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THE WENLOCK ARMS, N1

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Where to buy London Drinker

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

OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS
EC1 BISHOPS FINGER
EC1 CROWN TAVERN
EC1 DRUM & MONKEY
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 ROSEBERRY
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 SUTTON ARMS
EC3 SWAN
EC4 BANKER
EC4 BLACK FRIAR
EC4 CITY RETREAT
EC4 MINORIES
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E2 CAMDENS HEAD
E2 NELSON'S HEAD
E2 OWL & PUSSYCAT
E6 MILLERS WELL
E8 LADY DIANA
E9 CHESHAM ARMS
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E9 McCANN'S
E9 ROYAL STANDARD
E10 DRUM
E10 TAP & SPILE
E11 GEORGE
E14 QUEENS HEAD
E15 GOLDENGROVE
E18 GEORGE
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 COPPER
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 GRAPES
SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 MARKET PORTER
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
SE1 ST GEORGES TAVERN
SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE3 HARE & BILLET
SE3 PRINCESS OF WALES
SE3 RAILWAY TAVERN
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE6 TIGERS HEAD
SE7 McDONNELLS
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
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 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)

SE18 UNION TAVERN
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE23 BIRD IN HAND
SE25 ALLIANCE
SE25 CHERRY TREES
SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
SE27 HOPE
ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE BAR
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
BROMLEY, ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL
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
LOUGHTON, LAST POST
PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH
SOUTH CROYDON, FIDDLER & FIRKIN
SOUTH CROYDON, RAIL VIEW
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING ROOM
CLUBS
SE9 HOWARD CLUB
SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB
CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE

OFF TRADE

E4 Waltham Wines,
72 Sewardstone Rd
SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road
BEXLEYHEATH, Bitter Experience,
216 Broadway
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill

OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL and NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
WC1 SUN
WC1 THREE CUPS
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
WC2 GEORGE IV
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY
WC2 THE FULMER AND FIRKIN
N1 ALWYNE CASTLE
N1 COMPTON ARMS
N1 EAGLE
N1 EARL OF RADNOR
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road
N1 MALT & HOPS
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
N1 ROSEMARY BRANCH
N1 WENLOCK ARMS

N2 WELCH'S ALE HOUSE
N4 TAP & SPILE
N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
N4 WORLDS END
N6 OLD GATE HOUSE
N7 ADMIRAL MANN
N7 HOLLOWAY
N8 ELBOW ROOM
N8 TOLL GATE
N9 LAMB
N10 SPOONS
N11 BANKERS DRAFT
N12 TALLY HO
N13 WHOLE HOG
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
N16 SHAKESPEARE
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 FISHERMANS ARMS
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 Grogblossom, 235 West End Lane
CLUBS
NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,
Middlesex University Bus. School

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EDITORIAL

How have the provisions of the Beer Orders affected you? Do all the Big Six (or is it five now?) pubs in your local area sell interesting guest beers that turn your local high street into a permanent beer festival? Have all the pubs near you sold off by the big breweries turned into classic style free houses with half a dozen esoteric beers from all parts of the nation? Why am I asking these questions? I know what the answers are; while there is a small band of enterprising landlords who have taken up the challenge the vast majority have either carried on with their former arrangements of stocking just the mainstream products of their breweries or simply order their “guest” beer from one of the small number that can be obtained from their bosses via brewery trading agreements.

If you look through the beer guide updates which we print in most editions of the London Drinker you will find that a small number of beers appear time and time again as the new beers in pubs. As a matter of interest I did a quick scan through the updates in the February Drinker to see how many times various beers appear as new products in the pubs listed. The results, I am afraid, came as no great surprise to me.

Topping the list with fifteen entries was Courage Directors Bitter while snapping at its heels with just one less entry was Wadworth's 6X. Coming close behind these were Courage Best Bitter with eleven entries and John Smith's Bitter on ten. I shall pause there to take stock of what these figures actually represent in terms of what is happening in many of the local pubs around the London area and, I am sure, much of the rest of the country. Apart from a separate effect that I shall come on to a bit later these figures basically represent a small slice of the huge number of Watney pubs that are changing over from Watney sourced beers to Courage ones.

Since the sell off of Ruddles to the Dutch brewers Grolsch, the only former Grand Met. cask conditioned beer available in the southern half of the country is Webster's Yorkshire Bitter. Presumably many landlords share my opinion that this beer is very much like making love in a punt. I must stress that I mean this in terms of flavour and character and not strength as I am a regular drinker of such “ordinary” bitters as Fuller's Chiswick which has loads more flavour

while having the same ABV percentage and a full three degrees less in original gravity.

And why is Wadworth's 6X up among the other three? Quite simply because to the average Watney/Courage licensee it is, to all intents, a Courage beer so far as obtaining it is concerned. The same seems to apply to one of the “second division” of this list (purely in terms of number of appearances), Marston's Pedigree which appears seven times — the same as Draught Bass and Tetley Bitter. In fact two other beers actually make eight appearances but they are also subject to that separate effect I alluded to earlier.

While not trying to cover every beer listed, I would note that Boddington's Bitter appears four times (Whitbread pubs?) and Morland's Old Speckled Hen makes three appearances (mainly Watney/Courage pubs I suspect). Fuller's London Pride appears seven times and Young's Bitter five — these probably represent a mixture of genuine free houses and big six pubs. Other beers and appearances (in no particular order) are as follows: Greene King IPA (4 times); Young's Special (2); Ind Coope Burton Ale (2); Ruddles Best Bitter (2); Brakspear's Bitter (5); Brakspear's Special (3); Everard's Tiger (1); Thwaites Bitter (1); Shipstone's Bitter (now a Greenall Whitley beer brewed by Tetley Walker at Warrington — 1) and Timothy Taylor's Landlord (1). Guest beers occur eighteen times out of sixty five pubs with new beers listed (ranging in number from one to six per pub) — some of these are genuine guests but others are from brewery lists particularly in such outlets as Whitbread ‘ale house’ revamps. There are other beers with one or two appearances for various reasons.

The other effect which I said I would come on to is the Wetherspoon phenomenon; they opened three new pubs and took over one from Fuller's in the period reported in February. And what of Wetherspoon's beer range? In all pubs reported it is the same — Courage Directors Bitter; Theakston's Best Bitter and XB; Wadworth's 6X and Younger's Scotch Bitter together with a guest beer, which I gather is also standardised throughout the estate.

Now please don't get me wrong — I am not

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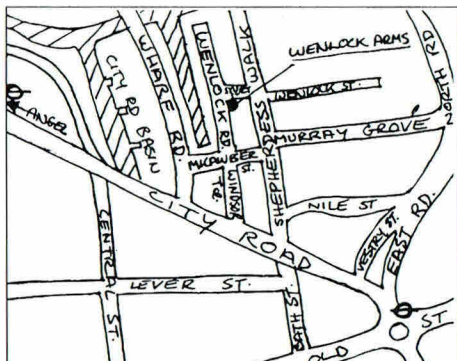
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IDLE MOMENTS

Hello again and welcome to March's Idle Moments. Maybe it's just me but certain things I see in everyday life cause me amusement, like this one for example. Just round the corner from where I live is (not surprisingly) a video hire shop and on its fascia board it has a panel headed "coming soon". Walking round to the local fish & chip shop the other day, I noticed that the film advertised on it has not been changed for the last month or so — and the name of the film? Cliffhanger.

Anyway, that's enough of amusement for one month; now its time for the serious business — the Number Puzzles. And here as usual, are last month's answers:

1. 6 Manned Spacecraft have Landed on the Moon
2. 1936 Crystal Palace Destroyed by Fire
3. 12 Countries in the European Community
4. 12 Men have Walked on the Moon
5. 2 Nickels in a Dime
6. 36 is the Highest Number on a Roulette Wheel
7. 10 Hurdles in the Women's Four Hundred Metres Hurdles Race
8. 252 Old Pence in a Guinea
9. 6 Tolpuddle Martyrs
10. 350 Fifth Avenue is the Empire State Building

Every month it seems to get harder to think up new puzzles that I haven't used before and I think I shall have to reuse puzzles from the past. But once again I have managed to come out with another ten that are original (so far as this column is concerned); here they are:

1. 26 is the LN you CS with a SD
2. 454 G in a P
3. 12 T of I
4. 46,656 CI in a CY
5. 17 NOH of EP
6. 4 TL in the S-F
7. 54 BC - CFE to B
8. 10,080 M in a W
9. 459 (M) is AZ in DF
10. 6 is the N of BPS

Well, that's that out of the way for another month; now for the brewery anagrams, starting once again with last month's answers:

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| 1. FLAME IS ON | ISLE OF MAN |
| 2. HE PECKS LAB | BLACK SHEEP |
| 3. PECK AT MATES | STEAM PACKET |
| 4. LOST'N'GONE | LONGSTONE |
| 5. SHAVE OUR TIN | HARVIESTOUN |

I was thinking of introducing this month's anagrams with a witty comment like "they

have something in common — they have all been jumbled up to make new phrases," but I thought better of it. So here they are without further embellishment:

1. CRANE BOMBS VEAL
2. LIES DEAD
3. NEAT STERN
4. MADE NUN
5. FILL BUM FAST

I was trying to think of something new for you this month and I think I may have something. I'm calling it 5 by 4 because it started with me thinking there are (or were) quite a few pop groups called the Four something or others. On looking in the Guinness book "British Hit Singles" I found ten such groups which will do me for the first couple of months — then the four will probably cease to have any relevance. The idea is that I list five groups and five records in a jumbled up order and you simply have to put the right song with the right group. For once I shall give you the answers at the end of the column as I don't think 1C, 2D etc. will be very interesting next month. So here they are:

1. The Four Esquires
2. The Fourmost (a bit of a cheat this one but there were four of them)
3. The Four Seasons
4. The Four Aces
5. The Four Lads

And the five songs are:

- A. Let's Hang On
- B. Hello Little Girl
- C. Stranger in Paradise
- D. Standing on the Corner
- E. Love Me Forever

Now it's Trivia Time, that bit where I ask you straightforward questions with answers you may or may not know. Here are last month's answers:

1. Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus
2. Jacques Cousteau
3. Guyana
4. Rider Haggard
5. (James) Keir Hardie
6. John Buchan
7. Skegness
8. A GWR broad gauge locomotive crossing Maidenhead Bridge
9. The Olympic
10. Sebastian Coe

And here we go straight in to this month's questions as I have probably taken up too much space already with the new bit:

1. The Beatles' first hit — as we all know — was "Love Me Do" but what number did it reach in the charts when it was first released in 1962?
2. Still on the same record ("Love Me Do", it entered the charts again twenty years later in 1982. What number did it reach this time?
3. What Radio Station can be found at the frequency of 93.5 Megahertz in the London area?
4. (Not counting Australia which is a continent) what is the eighth largest island in the World?
5. Where is the largest water wheel in Great Britain?
6. What is now the smallest County in England?
7. What Rugby Club's home ground is the Stoop Memorial Ground
8. What cult heroine was played by Lynda Carter?
9. In the H.G. Wells novel "The War of the Worlds", where did the Martians land on Earth?
10. Where is the World's largest Pyramid?

