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# DRINKER



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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 BISHOPS FINGER  
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN  
EC1 ROSEBERRY  
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS  
EC3 SWAN  
EC4 BANKER  
EC4 CITY RETREAT  
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD  
E2 APPROACH TAVERN  
E2 CAMDENS HEAD  
E2 MARKSMAN  
E2 NELSON'S HEAD  
E2 OWL & PUSSYCAT  
E8 LADY DIANA  
E9 CHESHAM ARMS  
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN  
E9 ROYAL STANDARD  
E10 DRUM  
E11 GEORGE  
E14 QUEENS HEAD  
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE  
SE1 COPPER  
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
SE1 GRAPES  
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS  
SE1 KINGS ARMS  
SE1 MARKET PORTER  
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road  
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN  
SE1 WHEATSHEAF  
SE3 BRITISH OAK  
SE3 HARE & BILLET  
SE3 PRINCESS OF WALES  
SE3 RAILWAY TAVERN  
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN  
SE6 TIGERS HEAD  
SE7 McDONNELLS  
SE8 DOG & BELL  
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE  
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY  
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS  
SE10 RICHARD I  
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN  
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS  
SE16 MANOR TAVERN  
SE16 MOBY DICK  
SE18 COOPERS ARMS  
(PLAISTED'S)  
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM  
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)  
SE18 UNION TAVERN  
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH  
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE  
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE23 BIRD IN HAND  
SE24 COMMERCIAL  
SE25 ALLIANCE  
SE25 CHERRY TREES  
SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK

SE25 GOAT HOUSE  
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE  
SE27 HOPE  
ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE  
BAR  
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP  
OAK  
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR  
BROMLEY, ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL  
CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS  
CROYDON, DOG & BULL  
**CLUBS**  
SE9 HOWERD CLUB  
**OFF TRADE**  
E4 Waltham Wines, 72 Sewardstone  
Road.  
SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road.  
BEXLEYHEATH, Bitter Experience,  
216 Broadway.  
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons  
Hill.

### OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS  
WC1 CITIE OF YORKE  
WC1 MARLBOROUGH ARMS  
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS  
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE  
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN  
WC1 SUN  
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, BUILDER 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

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## EDITORIAL

Last month, you will no doubt recall, we published the good news about the reintroduction of Fuller's mild ale, Hock, in real form after a break of some twelve or thirteen years. This news was, however tempered to a very great extent by an editorial comment (Yes it was by me) to the effect that the period for which Fullers planned to make the beer available was little more than a month. As I stated in my note, in such a short time no serious trial could take place since either the initial upsurge in interest would not have died down or many punters would not have heard about it.

Shortly before the April London Drinker hit the streets, I was talking to Bernie Peal, CAMRA's Brewery Liaison Officer who deals with Fullers and the author of the article and he told me (too late to alter my note) that the initial public response to Hock had been so overwhelming that Fullers had had to do a second brew and that they had also undertaken to keep Hock available throughout May, CAMRA's main mild campaigning month. I for one was extremely gratified by this as I had tried it on two or three occasions and found it very much to my liking. I am not at all sure that it is as tasty as I remember the old Hock to be but it is certainly a good quality product which is well worth a try if you haven't done so yet. I hope that the initial interest is maintained and that Hock remains as a permanent member of Fuller's portfolio once again. On the other hand, I hope that it is not forced on to landlords in pubs where it does not prove popular; nothing ruins the reputation of a beer more than customers being served beer that is long past its prime because of low turnover. As we all know, low turnover leads to poor beer which leads to customer dissatisfaction which leads to lower turnover which in turn..... etc. In relation to turnover and quality I would make a plea to Fullers;

please make Hock available to your landlords in firkins (if you do not already do so) if they do not sell it quickly enough to make kilderkins viable. Having put some faith in Hock by reintroducing it, please do not make the mistake of expecting it to sell as much as London Pride - I know that mild is not to everybody's taste but I, and a good few other people, love it. Following on from this, if a pub does not sell enough to clear a firkin in a reasonable time, please take the beer out of that pub. Bad beer in a few outlets will do the beer far more harm in the public's eyes than it not being available in those pubs.

I must, however, refer to one disappointment that I suffered in drinking Hock and that relates to price. In my local, a managed pub Hock is priced (before budget increases) at a very reasonable 1.36 a pint but a few days after it came out I found myself working just across the road from a tenanted pub which I had not visited for years even though it is fairly close to my office. When lunchtime arrived I thought I would give this pub a try and to my delight I found that it was also selling Hock. However, my delight was tempered more than a little when I was asked no less than 1.55 for a pint of it - that is only 2p a pint less than London Pride in my local. I know this is going to sound like a symptom of old age, but when I started drinking in my local I could buy a whole pint of Pride for 19p, the DIFFERENCE between the prices of the two pints of mild in those two pubs.

Let us not forget that in these recessionary times one of the qualities of a lower gravity beer is (or should be) its lower price - not per milligramme of alcohol admittedly but certainly in terms of a refreshing, thirst quenching drink.

Andy Pirson





King & Barnes  
**FINE SUSSEX ALES**



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## IDLE MOMENTS

Hello folks, and let me begin by wishing you all a Happy Easter. All right, I know it will be long gone by the time you read this drivel but as I am composing it, it is only Maundy Thursday. Now, assuming I've not sent you to sleep already I shall get on with this month's fun and frolics beginning with the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 13 is the Number on Will Carling's Rugby Shirt
2. 12 Inches in a Foot
3. 10 Fluid Ounces is Half a Pint
4. 26 Prime Numbers Under One Hundred (including One)
5. 24 Beds on a Backgammon Board
6. 3 Ships Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel
7. 20 Editions of the Good Beer Guide (up to Nineteen Ninety Three)
8. 4 Fingers on a Hand (and One Thumb)
9. 72 is Half of a Gross
10. 3 Engines on a Douglas DC Ten

There you are, ridiculously simple, weren't they? What do you mean, "No"? Oh well, you might not like these ones a lot either:

1. 7 P is the V of the BB in S
2. 5 C in a PH
3. 10 C in the RFOE
4. 2 WB in a G of B
5. 40 is DT
6. 1896 FMOGH in A
7. 8 L on a S
8. 17 BNOH
9. 1963 PKA in D,T
10. 20 NPD in SWL

Well, that's those out of the way for another month, so now on with the brewery anagrams, last month's answers first:

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. RIP ASH      | PARISH      |
| 2. NO GIN, DART | HARDINGTON  |
| 3. STRAY MEN    | RAYMENTS    |
| 4. MAP HERE     | REEPHAM     |
| 5. FOILS MANE   | ISLE OF MAN |

Before this month's I should just like to remind you that all of these can be found in the breweries section of the current (1993) edition of the Good Beer Guide:

1. FILED TIP
2. PIG RAN SHED
3. BEGS WIMB
4. TINT COX WIN
5. DASH SON, SHANDY RAN

Now for all you fans of trivia, I've got some general knowledge questions, or on the other hand I suppose they could be deemed to be specialised knowledge questions. Either way, here are the answers to last month's:

1. They do not use the number 13
2. Anthony Trollope
3. Bill Frindall
4. Cliveden, near Taplow
5. 1967
6. South Africa (Western Deep Levels, Carletonville)
7. Gold
8. John Masfield (Sea Fever)
9. Sir Edwin Landseer
10. Gnasher

This month you may notice a certain similarity in the subject matter between a number of the questions. It's funny how the brain works, isn't it:

1. What 1960s pop group was led by John Sebastian?
2. What was the unsuccessful Second World War twin engined bomber, the Avro Manchester developed into?
3. By what affectionate nickname was the Fairey Swordfish torpedo carrier known?
4. And to round off the aeroplane questions, by what name is the Boeing B-17 generally known?
5. In what English castle can you still find the remains of a Roman "pharos" or lighthouse?
6. What group had hits in 1958-59 with "Hoots Mon" and "Wee Tom"?
7. What was the Beatles' first U.K. No. 1 hit?
8. What is the most densely populated territory in the World?
9. Who is currently the tallest Member of the House of Commons?
10. On 17th August 1981 Bill Neal crossed the English Channel in 13 hours and 29 minutes. What mode of transport did he use?

And now, before I give you the answers to last

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months brainteasers (or mindbenders) I must report that there aren't any this month. I haven't thought any up and nobody has sent me any in so my brainteaser file is like the old lady's cupboard (Oh, how poetic!). Anyway, you may recall that last month we had a couple sent in by Robert McGowan of West London Branch of CAMRA to which I appended a couple of variants of my own. Just for once, in order to keep the need for explanations to a minimum I shall reprint the questions together with the answers, firstly Rob's:

1. Q. Why is September the longest month of the year?

A. Because it has nine letters in its name; all the others are eight letters or fewer in length.

2. Q. Why is it perfectly legal to serve alcoholic drinks to someone, even if they are under eighteen years old?

A. Because there is no law against serving alcoholic drinks which are under eighteen years old. Of course, it is illegal to serve alcoholic drinks to someone if he or she is under eighteen years old.

