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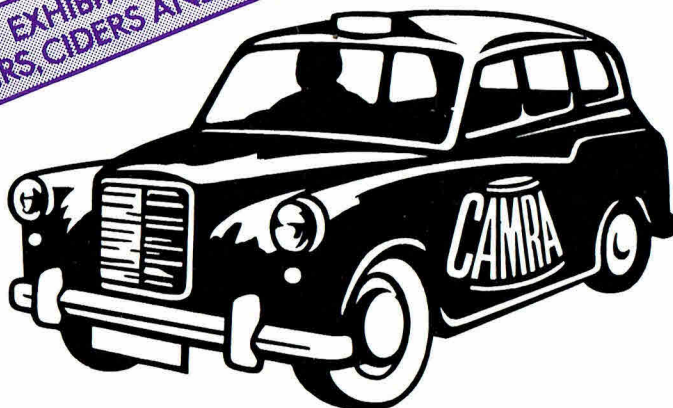
LONDON



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DRINKER

AN EXHIBITION OF
BEERS, CIDERS AND PERRIES.



LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL

Camden Centre,
Bidborough Street WC1

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Where to buy London Drinker

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

OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS
EC1 BETSY TROTWOOD
EC1 HAND & SHEARS
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 SUTTON ARMS
EC4 BANKER
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 MARKSMAN
E2 NELSON'S HEAD
E8 LADY DIANA
E8 VILLAGE
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E9 ROYAL STANDARD
E10 DRUM
E10 TAP & SPILE
E14 QUEENS HEAD
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
E17 VILLAGE
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE6 TIGERS HEAD
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
SE10 BRITISH SAILOR
SE10 FROG & RADIATOR
SE10 RICHARD I
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MANOR TAVERN
SE16 MOBY DICK
SE17 TANKARD
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 COOPERS ARMS (PLAISTED'S)
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE19 RAILWAY BELL
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE24 PRINCE REGENT
SE25 ALLIANCE
SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE25 SHIP
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
SE27 HOPE
SE27 GIPSY QUEEN
ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE BAR

BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
CROYDON, DOG & BULL
CROYDON, LION

OFF TRADE

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

OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE
WC1 LAMB
WC1 MARLBOROUGH ARMS
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
WC1 SUN
WC1 YORKSHIRE GREY
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
WC2 GEORGE IV
N1 ALWYNE CASTLE
N1 COMPTON ARMS
N1 RADNOR ARMS
N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
N1 MALT & HOPS
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
N2 OLD WHITE LION
N2 WINDSOR CASTLE
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
N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN
N12 TILTED GLASS
N13 WHOLE HOG
N16 ROSE & CROWN
N16 TANNERS HALL
N17 BOAR
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NARROW BOAT
N19 DOG
N19 J. J. MOONS
N20 BULL & BUTCHER
N20 CAVALIER
N21 DOG & DUCK
N22 MOON UNDER WATER

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

CLUBS

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

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

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC 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 RED LION
SW1 ROYAL OAK
SW1 UNICORN, Victoria Place (above Station Concourse)
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR
SW2 J. J. MOONS
SW3 COOPERS ARMS
SW3 ROSE
SW3 SURPRISE
SW4 ROSE & CROWN
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND

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EDITORIAL

No sooner had the 1992 Good Beer Guide been released to the bookshops, when the London CAMRA Branches found themselves inspecting their local pubs again. Different branches might have a different criteria to others as our choice is so enormous. If two pubs in a certain area serve top quality beer, what other considerations can the members who inspect take into account? This magazine has often covered a pub's decor, standard of service behind the bar, returned beer and full pints, but one aspect that our branch take into consideration is the state of the toilets.

I used to use a large pub owned by a local independent. In the '70s it was extremely run down and in desperate need of renovation. This duly happened at great expense, but imagine my surprise when entering the toilets to find the same insanitary conditions as before the refit, even down to the leaking cistern and broken tiles above the urinal!

This taught me a lot about a blind spot that even the best brewers and publicans have in their service to the customers. I have sometimes confronted publicans on this very issue and the customer always gets the blame: 'they pinch the toilet rolls; vandalise the toilet seats and doors; spill water all over the floor etc. etc. One of the best landlords I know told me that deficiencies are so rarely reported by customers to the bar staff, that it is difficult to rectify them except when clearing up or during the time the cleaners are in during the morning. All day opening has obviously aggravated the situation.

As at least three pubs were voted against at our final selection meeting because of the state of their toilets (men's and women's) so perhaps pubs should take the problem more seriously. With the new rigorous Health and Hygiene Act being enforced this year, the problem facing landlords will only increase.

In the old days, toilets were a joke. I recall on one cycling pub-crawl in the Midlands, during which we awarded points out of ten for each pub toilet we visited. The toilet scored a point if it had each of the following: toilet paper, seat, working flush, door, working lock, light, mirror, soap, hot water and towel.

Out of sixty pubs visited only *two* scored maximum points with only a handful getting over seven. The worst of all in London used to be the famous 'Becky's Dive Bar' in Borough High Street. Here amongst the other appalling things were an 'elsan' for the ladies and an evil cellar, dripping with unmentionable liquid for the men. Empty barrels were stored in this miserable place! Ladies also had to run the gauntlet of a kitchen that had been abandoned to the mould and vermin. Insects abounded in the bars and every item of furniture was damaged or broken. The state of the glasses was unspeakable, but we put up with everything because it was the only true free house south of the Thames where, for the first time, I tasted Thwaites and Ruddles amongst others. I don't recall the state of the beer, but, in those trailblazing days I wouldn't have complained anyway.

Now, thank goodness, there has been a vast improvement in our surroundings in the pub and most things appear to be fine. We have a choice of beers kept in good cellar conditions, no smoking bars in some establishments, few pubs where the worst excesses of pub design teams still exist and usually a higher standard of landlord. So why is it that a fundamental thing like clean, hygienic toilet facilities at all times is beyond most pubs? Methods must be arranged for a regular inspection of these facilities, before, during and after hours and deficiencies rectified, otherwise even outstanding pubs will continue to fall foul of customers like ourselves.

Chris Cobbold

SPECKLED HEN - HEAD BANGER -- DARK STAR - FARMER'S GLORY

OLD FART - MAIDENS'S RUN - OLD PECULIAR - OLD HOOKEY - BLACK ADDER

'BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH'

because

IT'S THE END OF THE REGENT INNS
BEER FESTIVALS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT
LONDON AND THE HOME COUNTIES

FROM 1ST - 14TH MARCH 1992

★ OVER 25 REAL ALES ★

★ MYSTERY BEER COMPETITIONS ★

★ ALE TRAILS ★

★ SPECIAL PRICES ★

All participating houses listed below are

GENUINE FREE HOUSES

BOATERS INN, Canbury Gdns, Lower Ham Rd, Kingston, Surrey
CROCKERS, 24 Aberdeen Place, Maida Vale, NW8
GROUSE & CLARET, 14 Little Chester Street, Belgravia, SW1
HOOK & TACKLE, Kates Grove Lane, Reading, Berks
MONKEY PUZZLE, 30 Southwick Street, W2
RACK & TENTER, Tenter Square, Moorfields, EC2
PRINCESS LOUISE, 208 High Holborn, WC1
WESTMINSTER ARMS, 9 Storey's Gate, SW1
WILLIAM MORRIS, 20 Watermill Way, Merton, SW19
WHITE LION, 14 Putney High Street, SW15
WORCESTER ARMS, 89 George Street, W1
PALMER ARMS, Village Road, Dorney, Nr Windsor, Berks

OLD SMOKEY - HOBGOBLIN - OLD DEVIL - STRONG ARM - OLD GRAMPLE

SMILE EXHIBITION - OLD ROGER - TANGLEFOOT - WILLY WARMER

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

As February is the first edition in the Drinker's year it is forgivable that you managed to print essentially the same story about the Wetherspoon's free house chain twice on different pages.

What is not so forgivable is the lack of attention to detail which is usually the best feature of the drinker. Wetherspoon's cut the price of Younger's Scotch to 84p for two months and offered a lager or cask ale at £1.10 a pint on Monday in January and February. Wetherspoons are known for their price cutting promotions but this is rather more extensive than usual.

The reason why is clear enough: the recession. Has the Drinker noticed this regrettably fact of life? In North London the local paper asked the big brewers if they planned to match Wetherspoons price cuts. The general tone of the answers was "no" because the customers were just flocking in for the piped music, karaoke etc and actually liked paying through the nose for a pint. Of course this is just the brewers' public image. In reality more and more pubs are just shutting up. The question for 1992 is which brewer or ex brewing concern is going to be the first to go bankrupt?

Yours sincerely,

Keith Flett, Tottenham.

Editor's Comment:

Apologies for the inaccuracies but the information was put together in a hurry after the Christmas holidays from information vaguely recalled from a Christmas Eve pub crawl.

Andy Pirson

Dear Editors

My usual habit when out for a drink is to stick to whatever is local unless there is a good incentive to try something different, or to partake of any real cider that is available. It came as a pleasant surprise, therefore, to be informed recently that a guest beer in one establishment I usually visit when in the area was Young's Winter Warmer. "Hello" I thought, when ordering a pint, "this will cost an arm and a leg". And for round here, it did - £1.55. The landlord, a keen supporter of CAMRA and its principles, assured me that he was not under-charging, using his normal mark-up formula. Now I haven't been to London

since the GBBF but judging from the prices I was paying then - for Young's, which seemed more reasonably priced than most - I imagine you will be asked considerably more. (About £1.75 a pint - Ed). Yet I was drinking it some 250 miles from source, and presumably transportation costs are pretty high, on top of the "free" supplier's profit. What a pity so many brewers seem to push up their prices when their competitors do rather than offer a bit of competition for what is now a dwindling market, to mutual benefit shared with their customers whose pockets are not bottomless. Now I'm not knocking Young's, that happens to be the one London beer I have drunk recently. However, by coincidence when leafing through London Drinker of March 1987 - five years ago this month - I noted a quotation from a spokesman for that brewery saying: "We found our prices were falling behind those of other brewers and decided that an increase of 4p, or about 5%, was not very much more than the rise of inflation." The rise was on a pint of draught beer. Are the prices to which you London drinkers are subjected a true reflection on the cost of living in my native town? If so I think I'll stay here!

Yours truly

Martin Smith, Llangadog, Dyfed

BACK NUMBERS

To date 143 editions of London Drinker have been issued: back numbers of the following are available:

1979: March, April, May, June, August, September, December.

1980: February, March, April, May, July, August, September, October, November, December.

1981: February, April, May, June, July, August, September, November, December.

1982: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, December.

1983: February, April, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

1984: All issues (May 1 copy only)

1985 to date: All issues.

If you need any of the above for your collection, they are available at 50 pence each, post free, from: Stan Tompkins, 122 Manor Way, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

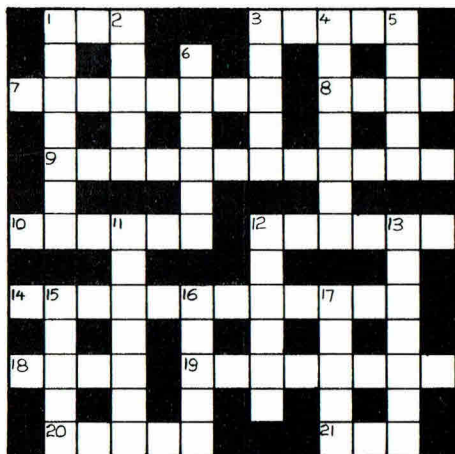


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LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



ACROSS

1. Commander Whitehead? Animal! (3)
3. Throw out Harry? (5)
7. Held a revolutionary, with others. (8)
8. Shift piece of gum over to other side of mouth. (4)
9. Current measure attacked by thermal engineer. Makes spectacular view. (12)
10. Second rate bird dog. (6)
12. About to have composer round for a break. (6)
14. I feel bravest somehow at one of these. (4,8)
18. Ash produced from saltpetre especially. (4)
19. Sample of damaged mince pies I left. (8)
20. It all adds up to drink, Alice. (5)
21. Consume some great pints. (3)

DOWN

1. Slaughter of automobile era, any number involved. (7)
2. Western aid for young. (5)
3. How broad accompanied daughter inside. (5)
4. Run wild and strike boy. (7)
5. Be suspended with hard on. (5)
6. Struggle to get into East River. (6)
11. Man has weapon hidden in clothing. (7)
12. Fat goat? (6)
13. Gather in prayer. (7)
15. Feel sorry after beheading bird. (5)
16. Support breaking of lease. (5)
17. Assistant has nothing to say. (5)

Name.....

