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# Where to buy London Drinker

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

## OUTLETS - EAST AND SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS  
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EC1 O'HANLONS  
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN  
EC1 ROSEBERRY  
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS  
EC1 SHAKESPEARE  
EC1 SUTTON ARMS  
EC3 SWAN  
EC4 BLACK FRIAR  
EC4 CITY RETREAT  
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD  
E2 CAMDENS HEAD  
E6 MILLERS WELL  
E8 LADY DIANA  
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN  
E9 ROYAL STANDARD  
E10 DRUM  
E10 TAP & SPILE  
E11 GEORGE  
E13 VILLAGE  
E15 GOLDENGROVE  
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE  
SE1 COPPER  
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS  
SE1 GEORGE INN  
SE1 GEORGE TAVERN  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
SE1 GRAPES  
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS  
SE1 KINGS ARMS  
SE1 MARKET PORTER  
SE1 OLD BRIDGE HOUSE  
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road  
SE1 ST GEORGES TAVERN  
SE1 ST JOHNS TAVERN  
SE1 TRINITY ARMS  
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN  
SE1 WHEATSHEAF  
SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall Street  
SE3 BRITISH OAK  
SE3 HARE & BILLET  
SE3 PRINCESS OF WALES  
SE3 RAILWAY TAVERN  
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN  
SE6 BLACK HORSE & HARROW  
SE6 TIGERS HEAD  
SE7 McDONNELLS  
SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE8 DOG & BELL  
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE  
SE9 BANKERS DRAFT  
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 MITRE  
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB  
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)  
SE18 UNION TAVERN

SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH  
SE19 ROYAL ALBERT  
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE  
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE25 ALLIANCE  
SE25 GOAT HOUSE  
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE  
SE26 GREYHOUND  
ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE BAR  
BARKING, BARKING DOG  
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK  
BECKENHAM, GEORGE INN  
BECKENHAM, JOLLY WOODMAN  
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR  
CROYDON, ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL  
CROYDON, BEDFORD TAVERN  
CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS  
CROYDON, DOG & BULL  
CROYDON, FIDDLER & FIRKIN  
CROYDON, GEORGE  
CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL  
CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD  
CROYDON, SHIP  
ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD  
LOUGHTON, LAST POST  
PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH  
SOUTH CROYDON, FIDDLER & FIRKIN  
SOUTH CROYDON, RAIL VIEW  
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING MOON

## CLUBS

SE1 LENSURRY BAR, SHELL  
INTERNATIONAL  
SE9 HOWARD CLUB  
SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB  
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB  
CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE

## OFF TRADE

SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road  
BEXLEYHEATH, Bitter Experience,  
216 Broadway  
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill

## OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL and NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS  
WC1 CITIE OF YORKE  
WC1 ENTERPRISE  
WC1 OLD MONK  
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS  
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE  
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN  
WC1 SUN  
WC1 THREE CUPS  
WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR  
WC2 FULMER AND FIRKIN  
WC2 GEORGE IV  
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY  
WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE  
N1 129 UPPER STREET  
N1 COMPTON ARMS  
N1 EARL OF RADNOR  
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE  
N1 MALT & HOPS  
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN  
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR  
N1 WENLOCK ARMS  
N2 WELCH'S ALE HOUSE

N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH BOWL  
N4 TAP & SPILE  
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER  
N4 WORLDS END  
N6 OLD GATE HOUSE  
N7 HOLLOWAY  
N8 ELBOW ROOM  
N8 RAILWAY TAVERN  
N8 TOLL GATE  
N9 LAMB  
N10 SPOONS  
N11 BANKERS DRAFT  
N12 TALLY HO  
N13 WHOLE HOG  
N16 NOBODY INN  
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE  
N16 SHAKESPEARE  
N17 CLUTTERBUCKS  
N17 ELBOW ROOM  
N17 NEW MOON  
N19 DOG  
N21 DOG & DUCK  
N21 HALF MOON  
N21 ORANGE TREE  
N22 STARTING GATE  
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER  
BARNET, OLD MITRE  
COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN  
EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE  
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER  
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF  
NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS  
NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER  
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

## OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 LORD NELSON  
NW1 QUINNS  
NW1 SPREAD EAGLE  
NW2 BEATEN DOCKET  
NW3 FLASK TAVERN  
NW3 THREE HORSESHOES  
NW4 CHEQUERS  
NW4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER  
NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL  
NW9 J.J. MOONS  
NW9 MOON UNDER WATER  
NW10 COLISEUM  
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  
NW6 Grogglossom, 235 West End Lane

## CLUBS

NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,  
Middlesex University Bus. School

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## EDITORIAL

### OR A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE YEAR

As another year draws to a close it is perhaps time to take stock of what has been happening over the past twelve months, well ten actually — as I am writing this at the beginning of November, such is the deadline situation.

In the February editorial Tony Hedger started by wondering what would be the consequences of Scottish & Newcastle taking over of the ex Watney Chef & Brewer estate. The outcome of that seems to be that a lot of former Watney and Courage pubs are now selling things like Theakston's XB alongside Courage Best Bitter and John Smith's Bitter with nary a mention that it is more likely to be brewed at the Newcastle brewery than Masham.

The other effect has been the selling on of 123 of these pubs to two other chains and one to Whitbread. Ninety nine of them went to the Magic Pub Co. under the chairmanship of Michael Cannon who presided over the demise of Devenish which is now part of the Greenall estate. The other 24 were sold to the Canadian brewers, Labatts.

These two companies, along with a lot of other pub groups, both label their pubs as "Free Houses". It is a sad fact that this term is being greatly devalued, not to say dishonoured these days. Granted, many of the pubs are technically free from brewery tie but a lot are effectively tied by loans or by trading agreements between their parent companies and the brewers. No longer does the term "Free House" promise even a good chance of finding a beer outside the totally predictable range of such things as Wadworth 6X — a good beer but hardly a rarity nowadays. Moreover, is it right that Labatts should call their pubs free houses — they are actually brewers after all is said and done.

And there is another side effect of these takeovers, particularly the Magic Pub Co ones. I am referring to the absolutely ridiculous renamings of many of the pubs involved. Perfectly good relevant names are supplanted by unwelcome combinations of rats, parrots, carrots and newts (cross-eyed, pickled or otherwise). Let me state my opinion quite clearly that these stupid names have no place in an estate which would have

us believe that it is running good traditional pubs.

Enough for the moment of that, what else has been happening in the area. Well, we are seeing a lot of new pubs opening in premises that used to range from carpet shops and restaurants to cinemas. Many of these are of course part of the Wetherspoon chain but from the regular Beer Guide Updates column quite a number — mainly in north London it seems to me — are owned by Irish chains and of these very few, if any, sell real ale.

P\*\*\*\*\* and Firkins (No that's not rude — it's just your mind) continue to pop up all over the place; the difference now is that some of them are conversions of pubs within the Carlsberg-Tetley estate of which the Firkin chain is just a part.

Now for the high points of the year. The first of these was Fuller's reduction of the prices of Hock and Chiswick Bitter to £1.19 and £1.29 a pint respectively. Significantly, these prices are still being held (well, except that the production of Hock has been suspended while Mr. Harry is on the go). And by the time that this hits the streets we shall all know whether the Chancellor has decided to cut the excise duty on beer, as the papers are predicting, in an attempt to reduce the amount of personal beer imports from France — and particularly that which is illegally sold on at car boot sales and the like.

Finally, May saw the reopening of a pub in SW19 and it's a tied pub — no pretending it's a free house here. Of course the brewer isn't Courage or Whitbread but our very good friend John Gilbert aka the Hop Back Brewery. Of course you don't need me to tell you that it is the Sultan in Norman Road, South Wimbledon. Mind you, if you have been doing Rip van Winkle impressions you can always get back numbers from Stan which will give you all the low down. You will even learn that my old mate Ted Higgins was the first Joe Grundy in the Archers (That was probably the last time I listened to the programme).

Anyway, have an excellent Christmas and even better New Year from me and everybody else on the London Drinker team.

**Andy Pirson**

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS TO LONDON'S DRINKERS

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## IDLE MOMENTS

If you pick up your London Drinker early in the month and turn straight to this page I may manage to be the first to wish you a Happy Christmas. I would also like to congratulate you on your sense of priorities!

By way of a service to my faithful readers I thought I would like to help all of those of you who, like me, can't remember all the clean words to the Twelve days of Christmas and who find themselves in company where the dirty ones wouldn't go down too well. To you I offer the alternative words — you may have to explain them to your teetotal aunties though. I'll just give you the first and last verses; I'm sure you will be able to work out the others in between:

On the first day of Christmas they brought to my party (sung as partee):

A firkin of ESB.

and so on until-

On the twelfth day of Christmas they brought to my party:

Twelve Timmy Taylors,

Eleven Larkin's Sovereign,

Ten Joseph Holt's,

Nine Norfolk Porter,

Eight Adnams Extra,

Seven Summer Lightning,

Six Chiswick Bitter,

Five Old Toms,

Four GFB,

Three Brakspears,

Two Exmoor Gold,

and a firkin of ESB.

Now, who's going to be brave (or drunk) enough to belt it out in their local on Christmas Eve?

Anyway, enough of that rubbish — it's time to get on with the usual rubbish, starting as always with the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 4 Warner Brothers (Jack, Harry, Albert and Samuel)
2. 1798 Battle of the Nile
3. 390 Miles from London to Edinburgh
4. 8 Human Beings on Noah's Ark
5. 2 Points for Fifteen in Crib
6. 46145 Yards is the Distance a Marathon Race
7. 288 Pints in a Barrel
8. 4 Players and Ponies in a Polo Team
9. 15 White Pieces in a Game of Backgammon
10. 1000 is the Square Root of One Million

And we shall stick to tradition with this month's number puzzles (no partridges in pear trees, I promise):

1. 5 SA are named after R (F, T, H, T and S)  
[There, wasn't I kind with that one!]
2. 10 P is the V of the ZT in S
3. 4 TB has W the WC

4. 13 C in a BH
5. 8 is the N of the RC the EM at the BM
6. 122 H in a CB
7. 4 S by V
8. 12 DS is the OR of the GCW
9. 500 P is the D in a PE
10. 5 B of NY

I'm sure you've had enough of my drivel so I'll get straight on with the solutions to last month's brewery anagrams:

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. HI! MR, SHAPE   | HAMPSHIRE   |
| 2. RON, TOM OR SAM | MARSTON     |
| MOOR               |             |
| 3. BE HELP, SACK   | BLACK SHEEP |
| 4. MAN KILLED ASH  | KELHAM      |
| ISLAND             |             |
| 5. HIT CRONE       | CHERITON    |

And here are his month's and (big clue coming up) I thought I'd try to get a seasonal connection into the list:

1. FAT STONE HERE
2. RED IN 'ERE
3. STAB NAME
4. D.S. RULED
5. ERA EIGHT

Once again for this month's 5BY4 I have drawn from the realm of popular music and to try to be seasonal I have based it on Christmas Number Ones. Rather than trying to match songs to their singers, this time you have to match the songs to the years in which they were Number One at Christmas in the UK charts. As always the answers are given at the end. So here they are:

1. Lonely This Christmas
2. When A Child Is Born
3. Merry Xmas Everybody
4. Mary's Boy Child — Oh My Lord
5. Mistletoe & Wine
6. Mary's Boy Child
7. Do They Know It's Christmas?
8. The Christmas Alphabet
9. Another Brick In The Wall
10. Two Little Boys

I for one will never forget the Christmas when my aunt announced to the assembled family that she had two little boys by Rolf Harris, but that's another story. Here are the years:

- A. 1979
  - B. 1955
  - C. 1988
  - D. 1973
  - E. 1969
  - F. 1984
  - G. 1974
  - H. 1957
  - I. 1976
-

J. 1978

And so we come to the last bit of this month's cerebral gymnastics, the general knowledge, and guess what — we're going to start with last month's answers:

1. He makes the turned parts of chairs.
2. He shoes horses.
3. They were all born on Christmas Day
4. The both died on Christmas Day.
5. Parking meters
6. 204
7. Lechlade in Gloucestershire
8. Newlyn in Cornwall
9. Henry IV
10. Amsterdam in 1928

And here are the questions that you can test the family with while the turkey and pud are beginning their slow journey towards the porcelain:

1. Where would you find an astragalus?
2. Rod Stewart had a No. 1 hit with "The First Cut is the Deepest" in 1977 but who took the same song to No. 18 ten years earlier?
3. What do John Lennon and Denis Healey share with the "hero" of a George Orwell novel?
4. In heraldry, what is a mullet?
5. What was the second christian name of Richard Nixon?
6. Who became President of the USA when William McKinley was assassinated?
7. Launched with great publicity in 1982 by Dairy Crest, its production ceased in 1992 owing to a lack of demand. What was it?
8. Which parliament became the first in the world to accept women members (It did so in 1881)?
9. Who was the famous son of Uther Pendragon?
10. Which two churches merged in 1972 to form the United Reformed Church?

Well that's it apart from wishing you a Happy New Year and giving you the solution to this month's 5BY4:

1-G, 2-I, 3-D, 4-J, 5-C, 6-H, 7-F, 8-B, 9-A, 10-E.

See you next year.

Andy Pirson

## THE 8TH CHAPPEL BEER FESTIVAL 1994

The Chappel beer festival is annually held at the Railway Museum adjacent to Chappel and Waks Colne BR station, about five miles from Colchester. Rather than the normal venues most of the ale is sold from two bars set up in two large engine sheds, whilst most of the seating comprises various old trains and vans on the sidings between them.

Many of the staff, who were mainly members from various Essex CAMRA branches, camped out

in the adjacent field which made it a very enjoyable, albeit hard working five days (excluding the setting up and down time) several members of the Museum were also on site and provided essential assistance on both sides of the bar.

This year there were around 100+ different beers ranging from the familiar but excellent (Young's, Fuller's etc.) to the large number of obscurities and less well known (at least give different Roosters' beers. Macloy's Duncan's No.1, three beers from Buffys etc.) plus a small foreign beer bar. I also forgot that ciders and a couple of perries were also there.

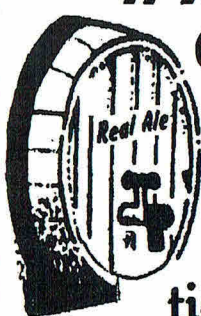
A fair crowd was in attendance each day, even on the rail stricken Thursday evening, whilst Friday evening was totally crazy with virtually every beer sold out by 10.15pm! Luckily a contingency order had been supplied earlier in the day and was ready for drinking Saturday morning and a last minute order arrived on Saturday for the last session. Most of the latter was very drinkable except for one or two hazy ones.

Overall, I think most of the festival goers thoroughly enjoyed themselves and Saturday evening's band got three encores!

See you next year.

Simon Fyffe  
CAMRA S.W. Essex





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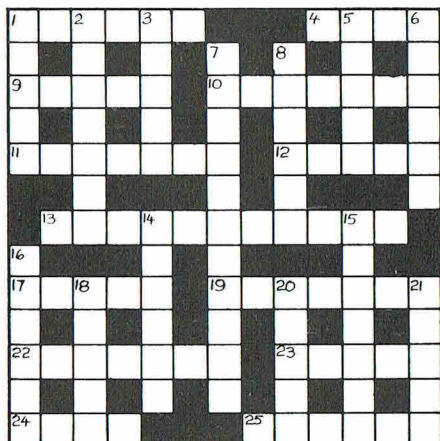
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# THE LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

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## ACROSS

1. Duo gets nothing but the bird. [6]
4. Character without point, the fool. [4]
9. He's in debt after square building. [5]
10. Pilot article was by way of hill. [7]
11. They build nests or thrones. [7]
12. Match made from a flag, reed or similar. [5]
13. ....though not really wanting it. [6,3,2]
17. A pint spilt over coat. [5]
19. I am following the desire to be a man. [7]
22. Imagining early childhood? [7]
23. He's big in pantomime. [5]
24. Sweet and sour? [4]
25. Stress of having a hundred coin collection[6]

## DOWN

1. See woman over church repair. [5]
2. Let's make advances in hospitals. [7]
3. To begin every evening riding Indian elephants is weird. [5]
5. I leave attendant a drink. [5]
6. Painter or potter? [6]
7. Spend time on roads or alleys. [11]
8. Sign bearing a heroine. [6]
14. Fashionable nurse is mean. [6]
15. One way the gallery makes copy. [7]
16. Run down the lane. [6]
18. Imply it seems to be wearing bearskin. [5]
20. Record, I see, shows sound reasoning. [5]
21. Music for totem dance. [5]

Winner of the prize for the October Crossword:  
Tony Whitford, Northolt, Middlesex.

