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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 BLUE POST
EC1 HAND & SHEARS
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 SUTTON ARMS
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED
EC3 SWAN
EC4 BANKER
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E1 YORKSHIRE GREY
E2 APPROACH TAVERN
E2 MARKSMAN
E2 NELSON'S HEAD
E8 LADY DIANA
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 GRAPES
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE
SE1 MARKET PORTER
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE3 RAILWAY TAVERN
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE6 TIGERS HEAD
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
SE10 RICHARD I
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MANOR TAVERN
SE16 MOBY DICK
SE18 ANGLESEA ARMS
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SE18 COOPERS ARMS (PLAISTED'S)
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE19 RAILWAY BELL
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE23 BIRD IN HAND
SE24 COMMERCIAL
SE24 PRINCE REGENT

SE25 ALLIANCE
SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
SE27 HOPE
ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE BAR
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK
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 EARL OF RADNOR
N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
N1 MALT & HOPS
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 MITRE, Copenhagen Street
N1 PINT POT
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
N1 RADNOR ARMS
N2 OLD WHITE LION
N4 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY
N4 MORTIMER ARMS
N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
N4 TAP & SPILE
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
N7 ADMIRAL MANN
N7 FAT HARRY'S
N8 ELBOW ROOM
N8 TOLL GATE
N9 BEEHIVE
N10 WETHERSPOONS
N11 NORTHERN STAR
N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN
N12 TALLY HO
N12 TILTED GLASS
N13 WHOLE HOG

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

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 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, MOON ON THE HILL
HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
KENTON, NEW MOON
RUISLIP, J.J. MOONS
SOUTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
SUDBURY, BLACK HORSE
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC SOCIAL CLUB

OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
SW1 MORPETH ARMS

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EDITORIAL

At the Annual General Meeting of my branch, held in late April, I stood down as branch chairman. I have attended a couple of committee meetings since then, the first to hand over the reins to the incoming chairman and the second as an ordinary member. Considering that I never really wanted the job in the first place, I was somewhat surprised to find it an effort not to simply pile in with my opinion on various matters but to wait my turn or just keep quiet. I am sure I shall get used to it though.

My point in mentioning this is not to say what a great bloke I am, having been chairman for so long, but rather the opposite, that for such a long time there were so few members coming along to meetings that there was nobody around to hand the job over to. Oh yes, we had a committee but for quite some time it comprised only four members, of whom I was the only one who had not retired - and I am not as young as I was when I first joined the committee way back in 1974. I did have a year off but that must be over ten years ago now.

We are fortunate as a branch that an injection of new blood in the last two or three years meant that last year we got a full committee again and after a further year they had shaken down sufficiently for me to stand down.

What was disappointing, though, was that at this year's AGM there was nobody prepared to step forward to take my place to maintain a full sized committee. It seems to be an unfortunate factor of CAMRA that although membership, both in London and nationally, is higher than it has ever been before, the number of people who attend meetings seems to remain pretty much the same. This is not only the experience of my own branch; I have heard the same from other branches in London (though not all of them, I must add) and around. Please don't get me wrong - I am very pleased that membership is so buoyant; having a large national membership is important when dealing at a national level with major brewing companies and government departments. It would be nice to see more people coming along to branch meetings or socials to make their views heard and to let us know what is happening in some of the pubs in our area that we don't get to as often as we

might.

We know that a lot of our members, particularly over the last couple of years have joined the Campaign at beer festivals, either local ones or the Great British Beer Festival. These are a very useful source of new members but you would be most welcome at your local branch meetings as well. What is more, anyone who has been to a beer festival will know that they could always use more staff and you, as a regular member would also be very welcome to help out at them as well.

This year in particular, with the GBBF moving to the Great Hall at Olympia the organisers will be looking for around 150 more staff than worked at the London Arena last year; with the prime location of Olympia we know that there will be no shortage of customers but we shall need lots and lots of people to serve them as well. Why not volunteer, it is very rewarding. All of you who are CAMRA members will have received at least a couple of staffing forms with your What's Brewings by now. Don't be daunted by the thought that you will be expected to work all week - even if you can only work for a couple of hours it all helps.

If you are not yet a CAMRA member, why not join? It only costs £10 a year or £12 for joint membership, and if you go to beer festivals as a customer you can easily recoup that on reductions on entrance charges.

On another matter, did you hear of the recent survey of drinkers at a beer festival who were asked if they knew whether certain breweries were independent or not. I do not remember the figures but I do recall that a frighteningly large number thought that both Ruddles and Theakstons were still independent companies. This proves that the big brewers propaganda machines are still working well despite all our efforts at education of the public. Just in case you are one of those people let me summarise a couple of bits of recent history.

Ruddles "merged" with Grand Met in 1986 and became part of Courage in the great pubs for breweries swap last year. Subsequently, at

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NEWS FROM YOUNGS

A family that ran a pub in London's East End for 148 years has been immortalised on a new inn sign.

Youngs, the Wandsworth independent brewers, have paid tribute to the Holland family by putting up a new sign depicting the first and last members of the family in charge of the pub.

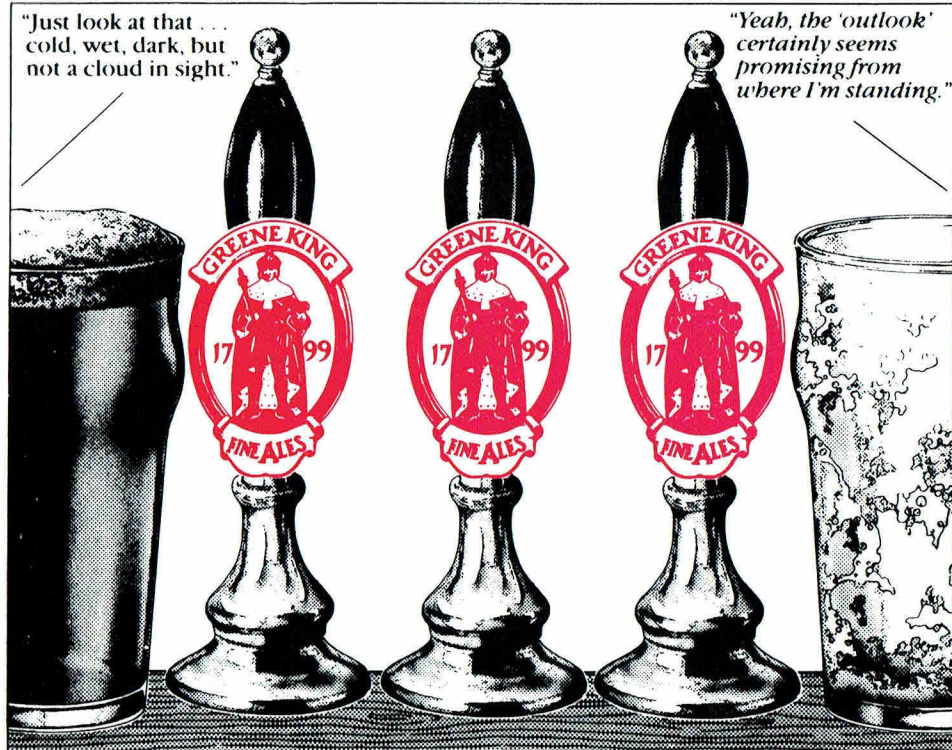
Youngs bought Hollands, in Exmouth Street, off the Whitechapel Road, last year and have kept the pub in its Victorian splendour, complete with original bar fittings and fireplaces.

One side of the new sign shows William Reuben Holland, who established the pub as the Exmouth Arms in 1843; the other depicts his great grandson, John Holland, who retired after selling the business to Youngs.

John Holland changed the title of the pub to his family's name in 1974, the year it was listed as a Grade II historical monument by the Greater London Council



Brewery chairman John Young (right) toasts John Holland beneath the new pub sign.



LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

I can add a little information to Tony Gayfer's letter in the June issue. Firstly, Andrewes House EC2 is at the point where Fore Street and Wood Street meet, just outside the site of the north gate of the Roman fort which was later incorporated into the walls of the City of London, and known as Cripplegate. This title came from the fact that cripples in Mediaeval times made pilgrimage to the nearby Crowder's Well (hence the name of the pub) whose waters were believed to have miraculous curative properties. It was still in use as a water supply until about 1850. Tony's assumption that Andrewes House is named after Lancelot Andrewes, who was for 17 years vicar of neighbouring St Giles' Church, dedicated to the patron of lepers and beggars, which logically embraces cripples. A number of the latter were said to have been miraculously cured when in 1010 the body of St Edmund was brought there for safekeeping from marauding Danes - who had used him for target practice for their archers then beheaded him after capturing him 140 years before. The reputation of the

Well seems to have stemmed from that time. I gleaned much of the above when researching for my *Historicrawl* round the course of the London City Walls, which appeared in the December 1989 LD, from which most of this is quoted.

May I offer a generalised answer to Keith Emmerson's question in the April 1992 issue as to the origin of the title of the Lord Rodney's Head (which I can't provide) and which started off this correspondence? In years gone by - and continuing to the present day - it has frequently been the practice to name new pubs, or re-name old ones, after notable events and personages. I am only guessing, but it is conceivable that a pub on the site was so named after Lord Rodney's ennoblement in 1782, when he was a national hero. The person responsible may even have served in the Navy under Rodney. A better-known military parallel is the Marquis of Granby, whose care (including financial) for his soldiers resulted in many of them on retirement setting up in the pub trade and commemorating him appropriately.

Happy crawling

Merton (real identity & address supplied)

CAMRA REJECTS GREENE KING OFFER FOR MORLANDS

Local CAMRA branches recently gave their support to the Board and Shareholders of Morlands Brewery in their fight against the proposed takeover by Greene King plc.

This takeover is unwelcome and against the best interest of the consumers. The best future for Morlands' beers and the Morland pubs are for the company to remain independent.

Key points are:

1. Loss of product choice, with locally-brewed beers being replaced by those of Greene King.
2. More pub closures - Greene King are renowned for their poor attitude towards country/rural pubs.
3. Closure of the Abingdon brewery with loss of jobs and the end of a brewing tradition since 1711.
4. Probable beer price increases to pay for the

takeover.

5. Loss of identity - if Morlands are bought out, their name will surely disappear to be replaced by that of a "foreign" brewer who is intent on becoming one of the "Big Boys!"
6. Total disregard for the customer. Once again the brewers are playing "Monopoly" without any concern for the wishes of the customer - the very person who keeps them in business!

CAMRA will be mounting a vigorous battle to save Morlands Brewery and their beers. We will be visiting pubs to gain custom support and we will be issuing publicity material throughout the coming days.

Many local CAMRA branches and members are Morland shareholders and we can assure predators that these shares are not for sale! We urge other shareholders to act likewise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

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Dear Editors

Wot!? Only one letter in the May issue of The Drinker. This will not do.

A suitable subject for deliberation must be the rise of the popularity in dark ales in London. One article in the May issue, on the launch of Young's Porter, does touch on this and Michael Jackson has commented on it in The Independent. But what better subject for May, which is, of course, the month of campaigning around mild (Yes, I know not all milds are dark!)

