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| SE1 | PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY | | NORTH PUBS | | PRINCESS ROYAL |
| SE1 | SHIP, 68 Borough Road | | CALTHORPE ARMS CITTIE OF YORKE | | J.J. MOONS |
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to 1994 from the Editors of London Drinker. For this first editorial of the year I want to take a look at what the future holds for that great institution the British Pub, especially as with the continuing "rationalisation" of tied estates, there may be fewer and fewer of them around. One wonders what the consequences of Scottish & Newcastle's buying up of the ex-Courage Watney Innterpreneur estate will have in this respect.

What has set me thinking has been watching the creation of a brand new pub near where I live in Hammersmith. It has been decorated on "traditional" lines with assorted rural objects. It was clearly not furnished cheaply by any means but to me it lacks character. It feels like a film set; it is what somebody else is telling me a pub should be like.

So what should a pub be then? Answer: to me, many things. It should be somewhere where I can meet and talk with my friends or read the paper in peace if I so wish. That said, I would not wish to stop the enjoyment of those who like a loud jukebox. Similarly I do not play pool but I do play fairly serious darts and sometimes both games can create difficulties in one-bar pubs. Although it is impossible to meet them all, a good pub can meet most of these requirements. Will this still be possible a few years hence however?

It used to be that so long as the exterior paintwork showed which of them owned the pub, breweries were content to leave publicans virtually free to do what they liked inside. This, I fear, is changing, largely because the management of pubs has become transient. Managers (those publicans employed directly by the breweries) tend to move on in two to three years, often because having built up a run-down pub their "reward" is a move to another "problem" to sort that out. As for tenants, the practice of forcing them to take very long leases will not mean that the lessees will be there for all that time; pub leases will almost certainly change hands rapidly just as shops do because of the financial terms involved. The argument that the pub trade is being brought into line with normal commercial practice is a false one. Pubs are just not the same as shoe shops or grocers.

In addition to the lack of long-term management, the imposition of the "corporate image" is also having an effect. Dictate a pub's

decor if you must but not its purpose and character as well. This can only be a recipe for disaster. There is a market — indeed, a need for different types of pub. Working from statistics a brewery might well see some logic in closing one of two adjacent pubs but what if one is a disco pub and the other a quiet local? Are the customers of one going to switch to using the other? Unlikely because it will not be what they want. A real pub has to be allowed to develop its own personality and this can only be done by giving the publicans the freedom and time to do their job and preferably before their specialist trade dies out altogether. A pub that gives its customers what they want will — if its owners are patient be successful in due course.

To close, I should make it clear that any pub, whatever its purpose, should sell decent beer at fair prices and be well-kept and welcoming. My definition of "character" does not include ashtrays that have not been emptied for three days, toilets out of a Hogarth engraving or an unmoving wall of "regulars" backs when you are trying to get served. This is a good place for customers to begin their contribution to the campaign for real pubs. How about a New Year Resolution to make your local more friendly?

Tony Hedger

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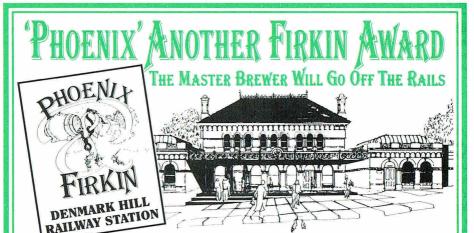
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IDLE MOMENTS

Welcome to the first Idle Moments column of 1994 and let me begin by wishing you a somewhat belated Happy New Year. That's one minor problem with not having a separate January edition of the Drinker; still it means that I am typing out my new year greetings in the new year, not before I start my Christmas shopping.

I have made my usual new year's resolution not to make any silly new year's resolutions that I shan't be able to keep so you can expect more of the same old tat as last year. (For new readers, this is an exciting column full of mind expanding - no, not hallucinogenic - puzzles intended [but probably failing] to while away those solitary hours when somebody has arranged to meet you for a pint and then got the wrong pub.)

And now without further ado (since my stock of ado is running low) here are the answers to last time's number puzzles:

- 1. 7 is the Sum of the Spots on the Opposite Sides of a Dice
- 2. 5 Days is the Length of a Test Match in Cricket
- 3. 8 Bottles in a Jeroboam
- 4. 2 is the Number on Alain Prost's Formula One Racing Car
- 5. 24 Points for a First Dividend on a Football Pools Coupon
- 6. 6 Eggs in Half a Dozen
- 7. 8 Quavers in a Full Note
- 8. 65 Age at which Men Receive Bus Passes
- 6 English Monarchs in the House of Hanover
- 10. 4 English Counties Begin with D (Derbyshire, Devon, Dorset and Durham)

If you haven't seen this column before and are wondering what the above was about the following will probably explain all:

- 1. 6 MS have L on the M
- 2. 1936 CPD by F
- 3. 12 C in the EC
- 4. 12 M have W on the M
- 5. 2 N in a D
- 6. 36 is the HN on a RW
- 7. 10 H in the WFHMHR
- 8. 252 OP in a G
- 9. 6 TM

10. 350 FA is the ESB

And now it's Brewery Anagram time. No. Please. Don't turn over the page just yet -you might get to enjoy it (The world is full of gullible people, I'm told). As long standing readers will already know, I and my trusty Scrabble set make up anagrams from brewery names taken from the Good Beer Guide and all you have to do is reconstruct the names of the breweries from them. Here are last time's answers:

- FLIP TIDE
- **PITFIELD**
- 2. A GIT HERE HERITAGE
- 3. MISS MALE HUT SAMUEL SMITH
- 4. SONNY RAN, DASH DASH! HARDYS AND HANSONS
- 5. CITE TOSS SCOTTIES
- 6. HONEST PISS SHIPSTONES

And here are this month's:

- FLAME IS ON
- 2. HE PECKS LAB
- 3. PECK AT MATES
- 4. LOST'N'GONE

5. SHAVE OUR TIN

If you didn't read the December/January Drinker you might be able to work out the General Knowledge questions which go with some of these answers. I would defy anyone to work out questions 4 to 6 without cheating, though:

- 1. Ferrari (with 103 victories)
- Eight (Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri and Montana)
- 3. The River Tay
- 4. 1967
- 5. Threepence (That's 3d real money)
- 6. 1968
- 7. Leeds (starting on 20th June 1911)
- 8. 204
- 9. Bullmastiff
- 10. Divine wind

Did you know that trivia is the plural of trivium, which was originally a medieval university course of grammar, rhetoric and logic, the name being taken from the Latin for a place where three roads meet. Of course, I prefer to use the term General Knowledge but I don't really believe that the questions are particularly important. Anyway

here, for your delectation and delight (Oh, suit yourselves then!) they are:

- We all know what SCUBA gear is used for but what does the acronym SCUBA stand for?
- And following on from the last question, who was the inventor of SCUBA gear?
- 3. What name is British Guiana now known?
- 4. Who was the author of "King Solomon's Mines" and "She"?
- 5. Who was Britain's first Labour MP?
- 6. Which author created the character Richard Hannay?
- 7. What seaside town was the subject of a famous railway company poster showing a dancing fisherman with the slogan, is SO bracing?
- 8. What is the subject of J.M.W.Turner's famous painting entitled, "Rain, Steam and Speed"?
- 9. What was the name of the less famous, but longer lived, sister ship of the Titanic?
- Who was elected as the Conservative MP for Falmouth and Cambourne in the 1992 General Election

These days, I usually try to end each month with a puzzle where you can work the answer out rather than needing to know it. I like to think that this helps to keep your brain active, though if you've got this far through

the column it's probably more like a damage limitation exercise. As usual I shall start with last time's answer followed by this month's puzzle:

Last time you will recall that I ended this column by asking you how many presents are handed over altogether in the song, The Twelve days of Christmas. Without going through the lot in detail, if you start with 12 times one partridge in a pear tree (counting as a single gift); 11 times two turtle doves etc the total is 364 items of somewhat dubious usefulness.

And now for this month's:

Ron and Clive are two compulsive gamblers. One wet Sunday afternoon, in the absence of two flies crawling up a window, all they can find are two dice. Ron challenges Clive to a game whereby each of them rolls the two dice fifty times and each has to guess what total will show up most frequently in the one hundred throws. Being a kind lad Ron allows Clive the first guess; what number should Clive choose?

[Any connection between the characters above and any real persons, alive or dead, is purely coincidental.]

Well that's about it for this month, so I shall simply bid you farewell until next time.

Andy Pirson

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS

As a result of pub surveys for the soon-tocome West London Beer Guide a number of beer range changes have come to light in the area. Here are some of them.

THE RIFLEMAN in Hounslow is now a Davies Inn and sells Fullers London Pride. The SHIRE HORSE also in Hounslow, now owned by Ascot Holdings, sells Young's Special and Ruddles Best Bitter. The RED LION in Twickenham now sells guest beers, most recently Shepherd Neame Masterbrew and, finally for now, The WHITE SWAN in Twickenham has recently had Marston's Pedigree and Eldridge Pope as guest beers. More next time.

The WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL SOCIAL CLUB, attached to an office in London Road Isleworth is run by steward Alan Selfe and is the venue for a Richmond

& Hounslow Branch Social on Thursday 24th February. Until recently the club sold only Young's draught beers, but Alan is attempting to rekindle the interest in guest beers started by his predecessor Andre McGill. Beers on offer recently include Brains Bitter, Wadworth 6X and Charles Wells Bombardier. Any CAMRA member who fancies coming along on the 24th will be most welcome but please remember to bring your membership cards with you otherwise you will not be able to get in.

