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# Where to buy London Drinker

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

## OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH

### EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS  
EC1 BLUE POST  
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN  
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS  
EC1 SUTTON ARMS  
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED  
EC3 SWAN  
EC4 BANKER  
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD  
E1 YORKSHIRE GREY  
E2 APPROACH TAVERN  
E2 MARKSMAN  
E2 NELSON'S HEAD  
E8 LADY DIANA  
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN  
E9 ROYAL STANDARD  
E10 DRUM  
E10 TAP & SPILE  
E11 GEORGE  
E14 QUEENS HEAD  
E17 COLLEGE ARMS  
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE  
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
SE1 GRAPES  
SE1 HORNNIMAN AT HAYS  
SE1 KINGS ARMS  
SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE  
SE1 MARKET PORTER  
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road  
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN  
SE1 WHEATSHAEF  
SE3 BRITISH OAK  
SE3 HARE & BILLET  
SE3 PRINCESS OF WALES  
SE3 RAILWAY TAVERN  
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN  
SE6 TIGERS HEAD  
SE7 McDONNELLS  
SE8 DOG & BELL  
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE  
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY  
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS  
SE10 RICHARD I  
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN  
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS  
SE16 MANOR TAVERN  
SE16 MOBY DICK  
SE18 ANGLESEA ARMS  
SE18 COOPERS ARMS  
(PLAISTED'S)  
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM  
SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES  
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)  
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH  
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  
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY  
N1 ALWYNE CASTLE  
N1 COMPTON ARMS  
N1 CROWN  
N1 EARL OF RADNOR  
N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN  
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE  
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS  
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.  
N1 MALT & HOPS  
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN  
N1 MITRE, Copenhagen Street  
N1 PINT POT  
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR  
N1 RADNOR ARMS  
N2 OLD WHITE LION  
N4 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY  
N4 MORTIMER ARMS  
N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH  
N4 TAP & SPILE  
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER  
N7 ADMIRAL MANN  
N7 FAT HARRY'S  
N8 ELBOW ROOM  
N8 TOLL GATE  
N9 BEEHIVE  
N10 WETHERSPOONS  
N11 NORTHERN STAR  
N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN  
N12 TALLY HO

N12 TILTED GLASS  
N13 WHOLE HOG  
N14 WOOLPACK  
N16 PRINCE OF WALES  
N16 ROSE & CROWN  
N16 SHAKESPEARE  
N16 TANNERS HALL  
N17 ELBOW ROOM  
N17 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 WHEATSHAEF  
NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS  
NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER  
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

### OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 QUINNS  
NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS  
NW1 MAN IN THE MOON  
NW3 FLASK TAVERN  
NW4 CHEQUERS  
NW4 WHITE BEAR  
NW4 WHITE LION OF  
MORTIMER  
NW6 QUEENS ARMS  
NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN  
NW8 KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN  
NW9 GEORGE  
NW9 J.J. MOONS  
NW9 MOON UNDER WATER  
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS  
NW10 OUTSIDE INN  
HAREFIELD, PLOUGH  
HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL  
HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS  
KENTON, NEW MOON  
RUISLIP, J.J. MOONS  
SOUTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS  
SUDBURY, BLACK HORSE  
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK

### OFF TRADE

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

### CLUBS

NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC  
SOCIAL CLUB

### OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW  
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS

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## EDITORIAL

A few weeks ago at one of our branch socials I was questioned by a member of my local branch over editorial policy on bylines - the name of the author of an article placed at the start or end of a piece. He had read the article "Profiteers or Victims?" in the July edition of the Drinker and while he agreed that it made a lot of very valid points he felt that it did not carry as much weight as it would have done if the author had been named instead of remaining anonymous.

In this particular instance, not knowing personally who had written the piece, I could not state categorically whether or not the author's name had been left off as an oversight. It is, however, my personal view that unless there are specific reasons for not doing so we should acknowledge the source of all material. We generally do not pay for articles and so the person passing on the benefit of his knowledge, experience, wit etc. should at least receive acknowledgement for his efforts.

We come now, however, to a problem and the particular article to which my friend was referring is a very good case in point; that is protection of the individual's anonymity. If we are going to have anything worthwhile to say as representatives of a consumers' organisation we are bound to say things from time to time that the producers in the industry would prefer us not to say and we are bound to express opinions that they will (publicly at least) disagree with most vehemently.

Now, many landlords of pubs are CAMRA members as well and agree with our views but they also find themselves in the invidious position of relying on those breweries for a living. Many of our articles of the type exemplified by "Profiteers or Victims?" carry much more weight when they are written from first hand experience. If, however, the author of such a piece were able to be

identified by his brewery it would put his position, and his livelihood, in jeopardy.

Although it was clear from the text of this particular article that the author does not currently run a pub, we must allow for the possibility that he may wish (or need) to take a pub again at some time in the future. Consequently, I am afraid that although the simple device of adding a name at the end of an article would give it an air of greater authority, there are times when you must trust to our integrity and not demand something that could be most dangerous to a supporter's living

The alternative would be that the articles would not get written and the brewers would be given a freer hand to maximise their profitability at the expense of us, the drinking public.

On another matter completely, the deadline for large breweries to divest themselves of some of their tied houses is beginning to loom large - it is actually 2nd November - and signs of changes are now beginning to appear in my own area. Two pubs in one area have already changed from being tied to Grand Metropolitan (one ex Courage, one Watney) to Morland of Abingdon who recently successfully fought off a hostile takeover bid from Greene King. Meanwhile the tenant of another Watney pub in the area has told us that (to suit his own timetable) it will become a free house on 7th November and within six months he plans to have his own brewery operating on the premises. We shall have more details on these pubs in the next edition.

Finally, I should like to express my personal gratitude to all those of you who attended our beer festival in Feltham at the beginning of September, especially those who gave up valuable spare time to work. Thanks to all of you.

**Andy Pirson**

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## Existing Establishments

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

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

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

**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

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

**KINGSBURY**  
**JJ MOONS**  
55-1 Kingsbury Road NW7

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

**WALTHAMSTOW**  
**THE DRUM**  
557/9 Lea 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

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

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

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

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

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

# NOW OPEN

## THE MOON UNDER WATER

10/11 Broadway Parade, Coldharbour Lane  
Hayes, Middlesex

## THE CAMDEN'S HEAD

456 Bethnal Green Road,  
Bethnal Green, E2

## THE MOON UNDER WATER

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

# OPENING SOON

179 Upper Street, Islington, N1

402-408 Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middlesex

Old Coliseum, Manor Park Road,  
Harlesden, NW10

52-54 Church Street, N9

419-421 Barking Road, East Ham, E6

25 Ross parade, Woodcote Road,  
Wallington, Surrey

36-38 Friern Barnet Road, N11

17-21 George Street, Croydon

20 The Broadwalk, Pinner Road,  
North Harrow

80-82 Chiswick High Road, Chiswick, W4

1250-1256 Uxbridge Road, Hayes End,  
Middlesex

407-409 Brixton High Road, London SW9



**STREATHAM**

**JJ MOONS**  
2 Streatham Hill SW2

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

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

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

**RUISLIP MANOR**  
**JJ MOONS**  
12 Victoria Road  
Ruislip Manor

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

**WEMBLEY**  
**JJ MOONS**  
397 High Road  
Wembley

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WINCHESTER HILL**  
**HALF MOON**  
749 Green Lanes, Winchester Hill  
London N21

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

**CATFORD**  
**THE TIGER'S 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



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## IDLE MOMENTS

Well folks, here we are again; I am sitting at my word processor - late because of Feltham Beer Festival held at the beginning of September. So now without further ado here are the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 28 Pounds in a Quarter
2. 90 Degrees North is the North Pole
3. 124 is a Gross Minus a Score
4. 2 Medals Won by Sally Gunnell at Barcelona (One Gold, One Bronze)
5. 651 Members of Parliament in the House of Commons
6. 1 Surface on a Sphere
7. 5 Toes on a Foot
8. 10 Sides on a Decagon
9. 16 Tons (Sung by Tennessee Ernie Ford)
10. 100 is Ten Squared

Have you noticed that Graham Dene has gone from Capital Gold and with him his "Dene Machine". So now you are down to just me - and I don't give £15.48 for each correct answer; it's a hard world, isn't it? So here, without any chance of a reward are this month's:

1. 27 CF in a CY
2. 1936 Y of the BO
3. 12 TTW by MH
4. 144 P in a K
5. 8 W on a RC
6. 30 P in a G of RU
7. 14 P is the ABV of SB
8. 4 K of E were CW
9. 3600 S in an H
10. 142 DE for CL

And to plough straight on with the old brewery anagrams, here are September's answers:

- |                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. DAVE ERRS    | EVERARDS    |
| 2. PEER RIM     | PREMIER     |
| 3. NINE BEE REG | BEER ENGINE |
| 4. AH, THE GIG  | HIGHGATE    |
| 5. A BLOWN TACK | BLACKAWTON  |

You know, it is sometimes very difficult to find something new to say to introduce a regular feature, so I shan't:

1. FINN LARKS
2. BE HEN, VAL
3. I ATE WASHED LINT

4. MOON AN' STAR
5. INCAS

Changing now to the various forms of silly alphabet, I have had further correspondence from Derek Edwards of High Wycombe whose earlier letter was published in August. He writes:

"I had a go at your Silent Alphabet [*Actually it was Michael Stevens' - AP*] and, having spent two days' intensive effort, both with and without a pint pot at my side, I have decided to send you what I have come up with, even though I am not really happy with some of it. I want to go back to following the sense of what I read, instead of just looking at the letters.