I don't pretend to know why the fashion in drinking seems to be switching from designer lagers to dark ales, porters and milds. But I do know that in my local Wetherspoons pub in Tottenham, any dark cask beer is so popular that people arrive for four pint carry outs. If this can happen in such a (comparatively) lager stronghold as Tottenham, something fairly significant must be going on out there. Any ideas anyone? Is it the long hoped for revolt against lager?

Yours fraternally,

Keith Flett, Tottenham, N17

(This letter arrived a couple of days too late for publication in the June London Drinker - Ed.)

Dear Sirs,

I have just returned from a trip to Newcastle upon Tyne where I obtained a copy of

Tyneside and Northumberland CAMRA's publication, "Canny Bevvy". It consists of eight pages of duplicated copy without photographs but it is free and has only reached issue number 80 (May 1992). The newsletter contains a headline article on the purchase of 113 pubs by the Vaux Group from Innentrepreneur Estates and Whitbread, then follows on with pieces about Belgian beers, porter and a piece reprinted from "What's Brewing" entitled "The Curse of the Swan Neck".

All in all, not a bad effort and a reputed circulation of 4,000 monthly.

In general, the Tyne and Wear real ale situation does seem better than when I lived there some nine years ago although one must avoid countless pubs selling keg Newcastle Exhibition (rumour has it that it will shortly be revived as a cask ale - again). What I was pleased to notice was a range of "sensible" prices compared with London, with several good beers to be had at around £1.10 and even guest beers from the opposite end of the Country at £1.26 or 1.36 a pint. I couldn't escape the "curse of the swan neck" though, with a milky pint of Everard's Tiger topped with a creamy foam, such as I have never had it served to me in the East Midlands!

Keep up the good work in London.

Yours sincerely

Simon Haste, Walthamstow, E17

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the July 1982 issue consisted of 24 pages in a yellow cover bearing a photograph of Rayment's Brewery at Furneux Pelham, Herts, whose history, products and outlets featured in a major article. The brewery itself was closed in 1987 by Greene King of Bury St Edmunds, who perpetuate the name with a new brew, Rayment's Special Bitter, og 1040. Hard on the heels of the Yorkshire invasion of London by Sam Smith's, Lancashire redressed the geographical balance by the appearance here of Matthew Brown's of Blackburn. Real Ale had made its appearance at Heathrow Airport in the form of handpumped Wethered SPA in Terminal 1. At different times real ale has since appeared there in several locations; when I was liaising with Daru Graphic who then printed London Drinker in nearby Harmondsworth, I stopped off there on several occasions for a pint and never found one that was drinkable despite outrageous prices. Howard Gladwin contributed the fourth and final part of his crawl appropriately named Lambeth Walk, remarking that the pub of that name had no real ale. It now sells Courage Best, and for a while had Directors. A half-page advert announced that the Tower Brewery - by the former Courage Horseleydown Brewery and then London's newest real ale brewers - had opened its own pub on Tower Bridge Road, and had introduced a 1074 og strong beer named Old Yeoman Ale.

It was reported that during his recent visit to London the Pope had received a gift of Martlet beer from Alan Greenwood's. No doubt he also sank a few pints when visiting the then

Archbishop of Canterbury, who when Bishop of St Alban's was not entirely unknown in the Farrier's Arms in that city.

FIVE YEARS AGO the July 1987 issue used blue for the cover - extending outside the white frame to the edge of the page. The colour also appeared on 6 others of its 24 pages. The cover photograph showed an unusual view of the Dickens Inn, St Katharine's Dock, with an anchor in the foreground seeming to dwarf the building. It didn't refer to the content - we had been keeping the picture for suitable opportunity to use the superb example of John Elliott's photography.

The Editorial was the shortest on record - just two words: "We're resting" followed by the initials of the Editorial Team, and with a cartoon by Eileen Gray depicting an Editor contentedly relaxing (or snoozing), pint in hand, with feet up on a pile of presumably completed scripts.

A centre-page spread announced the recent opening of a new Bruce's pub, the Fuzzock and Firkin (the first word being apparently Yorkshire dialect for a donkey) in Kentish Town - formerly the Trafalgar and now named the Tavern Inn the Town. The beer was, to the best of my memory, brewed at the Falcon & Firkin in Hackney.

Banks & Taylor had just opened their third London pub, the William IV in Greenwich.

And as they say on the cartoons, That's all, folks!

Cheers - Martin Smith

CAMRA CONDEMNS CANNED BEER CON

CAMRA is fed up with brewery hype about canned beers. "So called 'draught beers' in cans simply don't match up to the real product" according to Campaigns Man. Stephen Cox.

The Campaign has written to Consumer Protection Minister Edward Leigh MP, asking him to ban misleading advertising. It has offered to stage a Ministerial tasting, so he can compare canned and draught products. "Canned beers are pasteurised and artificially gassed. Real ales aren't. Taste tests conducted by the

BBC Food and Drink Programme, and What's Brewing, show that real ales definitely taste better" said Cox.

"Supermarkets can't sell 'fresh peas in a can' - so why should brewers get away with calling their cans 'draught'. We're fed up with Trading Standards, and the Advertising Standards Authority, who simply don't want to know. The public is being conned. So we're asking the Minister to step in. We don't mind the brewers promoting their canned beers, but we think they should keep their claims in proportion - and stop misleading the public".

LONDON'S BEST



NICHOLSON'S NEW BEST BITTER

Available at the

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



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

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



IDLE MOMENTS

Well, here we are again, July already; half the year gone and the nights are drawing in already. I hope you had a good June and aren't suffering too many withdrawal symptoms after three bank holidays in five weeks. You can tell I've not got much to say, can't you; so I'll jump straight in with the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 20 Shillings in a Pound (before decimalisation)
2. 40 Days from Easter Sunday to Ascension Day
3. 54 Gallons in a Hogshead
4. 4 Cardinal Points on a Compass
5. 6 is Between Thirteen and Ten on a Darts Board
6. 1979 First Issue of London Drinker Published
7. 10 Degrees Celsius is Equal to Fifty Degrees Fahrenheit
8. 1 is the Registered Trade Mark Number of the Bass Red Triangle
9. 10 Points are Awarded to the Winner of a Formula One Grand Prix Race
10. 21 is the Current Majority held by the Conservatives in the House of Commons

And without more ado (strange word that, isn't it) here are this month's:

1. 3 W on a SCF
2. 297 MM is the L of a P of AFP
3. 19 is the GN of WT by a B in a CTM (by JL against A in 1956).
4. 5 P is the HD of PSI in the UK
5. 53 is the GPN of W in a Y
6. 326 D was the L of the R of KE the E
7. 3 M to the I is the S of the M in the OSRA
8. 44 BC was the Y of the M of JC
9. 330 ML is the C of a SSDC
10. 169 is TS

Come to think of it, perhaps my comment in brackets actually constituted ado (or should that be an ado); anyway I don't really care. I'm just going to carry on with some more brewery anagrams starting with last month's answers:

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| 1. RIP MERE | PREMIER |
| 2. RUSS MILKS MEL | SUMMERSKILLS |
| 3. HAG EIGHT | HIGHGATE |
| 4. LAY THY RIOT, | TIMOTHY |
| TOM | TAYLOR |
| 5. HUG SHAH'S EAR | SARAH HUGHES |

And this month's:

1. HUG TOR
2. KISS RUM SMELL
3. WE TOSS CAT
4. I WASTE LINED HAT
5. WOW, DARTH!

Well there wasn't much ado before that little lot, was there. Now, following Mike Gigg's 'Confuse a Child' alphabet in the May edition I have received two letters on the subject of similar alphabets. Rather than spoil you with too much of a good thing (?), I shall just regale you with the offering from Dave Simmonds of Sutton and hold over the one from Derek Edwards of High Wycombe until next month. I think I can do no better than to quote Dave's letter verbatim:

Dear Andy,

With reference to the "Confuse a Child" Alphabet in the May issue. Having drunk considerable amounts of Tanglefoot [*Why is it always Tanglefoot - AP*] before reading it, we went off on a slightly different tack. Perhaps this should be called the "FRY A CHILD'S BRAIN" ALPHABET! Some of these I think are pretty clever, whilst others are awful, and we still have a few gaps. Here we go:

A for 'Orses; B for Ever Mine; C for Yourself; D for Ence; E for Dancing All Night;

F for Lump; I for the Engine; J for Cake; K for Blick; L for Leather; M for Size; N for Lope; O for The Wings Of A Dove; P for T 5; Q for The Bus; R for Sixpence; T for Two; U for Mism; V for Engine; X for Breakfast; Y for Art Thou Romeo.

I have been informed that it should be "Wherefore art thou Romeo", but in the absence of anything better I'll leave it in.

The only one that I feel may need explaining is the 'K'; it's meant to be the South African 'Kaffir'.

Yours sincerely,
Dave Simmonds

P.S. The answer to mindbender (3) from April should be £19,095 not £19,005.

Thanks for that, Dave. Unfortunately I can't check whether the mistake in April was mine

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his original script and I only have what I typed into my word processor. By the way, some of your words are doing no good at all to my spell checker - and I haven't quite worked out your 'E' yet either.

And after that intellectual little exercise I have something for all you lovers of general knowledge - it's trivia and last month's answers precede this month's questions (so as not to appear too revolutionary):

1. Glamorgan, 1921
2. Canute
3. Three: Cain, Abel and Seth
4. The Avro Shackleton
5. Blue
6. 6th May 1840
7. Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin was second and Michael Collins stayed in the Orbiter
8. Apollo 11
9. 1865
10. Four: William H Harrison (1841); Sachary Taylor (1850); Warren G Harding (1923) and Franklin D Roosevelt (1945)

If there is still anyone out there, here are some more for you:

1. Who is the longest serving member of the current London Drinker team?
2. What two oceans are joined by the Bering Strait?
3. The folding bed and the swivel chair were both invented by a president of the USA, which one?
4. Apart from Brands Hatch, what other motor racing circuit is to be found in Kent?
5. In which member of the deer family do the females have antlers as well as the males?
6. We all know that Edward II was murdered by means of a red hot poker; in what castle did he meet his painful end?
7. What are a cob and a penn?
8. Before they formed the Beatles, John Lennon and Paul McCartney were members of a rock group named after their school; what was it called?
9. In word processors etc, what does WYSIWYG stand for?
10. Who created "The Brigadier", Witney Scrotum's pundit of cricket?

Yes folks, it's brainteaser time again! Following my plea in the May drinker, Harry Davies of

Shepherds Bush has come up with some more - only enough for two more months though so the rest of you should still keep trying to prove how nasty you can be to your fellow readers. Unfortunately, his first one was a repeat of one from last July by Glyn Thomas; it was the one about handshaking. But never mind I've made one up for you to make up the number - we'll get mine out of the way first:

1. If you stretch a rope around the Equator at ground level, how much longer would you then need to make the rope to make it stretch round one foot above the ground?
2. While sitting in the park waiting for the pub to open, I noticed there were quite a few people walking their dogs. I counted that there were 43 heads and 120 legs. So how many dogs and how many people did I see?
3. How many times can you subtract the number 3 from the number 111?
4. Bob the hiker was walking in the country when he came to a crossroads where a signpost had been blown down in the previous day's high winds. Alas, his map had also blown away and he didn't know which direction to take to his destination. So how could he find his way without having anybody for directions?
5. Gordy McGarragh [no, I don't know where he gets these names from either - AP] won a number of bottles of beer in a pub raffle. As he only drank draught beer, he decided to give the bottles away to his friends. Half of them he gave to Ian as he was his best friend. An eighth was given to Graham; a tenth to Lawrence and a twentieth to Sid. The remaining nine bottles he gave to Keith. How many bottles did he win?

