMPSTEAD, NW3**
Plink, 14 Plank Walk
Home and Groom, 68 Heath St
- HARLESDEAN, NW10**
Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane
- ISLEWORTH, Middlesex**
Castle, 18 Upper Square
Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd
- ISLINGTON, N1**
Marquees 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, NW8**
Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd
- KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, Surrey**
Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill, Norbiton
Bishop Out of Residence, 2 Bishop's Hall, off Thames St
Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Rd
Spring Grove, 13 Bloomfield Rd
- LAMBETH, SW8**
Plough, 518 Wandsworth Rd
Prince of Wales, 99 Union Rd
Surprise, 16 Southville
- LEE, SE12**
Crown, 117 Burnt Ash Hill
- LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5**
Wickwood Tavern, 58 Flaxman Rd
- MARYLEBONE, W1**
Black Horse, 109 Marylebone High St
Wargrave Arms, 42 Brendon St
- MAYFAIR, W1**
Gaiety, 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
Orchard, 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
Hop, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate
- OXFORD**
King's Arms, 40 Holywell St
- ODSHOTT, Surrey**
Bear, Leatherhead Rd
- PIMLICO, SW1**
Morpetts 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, 33 Lower Richmond Rd
Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St
- REDBILL, Surrey**
Home 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
Shakespeare, 123 Kew Rd
Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd
Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane
White Cross, Riverside
- ROTHAMPTON, SW15**
Angel, 11 High St
Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square
- ROTHERHITHE, SE16**
Ship, 39-47 St. Marychurch St
- SHERE, Surrey**
Prince of Wales, Shere Lane
- SOUTHWARK, SE1**
Founders Arms, Rankside, 52 Hopton St
Prince William Henry, 217 Blackfrars Rd
- STEPTNEY**
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
- TEDDINGTON, Middlesex**
Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Lane
Queen Downer, 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
Gorringe Park, 29 London Rd
Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane
Prince of Wales, 648 Garratt Lane
- TWICKENHAM, Middlesex**
Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd
Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep
- WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey**
Royal George, 130 Hersham Rd
Swan, 50 Manor Rd
- WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, Surrey**
Chequers, Chequers Lane
- WALLINGTON, Surrey**
Duke's Head, 6 Manor Rd
- WANDSWORTH, SW18**
Alma, 499 York Rd
Brewery Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St
County Arms, 345 Trinity Rd
Crane, 14 Armoury Way
Gardeners Arms, 268 Merton Rd
Grapes, 39 Fairfield St
Halfway House, 521 Garratt Lane
King's Arms, 96 Wandsworth High St
Old Sengham, 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
Whitbread, 30 Putney Bridge Rd
- WESTMINSTER, SW1**
Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France
- WIMBLEDON, SW19**
Alexandra, 33 Wimbledon Hill Rd
Crooked Billet, 15 Crooked Billet
Dog and Fox, 24 High St
Hand in Hand, 6 Crooked Billet
Rose and Crown, 55 High St

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 78

This month we welcome a new free house on the edge of the City sporting twelve handpumps. At long last we are recording a growth in guest beers particularly in the Grand Met. 'Inntrepreneur' estate. Nine new Wetherspoon pubs are due to open by the end of January 1993 in locations all over Greater London - details in next issue.

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

CENTRAL

EC2, TRUSCOTT, 2-6 Curtain Road. Arkell: BBB. Courage: Directors Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Hook Norton: Best Bitter, Old Hookey. Truscott: Archys (3.5%), Samuels Best (4.1%), Colonels Revenge (5.0%). Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Young: Special. New Clarke Baker Free House in former printing works premises. Completely newly fitted out in 'modern' style with copper bar fronts, Canadian maple floor and bar top, glazed windows and tiles. A circular sound proofed 'board room' can be hired for meetings. Red telephone box in corner. A total of 12 handpumps and 7 lager taps. Opens 8 am for breakfast. Licensing hours 11-11 Mon to Fri, closed weekends.

EAST

E13, GREEN GATE, 523 Barking Road. Bass. Charrington: IPA. (E136)
DAGENHAM, CHURCH ELM, Church Elm Lane. Tetley: Bitter. (X40)

NORTH

N3, CHEERS, Ballards Lane. No real ale. New Free House/Cafe-bar.

NORTH WEST

NW7, T.G.I.Fridays, Watford Way. No real ale. A Whitbread owned cafe-bar
NW11, CHARLESTONS, Fallowden Way. No real ale. New Free House/Cafe-bar.
EDGWARE, EDGE OF TOWN, Station Road. Tetley: Bitter. Worthington: Best Bitter. New Free House in former shop premises. Beer festival monthly with 10 beers.
HARROW, SILVER TRUMPET, Station Road. No real ale. New Free House.