Because of the new 5 by 4 I'm not doing a brain teaser this month but I'd better give you

the answer to last month's. In Ron and Clive's dice game I described last time, to stand the best chance of winning the game Clive should choose the number 7. Of the 36 possible combinations of two dice the total 7 occurs six times (6 and 8 both occur five times and so on to 2 and 12 which each occur once only).

And here finally is the solution to 5 by 4:
1-E, 2-B, 3-A, 4-C, 5-D.

Have fun till next month.

Andy Pirson

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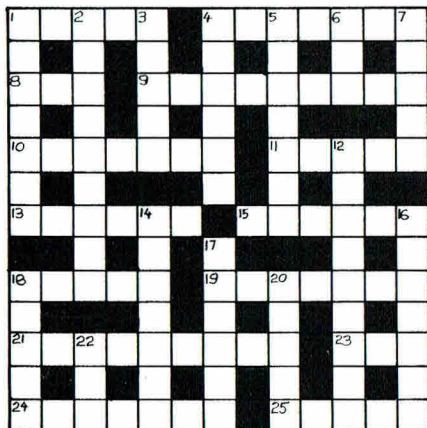
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All correct entries received by first post on 30th March will be entered into a draw for two tickets to the Great British Beer Festival.

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

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

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

1. Detectives hold up love god. [5]
4. Here for the gift? [7]
8. Add drink. [3]
9. Help worker, shop worker. [9]
10. He flies article by way of hill. [7]
11. Free the Queen to be horsewoman. [5]
13. Protection is held out. [6]
15. It's skilful to raid wildly. [6]
18. Put me in and make a change. [5]
19. He may have a beef. [7]
21. Chopped prune, fruit spilt over the chairs. [9]
23. It provides support somewhat abrasively. [3]
24. Ned lies about oil producer. [7]
25. Paper boys? [5]

DOWN

1. Injure girl with sword. [7]
2. Little Patrick's incomplete idea for killing one's father. [9]
3. Doctor behind nautical drawing. [5]
4. Father's attempt to make a crust. [6]
5. Endures somehow, made certain. [7]
6. Age of the camera. [3]
7. Show disapproval or teach. [5]
12. Draw beetle, it's dangerous. [6-3]
14. He had a smashing time during the industrial revolution. [7]
16. They say they're going to hurt the rats badly. [7]
17. Earth is good with drinks. [6]
18. It's bad and not quite legal. [5]
20. The woman has record beast. [5]
22. Managed to be in for a night. [3]

Winner of the prize for the December Crossword:
Terry Woakey, Ruislip.

Other correct entries were received from:

Paul Adams, Tony Alpe, Pat Andrews, Mark Antony, Geoff B, Robin Bolt, W.Brooze Davies, Andy Camroux, Ian Chapman, P.D.Clark, A.P.Comaish, John Denison, R.A.Dodds, Mikes Farrelly/Richards, B.H.Fletcher, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Guy & Alison, John Heath, John Heekin, Alison Henley, Doug King & Queen, Pete Large, Peter Lloyd, Martin Ludgate, M.J.Moran, January Musson, Terry Neill, H.O'Connor, R.J.G.Oxenbury, Steve Piggott, A.C.Scutter, P.Simmons, R.A.Slapper, Paul Smith, Old Smokey, Crowbar Stoneworker, Patrick Tuhey, David Tyrrell, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Stephen Williams, Chris Whithouse, David Woodward, Yak, Robert Young.

There were also 2 incorrect entries.

REAL DRAUGHT BEER

and where to find it in Young's pubs

BALHAM, SW12

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

BARKING, Essex

Britannia, 1 Church Rd

BARNES, SW13

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

BATTERSEA, SW11

Castle, 115 Battersea High St
Duke of Cambridge,
228 Battersea Bridge Rd

BEDDINGTON, Surrey

Plough, Croydon Rd

BETH WORTH, Surrey

Phoenix, The Street

BLOOMSBURY, W1

Carlton Arms, 289 Gray's Inn Rd
Cassidy, 14 Lamb's Conduit St
Thomas, 1-31 Bedford St

BLOOMSBURY, W1

Black Horse, 31 Thomas St
Buck of Grogan, 8 St Thomas St
Buck, 8 St Thomas St

BLOOMSBURY, W1

Carlton Arms, 8 Colman Rd
Hops and Anchor,
150 Ave Lane, BW1
Trinity Arms,
45 Trinity Gardens, BW1

CARSHALTON, Surrey

Greyhound, 3 High St

CATFORD, SE20

Catford Ham, 9 Winalde Way

CHELSEA

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

CHELTSEY, Surrey

Crown, London St

CHISLEHURST, Kent

Bull's Head, Royal Parade

CHISWICK, W4

Crown and Anchor,
374 Chiswick High Rd

CITY OF LONDON

City Retreat, 74 Shoe Lane, EC4
Dirty Dick's, 202 Bishopsgate, EC2
East India Arms,
67 Fenchurch St, EC3
Elephant, 119 Fenchurch St, EC3
Lamb Tavern,
Leadenhall Market, EC3
Master Gunner,
Cathedral Place, EC4
Three Lords, The Minories, EC3
Wine Lodge, 145 Fenchurch St, EC3

CLAPHAM COMMON, SW4

Old Windmill, South Side

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, SW11

Plough, 89 St John's Hill

CLAPTON, E5

Prince of Wales, 146 Lea Bridge Rd

CLAYGATE, Surrey

Foley Arms, Foley Rd

CLERKENWELL, EC1

London Spa, 70 Exmouth Market
Sektorde Arms, 34 Sektorde St

COVENT GARDEN, WC2

Marquess of Anglesey, 39 Bow St

CROYDON, Surrey

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

DARTFORD, Kent

Malt Shovel, 3 Darenth Rd

DORKING, Surrey

Old House at Home, 24 West St

DULWICH, SE26

Dulwich Wood House,
39 Sydenham Hill

EAST DULWICH, SE22

Cluck House, 196a Pechham Rye

EAST DULWICH, SE24

Hare and Hounds,
316 Upper Richmond Rd West

EFFINGHAM, Surrey

Plough, Great Lane

ELPHINSTON, Surrey

King's Arms, 144 East St

EDITH, Surrey

Beer, 71 High St

ETON WICK, Berkshire

Pickwick, 32 Eton Wick Rd

FTTHOVIA, W1

One Tun, 56 Goudge St

FULHAM, SW6

Duke of Cumberland,
235 New King's Rd

GREENFORD, Middlesex

Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue

GREENWICH, SE10

Richard I, 52-54 Royal Hill

HAMMERSMITH, W6

Brook Green, 170 Shepherd's Bush Rd

BUILDERS, 81 King St

Thatched House, 115 Dalling Rd

HAMPSTEAD, NW3

Flask, 14 Flask Walk

Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St

HARLESDEAN, NW10

Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex

Castle, 18 Upper Square

Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd

ISLINGTON, N1

Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St

KENSINGTON

Britannia, 1 Allen St, W8

Britannia Tap, 150 Warwick Rd, W14

KEW, Surrey

Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green

KILBURN, NW6

Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES

Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill

Bishop Out of Residence,
2 Bishop's Hall, off Thames St

Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Rd

Spring Grove, 13 Bloomfield Rd

LAMBETH, SW8

Plough, 518 Wandsworth Rd

Prince of Wales, 99 Union Rd

Surprise, 16 Southville

LEE, SE12

Crown, 117 Burnt Ash Hill

LOUGHBOROUGH JUNCTION, SE5

Wickwood Tavern, 58 Flaxman Rd

MARYLEBONE, W1

Wargrave Arms, 42 Brendon St

MAYFAIR, W1

Guinea, 30 Bruton Place
Windmill, 6-8 Mill St

MERTON, SW19

King's Head, 18 High St
Prince of Wales, 98 Morden Rd

MITCHAM, Surrey

Bull, 32 Church Rd
Cricketmen, 340 London Rd
King's Arms, 260 London Rd

MOORTHY, W14

Charlie Butler, 40 High St
Jolly Gardeners,
16 Lower Richmond Rd

NORTHWOOD

Hops, 49 High St, SE27
Railway Bell, 14 Caspore St, SE19

NOTTING HILL, W1

Duke of Wellington,
179 Portobello Rd
Hoop, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate

OXFORD

Angel and Greyhound,
30 St Clements St
King's Arms, 40 Holywell St

OXSHOTT, Surrey

Bear, Leatherhead Rd

PIMLICO, SW1

Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank
Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd

PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex

Fountain, Station Rd

PRIMROSE HILL, NW1

Queens, 49 Regent's Park Rd

PUTNEY, SW15

Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd
Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd
Green Man, Putney Heath
Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd
Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St

REDHILL, Surrey

Home Cottage, Redstone Hill
Regent's Park, NW1
Spread Eagle, 141 Albert St

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES

Fox and Goose,
327 Petersham Rd, Ham
Mitre, 20 St Mary's Grove
Old Ship, 3 King St
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Rd
Red Cow, 59 Sheen Rd
Shafesbury Arms, 123 Kew Rd
Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd
Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane
White Cross, Riverside

ROEHAMPTON, SW15

Angel, 11 High St
Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square

ROTHERHITHE, SE16

Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St

SHERE, Surrey

Prince of Wales, Shere Lane

SOUTHWARK, SE1

Founders Arms,
Bankside, 52 Hopton St
Prince William Henry,
217 Blackfriars Rd

STEPNEY

Hollands, 7-9 Exmouth St, E1
Queen's Head, 8 Flamborough St, E14

STREATHAM, SW16

Bedford Park,
223 Streatham High Rd
Pied Bull, 498 Streatham High Rd

SUBITON, Surrey

Black Lion, 50 Brighton Rd
Victoria, 28 Victoria Rd
Wagon and Horses,
1 Burton Hill Rd

SUTTON, Surrey

Lord Nelson, 32 Lower Rd
New Town, 7 Land Rd
Robin Hood, 52 West St

SYDENHAM, SE26

Bricklayers Arms,
189 Dartmouth Rd

TEDDINGTON, Middlesex

Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd
Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane

THORNTON HEATH, Surrey

Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd
Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd
Railway Telegraph, 19 Brinstock Rd

TOOTING, SW17

Castle, 38 High St
Gorringe Park, 29 London Rd
Leather Bottle, 538 Garratt Lane
Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex

Old Anchor, 71 Richmond Rd
Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep

WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey

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NOTHING'S AS SPECIAL AS YOUNG'S

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

Following the success of the Pigs Ear Beer Festival, you might like to use the following recipe in the London Drinker.

It comes from the 1913 edition of Mrs Beaton.