Other correct entries were received from:

Aaron Aardvark, Paul Adams, Pat Andrews, Mark Antony, Geoff B, Bob Bench, Robin Bolt, James Bracher, Steve Bremner, Andy Camroux, A.P.Comaish, Steve Cooper, John Denison, Kathryn Everett, B.H.Fletcher, L.J.Gordon, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Guy & Alison, G.Hearne, John Heath, Alison Henley, William Hill, P.Hopkinson, I.H.Jardonne, Doug King & Queen, Pete Large, Jim Mason, M.J.Moran, Al Mountain, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Mick Norman, H.O'Connor, Nigel Parsons, Steve Piggott, Robert Poxon, Jim Richards, Tarnya Smith, Old Smokey, Young Smokey, Bill Thackray, David Tyrrell, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Spud Whale, Chris Whithouse, Hazel Woodhams, David Woodward, Robert Young.

Name .....

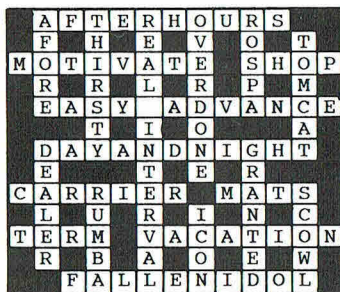
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All correct entries received by first post on 25th January will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

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**USQUE AD MORTEM BIBENDUM**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Two adjacent articles in the Observer for Sunday 30th October have caught my eye. The first by Chris Arnot is about the precarious state of small breweries despite the fact that the Monopolies & Mergers Commission is supposed to have freed up the market.

Surely there is a minister with responsibility for small businesses. Is the state of the beer market such that it is shortly to be referred to the MMC or the Office of Fair Trading because of the uncompetitive trading situation?

The second article was about the loss of audience by Radio 1. They need to broadcast an editorial programme on brewing and the importance of real ale independents. Interviews with Roger Protz can restore Radio 1. Can Roger get a regular slot or programme of some sort?

Yours sincerely,  
Stephen Fothergill, London SW6

*Editor's Comment:*

*On your first point I am pretty sure that there is no member of the Government with special responsibility for small businesses. They may offer verbal support to small companies in general but then they let them sink or ..... whatever. It is a major bone of contention among small brewers that in the matter of duty, for example, the regulations very much favour the large breweries that can make huge investments in plant to minimise waste. If small breweries in this country were treated like those on the continent, the first ten barrels of every week's production would not be subject to duty.*

*On the second subject, I am afraid that you have rather missed the point of the article. It is rather that Radio 1 is losing audience because of a perception, right or wrong, that it contains too much talk and not enough pop music. I don't think that their problems would be solved by having another talk show by somebody they regard as an old bloke telling them that their favourite trendy drinks are rubbish and they ought to be drinking what their granddads drank. I'm afraid that this is the old story of us knowing we are right but 90% of the population thinking we are wrong.*

**Andy Pirson**

Dear Editors

I am writing in response to Stephen Cox's letter in the October London Drinker which claimed that "Firkin Pubs... sell only Firkin Beer". This is simply not the case.

On behalf of the London Firkin Pubs I would like to clarify that we are given an amount of flexibility in choosing our stock, and in fact pride ourselves in offering a wide selection of unusual and sometimes little known products. We have a regular rotating guest ale programme which offers beer from micro and small independent brewers from around the country. We also have a selection of other products such as Westerns Old Rosie Cider, two stouts and an interesting range of guest bottled beers.

I know that most CAMRA members are also aware of our regular beer festivals which play host to an enormous range of brews. In fact the Fiddler & Firkin held a very successful beer festival at the beginning of October, and there are several more planned in the Firkins before Christmas.

I hope that this has clarified the misunderstanding that London Firkin Pubs serve only Firkin Beer, as this is not true.

Yours sincerely  
Andrew Clapham  
Pharaoh & Firkin

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Dear Editors,

As a resident of the St Helier Estate, Morden (described in the CAMRA South-West London guide as 'ill-served' by pubs) may I express how cheered I was to learn recently that there is a strong possibility that a Wetherspoon's pub will open shortly on Aberconway Road, near Morden Underground Station.

Hallelujah, sez I.

Real beer, well-cared for, and served in an environment entirely free from canned ear-drum busting music, and at a price which people on limited incomes can afford – this has to be just what the doctor ordered for this area.

For me, and for a lot of people I drink with here, the Wetherspoon's Pub can't come too soon.

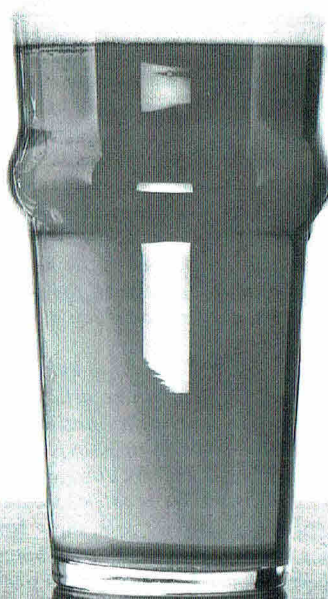
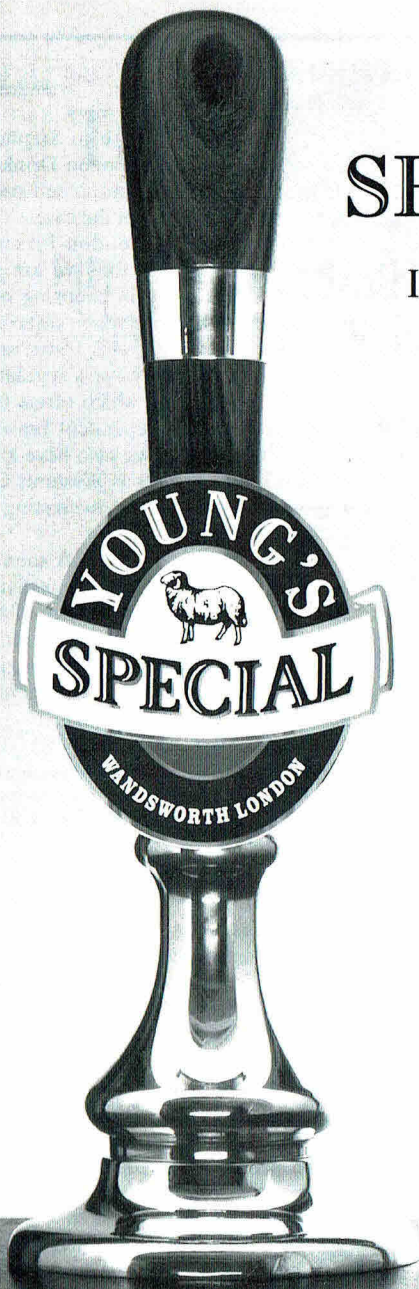
Sincerely  
Bryan McCarthy  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS (CONTINUED)

Dear Editors

I am sorry to disappoint Mr Quinlivan. I wasn't that person he referred to! The latest I have ever ventured into the Wheatsheaf was 7.30pm on a Friday evening. I noticed that Mr Quinlivan forgot to mention John who used to run the pub for Mr Leader. He always served the finest guest ales in good condition and always drank the beer he served. (Pity the incumbent who works there doesn't, lager is his tippie). I understand from my contacts in the area that my letter may have stirred things up, but for the better, as the beers have improved but have his habits changed or improved? I know for a fact that John and Mr Leader always put the ullage from a spent barrel straight down the drain in the bar, so why does the new chap always take it down the cellar? Draw your own conclusions!!

Yours

G Durrance  
Colchester

*PS. I wasn't knocking Mr Leader, only trying to draw attention to what was happening after John left. I hope this will resolve the matter. I understand that Mr Leader (younger) has another pub nearby. I expect that his high standards will get him in the GBG 1996.*

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Dear Editors,

Having just picked up November London Drinker and seen Peter Beasley's letter, I now enclose copy of letter I wrote to CAMRA HQ this very morning. I sent Morland a copy and feel inclined to send Greene King one as well, for goodwill!

Kind regards

J A Spiegel

Dear CAMRA

At Easter '94, I noticed such a change in flavour or Morland Old Speckled Hen that I suspected the landlord of connecting the wrong barrel. However, a second tasting elsewhere proved similar; still a full-bodied pint but lacking in its distinctive, if unsubtle, flavour. Bottled OSH at my local (Leo) supermarket although gassy tasted the way I remembered it.

Now in place of bottles we have "New in-can Draught System" OSH in 480 ml.

cans, of which I innocently purchased a 4-pack. I can't post you a can but I quote the pouring instructions printed thereon: (capitals are theirs)

"POURING. Modern packaging techniques help ensure that the taste and presentation of "Old Speckled Hen" closely match that of our traditional draught ale. To enjoy it fully:

1. CHILL AT LEAST 6 HOURS IN FRIDGE, OR OVERNIGHT (prevents beer suddenly overflowing upon opening).
2. HAVE GLASS READY.
3. OPEN AND WAIT FOR HEAD TO RISE TO THE BRIM OF THE CAN.
4. POUR INTO GLASS IN ONE SMOOTH MOTION.

Now you can have Old Speckled Hen at its very best."

Six hours in the 'fridge' indeed! Just the way I like it — I don't think!

If this is morland's idea of how to serve beer, maybe Greene King should take them over!

Yours sincerely

J A Spiegel

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The Editors

I feel I must respond to Mr Durrance's churlish remarks about the Wheatsheaf in October's London Drinker.

While I would not wish to detract from John's many (indeed ample) talents, it was not unknown for the condition of beers to be less than satisfactory and for the selection to be occasionally eccentric. Since his departure, the guest ales range has remained interesting and their quality generally up to scratch. As an example, a 48 hour period last week saw beers from Ringwood Goachers, Arundel, Hopback and Robinsons — all very drinkable.

Any pub which experiences a change of management is likely to undergo a period of transition. On present showing, despite teething problems, the Wheatsheaf continues to show its mettle. I suggest Mr Durrance endeavours to develop his more charitable instincts.

Regards

C Guiton/W Sim

London SE20/SE16

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## HOP BACK LANDLORD HAS "POWERHOUSE" TEAM ON TAP

Wimbledon landlord Steve Wright of The Sultan pub at De Burgh Road is a lucky man — he has his own version of the Gladiators to help with heavy tasks.

The team, pub regulars Lennox Able and Vicky Fielding, came in handy last week when The Sultan took its first deliveries of a new Winter Ale from Hop Back Brewery called "Powerhouse".

Explains Steve: "We have a lot of very fit customers here, proving you don't have to sport a beer gut to appreciate quality real ales. Lennox is in fact a fitness trainer, who runs several of my customers through their paces at his circuit training classes."



*Sultan landlord Steve Wright (centre) accepts his first delivery of Powerhouse ale from Lennox Able and Vicky Fielding.*

Powerhouse (5% ABV) is a rich and dark winter ale, described by the brewery as "nicely bitter but with Hop Back's refreshing aftertaste". Among its first customers next week will be the London-based free houses chain J D Wetherspoons, who are having it as a guest beer in their pubs in the run up to Christmas. It will sell for around £1.40 a pint and is available through East West beer wholesalers of Tunbridge Wells.

Powerhouse was first brewed as a one-off for CAMRA's Battersea Beer Festival earlier this year, but now brewery MD John Gilbert suspects it might be a permanent addition to his range, saying: "After all, our Summer Lightning was first intended purely as a summer brew."

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Timothy Taylor Landlord etc

*All beers cooled to cellar  
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## BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for December and January of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 35.

**LONDON PUBS GROUP: JAN:** Wed 4 (8.00) Business Meeting. MARKET PORTER, 9 Stoney Street, SE1.

**CROYDON & SUTTON: DEC:** Tue 6 (8.00) Winter Warmer Wander at Thornton Heath. Start LORD NAPIER, 111 Beulah Road; FOUNTAIN HEAD, 114 Parchmore Road; RAILWAY TELEGRAPH, 119 Brigstock Road — Fri 16 (8.00) Christmas Social. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon [In the function room with buffet & quiz] — Mon 19 (8.30) Two Pub Social. WINDMILL, 37 Stafford Road, Wallington then WHISPERING MOON, 25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road — Thu 29 (8.30) Social. ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL, 151 North End, Croydon.

**JAN:** Thu 5 (8.00) Social at the “new look” ROYAL STANDARD, 1 Sheldon Street, Croydon — Mon 9 (8.00) Sutton Pub Crawl. LITTEN TREE, 3 High Street then ROBIN HOOD, 52 West Street; MOON ON THE HILL, 9 Hill Road — Tue 17 (8.30) Social. FOXLEY HATCH, 8 Russell Hill Road, Purley — Thu 26 (8.00) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon (GBG 1996 final nominations).

**EAST LONDON & CITY: DEC:** Sun 4 (12.00) Branch Meeting. OLD TOWN HALL, Stratford, E15 (Free Beer)?? — Wed 14 (6.00) Branch Social. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Charlotte Street then BARLEY MOW (7.30), Curtain Road, EC2 — Sat 31 (8.00) See in the New Year at the WENLOCK ARMS, Wenlock Road, N1 (with North London Branch).

**JAN:** Mon 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting. DENMARK ARMS, 381 Barking Road, E6 — Tue 23 (8.00) Branch Social. TAP & SPILE then DRUM (9.30), both Lea Bridge Road, E10.

**FEB:** Mon 6 (8.00) Branch Meeting. Venue TBA.

**ENFIELD & BARNET: DEC:** Thu 1 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Promotion. TALLY HO, 749 High Road, Finchley, N12 — Mon 5 (8.00) Folk & Ale Evening. STAG, Little Park Gardens, Enfield — Thu 8 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Promotion. MOON UNDER WATER, 115-117 Chase Side, Enfield — Wed 14 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Promotion. BLACK HORSE, Wood Street, Barnet — Thu 22 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Promotion. OLD WHEATSHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill, Enfield.

**JAN:** Sun 1 (12.00) Cobweb Social. HALF MOON, 749 Green Lanes, N21 — Thu 5 (9.00) Social. YE OLDE MONKEN HOLT, 193 High Street, Barnet — Wed 11 (8.30) Branch Meeting. OLD WHITE LION, 121 Great North Road, Finchley, N2 — Tue 17 (9.00) Social. GRYPHON, 9 Vera Avenue, Grange Park, N21 — Thu 26 (9.00) Social. OLD RED LION, Underhill, Great North Road, Barnet — Tue 31 (9.00) Social. OLIVERS 2, High Road, Finchley, N12.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: DEC:** Mon 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. NEW PRINCE, Ewell Road, Surbiton.

**JAN:** Thu 5 (8.30) Social. WOODIES, New Malden — Thu 26 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ALBERT ARMS (downstairs bar), corner Queens Road/Kingston Hill, Kingston. [AGM preceded by a short Branch Meeting. All interested members please attend.]