Doug Scott

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THE LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON

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All correct entries received by first post on 23rd February will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the April 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

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| | him. [5] |
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| | tee. [3] |
| 7. | A rather nasty eyesore. [4] |
| | Florence has below, fish. [8] |
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| 10. | Collect return ticket and |
| | girl. [5] |
| 13. | Ireland has politician to |
| | provide supreme control. [6] |
| 15. | Excitedly, I open ten star |
| | gift. [12] |
| 19 | It's an advance for Roger to be |
| | in the papers. [8] |
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| | You won't be calm on it [4] |
| 21. | and not during normal |
| | service. [3] |
| 22. | Sat on a kind of villa? [5] |
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| 2. | He deceives, I hear, | a |
| | creature. | [7] |
| 3. | A little thing with top rem | noved |
| | is a dangerous weapon. | [5] |
| 4. | Sheep's behind and ape's | head |
| | make quite a diffe | erent |
| | creature. | [5] |
| 5. | Less experienced but | more |
| | environmentally friendly. | [7] |
| 6. | Funnily enough, it's less | than |
| | half. | [6] |
| 11. | Mainly desiring drug. | [7] |
| 12. | Danced drunkenly. | [6] |
| 14. | It's obvious I am | in |
| | suffering. | [7] |
| 16. | Musician or lager lout? | [5] |
| 17. | A Scot she was not. | [5] |
| 18. | Groan about instrument. | [5] |

Winner of the prize for the November Crossword:
Pat Andrews, Chingford.
Other correct entries were received from:
Mrs D.M.Amy, I.W.Ardon, Alan Brooke, Andy Camroux, A.P.Comaish,
Jane Darnbroudh, Rupert Dodds, Kathryn Everett,
Mikes Farrelly/Richards, Paul Pindlow, B.H.Pletcher, Eileen Graves,
Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Guy & Alison, Alison Henley, Koopa King,
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Terry Wookey, Yak. There were also 7 incorrect entries

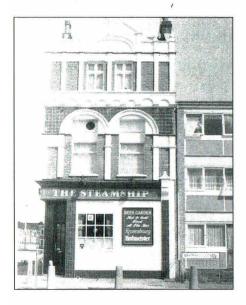
FULLER'S UPDATE

Happy New Year to all our customers! As part of the Brewery's goodwill for 1994, Fuller's has decided to extend to real ale enthusiasts an offer they cannot refuse. Fuller's has dropped the price of a pint of Chiswick Bitter to £1.29 and the price of a pint of Hock to £1.19 for at least three months! Managing Director, Michael Turner explains, "We believe that it is important for people to know they can go into a Fuller's pub and enjoy a pint of real ale at very competitive prices. It is our aim to ensure that the Fuller's name is synonymous not just with quality and tradition but also with value for money. The consumer is having a hard time at the moment. Duty on beer is still exceptionally high and tenants are facing large bills which they are passing on to the customer. This is about giving the customer a square deal."

London pubs swept the board in the Fuller's Christmas Decorations Competition this year. The winning pub was the Fox and Goose, Ealing, for the second time in a row, with its beautiful nativity night sky, second place went to the Crown & Sceptre in Shepherds Bush who had a very blue and white Christmas in honour of the area's heroes, QPR! Finally, the Melton Mowbray in Holborn was awarded third prize, plumping for the traditional feel using natural materials like holly, ivy and fur trees, livened up with delicate flashing lights.

The other Fuller's competition run before Christmas was the Cellar Competition ensuring that all Fuller's pubs serve our prize winning ales at their best. This year the title of Master Cellarman went to Alex Priestley at the Prince Albert, Twickenham. Congratulations!

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear London Drinker.

I read with surprise in Beer Briefing Update 86 that the steamship E15 no longer sells real ale.

This will be news to our customers currently supping Abbot and Courage Best and to our Tuesday dart team, four of which are members of the local CAMRA branch.

Far from selling no real ale we may add a further beer to the range.

Yours faithfully

Dud

Steamship E15

Dear Editors.

As a frequent traveller to Düsseldorf "visiting friends" but spending most of my time at Zum Urige (probably the best pub in the World) and the RhineStadion, I was very pleased to ready Dick Ebohen's guide to the home breweries of that city in the November London Drinker.

Sadly he failed to mention the newest, and one of my favourites, the Oberkasteller Braurai. Just a 10 minute tram ride from the Old Town across the Rhine this modern brewery boasts a dark cloudy house pils as well as the traditional local Alt Bier and has a more relaxed atmosphere than the packed city centre houses with a good restaurant and a large beer garden. Any London Drinker readers visiting the city should try to include a visit. To get there take any tram going in the direction of Krefeld and alight at Barbarossaplatz – you can't miss the brewery.

I also enjoyed Michael Protz's article in the same issue which I thought had a well balanced flavour throughout with perhaps just a hint of sour grapes in the finish but noticeably less overtly pompous tones than some other articles competing in the same market. I look forward to more of the same.

Best wishes Stephen Harris Leyton, London E15

Dear Editors.

At last we have some good news for drinkers in St. Johns Wood; after years of indifferent ale and pub closures, three developments mean that the area may again feature in the Good Beer Guide.

Graeme Akers, a long standing CAMRA member has recently taken over the management of the PRINCESS ROYAL in Circus Road. An enlightened guest ale policy is followed with beers obtained through Classic Ales, including Harveys, Butterknowle, Morland, Ringwood etc. Occasional mini-festivals, a nice atmosphere and good bar snacks (lunchtimes only, so far and not Sundays) complete a much improved picture.

The NEW INN, Allitsen Road (274 bus), offering excellent pub food plus the three main Greene King beers, is very tastefully decorated with spotless cleanliness, excellent service and well kept ale. It is worth visiting.

Finally, Nicholson's have taken over the CLIFTON, 96 Clifton Hill (139 bus). Prices will be slightly lower than previously and the superb interior will be cleaned and maintained.

Regards, Tony Jowsey, London NW8.

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THE ALBANY

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WESTON'S CIDER

- 1 TRADITIONAL
- 2 PERRY

3 OLD ROSIE

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Dear Editors,

As a Yorkshireman, I have never cozied up to anyone. Nor have I ever smoked, so neither a jacket for that purpose nor a cigarette holder are typically Jacksonian features. I can only, therefore, assume that I was not one of the people sent up in an article in your November issue by a fellow purporting to be called Michael Protz. An unlikely name, Protz...

Given that his topic was the integrity and literary skills of his fellow writers, it's a shame he was so soggy a stylist, and so cowardly as to hide behind a pseudonym.

If he carried out his threat to contribute further to The London Drinker, he should put his own name on the line, as we "professionals" do (the quotation marks are his, though I do not know why he used them; I always insist upon being paid, however derisory the fee).

Yours from the sample room Michael Jackson, Hammersmith

Dear Sir.

Why is it so difficult to get food in the evening in Central London pubs? I know that City pubs close early, but I thought pub grub was supposed to be a money spinner; people who are out for the evening straight from work will move on if they can't get a bite to eat. A pub may not necessarily offer elaborate cooked meals, but surely it can provide snacks or sandwiches, especially in the day of the microwave and the freezer. I am sure the demand is there but untapped.

Two exceptions to this no evening food rule which are worthy of note are the RUGBY TAVERN in Holborn (19 Great James Street, WC1) and the KINGS ARMS in Roupell Street, SE1, near Waterloo. The Kings Arms is a useful alternative to those hungry souls who pitch up at Waterloo Station absolutely famished and end up in the dreadful Casey Jones burger joint. It does enormous basket meals for a couple of quid with decent beer as an added attraction! Fullers pubs, such as the Artillery in Bunhill Row, can also be good. I would be interested to hear of further examples.

In this context, I should perhaps mention the ALBANY in Twickenham. At a recent beer festival their meals were an example to all festival organisers of what festival food should be like. Even more important to most readers, the beer on offer at their Champion Beer Festival was an excellent range in tip-top condition - a credit to the cellarmanship. In fact, for me, this festival was better than events like the Pig's Ear for the simple

reason that it was in a proper pub rather than a large hall. As a consequence, one is more likely to remain until closing time.

Congratulations on the August article offering a Kingston pub crawl. It was interesting to note that the obvious riverside pubs were avoided.

The Modern City Pubs article in the June issue was also entertaining, with photographs of such mundane establishments as Magog's (I've never had a decent pint in there) and the Hole in the Wall. However, I could think of many a better example of what a City pub should be than the one alluded to in the final paragraph.

The OLD KING LUD is a welcome addition to the pubs in EC4. It always seems to be full of people at whatever time you pass by. I share your concern that beer standards may suffer if trade drops off and volume sold diminishes. Having said that, it is amazing when presented with their selection of thirty or so different ales how easy it is to narrow it down. How many people would put Flowers or Pompey Royal at the head of a list of favourite ales.

Peter Campbell, Chessington, Surrey.

Dear Editors.

In the December/January edition of the London Drinker I noticed an advert for McCANNS PUBLIC HOUSE in Victoria Park Road, Hackney. The pub has just recently been taken over by new guv'nors Sandra and Richard Senkus who have taken the initiative to expand the already excellent range of beers from four to six. At the time of writing the regular beers are:

Theakston Old Peculier Theakston Best Bitter Pitfield Best Bitter Clivedale's Old Sheepdipper

and currently the two guest beers are:

Pitfield Santa's Downfall
Morland Old Speckled Hen

In addition to these fine ales, McCanns has organised activities for its regulars such as a visit to Walthamstow Dogs and a pub visit to the Pig's Ear Beer Festival at Stratford. A monthly quiz is run and all are welcome to participate - the next will be on Thursday 17th February.

It is good to see a pub which makes such an effort to provide such a range of quality ales. I for one wish them every success.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Gurney, London E9.