Pigs Ears

Ingredients: 4 pig's ears,

4 tablespoonfuls of breadcrumbs

2 tablespoonfuls of finely-chopped suet

1/2 teaspoonful of finely chopped parsley

1/2 teaspoonful of essence of anchovy

1 egg

salt and pepper

1/2 pint of brown sauce

1/4 pint of stock

Frying fat.

Method: Soak the ears for five or six hours, then cover with stock or water and simmer gently for 1 1/2 hours. Mix the breadcrumbs, veal, suet, parsley, anchovy essence and a good seasoning of salt and pepper together, and slightly moisten with beaten egg. Raise the skin of the upper side of the ear, press the forcemeat lightly in, and secure the opening. Fry in hot fat until lightly browned, then drain off the fat, add the stock, cover closely and cook either on the stove or in the oven for 1/2 an hour. Drain well and serve with the sauce poured over them.

Time: About two hours. Average cost: uncertain. Sufficient for two or three persons. Seasonable in winter.

I have not tried the recipe!

P Roberts

Upminster, Essex

Dear Editors

In response to Ian Collinson's letter in the October 1993 LD regarding my proposed guide to pubs within two miles of motorway exits, I have good news and I have bad news!

The good news is that work has been completed on M2, M20, M26, most of M25 and M22, parts of M40, M5 and M27 and a few M6 and M2 exits.

The bad news is that all of the research notes and my working proof have been lost in a brief case stolen just before Christmas.

So I am afraid it's back to the drawing board.

Unfortunately I am unlikely to have much opportunity to complete this work as a result of changes pending on a personal basis this year.

I will keep you advised of developments as and when they arise.

Yours sincerely

Barry Horwell

Snodland, Kent

Dear Editors

Although, no doubt, many readers of London Drinker think that my only activity in life is to write letters, I do in fact have a full time job in a managerial and professional capacity for one of Britain's largest public companies.

This job, although concerned with computer systems, has its roots in property and so I read Tony Hedger's Editorial on the British pub with particular interest, (February).

Hedger makes some interesting points but he does not get to the heart of the matter. The trend in commercial property in this country, of which pubs are a part, continues to be one of an ageing estate and lack of maintenance. Where new buildings do go up, whether they are supermarkets or pubs, they tend to be strongly influenced by architectural fashions and are, usual, to a well known pattern and design.

What can CAMRA do in this context? The property and legal relations which do so much to dictate the nature of the pub in this country are not fixed for all time. In other countries they are different. CAMRA can campaign, therefore, on two fronts. Firstly to take pubs out of general planning and property law and make what happens to them much more subject to what customers want. Secondly to intervene in the existing process. For example Taylor Walker have just been granted planning permission for a pub in Muswell Hill, near their HQ, after proposals had been changed to meet local objections in respect of the type of pub that would be built.

Of course the wider issue is what the fabric of the pub should be like. There are very few new pubs and many seek to create a 'traditional' atmosphere and style going back to the Victorian era. It would be nice to think that pubs designed on a modern or even a post-modern basis would be habitable but when I look at the trend in office developments I suspect that we are better off with the Victorian model even if it is primarily, now, false.

Yours fraternally

Keith Flett

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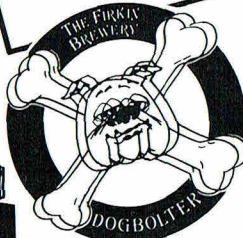
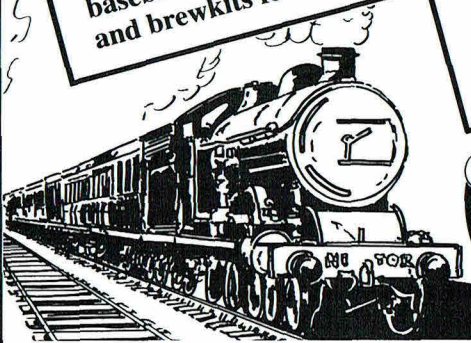
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USQUE AD MORTEM BIBENDUM

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Dear Editors,

I was interested to note in the February issue of *London Drinker* that the Richmond & Hounslow Branch is to hold a branch social in a club rather than a pub! I was under the impression that local CAMRA branches were not particularly interested in supporting local C.I.U. affiliated clubs, for example, because non-members would need to sign in and pay a small fee.

I admit that CAMRA members would need, for legal reasons, to be made temporary members for the evening but surely that is not a problem. If you are able to be offered a selection of five real ales at very reasonable prices, and that bearing in mind that my club (the Wood Green Labour Club) has to buy beer at inflated prices because of the Brewer loans (sic). Yes, the club does receive membership fees but how many pubs provide throughout the year children's and pensioners' parties and live entertainment each weekend at a cost of £300 plus?

Members of CAMRA are so anxious to support the public houses, which are maintaining the continuance of real ale, that they are neglecting the clubs which deserve their support, bearing in mind that CAMRA have always been critical of pub prices.

Incidentally, I will not be attending the Great British Beer Festival until it returns to its rightful home, i.e. Ally Pally.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Richell, London N13.

Editor's Comment:

I seem to remember having replied to almost the same letter as this from Mr. Richell at least once, possibly more times, in the past. Then as now, my view was that clubs have members to do their own campaigning for their own personal benefit. I am not personally aware of any CAMRA branch in London that refuses to campaign in pubs but it is a question of priorities when manpower is not unlimited. Incidentally, I should note that the club where the Richmond & Hounslow Branch are meeting on 24th February is not C.I.U. affiliated but is a private social club for the employees of a company which they are visiting at the invitation of the steward.

On your closing note, I am glad that not

everybody refuses to travel outside their own home town to visit the Great British Beer Festival. CAMRA's national beer festival organiser has a responsibility to run the best festival he can in the best venue — at the right price. I am not myself aware of all of the negotiations that went into the selection of Olympia but I do know that it is a damned sight easier to get to for people travelling rather more than 10-15 miles than Alexandra Palace.

I well remember the beer festivals we held up there — I was on the working party for one and was a senior staffing officer for two others. Even then we frequently mused on what a wonderful venue Olympia would be — but we didn't believe in those days that it would ever be affordable.

Andy Pirson

Dear Editor

Expensive Jazz

In the local CAMRA guide to the pubs of Essex, it states that there is 'free' jazz on Sunday lunchtimes at the Queen's Theatre Bar in Hornchurch. I write to advise London Drinker readers that this certainly is not the case!

On my first (and last) visit there, on a summer Sunday lunchtime, I ordered two pints of the guest beer — Ashvine Trudoxhill 3.3% ABV. On a large white board it stated that this was £1.50 a pint, which I considered a high price for a low gravity beer. (It's £1.16 in Trudoxhill, Somerset, where it's brewed.) When the pints were served, I handed over three pound coins. Imagine my surprise when £3.40 was demanded! When I protested, pointing out that it said £1.50 on the board, I was told that there was a 20p a pint surcharge on Sunday lunchtimes to pay for the live jazz. As I believe in paying only the price stated on the board, I refused to pay the excess and the beers I had ordered were snatched away.

I think it is quite scandalous that already high prices should be surcharged in this way. After all, presumably the reason why any licensee puts on attractions such as live music is to get more trade and make more profit! Added to this, surely it is illegal to charge more than stated on the price board?

Jim Bracken
Manchester

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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for March of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 14.

LONDON PUBS GROUP: Mon 7 (8.00) Pub Crawl of Croydon with a historical guide. Start ROSE & CROWN, 124 Church Street then SHIP finishing at the DOG & BULL (London Pub of the Year) for a short talk then a buffet — Mon 28 (8.00) Crawl around Herne Hill. Start CROWN & GREYHOUND, Dulwich Village then HALF MOON, 10 Half Moon Lane; COMMERCIAL, 212 Railton Road; finish at PHOENIX & FIRKIN, 5 Windsor Walk, Camberwell. A visit to the FOX ON THE HILL (new Wetherspoon pub) may be made.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Mon 7: London Pubs Group Crawl of Croydon. See above for details — Tue 15 Carshalton Crawl. Start LORD PALMERSTON (leave 9.00), Mill Lane then RAILWAY TAVERN and RACEHORSE — Wed 23 Upper Norwood Crawl. Start (CAMBRIDGE (leave 9.00) then WHITE HART and ROYAL ALBERT — Mon 28 (8.30) Branch Meeting. NEW TOWN, Lind Road, Sutton.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 7 (8.00) Branch Meeting. STEAMSHIP, 14 Bramall Close, E15 — Sat 19 (12.00 noon) Joint Skittles Match with North London Branch. FREEMASONS ARMS, 32 Downshire Hill, NW3 — Mon 21 (8.00) Social. CAMDENS HEAD, 456 Bethnal Green Road, E2 — Mon 11 Apr (8.00) Branch Meeting. ARTILLERY ARMS, 102 Bunhill Row, EC1.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Tue 1 (9.00) Social. WONDER, Batley Road, Enfield — Tue 8 (8.30) Branch Meeting. STAG, Little Park Gardens, Enfield — Wed 9 (from 5.00) Working Social at London Drinker Beer Festival. Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, WC1 — Tue 15 (9.00) Social. BLACK BULL, 1446 High Road, Whetstone, N20 — Wed 23 (9.00) Two Pub Social. BEEHIVE, Little Bury Street, N9 then STAG & HOUNDS (10.00), 371 Bury Street West — Wed 30 (9.00) Test Support Social. BLACKING BOTTLE, High Street, Edgware — Thu 31 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pick—up. SOUTHBURY, 253 Southbury Road, Enfield.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Wed 9 (8.00) Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. NORTH STAR, Chessington. All interested members please attend — Fri 11 (8.00) Social. OLD HARROW, Thames Ditton (near station) — Wed 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. PARK TAVERN, New Road, Kingston — Wed 23 (2.00) Young's Brewery Trip. Names to Branch Contact please.

NORTH LONDON: Tue 1 (8.00) Leafleting Social in WC1. OLD RED LION, 72 High Holborn then CITTIE OF YORKE, 22 High Holborn (Holborn or Chancery Lane tube) — Wed 9 to Fri 11 LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL. See advert for details. — Sat 19 (12.00 noon) Joint Skittles Match with East London & City and South East Essex Branches. FREEMASONS ARMS, 32 Downshire Hill, NW3 (Hampstead tube or Hampstead Heath BR) — Tue 22 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting (8.30) Branch Meeting and Pub of the Year Pre—selection. STARTING GATE, Station Road, N22 — Thu 31 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick—up. UNIVERSITY TAVERN, 18 Store Street, WC1 (Goodge Street tube) — Tue 5 Apr (8.00) Three Pub Social in N8. HARRINGAY ARMS, 153 Crouch Hill then QUEENS HOTEL (8.45), 26 Broadway Parade, Tottenham Lane; RAILWAY TAVERN (9.45), 23 Crouch End (Crouch Hill or Hornsey BR).