Well that just about wraps it up for another month, or as Jimmy Wheeler used to say, "Aye aye. That's your lot!"

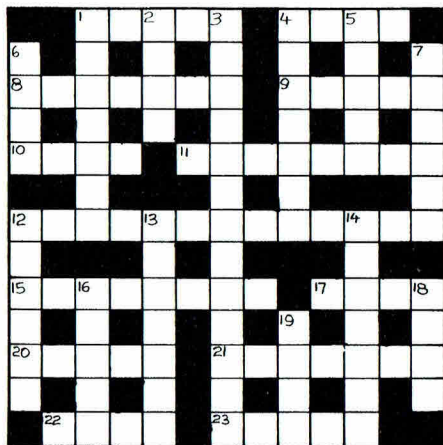
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LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

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SPECIAL PRIZE TO BE WON



ACROSS

1. Fish served with second rate paper. [5]
4. Bird that may rise up with the crow. [4]
8. On the side after Alan. [7]
9. Courage is never wasted. [5]
10. Volume is turned towards myself. [4]
11. Disturbance at Epsom? [4,4]
12. Docks after time become very small things. [6,7]
15. Not quite erotic to have a bloke but loving. [8]
17. Sign for ladies broken off. [4]
20. You may see it being tilted. [5]
21. It needs proof that the drink contains nothing. [7]
22. Kick back of car. [4]
23. River and mountain country. [5]

DOWN

1. Tar tasted fashionable folk. [7]
2. Mostly learn to make money. [4]
3. Midland tribe the first to brew beer. [4,3,6]
4. Fraud trial battle. [7]
5. Wow! Soldier is royal pet. [5]
6. Is it for accommodating a kind of beer? [4]
7. Rooms for deliveries, I hear. [6]
12. Ambler wanders off for stone. [6]
13. Line of brown man. [7]
14. Living forever without tea? It's evil. [7]
16. Depart after island fruit. [5]
18. Songs without end are dead. [4]
19. Carry animal? [4]

Name.....

Address.....

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All correct entries received by first post on 29th July will be entered into a draw for two season tickets to the GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL.

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

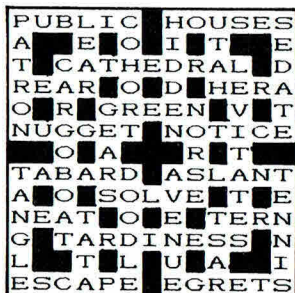
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25 Valens House
Upper Tulse Hill
London SW2 2RX

Winner of the prize for the May crossword:
Chris Whithouse, 122 Merton Road,
Wandsworth, London SW18 5SP

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Geoff B, The Bean, Jeremy Brinkworth,
Andy Brookes, A.P.Comaish,
Miss Morag Crankshaft, The Ex-Troglodyte,
Mikes Farrelly/Richards, Eileen Graves,
J.E.Green, Alison Henley, M.J.Moran,
Jan Musson, R.K.Naish, Rab Noolas,
Steve Piggott, A.C.Scutter, Eric Tool,
N.A.Walton, Martin Weedon, Miles A.Whey,
John Wilkinson, Steve Williams MGIES,
D.Woodward, Yak, Robert Young.

There were also 7 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.

Last Month's Solution



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 Lonadale 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 Sandall St
- BOROUGH, SE1**
Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St
- BOW, E3**
Coborn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd
- BRUXTON**
Hope and Anchor, 123 Acre Lane, SW2
Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9
- CARSHALTON, Surrey**
Greyhound, 2 High St
- CATFORD, SE8**
Calford Ram, 9 Winslade Way
- CHELSEA**
Cheleon Ram, Burnaby St, SW10
Coopers' Arms, 67 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 Redoubt, 74 Shoe Lane, EC4
Dirty Dick's, 202 Bishopsgate, EC2
East India Arms, 67 Fenchurch St, EC3
Elephant, 119 Fenchurch St, EC3
Lamb Tavern, Leadenhall Market, EC3
Master Gummer, 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
- DARTFORD, Kent**
Malt Shovel, 3 Darent 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,
215 Upper Richmond Rd West
- EFFINGHAM, Surrey**
Plough, Orestan Lane
- EPSOM, Surrey**
King's Arms, 144 East St
- ESSEX, Surrey**
Bear, 71 High St
- ETON WICK, Berkshire**
Pickwick, 32 Eton Wick Rd
- FITZROVIA, W1**
One Tun, 58 Goodge St
- FULHAM, SW6**
Duke of Cumberland,
235 New King's Rd
- GREENFORD, Middlesex**
Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue
- GREENWICH, SE10**
Richard I, 62-64 Royal Hill
- HAMMERSMITH, W6**
Brook Green, 170 Shepherd's Bush Rd
Builders, 81 King St
Tatched House, 115 Dalling Rd
- HAMPSTEAD, NW3**
Finsk, 14 Finsk Walk
Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St
- HARLESDEAN, NW10**
Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane
- ISLEWORTH, Middlesex**
Castle, 18 Upper Square
- COACH AND HORSES, 183 London Rd**
- ISLINGTON, N1**
Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St
- KEANSINGTON, W8**
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, 67 Kingston Hill, Norbiton
Bishop Out of Residence,
2 Bishop's Hall, off Thames St
- Grey House, 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
- MITCHAM, Surrey**
Bull, 32 Church Rd
Orchard, 340 London Rd
King's Arms, 280 London Rd
- MORTLAKE, SW14**
Charlie Butler, 40 High St
Jolly Gardeners,
36 Lower Richmond Rd
- NORWICH**
Hope, 49 High St, SE27
Railway Bell, 14 Cawnpore St, SE19
- NOTTING HILL, W11**
Duke of Wellington, 179 Portobello Rd
Hop, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate
- OXFORD**
King's Arms, 40 Holywell St
- OXSHOTT, Surrey**
Bear, Leatherhead Rd
- PIMLICO, SW1**
Morphy Arms, 58 Millbank
Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd
Royal Oak, 1 Regency St
- PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex**
Fountain, Station Rd
- PUTNEY, SW15**
Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd
Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd
Green Man, Putney Heath
Half Moon, 95 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's
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Rd
Red Cow, 59 Sheen Rd
Shakespeare Arms, 123 Kew Rd
Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd
Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane
White Cross, Riverside
- ROEHAMPTON, SW16**
Angel, 11 High St
Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square
- ROTHERHITHE, SE16**
Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St
- SHERE, Surrey**
Prince of Wales, Shere Lane
- SOUTHWARK, SE1**
Founders' Arms, Bankside, 52 Hopton St
Prince William Henry, 217 Blackfriars Rd
- STEPNEY**
Hollands, 7-9 Exmouth St, E1
Queen's Head, 8 Plamborough St, E14
- STREATHAM, SW16**
Bedford Park, 223 Streatham High Rd
Pied Bull, 498 Streatham High Rd
- SURBITON, Surrey**
Black Lion, 58 Brighton Rd
Victoria, 28 Victoria Rd
Wagon and Horses, 1 Surbiton Hill Rd
- SUTTON, Surrey**
Lord Nelson, 32 Lower Rd
New Town, 7 Land Rd
Robin Hood, 52 West St
- SYDENHAM, SE26**
Bricklayers Arms, 189 Dartmouth Rd
- TEDDINGTON, Middlesex**
Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd
Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane
- THORNTON HEATH, Surrey**
Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd
Lord Nelson, 111 Beulah Rd
Railway Telegraph, 19 Brigstock Rd
- TOOTING, SW17**
Castle, 38 High St
Goringe Park, 29 London Rd
Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane
Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane
- TWICKENHAM, Middlesex**
Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd
Pope's Crook, 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, 5 Manor Rd
- WANDSWORTH, SW18**
Alma, 499 York Rd
Brewery Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St
County Arms, 345 Trinity Rd
Crane, 14 Armoury Way
Gardeners' Arms, 268 Merton Rd
Grapes, 39 Fairfield St
Halfway House, 521 Garratt Lane
King's Arms, 96 Wandsworth High St
Old Seagull, 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
Whitshoof, 30 Putney Bridge Rd
- WESTMINSTER, SW1**
Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France
- WIMBLEDON, SW19**
Alexandria, 33 Wimbledon Hill Rd
Crooked Bilet, 15 Crooked Bilet
Dog and Fox, 24 High St
Hand in Hand, 6 Crooked Bilet
Rose and Crown, 55 High St

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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for July of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 6.

ALL LONDON EVENT: Tue 14 Leafletting for Great British Beer Festival. Venue and details to be arranged. Please ring Anne Lodge, 081-889 0513.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Fri 3 Wallington Crawl. Start WINDMILL (dep. 9.00), 37 Stafford Road then MELBOURNE, Manor Road; DUKES HEAD, Wallington Green - Thu 9 (8.00) Social. CLIFTON ARMS, Clifton Road, SE25 - Wed 25 Thornton Heath Crawl. Start HORSESHOE (dep. 8.30), Thornton Heath Pond then BRIGSTOCK ARMS; VICTORIA CROSS, Bensham Lane; RAILWAY TELEGRAPH - Sat 18 Branch Outing to Salisbury. Meet at East Croydon Station for 10.21 train from Clapham Junction - Tue 21 (8.00) Branch 18th Birthday Social. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon - Tue 28 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BUILDERS ARMS, Leslie Park Road, East Croydon, in garden if fine!

ENFIELD & BARNET: Wed 1 (9.00) Social. MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballards Lane, N12 - Tue 7 (9.00) Social. THREE CROWNS, 164 Fore Street, N18 - Wed 15 (8.30) Informal Branch Meeting. CRICKETERS, 18 Chase Side Place, Enfield (Public Bar) - Tue 21 (9.00) Social. WELCH BROTHERS, 130 High Road, N2 - Thu 30 (9.00) Two Pub Social in New Barnet. LORD KITCHENER, 49 East Barnet Road then BUILDERS ARMS (10.00), 3 Albert Road.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 5 (12.00) Joint Social with Surrey Hants Borders Branch. PLOUGH, Coldharbour - Thu 16 (8.30) Business Meeting. GREEN MAN, Ewell.