Address.....

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

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

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

Winner of the prize for the
December/January crossword:
Old Smokey, 54 Haven Green Court, Ealing,
London W5 2UV.

Last Month's Solution



Other correct entries were received from:
Tony Alpe, Robert Anderson, Mrs P.J.Andrews,
Jeremy Brinkworth, Alan G.Brooke,
Andy Brookes, Martin Brown, Peter Burns,
Neil Chapman, M.I.Charrington, A.P.Comaish,
Iwan K.Daley, Jane Darnbrough, B.H.Fletcher,
F.G-B, Eileen Graves, J.E.Green, John Heekin,
Doug King & Queen, David Peers, S.Piggott,
369 I/P W.Priestley, M.W.Rose, The Old Simmo,
A.C.Souter, Norma Stitz, C.Tinson,
Martin Weedon, Chris Whithouse, D.Woodward,
Yak.

There were also 3 incorrect entries.
We regret that only crosswords submitted on
the original grid can be entered for the
prize draw. Photocopies of the grid cannot
be accepted.

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
- 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**
Coburn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd
- BREXTON**
Hope and Anchor, 123 Acre Lane, SW2
Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9
- CARSHALTON, Surrey**
Greyhound, 2 High St
- CATFORD, SE8**
Catford Ram, 9 Winslade Way
- CHELSEA**
Chelsea Ram, Burnaby St, SW10
Coopers' Arms, 87 Flood St, SW3
King's Arms, 190 Fulham Rd, SW10
- CHERTSEY, 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 Dick's, 202 Bishopsgate, EC2
East India Arms, 67 Fenchurch St, EC3
Egmont, 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
Seldorfe Arms, 34 Seldorfe St
- COVENT GARDEN, WC2**
Marquess of Anglesey, 39 Bow St
- CROYDON, Surrey**
Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St
Gloucester, 111 White Horse Rd
Tamworth Arms, 62 Tamworth Rd
- DAKIFORD, Kent**
Malt Shovel, 3 Darenth Rd
- DORKING, 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 SHEEN, SW14**
Hare and Hounds,
216 Upper Richmond Rd West
- EFTINGHAM, Surrey**
Plough, Orston Lane
- EPSOM, Surrey**
King's Arms, 144 East St
- ESSEX, Surrey**
Bear, 71 High St
- ETON WICK, Berkshire**
Redwick, 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
- HAMPTSTEAD, NW3**
Flask, 14 Flask Walk
Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St
- HARLESEN, 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 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**
Guinea, 30 Bruton Place
Windmill, 6-8 Mill St
- MERTON, SW19**
King's Head, 18 High St
Prince of Wales, 98 Morden Rd
- MITCHEAM, Surrey**
Bull, 32 Church Rd
Cricketers, 340 London Rd
King's Arms, 280 London Rd
- MOTLAK, SW14**
Charlie Butler, 40 High St
Jolly Gardeners,
36 Lower Richmond Rd
- NORWOOD**
Hope, 49 High St, SE27
Railway Bell, 14 Campore St, SE19
- NOTTING HILL, W11**
Duke of Wellington, 179 Portobello Rd
Hop, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate
- OXFORD**
King's Arms, 40 Holywell St
- OSHSOTT, Surrey**
Bear, Leatherhead Rd
- PIMLICO, SW1**
Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank
Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd
Royal Oak, 1 Regency St
- PLUMPTON GREEN, Essex, 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
- REDHILL, Surrey**
Home Cottage, Redstone Hill
- REGENCY 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, 58 Sheen Rd
Shakespeare, 123 Kew Rd
Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd
Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane
White Cross, Riverside
- ROSLAMPTON, SW16**
Angel, 11 High St
- Malrose Cat, Aubyn Square**
- ROTHERHITHE, SE16**
Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St
SHEER, Surrey
Prince of Wales, Shere Lane
- SOUTHWARK, SE1**
Founders' Arms, Bankside, 52 Hopton St
Prince William Henry, 217 Blackfriars Rd
- STEPNEY**
Hollands, 7-9 Exmouth St, E1
Queen's Head, 8 Flamborough St, E14
- STREATHAM, SW16**
Bedford Park, 223 Streatham High Rd
Pied Bull, 486 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 Lind Rd
Robin Hood, 52 West St
- SYDENHAM, SE26**
Bricklayers' Arms, 189 Dartmouth Rd
- TEDDINGTON, 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 Brigstock Rd
- TOOTING, SW17**
Castle, 38 High St
Garrage Park, 29 London Rd
Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane
Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane
- TWICKENHAM, Middlesex**
Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd
Pope's Croft, 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, 498 York Rd
Brewery Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St
County Arms, 345 Trinity Rd
Crane, 14 Armoury Way
Gradeners' Arms, 288 Merton Rd
Gardens, 39 Fairfield St
Halfway House, 521 Garratt Lane
King's Arms, 36 Wandsworth High St
Old Sepoist, 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
Wheatheaf, 30 Putney Bridge Rd
- WESTMINSTER, SW1**
Backingham Arms, 62 Petty France
- WIMBLEDON, SW19**
Acoland, 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

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IDLE MOMENTS

Okay folks, who remembers the old non-rhyming limericks of days gone by? You do? Well congratulations on staying with all this tosh for so long. If you do, you may recall that one of the originators of the genre was one Mike Gigg and, funnily enough, he wrote to me just after Christmas with a new one among other bits and pieces. It goes like this:

A pretty young girl called Penelope
Found a wallet while flying to Europe.
She asked the air steward,
"Will I get a reward?"

But he just replied, "You've got a hope".

More from Mike a bit further on. Firstly we shall have the number puzzles; here are last months answers:

1. 2 is the Common Logarithm of One Hundred
2. 8 Gallons in a Bushel
3. 3 Darts in a Set
4. 1951 Year of the Festival of Britain
5. 9 Aeroplanes in the Red Arrows Acrobatic Team
6. 7 is the Square Root of Forty Nine
7. 26 Players in a Game of Rugby League
8. 80 Chains in a Mile
9. 24 Sheets of Paper in a Quire
10. 3 is Opposite Twenty on a Dart Board

And to keep the old grey matter in fettle here are March's:

1. 25 Y to your SWA
2. 10 P is the P for the LDC
3. 999 is the DC for the ES
4. 3 F on the QM
5. 24 P in a G of D
6. 1296 SI in a SY
7. 15 STP in C
8. 80 Q in a T
9. 4 B on a CB
10. 13 SD to E at the LS

One new idea from Mike Gigg (Is it a Giggism?) is, to quote his words, "to come up with a reason why a word would hardly ever need to be used. An example to get things going:"

The collective noun for hermits.

"You can invent one if you like," he writes. A colleague of mine, Bernard Gates, came up with "A lonesome". Anyway enough of this, it's time for something serious - brewery anagrams. Here are February's solutions:

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| 1. HATED WAISTLINE | DANIEL |
| 2. PROLE PEG DIED | THWAITES |
| 3. RUSHES | ELDRIDGE |
| 4. FAINT UNO | POPE |
| 5. THREW SEED | USHERS |
| | FOUNTAIN |
| | WETHEREDS |

Just to prove that I've not worn out my trusty Scrabble set yet here are this month's:

1. SINGE SUN
2. UGH! ROT
3. CUBE TOMB
4. THIGH AGE
5. HOME SO SOUR

Now for the moment that one or two of you might possibly have been waiting for (I'm glad I'm in a positive mood today), the answers to last month's general knowledge (Oh all right then, trivia) questions:

1. The Great Western Railway.
2. Great Britain, USA, USSR, China France.
3. The Forth Railway Bridge.
4. Richmond upon Thames.
5. The Time Machine.
6. "Rommel?" "Gunner Who?"
7. The Cloggies.
8. Andrew
9. The Mystery of Edwin Drood.
10. Bis.

Talking of trivia, by the time you read this the date of the General Election might have been announced. If not, you'll just have to make do with this lot:

1. This musical duo were famous for the "Hippopotamus Song" and one was wheelchair bound. Who were they?
2. What was the name of the merchant in Shakespear's "Merchant of Venice"?
3. Which was the world's first commercial aeroplane with its engines mounted at the tail?
4. The All Nations at Madeley is very close to a world famous area full of industrial museums. What structure is this area based around?
5. What is the name of the stamp dealers whose catalogues are the standard reference works for all philatelists?
6. What are the names of the two moons of the planet Mars.

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7. Who wrote "The Seeds of Time" and "The Kraken Wakes" among many other science fiction stories?
8. From what fruit was marmalade originally made?
9. What actor founded London's Mermaid Theatre?
10. What is topology?

Isn't it amazing that those great long brain teaser questions can have such short snappy answers as these:

1. A deck of cards.
2. A sponge.
3. Silence.
4. A coffin.
5. A carpet.

Compare those with these coming up. I made the first one up myself; numbers 2 to 4 are from our currently most prolific provider of mind benders, Harry Davies of Shepherds Bush who, you will recall, also provided last month's.

1. Reassemble three each of A, I, N and O; two B's, C's, D's, R's, S's and Y's together with H, L, M and P to recreate a literary triumvirate (very near to home).
2. Mick Murphy, when asked his age, replied that he was 35 years old not counting Saturdays and Sundays. What was his real age.
3. If two stitchers can stitch two stitches in two seconds, how many stitches can six stitchers stitch in six seconds?
4. Half way through the cricket season two bowlers, Nigel and Alan, have each taken 28 wickets for 60 runs. In the next match Nigel takes 4 wickets for 36 runs and Alan

takes 1 wicket for 27 runs. Which now has the best average.

5. A policeman on traffic duty near a tower block saw out of the corner of his eye a small boy rushing down the door steps and then along the pavement. The policeman took a little more notice when the little boy came round the block behind him and began to make a second lap of the square. After three more laps the officer stopped the boy, knelt down beside him and asked what he was doing. What was the little boy's explanation for his behaviour?

Well, I'm running out of space so I shall just wrap things up with a query from Mike Gigg. He writes, "Just a small test for your over 35's. In the early '60's there was an advertising jingle about 1001 carpet cleaner. Everybody seems to be able to remember the first, third and fourth lines, but nobody can remember the second.

"One thousand and one, one thousand and one, De-de da-da-da da-da-da.

One thousand and one cleans a big big carpet
For less than half a crown.

"Can **anybody** remember what the second line was? (And was it really that cheap?)"

Well I can remember the second line; I'll tell you next month (that's really going to boost next month's sales, isn't it!) And yes, it really did cost that little. Incidentally, Mike our mutual friend John Eastwood recalls that the last line subsequently (like in the early seventies) got changed to, "For less than twenty pence."

That's all folks!

Andy Pirson

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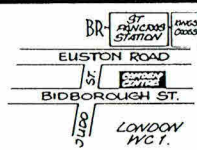
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NEWS FROM WETHERSPOON

Wetherspoons has sold five of its free houses to pub company Devenish.

The five, some of the smallest and oldest in the chain are the Mortimer Arms in Haringey, the Coat in Tottenham, the Moon Under Water at Wood Green, the College Arms at Walthamstow and J J Moons at Holloway. The five stopped trading as Wetherspoon outlets on Sunday February 9.

Managing director Tim Martin said: "The pubs we have sold have been successful and it is a shame to lose them. But we have decided to open bigger pubs in more prominent sites and the five we sold did not fit into our plans for the future."

However, the company is opening five new pubs in March and April, with more planned to open in the summer. On March 5th Wetherspoons opens the Three Horseshoes in Heath Street, Hampstead. The pub, a former GrandMet house, has been totally restored and has the added attraction of London's oldest and well known theatre above.

