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# DRINKER



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# Where to buy London Drinker

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

## OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS  
EC1 BISHOPS FINGER  
EC1 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 McCANNS  
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 HOWERD 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

Recently I was approached by the landlord of a new London Drinker outlet and he asked me if he could use the CAMRA logo for a new sign he planned to display above the bar. I was intrigued to see the wording of the sign. It states that 'All ales, stouts, lagers and cask-conditioned beers on these premises are not recycled in any way'. Of course, I readily gave permission saying how I applauded his actions. This landlord has worked for both the London major independents. He says that this is the first time he has been given the necessary margins to be able to tip waste down the sink.

When I announced this to a crowded branch meeting gathered to decide on our entries for next year's Good Beer Guide, the members immediately voted the pub in, although it wasn't even short listed before. This shows the concerns of all our members about returned beer, and I know that many of our readers share our concerns.

We all know of managers or tenants who would not dream of adulterating their beer, but virtually all return the pull-throughs of a new barrel to the same cask, and if this is done straight away I can understand the reasoning. Not so long ago the brewers would measure the length of the lines from the barrel to the point of dispense and allow that much waste beer per container. Everything was fine until some unscrupulous landlords started pulling back and pocketing the extra. The same applied to the old ullage allowance system. So one can understand a brewer's reluctance to make allowances to publicans.

Unfortunately, in withdrawing these privileges, the brewers have penalised the conscientious publican as well and now margins are so tight, we, the consumers, are seeing the reintroduction of the dreaded aluminium bucket behind the bar into which all slops from the drip trays are fed, ends of barrels are added and in the worst cases, left over beer from the customers glasses. In some pubs the customers can see three or four buckets either in full view or under the bar into which lager, stouts and beers are poured, ready to be returned to a luckless cask or keg after closing time. It is so instructional to stand or sit at the bar where you can see what happens to the left over beer. Does it go down the sink as in a lot of our Good Beer Guide pubs or is it stored in the smoky, polluted

atmosphere of the bar? It might be carried downstairs and stored in the cellar until later, but how are we to know what will be happening when it goes out of sight?

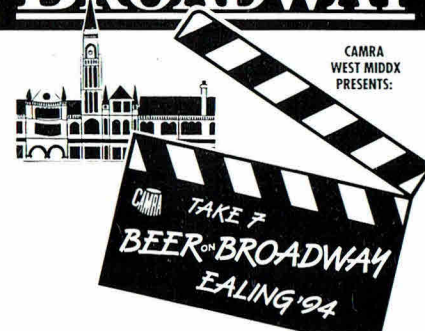
At CAMRA festivals, we use over sized glasses to minimise waste and all slops are disposed of down the sink, so customers can taste the beers as they come out of the brewery, be they good, indifferent or bad. We still have to stick to a strict budget which must include projected waste and our prices reflect this waste. We have fewer overheads than a publican so our beer is, even then, competitively priced.

I say that, even if the customers have to pay a little extra for the waste beer in a pub going down the sink, they will put up with that if they are guaranteed an unadulterated pint at the end.

So come on then brewers! Reward your conscientious licensees or managers for good practice and penalise the others who hold the customers in such disdain and then try to blame you for supplying a bad product in the first place. Your reputations are also on the line.

**Chris Cobbold**

# BEER ON BROADWAY



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## IDLE MOMENTS

Hello again, and if I am in time, may I wish you a happy Easter. I must start with an apology this month — I'm sorry. What for? I'd better explain after the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 26 is the Lowest Number you Cannot Score with a Single dart
2. 454 Grammes in a Pound
3. 12 Tribes of Israel
4. 46,656 Cubic Inches in a Cubic Yard
5. 17 Number One Hits of Elvis Presley
6. 4 Teams Left in the Semi-Finals
7. 54 BC - Caesar's First Expedition to Britain
8. 10,080 Minutes in a Week
9. 459 (Minus) is Absolute Zero in Degrees Fahrenheit
10. 6 is the Number of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony

Did you spot the mistake for which my apology is due? Of course you did, it's obvious isn't it — Caesar's SECOND expedition to Britain was in 54BC; the first was in 55BC. On that one the winter weather got the better of the Romans and they sailed home again, so on the second occasion Caesar ordered the ships to be destroyed by fire so that they couldn't go home until they had got enough of a foothold to build or buy new ones — hence the expression to burn your boats.