NORTH LONDON: Sun 28 Jun (12.00) Lunchtime Social. THREE HORSESHOES, Heath Street, Hampstead, NW3 - Tue 30 Jun (8.00) Two Pub Social in N1. HEMINGFORD ARMS, Hemingford Road then RALPHS, 342 Caledonian Road (now a Wiltshire Brewery House. NOTE: This pub was listed as Prince of Wales in June edition) - JULY IS INDEPENDENT'S MONTH - Tue 7 (8.00) Two Pub Social in NW10. GREEN MAN, Harlesden High Street (near Willesden Junction BR/Tube) then GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane - Tue 14 Leafletting for Great British Beer Festival. Venue and details to be arranged. Please ring Anne Lodge, 081-889 0513 - Tue 21 (7.30) Branch Meeting. RUGBY TAVERN, Great James Street, WC1. Branch meeting in function room at 8.30 preceded by Open Committee Meeting in bar - Thu 30 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. NEPTUNE, Werrington Street, NW1 - Tue 11 Aug (8.00) Two Pub Social in Baker Street area of NW1. WINDSOR CASTLE, Park Road (ex fizz) then VOLUNTEER, 245 Baker Street (was called Drummonds).

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thu 2 (8.30) Committee Meeting. BUILDERS ARMS, 38 Field Lane, Teddington - Mon 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting. ROEBUCK, 130 Richmond Hill, Richmond - Thu 30 (8.00) Mini-Crawl of Twickenham. Start EEL PIE, 9 Church Street then FOX (8.45), Church Street; MOON UNDER WATER (9.30), 53-57 London Road.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Thu 16 (8.00) Branch 18th Birthday Party. LORD DERBY, 89 Walmer Terrace, Plumstead, SE18. All CAMRA members welcome. First SE London meeting held in this pub 18 years ago, almost to the day. Buffet provided - Thu 30 (8.00) Branch Social. WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street, SE1.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Wed 1 (6.30) Gliding Night. North Weald Airfield (off A414). Details from Trevor Benson (Romford 723897) - Tue 14 (8.30) Social. CHERRY TREE, 62 Queen Street, Warley - Fri 24 (7.00 - 11.00) All Essex 21st Anniversary Social. SARACENS HEAD, Great Dunmow. Tickets £5 from Sally Murray, 4 Brookside Cottages, Runwell Road, Wickford, Essex, SS11 7PN (s.a.e. & cash with order) - Mon 27 (8.30) Social. BELL INN, High Road (off B1007) Horndon on the Hill.

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SOUTH WEST LONDON: Wed 1 (5.00) Cricket Vs PRINCE OF WALES, 98 Morden Road SW19. Meet in pub; match starts 6.00 pm, Abbey Rec. Potential players please contact Alan Millington, 081-646 5925 - Sun 5 (10.30 am) Open Committee Meeting followed by (11.00) Open Festival Committee Meeting, policy & budget meeting. Your chance for a say in next year's Battersea Beerex. PRINCE OF WALES, 270 Cavendish Road, SW12 - Sun 12 (12.00) Cricket vs SPBW Common Branch. Meet DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 228 Battersea Bridge Road, SW11. Match starts 2.00 pm Battersea Park. Players wanted - contact Alan Millington (as above) - Thu 16 (7.30) Presentation for London brewed beer of Battersea Beerex. ORANGE BREWERY, 37 Pimlico Road, SW1. (Presentation at 8.30) - Sat 18 (12.30) Putney Crawl. Start GREEN MAN, Putney Heath, SW15; includes FOX & HOUNDS (3.00); WHITE LION (6.00); JOLLY GARDENERS (8.00 approx).

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Wed 8 (8.30) Independent Social. CLARENDON ARMS, Chandlers Cross. Transport from Watford Junction at 8.15 - Tue 14 (8.30) Bushey Independent Social. KINGS HEAD then ROYAL OAK (9.30) - Sat 18 (All Day) Day Trip to a JH "gem" near Warwick - Tue 21 (8.30) Chorleywood Independent Social. WHITE HORSE then BLACK HORSE (9.45) - Sun 26 (8.30) Committee Meeting. West Herts Club - Wed 29 (8.00) St Albans Independent Social. BLUE ANCHOR then PORTLAND ARMS (9.00); FARRIERS (10.00). ALL LOCAL BRANCHES WELCOME.

WEST LONDON: Thu 16 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 9 (8.00) Riverside Ramble. Start BLUE ANCHOR, The Mall, Hammersmith, W6 then DOVE (9.00), Lower Mall; CROSS KEYS (10.00), Black Lion Lane - Wed 12 Aug (8.00) Post GBBF Social. BRITANNIA TAP; WARWICK ARMS; RADNOR ARMS, all W14.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Thu 2 (8.30) New Pub Social. MOON UNDER WATER, Coldharbour Lane, Hayes - Tue 7 (8.30) Newly Refurbished Pub Social. COACH & HORSES, High Road, Ickenham - Sat 11 (11.00) GBBF '92 Publicity day. Meet at HOOP, opp. Notting Hill Gate Tube. Regroup at pub 4.00 for free beer & sandwiches - Wed 15 (8.30) Branch Meeting. FORESTER, 2 Leighton Road, West Ealing, W13 - Sat 18 (6.00) GBBF Publicity Crawl. Start DOVE INN, The Mall, W6. Regroup at BUILDERS (9.30), 81 King Street, W6 - Thu 23 (8.30) Russian Stout Evening. CROWN & SCEPTRE, 153 High Street, Uxbridge - Thu 30 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. WHEATSHEAF, Haven Lane, Ealing, W5.

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MORE ON MUSEUMS

A few months back [it was November 1991 - Ed.] Andy Pirson mentioned the pub at Blists Hill industrial museum at Ironbridge in Shropshire. I too would recommend both the museum and the pub and would like to mention a similar establishment, the GLASS & BOTTLE, at the Black Country Museum in Dudley. This typical back street pub once stood canalside somewhere in Birmingham but when it came under threat from a road scheme, someone fortunately had the notion to rebuild it at the museum. Their painstaking efforts have been totally successful and it now sells excellent Holden's beers in authentic surroundings. It is also a welcome refuge from school parties! The museum itself is being enlarged all the time and is worth a visit in its own right.

The museum is a useful stopover for those travelling on that side of the Birmingham Canal Navigations. The canal wharf at the north end of the Dudley Tunnel is within the museum site and offers secure moorings at a reasonable fee. There is limited space, however, so phone ahead. It is also quite handy for the Park Inn at Woodsetton, the Holden's brewery tap ...

It is interesting to note the part that museums of brewing and breweries as museums could well come to play in protecting our drinking heritage. Most breweries have some sort of collection of odds and ends, usually in their "hospitality rooms". Fullers for instance have quite an extensive display, my favourite of which is the "wanted" poster for the collector who absconded with his full satchel!

Some have gone the whole way. The former Everards Tiger Brewery at Anglesea Road, Burton on Trent is now the Heritage Brewery Museum and the Bass Brewery there has an interesting and constantly changing museum which is always worth a visit. The former Melbourn site at Stamford, Lincolnshire has been well preserved by Sam Smiths and is both informative and licensed. When South West London Branch recently visited Tolly Cobbold's Cliff Brewery in Ipswich I was very interested to learn that the new owners have hopes of setting aside space for displays so as to offer commercial tours and to convert the old Cobbold

family mansion into a pub to take advantage of the local council's plans to turn Ipswich docks into a recreation area. Wonder if they would like to buy a light railway with low mileage ...

Steam engines are favourite items for preservation. Hall & Woodhouse have one that can now be fired up whilst Harveys have their own plus Beards' old vertical job. Youngs, I believe, still have theirs on standby lest the new fangled electrickery fails and I recall a tale that stoking the boilers used to be a favourite way for university boat race crews to exercise. At Hook Norton, theirs was still in use for production when I went to an open day fifteen years or so ago. I wonder if it still is!

Finally, I recall that Andy was unable to find the ALL NATIONS home-brew pub when he visited Blists Hill. Although it more or less overlooks the main entrance, it is not easy to find but as one of the four home-brewers that survived the 1970's, it is worth the effort. Turn left at the museum gate as if you were heading for the Gorge but look out for Coalport Road which rises steeply on your right. The All Nations is half way up.

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[I'm not sure about the steam engines at Youngs being available for standby use. When I visited there last summer they could be run but the line shafting they drove had mainly been removed and I don't think they had had generators fitted.

Andy Pirson]

WETHERSPOONS

Wetherspoon's first free house in the west end has opened. The Moon Under Water in Leicester Square has been converted from a former Angus Steak House at a cost of £500,000.

The free house, which is air conditioned, has 1650 square foot of drinking space.

A number of themes have been used inside the free house, including that of street performers.

The pub, which opened on June 3 is located next to the Comedy Store.

Nearest underground Leicester Square station.

REAL ALE IN EIRE

Surprisingly, perhaps, there isn't any. Given that Southern Ireland's residents are internationally notorious for their thirsts, the crap they drink there is amazing. There was a micro-brewery in Dublin making the real thing in the early 1980s, but it only lasted about 18 months before running into financial difficulties. And there is a brewery in N. Ireland called Down Royal producing the real thing, but their products have yet to percolate south of the border. Which leaves Guinness and Smithwick's.

The former is sold only as keg these days and I have it on indifferent authority that the propellant is a mixture of CO² and nitrogen. (So as well as flatulence, you get the bends?) But my problem with Guinness is its unsubtly bitter onslaught on my palate and uniquely foul sour aftertaste. Bottled Guinness tastes just as bad to me, though demented fans of the drink insist that the bottled form is "real".

Guinness apart, Eire residents now live in a One Drink State. It's called Smithwick's and is a sort of keg mixed with lots and lots of CO²; a bit like drinking barbed wire, I found. And believe me, it's all there is. There used to be a competing keg-only brewer trading as Phoenix Ales but Eire residents tell me that it was bought out by Smithwick's some years ago. Real Ale died out during the 1950s due to takeovers, mergers and the executive decision to kill off the taken-over beers until now, there is only Smithwick's left.

Perhaps this is why there are no pubs per se in Eire. Instead, they have "bars", "lounges" and "hotels". Bars are grim, dark alcohol dispensaries to which addicts resort for low-cost ethanol fixes. In Eire, "low-cost" means £1.60 per pint or less. For Smithwick's! Lounges have lights, seats, indoor toilets, muzak and (often very good) meals and snacks - but the Smithwick's and Guinness can cost up to £1.85 a pint. Or more! Hotels are often ridiculously luxurious with marble entrances, ankle-deep carpets, flowers on the tables and scented toilets. Understandable in Dublin or Cork, but unexpected in rural areas where the regulars have probably spent all day up to their wellies in agricultural matter. And the cost of a pint in some smart hotels can go over £2.

For the man who can buy a bar and upgrade it

to a lounge, or buy a lounge and upgrade it to a hotel, the potential profitability is frightening. Since the monopoly brew is all that's on offer everywhere, competition is by way of standards of luxury - and the Southern Irish seem to be suckers for a thicker carpet or a softer stool.

The problem is that even a manky bar is so profitable that buying the licence can cost the entrepreneur £250,000 in a rural area and £700,000 in Outer Dublin!

Things were just starting to change in late 1991. The high cost of the monopoly drinks has caused a change in drinking patterns. Whereas many men stopped off for a few pints on the way home, now they do no such thing. Whereas Eire's bars once dealt only in fluids containing ethanol, now they nearly all offer tea and coffee services. Whereas the evening used to start in most places at about 7.00 pm, now it is more like 9.00 pm and in rural areas it can be as late as 10.15 pm. And whereas total abstinence was once the preserve of the ultra-religious "Pioneers" society, many Eire people have simply given up and have become TT by default.