A week later the Boot Inn opens at High Street, Wealdstone, following conversion from a shop.

And on March 19th the company further expands into south London when it opens the Bird in Hand in Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill.

On April 2, the George in Wanstead, East London, reopens following structural and major refurbishing work. The pub is an imposing building opposite Wanstead underground station on the central line and was built in 1904. However, a pub has stood on the site since 1716 and has been a landmark in the area.

The last pub to open in April is the Moon Under Water in Broadway Parade, Coldharbour Lane, Hayes, Midx. on Thursday 23rd April.

WETHERSPOONS

A *correction* to the last edition on Page 26 should read Youngers Scotch 84p all times in February and Monday Club - one beer at £1.10 saving between 20p - 40p.

Twickenham now sells a guest beer as a new stillage has been installed.

GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL GETS GRAND

After last year's success at the London Arena, Docklands, the Great British Beer Festival is returning to London for the 1992 event. The Festival will take place in Olympia between 4th and 8th August.

The Festival will be held in the Grand Hall; a hall which certainly lives up to its name. The Hall was commissioned in 1884 by the National Agricultural Hall Company to provide a hall suitable for both agricultural shows and military pageants.

The hall opened on Boxing Day in 1886 with a circus, the 'Paris Hippodrome'. It was so successful that the Boxing Day Circus became a tradition. The last one being the Bertram Mills' Circus in 1967. Olympia was also the site for the first Motor Show in 1905.

The Hall has a vast arched glass ceiling which adds to the sense of space and grandure. The designer, Henry E Coe, allowed for

natural ventilation by arranging for the roof to part in the centre by the use of pulleys. All being well, the skies will be parting once or twice during the Festival.

For anyone who went to the London Arena, there will be a sigh of relief that the 1992 Festival will be much more accessible. With four tube stations within 10-15 minutes and plenty of buses running along the road outside, travelling to and from the venue should be easy.

Once again there will be a family room where adults can sit with their children. There will be live music every session, pub games and, of course, 300 different beers, ciders, perries and foreign beers.

For further information on the Festival contact 0727 867201. You don't have to be a CAMRA member to go to the Festival but its cheaper to get in if you are!

IS YOUR PINT REALLY INDEPENDENT?

Nearly a third of drinkers still believe that Theakstons is an independent brewery. A survey of drinkers at last year's Great British Beer Festival found that 31% of those surveyed considered Theakstons was independent of any larger company.

"As keen beer drinkers, this should have been a reasonably well-informed audience" said Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox. "Since S&N bought Theakstons in 1987, they have deliberately played down their involvement. Promotional material encourages people to see Theakstons as independent; other big brewers are not quite as blatant."

The survey showed that there was more awareness of other big breweries buying independent names. Just over 10% of drinkers thought Boddingtons was still independent (bought by Whitbread in 1989) and a similar figure thought Ruddles was still independent (bought by Grand Metropolitan in 1985 and by Courage in 1991).

Only 54% of drinkers thought well-known regional brewer Marstons was independent. "Their close ties with Whitbread may be colouring public perceptions" said Cox. "They might be well advised to be seen as more separate in future."

Not surprisingly, CAMRA members showed a higher awareness of breweries' independence, or otherwise, than beer drinkers who were not CAMRA members. Even so, only

68% of CAMRA members thought that Marstons were an independent company.

NEWS FROM YOUNGS

SHIP WINS BEST PUB AWARD

Youngs have won an award for the best pub in London.

The Ship, near Wandsworth Bridge, became the seventh Young's house to win the coveted Evening Standard Pub of the Year competition, which is open to 5,000 pubs in the London area.

Licensees Charles and Linda Gotto have transformed the Ship from "a dump next to a cement works" - as it was described 10 years ago - into one of London's most successful and popular riverside pubs.

They received the winner's plaque from the chairman of the judges, TV personality Willy Rushton, at a ceremony in the pub attended by customers, staff, brewery management and the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Mrs Angela Graham.

NEW PUB FOR YOUNGS

Southwark has a new Young's pub - the Bunch of Grapes in St Thomas Street, off Borough High Street.

Youngs have bought a lease on the pub from Swallowfield Investments, who had run it as a free house since 1954.

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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for March of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 13.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Mon 2 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon - Tue 10 Croydon Crawl Start RAILWAY BELL (Dep. 8.30) then TAMWORTH ARMS (Dep. 9.00); EAGLE (Dep. 9.00); DOG & BULL - Thu 19 Selhurst Crawl. Start CLIFTON ARMS (Dep. 8.30) then SELHURST ARMS (Dep. 9.00); WHITE HORSE (Dep. 9.30); TWO BREWERS - Tue 24 (8.00) Branch Meeting. EARL OF ELDON, South Croydon - Thu 9 April Broad Green Crawl. Start FISHERMANS ARMS (Dep. 8.45), Windmill Road then NEWTON ARMS (Dep. 9.30); LION, Pawsons Road.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 2 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. APPROACH TAVERN, Approach Road, E2 (Nearest Tube Bethnal Green) - Thu 5 (8.30) Cheer on the Arrers Team Social. BLAKESLEY ARMS, 53 Station Road, E12 - Thu 19 (8.30) Social. FISH & RING, 141A White Horse Road, E1 - Tue 24 (8.00) Two Pub Social. HEATHCOTE ARMS, 344 Grove Green Road, E11 then NORTHCOTE ARMS, 110 Grove Green Road - Thu 2 April (7.30) Trip to Wolverhampton & Dudley (Banks's) Brewery. Names to Dave Johnson on 071-623 4344.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Thu 5 (9.00) Two Pub Social. Start WHITE SWAN then PRINCE ALBERT (10.00), both Golders Green Road, NW11 - Wed 11 (5.00 onwards) Social at London Drinker Beer Festival. Camden Centre Bidborough Street, NW1 - Wed 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20 - Thu 26 (9.00) Social. HALF MOON, Green Lanes, N21.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 1 (12.00) Saint David's Day Social. PRINCE OF WALES, New Malden - Mon 9 (8.30) GBG Selection Meeting. COCOANUT, Mill Street, Kingston. All interested branch members please attend - Tue 17 (8.30) Saint Patrick's Day Meeting and 21st Birthday. VICTORIA, Surbiton - Wed 8 April (4.00, to be confirmed) Trip to Gibbs Mew Brewery. Names to Branch Contact please.

NORTH LONDON: Thu 27 Feb (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. MAN IN THE MOON, Chalk Farm Road, NW1 - Sun 1 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. ISLAND QUEEN, Noel Road, N1 - Tue 3 (8.00) Beer Festival Posters Social. SKINNERS ARMS, Judd Street, WC1 - Wed 11 to Fri 13 LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL - Tue 17 (8.00) Social. BEATEN DOCKET (Wetherspoon's new pub), 50-56 Cricklewood Broadway, NW2 (Cricklewood BR or bus from Kilburn Tube) - Thu 26 (8.00) Joint Social with University College Real Ale Society (& London Drinker Pick-up). MARLBOROUGH ARMS, Torrington Place, WC1 - Sun 29 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. CAMDEN ARMS, Randolph Street, NW1 - Tue 31 (8.00) New Members' Social (Free pint for new members). SPREAD EAGLE, Albert Street/Parkway, Camden Town, NW1 - Tue 7 April (8.00) Two Pub Social. STAGS HEAD, Hawley Road, NW1 (ex fizz) then HAWLEY ARMS (9.30), Castlehaven Road, NW1 - Tue 14 Branch Meeting. Venue to be arranged.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 3 (8.30) Committee Meeting. BELL HOTEL, 8 Thames Street, Hampton - Mon 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting. RED COW, 59 Sheen Road, Richmond - Thu 26 (8.30) Social. WHITE HART, Kneller Road, Whitton - Mon 27 April (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ALBANY, Old Station Yard, Twickenham.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Thu 27 Feb (8.00) Branch Social. CLOCK HOUSE, 196A Peckham Rye, SE22 - Mon 2 (8.00) 1993 GBG Selection Meeting. CATFORD RAM, 9 Winslade Way, SE6 - Mon 9 (8.00) Open Committee/Branch Meeting. GRAPES, 121 Borough High Street, SE1 - Thu 26 (7.30) Branch Social/Quiz Night. ANCHOR & HOPE, 36 The Cut, SE1.

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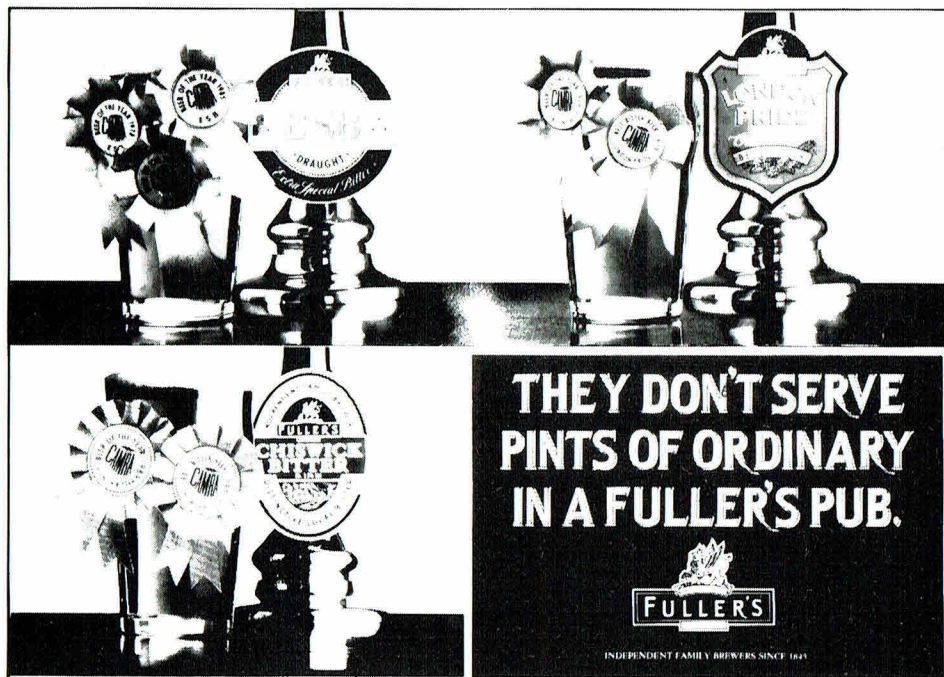
SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Tue 3 (8.30) Social. WHITE HORSE, 118 High Road (A118), Chadwell Heath - Wed 11 (7.00 at brewery) Brewery Trip to Tolly Cobbold, Cliffe Brewery, Ipswich. Details/ bookings from Wendy Benson (Romford 723897) - Thu 19 (8.30) GBG Selection Meeting. PLOUGH, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ538970) - Tue 24 (8.30) Social. KING WILLIAM IV, High Road (A113), Chigwell - Thu 2 April (8.30) Social & Memorabilia Auction. FOXHOUND, High Road, Orsett.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Sun 8 (10.30 am) Open Committee Meeting then (11.00) Branch Meeting, GBG 1993 Selection. PRINCE OF WALES, 270 Cavendish Road, Balham, SW12 - Thu 19 (7.30) Post Festival Social and Informal Feedback Session. HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane, Brixton, SW2. £2.00 off membership fee for first time joiners to celebrate 21 years of CAMRA.

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Wed 4 (8.30) Bushey Heath Social. THREE CROWNS then KINGS HEAD (9.15); BLACK BOY (10.00) - Thu 12 Branch Outing to the London Drinker Beer Festival - Wed 18 BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. FOX & HOUNDS, Rickmansworth - Tue 24 (8.30) Pimlico & Abbots Langley Social. SWAN, Pimlico then COMPASSES (9.30), Abbots Langley; SWAN (10.15), Abbots Langley - Sun 29 (8.30) Committee Meeting, all welcome. West Herts Sports Club - Fri 3 April (8.30) Watford & District Branch Ten year Celebration. West Herts Sports Club.