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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for February of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 27

LONDON PUBS GROUP: Wed 23 (8.00) Business Meeting. WINDMILL, Mill Street, W1 (off Oxford Street) — Mon 28 Mar (8.00) Pub Crawl of Herne Hill. Start CROWN & GREYHOUND, Dulwich Village, SE21 then HALF MOON, 10 Half Moon Lane; COMMERCIAL, 212 Railton Road: PHOENIX & FIRKIN, 5 Windsor Walk, SE5

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 7 (8.00) Branch Meeting. HOLLYBUSH, 32 Grange Road, E10 — Wed 23 (8.00) Two Pub Social. FALCON & FIRKIN then McCANNS (9.30), both Victoria Park Road, E9 — Mon 7 Mar (8.00) Branch Meeting. Venue to be arranged.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Tue 1 (9.00) Social. THE WONDER, Batley Road, Enfield — Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20 — Thu 17 (9.00) Two Pub Social. GREYHOUND, 52 Church End, NW4; CHEQUERS (10.00), 20 Church End — Mon 21 (9.00) Test Support Social in Edgware with West Middlesex Branch. EDGE OF TOWN BAR, Station Road, Edgware — Thu 24 (9.00) Social. OSIDGE ARMS, Hampden Square, N14 — Sun 27 Lunchtime Social. WHITE LION OF MORTIMER, 3 York Parade, West Hendon Broadway, NW9 — Tue 1 Mar (8.30) Winchmore Hill Crawl. Start QUEENS ARMS, 41 Station Road then QUEENS ARMS (9.15), Winchmore Hill Green; SALISBURY ARMS (10.00), Hoppers Road, all in N21

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Thu 10 (8.30) Social. NEW INN, Long Ditton — Mon 14 (12.45 for 1.00 at brewery) Trip to Fullers Brewery. Names to Branch Contact please; numbers are very limited — Thu 24 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WAGGON & HORSES, Surbiton.

NORTH LONDON: Tue 1 (8.00) Committee Meeting followed by Branch Meeting (8.30) & GBG '95 Final selection. RUGBY TAVERN, Great James Street, WC1 (Holborn or Chancery Lane tube) — Wed 9 (8.00) London Drinker Beer Festival Final Planning Meeting. CALTHORPE ARMS, 252 Gray's Inn Road, WC1 (Russell Square tube or Kings Cross BR) — Tue 15 (8.00) Leafleting & Envelope Stuffing. NEPTUNE, 51 Werrington Street, NW1 (Euston tube & BR) — Thu 24 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. EARL OF RADNOR, 106 Mildmay Grove, N1 (Canonbury BR) — Tue 1 Mar (8.00) Leafleting Social in WC1. OLD RED LION, 72 High Holborn then CITTIE OF YORK (9.30), 22 High Holborn (Holborn or Chancery Lane tube).

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 1 (8.00) Committee Meeting. QUEEN DOWAGER, 49 North Lane, Teddington — Mon 7 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WATERMANS ARMS, Water Lane, Richmond — Mon 21 (7.30) West London Guide Survey Crawl. Start WHITE HORSE, 25 Market Place, Brentford — Thu 24 (8.00) Social. WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL SOCIAL CLUB, 455 London Road, Isleworth. Please be sure to bring your membership card with you — Tue 1 Mar (8.00) Committee Meeting & GBG 1995 Final Selection. TRIPLE CROWN, 15 Kew Foot Road, Richmond.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Tue 1 (8.30) Social. RABBITS, Stapleford Road (B175), Stapleford Abbots — Wed 9 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. PLOUGH INN, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ538970) — Tue 15 (8.30) Social. DURHAM ARMS, 101 Brentwood Road, Romford — Thu 24 (8.30) Social. WHARF, Wharf Road (off A126), Grays — Tue 1 Mar (8.30) Social. CRICKETERS, 299/301 High Road (A11), Woodford Green — Thu 31 Mar (7.30 at brewery) Brewery Trip to HALL & WOODHOUSE, Blandford Forum. Details/bookings: Wendy Benson on Romford 723897.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Fri 4 (7.00) Open Branch Committee and Open Festival Committee Meetings followed (at 8.00) by Beerex Publicity Crawl. PLOUGH, 89 St John's Hill, Clapham Junction, SW11 — Fri 25 (7.00) Post Festival Discussion and Social (8.00). HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane, Brixton, SW2

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Wed 2 (8.30) Social. Rickmansworth Sports Club — Tue 8 (8.30) Oxhey Hall Social. BROOKDENE ARMS then THE HAPPY HOUR (9.45) — Wed 16 (2.00)

Brewery Visit to KING & BARNES, Horsham — Wed 23 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Social. THE SPORTSMAN, Croxley — Sun 27 (8.30) Branch Committee Meeting. West Herts Sports & Social Club.

WEST LONDON: Wed 9 (8.00) Kensington Crawl. Start ELEPHANT & CASTLE, 40 Holland Street, W8 then CATHERINE WHEEL (8.45), 23 Kensington Church Street; PRINCE OF WALES (9.30), 8 Kensington Church Street; GOAT (10.15), 3A Kensington High Street — Thu 24 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6

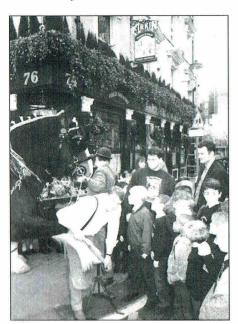
WEST MIDDLESEX: Thu 3 (8.30) Social. CROWN & SCEPTRE, High Street, Uxbridge — Tue 8 (8.30) Two Pub Social. HAVEN ARMS, Springfield Road, Haven Green, Ealing, W5 then WHEATSHEAF (9.30), Haven Lane — Wed 16 (8.30) Open Committee Meeting. GLOBE, 104 Windmill Road, Brentford — Mon 21 (9.00) Test Support Social in Edgware with Enfield & Barnet Branch. EDGE OF TOWN BAR, Station Road, Edgware — Thu 24 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. MOON & SIXPENCE, Uxbridge Road, Hayes End.

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

FARRIER & FIRKIN OPENS IN MARYLEBONE

Saddle up and trot down to the latest addition to the Firkin stable, the Farrier & Firkin at 74 York Street, W1, which has just opened.

The Grand National of pub openings, which celebrated the £100,000 development, came under starter's orders when the first batch of Firkin pub brewed beers was delivered by the Firkin shire horses last



week. Children from nearby St Mary's Junior School, Enford Street, W1, had their teachers pulling at the reins, when they came to see the shire horses and a shoeing exhibition by farrier John Peacock.

Later, customers got the bit between their teeth, kicked off their shoes and galloped down to sample Shoe Ale (ABV 4.4%) and Farrier Ale (ABV 3.7%) which is served at the pub every day alongside Dogbolter (ABV 5.8%) and full mash Firkin Mild (ABV 3.4%). Many sampled the scrumptious Firkin Fodder which was available at the trough.

The Farrier & Firkin brings the present number of Firkin pubs in London to 16. "The Firkin pubs are renowned for their distinctive character, as well as their pub brewed ales and the Farrier has got of to a great start," said licensee Andy Lowson.

Live music is offered most evenings which includes Boogie-Woogie, Jazz, Blues and traditional sing-along, all live, all free. Food — or Firkin Fodder as it is universally referred — is wholesome, home cooked and includes the world renowned over-sized Firkin Bap, as well as the more traditional salads, baked potatoes and pies. The Farrier will be serving an extensive range to cater for both carnivores and omnivores.

Everyone is welcome, so saddle up, trot down and have a load of Firkin fun!



"IT'S A FIRKIN TRIUMPH!"

So said Willie Rushton about the Phoenix and Firkin pub who won this year's Evening Standard Pub of the Year Competition. Having urged Londoners to "get in their charabancs and visit it", Willie made a return visit to present the Phoenix with its prestigious plaque and join customers in toasting the pub's success with a pint of Rail Ale.



Situated at Denmark Hill Railway Station, the Phoenix and Firkin occupies the old ticket office which burnt down in 1980. The Phoenix rose from the ashes when it was established in 1984 and has now soared to great heights. Trains continue to pass under the pub and inside a huge station clock ticks away the drinking hours whilst a model train runs the length of the bar.

Real ale lovers in the capital have been enjoying the range of pub brewed ales that the Phoenix and its fellow Firkin pubs are renowned for. Phoenix Ale (ABV 4.3%), Rail Ale (ABV 3.5%) as well as the ubiquitous Dogbolter (ABV 5.6%) are all brewed on site and the pub also has regular beer festivals where it serves ales from different micro breweries across the country.

General Manager Mark Crowther commented "We are delighted that the Phoenix and Firkin has won this highly prestigious award. It is a great credit to the licensee and staff particularly as the competition was of such a high standard. It's a great achievement for the Firkin Brewery".

DRINKLINE

Drinkline, a helpline to provide education and advice about alcohol problems was launched two months ago and is open to callers every night from 6-11pm, tel 071-332 0202. Drinkline is also asking for more volunteers who will be trained to give advice about drinking over the phone, tel 071-332 0150

SALISBURY BREWER TO MAKE NATURAL BOTTLED STOUT

Hop Back Brewery of Salisbury is to brew a limited edition of naturally-conditioned bottled stout for early next year.

The new brew, called Natural Stout, will be 4.5% alcohol by volume. One thousand bottles will be made and each will come with an individual number and be signed, making it a real collectors' item.

The stout will be made from entirely natural raw materials and like Hop Back's draught stout, be suitable for vegans.

Natural Stout is to be launched at CAMRA's Battersea Beer Festival in London, run over 16-19 February. It will also be available from selected free trade pubs and Hop Back's own pubs in Southampton and Salisbury.

Says managing director John Gilbert: "This new beer fills a real gap in the market, with Guinness no longer brewing a stout that conditions in the bottle. We believe devotees of quality natural bottled beer will welcome it enthusiastically."

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From 3,500 breweries world-wide about 1,300 are coming from Germany and it is intended to draw the attraction of this festival to at least 70 international and 70 national breweries. It is obvious, though, that more than 140 different kinds of beers will be sampled. In the first place the company Haus Der 131 Biere from Hamburg in Germany, who has had the idea and who has taken the initiative for organising the festival, will represent 350 kinds of beer among them exotic brands originating from Tahiti, Nepal, Peru etc.

