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Biddborough Street, WC1*

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# Where to buy London Drinker

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

## OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS  
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN  
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS  
EC1 SUTTON ARMS  
EC1 THOMAS WETHERED  
EC3 SWAN  
EC4 BANKER  
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD  
E2 APPROACH TAVERN  
E2 CAMDENS HEAD  
E2 MARKSMAN  
E2 NELSON'S HEAD  
E8 LADY DIANA  
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN  
E9 ROYAL STANDARD  
E10 DRUM  
E11 GEORGE  
E14 QUEENS HEAD  
E17 COLLEGE ARMS  
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE  
SE1 COPPER  
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
SE1 GRAPES  
SE1 HORNNIMAN AT HAYS  
SE1 KINGS ARMS  
SE1 MARKET PORTER  
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road  
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN  
SE1 WHEATSHEAF  
SE3 BRITISH OAK  
SE3 HARE & BILLET  
SE3 PRINCESS OF WALES  
SE3 RAILWAY TAVERN  
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN  
SE6 TIGERS HEAD  
SE7 McDONNELLS  
SE8 DOG & BELL  
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE  
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY  
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS  
SE10 RICHARD I  
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN  
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS  
SE16 MANOR TAVERN  
SE16 MOBY DICK  
SE18 COOPERS ARMS  
(PLAISTED'S)  
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM  
E18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)  
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH  
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE  
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE23 BIRD IN HAND  
SE24 COMMERCIAL  
SE25 ALLIANCE  
SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK  
SE25 GOATHOUSE  
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE  
SE27 HOPE  
ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE BAR

## BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK

BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR  
CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS  
CROYDON, DOG & BULL  
**OFF TRADE**  
E4 Waltham Wines, 72  
Sewardstone Road.  
SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee  
Road.  
BEXLEYHEATH, Bitter Experience,  
216 Broadway.  
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons  
Hill.

## OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS  
WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE  
WC1 MARLBOROUGH ARMS  
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS  
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE  
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN  
WC1 SUN  
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR  
WC2 GEORGE IV  
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY  
N1 ALWYNE CASTLE  
N1 COMPTON ARMS  
N1 CROWN  
N1 EARL OF RADNOR  
N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN  
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE  
N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS  
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.  
N1 MALT & HOPS  
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN  
N1 MITRE, Copenhagen Street  
N1 PINT POT  
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR  
N2 OLD WHITE LION  
N4 TAP & SPILE  
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER  
N7 ADMIRAL MANN  
N7 FAT HARRY'S  
N8 ELBOW ROOM  
N8 TOLL GATE  
N9 BEEHIVE  
N10 WETHERSPOONS  
N11 NORTHERN STAR  
N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN  
N12 TALLY HO  
N12 TILTED GLASS  
N13 WHOLE HOG  
N14 WOOLPACK  
N16 PRINCE OF WALES  
N16 ROSE & CROWN  
N16 SHAKESPEARE  
N16 TANNERS HALL  
N17 ELBOW ROOM  
N17 NEW MOON  
N19 DOG  
N19 J. J. MOONS  
N21 DOG & DUCK

N21 HALF MOON  
N22 MOON UNDER WATER  
N22 NELSON  
N22 PHOENIX  
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER  
BARNET, OLD MITRE  
COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN  
ENFIELD CRICKETERS  
ENFIELD, KING & TINKER  
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF  
NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS  
NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER  
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

## OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

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

## OFF TRADE

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

## CLUBS

NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC  
SOCIAL CLUB

## OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW  
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS  
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS  
SW1 MORPETH ARMS  
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY  
SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS  
SW1 RISING SUN  
SW1 ROYAL OAK  
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR

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## EDITORIAL

As a CAMRA member I seem to suffer repeatedly from Deja Vu and it's not at all pleasant. Every now and then I pick up a newspaper or my copy of What's Brewing and think, "Oh no, here we go again!" What am I talking about? It's no surprise really, Whitbread are closing ANOTHER brewery. Not content with having closed a dozen regional breweries in the last decade, now they are axing their largest ale producer, the Exchange Brewery in Sheffield which brews Higson's, Chester's and Bentley's beers as well as being the last remaining supplier of the much maligned Trophy Bitter.

Having spent no less than £17 million in the last five years on modernising the brewery they are now throwing this investment down the drain, "...so that we can continue to be efficient," according to marketing director Steve Philpott, as reported in the February edition of What's Brewing. Do they seriously mean that they spent £17 million of their shareholders' money (raised from money taken from their customers) in order to be less efficient? That would seem to be a logical extension of that argument; or else they are admitting to an almighty great cock-up in making the investment. Either way, they seem to be taking the Red Barrel out of somebody.

So what breweries will this closure leave in the Whitbread empire? Well, there is the renowned centre of "badge engineering" at Cheltenham which produces under the Flowers, West Country and Fremkins names. (It also used to produce beers called Wethered's, Strong's and Pompey Royal [Brickwoods] but these are all contracted out now.) Then there is the Castle Eden Brewery which has been hanging on by the skin of its teeth for years but now seems a bit more secure with the recognition that in their Castle Eden Ale there is a true regional beer of quality (not that that made much difference to Wethered's) and there are suggestions that they will be brewing more of the Porter which went down so well last summer.

Then, finally there is the Boddington's Brewery at Strangeways, Manchester which

they bought from Boddington's in 1990 when they got out of brewing to increase their interests in old people's homes. This is now their largest real beer production site producing what was once a really distinctive beer in vast quantities to be shipped all over the place as Whitbread's national cask bland (er sorry, brand).

And what do you buy if you go into a Whitbread pub for a pint of decent beer? In all probability it will be either Brakspear's Bitter or Marston's Pedigree. For the sake of all of us PLEASE don't let them take over either of those breweries; I think I should give up all hope of ever seeing again a healthy brewing industry in this country producing good distinctive regional beers that drinkers want to drink.

On another tack, but still talking about a distinctive beer, you will no doubt have read last month the correspondence between Aidan Kerrigan of Harlesden and Rob McNevin, Marketing Director at Guinness Park Royal. If not, then go back and do so straight away. It was, of course, about the discontinuation of real bottled Guinness which will occur next month unless somebody has a greater change of heart than Dr. Christian Barnard ever performed. Of course the Guinness you buy in supermarkets, and anywhere else that it comes in non returnable bottles, has been "pre-conditioned" (that is pasteurised in English) for a long time and it was presumably only a matter of time before this occurred. My little story does, however, show the other side of the coin.

I was in one of my local pubs in late January (last week as I write this) and one of my mates failed to show up. The reason was that the second pedal on his bike (about six months old) had broken and he was walking it back home. He did, however, send his brother on to the pub with the broken pedal as proof of his misfortune.

But to get a bit nearer to the point as they parted, Ron (for such is his name) asked Clive (his aforementioned brother) to take him home a bottle of Bulldog to alleviate his

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*CAMRA presents the*

*London Drinker  
Beer Festival 1993*



*10th - 12th March 1993*

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Wednesday and Thursday: 11.30am - 3.00pm Free  
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£1.50 after 3.00pm

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Wednesday night: quiet night

Nearest tube: King's Cross. Beers subject to availability



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## IDLE MOMENTS

Once again I bid welcome to all of you who have ventured into my page in search of enlightenment. You won't find any but I bid you welcome all the same. And for those of you who have dipped in to see what rubbish I could come up with this time, welcome to you also (or to put it another way - Here's my column and you're welcome to it). And to any of you who may be reading this for the first time and wondering what it is all about, stick with it - it might all become clear as we go along (though I doubt it).

Well, that's that rubbish out of the way; here are the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 2,592,000 Seconds in November
2. 25 Pence is the Price of the Sun Newspaper
3. 76 Years is the Periodicity of Halley's Comet
4. 180 Degrees is the Sum of the Angles of a Triangle
5. 4 Dials on Big Ben
6. 600 Feet equals one Cable
7. 4 is the Number of the Queen's Children
8. 2 Moons of Mars
9. 601 was the Last Trolleybus Route in London
10. 10 is the Cube Root of a Thousand

I thought I might change things this month to save having the same old number puzzles as the first bit; but then I thought "Why?" and failing to come up with a reason, I left them where they were. So here they are:

1. 10 P of C (and 2 T)
2. 1979 FE of LDP in M
3. 4406 F is the H of BN
4. 1940 B of B
5. 12 NOH of CR
6. 0272 is the DC for B
7. 8 S on an O
8. 2304 WT by FT
9. 4 RB by F
10. 1975 Y of CGBE

As you will see from this month's answers an awful lot of the Brewery Anagrams come from near the front of the alphabet. That's usually because when I get my Scabble set and Good Beer Guide out I tend to get fed up

(or hungry) before I get very far through the alphabet. Anyway, here are last month's solutions:

- |                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1. HAVE "B" LEN  | BELHAVEN    |
| 2. HIS BOAT, RIK | BRITISH OAK |
| 3. GLIB MAP      | BIG LAMP    |
| 4. OH REAL SAM   | EARL SOHAM  |
| 5. WANT A BLOCK? | BLACKAWTON  |

This month I've made a special effort and a couple come from the other end of the alphabet:

1. REAPS BARK
2. STEWS COAT
3. SNOT OAR MAN
4. IOU QUARTER ASH
5. HER W.I. LIST

If you didn't read the general knowledge questions in last month's Idle Moments, some of the following answers won't make a lot of sense; if you did you have probably been waiting with bated breath for them. Here they are:

1. A new heart. He was the first heart transplant patient.
2. Sandringham
3. There is no fixed number - it varies.
4. 1983 (4th October)
5. Thrust 2.
6. Michael Heseltine
7. Charles II
8. Raymond Chandler
9. 1024
10. Tin

And just to keep things ticking over here are this month's:

1. What is the Capital of Mongolia?
2. What is the title of the second book in Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy?
3. What are stocks, blue brindles and flettons?
4. By what name was the country Benin formerly known?
5. What sporting competition is played for the Russell-Cargill Memorial Cup?
6. By what name is Declan McManus better known?
7. Who originated the Penny Post in 1840?
8. What duo had two stage shows in the

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sixties called "At the Drop of a Hat" and "At the Drop of Another Hat"?

9. What number is DLV in Roman numerals?

10. Who wrote the novel called Tono-Bungay?

Last month, you may recall, the Brain Teasers came in the form of word puzzles received from Simon Fyffe of Ilford. Here are the answers (and the specific letters are printed in bold type to help you spot them):

1. FACETIOUS

2. QUEUEING (This word was thrown up as an error by my spell checker which preferred QUEUING. The Oxford English Dictionary - even the full length one - does not say whether the second E should disappear)

3. RHYTHMS

4. PUSHCHAIR

5. CATCHPHRASE

6. STRENGTHLESSNESS

7. BOOKKEEPER

## (SUBBOOKKEEPER)

### 8. SEQUOIA

Like I said last month, if any of your solutions are different from those given I should be interested to hear from you. I am out of proper Brain Teasers at the moment so if anybody would like the usual little bit of fame (and definitely no fortune) I should love to hear from you with your ideas. In the meantime, see if you can work out the following little (real life) puzzle:

Some time ago I was in a local pub and hearing the call of nature I took a stroll to the gents. In there I saw a roughly written sign bearing a message of two words. On returning to the bar I asked whether the sign was a warning or an instruction, which amused him. What did the sign say?