WEST LONDON: Thu 19 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 11 (8.00) Chiswick Crawl. Start MANOR TAVERN, 126 Devonshire Road, W4 then DUKE OF YORK (8.45), 107 Devonshire Road; GEORGE IV (9.30), 184 Chiswick High Road; WINDMILL (10.15), 214 Chiswick High Road.

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TUESDAY NIGHT

We all have our institutions. My institution, "Tuesday Night", started many years ago at the Admiral Hawke in Sunbury and by the time I became convener in 1980, the event had changed from being fixed at the Hawke to a variable venue. Also, the membership had changed - now there is only one original TN member, who lives in Ashford and will only attend on foot, by push bike or if picked up. I am the next longest serving member, living in the Hampton Hill end of Teddington.

My problem as convener has been the pointed comments from the other members about the selected pub, such as "we went there last week", "the smoke gets up my contact lenses", "its too far away" (we did do Brighton once!). So it was agreed that to make my life easier a rating system would be used. Little did I know when this started in January 1987, that not only do the narky comments continue but I have to undertake convoluted arithmetic after several pints in order to give a "rating" at the end of the evening.

At the start we agreed the seven categories by which we would rate each pub. One would think that having agreed the categories things would be simple. Not so! Every other week the definition of a particular category is questioned - usually by one particular TN member who generates a deeply intellectual debate which is never resolved!

Down to details. The seven categories are:

- Accessibility
- Ambience
- Clientele
- Decor
- Drink
- Price
- Service

One could write an article about each category but you will have to put up with a mere paragraph.

Accessibility. An easy category you would think. Not a bit of it. If you ride a push bike in a force nine gale in the pouring rain, Ashford to the Phoenix in Sunbury is a long way. On the other hand, if I am picked up by

a TN member in his ultra quiet company limo with heated seats on a dark frosty night then the Crown in Chertsey is no distance.

Ambience. We intellectualise about this category more than any other. What is ambience - gut feel about the place (will I get mugged?); general flug; lack of juke box. Its all of these and any others one can think of.

Clientele. A simple category with little to discuss other than the debate as to whether it should include TN members.

Decor. Fresh paint does not go down too well.

Drink. None of the TN members are fully paid up to CAMRA and as a result the way drink is marked varies from person to person. However, you will be pleased to hear that we generally do like real ale although we have a regular lager drinker who has his favourites and who will generally mark high if the selection is wide. Another, who is hooked on half pints and no more than four at that, rates the strong real ales. If I am driving, I will have a couple of LAs for the early part of the evening and will rate them.

Price. We try to fix a norm in our own way. Mine is the price of Chiswick at the Prince Albert, Twickenham. Our lager drinker doesn't seem to mind what we pay!

Service. What is service? Being recognised as a customer as soon as one walks in; being served in turn; not having to wait too long; changing a pint if you say its off; not stacking up the stools on tables at 11.10pm while paying customers are drinking up. Consistently the best service (out of 62 pubs sampled in 1991) is the Jockey in French Street, Sunbury.

Now the marking. Each category was originally marked out of five, five being highest, one lowest. That gave a maximum of 35 and a minimum of 7. The total of all scores is divided by the number present to get the rating. We have never got above 28 and that was this year in the Hogarth, Teddington.

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In 1989 the marking was changed to one to ten to give TN members greater sensitivity in their scoring! Now, the total is divided by two to get back to a comparable score to the one to five ranking.

What are the results of all this? Well the worst pubs since 1987 have been the Five Oaks, Twickenham (zero ambience); the Swan, Hanworth (the beer glass stuck to the bar); the Railway Inn, Hampton (outrageous prices for the tasteless beer being sold); Angel, Staines (threatening) and in 1991 the Town Hall Tavern, Chertsey (the landlord offered to piss into my drink to get it up to the mark although he made the offer with a smile).

The best - the Windmill, Hampton Hill; the White Cross, Richmond; the Kings Arms, Teddington (whilst not real ale, unless you call Ruddles real ale, it is a very fine pub - lots of ambience even without people); White

Hart, Hampton; and the Bell, East Molesey. That is just a selection from the top and bottom ten of the TN rating over its first five years of operation. Is it worth it? Well it has become a sort of pub game. Not much point to it but interesting to talk about.

JW

"A DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE . . ."

(East London & City News)

Shane and Maria Binns have recently taken over at the Betsey Trotwood Farringdon Road.

This Shepherd Neame pub was selling Master Brew, Best Bitter and Bishop's Finger when I last paid a visit, with Nethergate Bitter as a guest ale. The premises include a basement wine bar and an upstairs function room, the latter being available free of charge. Needless to say it is necessary to book well in advance!

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extinct in the Capital, however now there is a gradual
increase in outlets. Highgate mild is now available in
about a dozen pubs and other milds are making
inroads into the free trade and thanks to the MMC
Report on supply of beer quite a few large brewery
tenants are now taking mild as a guest ale.

CAMRA membership is currently over 30,000 and
growing at a rapid rate as people become more
worried about the beer they drink and places where
they drink it. The big brewers, in a tantrum, have
decided to totally over react to the MMC Report by
closing and selling off pubs, raising rents (thereby
higher prices for beer) and closing breweries. **If you
are concerned about any of these issues please join
CAMRA now!**

All of the staff working at the festival are
volunteers who have used their holiday to work
at the festival, why don't you come and join them in
the **CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE**

IAN HASELL
(Festival Organiser)

FESTIVAL BEERS

Batemans	Mild	1033
<i>Wainfleet, Lincs</i>	XB	1036
	XXXB	1048
	Victory	1056
	21st Birthday Brew	1060
Bathams	Mild	1036
<i>Brierley, W. Midlands</i>	Best Bitter	1044
Brains	Dark	1035
<i>Cardiff, Wales</i>		
Burton Bridge	Bridge Bitter	1042
<i>Burton on Trent, Staffs.</i>	Top Dog Stout	1050
	Festival Ale	1055
Butterknowle	Bitter	1036
<i>Co. Durham</i>	Stout	1038
	Conciliation	1042
	Black Diamond	1050
	High Force	1060
Cains	Bitter	1038
<i>Liverpool</i>		
Crouch Vale	Best Bitter	1039
<i>Woodham Ferrers, Essex</i>	Essex Porter	1050
Dent	Bitter	1036
<i>Cumbria</i>		
Fullers	Chiswick Bitter	1034
<i>Chiswick, London</i>	London Pride	1040
Gales	XXXD	1032
<i>Horndean, Hants</i>		
Guernsey	Mild	1037
<i>Channel Islands</i>	Bitter	1045
Harveys	Mild	1030
<i>Leaves, Sussex</i>		
Hook Norton	Best Mild	1032
<i>Oxon</i>	Best Bitter	1036
Hop Back	GFB	1035
<i>Sailisbury, Wilts</i>	Entire Stout	1044
	Summer Lightning	1050
Hoskins & Oldfield	Leicester Mild	1035
<i>Hull, Humberside</i>	Mild	1033
Jennings	Mild	1031
<i>Cockermouth, Cumbria</i>	Bitter	1035
	Cumberland	1040
Lees	GB Mild	1032
<i>Manchester</i>		
Maclays	60/-	1030
<i>Alloa, Scotland</i>	70/-	1037
	Porter	1040
Marstons	Mercian Mild	1032
<i>Burton on Trent, Staffs</i>	Burton Best	1036
	Merrie Monk	1043
	Owd Rodger	1080
Mitchells	Best Dark Mild	1033
<i>Lancaster</i>	Best Bitter	1035
	Fortress	1042
Moorhouse	Black Cat Mild	1034
<i>Burnley, Lancs</i>		
Nethergate	Bitter	1040
<i>Clare, Suffolk</i>	Old Growler	1054
Reephams	Granary Bitter	1038
<i>Norfolk</i>		
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<i>London</i>		Special	1046

CIDER and PERRY

In England and Wales today, there are still several hundred producers of Cider and Perry. Yet London, with all its pubs, only has 40-50 outlets for these products, and they are restricted in choice to only half-a-dozen different types. Here you will find examples ranging from Devon in the West Country, through to Kent, where cider is still made from a mixture of eating and cooking apples.

Just remember one thing - cider is stronger than ordinary bitter, so **TAKE IT EASY!**

CIDER

ASHWOOD Cheddar, Somerset
Began producing in 1986 and all the cider is pressed through barley straw.

BENNETT Edith Mead, Somerset
A small traditional producer on the fringe of the Somerset Levels.

COWHILL nr Oldbury on Severn, Avon
A very traditional cider from a producer who also makes perry when he can acquire the pears, which unfortunately, is not very often these days.

HARTLAND Eldersfield, Gloucestershire
CAMRA member Derek and his father run the business from their farm, which is like stepping back into another century. Using local apples, this is a very light-coloured cider.

HECKS Street, Somerset
Family business nearly a hundred years old, possibly the only producer situated in the middle of a town!

INCH

Winkleigh, Devon

Devon's biggest producer, making over a million gallons per year, but still dedicated to making traditional cider.

KEEDWELL nr Nemphnett Thrubwell, Avon

A long established village producer who only makes a limited quantity.

SAUL nr Eggesford, Devon

Producer who has made cider domestically for some years and has recently started producing commercially. Made from organically grown apples.

SEPHAM FARM nr Shoreham, Kent

A new producer who adds finings to make a clear cider. Has also revived wassailing in this area.

THEOBOLD nr Canterbury, Kent

A very typical example of a Kent cider, which is, unusually, made using Italian wine press.

WILKINS Mudgely, Somerset.

This cider has appeared at numerous CAMRA festivals and has won several awards.

PERRY

BOLLHAYES Devon

Fairly new producer, who sometimes makes "PIDER" - a mixture of apples and pears.

RICHARDS Congresbury, Avon

A perry which is very well known in the Bristol area.

SUMMERS Halmore, Gloucestershire.

A very dry perry made from organic fruit

FOREIGN BEERS

Why a foreign beers bar at a festival of British Beers? Partly, it is a side-show, an added attraction. Many people come to a festival to try something different, that they can't get locally, or to have an old favourite from another area. Yet others, to try something new. CAMRA's Foreign Beers Bars are run to cater for just such customers. Certainly, the idea seems popular enough at this festival. Last year at London Drinker, we had to make three emergency re-orders; during a 3 day festival! We sold twice as much beer as we had planned and were still sold out before 21.00 on the last night. This year, the initial order is about thrice last year's and we will have contingency plans for getting in more at the last minute.

Part of our aim is campaigning: to show what skillful and dedicated brewers (and brewsters) can do when working to different traditions; traditions that we have had and lost, or never

had at all. For example, we lost our monastic brews when Henry the Eighth suppressed the monasteries. Again, wheat beers used to be brewed here in the days of the first Elizabeth, but the style died out over here. However, they are currently a runaway success in Germany and the low countries. Try our Bavarian weisse (or weizen) bier, or the Belgian and Dutch varieties: popular with lager drinkers and real ale lovers alike!

France is not thought of as one of the world's great beer-brewing nations, but she does produce some good beers to her own traditions. Our supplier is offering some of the better examples; a good biere de garde so you can compare them; the famous 'red ale', from George Killian and perhaps others. These will be styles of their own, not to be compared with other countries' styles, so please try them on their own merits. After all, you don't judge a French cheese on whether (or how much) it is like Cheddar, do you?

Stout and porter are thought of as typically British beers styles. Despite which, we will be ordering some Dutch stout and a Czechoslovak porter; and others, too. Our lager range doesn't just stop at the 'pils' or Pilsener style; we also offer some of the darker ones, including the fuller-bodied German 'bock' style. A good chance to see what you are missing! (The English brewers' attitude seems to be that their customers can like it or lump it; the brewery knows best!) We hope our friends from the Campaign for Authentic Lager will approve our selection.

The German drinkers' idea of an 'ordinary' beer is the strength of our best bitters, say OG 1048 or 5% alcohol by volume. The Dutchman's Heineken is one and a half times the strength of the product with the same name which is brewed here under license. So please enjoy these beers, but...pace yourself. If you don't, not only might you fall over and spill some, but, worse you might miss something good.