3. Q. Why is October the longest month of the year?

A. Because it is the month in which the clocks go back to Greenwich Mean Time; it is therefore thirty one days and one hour long.

4. Q. Why is January the longest month of the year?

A. It isn't - it only seems that way.

That's about it from me for this month; I'm now planning to spend a relaxing Easter weekend sorting out the crossword and beer guide updates. I hope your Easter was at least as exciting.

Cheers!

**Andy Pirson**

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## **PASSING - OFF IS FRAUD**

Do you know of pubs where you are served a "house beer" with an odd name which originated as another proprietary brand? If so the licensee could be liable to an unlimited fine or two years in prison. The same applies to all other drinks, including soft ones, sold in a pub under false titles, according to the chief inspector of trading standards for Shropshire, under the Trades Descriptions Act 1968. This fact came

to light in the trade press after the licensees of a Devon pub were fined £1,500 for selling beer under a different title from its own. I could name a few offenders. So, I imagine, could many other readers.

**POSTSCRIPT:** After typing the above and before posting it to the Editors, I was shown a copy of THE PUBLICAN for April 5th. In its leading article it stated that "Thousands of publicans selling big brands as their 'house bitter' claim they are being encouraged to break the law by brewery reps. Quoting the case mentioned above, it said that The Publican had, since the publication of the original report, "received calls from frantic licensees saying they had done the same thing for years. But they also claim they have had the support and blessing from their brewry rep." It seems that Courage, whose name has been linked with such practises, would NOT allow its brands to be sold as a pub's brew. Whitbread has said the same about Boddington's. If a beer is not specifically brewed for a particular pub and therefore marketed under a name unique to the point of sale, it is an offence to sell it under what we, the drinkers, would term a false name. The argument continues. And, to extend a well-worn phrase - Caveat emptor - ET CAVEAT VENDOR.

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## **RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS**

The J.D.Wetherspoon Organisation have made a planning application to convert the former Lloyds Bank in King Street, Richmond into a new pub. If permission is granted it will be the third Wetherspoon pub to have been opened in the Branch area in two and a half years.

However, Young & Co. have stated that they will object to the "Moon" pub chain's application when it comes before the Planning Committee. Youngs have a total of eight pubs in the Richmond area, including the Ship which is next door to the former bank premises in question.

It is understood that the proposed pub will have a banking theme, in line with Wetherspoon's practice of reflecting either the former use of the building or some other local history in their conversions.

**Doug Scott**

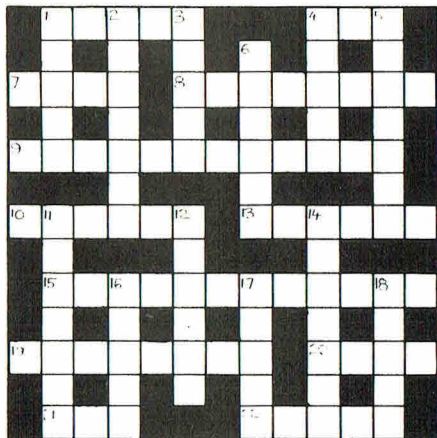
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# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON

SPECIAL PRIZE TO BE WON



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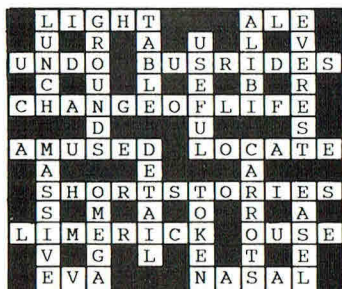
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All correct entries received by first post on 26th May will be entered into a draw for TWO SEASON TICKETS TO THE GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL. Prize winner will be announced in the July London Drinker. Solution next month.

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

## LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



## ACROSS

1. Make hollow beer container. [5]
4. Beer of the Festival extremely tasty. [3]
7. Ring put round bear. [4]
8. They're found in hospital or class warfare. [8]
9. The best performance a musician can do for music producer. [6,6]
10. Centre refurbished not long ago. [5]
13. I'm a girl mainly returning for something spicy. [6]
15. Brings back state cruises after break. [12]
19. Col drink? [8]
20. He often succeeds. [4]
21. One of these may be dubbed. [3]
22. It's refreshing to have nothing against a close relative. [5]

## DOWN

1. Double 151? [5]
2. Pass after father turns up to test. [7]
3. Relieved but not fully satisfied. [5]
4. Reduce everything always. [5]
5. A murder upset the listener [7]
6. Becomes cold on cold mountains..... [6]
11. ....and goes wrong about messages. [7]
12. Many thanks to a person who explored Australia. [6]
14. Hates a hostel to be demolished. [7]
16. The house we renovated with a drain. [5]
17. White house? [5]
18. Leaves old things? [5]

Winner of the prize for the March Crossword: R.Prince, Basement Flat, 149 Clapham Road, London SW9 OHP.

Other correct entries were received from: Paul Adams, D.M.Amy, Robert Anderson, Pat Andrews, Mark Antony, Geoff B, Jeremy Brinkworth, Alan Brooke, N.A.Canton, Brendan Casey, Neil Chapman, A.P.Comaish, Simon Cope, Jane Darnbrough, Harry Davies, Kathryn Everett, Mikes Farrelly/Richards, B.H.Fletcher, J.E.Green, M.I.Green, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, Alison Henley, Brian Hall, Everard Hampton, John Heekin, Mike Jolly, Phil Kempton, Doug King & Queen, Pete Large, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, David Oddy, Steve Piggott, The "Potman", Robert Poxon, Richard & Jean, Jim Richards, A.T.Rumsey, A.C.Scutter, R.W.Smith, Old Smoke, M.P.Steward, Tot, Patrick Tuhey, David Tyrrell, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Tony Whitford, Chris Whitehouse, John Williamson, S.C.Wilson, D.Woodward, Yak.



# REAL DRAUGHT BEER and where to find it

## A LIST OF YOUNG'S PUBS

### BALHAM, SW12

Duke of Devonshire, 39 Balham High Rd  
Grove, 39 Oldridge Rd  
Nightingale, 97 Nightingale Lane

### BARKING, Essex

Britannia, 1 Church Rd

### BARNES, SW13

Bulls Head, 373 Lonsdale Rd  
Coach and Horses, 27 High St  
White Hart, The Terrace, Riverside

### BATTERSEA, SW11

Castle, 115 Battersea High St

### Duke of Cambridge,

228 Battersea Bridge Rd

### BEDDINGTON, Surrey

Plough, Croydon Rd

### BETCHWORTH, Surrey

Dolphin, The Street

### BLOOMSBURY, WC1

Caltheopie Arms, 252 Gray's Inn Rd  
Lamb, 94 Lamb's Conduit St  
Three Cups, 21-22 Sundial St

### BOROUGH, SE1

Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St

### BOW, E3

Coborn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd

### BRUXTON

Hope and Anchor, 123 Acre Lane, SW2

Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gardens, SW9

### CARSHALL, Surrey

Greyhound, 2 High St

### CATFORD, SE6

Canford Ram, 9 Winslade Way

### CHELSEA

Chobson Ram, Burnaby St, SW10

Coopers Arms, 87 Flood St, SW3

King's Arms, 180 Fulham Rd, SW10

### CHEZIKNEY, 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

### CLEVERKENWELL, EC1

London Spa, 70 Exmouth Market

Sekford Arms, 34 Sekford St

### COVENT GARDEN, WC2

Marquess of Anglesey, 39 Bow St

### CROYDON, Surrey

Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St

Gloicester, 111 White Horse Rd

Tamworth Arms, 62 Tamworth Rd

### DAKIFORD, Kent

Milk Shovel, 3 Darenth Rd

### DORKING, Surrey

Old House at Home, 24 West St

### DULWICH, SE26

Dulwich Wood House, 39 Sydenham Hill

### EAST DULWICH, SE22

Clock House, 196a Peckham Rye

### EAST SHEEN, SW14

Hare and Hounds,

216 Upper Richmond Rd West

### EFFINGHAM, Surrey

Plough, Orestan Lane

### EPSON, Surrey

King's Arms, 144 East St

### ESHER, Surrey

Bear, 71 High St

### ETON WICK, Berkshire

Picwick, 32 Eton Wick Rd

### FITZROVIA, W1

One Tun, 58 Goudge St

### FULHAM, SW8

Duke of Cumberland,

235 New King's Rd

GREENFORD, Middlesex

Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue

### GREENWICH, SE10

Richard I, 52-54 Royal Hill

### HAMMERSMITH, W6

Brook Green, 170 Shepherd's Bush Rd

Builders, 81 King St

Tatched House, 115 Dalling Rd

### HAMPSTEAD, NW3

Flask, 14 Flask Walk

Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St

### HARLESDEN, NW10

Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane

### ISLEWORTH, Middlesex

Castle, 181 Upper Square

Couch and Horses, 183 London Rd

### ISLINGTON, N1

Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St

### KENSINGTON

Britannia, 1 Allen St, W8

Britannia Tap, 150 Warwick Rd, W14

### KENW, Surrey

Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green

### KILBURN, NW6

Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd

### KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, Surrey

Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill, Norbiton

Bishop Out of Residence,

2 Bishops Hall, off Thames St

Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Rd

Spring Grove, 13 Bloomfield Rd

### LAMBETH, SW8

Plough, 518 Wandsworth Rd

Prince of Wales, 99 Union Rd

Surprise, 16 Southville

### LEE, SE12

Crown, 117 Burnt Ash Hill

### LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5

Widow's Tavern, 58 Flaxman Rd

### MARYLEBONE, W1

Black Horse, 109 Marylebone High St

Wargrave Arms, 42 Brendon St

### MAYFAIR, W1

Guinea, 30 Bruton Place

Windmill, 6-8 Mill St

### MERTON, SW19

King's Head, 18 High St

Prince of Wales, 38 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 Bull, 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

Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank

Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd

Royal Oak, 1 Regency St

### PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex

Fountain, Station Rd

### PUTNEY, SW15

Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd

Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd

Green Man, Putney Heath

Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd

Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St

### REDMILL, Surrey

Hone Cottage, Redstone Hill

### REGENT'S PARK, NW1

Queens, 49 Regent's Park Rd

Spread Eagle, 141 Albert St

### RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES, Surrey

Fox and Goose, 327 Petersham Rd, Ham

Mitre, 20 St Mary's Grove

Old Ship, 3 King St

Orange Tree, 45 Kew Rd

Red Cow, 59 Sheen Rd

Shafshbury Arms, 123 Kew Rd

Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd

Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane

White Cross, Riverside

### ROEHAMPTON, SW15

Angel, 11 High St

Molesey Cat, Alderman Square

### ROTHERHITHE, SE16

Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St

### SHERE, Surrey

Prince of Wales, Shere Lane

### SOUTHWARK, SE1

Founders Arms, Bankside, 52 Hopton St

Prince William Henry, 217 Blackfriars Rd

### STEENEY

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 Lind Rd

Robin Hood, 52 West St

### SYDENHAM, SE26

Bricklayers Arms, 189 Dartmouth Rd

### TELDON, Middlesex

Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd

Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane

### THORNTON HEATH, Surrey

Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd

Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd

Railway Telegraph, 19 Brigstock Rd

### TOOTING, SW17

Castle, 38 High St

Garrage Park, 29 London Rd

Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane

Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane

### TWICKENHAM, Middlesex

Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd

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### WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, Surrey

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### WALLINGTON, Surrey

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Martin Smith's letter in the April edition of London Drinker (refused to serve pints to women) rang a couple of bells for me. I had my first taste of Old Tom in the North Derbyshire village where my husband spent the first 18 years of his life; the pub rule was halves for southerners and local women and none at all for southern women. I had to get Andy to give me a character reference before they would serve me even a half (I now get pints on demand!).

However, the problem is not restricted to pubs and their staff. Last year, I attended a beer festival alone, arriving during the early evening rush. I watched as each of the four men ahead of me was asked "member or non-member?", before each paying the full entry price of £2. When I reached the desk, the gentleman looked at me and said "£2 please". My answer was to place my CAMRA membership card on the desk and say "I think not".

Yours faithfully

Jane Darnborough, London E5

P.S. I was very disappointed to hear of the short testing of Fuller's Hock; it had already become a firm favourite with a couple of us at lunchtimes, but it seems I'll be back on the grapefruit juice next week!

Dear Editors

I just thought you ought to know about a Bier Keller that I visited on the 11th April 1993.

The name is Kaiser Bills Bier Keller & Ale House. The address is 48 Park Street, Central Croydon, Surrey. I understand it was formerly called "Goody's". There are two bar areas: Kings Bar, and the Keller. It appears to be a Whitbread Public House (price list). There are several ales in the Kings bar, some on pump, some straight from bar-mounted casks (nearly all Whitbread portfolio plus Fullers London Pride). Available in the Keller are Kattenberg Hellers, Dunkle, and bottled Prince Regent Lutipold Weissbier (Hefe). The price of a pint of Hellers is £1.98! The price of a bottle of Weissbier is £2.75!! I feel that you need to do a bank robbery to enjoy yourself here!!! - I

hope this information is of use for compilation in the London Drinker.

Yours faithfully

Simon Dyer, Mitcham, Surrey

Dear Editors

The Surrey branches of CAMRA are holding their 5th Surrey Beer Festival in Dorking on the 2nd and 3rd of July. We have been fortunate to have had the support of many of the readers of London Drinker in the past and we all hope that the same will be true this year. I am writing now as an appeal for help. Last year we had about half of the staff that we needed, and as a result, the few helpers that we had worked extremely hard to ensure that all who attended could once again enjoy some good Real Ale.

We like to think that we look after our staff during the Festival quite well, with food provided at half price and staff beer at around 50p a pint, free souvenir glasses, coupled with the willingness of the Surrey branches to provide a floor for the weary heads of any willing helpers, could make the short trip to Dorking a very cheap weekend. Welcome news indeed in these harsh economic times. Any 'outside help' would of course be reciprocated by the members of the Surrey branches of CAMRA in the future. Please contact any of the Surrey branch contacts in CAMRA's What's Brewing, or John Norman (National Executive) if you are prepared to lend a hand, whether available for an hour or a week. All offers of help will be gladly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Paul Fleming, Organising Committee

Dear Editors

I am collecting beer handpump clips and would be grateful if any of your readers could help or advise me in the quest for them. The more obscure the better, including beers no longer available such as Watneys London or Stag Bitter and Devenish, though there are many commonplace ones which I do not have.

I also have a 1958 handpump which I would like to restore, so if anyone knows of a source for second hand parts it would be very helpful.

Yours faithfully

John Gorrington, 9 Middle Road, Higher Denham, Bucks UB9 5EG

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## McMULLEN ANNOUNCES SERIES OF LIMITED EDITION PREMIUM ALES

### *Traditional IPA launches McMullen Special Reserve*

McMullen, Hertfordshire family brewers, have announced McMullen Special Reserve, a series of cask conditioned seasonal brews of different styles. The first of these limited edition premium ales - Traditional IPA - was available from Friday, 23rd April in selected McMullen pubs and free trade outlets for a limited period. Other McMullen Special Reserve ales will be introduced later.

Since 1827, McMullen has been developing and producing distinctive ales, such as Original AK, for those who appreciate the values of brewing quality and craftsmanship. The introduction of Traditional IPA is the continuation of this historic tradition.

Traditional IPA is modelled on a recipe which dates back more than 80 years. This recipe includes amber malt, now rarely used, which was a favourite ingredient of the period. It gives the ale a distinctive golden colour and flavour.

McMullen chose Traditional IPA to launch Special Reserve because founder Peter McMullen began brewing in Hertford in the early part of the 19th century when there was growing demand for fine English ales to be shipped to India. These "India Pale Ales", rich in character and hop content, needed to be brewed to a sufficiently high strength to withstand the long, hot sea voyage.

McMullen Special Reserve Traditional IPA, with a five per cent ABV (alcohol by volume), is based on those classic stronger brews.

The Traditional IPA recipe called for the use of amber malt and McMullen Production Director and Head Brewer Tony Skipper had to call on a maltster whom he knew could recreate the appropriate kilning of amber malt. This the brewer then carefully balanced with other ale variety malts - chocolate, crystal and pale ale - to produce a maltiness that is rich and toasty, and a deep golden colour.

Water for the brew was drawn from the Company's own wells under the brewery which have always supplied McMullen's brewing needs.

Natural whole leaf hops were used in the brew,

the historic IPA hoppy flavour being reproduced by the selection of a special aroma variety. Fermentation took place in the century-old timber and copper fermenting vessels, widely known as the "Great Wooden Vats of Hertford", in the 1891 Victorian brewhouse.

The McMullen pubs and free trade outlets selected for McMullen Special Reserve premium ales are those where there is a special demand for quality cask conditioned ales.

John McMullen, Chairman, said that the McMullen Special Reserve limited edition premium ales were being brewed for the added interest and choice of the discerning ale drinker and to underline the traditional skills and crafts of the independent family brewer.

"From the very first taste," he said, "our customers will know that a McMullen Special Reserve premium ale is very special. In fact, it has been specially brewed for the drinkers who really know and enjoy their beer.

"We would like to believe it is among the best of the family brewer's art" he said.

From McMullen & Sons Ltd press release.

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### BACK NUMBERS

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**LONDON PUBS GROUP:** Mon 24 (7.30) Wandsworth Pub Crawl. Start ALMA, 499 York Road, SW18 then SPREAD EAGLE (8.30); BREWERY TAP (9.00) and SHIP (9.30). All welcome - please bring and show a copy of London Drinker to be identified.