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (B), CAFE FISH, 39 Ranelagh Grove. Renamed BELGRAVIA BRASSERIE. Marston: Pedigree. Ruddle: County. Now a Free House, ex Grand Met (Truman). Formerly 20'S BAR, originally RANELAGH. (SW11, U38, U52)
SW11, STAG, 96 Westbridge Road. Ruddle: County. Young: Bitter. Real ale not always available. (SW41, U39)

WEST

HAYES, WELCOME INN, Clayton Road. New Free House. No real ale.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

EAST

E14, VULCAN. Fuller, closed, future uncertain. (E149)

NORTH

BARNET, KINGS ARMS. Renamed TJ'S RIB PLACE. Charrington, no real ale. (N169)

NORTH WEST

EDGWARE, BEEHIVE. Watney, no real ale. (N177)
EDGWARE, MASONS ARMS. Taylor Walker, no real ale. (N177)
PINNER, GEORGE. Benskins, no real ale. (W135)
PINNER, VICTORY. Benskins, H unused. (W136)

SOUTH WEST

SW11, NAGS HEAD. Charrington, now demolished. (SW40, U31)

WEST

HAYES, VINE. Watney, closed, future uncertain. (W118)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

WC1, THREE CUPS. + Young: Winter Warmer. (W51, U67, U73)

EAST

E6, BOLEYN. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Wadworth: 6X. + Young: Bitter. (E103)
E6, CENTRAL. - Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Bitter. Real ale not always available. (E103)

E13, BLACK LION. - Guest beers. (E135, U69)

E13, GREYHOUND & HARE. - Ruddle: County. + Wadworth: 6X. (E136)

E13, VILLAGE AT PLAISTOW. - Charrington: Directors Bitter. - Ruddle: County.

- Village: Bitter. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Cairns: Bitter. + Mansfield: Old Bailey. (E137, U69)

HORNCHURCH, CROWN. + Courage: Best Bitter. (X62)

ROMFORD, OLD OAK. + Courage: Directors Bitter. (X87)

NORTH

COCKFOSTERS, COCK. Renamed COCK & DRAGON. - Benskins: Best Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree♦. + Tetley: Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X♦. Includes Thai restaurant. (N176)

NORTH WEST

EDGWARE, WHITE HART. Renamed CHANGE OF HART. + Greene King: IPA. + Hart: Bitter (origin unknown). + Tetley: Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. Transformed Taylor Walker pub in 'Wetherspoon' ilk. No music or fruit machines, home made food, disabled toilets. House beer at promotional prices. (N178)

HAREFIELD, SPOTTED DOG. + Fuller: London Pride. (W109)

HARROW, KINGS HEAD HOTEL. - Beers listed. + Ruddle: County. + Theakston: Old Peculier. + Wadworth: 6X. (W113)

HARROW WEALD (HATCH END), LETCHFORD ARMS. - Ansell: Mild. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. (W114, U68)

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W7, WHITE HART. + Fuller: London Pride.
(W79)

WEST DRAYTON (YIEWSLEY), DE BURGH ARMS.
+ Adnams: Bitter♦. (W161)

SW19. PRINCESS ROYAL. Add ref. (SW56)

WISHING YOU A
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
FROM THE BEER GUIDE
UPDATES TEAM

Contd. from p. 10

Dear Editors,

FULLERS NEWS!! The Feathers, Ealing Broadway.

I don't think that the above is quite apt! "Horrendous News" is more like it. I am currently working my way round the 'Fullers Passport' and in the main, enjoying every moment. Like all chains there are good and bad, but this report is the worst.

I had the misfortune to go to the "Fullers Berni Inn" at Ealing. Apparently our friends at Twitbread have found a new ploy. Buy a pub from somebody acceptable and change it to a Berni; of course the Fullers colours are well in evidence and all accessories (ice buckets, drip mats, bar towels etc.) are Fullers.

I hope this is a one-off and not going to be repeated.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Reeve, London SE

Dear Editors

I would appreciate help with a book now in preparation.

I am compiling a guide to pubs within 2 miles of every motorway exit, where those wishing to avoid Julias Pants, Happy Chefs and the Little Gropers type restaurant can find good food, a drink and perhaps a bed for the night.

A mention in London Drinker might bring forth some much needed assistance.

Yours faithfully

Barry Horwell

(Any replies can be sent to the Editorial team and will be forwarded - Ed).

Dear Editors

I refer to your review of the GBBF in this month's "London Drinker". At last a CAMRA Officer has suggested that all may not have been well on the beer temperature front. The reviews in "What's Brewing" made my friends and me wonder whether we had attended the same festival.

