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DRINKER



THE MITRE, N1
(Photo: Alistair Boyd)

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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 HORNNMAN 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 HOWARD CLUB
OFF TRADE
E4 Waltham Wines, 72 Sewardstone
Road.
SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lec Road.
BEXLEYHEATH, Bitter Experience,
216 Broadway.
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons
Hill.

OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
WC1 CITTY 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 HOLLOWAY
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
EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
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 HORSESHOES
NW4 CHEQUERS
NW4 GREYHOUND
NW4 WHITE BEAR
NW4 WHITE LION OF
MORTIMER
NW6 QUEENS ARMS
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
HATCH END, MOON & SIXPENCE
KENTON, NEW MOON
NORTH HARROW, J. J. MOONS
RUISLIP, J.J. MOONS
SOUTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK
WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE
WEMBLEY, J. J. MOONS

OFF TRADE

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

CLUBS

NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,
Middlesex University Business
School

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EDITORIAL

In May a review by MPs of the Government's Beer Orders (as reported in June's What's Brewing) criticised the unnecessary "expense and turbulence" they caused to the brewing industry. I do not propose to paraphrase the article which many of you will no doubt have read but I should just like to muse upon who these MPs actually spoke to in carrying out their review.

Oh yes, of course they spoke to the brewers who told them that their costs in complying with their orders amounted to £500 million, but did they talk to the consumers? If they had, the punters would no doubt also have told them that the orders were something of a waste of time - but because they were watered down so much from the original recommendations of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

One item identified by the MPs as the one unarguable success was the Guest Beer policy. Oh really? I will freely admit that I do not tend to drink in Big Six (or however many it is now) pubs, but those I do go in, and the others I hear about, do not seem to be doing very much to bring all the wonders of the British brewing industry to my neck of the woods. One or two pubs locally sell Brakspear's Bitter and this is most welcome but apart from this many tenants seem to have bowed down to pressure from their landlords and now take their "guest" beers from the breweries' lists. For example, Wadworth's 6X is a fine beer (if a little sweet for my personal liking) but it is so common in Courage pubs (or whatever they are now) that it hardly counts as a guest beer.

In my part of west and south west London there are, to be honest, a fair number of pubs selling a true guest beer but why do they all have to sell Fuller's London Pride? Yes, I know it's also an excellent beer; I drink plenty of it so I should know but it hardly

increases the range of choice in my area. All due congratulations to Fullers for getting into all these outlets but are the punters in my area so narrow in their tastes that they will only drink a guest beer that they can also drink in the Fullers tied house about a hundred yards away?

The other effect of the Beer Orders is the number of tied houses which are becoming free houses. This is a positive move but I wonder how long some of these enterprises will last with the punitive leases that tenants are forced to enter into particularly in these recessionary times. Oh yes (he said trying not to sound like someone in a grey suit), I keep forgetting, the recession is over isn't it. You must forgive my memory lapse - I work in the building industry.

On a related subject, you will no doubt have heard of out of town brewers buying pubs in the London area, Morlands in particular. One pub in my area was taken over by a new tenant when it was still owned by a big brewer. Anticipating that it would very shortly become a free house he spent a lot of money on his lease and redecoration. He was therefore somewhat disappointed to find that he is now the tenant of a small brewery without even the right to take a guest beer.

On another subject completely; people seem to be getting very excited about a pub recently converted to real beer. It seems that this hostelry is somewhere in Greater Manchester though I haven't been able to find it in any guide I have looked in. It is called the "Rovers Return" or some such and apparently belongs to some brewery I can't trace either called Newton & Ridley. Can anybody guide me to this pub for the next time I travel up to the North-West.

Andy Pirson



SATURDAY 31st JULY 1993

**BURTON and EAST-MIDLANDS
BEER FESTIVAL**

30 CASK CONDITIONED BEERS

featuring

a 19th Century INDIA PALE ALE OG 1063

**BREWED ESPECIALLY FOR THE WHITE HORSE AT THE
BASS MUSEUM, BURTON**

The BASS Sentinel a 1916 steam powered dray will be in steam

Other attractions: Display of the art of Cooperage,
Exhibition of Burton Brewing along with Bass Museum products on sale
Music from Fulham Brass Band and others.

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

IDLE MOMENTS

Sometimes the hardest part of compiling this column is trying to think of something interesting to say in between the puzzly(?) bits. This month seems to be just such a time so I shall just get on with the answers to last month's number puzzles and hope that the muse returns while we are at it:

1. 16 Ounces in a Pound
2. 1858 Hall Orchestra Founded in Manchester
3. 153 International Directory Enquiries
4. 1 Horn on a Unicorn
5. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
6. 32 Teeth for a Full Adult Set
7. 100 Cents in a Dollar
8. 7 Colours of the Rainbow
9. 25 Years for a Gold Watch
10. 24 Letters in the Greek Alphabet

No, the muse has still not returned yet so here are this month's:

1. 7 M of the Y are TODL
2. 0101 DC for the US
3. 3 C on the UF
4. 6,080 F in a NM
5. 2 TD
6. 4 S on the NZF
7. 48 CS of the US
8. 5 O of the W
9. 1773 Y of the BTP
10. 1 AN of H

Before going on to this month's brewery anagrams I must first apologise for an error that crept into this section of the April column. Bill Austin of Watford (Well, it proves I have at least one reader.) collared me the other day with a copy of the May edition, which of course contained the answers to April's puzzles and pointed out that NO GIN, DART cannot be an anagram of HARDINGTON as it doesn't contain the initial letter H. Oops! Sorry. Still, I've looked through my records and checked that what I had originally was right - that was NO GIN, DARTH. It looks like I must have pressed the wrong button at some stage while running the spell checker on my machine.

Now, having got that out of the way and having checked I've got the right numbers of letters here are last month's brewery anagram answers....

1. PRIME HASH HAMPSHIRE
2. JOSH H. MINT JOHN SMITH

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|-------------|---------|
| 3. HERD RUT | REDRUTH |
| 4. LEN HID | HILDEN |
| 5. YES PALS | PLASSEY |

...and here are this month's brewery anagrams:

1. 'ERE DINER
2. MUM HITS SALE
3. PACK HOB
4. TIES COTS
5. DO ROB WINO

And once again its time to rummage through the dusty recesses of our memories for those questions which are about as important as Watneys Star Light was alcoholic, starting as always with last month's answers (as if you could remember what the questions were):

1. Philip (consorts to British monarchs this century)
2. George Orwell
3. They died in the same week (16th and 20th August 1977 respectively) By the way, I apologise for the misspelling of Groucho Marx' name last month.
4. A caryatid is female and a telamon is male. (They are columns carved in the form of a human figure)
5. The cartoonist of Andy Capp
6. Kevin Moran (Man. Utd.); 1985 (18th May)
7. Abraham Lincoln
8. George III (1760-1820)
9. Sir John Betjeman
10. All or Nothing

And here are this month's questions:

1. What form of transport is "Airforce 2"?
2. What was the first programme transmitted on Channel 4?
3. What two sides play for the Bowring Bowl, and in what sport?
4. Which Frenchman became King of Sweden?
5. Which Irish comedian was born on 6th July 1936 as David O'Mahoney?
6. What prison in Southwark was originally for Royal servants who had committed offences but was a debtors' prison from 1842 to 1849, described by Dickens in Little Dorrit?
7. What was started on 1st January 1660 and "finished" on 31st May 1669?

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8. As you probably know, acidity and alkalinity are measured on the pH scale, but what is measured on the pC scale?
9. Besides lead, what metal is the other main constituent of pewter?
10. Apart from England and France, what other country's ships took part in the Battle of Trafalgar?

Last month, you may recall, I asked you what "G force" my washing experiences while it is spinning in the drum of my washing machine at 800 rpm. Well, the answer is just a teeny bit over 143 G. Or to put it another way the average pair of socks which normally weighs in at about an ounce effectively goes up to nine pounds in weight.

I've still not come up with any new brain teasers so here's another question along similar lines but a bit easier for those whose applied maths didn't reach quite such a high level:

How fast is somebody standing at the Equator rotating around the centre of the earth (in miles per hour), given that the diameter of the Earth is 7,920 miles?

Well, that's about it for another month so I'll see you again next time.

Bye for now.

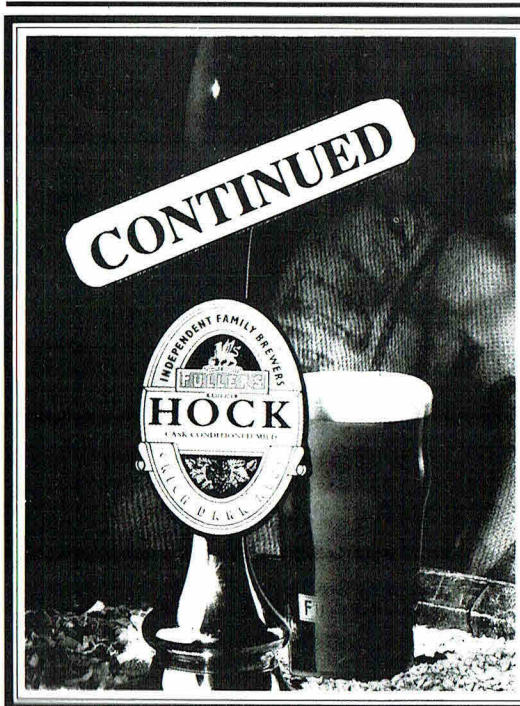
Andy Pirson

WHY WAIT?

When you arrive at Olympia the desire is to get straight into the Great British Beer Festival and to the bar. Unfortunately, with the popularity of the event, there is often a queue. To help the committed drinker, the Festival is once again offering *CAMRA members* a quick way in. With a season ticket the holder can jump the queues at any session and save money.

To obtain your ticket either phone Cathy Dale on 0727 867201 or send her a cheque for £5, made payable to CAMRA Ltd and quoting your membership number. *This offer is exclusive to CAMRA members only.*


If you are not a member then why not join? Simply fill in the membership form in this magazine. You will be saving yourself pounds!!




The image shows a tall, dark glass of beer with a thick head of white foam. To the left of the glass is a circular logo for 'HOCK' beer, which includes the text 'INDEPENDENT FAMILY BREWERS' and 'FULLER'S'. Above the glass, a white sign with the word 'CONTINUED' in black letters is tilted diagonally. The background is dark and textured.

HOCK

NEW
CASK CONDITIONED
MILD



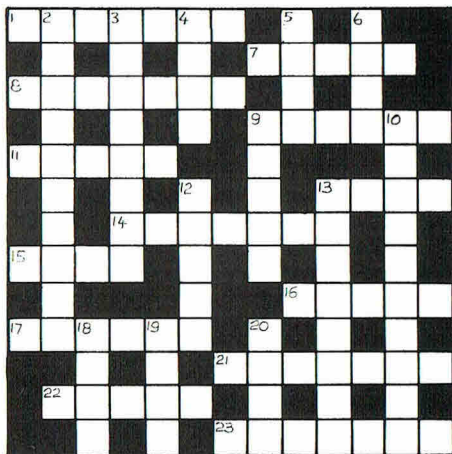
Fuller, Smith & Turner have re-introduced Mild as a cask-conditioned draught beer. From the beginning of March until Easter, you can enjoy the taste of a beer which is rich, dark and malty in flavour. It is a beer as old as the brewing tradition in this country and for this reason we have called our new beer by the name it was known 400 years ago - Hock.



LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON

SPECIAL PRIZE TO BE WON



ACROSS

1. Quietly taking second plate. [7]
7. It goes round and round. [5]
8. They follow love or business. [7]
9. You may draw it for money. [6]
11. Charles has energy for the hunt. [5]
13. Early rising. [4]
14. Come out and give some rifleman a terrific shot. [7]
15. Rode around the river. [4]
16. Order some fine dictionaries. [5]
17. Look up to one I dream about. [6]
21. Monk ate, I hear, cargo. [7]
22. The way beer has gone off. [5]
23. Exposes several intrigues. [7]

DOWN

2. Fat Ned held to be sinister. [4,6]
- 3 & 13 down. Soccer's cross bar? [8,8]
4. He's almost before time. [4]
5. The star of innovation. [4]
6. You'll use yours, if you have any sense. [4]
9. A race that's passed on. [5]
10. This beer will be drunk but you won't. [3,7]
12. House of ministers. [5]
13. See 3.
18. Frenchman consumed friend. [4]
19. Flower held by gorilla. [4]
20. Let out cockney trio. [4]

Name

Address

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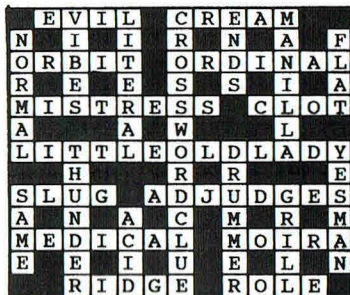
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All correct entries received by first post on 28th July will be entered into a draw for TWO SEASON TICKETS TO THE GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL. Prize winner will be announced in the September London Drinker.

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



Winner of the prize for the May Crossword:

R.H. Arnold, 288 North Hyde Lane,
Southall, Middlesex, UB2 5TG

Other correct entries were received from:

Paul Adams, Robert Anderson, Pat Andrews, I.W.Ardon, Alan Brooke, Martin Brown, Neil Chapman, A.P.Cornish, Jane Darnbrough, John Denison, Kathryn Everett, Mikes Farrelly/Richards, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Alison Henley, Hugh Jarris, Mrs. E.King, Doug King & Queen, Jim Mason, Rab Noolas, Steve Piggott, Jim Richards, John Rouse, P.Simmonds, "Surprise", David Tyrrell, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Chris Whithouse, Steve "Fez" Williams, D.Woodward, Yak.

There was also one incorrect entry.

CLAYGATE 2 DAY BEER FESTIVAL
10th & 11th JULY '93

THE SWAN

Claygate, Esher

CLAYGATE'S 1st REAL ALE FESTIVAL

**24 REAL ALES WILL BE AVAILABLE
DURING THE TWO DAYS**

Saturday 10th July

2.00 pm Start - Cricket Match & B.B.Q.

PUBLICANS

v

THE BREWERS

Evening Folk Music

Sunday 11th July

**YOUNGS DRAY
B.B.Q.**

(CRICKET MATCH)

**MORRIS
DANCERS**

To be held at

THE SWAN, HARE LANE, CLAYGATE, ESHER, SURREY

Mr. Clayton: 0372 462582

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Further to my recent letter [*See June edition - Ed.*] on bottle conditioned beers, the Oddbins off-licence chain has an interesting range of five British ones, Belgian ones (Duvel, Hoegaarden, Lindemans fruit beers), Hacker-Pschorr wheat beer from Munich and Coopers Sparkling Ale from Adelaide.

Another independent off licence with an interesting range (including several Belgian Trappists) is the Cranbrook, 634 Cranbrook Road, Ilford, Essex.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Price, Barking

Editor's Note: Colin attached to his letter a leaflet entitled "Oddbins Traditional British Beer" which gives details of traditional beers they have available from breweries (independent and otherwise) around the country and free beer tastings on four consecutive Saturdays - all in May, unfortunately .

Andy Pirson

Dear Editors,

May be its because I'm a Londoner but G. Broadley has a point when he argues that there is a London beer style, [June L.D.], even if the beer itself is brewed in Home Counties locations such as Faversham or Henley. Following on from Chris Cobbold's piece on bitter beers a line is beginning to emerge which might suggest a new campaigning angle for the London branches of CAMRA and perhaps, even, for the beer selection at the 1994 London Drinker Festival. However before all that we need a debate. What does qualify as a London beer? Is anybody, Broadly, Cobbold or others, prepared to venture forth with a list?

Yours sincerely,

Keith Flett,

London N17

Dear Editors,

Just a line to let you know that The Pollards Oak is now renamed The Oak and Acorn and this pub's address is Chestnut Grove, Mitcham (Pollards Hill) Surrey.

They are now operating the guest beer Portfolio which started late because of awaiting a

permanent manager! The guest beer at present is Fremains (R.I.P.) West Country Pale Ale - good condition. The regular ales are Boddingtons Bitter and Flowers Original.

Yours sincerely

S. A. Dyer,

Mitcham, Surrey

NEWS FROM YOUNG'S BREWERY

Youngs have opened their third hotel - the Windmill on Clapham Common.

The first guest was brewery chairman John Young, who stayed at the 30-bedroom hotel with his wife Yvonne on the night before it opened to the public.

In common with Young's first two hotels - the Bridge at Greenford, Middlesex, and the Crown at Chertsey, Surrey - the original pub is retained at the Windmill, to provide a change from the stuffy cocktail bars to be found in the majority of London hotels.

There is now a new non-smoking conservatory and an enlarged restaurant serving a wide range of fish, meat and vegetarian dishes.

The Windmill has stood on the south side of Clapham Common since at least 1665 and has been a Young's house since 1848. Holly Lodge, a small hotel at the back of the pub, has been incorporated into the new Windmill.



Brewery chairman John Young signs in as the first guest at the Windmill, watched by Young's director of hotels and catering, Terry O'Connor, and chief receptionist Lorraine Carter.

FAIR PLAY FOR PUBS

CAMRA has demanded fair play for the British pub and is responding to the Government's Consultative Paper on reform of the licensing system in England and Wales.

CAMRA believes that the proposal for a continental style cafe licence is a muddle. The problem is not so much cafe style premises themselves, which can already be opened perfectly well under the existing law.

"What is wrong is that the Government want to rig the licensing system, to make it far easier to open a licensed cafe than a pub" said CAMRA Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox. "This is a big mistake".

"We believe that pubs and licensed cafes should compete on fair and equal terms" said Cox. "The Government does not seem to realise that if you licence a cafe, it might attract the same drinkers who use pubs at the moment, and the same problems will arise. Weaker controls on cafes could be a real problem".

This dangerous loophole will lead to heavy drinking in some cafe premises and possible public disorder problems, CAMRA believes.

Furthermore, a flood of licensed cafes will actually make it more difficult to open a pub. Magistrates might be forced to clamp down on pubs, because their hands will be tied when it comes to issuing cafe licences.

"We think that licensing should actively encourage the British pub, and allow it to change in line with customer wishes. As an institution, it will do more to encourage visitors to Britain than a spate of fake Toujours Provence lookalikes. Give pubs the freedom to admit accompanied children, and to open sensible hours, and they will beat most cafes hollow" said Cox.

"A DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE . . ."

(East London & City News)

The GOLDENGROVE opened on May 14th on the corner of The Grove and Great Eastern Road, E15, within easy walking (or staggering) distance of Stratford station.

Under the management of Paul Dungey and Jackie Dennis, this split-level Wetherspoon's pub offers Younger's Scotch Bitter, Theakston's Best and XB, Courage Directors and Wadworth's 6X with guest beers at the weekends (first guest, Hop Back Wheat Beer). An internal ramp gives disabled customers access to all parts of the pub and there is an outdoor drinking area at the back, giving you the chance to savour the sound of traffic orbiting the Stratford one-way system!

Inside, the walls are adorned with pictures of old Stratford and the surrounding area, with special mention being made of the nearby railway works and the Theatre Royal as well as other local industries. By the way, beer is served in oversize lined glasses so check before asking for a top-up!

"East End"

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

July 2-3	5th Surrey Dorking Halls, Reigate Road
July 16-18	Ardingly Vintage Vehicle Show. Nr Haywards Heath, Sussex
July 17-18	Woodcote Veteran Transport Rally. 8m north of Reading on B4526.
July 22-24	19th Kent Cowshed, Merton Farm, Merton Lane, Canterbury
July 23-25	18th Cotswold Postlip Hall, Nr. Winchcombe, Glos.
Aug 3-7	Great British Beer Festival Grand Hall, Olympia
Aug 20-21	Portsmouth
Aug 27-30	Eurobeer Festival Esplanade, Rochester, Kent

REAL DRAUGHT BEER

and where to find it in 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

Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Rd
Coach and Horses, 27 High St
White Hart, The Terrace, Roverside

BATTERSEA, SW11

Castle, 115 Battersea High St
Duke of Cambridge,

228 Battersea Bridge Rd

BEDDINGTON, Surrey

Plough, Croydon Rd

BETCHWORTH, Surrey

Dolphin, The Street

BLOOMSBURY, WC1

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

BOROUGH, SE1

Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St

BOW, E3

Coborn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd

BRISTON

Hope and Anchor,

123 Ace Lane, SW2

TRINITY ARMS,

45 Trinity Gardens, SW9

CARSHALTON, Surrey

Greyhound, 2 High St

CATFORD, SE6

Catford Ram, 9 Winslade Way

CHELSEA

Chelsea Ram, Burnaby St, SW10
Coopers' Arms, 87 Flood St, SW3
King's Arms, 190 Fulham Rd, SW10

CHERTSEY, Surrey

Bull's Head, Royal Parade

CHISLEHURST, Kent

Crown, London St

CHISWICK, W4

Crown and Anchor,

374 Chiswick High Rd

CITY OF LONDON

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

Wine Lodge, 145 Fenchurch St, EC3

CLAPHAM COMMON, SW4

Old 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

Sekforde Arms, 34 Sekforde St

COVENT GARDEN, WC2

Marquess of Anglesey, 39 Bow St

CROYDON, Surrey

Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St
Gloucester, 111 White Horse Rd
Tamworth Arms, 62 Tamworth Rd

DARTFORD, Kent

Malt Shovel, 3 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 Ry

EAST SHEEN, SW14

Hare and Hounds,

216 Upper Richmond Rd West

EFFINGHAM, Surrey

Plough, Orestan Lane

EPSOM, Surrey

King's Arms, 144 East St

ESHER, Surrey

Bear, 71 High St

ETON WICK, Berkshire

Pickwick, 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, 81 King St

Thatched House, 115 Dalling Rd

HAMPSTEAD, NW3

Flask, 14 Flask Walk

Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St

HARLESDEN, NW10

Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex

Castle, 18 Upper Square

Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd

ISLINGTON, N1

Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St

KENSINGTON

Britannia, 1 Allen St, W8

Britannia Tap, 150 Warwick Rd, W14

KEW, Surrey

Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green

KILBURN, NW6

Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES

Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill

Bishop Out of Residence,

2 Bishop's Hall, of Thames St

Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Rd

Spring Grove, 13 Bloomfield Rd

LAMBETH, SW8

Plough, 518 Wandsworth Rd

Prince of Wales, 99 Union Rd

Surprise, 16 Southville

LEE, SE12

Crown, 117 Burnt Ash Hill

LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5

Wickwood Tavern, 58 Flaxman Rd

MARYLEBONE, W1

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

Hoop, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate

OXFORD

Angel and Greyhound,

30 St Clements St

King's Arms, 40 Holywell St

OXSHOTT, Surrey

Bear, Leatherhead Rd

PIMLICO, SW1

Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank

Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd

PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex

Fountain, Station Rd

PRIMROSE HILL, NW1

Queens, 49 Regent's Park Rd

PUTNEY, SW15

Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd

Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd

Green Man, Putney Heath

Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd

Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St

REDHILL, Surrey

Home Cottage, Redstone Hill

REGENTS PARK, NW1

Spread Eagle, 141 Albert St

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES

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

Shaftesbury Arms, 123 Kew Rd

Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd

Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane

White Cross, Riverside

ROEHAMPTON, SW15

Angel, 11 High St

Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square

ROTHERHITHE, SE16

Ship, 39-47 St. Marychurch St

SHERE, Surrey

Prince of Wales, Shere Lane

SOUTHWARK, SE1

Founders' Arms,

Bankside, 52 Hopton St

Prince William Henry,

217 Blackfriars Rd

STEPNEY

Hollands, 7-9 Exmouth St, E1

Queen's Head, 8 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

Waggon and Horses,

1 Surbiton Hill Rd

SUTTON, Surrey

Lord Nelson, 32 Lower Rd

New Town, 7 Land Rd

Robin Hood, 52 West St

SYDENHAM, SE26

Bricklayers' Arms,

189 Dartmouth Rd

TEDDINGTON, Middlesex

Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd

Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane

THORNTON HEATH, Surrey

Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd

Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd

Railway Telegraph, 19 Bristock Rd

TOOTING, SW17

Castle, 38 High St

Gorringer Park, 29 London Rd

Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane

Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex

Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd

Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep

WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey

Royal George, 130 Hersham Rd

Swan, 50 Manor Rd

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, Surrey

Chequers, Chequers Lane

WALLINGTON, Surrey

Duke's Head, 6 Manor Rd

WANDSWORTH, SW18

Alma, 499 York Rd

Brewery Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St

County Arms, 345 Trinity Rd

Crane, 14 Armoury Way

Gardeners' Arms, 268 Merton Rd

Grapes, 39 Fairfield St

Halfway House, 521 Garratt Lane

King's Arms, 96 Wandsworth High St

Old 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

Wheatheaf, 30 Putney Bridge Rd

WESTMINSTER, SW1

Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France

Royal Oak, 1 Regency St

WIMBLEDON, SW19

Alexandra, 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



NOTHING'S AS SPECIAL AS YOUNG'S

BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for July of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 29.