**CROYDON & SUTTON:** Thu 6 (8.00) Social with Guest Speaker. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon - Mon 10 (8.00) Two Pub Social. SURPRISE then SANDROCK, both Upper Shirley Road, Croydon - Thu 20 (8.00) Branch Meeting. PLOUGH, Beddington - Tue 25 (8.00) Croydon Crawl. STAR, Southbridge Road; CRICKETERS ARMS, Southbridge Place; SURREY CRICKETERS; BULLS HEAD; ROYAL STANDARD.

**EAST LONDON & CITY:** Mon 10 (8.00) Branch Meeting. CHESHAM ARMS, Mehetabel Road, E9 - Tue 18 (9.00) Branch Social. QUEENS HEAD, West Ham Lane, E15. Come and give your support to our darts team (We need it) - Wed 26 (8.00) Branch Social. DRUM, Lea Bridge Road, E10 - Mon 7 Jun Branch Meeting. Venue to be arranged.

**ENFIELD & BARNET:** Tue 4 (9.00) Two Pub Social in Cockfosters. COCK & DRAGON, Chalk Lane then TRENT TAVERN, Cockfosters Road - Wed 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. OLD WHITE LION, Great North Road, N2 - Thu 20 (9.00) Two Pub Social in Ponders End. GOAT, 252 High Street then WHITEHART, 165 High Street - Thu 27 (9.00) Social (possible darts match). BLACK HORSE, Wood Street, Barnet - Tue 1 Jun (9.00) Two Pub Social in Finchley, N3. JOINERS ARMS, 51 Ballards Lane then MINSTREL (10.00), 1 Ballards Lane - Wed 9 Jun (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. GREEN DRAGON, 889 Green Lanes, N21.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Wed 5 (8.30) Social. WYCH ELM, Kingston - Thu 13 (8.30) Business Meeting. ALMA, Weston Green - Thu 27 (8.00) Surrey Beer Festival Promotional Crawl of Kingston. Start at CANBURY ARMS - Wed 16 Jun (8.00) Surrey Beer Festival Promotional Crawl of Epsom. Start at KINGS ARMS.

**NORTH LONDON:** Thu 29 Apr (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. T.E. DINGWALL'S, Camden Lock, Camden Town, NW1 - Tue 4 (7.30) Open Committee Meeting (in Bar); (8.30) Branch Meeting (in Function Room). PLOUGH, 27 Museum Street, WC1 - Wed 5 (8.30) Joint Mild Social with Watford Branch in Watford (near Watford Junction BR station). ESTCOURT TAVERN, Estcourt Road (NB: NOT Estcourt Arms!) then NASCOT ARMS (9.30), Stamford Road - Tue 11 (8.00) Two Pub Mild Social in Islington, N1. COMPTON ARMS, Compton Avenue then 179 UPPER STREET (new Wetherspoon pub) (9.30), 179 Upper Street - Tue 18 (7.45) Joint Social with Watford Branch in NW10. Start FISHERMANS ARMS, 50 Old Oak Lane then GREEN MAN (8.30), Harlesden High Street; COLISEUM (9.00), Manor Park Road; GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Acton Lane - Thu 27 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. SQUARE TAVERN, Tolmers Square, NW1 - Tue 1 Jun (8.00) London Drinker Beer Festival Post-Mortem Meeting. DUKE OF HAMILTON, New End, Hampstead, NW3 - Tue 15 Jun BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. LAMB, Lambs Conduit Street, WC1 (in Function Room).

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Tue 4 (8.30) Committee Meeting. SHAFTESBURY ARMS, 123 Kew Road, Richmond - Mon 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. MOON UNDER WATER, 84-86 Staines Road, Hounslow - Thu 27 (8.00) Hock & Porter Crawl with South West London Branch. Start WHITE HORSE, Worples Way, Richmond; includes RED COW (9.00) & PRINCES HEAD (10.00).

**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Tue 4 (8.00) Open Committee/Branch Meeting. VILLAGE BLACKSMITH, 4 Hillreach, SE18 - Tue 18 (7.30) Catford Beer Festival Publicity Crawl 1. Start from WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street, SE1 - Tue 23 (7.30) Catford Beer Festival Publicity Crawl 2. Start from RISING SUN, 88 Rushey Green, SE6 - Thu 27 (7.30) Catford Beer Festival Publicity Crawl 3. Start from ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL, 10 Widmore Road, Bromley North - Tue 1 Jun (7.30) Catford Beer Festival Publicity Crawl 3. Start from RICHARD 1ST, 52 Royal Hill, SE10. Start from CATFORD

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**RAM**, 9 Winslade Way, SE6 - Wed 16 to Sat 19 Jun **THE FIRST CATFORD BEER FESTIVAL**. Lewisham Theatre, Catford, SE6. Please note: The Catford Beer Festival REPLACES the long running Greenwich Beer Festival. See advert for details.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX**: Thu 6 (8.30) Out of Area Social in Otford - Mon 10 (10.00am at brewery) Brewery Trip to McMULLENS, Hertford. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 - Mon 17 (8.30) Social. **FIVES & HERONIANS CLUB**, Green Lane, Chigwell - Mon 24 (8.30) Out of Area Social. **CAMBRIDGE BLUE**, 85/87 Gwydir Street, Cambridge. Coach hopefully. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 - Wed 2 to Sat 5 Jun **SOUTH ESSEX BEER FESTIVAL**. Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays. Opening times: Wed 6-11; Thu to Sat 12-3 & 6-11.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON**: Fri 30 Apr (8.00 for 9.00) Pub of the Year Presentation. **PRIORY ARMS**, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Sun 9 (12.00) Cricket Vs. SPBW Common Branch. Meet **DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE**, 228 Battersea Bridge Road, SW11. Match starts 2.30pm in Battersea Park. Potential players please contact Alan Millington on 081-646 5925 - Fri 14 (8.00) **BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**. **PRIORY ARMS**, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Thu 27 (8.00) Hock & Porter Crawl with Richmond & Hounslow Branch. Start **WHITE HORSE**, Worpole Way, Richmond; includes **RED COW** (9.00) & **PRINCES HEAD** (10.00) - Sun 6 Jun Cricket Vs. Plaxtol at West Peckham, Kent. Potential players please contact Alan Millington on 081-646 5925.

**WEST LONDON**: Thu 20 (8.00) **BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**. **WHITE HORSE**, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 12 (8.00) Chelsea Crawl. **MAGPIE & STUMP**, 442 Kings Road; **RILEY ARMS** (9.00) 433 Kings Road; **WORLDS END** (10.00), 459 Kings Road.

**WATFORD & DISTRICT**: Wed 5 (8.30) A Mild Evening in Watford. **ESTCOURT TAVERN** followed by **NASCOT ARMS** (9.30) - Tue 11 (8.30) Social. **BLACK HORSE**, Chorleywood - Tue 18 (8.30) Trip to Harlesden. **GREEN MAN**, 109 High Street (near Willesden Junction station) then **GRAND JUNCTION** (9.45) - Mon 31 (Late May Bank Holiday) **CROXLEY GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE BEER FESTIVAL** (off Barton Way) - Fri 11 Jun Pre-Christmas (beat the rush) London Pub Crawl.

**WEST MIDDLESEX**: Tue (8.00) Chiswick Crawl. **OLD PACK HORSE**; **CROWN & ANCHOR** (8.30); **GEORGE IV** (9.00); **J.J. MOONS** (9.30); **WINDMILL** (10.00), all pubs in Chiswick High Road, W4 - Tue 11 (8.30) Another Mingling with a Medley of Moreish Milds. **J.J. MOONS**, Ruislip Manor - Wed 19 (8.00 sharp) **BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**. **BEACONSFIELD ARMS**, 63 West End Road, Southall. Please be prompt and bring your membership card for voting purposes - Thu 27 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. **KINGS HEAD**, 214 High St., Acton, W3.

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

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## CLUTTERBUCK NOTES

*We have received the following from Bill Austen of Watford & District Branch, following an article in the March London Drinker:*

Keith Langridge's article on the new Clutterbucks Ale House (March London Drinker) contained some inaccurate information about Thomas Clutterbuck and his brewery which seems to have come straight from the Allied press release. Thomas Clutterbuck's brewery was in existence by 1763, but was actually in Stanmore, not Rickmansworth. It was a very successful business allowing the family to buy large

houses in the Hertfordshire countryside, as well as owning their own maltings and local hop fields. Beer was brewed at Stanmore until 1916 when the brewery closed. Beer was then supplied to their estate by Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton until 1923 when Clutterbuck's and their 83 pubs were taken over by the Cannon Brewery of St. Johns St., EC1, who were themselves taken over by Taylor Walker in 1930.

The major brewery in Rickmansworth belonged to Salter & Co. who were themselves taken over by the Cannon Brewery in 1924

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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the blue cover of the 24 page May 1983 issue of London Drinker bore a photo of the Bedford Hotel, Balham, then a recent convert to real ale. Prominent in the picture was a "no entry" street sign which, according to the caption, no longer applied to Real Ale drinkers. The pub's history appeared in the content, and some attention was paid to the most notable occurrence within its walls, the inquest upon the victim of the Balham Murder of 1876.