And remember: if a friend is driving you home after the festival, you can buy a bottle or two to give as a 'thank-you' present. Alternatively, we usually have a range of attractive continental glasses on sale, and there are the books, too. Other possibilities are to be found on the main products stall in the other hall:- T-shirts, beer guides, bottle openers, and all the usual paraphernalia.

CAMEL

It is CAMRA's policy to provide visitors to its beer festivals the opportunity to sample a selection from the world's finest beers. Among them are the very popular Belgian speciality beers, the Trappist and the Lambic beers. Also represented are the lager type beers of Germany and Czechoslovakia and the increasingly popular wheat beers.

CAMRA is one of the founder members of the European Beer Consumers Union and is therefore dedicated to campaigning for the maintenance of the best brewing traditions in member countries. Other members of the Union are equally dedicated to upholding our brewing traditions. A group of CAMRA members, calling themselves The Campaign for Authentic Lager believe that it is illogical and counter-productive to campaign for the protection of beer traditions of countries outside the UK without applying the same energies to cleaning up our own industry.

Over 50% of the beer, or imitation beer products produced in this country is lager of such a poor standard that it would not be acceptable to the majority of drinkers on the continent, especially Germany. The major brewers in this country brew a range of beers, or near beers and apply the same economic strategies to all of them, including Real Ale. The declining quality of Real Ale produced by major brewers is well known in CAMRA circles and many members refuse to drink the products of the more scrupulous brewers of which there is a growing number. The group are of the opinion that the lager disease in this country is spreading and is contaminating our Real Ale. As our big brewers gain a foothold on the continent, they believe that the disease will spread to the continent. Part of their strategy is to introduce the drinkers of this country to better quality lager and persuade them to boycott inferior products.

London drinkers will have a unique opportunity to sample good quality lagers and other foreign beers at The London Drinker Beer Festival. **COME AND SAMPLE THEM AND THEN DEMAND THE SAME QUALITY BEERS AT YOUR LOCAL PUB. REFUSE ANYTHING ELSE.**

FESTIVAL FOOD

This year our famous "Sausage Kitchen" will again be bringing you O'Hagans Real Ale sausages, the British banger as it should be! Made from pure pork, a little rusk and a dash of real ale, and containing no preservatives or additives, these slightly spicy sausages are served with home-made mash and baked beans, or you can enjoy them in crusty French bread.

Also on our menu are authentic giant Cornish pasties, vegetable samosas and onion bajs. For the lover of spicy food, there is the CAMRA Chili, a popular favourite at CAMRA beer festivals. Also available are giant cheese baps and "torpedo" rolls. These are a meal in themselves! The "Sausage Kitchen" will open in the side hall from 12.30pm to 2.30pm and from 5.30pm to 9pm every day.

Bon appetit !

We will do our best to ensure that the range of beers, ciders and perries listed for the festival are available throughout the Festival. However due to factors beyond our control it may be necessary to make changes

THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

This year, we have chosen THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION to be our festival charity. The BHF was formed in 1961 by a group of doctors to support research into the causes of heart diseases, in order to reduce the number of premature deaths and to improve the quality of life for those who suffer from heart problems.

Thanks to research, many operations and forms of treatment considered totally impracticable thirty years ago are now common practice and the incidence of death from congenital heart disease has greatly declined. However, in spite of the progress heart disease remains the biggest single cause of death in the UK. Many questions remain to be answered and it is only through continued research, such as that funded by the BHF, that they will be resolved. In addition to providing support for appropriate research projects, The BHF strives to improve the facilities for cardiac by providing life-saving equipment to hospitals and medical centres where no other source is available.

The foundation is supported entirely by voluntary donations and receives no Government aid. As usual, we will be donating the proceeds of the auctions which are held on the stage during the evening session. You will also find collecting boxes on each bar, where your contributions will be gratefully received.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday evening

Due to many requests from our customers, this will be a quiet night with no entertainment other than what you make yourselves!

Thursday evening

ON THE FIDDLE

Four piece string based band- violin, uke, guitar and tea-chest bass. Seriously wonderful renditions of everything from boogie and blues to George Formby and calypso sure to make the Festival swing.

Friday evening

THE ALPINE OOMPAH BAND

The band consists of five musicians: drummer- Trombone - Susaphone - Trumpet Accordion - who perform at many beer festivals and other functions in Brighton, London, Wales, RAF bases and Military Camps in Lincolnshire, Yorkshire Leicestershire and Nottingham and Belgium.



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LOOKING BACK *From our Archives*

TEN YEARS AGO inflation hit CAMRA! The yellow cover of March 1982's 24 page issue of London Drinker bore a price reflecting a 20% increase - to 12p.

The "gremlins" in the system were obviously not peculiar to the period when I was on the Editorial team. An apology appeared for entrants to the December Crossword Competition. The entries were collated, and inadvertently sent to the wrong address. The anonymous apologist said optimistically "There is a chance they can be recovered, in which case the competition can go ahead." Were they? Watch this space! Mentioning gremlins, their electronic counterpart were featured in a short item. Remember Space Invaders? This issue reported that the intrusive machines were on their way out, the number in various establishments being reported as having dropped from 5,800 to 4,600. During what period of time was not indicated, and as the source of information was Morning Advertiser the figures were presumably national. These electronic entertainments were addictive and cost you a packet - one of my young protégés ended up with the nickname "BLEEP"! (He's now a CAMRA member, working in a real ale pub. Start them young!)

Under the headline "Great Yorkshire Turn-About" came the announcement: "A rush by national brewers to push the least attractive of their northern beers in the London market has at last taken a turn for the better. Webster the

Halifax subsidiary of the Watney and Truman giant, Grand Metropolitan - should soon have their Yorkshire Bitter (og 1037) available in cask-conditioned form in about 100 London pubs." Elsewhere in the edition fifteen outlets were named from a brewery-produced list, nothing appearing from either E. or S.E. postal districts.

The cover cartoon showed two drinkers of contrasting girth in a bar. The caption read "I've solved my weight problem - the doctor's put me on real ale!" That might have been ambiguous had not the obvious speaker been the slimmer of the two, and presumably this was a reference to some olympian pronouncement from the medical world, but even then it's ambiguous.

FIVE YEARS AGO the March 1987 edition used green as its theme colour, and the cover advertised the London Drinker Beer Festival - this year's takes place on March 11th to 13th. This was a 24 page issue which announced the opening on February 17th of that year, of David Bruce's ninth pub. The Phantom and Firkin in Plaistow had been an Allied pub, the Red Lion, and its purchase had been delayed by the previous owners misplacing vital documentation. The name referred to a reputed haunting there, and it was recently renamed the VILLAGE IN PLAISTOW by its second subsequent owner, Wessex Taverns.

Martin Smith

FAMILIES AT THE GREAT BRITISH FESTIVAL

Families will once again be welcome at this year's Great British Beer Festival. The beautiful Pillar Room at the Grand Hall, Olympia has been set aside for parents and their children.

The room is so called because of the multitude of pillars. The drapes on high windows add to the atmosphere of opulence. The festival charity is the Great Ormond Street Hospital and they will be loaning a selection of toys for the youngsters at the festival. However, it has been noted that the toys are too young for some of our visitors. As a consequence, this year there will be some video games to keep the older children occupied. Shove

ha'penny boards will also be available for those who wish to try a different, perhaps slower, method of skill!

Live children's entertainers are playing every lunchtime, Wednesday to Saturday and early evening on Friday and Saturday. Whilst adults enjoy their beer, soft drinks, sweets and crisps to satisfy the younger palates will be on sale.

The Family Room is open 5pm - 9pm 4th-7th August, 11.30 am - 3pm 5th-6th August and 11 am - 9 pm 8th August.

It is regretted that creche facilities are not on offer and children are not allowed to remain in the main hall which is licensed.

CIVILISING EUROPE

Thomas Becket was a Londoner who shortly after his 36th birthday rose to the rank of Chancellor of England, the most powerful man after the King himself, Henry II. In June 1158 - four years before taking holy orders following his election as Archbishop of Canterbury, which in due course resulted in his assassination, Becket went to Paris in order to arrange the marriage of the King's son Henry, then aged three, to the infant Margaret, daughter of King Louis VII of France and Constance of Castile. This was in no sense a private visit - more of a state occasion. The retinue consisted of more than 200 members of Becket's household, from knights to pages, and included eight baggage wagons, so huge that each was drawn by five horses. Leaving aside such essentials for travelling as 24 changes of clothing much of pure silk - for the 39 year old Chancellor, furs, tapestries and carpets, and furnishings for the chapel, the chamber and the kitchen, the content of two wagons form the basis of this small offering. The whole purpose of this great show of wealth

was a huge public relations exercise designed to awe and please the locals - the two were laden with iron-hooped casks containing, according to a contemporary account, "a clear, wholesome beverage, the colour of wine and superior in taste". The son of a merchant, Becket had an eye to future trade, and took with him, for the delectation of all, ENGLISH ALE. We would have difficulty in recognizing it as such nowadays, since for Caesar mentioned a local brew encountered in his unsuccessful invasion of our shores in 55BC, so beer was certainly no novelty. But the fact is that it was better than anything of the kind produced in mainland Europe at the time, and remains so. I rest my case. Perhaps after a little education of the palate, our backward trans-Channel partners will come round to our way of thinking and our punitive taxation on alcohol will be brought to a more realistic level in line with everyone else. Mr. CHANCELLOR, PLEASE NOTE.

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WHAT FUTURE FOR CHARRINGTON IPA

No matter what you thought of Charringtons IPA it was always going to be better than the Cardiff brewed Worthington Best Bitter. But for how much longer will we have the choice. London CAMRA branches have reported the disappearance of IPA from the bar and landlords unable to order any more. The Springfield Brewery Wolverhampton, where IPA was brewed, was closed in August last year and the production of IPA was transferred to Birmingham. This may be just the time to delve into the history of Charringtons Indian Pale Ale.

Brewing started at the Anchor Brewery in Mile End Road in 1857 when Wastfield & Moss moved from nearby Bethnal Green. John Charrington (one of ten children) bought a third share in 1766 which set him back £1,446. 4s. 4½d. A further third share was bought three years later when Wastfield retired and the last third in 1783. By 1824 John and Henry Charrington had made their company the second biggest brewer in London with 20,250 barrels. In 1838 they acquired Stewart & Head at Stratford and started brewing stout and porter as well as ale. Within 65 years output multiplied almost 30 fold. Takeovers included Bell's of Fulham in 1890, East's, Kingston 1891, Walker's, Gravesend 1903, Campbell Johnstone, Notting Hill 1909, Chandlers (½), London 1911, Brook's, Peckham 1916, Notting Hill (½), 1920, Savill Bros, Stratford 1925, Tilney's,

Whitechapel 1927, Seabrooke & Sons, Grays 1929. In 1933 they took over Hoare's Red Lion Brewery and promptly utilised their Toby trademark and closed the brewery a year later as outlay on plant and structure was thought too costly. Brewing was transferred to Mile End and the Croydon Brewery of Page & Overton, a subsidiary of Hoare's. Brewing stopped there in 1946 when the Kemp Town Brewery (Brighton) was acquired. And so the takeovers and mergers continued until Bass Charrington became Britain's biggest brewer.

But what of IPA? If anyone tells you that they remember the original IPA you can call them a liar. IPA started life at the Abbey Brewery Burton (built 1872), and it was not until the brewery was closed in 1925 that it came to be brewed down the Mile End Road. Brewing ceased there in 1975 and IPA became a beer liked by some and loathed by others, but in those early days of CAMRA if you lived in the East End there was precious little else to drink. The 1974 Good Beer Guide listed 17 pubs in the East London & City area, in 11 only Bass Charrington beers were sold, one of which was Bass Worthington, which is where we came in.

Taken from *A Brewer's Progress* by LAG Strong privately published by Charrington's on their Bicentenary in 1957.

NO MORE ON THE PINT, NORMAN

CAMRA has asked Chancellor Norman Lamont not to increase beer duty in 1992. A tax freeze would benefit not only millions of beer drinkers, but also the recession hit brewing trade.