Well, that's all I have for you this time so I shall wish you a good month. Remember, by the end of March it will be Spring.

Bye for now.

Andy Pirson

## ENGELBRÄU COMPETITION

*London Drinker has teamed up with the Bavarian Beer Company to bring you this "heavenly" readers' competition. Three readers will each win their own "Angel Kit", comprising: one case (20x half-litres) of Weisse beer; Engelbräu T-shirt; beer mats and membership of the Angel Club.*

*Just answer these two questions on a postcard (including your name, address and daytime phone) and post to arrive by March 25th:*

- What does a Bavarian mean by an Engel?*
- What is the ABV of Grünen Weisse?*

*The first three correct entries drawn on March 25th will win an Angel Kit. Winners will be informed by telephone on March 26, and be listed in the following issue. Open to over 18s only.*

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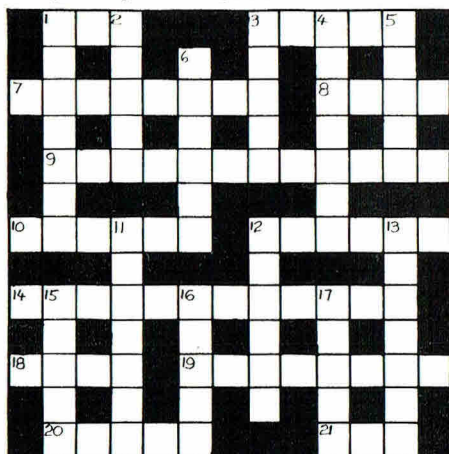
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# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



## ACROSS

- 1 & 3. You can get high on it in a pub. [3,5]
7. Guardian lets nine or ten lines make it. [8]
8. Advantage of going to the limit. [4]
9. Young man with nothing passes wind to a high degree. [6,2,4]
10. Mail bag has torn inside? Horrified! [6]
12. A sleep, somehow, may satisfy. [6]
14. Portion of spirit? [5,7]
18. It'll make you light-headed. [4]
19. What Alex Higgins may need? [4,4]
20. Alan put drink before everything. [5]
21. The last word in stories. [3]

## DOWN

1. Is the Queen to steal a pub glass? [4,3]
2. Tries to disrupt services! [5]
3. Oval's delirious over shots. [5]
4. Musical note is cut. [7]
5. Bright beer? [5]
6. Having one's mind fixed on camping? [6]
11. Dry wine you take off here. [7]
12. Quietly lift up worship. [6]
13. He dares to make cut. [7]
15. High explosive skill and courage. [5]
16. Lesson to be learnt from man's first test. [5]
17. Might he take a pawn? [5]

Winner of the prize for the December Crossword:

Steve Armstrong, 17 Penarth Rise, Sherwood Vale, Nottingham, NG5 4EE.

Other correct entries were received from:

Mrs D.M.Amy, Anon, Pat Andrews, Mark Antony, 'Armless', Geoff B, Mrs Shamune Baksh, Alan Brooke, K.Burchell, N.A.Canton, Neil Chapman, A.P.Comaish, Charles Creasey, Jane Darnbrough, Robert Day, Kathryn Everett, B.H.Fletcher, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Alistair Grills, John Heekin, Alison Henley, Ron Herbert, Graham Hill, William Hill, P.C.Hinder, Mike Hounslow, Hugh Jampton, Phil Kempton, Doug King & Queen, Pete Large, John Lay, Pat McAleavy, Jim Mason, M.J.Moran, Jan Musson, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Steve Piggott, R.Prince, Mikes Richards/Parrelly, Pinbar Saunders, A.C.Scutter, Eddie Sissons, Horn Smallpoint, Sue Grabbitt & Runne, Glyn Thomas, David Tyrrell, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Tony Whitford, Chris Whithouse, Stephen Williams, Susan Wilson, David Woodward, Yak.

There was also one incorrect entry.

Name .....

Address .....

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All correct entries received by first post on 31st March will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the May London Drinker.  
Solution next month.

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

## LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION





## 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**  
**J J MOONS**  
553 Kingsbury Road NW7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HAYES**  
**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
10/11 Broadway Parade,  
Coldharbour Lane, Middlesex

**BETHNAL GREEN**  
**THE CAMDEN'S HEAD**  
456 Bethnal Green Road, E2

**LEICESTER SQUARE**  
**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
28 Leicester Square, WC2

**HEATHROW**  
**J J MOONS**  
Terminal Four  
(Airside)

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## THE WHISPERING MOON

25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road,  
Wallington, Surrey

## J J MOONS

Heathrow Airport (Landside),  
Terminal Four

## WETHERSPOON'S

Victoria Station, SW1

## THE BANKERS DRAFT

36-38 Friern Barnet Road, Southgate N14

# OPENING SOON

J J Moons, 80-82 Chiswick High Road, W14

**The Hooking Green Inn**, 19-20 The Broadwalk,  
Pinner Road, North Harrow, Middlesex

**Moon and Sixpence**, 1250-1256 Uxbridge Road,  
Hayes End, Middlesex

**The Lamb**, 52-54 Church Street, Edmonton, N9

**The George**, 17-20 George Street, Croydon, Surrey

**The Miller's Well**, 419-421 Barking Road,  
East Ham, E6

179 Upper Street, 178 -179 Upper Street, N1

**The Village Inn**, 402-408 Rayners Lane,  
Harrow, Middlesex

**The Coliseum**, Manor Park Road, Harlesden, NW10

**The Spotted Dog**, Garrett Lane, Arndale Centre,  
Wandsworth, SW18

194 Balham High Street

407-409 Brixton Road, SW2

27 Green Lane, Northwood, Middlesex

1327 London Road, Norbury



**STREATHAM**  
**J J MOONS**  
2 Streatham Hill SW2

**SHEPHERD'S 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**  
**J J MOONS**  
12 Victoria Road  
Ruislip Manor

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

**WEMBLEY**  
**J J MOONS**  
397 High Road  
Wembley

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

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

**HOUSLOW**  
**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

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

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

**CATFORD**  
**THE TIGER'S HEAD**  
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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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

David Kenlock, Richmond

Dear Editors

Reading through the excellent London Drinker, I cannot help but notice that most

partaking of real ale, branch meetings and publicity all revolve around public houses.

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

Colin Richell, London N13

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

*Editor's Comment:*

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

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

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

**Andy Pirson**

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# THE REAL ALE FESTIVAL



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## "HEAVENLY" BEER COMES TO LONDON

Heavenly beers have come to London! A new, Ealing-based firm, the Bavarian Beer Company, has been set up to import a range of brews from a small country brewery called Engelbräu (German for Angel Brew).

Engelbräu (*pronounced: En-gel-broy*) is being aimed at pubs, clubs, off-licences and supermarkets. The Bavarian Beer Company (BBC) also hopes to build up a trade at CAMRA beer festivals. A small amount of its *Festbier* appeared at the Battersea Beerex last month.

"Engelbräu is exactly the sort of beer likely to appeal to cask beer fans", says the BBC's managing director Forrest Duncan, a member of CAMRA himself.

They are distinct in taste and very high in quality. And each conforms to the Bavarian purity laws, the *Reinheitsgebot*.

The Engelbräu range currently stands at four:

1. Premium Pils (4.9% ABV), a bitter Pilsener
2. Grüntén Weisse (5% ABV), classic Bavarian wheat beer
3. Festbier (5.6% ABV), a seasonal Winter warmer
4. Doppelbock (7.8% ABV), powerful dark Bock beer

Adds Mr Duncan: "Apart from the sheer quality, what will set us off against the rest is our commitment to top-class customer service and our marketing of the beers. Outlets selling Engelbräu brands can rely on a very personal and bespoke approach to backing from us".

He is planning a series of Weisse beer roadshows, at which BBC staff will demonstrate the finer points of pouring - and drinking - wheat beers, in a fun atmosphere with lots of give-aways. Another unusual idea is the "Angel Club" for regular drinkers, with special tastings and offers for members. And his own, portable Engelbräu Pils Bar will be available for private functions.

And the brand to take off fastest is the wheat beer, called Grüntén Weisse (Grüntén is the name of the 5,000 ft mountain that overlooks the brewery) says Forrest Duncan: "This is a Hefe-Weisse, meaning it is naturally-conditioned in the bottles and comes with a good portion of yeast sediment. And it is great to see so

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Grüntén-  
wheat beer  
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with the rest of the beer to produce a cloudy  
glass.



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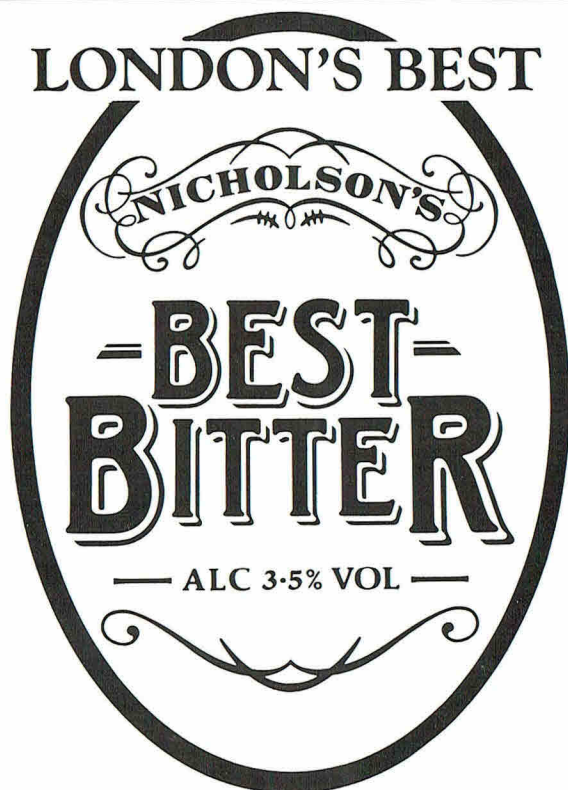
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I/We would like to receive further information about CAMRA ☐ Overseas £14 ☐

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Ship  
Golden Lion  
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Coal Hole  
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Williamsons Tavern  
George  
Harcourt Arms  
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Prince Alfred  
Doggetts Coat & Badge  
Catherine Wheel  
Horniman at Hays  
Red Lion SW1  
Southwark Tavern