The Editorial dwelt upon one's motives for joining CAMRA, and stressed the danger of complacency in its success.

New Malden had become the latest Greater London district to achieve 100% real ale pubs. "Red Rover" - a pen-name veiling the identity of a contributor who worked for London buses - contributed the first of a number of articles which became renowned for their outspokenness about the less attractive side of the pub scene, such as prices, decor and clientele. On more than one occasion when producing a notebook in pubs, I had the dubious pleasure of being accused of his identity and of dubious journalistic practises; one guv'nor wouldn't accept my denials and invited me to something off through the door. This first crawl, which included several references to public transport, ran from Waterloo via Blackfriars Road to Walworth, and visited 32 pubs, of which the author actually drank in ten. You can guess why the others failed to please him. All subsequent episodes bore the title "London Drinking", and I believe the Gremlins caused the main heading with those words to be omitted. Mike Moran contributed Part 1 of a series on Home Brewing, which ran to three episodes then disappeared after an announcement to the effect that he was on holiday.

Mel Warren presented us with a crawl from Kings Cross to Highbury along the Caledonian Road. The title was "Dahn the Cally", for a change not mis-printed. A brief history of the Hoop & Grapes, Aldgate, which had been closed since 1976 and was to re-open at a date unspecified after major rebuilding work - it had escaped the Great Fire of 1666 by a matter of yards. Another re-opening, one which had already taken place, was that of Barker's,

formerly the Dive Bar, in Southwark Street.

The City of London Brewery was chronicled from its earliest reference, in 1431, to its demolition in 1942, when it was the oldest brewery in the City.

FIVE YEARS AGO in May 1988 the main colour was chocolate brown, with black appearing on 7 of its 40 pages including covers. This choice was made to mark the demise of Wethered's of Marlow (who used it as the house colour) and the cover illustration was of a Wethered's beer mat, to which we had added the letters R.I.P. This was premature, as press date was before the actual closure, but in any case that took place as scheduled by Whitbread.

Chris Cobbold in his Editorial dwelt on the evils of beer returned illegally to casks with beer from drip trays and the like.

Women's rights campaigners were claiming victory after the Jack the Ripper pub in Whitechapel had been forced to change its name after ten years back to its original title, the Ten Bells. All Ripper-related material appeared from then onwards inside the building, Roger Protz contributed a page about Truman's beers - at the time it was likely that the name would be transferred to beers brewed by Ushers of Trowbridge - which as it transpired turned out to be the case.

The Castle, Cowcross St. next to Farringdon Station was profiled - it has the unique distinction of holding a pawnbroker's licence, dating from the 1820s when the landlord loaned cash to the temporarily penniless King George IV (formerly the Prince Regent) on security of the monarch's watch. In the same issue the Glassblower, just off Regent Street, was also featured - at the time it was a regular L.D. outlet.

Hoskins Brewery of Leicester, which had owned the Waterside Inn N1 for two years, had sold it to Whitbread. Nearby the George VI had been sold by Thwaites of Blackburn to a free house chain.

The 9 year history of David Bruce's Firkin pubs was outlined - they had been sold for £6.6m to Midsummer Leisure, formerly CAMRA Real Ale Investments.

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## THE PUBS OF MUNICH

I have been living in Munich some years and, being retired, have made use of my many idle moments to carry out a survey of Munich pubs and beers. First, I must stress that, in general, pubs here are restaurants. Many serve hot food all day, from 9 am to 11.30 pm in the case of larger establishments. Children and babies in push chairs are commonly encountered during the day time.

Now, as to the beers, my palate was formed on the traditional English bitters of 50 years ago, such as real Bass and Worthington 'E' both, unhappily, unobtainable for many years. However, Youngs, Fullers, Greene King, etc are in that tradition so you will understand why, in general, I find Munich beers too sweet, too fizzy and far, far too cold. But one can always ask for a beer warmer!

There are light (in colour) or "hell" beers, dark or "dunkel" beers, "bock" and "doppelbock" beers, both light and dark. These are stronger. Then there are the "hefeweiss" beers (literally yeast pale, or light yeast beers), but one can get a "hefeweissbier dunkel". These undergo secondary fermentation in the bottle, like "White Shield" Worthington but with these the yeast is all carefully shaken up and poured into the glass. These beers account for about 30% of all sales. "Pils" beers, copied from Pilsen in the Czech Republic, are light "lager" beers. Their only merit, if it be such, is that they are served in very fancy glasses with a dainty little paper doyley round the stem to catch the drops. The cognoscenti maintain that it must take 7 minutes to serve a glass for it to be at its prime. But why bother? Lastly, there are the "stark" or strong beers brewed for Lent. The poor old monks (from which the word Munich, München, indeed derives its name) who founded many of the breweries, needed something to help them through Lent. Thus we have at that time of the year the strong beer festival, at Nockherberg, where Paulomes "Salvator" is served in litre pots only, alcohol by volume (ABV) 8%. Now, there are some superb beers in these various categories as you will see below.

In his article on Brussels pubs Ian McLaren,

in the London Drinker Christmas issue, says "the locals expect a pub to sell at least 300 different beers, mostly by the bottle." This is quite definitely not the case in Munich. The taste is for draught beer, even "hefeweissbier", is sold on draught. And the choice of beers is much less in the average pub (even the big ones) than in England. All pubs will have "hell", possibly also "dunkel" on draught. Augustineu pubs will probably have their "Edelstoff" (a stronger "hell", superb flavour) on draught as well. Bottled "bocks", "doppelbocks", "hefeweiss" and pils (also on draught in some places) complete the picture.

Now, in the University quarter there are pubs with a great range of bottled beers but these are not watering-holes characteristic of Munich, and not where the locals drink.

Beers range from 4.8 to 5.1% ABV for "hell" which is stronger than the average bitter in England or draught English "lager" whatever that abomination is.

Since pubs are restaurants a few words on Bavarian food are not amiss before describing a few pubs selected for interest and as good to very good of their type. Bavarian food is, to say the least, robust and copious. The plates are over-size and full (but rapidly emptied!) Meat portions are enormous. Pork is the most commonly served of the larger animals, followed by veal. Game, venison, hare and wild boar feature on many menus ducks, goose, chicken and turkey are popular.

Our first port of call is The "Augustineu". Arm yourself with a city map and you will find this enormous pub in the city centre at number 16 Neuhauserstrasse. Try the "Edelstoff" or the "Maximator" 2 litre pots are available for the earnest drinker.

"Spöckmeiers" is at 9 Rosenstrasse just off the Marienplatz (the very centre of the city). Excellent Pauldmer beer, hell, dunkel and Salvator. Good food. I like the cellar bar.

The "Stadt Kempten" is in the Viktualienmarkt, just off the Marienplatz. An excellent Löwenbrau pub. Try their light

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or "hell" doppelbock. Delicious.

The "Straubinger Hof" is at 5 Blumenstrasse, near the Viktualienmarkt. A very good pub (Paulamer beer) with excellent food. It always features a great range of what we call offal (which makes it sound second-rate and it isn't) such as liver, hearts, kidneys, etc. The stewed lung with a bread dumpling is one of Munich's specialities.

The "Bayerischer Hof" is in Promenadeplatz. It is among the largest and poshest hotels in Munich, covers a city block and one side of Promenadeplatz. Now, whereas I would not venture into the Savoy in London for a pint the Bayerischer Hof has an excellent cellar bar, the Palais Keller. This is some 550 years old. Good food. Try an "Operator", a strong, dark, bock, from a small brewery, Schlossbrauerei Odelzhausen.

The "Unions Bräu" is at 42 Einsteinstrasse, near Max-Weber-Platz underground station. You have to take U-bahn Line U5 from town. This is a splendid pub noteworthy for the very individual beer which is brewed on the premises. To my taste the very best draught beer in Munich served from small wooden barrels. The cellar bar has a restricted

menu, superior snacks. The ground floor restaurant serves excellent food, and, as ever in Munich, at prices one can afford. (Prices in London appall me. Recently in Surbiton an indifferent Chinese take-away cost £8.00 per head. A good meal will be served to you for no more than that in most of the pubs listed here and even include a beer or glass of wine).

Back in town do not miss a visit to the Weisser Bräuhaus at 10 Tal. Tal leads out of the Marienplatz to the East. Try the "Aventinus", a strong, dark, doppelbock; wheat (as against barley) hefeweissbier, brewed by Schneider, 8% ABV. A beautiful beer.

Finally, take the 19 tram out of town in the direction of St. Veit Strasse. Alight at Worth Strasse. Cross the road to number 11, Walters Tafern. This is a characteristic small Munich "local". More people standing than sitting. It does good snacks. Excellent "hell" (Schlossbrauerei Pötting) not chilled to death. But beware, it has a limited licence and closes at 10 pm so Walter, and Angie, will be calling for last orders before then and "Time gentlemen, please!" (in German) soon after. Closed Sundays.