Each exhibitor will also provide attractions of his own, ranging from domestic folklore to heated airballoons — breweries are known for their gamuts of surprising enticements.

In addition to the breweries' presentations there will be a wide scattered programme of entertainment. Star guests like "beer-pope" Michael Jackson from the UK or Conrad Seidl from Austria lecture on the art of beer brewing and make their convert-sampling with VIPs. Much fun for everybody.

Finally, 37 collectors' groups from 17 nations have been invited for a collectors' exchange. Beer mats, mugs and steins along with fringe items will be offered for barter or sale.

Many musical groups will care for the entertainment both in the halls or in the park where live music for any taste and any age will provide easy listening or dancing or swaying. And, of course, there will also be a special programme arranged for children's fun.

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19-20 The Broadwalk, Pinner Road, North Harrow, Middlesex

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1250-1256 Uxbridge Road, Hayes End, Middlesex

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52-54 Church Street, Edmonton, N9

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17-21 George Street, Croydon, Surrey

THE MILLER'S WELL

419-421 Barking Road, East Ham, E6

THE VILLAGE INN

402-408 Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middlesex

THE COLISEUM

Manor Park Road, Harlesden, NW10

II MOON'S

3 Shaftesbury Parade, Shaftesbury Circle South Harrow, Middlesex

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The Railway, 202 Upper Richmond Road, Putney SW15

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(November). Tanners Hall, Stoke Newington, will become the maning of December).

THE SARSEN STONE

32 High Street, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex

THE BIRD IN HAND

35 Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, SE23

THE GEORGE

High Street, Wanstead E11

THE MOON UNDER WATER

10/11 Broadway Parade, Coldharbour Lane, Hayes, Middlesex

THE CAMDEN'S HEAD

456 Bethnal Green Road, Bethnal Green E2

THE MOON UNDER WATER

28 Leicester Square, London WC2

THE WHISPERING MOON

25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road, Wallington, Surrey

WHITE LION OF MORTIMER

125 Stroud Green Road, Stroud Green N4

THE TANNERS HALL

145 High Street, Stoke Newington N16

THE GATE HOUSE

North Road, London N6

THE SPOTTED DOG

Garrett Lane, Arndale Centre, Wandsworth SW18

THE NEW MOON

413 Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17

THE ELBOW ROOM

503-505 High Road, Tottenham N17

JI MOON'S

553 Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury NW9

THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER

3 York Parade, West Hendon Broadway, NW9

THE DRUM

557/9 Lea Bridge Road, Walthamstow E10

THE MOON UNDER WATER

148 High Street, Barnet, Herts

THE MOON UNDER WATER

115/117 Chase Side, Enfield, Middlesex

THE OUTSIDE INN

312-314 Neasden Lane, Neasden NW10

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THE TOLLGATE

26-30 Turnpike Lane, Hornsey N8

THE DOG

17/19 Archway Road, Camden NW1

THE MAN IN THE MOON

40-42 Chalk Farm Road, Camden NW1

THE ELBOW ROOM 22 Topside Parade, Tottenham Lane, Crouch End N8

179 UPPER STREET

179 Upper Street, Islington N1

THE MOON UNDER WATER

194 Balham High Road, Balham SW12

THE MOON UNDER WATER

1327 London Road, Norbury SW16

THE BEEHIVE

407-409 Brixton Road, Brixton SW9

II MOON'S

80-82 Chiswick High Road, Chiswick W4

THE MAN IN THE MOON

1 Buckingham Parade, Stanmore, Middlesex

THE BLACKING BOTTLE

122-126 High Street, Edgware, Middlesex

THE BANKER'S DRAFT

80 HIgh Street, Eltham SE9

GOLDENGROVE

146-148 The Grove, Stratford E15

THE OLD MANOR

Church Road, Bracknell, Berkshire

CAMAL COMMENT

Once upon a time in a town called Plzen in Bohemia they brewed a beer which was distinctive and very nice to drink. The Germans across the border tasted the beer and liked it so much that they decided to brew a beer like it and to make it sound like the real thing, they called it by the German word for "of Plzen" which is Pilsener. The Germans brewed large quantities of the beer and it soon became known and liked in many countries of the world. Each country liked it so much that is too decided to brew a beer like it and call it by the name Pilsener. While all this was going on, the citizens of Plzen went about their business and didn't take much notice of the interest that their beer had aroused all over the world. Until this time they had just called their beer by the name of the brewery that brewed it and eventually they realised that every country in the world was brewing a beer called Pilsener except themselves. Then they had a good idea and called their beer fountain-head pilsner, or Pilsner Urquell. When the other countries discovered the genuine pilsener, they liked it better than that they had copied from the Germans, but try as they may, they could not brew a beer quite as good at the genuine pilsner.

About the same time another Bohemian brewery was brewing beer which was different from that brewed in Plzen, but was also very nice to drink. It was brewed in Budejovice and as there are two towns in Bohemia called Budejovice, they called this one Ceske Budejovice. The merits of this beer came to the notice of some Germans who had set up a brewery in America. They too had a good idea; they would call their beer by the German name for "of Budejovice" which is Budweiser and perhaps people would think that their beer was the original Budejovice beer. In truth, it was nothing like the real thing. Since nobody else had called their beer Budweiser, the Americans claimed that theirs was the one and only Budweiser beer and prevented anyone else using the name, including the brewery at Ceske Budejovice. The brewers at Ceske Budejovice were not best pleased, but soon they too had a good idea; they called their beer Budweiser Budvar and that made it all right because then drinkers could tell which was the real thing and which was the imitation.

ALE TALE AT THE SHAKESPEARE

Tourists and other visitors to the City are flocking to the Shakespeare pub, 101 Crescent House Goswell Road, EC1, where licensee John Munn is conducting tours around the largest working cellar in the square mile.

The pub which is operated by Taylor Walker, London's leading pub company with over 500 managed outlets throughout the Capital, is situated closed to the Barbican Centre and St Paul's Cathedral and is now firmly established on the tourist trail. The tours started on an ad hoc basis during the summer and now take place at 3pm and 7.30pm each week day, or at other times by arrangement.

Colourful murals along the walls of the cellar help to explain the elements in the production of a consistently good pint. The first scene highlights the beer-making process with samples of the ingredients used on show. The Shakespeare offers a wide range of traditional cask conditioned ales, all of which are kept in the fully operational cellar. At the end of the tour visitors are able to sample ale straight from the cask.

John, a Taylor Walker licensee for 14 years and a Guild of Master Cellar Man finalist in both 1993 and 1992 said "The perfect pint demands consistently good cellar management. This includes cleanliness, handling, stock rotation and temperature control through to dispensing and service of the pint." John now runs cellar management courses for trainee licensees.

To complement the perfect pints, the Shakespeare offers an extensive range of home cooked foods, including a carvery and daily specials available at lunch time with bar snacks in the evening, Monday to Friday. Each Saturday a traditional English Roast is offered at £4.95 per head, between 11am and 3pm.

CAPITAL ALE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 1993

There was an excellent turnout at the HOL-LOWAY pub on the Holloway Road in N7, with between 100 and 150 CAMRA members as well as the pub's regulars. There were nine beers on offer including Hanby Treacleminer Bitter, Fuller's Hock, Belhaven 80/-, Crouch Vale Millennium and Porter, Oak Wobbly Bob, Young's Winter Warmer and Bass plus two ciders from Thatcher's. There was a competition to name the mystery beer, which nobody guessed was Clark's Burglar Bill. All of the beers sold so well that by 11.30 only Bass and Winter Warmer were left.

The buffet was very popular and not only was it tasty but there was enough to go round. Apologies that there wasn't a raffle but the people dealing with it were busy behind the bar. Speeches were made by Peter Cox of Regent Inns; "Wobbly" Bob Treherne, the pub's cellar man and Yours Truly (which was mercifully short and could only be heard from the front bar). A presentation was made to the pub's oldest regular, 82 year old John Smith who received a certificate; one year's CAMRA membership (courtesy of Regent Inns and North London Branch) and a copy of the 1994 Good Beer Guide.

Before I finish, I would like to address three issues raised during and after the event. Firstly, having non-CAMRA people at the event. I can't understand this as there is no restriction in having them at CAMRA Beer Festivals. It was a great opportunity to promote CAMRA since we are campaigning against problems which affect all pub users.

Secondly, choice of venue. I don't doubt that it surprised some people; sure, it's an unusual outlet for selling real ale, with its mixture of locals and students. Thanks mainly to the latter, the pub regularly sells up to eight different ales including at least two which are rarely sold in London outside beer festivals. That's why it was chosen. A few people were wary of its "reputation". Through enquiries I had learned that the police were happy with the way the pub has been managed since Regent Inns bought it. Since the event repairs have been made to the toilets and the manager intends to refurbish the pub, including removing the pool tables. We shall see. Whatever happens, the important thing is that the beers are generally well kept and that

CAMRA members are welcome.

Thirdly, music. I felt that the music played was no louder than that played at some beer festivals. I admit that it wasn't to everyone's taste but I found it refreshing to be able to enjoy some contemporary music while drinking a decent pint.

Finally, I'd like to say what a pleasure it was to see so many people, including many familiar faces. I'd like to thank them for coming, particularly those who had travelled far. I would like to thank the following people for heir help: From the Holloway, Bob whose experience, ideas and effort ensured the event's success; the manager, Manny Hand for being available when needed; Kate for cooking and serving the buffet and the rest of the staff for coping with the lot of us. From CAMRA: Ian Hassell for giving us the opportunity; the editors of London Drinker and Andrew Sangster for their help; the Branch Contacts for their support, particularly Martin Butler and also John Moran, Lynda Hunt and Alison Cox for spending time on the CAMRA stand. Also Steve for playing the music and last but not least, Olly Graham of Crouch Vale for supplying most of the beer.

Aidan Kerrigan

LONDON PUB OF THE YEAR

Of all the pubs selected by CAMRA00 branches as their pub of the year, the DOG AND BULL (pictured on this month's front cover) at 24 Surrey Street, Croydon was chosen as London's overall Pub of the Year.