"First, the set of rules I was working to, so I can hide behind them when you publish your alphabet and it turns out better than mine:

1. (Compulsory) The letter must not contribute in any way to the pronunciation anywhere in the word.
2. The correct pronunciation should be the obvious one when the letter is taken out (perhaps with one or two other letters too).
3. Words preferred such that removing the letter makes another word (or, failing that, sounds like one).
4. The shorter the better.
5. The commoner the better.
6. Desperation overrides rules 1-5.

"Now here's the alphabet:

A: Bread; B: Lamb (you were too modest about lamb; lam is a valid American word); C: Scent; D: Adjust; E: Heart (are is shorter but not so good on rule 3); F: Twelfth (pronounced twelfth [*Actually, I tend to sound the F myself - AP*]) or Trottisccliffe (in Kent, pronounced Trosley) - see rule 6; G: High; H: Hour (better than your Whine on rules 4 & 5); I: Friend; J: Mijneer (Dutch word; what English people used to call a Dutchman - see rule 6); K: Knot; L: Would; M: Mnemonic; N: Damn; O: Young; P: Bathing (all right, then: Psalm); Q: Raquet; R: Colour (as opposed to Color and all the words where Americans pronounce the R's); S: Isle; T: Castle; U: Four; V: Gonville & Caius College (pronounced Keys - see rule

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6); W: Whole; X: Sioux [you could use this for I as well - AP]; Y: Prayer; Z: Rendezvous.

"I hope you had better luck with F, J and V. In the above, all letters except J obey my rule 1; all except F, J, V and R also obey rule 2 and most of them obey 3-5 as well.

"In the comments on the spelling/pronunciation of your name, you must be referring to George Bernard Shaw's illustration of why we need phonetic spelling: GHOTI (pronounced "fish" from "enouGH", wOmen" and nATtIons"). A very quick go at your name gives Eatherstonddigh Ppearcain (from Featherstonhaugh - pronounced Fanshawe, Fiddle, Denbigh, Apple, Heard, City and Curtain).

Or, if we don't want you to answer your name, we could take the letters from Dead, Damned, Grudging, Prayer, Psychotic, Friendly, Favoured, Island, People, Damn.

Note that the GBS one does, and the second tries to, make a meaningful message (eg. "enough women and nations!") - whether you agree with it is irrelevant. Another thing to try for when spelling words to people.

"Oh, the possibilities are endless.

"But this letter isn't".

Actually I was thinking of using "GHOTI" but had put it on the back burner for a while because it was used by Norman Painting (the eponymous Phil Archer) as an "end of part one" filler in a recent edition of Channel 4's "Countdown".

Before I leave the subject of this correspondence I must apologise for a paragraph which went AWOL from last month's Idle Moments (whether as a space saving move or in error, I am not sure). Referring to Michael Stevens' letter on the pronunciation of my name and alternative words thrown up by spelling checkers on word processors, you should have read:

*Actually to answer your question first, as a family we all pronounce it I as in fir trees. I also tried the same names in my word processor's spelling checker and came up with the following:*

*Andy Pirson - And Pigeon*

*Chris Cobbold - Christ Cobble  
Stan Tompkins - Stab Tomtits  
Ian Amy - Iamb Am  
Watneys - Wanes*

Now that Radio 4's Brain of Britain has finished for another year and Mastermind isn't due to start for a while yet, you'll have to make do with my General Knowledge (Oh, all right - Trivia) questions. Here are the answers to last month's:

1. Spencer Perceval - in 1812
2. William Huskisson
3. Novelty, Sans Pareil, Cyclopede (horse powered), Perseverance
4. The Duke of Wellington
5. Apsley House
6. Love Me Do
7. The International Red Cross
8. Green Goddess
9. A column supporting part of a building which is in the form of a female human figure
10. Willow

And here, once again, we go with this month's little lot:

1. What record was the longest (in running time to reach No. 1 in the UK pop charts?
2. We all know that Salisbury Cathedral is the tallest in Britain, but which cathedral had a taller spire until it was destroyed in an earthquake? (The rest of the cathedral still stands).
3. How many railway bridges cross the River Thames in Greater London?
4. What bridge over the Thames is the farthest downstream?
5. Who is the cartoonist who produces the "Far Side" cartoons to be found in the Evening Standard and elsewhere?
6. We all know that Grace Darling helped her father rescue the crew of the Forfarshire but at what lighthouse did they live and work?
7. Who was the compiler of the famous "Book of Heroic Failures" published in 1979?
8. Who was the author of the book "Down and Out in London and Paris"?
9. To the nearest million miles what is the mean distance of the Earth from the Sun?
10. What was the actual gauge of Brunel's broad gauge railway?

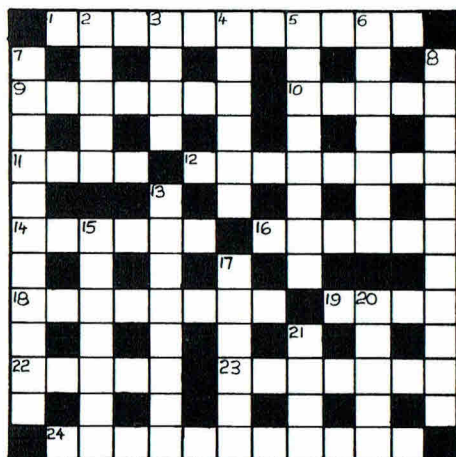
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# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

COMPILED BY DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



## ACROSS

1. He may put down Persian fish and French hen. [6,5]
9. Do well to find skinhead in right environment. [7]
10. Popular golf clubs have music. [5]
11. No writer is free. [4]
12. Army has lots of time to make prisoners. [8]
14. Court case with lower class of people. [6]
16. Fixed mile finished. [6]
18. After hours drink with bird? [8]
19. Just light. [4]
22. Instruct artist in metal. [5]
23. Delight when into ale brewing. [7]
24. Stop speaking and make amends. [11]

## DOWN

2. It's over a personal problem getting in the way. [5]
3. Writer has quietly become religious leader. [4]
4. Fear of making the first mistake. [6]
5. Everyone in the main is confused. [3,2,3]
6. Angered or maddened. [7]
7. Chance of the work of the left becoming one. [11]
8. Thinking about ciders on gin. [11]
13. Fish for a piece of wood? [8]
15. He may be on fire. No thanks! [7]
17. Rush for jobs? [6]
20. In the morning I leave friend. [5]
21. Piece of Picasso's first painting. [4]

Winner of the prize for the August crossword:  
Steve Mott, Flat 7, 20 Avenue Elmers,  
Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 4SE.

Other correct entries were received from:  
I.W.Ardon, Alan Brooke, Neil Chapman,  
A.P.Comaish, Andy Darnbrough,  
Jane Darnbrough, Jammy Dodger,  
Kathryn Everett, Eileen Graves, J.E.Green,  
Ron Herbert, Moth, Steve Piggott, Dave Rice,  
A.C.Scutter, Len Sibthorpe, G. & P.Tuhey,  
N.A.Walton, Martin Weedon, Griselda Whiplash,  
Chris Whithouse, Susan Wilson, Yak.  
There were also 2 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.

Name.....

Address.....

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All correct entries received by first post on 28th October will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

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

## Last Month's Solution



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





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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

### **SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION**

On a recent visit to London, I met up with two friends of mine who live in the London area, and are CAMRA members. After a few pints of Youngs and Fullers we went by tube to Leicester Square for a meal in Chinatown. We decided to visit the Porcupine, a Taylor Walker pub, for a final pint. This is a pub which I have used for many years when in London. Although it is very expensive, it has an excellent and consistent pint of Burton Ale. Not surprisingly, at 9.30 on a Saturday evening, it was very busy. There was a 'bouncer' on the door. He told us we could not come in, because the pub was full. This seemed fair enough. But then, he allowed in four customers - two couples. On asking why they were allowed in when we were not, we were told 'they've got girls with them - there's too many 'fellers' in there.

I regard this as a case of blatant sexual discrimination!

Yours faithfully

Jim Bracken  
Manchester

Dear Editors

Having read Peter Campbell's letter in September's London Drinker, I felt compelled to comment on some observations he made on the SE1 area and in particular the Wheatsheaf. Exactly what is a "Victorian appearance"? A glance at "Victorian Public Houses" by Brian Spiller (Publishers: David & Charles, 1972) illustrates that there are many varieties of pub from this period ranging from basic and unpretentious locals like the Wheatsheaf to highly ornate and palatial establishments which can be found in many parts of London, especially the centre.

The main point I take issue with however, are in the comments, or rather lack of them, regarding the beers served. This pub deserves much more than simply the mention that it serves Imperial Russian Stout. The quality of the beers served, both Courage Best and guest ales is always excellent and a mild is permanently on offer, a rarity in London. In addition the landlord has links

with CAMRA and provides real choice in the guest beers served, recent examples include Exmoor Ale, Hop Back GFB, Cotleigh Harrier, Woodfordes Mild and the GBBF champion; Norfolk Nog. (A much more imaginative selection than many other pubs in the area, some of whom serve beer in a condition that, putting it generously, leaves much to be desired). These are sold at prices which are very reasonable for Central London and the pub often gets crowded which speaks for itself.