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 1 (8.00) Committee Meeting & Final Good Beer Guide Selection. TRIPLE CROWN, 15 Kew Foot Road, Richmond — Mon 7 (7.30) West London Guide Survey Crawl of Teddington. Meet at HOGARTH, Broad Street, Teddington — Mon 14 (7.30) West London Guide Survey Crawl of Hampton Hill. Meet at DUKE OF CLARENCE, 147 High Street, Hampton Hill — Mon 21 (8.00) Branch Meeting. RED LION, 2 Castlenau, Barnes, SW13 — Thu 31 (8.00) Two Princes Social. PRINCE ALBERT, 30 Hampton Road, Twickenham then PRINCE BLUCHER (9.30), 124 The Green — Tue 19 Apr (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ALBANY, Station Yard, Twickenham

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Thu 24 Feb (8.00) Joint Social with Croydon & Sutton Branch. CHERRY TREES, 32 Station Road, SE25 — Mon 7 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting & 1995 GBG Selection. HALF MOON HOTEL, 10 Half Moon Lane, SE24 — Thu 24 (8.00) Bromley Social. RAMBLERS REST, Mill Place, Chislehurst, Kent — Thu 31 (8.00) Branch Social in our newest Wetherspoon pub. FOX ON THE HILL, 149 Denmark Hill, SE5.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Tue 1 (8.30) Social. CRICKETERS, 299/301 High Road (A11), Woodford Green — Wed 9 (8.30) Social. WARREN WOOD, Epping New Road (A104), Buckhurst Hill — Tue 15 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. PLOUGH INN, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ538970) — Wed 23 (8.00) All Essex Games Evening. GEORGE, 36 Newland Street (B1389, jnct. Collingwood Road), Witham — Mon 28 (8.30) Social. DOG & PARTRIDGE, Brentwood Road (A128), Orsett — Thu 31 (7.30 at brewery) Brewery Trip to HALL & WOODHOUSE, Blandford Forum. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 — Wed 6 Apr (8.30) Hornechurch Pub Crawl. Start J J MOONS then CRICKETERS (9.00); BULL (9.30); KINGS HEAD (10.00), all in High Street (A124).

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Sun 13 (10.30am) Open Branch Committee Meeting and Open Festival Committee Meeting (11.00) Branch Meeting (Good Beer Guide Selection). PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, South Lambeth, SW8 — Fri 18 (7.00) Crawl of Norbury & Streatham Common. Start MOON UNDER WATER, 1327 London Road, SW16 then NORBURY (7.45); BRASS FARTHING (8.15); WILLIAM IV (8.45); PIED BULL (9.15); GREYHOUND (10.00).

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Wed 2 (8.30) Watford Heath Social. Start ROYAL OAK then LOAD OF HAY (9.15) and VILLIERS (10.00) — Mon 7 (8.30) Pub of the Year Presentation to the NASCOT ARMS, Watford — Wed 16 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ESTCOURT TAVERN, Watford — Wed 23 (8.30) Watford Town Centre Social. THE BANK then, SOUTHERN CROSS (9.25) and NASCOT ARMS (10.00) — Sun 27 (8.30) Branch Committee Meeting. West Herts Sports & Social Club — Tue 29 (8.30) Rickmansworth Social. FEATHERS then COACH & HORSES (9.15) and FOX & HOUNDS (10.00).

WEST LONDON: Thu 17 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BEEHIVE, Homer Street, W1 — Wed 9 (8.00) Covent Garden Crawl. WHITE SWAN, 14 New Row, WC2 then ROUND HOUSE (8.45), 1 Garrick Street; ESSEX SERPENT (9.30), King Street; NAGS HEAD (10.00), James Street — Thu 31 (6.00) Early Evening Social. DUKE OF YORK, Rathbone Place, W1 — Thu 19 May (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by Extraordinary General Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 1 (8.30) Hello again AK Social. J J MOONS, Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor (Bring enough money) — Tue 8 (8.30) Social. HAVELOCK ARMS, 39 King Street, Southall — Wed 16 (8.30) Branch Meeting. NEW MOON, Kenton Road, Kenton — Tue 22 (8.30) Social. GEORGE & DRAGON, 176 High Street, Yiewsley — Wed 30 (8.30) Edgware Social. BLACKING BOTTLE, 122—126 High Street, Edgware — Thu 31 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick—up. RED LION, 13 St Marys Road, Ealing, W5.

Deadline for the April edition, 1st March. Material for May to arrive by 5th April. Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.

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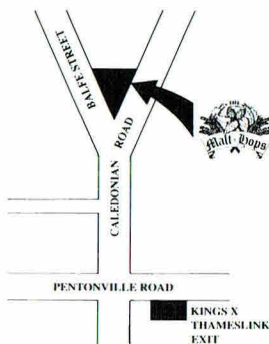
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NEWTS ON TOUR 2 (or N.O.T. Again)

(Concluding part of the article, the first part of which appeared in the December '93 editions)

Thursday 21st October, another brewery tour for the famous intrepid Newts. This time it was to Morland's in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, the fine producers of the most excellent Old Speckled Hen. Fortunately no Newts went missing this time as the instructions were printed in black and white, but one budding amphibian remained sat at the corner of the road reading a book while the others waited 20 yards up the road in a great big, unmissable minibus!

Eventually, seven fine and gallant Newts set out up the busy M4 to arrive at Morland's brewery with five minutes to spare. Good driving that, Newt Clothcap! At the brewery we joined a huge crowd (the biggest group ever), which included a party of twenty Swedish firemen, in the bar/conference room. We were first shown a film about brewing, featuring several large and lesser breweries (but no prize for naming them all) and then given a talk (by a tyke) about the history of Morland. Included was the memorable tale about how Old Speckled Hen was first brewed in 1979 (as a bottled beer) for the 50th Anniversary of MG Motors in Abingdon. The first car that they had (MG that is) was a mottled, cloth covered runabout which the locals called "the old speckled 'un" (in broadest Berkshire badly imitated by our Yorkshire host). The beer was launched in a cask conditioned version in 1991 as 'Old Speckled Hen' and sales have since driven beyond all expectations.

The heaving throng was split into two unmanageable groups and we were led out into the cold to see the outhouses. A lot of talk was then given but little was heard above the sound of barrels being shifted and the kegging machines. Eventually we were allowed into the brewhouse to thaw out and view the twin mash tuns, hop backs

and coppers arranged in a tower system and to sample the hops in the hop store. Thence to the fermenting room where many large open vessels contained several brews at different stages of fermentation; some fools (not Newts of course) leaned over to look and choked on the CO₂ produced. Finally we visited the storeroom where many casks and kegs of several different beers lay around temptingly...

Returning to the bar we were treated to free samples for an hour and hastened to try them. On tap were the three real ales: Original Bitter at 1035 O.G. and 4% ABV proved to be a good malty and hoppy bitter; Old Masters at 1040 and 4.6% a tasty malty and fruity premium bitter and, of course Old Speckled Hen at 1050 and 5.2% a strong ale with a rich roast toffee, fruity malt flavour and a balanced hop finish. All were served in excellent condition. Also on the bar was Morland's kegged Revival Dark Mild which turned out to be filtered but not pasteurised. This at 1030-odd and 3.5% was a pleasant nutty, malty dark amber mild. The Newts dutifully sank them all.

Much reminiscing was passed between our Burton-on-Trent (ex-brewing) contingent and some of the Morland chaps, who were also ex-Burton brewers, and various local and distant establishments recommended. We then wandered into town to the nearby local for more Morland Original where the young barman was shocked to find an American (Mildman) drinking real ale, but then he confessed to supping Budweiser himself!

N.O.T. much more

Onward, then, the valiant Newts strode forth from Abingdon in search of more ales and food. First find was the Good Beer Guide listed gem, the Machine Man Inn, at a tiny 'lost' village of Long Wittenden



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(nearby was a gorgeous thatched pub in idyllic setting on the riverbank but which was, alas, a Chef & Brewer sewer). This pub (The Machine Man Inn, ok) was listed as opening at 6.00pm, but at 6.10pm was closed and dead to the world. Okay, no problem for heroes such as these since just down the road was the "Recommended Home-cooked Food" pub.

So, back on the A415 we went - to find the A423 and the Crown at Nuffield. Well, we found the A4097?, the A4119?, the A42857656283*&'!%&úhelp! but not the A423 - someone had moved all the roads - or renamed them as we discovered later. But just as we were about to give up looking, Clothcap spotted a pub sign ahead and cried "Here's the Crown, we're here" as if he knew where we were all along? Much munching of marvellous food followed, with such delicacies as Steak & Kidney Pie, baked Tomato and Venison Sausages ravenously consumed, accompanied with sundry sipping of wonderful Brakspear's Old (1043) and Bitter (1035) ales. The pub (which should be still in the Good Beer Guide for 1994?) is an excellent 17th Century country inn with three rooms and two roaring log fires (most welcome) and very friendly hosts who recommended a trip to Brakspear's brewery (could be a N.O.T.3).

Satiated, happy and warm, if not a little wobbly, the invincible septet then prepared to trek off to the next venue - the Prince of Wales in Farnborough again, that ole Newts' Mecca. But in piling into the minibus, the side sliding door was pulled off its hinges (it was knackered anyway) and in the proceeding pulling, pushing and not a little kicking, the bearing at the rear of the door broke right off! Unperturbed and after much riotous laughter, the clever and innovative amphibians got some string and tied it back on again. So off we went.

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AN APOLOGY

Last month we reported on Enfield and Barnet Branch's Pub of the Year for 1993, the Railway Bell at New Barnet. Unfortunately because Andy Pirson hit the wrong key we got the name of the licensees wrong — they are Eamon and Barbara HOGAN not Logan.

Also, here is a photo of the Railway Bell which we were unable to print last month because of a shortage of space.



FULLERS CELLARMAN OF THE YEAR

Our congratulations go to Alex Priestley, manager of the PRINCE ALBERT in Twickenham on becoming Fuller's Master Cellarman of the Year for 1993. His certificate was presented to him by Mr. Anthony Fuller at a celebration evening in the pub at the end of January.

Our picture, courtesy of the Brewery shows Alex, in the cellar of the Prince Albert, holding the certificate and flanked by Anthony Fuller holding the silver salver and Alex's partner Carmel Clinton holding the magnum of champagne.



Vic Wilkins was surrounded by seven retired colleagues who had clocked up a total of more than 350 years' service when he celebrated 50 years at Young's Brewery in Wandsworth.

Vic, who is due to retire on his 65th birthday next November, started work in Young's bottling hall as a 14-year-old during the war.

He was later conscripted into the Gloucestershire Regiment and was among the soldiers who helped to sort out the atrocious aftermath of the Nazi concentration camp at Belsen.

He returned to the brewery after his army service and has worked in the bottling hall, cold rooms and keggering department every since.

Chairman John Young, who presented Vic with a Victorian gold pocket watch to mark his 50th anniversary, said Vic had not taken a single day off through sickness since joining Young's.

He is one of four brothers who have worked at the brewery — brother Dennis is still there — and his son Terry is a fitter at the brewery. Another son, Alan, also worked in the bottling hall some years ago.