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## CATFORD BEER FESTIVAL

16th to 19th June are the dates of the first Catford Beer Festival which is replacing the Greenwich Real Ale Festival. Moving to a new venue - the Lewisham Theatre in Catford - means that South East London CAMRA has lots of new ideas for making this event even more popular than the long running Greenwich Festival.

Every evening of the festival at about 9 pm the 'Strongroom' will be opened in the basement Studio Theatre. Here in a small specialist bar only strong beers will be featured including old favourites such as Marston's Owd Rodger and Robinson's Old Tom as well as many newcomers like Olde Tongham Tasty and Butterknowle High Force.

Mention of Old Tom reminds us that the festival logo will be a black and white cat which brings us round to the festival competition which we mentioned last month. The Hogs Back Brewery at Tongham will be brewing a special festival

beer and we want a name for it. The beer will be about 4% ABV and, at the festival, we will be giving away a minipin of the beer for the wittiest or most apt name selected. Remember, the theme of the festival will be feline or the name might relate to Catford itself. All you have to do is phone 081-699 8476 giving your name for the beer and your own name and telephone number. The winner will be notified before the festival so that he or she can attend to collect their minipin, about 17 pints.

We will be giving you more information next month about other beers which will be available at the festival but in the mean time we can assure everybody that there will be no Whitbread beers which, according to rumours we have heard, cannot be said for this year's GBBF at Olympia!

Any CAMRA members out there who would like to help at Catford should phone Simon Hosking on 081-852 0507 (evenings).

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**THE TOLLGATE**  
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**STOKE NEWINGTON**  
**THE TANNERS HALL**  
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**THE NEW MOON**  
413 Lordship Lane N17

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**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
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**ENFIELD**  
**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
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**NEASDEN**  
**THE OUTSIDE INN**  
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NW10

**SOUTH HARROW**  
**J J MOON'S**  
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Shatteshbury Circle  
South Harrow

**EAST BARNET**  
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**CHALK FARM**  
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40-42 Chalk Farm Road  
NW1

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281 Heath Street  
Hampstead, NW3

**WEALDSTONE**  
**THE SARSEN STONE**  
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Middlesex

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

**WANSTED**  
**THE GEORGE**  
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**HAYES**  
**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
10/11 Broadway Parade,  
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**J J MOON'S**  
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**HEATHROW**  
**WETHERSPOONS**  
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(Landside)

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**WALLINGTON**  
**THE WHISPERING MOON**  
25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road,  
Wallington, Surrey

**NEW SOUTHGATE**  
**THE BANKER'S DRAFT**  
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17-20 George Street, Croydon, Surrey

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## OPENING SOON

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**The Sylvan Moon**, 27 Green Lane,  
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146-148 The Grove, Stratford, E15

**The Banker's Draft**, 80 High Street, Eltham

**J J Moon's**, 46-62 High Street, Hornchurch

122-126 High Street, Edgware

Church Road, Bracknell, Berkshire

1 Buckingham Parade, Stanmore, Middlesex



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

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**THE WHOLE HOG**  
480-434 Green Lanes  
Palmer's Green N13

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

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

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

**WINDHAM HILL**  
**HALF MOON**  
749 Green Lanes, Windham 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

**BARKING/SIDE**  
**THE NEW FAIRLOP OAK**  
Fencepiece Road, Barking/side

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

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



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## THE FULLER'S PASSPORT TOUR

We'd had our Fuller's passports for some weeks before one day I suddenly said, "I reckon we can do the lot!" We'd applied for the small glossy green booklets in early June 1992 and waited several weeks for them to drop onto the mat. A friend and local CAMRA member had done the Passport tour about ten years ago, and it was he who gave us the initial inspiration. Since those days the Fuller's empire had expanded from about 110 to 200 hostelrys, some well outside the M25, reaching out to such far-off places as Basingstoke, Chipping Norton and Leighton Buzzard. I can't remember where we were when I suddenly decided the 200-strong chain was ours for the taking, from the nominally brief Bell to the multisyllabic brewery tap, "The Fox and Hounds and Mawson Arms", allegedly at one time a single house split in two by fraternal bickering. One memory from here is of a very elderly local who told me a hitherto unheard joke about a condom machine...

The tour is split into three areas, with no apparent geographical logic used. Each area has several houses local to the Chiswick brewery, several in the heart of London and several in the home counties. Completion of each of the first two areas rewards the traveller with a minipin of London Pride, and progressively more valuable prizes, culminating in a 'priceless' Fuller's passport tie, a headscarf for ladies and an engraved tankard for finishing the entire course. When applying for the passport, 'travellers' are asked to specify name what is to be engraved on the vessel. I pondered on the sense of changing my name to John Young or Samuel Smith!

The passport lists all 200 Fuller's houses, with a (somewhat brief) location, occasionally totally misleading, and a space for the staff to stamp the passport as proof of the visit. About half a dozen are ready-stamped, evidence of Fuller's plans to close some new acquisitions for total refurbishment. Gaining the various awards comes second to the pleasure found in visiting new towns and villages. I have always had a great reluctance for visiting new pubs, preferring to stick to several old faithfuls. In the past months we have visited perhaps 140 new pubs, on our way to completing the tour, and in that

time we have frequently said that we must return to a new friend on many occasions. There have been no low points, although the landlord of a Windsor hostelry who offered me ice in a pint of ESB when I complained about its temperature almost became the first nadir.

High points have been frequent. Perhaps the peak so far has been being allowed into The Boat at Berkhamstead at 11.55 a.m. one Sunday, wet and bedraggled after walking the wrong way along the Grand Union Canal towpath in heavy rain. We were greeted by smiling barstaff and the second best array of free bar snacks I have ever seen since that oft-remembered first teenage visit to a public house two decades ago. Significantly The Boat was the first Fuller's pub in which I had had a second pint since starting the tour.

One drawback in having to visit 200 pubs in 365 days, is the difficulty in having to be strong-willed and move on rather than lingering in new-found havens. But the latter half of the year, with its prospect of returning to rediscover fleeting pleasures is already beckoning. I love good simple well-seasoned food, and the sizzling baby chicken marinated in garlic, honey and whisky which almost moved a grown man to tears will linger long in my epicurean memories. Fuller's have forged the possibly incongruous but not to be missed bond between good traditional ale and Thai cuisine, epitomised in that visit one Sunday to the Harpenden Arms.

I have yet to find out what Alice, the other half of the ubiquitous 'we' in this article is planning to do with her soon-to-be-won minipins of Pride as she has managed to stick to fizzy non-alcoholic bottled concoctions. We have both gained new insight into the geography of the home counties, and have met many new friends doing the passport tour, few of whom conform to the erroneous image of real ale drinkers. At one time we would hand in our passports for the much-valued stamping to be greeted with remarks such as, "Only just started, eh?", or "You've got a long way to go," so it came as a welcome change the first time a landlord said, "Ah, you're nearly finished", especially as we still had over 95 still to go! Our policy of doing the more remote locations in Autumn,

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and the Chiswick/Ealing/Brentford areas in Winter has certainly paid off, leaving a few rural areas for the coming spring days.

Each weekend we have visited about 4-6 Fuller's houses and surely our predominant impression is of the variety of the estate, from the friendly back-street locals of Hammersmith and Chiswick to the often hard-to-find-but-well-worth-the-effort country inns outside the M25. Handing the passports over the bar has frequently been an unexpected way of breaking the ice with a local landlord or lady, or with an inquisitive local who either wanted to monitor our progress or maybe just to find out what brought us to their outpost. We stumbled (almost literally, one dark and stormy night) on a house claiming to be the only Fuller's pub serving a guest ale, a claim we have been unable to refute, and on another occasion we listened avidly to a barmaid who was trying to convince me that what I believed was the best pint of London Pride I had tasted that weekend was in fact a local microbrewing entrepreneur's attempt at emulating the Chiswick nectar!

After visiting 150 Fuller's pubs in 6 months we have seen a lot of variety, most of it good. Some houses are in dire need of major renovation, a fact of which the management is well aware, and there appears to be a major refurbishment project under way. One or two locations are very run down. On the other hand some are truly magnificent places to while away a few

hours. The variety means that some houses are quiet country locals but some are throbbing noisy places not worth a second visit. Toilet facilities vary immensely, from the pub in Surrey which provides 'pot-pourri' in the gents' to some which need to be vacated rapidly. I can never understand why some landlords don't improve or even clean their publican's convenience.

One unexpected surprise has been the quality of the current brew of Mr. Harry, Fuller's winter beer, which I hadn't had for a couple of years, positioned midway been the alcohol content of ESB and Pride. Sometimes it doesn't seem to be selling very fast - a pint, sour and insipid, returned at 2p.m. one Sunday elicited the response, 'Oh that's the first one we've pulled today.' I voted with my feet towards the door! Another surprise was the hospitality of a landlord who, on realising that we had arrived too late for food on a Sunday brought us a complimentary bowl of crisps and some excellent home-pickled onions. Yet another wonderful occurrence was finding the definitive pint of ESB in a pub I didn't know existed less than half a mile from where I lived for 4 years.