# REAL RAUGHT BEER

## and where to find it

### A LIST OF YOUNG'S PUBS

- BALHAM, SW12**  
Duke of Devonshire, 39 Balham High Rd  
Grove, 39 Oldridge Rd  
Nightingale, 97 Nightingale Lane
- BARKING, Essex**  
Britannia, 1 Church Rd
- BARNES, SW13**  
Bulls Head, 373 Lonsdale Rd  
Coach and Horses, 27 High St  
White Hart, The Terrace, Riverside
- BATTERSEA, SW11**  
Castle, 115 Battersea High St  
Duke of Cambridge, 228 Battersea Bridge Rd
- REDDINGTON, Surrey**  
Plough, Croydon Rd
- BETHWORTH, Surrey**  
Dolphin, The Street
- BLOOMSBURY, WC1**  
Calthorpe Arms, 252 Gray's Inn Rd  
Lamb, 94 Lamb's Conduit St  
Three Cups, 21-22 Sandland St
- BOROUGH, SE1**  
Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St
- BOW, E3**  
Coborn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd
- BUXTON**  
Hope and Anchor, 123 Acre Lane, SW2  
Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9
- CARSHALTON, Surrey**  
Greyhound, 2 High St
- CATFORD, SE8**  
Catford Ram, 9 Winslade Way
- CHELSEA**  
Chesham Arms, Burnaby St, SW10  
Coopers' Arms, 87 Flood St, SW3  
King's Arms, 190 Fulham Rd, SW10
- CHELTSEY, Surrey**  
Crown, London St
- CHISLEHURST, Kent**  
Bulls Head, Royal Parade
- CHISWICK, W4**  
Crown and Anchor, 374 Chiswick High Rd
- CITY OF LONDON**  
Chapman's, the Wine Lodge, 145 Fenchurch St, EC3  
City Retreat, 74 Shoe Lane, EC4  
Dirty 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 Spa, 70 Exmouth Market  
Seldorice Arms, 34 Seldorice St
- COVENT GARDEN, WC2**  
Marques of Anglesey, 39 Bow St  
CROYDON, Surrey  
Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St  
Gloucester, 111 White Horse Rd  
Tunworth Arms, 62 Tunworth Rd
- DARTFORD, Kent**  
Malt Shovel, 3 Darenth Rd
- DORRING, Surrey**  
Old House at Home, 24 West St
- DULWICH, SW16**  
Dulwich Wood House, 39 Sydenham Hill
- EAST DULWICH, SE22**  
Clock House, 196a Peckham Rye
- EAST SHEEN, SW14**  
Hare and Hounds, 216 Upper Richmond Rd West
- EPFINGHAM, Surrey**  
Plough, Owsen Lane
- EPSOM, Surrey**  
King's Arms, 144 East St
- ESHER, Surrey**  
Bear, 71 High St
- ETON WICK, Berkshire**  
Fidowick, 32 Eton Wick Rd
- FITZROVIA, W1**  
One Tun, 58 Goudge St
- FULHAM, SW6**  
Duke of Cumberland, 235 New King's Rd
- GREENFORD, Middlesex**  
Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue
- GREENWICH, SE10**  
Richard I, 52-54 Royal Hill
- HAMMERSMITH, W6**  
Brook Green, 170 Shepherd's Bush Rd  
Builders, 61 King St  
Thatched House, 115 Dalling Rd
- HAMPSTEAD, NW3**  
Flask, 14 Flask Walk  
Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St
- HARLESIDEN, NW10**  
Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane
- ISLEWORTH, Middlesex**  
Castle, 18 Upper Square  
Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd
- ISLINGTON, N1**  
Marques Tavern, 32 Canonbury St
- KENSINGTON**  
Britannia, 1 Allen St, W8  
Britannia Tap, 150 Warwick Rd, W14
- KEW, Surrey**  
Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green
- KILBURN, NW6**  
Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd
- KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, Surrey**  
Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill, Northon  
Bishop Out of Residence, 2 Bishop's Hall, off Thames St  
Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Rd  
Spring Grove, 13 Bloomfield Rd
- LAMBETH, SW8**  
Plough, 518 Wandsworth Rd  
Prince of Wales, 99 Union Rd  
Surprise, 16 Southville
- LEE, SE12**  
Oxcock, 117 Burnt Ash Hill
- LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5**  
Widewood Tavern, 58 Plasman 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  
Cricketers, 340 London Rd  
King's Arms, 260 London Rd
- MORTLAKE, SW14**  
Charlie Butler, 40 High St  
Jolly Gardeners, 36 Lower Richmond Rd
- NORWOOD**  
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**  
Morpet Arms, 58 Millbank  
Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd  
Royal Oak, 1 Regency St
- PLAMPTON GREEN, East Sussex**  
Fountain, Station Rd
- PUTNEY, SW15**  
Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd  
Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd  
Green Man, Putney Heath  
Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd  
Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St
- REDBILL, Surrey**  
Home Cottage, Redstone Hill
- REGENTS PARK, NW1**  
Queens, 49 Regent's Park Rd  
Spend 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  
Shufsbury Arms, 123 Kew Rd  
Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd  
Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane  
White Cross, Riverside
- ROEHAMPTON, SW15**  
Angel, 11 High St  
Mallows Cat, Johnny Square
- ROTHERHITHE, SE16**  
Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St
- SHEFF, Surrey**  
Prince of Wales, Kew Lane
- SOUTHWARK, SE1**  
Founder Arms, Bankside, 52 Hepton St  
Prince William Henry, 217 Blackfriars Rd
- STEPNEY**  
Hollands, 7-9 Exmouth St, E1  
Queen's Head, 8 Flamborough St, E14
- STREATHAM, SW16**  
Bedford Park, 223 Streatham High Rd  
Pied Bull, 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, SE28**  
Bricklayers' Arms, 189 Dartmouth Rd
- TELDINGTON, Middlesex**  
Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd  
Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane
- THORNTON HEATH, Surrey**  
Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd  
Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd  
Railway Telegraph, 19 Bragstock Rd
- TOOTING, SW17**  
Castle, 34 High St  
Garrage Park, 29 London Rd  
Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane  
Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane
- TWICKENHAM, Middlesex**  
Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd  
Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep
- WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey**  
Royal George, 120 Hershams Rd  
Swan, 50 Manor Rd
- WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey**  
Chequers, Chequers Lane
- WALLINGTON, Surrey**  
Duke's Head, 6 Manor Rd
- WANDSWORTH, SW18**  
Alma, 499 York Rd  
Bevoys Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St  
County Arms, 345 Trinity Rd  
Crane, 14 Armoury Way  
Gardeners' Arms, 268 Merton Rd  
Grapes, 39 Fairfield St  
Halloway House, 521 Garratt Lane  
King's Arms, 96 Wandsworth High St  
Old Sergeant, 104 Garratt Lane  
Pig and Whistle, 481 Merton Rd  
Queen Adelaide, 35 Putney Bridge Rd  
Ship, 41 Jew's Row  
Spread Eagle, 71 Wandsworth High St  
Two Brewers, 147 East Hill  
Whoothead, 30 Putney Bridge Rd
- WESTMINSTER, SW1**  
Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France
- WIMBLEDON, SW19**  
Alexandria, 33 Wimbledon Hill Rd  
Crooked Billet, 15 Crooked Billet  
Dog and Fox, 24 High St  
Hand in Hand, 6 Crooked Billet  
Rose and Crown, 55 High St



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## BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for March of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 36.

**CROYDON & SUTTON:** Thu 4 Broad Green Crawl. Start HALF MOON (dep. 9.00), London Road then STAR and RISING SUN - Mon 8 (8.30) Branch Annual General Meeting. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon (GBG 1994 entries to be finalised) - Fri 19 Cheam Crawl. Start RED LION (dep. 9.00), then CLARET WINE BAR and RAILWAY - Thu 25 (8.30) Social. GEORGE, George Street, Croydon (New Wetherspoons pub) - Tue 30 (8.00) Branch Meeting. HORSESHOE, Thornton Heath Pond.

**EAST LONDON & CITY:** Wed 10 (8.00) Two Pub Social. UNICORN, Vivian Road, E3 then VICTORIA (9.00), Grove Road, E3 - Wed 24 (8.00) Social. COLLEGE ARMS, 807 Forest Road, E17 - Mon 5 Apr (8.00) Branch Meeting and Annual General Meeting. OWL & PUSSYCAT, Redchurch Street, E2.

**ENFIELD & BARNET:** Tue 2 (9.00) Two Pub Social in Edmonton, N9. JOLLY FARMER, 17 Church Street then LAMB (10.00), 52-54 Church Street - Wed 10 (5.00 onwards) Social at London Drinker Beer Festival. Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, NW1 - Thu 18 (9.00) Informal Branch Meeting. CAVALIER, 67 Russell Lane, N20 - Tue 23 (9.00) Two Pub Social in Enfield Town. ENFIELD ARMS, 2 Genotin Road then STAG (10.00), Little Park Gardens - Thu 1 Apr (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. MOON UNDER WATER, 10 Varley Parade, NW9.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Thu 4 (8.30) Joint Social with Richmond & Hounslow Branch. MOON UNDER WATER, London Road, Twickenham - Tue 9 (8.00) Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. NORTH STAR, Chessington - Thu 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. ASHLEY PARK HOTEL, Walton on Thames.

**NORTH LONDON:** Tue 2 (8.00) Beer Festival Leafleting Social. THREE HORSESHOES, Heath Street, Hampstead, NW3 - Tue 16 (8.00) Post Festival Recovery Social in Camden Town, NW1. Start CAMDEN STORES, 25 Parkway then SPREAD EAGLE (9.00), 141 Albert Street (corner Parkway) - Tue 23 (8.00) Two Pub Social in St Johns Wood, NW8. BLENHEIM, 21 Loudoun Road then ABBEY ROAD ALE HOUSE (21.30) (formerly Belgrave, now free), 63 Abbey Road - Thu 1 Apr. (8.00) New Members' Social (cold buffet) & London Drinker Pick-up. RUGBY TAVERN, Great James Street, WC1 in function room - Tue 6 (7.30) Open Committee Meeting followed by Branch Meeting (at 8.30 to discuss National AGM motions). CALTHORPE ARMS, Grays Inn Road, WC1 (corner Pakenham Street). Committee meeting in bar, branch meeting in function room - Tue 13 Apr (8.00) Neasden Social, NW10. OLD GRANGE TAVERN, 151 Neasden Lane then OUTSIDE INN, 312-314 Neasden Lane.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Tue 2 (8.30) Committee Meeting. BEEHIVE, 333 Staines Road, Bedfont - Thu 4 (8.30) Joint Social with Kingston & Leatherhead Branch. MOON UNDER WATER, London Road, Twickenham - Mon 15 (8.30) Branch Meeting. JOLLY COOPERS, 16 High Street, Hampton - Thu 25 (8.30) Two Pub Social. WINDSOR CASTLE, 152 Bath Road, Hounslow then QUEEN VICTORIA (9.45), 121 Bath Road - Tue 27 Apr (8.30) Branch Annual General Meeting. Venue to be announced. Note change of day.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Mon 1 (8.00) GBG Selection Meeting. ST GEORGES TAVERN, 44 Lambeth Road, SE1 (now a Free House) - Mon 8 (8.00) Open Committee/Branch Meeting. MAPLE TREE, 54 Maple Road, SE20 - Thu 1 Apr (8.00) Branch Social. SYDNEY ARMS, 122 Lewisham Road, SE13.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX:** Thu 4 (2.30) Brewery Trip to SHEPHERD NEAME, Faversham. Meet at brewery. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 - Wed 10 (8.30) Social. CRICKETERS, 299/301 High Road (A11), Woodford Green - Mon 15 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. PLOUGH INN, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ538970) -

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Wed 24 (8.30) Social. TWO BREWERS, 57 Lambourne Road (near A1112), Chigwell Row - Thu 1 Apr (8.30) Social. SHIP, 58 High Street, Aveley - Tue 27 Apr (6.30pm) Brewery Trip to RINGWOOD BREWERY. Meet at brewery. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Sun 7 (10.30am) Open Branch Committee Meeting & Open Festival Committee Meeting. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Mon 22 (7.30) Crawl of Wimbledon Village. Start KING OF DENMARK, Ridgeway, SW19 then HAND IN HAND (8.15); ROSE & CROWN (9.15); DOG & FOX (10.00).

**WEST LONDON:** Thu 18 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 10 (8.00) Paddington Pub Crawl. Start ORIENT EXPRESS, Praed Street, W2 then GREAT WESTERN ARMS (9.00), Praed Street; MONKEY PUZZLE (10.00), Sussex Gardens.