All this has been noted by the gits in suits who masterminded all the takeovers, closures and mergers and made the Eire licensed trade the stagnant joke it now is. I failed to find either, but I am told that two Dublin bars have started importing real ale - just in bottles, in one example - from the UK. Guinness have brought out ersatz "draught" beer in tins and are supposed to have been shocked by the demand. And in Dublin and Limerick at least the locals have started visiting continental-style bistros catering for disaffected Smithwick's drinkers.

The knee-jerk reaction by the Big Boys was to install biere a la pression dispensers in some hotels and to add a wine list to the shrunken drinks tariff. So far, it has not worked. They could have tried putting something more imaginative than Harp in the dispensers, I suppose. And Irish wine drinkers, it turns out, were sophisticated enough to sneer at Mateus Rose, Blue Nun, Piat d'Or and Black Tower. The whisper was that Guinness are thinking of bringing out their canned bitter in a not-quite-keg form.

With acknowledgements to 'What Doing'.

THE CROWN & GREYHOUND - SOUTH LONDON'S FIRST HERITAGE INN

Crown & Greyhound manager Barney Maguire is delighted that his pub has been selected as South London's first Heritage Inn. "It is wonderful news and a great honour for me and my staff. This is such a beautiful pub and Taylor Walker has done so much to keep it this way", he says.

Barney and wife Sandra have been running Taylor Walker pubs for 30 years and are now in their ninth year at the Crown & Greyhound. "The look and feel of the place has hardly changed at all, though the pub has developed a lot over time", adds Barney.

"But the strength of a pub like this is in being able to adapt to meet people's changing demands without taking away from the fabric of the building. We now have a restaurant where once there was a billiards room, and quite ironically a smoke room at the front has given way to a family room that is a designated no-

smoking area.

"All this has been done without interfering with the original features or traditional character of the pub. A pub has got to grow and adapt, but this one shows this is possible without ruining anything that customers hold dear.

"Looking to the future, I can see the Crown & Greyhound becoming more of a family type of pub - and why not? The English pub is a vital part of the local community."

Barney takes a keen interest in the heritage of the Dulwich Village area and serves on the planning sub-committee of the Dulwich Society. "We see a lot of tourists at the pub and are lucky to pick up even more through our being near the Dulwich Picture Gallery. Customers already ask many questions about the history of the pub and I'm sure our becoming a Heritage Inn will mean that interest in our local heritage will become stronger still".



Staff and customers seen on the roof of the Frog & Firkin as the great Firkin T-shirt is unveiled.

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST FIRKIN T-SHIRT!

What might be Britain's biggest T-shirt has been put on display at the Frog & Firkin pub at Tavistock Crescent, London W11.

Measuring 25 feet across by 40 feet long, the giant PVC Frog & Firkin T-shirt is affixed to the pub wall that faces the adjacent M40 flyover and overground tube line.

"This really will bring the pub to travellers' attentions", said licensee Charlie Cunningham. "The Frog & Firkin has always been well known but its location means that it is difficult to find - until now".

The T-shirt was part of a £100,000 refurbishment of the popular Firkin house, which included a complete redecoration, new toilet blocks and the addition of a new outdoor barbecue area and facilities for the live music, which features every night of the week.

A new beer, appropriately called Spawn, was brewed to mark the relaunch of the pub.

CAPEs AND ALE

(Number Fifteen in a Summer Cycle by four men, once young, now pedalling rapidly towards middle age)

by Dave Quinton

We met at the Windmill, Clapham Common on a bright, breezy, summer Saturday morning. The easiest ride ever to Euston finds us there at 8. Papers bought, map holders filled, we board the 8.50 to Manchester Piccadilly and settle into a First Class compartment (£3 extra). After a pleasant journey we thread our way through the roadworks of the new tramway system.

Half a mile cycle to The Mawson Hotel (Tetley). "Watch your bikes!" calls a woman over the road. A lovely Edwardian pub with several rooms, lots of woodwork, a fireplace. We cycle across Chorlton Medlock, chased by snarling dogs, through a basic council estate to The King's Arms, the Sierra Nevada home brew pub; mural on the outside wall, mounds of earth interrupting the pavements, street signs hanging off. "Are you leaving those bikes outside? They'll nick everything off 'em". We leave a guard and enter a basic pub. The beer is perfect; Mild, 'Full-flavoured, aromatic even, dry', Porter, 'Strong', Bitter 'Bitter'. The bikes are minded by a regular while we watch the cars in the car park on the telly behind the bar.

We move on to Moss Side. We approach the pub. Something's happened. Groups of blokes are looking up the road. Another guard for the bikes. Bill takes a photo of the pub. The Claremont is the biggest selling Holt's pub. A cavernous, busy, working man's pub, racing on the telly. Someone outside has taken exception to the camera, "Who do you think you are taking pictures here?" We leave remarking on the contrasts in Manchester; the King's Arms - squalor, The University a mile away - luxury; the Claremont - desperate poverty, a mile beyond the William Hulme Grammar School with chaps in whites laying willow on leather.

Two pubs and a pizza in Stockport. Where have all the greasy spoons gone? Under the M63, a kip by the tower blocks then back into Stockport, the Arden Arms (Robinson's), several small bars, immaculately clean, bells in middle of the tables. Past the towering viaduct to the Grapes (Robinson's) (£1.06). "A fine boozier", says Bill. From the cellar there is a three mile

tunnel to the baronial hall.

A long drag uphill five miles to Marple. A flight of locks. Bill and Chris take half an hour sussing out a camp site. We settle on the canal towpath. Into the Navigation (Robinson's). Awful pub, good pint. We discuss the disappearance of measured pumps and oversized glasses. We are served short measure. We complain. The next round the glasses are meticulously topped up. On leaving, Chris asks the governor to put water in his water bottle. The governor replies, "I suppose you want me to top this up as well." A massive Chinese by the roadside, tents pitched by canal boats, then kip.

Sunday lunch in New Mills in the Peak District, an afternoon's hard cycling through the peaks, a camp site on a farm four miles outside Tideswell then back into town for the evening session. Next to 'The Cathedral of the Peaks' we find the George (Kimberley). Caters for all tastes, a smart restaurant bar, a snug, a pool room, a bar at the back for darts. Very tasty young customers (and the women aren't bad). Bill falls in love with the barmaid. Four pints later we move on, then on again to the Three Stags' Heads (Younger's No. 3 and Tiger). A surprising pub by the side of the A623, stone-floored, log-fired, de-juke-boxed; the range by the fire still used for cooking, hushed conversation, a sign over the bar saying, "Please do not ask for draught lager as a smack in the gob often offends". A drunken ride to the camp site after losing padlock keys.

We rise to a bright, dry day. Downhill ride with mechanical trouble on Pete's bike later solved by Bill, then a walk up Durbar Gap, up and down a bit, finally a downward sweep into Chesterfield. A few pubs near the market place. We sample Ward's and Stone's in pubs both basic and twee. Past the crooked spire of Chesterfield for a pizza (no greasy spoon).

A long, hard ride into Ripley. We enter the Three Horseshoes (Ward's, Batham's). Friendly governor lets us put our bikes in the back. He's keen on real beer. He's selling four milds

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tomorrow night. More hard cycling. We fail to find a pub in the guide but stumble upon a Caravan Club camp site. Tents pitched, we travel on to Heage, the White Hart (Bass). An immaculate pub with two old ladies on the fireside bench and sickly musack on the tape. An extension till 11.30 but no afters in spite of Chris's efforts. Back to camp for a short spell of hilarity, then bed.

We rise to a cold, cloudy day and to the howling of peacocks kept in the farmyard. There is a goat, a horse with a foal skipping with the joys of life, and the roar of traffic from the A38 next door.

An abortive visit to the Butterley Midland Railway Centre in Ripley, they won't let us put our bikes on the train. Twelve miles on, after stiff climbs, we enter the Railway (John Smith's) in Sutton-in-Ashfield. We all make use of the basic bog. Bliss. On to Blidworth, the Black Bull (Shipstone's, £1.02 a pint). While we enjoy a drink, a smartly dressed woman enters the pub. She's caught some kids pinching a water bottle off Bill's bike and she's brought it in for us.

Pleasant, gentle-rolling hill ride into Southwell, a red-brick market town with imposing Minster. We look round it, then enter the Great Hall for stilton and leek quiches and flapjacks, very refined. Bill has a crap. A quick pint then an early evening ride down the Trent valley, stopping off at various pubs, some great beer, one pint we can't drink so get our money back. On to the camp site in Lowdham. Rip off! £11 for one night. Back three miles to the World's End (Marston's). Four pints then kip.

Wednesday is cool and cloudy. Pete showers at 6.30 (hot), Chris at 7 (warm), Dave at 7.20 (cool), Bill at 7.30 (cold). Seven miles towards Nottingham and into Netherfield, Dave's home town. A full breakfast, repairs to the bikes, a pint in the Fox and Hounds (Home Ales), big basic pub with public, smoke room and lounge. Three water bottles are stolen by kids. Three miles into Nottingham to the Magpies (Home Ales), a massive pub on Meadow Lane near Notts. County's ground.

Half a mile to the Vine, (Home Ales), one of the few remaining corner door pubs with curved front door. A pub full of characters. On

to the Castle (Ansell's) "Best Burrton brewed ale", enthuses Bill. Into the Crown in the Meadows, good, basic street-corner pub. Chris phones up the Black Horse in the Vale of Belvoir where we've kipped before in the skittle alley. We've heard it's been taken over by a pub leisure chain. We're hoping they'll put us up. Wonder of wonders! It's the same governor. "You're welcome", he says. At the other end of Crocus Street is the Norfolk Hotel (Home Ales). The guide says 3.30 closing. Bill goes in and asks - open all day. A good chat to the friendly customer cum barman who's been drinking there since 1941. We scare off some kids who are looking to pinch things off the bikes.

Out through busy city traffic, past the City Ground, then through quiet lanes to Radcliffe where Dave's Grandma was "in service". Into the beautiful Vale of Belvoir where we meet a young Scots cyclist with a huge pack on his back who's cycling from Dundee to its twin town in France. To the Black Horse in Hose where we are welcomed like long lost relations. "It's a long time since you've been round 'ere init. I were only thinking o' you the uther week". Wonderful simple pub with coal fire and happy, friendly regulars. The governor is fighting the threat of 'improvements'. But will this be the last time we see the Black Horse as it should be? Into the skittle alley, a picnic supper, then to sleep perchance to fart our way through the night.

We are awoken by the governor with cups of coffee. A leisurely ride through the Vale of Belvoir, then a climb out past Belvoir Castle and a hilly ride into Grantham. A historic hotel, the Angel and Royal (Wood's Parish Bitter). Huge stone fireplace, the aroma of pine logs, a tasty young barmaid. Then the best pub food we've tasted, a cracking few pints of Younger's, No. 3 in the Chequers Inn. This is a rockers' pub with surrealist paintings on the wall, and heavy metal on the jukebox. Bloody good lunchtime session.