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: DEC:** Thu 1 (8.00) Committee Meeting. COACH & HORSES, 183 London Road, Isleworth — Tue 6 (8.00) Joint Social with West London & West Middlesex Branches. GEORGE & DEVONSHIRE, 8 Burlington Lane, Chiswick, W4 — Fri 16 (7.30 for 8.00) Branch Christmas Dinner. COACH & HORSES, 8 Kew Green. For details & bookings please phone Branch Contact) — Mon 19 (8.00) Branch Meeting. JOLLY FARMER, 177 Lampton Road, Hounslow.

**JAN:** Mon 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting. ROYAL OAK, 128 Worton Road, Isleworth — Thu 19 (8.00) New/SW13/SW14 Members “Get To Know Us” Social. BULLS HEAD, 373 Lonsdale Road, Barnes, SW13 — Wed 25 (8.00) Joint Three Pub Social with North Surrey Branch. Start FLICKER & FIRKIN, Dukes Yard, Duke Street, Richmond then ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL, 29 Kew Road; TRIPLE CROWN, 15 Kew Foot Road.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON: DEC:** Thu 1 (8.00) Social at Pigs Ear Beer Festival — Mon 5 (8.00) Committee/Branch Meeting. MITRE, 291 Greenwich High Road, SE10 — Sat 10 (8.00) Branch Party. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 105 Tanners Hill, SE8.

**JAN:** Mon 9 (8.00) Committee/Branch Meeting. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 189 Dartmouth Road, SE26 — Mon 23 (7.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BLACK HORSE & HARROW, 167 Rushey Green, SE6 — Thu 26 (8.00) Social. RUTLAND ARMS, 55 Perry Hill, SE6.

**FEB:** Mon 6 (8.00) Committee Meeting. DUKE OF CLARENCE, 181 Camberwell Road, SE25 — Mon 13 (8.00) Branch Meeting. SHIP AGROUND, 33 Wolseley Street, SE1 — Thu 23 (8.00) Social. MULBERRY BUSH, 89 Upper Ground, Stamford Street, SE1.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX: DEC:** Thu 8 (7.30) Evening in the Cottage, McMullens Brewery, Hertford followed by mini-pub crawl. Coach arranged; for details contact Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 — Thu 15 (8.30) Social. TRAVELLERS FRIEND, 496/8 High Road (A104), Woodford Green — Mon 19 (8.30) Christmas Social. PLOUGH INN, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ544961). To be confirmed — Thu 29 (8.30) Social. BELL INN, High Road (near B1007), Horndon on the Hill.

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## THE BEST OF BEER

### The 1993 Good Beer Guide Comments

#### BADGER BEST BITTER

(OG 1041 ABV 4.1%)

*The taste is strong in hop and bitterness,  
with a hint of malt and fruit. A hoppy finish  
with a bitter edge, a fine best bitter.*

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(OG 1048 ABV 5%)

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Nr. Redhill  
Surrey

#### ARCHERY TAVERN

4 Bathurst Street  
Lancaster Gate

#### SUN INN

Bridge Street  
Godalming  
Surrey

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**JAN:** Wed 4 (8.30) 10th Night Social. BRITANNIA, 1 Church Road (near A123), Barking — Tue 10 (8.30) Social. OLDE DOG INN, Billericay Road (near A128), Herongate — Tue 17 (8.30) Social. THATCHED HOUSE, 348 St. Marys Lane (B187), Cranham — Thu 26 (8.30) Social. THEOBOLDS ARMS, Kings Walk (near A126), Grays.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON: DEC:** Tue 20 (7.00) Christmas Antisocial. BEEHIVE, 167 St. Johns Hill, SW11. **JAN:** Mon 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting (Good Beer Guide shortlisting). PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 — Mon 16 (8.00) Open Branch Committee and Festival Committee Meetings. BREWERY TAP, 68 Wandsworth High Street, SW18 (Venue subject to confirmation)

**WATFORD & DISTRICT: DEC:** Tue 6 (8.30) Herongate Social. STAG, Swillett; LAND OF LIBERTY — Fri 9 Xmas Curry. Meet at 7.30 at SQUARE TAVERN, Tolmers Square, NW1. Please advise Branch Contact if you will be attending — Wed 14 (8.15) Out of Area Social. TAP & SPILE, Holywell Hill, St. Albans — Fri 30 (10.30am) Post Xmas Ramble. Meet Amersham tube station

**JAN:** Tue 10 Pub of the Year Award. Venue to be announced — Fri 13 Pre-Xmas 1995 London Pub Crawl, Bloomsbury/Holborn area (details from Branch Contact) — Mon 16 (8.00) Herts Branches Liaison Meeting. ESTOURT TAVERN, Watford (venue to be confirmed) — Wed 25 (8.30) Watford Heath/Burns Night Social. ROYAL OAK; LOAD OF HAY (9.15) — Sun 29 (8.30) Branch Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB.

**WEST MIDDLESEX: DEC:** Thu 1 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. ROSE & CROWN, Church Place, St. Marys Road, Ealing, W5 — Tue 6 (8.00) Joint Social with West London & Richmond & Hounslow Branches. GEORGE & DEVONSHIRE, 8 Burlington Lane, Chiswick, W4 — Fri 9 (7.19) Xmas Knees-up. LOAD OF HAY, Villiers Street, Uxbridge. Food & Extension (hopefully) — Wed 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. PRINCE OF WALES, 1 Harlington Road, Hillingdon — Mon 19 (8.30) Social. HALF MOON, 1 Roxeth Hill, Roxeth, South Harrow.

**JAN:** Tue 3 (8.30) Social. HAMBROUGH TAVERN, Uxbridge Road, Southall — Thu 12 (8.30) Social. MALT HOUSE, 7 Stanmore Hill, Stanmore — Wed 18 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DUKE OF YORK, High Street, Acton, W3 — Thu 26 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. RED LION, 13 St. Marys Road, Ealing, W5. Deadline for the February edition, 3rd January. Material for March to arrive by 1st February. Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.

# ADVANCE NOTICE

## Battersea Beer Festival

15th-18th February 1995

APPROX 50 BEERS

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## A PUB CRAWL OF READING

– not such a daft idea these days!

There was a time, no so very long ago, when the thought of a pub crawl around Reading would make any respectable beer drinker cringe in his pint! Courage dominated the town and, apart from a few Morland and Brakspear's pubs, that was all you could drink. Wethereds beers had vanished and there were no true free houses.

Well, how things have changed, for not only has the beer range improved, but we actually have three new pubs opened in the town, so let's go for a pint!

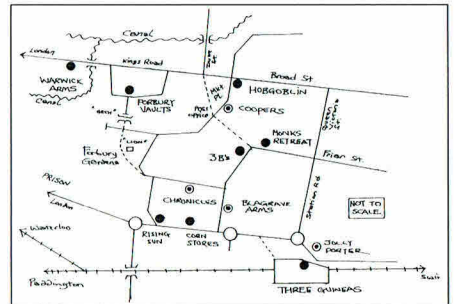
Arriving by train, we will leave the new station bar until later and head down Forbury Road, past The Pink Elephant (Apex Plaza) and into the new Fuller's pub THE CORN STORES. This interesting bar has been a conversion of an old merchants premises and all the original fixtures and fittings have been retained wherever possible. Chiswick, Pride and ESB are on handpump and the beer is usually good. However, be warned, smart dress is required and the bottom car closes at 7 p.m. Tow doors down the road is THE RISING SUN which sells Brakspears, but has had its problems. The MTV can be overpowering. We head off through Forbury Gardens, past the lion (not a pub but a statue!) and under the arch to find THE FORBURY VAULTS. This open-plan bar is a Morland pub but does offer three guest ales (often Arkells/Wells and Bass). The pub caters mainly for office-workers and may close early in the evening and at weekends (after 3 p.m. on Saturday). Round the corner and over the canal and we reach the WARWICK ARMS. This is another Morland pub but trades as a Free House, with six beers on tap (Morland; Youngs plus four others — often Landlord; 6X plus a regularly changed range). Again, popular with office staff and may close on Saturday afternoons. Good value food, Sky sports and a mini-skittle alley. We now head back towards the town centre and make for THE HOBGOBLIN. This small pub, formerly The London Tavern is a haven/heaven for beer buffs and scoopers, as it serves weird and wonderful brews from all over the country — usually from mini or micro breweries!

The seven handpumps offer two/three

Wychwood ales; usually one mild and a range of guest beers that can change daily. Real cider and perry are also available. Don't miss it; it's often packed and the little snugs at the back are very popular.

Turning into the Market Place, we pass the Coopers which is soon to become a Rat & Parrot bar (one of a chain of themed bars owned by the Jocks and Georgies Brewery!) The Coopers presently sells Courage. Passing Marks & Spencers, we reach THE MONKS RETREAT which was once an electrical store, but is now a Wetherspoons pub with the usual range of beers available, plus a weekly guest ale. Standard JDS decor and operation with the non-smoking bar at the rear.

Across the square is the old town hall and the THREE B's BAR. This is a council-run cafe style establishment with four real ales normally available; and although the beer is sometimes a bit warm, it is worth a visit to see what's on offer (often Bunces/Hop Back/Taylors). The bar has a display of old Readingalia — Beer: Biscuits and Bulbs — hence the name (3B's) — clever, eh! The bar closes in the afternoons.



Heading back towards the station we come the THE BLAUGRAVE ARMS (Courage) which offers 3 beers; marble-topped table; woodblock floor and gas lighting. Just across the road, is CHRONICLES which is a wine bar and bistro but does sell Arkells 3B's.

Back at the station we pass the JOLLY PORTER (Courage) and head for THE THREE GUINEAS which is a new bar created from the old station booking hall — and a welcome addition it is too! The theme is naturally Great Western Railway and there

are even monitors in the bar to keep you up to date with departures and arrivals! The central bar has eight handpumps and beers included Bass; Brakspears; Adnams; Brains; Gales Theakstons and Great Western Bitter (which we are told is Hancocks Bitter from Cardiff). There are guest beers — at least one anyway! The pub is a gricer's paradise but be prepared for an invasion by the younger set on weekend evenings! You should now be ready for a quick train ride home, but if you do fancy a longer tour, you could try the

excellent WALLINGFORD ARMS (Morlands); ELDON ARMS (Wadworth); BUTLER (Fullers)' and hopefully the refurbishment HOP LEAF will be open. This is a Hop Back Brewery pub in Southampton Street and should have the full range!

I hope you'll agree, that Reading is a much improved Real Ale town than a few years ago and that with the possibility of a Yates Wine Lodge and a new Greene King pub, it will get even better in 1995.

**Dave McKerchar**

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## EAST END NEWS

Not much to report this month.

E4: LARKSHALL are selling Theakston XB and Best on trial.

Forest Hotel is closed and appears to be Chef & Brewer run and not free house as stated in the East London & City Guide.

EC1:

Harrow: Change of use applied for, to entertainment and conference hall. St John of Jerusalem: Signs that the demolishers balls soon to be active. New Wetherspoon pub allied for at the corner of Bunhill Road and Old Street. Work started mid October and past Post Office directories indicate a pub called the White Hart was previously on the site.

EC3:

East India Arms: Reverted to Bass Charrington after 21 years on lease to Youngs.

I am indebted to Howard Dyer, Chairman and Chief Executive of Ascot Holdings for information on those pubs that the East London & City Beer Guide that were formally run by "Belhaven". It would appear that ten of the pubs listed as Belhaven run were either not, or are not now run by Ascot Holdings.

The following pubs are not owned by Ascot Holdings but were shown in the Guide as owned by "Belhaven":

E1: Rose & Punchbowl. E2: Black Horse (currently closed), King & Queen (currently closed due to fire damage), Queen Victoria (currently for sale). E3: Albion, Crown Hotel (currently closed and for lease). E8: Brewery Tap (currently closed). E9: Lord Nelson (currently closed), Royal Hotel. E14: Sir Charles Napier.

The following pubs were not shown as belonging to "Belhaven" but are now owned

by Ascot:

E1: Anchor & Hope. E2: Sportsman, Three Loggerheads. E3: Rising Sun (currently a cafe), Duke of Wellington. E8: Robin Hood. E14: Chimes, Lord Stanley, Manor Arms. EC1: Harlequin.

There would have been updates since the Guide to indicate the following pubs were not shown as "Belhaven" owned by subsequently were and are now confirmed as Ascot owned: E2: Chiltons (now Britannia), Dover Castle, Stick of Rock (currently closed). E5: Shamps. To confuse matters an update of the Whitethorn (E3 closed) may of indicated it was "Belhaven" owned but is not on the Ascot list.

My Dyer confirmed that their tenants are able to chose any real ales on their nominated supplier's list, providing the brand is owned by the nominated brewer.

Merry Christmas

**Keith Emmerson**



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## ANCHOR CHRISTMAS ALE IS 20

1994 marks the 20th year that the brewers at San Francisco's Anchor Brewing Company have produced a special Christmas brew that they call "Our Special Ale" and again this year they have produced a traditional type ale for the season using special spices and flavourings.

After the official launch on 24th November, which is of course Thanksgiving Day, the beer will be available in specialist outfits including Selfridges, Harrods, Fullers off licences and The Beer Shop in N1. The standard 12 fl. oz. bottles will cost around £1.75 and a limited number of magnums will be available at around £8.00.

When it was first produced in 1975 "Our Special Ale" was originally similar to the Brewery's Liberty Ale — a golden straw coloured, hugely piney, hoppy beer. These days it resembles the famous medieval brew comprising a blend of natural spices and roasted malts to achieve a complex warm winter bouquet and taste.

Every year since its inception, Anchor has brewed its Christmas Ale in limited quantities for sale only between Thanksgiving and New Year and the recipe changes every year. The bottle label which also changes each year always has a tree (a different one each time) as part of its design — a traditional symbol for renewal.

The 1994 brew continues the tradition, this year's tree being a Christmas fir. The taste is a firmly kept secret until the beer goes on sale but once again promises to be a delicious combination of malt, herbs and spices. The recipe always remains a strict secret even afterwards and some additional enjoyment can be derived from trying to ascertain what spices have been used in the beer's production — not that you will ever know if you are correct.

Apart from single bottles, the Beer Shop is promoting a mixed case of a dozen Anchor bottles — three each of Steam Beer, Liberty Ale, Porter and the Christmas Ale. The case costs £27.99 from the Beer Shop at 8 Pitfield Street, N1 or you can telephone on 0171-739 3701 and they will send you a case anywhere in the British Isles for an additional £2.99 to cover postage and packing.

## 1995 GOOD BEER GUIDE CORRECTIONS

South-East London branch would like to correct some errors which have appeared in the 1995 edition of the Good Beer guide.

Firstly, the Crystal Palace Tavern in SE22 should not have appeared this year. The licensee has changed recently and we always allow a settling-in period of at least six months before considering any pub for inclusion.

The Hare & Billet in SE3 does NOT allow outside drinking on Blackheath, but does have a separate pub garden.

Finally the details of availability of meals has been transposed in two SE26 pubs. The Dulwich Wood House DOES sell lunches on Sundays, whilst the Bricklayers Arms sells meals every day EXCEPT Sundays.

South-West London branch would also like to correct two errors which crept into the Good Beer Guide.

Firstly, the County Arms in SW18 has got a Car Park and, more importantly, has very good home cooked food including Sunday Lunchtime.

Secondly, Streatham is in SW16, not as stated in the Guide.

We apologise on behalf of the guide's editor for these errors.

**Andrew Padgham**

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## WATFORD & DISTRICT NEWS

Once again we are to hold our "pre-Christmas" pub crawl in London on a Friday evening, the 13th January. The crawls are always well attended with friends from other branches putting in an appearance. Our last one, in June (we have two a year), had CAMRA members from 10 branches present for some or all of the crawl.