The Dog and Bull stands in the older part of Croydon's town centre, where ever since the Middle Ages there has always been a bustling market once known as "Butcher's Row". Anne and Frank Egan have been running this excellent pub for four and a half years and it has recently been extended into the butcher's shop next door; had its stained glass windows refurbished and had its garden rebuilt. This lively street market pub offers good value lunches and some wonderful beer from Wandsworth.

Paul Everitt

The Dog and Bull will be included in the London Pubs Group crawl of Croydon to be held on Monday 7th March.

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and where to find it in Young's pubs

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

TEN YEARS AGO the yellow cover of the February 1984 issue of LD bore a photograph of the Duke of Devonshire, Balham, announcing a Pub Profile in the content — I spent a happy afternoon while preparing the article, going through the archives in Young's Brewery — everything was written in copperplate, very skilful but not always easy to interpret via modern eyes! Unfortunately a technical problem at the printer's resulted in most of the covers — including that on my file copy arriving with "snowstorm" effect. At the time we never saw the artwork — let alone the finished item — until delivery when everyone was on the way to collect branch quotas and it was too late to do anything but moan or use stronger language.

In his Editorial Chris discussed uncomplimentary comments made by the chairman of the National Licensed Victuallers' Association about campaigning by the West Midlands Consumer Services Dept to encourage the serving of a full pint. This included the production of beer mats with a scale to show by how much the drinker was being ripped off by short measures. This was the basis of the design on page 39 of our last issue. You can imagine what that gentleman said on the subject. And we're STILL expected to put up with short measure!

John Smith's of Tadcaster were about to resume production of cask bitter, which in due course began appearing in Courage's London pubs. Meanwhile Courage had sold the Horseleydown Brewery next to Tower Bridge.

Allied Breweries were producing non-alcoholic lager at 35p a half-pint bottle.

During 1983 the percentage of pubs selling real ale had risen by 13% to 70% over the previous year's total. The only postal district with no real ale was Thamesmead, SE28. Five more pubs had begun brewing in 1983.

Mostyn Lewis had come across a french publication about cooking with alcohol, including beer. He quoted four recipes involving respectively soup, crab, stuffed ham and aubergines. For one other he declined to go into details The section read "Lievre Farci 'Sait Arnould' — first disembowel your hare... maybe not."

Chris Cobbold had spent Hogmanay in Glasgow, and gave us the benefit of his experience (in the pubs — Ed), in "Scottish Drinker".

In "London Drinking" Red Rover described his findings, with usual candour, gleaned during a crawl of N17 in the rain.

The Brixton Brewery in the Warrior, Coldharbour Lane SW9 had begun production with 20 barrels a week; its owner, Mick Conway, was also proprietor of the Battersea Brewery which had previously opened; the brewer at both was John Gilbert — who now has two breweries and pubs to his name.

FIVE YEARS AGO the February 1989 issue appeared to have a 4-coloured cover — judicious use of artwork made the frame silver-grey with black lining and the theme colour of royal blue on the title and 11 other pages, was transformed into duck-egg blue on the panel, whose illustration was the logo of the then forthcoming third Wimbledon Beer Festival — a contented, replete sleeping monk in the form of the clip on a hand pump.

In his Editorial Chris dwelt on the upsurge in Beer Festivals — notably those in London — and some of the complications involved in running them.

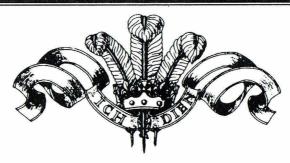
In a separate article, Chris also expressed appreciation for the Old Ale Festival organised privately in the White Horse, Parson's Green the previous November. This has taken place on a number of occasions, always a resounding success.

The Crown, Clerkenwell Green, which had recently re-opened after renovations, was the subject of an historical profile including plays in the concert room a coffin found on the premises, and an explosion which led to the last public execution, in 1868. It covered 174 years — the time the building had then been standing on a much older site.

Facing an advert for a shellfish business came "A Fishy Tale" — a rundown of the provenance of the various wares to be found for sale. Not entirely unconnected with drinking — shellfish is a traditional adjunct to the Londoner's Sunday lunch, going back to the days when it could be picked up free of charge from the Thames.

The Real Beer in London Update (the 42nd) covered 41/4 pages — deletions (i.e. those pubs which has ceased to serve real beer for whatever reason since the previous Update, including closures) filled less than a quarter of

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A BREWERY TRIP TO SALISBURY

On October 9th 1993 a group of 31 people who had worked at last year's London Drinker Beer Festival travelled by coach to see Salisbury's two contrasting breweries, Gibbs Mew and Hopback. Thanks to an early start and our driver going well, we arrived at Gibbs Mew about twenty minutes early. The place seemed deserted but, after finding someone I was directed to the hospitality bar. Here I found Bob, one of our guides, who said, "You're early, so why don't you all have a drink before the tour starts." How could we refuse?

We were divided into two tours, one led by Bob and the other by Richard and we saw a classic Victorian tower brewery. We started from the top with the grist mill then down to the mash tuns, coppers (most of them stainless steel), fermenting vessels and lastly the area where the racking, kegging and bottling take place. We then returned to the bar where we were given a generous amount of beer which was excellent.

While we were here we heard a tale of woe from four North London regulars who had decided to make their own way to Salisbury. After arriving, they went to where they thought the brewery was. This lead them out of the city to a building surrounded by fields.

After agreeing that this was the wrong place, they saw a man leaving the building; he informed them that they had come to Gibbs Mew's offices, but he was happy to drive them to the right place. Thanks to him the four lost sheep were just in time for the second tour.

After Gibbs Mew we had lunch at the brewery tap, the Anchor Inn, before going to the Wyndham Arms, Hopback's original brewery. This was very different with the mash tuns and coppers in the pub cellar and the fermenting vessels in a nearby garage. Also on show was an Enfield motorbike. The brewer, who guided us, informed us that we were probably the last people to have a tour here because the equipment was being moved to Downham after that brew. That's a great shame.

After that, the day was left entirely up to everyone to do and see what they wanted. After several pints of superb Hopback beers, a small gang of us went to the Haunch of Venison, a pub which deserves its great reputation. Sadly, after one pint it was time to return to London.

We would like to thank the people at Gibbs Mew and Hopback for helping to make that day a very enjoyable one.

Aidan Kerrigan

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW PUB OF THE YEAR

We may not be as prompt at getting photos published as some papers but we are, hopefully a little more accurate. Those of you who read the licensed trade's paper, The Morning Advertiser, may have seen this picture of Doug Scott, Richmond & Hounslow Branch Chairman presenting a framed certificate to Bill and Betty Lubbock at the QUEEN DOWAGER in North Lane, Teddington. Unfortunately the MA got Doug and Bill mixed up which led to Doug getting not a little stick from his family and friends in the Lincoln Branch when he went back home for the weekend shortly afterwards. In case you are in any doubt, Bill is in the middle and Doug is on the right (Yes, we think that's right).

The Dowager has again been in the news recently following the party they threw on 22nd December to honour the 90th birthday of

regular customer George Chester. George is a retired engineer who hails originally from Crewe, though that was a long time ago as he was also celebrating sixty years as a regular at the QD.

Our thanks to Young's for providing the photograph as all the local branch concentrated on remembering their drinking boots on the night and none of them took a camera.





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CROYDON & SUTTON NEWS

LOCAL CAMRA MAN NAMES NEW PUB

Mr. Ian Crichton, a CAMRA member of South Croydon was surprised when he heard that a new Wetherspoon pub in Purley (listed in their advert in the December/January London Drinker as "opening soon") was to be called The Gatehouse. He considered this name daft as it had no apparent connection with the area.

Rather than just moaning about it to his mates, Ian took the logical action of writing to the J.D.Wetherspoon Organisation suggesting that a name with a local connection would be much more appropriate. The name he suggested was THE FOXLEY HATCH - an old name for the area.

He received a reply from Wetherspoon's thanking him for his suggestion and as you will see from the aforementioned advert they have used the name he suggested for the pub which opened shortly before Christmas.

PUB NEWS

The PRINCESS ROYAL, 22 Longley Road, Broad Green, Croydon is a former Courage pub now selling Greene King Mild Ale, IPA, Abbot Ale and Rayments Special Bitter. The small back street pub has also been refurbished by the new licensee, Mr. Tom Challice who was formerly at The Harp, Parsons Mead, Croydon and it now has an country pub atmosphere with a real open fire. All four ales were in fine condition when the Branch visited the pub on their latest crawl.

IDLER MOMENTS

In "Idle Moments" last time Andy posed the question how many gifts altogether were involved in the Twelve Days of Christmas. Remembering that on each day the gifts of preceding days were repeated the recipient would, at the end, have received a total of 364 named gifts (if the version you are using is in the same order as the one I used, as follows: 12 partridges, 22 turtle doves, 30 French hens (what would the EEC say about that?), 36 colly-birds, 40 gold rings, 42 geese, 42 swans, 40 milkmaids, 36 drummers, 30 pipers, 22 ladies and 12 lords — a social imbalance but we'll let that pass. A total of 184 birds, 140 humans (62 female, 78 male, assuming all the musicians are of that gender) and 40 rings.

However, the partridges come complete with pear trees — twelve, a reasonable Perry orchard. The geese were a-laying, say one egg each — 42. The maids were a-milking, say one cow each — 40. (We'll forget pails and stalls for the sake of simplicity !! — Ed). The 36 drummers needed the equipment to do their job, 36 drums and 72 sticks. Finally, the pipers would require their instruments — 30. That adds 232 items to the total, which comes now to 596. The sex of the recipient is not specified, though Andy quite probably assumes it is a lady, and one wonders what the reciprocal gifts might be. Presumably some gifts would be returned as unsuitable, which adds a further complication - which would YOU retain? In any case, what would anyone be able to do with so much jewellery, a large menagerie and entourage? Anyway, does it matter?