We have an afternoon kip on a disused airfield that will serve as a camp site for the night. First pub, has a grumpy young barman who's reading the paper, and doesn't fill the glasses. When the regulars eventually arrive they all stand with their backs to us facing the bar. The pub's

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PROFITEERS OR VICTIMS?

During a long weekend away in Snowdonia, I had the opportunity to catch up on several back issues of London Drinker. In particular I followed with interest the various Editorials, articles and letters concerning the extortionate price of beer in London and the South East and the short pint - or as my ex Naval father calls it - a cap band.

The arguments produced in these contributions produced little fresh insight into a debate that has probably raged since the first Inn started trading.

As an ex publican myself and now, when I can find the stuff served right, a happy drinker, I can see the merits of both sides of the argument.

On the one hand you have the customer spending his precious hard earned wage/dole and wanting to reserve at least some money for non essentials such as rent/mortgage, food and household bills. Whilst on the other hand you have the hard pressed publican struggling to keep his head above the financial water level.

It was my good friend John Gilbert who raised the question of brewers' pricing policies. He questioned why the so called Big Six cannot produce a decent product at a retail price acceptable to the customer, whilst he can and, in my opinion does, produce a far superior product, and do so without the vast financial backing and equipment of the modern major breweries.

In the August '91 issue, Martin (show us yer Mussels) Smith, in a guest editorial, continued the same theme and compared the prices in his current domicile in South West Wales with London where about 35p differential exists. An argument I can support as I drink my pint of Robinsons at £1.05 whilst writing this in Bethesda, North Wales.

In the letters pages of the same issue, Jeff Sturrock widened the issue to include possible profiteering by means of the cap-band.

Let us put the thing into perspective. North of the Watford Gap and in Ireland a pint is expected to have a thick creamy head. If it does not the publican is in for a hard time. I remember when I lived in Yorkshire, my

local was having serious trouble with the Environmental Health Officer concerning his use of Auto-Vacs to return overpoured beer spilled in the act of giving his Timothy Taylors Beers the one inch thick head demanded by his customers. The beer was superb, eventually served in "points" - oversized glasses with a pint mark. But the EHO was not happy with the beer being sucked back into the barrel. This is the only way I personally support returning beer to the cask. Any publican who uses a bucket, seldom clean, and then leaves it to stand in a corner somewhere until he thinks to return it to the cask should be taken out and publicly flogged in front of his customers. But I digress.

Here in the South we expect our glass to be filled to the brim with minimal head and as still and tranquil as the village duck pond!

Everyone knows that costs in London and the South East are higher than the rest of the country. It is true that rates, rent and wages are lower compared to the South East. But most costs are the same. For instance, a shirt bought in Marks and Spencers (or any other large multiple retail shop) in the South East will cost the same in Manchester or Leeds.

So why is it that in London most beer is priced around £1.50 a pint? In Manchester two days ago I enjoyed three pints of Hydes for £3. Mind you the excellent light mild was a rip off at 96p.

The answer is in the above Marks and Spencers example. We are part of a producer led society where every trader large or small, no matter what their product, charges what they consider the market will bear and tough if the consumer does not agree.

As I mentioned earlier I was a Courage tenant in London and I was forced to leave my pub after 2½ years sheer hell trying to make both a profit a living (they are two entirely different things).

The crunch came late in 1987 when having passed to my long suffering customers those brewery price increases and two duty increases

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in fourteen months; I realised I was losing money everytime I pulled a pint. To correct this situation I needed to increase my prices by an average 7p per pint. Since, this would have made me the most expensive pub outside the West End at £1.11p for CBB (my price was an average 1.04 at this time) I was not prepared to take this step.

To understand why I took this decision, consider the arithmetic involved:-

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| Rent, rates, gas and electric, | |
| water and staff costs | £21,200 p.a. |
| Saleable Stock excl food | <u>£93,600 p.a.</u> |
| Total | <u>£114,800 p.a.</u> |

To break even at an average of £1.04 pint I needed to sell 110,384 pints or 383 barrels p.a. (For convenience I disregarded the various other prices involved i.e. wines and spirits and lager/Guinness. The average drink was £1.04).

In 1987 my actual sales were 379 barrels or 4 barrels below target giving me a wet loss of £1,198.08.

There is, however, one thing missing in the above. Staff costs, cover bar staff. They do not cover my wages and the honorarium paid to my wife.

It is a fact that my head barman earned £3,000 more than I did in 1987!

The problem was the brewery rent was unrealistically high and I was in Lambeth with the highest business rates in London. My gross profit margin was bang on 45% as required by the VAT man and Inland Revenue yet I was unable to make a living.

Before you reach for the Kleenex, consider that approximately two thirds of publicans are in the same boat. Is it, then, any wonder that some will find other ways of making up the shortfall?

Over the years I have heard many wonderful excuses to justify increased prices. The latest effecting beer was when I was told my pint was now 2p dearer to offset the extra cost of meeting the due diligence requirements of the new food hygiene regulations!

Presumably this individual never washed his glasses or cleaned his lines before the new legislation came into being.

To digress again. Does the new legislation mean that a publican or his staff can be fined when they serve a pint in a glass which, though washed in a sanitising detergent, is served in what Fred Truman would call the off-cutter grip, i.e. four fingers and one thumb spread evenly around the rim of the glass so that it is impossible to drink from it without your mouth contacting one of the fingermarks?

To return to the main thrust of this article is it any wonder if unscrupulous publicans find ways of making a few extra pence by devious means? The most usual is 3p increase for the brewery, 2p for me. Hard to detect but common.

The more subtle way is with the short measure, Jeff Sturrock was right when he pointed out that a pint glass is around eight finger widths tall and each finger represents 12½% of a pint (at £1.40 pint that is nearly 18p). I now live in Kent and have two very good free houses that I use regularly. Both, however, consistently give a short measure. I now always ask them to top up the glass in a loud, strong voice so that other customers hear and do the same.

Two stories come to mind in this connection. Some years ago I was in Company with a crossword puzzle when Tony went for our second round. The barman filled the glasses short and Tony, looking at the crossword said to the barman "Can't get this clue, opposite of a miniscus: 5 and 7 first letter 's' ends in 'e'". The barman looked non-plussed. "I know" said Tony "Short measure" like those two f***** pints. Fill 'em up you tight sod!"

The other was when another friend looking at one pint shorter than the other asked the barman whether he could squeeze a double whiskey in that 'pint'. The barman said he could. So he was told to put beer in instead!

To nail this one finally - imagine if I had instructed my staff to always pull one finger short. My 379 barrels would have produced an extra 12½% revenue equal to £14,189.76. I would then have had my salary and wife's fees paid and probably still be in my pub today.

Enough Said?

2100 YEARS OF BREWING DOWN THE DRAIN GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL MEMORIAL BARS

At the GBBF this year you will find that the bars have some rather strange names for each one is named after a brewery that has closed within the last three decades. Added together they represent a staggering 2178 years of brewing, all now lost.

At the Festival will be a leaflet detailing the history behind the breweries; where they brewed, who took them over, when they were closed. Some of the closures are relatively recent such as Drybroughs in Edinburgh, closed by Allied in 1987 after purchasing it from Watneys only 15 days earlier! Almost 250 years of brewing down the drain in one stroke.

The oldest brewery named at the GBBF is London's Barclay Perkins whose origins date back to 1616, although the name is slightly more recent, 1781. The company merged with Courage in 1955 and brewing ceased in 1981. A brewery with a fascinating history, the owners have included Henry Thale, a close friend of Samuel Johnson.

Rhymney Brewery is also featured. It was established by the Rhymney Iron Company

in 1838 to provide its workers with beer. Amongst the breweries it acquired was the Blast Furnace Brewery in Pontlottyn. The Rhymney Brewery was acquired by Whitbread in 1966 and closed in 1978.

But the most controversial brewery closure was of Simpkins from the Black Country. It was founded in 1919 and was enlarged in 1946 by a merger with Johnson & Phipps of Wolverhampton. Many of us can still remember the fruity, hoppy taste of the bitter and it was an unexpected blow when Greenall Whitley bought the brewery in 1985 and closed it that afternoon with the immediate loss of jobs and beers. Greenalls commitment has continued to show in later actions with them now having fully withdrawn from brewing beer.

There will be 12 bars at the Great British Beer Festival. Why not come along and find out about the other 8 breweries. Then drink a toast to the memory of some delicious beers never to be seen or tasted again.

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TIPS FOR TIPPLERS

There is a curious tendency for drinking establishments to call up a mental picture of what they ought to look like. Thus, the French café has stripey awnings and Pernod on the pavement. The Bavarian beer hall has blonde waitresses and men in funny hats. So it is with the London pub. Inside are the cheery Cockneys singing along with old Lil on the piano. Beer is fourpence a pint and everyone is on first-name terms. Outside, it is foggy and there is a distant shriek as Jack the Ripper strikes again.

The vexing thing about such images is that they are not so much wholly wrong as misleading in practice. There is such a thing as the sociable London pub, where families and friends get together, the bar staff know the customers and conversation is general. Statistically, such establishments are outnumbered heavily - in the city centre, especially - by pubs where the social life is reminiscent of a motorway café halfway up the M1. The clientele is transient and largely solitary; the decor is unvarying; the prices are extortionate; and the absence of conversation is masked by the juke box.

In seeking out pubs of the first category, I suggest applying what I will call the law of negatives. I cannot claim to have invented this. Some years ago, the head of one of the big UK brewers remarked to me that all its market research showed people defining the kind of pub they liked in purely negative terms. A good pub is not too noisy or, alternatively, too quiet. It does not have live music, pop videos or exotic dancers. It does not have too many old men in flat hats playing cribbage and dominoes.

For our purposes, the same principle can be expressed in a few simple rules.

■ Avoid pubs with a view of the Thames. These are gold mines for their owners and, generally, run accordingly. The typical clientele consists of coachloads of Continental tourists clutching tickets entitling them to a half-pint of genuine English bitter. The bar staff are harried Australian juveniles who will always serve you last - unless you are female, in which case they will not serve you at all.

■ Avoid pubs near railway stations, especially

the main line termini. Some very odd people travel to the metropolis, and some even odder ones are there to meet them.

■ Be careful of any pub with a piano: someone might start to play it. The days of the competent pub pianist are long gone. What you will get now is either a piano bar pianist, which is a very different thing, or a self-taught enthusiast who believes every known melody can be fitted to the harmonic structure of Pop Goes the Weasel.

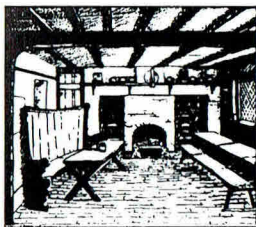
■ Watch out for pubs offering karaoke nights, live sport coverage by satellite, or bottles of Mexican beer with a chunk of lime wedged in the neck. Their presence argues that the pub round the corner will be reasonably free from the kind of people who actually like karaoke, Mexican beer and so forth.