LONDON PUBS GROUP: Sat 24 (7.30) Historic Pubs Crawl of SE1. Start ANCHOR TAP.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 5 (8.00) Branch Meeting. CITY PRIDE, 28 Farringdon Lane, EC1 - Wed 14 (8.00) Social. LADY DIANA, Forest Road, E8 - Tue 27 (8.00) Social. COPPERMILL, Copperfield Road, E17 - Mon 2 Aug (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE BEAR, St. John Street, EC1.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Thu 1 (8.30) Garden & Railwayside Social. RAILWAY BELL, 13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet - Tue 6 (8.30) Garden Social. KING & TINKER, Whitewebbs Lane, Enfield - Wed 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. KING GEORGE, 149 High Street, Barnet - Tue 20 (8.30) Garden Social. WHITE SWAN, Golders Green Road, NW11 - Thu 29 (8.30) Garden Social & London Drinker Pick-up. CRICKETERS, 18 Chase Side Place, Enfield.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Thu 15 (8.30) Business Meeting. EIGHT BELLS, Ewell.

NORTH LONDON: Thu 1 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. QUINN'S, Hawley Road, Camden Town, NW1 - Tue 6 (8.00) Two Pub Social in Holloway Road, N7. FLOUNDER & FIRKIN (Highbury & Islington LT/BR) then HOLLOWAY (9.30 - Holloway Road LT) - Thu 8 (daytime) Brewery Trip to Everards, Leicester. Details from Branch Contact - Tue 13 (7.30) Pub of the Year Presentation. FLASK, Flask Walk, Hampstead, NW3 - Tue 20 (7.30) Open Committee Meeting (in bar); (8.30) Branch Meeting (in function room). RUGBY TAVERN, Great James Street, WC1 - Thu 29 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. MITRE, Copenhagen Street, N1 - Thu 12 Aug (8.00) Two Pub Social. QUEENS ARMS, 1 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (Kilburn High Road BR, Kilburn Park LT) then BEATEN DOCKET (9.30), Cricklewood Broadway (bus 16/16A/32 from Queens Arms).

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 6 (8.30) Committee Meeting. COUNTY ARMS, 2 Hall Road, Isleworth - Mon 19 (8.30) Branch Meeting. GREEN MAN, Green Man Lane, Hatton, Bedfont - Thu 29 (8.30) Two Pub Social. DYSARTS, 135 Petersham Road, Petersham then ROSE OF YORK (9.45), Petersham Road, Richmond.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Thu 1 (8.00) Social. ANCHOR TAP, 28 Horselydown Lane, SE1 - Mon 12 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting. FOUNDERS ARMS, 52 Hopton Street, SE1 - Thu 29 (8.00) Boules Social. DULWICH WOOD HOUSE, 39 Sydenham Hill, SE26.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Fri 9 (2.30 at brewery) Brewery Trip to REEPHAM BREWERY followed by (5.00 at brewery) Brewery Trip to SCOTTIES BREWERY. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 - Wed 14 (8.30) Independents Social. PRINCE OF WALES, Woodham Road, Stow Maries (Possible coach - details/bookings from Wendy Benson) - Sat 24 (2.00 at pub) Out of Area Social. KINGS HEAD, 188 Wycombe Road (A4128), Prestwood (Possible coach - details/bookings from Wendy Benson) - Thu 29 (8.30) Social. KINGS HEAD, The Green, West Tilbury (OS: TQ661780) - Wed 4 Aug (8.30) Social. ROSE, Chelmsford Road (A1023), Shenfield.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Sun 18 (10.30am) Open Committee Meeting followed by (11.00) Open Festival Committee Meeting (Policy & budget meeting). Your chance for a say in next year's Battersea Beerex. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Sat 24 (12.00) Great British Beer Festival Publicity Crawl of Wandsworth. BEEHIVE, 197 St. Johns Hill, SW11. Includes GRAPES (2.00); CRANE (4.00); SPREAD EAGLE (6.00); OLD SERGEANT (8.00), all SW18

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Wed 7 Social. CART & HORSES, Commonwood. Taxis from Watford Junction at 8.15 - Sat 10 Games Day Trip. AUNT SALLY - Tue 13 (8.30) Oxhey

Social. RAILWAY ARMS then VICTORIA (9.15) and HAYDON ARMS (10.00) - Tue 20 (8.00) Maple Cross Social. THE CROSS then DUMB BELL (9.30), Horn Hill - Sat 24 A J.H. Special Day Trip - Sun 25 (8.00) Branch Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB - Wed 28 (8.30) Abbots Langley Social. SWAN then COMPASSES (9.30).

WEST LONDON: Thu 22 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 - Wed 14 (8.00) Riverside Ramble. CITY BARGE, Strand on the Green, W4; BELL & CROWN (9.00), Strand on the Green; EXPRESS HOTEL (10.00), Kew Bridge Road, Brentford

WEST MIDDLESEX: Thu 1 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. KENT HOTEL, 2 Scotch Common, Ealing, W5 - Wed 7 (12.00) Wychwood Brewery Trip, Witney, Oxon. Leave Uxbridge 12.00 noon by coach. Phone for further details - Thu 8 (8.30) Social. CROWN, Colham Green Road, Colham Green, Hillingdon - Tue 13 (8.00) Great British Beer Festival Publicity Crawl. Start HEREFORD ARMS, 127 Gloucester Road, SW7; finish WARWICK ARMS (10.00ish), 160 Warwick Road, W14 - Sat 17 (6.00) Great British Beer Festival Publicity Crawl. Start DOVE, 19 Upper Mall, W6; finish BUILDERS (between 9.00 & 10.00), 81 King Street, W6 - Wed 21 (8.30) Branch Meeting. CASE IS ALTERED, Eastcote High Road, Eastcote, Pinner (in the Barn/restaurant) - Thu 29 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. VIADUCT, 221 Uxbridge Road, Hanwell, W7.

Deadline for the August edition, 1st July. Material for September to arrive by 2nd August. **Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.**

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS

Ignored by many of the drinkers walking down Water Lane on their way to the river bank stands the WATERMANS ARMS. This comfortable little pub has had a very chequered history of late which has meant that it has been run by temporary managers for quite some time. However, just as we were going to press we heard that the licence has been taken over by Quentin and Denise Thwaites who are the managers of the WHITE CROSS, the imposing and excellent pub on the Riverside (that many of those people going Water Lane are on their way to).



This is excellent news for those of us who appreciate the quality of the White Cross but wish it was a bit quieter on warm summer days. Now we can look forward to the welcome and the quality of beer while (hopefully) leaving some of the crowds behind.

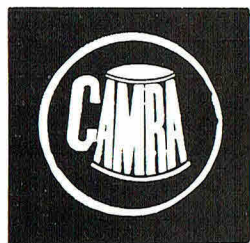
Incidentally, better late than never we can bring you the news that the White Cross was Richmond & Hounslow Branch's Pub of the Year for 1992. In the attached photo Branch Chairman, Doug Scott (on the right with the straight glass) is seen congratulating Denise and Quentin Thwaites following the presentation of a framed certificate confirming the fact.

YOUR CHANCE TO VISIT HIGHGATE BREWERY

The CAMRA Fundraising Group will be auctioning some very different lots at this year's Great British Beer Festival. Among the items on offer are five pairs of tickets for a trip to Highgate Brewery.

This West Midlands brewery is Bass's smallest. Built in 1895, it is a listed building and brews Highgate Dark (or Mild) and Old. It is not very usual to visit Highgate and the trip, on Friday 1st October, has been arranged especially for the Great British Beer Festival. One pair of tickets will be auctioned each night and the final pair on Saturday afternoon. Needless to say in addition to the brewery trips there will be the more usual lots of trays, bottled beers and mirrors.

For further details on the auction please contact Bill Austin on 0923 21217.



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TRAVELLING *SOLO?*, FEELING *SO-LO?*, AT A *LOOS* END? TO *OSLO* YOU MUST GO!

Norway may not spring to mind as the first place to enjoy some distinctive beers and who can blame you? I'll make no bones about it; it is bl**dy expensive! Regular priced flights cost around 170-ish, so shop around. The American Express Bureau de Change in Regent Street offers fairly good rates, holds Norwegian Kroner (Kr) on the premises and is very conveniently next door to Damart for your thermals!

Once in Oslo you can purchase, on a bus or tram, a "Dags Kort" or day ticket costing 35Kr or about 3.50. This ticket, unlike the London Travelcard, is valid for a full 24 hours after it is first validated, for unlimited travelling inside the city boundary within 24 hours from the beginning of the first trip. However, it is not valid on special night lines. A free map of the transport network and street index can be obtained from the Central Station and is called a "Spørveiskart".

There is no specific crawl here, just a selection of bars you may care to try in whichever order suits you. They were recommended by our hosts, Dag and Margarite, and David of the OSLO Micro Brewery (formerly of the Pheasant & Firkin) who added a few favourites of his own, most of which sell his beer, not surprisingly! N.B. - Wednesday is called 'Little Saturday' and can be expected to be a busier evening than other weekdays. The word "Gate" in the address literally means gate(way) and is pronounced Ga-Ta.

SIR WINSTON'S HOUSE, *Karl Johannes Gate*

J.D.Wetherspoon meets the Hilton, to the strains of Hotel California! A dining area to the left and a bar to the right. A picture of Winnie reposing is hung over the reproduction fireplace, to guard the eternal gas flame. A run of bookshelves decorates the right-hand wall. Seating is comfortable but ultimately the pub fails to catch hold of your imagination and a vacuum remains. The staff are courteous and efficient but nothing more. Nonetheless it is a welcome enough stop after a morning's shopping. OSLO Micro Brewery (OMB) Steamer and Irish Stout are on tap as well as Fredrikstad

beer at 23Kr for 0.33 litre. Meals are served throughout the day in the bar and diner (N.B. Roast beer and Yorkshire pudding on Sunday, with scotch egg and beef salad available daily). When a large party of Germans arrived smoking heavily (but not from their wingtips) we made our excuses and left.

PALACE GRILL (RHYTHM & BOOZE), *Sollis Gate*.