M.S.

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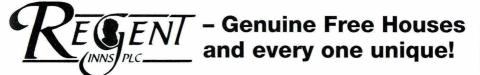
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The winning pub, which has raised £22,000 this year alone through its annual 35-mile Nightingale Walk along the Thames, was one of six finalists chosen from hundreds of entrants.

Licensee Jeremy Marley said: "We're absolutely delighted to have won. The honour belongs to our customers, who have organised the walk themselves under five different licensees."

The Nightingale Walk began in 1979 when a handful of pub regulars decided to raise funds for the Kampuchea Famine Appeal. Thirteen completed the walk from Putney to Windsor and raised £700.

The following year, the customers raised £550 (and broke two ankles) in a sponsored parachute jump, but it was back to walking in 1981, when the route was from London to Brighton. The present route, from Windsor to Putney, has been used since 1985.

Almost 200 people take part these days, raising money for such diverse charities as the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Contact-A-Family, the local Trinity Hospice and the National Schizophrenia Fellowship. Altogether, almost 100 separate charities have benefited from the walk, by amounts ranging from £100 to more than £28,000 each.

The chairman of the judges Linda Laurance, who is also chairman of the Charity Forum, said: "This award puts the spotlight on

local communities and their needs. It is important that public awareness of local charities is raised and that fund-raising is a real community activity."

ENFIELD & BARNET PUB OF THE YEAR

Enfield & Barnet Branch's pub of the year for 1993 is the RAILWAY BELL AT 13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, a free house which sells Courage Best Bitter, Greene King IPA and Abbot Ale, Theakston XB, Younger's Scotch Bitter and a guest beer. Licensees Eamon and Barbara Logan run this large one bar pub with a convivial atmosphere which is not disturbed by the passage of high speed trains nearby.

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HOPE & ANCHOR REPRIEVED

(Or to plagiarise another advert "You want your pub saved, you got it!")

In August 1993, Taylor Walker Inns decided to sell the Hope & Anchor in Hanworth to McDonalds Restaurants (sic), subject to their gaining planning permission to build a drive-through burger bar. After an initial deferral following objections from councillors Les Bawn and Dave Wetzel and Richmond Borough Council, an outline planning application was put to the Development Control and Highways Subcommittee in October.

Following objections by local residents and the Richmond & Hounslow Branch of CAMRA, the application was rejected on the grounds that there would be an extraordinary build up of traffic at a busy roundabout and that it would lead to the loss of a community amenity.

One of the councillors in favour of the development, John Chatt, said that he saw a McDonalds drive-through as the modern equivalent of the coaching inn. The application was only narrowly defeated and comments such as this did not help McDonalds' cause.

In December McDonalds submitted detailed plans to Hounslow Borough Council. At a meeting of the same subcommittee on 14th december the plans were yet again rejected on the same grounds, despite attempts by council officers to discredit CAMRA's arguments by blaming pub closures on the Beer Orders and "natural wastage".

McDonalds are likely to appeal to the Minister on this matter but we shall continue to support the pub users and local residents in their attempts to save the Hope & Anchor.

Doug Scott

Editor's Note:

Something which Doug did not put in the above piece but which he told me about was the view (insidious in our view) put forward by Hounslow Borough officers to councillors that a pub is a food retailing outlet and not a public amenity. Fortunately enough one of the councillors present disagreed with this view and we believe that this helped to defeat the application.

Andy Pirson

NEWS FROM YOUNG'S

Young's Winter Ale — a bottled version of the prize-winning draught Winter Warmer has been voted Christmas Beer of the Year in Sweden.

A panel of expert beer writers gave the five per cent ABV Winter Ale the maximum 12 points, four points ahead of its nearest rival, Pripps Julöl from Sweden's biggest brewing company.

The Stockholm daily newspaper, Dagens Nyheter, which organised the competition, said Winter Ale had "an aftertaste that goes on forever".

Young's Winter Warmer is the reigning world champion real ale as holder of the Championship Trophy presented at the Brewing Industry International Awards.

It is brewed from the finest English hops and barley as well as a secret blend of sugars that give the beer its rich, dark colour and its beautifully rounded flavour.

Winter Ale, which is brewed to exactly the same recipe, is available in most of Young's 180 pubs throughout the London area.

WHATEVER NEXT?

When in my local pub recently, I was handed the following cutting from (I believe) the Sunday Times. I pass it on without comment - to make any would be superfluous.

"KEEPING THE HEAD ON YOUR BEER A pint glass that maintains the head on lager, giving it more appeal, has been developed by Charles Glassware, part of the AGS Group. Using a process called nucleation, the glass is treated with glass particles at 580C which fixes them to its surface. They can be in the form of a badge or logo. When a carbonated drink such as lager is poured into the glass, it interacts with the nucleated sites and the head lasts for up to an hour.

On second thoughts, a couple of comments came to mind as I was rereading the article. Firstly, though not stated, the nucleated glass particles must be on the inside of the glass to have the stated effect - I hope they are well and truly stuck as swallowing ground glass does you no good at all. Secondly, if the drink is anywhere near half decent it won't stay in the glass for anywhere near an hour.

Andy Pirson

BEER BRIEFING LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 89

A busy two month period has seen the opening of a new Greene King pub in W6 Hammersmith and no less than 5 Wetherspoon Free Houses in SE5 Denmark Hill, Purley, Sutton, SW15 Putney and W3 Acton. Of the Wetherspoon pubs, two were acquired from Bass and one surprisingly from Fullers; all three of these have thankfully retained or reverted to their original names and two further existing Wetherspoon pubs have also reverted. 'Ale House' theme conversions by the big brewers continue apace with obligatory renamings from Whitbread (Hogshead and Beer Engine) and Taylor Walker (Clutterbucks and the latest Firkin in W1 Marylebone). Other daft renamings have taken place notably in W1 and EC1. Finally Vaux beers have regrettably been lost from the Princess Louise, WC1, the last regular outlet for Vaux group beers in London.

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page number in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; K - 'Real Ale Drinkers Guide to Kent Pubs', 8th edition; N - North London Beer Guide, 2nd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - Real Beer in South West London; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 8th edition. U refers to earlier updates. # indicates a guest beer.

If you would like to report changes to pubs or beers please write to: Beer Guides Updates, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC2, BOMAPARTES, Liverpool St. BR Station Concourse. Bass. New Travellers Fare Free House/Bar opened Aug 1993 at rear of Casey Jones fast food outlet predominantly bass products.

EC2, BUTLERS WINE BAR, Shakespeare Tower, Barbican. No real ale. Wine Bar/Free House with keg bitter on draught.

W1 (Mar), BAKER & OVEN, 10 Paddington Street. Tetley: Bitter. Young: Bitter, Special. Finally gone real after many years with fake handpulls. (W33)

W1 (S),ST. JAMES TAVERN, 45 Great Windmill Street. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. John Smith: Bitter. (W44, U48)

EAST

E2, CAMEL, 277 Globe Road. Free House, reopened. (E79, U75, U79)

E3, IMPERIAL CROWN, 50 St Leonards Road. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Tetley: Bitter. (E90)

NORTH

N1, CENTRAL STATION, 37 Wharfedale Road. Courage: Directors Bitter. Ruddle: Best Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. Gay pub, well behaved straights tolerated if accompanied by a gay friend. Formerly PRINCE ALBERT. (N40, U88)

NORTH WEST

NW1, WINE PRESS, White Horse Hotel, Osnaburgh Street. No real ale. Free House basement bar attached to residential hotel with separate entrance onto street (Omitted in error from N quide)

SOUTH EAST

SE5, FOX ON THE HILL, 14a Denmark Hill. Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger Scotch Bitter. Guest beers (one of which is frequently Theakston: Old Peculier). Former Charrington pub acquired and renovated by Wetherspoon Free House chain. Very large and spacious with large no smoking and eating area at rear opening on to large garden and patio. Usual displays of local history in photos and panels including famous locals. Car park in front. Food. Open all permitted hours. (SE57) SE8, LORD PALMERSTON, 81 Childers Street. Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Beers not always available. (SE71, U64, U66)

SE8, NAVY ARMS, 60 New King Street. Courage: Best Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. (SE71, U44)

SE14, MARQUIS OF GRANBY, 322 New Cross Road. Bass. (SE111) SE16, JOLLY WAGGONERS, 11 Rotherhithe Road. Young: Bitter, Special. Beers not always available. (SE131)

SE22, EAST DULWICH TAVERN, 1 Lordship Lane. Dylans: Bitter (believed to be Tolly Cobbold Bitter). (SE172, U55, U88) PURLEY, POXLEY HATCH, 8/9 Russell Hill Parade, Russell Hill Road. Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger Scotch Bitter. Guest beers. New Wetherspoon Free House in former shop premises. Displays of Old Purley in photos (nudge nudge, say no more) and paintings of foxes adorn the walls. No smoking area at rear, food. Open all permitted hours. Note full correct address, not as in Wetherspoon publicity.

SOUTH WEST

SW15, DRUMMONDS, 202 Upper Richmond Road. Reverted to RAILWAY (THE). Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger Scotch Bitter. Guest beers. Acquired and renovated by Wetherspoon Free House chain, ex Charrington. Large open plan front bar with smaller raised eating and non smoking area at rear. Local history panels. Food. Open all permitted hours. (SW47, U29, U53, U54, U60, U72)

SUTTON, MOON ON THE HILL, Large new Wetherspoon Free House in former Allders department store premises in Sutton town centre. A double staircase leads to a raised no smoking/eating area at rear and there is, in addition, a semi-separate side bar. Metal tree sculptures frame the entrances to these areas. Erstwhile Sutton locals (albeit for short periods) are featured on wall panels, including H.G.Wells, Noel Coward and Graham Sutherland. Food. Open all permitted hours.