Positive ways of identifying the right kind of pub are harder to come by. There are large tracts of 19th century London where the only worthwhile architectural features are their pubs and warehouses. South London, in particular, still has a number of vast old Victorian gin palaces with gilt mirrors, red plush curtains and ebony elephants on either side of the fireplaces. The snag is that they are mostly in remote regions like Wandsworth and Tooting Bec.

Above all, it is worth remembering that even the sociable kind of London pub is not at its best during the week. Conceivably, there was a time when cheery Cockneys did go with their families to the pub on weekdays evenings. If so, they stopped when television arrived.

Weekends - Sunday lunchtimes, especially - are another matter. All that is needed is the kind of pub with a varied and interesting population living around it, where at least a reasonable number of the regulars know each other and women - preferably children, too - feel at home. As it happens, I know such a pub not far from where I live in North London. I shall probably be poppoing in there this weekend. But, to borrow a line from Jerome K. Jerome, I am not going to be idiot enough to advertise it.

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ANCHOR COMES STEAMING BACK TO LONDON

After a gap of fourteen years Anchor Steam Beer from San Francisco went on sale again at Alexandra Palace in North London on Thursday 14 May.

Anchor Steam is best known as the beer that changed the face of American brewing. Having taken over the ailing San Francisco brewery in 1965, owner Fritz Maytag studied brewing techniques around the world and developed Anchor Steam Beer - a complex and rich dark beer unique in a country devoted to thin and light lagers. Without any sophisticated marketing or massive advertising Anchor Steam has developed into the most successful premium beer in the US - opening the way for a whole new generation of small American breweries.

Familiar to British drinkers as one of the stars of Michael Jackson's TV series The Beer Hunter, Anchor Steam - together with the other offerings from The Anchor Brewery - is now regularly available in Britain for the first time.

However, the very first bottles of Anchor beer to be sold in Britain were served at The CAMRA Great British Beer Festival at 'Ally Pally' in 1978. On that occasion the beer was flown in specially from San Francisco. Eighteen years on, The Phoenix Free House

at Alexandra Palace joins the small but select number of outlets for America's classic beer. Alongside the draught Anchor Steam Beer, The Phoenix also offers two other Anchor Brewery beers in bottle - Liberty Ale and Porter.

Draught Anchor Steam can also be found at:

The Anglesea Arms, 15 Selwood Terrace SW7
The Pakenham Arms, 1 Pakenham Street WC1
The Kingston Mill, 58 High Street, Kingston
The Half Moon, Church Road, Windlesham, Surrey
Canterbury Tales, 12 The Friars, Canterbury
Edward VII, Guilden Morden, Herts
Whistle & Flute, Mill Lane, Biggleswade, Beds
O'Riordans Tavern, 3 High Street, Brentford

There will be a special July 4th Introduction of draught Anchor Liberty Ale at:

The White Horse, Parsons Green, SW6
Bottles of Anchor Steam Beer can be purchased from most Fullers off-licences and specialist beer stores.

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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 73

This month we welcome yet another Wetherspoon Free House - the first in the West End - in Leicester Square. In addition, the first 'Mad O'Rourkes' has opened in N W London at Harefield. The much trumpeted 'sell off' of pubs by the big brewers is still but a trickle in London. However, those pubs so far released as free houses are tending to offer more choice, albeit within a rather limited and predictable range. Youngs Porter continues to spread - more information of confirmed outlets would be welcomed.

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

WC2, MOON UNDER WATER, 28 Leicester Square. Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest beers at weekends. The first Wetherspoon Free House in the West End, created in former steak house premises, next door to the Comedy Store and the Odeon. The Scotch Bitter sells at £1.20. Food until 10pm and lunchtimes on Sundays. Open all permitted hours.

EAST

E1, BANCROFT ARMS, 410 Mile End Road. Young: Bitter. Special. (E60)
E1, CARLTON ARMS, 238 Bancroft Road. Renamed **CARLTON**. Young: Bitter. (E62)
E1, CITY OF CARLISLE, 61 Royal Mint Street. Courage: Best Bitter. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E63)
E1, HEARTS OF OAK, 36 Dock Street. Courage: Directors Bitter. (E67)
E1, HORN OF PLENTY, 36 Globe Road. John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. Tetley: Bitter. (E67, U69)
E1, NAGS HEAD, 15 Whitechapel Road. Courage: Best Bitter. John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (E70)
E1, SIR JOHN FALSTAFF, 111 Cannon Street Road. Courage: Best Bitter (E73)
E2, CAVALIER, 89 Dunbridge Street. Fuller: London Pride. Marston: Pedigree. Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Beers available from above range. (E79)
E2, WHITE HART, 359 Bethnal Green Road. Renamed **TOMMY TUCKERS**. Everard: Old Original. Now a Free House, ex Truman. (E86)
E8, PUB ON THE PARK, 19 Martello Street. Boddington: Bitter. Brakspear: Bitter. Fuller: London Pride, ESB. Formerly **TAYLORS**. (E116, U69)
E15, RAILWAY TAVERN, 196 Plaistow Road. Charrington: IPA. Worthington: Best Bitter. (E154)

NORTH

N16, THREE CROWNS, 175 Stoke Newington High Street. Reopened and renamed **SAMUEL BECKETT**. Fuller: London Pride. Wethered: Bitter. Now run by Saxon Inns. (N95, U39)

NORTH WEST

HAREFIELD, MINES ROYAL, 98 High Street. Courage: Best Bitter. (W108)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (SJ), BUZZ BAR, 32/4 Panton Street. No real ale. A large new Free House just off Leicester Square, catering for the fizz & pop market.
SW4, JOLLY GARDENERS, 115 St Alphonsus Road. Courage: Best Bitter. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Refurbished and reopened as a Free House operated by Conways,

ex Charrington. Earlier report of demolition was exaggerated! (SW24, U39, U51, U54)

SW6, EIGHT BELLS, 89 Fulham High Street. Boddington: Bitter♦. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Reopened. (SW27, U69)

SW16, JOLLY HOSTELLER, 419 Streatham High Road. Renamed **WILLIAM IV**. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Now a Whitbread Beefeater restaurant with proper bar, ex Watney. (SW48)

SW19, BERNI INN, 46 Wimbledon Hill Road. Refurbished and renamed **TOWN HOUSE**. Boddington: Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Now a proper Whitbread pub. (U67)

WEST

W12, CONWAYS, 163 Goldhawk Road. Charrington: IPA♦ (at 90p a pint). Formerly **DUKES**, now run by Conway Taverns.

HARLINGTON, GARTH HOTEL, Brickfield Lane. No real ale. Public bar attached to residential hotel, open to general public.

RUISLIP, BARN HOTEL, West End Road. No real ale. Bar attached to residential hotel, open to general public.

UXBRIDGE, QUACKERS, Old Mill Road, Cowley Peachey. Flowers: Original Bitter. A riverside Free House & restaurant near Little Britain lake in Colne Valley Regional Park. Open all permitted hours.
WEST DRAYTON, ANGLERS RETREAT, Mill Road. Courage: Best Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. (W161)

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

W1 (Mar), VICTORY. Whitbread, H unused. (W36)

EAST

E8, SIR WALTER SCOTT. Whitbread, closed, future uncertain. (E116)

E9, BUTLERS. Truman, converted to flats. (E119)

E15, KINGS HEAD. Charrington, H unused. (E154)

E15, VILLAGE WINE BAR. Free House, H unused. (E155)

DAGENHAM, SPOONERS. Free House, closed, future uncertain. (X40)

NORTH WEST

HARROW, GREENHILL TAVERN. Free House, H removed. (W113, U68)

SOUTH WEST

SW6, KINGS HEAD. Charrington: H unused. (SW29)

WEST

W8, MACAULEY ARMS. Renamed **CAFE FLO**, now a restaurant, ex Whitbread, H removed. (W92)

WEST DRAYTON, FORESTERS ARMS. Courage, demolished. (W161)

BEER BRIEFING
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OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, RED COW (YE OLDE). No longer uses early morning licence. (E22)
EC1, STICK & WEASEL. No real cider available. (E24)
EC3, CHAPMANS WINE LODGE. Renamed WINE LODGE. + Young: Porter. (E39)
W1 (F), BLACK HORSE. + Fuller: London Pride♦. + Young: Bitter♦. (W28)
WC1, DOLPHIN TAVERN, 44 Red Lion Street. - Marston: Pedigree. - Wethered: Bitter. + Boddington: Bitter. + Flowers: Original Bitter. (W46, U51)
WC1, LAMB. + Young: Porter. (W47)
WC1, OLD RED LION. - Bass. + Fuller: London Pride. + Young: Bitter. (W48)
WC1, THREE CUPS. + Young: Porter. (W51, U67)
WC2, PRINCESS OF WALES. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (W56)

EAST

E1, BRICKLAYERS ARMS. Now a Free House, ex Watney. (E62)
E1, KATHERINE WHEEL. - Wiltshire: Stonehenge Best Bitter. + Wiltshire: Pitfield Bitter. (E68)
E1, KINGS HEAD. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (E68)
E1, LORD NELSON. - Charrington: IPA. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E69)
E2, NELSONS HEAD. + Bateman: Salem Porter. (E82)
E3, BROMLEY ARMS. Real ale not always available. (E89)
E4, FOUNTAIN. + Young: Bitter♦. (E95)
E4, KINGS HEAD. + Young: Bitter♦. (E96)
E4, ROYAL OAK, Sewardstone Road. + Greene King: Abbot Ale
E4, SLUG & LETTUCE. Reverted to BULL & CROWN. - Tetley: Bitter. + Bass. (E97)
E10, TAP & SPILE. - Beers listed.
+ Adams: Bitter, Broadside. + Greene King: IPA. + Marston: Mercian Mild, Pedigree. + Crones Cider (6.5 ABV). Beers may vary. Note that Marstons have announced that they are ceasing production of Mercian Mild. (E125)
E11, RED LION. + Young: Special♦. (E129)
E15, MANBY ARMS. - Charrington: IPA. + Fuller: London Pride. + Greene King: IPA. + Young: Special. (E154)
E17, PIG & WHISTLE. Now owned by Devenish Inn Leisure group. (E168)
ALDBOROUGH HATCH, DICK TURPIN. Now Whitbread owned, ex Grand Met (Berni), still fizz. (X11)
BARKING, BREWERY TAP. Now a Saxon Inns Free House, ex Taylor Walker. (X12)
GIDEA PARK, PLOUGH. Now Whitbread owned, ex Grand Met (Berni), still fizz. (X49)

NORTH

N16, MAGPIE & STUMP. + Fuller: London Pride. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now run by Saxon Ins. Formerly RED LION. (N95, U43)

NORTH WEST

NW8, PRINCESS ROYAL. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (N158)
HAREFIELD, KINGS HEAD. Renamed MAD O'ROURKES PIE SHOP INN. - Tetley: Bitter. + Ind Coope: Lumphammer (OG 1039), Burton Ale. Now owned by the Worcestershire based Little Pub Co chain and decorated in typical style. Lumphammer is brewed under licence by Ind Coope. Desperate Dan pies a speciality. Closes in afternoons between 3 & 5.30 pm. (W108, U67, U69)