**WEST MIDDLESEX:** Thu 4 (8.30) Social. NEW MOON, 25-26 Kenton Park Parade, Kenton - Tue 9 (8.30) Two Pub Social. MILITIA CANTEEN then LOAD OF HAY (9.30), both in Villier Street, Uxbridge - Wed 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. THE ROSE & CROWN, Church Place, St Mary's Road, Ealing W5 - Fri 26 to Sat 27 (11.00-11.00) BEER ON BROADWAY. 6th Festival of Real Ales at Ealing Town Hall. Be There! See beer festival listing for full details.

Deadline for the April edition, 1st March. Material for May to arrive by 1st April. **Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.**

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## **CAMRA ANGER OVER HESELTINE CLIMBDOWN**

Michael Heseltine has announced that there is to be no official review of the much-criticised 1989 Beer Orders. CAMRA described this as "the mother of all climb-downs".

In a letter to Michael Heseltine, CAMRA points out that an official review was promised when the Beer Orders were initially conceived, July 1989, and has been promised at regular intervals ever since.

"Tenants, brewers, MPs and consumer organisations have all raised concerns with the DTI, only to be told these matters would form part of the review. Now, there is no review" commented CAMRA Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox.

"The Government was keen to intervene in 1989 in the consumer interest. Now, they are walking away from the problem. This is an abdication of their responsibilities.

"We will urge the Commons Agriculture Select Committee to continue their enquiry into the Beer Orders, and to recommend to the House that there is a full and official review.

"Otherwise the customer will pay with higher prices and less choice".

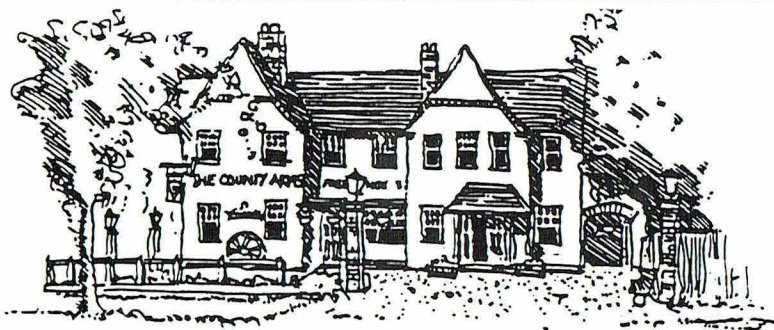
## **'OLD SARKY' IS BACK!**

John Goldsmith, known as Old Sarky by his fellow CAMRA members, is returning to South East London as organiser of its 17th annual beer festival. John, who is now running the Wheatsheaf at Borough Market London, SE1, organised the 1991 Greenwich Festival which was probably the most successful ever held by South East London CAMRA.

As we reported last month the Greenwich Festival is no more following the closure of the Borough Hall. A new venue has now been found for this year's event; the Lewisham Theatre in Catford town centre. We are pleased to say that CAMRA is receiving excellent assistance from the theatre management in planning the details and it already looks as if the beer festival, which will be held 16th to 19th June, is going to be a sell-out so make a note of the dates in your diary now.

More details will be published in the London Drinker in due course including a special easy to enter competition for all Drinker readers even if not able to attend the festival.





# The County Arms

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**Eric & Caro Peacock**

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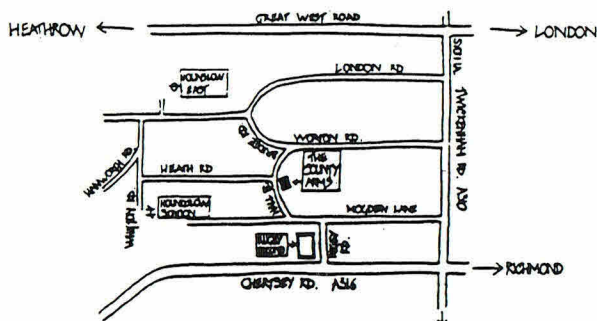
What beers? Always a Mild and a constantly varying range of  
Real Ales, Porters, Stouts and at least one real Cider or Perry. We've sold  
over thirty different Ales and four different Ciders in our first four months.

Ambience? Pure unspoilt 1930's and very relaxed.

No Pool, Jukeboxes, Computer tills, black bow ties or  
polyester shirts here.

We also do real food, real music (Jazz & Blues)  
and real Fireworks (Summer the time!)

*"Of all the bars in all the world . . . This has to be it".*





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# LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL

Welcome to the London Drinker Beer festival. This now annual event is organised by the North London branch of CAMRA with help from branches all over London and the country, all whom are volunteers.

As in past years we will be featuring on Wednesday evening a Capital Mild night, mild is now more widely available in London, and I like to think that C.A.M.R.A. HAS PLAYED a significant part in this.

The M.M.C. report has freed a lot of pubs to sell the beers from other Brewers, however an unfortunate side effect has been an awful amount of boarded up pubs.

Yet again we hope to offer you the best possible range of beers at the best possible prices, with some unusual beers and some old favourites. Don't forget to visit the side hall for excellent food and foreign beers.

I hope you enjoy the Festival and will come again.

**IAN HASSELL**  
***(Festival Organiser)***

## FESTIVAL FOOD

This year Peter and Loridana Beasley will be varying our menu throughout the festival with freshly cooked daily specials. Provisionally: Wednesday - Lasagne and Chilli Con Carne; Thursday - Lamb Rhogan Josh and Friday - Beef in Ale. These will be supplemented by various hot and cold vegetarian dishes. Food will be served at lunchtime from 12.30 - 2.30pm and in the evening from 5.30pm - 9pm.

As always, O'Hagan's Real Ale Sausages will be served every session and we have ordered extra this year to last longer into the evening. Onion Bais, Vegetable samosas, Cornish Pasties and giant Cheese baps will make appearances too.

Finally, hearty thanks to John and Jane Conen who have organised the food operation at the last seven London Drinker Festivals.

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## FESTIVAL BEERS

### Bar A (left)

<b>Black Sheep</b>	
Best Bitter	1038
Special	1047
<b>Brains</b>	
Dark	1035
<b>Crouch Vale</b>	
Mild	1036
Best Bitter	1039
Millenium	1041
<b>Exmoor</b>	
Ale	1039
Gold	1045
Stag	1050
Beast	1066
<b>Fullers</b>	
Chiswick Bitter	1034
Mild	?
London Pride	1040
<b>Holdens</b>	
Mild	1037
Bitter	1039
Special	1051
<b>King and Barnes</b>	
Mild	1034
<b>Otter</b>	
Bitter	1036
Otter Ale	1044
Otter Head	1055
<b>Ridley</b>	
Mild	1034
Bitter	1034
<b>Summerskills</b>	
Best Bitter	1042
Whistle Belly Vengeance	1046
<b>Wickwar</b>	
Brand Oak Bitter	1039
Olde Meryford	1049
<b>Woodforde</b>	
Norfolk Nog	1049

### Bar B (Stage)

<b>Coach Horse</b>	
Coachmans Best Bitter	1037
Squires Gold	1042
<b>Holts</b>	
Mild	1033
Bitter	1040
<b>Moorhouse</b>	
Black Cat Mild	1034
Premier Bitter	1036
Pendle Witches	
Brew	1050
<b>Oak</b>	
Best Bitter	1038
Old Oak	1044
Double Dagger	1050
Wobbly Bill	1060
<b>Taylors</b>	
Golden Best	1033
<b>West Coast</b>	
Dark Mild	1032
Best Bitter	1038
Guiltless Stout	1039
Big Heavy Jimmie	1045
Yakima Grande Porter	1050

### Bar C (Right)

<b>Batemans</b>	
Mild	1033
<b>Blackawton</b>	
Bitter	1036
Conciliation	1042
Black Diamond	1050
<b>Cains</b>	
Mild	?
Bitter	1038
Formidable Ale	1048
<b>Friar and Firkin</b>	
Mild	?
<b>Gales</b>	
XXXD	1032

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**Hop Back**

GFB	1035
Summer Lightening	1050

**Larkins**

Best Bitter	1045
Porter	1055

**McMullen**

AK	1033
Country Bitter	1041

**Mansfield**

Riding Mild	1035
Riding Bitter	1036
Old Baily	1045

**Oakhill**

Bitter	1038
Black Magic	1044
Yeoman Strong Ale	1049

**Youngs**

Bitter	1036
Special	1046
Winter Warmer	1055

**N.B.** All beers subject to availability. Stronger beers will not be available on the first day of the festival because it is a 'Capital Mild Night'.

**Champion Beer of Britain is**  
Woodforde's Norfolk Nog (BAR A)

**Champion Beer of Britain (Mild category) Finalists are:**

Batemans Mild - BAR C

Brains Dark - BAR A

Gales XXXD - BAR C

Holdens Mild - BAR A

King and Barnes Mild - BAR A

Taylor's Golden Best - BAR B

## **PUTTING YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR TASTE BUDS ARE!**

In London there is plenty of real ale and so many people think that to join CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale is a waste of time. But ask yourself if you are satisfied with the price or the quality of the real ale available in the city.

The price is close to CAMRA's heart. Every year there is a price survey conducted across the country. The press coverage of this, and the bad publicity that some breweries get as a result, makes the brewer think twice about extraordinary price rises. And CAMRA is also at the forefront of lobbying the Chancellor when it comes to excise duty increases. But if the price is acceptable, what about the quality? CAMRA has long recognised that to look after a good pint of beer needs training care, hence CAMRA's badgering of brewers to provide help and training to their tenants and managers. The Campaign also takes a practical approach and had produced a second edition of its book, Cellarmanship, which offers guidelines to producing a decent pint.

But does CAMRA's campaigning have an effect? Well, after many years of lobbying, the Government has finally agreed to introduce tax at the factory gate. It means that breweries will no longer pay tax on beer that is being



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So if that's what is happening why join CAMRA? In order to be an effective lobby group we need numbers. Even if you do not wish to become active and attend branch meetings and socials, by adding your voice to ours you are helping us campaign for drinker's rights.

Join any beer festival and you will get £2 off the membership fee making it £8. *If you join at London Drinker you will even get any entrance fee back.* That can save you another £1.50 and you will get 2 free pints so saving another £2.50. This makes the cost of membership only £4 and if you go to a few CAMRA beer festivals during the year you can soon get all your money back as all CAMRA beer festivals give discounts for CAMRA members.

Can you afford to miss such an offer to support something your taste buds clearly delight in ?

## THE BREWERIES AT THE FESTIVAL

### Bar A1

**Black Sheep**                      **Masham, N. Yorks**

New brewery instigated just seven months ago by Paul Theakston, member of Mashams famous brewing family.

**Brains**                              **Cardiff, S. Glamorgan**

A traditional brewery which has been in the Brain family since 1882. Now the largest independent brewery in Wales, supplying real ale to all it's 125 tied pubs plus a substantial free trade.

**Crouch vale**                      **South Woodham Ferrers, Essex**

Started in 1981, Crouch Vale has a single tied house - the Cap and feathers at Tillingham, a former CAMRA Pub of the Year, but also supplies some 60 free trade outlets in Suffolk, Essex and Greater London. The nearest outlet to the Camden Centre is the Mitre, Copenhagen Street. N1.

**Exmoor**                              **Wiveliscombe, Somerset.**

Operating from the former Hancock's Brewery in Wiveliscombe (closed 1959), Exmoor Ales supplies real ale to over 150 pubs in the region but owns no tied houses. A regular guest beer in the J.D. Wetherspoon chain of free houses.