So the details, FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 1995, commence at 17.00 at The Enterprise in WC1 then on to The Melton Mowbray, Bishops Finger, Sutton Arms, Crown and ending at the Sekforde Arms at approximately hourly intervals. Full details will be available from the Branch Contact.

See you there.

**John Hurrell**



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## WETHERSPOON NEWS

J D Wetherspoon pubs scooped first, second and third position in the Enfield and Barnet CAMRA Pub of the Year awards.

Their outlets, the Moon Under Water, Barnet (first), Banker's Draft, New Southgate (second) and the Half Moon, Winchmore Hill (third) beat off competition from more than 300 pubs eligible for the awards.

It is the first time the branch has awarded all three places to a single brewer or pub company.

The awards and buffet were held at the Moon Under Water, Barnet (October 27), to coincide with Wetherspoon's beer festival.



*Left to Right:*

*Carol and Dave Beckett (Moon Under Water, Barnet - 1st), Karen Barker (The Half Moon, Winchmore Hill - 3rd), Rory O'Connell (Banker's Draft, New Southgate - 2nd) with CAMRA Branch Secretary Sandy Ward.*

CAMRA branch secretary Sandy Ward presented a framed certificate to Dave and Carol Beckett, managers of the Moon Under Water.

Managers Rory O'Connell of the Banker's Draft and Karen Barker of the Half Moon were also present.

The Moon Under Water serves five real ales at all times, Theakston XB, Courage Directors, Greene King Abbot Ale, Greene King IPA and Younger's Scotch Bitter.

It also sells guest beers from smaller breweries each week throughout the year.

Sandy Ward said: "Our 300 members research more than 300 pubs in both boroughs during the year, and they are looking for a high level of quality and consistency from the beers.

"The ambience of the pub is also very important and on both counts the Moon Under Water is a worthy winner."

Moon Under Water manager Dave Beckett



*Front Left to Right:*

*Chris Reeve and Craig Miller (Area Managers)  
Back Left to Right: Carol and Dave Beckett (Moon Under Water, Barnet - 1st), Karen Barker (The Half Moon, Winchmore Hill - 3rd), Rory O'Connell (Banker's Draft, New Southgate - 2nd) with CAMRA Branch Secretary Sandy Ward.*

said: "Everyone at the pub is delighted to have won the award."

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## MORE BEER THAN EVER!!

After a record breaking attendance of 45,000 at this year's Great British Beer Festival, plans are in hand to order even more beer for the 1995 event. A total of 226,816 pints of real ale, cider, perry and imported beer came into Olympia last August and although the Festival didn't run out, stocks were much depleted on the Saturday evening.

In 1995 the drinks order will exceed 230,000 pints and arrangements to ship in an extra 44,000 pints during the time the Festival is open are being sought. The Festival organisers are determined that the 1995 Festival will not run dry.

Among the changes planned for 1995 are a bigger range of ciders and perries and a trial carried out to cool the cider was so successful that it is intended to implement it across the whole of the week. The imported beer bar is due to expand and a re-organisation of the layout should enable people to see what is available more easily. But last and not least, the Festival is investigating having an unusual British beer bar with non traditional beers such as wheat beers, bees with honey and beers with lavender. More details in London Drinker nearer the event.

The Great British Beer Festival is open 1st-5th August 1995, Grand Hall, Olympia. Contact 0727 867201 for further details.



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**BREWERS OF AWARD WINNING TRADITIONAL ALES**

**SOUTHERNERS "UP 'ERE"**

On Tuesday 18 October, two intrepid "south of Watford Gaponians" arrived at my house in Kendal, Cumbria. The "fools" had been persuaded to come up and work at the 1st Westmorland Beer Festival of which I was organiser.

The two in question are Jackie Tulip and Steve Kemp.

Jackie kindly "volunteered!" to drive up to Yates Brewery with Steve on the Wednesday morning to pick up some festival items etc. after all she had written to me previously saying she'd never been up 'ere before and wanted to see a bit of the Lake District (Ha-ha).

Jackie and Steve worked the Cider Bar for us and even appeared on the front page of a local freebie paper.

Jackie and Steve's knowledge of cider and perry proved invaluable as a lot of northerners haven't a clue about these products.

Steve was interviewed for an article to be printed in a forthcoming magazine.

Jackie's (pièce-de-resistance) was doing two minutes on Radio Cumbria on the Saturday morning. In part of her speech she actually said "Because you don't normally get traditional Ciders and Perry up ere!

They worked extremely hard and were heartily welcomed by other branch members.

As branch chairman and festival organiser I would like to convey my sincere thanks to them both and a special thank you to Jackie for the other "work!" she got involved in.

So, come on you London Drinkers get a bus or something arranged for the 2nd Westmorland Beer Festival, October 18th-21st provisionally. A good range of beers, ciders and perry plus a special northern welcome is assured.

**Ken Lowe**

**Westmorland CAMRA Branch Chairman**

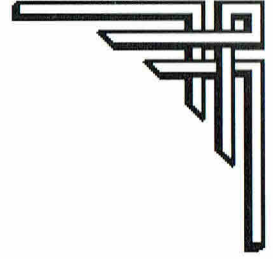
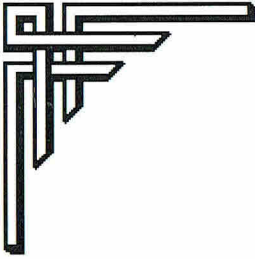
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## LONDON DRINKER COMPETITION

London Drinker has teamed up with Hop Back Brewery and its Sultan pub to present a special Christmas take-away competition.

Simply send you name, address and daytime telephone number along with your answer to the following question to The Sultan pub:

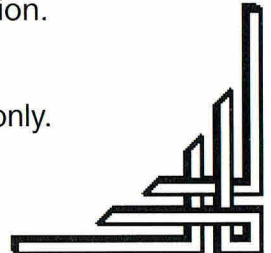
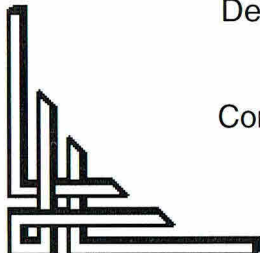
The Sultan was named after a famous animal, was it:

- a) An Echidna
- b) A Reindeer
- c) A Racehorse

Send your answer to: Sultan Competition, The Sultan, Norman Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 — to arrive by Monday 19th December. Send on a postcard or sealed envelope.

Sender of the first correct answer drawn at random receives a Polypin of GFB Bitter. One runner-up receives a Minipin (18 pints) of the same. Winners will be contacted by phone on December 19th to arrange collection.

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1327 London Road, Norbury SW16

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Good Yarn, 132 High Street, Uxbridge  
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## PIZZA CHAIN FINED £1,000 OVER ALE CLAIM

Major restaurant chain Pizza Hut has been fined £1,000 after falsely claiming its Winter Warmer Pizza — advertised nationally early this year — contained real ale in its sauce topping.

The chain was prosecuted by the county council's trading standards department after a complaint from a freelance writer planning a story for CAMRA.

The trading watchdogs carried out checks on the topping to investigate claims on printed tablemats in Pizza Hut restaurants that the Winter Warmer Pizza contained "Cumberland sausage and onion in a real ale sauce".

Checks revealed that while the sauce did contain beer the type used was Whitbread Gold Label, which is not commonly accepted as "real ale".

St Albans Crown Court heard that to fit the specific and widely accepted definition of real ale — which is accepted by CAMRA, major brewers and other experts — the beer in question would have had to contain live yeast and the beer actually used was pasteurised.

While pleading guilty to the offence, the company said it had used the term real ale to distinguish the fact that the topping contained actual beer and not just a flavouring.

Prosecuting officer Clive Horton said it was accepted Pizza Hut had not intended to mislead, but without making checks to find the proper definition of real ale they were committing an offence.

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## FLOWER POWER AT CLUTTERBUCKS

Blooming well done to Clutterbucks, 803 High Road, Tottenham, N17. The Taylor Walker pub is the successful winner of the Haringey in Bloom competition. Flowers flourished and buds blossomed all around the pub helping to place it third in the London in Bloom competition of which 31 boroughs took part.

The competition which had a particularly high standard of entry was set up in Haringey

to encourage all businesses to brighten up the area. With a highly qualified panel of judges entrants were marked on the colour, sustainability and the planting of their flowers. An overall look of beauty, colour and perfection made Clutterbucks pick of the bunch! The pub was put through to the finals of the London in Bloom competition and with 31 boroughs entered, there was some very tough competition!



*Dennis and Lorraine Murphy with their  
certificates and trophy.*

Licencees Dennis and Lorraine Murphy commented "We are absolutely delighted with the awards both from the local Haringey Council and from the overall London in Bloom competitions. All our customers have commented on the flowers and we are delighted to have put something back into the community and brightened up the area!"

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## CROYDON REAL ALE FESTIVAL

The 2nd Croydon Real Ale Festival held on 14th-15th October was another success and the lessons learned from the 1993 sell-out festival were applied. As a result we were able to admit everyone who turned up on Friday night with little or no queueing and increased beer stocks enabled us to offer a good choice of ales right up to closing time on Saturday. Good weather on both days along with the use of a much bigger marquee resulted in a more relaxed and less crowded event. Thanks to all who turned up to enjoy the beer and also to those CAMRA members who worked at the festival. We are planning to do it all again in 1995 so watch out for further details in London Drinker.

**Terry Hewitt**  
Festival Organiser

# AT A REGENT INNS GENUINE FREEHOUSE

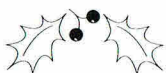
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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the first “double” issue of London Drinker appeared, serving for December 1979 and January 1980. The cover of this 24 page issue was tangerine in colour and depicted the Bishop Out Of Residence in Kingston, newly opened, for which an article in the content stated that the local council had refused permission for the main sign, the reason being that due to its length it would be “too prominent”. An appeal had been lodged with the Department of the Environment and, as a recent visit confirmed, it is certainly prominent, but not untasteful. The rear cover invited sympathetic landlords to start stocking the magazine, and a listing of all outlets was planned. This was the first edition printed in the London area, by Daru Graphic of Harmondsworth.

Ian Mihill outlined the history of Grand Metropolitan, from the beginning of Truman’s in 1666, covering the various take-overs, Watney’s change of heart about cask-conditioned beer, with Fined Bitter — later called Stage — and London Bitter, plus Truman Tap. Also discussed was the controversy over the County Hand Pump, which rather than drawing beer forced it out of the cask by air pressure. This was the fourth in a series about the Big Six.

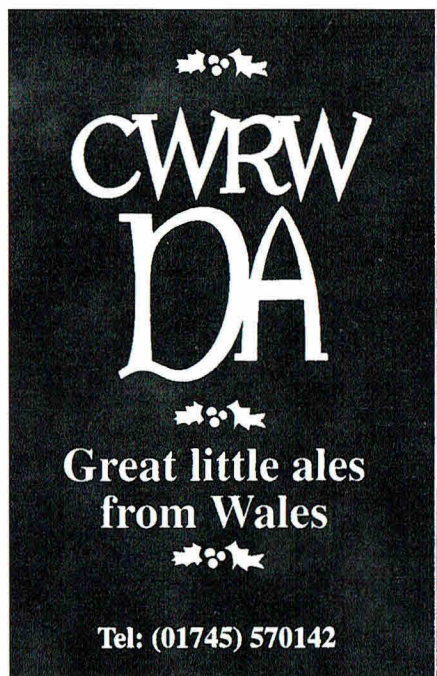
Whitbread head launched nationally in “draught” — i.e. keg — and bottled form Royal Kaltenberg Diat Pils.

Fuller’s were about to withdraw traditional “Hock” — draught mild — and market it in keg form. The reason given, justifiably, was lack of demand for the real thing. Meanwhile Fuller’s had in the two previous years almost doubled — to 54 — the amount of their houses with hand pumps, of a total then of 116.

At the Goose & Firkin, David Bruce was producing a new winter brew, “Earth stopper”, e.g. 1075. Canada Dry (UK) Limited had launched Barbican, claimed to be the first alcohol-free lager in Britain. On my only sit it tasted of nothing so much as orange squash.

In the second of three articles about bottled beers, Doug Bateman discussed such continental delights as Chimay inter alia from Belgium, and others from Germany.

Ind Coope had regionalised and the old names of Taylor Walker and Friary Meux were to be revived. New, or revived beers were expected.



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A list was provided of outlets, either definite, or understood to be real, of Ind Coope KK light Mild, for which they were doing no promotion.

Mostyn Lewis, in “An Extended Holiday — A Plea for extended pub hours” discussed the fact that the festive season brought about extended pub hours, whereas at other times hours were inflexible, and he contended that pubs should be allowed to open to suit local needs. As we now know, this is catered for by the 1988 Licensing Act, but are we any better off?

TEN YEARS AGO the December 1984/January 1985 bumper issue sported red as its second colour on five of its 36 pages including the front cover, on which the printers had shown the months but not the years! Luckily that is the only time it has happened, or your archivist would have a hard time. Its frame enclosed a cartoon by Eileen graves, showing a rather inebriated Santa on a pub roof on Christmas morning; beer spilt from his tankard was dripping into the mouth of a contented-looking Rudolph. In the sack was a perplexed-looking teddy bear which may have been startled by an erratic sleigh ride, or was possibly about to be adopted by a problem

brat! (Now, whatever brought that idea to mind?) Also in the background was a rather hung-over owl. Eileen's cartoons are invariably full of details; on one occasion I was depicted twice in the same drawing, on my favourite tandem, in the (then) present-day form, and on the back as a very juvenile Merton, to tie-in with an Historicrawl. The images were based on photographs taken some 20 years apart.

The Editorial cited a case where some misbehaviour a year previously by a reveller who had already been drinking elsewhere had caused him to have to pay something over £500, about 200 times the cost of the beer he consumed in the pub concerned — £100 fine, £50 court costs, £350 damages, a court order excluding him from the premises, a night in the cells, and his job — in the police force. The informant was the landlord concerned, and our comment was "enough's enough; too much is plain stupid. Beer drinkers can do without such a reputation."

The Beehive in Peckham, A Shepherd Neame pub, had just re-opened after a £32,000 improvements programme. At the time the company had 18 London pubs.

Rail Rover contributed "Lourdes Drinker", a chronicle of his impressions of beer and the railways plus the shrine as part of a tour in France, taking in the location of the title.

In "The Great Autumn Rip-Off", Ian Worden outlined the recent price rises, leading to a mean average of 80p a pint in Greater and 90 p in Central London, while in the West Midlands 60p or less was more the norm.

The Battersea Brewery was about to market a Premium Mild, o.g. 1038-40, at around 74p. This was to be launched at the 8th Capital Beer Night in the Prince of Wales, Battersea — where the brewery was located — in mid January.

Young's had opened its 144th pub, the Coborn Arms in Bow.

"Dear Dipsy..." read a heavy-type heading above a side-view cartoon of that troubled columnist crying into his beer, followed by "...is on holiday. For an answer to all problems see page...". On the page cited, was reproduced in a decorative scroll frame the words of a drinking song, dated 1420 with two modern verses in mediaeval spelling and grammar, which the Editors' seasonal greeting challenged the readers to spot. It was entitled "Bring us in Good Ale!" How to be Firkin Successful" chronicled the history to date of

David Bruce's seven pubs, with more to come. It was signed "Firkin nuisance no. 1267".

CAMRA CAMERA portrayed photographically the Allison Arms, Glasgow — LD's most northerly outlet; the Volunteer, Ventnor, then selling Britain's cheapest beer, Burt's Mild; The New Inn, Hadlow Down in Sussex; and Campbell's Free House, Islington, our longest-standing advertiser.

Paul Everitt and Terry Hewitt presented a Shopper's Guide to Croydon Pubs, and RM Rider — another bus traveller as the pseudonym suggests, produced "Liquid Lunch", described as "The first in a series exploring prospects for the Real Ale drinker in Central London."