Vic, who lives in Bollen Road, Clapham, with his wife Lilian, was treated to a lavish anniversary party at the brewery, attended by colleagues old and new.



Vic Wilkins (with pint of bitter) surrounded by seven former colleagues who all worked at Young's for more than 50 years.

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BRITAIN'S FAMILY BREWERS WARN OF THREAT TO BEERS AND PUBS

A publication produced by Young & Co's Brewery Plc of Wandsworth in London together with 27 other British brewers warns of a threat to beers, pubs and breweries from a potential European Commission ruling.

The Independent Family Brewers of Britain (IFBB) was formed in response to a rapidly changing beer industry and an increasingly uncertain future in the face of reviews and legislation from Westminster and Brussels.

Between them members contribute substantially to the variety of pubs and beers available to Britain's beer drinkers. They produce more than 370 beer brands, 177 of which are cask conditioned (popularly termed "real") ales, and they own over 5,300 pubs. IFBB members produce mainly for regional markets, although some have developed national brands. Most IFBB members have been brewing for well over a century and all are an integral part of the communities in which they are situated.

In 1997 the Competition Division of the European Commission will review a Block Exemption which currently protects the right of breweries to operate a system known as the tie, obliging the pubs they own to stock the beers they brew.

The IFBB argues that it is this very system, similar to a franchise, which ensures choice and variety in both beers and pubs. In countries where the tie is prohibited, consumer choice is reduced to a few dominant, advertising led, national brands.

Said Anthony Fully, Chairman of the IFBB, "We are calling for a continuation of the tie beyond the Block Exemption review in 1997. We believe this is vital to ensure that brewing in Britain is not reduced to simply selling products, but continues the tradition of producing a great variety of excellent beers."

This view is supported by the consumer action group the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) which stated recently: "The tied house system gives the customer a wide choice of locally brewed, distinctive beers at reasonable prices. Abolition of the tie would have a catastrophic effect on customer choice. Far from increasing competition, it would mean fewer beers and higher prices."

The IFBB's new publication, "The Independent Family Brewers of Britain and the Tie" lays out clearly for the first time the disastrous effect on the beer drinker's choice of brands and pubs that legislation against the tie would have. It aims to educate legislators and industry leaders in this country on the issues surrounding the right to tie pubs in preparation for taking the discussions to Brussels next year.

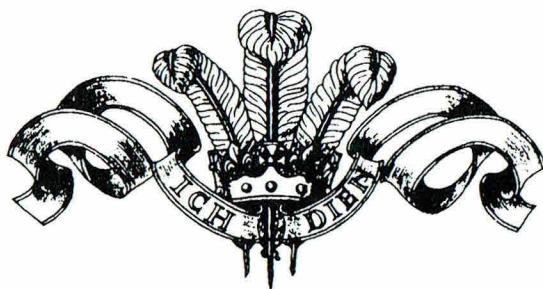
The publication explains that the tie is a mutually beneficial arrangement between the landlord brewer and tenant licensee, enabling the brewer to deliver a range of products to one outlet and offering the tenant an entrepreneurial opportunity supported by training and marketing assistance from the brewer. The tied house system helps to keep down the retail price of a pint and enables brewers to introduce new brands to the market, encouraging innovation and product development, resulting in the enormous variety of beers and pubs in Britain.

Without the tie providing access to the market, small and medium sized breweries would find it difficult to compete with the huge advertising budgets and heavy discounting of the giants.

If the tie was prohibited, the IFBB anticipate that the beer market would become brand/advertising led, many breweries would cease to brew and jobs in the industry would be lost. This means consumer choice of beers would be drastically reduced while many pubs would be forced to close and a vital part of Britain's brewing heritage would be lost.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The Sun in Lamb Conduit Street is now, as most London Drinkers know, a shadow of the once famous and enterprising free house it was in the seventies. But, if you fancy a trip down memory lane, go there to look at the price board. All the beers they once sold are still there. Only the prices have changed — they are regularly updated, regardless of whether the brew still exists. So Boddingtons' Strong Ale (last brewed circa 1981) is now £1.96 a pint! Try asking for it! When I last sampled this beer (circa 1978) it was about 30p a pint — but they only sold it in halves!



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RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS

As survey forms for the West London Guide come in slowly but surely, the variety of beers in the branch area is becoming more apparent. This is particularly welcome as they are most evident in former Grand Met. houses that are now free of tie. The only setback is the obscene rents that enterprising landlords are forced to pay to Intreprenuer for the privilege of selling quality products. Below are some of the pubs we have come across recently; please support them or we may lose them.

The Old Kings Head in Hampton Wick sells Courage Best Bitter, Brakspear's Special, Morland's Old Speckled Hen and Greene King IPA. The County Arms in Isleworth sells up to eight different beers at any one time, including at the moment Theakston's Old Peculier, Ringwood 49er and Everard's Daredevil. The Kings Arms, also in Isleworth, sells Fuller's London Pride, Wadworth's 6X and two others, one of which is always a mild, usually at a special price. In addition to these pubs, many are selling guest beers such as Marston's Pedigree at the Bridge Inn, Isleworth; Eldridge Pope Royal Oak at the Lion, Teddington and Young's Bitter at £1.25 a pint at the Foresters Hampton Wick.

As a footnote, for those of you who like Belgian beers, Liefmans Kriek (7% ABV) is available on draught at the Old Kings Head, Hampton Wick.

Our congratulations go to Steve Norris is one of just six people who have made it into the final of the National Barperson of the Year competition. Steve, who comes from Hampton became a barman after being made redundant from his previous job two years ago and moved to his present pub, the Orange Tree in Richmond with the manager Carl Martin from their previous pub in Isleworth. The competition is sponsored jointly by The Pubman magazine and Whitbread and the final is to be held at the London Hilton Hotel on 29th March.

Finally, the Branch would like to welcome Simon Watts to the area. Simon has taken over the Swan in Isleworth after being at the Jolly Gardeners, Putney. We wish him all the best.

Doug Scott

CAMRA'S OUTRAGE AT DUTY-PAID DISASTER

CAMRA recently called on Chancellor Kenneth Clarke to cut beer duty, in the face of a growing threat to the British pub. "The Government cannot simply stand by while a major British industry is

under threat," said Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox.

Since the beginning of 1993, British people have been flocking to Calais to buy beer, because they only have to pay French duty rates. The difference in duty between the two countries is now at least 26p per pint. Individuals can bring back as much beer as their vehicle can carry, provided that they claim it is for personal use.

Research by the Brewers Society shows that 3.5% of all beer drunk in the UK is now brought in this way. This trade represents a loss of £160 million to the Exchequer, every year. It is the equivalent of production at three or more substantial regional breweries — beer sales lost to benefit foreigners. Jobs in British breweries and pubs are threatened.

On the top of this, a substantial illegal trade is growing, and there are fears of organised crime moving in to cash in on the profits. "We don't resent honest individuals taking advantage of a bargain," said Cox. "But Chancellor Clarke has got to be bold and cut beer duty drastically, to stop this problem getting any worse. He managed to freeze duty in the November budget. But that has done little to improve a worsening problem."

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To get through all of the drinks on offer at the 1994 Great British Beer Festival (2-6th August), you will have to consume one drink every five minutes of the 43 hours the Festival is open!! Something even the hardest of drinkers would not be able to achieve. The Festival this year is boasting a total of 500 different real ales, ciders, perries and continental beers from all over the world.

Included in the 500 will be nearly 140 beers from the Regional breweries such as Adnams, Taylors and local Youngs and Fullers. There will also be over 150 beers from the small breweries that only have a handful of pubs if any at all. Their beers are generally the most difficult to find in pubs and a selection of them from all over the country, from Scotland to the South West, will be on sale.

But no matter how good the brewer might be, the beer can be ruined if it isn't looked after. At the Festival every single beer is cooled to ensure that the beer is in the best condition possible despite the warm temperature of August and the greenhouse effects of the famous glass roof of the Grand Hall at Olympia.

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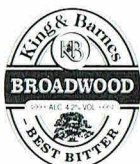
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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO London/Drinker first appeared. The current edition is its 166th. Since March 1979 it has appeared at the beginning of each month apart from January (to avoid the hassle of production over the Christmas period — the December issue is larger to cover two months) and October 1979, when technical problems intervened — the only scheduled edition not to appear.

The infant March 1979 London Drinker consisted of three sheets of A4 paper, stapled and folded, making 12 pages of the size you are now reading. The outer sheet was yellow and the cover photograph greeting the reader was one of the then Editors, Mike Hammersley (who later for a while was to be our Printer and had, indeed, produced the artwork and layout for the issue), quaffing a pint of dark ale. The rest of the Editorial team then consisted of Brian Sheridan, Ron Atkins and Robin Bence. The title read THE LONDON DRINKER; the first word disappeared in 1981. The lettering style remains to this day, though then LONDON appeared level rather than domed. The cover price was 10p.

The content was set up on a domestic typewriter, reduced in size, and included three photographs, logos, crossword and one and a half pages of commercial advertising. At the time no suitable printer was available in London (ridiculous as many businesses and schools had the type of duplicator used), and the printing was done in Manchester by Style Signs, who continued to do so until succeeded by Daru Graphics of Harmondsworth that December, when the misprints began!

The page three “pin-up” was Roy Hattersley, then Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection. He had met a four-man delegation from CAMRA, led by the late Joe Goodwin, then its Chairman, who afterwards stated: “We welcome the chance to make observations to the Secretary of State, and we shall certainly do so. We shall be watching closely the effects of pub swaps, which we still believe will yield minimal benefits to the consumer. And we shall continue to campaign for the tie to be relaxed to allow an additional draught beer to be

stocked by landlords.” Quoting that has saved a tedious bit of paraphrasing of the article!

There was a Weights & Measures Bill before Parliament proposing to outlaw brim measure beer glasses in favour of lined ones. As we know, the controversy continues.

Younger’s No.3 Scotch Ale which had disappeared from the London scene five years previously, had been re-introduced for test marketing and seemed to be selling well despite the excessive price (then) of 38p a pint. The cover price of the magazine under discussion was 10p; the current one costs 30p. If this is an indicator of inflation, you’d be hard put to find a pint in London for £1.14 nowadays.

Mentioning prices, the Big Brewers had applied to the Price Commission for a rise of 3p a pint and the Budget was likely to add a further 2p. The writer surmised that landlords would add a further 2p for their pocket, a total of 7p.

A small item read: “Readers may have seen the shock horror report of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, which reckoned that anybody who supped four pints a day was an alcoholic. We suggest that the authors have their heads examined.”

There had been a decline in the sale of Mild in London and it was debated whether it had a place in the capital. Meanwhile the Black Horse WC2 — a Charrington house, had just begun SELLING mild. But Fullers had reprieved the withdrawal of their Hock for a few months, which still left the Mild drinker’s future pleasure bleak.