The achievement is greater than the prizes, and we will feel good when we finish the tour, and receive our tankards, and I look forward to toasting our success, probably with a pint of Young's!

Martin Watson



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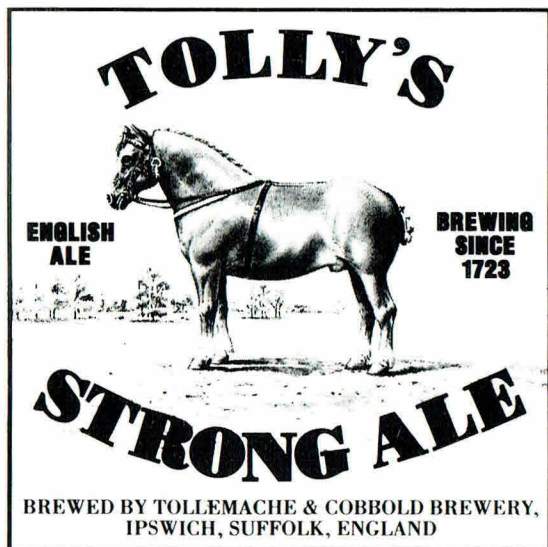
## SUFFOLK PUNCH PREFERRED BY ITALIANS

Since Tolly Cobbold was featured on the "Troubleshooter" TV programme on BBC last year, they have received many enquiries regarding the export of their beers.

The first major order - a full trunker load of 1200 cases - was despatched to Italy. The beer is, in fact, Cantab - their 1048° Year Beer, but

the Italians thought that the label with the naked lady, the Bacchante, was not very English. However, they loved the picture of the traditional Suffolk Punch and in no time at all, a new brand was born for the export market - Tolly's Strong Ale - an English Ale.

Below are samples of the new labels.



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In a 1½ page article entitled "If the Cap Fits", D James discussed some of the less salubrious pub practises which tend to lead to an inferior pint - you can guess them if you like. I won't spoil your drinking.

In the first of two parts of an Historicrawl of Windsor & Eton, Merton wrote about the pubs of Eton and 5 in Windsor, with a fair smattering of history. The second part, covering the rest of Windsor, appeared two months later.

Idle Moments featured three non-rhyming limericks and a three-stanza epic.

At this time CAMAL - the Campaign for Authentic Lager - was contributing regular articles, and a CAMAL trip to Germany was chronicled. They apparently enjoyed it.

From "Pint in Hand" - the magazine of the Society for the Preservation of Beer from the

Wood, which pre-dates CAMRA by some years, came an article on Coopering, very much a beer-related topic once, but now a dying craft.

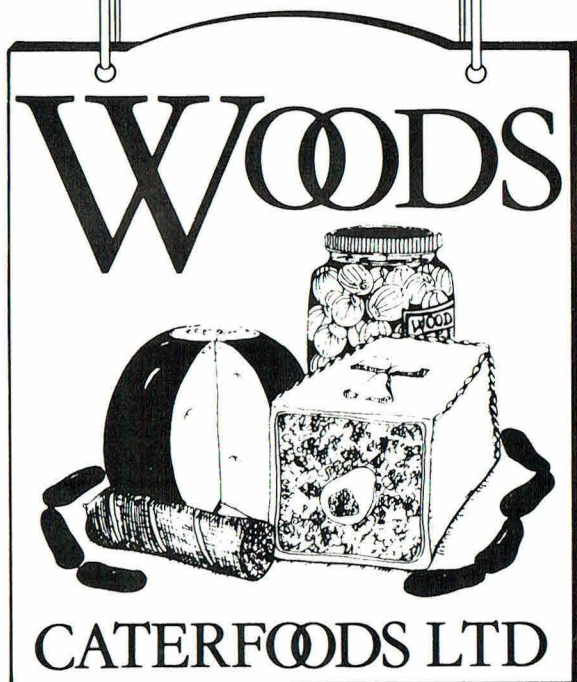
Alma Books' latest production, Pubs for Families, was reviewed.

In "News from Afar" the retirement of the late Ted Stanbridge from the Bat & Ball, Newpound Common near Billingshurst was covered - he lived there for 77½ years, served beer direct from the cask and never used a cellar. He died the following year. The pub now has handpumps, and is featured in the current Good Beer Guide.

That more or less wraps things up, so until I next indulge in nostalgia I will wish you happy drinking.

Cheers!

**Martin Smith**



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## NEW HEAD BREWERS CHOICE AT MARSTON'S

Marston's Head Brewer Paul Bayley has developed eight new cask ales, which will be available to selected customers through his exclusive Head Brewers Club.

From February 1st Paul, who has had 26 years of experience with Marston's, famous for its Pedigree Bitter brand, will brew a special cask ale every two weeks for 400 selected members of Marston's Head Brewers Club; repeating the four most popular ales to make a total of 12 cask ales over a six month period.

The beers are, in order of appearance:

**Chestnut Ales** - A full bodied ale  
A.B.V. 5.0% brewed with all malt  
grist of pale ale, Maris  
Otter barley and Crystal  
malt.

**Winter Warmer** - A high gravity rich  
A.B.V. 5.2% coloured ale with a mild  
hop character derived  
from Worcester Fuggles

**Luncheon Ale** - A refreshing light  
A.B.V. 2.5% quaffing bitter with a  
dry and crisp character  
and a slight overtone of  
dry hop

**Harvest Ale** - A pale coloured session  
A.B.V. 3.7% ale with a refreshing  
bitter flavour and hoppy  
note from Worcester  
Goldings

**Christmas Beer** - A high gravity pale ale  
A.B.V. 4.0% in Burton style well  
attenuated and with a  
pleasing bitterness

**Stout** - A rich dark stout  
A.B.V. 4.0% reflecting a strong roast  
malt character and a  
distinctive bitter note

**Burton Pale Ale** - Classic Burton pale ale,  
A.B.V. 3.8% with a dry and nutty  
flavour, but at a very  
drinkable gravity

**Union Mild** - Dark mild ale which  
A.B.V. 4.8% has a rich coloured  
malt character and a  
carefully balanced  
bitterness

Each ale will be supported with point of sale material, and each member of the club will receive a specially commissioned pump clip with a new clip fitting every two weeks accompanying the new cask ale for that period.

Paul states "I am delighted to have the opportunity to brew eight new cask ales. It is very rare a brewer is given such a challenge in a commercial environment that sees many brews disappearing.

"I hope our customers enjoy the range of new ales and I will be very interested in the feed

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Besides the draught British beer, the Festival will be having a British bottled beer bar for the first time ever. Bottled beers have been declining in the UK and in particular real bottled conditioned beers have been disappearing fast. The latest to disappear is the well known bottled Guinness. For the Festival we will have scoured around to bring the visitor a range of real bottled beers which have rarely been seen together under one roof before.

Among the bottled conditioned beers the Festival hopes to have are Gale's Prize Old Ale (9% alcohol) with its well known cork top rather than a metal top; Eldridge Pope's Thomas Hardy Ale (12% alcohol); the new Worthington White Shield (5.6% alcohol) and Courage's famous Imperial Russian Stout which is now brewed only occasionally. Besides these, the Festival hopes to offer some more unusual bottled beers from regional independent brewers. Because of their rarity the bottled beers will not only be available for drinking at the Festival but will also be available for taking home, so don't forget your carrier bag!

The Great British Beer Festival is open 3rd-7th August, Grand Hall, Olympia. For further details contact 0727 867201.

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## NATIONAL DROP IN BEER SALES

In its edition of 29th March The Publican quoted a report by the Brewers' Society concerning the drop in consumption of beers and lagers in various parts of Great Britain in the year up to November 1992. This was illustrated by a very small-scale map about 3½" high without specific county boundaries, so the figures which follow apply only to approximate areas for want of better definition. Worst off was the Midlands - traditionally an area for the comparatively cheaper pint - at 8%, followed by Scotland at 7%, East Anglia at 6%, the North-West and Isle of Man at 5%, the South-West, Wales and West Midlands (for the purposes of this article, bounded on the eastern side by a line northwards from the Isle of Wight to Oxford then north-westwards to Chester) at 4%, and the North-East at 3%. The least reduction, of 1%, was for the area including Berkshire, east Hampshire, Sussex and the counties adjoining London - ironically, the area most likely to be affected by the relaxed restrictions on alcohol imported from the Continent, which were in effect for part of the period in question. To add to the irony, also towards the end of March the popular press reported that Daniel Thwaites of Blackburn are exporting beer to the Continent aimed at the market comprising British visitors for purchase and re-importation. During February Shepherd Neame of Faversham started exporting bottled Bishops Finger and Master Brew to the Continent, aimed at the same market. I realize that the two last points refer to pre-packaged rather than draught beer, but cheaper home consumption leads to lower pub attendance and a drop in pub beer sales.