### BAR A2

**Fullers**                              **Chiswick, London.**

One of the two surviving London Independent brewers after the 1960's takeover spree. Uses the CAMRA logo in advertisements for its cask beers; this is not surprising as they are regular CAMRA award winners. At this year's festival you will also have the opportunity to try their cask conditioned mild, after a long absence.

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**Holdens                      Dudley, W. Midlands**

One of the long-established family breweries of the Black Country, producing a good range of real ales for its 19 pubs and around 40 free trade customers.

**King and Barnes      Horsham, Sussex.**

Long established brewery, dating back almost 200 years, its "Five Sussex Ales" are served in all 60 country pubs. The nearest outlet to the Camden Centre is The Square Tavern, Tolmer Square, NW1.

**Summerskills           Plymouth, Devon**

Summerskills was relaunched by new owners in 1990 and now supplies free trade outlets in Plymouth and nationally via wholesalers.

**BAR A3**

**Otter                      Honiton, Devon.**

New brewery, which uses local malt and water from its own spring. Around 30 local pubs are supplied.

**Ridley                      Chelmsford Essex**

In 1992 Riddleys celebrated 150 years of brewing. Their dry, bitter beers are supplied to 64 tied houses over 300 free trade outlets.

**Wickwar                  Wickwar, Avon**

Launched in May 1990 by two Courage tenants with the aim of providing guest beers for their three pubs. Wickwar is now producing 30 barrels a week for up to 35 other outlets. The brewery operates from a cider mill which is on the site of the Arnold, Perett Co brewery.

**Woodforde               Woodbastwick, Norfolk**

Founded in 1980 in Norwich to bring much needed choice to a long Watney dominated region. Moved to picturesque Woodbastwick in 1989. Brews an extensive range of beers, including seasonal and occasional brews for its three pubs and 170 free trade outlets in Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire.

**BAR B1**

**Coach House            Warrington, Cheshire**

New brewery founded in 1991 by ex-Greenalls employees when that company ceased brewing. Supplies some Greenalls pubs plus free trade outlets all over the country.

**Holts                      Cheetham, Manchester.**

Successful family brewery, founded in 1984 which produces probably Britain's cheapest pint for its strength. All 102 tied houses serve real ale and only one pub does not sell Mild. The popularity of the beer is such that it is often delivered in Hogs heads - 5k gallon casks.

**Moorlands               Burnley, Lancs**

A long established producer of hop bitters which in 1978 began brewing cask beer. They now supply around 120 free trade outlets in addition to their five tied pubs.

Established in Cheshire in 1982, the move to North Manchester took place in the summer in 1991.

**Timothy Taylors**      **Keighley, West Yorkshire**

Founded in 1858, Timothy Taylors Championship Beers can be found in over 200 free trade outlets in addition to their 29 pubs in the Keighley area. Deservedly popular at beer festivals.

**West Country Brewery**    **Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester**

Enterprising brewery set up in 1989 by consultant brewer Brenden Dobbin to serve his own pub, the Kings Arms. Currently supplying 20 free trade outlets, the beers are also brewed under licence in Bulgaria, Norway and Nigeria!

**Batemans** **Wainfleet, Lincolnshire**

A family owned and run brewery whose 'Good House Ales' can now be found all over the UK in around 400 free trade outlets. All 66 tied houses serve real ale.

**Blackawton Totnes, Devon**

This small family brewery was only founded in 1977, yet it is the oldest in Devon. The additive-free beers can be found in around 50 free trade outlets.

**Butterknowle      Butterknowle, Co. Durham.**

Launched in August 1990, Butterknowle has gained popularity at beer festivals all over the country. They now supply 29 free trade outlets and can be found as regular guests in many more.

**Cains** **Liverpool**

Some of the last Liverpool - brewed Higsons beers were on sale at London Drinker in 1990, just before Whitbread closed the brewery and moved production to Sheffield. Now, the premises are the home of Robert Cain, Merseyside's only commercial brewery, which is owned by a Danish brewing company.

**BAR C2**

**Friar and Firkin      Euston, London**

Formerly, 'the Rising Sun', this brew pub which opened late last year is just a short walk along the Euston Road from the Camden Centre.

**Gales**                      **Horndean, Hants**

Hampshire's major brewery, founded in 1847. All 154 tied houses serve real ale and the Mild Passport scheme, run in conjunction with CAMRA provides a good excuse to visit them.

## Hop Back Sailsbury, Wilts

Set up in 1987 as a brew-pub, Hop Back brewery now produces around 40 barrels a week for its two tied houses and 40 free trade outlets.



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**Larkins      Edenbridge, Kent**

Started in 1986 but moved to a converted barn at the owners farm in 1990. Larkins additive free beers can now be found in some 65 pubs in the South East. Only Kent hops are used, some from the farm itself.

**BAR C3****McMullens      Hertford, Herts**

Hertfordshire's oldest independent family brewery was founded in 1827. real ale is served in all its 147 pubs in Hertfordshire, Essex and London and supplied to 150 free trade outlets.

**Oakhill      Oakhill, Bath, Avon**

Situated in the Mendip Hills in Somerset the brewery was set up by a farmer in 1984 in part of the original Oakhill brewery (est. 1767) which was destroyed by fire in 1925. About 70 free trade outlets within a 35 mile radius are regularly supplied.

**Youngs      Wandsworth, London**

The Ram brewery was founded on the banks of the Wandle in 1675 although the young family were not involved until 1831. Youngs were the only London brewer to continue to produce real ale throughout the keg revolution of the 1970's and they continue to brew their award winning beers in the traditional manner. Some of the deliveries to their 170 pubs are still made by horse-drawn drays.

**CIDER and PERRY**

As usual we will have available a selection of ciders and perries from both the West Country and Kent, showing the wide variety of these drinks that are still available.

In London, it is almost impossible to find perry in pubs, and it is only at CAMRA festivals where a variety is usually available.

It is hoped that the following ciders and perries will be on sale, but remember, both drinks are stronger than ordinary bitter, so mind how you go!

**PERRY****AYLTON - Aylton,  
Herefordshire**

Made by the lady who organises Blossom Time at Putley Women's Institute!

**FRANKLIN - Little  
Hereford, Herefordshire**

Producer who started about six years ago. Sometimes produces a sage perry.

**GOVERD - Compton, Dando**  
Made by ex-consultant at Long Ashton Research Station.

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## CIDER

### **CHAFFORD - Fordcombe, Kent**

Small producer, not usually sold in London.

### **CROSSMAN - Hewish, Avon**

Family producer made, as usual, from a variety of cider apples.

### **GIBBON STRANGLER - Bromley, Kent**

Produced in small quantities by David Kitton, Editor of the Good Cider guide.

### **HECKS - Street, Somerset**

Family company in middle of the town. has won many prizes at Devon County Show.

### **LONG ASHTON - Bristol, Avon**

Produced at ex-government research

station for cider fruit. Secret Orchard Cider is made from just that - apples from recently discovered orchard.

### **RICH - Watchfield, Somerset**

Farm producer whose cider is sometimes available in London pubs.

### **STOTT - Wookey, Somerset**

Local producer, difficult to find on the Somerset Levels.

### **THEOBOLD - Stourmouth, Kent**

Typical Kent cider, using a mixture of eating and cooking apples. Has won several CAMRA awards.

### **TORRE - Somerset**

Local producer discovered by CAMRA last year.

### **WILLIAMS - Tytherington, Avon**

Small producer, who has been going for some time.

## ENTERTAINERS AT LONDON DRINKER FESTIVAL

### **THURSDAY EVENING**

### ***EASY STREET***

Popular Fiddle and guitar duo. Easy Street have played at several beer festivals for a number of years. They play a mix of electric folk, jazz, rag-time and blues. You will probably recognise most of the tunes and your feet will soon be tapping along.

### **FRIDAY EVENING**

### ***TRANTERS FOLLY***

A popular West Country Folk group consisting of Roger Trim, Eddie Trim and Nick Thomas. All are versatile instrumentalists and vocalists having performed at a variety of venues. Performances include lively Folk Music, songs and West Country humour. The instrumental line up includes Fiddle, Guitar and Accordion. Other featured instruments are Mandolin, Banjo, Flute and Musical Saw. Their songs and music create a happy atmosphere which can be enjoyed by young and old alike.

START TIMES FOR MUSIC ABOUT 7.30 pm

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

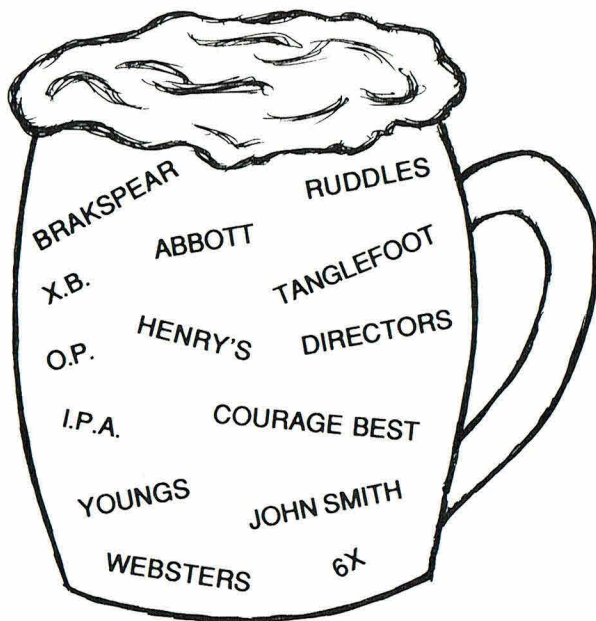
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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the green cover of the 24 page March 1982 issue bore a cartoon whose significance only became apparent just over halfway through the copy with a short story entitled *Animal Crackers* - it depicted a chimpanzee drawing a pint of beer (presumably real) from a water-main standpipe. In its last appearance before being superseded by an Editorial, the News & Views page - the first inside the cover to meet the reader's eye - reported that Charrington was trying out Springfield Bitter in London, while Whitbread was test-marketing Castle Eden, which had for some time been creeping southwards, taking the place of other cask beers.

The Stop Press in the previous edition to the effect that Fullers was to be sold in Charrington houses has proved a false alarm. By hindsight, perhaps this was in fact a premonition?

The Editors of the time, Mike Hammersley and Ron Atkins who had been involved with London Drinker since its outset 4 years previously in various roles, made their farewells and wished success to the incoming Editorial team, two of whom - Chris and Andy - still serve in that capacity.

In a half-page advert, the Malt & Hops, Kings Cross, claimed to be the cheapest pub in London, with ten traditional ales always available at a 20% discount all weekend and for three hours other days, plus a guest beer at 55p a pint each Tuesday.

In the centre-page spread Mostyn Lewis provided a "Family tree" of Whitbread in London over the previous 90 years. This showed the names of 42 breweries taken over during that period, one by another to end up as a huge conglomeration, with relevant dates, which led to a network of 289 pubs in Great London. Mostyn pointed out that the number of breweries taken over throughout the country during that period was around 300. The diagram was embellished with labels from the Forest Hill Brewery (taken over 1924), Fremfords of Faversham (1967), Strong of Romsey (1969), Lacon of Great Yarmouth (1965), Jude Hanbury of

Wateringbury (1927), Flitton of Stotford (1948), West Kent Brewery of Beckenham and Fulham (1908, via Notting Hill in 1920), Nicholls of Lewisham (1891) and Mackeson of Hythe (1929).