Open: 15.00 - 02.00

BE GOOD OR BE GONE, reads the inscription on the picture of a Stetson over the counter as you enter this American style bar. Whitewashed brick walls bedecked with prints of American and British musicians combine with soft US pop background Muzak and a laid-back attitude. Music newspapers and magazines are piled up at the far end of the bar. With only four tables and some chrome stools along the bar, come early if you're here for the music and want to sit. Music nights are Monday to Wednesday, offering jazz, blue grass and country. The ubiquitous Winmau dart board is out of action at this time, as the band play on the darts mat! Beers are various (OMB) plus others. Snacks are available. Busy days are Friday and Saturday, quieter between Sunday and Thursday and May/June is generally quieter than the rest of the year as the students are away. N.B. there are no spirits sales on Sunday.

GAMLE CHRISTIANA (Old Oslo), *Stortovets/Moller Gate*

A huge old building situated at the corner of the main Plaza (Stortovets). The first bar we went into was the dining and music hall room. Jazz dancing on Fridays from 20.00 to 24.00 to the sound of "Safe Seven and Sullivan" or "Tenor Gladness" for example. On Saturday afternoons stomp in between 13.00 and 17.00 to enjoy "Swingfoot Jazzband" or "Magnolia Jazzband" et al. The mushroom soup at 2.50 is affordable! The second entrance (bypassing the cocktail bar section) is in Moller Gate. This takes you into a medieval style hall. Here dark wood panelling combines with low lights and plentiful seating to make it a more restful stop. (OMB) Porter and Steamer were on draught at 1.90 for 0.33 litre. Free copies of the

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"culture" magazine **PLAKATEN** are left on the bar. In the cause of pure research I ascertained that condoms from the gents are 2.00 EACH!

LORRY, Park Vein

This is one example of the style known as a Brown Cafe. Rich in character, this bar would not look out of place in Belgium or The Netherlands. Photographs of regulars interspersed with oil paintings and murals adorn the walls. Lots of dark panelling; some masks of Charlie Chaplin and Harpo Marx too. There's even a bottled beer display. The beer menu features the quotation "Men mykje ol skal magan meiskas om man skal hogt miga," or "A lot of beer will satisfy the stomach, if you want to piss high!" A tranquil rest, the only outside noise being the rumble of the odd tram. Happy hours are 08.00-11.00 (-50%); 11.00-17.00 (-33%) and 24.00-02.30 (-33%). A great selection of beers (133) and good value food too, both traditional and vegetarian dishes available. Breakfast is served from 08.00 to 11.00 with food available until 22.30; a dinner will cost about 6.50. Beers are (OMB) **Pale**, **Irish Stout**, **Steamer** (6.7% ABV) and **Porter**; **Bokk** (dark and malty) plus optional egg(!); **Mack** (claims to be the World's most northerly brew) or **Bayersk** (recommended by 400 construction workers, apparently).

OSLO MICRO BREWERY (OSLO BRYGGERIKOMPANI), Sporveisgate

A fair sized single bar very reminiscent of the bar in the TV programme "CHEERS" but nothing like the real "CHEERS" bar which is the "Bull & Finch" pub at the Hampshire Hotel, Boston Mass. Lots of predominantly British breweriana adorn the walls. Enamelled signs from Eldridge Pope, Adnams, John Smiths Magnet Ales, to name a few. The brewery is situated at the front right of the pub and is enclosed in glass panels. Snacks on toast feature throughout the day. Beers are **Twin Peaks**, **Steamer**, **Porter**, **Best Bitter** and **Oslo Pills** at 40Kr for 0.5 litre. Twin Peaks has Yakima hops from the USA added although my favourite was the Best Bitter.

CHURCHILLS, Roald Amundsens Gate
T.G.I. (Thank God it's) Fridays meets the Blitz! Looks for all the World like Walt Disney designed this one. There's even a

model railway overhead on a perspex trackbed. Letters from Winnie to his daughter hang in the gents. Essentially a split level bar that is very comfortably furnished. A collection of past and present British PMs are pictured along the left hand wall over the bar. Beers: **Frydenlund**, (OMB) **Stout** and **Newcastle Brown Ale** feature.

CAFE SARA, Torg Gate (Market Street)

Open 11.00 to 04.00

This one is our hosts' favourite, a popular cafe with spotlight downlighters, chandelier uplighters, lime green walls and a blue painted ornate wooden ceiling with coving and cornices. The walls are bedecked with black and white prints of US cities and Paris. Tables and chairs in the windows and wooden stools and foot rails around the bar make for a quick turnover, drop-in clientele. There is a good choice of meals from salads, pitta, pizza, lasagna, and tacos. Food is available from 11.00 to 03.15 (Try getting that in London!). Beers: **Lysholmer**, **Ringnes (Pils)** and **Mack ol** at 23 to 29Kr for 0.33 to 0.5 litre.

SCHOUS CORNER, Thorvald Mayers Gate
In this 'brown cafe', as with the others, we were assured by our hosts of being served straight from the pump, as quality is a high priority. This is the brewery tap of the former Schous Brewery, closed in 1983 following their takeover by the bigger local fish Ringnes. Memories more of a Bavarian beer hall than a cafe were roused by the orderly layout of tables and padded bench seats. The left entrance leads to a mainly spirit bar, the right to the beer room. Both rooms are served by an island bar. At the front of the beer room were some charming alcoves in an anteroom with tables facing the street. A large mural over the beer counter depicts flora, fowl and fish. Soft vocal muzak blends well with the candlelit tables. Towards the rear on the walls can be found some prints and pictures of the brewery in its heyday. Wholesome food is available during the day and **Frydenlund** beer at 30Kr for 0.5 litre. The glasses, in addition to the obligatory beer logo, carry the name of Schous Corner engraved into them.

LILLE BUDAPEST, Pilestredet 60

Tel: 22 69 77 39

Our hosts took us to their favourite restaurant;

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CAMAL COMMENT

Following the better late than never realisation that the days of the kind of lager Britain has been producing and advertising at enormous cost to the drinker are numbered, the trade is uncertain what to do next to hold on to its market share, or, better still, to increase it. That it is worth doing and makes commercial sense does not seem to be in doubt. What is in doubt is how to replace the well known brands which a few years ago were household names and are now for one reason or another in disrepute. It is naturally reluctant to hand over the British lager market lock stock and barrel (or keg) to the Germans or Americans although if it does not act soon, it may well have no choice.

The franchise system that worked well for so long has, ironically, had a material influence on the diminishing prosperity of British lager producers largely because of their lack of commitment to quality, but also, events have overtaken them and they have failed to act early enough and decisively enough to counter the looming challenge to their one time unassailable market dominance.

Overseas producers have long ago dipped their elbow into the British dishwater and concluded that there is a veritable goldmine beneath the surface in the form of what is known in the trade as PPL, Premium Packaged Lager. The supermarkets and "Off" Licenses have been inundated, quite willingly, with a tidal wave of low in price, but high in quality PPL from all over the world.

So far as PPL is concerned there is no need

for a Campaign. The choice and price are unassailable - except, that is, in pubs where lots of us prefer to drink and where PPL tends to be 100% dearer than in the supermarkets and "Off" Licenses.

The connoisseurs amongst us know that, good as PPL can be, there is nothing to compare to PBL, Premium Bulk Lager such as that available at the 1992 Oktoberfest UK in Battersea Park.

There is an almost complete vacuum in this country so far as unpasteurised PBL dispensed direct from the barrel or lager tank is concerned and the field is wide open for the producer with imagination to explore. That lager of good quality could be produced here more cheaply than it could be imported goes without saying. We have all the raw materials and we have the know-how and there seems little doubt that the market is there.

Could somebody, somewhere, do for PBL what David Bruce did for real ale and set up a chain of beer halls where unpasteurised PBL brewed on the premises, preferably in the hall itself, could be obtained direct from the barrel or tank? British lager producers would do well to think about it.

(CAMAL is an acronym for Campaign for Authentic Lager, a group comprising CAMRA members whose aim is to improve the quality of draught lager produced and/or sold in the UK. For further information please phone 0707 873870).

FOSTER'S TAPS CHINESE BEER MARKET

Foster's "Amber Nectar" brewers are targeting Chinese drinkers.

In Shanghai, Foster's chief executive, Ted Kunkel, signed a joint venture agreement with the Chinese ministry of light industry to brew the lager at a local plant. Foster's may pump A\$100 million (£45 million) into the operation.

It is estimated that there are more than 850 breweries in China, most state owned, and the

deal will give the hard-pressed Australian brewer the opportunity to tap a market with the capacity in the long run to become the world's largest.

The Chinese drink about 1,600 million gallons of beer a year - about 14 pints per person, which is a huge increase on the 120 million gallons consumed annually 14 years ago. If Foster's succeeds, beer consumption could quickly rise to 50 pints a head every year.

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(GBG Page 200)

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(GBG Page 201)

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(GBG Page 272)

WOODMAN

071-228 2968

High Street, Battersea

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BEER HUNTING IN TALLINN

With all of Tallinn's medieval towers and cellars, one would think that the Old Town would be filled with intimate and atmospheric beer-selling establishments. This is not the case. Only two pubs in the Old Town are known for serving draft beers and one of them, the more famous one, is closed for apparently unending renovation. It's the **Karja Kelder**, still identified by the wooden keg hanging over the door. Happily, word has it that it has been bought and is being fixed up by the activist Saku brewhouse.

The other option for local drafts is the Kuller on Toompea. It's a true beerhall with an arched ceiling, a bar at one end and a fireplace at the other. They serve both *Saku Pilsner* and Sweden's *Spendrups* on draught as well as snacks such as soljanka and salted beans. Strangely, they close at 8pm.

In addition to these places, new beer bars have begun to appear with imported draught beers, and a few established places have linked up with import distributors and begun selling keg beers. These include the Merek bar, the bar in the Gnoom restaurant, the Gösser pub and restaurant and the West End pub. The popular **Eeslitall** restaurant and its catacombous cellar bar occasionally have good-tasting Finnish *Koff* draft beer. A few other bars have draught beer, one even has a couple of British ales on tap, but they suffer from a serious lack of charm.

The Gösser pub and restaurant may eventually become known as the *Rükgogu* (parliament) bar, as it's on top of Toompea, virtually next to the parliament committee office building. Those looking for a centuries-old cellar with suits of armour in the alcoves will be disappointed as the place is brightly lit with a kind of retro-futuristic decor. Snacks, meals and, of course, Gösser beer, imported from Austria, in half-litre tulips.

The **West End** pub is located just outside the city on Pärnmount, not far from the Place hotel. More like an American baer than an English pub, it has a bar inset with aquariums, running the length of the room - you may wonder where the hell you are, but your first guess wouldn't be Estonia. Be that as it may, the beer is cold (draft *Carlsberg*) and the food is good. In later

hours it can be packed with young "businessmen" and their escorts, may be one reason they now close at 11 pm instead of 5 am.

The **Gnoom** is a holdout from Soviet days located at the top of Viru street in the Old Town. It used to be an extremely difficult place to get into, but now that the doors are open we wonder why we were ever trying. An all-purpose food purveyor with a couple of restaurants, a first floor cafe, and bar. The German *Warseiner* beer is available in the least attractive room (the bar), a place which seems to have its own unposted hours.

The best of the new places is the **Merkat Baar**, located at the bottom of the Old Town at the very end of Olevimägi. The place is made up of two small rooms, both with architecture consistent with the neighbourhood. The beer is *Holsten* from northern Germany, served in small glasses. There is a small kitchen, coffee and a good selection of pastries. Although they have two televisions showing MTV above the bar, the volume isn't too loud for conversation and the service is friendly.

During the summer numerous beer terraces and patios will open up scattered throughout the Old Town, but their locations are hard to predict.