This pub is one of the few in the City and London Bridge area not to have been "renovated" and its original character totally changed. It still retains two distinct bars and is one of the fast-disappearing breed of pubs not subjected to the whims of brewery marketing executives and design consultants. Finally, the Borough Market area is threatened with partial demolition as a result of railway expansion plans; I would not want real ale drinkers to be put off visiting an excellent pub with a limited lifespan by a description which does not really do justice to it.

Yours faithfully

D Dineen  
London N9

Dear Editors

Deliberation of the subject of dark ales and their rise in popularity deserves more flourish in your editorial columns.

Whatever happened to the story about Highgate mild ale becoming more readily available in the London area? This excellent brew, I learnt from a long-past issue of "Drinker", is produced by an associate of Charrington that is Walsall based and seeks a wider London audience.

But are there any new outlets for Highgate mild, coming on tap?

Here in SW6, Young's are stealing everybody's thunder with PORTER, readily at Duke of Cumberland on Parson's Green.

It's popular enough to be always fresh; the head is subdued, so ideal for brim measure and aftertaste good, also.

Yours faithfully

Stephen J. Fothergill, London SW6

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## BODDINGTON'S CAN MISLEAD!

We have received correspondence from Stephen Fothergill about the ridiculous Boddington adverts that have been appearing in the National papers, which imply that Whitbread's beer is 'draught'. The advert is clearly designed to mislead. The 'creamy milk' theme, illustrated with milk churns and ice cream cones and is meant to emphasise that Boddingtons is the 'cream of Manchester'. The dishonest part of the advertising is that the stuff in the can is the same as that which you can now get in a pub. The wording is as follows:

"Courtesy of the ingenious draught flow system you can now enjoy the smooth flavour and creamy head of handpulled Boddingtons from a can."

This is untrue. Beer in cans is filtered and pasteurised. Hand-pumped beer isn't (or shouldn't be). There is no way that anything that comes from a can could begin to resemble true cask conditioned beer.

The reply to his complaint from the Department for Enterprise follows:

### *Editors Comment:*

*Thankyou very much Stephen for your efforts to bring this stupid advert to the attention of the Department of Trade and Industry.*

*The Advertising Standards Authority have already dismissed CAMRA's objections to the advert. Talk about toothless watchdogs!!*



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Dear Mr Fothergill,

Thank you for your second letter to Mr Leigh concerning froth on beer and the advertisement for Boddington's beer. As I am sure you will appreciate, Ministers receive very many letters and are unable to reply individually. I have therefore again been asked to reply.

I am returning your Sunday supplement advertisement. I suggest you write directly to the Advertising Standards Agency to obtain its opinion of the printed advertisement. Complaints received from members of the public appear in a periodically published list and as such gain some publicity. Complaints from Government Departments are not entered on this list. Your letter and advertisement should be sent to the following address;

Advertising Standards Agency,  
Brook House,  
2-16 Torrington House,  
London  
WC1E 7HN

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Room 407  
Consumer Affairs 1a

**Chris Cobbold**

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## BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for October of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 14.

**CROYDON & SUTTON:** Thu 8 Thornton Heath Crawl. Start VICTORY (dep 9.00), Gillett Road then WILTON ARMS and PRINCE OF WALES Fri 16 Carshalton Crawl. Start RACEHORSE (dep 9.00), West Street then HOPE and RAILWAY TAVERN - Tue 20 (8.00) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon - Thu 29 (8.00) Committee Meeting. PLOUGH, Croydon Road, Beddington.

**EAST LONDON & CITY:** Mon 5 (8.00) Branch Meeting. APPROACH TAVERN, E2 - Tue 13 (6.00) Two Pub Social. Start FLEETWOOD then HAMILTON HALL (7.30) both EC2 - Tue 20 (7.30) Two Pub Social. Start ANCHOR & HOPE then PRINCE OF WALES (9.00), both E5 - Thu 29 (7.30) Social. FALCON & FIRKIN, E9.

**ENFIELD & BARNET:** Thu 1 (9.00) Social. WILLIAM IV, 192 Hertford Road, N9 - Tue 6 (9.00) Two Pub Social in Barnet. Start WEAVER, Greenhill Parade, High Road then OLD RED LION (10.00), Underhill, Great North Road - Wed 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. PLOUGH, Crews Hill, Enfield - Tue 20 (9.00) Social & Pub of the Year Presentation. KING & TINKER, Whitewebbs Lane, Enfield - Thu 29 (8.30) BREWERIANA AUCTION. GREEN DRAGON, 889 Green Lanes, N21 - Tue 3 Nov (9.00) Campaigning Social. RAILWAY BELL, 13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Thu 15 (8.30) Business Meeting. NORTH STAR, Chessington - Wed 21 (8.30) Two Pub Social. Start BEAR then VICTORIA (9.45), both Oxshott.

**NORTH LONDON:** Thu 1 Branch Pub of the Year Presentation & New Members' Evening. PHOENIX, Alexandra Palace, N22 (W3 bus from Finsbury Park Station) - Sun 4 (12.00) Lunchtime Social. RADNOR ARMS, 106 Mildmay Grove, N1 - Tue 6 (8.00) Birthday Social for Anne Lodge & Ian Hassell in High Holborn, WC1. Start ROYAL CONNAUGHT then CITIE OF YORKE (9.30) - Tue 13 (7.30) Committee Meeting followed by (8.30) Branch Meeting. CALTHORPE ARMS, Grays Inn Road, WC1 (Branch Meeting in function room) - Tue 20 (8.00) Three pub Social in Finsbury Park, N4. Start BLACKSTOCK HOTEL, 284 Seven Sisters Road then WORLDS END (8.45), 21 Stroud Green Road; WHITE LION OF MORTIMER (9.30), 125 Stroud Green Road - Thu 29 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. FAT HARRYS, 40 Isledon Road, N7 - Sun 1 Nov (12.00) Lunchtime Social. CARRIAGE, Eversholt Street, NW1 (Euston Tube) - Tue 3 Nov Jointly with Dengie Hundred Branch: Crouch Vale Brewery Visit and rural pub crawl by minibus. Travel by rail from Liverpool Street Station. ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT. Details from and bookings to Gyan Mathur, 071-405 8400 ext 460 (Work) - Tue 10 Nov (8.00) Treasure Hunt to be organised by Ian Hassell. Start in CALTHORPE ARMS, Grays Inn Road, WC1.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Tue 13 (8.30) Post Beer Festival Committee Meeting. COACH & HORSES, 8 Kew Green, Kew - Mon 19 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITE HART, 1 High Street, Hampton Wick - Tue 27 (8.30) Social. GENERAL ROY (brand new Charrington pub), Poplar Way, Feltham.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Thu 1 (8.00) Bromley Social. WILLIAM IV, 116 Croydon Road, Elmers End - Mon 5 (8.00) Open Committee meeting. DOG & BELL, 116 Prince Street, SE8 - Mon 12 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 189 Dartmouth Road, SE26 - Thu 26 (8.00) Branch Social. ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL, 10 Widmore Road, Bromley.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX:** Thu 1 (8.30) Social. ROSE & CROWN, 16 Ilford Hill (A118 near A406), Ilford - Wed 7 (8.30) Branch Meeting. SANDMARTIN, Drake Road/Clifford Road, Chafford Hundred - Tue 13 (8.30) Out of Area Social. HOOP, 21 High Street, (B1007), Stock -

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Thu 22 (8.30) Social. CROWN & ANCHOR, 43 High Street, Aveley - Thu 29 8.30) Out of Area Social. GEORGE, High Street, Wanstead, E11.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Fri 2 (7.30) Crawl of Good Beer Guide Pubs of Barnes, SW13. Start BULLS HEAD then COACH & HORSES (8.30); SUN (9.15), RED LION (10.00) - Tue 27 (7.30) Open Committee and Festival Committee Meetings followed by (8.30) Branch Meeting (Pub of the Year Shortlisting). HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane, Brixton, SW2.

**WATFORD & DISTRICT:** Tue 6 (8.30) Social. ROYAL OAK then LOAD OF HAY (9.15); VILLIERS (10.00) - Fri 16 (7.30) QUIZ NIGHT. West Herts Sports Club. Teams of Six. ALL BRANCHES WELCOME! - Wed 21 (8.30) Social at Abbots Langley. Start BOYS HOME then KINGS HEAD (9.15); ROYAL OAK (10.00) - Sun 25 (8.30) Committee Meeting. West Herts Sports Club. All welcome - Tue 27 Social in Sarratt. Taxis from Watford Junction at 8.15. Start COCK (8.30) then CRICKETERS (9.15); BOOT (10.00) - Wed 4 Nov (8.30) Good Beer Guide Launch. SWAN, Bushey.

**WEST LONDON:** Wed 7 (8.30) Pimlico Pub Crawl. RISING SUN, 44 Ebury Bridge Road, SW1 then ORANGE BREWERY (9.00), 37 Pimlico Road; FOX & HOUNDS (10.00), 29 Passmore Street - Thu 15 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BEEHIVE, Homer Street, W1.