"Britain's beer drinkers pay more tax than most other EC countries" said Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox. "A third of the price of a pint is tax. Beer drinkers pay four billion pounds to the Exchequer every year, and enough is enough."

Last year's duty and VAT increase amounted to 5p a pint, twice the rate of inflation.

Brewers of all sizes found sales slumping. CAMRA dismisses the arguments of the health lobby, who want to see above-inflation increases for drink prices. "Supermarkets and off-licences are cheaper than pubs" said Cox. "Penal tax increases will simply drive heavy drinkers out of pubs to drink at home. Why should sensible drinkers pay more, when problem drinkers will not be deterred?"

"Every beer drinker grumbles about the price of a pint" said Cox. "Norman Lamont has the chance to be that rare thing, a popular Chancellor, if he heeds our call."

CROXLEY CRAWL

The London Drinker has covered many pub crawls in the past, but this is a first for one of the more far flung outposts of the metropolis, Croxley Green.

Although somewhat obscurely positioned on the A412 between Watford and Rickmansworth, it is readily accessible to tube travellers, being the penultimate stop on the Watford branch of the Metropolitan Line. For those with considerably more time, it is also on the Grand Union Canal.

Croxley's history is closely linked with the paper industry and John Dickinsons in particular. Indeed Croxley Script must be known the world over. Alas the historic paper mill is no longer with us, having been demolished in the early 70s as part of the inevitable rationalisation of the industry.

However Croxley has retained its mixed but close community, as well as its village green, windmill, common moor and woods. It also boasts 8 pubs, operated by 5 different brewery companies including the independents Greene King.

Our tour starts at the RED HOUSE, directly opposite the tube station. This Courage pub has retained two separate bars and both Best Bitter and Directors can be supped in the comfortable lounge bar.

Bearing right off the A412 up New Road, one quickly reaches the FOX & HOUNDS on the left, a Greene King managed house located in a range of converted Victorian cottages. Once a Wells and Winch pub, Greene King IPA, Abbot and Rayments Special are now served in this large but comfortable bar, recently converted from two separate bars. Fortunately darts and pool have been retained although they have been relocated upstairs on the balcony.

Continuing up New Road, turn left into Dickinson Square and right into Dickinson Avenue, proceeding along the full length of this leafy road. Turn left into Yorke Road, then left again into the main Watford Road. Here you will find the DUKE OF YORK, illuminated by a series of rather strange Art Deco style globes. This pub has been very recently renovated by Benskins, who have

"mirrored" the unusual styling inside, as well as throwing in a 1950s musical theme for good measure. Tetleys and Boddingtons were available through handpumps on a recent visit.

Now retrace your steps, turn back into Yorke Road, and turn left at the far end, back into New Road. Continue until you reach the Green, where opposite you will see the ARTICHOKE, once a farmhouse. Previously an Allied pub and more recently a Trumans house, this has now been converted into Chef & Brewer "Alehouse" style, although very few of the wooden beams or fittings are original. Ruddles Best, County and Websters are available and can be taken into the separate family area or the well equipped (for children) and enclosed garden, weather permitting. Morris dancing can often be seen here during the summer months.

A stroll further up the Green takes you to the COACH & HORSES, a Benskins pub which tends to be more popular with the younger set. It's also very busy on the day of the Croxley "Revels", when the annual procession of floats and old buses passes the door. Petanque can be played here on request.

Returning down the Green past the Artichoke, you reach the SPORTSMAN, strategically placed next to the mini roundabout at the top of Scots Hill, opposite All Saints church. This Benskins house is unique in being the only Croxley pub which has always served real ale. Not surprisingly it has often been featured in the Good Beer Guide, including the latest edition. The beer is very well looked after by Mick the landlord and an excellent drop of Benskins, Tetleys and Burton can usually be had. The sporting connections are retained in this community pub with several darts teams and bar billiards.

Rolling down Scots Hill you will find Croxley's newest "pub" in the historic SCOTSBRIDGE MILL, now a Beefeater Steak House. This building, which dated back about 300 years, has been very carefully renovated to allow views of the River Chess

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The freehold belongs to the trustees of St Thomas's Hospital, Lambeth, but the pub is almost next door to Guy's Hospital, whose staff are among the pub's customers.

60 YEARS YOUNG

Retired plumber Fred Brunt has celebrated his diamond jubilee of drinking at the Flask in Hampstead, north London.

Five-pint Fred, as he is known to the regulars, began drinking Young's bitter in the pub 60 years ago, on his 18th birthday.

And on his 78th birthday, brewery chairman John Young turned up to join in the celebrations and to present Fred with an inscribed tankard as a reward for his loyalty to the Flask.

Fred was born in Flask Walk, just along the street from the Flask, and first went into the pub when he was three - for a children's party upstairs.

His work as a plumber took him to the homes of many famous people in Hampstead, including Hugh Gaitskell, the former leader of the Labour Party.

YOUNGS BEER FOR BASS PUBS

Young's Bitter, the best-selling London-brewed real ale, is to be sold in many Bass pubs throughout the capital.

In return, the Wandsworth brewery's 180 pubs are to stock Tennent's Extra, Bass's premium draught lager.

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as it passes underneath. In addition to the restaurant there is a separate bar and conservatory area where you can wash down the bar snacks that are served throughout the day with Wethereds Bitter (courtesy of McMullens) and Flowers Original.

To reach the final port of call you need to climb back up Scots Hill and along the length of Watford Road, past the Red House and down to the bottom of the hill to the roundabout. Alternatively you can catch the rare 321 bus, operated by Luton & District (Watfordwide) on weekdays, Seamarks on weekday evenings and Citybus

Youngs and Bass are to sign the reciprocal deal early this month and the two beers will go on sale in each other's pubs shortly thereafter.

John Young, chairman of Youngs, said: "We are delighted with the agreement, which will bring Young's Bitter to a much wider audience.

"Bass have underlined the strong market image and quality of Young's brands and we, in turn, are pleased to offer our own customers one of the most famous of all lagers."

Peter Swinburn, managing director of Bass Brewers (South), commented: "This deal guarantees an even greater availability of Tennent's Extra in and around London. We also believe that Young's Bitter, a highly popular cask ale in the South East, will be very well received by our customers."



John Young serves up pints of Tennent's Extra and Young's Bitter.

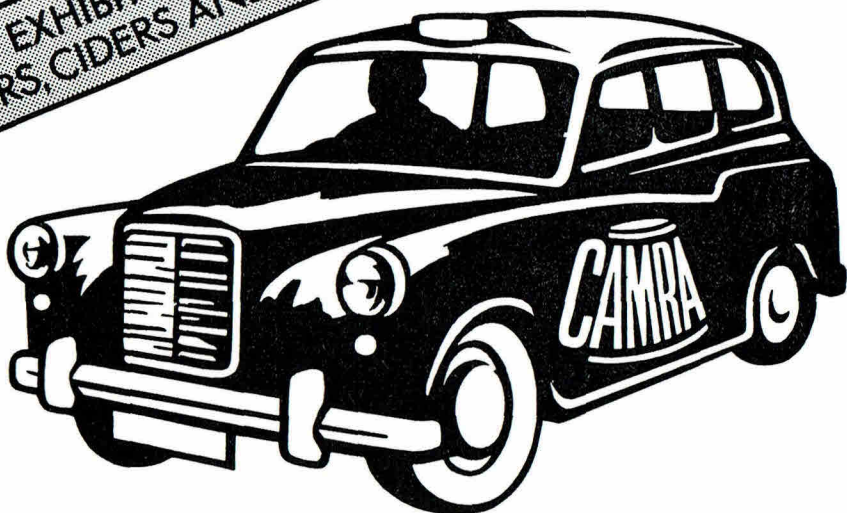
(Ensign) on Sundays. Unless you decide to call it a day at the tube station, you will find the TWO BRIDGES, a 1930s roadhouse built to replace the old Halfway House which was demolished when the canal bridge was widened. Benskins and other Allied beers are available and can be drunk in areas of differing styles including the "library" room.

Thus the tour is complete, and within a relatively compact area you could have sampled no less than 14 different beers.

Ian Knowles

Branch Secretary, Watford & District Branch

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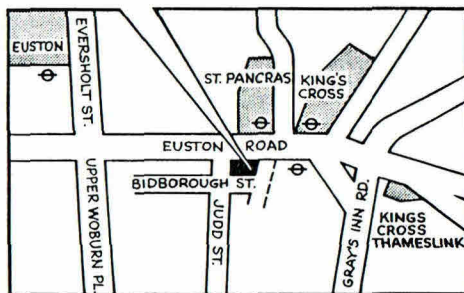
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BUDWEISER BUDVAR SALES AT RECORD LEVELS

UK sales of the Czech beer Budweiser Budvar are running at record levels and still growing fast says Lynne Zilkha, Chief Executive of B. B. Supply Centre the company responsible for promoting and distributing the product.

This is a remarkable achievement at a time when overall beer sales are significantly down. Lynne attributes the continuing success of the South Bohemian-brewed premium lager partly to the rise and rise of the well informed beer drinker and partly to the fact that whilst many beers have risen steeply in price that of Budweiser Budvar has remained stable. "With the recession in view, when it's a question of a penny or two between something that is good and something that is brilliant the choice is obvious", she says.

Budweiser Budvar is also enjoying the distinction of being the first Czech beer to go successfully on draught in the UK. Distributed via Everards Wholesale the number of outlets has been steadily growing. "It is one of the few draught lagers that is imported and one that is performing encouragingly in the free trade. Once an outlet gets it they keep it" says Ms Zilkha.

She gives as an example the Jarvis London Embassy Hotel in Bayswater Road. The hotel took draught Budweiser Budvar on board when it was refurbished, although it had sold the bottled variety for many years. Sales of draught, says Manager Carlo Laurenti, has been a great success easily outselling anything else on the counter.

SARUS

A new addition to the B. B. Supply Centre portfolio of Czechoslovak beers is Sarus. This lager of Slovakia brewed in the brewery town of Kosice (also the home of Cassovar porter) is a honey coloured Pilsner style lager brewed from natural ingredients.

It will appear in the UK market in 50 cl bottles packaged 20 to a case labelled in its familiar livery of predominantly green and red on a white background.

Lynne describes ABV 4.1% Sarus as being "eminently drinkable, an excellent session beer".

Although Slovakia itself is predominantly a wine region Kosice has been a brewery town since the 15th century and Sarus has inherited its considerable brewing traditions.

BOHEMIA REGENT

The famous black lager of Southern Bohemia's great fishing town Trebon, is Bohemia Regent and is being imported and distributed by B. B. Supply.

The Trebon brewery, which is one of the oldest in Central Europe shares the same water table as the Budweiser Budvar brewery at neighbouring Ceske Budejovice. Besides using the same water it is also brewed by traditional techniques with a sixty day minimum maturation period in the brewery's cellars.

Made from specially selected malts Bohemia Regent has a dark garnet hue, a caramel aroma and a full rich flavour with a refreshing taste. The recipe for the beer is also equally venerable. Legend has it that the brewery's founders were given it in 1379 by local monks who brewed it for their own consumption.

A favourite throughout the Austro-Hungarian Empire, when the brewery belonged to the famous and fabulously wealthy Schwarzenberg family the 4.8 ABV beer was highly esteemed not only as a drink but for use in preparing traditional dishes. Locally it is often drunk one to one to one basis with Budweiser Budvar.

CASSOVAR

One of the best kept secrets of Slovakia, its traditional porteer known as Cassovar. The dark beer of Eastern Slovakia is brewed in Kosice which has been a brewing town since the 15th century. The Cassovar tradition began in 1857 when brewer Jan Bayer set up a new brewery in the town and started to brew the celebrated dark beer. Its fortunes really began to take off when it won the award for quality at the 1896 Millenium Exhibition in Budapest.

The ingredients of that award winning beer still go into its brewing today which is still carried out by traditional methods. Ingredients include the local barley, distinctive water and the hops from Zatec. In the intervening years production has grown from under 21,000

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hectolitres a year to over 400,000. No less than 20% of this production was exported but, unfortunately for Western beer drinkers, until 1989, when the brewery regained its independent status lost in 1948, most of this was exported to Eastern Europe.