Anders Price

(With thanks to W. S. Reid)

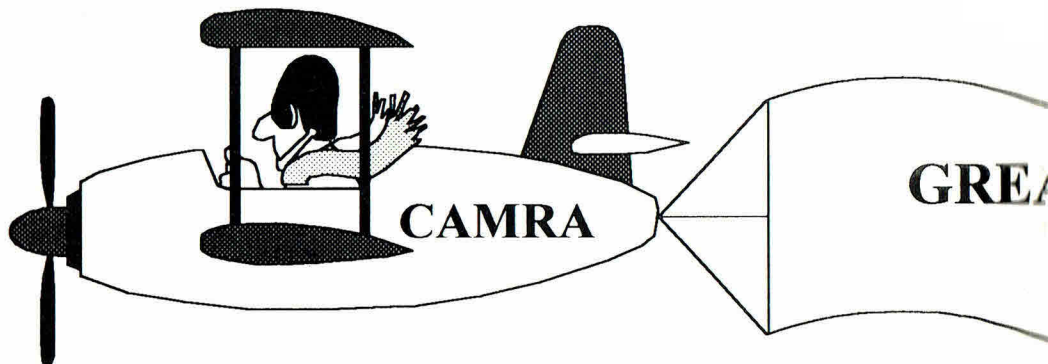
MASSIVE GROWTH IN INDEPENDENT BREWERS

CAMRA's new Independent Brewers leaflet lists 202 independent brewers, and there are a further 59 pubs which brew their own beer. Indeed, the number of brewers in Britain has doubled since CAMRA started in 1971.

Independent brewers vary from family owned companies, started over three hundred years ago, to small brewers set up in the last eighteen months.

In Europe, only Germany has more breweries.

It is estimated that Britain's independent brewers produce well over 750 different cask conditioned ales ("real ales") between them.



YOUNGS PRICES

We have received copies of correspondence between disgruntled drinkers and Young & Co and reproduced below the exchange of letters on the subject of pricing.

Dear Mr Young

We, the undersigned (92 of them - Ed), all regulars at the Railway Telegraph, Thornton Heath, would like to draw your attention to the following:

- (a) The Prince of Wales (Taylor Walker) for several weeks until recently was offering Youngs Ordinary Bitter at 20p less than your managed house price and continues to have regular "special offers".
- (b) At the time of writing, the Victoria Cross (Courage), ¼ mile walk, is offering Best Bitter at £1.20 per pint.
- (c) At The George (J. D. Wetherspoon), in Croydon, we can obtain Youngers Scotch Bitter at £1.05 a pint.
- (d) The Gloucester (a Youngs tenanted house) has frequent 10% off offers and "Happy Hours".
- (e) Clubs that some of us visit in the course of cribbage and darts matches usually price their ordinary bitters between £1.10 - £1.20.

In view of the above could you suggest any reason why we should continue to pay (for example) £1.45 for a pint of Ordinary in your saloon bar.

Many of us remember when, in the sixties and seventies, Youngs was not only the flagship for real ale in London, but also the cheapest. Will you therefore in these recessionary times, reduce your prices in your managed houses?

Yours faithfully

Dave MacMillan, Thornton Heath, Surrey, and 91 others

Dear Mr MacMillan

Further to my letter of 19th March (acknowledgement, so not reproduced - Ed), I have now had an opportunity to look closely at the prices of beers and lagers in the Thornton Heath area.

Whilst it is understood that several pubs have been doing temporary "special offers" these have not lasted long and the cheaper beers are generally ones considerably inferior to Youngs Bitter. Our price bands at The Railway Telegraph ('A' in the pub bar and 'C' in the saloon) are amongst the lowest in our managed houses.

We remain proud of our reputation for the best Real Ale and are confident that our prices are and will remain competitive. Thank you for drawing this matter to our attention and I hope we can look forward to your continued custom at The Railway Telegraph.

Yours faithfully

J A H Mackenzie-Smith, Manager, Managed House Department, Young & Co.

AT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

GRAND HALL, OLYMPIA

3RD - 7TH AUGUST

SAINSBURY'S BEER PRESS TASTING 27 APRIL 1993

I attended a Sainsbury's tasting to represent and report to London Drinker. I went in some trepidation, first as a stand-in, and because I was without great expectations; after all, beer from supermarkets does not have the best reputation.

But I found a selection of beers to surprise me. Not replicas, brewed under licence, but the real thing. There were some interesting beers, and almost all that was presented was above expectation, some even exciting. Sainsbury's are looking at bottle conditioned beer, porter, a Trappist ale, a Weissbier, a Rachbier, and a Kreik beer. They already have a Premium Ale (ABV 4.8% £1.42 per pint) brewed by Bateman's; nice, dry, hoppy Bavarian Organic Lager (Lammsbrau ABV 5.0% £1.42pp) a Czech Pilsener (Nymburk ABV 4.5% £1.37pp), and a good Belgian Ale, in the Gueuze style (Frank Boon ABV 6.0% £1.63pp). All were worth the tasting, with more than would take too much space to list. I did feel that some of the more distinctive tastes, such as the Rachbier, had been toned down for a larger sale, but Sainsbury's market approach seems to be that if beers are put out under their own label, people will try the more adventurous beers, having learned to trust the company on the quality of their other products. They

are convinced that they can control delivery and 'Sell By' dates within their sophisticated distribution system, and avoid any disasters of out of date beer etc., allowing customers to mature at home if they so desire, instead.

There were bottles, (Spanish, Mexican lager, etc.) from which I did not expect much, but tried in the spirit of the event, but they were not to my taste. There is a market for such brews, and I hope the company is correct in thinking that the label will give the consumers the confidence to try the 'own label' beers of better origin.

There was only one beer I tried that failed. Labelled 'Traditionaol Ale' it is a 'widget' can. It had a wonderful hoppy nose, but after that it died on lack of taste. The gas in it must push out the nose, because after that it has less taste than Sainsbury's cheapest canned beer.

The tasting was concluded by a very good lunch with the opportunity to put across to Sainsbury's management what I have said above; I hope that the London Drinker will be given the opportunity to taste and comment on future developments.

A Bovey

HARRY STAINES

The story so far:

Nigel Kendal-Brown has had a chance encounter with Sven, a Danish lager brewer from Northampton, and a special friend of Nigel during his lager drinking days years ago. Against all his instincts, Nigel has accepted Sven's offer of a drink and has opted for lager ...

As he asked Sven for lager, Nigel saw just a hint of triumph in the Dane's eyes.

"Any particular lager Nigel?" asked Sven.

"Oh, have they got Scwanzleckerbrau here? I was always quite fond of that."

Sven gave Nigel a wry smile.

"I'm afraid you're a trifle out of date Nigel" said Sven. "That Germanic stuff is way out of fashion. The in thing now is Mexican lager".

Nigel felt confused. He had always understood Mexico to be to beer brewing what Bolivia was to Rugby League. Clearly lager drinking had changed! He wondered whether it would prove to have changed for the better.

"Try this" said Sven, handing Nigel a bottle of Cerveza Cojones Absurdos. It had a piece of lime in the neck.

"Thanks" said Nigel. "But they haven't given me a glass".

"You drink it from the bottle" replied the Dane. "And you must hold it with the label facing outwards so that other people know what you're drinking".

Nigel did as Sven suggested, and took his first sip.

"Sven, this is awful. It tastes as if it's made from ground up sweetcorn and refried beans, and fewer hops even than Webster's".

"It probably is" replied Sven "But that's not the point. It's the label which matters."

Nigel had to admit that the label was quite impressive; but he still wondered whether that justified the price of £7.45 for a half pint bottle. He drank some more.

As Nigel struggled to finish his bottle, Sven looked intently at him. Nigel knew that Sven was watching him and the thought disturbed him. This man, and lager drinking, had once meant something to him, but surely that was in the past. Now he was a married man, with responsibilities. Moreover, he was a committed real ale drinker now.

The thought of his marriage set him wondering afresh. It had been a wonderful experience at first, full of love and passion, laughter and caring; but was it so wonderful now? Inge had turned from a bubbly, attractive, svelte blonde into an ugly, hard faced and brassy shrew. She had never been much of a conversationalist either, although he could not blame her for that; he had known from the outset that she was only of average intelligence.

But did Sven offer something better? Nigel was sceptical. Sven was a wonderful and stimulating companion, and in his company he had learnt much; but was the price that Sven would demand - that Nigel re-enter the twilight world of the lager drinker - one which he was prepared to pay?

His thoughts were interrupted by Sven, who thrust another bottle into his hands. This one bore a different, but equally impressive label - Cerveza Golocos dos Acapulcos. Nigel drank, this time more deeply. The taste was identical with that of the first bottle. This wasn't going to be easy.

As he drank, Nigel watched Sven drink his own bottle. The Dane slid the neck of the bottle sensuously between his lips and pulled deeply at the liquid inside. A goblet of froth slid down Sven's chin, to be collected by his index finger and captured by a deft flick of his tongue.

Nigel's heart began to race.

- Will Nigel succumb to the blandishments of Sven and once more become a lager drinker? Will he give up everything, including real ale to follow the Dane? Find out in the next throbbing instalment of "LOVE FROM DENMARK 2!"





THE WATERMAN'S ARMS



Water Lane, Richmond - A Young's House



Denise & Quentin Thwaites of The White Cross Hotel,
are pleased to welcome you also at The Waterman's Arms,
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THE WHITE CROSS HOTEL

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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

Wychwood brewery of Witney, Oxfordshire have been expanding into the tied trade; the Northern Hotel in the main shopping street of Brighton is now the Hobgoblin, and is ostensibly tied to Wychwood. The prices are very reasonable for the bankruptcy orientated prices in Sussex, £1.30 for Wychwood Best (4.2%) and £1.70 for the eponymous Hobgoblin (6.0%). Those drinkers totally bereft of taste and of a strong stomach can try Charrington's IPA at £1.00 and the pathetic Bass at . . . , who cares how much it is, the barman said that it is their slowest seller, so presumably it tastes even worse than normal. The brewery are alleged to have another tied house in High Wycombe, good news for the hordes of people currently doing the Fullers Passport (the Hobgoblin should go down well on top of a dozen pints of ESB). Meanwhile, back in Essex and Herts, the McMullen's Special Reserve IPA (not to be confused with the soft drink from the Bass

Charrington stable) seems to be going down a storm. In retaliation, the excellent Ridleys are threatening a Special Bitter for the Autumn, and are rumoured to be test marketing several brews. On the negative side, they shut the Windmill at Chatham Green last Spring despite a huge demonstration of some 80 people, who were obviously all lifelong regulars at this quiet but attractive pub which has appeared many times in the GBG. It is always a shame to see a good pub go, but on several early morning visits, this writer never saw a single customer, so you can hardly blame Ridleys for shutting it. Staying on the subject of Ridleys, the 1993 GBG claims that Ridleys have some of the lowest prices in the South East, this accolade must surely now go to McMullens, which sells AK at £1.29 within Greater London. Perhaps Harveys and King and Barnes, for example, would care to explain how their prices are so much dearer?

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the July 1983 edition of *London Drinker's* white covers - in our pre-glossy days (that is, those printed between March 1979 and May 1984) the covers were usually printed on sheets of a pastel shade. In this case the choice was a good one as the cover illustration was an excellent monochrome photograph by John Elliott (who will be mentioned again in this piece) of the Crown and Greyhound, Dulwich Village. This was profiled in the content of an article which outlined its history, and quoted extensively from an account of its facilities (including a Masonic temple) from a contemporary architectural journal published when the present building opened, simply as the Crown, in the early 1890s. This ended with the prophetic words "Provision is made for the addition in the future should the need arise - as it probably would do before long - for a motor garage."

In his Editorial, Chris Cobbold dwelt on the iniquities of the short-measure pint, which one would hope is about to be remedied by law.

John Ward wrote about the Fox & Hounds, SW1, then celebrating having appeared in all ten editions of the Good Beer Guide. It features in the current edition, and has appeared in every one - only 5 London pubs have achieved this record. The Fox & Hounds is a real beerhouse, with no spirits licence - thought to be unique in the London area.

Mostyn Lewis discussed "The Killer in the Cellar" - Carbon Dioxide (CO²), which not only makes keg beer unacceptably fizzy, but under certain circumstances can be lethal.