**WEST MIDDLESEX:** Thu 1 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. J J MOONS, Ruislip Manor (also including in-house beer festival!) - Thu 8 (8.30) Social. CROWN, Colham Green Road, Hillingdon - Fri 16 (7.30) Inter-Branch Quiz. West Herts Sports Club, Park Avenue, Watford - Wed 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting. RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High Street, Acton W3 - Thu 29 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. VIADUCT, 221 Uxbridge Rd, Hanwell, W7.

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## Fuller's Passport Scheme Returns!

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

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

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

There are *exclusive* prizes to be won on the completion of each stage!

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Section 2      One Passport T-shirt and one minipin of London Pride.

Section 3      A personalised engraved Pewter Tankard and a Passport tie for the men and a scarf for the ladies.

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AT CAMRA'S  
OLYMPIA**



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AND

**The Waterloo Arms**

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at Downton, Wilts, in order to supply more beer to our  
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***For further information contact:***

**EAST WEST ALES — 0892 834040**

**BOB DUMMON'S MUNDANE ALES — 0283 67173**

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## BREWERS CLOSE THE DIVIDE - THEN RULE

### Des Tuddenham looks at the effect on London of the "heady brews" from Ooop North

The last ten years has seen a quiet invasion on London - Northern ales, complete with their noted tight, creamy heads. This invasion ought to be resisted.

Being a near-wrinkly, I can remember Courage ales brewed here in the capital - now we have John Smiths. We also used to have real Charringtons and Taylor Walker from the East End together with other brews developed for the London palate. Now we have Stones and Tetley Bitter.

Taste is such a subjective thing - but I'll stick my southern neck out and tell you that these Northern brews are bland and lacking in character. They are also noticeably short on the hop.

They are fine in their place (their locality) and often kept in much better condition than they are to be found in the capital. But London's taste and resulting styles of ale were developed not on the soft and creamy, but rather in accordance with our sharper and harder water.

Of course there is one great benefit to brewers of flogging us northern beers in true style. This is the head - which conveniently prevents customers from receiving a full 20 fluid ounces of beer.

Assume you get 19 fl oz of a Yorkshire bitter in a "pint" costing £1.60 - just one ounce

short. And this is the case in 500 London pubs belonging to one brewery, with each pub selling two barrels a week. The total "cream" to the brewery is a grand £1,198,080 per year.

Work it out for yourself - over £1mn buck-shea. But let's for a moment live in the real world - the chances are with a northern beer that you'll get *less* than 19 fl oz of beer!

The invasion has other repercussions. it has virtually knocked London-brewed beer off the drinking map. Thank god for Youngs and Fullers.

Even London trading names have been relegated to the brewing Vauxhall Conference. When did anyone last see Taylor Walker Bitter (brewed in Burton incidentally) actually be added to a beer range?

Meanwhile, our creamy-headed Northern rivals continue to attract all the marketing spend and TV slots.

However, as with any conflict, some good does accrue. To keep a northern brew in tip top fettle and get that much sought-after head, requires a lot of care. Glasses and beer lines must be completely clean and that is always a good thing.

Nevertheless, the Northern Git propping up the bar has to push further, telling us our ale

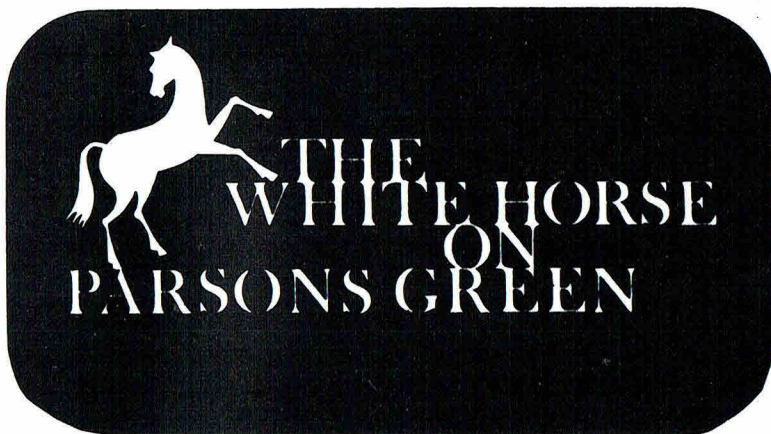
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*on*

Saturday 31st October 1992

**25**  
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Right Hand Exit

is "lifeless and flat as bloody dish water". They are generally too biased to take stock that a good, flat *looking* London pint is in fact usually much fuller in condition.

Des Tuddenham

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## FULLERS BREWERY AGM - New Developments

In a revealing turn of events at the Brewery AGM at the Chiswick Brewery on 21 August, Anthony Fuller confirmed that Fullers are to start producing a Cask conditioned mild next March.

The Mild, which will be a cask version of the present keg mild, will be test marketed on a limited basis to judge support and to discern the appropriate level of gravity the beer will be sold at. This is likely to be higher than the current keg.

It was also confirmed that the brewers are to make Mr Harry, the winter brew, available for some four months between Nov. and Feb. next year. It is to be made more widely

Forcing ale through tight sparklers (agitating devices that help produce a head) knocks the condition out of a beer, leaving it light and ultra soft in texture. And they call *us* softies!

available in both the tied and free trade.

Additionally, in what must be an amazing departure, the group's Golden Pride barley wine is to be made available at Xmas in minipins for pubs to order but in a limited batch availability. The beer will be sold in half pints only.

Finally the brewers do not rule out a porter but will watch the market.

On pub sales they confirmed that they are no longer currently interested in package deals but are looking at one off higher barrelage pubs. They are also keen to extend their area to the outer M25 but particularly the Reading/Newbury areas.

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## FELTHAM BEER FESTIVAL

The first Feltham Festival of traditional beers and ciders organised by the Richmond & Hounslow Branch of CAMRA was held on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September at Feltham Assembly Hall. Over thirty traditional beers were on offer including champions like Woodforde's Norfolk Nog (this year's Champion Beer of Britain); Timothy Taylor's Landlord and Bateman's Salem Porter.

Star of the show was, however, a special cask conditioned version of Fuller's Golden Pride which was brewed specially for the event by Fuller's Head Brewer, Reg Drury. We believe that this is the first time ever that this magnificent beer has been available to the public in cask form - a treat previously reserved for Directors of the brewery. It was a treat to be savoured in smaller measures though, as at around 9% alcohol by volume it demanded treating with care. Also, at this gravity the price was quite high though remarkable value for its strength.

In addition to the traditional cask beers, the

three beers from the Anchor Brewery of San Francisco and a good range of Belgian beers all in bottles were enjoyed by the 800 people who attended the festival. Traditional ciders and perries were available for the lovers of the apple and pear and these included St. Mary's Dry Cider produced in Middlesex (believed to be another first for a beer festival).

This was the first festival for the branch but it could well become an annual fixture given the response by the CAMRA members and non-members alike who came to sample the wide range of beers and ciders on tap.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who attended the event and particularly those members from neighbouring branches who boosted the staff numbers and worked so hard to bring such variety and goodwill to the Feltham area - well known locally as something of a beer desert in comparison with the rest of this part of London.

Doug Scott, Festival Organiser



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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the October 1982 issue of *London Drinker* used light blue for the cover of its 24 pages, the front of which featured a photo of the Warrington Hotel, W9, with the caption "Made of Ale - See inside". This referred to a pub crawl of the Maida Vale area, and I won't tantalise you with the prices of the time, which were about a third of the present ones.

Martyn Lewis contributed a résumé of the history of Huggins' Brewery of Westminster, taken over by Watney etc. ... in 1929, of which a relic survives in the form of a painted sign on the side of the Horseshoe pub next to Bermondsey Square SE1, the Horseshoe being the symbol of that company. The sign came to light when the adjacent Star Music Hall was demolished in the mid 70's, revealing it in partially preserved form. In the same article was the history of the Lion Brewery which occupied the site of the Royal Festival Hall, and whose sign - a lion built in synthetic Coade Stone - now graces the southern approach to Westminster Bridge.

The eighth update of *Real Beer* in London revealed 29 new real ale outlets, and 40 deletions. Eleven of the new entries were reported as selling some beers by means of a DCL Air Pressure Pump (remember them?). It was stated that they were due for replacement soon.

Advance publicity was given of the first Pig's Ear beer festival, from the 14th to 16th October.

Howard Gladwin described his drinking experiences in Sweden, which sounded less than satisfying. Alan Greenwood, in his *Beer Notes* discussed beer-drinking vessels and all matters appertaining to them. A full-page advert announced the opening of the B & W Beer Company's Union Brewery at Hayes, Middlesex. Its emblem bore the words "In association with the Sun Freehouse & Moon Freehouse, and its beers were listed as Union Bitter, og 1034, and Union Extra Bitter, og 1050. I don't remember anything about the concern or the beers - it was listed in the 1983 Good Beer Guide, but not thereafter,

and nothing about it appears in *Real Beer* in West London, so obviously it went the way of so many other small concerns in the 80s.