The history of the Norwood Brewery was chronicled, from its first listing in 1855 as Richard Bennet & Co, later known successively as George Wadley & Son, Duberley & Brookers, A C Beaton & Co and Hoare & Co, who were taken over in 1933 by Charringtons. No signs of it still remain.

FIVE YEARS AGO the red frame of the December 1989/January 1990 enclosed another of Eileen's topical cartoons, featuring four revellers using an upside-down book of carols (presumably antipodeans who can't handle real ale) and a very startled cat. Red also appeared on seven of its 48 pages; this included the rear cover, the major part of which bore the wording of Edwardian music hall song, "Glorious Beer", with an additional verse especially written for the occasion. Naturally, it contained CAMRA sentiments.

This section is rather nostalgic from my point of view, as the edition under discussion was the last in which I participated as one of the production and editorial team, though obviously I still contribute from the distance. Shortly after its publication, domestic circumstances found me in Wales, where at the time of writing I remain. As, in the preceding months, I had spent a great deal of time in the Principality, the editorial (mine, for the last time except once as a guest), described the attempts in West Wales by certain ill-disposed parties to swing the referendum which had just taken place, against Sunday opening. My other major contribution was "A Winter's Tale", about a stagecoach accident due to intoxication, in 1835, culminating with a pub crawl entitled "Real Ale in Llandovery" — the

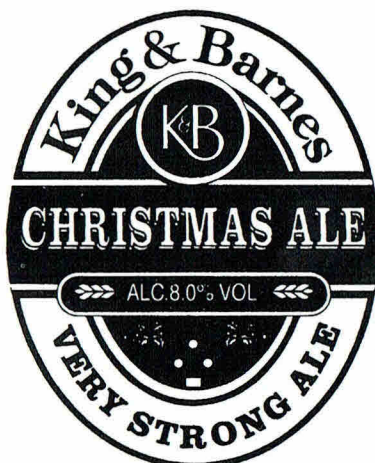
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area in which I am now domiciled, and serve as local i.e. only CAMRA rep.) and I can confirm the latter is now well out of date.

Merton presented an Historicrawl entitled "Within a City Wall" following the course of the Walls of the City of London, which I know (having been involved) took over two years to prepare.

The First Battersea Beerex was advertised for February. I guess that the sixth is advertised in this edition — see you there!

"Idle Moments" produced two mirror non-rhyming limericks, one of which included YAWOH, the reverse of the Geordie HOWAY. Andy, who had also included the brewery anagrams and numbers/initials problems, signed off "TTFN". Anyone remember the significance of that?

In "Not a Tramday", Colin Price explored the pubs adjacent to the Romford to Upminster line.

The Sekforde Arms, Clerkenwell had been bought by Young's and refurbished.

That concludes my current offering, except to offer the customary compliments of the season. Iechyd da!

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## EDITOR SPELLS OUT QUALITY THREAT

Real ale sales are rising at 9% a year and thousands more pubs and clubs are now stocking real ale. 'That's the good news,' claimed Good Beer Guide editor Jeff Evans. However, he warned that this growth was being jeopardised by worries about beer quality.

'As the Good Beer Guide shows, you are never far from a beautifully-kept pint of ale, and drinkers now have their best opportunity for years to sample interesting, well-brewed beers. But there is a real danger that drinkers new to real ale may be put off by a bad first experience in a pub where quality has been sacrificed to quick profit. We are not the campaign for tasteless or poorly kept beer and we wish to see standards raised.'

Evans cited pressures like high rents and ever-tighter financial targets which encourage licensees to pour waste beer or water back into the cask — although this is officially discouraged by brewers and is illegal under food hygiene and customs laws. 'Such adulteration ruins perfectly good beer and the reputation of the pub is easily tarnished', Evans said. 'The publican may gain a few pence a pint now but will undoubtedly lose out in the long term.'

He also pointed to the pubs which sell more beers than their turnover can justify. 'Whilst it is a pleasure to see a variety of beers on sale, that counts for nothing if the beers are not worth drinking,' he said. 'We'd rather see a pub serving two or three beers in good nick than six in mediocre or poor condition.'

And he singled out licensees who rush their beer onto sale, not giving if the time it requires to mature in the cellar. 'Just because a beer has settled and is clear, does not mean it is ready to serve,' said Evans. 'Those brewers who market their beers to pubs on how quickly they settle should know better. It is their reputation which is suffering.'

Good Beer Guide 1995 is published by CAMRA, price £9.99.



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## TEN WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR PUB — OVERNIGHT!

Good Beer Guide editor Jeff Evans praised the work of thousands of licensees in raising pub standards. But, speaking at the launch of Good Beer Guide 1995, he criticised those pubs which failed to deliver what customers expected and deserved.

‘Whilst many of our landlords do a fantastic job in upholding the traditions of hospitality and comfort associated with our pubs, others are letting the side down and failing to meet simple standards,’ said Evans. ‘They are losing business as a result, yet most of the problems are so easily resolved.’

Evans offered ten tips for improving pubs — and increasing trade — in some cases overnight:

- Remember dirty pubs and dirty loos put off more customers than anything else. And staff smoking whilst serving is both unhygienic and illegal.
- Make sure your price lists are clearly visible
- Introduce over-sized, lined glasses to ensure

your customers always get a full measure.

- Display your opening hours outside — not knowing when the pub will open is infuriating!
- Don’t mislead the public: rip out fake handpumps for keg cider and beer, and don’t sell ‘house beers’ without telling your customers what the beer actually is and where it is from.
- Confine noisy video games and jukeboxes to one area. Some people prefer a quieter atmosphere!
- Disabled access — have you done everything feasible for your pub?
- No-smoking areas — have you tried them?
- If you stock a guest beer, try one from a small independent brewery, and if you are allowed to stock a guest but haven’t yet done so, make the effort. Your customers will appreciate the variety.
- Finally, if you don’t stock real ale, now is the time to begin. Sales are rising 9% every year, so don’t miss out!

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## SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH AT WANDSWORTH BREWERY

The culmination of 30 years’ research by Keith Chivers — the foremost authority on the history of the Shire Horse — saw the successful launch of his most recent book *The Four Oaks* at the Ram Brewery in Wandsworth, London on 20th October.

The book, a portrayal of the Age of the Horse, looks back on a now almost-vanished way of life yet one with a great growing appeal. ‘The Four Oaks’ the family on whom the book is based, were the leaders through four generations of the Forshaw family, the foremost proprietors of heavy draught stallions in the country and pre-eminent in international Shire Horse breeding from the time of Waterloo until the end of the second world war. Most important, was the family’s share in the movement for improving the working horse in towns. Largely thanks to them, by 1914, the English Shire was the most efficient draught horse in existence.

This cheerful and often humorous biography requires in the reader no knowledge of horses and will appeal to anyone interested in rural social history and

curious about those who were engaged in an occupation which was once as important to urban transport as to farming.

The location for the launch — The Ram Brewery (Young’s Brewery) in Wandsworth — as well as being well attended by both the media and members of the Forshaw family, was particularly appropriate as working Shires are still used, and guests were able to see them in their working surroundings.

Keith Chivers is the author of many other books and papers on the Shire Horse including *The Shire Horse*, *The Heavy Horse Manual* and *History with a Future*. He was honorary historian of the Shire Horse Society from 1963, and more recently — since 1990 — has been responsible for establishing a Shire Horse Archive.

The book is published by The Lutterworth Press, P.O. Box 60, Cambridge CB1 2NT in hardback at £17.99.

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## A REVIEW OF BELLE VUE – UP THE GUEUZE WITHOUT A KRIEK

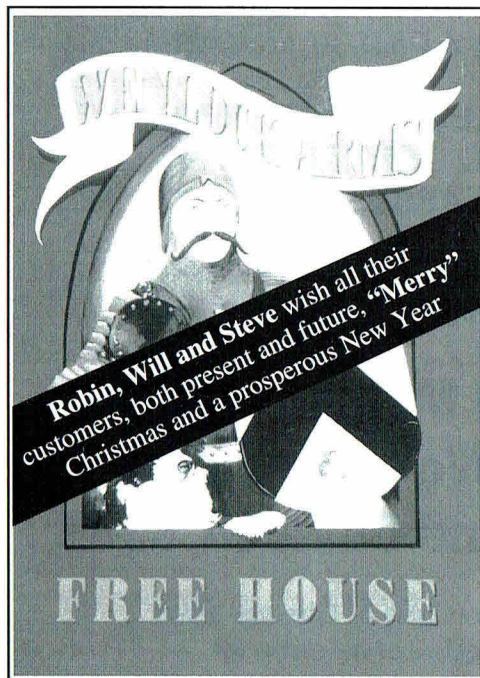
CAMRA run British beer festivals are the only festivals in Europe I know of that sell foreign beer. There are however some members of the Campaign for Real Ale that believe we should campaign only for our own beers and not those from abroad, furthermore they would insist that these foreign beers should conform to Campaign for Real Ale British standards! They would deny us tasting some classic traditional foreign beer styles.

The ensure these ales are traditional to the country of origin the organisers of the foreign beer bar at the Great British Beer Festival sought the recommendations of their sister organisations in the Netherlands (PINT) and Belgium (OBP) in compiling a list of what they considered to be those beers that are brewed in traditional style. Those lists are available to any CAMRA beer festival organiser but it is noticeable that the odd non recommendations creep in as the foreign beer "expert" orders his own favourites. Banana juice and Ribena rule OK?

When I read the September London Drinker article 'A Potted History' I thought that if the products from Belle Vue were so good why had they not appeared in the Belgium 'list', they did after all include 80 kilos of fresh cherries where most brewers use syrup, so I sought the advice from an OBP member. Here are his observations.

The claims made about the authenticity of Bell Vue Lambic production — the fact is that the description holds true for less than 50% of the fermented worts. The other half, mainly produced at the plant in Zuin is 100% ordinary top-fermented beer, not the traditional "spontaneous" lambic; all of which is later blended together. The only exception being the new "Selection Lambic" which is entirely spontaneously fermented but represents only 1.5%-2.5% of gueuze production.

There are also some other items which ought to be corrected. Least important page 22 is the reference to the term medieval should read 19th century. There is no more true medieval Belgian ale, and neither would



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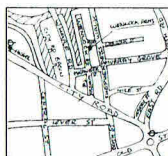
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we like it, I'm afraid. Another point of correction is a micro-biological one. The two main "brettanomyces" strains involved are not as thought by the author, responsible for a sour taste, as they are on the contrary suspected to use organic acids as substrate, i.e. eliminating them. An important brettanomyces-influence would rather result in a bitterish lambic! The tart taste of old lambic or gueuze has to be attributed to strains of lactobacillus and pediococcus, probably. I consider this not as a major mistake, however, as an in-depth study of the determining flavour-factors in lambic, has still yet to be made. In addition, page 24 compares lambic-blending to whisky-blending, which makes me unhappy too, as a blended whisky is inferior to an all-malt. On the other hand, it is impossible to manufacture gueuze without blending lambics! I would rather compare what Belle Vue does (mixing lambic with high-fermentation beer) with the blending done at United Distilleries...



But the main problem with the article is not in what it says, but in what it says not! It carefully avoids to speak about what happens

AFTER the blending process, and before the bottling, which means what you get served. All Belle Vue products, with the exception again of the new "Selection Lambic" are filtered, pasteurised and sweetened derivatives of the "real" thing.

Your bottle of Belle Vue will taste sweetish, not tart. Thank God, the 1960-70's saccharine has been replaced by real sugar in the mid-eighties; but the use of sugar in bottled gueuze implies filtering. An unfiltered sugared gueuze, is more universally known as a Molotov-cocktail (or falling under the Geneva-convention nuclear, biological and chemical weapons). There is a real unsweetened version as mentioned earlier called "Selection Lambic", but it is virtually unfindable; worse, there exists no such thing as a "Selection Kriek", let alone a "real" Framboos... And THAT'S what's missing in this article.

Finally the article reiterates the irritating and eternally frustrating misconception (more alarmingly so within CAMRA) that the German Reinheitsgebot is some sort of consumers law. It isn't, and has never been one; it was a genuine taxation law and efficient taxation its only reason for its birth.

I hope the above will be of interest to your readers and despite my criticisms it is encouraging to see the increasing level of interest in Belgian beers within the pages of London Drinker.

My thanks to Joris Pattyn for the article and Roger Warhurst for the editing. My personal recommendation for kriek would come from Girardin and Hanssens, but try buying it over here.

**Keith Emmerson**

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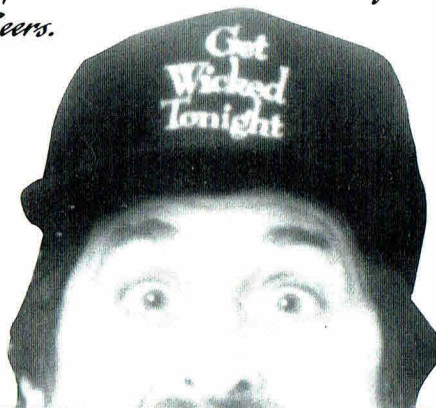
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A fairly quiet month with regard to new pubs. The latest Firkin brewpub conversion has opened in Sutton. Renamings continue apace with the battle of the 'Rats' building up between Scottish & Newcastle (Rat & Parrots) and Magic Pub Co (Rat & Carrots). We also take the opportunity to list all the pubs within Greater London sold by S&N to Labatts and the Magic Pub Co earlier this year. A number of recently renamed pubs have subsidiary locational names or continue to display their original names, albeit in smaller letters sometimes as a prefix or suffix. In these cases the pubs will be listed in the Updates alphabetically under their new names with any subsidiary names following the primary name in brackets.

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 Sandford Road, London SE7 7LR

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

N8, HOPE & ANCHOR, 128 Tottenham Lane. Renamed ORANGE KIPPER. Bass. Boddington: Bitter. Green King: IPA. Webster: Green Label Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (N71, U88)

N9, ROSIES, 80 Church Street. Renamed RAT & CARROT (ROSIES). Bass. Boddington: Bitter. Green King: IPA. Webster: Green Label Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (N75, U77)

#### NORTH WEST

NWR, SULLIVANS, 91 Frampton Street. Renamed LORD FRAMPTON. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Webster: Green Label Bitter. (N158, U88)

#### SOUTH EAST

COULSDON, RED LION, 159 Brighton Road. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SE229, U48)

CROYDON, HORN & TRUMPET, 44 Surrey Street. No real ale. A Charrington pub, reopened. (SE244, U67)

CROYDON, TAVERN IN THE TOWN, 36 High Street. Renamed TOWN HOUSE. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Now Whitbread, ex Charrington. (SE251)

CROYDON, WELLINGTON, 148 Mitcham Road. Renamed BLARNEY STONE. Courage: Directors Bitter. John Smith: Bitter. Reopened as a Free House, ex Taylor Walker. (SE251, U83)

#### SOUTH WEST

SW6, BLACK ROSE, 515 Fulham Road. John Smith: Bitter. Formerly BRITANNIA. (SW27, U61)

SUTTON, CHRISTYS WINE BAR, 1 Cheam Road. Fuller: London Pride. John Smith: Bitter. A Free House/wine bar converted from former shop premises. Upper level drinking area and a separate restaurant with its own bar. Live music some evenings.