Ian Worden outlined a crawl of 7 Sam Smiths pubs in Central London - at that time they had 12 in the area, and this was written to coincide with a "Passport" scheme to visit each.

"Watney's Progress" referred to the fact that 80% of their London pubs were selling real ale, and that the last DCL pump was about to be removed. This device looked like a regular handpump, but worked by forcing air into the cask - in other words a form of top pressure - rather than by suction.

In "London Drinking" Red Rover described his Bank Holiday Monday crawl by bus which started with the intention of visiting Orpington

but in fact was centred on Seven Sisters and Stamford Hill. He used a portion of his script discussing a point I have always argued - that pubs should be obliged to OPEN at specified times, as well as to close (though I'm not too insistent on the latter) rather than at the whim of the licensee, who after all is in business to serve the thirsty public.

Young's were planning to market a light mild under the name "Family Ale". I can't remember ever seeing it on my travels, but some time afterwards "Young John's Ale" made its appearance. "Family Ale" sounds delightfully Victorian, but smacks of illegality.

John Elliott, then as now *London Drinker's* photographer par excellence, described a visit to a Wandsworth pub, unidentified by name, for the purpose of delivering copies of this magazine. It was a strong contender for inclusion of the Good Beer Guide, but on this occasion John was met with hostility from the landlord, who stated that he wanted no CAMRA involvement, having had many years in the trade etc, etc. To quote from John, as to paraphrase would be pointless: "As a parting shot he handed me the remaining copies of last month's 'London Drinker' and its display holder, asking me to pass this on to my local branch chairman with the novel instruction to 'Poke it up his arse.' 'CAMRA is a spent force' he added, 'its use finished years ago. Its job is now done and you can't be any help to my business'. On this basis I don't think anybody really wants to know where this particular pub is. Or do they?"

As the situation has now altered, I feel at liberty (Editors permitting) to reveal that the establishment concerned was the Old East Hill Tavern, which under new ownership is now the Slug & Lettuce, a freehouse serving a range of real ales.

Whitbread had reported trading profits of £117.9m in the year up to February 1983, an increase of 10% on the previous year, but sales of beer had dropped while there had been "significant gains" in lager sales.

Boddingtons - then an independent brewery but now owned by the company last mentioned, had begun to appear in London pubs. The bad

news was that in one instance the price of a pint was 76p, compared to the average of 53p in Stockport.

FIVE YEARS AGO the July 1988 edition had, unusually, 36 pages - multiples of 8 are generally considered more convenient to the printing process. The theme colour was green, and the cover illustration was of a two-horse Charrington dray, photographed in 1935. An article in the content explained that the drayman in attendance was Leonard Tilbrook, grandfather of advertising manager Barry, who appeared in a photo as a very tiny tot, sampling what seems to be beer.

Brian Frewell had discovered that Truman's Best had changed, and he had been informed that it was brewed at Brick Lane and was a mixture of Bitter and Sampson, and was only a limited test brew. His conclusion was that the beer was good but the situation augured badly for Sampson - which in due course ceased production.

There was an assessment of the implications of the Licensing Act, which would shortly come into force. This was the move that led to all-day opening and an extra hour at Sunday lunchtime.

Transport was always cropping up in L.D. "London Buses can drive you to drink" heralded a piece by "Forrester" about bus routes which terminated at pubs; the latter thus receiving free advertising from the destination panels. London's first bus started from a pub - following the practice of stage coaches. A total of 33 pubs on 16 routes was listed, all operated by Routemasters.

Christian Muteau, then London Regional Secretary, provided the inspiration for "Beer - and Cricket". This stemmed from his liking for both topics, especially where the two coincided (he was and still is, scorer for several clubs), and several venues for readers of similar tastes, were featured.

In the second part of an Historicrawl begun two issues previously, Merton completed a crawl of Windsor. Naturally he dwelt on several historical topics, including the funeral of Queen Victoria, when the gun carriage on which her coffin was borne rolled backwards and narrowly avoided taking the new King, Edward VII, with her. An interesting gremlin provided an unintentional misprint. The intended word

"interment" appeared as "internment", implying that she was imprisoned rather than buried.

Idle Moments provided four non-rhyming limericks, and an innovation, one that rhymed but depended on abbreviations:

An Esq. who objected to "Mr"
Was once so addressed by his sr.
So deep was the snub
That he went to the pub
And got pr. and pr. and pr.

Actually "went" appeared as "want" - a Freudian slip perhaps?

A new edition of the South-East London pub guide had just appeared, priced £3.95 (members (£3.35) and featuring in excess of 1200 pubs. It was advertised on a full page, the basis of which was its cover design, whose subject was a full colour photograph (though reproduced here as black & white) of the Crown & Greyhound mentioned above.

The King's Head, West Norwood, which had been featured in a pub profile in April 1983, was again discussed, with a great deal more details gleaned from local research, and a few mysteries from gaps in recorded history, still unsolved.

"Loads a Beer - No Kids" announced that there would be no children's room at the Great British Beer Festival in Leeds that August. To illustrate the point a photograph appeared of a scruffy lad sitting on a pub doorstep dejectedly eating crisps. It was a very contrived shot - the young friend I used as the model had to be "scruffied" even more than usual; ironically as I was getting him to pose, the landlady of the pub I used kindly came out and invited him in! The article gave full details of the festival and of local facilities.

Here endeth this month's history lesson.

Cheers!

Martin Smith

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JD WETHERSPOON GOES NON-SMOKING

JD Wetherspoon has introduced non-smoking areas into all its free houses.

It follows the introduction of the areas at all new outlets late last year which have already proved successful.

Managing Director Tim Martin said the company had carried out two surveys in order to gauge opinion on the subject.

Each free house will have its own designated smoke-free area which will account for approximately one third of the drinking/eating space.

And four free houses will operate separate non-smoking bars.

Since opening in May 1991 the upstairs bar at the Tally Ho in North Finchley has been non-smoking and there will now be three new separate non-smoking bars.

They are at Hamilton Hall in Liverpool Street Station, the Moon on the Green in Shepherd's

Bush and the White Lion of Mortimer in West Hendon.

Managing Director Tim Martin said: "Wetherspoons is a forward thinking company and we believe this is a move in the right direction.

"More than 700 customers were interviewed and the results showed that about half were non-smokers.

"Approximately 75 per cent of customers favoured non-smoking areas and many smokers were also in favour.

"We are fully aware that many of our customers smoke and we feel they are well catered for in terms of the large areas available to them."

Each free house will be displaying a floor plan showing the areas clearly and anyone who wants more information should speak to the manager of their local.

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Beers of the Month

RIDLEYS (Chelmsford, Essex)

Mild a.b.v. 3.4%

**"Pleasant dark, ruby mild"*

GALES (Hordean, Hants)

Best Bitter a.b.v. 3.8%

A distinctive bitter of the finest quality.

MORLAND (Abingdon, Oxon)

Original a.b.v. 4.0%

**"Strong goldings character makes this a refreshing session beer."*

KING & BARNES (Horsham, Sussex)

*Bottled Festive Ale (550ml) a.b.v. 5.3%
Naturally conditioned, with yeast, in the bottle.*

**Courtesy of Roger Protz, "Real Ale Drinkers Almanac"*

GORDON GILTRAP AT THE GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

Along with the Tombolas, Festival Games and craft stands there is music to entertain the visitor to the Great British Festival. There is a huge range of music at this year's event so choose your session to suit your taste.

Tuesday evening starts off in a traditional fashion with the Fulham Brass Band. The music the following day is again acoustic but of a softer nature. At lunchtime is the return of Chaminade String Quartet for a touch of the classical and the evening sees the return to the Festival of Gordon Giltrap supported by the Grinnigogs playing the Hurdi-gurdi, Dulcimer and Cittern.

Gordon is currently celebrating 25 years in the music business and a concert at the Festival is part of that celebration tour. His guitar playing is unique and brings a new touch to the blend of folk and rock.



In complete contrast Wednesday is the jazz day with Kit Packnan's One Jump Ahead at lunchtime and the Bruce Boardman Swingtet in the evening. The Swingtet specialises in the jazz of the thirties and forties so if you are into Count Basie, Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington, this is the session for you.

Friday sees a return to folk-rock with Mad Jocks and Englishmen at 7.30pm. On Saturday afternoon the Chiminade String Quartet returns for some more laid back music to be followed in the evening by Tranter Folly bringing a touch of the West Country to complete the week of music.

But if music is not your cup of tea, the West Hall, at the far end of the venue, gives a retreat where the music lessens into the background and also offers 1000 seats for you to sit and relax!

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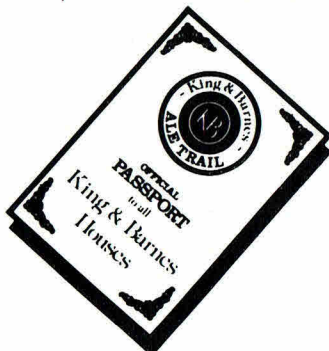
All you have to do is to visit each Pub (in any order you like), buy a PINT of any of our FINE SUSSEX ALES, and then kindly ask the Bar

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

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

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

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



King & Barnes Ltd., The Horsham Brewery
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BASS TALKS WITH CZECH BREWER

Bass, the British brewer, is negotiating to buy a large stake in Prazske Pivovary (Prague Breweries), the Czech Republic's second-largest brewer which was privatised last year.

The companies would not comment on the negotiations, but western investment consultants in Prague said talks between Bass and a consortium of investment funds have continued for some months.

At the beginning of negotiations, Bass is said to have been seeking a minority position in the Czech company, with the aim of gradually raising its stake through capital injections.

The consortium includes some of the largest Czech investment funds which gained control of most of the 72 per cent of the company's shares sold in last year's voucher privatisation. The funds have yet to receive the shares from the government, but they are acting as de-facto owners.

The share transfer, due last month, was postponed because of a dispute between Prague and Bratislava.

Other shareholders include the National Property Fund, which oversees privatisation, with 10 per cent; employees (10 per cent); Pragopivot (5 per cent), and the Restitution Fund (3 per

cent). Total common equity is Kcs800.5m (\$21m).

The Czech company was established in 1948 and has three large breweries. In 1991, it reported a pre-tax profit of Kcs217.7m on sales of Kcs1.03bn.

ONE OF A DYING BREED

This old Truman Off-Licence in Edward Road, E17 is typical of the sort of frontage that used to be common in London, now sadly dying out fast with corporate logos, shop fronts and displays now the norm. Are there any more like it?



Photos will be welcomed and returned after use.

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SOUTH WEST LONDON PUB OF THE YEAR

Every year our branch circulates its members to vote from a short list of 8 outstanding pubs. This year the Priory Arms in Lansdowne Way, Stockwell SW8 was voted in. The pub is run by Gary & Nikki Morris who provide a wide choice of traditional beers, always in good condition.



The Branch held a presentation at the pub and our picture shows Gary and Nicki being given a presentation wall plaque by Chris Cobbold S W London chairman.

CUSTOMS BUST-UP OVER BEER BUS

An antiques dealer who brought back almost 5,000 bottles of beer from a day trip to France spent most of a day arguing with

Customs officers who seized his drink - and minibus.

John Patterson, aged 45, spent £900 stocking up for his god-daughter's engagement party. He cleared Dover customs but was woken at his home in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, at dawn five hours later by four customs officers. They suspected him of illegally importing goods to re-sell. "I know 4,994 bottles sounds excessive. But honestly we were having a party for 200 people in a marquee and planned to have a good time with lots of drinking", he said.

HAPPY HOURS

Or in the case of the SHIP, Wardour Street, W1, "happy evening". This Good Beer Guide listed Fuller's pub sells Chiswick and London Pride for 140p/pint between 5 and 11 pm on Tuesdays. (Their usual price for Chiswick is 151p).