FIVE YEARS AGO the October 1987 edition used green on 7 of its inside pages. The cover illustrated the Chelsea Ram, and a gremlin in the printing department directed readers to the area rife with such snobbery. The page indicated was actually Dipsy's feature, but we received no complaints! The cover frame of this 32 page edition was black with grey "headstone" and white title - one of our more successful colour experiments. Also on the cover was a flash reading "Whitbread close 2 breweries" and indicated the correct page. The report was a "Stop press" in the literal sense of the phrase - the news about the impending closure of Wethereds at Marlow and Chesters in Salford, Manchester, involving the loss of a total of 186 jobs, arrived too late to have the article typeset. In consequence it appeared "camera ready", that is typed out (on the same ancient machine I am using to prepare this item) and photographically reduced to fit the page. Whitbread blamed the closures on what they described as the public's preference for lager. That's the power of advertising for which, ultimately we the drinker pay willy-nilly.

It was reported that with the opening of the Flamingo & Firkin in September 1987, David Bruce had become the fifth largest operator of breweries in the country, with 9 of his premises producing their own beer. It was originally the Three Tuns of the Isleworth Brewery, both facts still proclaimed in ceramic on its exterior. Within eleven months it had been taken back by Grand Met after David sold the Firkin chain, and it now bears the title The Flamingo Brewery, operated by Clifton Inns. In this age of ridiculous and unnecessary renamings and in view of the fact that a uniform company image in titles was no longer needed, it is arguable that the original name would have been more appropriate.

The 7th Essex Beer Guide had just been issued, listing 1600 pubs. Its successor

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## WHERE TO FIND CIDER IN LONDON

The pubs listed below sell real cider. The ciders range from Taunton and Bulmers Traditional from the largest producers to Westons and Inch in the middle to farm ciders from small makers from all over the country.

If you visit either of the Chimes English Wine and Cider Houses look out for the Westons Perry.

Most of these dispense it using either handpumps or straight from the cask. If you don't see any then ask for the scrumpy, especially if you go into any of the J D Weatherspoons pubs. But beware there is one brand that uses a handpump when it is a keg cider this is Symonds Scrumpy Jack. There is also Showerings Addlestons which uses a gas assisted handpump, this is a fake handpump. If you see Addlestons dispensed from a cask this is real cider.

If you go into a pub or off licence that sells cider which is not on the list please let David Kitton the author of the Good Cider Guide know. You can contact him at 161 Ravensbourne Avenue, Bromley, Kent, BR2 0AZ or phone him on 081-460 3915 or 071-353 3544.

### ADMIRAL HARDY

7 College Approach, Greenwich, SE10

VARIOUS (G) (Summer only)

### BLUE ANCHOR

Printing House Lane, Hayes, Middlesex

VARIOUS (G)

### CHIMES

26 Churton Street, Pimlico, SW1

WESTONS (H), BIDDENDEN (G)

### CLARENDEN ARMS

52 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, SW1

WESTONS (H)

### EAGLE

159 Farringdon Road, Farringdon, EC1

WESTONS (H)

### FALCON AND FIRKIN

360 Victoria Park Road, Hackney, E9

WESTONS (H)

### FERRET AND FIRKIN

114 Lots Road, Chelsea Creek, SW10

WESTONS (H)

### FLAMINGO BREWERY COMPANY

88 London Road, Kingston, Surrey

BULMERS TRADITIONAL (H)

### FLOUNDER AND FIRKIN

54 Holloway Road, Holloway, N7

WESTONS (H)

### FLOWER AND FIRKIN

Kew Gardens BR, Station Parade,

Richmond, Surrey

WESTONS (H)

### FOX AND FIRKIN

316 Lewisham High Street., Lewisham,

SE13

WESTONS (H)

### FRIGATE AND FIRKIN

24 Blyth Road, Brook Green, W13

WESTONS (H)

### FROG AND FIRKIN

41 Tavistock Crescent, Notting Hill, W11

WESTONS (H)

### FROG AND FORGET-ME-NOT

32 The Pavement, Clapham Common.,  
SW4

WESTONS (H)

### GOOSE AND FIRKIN

47 Borough Road, Southwark, SE1

WESTONS (H)

### GREENWICH INN

17 Greenwich High Rd, Greenwich, SE10

VARIOUS (G)

### HOLLOWAY

295 Holloway Road, Holloway, N7

RICHS (H)

### J J MOONS

12 Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor,

Middlesex.

WESTONS (D)

### J J MOONS

3 Shaftsbury Parade, Shaftsbury Ave,

South Harrow

WESTONS (D)

### J J MOONS

56a High Street, Tooting, SW17

WESTONS (D)

### J J MOONS

397 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex

WESTONS (D)

### KING AND TINKER

Whitewebbs Lane, Enfield, Middlesex

BULMERS TRADITIONAL (G)

### KINGS HEAD HOTEL

88 High St., Harrow-on-the-Hill,

Middlesex

WESTONS (G)

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**MALT AND HOPS**

33 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross, N1  
BULMERS TRADITIONAL (H)

**MAN IN THE MOON**

40 Chalk Farm Road, Chalk Farm, NW1  
WESTONS (H, D)

**MOON AND SIXPENCE**

250 Uxbridge Road, Hatch End,  
Middlesex.  
WESTONS (D)

**MOON UNDER WATER**

84 Staines Road, Hounslow, Middlesex

**MOON UNDER WATER**

432 Lordship Lane, Wood Green, N2  
WESTONS (D)

**NEWT AND FERRET**

46 Fairfields South, Kingston, Surrey  
TAUNTON TRADITIONAL (H)

**OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH**

10 Grand Parade, Green Lanes, Harringey  
WESTONS (D)

**PHEASANT AND FIRKIN**

166 Goswell Road, Islington, EC1  
WESTONS (H)

**PHOENIX AND FIRKIN**

5 Windsor Walk (Denmark Hill BR), SE5  
WESTONS (H)

**QUEENS HEAD**

66 Acton Street, Kings Cross, WC1  
VARIOUS (G) (Summer only)

**RAILWAY BELL**

13 East Barnet Road, East Barnet,  
Hertfordshire  
WESTONS (D)

**ROSE AND CROWN**

13 Mare Street, Hackney, E8  
WESTONS (G)

**ROYAL ALBION**

58 Hibernia Road, Hounslow, Middlesex  
WILKINS (H)

**TALLY HO**

High Road, North Finchley, N12  
WESTONS (D)

**TANNERS HALL**

145 High Street, Stoke Newington, N16  
WESTONS (D)

**TAP AND SPILE**

Terminal 1, Heathrow Airport  
CRONES (G)

**TAP AND SPILE**

886 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, E10  
VARIOUS (G) (occasionally)

**TAP AND SPILE**

30 Crouch Hill, Stroud Green, N4  
VARIOUS (G) (occasionally)

**THREE COMPASSES**

66 Cowcross Street, Farringdon, EC1  
BULMERS TRADITIONAL (H)

**WELCHES ALE HOUSE**

130 Finchley High Rd, East Finchley, N2  
VARIOUS (G)

**WHEATSHEAF**

8 Stoney Street, Southwark, SE1  
VARIOUS (G)

**WHITE LION OR MORTIMER**

223 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey  
WESTONS (D)

**WHITE LION OR MORTIMER**

125 Stroud Green Rd, Stroud Green, N4  
WESTONS (D)

**WHOLE HOG**

430 Green Lane, Palmers Green, N13  
WESTONS (D)

**YORKSHIRE GREY**

130 Brady Street, Bethnal Green, E1  
SEPHAM FARM (G)

The following Off Licences listed below sell  
cider, some even sell real French cider.

**BEER SHOP**

8 Pitfield Street, Hoxton, N1  
WESTONS

**BITTER END**

139 Masons Hill, Bromley, Kent  
VARIOUS

**BITTER EXPERIENCE**

216 The Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent  
VARIOUS

**BITTER EXPERIENCE**

129 Lee Road, Blackheath, SE3  
VARIOUS

**BITTER EXPERIENCE**

3 Elm Parade, Main Road, Sidcup, Kent  
VARIOUS

**CONUCOPIA**

64 St Marys Road, Ealing, W5  
DUNKERTONS

**ELPHANSTONES**

485 Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17  
VARIOUS

**GROG BLOSSOM**

160 High Road, East Finchley, N2  
WESTONS



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**GROG BLOSSOM**

253 West End Lane, West Hampstead,  
NW6

**GROG BLOSSOM**

66 Notting Hill Gate, Notting Hill, W11  
WESTONS

**HORNSEY TAP**

498 Hornsey Road, Upper Holloway, N19  
WESTONS

**JACKS OFF LICENCE**

2c Binfield Road, Clapham, SW4  
WESTONS

**JESTER OFF LICENCE**

129 Castle Haven Road, NW11  
VARIOUS

**LIQUOR SUPPLY**

94 Acre Lane, Brixton, SW2  
WESTONS

**MC CLUSKIES OFF LICENCE**

22 Bloomfield Road, Kingston, Surrey  
WESTONS

**MILL HILL WINES**

85 The Broadway, Mill Hill, NW7  
WESTONS

**REAL ALE SHOP**

31 Azalea Drive, Swanley, Kent  
RICHS

**TEXEMPT LTD**

190 Merton High Street, Merton, Surrey  
VARIOUS

**THE MARKET**

213 Upper Street, Islington, N1  
WESTONS

**TWO BREWERS OFF LICENCE**

97 Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill  
WESTONS

**WHOLEFOOD OFF LICENCE**

24 Paddington Street, W1  
ASPALLS

**WINE PARK**

18 Perry Hill, Catford, SE6  
WESTONS

All ODDBINS Off Licences sell Westons  
cider, usually in demijohns. If they don't  
stock it they will order it for you. Below is a  
list of branches in central London, but you can  
find them in most high streets in the suburbs.