Having suffered many seemingly warm beers during Tuesday and Wednesday I took a thermometer to the Friday lunchtime session. The temperatures of the six beers sampled varied between 65° and 75°F. Both handpump and gravity dispense were sampled. I would suggest that, having invested so heavily in cooling equipment, the powers that be have deluded themselves that everything worked

wonderfully. Shades of the naked king's "clothes" in the famous fairy tale perhaps?

Yours faithfully

Alan Walton, Mitcham, Surrey

Dear Editors

In the Editorial for the October 1992 edition, Andy Pirson dealt at length with the question of by-lines and their relevance to the authentication of articles such as "Profiteers or Victims" published in the July edition.

I was the author of this article and as has been my practice over the last six or so years that I have written for the London Drinker I attached my by-line Rosie Crown. For reasons best known to the Editorial team and their printers it was omitted from this article. Not the first time it has happened incidently.

Those who know me are aware that my name is not Rosie nor am I a female (at least last time I looked I was not!) When I began writing my "Out of Town with Rosie Crown" articles in 1986 I was a publican with Courage at the Rose and Crown, Clapham. Since I occasionally write articles in the vein of "Profiteers or Victims" and my forthcoming "Has the Mafia hit town" it was necessary to adopt a nom de plume to protect my identity.

Since then the habit has stuck with no good reason. So in future I will come out and shout my own name loudly and proudly.

Yours faithfully

Barry Horwell (Rosie Crown), Snodland, Kent

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 SW8 SURPRISE
 SW8 PRIORITY ARMS
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN
 SW10 KINGS ARMS, 190 Fulham Road
 SW11 BEEHIVE
 SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE
 SW11 PLOUGH
 SW12 NIGHTINGALE
 SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
 SW14 HARE & HOUNDS
 SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN
 SW14 SPRINGFIELD TAVERN
 SW15 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Kingston Vale
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW15 GREEN MAN
 SW15 JOLLY GARDENERS
 SW15 WHITE LION
 SW16 GREYHOUND
 SW16 PIED BULL
 SW17 CASTLE
 SW17 J J MOONS
 SW17 LEATHER BOTTLE
 SW18 BREWERY TAP
 SW18 COUNTY ARMS
 SW18 HALF WAY HOUSE
 SW18 OLD SERGEANT
 SW18 PIG & WHISTLE
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE
 SW19 ALEXANDRA
 SW19 GROVE
 SW19 KINGS HEAD
 SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL
 SW19 TRAFALGAR
 CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN
 CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR
 CHEAM, RAILWAY
 KEW, COACH & HORSES
 KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS
 KINGSTON, COCOANUT
 KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD
 KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
 KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
 KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
 KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
 MITCHAM, KINGS ARMS
 MITCHAM, RAVENSBRURY ARMS

MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
 NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK
 RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE
 RICHMOND, RED COW
 RICHMOND, SHAFTESBURY ARMS
 RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS
 SURBITON, BUN SHOP
 SUTTON, NEW TOWN
 WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES, Oatlands Park
 WHITTON, WHITE HART
 WHITTON, COUNTY ARMS
 W1 ARGYLL ARMS
 W1 MORTIMER ARMS
 W1 WINDMILL
 W1 WESTMORELAND ARMS
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD
 W3 KINGS ARMS
 W3 KINGS HEAD
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE
 W4 WINDMILL
 W5 PLOUGH
 W5 RED LION
 W5 ROSE & CROWN
 W5 WHEATSHEAF
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS
 W7 VIADUCT
 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 COURT, KINGS ARMS
 HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART
 HARLINGTON, CROWN
 HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR
 HILLINGDON, RED LION
 HILLINGDON, STAR
 HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES
 HOUNSLOW, EARL RUSSELL
 HOUNSLOW, MOON UNDER WATER
 ISLEWORTH, COACH & HORSES
 SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS
 SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN
 TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER
 TWICKENHAM, ALBANY
 TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE
 TWICKENHAM, MOON UNDER WATER
 TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTTO
 TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT
 WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON
 WHITTON, WHITE HART

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 WHITTON, County Arms
 W1 Polytechnic of Central London S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsolver Street

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 EASTBOURNE, CAVALIER, 13-15 Carlisle Road
 LINCOLN, GOLDEN EAGLE, High Street
 MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS, Ducie Street
 MILTON KEYNES, PLOUGH, Simpson Village
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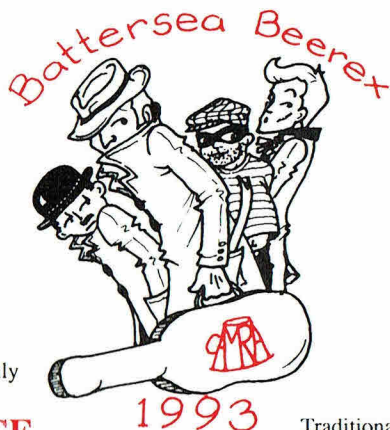
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