HAREFIELD, WHITE HORSE. - Moles: Bitter. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. - Young: Special. + Butcombe: Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (W109, U59, U63)

SOUTH EAST

SE10, ADMIRAL HARDY. - Charrington: IPA. + Bass. + Eldridge Pope: Blackdown Porter. + Shepherd Neame: Bitter, Best Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (SE80)
SE10, COACH & HORSES. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. (SE82)
SE10, CRICKETERS. + Fuller: London Pride. (SE83)
SE10, RICHARD I. + Young: Porter. (SE86)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (P), PERSEVERANCE. Renamed GALLERY. + Eldridge Pope: Hardy Country Bitter. + Ruddle: County. Now a Free House, ex Watney. Formerly QUEEN OF DENMARK. (SW15, U55)
SW1 (W), ROYAL OAK. + Young: Porter. (SW17, U50)
SW3, SURPRISE. - Brakspear: Special Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride♦. (SW23, U56, U64)
SW5, TOURNAMENT. - Wethered: Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (SW25, U63)
SW6, MITRE. + Courage: Directors Bitter. (SW29)
SW6, WILTON ARMS. - Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. + Courage: Directors Bitter. (SW31, U60)
SW7, ANGLESEA ARMS. Young: Porter (reported last month) alternates with Eldridge Pope: Hardy Country Bitter. (SW31, U61, U72)
SW14, PLOUGH. - Ruddle: County. + Brakspear: Bitter♦. + Courage: Directors Bitter. (SW45, U50)
SW14, VICTORIA. - Beers listed. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. + Young: Special. (SW45, U50)
SW15, ARAB BOY. - Ruddle: County. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW46)
SW15, KINGS HEAD. - Courage: Directors Bitter. - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. + Boddington: Bitter♦. (SW46, U50, U60)
SW15, MONTAGUE ARMS. - Young: Bitter. (SW46, U60)
SW18, GRAPES. + Young: Porter. (SW51)
SW19, KING LEOPOLD ARMS. + Boddington: Bitter. (U39)
SW19, PRINCE OF WALES, 98 Morden Road. + Young: Porter. (SW56)
SW19, WHITE HART. + Boddington: Bitter. (SW56, U55, U58, U60)
KINGSTON, FLAMINGO BREWERY. Now run by Saxon Ins, ex Grand Met (Clifton Inns), still a brew pub. (U34, U43)

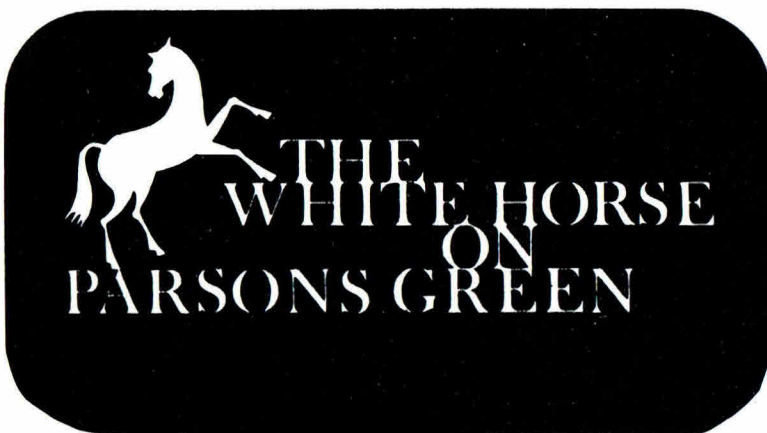
WEST

W2, GREAT WESTERN. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. + Courage: Best Bitter. (W59, U55)
W6, BROOK GREEN. + Young: Porter. (W74)
W6, BUILDERS. + Young: Porter. (W74)
W6, HOPE & ANCHOR. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W76)
W12, WHITE HORSE. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Charrington: IPA♦ (at 90p a pint). + Ruddle: County. (W92)
W14, BRITANNIA TAP. + Young: Porter. (W94)
HAYES, RAM. + Boddington: Bitter. + Flowers: Original Bitter. (W118, U59)
HILLINGDON, MASTER BREWER MOTEL. Renamed MASTER BREWER HOTEL. (W123)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 72

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

W1 (Mar), BLACK HORSE. Youngs Bitter should read Youngs beers.
W8, HANSOM CAM. Should read HANSOM CAB.



on

Saturday 25th July 1992

BEERS FROM THE WEST COUNTRY

and during the following 2 weeks
a selection of West Country Guest Beers will be available

11 am - 11 pm
Music & Entertainment

1 minute from Parsons Green Tube (District Line)
Right Hand Exit

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leaflet says, "You'll always find a welcome at the Crown". Into the Nag's Head (Ruddles, Greene King Abbott). This is a welcoming pub. Chillis all round. A group of old people hover over our conversation like rooks behind the plough ready to swoop for a tasty morsel. Dave stands up to go to the bog. One of the old ladies says, "It's through the door, first right then turn left." We leave well oiled, take the scenic route (go the wrong way). We eventually find the airfield. We're disturbed by youths flashing torches into nearby bushes. They move off and we sleep.

Friday is yet another cool, cloudy day. Into Melton Mowbray for breakfast, then ten miles through Hoby, Saxelby, Freeby and Frisby into Sileby. The Railway is a basic pub, good atmosphere, dominoes on the go. Four rapid pints of Bass and a pleasant chat with the landlady who is wonderful and a talented artist with examples of her work round the walls.

Five mile ride into Loughborough, our destination. We find a perfect pitch for later on down a track by the river. We try it out for an hour then into town. There passes in quick succession, the White Hart, the Three Nuns, the Old Pack Horse, the Peacock, an Indian (average) a blazing row (normal). Coppers give us directions out to the camp site, a lovers' lane. A car comes up the track but turns away when it sees four drunken yobs putting up tents - coitus interruptus? And so to sleeping bag.

Up early, struggle to get bikes on while 'senior conductor' watches. Into First Class compartment (£3 extra) and back in comfort to St. Pancras. Through London, along the Embankment into Pimlico, the Orange, for a superb pint of Porter, where our tour is officially ended.

Facts and figures:- Not a drop of rain nor a single sunbeam seen for the entire week; 258 miles; 106 pints; millions of laughs. What a way to see England!

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the end of February this year they were sold by Courage and are now owned by the dutch brewers Grolsch.

T. & R. Theakston Ltd. was taken over by Matthew Brown of Blackburn in 1984. Not long after that, in 1986, Matthew Brown themselves had to fight of an unwanted bid from Scottish and Newcastle Breweries. This left S&N holding 30% of Matthew Brown's shares and when they bid again in 1988 they were successful. So now Theakstons comes from the same stable as Newcastle Exhibition and Youngers Tartan. But at least its own brewery at Masham is still in use unlike that of Matty Browns.

Andy Pirson

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

- 23-25 July Kent
Merton Farm, Canterbury
- 18-19 July Woodcote Veteran Transport Rally
Reading
- 24-26 July 16th Cotswold
Postlip Hall, Nr Winchcombe, Glos.
- 4-8 Aug Great British Beer Festival
Grand Hall, Olympia
- 21-22 Aug 17th Portsmouth
Guildhall, Portsmouth

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 SW15 WHITE LION
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 SW18 BREWERY TAP
 SW18 PIG & WHISTLE
 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,
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 SW19 TRAFALGAR
 SW19 WILLIAM MORRIS
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 TAVERN
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 KEW, COACH & HORSES
 KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS
 KINGSTON, COCOANUT
 KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD
 KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
 KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
 KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
 KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
 MALDEN RUSHETT, FOX &
 HOUNDS

MITCHAM, KINGS ARMS
 MITCHAM, RAVENSBRURY ARMS
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 MORTIMER
 NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK
 RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE
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 RICHMOND, SHAFTESBURY ARMS
 RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS
 SURBITON, BUN SHOP
 SUTTON, NEW TOWN
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 Otlands Park
 WHITTON, WHITE HART
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 W1 MORTIMER ARMS
 W1 WINDMILL
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD
 W3 KINGS ARMS
 W3 KINGS HEAD
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE
 W4 WINDMILL
 W5 PLOUGH
 W5 RED LION
 W5 ROSE & CROWN
 W5 WHEATSHEAF
 W6 BLACK LION
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS
 W6 SALUTATION
 W7 VIADUCT
 W8 UXBRIDGE ARMS
 W10 NARROW BOAT
 W10 VILLAGE INN
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN
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 W12 MOON ON THE GREEN
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 WATER
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 Street
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 Ducie Street
 MILTON KEYNES, PLOUGH,
 Simpson Village
 PETERBOROUGH, BOGART'S,
 North Street
 POTTERS BAR (Herts),
 CHEQUERS, Coopers Lane.
 SALISBURY (Wilt), WYNDHAM
 ARMS, Estcourt Road.
 STEVENAGE (Herts) RED LION,
 High Street, Old Town.
 SOUTHAMPTON, PLATFORM
 TAVERN, Town Quay
 SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO
 ARMS, Waterloo Road
 STOW MARIES, PRINCE OF
 WALES, Woodham Road
 SUNBURY - HARE & HOUNDS,
 132 Vicarage Road
 TEYNHAM, (Kent) SHIP INN
 Conyer Quay
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 FEATHERS, South Street
 WATFORD - WEST HERTS
 SPORTS CLUB
 WINCHESTER, BELL,
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 WORCESTER, BREWERY TAP &
 BREWERY, 50 Lowesmoor
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 Lyndhurst Road
 WORTHING, VINE,
 Tarring High Street

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Existing Establishments

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WHITE LION OF
MORTIMER**
125/127 Stroud Green Road
N4

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

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

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

**WOOD GREEN/TOTTENHAM
THE NEW MOON**
413 Lordship Lane N17

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

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

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

**KINGSBURY
JJ MOONS**
553 Kingsbury Road NW7

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

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

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

**ENFIELD
THE MOON UNDER WATER**
115/117 Chase Side Enfield

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

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

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

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

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JJ MOONS**
2 Streatham Hill SW2

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THE MOON UNDER WATER

10/11 Broadway Parade,
Coldharbour Lane
Hayes, Middlesex

OPENING SOON

July 7th

THE CAMDEN'S HEAD

456 Bethnal Green Road,
Bethnal Green, E2



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

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

**COLINDALE
THE MOON UNDER WATER**
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Colindale NW9

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84-86 Staines Road,
Hounslow, Middlesex

**CROUCH END
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22 Topsfield Parade
Tottenham Lane
London N8

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

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

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

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

**CATFORD
THE TIGERS HEAD**
Bromley Road, Catford, SE6

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

**LIVERPOOL STREET
HAMILTON HALL**
Liverpool Street Station EC2

**BARKINGSIDE
THE NEW FAIRLOP OAK**
Fencepiece Road, Barkingside

**TWICKENHAM
THE MOON UNDER WATER**
53-57 London Road
Twickenham

**HAMPSTEAD
THE THREE HORSESHOES**
28 Heath Street, Hampstead, NW3

**WEALDSTONE
THE SARSEN STONE**
32 High Street, Wealdstone

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

**WANSTEAD
THE GEORGE**
High Street, Wanstead, E11