64 Belsize Lane, NW3

47 Brewer Street, W1

25 Charlotte Street, W1

56 Church Road, SW13

2 Denbigh Street, SW1

23 Earlham Street, WC2

41a Farringdon Street, EC4

7 George Street, W1

68 Highgate High Street, N6

822 High Road, N12

531 Kings Road, SW10

4 Lauderdale Road, W9

141 Notting Hill Gate, W11

78 Southampton Row, WC1

2 Stratford Street, W8

64 Upper Street, N1

98 Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6

12 Westbourne Grove, W2

7 Borough High Street, SE1

219 Brompton Road, SW3

178 Chiswick High Road, W4

167 Clapham High Street, SW4

91 Dulwich Village, SE21

264 Earls Court Road, SW5

142 Fulham Road, SW10

70 Gloucester Road, SW7

318a High Holborn, WC1

223 Kensington High Street, EC4

41 King William Street, EC4

32 Marylebone High Street, W1

41 Ridgeway, SW19

2 Stratford Road, W8

27 Temple Fortune Parade, NW11

101 Upper Street, N1

95 Rosendale Road, West Dulwich, SE21

727 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21

When you next visit Surrey why not go to:

**THE RAM CIDER HOUSE**

Cattishall Lane

Farncombe

Nr Godalming

Surrey

A twenty minute walk from Farncombe BR  
station (on the Guildford to Alton line) not  
far from the Wey Navigation.

The cider sold there is Bulmers Traditional  
and comes in dry, medium or sweet.

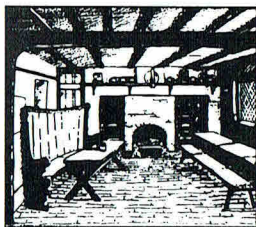
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Glass Demijohn.

**Jackie Tulip,**

Kingston and Leatherhead Branch

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# WHAT REALLY GREAT PUBS!



*The Blue Ship, The Haven*



*The Stag Inn, Balls Cross*



*The Cherrytree, Faygate*

## JOIN THE KING & BARNES ALE TRAIL

With the summer months here at last, what better way of getting out and about than to use an **ALE TRAIL PASSPORT** as your guide to the glorious countryside of Sussex, Surrey and Kent?

In each of King & Barnes' individual Traditional English Pubs you will find a warm welcome, good food and FINE SUSSEX ALES.

Pick up an **ALE TRAIL PASSPORT** in any King & Barnes Pub (or write to The Brewery at the address below), and you are on your way to winning either an **ALE TRAIL CLUB** Dartington Pint Mug, or a specially emblazoned Sweatshirt.

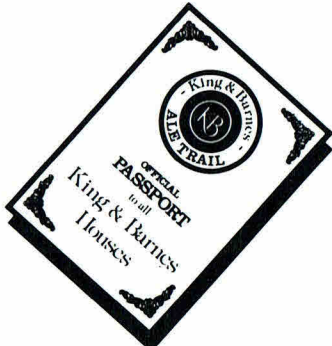
All you have to do is to visit each Pub (in any order you like), buy a PINT of any of our FINE SUSSEX ALES, and then kindly ask the Bar

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

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

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

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



King & Barnes Ltd., The Horsham Brewery  
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## OLYMPIA 1992

The arrival of the accompanying set of photos from Dave Paterson prompted me into attempting a summary of the August Great British Beer Festival (GBBF).

Many hundreds of London Drinker readers attended the first festival at this prestigious venue which proved to be a vast improvement on the ill-fated Docklands Arena with its attendant 'Mickey-Mouse' transport system. This year customers were able to catch a normal tube right to the door and, rather than be kept waiting for fifteen minutes at the door, were usually admitted in no longer than five minutes.



The initial outlay was high for the customer this year, but the beer was cheaper and usually kept in better condition than in other years (opening evening excepted). CAMRA has invested heavily in a cooling system which cooled the outside of the cask rather than the beer itself. As this was an unknown system to the bar managers, teething

problems were inevitable, with cooling units cutting out with monotonous regularity. However, as the week went on, most beers I tested were of a good temperature given the very hot atmosphere of the Great Hall.



Much appreciated this year was the amount of seating provided in a carnival atmosphere (à la Battersea) and this section, complete



with food stands, cider bar and foreign beer bar was always crowded. Here the customer could also escape from the entertainment though the standard of acts was very high





this year. Particularly popular were the Sumaj Rumi, the Bolivian band, and the Chaminade String Quartet.



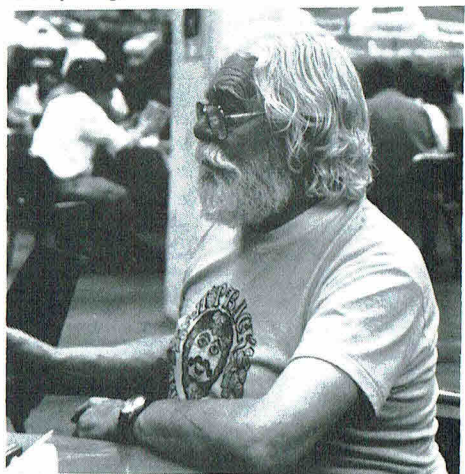
The crowds totalled 38,000 over the week and there was a large beer re-order. Hence customers on the Saturday were able to enjoy a large selection of beers, unlike other years.



So, the smaller than expected band of volunteers, were kept busy right up to the final bell, although some bar



managers had time to relax after the hectic Friday Night's session.



If you are a member of CAMRA and did not volunteer this time, we hope to see you next year at the same venue!