The BANKER, Cousin Lane, EC4, offers London Pride for 130p/pint between 4 and 7 pm Monday to Thursday.

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WHAT DO PROGRAMMERS DRINK?

What computer programmers drink must rate as one of the greatest unanswered questions of the 1990s. This list is based on original proposals by Dave Sherryn of City University, London, with additions by Richard Larkin. It is intended to give an indication of what drink you can expect to see your programmer friends consuming, depending on what computer language they program in (operating systems and programming languages are both covered).

BOS: Whatever they can get.

CP/M: Mild Ale.

CP/M+ (alias CP/M 3.0): Old Ale (More characterful than mild, but still old-fashioned and comforting).

CP/N or TurboDOS: Newcastle Brown.

CCP/M or Concurrent DOS: Porter (Newly introduced, based on an old, trusted, tried and true recipe).

MS-DOS: A pretend drink for a pretend OS. RL suggests keg bitter (After all its only a clone of CP/M). DS proposes lager (A mockery of pilsener beer).

MVS: Whatever Big (Blue) Brother tells them to!

OS/2: I don't know; they haven't invented it yet. (Or: Sarsaparilla - it's all-American, and not invented here).

Pick: Nothing; the barman never notices they're there.

Unix: Real Ales! (DS). Test Brews (RL).

Xenix: Webster's Yorkshire Bitter, thinking it is a typical real ale. (DS said IPA, but some IPAs are OK)

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ADA: Coca Cola; it's the real thing!

ALGOL 60: Napa Valley's finest; Belgian Abdij beer.

ALGOL 68: Premiere Grand Cru; Trappist beer.

Assembler: Scrumpy.

Macroassembler: Perry (Like a superior cider, being made from pears).

BASIC: Beaujolais Nouveau; shandy.

C: White rum; Glenfiddich.

C++: Malibu; pre-mixed whisky mac.

FORTH: Brew their own wine, from a kit.

FORTTRAN II: Vin Legionnaire (So rough that only the Foreign Legion will drink it!).

FORTTRAN IV: Vin ordinaire/vin de pays.

FORTTRAN 77: DOC.

FORTTRAN 8x: VDQS (but it has not yet been bottled).

LISP: Brew their own beer, from malt & hops.

Machine Code: Meths!

Microcode: Something synthetic, that tastes almost, but not quite entirely, unlike tea.

Modula 2: Armagnac, single malt or Black Bush.

Pascal: Cognac or premium (blended) Scotch (RL). Home made wine (DS)

Pascal-S: Vatted malt.

PL/1: Miller Lite (if they listed all the ingredients, they'd have to sell bigger bottles).

Occam: Beer with whisky chasers; black velvet (RL). Miniatures (DS).

Smalltalk: Milk.

4GL's: Cocktails.

Further ideas are welcome; send them in! Contributions to Richard Larkin c/o London Drinker (Andy Pirson) please.

Also if you can think of a list of drinks that might characterise other groups in society why not let us have those as well. For example could you suggest types of drink that drivers of different makes of cars might drink. If you have send them to Andy Pirson as well.

BACK IN BUSINESS

The TURK's HEAD, Motcombe Street, SW1, reopened on 12th May after being closed for refurbishment. The present beer range consists of: Worthington 'Best' Bitter 146p(pint), Bass and Fuller's London Pride (156p) and Shepherd Neame Masterbrew (170p)

Food is served although the range is a bit limited at the moment. Open all permitted hours, including weekends.

Hugh Smith



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Hook Norton Bitter	3.6% ABV

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THE BEST IN LONDON PUBS

BEER BRIEFING LONDON BEER GUIDE UPDATES 83

This month we record four more new pubs created in former commercial premises, including a further Wetherspoon outlet in South East London. Incidentally, Wetherspoon has also opened its first pub outside Greater London in Bracknell, Berkshire. Whitbread have reopened the Old King Lud, EC4 as the most ambitious Hogshead conversion yet, a beer exhibition with 20 handpumps and 10 more beers direct from the cask.

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

CENTRAL

EC4, OLD KING LUD, 12 Ludgate Circus.
Boddington: Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Plus a further 26 varying beers from a total of 20 handpumps and 10 casks on stillage behind the bar. Reopened after two years and subtitled 'Hogshead in Ludgate'. Cooked food until 10pm. Open 11-11 Mon-Sat, 12-3 Sun, closed Sunday evenings. (E52)

EAST

DAGENHAM, MATAPAN, 945 Green Lane.
Charrington: IPA. (X40)
ROMFORD, PRINCE ALBERT, 32 St. Andrews Road. Theakston: Best Bitter. Younger: Scotch Bitter (£1 per pint). Now an 'Imntrepreneur' lease although still Watney badged. (X87)

SOUTH EAST

SE9, BANKERS DRAFT, 80 Eltham High Street.
Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest beer at weekends. The Wetherspoon Free House chain continues to expand geographically, this time further out in S.E. London. The relatively small pub was formerly a Barclays Bank and features Frankie Howerd who was born and brought up in Eltham. Non smoking area at rear. Food. Open all permitted hours.

SE20, DEWDROP INN, 201 Maple Road. Bass.
Charrington: IPA. Real ale not always available. (SE161)
SE20, GALLERY, 14/16 High Street. No real ale. New Free House in former laundry premises. Wine & beer licence only. Opens Thu-Sat evenings only.

WEST

W5, HAVEN (THE), 1A Haven Green. Bass. Greene King: IPA. Wadworth: 6X. Theakston: XB. New Free House in former wine bar, originally stables overlooking Haven Green. Imitation Wetherspoon in style. Carvery restaurant upstairs. Front Patio. Open all permitted hours.

W5, JONO'S, 13 Station Parade, Uxbridge Road, Ealing Common. Courage: Best Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. Small Irish owned one bar Free House in former shop premises.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

EAST

E2, CAVALIER. Free House, H unused. (E79, U73)

E8, EARL OF ZETLAND. Whitbread, closed, future uncertain. (E112)

SOUTH EAST

CROYDON, FORUM. Renamed MERCHANT ARMS but now closed and awaiting demolition. (SE242)
CROYDON, RAILWAY BELL. Taylor Walker, closed, future uncertain. (SE248, U55)
CROYDON, WELLINGTON. Taylor Walker, closed, future uncertain. (SE251)

SOUTH WEST

SUTTON, BLACKWATER TAVERN. Charrington, demolished in 1990. (SW76)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, COCK TAVERN. -Boddington: Bitter. -John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. +Ruddle: Best Bitter. +Young: Bitter. Still uses early morning licence. (E14)
EC1, FOX & ANCHOR. -Young: Special. +Nicholson: Stout. +Tolly Cobbold: Troubleshooter. Still uses early morning licence. (E16)
EC1, HOPE. Still uses early morning licence. (E18)
EC1, NEW MARKET. +Fuller: London Pride. Still uses early morning licence. (E21)
W1(Mar), DUKE OF WELLINGTON. +King & Barnes: Festive#. (W34)

EAST

E1, ANCHOR & HOPE. Renamed ARKWRIGHTS. (E60)
E1, GOLDEN HEART. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. Still uses early morning licence. (E66)
E1, PEASANTS REVOLT. Now a Free House, ex Watney. (E71)
E1, TOWER ARMS. NOW A Free House, EX Watney. Still fizz. Formerly TOWERS. Map ref should read (Al/17) (E109, U76)
E15, RAILWAY TAVERN, 131 Angel Lane. -Young: Special. +Tetley: Bitter. +Worthington: Best Bitter. Still uses early morning licence. (E154)
BARKING, CHAINS-A-GAIN. Now CHAINS WINE BAR, still fizz. (X12)
BARKING, SPOTTED DOG. +Webster: Yorkshire Bitter#. (X13)

BEER BRIEFING

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BARKINGSIDE, OLD MAYPOLE. +Nasty Old Bitter (advertised as being from the Firkin Brewery).

(X14)

CHADWELL HEATH, TOLLGATE. +Greene King: IPA#. (X26)

COLLIER ROW, PINWOODS. Now a Free House, ex Watney. (X39)

GANTS HILL, BEEHIVE. Now a Trust House Forte owned Free House, ex Courage. (X48)

GANTS HILL, AJ'S. Renamed HOBNOBS, still fizz. (X48)

NEWBURY PARK, FARMHOUSE TABLE. Reverted to GREEN GATE. (X78)

ROMFORD, SUN. +Courage: Best Bitter. (X87)

NORTH WEST

NW1, CONSTITUTION, 91 Bell Street. +Courage: Best Bitter. (N116)

NW1, FEATHERS. +Wethered: Bitter. (N118)

NW1, GLOUCESTER ARMS. -Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. -Young: Special. +Greene King: IPA. (N118, U53)

NW7, BRIDGE TAVERN. -Young: Bitter.

+Theakston: Best Bitter. (N152, U61, U77)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, GLOBE TAVERN. +Adnams: Bitter.

+Charrington: IPA. +Fuller: London Pride. +Theakston:

XB. Now open 6.30-8.30am Monday to Saturday. (SE23, U57)

SE2, HARROW. -Courage: Imperial Russian Stout. +Courage: Best Bitter. (SE46, U46)

SE3, BRITISH OAK. +Wadworth: 6X#. (SE49, U59)

SE10, ROSE & CROWN. +Wadworth: 6X. (SE86)

SE19, SPORTSMAN. -Theakston: Best Bitter.

+Theakston: XB, Old Peculier. +Younger: Scotch Bitter, IPA. (SE157, U50)

SE20, ALEXANDRA. Now Belhaven, ex Watney; still fizz. (SE160)

SE 20, PAWLEYNE ARMS. +Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now an Anchor Inns Free House, ex Courage.

(SE163, U49)

SE20, QUEEN ADELAIDE. Renamed STREETS BAR, now labelled as a "Manor Tavern". (SE164, U49)

SE20, THICKET TAVERN. +Fuller: London Pride. (SE164)

SE25, ALBION. +Guest Beer (SE183, U57, U62)

SE25, BEEHIVE. -Young: Special. +Marston: Pedigree#. (SE184, U50, U62)

BECKENHAM, CLOCK HOUSE. +Guest beer. (SE204, U49)

BROMLEY COMMON, BRICKLAYERS ARMS. +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire, Porter. (SE221)

CROYDON, CLARET WINE BAR. +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire Ale. (SE238, U51, U55)

CROYDON, MAIL COACH. Renamed JOHN B. KEANE. (SE245)

CROYDON, RAILWAY BELL. Renamed ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL. -Taylor Walker: Best Bitter.

-Tetley: Bitter. +Arkwrights (House Ale £1.10 a pint).

Renovated with bare floors, bric-a-brac etc. and island bar. Former amusement arcade now absorbed back into pub. (SE248, U55)

CROYDON, SANDROCK HOTEL. +Adnams:

Bitter#. +Fuller: London Pride#. (SE249)

CROYDON, SURPRISE. +Courage: Best Bitter#.

+Young: Special#. (SE250)

SOUTH CROYDON, CROWN & SCEPTRE.

+Fuller: Hock. (SE276)

SOUTH CROYDON, EARL OF ELDON. +Bass.

+Fuller: London Pride. +Wadworth: 6X. +Young: Special. (SE276)

SOUTH WEST

SW6, WHITE HORSE. +Varying guest beer. (SW31, U32, U66, U81)

SW7, ANGLESEA ARMS. -Eldridge Pope: Hardy Country Bitter. -Greene King: Abbot Ale. -Young: Porter.

+Fuller: London Pride. +Harvey: Best Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. (SW31, U61, U72, U73)

SW10, BLACK BULL. Renamed HARVEYS CAFE. -Theakston: Best Bitter. -Webster: Yorkshire

Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Harveys: Best Bitter.

Emphasis on food but retains bar. (SW37, U64)

MITCHAM, GOAT. -John Smith: Magnet Ale.

+Brakspear: Bitter (£1.35). (SW68, U56)

SUTTON, PLOUGH, 155 Gander Green Lane.