FIVE YEARS AGO the 36 page March 1988 issue also used green as its theme colour appearing on 8 pages including both covers. The front featured an advert for the forthcoming London Drinker Beer Festival, and two headlines: "Truman gets the Chop" and a splash "STOP PRESS - Bruce's selling up." This was indeed an issue of many last-minute changes. In the first paragraph of his Editorial Andy stated: "Numerous stories are currently going around about what is happening in the Watney, Mann, Truman empire and very little of it is good news for the drinking public. Firstly we heard that Combes Bitter, which has been brewed at the Truman Brewery in Brick Lane, is to be scrapped almost immediately - it may well be no more by the time you read this. This was followed up straight away by news that all Truman cask beers are to go the same way, with all Truman beers to be dropped by late spring." This was supplemented by a "camera ready" article (i.e. typed mechanically and photographically reduced) some pages further on, from Ian Worden, stating "As this issue went to press we had confirmation of plans by Watney Mann and Truman to HALVE its range of real ales produced in London and cease cask production altogether at the Mortlake brewery which will thus go back to the keg-only Red Barrel days.

Only five or six years ago Grand Met was pushing regional beers as part of its retreat from those days, when it was the only brewer to be comprehensively ridiculed by Monty Python and getting little better media treatment from there onwards. Truman started brewing four real ales over at Brick Lane and the ultra-modern Mortlake site was even renamed the Stag Brewery after a long-gone predecessor once in Westminster.

On 22nd March 1984 came perhaps what

was the high point when Combe's Bitter was launched on to the London market at a Capital Beer Night organized in conjunction with London Drinker.

Since then things have gone downhill. Truman's Mild didn't last long and the light Antler seems to have died from lack of interest. Webster's Yorkshire crept into more outlets followed by Ruddle's County which even replaced Mortlake's "Name beer", Stag. Now Combes and Truman "Green" bitter are to follow, leaving only the Truman Best Bitter ("Red") and Sampson as local beers for the London area."

The relevant illustration on the cover was the Truman emblem - the side view of an eagle poised for flight. It WAS to have appeared decapitated and flat on its back; I spent ages cutting up, re-touching and pasting for the artwork. However for reasons best known to himself the Printer re-assembled it in its original order. The best-laid plans of mice, men and especially Editors . . .

In a camera-ready STOP PRESS was the announcement "Bruce's Selling UP!" the first paragraph read: "On 11th February David Bruce announced the sale of his eleven pubs. The news reached us too late to cover the story properly - in fact at the time the artwork for this issue was in the hands of our printer. A full appraisal of the situation will appear in due course."

It was rather a fraught period - at first appearance, with three non-rhyming limericks. In the words of Andy, who has compiled the column ever since, it " . . . probably strikes you as a complete waste of time. It probably is but we must add that the limerick when written down must look like it rhymes it's just that with the vagaries of pronunciation in our language (or other people's) it doesn't sound that way." One of the examples included non-rhymes of wallet/ballet/mallet and river/fiver. Earlier in this historical "first" Andy explained the purpose of such an idea as "some silly exercises to keep the mind ticking over in idle moments and to keep conversation going when you realize you have nothing in common with your drinking companions."

In "Underground Drinker", Eastender - by

profession a tube driver - outlined the history of the world's first underground railway, the Metropolitan, from Paddington to Farringdon, visiting real ale pubs along its route.

Cider again cropped up in a big way, in a Letter to the Editors and two articles, one about tracking down and visiting real cidermakers' premises, and one classic Cider pub.

Bargain Beers cited two examples of Courage Best at 87p and 90p respectively and the same brew, at £1.10, was cited as a rip-off along with Taylor Walker Bitter at £1.15, the same price as Ind Coope Burton at the same establishment.

Famous Last Words were used under the heading "EEC Offers Cheaper Drinks Cheer". It read in part: "Significant cuts are likely next year in the price of cigarettes, spirits and wine as a result of Common Market proposals on the harmonisation of tax, according to a report by a Commons select committee on European legislation. The committee says that the reductions raise important social and health issues.

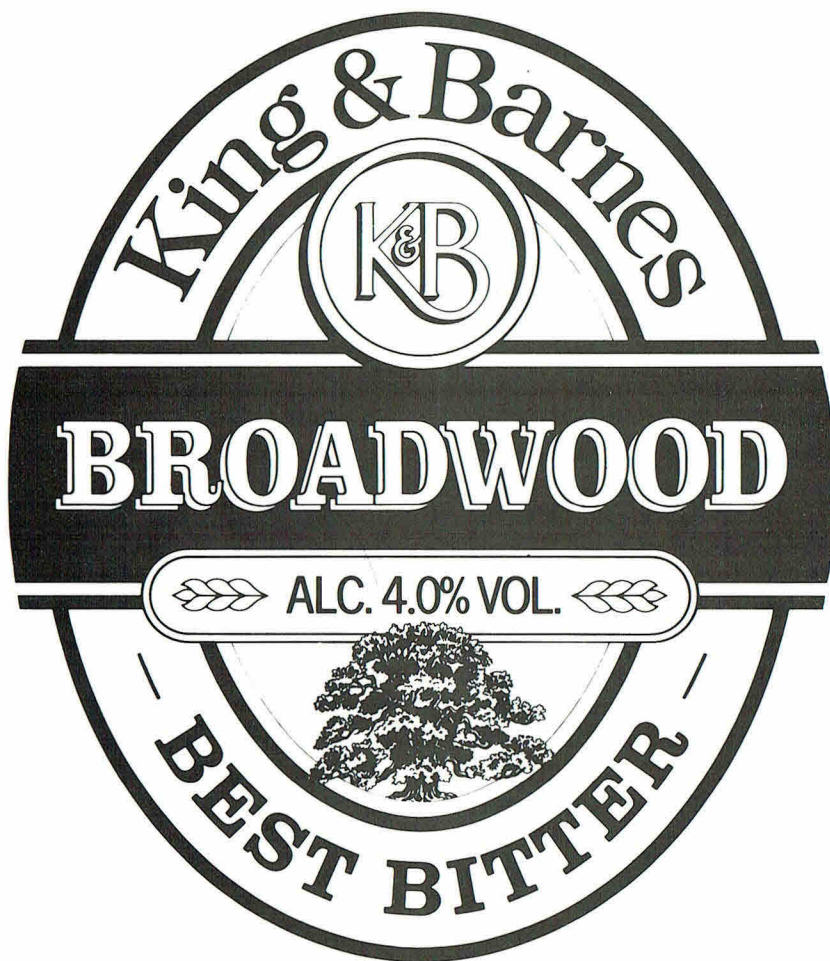
The Treasury forecast a tax reduction of 10 per cent on tobacco, leading to 12p off the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes. The price of a 75cl bottle of spirits would fall by £2.30 because of a cut of 40 per cent in duty; wine would fall by 70p per 70cl bottle as a result of an 85 per cent cut. British beer would be taxed at a higher rate than foreign wine". The last bit proved not far short of the truth.

In "The Fleet Street Pound" Pat Hanson analysed the prices in the six pubs of that thoroughfare, breaking down the cost of the 18 different beers available and the price in pence per degree of original gravity above 1,000 (which is the same as water) - i.e. value for money. It went from 2.18p at the cheaper end of the scale for Truman Sampson at the Olde Cock Tavern at the Olde Cock Tavern - a Watney house (o.g. 1055, at £1.20) to 3.20p for Boddington's Bitter at the Punch Tavern and the Old Bell - both Nicholson's free houses (o.g. 1035 at £1.12).

Probably the strangest advert to appear in

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King & Barnes  
**FINE SUSSEX ALES**



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## CLUTTERBUCKS ALE HOUSE

One of the pubs in Romford that has undergone several transformations is the Old White Hart Inn. This inn was a famous coaching inn in the days of the Harwich flyer and the coaches to Colchester.

It is a splendid building of late Victorian architecture, but a pub of this name has been here for quite a number of years. The present building dates from 1896, but was established in the 15th Century. At the rear in the yard were the farrier, blacksmith and stables and coach houses.

There really is a vast amount of room in the building, and the cellars go out under the Romford Road. Just along from the pub is the splendid main entrance to Romford Brewery, which is a listed building like the White Hart. Of course, this old place has its ghosts, and one of them is a Royal Ghost. She was Caroline of Brunswick, Queen of Greta Britain, wife of George IV. She was the second daughter of Charles William, the Duke of Brunswick-Wolfenbuttel. It was a disagreeable marriage and she was sent to Shooters Hill and Blackheath to live in isolation. She had a lot of feeling in her favour in general, and the King tried to divorce her, even though she had his daughter, Charlotte. But he failed in his bid and caused the Ministry to give up the divorce bill. She had also refused to be paid off and renounce her title and to live abroad. She was turned away from the door of Westminster Abbey at the Coronation of George IV. A few days later she died. Her body was unceremoniously sent on an open wagon to Harwich where the carters left it outside in the rain at the White Hart. It is here that the soul of the poor Queen walks about, no doubt wondering why she was treated in such a shabby way.

Formerly the Bitter End and a fizz-only pub that was fraught with problems from the lager louts, we now have in its place a pub for the real ale connoisseurs. The name derives from Thomas Clutterbuck who owned the Cannon brewery in Rickmansworth. His descendant is Jasper Clutterbuck, managing director of the Morland brewery at Abingdon in Oxfordshire. The Cannon brewery was bought by Allied in the twenties, due to the

family having to pay high death duties. Mine host is Trevor Wood, from the Castle at Wickford in Essex. Trevor has been in the trade for many years and looks to providing a good range of beers. Well, he does have twelve beer engines CO<sup>2</sup> pump assisted via a micro switch under the bar and the beer does not come into contact with the beer at all. His wife Leigh will provide the food at the servery in the rear of the pub.



Addlestons beer engine is stored in a cask and kept at 10lb per sq. in. pressure. CO<sup>2</sup> gas pressure and the cellar temperature is kept at 52°-54° fahrenheit. Beer lines are the smaller 3/8" bore pipe.

Among the beers available upon my visit on the opening day, 16th December, there was Clutterbuck Ale £1.25, which I thought was Bruces NOB but was told it was Taylor Walker bitter, Adnams bitter, Tetley (Leeds) bitter, Friary Meux, Theakstons Mild £1.42 a most welcome addition to the

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mild desert of Essex, Old Bailey (Mansfield brewery), Coachmans bitter, (Coach House brewery Warrington Cheshire). Due on were Nutcracker from Hanby, Wem. It is envisaged that there will be four real ale festivals a year at the premises, plus a Clutterbucks Society, to bring real ale drinkers together and to liaise with CAMRA, plus give the regulars a chance to vote for beers they would like to try. There are no restrictions on the types of real ales available from the British beer industry. There will be tasting nights for registered members so that a free drink from a pin or firkin, will be available from time to time. This will take place approximately once a month.



Membership is free, but there will be promotions for membership of CAMRA as well, to show that there is a real ale society. There is a good selection of Daily Newspapers at the pub for visitors to peruse. Extra beer is Woods Christmas Cracker OG 1060.