**Chris Cobbold**



# REAL DRAUGHT BEER

## and where to find it

### A LIST OF YOUNG'S PUBS

- BALHAM, SW12**  
Duke of Devonshire, 39 Balham High Rd  
Grove, 39 Oldridge Rd  
Nightingale, 97 Nightingale Lane
- BARKING, Essex**  
Britannia, 1 Church Rd
- BARNES, SW13**  
Bulls Head, 373 Lonsdale Rd  
Coach and Horses, 27 High St  
White Hart, The Terrace, Riverside
- BATTERSEA, SW11**  
Castle, 116 Battersea High St  
Duke of Cambridge, 228 Battersea Bridge Rd
- BEDDINGTON, Surrey**  
Plough, Croydon Rd
- BETCHWORTH, Surrey**  
Dolphin, The Street
- BLOOMSBURY, WC1**  
Calithorpe Arms, 252 Gray's Inn Rd  
Lamb, 94 Lamb's Conduit St  
Three Cups, 21-22 Sandard St
- BOROUGH, SE1**  
Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St
- BOW, E3**  
Coburn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd
- BRIXTON**  
Hope and Anchor, 123 Acre Lane, SW2  
Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9
- CARSHALTON, Surrey**  
Greyhound, 2 High St
- CATFORD, SE8**  
Outfitter Ram, 9 Winslade Way
- CHELSEA**  
Chelsea Ram, Burnaby St, SW10  
Coopers Arms, 87 Flood St, SW3  
King's Arms, 190 Fulham Rd, SW10
- CHEYSEY, Surrey**  
Crown, London St
- CHISLEHURST, Kent**  
Bulls Head, Royal Parade
- CHISWICK, W4**  
Crown and Anchor, 374 Chiswick High Rd
- CITY OF LONDON**  
Chapman's, the Wine Lodge, 145 Fenchurch St, EC3  
City Retreat, 74 Shoe Lane, EC4  
Dirty Dick's, 202 Bishopsgate, EC2  
East India Arms, 67 Fenchurch St, EC3  
Elephant, 119 Fenchurch St, EC3  
Lamb Tavern, Leadenhall Market, EC3  
Master Gunner, Cathedral Place, EC4  
Three Lords, The Minories, EC3
- CLAPHAM COMMON, SW4**  
Windmill, South Side
- CLAPHAM JUNCTION, SW11**  
Plough, 89 St John's Hill
- CLAPTON, E5**  
Prince of Wales, 146 Lea Bridge Rd
- CLAYGATE, Surrey**  
Foley Arms, Foley Rd
- CLERKENWELL, EC1**  
London Sign, 70 Esmouth Market  
Skelford Arms, 34 Skelford St
- COVENT GARDEN, WC2**  
Marquess of Anglesey, 39 Bow St  
CROYDON, Surrey  
Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St  
Gloicester, 111 White Horse Rd  
Tunworth Arms, 62 Tunworth Rd
- DARTFORD, Kent**  
Malt Shovel, 3 Darent Rd
- DORKING, Surrey**  
Old House at Home, 24 West St
- DULWICH, SE26**  
Dutwich Wood House, 39 Sydenham Hill
- EAST DULWICH, SE22**  
Clock House, 196a Peckham Rye
- EAST SURREY, SW14**  
Hare and Hounds, 216 Upper Richmond Rd West
- EFFINGHAM, Surrey**  
Plough, Orestan Lane
- EPSON, Surrey**  
King's Arms, 144 East St
- ESSEX, Surrey**  
Beer, 71 High St
- ETON WICK, Berkshire**  
Pickwick, 32 Eton Wick Rd
- FITZROVIA, W1**  
One Tun, 58 Goudge St
- FULHAM, SW8**  
Duke of Cumberland, 235 New King's Rd
- GREENFORD, Middlesex**  
Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue
- GREENWICH, SE10**  
Richard I, 52-54 Royal Hill
- HAMMERSMITH, W6**  
Brook Green, 170 Shepherd's Bush Rd  
Bulldog, 81 King St
- HATCHED HOUSE, 115 Dalling Rd**
- HAMPSTEAD, NW3**  
Flask, 14 Flask Walk
- Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St**
- HARLESDEN, NW10**  
Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane
- ISLEWORTH, Middlesex**  
Castle, 18 Upper Square  
Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd
- ISLINGTON, N1**  
Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St
- KENSINGTON**  
Britannia, 1 Allen St, W8  
Britannia Tap, 150 Warwick Rd, W14
- KIDW, Surrey**  
Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green
- KILBURN, NW6**  
Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd
- KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, Surrey**  
Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill, Norbiton  
Bishop Off of Residence, 2 Bishop's Hall, off Thames St  
Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Rd  
Spring Grove, 13 Bloomfield Rd
- LAMBETH, SW8**  
Plough, 518 Wandsworth Rd  
Prince of Wales, 89 Union Rd  
Surprise, 16 Southville
- LEE, SE12**  
Crown, 117 Burnt Ash Hill
- LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5**  
Wickwood Tavern, 58 Flaxman Rd
- MARTLEBONE, W1**  
Black Horse, 109 Marylebone High St  
Wangrave Arms, 42 Brandon St
- MAYFAIR, W1**  
Guinea, 30 Bruton Place  
Windmill, 6-8 Mill St
- MERTON, SW19**  
King's Head, 18 High St  
Prince of Wales, 98 Morden Rd
- MITCHAM, Surrey**  
Bull, 32 Church Rd  
Cricketers, 340 London Rd  
King's Arms, 260 London Rd
- MORTLAKE, SW14**  
Charlie Butler, 40 High St  
Jolly Gardeners, 35 Lower Richmond Rd
- NORWOOD**  
Hope, 49 High St, SE27  
Railway Bell, 14 Cawnpore St, SE19
- NOTTING HILL, W11**  
Duke of Wellington, 179 Portobello Rd  
Hoop, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate
- OXFORD**  
King's Arms, 40 Holywell St  
OSBERT, Surrey  
Beer, Leatherhead Rd
- PIMLICO, SW1**  
Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank  
Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd  
Royal Oak, 1 Regency St
- PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex**  
Foundation, Station Rd
- PUTNEY, SW15**  
Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd  
Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd  
Green Man, Putney Heath  
Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd  
Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St
- REDEHILL, Surrey**  
Home Cottage, Redstone Hill
- REGENT'S PARK, NW1**  
Queen, 49 Regent's Park Rd  
Spread Eagle, 141 Albert St
- RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES, Surrey**  
Fox and Goose, 327 Petersham Rd, Ham  
Mitre, 20 St Mary's Grove  
Old Ship, 3 King St  
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Rd  
Red Cow, 59 Sheen Rd  
Shakespeare Arms, 123 Kew Rd  
Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd  
Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane  
White Cross, Riverside
- ROEHAMPTON, SW15**  
Angel, 11 High St  
Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square
- ROTHERGHITHE, SE16**  
Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St
- SHED, Surrey**  
Prince of Wales, Shere Lane
- SOUTHWARK, SE1**  
Founders Arms, Bankside, 52 Hopton St  
Prince William Henry, 217 Blackfriars Rd
- STEPNEY**  
Hollands, 7-9 Esmouth St, E1  
Queen's Head, 6 Flamborough St, E14
- STREATHAM, SW16**  
Bedford Park, 223 Streatham High Rd  
Fied 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 Lind St  
Robin Hood, 52 West St
- SYDENHAM, SE26**  
Bricklayers Arms, 189 Dartmouth Rd
- TEDDINGTON, Middlesex**  
Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd  
Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane
- THORNTON HEATH, Surrey**  
Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd  
Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd  
Railway Telegraph, 19 Brigstock Rd
- TOOTING, SW17**  
Castle, 38 High St  
Gorringe Park, 29 London Rd  
Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane  
Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane
- TWICKENHAM, Middlesex**  
Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd  
Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep
- WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey**  
Royal George, 130 Herisham Rd  
Swan, 50 Manor Rd
- WALTON-ON-THE-HILLS, Surrey**  
Chequers, Chequers Lane
- WALLINGTON, Surrey**  
Duke's Head, 6 Manor Rd
- WANDSWORTH, SW18**  
Alma, 499 York Rd  
Brewery Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St  
County Arms, 345 Trinity Rd  
Crane, 14 Amouray Way  
Gardeners Arms, 268 Merton Rd  
Grapes, 39 Fairfield St  
Halfway House, 521 Garratt Lane  
King's Arms, 96 Wandsworth High St  
Old Sergeant, 104 Garratt Lane  
Pig and Whistle, 481 Merton Rd  
Queen Adelaide, 35 Putney Bridge Rd  
Ship, 41 Jew's Row  
Spread Eagle, 17 Wandsworth High St  
Two Brewers, 147 East Hill  
Whitestool, 30 Putney Bridge Rd
- WESTMINSTER, SW1**  
Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France
- WIMBORNE, SW19**  
Alexandra, 33 Wimbledon Hill Rd  
Crooked Billet, 15 Crooked Billet  
Dog and Fox, 24 High St  
Horn and Hand, 6 Crooked Billet  
Rose and Crown, 55 High St



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## "MOBILE BREWERY" FOR THE FIRKIN GROUP

Business is going so well at the Firkin brewpub chain that the company has had to acquire what it refers to as a "Mobile Brewery"! The said vehicle is a new, seven-ton truck, which according to Firkin General Manager Simon Keep is "An absolute godsend what with business being so busy".

The Firkin lorry does a lot more than just deliver Firkin's ales between its ten London pubs. It also transports quantities of malt, hops and yeast to its six in-house pub breweries. Special tanks allow it to carry beer in bulk. "And it also ferries our brewers between the pubs too", adds Simon Keep. "It must be the closest thing London has to a mobile brewery! Demand has never been as heavy as it is now for Firkin beers and so the days of our making do with a small transit are well past. We've invested £30,000 in this vehicle as part of a steady expansion of operations. Our only worry is that it is hailed down on the streets by home brewers wanting to borrow a cup of yeast!".



*Firkin's "Mobile Brewery" calls at the Phoenix & Firkin at London's Denmark Hill BR station. Seen (left to right) are: head brewer Graham Cock, barman Simon Toy and licensee John McKeone.*

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As you may recall, last month I reported that I had run out of brain teasers. Well, my statement elicited a prompt response from Glyn Thomas whose efforts have graced these pages before and a further three months supply arrived early last month. Unfortunately, Glyn, one of your teasers- the one about the coffin - has already appeared in this column, in February of this year, sent in by Harry Davies of Shepherds Bush. That still leaves enough to last till December, though, and here we go with the first five:

1. John Smith was born in the middle of March and has a birthday only once every four years. Why?
2. If a man was 30 the day before yesterday and will be 33 next year, what day is it today and when is his birthday?
3. Which single word is an appropriate anagram of "THE CLASSROOM"?

4. Which part of the body is an anagram of another part (5 letters)?
5. I recently found an unused 1992 diary which someone sent me as a Christmas present. I am very thrifty so I have decided to give it as a Christmas present the next year it will be usable (i.e. when the dates next match the days of the week). When will this be?

Well time and space are running out so I shall say cheerio.

Andy Pirson

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### CORRECTION

*The Mint, EC3 wishes to point out that contrary to the report by 'Eastender' in last month's Drinker, it does have full facilities for disabled customers and it even has a lift for wheelchairs from 1st to 2nd floors.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS *(Contd. from p. 4)*

Dear Drinker

Re: Market Capitalism and Real Ale, [Sept]: I agree entirely with Chris Cobbold's editorial about the lack of choice in London pubs and the methods which the major brewers have found to frustrate choice despite the Monopolies Commission Report. As I am still working hard for the socialist revolution I might comment that this just proves that, even with State intervention, the free market will never work in the interests of ordinary people. But, as said revolution may be a year or two off yet, and as we will need to sink a pint or two in considering how to bring it about, something is needed in the interim. The post MMC Report problem is now recognised, now CAMRA must grasp the nettle and decide what to do about it. And what better place to start than in the heart of the beast: London?

I have remarked before about the Drinker using PR blurb as news items, but there you go again with Wetherspoons. Don't get me wrong. I appreciate that the Drinker is produced by voluntary effort and that even blurb contains nuggets of truth. Equally, despite Tim Martin's fervent belief in the free market. I have little but praise for Wetherspoons. However I think it behoves an independent organisation like CAMRA to pass some criticism. It is, of course, up to

Wetherspoons how fast they expand and whether they float themselves as a public company. However, and the comment is heard frequently amongst drinkers in the chain's pubs, one wonders if the rapid expansion will not lead to a takeover and the reversal of many of the things, such as the no music and guest ale policies, which we hold dear about Wetherspoons.