SUTTON, GRAPES, 198 High Street. Renamed CORNER HOUSE. Boddington: Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Large one bar premises. (SW76)

SUTTON, SYDNEY ARMS, 101 Collingwood Road. Flowers: Original Bitter. Real ale not always available. Reinstatement. (SW76, U69)

#### WEST

W3, ROCKET, 11 Churchfield Road. Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Young: Bitter. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Grand Met (Courage) via S&N. (W65, U92)

W6, GOLDEN GLOVES, 80 Fulham Palace Road. Renamed OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH. Green King: IPA, Rayments Special Bitter, Abbot Ale. (W76, U87)

W12, BRITISH PRINCE, 77 Goldhawk Road. Bass. Boddington: Bitter. Webster: Green Label Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (W91)

### PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

#### CENTRAL

W1(Mar), QUINTIN HOGG. Grand Met (Courage), closed owing to flood, future uncertain. (W36, U69, U72)

#### EAST

E2, FLAMINGOS. Free House (fizz), closed, future uncertain. (E30)

E3, WHITETHORN. Belhaven, closed, future uncertain. (E93, U70)

E14, VULCAN. Fuller, now converted to supermarket. (E149, U78)

E15, DEW DROP INN. Charrington, H unused. (E133)

#### NORTH WEST

NW1, WINDSOR CASTLE. Free House, closed, under renovation. (N129, U43)

NWR, ROSSETTI. Fuller, closed, partly demolished. (N158)

#### SOUTH EAST

SE19, PALACE TAVERN. Renamed CELLAR BAR, H removed. (SE156)

SE25, JOILY SAILOR. Charrington. No real ale. (SE185)

CROYDON, QUEEN VICTORIA. Free House. No real ale. (SE248, U52, U55)

CROYDON, STAR, 296 London Road. Grand Met (Courage). No real ale. (SE250)

CROYDON, WOOLPACK. Grand Met (Watney). No real ale. (SE252, U55)

THORNTON HEATH, PLOUGH & HARROW. Charrington. No real ale. (SE283)

#### SOUTH WEST

SW1(P), PIMLICO TRAM. Greene King, H removed. (SW15, U38, U87)

SW6, COME THE REVOLUTION. Grand Met (Watney), H removed. Formerly NELL GWYNNE. (SW29, U80)

SW6, DUKE OF WELLINGTON. Free House, closed and absorbed into residential hotel now renamed Earls Court Park Inn International (SW27)

SW6, NORMAN ARMS. Grand Met (Watney). No real ale. (SW29, U70)

SW6, ROSE. Grand Met (Watney), H removed. (SW29, U76, U88)

SW7, JAMIES BAR. Free House, converted into pizza restaurant. (SW31)

SW7, MERRIE GO DOWNE REAL ALE TAVERN. Free House, closed and absorbed into hotel. (SW31, U56)

SW10, CHURCHILL'S BAR. Taylor Walker, H removed. (SW38, U43, U64, U74)

SW10, KINGS ARMS, 114 Cheyne Walk. Grand Met (Watney), closed for extended period, future unknown. (SW38, U38)

#### WEST

HOUNSLOW, PLOUGH. Renamed AFRICAN QUEEN. Grand Met (Watney). No real ale. (W128)

HOUNSLOW, TANKERVILLE. Renamed BIG HAND MO'S (GOOD TIME EMPORIUM). Grand Met (Watney). No real ale. (W128, U95)

### OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

#### CENTRAL

EC1, EMPRESS OF RUSSIA. -Beers listed except Flowers: Original Bitter. -Boddington: Bitter. -Fuller: London Pride. Now a Free House, ex Whitbread. (E15)

EC1, WILMINGTON ARMS. -Beers listed except Webster: Green Label Bitter. -Bass. -Boddington: Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (E27, U95)

EC2, MAGOGS. Renamed VINO VERITAS (CHEAPSIDE). -Beers listed. -Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. -Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (Chef & Brewer). (E33)

EC2, RED LION. -Beers listed. -Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. -Theakston: Best Bitter, XB, Old Peculier. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (Watney). (E35)

EC2, SHORTS. -Beers listed except Brakspear: Bitter. -Boddington: Bitter. -Marston: Pedigree. -Wadworth: 6X. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Grand Met (Truman) via S&N. (E35, U88)

EC3, EAST INDIA ARMS. Reverted to Bass from Youngs after 20 years. Originally swapped for the Cricketers, Richmond which, as reported in U95, has now reverted to Youngs. Currently temporarily closed and being refurbished. (E40)

EC4, FLEETS. Reverted to original name CROWN & ANCHOR. -Beers listed. -Marston: Pedigree. -Theakston: XB. -Wadworth: 6X. -Varying guest beers. Previously SPATZ. (E34, U69)

W1(F), BLACK HORSE. -Charrington: IPA. -Young: Special. -Fuller: London Pride. -Hancock: HB. -Worthington: Best Bitter. (W28, U73, U74)

W1(F), G.E. ALDWINKLES (NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS), 119 Tottenham Court Road. -Aldwinkles: Best Bitter (3.4% origin unknown). Original name is still displayed, albeit in smaller lettering. (W32, U49, U60, U82, U89)

W1(F), MORTIMER ARMS. -Marston: Pedigree. -Mortimer Bitter (3.3% House beer, brewed by Trent Brewery Co). (W32, U82)

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W1(F), VALIANT TROOPER. -Brakspear Bitter. †Theakston. Best Bitter.  
Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (†Chef & Brewer "Free") (W32, U82)  
W1(F), WHEATSHEAF. -Younger Scotch Bitter †Marston Pedigree (U33, U50, U69)  
W1(F), WINDMILL. -Beers listed † Windmill Bitter (3.3% House beer, brewed by Trent Brewery Co) †Tetley Bitter (W33, U50)  
W1(Mar), BLACK HORSE. -Beers listed †Bass †Courage. Best Bitter. †Fuller. London Pride †Wadworth 6X. Now an independently run Free House ex Marylebone Taverns. The fourth change in three years. (W33, U44, U67, U72, U89)  
W1(Mar), BOSWELLS. -Charrington IPA (W33, U89)  
W1(Mar), CARPENTERS ARMS. -Beers listed †Varying range of beers including small brewery products. (W34, U92)  
W1(Mar), GOLDEN EAGLE. -Beers listed except Bass and Brakspear Bitter. †Fuller. London Pride. †Timothy Taylor. Landlord Now believed to be a tenanted pub, ex Marylebone Taverns (W34, U66, U89, U90)  
W1(Mar), IRISH COACHMAKERS. Renamed again O'CONNOR DON (TIE), still fizz (W34, U89, U92)  
W1(Mar), LINCOLN (IN MARYLEBONE). -Bass †Theakston. Best Bitter. †Younger IPA (W35, U93)  
W1(Mar), THORNHURRY CASTLE. -Beers listed †Hoddington Bitter. †Marston Pedigree. †Wadworth 6X. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) (W36, U82)  
W1(Mar), TURNERS ARMS. -Shepherd Name: Bishops Finger, Harvest Bitter (5.3%), Spillfire. (W36, U44, U74)  
W1(May), SHELLYS. -Beers listed †Adams Bitter †Nicholson. Best Bitter †Tetley Bitter (W40)  
W1(May), SPREAD EAGLE. -Brakspear Bitter. †Theakston XB. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (†Chef & Brewer "Free") (W40, U90)  
W2, ANGEL. †Theakston XB. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (Courage) (W52)  
EAST  
E1, QUEENS HEAD. Now a Free House, ex Truman. (E72)  
E1, WILLIAMS. Now WILLIAMS (WINE & ALE HOUSE). (E76)  
E2, CITY OF PARIS. Is an ABA Taverns Free House. (E79, U86)  
E2, EARL GREY. Now an Ascot Estates (formerly Belhaven) pub, ex Watney. (E80)  
E2, SALMON & BALL. Now an ABA Taverns Free House, ex Watney (E84, U79)  
E2, TURTLES. Reverted to THREE LOGGERSHEADS. (E85)  
E3, ALBERT. Belhaven name removed. (E87)  
E3, BELGRADE HOUSE. Belhaven name removed. (E89)  
E8, BRIDGE ARMS. Now run by Marr Taverns, ex Charrington. (E111)  
E8, LADY DIANA. -Adams Bitter †Marston Pedigree †Hoddington Bitter. (E113)  
E9, GLOBE. Now GLOBE (IN MORNING LANE). †Hoddington Bitter †Dhillons Bitter (brewed by Tolly Cobbold) †Young Special. (E120)  
E11, NORTHCOTE. -Charrington IPA †M&B Brew XI (E129)  
E14, GUILDFORD ARMS. -Charrington IPA. Now a Labatts pub, ex Charrington. (E145)  
E14, KINGSBRIDGE ARMS. Now a Free House, ex Whitbread. (E146, U90)  
E14, STEAMSHIP. Now an ABA Taverns Free House, ex Watney. (E148)  
E15, MULLIGANS. Renamed MOONEYS. -Mulligans Bitter †John Smith Bitter (E154)  
E15, LONDON & BRIGHTON. Reverted to RED LION. (X66)  
NORTH  
N4, SIR GEORGE ROBEY. Renamed ROBEYS. (N53, U88)  
NORTH WEST  
NW1, CAMDEN STORES. Renamed RAT & PARROT. -Beers listed. †Courage. Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. †John Smith Bitter. †Theakston. Best Bitter. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (Truman) (N115)  
SOUTH EAST  
SE15, APPLE TREE. Renamed McCABES TAVERN. Now a Free House, ex Whitbread, still fizz (SE115)  
SE15, BELVEDERE. Now a Free House, ex Charrington, still fizz. (SE117)  
SE15 DROVERS. Now a Free House, ex Truman, still fizz (SE118)  
SE15, HEATONS ARMS. -Webster. Yorkshire Bitter. †Courage. Best Bitter. Formerly DUCHESSE OF PECKHAM. Note correct title (SE118, U56)  
SE15, LONDON & BRIGHTON. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Charrington, still fizz. (SE120)  
SE16, NEW CONCORDE. Correct address is 96 Webster Road as per guide (SE131, U53)

SE18, FOX UNDER THE HILL. -Beers listed †Bass †Hoddington Bitter. †Webster. Green Label Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (SE146)  
SE18, STAR, 84 Wellington Street. -Courage. Best Bitter. †Bass. †Charrington IPA. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SE150)  
SE19, NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE, Leddrington Road. -Beers listed. †Bass. †Charrington IPA. Admission to sports centre is no longer a requirement to enter bar. Note correct address (SE155)  
SE20, QUEEN ADELAIDE (STREETS). -Beers listed †Ruddle. Best Bitter. (SE164, U83, U90)  
SE20, ROYAL OAK. Now a Free House, ex Charrington, still fizz. (SE164)  
SE22, UPLAND TAVERN. -Beers listed †Fuller. London Pride †Varying guest beers. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Grand Met (Courage). Note correct spelling of name. (SE174, U51)  
SE26, RAILWAY TAVERN, 401 Southend Lane. -Courage. Best Bitter. †Hoddington Bitter. †Charrington IPA. †Whitbread. Best Bitter. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Grand Met (Courage) (SE192, U50)  
SE27, BUFFERS. Reverted to RAILWAY. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (†Chef & Brewer/Watney). Originally RAILWAY TAVERN. (SE193, U49)  
SE27, TWO TOWERS. -Friary Meux. Best Bitter. †Tetley Bitter. (SE196, U50)  
SE28, CUTTY SARK. -Beers listed. †Courage. Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. †John Smith Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Federation. The loss of Fred's only London pub (SE198)  
CROYDON, CROYDON. Renamed RAT & PARROT. †Theakston XB. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SE239)  
CROYDON (SE198), DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Charrington. (SE241)  
CROYDON, GEORGE, 132 Canterbury Road. †Hancock/HB. †Morland. Old Speckled Hen. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (SE242)  
CROYDON, HORSE & GROOM. Renamed GROUSE & CLARET. -Charrington IPA. †Fuller. London Pride. †Wadworth 6X. †Worthington. Best Bitter. †Young Bitter, Special. Now a Multi-Flair Free House, ex Charrington. (SE244)  
CROYDON, KAISER BILL'S BIER KELLER & ALE HOUSE. Reverted to original name KINGS CELLARS, previously GOOBY'S. Beers vary. (SE243, U82)  
CROYDON, OAKFIELD TAVERN. -Beers listed. †Fuller. London Pride. †Wadworth 6X. †Guest beer. Now a Multi-Flair Free House, ex Taylor Walker. (SE245, U55)  
CROYDON, PADDOCK. Is a Free House with a tie to Green King and not a Green King tied house. Formerly DIERBY ARMS. (SE249, U82)  
CROYDON (SHIRLEY), PAPAVEROS. Renamed POPPY. -Charrington IPA. †Bass. †Fuller. London Pride. Originally SHIRLEY POPPY. (SE247)  
CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL. †Green King XX Mild. (SE248, U90)  
CROYDON, STAR, 101 Southbridge Road. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Charrington. (SE250, U60)  
CROYDON, TWO BREWERS. -Harvey. Best Bitter. †Shepherd Name: Spillfire, Bishops Finger. (SE251, U55)  
SOUTH CROYDON, SWAN & SUGARLOAF. -Charrington IPA. †Ruddle. Best Bitter, County. Now a Havencliff Inns Free House, ex Charrington. (SE279)  
THORNTON HEATH, SIMLA. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Charrington. (SE285)  
SOUTH WEST  
SW1(B), EBURY ARMS. -Beers listed except Webster. Yorkshire Bitter. †Fuller. London Pride †John Smith Bitter. Now a Labatts Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (SW10)  
SW1(B), NAGS HEAD. -Beers listed †Theakston. Best Bitter. †Younger. Scotch Bitter (L180°). Beers may vary (SW10, U77, U95)  
SW1(B), ROSE & CROWN. -Beers listed †John Smith Bitter †Wadworth 6X. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (Watney). (SW11)  
SW1(SJ), RED LION, 2 Duke of York Street. †Greene King IPA. †Nicholson. Best Bitter †Tetley Bitter. †Guest beer. Taylor Walker pub transferred to Nicholson estate. (SW12)  
SW1(SJ), GOLDEN LION. -Beers listed. †Brakspear Bitter. †Greene King IPA. †Nicholson. Best Bitter †Tetley Bitter. †Guest beer. Taylor Walker pub transferred to Nicholson estate. (SW12)  
SW1(W), ELEPHANT & CASTLE. -Watney beers. †Courage. Directors Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney). (SW17, U80)  
SW1(W), STAGE DOOR. †Theakston. Best Bitter, XB, Old Peculier. †Two guest beers. Now Scottish & Newcastle, ex Grand Met (Watney) and badged "T & J Bernard". (SW18, U76, U80)  
SW3, BEEHIVE TAVERN. Renamed RAT & CARROT (BEEHIVE). -Webster. Yorkshire Bitter. †Bass. †Hoddington Bitter. †Marston Pedigree. †Wadworth 6X †Webster. Green Label Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (SW21, U64)



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**THE DEVONSHIRE ARMS**

Devonshire Street, Marylebone, W1

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Charterhouse Street, Smithfield, EC1

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King Street, St James, SW1

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Fleet Street, EC4

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Lombard Court, EC3

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Southwark Street, London SE1

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Throgmorton Street, London EC2

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Greek Street, Soho, W1

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Duke Street, SW1

**WALKERS OF HOLBORN**

Norwich Street, London EC4

**WALKERS OF WHITEHALL**

15 Whitehall, London SW1

**WILLIAMSONS TAVERN**

Groveland Court, Bow Lane, EC4

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## HAVING YOUR CHRISTMAS CHEER AT HOME

Once you've gone to all that trouble getting in the very best food and other goodies for Christmas, why settle for second best when it comes to ale? It is very easy to have the best of real ale at home over Christmas — and on tap too.

The answer comes in the form of 34 or 36 pint containers called Polypins. These are plastic containers encased in sturdy cardboard boxes and come with their own pouring tap ready attached. They are as easy to operate as falling off a bar stool. And they are a great bargain too.

Polypins are available in London from pubs, off-licences and direct from the brewery. Remember though that you often have to order yours by telephone a few days in advance.