-Fuller: ESB. +Young: Bitter. (SW76, U43)

WEST

W12, SHEPHERD & FLOCK. -Courage: Directors Bitter. +Bass. +Flowers: Original Bitter. Now a Free

House, ex Courage. (W92)

W13, FORESTER. -Ruddle: County. +Wadworth: 6X. Transferred to Chef & Brewer from Courage. (W92, U79)

W13, PRINCE ARTHUR. Transferred to Chef & Brewer from Courage. (W93)

BRENTFORD, ALBANY ARMS. +Rotating guest beers. Now a Free House, ex Courage. (W97)

BRENTFORD, GLOBE. +Fuller: Hock, Chiswick Bitter. (W97)

BRENTFORD, KINGS ARMS. +Wadworth: 6X#. (W97)

BRENTFORD, MAGPIE & CROWN. -Ruddle: County. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Hall & Woodhouse:

Hard Tackle. (W98, U79)

BRENTFORD, WHITE HORSE. +Timothy Taylor: Landlord#. (W99, U63, U79)

ISLEWORTH, ROSE & CROWN. -King & Barnes: Old. +Tetley: Bitter. +Younger: Scotch Bitter. (W131, U55, U60)

TEDDINGTON, BUILDERS ARMS. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Gales: HSB. +King & Barnes: Sussex Bitter.

+Marston: Pedigree. (W146, U55)

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SW6, WHITE HORSE. Ref should read (SW31, U32, U66)

ISLEWORTH, IRON BRIDGE (BRIDGE INN).

Should read +(plus) John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter.

NETHERGATE VISIT

One of the advantages of joining CAMRA at the Battersea Beer Festival, is that you are invited by the branch on a brewery visit which, this year, was to the Nethergate Brewery at Clare in Suffolk.

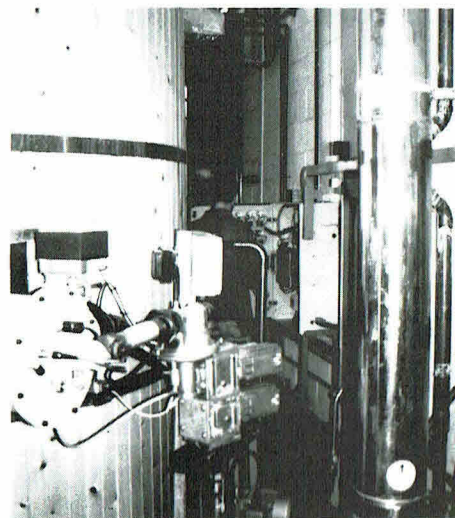
On Cup-Final day, 25 intrepid souls boarded a coach at Clapham Junction and two hours later we were meeting Ian Hornsey in The Bell in Clare. The Bell is a perfect place to meet up, serving Nethergate products in prime condition and providing excellent bar snacks. The group meandered the 100 yards to the brewery, which



the slow lane and it was at least an hour before Ian gave a superb account of the history of the brewery and of the brewing process.



Four hours later, we reluctantly dragged ourselves back onto the coach and then took the opportunity to call at one of our 'Out of Town' outlets, The Prince of Wales at Stow



we found had just been doubled in capacity and is now capable of producing 200 barrels a week of their three beers; IPA, Bitter and Old Growler. There was plenty of time to sample the excellent wares as in Clare life is lived in



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
145/1 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 MOON'S
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 MOON'S
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

LEICESTER SQUARE
THE MOON UNDER WATER
28 Leicester Square, WC2

HEATHROW
J J MOON'S
Terminal Four
(Airside)

HEATHROW
WETHERSPOONS
Terminal Four
(Landside)

CROYDON
THE GEORGE
17-20 George Street
Croydon, Surrey

EAST HAM
THE MILLER'S WELL
419-421 Barking Road
East Ham, E6

BRITXON
THE BEEHIVE
407-409 Brixton Road, SW2

VICTORIA
WETHERSPOONS
Victoria Station, SW1

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

NEW SOUTHGATE
THE BANKER'S DRAFT
36-38 Friern Barnet Road,
New Southgate N11

HARROW
THE VILLAGE INN
402-408 Rayners Lane,
Harrow, Middlesex

EDMONTON
THE LAMB
52-54 Church Street,
Edmonton, N9

ISLINGTON
179 UPPER STREET
178-179 Upper Street N1

STREATHAM
J J MOON'S
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
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12 Victoria Road
Ruislip Manor

MITCHAM
THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
223 London Road
Mitcham

WEMBLEY
J J MOON'S
397 High Road
Wembley

TOOTING
J J MOON'S
56a High Street
Tooting SW17

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

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

CROUCH END
THE ELBOW ROOM
22 Topside 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

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

NOW OPEN

The Coliseum, Manor Park Road,
Harlesden, NW10

194 High Street, Balham, SW12

The Sylvan Moon, 27 Green Lane,
Northwood, Middlesex

The Moon Under Water, 1327 London Road,
Norbury, SW16

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

OPENING SOON

Old Gatehouse,
Highgate West Hill, London N6

Dalmation, Garratt Lane
Arncliffe Centre, Wandsworth

61 Station Parade, Barking

8-9 Russell Hill Road
Purley, Surrey



PUB OPENING HOURS REFORM

The Government wants a more relaxed, Continental style atmosphere in licensed premises. To this end CAMRA warmly welcomes proposals to allow accompanied children into suitable pubs. CAMRA believes that such a reform is long overdue, and has already been introduced in Scotland.

"Having children in suitable pubs offers the public more choice, and allows pubs to do more to cater for families" said CAMRA Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox. "It will have an actively beneficial effect as a whole, encouraging a more sensible attitude to drinking, when these children grow up".

However, Britain has some of the most restricted pub hours in Europe. CAMRA wants pubs to be allowed to stay open longer in the evenings, and to open on Sunday afternoons, if they so choose. "This should surely be part of reforms aimed at giving customers more choice, publicans more freedom, and encouraging sensible, adult drinking" said Cox.

"Foreign tourists are baffled by the British licensing laws. Why can they take their children into the beer garden, but not the pub bar? Why do pubs, even in tourist areas, have to close on Sunday afternoons when there are swarms of potential customers? Why does British nightlife largely stop at 11 pm?"

"A more relaxed style of drinking will probably mean less disorder and drunkenness than we have at present. After all, all day opening in 1988 did not lead to increases in drinking, or in alcohol abuse."

BREWERY REDUNDANCIES

Seventy-six jobs are to go at the Mortlake Brewery following a countrywide review by Courage of its production operations.

The staff at the plant, which produces one million barrels of beer a year, were expected to leave by the end of the year.

But fears that the century-old tradition of brewing at Mortlake, which has made it a landmark in South West London, have been

dismissed by the brewery which confirmed its commitment to all its UK production operations.

The redundancies result from the closure of the racking and packaging lines. Five jobs will be lost from changed arrangements at the site of the social club.

Courage, which is laying off 170 people nationwide, blame a decline in the UK beer market and "intensely increased competition at a wholesale level" for the job losses.

The company also predicts increasing damage to the British market from cheap duty-paid beer brought in from the Continent as a result of high UK excise rates.

It hoped to minimise job losses through internal redeployment and early retirement, but feared a number of employees would be facing compulsory redundancy.

A spokesman for the brewery said: "We have given this announcement to employees in advance so we can reduce the effect of the impact."

He assured that "every effort" would be made to provide staff with jobs in other areas of the company.

Start at Kings Arms, Chelsea
Finish with Free Beer & Buffet
courtesy of Youngs

Wednesday 21st July in WC2
6.30 p.m. Freemasons Arms,
Longacre
8.15 p.m. Maple Leaf, Maiden
Lane
10.00 a.m. Chandos, St. Martins
Lane

YOUNG'S PORTER SCORES AGAIN

Young's Porter, the refreshing dark beer introduced last year, has won its second award from CAMRA.

Officials of CAMRA's Portsmouth and East Hampshire branch visited Young's Brewery in Wandsworth to present head brewer Ken Don with a framed certificate to mark Porter's achievement of being voted the best beer of its kind at the Portsmouth Beer Festival.

Last year, Young's Porter was voted the most popular beer at the Surrey Beer Festival in Dorking.

Porter, brewed with an alcohol content by volume of 4 per cent, was the most popular of all beers in Britain up to the end of the 19th century, and was reintroduced by Youngs because of an upturn in demand for dark beers.



Young's head brewer Ken Don (left) receives the certificate from Jim Fox, secretary of the Portsmouth and East Hampshire branch of CAMRA.

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Maries. This Crouch Vale pub serves an excellent selection of beers, food and is famous for its pickled eggs, which come as ordinary, garlic and vindaloo flavoured!

Although tucked away in the lanes of Essex this pub is well worth a visit, but you will need a driver or a coach as public transport is limited to say the least!

Chris Cobbold

(Photos by Dave Paterson)

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the service was quick and the food (Hungarian) was delicious. We tried a dish for 2x2 called (I hope I've got this right) Erdelyifa. It is mainly a selection of cooked meats on a pile of mashed potatoes and salad and is enormous; even a healthy CAMRA member like me had to regroup my forces for the final onslaught, and it did get the better of me.

Cheers!

Laurence Fryer,

Enfield and Barnet CAMRA

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OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

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 SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS
 SW1 RISING SUN
 SW1 ROYAL OAK
 SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR
 SW2 JJ MOONS
 SW3 COOPERS ARMS
 SW3 ROSE
 SW3 SURPRISE
 SW4 ANCHOR & HOPE
 SW4 ROSE & CROWN
 SW4 SPRINGFIELD TAVERN
 SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND
 SW6 WHITE HORSE
 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS
 SW8 SURPRISE
 SW8 PRIORY ARMS
 SW9 BEEHIVE
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN
 SW10 KINGS ARMS, 190 Fulham Road
 SW10 STARGAZEY
 SW11 BEEHIVE
 SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE
 SW11 PLOUGH
 SW12 MOON UNDER WATER
 SW12 NIGHTINGALE
 SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
 SW14 HARE & HOUNDS
 SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN
 SW15 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Kingston Vale
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW15 GREEN MAN
 SW15 CASTLE
 SW15 JOLLY GARDENERS
 SW16 BRASS FARTHING
 SW16 GREYHOUND
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 SW18 COUNTY ARMS
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 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE
 SW19 ALEXANDRA
 SW19 GROVE
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 SW19 TRAFALGAR
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 CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN
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CHEAM, RAILWAY
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 HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE
 HOUNSLOW, LORD CLYDE
 KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER
 KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS
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 UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES
 WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES, Otlands Park
 W1 ARGYLL ARMS
 W1 MORTIMER ARMS
 W1 WINDMILL
 W1 WESTMORELAND ARMS
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD
 W3 KINGS ARMS
 W4 WINDMILL
 W5 PLOUGH
 W5 RED LION
 W5 ROSE & CROWN
 W5 WHEATSHEAF
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
 W6 RICHMOND ARMS
 W10 VILLAGE INN
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN
 W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE
 W12 MOON ON THE GREEN
 W13 THE FORESTER
 W14 WARWICK ARMS
 BRENTFORD, BREWERY TAP
 BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON
 CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD
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ISLEWORTH, COACH & HORSES
 ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS
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 TWICKENHAM, MOON UNDER WATER
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 TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT
 WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON
 WHITTON, WHITE HART
OFF TRADE
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 W1 Polytechnic of Central London S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsolver Street
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 COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT, 28 Mersea Road.
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 LINCOLN, GOLDEN EAGLE, High Street
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 OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK
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 ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH & HORSES
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 SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO ARMS, Waterloo Road
 STOW MARIES, PRINCE OF WALES, Woodham Road
 STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants), NEW INN
 SUNBURY, FLOWERPOT, Thames Street
 SUNBURY, HARE & HOUNDS, 132 Vicarage Road
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