The Big Six were then selling 90% of beer — whether real or otherwise — in London, and of the 115 breweries existing in the present Greater London area at the turn of the century, only eight were still in production, including Young’s and Fullers. By 1950 the total figure had fallen to 31.

Marler’s had opened their first pub — bearing that name — in N10, serving five real ales. Brian Sheridan reported his findings when visiting the newly opened Godson’s brewery in E3, which was still installing equipment and had for the previous

two years been operating from smaller premises in Lower Clapton — the first new brewery to open in London for many years. Finally for this section (unless my typescript is already in the Editorial Bin) the back cover bore a form for CAMRA membership — £4 or £5 overseas.

TEN YEARS AGO the blue cover of the 28 page fifth anniversary of London Drinker, for March 1984, bore a photo of the Castle, Surbiton. It was the winner of the Evening Standard Pub of the Year Award, and was the subject of a Pub Profile in the content. On the page facing the Profile was an advert for the second Capital Beer Night in the Barley Mow, Horseferry Road, presented jointly by CAMRA and Watney's. The latter company were no longer CAMRA's Public Enemy No.1 — ten years before the reference to them in the first Good Beer Guide read "Avoid like the plague", amended in the second impression to "Avoid at all costs".

Fuller's had opened their first pub in the City, the Monument Tavern on the corner of King William Street and Fish Street Hill (the former approach road to Old London Bridge) which had been bought from Ind Coope and re-furnished. It was demolished a few years back to make way for the Docklands Light Railway extension to Bank.

The future of Wethered's Brewery in Marlow was in doubt. We all know what Whitbread's did there four years later, don't we?

In "Round the Houses" the un-named North London follower of the Young's and Fullers passports visited pubs in the Balham, Clapham Junction, South Lambeth and Clapham Common areas.

Three more crawls were also described: "The Hendon Hobble, or ...what's in Store in NW4", visiting eight pubs; in the then regular "London Drinking" by "Red Rover", the venue was Woolwich, Plumstead and Lee; and ELAC Branch provided detailed notes, but no narrative, for a Crawl they ran in Stratford.

Dear Dipsy made his first appearance. For those who do not remember this spoof agony column, fictitious writers with totally spurious problems were given abstruse solutions, often involving real ale. The

heading was actually misprinted as DEAR DIPSIE though that was not subsequently repeated. The column took its inspiration from one called "Dear Droopy" in Notts & District Drinker; and later some items were exchanged with that and similar publications, with "addresses" amended to be local. At the time, as one of the Editorial Team, I was against its introduction (we always accepted a majority decision when there was any doubt, and this was rarely called for upon and point). I later relented, often contributing to the idiocy. Not a bad decision — Dipsy made his last pronouncements (to date) in November 1990 after a total of 57 columns.

FIVE YEARS AGO red was the theme colour for the 32 page March 1989 London Drinker. This was intentional as the cover illustration was the logo of the 5th London Drinker Beer Festival, whose logo comprised the centre pages. It was a London double-decker bus (Leyland, for Red Rover and any other experts), and by means of "screening" the frame was salmon pink, the "tombstone" a fleshy pink and the surround, to the edges, and also the logo was appropriately LT red. In one corner was a flash reading "10th Anniversary Issue". Red also appeared on five inside pages but for some reason the back cover advertiser opted for black only — Clifton Inns, who were organising a festival of their real ales in the Flamingo, Kingston. Had they so wished we could have made the appropriate flaming pink available.

In his celebratory Editorial, Chris offered a vote of thanks to the many people whose efforts made the magazine possible, naming a number including behind-the-scenes workers whose names rarely appeared in print.

Peter Coyne gave a barman's view of pub work at the Unicorn, Victoria. He also provided an insight into the pub scene in Hong Kong. "What Ale's You?" — as the piece was entitled — had the sub-heading "A View from the Other Side".

In "The Death of the London Free House", Trevor Unwin discussed the transition from all pubs being free houses, many brewing their own beer, to the influx of the larger brewery chains of allegedly free but basically tied houses with a limited choice from their

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Hereford City Centre

Although Hereford is an ancient city, very little remains of it now. Apart from the cathedral and a few houses the bulk of the architecture is Georgian, Victorian or post war. However, the majority of its pubs are very old indeed.

The area is dominated by the old West Country Brewery, now part of Whitbreads and Bass. So the predominant beers are Boddingtons, Flowers, Bass and now, happily Banks who have around six pubs on the centre. When I first came here in 1986, the only Banks pub was the Broadlegs in Ross Road and this is as good a starting point as any, being the first pub as you approach the city on the A40.

The Broadlegs, Ross Road and Corner of Holme Lacy Road, is a typical 30s road house on an important junction of the A40. Split into two bars, the public is probably the least spoilt. A redecoration about three years ago in the lounge has introduced a tasteless brewers' version of 14th century village architecture not unlike your local Beefharvester U-like restaurant.

That aside, the Broadlegs sells superb Banks' mild, bitter and Camerons Strongarm, the latter a touch expensive at £1.40 a pint. The mild is a mere £1.18 and the bitter £1.22. Good bar food, but the pub shuts at 2.30pm, re-opening at 6.00pm. There is an outside drinking area.

If you are driving, park and walk at the next pub but either way, turn right along Ross Road to the city centre and turn right at the roundabout into St Martins Street. Our next pub, the Treacle Mine is on the corner but if you go a bit further down there is a long stay car park, 20p for four hours or if you are lucky, as I was, the machine won't accept your money, so you can buy a pickled egg when you get to the Treacle Mine. Previously a Whitbread pub and a favourite with the wrong end of the trade, the former Red Lion is now a free house selling Banks and others including Hardington Pale Ale, which is a new beer to me, from Bristol but a very enjoyable £1.10 worth. We are into serious budget conscious drinking here!

When the present owner took over, he began renovating to find his apparently Victorian building was in fact considerably older and now has some beautiful exposed beams from about 300 years earlier.

Leaving the Treacle Mine, turn right and continue down St Martins Street to the bridge and enter the Saracens Head. Here is a real drinkers pub, no brewery cock-ups, no frills, just an honest, comfortable, reliable boozer. Run by an ex-policeman who, to my knowledge, has been here for about ten years, one always feels welcome. Even the locals greet you as you enter. On my visit researching this article, I called on 28 December to be greeted by a plate of hot mince pies on the counter, which went very well with Wye Valley Bitter (3.6 ABV) at the exorbitant price of £1.20. Also on offer Smiles, Directors and Pedegree. Another pub with outside drinking area but this time with lovely views of the River Wye and the cathedral on the other bank over the 15th century bridge, repaired after damage in the Civil War.

Walk over the bridge and look back at the Saracens Head. The frontage is castellated with two flag poles sloped out from the porchway.

If the Saracens Head is 15th century then the pub on your left is older still. I have not visited this but it serves Boddingtons and is worth a visit. I think it's called the Bull but did not visit it.

Continue up Bridge Street to the Orange Tree with Marston's Pedegree at £1.58 a pint, Speckled Hen, Boddys and CCWB (Cheltenham Chemical Warfare Bitter — or Flowers Original to the uninitiated). This pub is worth a visit for the fine oak panelling which is about 400 years old and beautifully preserved.

Turn left from the Orange Tree towards the cathedral which dates from the 12th century and contains some fine 14th century stalls with misericords. The cathedral also houses the Mappa Mundi drawn by Richard Haldingham who died about 1313. The map printed on vellum is thought to date from 1275 and embodies all the Middle Ages

fundamental beliefs about the shape and nature of the world, which is centred on Jerusalem.

Turn right from the cathedral, past the Green Dragon Hotel, a THF hotel with Bass at American Express prices! Almost opposite is the Queens Head on the corner of East Street. Worth a visit for lunch and a similar range of beers to the Orange Tree, with the addition of West Country Bitter at £1.46.

East Street parallels the High Street and High Town. Half way along is the Grapes, a 17th Century coaching inn where the "London Letter" was read by a nominated chairman after the letter was delivered by the stage coach. The pub is full of character and has an excellent menu that won't break the bank. East Street is crossed here by Church Street, a medieval street, similar to York's Shambles. Lovely old shops and the Lichfield Vaults, a fizz Ansell pub that also sells hand pumped Tetleys and Burton at £1.54. The ornate plastered ceiling is worth seeing.

Retrace your steps back to East Street, turn right to the Booth Hall, a late 14th century building with a Hammer and Tie beam ceiling on the first floor. Originally a trading hall, the pub has been restored in a way that is a credit to Whitbreads and an example to other brewers to follow, even the toilets have been restored, retaining the original black and white tiled floor.

Leave the Booth Hall by continuing through the narrow alley which brings you to High Town opposite the Old House, a fine black and white building with a lovely carved facade. Now used as a tea room, it was presented to the City Council in 1928 by Worcester City and County Banking Co Ltd (now Lloyds Bank).

Turn left, past the Market Hall, unless you want excellent pies and cheese to soak up the fluids, to Littlewoods Store for a strange example of architectural preservation. Half way up the wall is the former first floor portion of the original No.3 High Street, an early 17th century house. When the High Street was rebuilt in 1965, the house was rolled out and stored in the centre of the road whilst rebuilding took place. When Littlewoods built their store, they

incorporated the top half of the building into the store.

Finally cross back to Wide Marsh Street, walk right through to the end past the birth place in 1716 of the actor David Garrick, after whom the London Theatre is named. Across the ring road is the Old Harp Inn (Banks mild £1.29 and bitter £1.31 on electric pumps.

There are other pubs on the way but these are the most interesting, the whole walk is about ten minutes to return to the Treacle Mine and with the stops can easily be completed in a lunchtime session.

Barry Horwell

ENFIELD & BARNET NEWS

A new pub opened on Monday 31st January in Church End, Finchley (near to Finchley Central underground station). It is called the CATCHER IN THE RYE and is managed by Regent Inns.

Among the beers on sale is "Catcher Bitter" at £1.50 a pint - the supplier being described as "a company secret". Other beers are Brakspear's Bitter at £1.65 a pint; Theakston's XB (£1.70) and Greene King IPA (also £1.70). The beers seem rather overpriced — particularly in comparison to the nearby Wetherspoon pub.

Derek Smith

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

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| 4-5 MARCH | Portsmouth Winterfest, Thorngate Halls, Gosport. |
| 9-11 MARCH | London Drinker, Camden Centre, Bidborough Street WC1. |
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Dear Editors

Those of our readers who, like me, despair of finding a drinkable alternative to Boddingtons or Marston Pedegree in Whitbread pubs may be heartened by a trial I stumbled across just before Christmas in North Wales.

This part of the country is overwhelmingly dominated by Whitbread, although there are a number of Marston's pubs in the area. One is the Harp in Bangor which has been selected as one of ten houses test marketing a range of new beers to be introduced not only in Marston's own houses but also into Whitbread and the free trade.

Each of the following were available for one week only and customer comment was invited. All sold for less than £1.50 a pint and I was told all were very drinkable. During my visit the porter was on and was excellent. A subsequent

visit at New Year found the New Year Celebration Ale off "until tomorrow — we can't keep up with demand".