Polypins come with simple instructions as to how to set up the beer for home service. This boils down to placing on a firm surface, with the rear of the box supported a couple of inches so as to prevent sediment coming into your pint.

The plastic containers do not impart a taste to the beer, allowing you to enjoy excellent ale for up to a week. As the beer is drawn off, the inner container collapses, without taking in air that would make the beer go "off".

However, there are a couple of pitfalls. With most Polypins you must first wait a day or so for the beer to settle before getting stuck in. And Christmas being as boozy as it is, some clumsy person is more than likely to bang into your beer while heading for thirds of turkey — making you ale go cloudy for some time.

However, guaranteed protection against this is now at hand through the Sultan pub at Wimbledon. This Hop Back Brewery pub sells Polypins that have been "racked off" casks that are conditioning in the brewery cellar.

Manager Steve Wright explains the benefit: "What we offer is top-notch real ale as good as we serve in the pub, and it will last for about five days in just as good a condition. But being racked off in this way means that

as opposed to the everyday Polypin, ours can be set up to drink right away without waiting 24 to 36 hours for the beer to settle.

"And of course, an accidental bump into the Polypin will not turn your beer cloudy for a day."

Steve's pub offers you the widest Polypins choice in London this Christmas: Mild (£37); GFB Bitter (£39); Wilt Alternative and Special (both £44); Entire Stout (£47); Powerhouse and Summer Lightning (both £49). Orders should be made at least 48 hours prior to collection, by calling 081-542 4532. You can have yourself £1 off the list price by placing orders prior to December 10th. Note these are traditional 36 pint pins.



*Steve Wright of The Sultan: "Top notch real ale — as good as we serve in the pub."*

Meanwhile, Youngs aficionados can order their Polypins (34 pint) through any of the company's managed houses. Brews available are: for taking away by the Polypin are: Bitter (£45.50); Special (£49.90) and Winter Warmer (£54.70).

Fullers Polypins are available from the firm's 60 off licences, and any of its pubs, or direct from the brewery. CAMRA members should order through the brewery to take advantage of some big special discounts (London Pride £30.49; ESB £35.19). At the same time you'll receive a discount voucher that will pay 50% of your next year's CAMRA membership! Call 081-996 2000 for details. Note these too are 34-pint pins.



## CARAVAN CAUSES CHAOS OUTSIDE NEW FIRKIN PUB!

A caravan outside the new Pharaoh and Firkin pub at Putney Bridge, Fulham caused traffic chaos with motorists thinking they were seeing a mirage. The caravan was made up of a thirsty camel and a belly dancer who were invited by the Firkin Brewery to officially open the latest £650,000 addition to this chain of pubs.



*Gaby the Camel sipping a pint of Cam'Ale, Firking Brewery Area Manager Mark Crowther (wearing a tie) and Licensee Andrew Clapham.*

The Firkin beers that are brewed in the Pharaoh's on-site brewery include Cam'Ale (3.5%), Pharaoh Ale (4.3%) as well as the award winning Dogbolter (5.6%). The pub also serves a range of real ales from micro breweries across the country and a variety of wines, spirits and soft drinks. For those feeling peckish, firkin Fodder which caters for carnivores, herbivores and camels, is available all day including the famed oversized Firkin bap with a choice of mouth-watering fillings. A range of delicious home-cooked daily specials are also available.

Licensee Andrew Clapham commented: "Already the pub has proved to be an overnight success and has become an oasis in the Fulham area — our Firkin brewer hasn't had a day off yet! The pub looks terrific with the original features being exposed and enhanced and the building being restored to its former glory. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone in the area — mummies and all!"

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## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 98 continued

SW3, BLENNHIM. -Worthington: Best Bitter. †Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. †Wadworth: 6X. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (SW21, U63)  
 SW5, CROMWELL'S. Renamed RAT & PARROT. -Beers listed. †Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. †John Smith: Bitter. †Thankston: Best Bitter. †Wadworth: 6X. (SW25)  
 SW6, ADELAIDE. †Adams: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (SW27, U70)  
 SW6, CHELSEA GATE. Renamed CROSS EYED NEWT. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. †Bass. †Boddington: Bitter. †Marston: Pedigree. †Wadworth: 6X. †Webster: Green Label Bitter. Formerly STAMFORDS, originally STAMFORD BRIDGE TAVERN. (SW29, U28, U97)  
 SW6, DURRELL. ARMS TAVERN. Renamed RAT & PARROT. -Beers listed. †Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. †John Smith: Bitter. †Thankston: Best Bitter. (SW27)  
 SW6, HAND & FLOWER. Renamed JIM THOMPSON'S. †Ind Coope: Burton Ale. †Marston: Pedigree. Now described as an 'Oriental Bar-Restaurant and Bazaar' and run by Taipan Taverns. Thai and other oriental food available, either as snacks at the bar or in the restaurant at rear. (SW28, U35, U74)  
 SW7, PUB OF PURS. Renamed TAVERN (THE). -Truman: Bitter. †Marston: Pedigree. †Tetley: Bitter. (SW32)  
 SW9, CROWN, 201 Coldharbour Lane. Renamed MUCKY DUCK, still fizz, H1 unused. (SW36)  
 SW10, IFIELD TAVERN. Renamed NOT QUITE LIVE. -Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. †Wadworth: 6X. Now a brightly lit single bar. (SW38)  
 SW18, FREEWAYS. Renamed SPINNING WHEEL II, still fizz (H1 unused) (SW51, U46, U54)  
 SW18, HOP POLES. -Beers listed except Webster Yorkshire Bitter. †Boddington: Bitter. †Flowers: Original Bitter. †John Smith: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Truman. (SW51)  
 BEDDINGTON, HARVEST HOME. Now a Marr Taverns pub, ex Charrington but with Bass product tie, same beers. (SW59, U43)  
 RICHMOND, ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL. †Adams: Bitter. †Arkwrights Wheel: Bitter (3.3%, brewed by Trent Brewery Co). †Harvest: Bitter (4.2%, origin unknown). Formerly DUKE OF YORK. (SW71, U92)  
 SUTTON, CRICKETERS INN. Renamed FIELDER & FIRKIN. -Beers listed. †Firkir: Fielder, Fokker (4.0%), Maiden, Dogbolter. †Weston: Traditional Cider. Latest Taylor Walker Firkir Brew pub conversion. Brewery can be viewed from bar. Beers kept in cellar tanks under low pressure. Usual Firkir decor including bare boards, barrel tables, pews and benches. Piano and small stage - live music Thurs, Sat & Sun evenings. Food. Open all permitted hours. (SW76, U46)  
 SUTTON, VICTORY. -Charrington: IPA. †Bass. †Worthington: Best Bitter. Now a Marr Taverns pub with a Bass product tie, ex Charrington. (SW76)  
 WORCESTER PARK, DRILL INN. Renamed OLD CROWN. -Courage: Best Bitter. †Ruddle: County. †Wadworth: 6X. †Webster: Green Label Bitter. (SW78)

### WEST

W2, KNIGHTS & HERALDS BAR. renamed COOPERS. -Arkell: Kingsdown. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. †Fuller: London Pride. †Tetley: Bitter. †Worthington: Best Bitter. (W62)  
 W4, RAILWAY TAVERN. -Beers listed. †Bass. †Boddington: Bitter. †Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (W69, U94)  
 BRENTFORD, ROYAL OAK. -Courage: Directors Bitter. -Wadworth: 6X. †Fuller: London Pride. †John Smith: Bitter. (W99, U68)  
 BRENTFORD, WATERMANS ARMS. -Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. †Marston: Pedigree. †Occasional guest beers. (W99, U72, U79)  
 HAMPTON WICK, OLD KINGS HEAD. -Courage: Best Bitter. -Greene King: IPA. -Morland: Old Speckled Hen. †Brakspear: Bitter. †Greene King: Abbot Ale. †John Smith: Bitter. (W106, U91)  
 HAMPTON WICK, SWAN. -John Smith: Bitter. -Wadworth: 6X. †Two varying guest beers including a mild. (W106, U91)  
 HOUNSLOW, DUKE OF WELLINGTON. -John Smith: Bitter. †Bass. †Boddington: Bitter. †Webster: Green Label Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney) via S&N. (W126, U91)  
 HOUNSLOW, LORD PALMERSTON. Renamed PICKLED NEWT (PALMERSTON'S). -Beers listed. †Bass. †Webster: Green Label Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Truman) via S&N. (W128, U95)  
 HOUNSLOW, WINDSOR CASTLE. -Beers listed. †Bass. †Boddington: Bitter. †Webster: Green Label Bitter. Now a Magic Free House, ex Grand Met (Courage) via S&N. (W128, U91)  
 TEDDINGTON, BUILDERS ARMS. -Courage: Best Bitter. (W146, U55, U83, U94)  
 TWICKENHAM, CHERRY TREE. -Ind Coope: Burton Ale. †Guest beer. (W150, U47)

TWICKENHAM, KINGS ARMS. †Courage: Best Bitter. †Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. (W150)  
 TWICKENHAM, FOX. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. †Marston: Pedigree. †Morland: Old Speckled Hen. †Wadworth: 6X. Now a "Pickwick Inn" Free House, ex Watney. (W150, U57, U71)

## PUBS ACQUIRED BY LABATTS & MAGIC PUB CO.

Late last year Grand Metropolitan sold its entire 'Chef & Brewer' estate to Scottish & Newcastle. In London the estate largely consisted of managed pubs inherited from Watney, Truman and Courage, whose badging is often still displayed outside. A number of these pubs were subsequently sold in May to the new Magic Pub Co. set up by Michael Canon, late of Devenish/Inn Leisure. He in turn immediately sold some on to the Canadian brewer Labatts with a few going to Whitbread.

Pubs now owned by Magic (99), Labatts (24) or Whitbread (1) in Greater London are listed below cross-referenced to guides and updates. The pre-Chef & Brewer originating brewery is shown in brackets. 'Magic' pubs are gradually being renamed with variations of 'Rat' and 'Newt' names, although in many cases the original names, or new subsidiary names, are also still displayed, albeit in smaller lettering, along with the words 'Free House'. Renamings so far discovered are listed below with the original or new subsidiary name in brackets where still displayed. Beers include Bass, Boddington Bitter and Webster Green Label at 99p a pint together with guests from provincial breweries. Labatts pubs are also being badged as 'Free Houses' and generally have beers from the Bass and Whitbread stables. The compilers would welcome information on renamings, current beer ranges etc in Magic and Labatts pubs.

### CENTRAL

EC1, WILMINGTON ARMS. Magic (Watney) (E27, U95)  
 EC2, SHORTS. Labatts (Truman) (E35, U88)  
 EC2, THREE CROWNS. Magic (Courage) (E36)  
 EC4, GLOBE. Magic (Watney) (E48)  
 EC4, ST. BRIDES TAVERN. Magic (Watney) (E53, U70)  
 W1(Mar), THORNHURRY CASTLE. Labatts (Watney) (W36, U82)  
 WC1, BLUE LION. Magic (Truman) The 'ALE HOUSE' tag is no longer displayed. (W45)  
 WC1, LUCAS ARMS. Magic (Watney) (W47)  
 WC1, MOON. Magic (Watney) (W47, U51)

### EAST

E1, OXFORD ARMS. Magic (Watney) (E71)  
 E2, PRINCE OF WALES, 1 Teale Street. Magic (Watney, fizz) (E84)  
 E7, WAGGON & HORSES. Labatts (Watney) Note correct spelling of name. (E109)  
 E14, OLD SHIP. Magic (Watney) (E146)  
 E16, ORDNANCE ARMS. Magic (Truman, fizz) (E160)  
 E17, RINGWOOD CASTLE. Magic (Truman, fizz) (E168)  
 BARKING, SHORT BLUE. Labatts (Watney, fizz) (X13)  
 BARKING, WHITE HORSE. Magic (Watney, fizz) (X14)  
 COLLIER ROW, ASPEN TREE. Magic (Truman) (X39)  
 COLLIER ROW, CHARCOAL BURNER. Magic (Truman) (X39)  
 ILFORD, RED LION. Magic (Watney) Formerly MAIN STREET. (X66, U98 above)  
 SEVEN KINGS, JOKER. Magic (Courage, fizz) (X91, U84)  
 UPMINSTER, BRIDGE HOUSE TAVERN. Magic (Watney) (X106, U67, U72)

### NORTH

N1, DRAPERS ARMS. Magic (Watney) (N31, U74)  
 N2, MANOR COTTAGE. Magic (Watney) (N49, U77)  
 N4, BECHERS, 93 Woodberry Grove. Labatts (Truman, fizz) Formerly HAPPY MAN. Note correct name and address. (N53)  
 N8, HOPE & ANCHOR. Magic (Watney). Renamed ORANGE KIPPER. (N71, U88, U98 above)  
 N8, HORNSEY TAVERN, 26 High Street. Magic (Watney) Note correct address. (N71)  
 N8, MAYNARD ARMS. Magic (Courage) (N71)  
 N8, WISE SERPENT. Magic (Courage, originally Marlers Free House) Renamed RAT & CARROT (THE SPORTING). (U20, omitted from N guide, U34)  
 N9, CARP OVERTHROWN. Magic (Watney, fizz) (N74)  
 N9, ROSIES. Magic (Watney) Renamed RAT & CARROT (ROSIES). (N75, U77, U98 above)  
 N10, MINSTREL BOY. Magic (Watney) Renamed RAT & CARROT (THE MINSTREL). (N78)  
 N11, DUCK. Magic (Courage, originally Marlers Free House). Renamed RAT & CARROT (THE DUCK). (N79, U38)  
 N15, HOBSON'S CHOICE, 143 Philip Lane. Magic (Watney) Note correct address. (N88)  
 N15, LORD PALMERSTON. Magic (Truman, fizz) (N89)



## FULLER'S CHRISTMAS CHEER

This year Fuller's are celebrating Christmas with a unique polypin offer running in conjunction with CAMRA. Throughout the month of December all London Pride and ESB polypins purchased in either any of Fuller's 200 pubs or 60 wine merchants will have a voucher attached which is redeemable against 50% (that's £6!) of the annual CAMRA membership subscription for new members.

In addition, as in previous years, each of Fuller's 200 pubs will have a hamper full to the brim of Fuller's beers worth over £50 to be raffled over the Christmas period. Tickets can be obtained over the bar and once completed with a name and address placed in a special Christmas post-box in the pub and the winning ticket will be pulled on Christmas Eve.

Fuller's will also be continuing another Christmas tradition by selling Golden Pride, their super strength ale 9.2% ABV) from minipins in over 100 of their pubs during December. Golden Pride is a pinkish-russet coloured ale with a huge, malty-nutty bouquet and palate and a leafy hop taste and warming alcohol finish that is guaranteed to spread the Christmas spirit into even the most hardened of Scrooge-like hearts. Golden Pride will be sold at the same price as last year, £1.20 for a half pint.

This Christmas will also see the launch of "Fuller's Old Winter Ale", a new seasonal bottled ale. This is a rich, warming dark winter ale brewed using only the finest quality malt and hops to produce a classic seasonal beer. It will be available in all Fuller's pubs and shops during December in the new uniquely shaped Fuller's 550ml bottle.

Fuller's would like to take this opportunity to wish all of London Drinker's readers a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 1995!

## BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 98 continued

N16, BIRDCAGE. Labatts (Truman, fizz) (N94)  
N19, NEW BRUNSWICK. Magic (Watney) (N102)  
N22, LORDSHIP. Magic (Watney). Renamed RAT & CARROT (THE LORDSHIP). (N108, U52, U87)  
N22, THREE JOLLY BUTCHERS. Magic (Watney). Renamed RAT & CARROT (T.J.B.'s) (N109, U40)

### NORTH WEST

NW1, UNICORN. Magic (Truman, fizz) Formerly BLITZ, originally BRECKNOCK ARMS. (N129, U89)  
NW2, CRICKLEWOOD TAVERN, 75 Cricklewood Lane. Magic (Truman, fizz) Note full address. (N131)  
NW2, RED LION. Magic (Truman) (N131)  
NW4, MIDLAND HOTEL. Magic (Courage) Renamed PICKLED NEWT (THE MIDLAND). (N142)  
NW5, ASSEMBLY HOUSE. Magic (Truman, fizz) (N143, U88)  
NW5, TALLY HO. Magic (Watney, fizz) Formerly HUDSONS. (N144, U32, U43)  
NW6, ALLIANCE. Magic (Watney) Renamed PICKLED NEWT (ALLIANCE). (N147)  
NW6, BIDDY MULLIGANS. Magic (Watney, fizz) (N149)  
NW6, BIRD-IN-HAND. Magic (Truman, fizz) (N149, U32, U88)  
NW6, BRITANNIA, 47 Belsize Road. Magic (Courage) Note full address. (N147)  
NW6, COCK. Magic (Truman, fizz). No longer displays 'HOTEL' in title. (N147)  
NW6, OLD BLACK LION, 295 West End Lane. Magic (Courage) Note correct address. (N148)  
NW10, ABBEY. Labatts (Courage) (N162)  
NW10, BUCCANEER. Labatts (Watney, fizz) Previously BUCKS. (N164, U88)  
NW10, CROWN, 34 High Street, Harlesden. Magic (Truman, fizz) (N162, U88)  
NW11, CASTLE, 452 Finchley Road. Magic (Watney, fizz) Note full address. (N165)  
ALPERTON, PLOUGH. Magic (Truman) (W96)  
ALPERTON, ROYAL WILLIAM. Magic (Watney) Previously ROYALS. (W96, U86)  
HARROW, KINGSFIELD ARMS. Magic (Courage) (W113)  
HARROW, SHAFTESBURY. Magic (Watney) (W114)  
HARROW WEALD, ALMA. Magic (Watney, fizz) (W114, U68)  
SUDBURY, SUDBURY ARMS. Magic (Courage) (W146)  
WEMBLEY, NORFOLK ARMS. Labatts (Truman) (W159)

### SOUTH EAST

SE1, OLD FATHER THAMES TAVERN, 12 Albert Embankment. Magic (Watney) and immediately sold on to Whitbread. Note correct title and address. (SE34, U47)  
SE2, JOLLY MARSHMAN. Labatts (Watney) (SE46)  
SE4, BROCKLEY JACK. Magic (Courage) (SE52)  
SE5, FOUNTAIN. Labatts (Watney) (SE57)  
SE15, MAN OF KENT. Labatts (Truman) (SE120, U51)  
SE18, FOX UNDER THE HILL. Magic (Watney) (SE146)  
SE19, QUEENS ARMS. Magic (Watney, previously Free House) (SE156, U50)  
SE25, ALBERT TAVERN. Magic (Courage) (SE182, U46)  
BELVEDERE, GREAT HARRY. Labatts (Courage) (SE207, U86)  
BROMLEY, FREELANDS TAVERN. Magic (Courage) (SE218, K50)  
BROMLEY (SUNDRIDGE PARK), TEASEL. Magic (Truman) (SE220, U59, K164)  
CRAYFORD, BEAR & RAGGED STAFF. Magic (Courage) (SE231, U59, K67)  
CROYDON, PROPELLER, 449 Purley Way. Magic (Courage) Note correct address (SE248, U55)  
ERITH, PHEASANT. Labatts (Courage) (SE255, U47, K82)  
ST. MARY CRAY, SEVEN STILES. Magic (Courage) (SE271, U64, K146)

### SOUTH WEST

SW1(B), EBURY ARMS. Labatts (Watney) (SW10, U98 above)  
SW1(B), HORSE & GROOM, 7 Groom Place. Magic (Watney) (SW10)  
SW1(P), PRINCESS ROYAL. Magic (Watney) (SW15, U75)  
SW1(P), SPREAD EAGLE. Labatts (Truman) (SW16)  
SW2, CHESTNUT. 198 Upper Tulse Hill. Labatts (Truman) Note full address. (SW19)  
SW2, HOP POLES. Labatts (Truman) (SW19)  
SW3, BEEHIVE TAVERN. Magic (Watney) Renamed RAT & CARROT (BEEHIVE). (SW21, U64)  
SW6, CHELSEA GATE. Magic (Watney) Formerly STAMFORDS. Renamed CROSS EYED NEWT (CHELSEA). (SW29, U28, U97, U98 above)

SW6, WANDSWORTH BRIDGE TAVERN. Magic (Truman) (SW29, U74)  
SW6, WHEATSEAF, 582 Fulham Road. Magic (Truman) (SW29)  
SW9, CROWN. Renamed MUCKY DUCK, still fizz (H unused). (SW36)  
SW14, JOLLY MILKMAN. Magic (Watney) (SW45)  
SW15, ARAB BOY. Magic (Watney) (SW46, U73)  
SW17, CORNER PIN. Magic (Watney) (SW50, U58)  
SW17, MAYFAIR TAVERN. Labatts (Watney, fizz) (SW50, U32, U36)  
SW19, BURGHEY HALL, 33 Princes Way. Magic (Truman, fizz) Note full address. (SW55, U42)  
CHESSINGTON, PORT OF CALL. Magic (Courage) (SW62)  
KINGSTON, ALBION. Magic (Truman) (SW64)  
KINGSTON, ALEXANDRA. Magic (Watney) (SW64)  
KINGSTON, BREWSTER. Magic (Courage) (SW64)  
KINGSTON, GRIFFIN. Magic (Courage) Closed (SW66)  
MITCHAM, SKINNERS ARMS. Magic (Courage) (SW68)  
SURBITON, CAP IN HAND. Labatts (Watney) Formerly ACADEMY. (SW74, U49)  
SUTTON, BUTTERCHURN. Magic (Courage) (SW76)  
SUTTON, RED LION. Magic (Courage) (SW76, U59)

### WEST

W3, ROCKET. Labatts (Courage) (W65, U92, U98 above)  
W4, RAILWAY TAVERN. Magic (Watney) (W69, U94, U98 above)  
W6, DARTMOUTH CASTLE. Labatts (Watney) (W74, U86)  
W7, RED LION. Magic (Courage) (W79)  
W9, EARL OF DERBY. Magic (Watney) (W83)  
W12, BRITISH PRINCE. Magic (Watney) (W91, U98 above)  
W12, SPRINGBOK. Labatts (Watney, fizz) (W91, U97)  
W12, TRAVELLERS REST. Magic (Watney) (W92, U93)  
W14, FOX TAVERN. Magic (Watney) Renamed RAT & CARROT (FOX). (W94, U71, U95)  
W14, LIVE & LET LIVE. Magic (Watney) Renamed PICKLED RAT (OLYMPIA) (W94, U71, U92, U97)  
BEDFONT, DUKE OF WELLINGTON. Labatts (Courage) (W96)  
HAYES, CARPENTERS ARMS. Magic (Truman) (W117)  
HAYES, FIREFLY. Magic (Truman, fizz) (W117)  
HAYES, GOLDEN CROSS. Magic (Courage, fizz) (W118)  
HESTON, HOPE & ANCHOR. Magic (Watney) (W120)  
HESTON, OLD QUEENS HEAD. Magic (Watney) (W120)  
HOUNSLOW, DUKE OF WELLINGTON. Magic (Watney) (W126, U91, U98 above)  
HOUNSLOW, LORD PALMERSTON. Magic (Truman). Renamed PICKLED NEWT (PALMERSTON'S). (W128, U95, U98 above)  
HOUNSLOW, RUBY TUESDAY. Magic (Watney) (W128, U91, U95)  
HOUNSLOW, WINDSOR CASTLE. Magic (Courage) (W128, U91, U98 above)  
NORTHOLT, BYRON, 376 Ruislip Road. Magic (Truman) Note full address. (W134)  
SIPSON, KING WILLIAM IV. Magic (Courage) (W140)  
TEDDINGTON, TIDE END COTTAGE. Magic (Watney) (W147, U94)

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 95

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

SE1, BUNTERS BAR & RESTAURANT. Should read simply BUNTERS.  
SE1, SAMSONS. Ref omitted (SE40, U61)  
SE1, SIERWOOD. Address is 3 Rothsay Street.  
SE5, STIRLING CASTLE. Note correct address.  
SE7, BUGLE HORN. Ref omitted (SE64)  
SE18, ALBION. Note correct address.  
SE18, QUEENS ARMS. Address is 23 Burrage Road.  
SE18, WALPOLE ARMS. Address is 83 Brookhill Road.  
OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES  
W14, KENSINGTON TAVERN. Ref omitted (W94)  
TWICKENHAM, CROWN. Wadworth: 6X already reported in U77.

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 96

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

SE16, MANOR TAVERN. Address is 78 Galleywall Road.  
SE17, ROSIE O'GRADYS. Formerly SURREY GARDENS.  
SE22, CASABLANCA. Should read CASABLANCA TAVERN.  
SE23, FOREST HILL. Note correct title.  
W5, FEATHERS. Add Fuller: FSB.  
PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE  
SE1, SHIP, 228 Long Lane. Should read Grand Met (Courage)

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS (CONTINUED)

Dear Editors

A new landlord, Mr L Grist in the **Hasler Arms** at 133 Kings Cross Road, London WC1. This **Free House** was refurbished this spring. Mr & Mrs Grist, who have previously run pubs in Covent Garden and Brighton, arrived in September. On the 17th & 22nd of October they offered:

	per pint
Dublin Guinness	£2.00
Timothy Taylor Landlord	£1.80
Brakspear's	same
Boddingtons	same
Whitbread	same
Summer Lightening	£1.70
Food is available from	£1.50 for a Ploughman's Lunch.

Features include WW1 memorabilia, drinking receptacles and prints on the walls and the ceiling.

This is a small single bar establishment. The beer tasted was in excellent condition. Worth a visit for a train from Kings Cross.

Yours aye  
J W Grayson

## FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 29 Nov    | Pigs Ear Beer Festival<br>Stratford Town Hall, E15                     |
| 3 Dec     | Naked Pint 21/2<br>Madcap Theatre<br>Wolverton                         |
| 13-14 Jan | Exeter Winter Ale Festival<br>Coaver Club<br>Devon County Hall, Exeter |
| 4 Feb     | White Cliffs Winter Ale Festival<br>Maison Diev<br>Dover               |
| 15-18 Feb | Battersea Beer Festival<br>Battersea Town Hall, SW11                   |
| 24-25 Feb | Sussex Beer Festival<br>Hove Town Hall                                 |
| 3-4 Mar   | Portsmouth Winterfest 3<br>Thorngate Halls, Gosport                    |
| 8-10 Mar  | Camden Centre<br>Biddolph Street, WC1                                  |

Where to buy Continued

## OUTLETS – SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW  
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS  
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS  
SW1 MORPETH ARMS  
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY  
SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS  
SW1 RISING SUN  
SW1 ROYAL OAK  
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR  
SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE  
SW3 COOPERS ARMS  
SW3 ROSE  
SW3 SURPRISE  
SW4 MANOR ARMS  
SW4 ROSE & CROWN  
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND  
SW6 WHITE HORSE  
SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS  
SW8 OLD RED HOUSE  
SW8 PRIORY ARMS  
SW8 ROEBUCK  
SW8 SURPRISE  
SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN  
SW10 KINGS ARMS, 190 Fulham Rd  
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  
SW16 HALF & HALF  
SW16 PIED BULL  
SW16 WHITE LION  
SW17 CASTLE  
SW17 J.J. MOONS  
SW17 LEATHER BOTTLE  
SW18 BREWERY TAP  
SW18 COUNTY ARMS  
SW18 HALFWAY HOUSE  
SW18 OLD SERGEANT  
SW18 PIG & WHISTLE  
SW18 SPOTTED DOG  
SW18 SPREAD EAGLE  
SW18 STAR & GARTER  
SW19 ALEXANDRA  
SW19 GROVE  
SW19 KINGS HEAD  
SW19 PRINCE OF WALES,  
Morden Road  
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL  
SW19 SULTAN  
SW19 TRAFALGAR  
CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN  
CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR  
CHEAM, RAILWAY  
KEW, COACH & HORSES  
KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER  
KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS

KINGSTON, COCOANUT  
KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD  
KINGSTON, FIGHTING COCKS  
KINGSTON, GAZEBO  
KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS  
KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET  
KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN  
KINGSTON, SPRING GROVE  
KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS  
KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS  
KINGSTON, WYCH ELM  
MITCHAM, CRICKETERS  
MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF  
MORTIMER  
NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK  
RICHMOND, DYSARTS  
RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE  
RICHMOND, SHAFESBURY ARMS  
RICHMOND, TRIPLE CROWN  
RICHMOND, WATERMANS ARMS  
RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS  
SURBITON, BUN SHOP  
SURBITON, NEW PRINCE  
SUTTON, MOON ON THE HILL  
SUTTON, NEW TOWN  
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING  
MOON  
W1 ARGYLL ARMS  
W1 BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street  
W1 MOON & SIXPENCE  
W1 MORTIMER ARMS  
W1 WINDMILL  
W1 WESTMORELAND ARMS  
W2 ARCHERY TAVERN  
W2 ROYAL STANDARD  
W3 KINGS ARMS  
W4 GEORGE & DEVONSHIRE  
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 MOON ON THE GREEN  
W13 THE FORESTER  
W14 WARWICK ARMS  
BRENTFORD, GLOBE  
BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON  
CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD  
FELTHAM, GENERAL ROY  
HAMPTON, WHITE HART  
HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS  
HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART  
HARLINGTON, CROWN  
HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR  
HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER  
HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE  
HOUNSLOW, BEAVER  
HOUNSLOW, CHARIOT  
HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES  
ISLEWORTH, COACH & HORSES  
ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS  
ISLEWORTH, ROYAL OAK  
ISLEWORTH, VICTORIA  
SOUTHALL, BEACONFIELD ARMS

SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN  
STAINES, CAVALIER  
TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER  
TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE  
TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT  
UPPER HALLIFORD, BUGLE  
UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES  
WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON  
WHITTON, WHITE HART

## OFF TRADE

W11 GROGBLOSSOM

## CLUBS

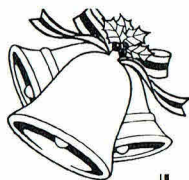
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## OUTSIDE LONDON

ALDERSHOT, VOLUNTEER  
ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWERS  
BRIGHTLINGSEA, RAILWAY  
BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR  
BRIGHTON, THE SUSSEX YEOMAN  
CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING &  
QUEEN  
CHERTSEY, CASTLE  
CHERTSEY, KINGS ARMS  
COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT  
CROXLEY GREEN, SPORTSMAN  
DARTFORD, ROYAL VICTORIA &  
BULL  
EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS  
EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS  
LONG DITTON, MASONS ARMS  
KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL  
LALEHAM, FEATHERS  
LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS  
MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS  
MORTIMER WEST END (Hants),  
RED LION  
OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK  
POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS  
ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH &  
HORSES  
SALISBURY (Wilts), WYNDHAM  
ARMS  
STEVENAGE (Herts), RED LION  
SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO  
ARMS  
STOW MARIES, PRINCE OF WALES  
STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants),  
NEW INN  
SUNBURY, FLOWER POT  
SUNBURY, HARE & HOUNDS  
SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK  
TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &  
FEATHERS  
WATFORD, ONE BELL  
WATFORD, WEST HERTS SPORTS  
CLUB  
WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES  
WHITCHURCH (Hants), YE OLDE  
BREWERY INN  
WORCESTER, BREWERY TAP &  
BREWERY  
WORTHING, VINE



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