Nigel Cowdery, Taylor Walker's Retail Area Manager, is in charge of this project. He tells me that he would like to see a micro brewery on the site of the pub, there seems to be plenty of room for such a project in these premises too. It would be most welcome as a replacement for the old Romford brewery which is closing on February 4th. He said that a proposition would be made to Romford brewery to fund the project, whose costs would be in the 65-70 thousand pound mark. All in all, there looks to be a very good future

for Clutterbucks in Romford. The interior is of basic pub decor with some wonderful chalk drawings depicting the beers. An old horse drawn plough does take up some space that could be better used as seating in the dining area. Biggest complaint was the use of swan necks with Angram Pips on the end. The beer was at times dished up like the famous Coronation Street pint. I pointed out that the head did not constitute a part of the liquid measure, so if you visit, politely ask for a full measure. I would personally rather see the old style of dispenser, that we associated with Gaskell and Chambers.

Opening times are as follows:

Mon - Fri: 12 noon - 11 pm on non-market days. Wednesday & Friday - Market days - 10 am - 11 pm. Sundays are the usual national times.

Special opening days are prior to Christmas, when the market is open all week, and the pub has market opening times.

We can only thank Trevor and Leigh for bringing life to Romford's drinkers again, without having to drive for miles.

Clutterbucks Ale House (formerly Harts), 15 High Street, Romford, situated near A118 and A125. Tel: 0708-742923.

Ten minutes walk up South Street from Romford station. Nearest bus from London, 86 from Stratford or 251 from Wood Green. Trains to Romford from Liverpool Street station.

I would like to mention the book I took a few quotes from. It is called:

ESSEX BREWERS  
and

THE MALTING AND HOP INDUSTRIES  
OF THE COUNTY

ISBN 1-873 966-02-4

Price £9.95. By Ian P. Peaty, published by  
The Brewery History Society  
102, Ayelands  
New Ash Green  
Kent DA3 8JW.

A really super book available at W. H. Smiths branches.

**Keith Langridge**



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The following is a selection of beer related events occurring all over the place which has been culled from a larger list sent to us by Richard Larkin of north London Branch. Among the sources he acknowledges are the publications of PINT and OBP, equivalent organisations to CAMRA in The Netherlands and Belgium respectively and with which CAMRA has close ties. No responsibility can be accepted for errors.

6 March: DEN HELDER, Netherlands. Breweriana Sale organised by BAV. Info from D. Pronk, +32 2230 43462.

6 March: BRUSSELS, Belgium. Open Brewing Day, Brouwerij Cantillon, Gheudestraat 56, Andecht. From 06.00; admission BFR 90; free breakfast if you arrive before 08.00.

7 March: HAAKSBERGEN, Netherlands. Breweriana Sale, Cafe-restaurant 't Hoogeland, Eibergsestraat 157. 11.00-16.00; details - R. Zimmer, +32 53 331777.

7-9 March: NEW YORK, NY, USA. Wine America 93.

7-12 March: LIMBURG, Netherlands. Commercial tour of Belgium & The Netherlands, including Arnhem, Bruges and Maastricht; 219 from UK. Organised by Magic Compass, 31 Temple Hill, Whitwick, Leics, LE67 5BD (0530 815353).

12-14 March: BURTON ON TRENT, UK. Weekend Break for Beer Lovers; includes visits to breweries and beer museum. Details from Burton Tourist Information Centre, 0283 516609.

14 March: LISSE, Netherlands. Regional Breweriana Sale, 't Poelhuis, Vivaldistraat 4 (in the Poelpolder shopping centre). Details: G. Lascaris, +31 2521 16200.

14-18 March: The Belgian Ardennes. Commercial tour including five brewery visits. Organised by Magic Compass, see above.

19-21 March: LONDON. Sunday Times Wine Festival. Royal Horticultural Halls.

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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!

Section 1 One minipin of London Pride.

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.

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

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## WETHERSPOON NEWS

We have received the following news from the J D Wetherspoon Organisation. A couple of years ago we drew much comment from our readers by reporting JDW's claim to be selling the country's cheapest beer so with some trepidation we report their reduced claim relating to this year:

*J D Wetherspoon is selling what it believes is the cheapest pint of beer in the Capital until March 1. At 46 of its 51 houses, Younger's Scotch Bitter is on sale at 89p per pint. The exceptions are its sites at Victoria Station, Heathrow Airport, Liverpool Street Station and Leicester Square, where it is 99p per pint.*

*It is also selling a pint of Courage Directors Bitter at £1.29 per pint and Guinness at £1.49 a pint until the same date. These prices apply to the same 46 pubs, with 10p added to the price in the other five outlets (as above).*

*Retail director, Keith Lunn said: 'We are proving that it is possible to offer customers a good beer in comfortable surroundings without charging ridiculous prices.'*

*According to a CAMRA prices survey of July 1992, the average price of a pint of bitter in London was £1.44.*

While on the subject of the J D Wetherspoon Organisation, we have been sent an extract from a recent edition of the Romford Recorder by our regular correspondent in that area, Colin Price. It refers to local opposition from locals to the go ahead to a new Wetherspoon outlet in Hornchurch town centre.

We understand opposition from the licensee of an existing pub a few doors away but the paper also quotes Cllr Barbara Reith, chairman of the Hacton and St. Andrews Wards of Hornchurch Residents' Association. She is reported by the Romford Recorder as saying, "We already have three well established pubs in close proximity. I hope this new outlet doesn't have a detrimental effect on them, to say nothing of the inevitable parking nightmare".

We hope that Councillor Reith is not losing sight of the fact that the residents that her

organisation represents are consumers. While we have sympathy for licensees who may be hidebound by costs imposed upon them by their breweries, we consider it important to support an organisation that is bringing value for money to the consumer.

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## RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS

Since February's "Drinker" went to press, consent has been granted to Young & Co. to convert the POPES GROTTTO into an hotel. However, the good news is that the Brewery Chairman, John Young has confirmed in a letter to the Branch that the Public bar, the last in Twickenham, will remain.

An hotel is desperately needed in Twickenham and, although the pub will be closed for some time during rebuilding, it may prove an asset to the area and introduce visitors to the delights of Youngs' beers. Our thanks go to John Young for his interest and concern.

In Isleworth, the Iron Bridge has changed its name to the BRIDGE INN. The pub has been extended and now includes a No-Smoking room as well as offering bed & breakfast facilities. On the guest beer front the Tetley Bitter which was selling at 1.15 a pint has been replaced by John Smith's at 1.30.

**STOP PRESS:** The second Feltham Beer Festival has been provisionally booked to take place between Thursday 30th September and Saturday 2nd October, subject to licence and budget approval. The venue will again be the Feltham Assembly Rooms which have undergone a reasonable amount of building work since last year which will improve facilities for visitors and staff.

**Doug Scott**

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## BEER BRIEFING LONDON BEER GUIDE UPDATES 80

A relatively quiet month with just three new Wetherspoon Free Houses opening in Brixton, Croydon and East Ham! Many pubs from Grand Met's former Watney estate have switched from Ruddles and Websters to Courage and John Smith beers, following the disposal of Ruddles to Grolsch - few will lament the change. Various big brewery owned 'Free Houses' have changed beer ranges within predictably conservative boundaries.

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the age 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.

### NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

#### EAST

E3, OLD DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 158 Devons Road. Has now reopened. (E91, U72)

E6, MILLERS WELL, 419-421 Barking Road. Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Another new Wetherspoon Free House in former furniture store premises, more recently a wine bar. Decorated in typical style. Food. Open all permitted hours.

E7, MICKEY PINNS, 76 Woodgrange Road. Reopened and renamed GATSBY. (E108, U79)

E10, OLIVER TWIST, 90 Church Road. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: IPA. (E125)

E16, ROYAL OAK, 67 Barking Road. Courage: Best Bitter. (E160)

#### SOUTH EAST

CROYDON, GEORGE, 17-20 George Street. Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Yet another very large Wetherspoon Free House in former furniture store. Named after a famous pub which once stood in George Street. Over 3,000 dusty books adorn the pub at the insistence of the magistrates! Food. Open all permitted hours.

#### SOUTH WEST

SW9, BEEHIVE, 407-409 Brixton Road. Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. A further Wetherspoon Free House in former shoe shop premises. Famous former Brixton residents are featured, including Fred Karnow and Herbert Morrison. Food. Open all permitted hours. Note correct postal district, not as shown in pre-opening publicity.

SW19, JJ's, 105-109 The Broadway. No real ale. New Free House in former shop premises. "JJ's Lager" is Schwierner from Eastern Germany (cold & fizzy). Also has Henri Funck Pils on draught from Luxembourg.

#### WEST

HEATHROW AIRPORT, JOHN BULL, Terminal 2. Tetley: Bitter. Second floor bar, formerly a Tapas bar.

### PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

#### EAST

E1, OLD BASING HOUSE. Courage, closed, future uncertain. (E83)

#### SOUTH WEST

SW6, FULHAM TAP. H unused (SW27, U31, U66)

SW15, MR MICAWBERS. H removed, converted to restaurant. (U61, U67)

SW19, WAY INN. Free House/Hotel, H removed. (U43, U48)

### OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

#### CENTRAL

EC1, BULLS HEAD. Now a Free House, subtitled MONAGHANS. (E13)

EC1, GEORGE & DRAGON. - Courage: Directors Bitter. + Ruddle: County. (E16, U79)

EC1, SHAKESPEARES HEAD, 46 Percival Street. - Bass. + Charrington: IPA. (E24)

EC2, DR BUTLERS HEAD (YE OLDE). + Ansells: Mild. (E31)

EC2, SIR PAUL PINDAR. - Worthington: Best Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. + Greene King: IPA. (E36, U66)

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## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 80 continued

EC4, COACH & HORSES. + Fuller: London Pride. (E47)  
EC4, QUEENS HEAD, 31 Black Friars Lane. - Young: Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. + Marston: Pedigree. + Wadworth: 6X. Note correct street spelling. (E52)  
W1(F), GREEN MAN (IN FITZROVIA). + Fuller: London Pride. + Worthington: Best Bitter. (W29)  
W1(Mar), CASK & GLASS. - Beers listed. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (W34, U51)  
W1(May), COACH & HORSES, 5 Hill Street. - Charrington: IPA. Fuller: London Pride. + M&B: Highgate Mild. + Robinson: Best Bitter. (W38)  
W1(May), PUNCH BOWL. - Ruddle: County. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (W39, U50)  
W1(May), SAMUEL PEPPS. - Charrington: IPA. (W40)  
W1(May), WATERLOO DISPATCH. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. (W40)  
W1(S), ARGYLE ARMS. - Adnams: Bitter. - Arkell: BBB. - Boddington: Bitter. - Marston: Pedigree. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. + Nicholson: Best Bitter. + Wadworth: Farmers Glory. (W41)  
W1(S), BLUE POSTS, 18 Kingly Street. - Brakspear: Bitter. - Flowers: IPA. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (W41)  
W1(S), CLACHAN. - Adnams: Bitter. - Boddington: Bitter. - Friary Meux: Best Bitter. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Greene King: IPA. + Nicholson: Best Bitter. (W41)  
W1(S), HANDSEL TAVERN. - Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + Boddington: Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. (W42)  
W1(S), KING OF CORSICA. + Fuller: London Pride. (W43)  
W1(S), OLD COFFEE HOUSE. - Ruddle: County. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Courage: Best Bitter. + Young: Special. (W43)  
W1(S), SHAKESPEARS HEAD. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter. + Ruddle: County. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Reclassify as Grand Met 'Watney' pub. (W44)  
W1(S), THREE GREYHOUNDS. - Ind Coope: Burton Ale. - Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. + Adnams: Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (W44)  
WC2, GREEN MAN & FRENCH HORN. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (W54)  
WC2, LAMB & FLAG. John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (W55)  
WC2, LEMON TREE. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. + Courage: Directors Bitter. + Marston: Pedigree. + Young: Special. (W55, U58)  
WC2, MARQUIS OF GRANBY, 142 Shaftesbury Avenue. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. + Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (W55)