The full list was:-

Hop Pickers Ale	4.2 ABV
New Season Ale	3.7
Cobber Ale	4.2
Monks Habit	5.2
Iron Founders	3.8
Porter	4.4
India Export Pale Ale	5.0
Christmas Beer	4.8
New Year Celebration Ale	4.0
Winter Warmer	5.2

Apart from the promise that this selection offers, it is nice to see a variety of ABV and not just brain damaging 5.0+ strengths.

Yours sincerely

Barry Horwell
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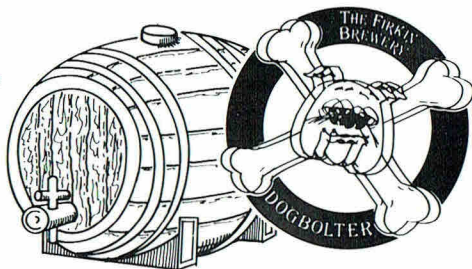
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BEER BRIEFING
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A fairly quiet month following the pre-Christmas openings. Daft renamings continue apace and more 'ale house' conversions are recorded. In the Grand Met estate Ruddle's and Webster's beers are rapidly being replaced with those from Courage and John Smiths which many will consider a marginal improvement. A growing number of outlets are becoming more adventurous with their guest beers, with the small breweries being given a chance at last. Greene King have opened another pub in Croydon

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

EAST

E11, CHURCHILLS, 36 High Street, Wanstead. Renamed **CLUTTERBUCKS (ALE HOUSE)**. Adnams: Bitter. Clutterbucks (possibly Friary Meux: Best Bitter). Mansfield: Old Baily. Tetley: Bitter. Plus 4 varying guest beers including one mild. The latest Allied Clutterbucks Ale House conversion with a no music policy and daily newspapers for perusal. A complete contrast to its previous incarnation as a deafening fizz Allied music bar. Originally WOODBINE, an independent wine bar with handpump. (Omitted in error from E guide).

E15, STEAMSHIP, 14 Bramall Close. Courage: Best Bitter. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Deleted in error. (E155, U86)

BARKING, WESTBURY ARMS, 174 Ripple Road. Reopened Grand Met (Watney) pub. No real ale. (X14, U71)

SOUTH EAST

BECKENHAM, BECKENHAM, 75 High Street. Renamed **FLAT FOOT SAMS**. Boddington: Bitter. Strong: Country Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. A Whitbread '50's American' theme pub conversion complete with slot machines and fast food. Music orientated plus banks of video screens, thankfully without sound. (SE204)

**PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL
ALE**

NORTH

N1, RISING SUN. Charrington, now converted to residential use. (N41, U53)

N16, NEVILLE ARMS. Charrington, demolished (N95)

NORTH WEST

NW7, ROYAL SCOT. Ex-Courage, converted to a Happy Eater restaurant several years ago, now demolished (not in N guide)

SOUTH EAST

SE10, GLOUCESTER. Charrington, H removed. (SE83)

SE18, GATEHOUSE. Renamed **MANCINI'S**. Now a Free House, ex Whitbread. H removed. (SE146)

WEST

FELTHAM, LOCOMOTIVE. Watney, H unused. (W100)

**OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES
CENTRAL**

EC1, THREE CROWNS. Renamed **O'HANLON**. -Wethered: Bitter. +Boddington: Bitter. +Crouch Vale: IPA. +2 varying guest beers from small breweries. Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri, 7-11 Saturday, closed Sunday. Food until 9.30. (E26)

W1 (F), NEW INN. Renamed **SURGEON (YE OLDE)**. -Wadworth: 6X. -Younger: Scotch Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB, Old Peculier. Refurbished with a 'medical theme', surgeons' tools, pictures etc. The menu continues the theme. Claims to be "London's most original ale house" - presumably for sick jokes. (W32)

W1 (MAR), GOLDEN EAGLE. -Boddington: Bitter. +Adnams: Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. (W34, U66)

W1 (May), AUDLEY. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W38, U50)

W1 (May), BLACK LION & FRENCH HORN. +Fuller: London Pride. +Worthington: Best Bitter. Delete 11th line of description. (W38)

W1 (May), BURLINGTON BERTIE. -Young: Bitter. +Charrington: IPA. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (W38, U75)

W1 (May), COACH & HORSES, 5 Bruton Street. -Younger: Scotch Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter. +Younger: IPA. (W38)

W1 (May), COACH & HORSES, 5 Hill Street. -M&B: Highgate Mild. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (W38, U80)

W1 (May), DUKE OF YORK. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. (W39)

W1 (May), GILLRAYS. -Flowers: Original Bitter. -Greene King: Abbot Ale. -Wethered: Bitter. +Boddington: Bitter. +Brakspear: Bitter. (W39)

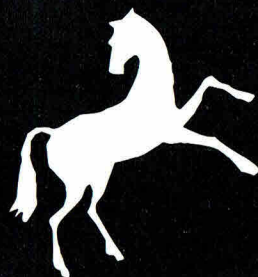
W1 (May), GOAT TAVERN. -Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W39)

W1 (May), GROSVENOR ARMS. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +Greene King: IPA. +John Smith: Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. (W39, U50)

W1 (May), HOG IN THE POUND. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W39)

W1 (May), HOGSHEAD (IN ST JAMES). -Beers listed except Boddington Bitter and Fuller London Pride. +Flowers: IPA. Plus 5 guest beers from Whitbread range. Formerly BUNCH OF GRAPES. (W38, U79)

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W1 (May), MASONS ARMS. -Ruddle: County. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W39, U56, U60)

W1 (May), PUNCH BOWL. -Ruddle: Best Bitter. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. (W39, U50, U80)

W1 (May), ROSE & CROWN. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Greene King: Abbot Ale. +John Smith: Bitter. (W40, U50)

W1 (May), RUNNING FOOTMAN. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W40)

W1 (May), RUNNING HORSE. +John Smith: Bitter. (W40)

W1 (May), SHEPHERDS TAVERN. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W40)

W1 (May), SPREAD EAGLE. -Beers listed except Brakspear Special Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W40)

W1 (May), VIGOS (CAFE BAR). -Younger: IPA. Formerly THISTLE. (W40, U48)

W1 (May), WATERLOO DESPATCH. -Beers listed. +Tetley: Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. Now a Free House, ex Watney tied. Note correct spelling of name.

W1 (May), WOODSTOCK. -Younger: IPA. +Theakston: XB. +Bulmer: Traditional Cider. (W40, U82)

W1 (May), YATES'S WINE LODGE. -Yates: Ale. +Ruddle: Best Bitter. (W40)

W1 (S), ARGYLL ARMS. -Brakspear: Bitter. -Wadworth: Farmers Glory. +Adnams: Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. Plus guest beer from 'Brewers Dray'. Beers may vary. (W41, U80)

W1 (S), BLUE POSTS, 18 Kingly Street. -Flowers: Original Bitter. -Greene King: Abbot Ale. +Boddington: Bitter. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Flowers: IPA. (W41, U80)

W1 (S), CLACHAN. +Guest beer. (W41, U80)

W1 (S), CROWN. -Charrington: IPA. +Fuller: London Pride. +Hancock: HB. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (W42)

W1 (S), DEVONSHIRE ARMS. -Beers listed except Wadworth 6X. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W42, U53)

W1 (S), DUKE OF ARGYLL. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. Now 'Chef & Brewer' tied, ex 'Free House'. (W42, U57)

W1 (S), GEORGE. -Friary Meux: Best Bitter. -Wadworth: 6X. (W42)

W1 (S), GLASSBLOWER. -Beers listed except Brakspear Bitter, Greene King IPA & Wadworth 6X. +Brakspear: Mild, Special Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W42, U53)

W1 (S), GREEN MAN. +Fuller: London Pride. +Wadworth: 6X. (W42)

W1 (S), LEICESTER ARMS. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith:

Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. (W43, U53, U64)

W1 (S), QUEENS HEAD. -Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. +Young: Winter Warner. (W44, U48)

W1 (S), SHAKESPEARES HEAD, 29 Great Marlborough Street. -Ruddle: County. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. Note correct address. (W44, U80)

W1 (S), SUN & THIRTEEN CANTONS. -Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. +Boddington: Bitter. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Flowers: Original Bitter. +Whitbread: Winter Royal. (W44, U54, U60)

WC1, BOOT. -Charrington: IPA. +Bass (occasional). (W45)

WC1, HANSLER ARMS. -Beers listed except Brakspear Bitter. Pub is for sale. (W46, U54)

WC1, QUEENS LARDER. -Flowers: IPA. -Wethered: Bitter. +Fuller: Chiswick Bitter. +Guest beer. (W50, U51)

WC1, SWAN. -Beers listed. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Greene King: IPA, Rayment Special Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W51)

WC2, GEORGE, 2 George Court. -Charrington: IPA. +Fuller: London Pride. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (W53)

WC2, KENT CONNECTION. -Ruddle: Best Bitter. +Tetley: Bitter. (W54, U74)

EAST

E14, KINGSBRIDGE ARMS. +Young: Special. (E146)

NORTH

N8, TOLLGATE. -Marston: Pedigree. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. +Wadworth: 6X. Plus up to 3 guest beers. Recently extended. (U47)

NORTH WEST

NW8, PRINCESS ROYAL. +Guest beers from Classic Ales including Butterknowle, Harveys, Morland and Ringwood beers. (N158, U51, U73)

SOUTH EAST

SE10 HARDYS. -Young: Bitter, Special. +Boddington: Bitter (G). +Eldridge Pope: Best Bitter (G). +Flowers: Original Bitter (G). (SE84)

SE10, PRINCE OF ORANGE. +Bass. +Fuller: London Pride. Now also named GREENWICH STUDIO THEATRE. (SE86)

SE19, HOLLY BUSH. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (SE155)

SE19, SPORTSMAN. Now a Free House, ex Youngers but still retaining S&N beers. (SE157, U50, U83)

SE20, STREETS BAR. Reverted to QUEEN ADELAIDE although "STREETS" is also displayed on frontage. (SE164, U49, U82, U83)

CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL. -Beers listed. +Greene King: Mild, IPA, Rayment Special Bitter, Abbot Ale. Now a Greene King pub, ex Courage. (SE248)

SOUTH WEST

SW15, RAILWAY. +Courage: Directors Bitter. Formerly DRUMMONDS. (SW47, U29, U53, U54, U60, U72, U89)

SW17, HOPE TAVERN. -Taylor Walker: Best Bitter. +Adnams: Bitter. +Walker: Winter Warner (winter). +Guest ale from Allied range including Alloa beers. (SW50, U60)



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WEST

FELTHAM, RAILWAY TAVERN. -Courage: Directors Bitter. +2 guest beers. (W100)
HAYES, ADAM & EVE. -Beers listed. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (W117)
HAYES, CROWN. -Young: Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. +Ruddle: Best Bitter. +Young: Special. (W117, U78)
HAYES, GRANGE. -Ruddle: County. +Ruddle: Best Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. (W118)
HAYES, GRAPES. -Beers listed. +Boddington: Bitter. +Flowers: Original Bitter. -Whitbread: Winter Royal. (W118)
HAYES, ROYAL OAK. -Flowers: IPA. +Courage: Best Bitter. (W118, U78)
HOUNSLOW, MUSWELLS. Renamed **PALIO**. Still fizz cafe bar. (W128)
ISLEWORTH, KINGS ARMS. -Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. +Wadworth: 6X. +Guest beers including a mild. (W131, U60, U62)
ISLEWORTH, WOODLANDS TAVERN. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (W131)
TWICKENHAM, FIVE OAKS. -Beers listed. +Benskins: Best Bitter. +Tetley: Bitter. (W150)
TWICKENHAM, RED LION. +Guest beers. (W151)
TWICKENHAM, WHITE SWAN. +Guest beers. (W151)

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criticising the J.D.Wetherspoon organisation in any way. What they do is provide a reasonable range of beers at reasonable prices in pleasant surroundings; but, so far as beer range is concerned, there isn't a lot of point travelling to the other side of London as the beers available will be the same as those in the Moon and Thingummy on your doorstep. I am sure that Tim Martin and his fellow directors do not expect you to travel all over the place to drink in their pubs — more and more each month they are coming to you.