GAMBRINUS

The other Pilsen beer, Gambrinus, has finally come out of the closet where it was virtually shut up like a Cinderella by Czechoslovakia's old socialist regime. Gambrinus, whose brewery is located right next door to its neighbour the Pilsner Urquell brewery, will now be widely available in the West and particularly the UK.

There was a trickle to the West before the revolution in Czechoslovakia and although brewed since 1869 in Pilsen, Gambrinus was made to change its name in the socialist times to the Bolshevik sounding 'Svetova' under which label it was sold to Poland and what was the Soviet Union.

Those days are now over and the Gambrinus brewery plans to double its production over the next three years from the present 1.2 million hectolitres to 2.5 million. Already one new 36,000 bph filling line has been installed and

another is soon to follow. Bottling, labelling and packaging may be hi-tech but the actual brewing is to remain traditional.

Like Budweiser Budvar, Gambrinus uses Bohemian hops from Saaz as well as the local spring water as its ingredients. It also enjoys an equally long fermentation period of three to four months giving an ABV of 4.5%.

In a half litre bottle with a distinctive black and white label Gambrinus has what can only be called a characteristic Czech flavour, bitter but not so bitter as to leave an unpleasant aftertaste.

In his book 'Daft about lager' published last year Rohan Daft describes Gambrinus as one of the best lagers that he had ever tasted.

It is light, honey coloured and has been described as having a "beautifully balanced flavour, a rich bouquet and a deliciously smooth taste".

This Pilsen beer is named after Gambrinus, Duke of Brabant and Flanders from 1251 to 1294. The first recorded campaigner for real ale he particularly favoured the beers from Pilsen and his just reward has been not only to have a whole brewery named after him but also to have been appointed patron saint of brewers.

MORE NEWS FROM YOUNG'S BREWERY

Young's Winter Warmer has been voted the best real ale in Britain.

The Wandsworth-brewed traditional old ale won the Cask Conditioned Beer Championship Trophy in the Brewery Industry International Awards ahead of beers from all over the country.

It had already been awarded a gold medal as the best entry in the class for strong draught beers, but when the awards were presented at Harrogate in early February it was announced that Winter Warmer was the supreme champion.

A delighted Young's head brewer, Ken Don, who was in Harrogate to receive the award, said: "This is marvellous news. Winter Warmer

has been better than ever this year and sales have been noticeably up."

Winter Warmer, brewed at an original gravity of 1055 with an alcohol content of 5 per cent by volume, is Young's strongest draught beer.

It is brewed entirely from English malt and hops, with a special blend of sugars to give it a rich flavour and dark colour, and is available from October to March each year.

It was originally called Burton and won two medals - a gold in 1964 and third place in 1960 - at Brewex, the forerunner of the Brewing Industry International Awards.





NICHOLSON'S NEW BEST BITTER

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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



DRINKING AROUND KENTON

A glance at this year's Good Beer Guide map of Greater London would appear to indicate a virtual beer desert in the far north west of our fair city. In a straight line from Harrow to Barnet there is not a single entry. However all is not lost for the discerning beer drinker in this area.

There are three pubs worthy of mention one of which is a new J. D. Weatherspoon outlet and two that have been around for some time. The J.D.W. pub is the NEW MOON in Kenton Park Parade on the Kenton Road about three quarters of a mile east of Kenton station. Offering the usual J.D.W. range plus occasional guest beers the New Moon is a conversion of two shops into an L shaped pub that is already a favourite with the locals.

Licensee Gary Cheetham (formerly at The College Arms E17 - a GBG entry) has already introduced the locals to the delights of Banks & Taylors Black Bat (at Halloween appropriately!) and Blackawton Headstrong to name but two.

By the time you have read this Morland's Original, Martston's Merrie Monk and a new beer called Hop & Glory from Ash Vine will have appeared during the festive season.

The New Moon is open all available hours and has been refurbished in the usual Weatherspoon style.

The second pub to look out for is a Taylor Walker house, THE ROYAL OAK in Peel Road, Wealdstone about 150 yards behind Safeways. This pub has managed several GGB entries in recent years. The new licensee Barry Staines was previously the guvnor of The Swan in Sudbury and managed to convert many of the Guinness drinking locals there over to Tetley - a not insignificant achievement!

The Royal Oak is a large pub with a recently built conservatory. It also has a separate public bar although Allied's pricing policy means that the prices are the same as in the lounge.

The beers on offer are Benskins Best, Burton Ale, Tetley Bitter and Youngs Ordinary the

latter recently replacing Wadworths 6X. The Tetley in the Royal Oak is probably the best I have had in Greater London which is not surprising as it is the guvnor's favourite tippie though all the beers are well kept.

The final pub worth of mention is a Benskins House, THE SEVEN BALLS at 749 Kenton Lane (opposite the end of Gordon Avenue). Licensee Peter Thurgar has been here for about six years and the pub only sold Benskins Best when he arrived. However, Pete has increased the range to also include Ansells Mild!!, Tetley Bitter, and Marstons Pedigree. Burton Ale has only recently been dropped from the range.

I think I am right in saying that the Seven Balls started something when the Ansells Mild was introduced as shortly afterwards Benskins included it on its price lists for Benskins pubs taking their deliveries from the Hunton Bridge depot. Bearing in mind that May is normally Mild Month perhaps we can look forward to seeing Benskins (and CAMRA members) promoting mild in this part of the world.

There has been a pub here for at least 250 years and the Seven Balls may well be oldest pub in the area. It also has a separate public bar (with darts nights on Thursdays) though again with no price difference to the lounge bar. There are two teams entered in the local Benskins quiz league with games being played on Tuesday nights.

All is therefore not lost for the Kenton/Harrow Weald drinker or anyone passing through the area. Details of other pubs' beer ranges in the area have been sent to Beer Guides Updates (or at least the ones I have been able to get to).

Dave O'Driscoll
West Middlesex Branch

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3rd NATIONAL CIDER and PERRY EXHIBITION

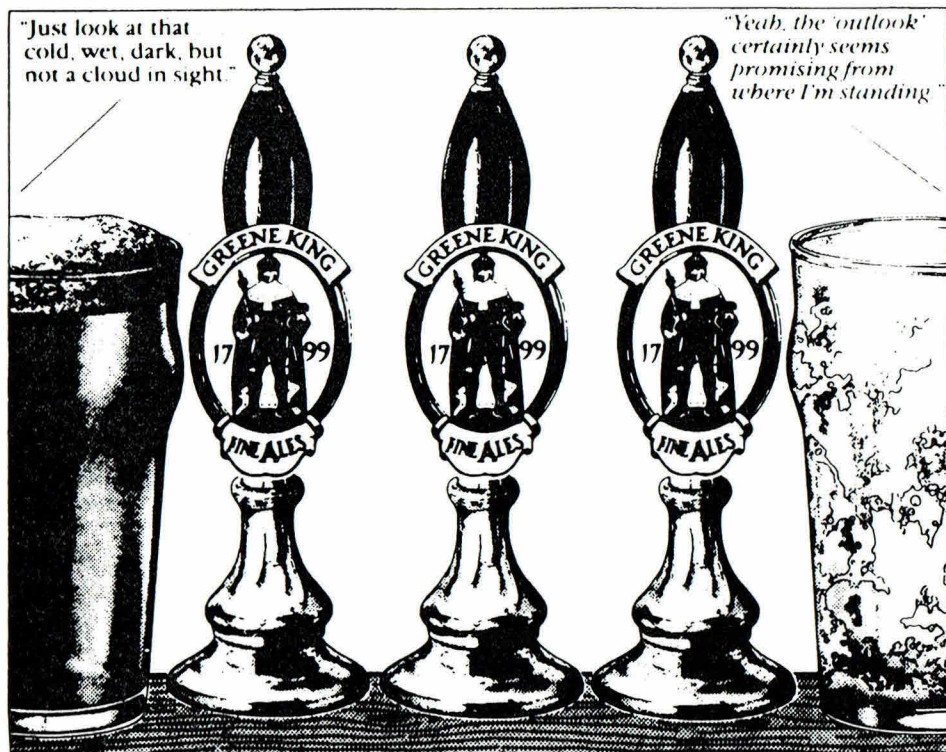
This year's Cider and Perry Exhibition takes place here, in the Camden Centre, on 14th - 16th May. For those of you who do not usually drink cider let me tell you that there is the same variety and difference in taste between two ciders, as there is with beer. Even the same apples grown only two miles apart will give two completely different tastes.

This event, now becoming a regular in CAMRA's calendar, will allow you to sample up to 50 different ciders and a dozen perries. These range from the ultra-traditional West Country ciders to the East Coast style of Kent and East Anglia. There will also be as many perries as we can get our hands on.

There will be pub games and an information point where David Kitton, editor of the Good Cider Guide, will attempt to answer your questions. Entertainment includes well-known West Country folk band The Yetties on the Friday evening, and you can purchase traditional British grub while you drink your way around the country. There will also be a small mild bar, a family room, and apple juice for those foolish enough to have brought their cars.

An event not to be missed !!

MICK LEWIS



BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 69

This month we report a number of new free houses around London, including the first to appear in the Canary Wharf development on the Isle of Dogs. Another Wiltshire Brewery acquisition from Bass (Charrington) has been discovered in N1 to add to the one in E1 reported last month. There are believed to be a number of other acquisitions; more information please.

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

EC1, BILBO BAGGINS (BEER & BANJO) EMPORIUM, 122 Newgate Street. Adnams: Bitter. Brakspear: Bitter. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Tetley: Bitter. New Free House opened 1991 in former restaurant premises. Ground floor & basement bars. Beers may vary. Open Mon-Fri 11-11, Sat 11-3. (Already in E Guide, omitted in error from U68)

EC4, SPATZ, Hill House, Shoe Lane. Renamed **FLEETS**. Bass. Worthington: Best Bitter. Now a Free House with product tie to Bass, ex Courage. Open Mon-Fri 11-8.

EC4, WALKERS (OF HOLBORN), Norwich Street. Greene King: IPA. Nicholson: Best Bitter (3.5% ABV). Tetley: Bitter. Young: Special. New Taylor Walker "Nicholson Free House" opened Dec 1991 at rear of new office development. Ground floor & large basement bar complete with sawdust. A 'wine and ale bar' offering 'food on a tray' service to offices. Beers may vary. Open Mon-Wed 11.30-9, Thu/Fri 11.30-10.30, closed weekends.

WC2, TAPPIST-HEN WINE HOUSE, 5 William IV Street. Davy's: Old Wallow. A Davy's wine bar with real ale in pewter tankards (£1.85 a pint), only in cellar bar. Only open lunchtimes Mon-Fri 11-3.30/4. House beer is Courage Directors Bitter.

EAST

E1, HORN OF PLENTY, 36 Globe Street. Reopened as a Free House, ex Truman. (E67)

E2, BUSKERS FREE HOUSE, 2 Pollard Row. Reopened and renamed **OLDE HOPE (YE)**. Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (E79)

E8, TAYLORS, 19 Martello Street. Reopened and renamed **PUB ON THE PARK**. (E116)

E14, HENRY ADDINGTON, 20-28 Mackenzie Walk, Canary Wharf. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Fuller: London Pride. A new Bass Charrington pub opened in September 1991 at base of office building, the first in the Docklands Canary Wharf complex. Nautical theme with single curved 97 foot bar. Food including Billingsgate fish Thu/Fri. Outdoor drinking in summer on promenade overlooking dock. No escape from canned music, even in the bog. Open Mon-Wed 11-9.30, Thu/Fri 11-11, Sat 12-6, Sun 12-3

E14, SABBARTON ARMS, 99 Upper North Street. Reopened and renamed **GAMBOLS**. H unused. (E148)

E16, TIDAL BASIN TAVERN, 31 Tidal Basin Road. Fuller: London Pride, ESB. Reopened

(Already in E guide, omitted from U68 in error.)