WC2, SUSSEX. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter, John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter (W56, U58)

WC2, TWO BREWERS TAVERN. - Beers listed except Brakspear: Bitter. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter (W57, U53)

## EAST

E1, PEACOCK. Now a Free House, ex Watney. (E71)  
E3, LORD CARDIGAN. Now in Taylor Walker livery (E91)  
E4, BULL & CROWN. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (E97, U73, U79)  
E14, AFRICAN TAVERN. Renamed AFRICAN QUEEN (BOGARTS). now a Free House, ex Taylor Walker, still fizz. (E139)  
E14, PHOENIX. + Wadworth: 6X. (E147)  
E17, FLOWER POT. + Charrington: IPA. + Worthington: Best Bitter. (E167)  
E17, PLOUGH. - Ruddle: Best Bitter. + Courage: Best Bitter. (E168)  
E17, QUEENS ARMS. - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. + Younger: IPA. Now a Free House, ex Courage. (E168)

## SOUTH WEST

SW1(SJ), UNICORN. Renamed WALKERS OF ST JAMES'S. - Boddington: Bitter. - Fuller: London Pride. - Harvey: Best Bitter. + Ansell: Mild. + Tetley: Bitter. Now run by Nicholsons. (SW15)  
SW1(P), WARWICK ARMS. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. (SW16)  
SW1(W), CARDINAL. - M&B: Highgate Old. + Young: Bitter. (SW16, U67, U79)  
SW1(W), COACH & HORSES. + Fuller: London Pride. (SW17)  
SW1(W), ELEPHANT & CASTLE. + Tetley: Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW17)  
SW1(W), GREENCOAT BOY. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW17)  
SW1(W), KINGS ARMS. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. (SW17)  
SW1(W), OLD ROSE. + Courage: Best Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. + Ruddle: County. (SW17)  
SW1(W), STAGE DOOR. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW18, U76)  
SW3, CADOGAN ARMS TAVERN. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW21)  
SW3, CROSS KEYS. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW21)  
SW3, FRONT PAGE. + Boddington: Bitter. (SW22)

## NORTH WEST

NW8, NEW INN. - Beers listed in Update 39. + Greene King: IPA, Rayments Special Bitter, Abbot Ale. Now a Greene King tied house, ex Courage. Food 12-10. Open all permitted hours. (N159, U39)

## BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 80 continued

SW3, MAN IN THE MOON. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW22, U51, U53)

SW3, ROSE. - Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (SW23, U31)

SW6, COCK. - Truman beers. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW27)

SW6, GEORGE. + Boddington: Bitter. (SW27)

SW6, IMPERIAL. + Hook Norton: Bitter (@ £1.15 a pint) (SW28, U74)

SW6, NELL GWYNNE. Renamed COME THE REVOLUTION. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW29)

SW6, WEAVERS ARMS. - Wethered: Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. (SW29, U69, U74)

SW8, ROYAL ALBERT. Has 5 real ales from the Whitbread list, constantly changing. (SW35, U56)

SW10, MAGPIE & STUMP. - Magpie & Stump: Bogwash. + Magpie & Stump: Blarney (OG 1037, origin unknown). + Young: Winter Warmer. (SW38, U64, U74)

SW10, SPORTING PAGE. - Ruddle: County. + Wadworth: 6X. (SW38, U43, U74)

SW10, WORLDS END DISTILLERY. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + A varying range of real ales including Adnams: Bitter; Brakspear: Bitter; Everard: Tiger and Wadworth: 6X. Now a Regent Inns Free House, ex Watney. (SW38, U74)

SW11, CHANDLER. - Charrington: IPA (U43, U78)

SW14, QUEENS ARMS. - Charrington: IPA. - Bass. - Fuller: London Pride. + Marston: Pedigree. + Robinson: Best Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. SW45, U63, U70)

SW17, RAILWAY BELL. Now operated by Standwood Taverns but still has Courage sign. (SW50, U29)

SW19, SWAN. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. (SW56, U28, U70)

SW19, TOWN HOUSE. + Young: Special. Formerly BERNI INN (U67, U73)

SW20, RAYNES PARK. + Ruddle: County. (SW59)

## WEST

W2, GRAND JUNCTION ARMS. Renamed ORIENT EXPRESS. - Beers listed. + Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. + Fuller: London Pride. Now a Free House, ex Truman. (W59)

W2, GREAT WESTERN. - Courage: Best Bitter. - Fuller: London Pride. + Marston: Pedigree. + Wadworth: 6X. (W59, U55, U73)

W2, GREEN MAN. - Ruddle: County. (W59)

W6, CRABTREE. - Ruddle: County. + Courage: Directors Bitter. (W74)

W6, DARTMOUTH CASTLE. - Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (W74)

W14, SEVEN STARS. - Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (W95)

FELTHAM, ROSE & CROWN. - Ruddle: Best Bitter, County (W100)

FELTHAM, THREE HORSESHOES. - John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. + Young: Special. (W100)

HOUNSLOW, BELL. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Courage: Best Bitter. (W126, U52)

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 79

Pages 35 and 36 of the February London Drinker, containing Update 79 were inadvertently reversed.

## NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

E1, MORGAN ARMS. Should read E3.

E1, QUEEN VICTORIA. Should read E3.

## PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

BRENTFORD, SIX BELLS. Reference omitted. (W99, U46)

## OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

EC1, COACH & HORSES. Should read +(plus) Wadworth: 6X.

E1, KATHERINE WHEEL. Reference should read (E68, U73)

W2, DUKE OF YORK. Should read W3.

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woes, this being a Courage pub that also sells Brakspear's Bitter (and now King & Barnes Bitter and Marston's Pedigree as well). When it came to buying the Bulldog it was found to be about a month past its sell by date and so it was obtained for half price.

Chatting later to the landlord he mentioned that he was down to the last half dozen bottles and he would not be getting any more in because there was no demand for it. He then went on to say, quite unprompted in any way, that he was dropping Guinness as well because of low demand "and it only has a three months shelf life."

Now, I don't pretend to know what the answer should be to such a situation, but I can't help feeling that advertising has a lot to do with it. Advertising only sells you the idea of some nebulous message you will give the world about your image if you buy a product; it doesn't tell you about the product itself. Perhaps if people were told how good a drink real bottled Guinness is (while it still exists) maybe people would not denounce it as a drink for invalids and old age pensioners while drinking their exorbitant, flavourless Mexican (and other) pale liquids because they come in a bottle with a smart screen printed, rather than paper, label.

I also have a sneaking feeling that the short sell by date on the Guinness bottle is a good deal shorter than it need really be. Of course the beer should be kept in reasonable storage conditions otherwise it might suffer, but I don't see why they have to put a sell by date that assumes that the beer will be badly kept.

On a slightly lighter note, but still on sell by dates, there is a brewery in Belgium (I wish I could remember which one) that to abide by EC regulations has to put a use by date on its bottles no more than 12 months after the date of bottling. However, much to the chagrin of the authorities the brewer also insists on printing on the same bottle the advice that the beer will improve if kept for at least five years before drinking. Who says that these regulations are there to protect us? They certainly don't do much for my sanity!

**Andy Pirson**

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London Drinker (barring April hoaxes) was for a "Beer" powered watch from a company in South Norwood. The sales pitch included the claims "Amazing new technology . . . L.C.D. Quartz accuracy . . . Hours, minutes, seconds, month and date . . . No battery needed . . . Runs on most forms of liquid, even LAGER!" I acquired the complimentary sample - price to the public £6.75, and although it worked, its accuracy can best be compared to the Mad Hatter's watch at the Tea Party in Alice in Wonderland - which the Doormouse had lubricated with the Best Butter, but spread with a bread knife. In other words, it was hopeless. On the other hand, I had used Bass . . .

On which sobering thought I will take my leave. Opening time (and the postal collection, simultaneously) approacheth.

Cheers

**Martin Smith**

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 W3 KINGS ARMS  
 W3 KINGS HEAD  
 W3 RED LION & PINEAPPLE  
 W4 WINDMILL  
 W5 PLOUGH  
 W5 RED LION  
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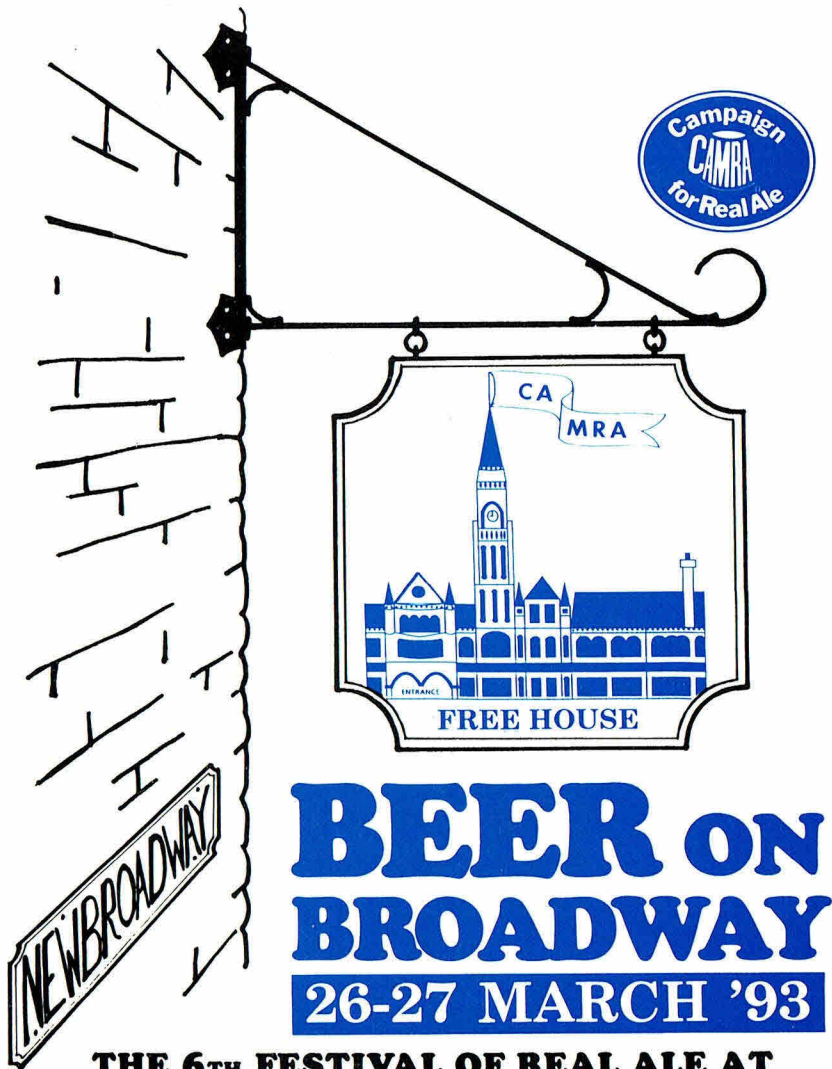
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