WEST

W2, WHEATSHEAP, 329 Edgware Road. Renamed CLUTTERBUCKS (ALE HOUSE). Clutterbucks (3.7% ABV, origin unknown). Tetley: Bitter. Plus up to 6 varying guest beers including small and provincial brewery products (eg Hull, Mauldon, Mitchells etc.) Latest Taylor Walker 'ale house' conversion with adventurous (for London) range of beers. (W64)

BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 89 continued

W6, OLD TROUT, Units 17/18, Broadway Centre. Greene King: IPA, Rayment Special Bitter, Abbot Ale. Small new Greene King tied house occupying two units in new shopping mall: Rag-bag of prints and old photos cover the walls will little local relevance (contrast Wetherspoons). Food at most times. Open all permitted hours. Entrance from mall and also from Queen Charlotte Street behind Bradmore House. W11, BLENHEIM ARMS, 14 Blenheim Crescent. Renamed HOGSHEAD (IM PORTOBELLO). Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Plus up to 6 beers from Whitbread range on handpump and 3 more on gravity dispense behind the bar. Converted to bare boards 'ale house' style. (W87, U51, U66)

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

- EC2, CITY HOUSE. Young, closed due to bomb damage, future uncertain. (U67)
- EC3, MAILCOACH. Younger, closed due to bomb damage, future uncertain. (E41)
- W1 (Mar), CITY OF QUEBEC. Whitbread, H removed. (W34)
- WC1, NEW MERLINS CAVE. Free House, closed, for sale. (W47) EAST
- E1, BANKCROFT ARMS. Truman, closed due to fire. (E60, U73) E2, LITTLE WONDER. Free House (fizz), closed, for sale. (E82)
- E2, SHAKESPEARE. Truman (fizz), closed. (E85)
- E2, STICK OF ROCK. Belhaven (fizz), closed. (E85, U70)
- R2, WOOLPACK. Watney, closed, future uncertain. (E86)
- E6, EARL OF WAKEFIELD. Charrington, H removed. (E104) E16, ROSE OF DENMARK. Watney, closed, future uncertain. (E160)

NORTH

- N1, ADELAIDE (SCULLY'S). Charrington, converted to offices which remain unlet. (N45)
- N1, CROWN & SCEPTRE. Charrington, demolished about 15 years ago. (N45)
- N1, KING EDWARD IV, 64 Barnsbury Road. Courage, converted to religious centre. Note correct name. (N45)
- N1, ROYAL OAK. Banks & Taylor, converted to offices. (N46, U32, U55)
- N1, SPANISH PATRIOTS. Charrington, demolished for Sainsbury's car park. (N46)
- N1, SUTTON ARMS (CALLY), 193a Caledonian Road. Renamed DONNELLY'S but that name now removed, closed, future uncertain. (Omitted in error from N guide, U39)
- N2, GRBEN MAN. Truman, demolished for N. Circular Road scheme. (N48)
- N18, COOKS FERRY INN. Whitbread, demolished for N. Circular Road scheme. (N99, U48, U77)

NORTH WEST

- NW1, MORIARTYS. Truman, closed, future uncertain. (N122)
- NW1, PRINCE GEORGE OF CUMBERLAND. Free House, closed, to let. (N125, U52)
- NW8, ACACIA. Truman, closed and absorbed into shop unit next door. (N153)

SOUTH EAST

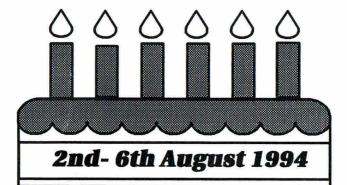
- SE5, STATION TAVERN. Charrington, H unused. (SE60)
 WEST
- -FELTHAM, CRICKETERS. Closed, licence revoked. (W100)

HOUNSLOW, GREYHOUND. Closed, licence revoked. (W126)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES CENTRAL

- EC1, FOUNTAIN. Renamed FILTHY McNASTY'S WHISKEY CAFE. +Fuller: London Pride. (E16)
- W1 (F), HOLYROOD. -Younger: Scotch Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Theakston: Best Bitter. Note correct name. (W29) M1 (F), NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS. Renamed G.E. OLD WINKLES. +Brakspear: Bitter. Original name also displayed in small writing. A Regent Inns house. (W32, U49, U60, U82)
- W1 (P), TOTTENHAM. -Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. +Tetley: Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. Now Taylor Walker badged. (W32, U48) W1 (Mar), BLACK BORSE. -Young: Special. +Adnams: Bitter. + Brakspear: Special Bitter. +Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. (W33, U44, U67, U72)
- W1 (Mar), BOSWELLS. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Boddington: Bitter. (W33)
- W1 (Mar), COACHMAKERS ARMS. +Wadworth: 6X. (W34)
- W1 (Mar), COCK & LION. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. No longer a 'Free House', reverted to Chef & Brewer 'tied'. (W34)
- W1 (Mar), DEVONSHIRE ARMS. -Young: Special. +Charrington: IPA. (W34, U69)
- W1 (Mar), DOVER CASTLE. -Beers listed except Adnams Bitter. +Bass. +Brakspear: Special Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Everard: Tiger. +Theakston: Old Peculier. +Young: Bitter. (W34, U56)
- W1 (Mar), DUKES BAR. Reverted to DUKE OF YORK. -Beers listed. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Young: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Belhaven. (W34, U54)
- WI (Mar), GOLDEN EAGLE. -Beers listed. +Bass. +Boddington: Bitter. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Theakston: XB. (W34, U66)
- W1 (Mar), LAMB & FLAG. +John Smith: Bitter. (W34)
- W1 (Mar), QURENS HEAD. -Beers listed. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Formerly NIKI'S. (W35, U54)
- W1 (Mar), PHOENIX. -Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. -Young: Bitter. +Greene King: IPA. +Marston: Pedigree. (W35, U54) W11 (Mar), POWTEFRACT CASTLE. -Puller: ESB. -M&B: Highgate Mild. -Morrell: Varsity. +Fuller: London Pride. +Wadworth: 6X. +Worthington: Best Bitter. +Guest beer. (W35)
- W1 (Mar), PRINCE ALFRED. -Boddington: Bitter. -Young: Bitter. +Adnams: Bitter. +Tetley: Bitter. +Wadworth: 6%. +Guest beer. (W36)
- W1 (Mar), ROYAL OAK, 74/76 York Street. Renamed FARRIER & FIRKIN. -Beers listed except Tetley: Bitter. +Firkin: Full Mash Mild (3.4% ABV), Shoe Ale (3.5%), Farrier (4.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). +Guest beers. +Westons Old Rosie Scrumpy Cider. Latest Taylor Walker Firkin conversion done out in typical style. Farrier and horse related gear hangs from ceiling plus bare boards, pews etc. Live music Thursday evenings. Intrusive fruit & pinball machines. Beers brewed by Falcon & Firkin, E9. Food 12-3 Mon-Sat. Open all permitted hours. Note full address.
- W1 (Mar), THREE TUNS. -Beers listed. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +Greene King: IPA. +John Smith: Bitter. (W36, U51)
- WC1, PRINCESS LOUISE. -Beers listed except Brakspear Bitter. +Princess Louise: Best Bitter. +Bass. +Brakspear: Special Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Theakston: Old Peculier. +Wadworth: 6%. Contract with Vaux to supply beers has now expired resulting in the rather mundane selection listed. (W50, U56)

Come & Celebrate CAMRA's 16th Great British Beer Festival



Grand Hall, Olympia

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that space, which shows how the availability of real ale was on the up.

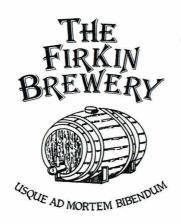
"The Price of Inflation" showed, using a price list dated 1976 and comparing the total price for one of each item shown with up-to-date prices for identical drinks, that the rise over 13 years had been an average of 322.24%.

East London & City Branch published an obituary for Jack Long, the Branch Chairman. Embarrassingly, the several subsequent issues a gremlin in the Layout Artist's department led to out-of-date artwork being used, showing Jack's name as Branch Contact. You can't win them all.

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Cheers

Martin Smith



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Try to get round this Firkin Feast in a day.

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BEER BRIEFING LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 89 continued

FAST

E2, ANGEL & CROWN. +Young: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (E77, U75, U79)

E2, CHILTONS. Reverted to BRITANNIA. (E79, U70)

E2, PRINCE OF WALES. Real ale not always available. (E84) B11, BRITANNIA. Renamed THIRST & LAST. -Flowers: IPA. +Boddington: Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. +Guest beers from Whitbread range. Now an 'Ale House'. (E127)

E11, LINCOLN. -Beers listed. +John Smith: Bitter. (E129) E14. WHITE SWAN, 130 Blackwall Lane. -Webster: Yorkshire

Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (E149, U69)

E17, GROVE TAVERN. +Bass. +Tetley: Bitter. +Guest beers (eg from Boddingtons and Mitchells). Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (E167)

NORTH

- N1, COCK. Should read COCK TAVERN. (N30)
- N1, CHARLES I. Should read CHARLES THE FIRST. (N29)
- N1, CHARLIE WRIGHTS BAR. Should read CHARLIE WRIGHTS. (N40, U45, U76)
- N1, FILLING STATION BAR. Renamed FOOTSIES (BAR DINER), open evenings only (U49)
- N1, GENERAL PICTON. +Courage: Directors Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Watney. (N33)
- N1, PRINCE OF WALES. Renamed RALPH'S, although one 'Prince of Wales' sign is also retained. (N46, U69)
- N1, WINDSOR CASTLE. Renamed HOURICANS. -Boddington: Bitter. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. +Taylor: Landlord. (N45, U74)
- N1, WENLOCK ARMS. -Courage: Directors Bitter.+Ind Coope: Burton Ale.+Tetley: Bitter or Mild. Plus 4 varying guest beers from small breweries (eg Adnams, Batemans, Butterknowle, Crouch Vale and Hop Back). +Real cider & perry. Now a Free House, ex Courage, owned by three CAMRA stalwarts. (N44)
- N16, RAILWAY TAVERN. -Shepherd Neame: Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. Now a Rose House, ex Shepherd Neame. Formerly QUEENSBURY RULES. (N93, U60)
- N16, TANNERS HALL. Reverted to ROCHESTER CASTLE. -Beers listed except Wadworth 6% and Younger Scotch Bitter. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Greene King: IPA. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. +Guest beers. +Weston: Cider. (N96)
- N19, STEAMBOAT. Should read STEAMHOUSE in Update 52, formerly GOOD INTENT. (N102, U52)

NORTH WEST

NW1, BLITZ. Reverted to UNICORN. (N129)

NW1, EDINBURGH CASTLE. Should read EDINBORO CASTLE. (N117)
NW1, MAN IN THE MOON. -Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. -Greene
King: IPA. -Marston: Pedigree. +Courage: Directors Bitter.
+Morland: Old Speckled Hen. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB.