Finally, with reference to Laurence Fryer's letter. I really had to make an effort, by leaning across the bar in the Tanners Hall, N16, to work out if I was about to buy another copy of the August issue or the latest September issue. It is quite possible to produce headlines which will last a month. The September issue could quite easily have been headlines, 'London Beer Prices, are they OTT?' Talking of which and returning to the wonders of the free market, can anyone explain the mystery of Wetherspoons pricing policy to me? I can understand why the men in suits, [ahem including Me] need to be charged more at the Hamilton Hall. We can, after all, afford it. But how come guest ale prices at the Elbow Room in Tottenham are consistently higher than elsewhere, [even the New Moon less than a mile away]. For the unfamiliar, the Elbow Room N17 is located in the area with the highest unemployment in the country, [Haringey/Bruce Grove Ward: Adult Unemployment 35%]. Now tell me the free market works!

Yours faithfully, Keith Flett

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## THEAKSTON PROMOTION

Those of you who work in central London will probably already have seen the signs, but for those who haven't we can tell you of a promotion for Theakston's beers going on until the end of October in Younger's pubs in postal districts EC2, 3 and 4; WC1 and 2; W1 and SW1.

When you visit any of these pubs you can obtain a card on to which you place stickers. You receive one sticker for every whole pound you spend and you need fifteen stickers to fill the card and the rules are that you have to obtain them from at least at five different pubs. When the card is filled you

trade it in against an engraved glass Theakston's tankard.

Furthermore Old Peculier has been spotted in two Younger's pubs, the ADMIRAL DUNCAN, 54 Old Compton Street, Soho, W1 and the EDINBURGH TAVERN, 1 Milford Lane, WC2 (just off the Strand near Aldwych tube). A further unconfirmed report has been received of the beer in the HORSE & GROOM, 122 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 just round the corner from Waterloo Station.

Thanks are due to regular correspondent, Colin Price for this information.

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## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 76

This month we welcome yet another Wetherspoon free house (but this time you'll need an international flight ticket to sample the beers) at Heathrow Airport. A new 'land side' bar is due to open soon. More information on the availability of Youngs Porter would be welcome.

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**

##### **EAST**

**E3, PRIORY TAVERN**, 37 St. Leonards Street. Ruddle: Best Bitter. (E92, U70)

**E8, DUKE OF RICHMOND**, 316 Queensbridge Road. Reopened but still fizz. (E112)

**DAGENHAM, BEACON**, Oxlow Lane. Tetley: Bitter. (X40)

##### **NORTH**

**N1, OLD QUEENS HEAD**, 44 Essex Street. Adnams: Bitter♦. Courage: Directors Bitter. Ruddle: Best Bitter. (N46)

**N1, QUEENS HEAD**, 45 Pitfield Street. Renamed **CHARLIE WRIGHT'S BAR**, reopened but still fizz. (N40, U45)

**N16, SHAKESPEARE**, 57 Allen Street. Adnams: Bitter. Bass. Boddington: Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Timothy Taylor: Landlord. Now a Free House, ex Whitbread. Czech Budweiser Budvar on draught. (N95)

##### **SOUTH WEST**

**CHESSINGTON: MONKEY PUZZLE**, Leatherhead Road, Malden Rushett (next to World of Adventures south car park). Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. A new Whitbread 'Beefeater' establishment opened in late 1991

##### **WEST**

**HEATHROW AIRPORT, J J MOONS**, Departure Area (airside), Terminal 4. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Theakston: XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Available only to passengers awaiting flights in the departure area. Open normal licensing hours. Accepts 10 major currencies. No food.

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

##### **CENTRAL**

**EC1, KINGS ARMS**. Banks & Taylor, now demolished. (E19)

##### **EAST**

**E3, DUKE OF YORK**. Taylor Walker, H unused. (E90)

**E9, BEDFORD HOTEL**. Charrington, H unused. (E119)

**E11, CROWN**. Charrington, H unused. (E128)

**E12, RUSKIN ARMS**. Charrington, converted to Asian community centre. (E133)

##### **WEST**

**ALPERTON, PANTHER**. Free House, converted to club. (U69)

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

##### **CENTRAL**

**EC1, BILBO BAGGINS BEER & BANJO EMPORIUM**. Now simply **BILBO BAGGINS**. - All beers listed in guide. + Courage: Best Bitter (@ 99p a pint). (E12)

**EC1, COACH & HORSES**, 26 Ray Street. + Adnams: Bitter. (E14)

**EC1, RED LION (YE OLDE)**. + Courage: Best Bitter. Pub currently for sale. (E22)

**EC2, RACK & TENTER**. + Marston: Pedigree. + Stones: Best Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. Beers may vary. Formerly **PENNY BLACK**. (E34, U74)

**EC4, BENTLEYS**. - Theakston: Old Peculier. + Fuller: London Pride. (E46, U69, U70)

**EC4, BLUE ANCHOR**. - Theakston: XB. + Wadworth: 6X. (U68)

**EC4, CASTLE**. - Friary Meux: Best Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. + Tetley: Bitter. (E47)

**W1 (S), ADMIRAL DUNCAN**. + Theakston: Old Peculier. (W41, U51)

**WC1, CARPENTERS ARMS**. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter (W45)

**WC2, EDINBURGH TAVERN**. + Theakston: Old Peculier. (W53)

##### **EAST**

**E3, MOULDERS ARMS**. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. + Ruddle: County. + Weekly Guest Beer. (E91)

**E5, WHITE HART**. Renamed **PEGASUS**, still fizz. (E101)

**E7, TOWERS**. Renamed **TOWER ARMS**, still fizz. Originally **TOWER HAMLETS ARMS**. (E109)

**E9, ROYAL STANDARD**. + Timothy Taylor: Landlord. (E122)

**E11, DIRTY NELLIES**. Renamed **BUGSYS**, still fizz. (E128)

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### NORTH

N1, GILES. Renamed **MARQUEE**. Now a Free House, ex Whitbread, still fizz. (N45)

### NORTH WEST

NW1, **DUCK INN**. Renamed **QUINNS**. + Brains: Dark. + Gales: HSB. + Greene King: Rayments Special Bitter. + Wells: Bombardier. (N117)

NW1, **FALCON**. Renamed **CAMDEN FALCON**. - Beers listed. + Boddington: Bitter. + Brakspear: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (N118)

### SOUTH EAST

SE1, **GRAPES**. - Courage: Directors Bitter. + Thwaites: Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. + Guest Mild. (SE25)

### SOUTH WEST

SW1 (B), **RED LION**, 150 Ebury Street. - Charrington: IPA. + Fuller: London Pride. (SW11)

SW1 (B), **PLUMBERS ARMS TAVERN**. Now reverted back to simply **PLUMBERS ARMS**. - Ruddle: County. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW11)

SW1 (P), **LORD BURLEIGH**. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW15)

SW1 (W), **BAG O'NAILS**. - Younger: Scotch Bitter. + Theakston: Best Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW16)

SW1 (W), **STAGE DOOR**. - Wells: Bombardier. - Younger: IPA. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. Reclassify as Grand Met (Watney) pub. (SW18)

SW6, **HARWOOD ARMS**. + Courage: Best Bitter. (SW28, U59, U74)

SW6, **ROSE**. + Fuller: London Pride. (SW29)

SW6, **WHEATSEAF**, 562 Kings Road.

- Flowers: Original Bitter. - Fuller:

London Pride. + Boddington: Bitter.

+ Thwaites: Bitter. (SW31, U49, U53, U74)

### WEST

W2, **DUKE OF CORNWALL**. - Wadworth: 6X. (W59, U43, U51, U57)

W2, **OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN**. - Ruddle: County. (W62, U70)

W2, **RAILWAY TAVERN**. Renamed **FARRELLS**. Now a Free House, ex Charrington, still fizz. One of London's smallest pubs. (W62)

W2, **TYBURN**. - Courage: Directors Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. (W64)

W14, **HARVEY FLOORBANGER AT HAMMERSMITH CHARIVARI**. Should read **HARVEY FLOORBANGERS HAMMERSMITH CHARIVARI**. (W94, U58, U71)

### CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 75

#### OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

SW15, **WHITE LION**. First two beers already listed in Update 70.

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appeared last year, also listing about the same number. The South East London Beer Guide was reported as being sold out; the current one, which replaced it, was published in 1988. Real Beer in West London was in the final stages of surveying. In this issue an Update appeared for the East London & City Beer Guide, whose current edition appeared at the end of last year.

Eastender treated us to a crawl entitled "Barnsbury Bash", of that area between Caledonian Road and Holloway Road. Reflecting that contributor's profession, several references were on a rail-borne theme. Another crawl - of the Historical variety - was provided by Paul Thomas, of Battle, Sussex, where a certain contretemps took place in 1066, the end result being Normans, one - Saxons lost. Historical detail was provided by Merton in a rare joint effort, and judicious use was made of the second colour (which in this edition appeared in the centre spread) to show on a sketch map both modern features (including pubs) and the situation directly before the battle, which in fact took place seven miles from Hastings, by whose name history remembers it.

Aardvark described in an "Out of Town" article a visit to the Sair Inn at Linthwaite, West Yorkshire. At the time it had its own brewery with a 1½ barrel brew length, producing 7 beers ranging in o.g. from 1032 to 1080. Alas, no more, neither brewery nor pub

appears any longer in the Good Beer Guide. Fullers were reported to have bought a hotel near to the planned point of surfacing of the Channel Tunnel in Ashford, Kent.

More next month, Editors permitting - **Martin Smith.**

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