DAGENHAM, BULL TAVERN, Rainham Road South. Ruddle: County. (X40)

NORTH

N1, PRINCE OF WALES, 342 Caledonian Road. Wiltshire: Stonehenge Best Bitter. Now owned by Wiltshire Brewery, ex Charrington. Beer range may increase. (N46)

NORTH WEST

NW2, BARRETT'S FREE HOUSE, 239 Cricklewood Broadway. No real ale. New Free House in former shop premises.

NW2, GLADSTONES, 4 Gladstone Parade, Edgware Road (corner Gladstone Park Ave). No real ale. New Free House in former shop premises.

NW2, WINDMILL, 57 Cricklewood Broadway. Young: Bitter♦. A Taylor Walker pub. (N131, U39)

EDGWARE, BALD FACED STAG, 104 Burnt Oak Broadway. Worthington: Best Bitter. (N178)

EDGWARE, CONWAYS 3, 2 Holmstall Parade, Edgware Road, (near junction with Holmstall Ave), Burnt Oak. No real ale. A new Free House in former shop premises.

EDGWARE, LEATHER BOTTLE, 76 Stonegrove. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Now a Whitbread Beekeeper, ex Grand Met. Berni. (N178)

EDGWARE, PORTERS WINE LODGE, Station Road. No real ale. A Grand Met. Chef & Brewer bar adjoining RAILWAY HOTEL but with separate licence.

SOUTH WEST

SW18, PUNTERS, 406 Garrett Lane. Reopened, still fizz. (U52, U61)

CARSHALTON, HOPE, 48 West Street. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Young: Special. (SW60)

MITCHAM, POLLARD OAK, Chestnut Grove. Wethered: Bitter. Reinstatement. (SW68, U34)

WEST

W12, PRINCESS VICTORIA, 217 Uxbridge Road. Charrington: IPA♦ (99p a pint). A Watney pub run by Conway Taverns. (W91)

W14, CLARENCE, 148 North End Road. Charrington: IPA♦ (99p a pint). A Watney pub. (W94)

ALPERTON, PANTHER, 3 Glenmore Parade, Ealing Road (near junction with Mount Pleasant). No real ale. New Free House in former shop premises.

WHITTON, WHITE HART, 123 Kneller Road. Greene King: IPA. Smiles: Best Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now reopened as a Free House, ex Watney. (W162, U56)

BEER BRIEFING

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PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE CENTRAL

EC1, KNIGHTS (BAR & BRASSERIE). Free House, closed, future uncertain. (E19)
EC4, HOOP & GRAPES. Courage, closed but being preserved in an area of demolition & redevelopment. (E49)
W1 (May), SNOWS. Free House now demolished, site absorbed into Criterion redevelopment site. (W40)
W1 (May), WHITE BEAR INN. Free House, now permanently closed and absorbed into Criterion site. (W40)

EAST

E2, DOLPHIN. Truman, H unused. (E80)
E3, BOMBAY GRAB. Free House, closed, future uncertain. (E89)
DAGENHAM, MERRY FIDDLERS. Ind Coope, closed for road widening. (X40)

NORTH WEST

NW1, LORD SOMERS ARMS. Courage, closed, for sale. (N121)
NW5, ROYAL. Free House, H unused. Formerly ROYAL ARMS. (N146, U44)
NW6, NORTH LONDON TAVERN. Charrington, H unused. (N149, U50)

SOUTH EAST

BROMLEY, DUKES HEAD. Courage, closed, future uncertain. (SE218)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (SJ), COCKNEY PRIDE TAVERN. Free House, closed & absorbed into Criterion redevelopment site. (SW12)
SW6, EIGHT BELLS. Grand Met. (Free), historic pub, closed, future uncertain. (SW27)
SW6, WEAVERS ARMS. Whitbread, H unused. (SW29)
SW8, HORSESHOE. Free House, H unused. Formerly BUCKLEYS, originally LORD RAGLAN. (SW33, U34, U51, U68)
BEDDINGTON (WALLINGTON), ROUNDERS. Renamed MERRY GO ROUND, closed, future uncertain. (SW59)
CARSHALTON, COTTAGE OF CONTENT. Charrington (fizz), demolished. (SW60)
SUTTON, SYDNEY ARMS. Whitbread, H removed. (SW76)

WEST

W2, IRON GATE. Courage, closed, future uncertain. (W59)
W6, GREYHOUND. Watney, no longer a pub; public bar converted to Italian restaurant, former music bar now LONDON GLOBE music venue with entrance charge. (W76)
W11, PORTLAND ARMS. Charrington, closed, future uncertain. (W88)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES CENTRAL

EC1, SIMPSONS. + Fuller: London Pride. + Greene King: Abbot Ale (99p). (E24)
EC2, COLLINS. Reverted to BULL. (E30)
EC2, TALBOT. - Beers listed. + Adnams: Bitter. + Bass. + Fuller: London Pride, Mr. Harry. (E36)
EC2, THROGMORTON RESTAURANT. + Nicholson: Best Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. Now a Taylor Walker "Nicholson Free House." (E36)
EC3, JAMAICA WINE HOUSE. - Boddington: Bitter. - Courage: Best Bitter. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Beers vary. (E40)
EC4, BENTLEYS. + Theakston: Best Bitter, Old Peculier. (E46)
EC4, WHITE SWAN, 18 Farringdon Street.

- Shepherd Neame: Bitter. - Wells: Bombardier. Reclassify as a Grand Met "Watney" pub. (E56)
W1 (F), ADAMS ARMS. + M&B: Highgate Mild. (W28)
W1 (F), SHIP. + Worthington: Best Bitter. (W32)
W1 (F), WHEATSHEAF. + Theakston: Old Peculier (winter). (W33)
W1 (Mar), DEVONSHIRE ARMS, 7 Duke Street. - Charrington: IPA. + Fuller: London Pride (£1.10). + Young: Special (£1.10). (W34)
W1 (Mar), QUINTIN HOGG. + Brakspear: Bitter (W36)
W1 (Mar), WINDSOR CASTLE. + Bass. (W36)
WC1, QUEENS HEAD, 66 Acton Street. - Fuller: ESB. + Fuller: London Pride. + Varying guest beer. (W50, U53)
WC2, HERCULES PILLARS. + Boddington: Bitter (W54)

EAST

E1, DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 63 Brady Street. Still fizz but Weston Cider in bottle. (E65)
E2, BRITANNIA, 12 Chilton Street. Renamed CHILTONS. (Already in E Guide, omitted in error from U68)
e3, LITTLE DRIVER. + Young: Special. A Charrington pub (ex Finch's) but managed by Youngs. (E90, U67)
E11, BIRKBECK TAVERN. - Charrington: IPA. + Bass. + Greene King: IPA. + Young: Bitter, Special. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (E127)
E13, BLACK LION. - Wethered: Bitter. + Guest Beer. (E135)
E13, RAFFLES. Renamed MEMORY LANE. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (E136)
E13, VILLAGE (AT PLAISTOW). + Village: Bitter. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. House beer believed to be brewed by Courage. (E137)
E14, WHITE SWAN, 130 Blackwall Lane. Now a Free House, ex Watney. (E149)
E15, ALBERT HOUSE. Renamed QUEEN VIC. (E151)
E15, ESSEX ARMS. Bar Billiards table removed. (E153)
E17, BENTLEYS. Renamed BOOGGIES. (E165)
DAGENHAM, FARM HOUSE TAVERN. + Courage: Directors Bitter. (X40)
DAGENHAM, THREE TRAVELLERS. + Young: Bitter (X41)

NORTH

N1, LORD WOLSELEY. + Greene King: XX Mild. + Raymont: Special Bitter. (N36, U43, U56)
N1, THREE JOHNS. + Fuller: London Pride (N46, U36, U52)
N7, ADMIRAL MANN. + McMullen: Stronghart. (N63)

NORTH WEST

NW1, FUZZOCK & FIRKIN. Renamed TAVERN INN THE TOWN. - Beers listed in N Guide & update. + Everard: Old Original. + Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. + Morland: Old Speckled Hen. + Wadworth: 6X. + Wells: Bombardier. + Wethered: Bitter. + Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. Originally TRAFALGAR. (N127, U33)
NW4, LONDON MIDLAND & SCOTTISH. Renamed CLADDAGH RING. (N142)
NW4, MANNINGS. Renamed LITTLE HOUSE. (N142)
NW5, PINEAPPLE. - Friary Meux: Bitter - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Boddington: Bitter. + Brakspear: Bitter (N145, U53)
HAREFIELD, High Street. - Theakston: Best Bitter. - Younger: No. 3. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. (W108, U67)



OPENING IN 1992

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MOON UNDER WATER, 179 Upper Street, Islington, N1

THREE HORSESHOES, 28 Heath Street, London, NW3

BOOT, 32 High Street, Wealdstone, Middlesex

BIRD IN HAND, 35 Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, SE23

MOON UNDER WATER, 25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road,
Wallington, Surrey

BANKERS DRAUGHT, 36-38 Friern Barnet Road,
Friern Barnet, N11

MOON UNDER WATER, 10-11 Broadway Parade, Coldharbour
Lane, Hayes

456 Bethnall Green Road, Bethnall Green, E2

419-421 Barking Road, East Ham, E6

PRESENTATION TO THE ROSSETTI

Well, it's not often that you see CAMRA's national Chairman John Cryne laughing, but here he shares a joke with Franco of Fuller's Rossetti in St John's Wood, as he presents him with the North London Branch Pub of the Year award.

With its very modern interior, Rossetti is not the sort of pub that you would normally expect to be associated with CAMRA

members, but it has now been in the Good Beer Guide for 16 consecutive years - a feat in itself.

There is a full Italian restaurant upstairs, as well as a selection of bar meals to supplement the superb London Pride and E.S.B. The cellar also houses Franco's 'mother-in-law' but this can be excused because, as Franco himself says, "He's from Barcelona!"



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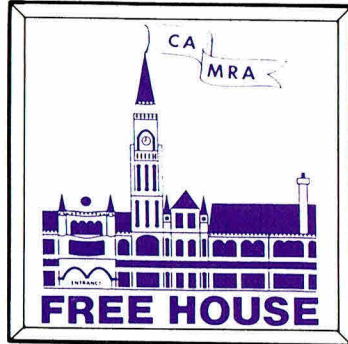
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 SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE
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 SW15 JOLLY GARDENERS
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 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE
 SW19 ALEXANDRA
 SW18 BREWERY TAP
 SW18 HALF WAY HOUSE
 SW18 OLD SERGEANT
 SW19 HAND IN HAND
 SW19 GROVE
 SW19 KINGS HEAD
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL
 SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road
 SW19 TRAFALGAR
 SW19 WILLIAM MORRIS
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 KINGSTON, COCOANUT
 KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD
 KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
 KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
 KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
 KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
 MITCHAM, KINGS ARMS
 MITCHAM, RAVENSBUARY ARMS
 MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
 NEW MALDEN, RAILWAY
 RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE
 RICHMOND, RED COW
 RICHMOND, SHAFESBURY ARMS
 RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS
 SURBITON, BUN SHOP
 SUTTON, NEW TOWN
 WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES, Otlands Park
 W1 ARGYLL ARMS
 W1 MORTIMER ARMS

W1 WINDMILL
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD
 W3 KINGS ARMS
 W3 KINGS HEAD
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE
 W4 BELL & CROWN
 W4 WINDMILL
 W5 DUFFY'S FREE HOUSE
 W5 PLOUGH
 W5 RED LION
 W6 BLACK LION
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS
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 W8 UXBRIDGE ARMS
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 W1 Polytechnic of Central London

S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsolver Street
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 MILTON KEYNES, PLOUGH, Simpson Village
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 POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS, Coopers Lane.
 READING, WARWICK ARMS, Kings Road
 SALISBURY (Wilts), WYNDHAM ARMS, Estcourt Road.
 STEVENAGE (Herts) RED LION, High Street, Old Town.
 STOTFOLD (Beds) - FOX & DUCK, Arlsey Road
 SOUTHAMPTON, PLATFORM TAVERN, Town Quay
 SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO ARMS, Waterloo Road
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