+Guest beers at weekends. (U56)
NW1, PONTEFRACT CASTLE. Address is 48 Chapel Street. (N124)
NW1, WINDSOR CASTLE. Renamed PARKWAY, still fizz. (N128,

U88)

SOUTH EAST

SE15, HOLLYDALE TAVERN. Renamed HOLLYDALES. +John Smith: Bitter. (SE119, U50)

SE17, LIAM O.G.S TAVERN. +Fuller: London Pride. Formerly ROCK (SE139, U54)

SE22, PLOUGH. +Hancock: HB. (SE174, U51)

SE23, FORESTERS. +3 varying guest beers weekly. (SE177, U82)

SOUTH WEST

SW2, J J MOONS. Reverted to CROWN & SCEPTRE. -Marston: Pedigree. +Courage: Directors Bitter. (SW19, U57, U91)

SW4, ROSE & CROWN. -Guest beers (Greene King pub). (SW25, U56, U74, U87)

SW6, WHEATSHEAF. Renamed BEER ENGINE. -Greene King: Abbot Ale. +Thwaites: Bitter. +Varying range of guest beers from Whitbread stable including Boddington: Mild, Fuller: London Pride and Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Decorated with beer related memorabilia including hops, hop sacks, beer mats on walls etc complete with ceiling fan and dusty books! (SW31, U49, U53, U74, U76)

WEST

W3, RED LION & PINEAPPLE. -Beers listed. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. +Wadworth: 6X. +Younger: Scotch Bitter. +Guest beers. +Westons Old Rosie Scrumpy Cider. A surprising acquisition by the Wetherspoon Free House chain from Fullers. Renovated with open plan layout and central island bar. Room at rear retained as no smoking and eating area. Usual selection of panels depicting local history and famous former residents. Food. Open all permitted hours. (W65)

W6, BLACK LION TAVERN. -Ruddle: Best Bitter. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. (W74)

W6, CARPENTERS ARMS. -Fuller: London Pride. -Ruddle: Best Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. (W74, U55)

W6, RAVEN. -Ruddle: Best Bitter. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W77)

W6, WHITE HART. -Ind Coope: Burton Ale. -Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. +Harston: Pedigree. +Shipstones: Bitter (W77) W11, METROPOLITAN. Address should read 60 Great Western Road (W88)

HOUNSLOW, BARL RUSSELL. +Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. (W126) HOUNSLOW, RIFLEMAN. -Beers listed. +Fuller: London Pride. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (W128)

HOUNSLOW, SHIRR HORSE. -Beers listed. +Ruddle: Best Bitter. +Young: Special. (W128, U45, U67, U71)

HOUNSLOW, SOUTH WESTERN HOTEL. -Eldridge Pope: Thomas Hardy Bitter. -Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. +Fuller: London Pride. +Harston: Pedigree. +Wadworth: 6X. (W128, U56, U63) ISLEWORTH, BRIDGE INN. -Fuller: London Pride. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. Formerly IRON BRIDGE. (W131, U60, U81)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 87
NEW & REOPEMED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE
N1, PIPE OF PORT. Should be listed as renamed under
'CHANGES'. Already included in N Guide under CHAMPAGNE
CHARLIES. Note correct address is 325 Essex Road.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 88 PUBS CLOSED OR CRASED SELLING REAL ALE

N1, PRINCE ALBERT. Address is 37 Wharfedale Road.

N1, WHITE CONDUIT. Ref. omitted (N44, U47).

NW10, CROWN. Address is 34 High Street, Harlesden and is Truman badged, not Courage.

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

W1 (Mar), WINDSOR CASTLE. +(plus)Adnams: Bitter.

SE1, SPANISH PATRIOTS. Delete ref to Flowers Original Bitter.

SE11, ROYAL OAK. Delete ref to Bass.

REAL PUBS

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081-977 1729 Lion Gate, Hampton Court

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081-891 1717 Church Street, Twickenham (GBG Page 207)

WOODMAN

071-228 2968 High Street, Battersea

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081-546 3804 Fairfield South, Kingstone

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034-284 2964 Outwood, Surrey (GBG Page 282)

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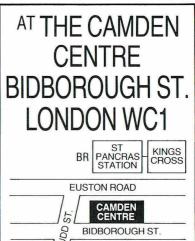
Where to buy Continued KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER **OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and** KINGSTON, COCOANUT TWICKENHAM, ALBANY KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE KINGSTON, FIGHTING COCKS TWICKENHAM, FIVE OAKS SW1 BARLEY MOW KINGSTON, GAZEBO TWICKENHAM, MOON UNDER SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS WATER SW1 FOX & HOUNDS TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTTO KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET SWI MORPETH ARMS TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN SW1 ORANGE BREWERY UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES KINGSTON, SPRING GROVE SW1 **PAVIOURS ARMS** WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS SW1 RISING SUN WHITTON, WHITE HART KINGSTON, WYCH ELM SWI ROYAL OAK OFF TRADE MITCHAM, CRICKETERS SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR PADDINGTON STATION SW₂ MITCHAM, KINGS ARMS W2 LL MOONS NEWS STAND MITCHAM, RAVENSBURY ARMS SW3 COOPERS ARMS MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF GROGBLOSSOM SW3 ROSE MORTIMER CLUBS SW3 SURPRISE NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK ISLEWORTH, Western Geophysical SW4 ANCHOR & HOPE RICHMOND, DYSARTS SW4 ROSE & CROWN Social Club RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE SW4 SPRINGFIELD TAVERN Polytechnic of Central London RICHMOND, SHAFTESBURY ARMS SW6 S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsolver Street DUKE OF CUMBERLAND RICHMOND, TRIPLE CROWN SW6 WHITE HORSE OUTSIDE LONDON RICHMOND, WATERMANS ARMS SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS ALDERSHOT, VOLUNTEER OLD RED HOUSE RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS SW8 ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWERS SURBITON, BUN SHOP SW8 PRIORY ARMS BRIGHTLINGSEA, RAILWAY SUTTON, NEW TOWN SW8 SURPRISE BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR SUTTON, PLOUGH SW9 BEEHIVE BRIGHTON, THE SUSSEX YEOMAN UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING & WI ARGYLL ARMS SW10 KINGS ARMS, 190 Fulham Rd **QUEEN** W1 MORTIMER ARMS SW10 STARGAZEY CHERTSEY, CASTLE WI SW11 BEEHIVE WINDMILL CHERTSEY, KINGS ARMS WI WESTMORELAND ARMS SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT W2 ARCHERY TAVERN DARTFORD, ROYAL VICTORIA & SW11 PLOUGH W2 ROYAL STANDARD SW12 MOON UNDER WATER BULL W3 KINGS ARMS SW12 NIGHTINGALE EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS W4 WINDMILL SW12 PRINCE OF WALES EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS W5 SW14 HARE & HOUNDS PLOUGH LONG DITTON, MASONS ARMS W5 **RED LION** SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL W5 SW15 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, ROSE & CROWN LALEHAM, FEATHERS W5 Kingston Vale WHEATSHEAF LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS SW15 FOX & HOUNDS W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS W6 SW15 GREEN MAN RICHMOND ARMS MORTIMER WEST END (Hants), W10 VILLAGE INN SW15 CASTLE RED LION WII FROG & FIRKIN SW15 JOLLY GARDENERS OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK SW16 BRASS FARTHING W12 **CROWN & SCEPTRE** PETERBOROUGH, BOGART'S SW16 GREYHOUND W12 MOON ON THE GREEN POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEOUERS W13 THE FORESTER SW16 PIED BULL ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH & SW17 CASTLE W14 WARWICK ARMS HORSES SW17 J.J. MOONS BRENTFORD, BREWERY TAP SALISBURY (Wilts), WYNDHAM BRENTFORD, GLOBE SW17 LEATHER BOTTLE ARMS BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON SW18 BREWERY TAP STEVENAGE (Herts), RED LION CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD SW18 COUNTY ARMS SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS SW18 HALFWAY HOUSE ARMS SW18 OLD SERGEANT HAMPTON (West), WHITE HART STOW MARIES, PRINCE OF WALES SW18 PIG & WHISTLE HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants), SW18 SPREAD EAGLE HARLINGTON, CROWN **NEW INN** SW19 ALEXANDRA HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR SUNBURY, FLOWERPOT SW19 GROVE HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER SUNBURY, HARE & HOUNDS SW19 KINGS HEAD HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK SW19 PRINCE OF WALES. HOUNSLOW, BEAVER TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP & Morden Road HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES **FEATHERS** SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL HOUNSLOW, EARL RUSSELL WATFORD, WEST HERTS SPORTS SW19 TRAFALGAR HOUNSLOW, LORD CLYDE CLUB CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN HOUNSLOW, MOON UNDER WATER WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS WHITCHURCH (Hants), YE OLDE CHEAM, RAILWAY KEW, COACH & HORSES **BREWERY INN** HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS WORCESTER, BREWERY TAP & HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN BREWERY

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