If you like you could describe it as the Tesco philosophy — around my area new Tesco supermarkets are being built or have recently opened at spacings of something like two or three miles. It is all about market share and I believe that Wetherspoon's are following the same plan; that is to give the public what they want (if not what they dream about) without them having to go out of their way to get it.

Meanwhile most of us still wait for our local ex-Watney's pub to get in stocks of our all-time favourite beer, though if in your case that is something out of the ordinary, don't hold your breath.

Andy Pirson

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 88

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE
N1, PRINCE ALBERT. Address should read 37 Wharfedale Road.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 89

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE
E3, IMPERIAL CROWN. Address is 50 St Leonards Street.
N1, CENTRAL STATION. Address is 37 Wharfedale Road.
SE5, FOX ON THE HILL. Address is 149 Denmark Hill.
SE16, JOLLY WAGGONERS. Address is 11 Rotherhithe Old Road.
SUTTON, MOON ON THE HILL. Address omitted: 5-9 Hill Road.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE
FELTHAM, CRICKETERS. Is a Courage pub.
HOUNSLOW, GREYHOUND. Is a Watney pub.

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES
W1 (F), HOLYROOD. Ref should read (W29, U52).
W1 (F), NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS. Renamed G.E. ALDWINKLES.
W1 (Mar), DEVONSHIRE ARMS. Address omitted: 7 Duke Street.
W1 (Mar), ROYAL OAK. Ref omitted: (W36, U51).
WC1, PRINCESS LOUISE. Should read and Princess Louise: Best Bitter.
N1, PRINCE OF WALES. Address omitted: 342 Caledonian Road.
N16, TANNERS HALL. Ref should read (N94).
SW2, J.J. MOONS. Ref should read (SW19, U57, U71).
SW6, WHEATSHEAF. Address omitted: 562 Kings Road and should read -(minus) Thwaites: Bitter.

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own range. No prizes for guessing which.

In a page advert Fullers announced the opening of "The Waterfront" pub on the Isle of Dogs, coupled with suggestions of six others of their pubs to visit. That company converted three of its houses to real ale, and was about to launch a low alcohol beer.

In North London, Greene King had acquired four pubs, three from Marler's and one from Sam Smiths. There was an advert for a "Waltham Forest Real Ale Festival" which subsequently led to complaints as it took place in a political social club for its own profit — a fact no stated there. That's the problem about running a magazine with an all-volunteer team; you don't have time to cross-check and vet everything, so there have been a few almighty clangers. We're all human, one hopes! However, despite its shortcomings and, I might add, one or two threats of action for libel, London Drinker continues to thrive and, it seems, to please its readership without whom production would be pointless and impossible.

Happy Birthday, London Drinker, and many more of them!

Martin Smith

FULLER'S UPDATE

Deputy Mayor of Ealing, Councillor Ian Potts, was the guest of honour at the opening of the recently refurbished Fuller's pub, the Wheatsheaf, Haven Lane, Ealing. Councillor Potts joined Fuller's Chairman, Anthony Fuller and managers, Stephen and Lorraine Watson behind the bar to celebrate the successful completion of the major renovations that have enabled the reinstatement of the public bar and transformation of part of the court yard into a new saloon bar. Stephen and Lorraine have been at the Wheatsheaf for three years and in that time they have built a reputation of excellent food and beer, ensuring the pub's continued entry in The Good Beer Guide. As well as serving Fuller's award winning ales, the Wheatsheaf offers a variety of services that make the pub that little bit special. Customers may sit by the log fire and browse through the daily papers at leisure whilst supping on their ale or alternatively on freshly squeezed orange juice. The more energetic can play pub games or exercise the "little grey cells" with a pub quiz. Councillor Potts not only pulled the first pint of ESB but he enjoyed drinking it whilst touring his ward in style on the Fuller's horse and dray, pulled by Shires, George and Ransom!



Chiswick pub, the Windmill recently handed over a cheque for £850 to the Cancer Research Fund, bringing the total raised by the pub to £10,000 in just over four years. The money was procured through the Windmill's annual Jazz Day, held every June and through the pub's success in the Fuller's Quiz League, having won it three times in succession and five times in total.

Every Christmas, Fuller's holds a promotion on its polypins of ESB and London Pride, available through its pubs, Wine Merchants and the Brewery, enabling one lucky person to enjoy a pint of beer a day for a year free. This year's winner is Mr Ken Nicholson who lives in Chertsey and is a regular at the Coach & Horses, Chertsey. Congratulations!

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 PAVLOUS ARMS
SW1 RISING SUN
SW1 ROYAL OAK
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR
SW2 J.J. MOONS
SW3 COOPERS ARMS
SW3 ROSE
SW3 SURPRISE
SW4 ANCHOR & HOPE
SW4 ROSE & CROWN
SW4 SPRINGFIELD TAVERN
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND
SW6 WHITE HORSE
SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS
SW8 OLD RED HOUSE
SW8 PRIORY ARMS
SW8 SURPRISE
SW9 BEEHIVE
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
SW15 CASTLE
SW15 JOLLY GARDENERS
SW16 BRASS FARTHING
SW16 GREYHOUND
SW16 PIED BULL
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 SPREAD EAGLE
SW19 ALEXANDRA
SW19 GROVE
SW19 KINGS HEAD
SW19 PRINCE OF WALES,
Morden Road
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL
SW19 TRAFALGAR
CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN
CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR
CHEAM, RAILWAY
HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER
HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE
KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER
KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS

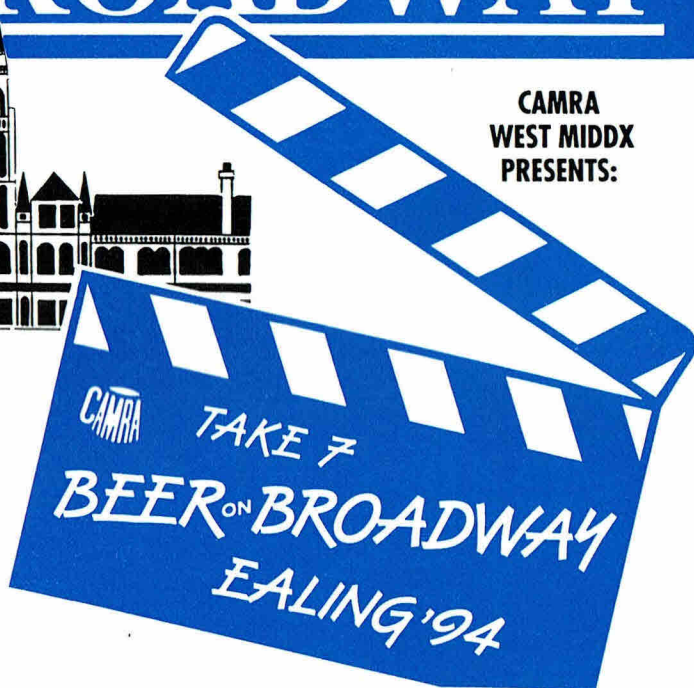
KINGSTON, COCOANUT
KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD
KINGSTON, FIGHTING COCKS
KINGSTON, GAZEBO
KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
KINGSTON, SPRING GROVE
KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS
KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
MITCHAM, CRICKETERS
MITCHAM, KINGS ARMS
MITCHAM, RAVENSBUURY ARMS
MITCHAM, WHITE LION 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
SUTTON, NEW TOWN
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING
MOON
W1 ARGYLL ARMS
W1 MORTIMER ARMS
W1 WINDMILL
W1 WESTMORELAND ARMS
W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
W2 ROYAL STANDARD
W3 KINGS ARMS
W4 WINDMILL
W5 PLOUGH
W5 RED LION
W5 ROSE & CROWN
W5 WHEATSHEAF
W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
W6 RICHMOND ARMS
W10 VILLAGE INN
W11 FROG & FIRKIN
W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE
W12 MOON ON THE GREEN
W13 THE FORESTER
W14 WARWICK ARMS
BRENTFORD, BREWERY TAP
BRENTFORD, GLOBE
BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON
CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD
HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS
HAMPTON (West), WHITE HART
HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART
HARLINGTON, CROWN
HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR
HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER
HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE
HOUNSLOW, BEAVER
HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES
HOUNSLOW, EARL RUSSELL
HOUNSLOW, LORD CLYDE
HOUNSLOW, MOON UNDER WATER
ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS
ISLEWORTH, SWAN INN
KEW, COACH & HORSES
SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS
SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN
STAINES, CAVALIER

TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER
TWICKENHAM, ALBANY
TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE
TWICKENHAM, FIVE OAKS
TWICKENHAM, MOON UNDER
WATER
TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTT
TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT
UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES
WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON
WHITTON, WHITE HART
OFF TRADE
W2 PADDINGTON STATION
NEWS STAND
W11 GROGBLOSSOM
CLUBS
ISLEWORTH, Western Geophysical
Social Club
W1 Polytechnic of Central London
S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsolver Street
OUTSIDE LONDON
ALDERSHOT, VOLUNTEER
ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWERS
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BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR
BRIGHTON, THE SUSSEX YEOMAN
CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING &
QUEEN
CHERTSEY, CASTLE
CHERTSEY, KINGS ARMS
COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT
DARTFORD, ROYAL VICTORIA &
BULL
EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS
EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS
LONG DITTON, MASONS ARMS
KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL
LALHAM, FEATHERS
LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS
MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS
MORTIMER WEST END (Hants),
RED LION
OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK
PETERBOROUGH, BOGART'S
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, FLOWERPOT
SUNBURY, HARE & HOUNDS
SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK
TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &
FEATHERS
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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