The figures quoted above made no differentiation between beers and lagers, but statistics showed that during the period under consideration real ale accounted for 58.5% of "draught" sales, compared to 41.5% for lager and keg. It was further stated that in 1991 cask sales rose by 15.2% over the previous year, whereas keg and lager had declined by 55.6% - the figures included products brewed and imported for sale in the UK, for both on and off trade, and did not include cans or bottles. Beer sales are dropping because prices are rising, and vice-versa - the fatal downward spiral (if that is the

right phrase to use in this context) for the beer drinker. It was stated that while 259,000,000 less pints were sold, while pub takings were up by £335 million. Guess who is the loser?

The article was drawn to my attention by a sympathetic landlord who informed me that during 1992 his suppliers, Whitbread (who presumably are not a typical) had raised prices on no less than ten separate occasions, the reasons (apart from rises in the cost of raw materials) being the rising cost of petrol with knock-on effect on VAT; changes to VAT rates with the same effect; changes in the rate of duty; and all the usual excuses to charge more, including "overheads" which has to be passed on to the consumer if the pub is to remain in business - though for the life of me I can't see how the Chancellor's 1½p on a pint can possibly translate itself to 5 or 10p. There is less money in the customer's pocket now to go around, and because the landlord has to pay out more from lower incomings, the pub seems due for extinction unless the customer ceases to be penalized for taking sustenance - beer is food after all - and relaxation, which is conducive and essential to efficiency at work, on which the economy is dependent. We in Britain pay the second highest rate of tax on beer, after Eire, in the whole of the EEC. Bringing that taxation into line with our European partners would do at least something towards preserving part of the Great British heritage, which if current trends continue may well cease to exist, never to be revived - our pubs. As Hilaric Belloc, a naturalized British subject of French extraction and a great Anglophile once wrote (and I make no apology for repeating the much-used quotation):

*"When you have lost your inns, drown your empty selves, FOR YOU WILL HAVE LOST THE LAST OF ENGLAND."*

**Martin Smith**

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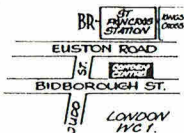
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The first McMullen brewery was started by Peter McMullen, great-great grandfather of the McMullens who run the present-day company. He was a cooper by trade and began brewing his own beer in what is now Railway Street in Hertford. He had no pubs to his name at that time, so he sold his beers himself to all and sundry, just as he did three years later when he was able to expand his enterprise and buy a riverside property which he converted into a brewery.

Peter McMullen's brewing venture was extremely successful as he sold his ales to many hostelrys and drinking houses in the Hertford area, so it was not surprising that in 1836 he was able to purchase his own pub, The Greyhound at Bengoe. This pub which has the distinction of being McMullen No. 1, is still a thriving Mac's house today.

In 1860, Peter McMullen retired and his fourth and fifth sons - of a family of nine children - Alexander Peter and Osmond Henry took over the business which then became known as P. McMullen & Sons. Four years later there began a decade of expansion which laid the foundations for the successful future of the Company with the purchase of Cannon's Brewery in Ware and in 1874, the Star Brewery, also in Ware, and all the pubs of those two concerns.

The continuing expansion of the Company demanded a bigger production plant, so in 1891 the Hartham Lane brewhouse was built and still stands today, the original timber and copper fermenting vessels being used for all present-day McMullen beers. These vessels are known universally as the "Great Wooden Vats of Hertford."

The first of three 240-feet deep wells was also sunk under the brewhouse when it was built and are still used today to supply the

million of gallons of water that are needed every year in the production of McMullen beers and lagers.



*McMullen's brewing team examining amber malt, one of the principle ingredients of Traditional IPA, at the old maltings where it was specially kilned. From left to right: Paul Satti, Senior Brewer; Tony Skipper, Production Director and Head Brewer; and Eric Mansfield, Brewery Manager*

Another big development came in 1904 when the Company purchased the Epping Brewery together with all its pubs. At this time, McMullen was one of no fewer than 35 independent brewers in Hertfordshire.

The next generation of McMullens, under Osmond Robert McMullen, took over the running of the Company in 1914 and in 1922 he bought the neighbouring Hope Brewery - and yet more pubs. Five years later, he acquired two pubs in London, the Admiral Mann in Camden Town and the Nags Head in Covent Garden. The Company added to its London representation in 1986 by purchasing the Spice of Life in Cambridge Circus in the heart of London's theatreland.

After the death of Osmond Robert McMullen in 1946, his son, Colonel R.P. McMullen headed up the Company and guided it through the difficult days following the war. His sons, Mr Ian McMullen and Mr David McMullen, are the Joint Managing Directors of the present-day Company, and his nephew, Mr John McMullen, is Chairman, while Mr Fergus McMullen, son of the Chairman, is



*The first tasting of Traditional IPA, after the completion of the brew, was conducted at the Hertford brewery by Tony Skipper, Production Director and Head Brewer, and John McMullen, Company Chairman.*

At McMullen the emphasis is on the traditional process of beer production, although over the past 30 years there has been the introduction of contemporary technology to assist the traditional process.

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From McMullen & Sons Ltd press release.



*Testing the original gravity of the Traditional IPA at the fermentation stage in one of the century-old timber and copper fermenter vessels at McMullen's Hertford brewery. Pictured are Paul Satti, Senior Brewer, and Eric Mansfield, Brewery Manager.*

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May 27-29	4th Cider & Perry Exhibition Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, London WC1
May 29	Rare Breeds Centre Ashford, Kent
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*Contd. from p.9*

Dear Editors

Drinker readers who also take the Independent newspaper will doubtless have seen the excellent free advert for London Drinker in the Independent (Monday 22nd March). In a very large photo of a genial publican dispensing beers from a range of handpumps London Drinker is shown on sale behind the bar. Readers not familiar with South East London may have wondered about the identity of the pub since no clue was given in the accompanying article about the origins of brewing.

The pub concerned was the Crystal Palace Tavern in East Dulwich which SE London CAMRA members have voted their Pub of the Year for the last two years and the genial guv'nor is of course Brian Hockney who serves a variety of beers, always in superb condition. Pity the Independent didn't give the pub or Brian a credit in the feature; still, they did give London Drinker a free plug!

Yours faithfully

Dave Sullivan, SE London CAMRA

Dear Editors

An excellent letter from D. Kenlock in your March issue concerns the stake-building of

shares in FULLERS, a brewing independent quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Whitbread building a platform: leading to a takeover bid is the concern of Mr Kenlock.

Surely people who work for FULLERS should be buying shares; each carries a vote in a takeover tussle, but how many licensees interest themselves in buying shares?

The real ale drinker, who cares about the quality of the independents, should telephone his bank or broker with an order for FULLERS shares today - an investment for future higher dividends and decent drink?

Yours faithfully

Stephen Fothergill, London SW6

Dear Editors

You may have heard of a chain called Wessex Inns which runs a chain of pubs called Village Inns. They have inns in E8, E13 and E17. The guv'nor of the one in E13 told me that most of the company's pubs are in South London and that it has a supply deal with Charringtons with all beer coming from their range (including guest beers).

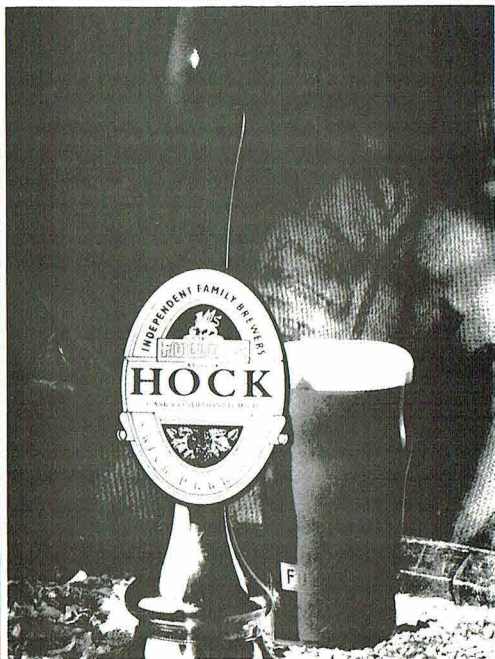
Yours faithfully

Colin Price, Barking, Essex

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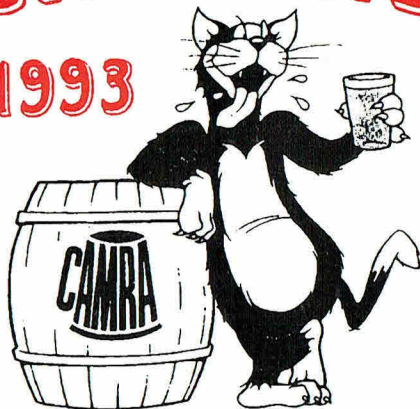
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