Anyway, enough of the history lesson; we have something different this month. A reader has responded to my moaning that I find it harder every month to generate new number puzzles so he has sent me in some of his own. You will see that they do not all, in fact contain numbers — this is another departure:

1. 1787 FFS for A
2. SNG, D of the FS
3. 303 C of the LER
4. DHC, 1st JA
5. NB, OBP
6. 4 RRM on a LB
7. SCC, I of the H
8. 1941 JAPH
9. 750 CC of the TBM
10. A, H of the BA

How rude of me! I forgot to give a proper acknowledgement to the author of these puzzles. He signs himself as Nick, The Black Grunger of Hounslow although his address is

in Woking. Yes I do recall who invented that character — it was none other than Rambling Sid Rumpo (alias Kenneth Williams) in a spoof folk song about somebody bearing a strong resemblance to Dick Turpin. (Apparently, his ghost now haunts Tesco's where he manifests himself behind the bacon counter.) Nick sent me the answers sealed up separately and I haven't looked at them yet (I promise) but I think that he must be younger than I am because, if I am right, I think that in No. 9 the number could also be (and originally was) 650 rather than 750.

Now, back to sanity(?) and the brewery anagrams, starting as usual with last month's answers:

1. CRANE BOMBS VEAL  
BRANSCOMBE VALE
2. LIES DEAD  
DALESIDE
3. NEAT STERN  
ANN STREET
4. MADE NUN  
MUNDANE
5. FILL BUM FAST  
BULLMASTIFF

And here, once again are this month's:

1. DON RANG HIT
2. RATE DUG
3. BAN MATES
4. LOU DAMNS
5. RAN DUEL

After the positive response to last month's 5 by 4 (i.e. Nobody has written in yet to say it's crap.) here is the second half with five other groups of four singers and songs they had hits with — only they're all jumbled up. Like last month, the answers are at the bottom for those of you who can't wait:

The groups are:

1. The Four Preps
2. The Four Pennies
3. The Four Tops
4. The Four Knights
5. The Four Bucketeers

And the songs are:

- A. Juliet
- B. Big Man
- C. Bucket of Water Song
- D. I Get So Lonely
- E. Bernadette

Now it's up to you to sort them out.

Meanwhile it's time once again for those all important general knowledge questions, important to those who have nothing better to worry about, that is. Here are last month's answers:

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1. Number 17.
2. Number 4.
3. Radio 4
4. The mainland of Great Britain
5. Laxey, Isle of Man (The Lady Isabella)
6. The Isle of Wight
7. Harlequins RFC
8. Wonder Woman
9. Just outside Leatherhead
10. The Quetzalcoatl at Cholula de Rivadabia, 63 miles south east of Mexico City

And now here are this month's questions:

1. Apart from Dusty Springfield, three other performers (solo or groups) have had hits with the song "I Only Want To (or Wanna) Be With You." Who were they?
2. Still with the same song, three of the recordings peaked at Number 4 in the UK charts while the fourth only reached No. 16 — which one?
3. We all know that the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol was designed by I.K. Brunel but it was not completed until after his death. In its completion, second hand chains were used from an earlier Brunel suspension bridge which was subsequently replaced. In what city did that earlier bridge stand?
4. The Clifton Suspension Bridge was subject of a design competition in which the judge, another eminent engineer, declared that Brunel's design exceeded the maximum possible length for a suspension bridge. Who was he?
5. What chemical element has the symbol K?
6. How many weeks are there between Easter and Whitsun?
7. In the reign of which monarch was the first £5 postage stamp issued in Great Britain?
8. What brewery produced the special bottled ale to commemorate the tenth anniversary of CAMRA?
9. What group of islands has Hugh Town as its capital?
10. What name is given to a wind of Force 12 on the Beaufort Scale

And finally here's this month's 5 by 4 solution:

1-B, 2-A, 3-E, 4-D, 5-C.

Have a nice time until next month.

Cheerio!

**Andy Pirson**

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MAULDONS BLACK ADDER  
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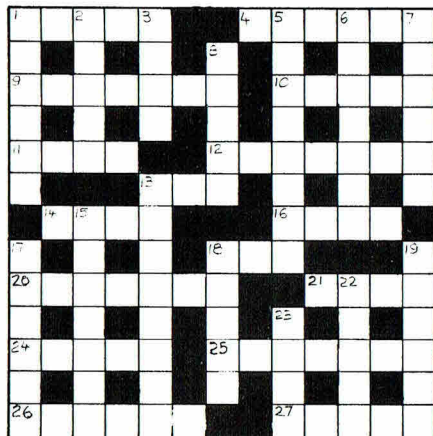
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# THE LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON

SPECIAL PRIZE TO BE WON



## ACROSS

1. Cook slaughtered 24 across. [5]
4. Writer finds bed in London Area. [6]
9. It's sad to attempt to imprison the elderly. [7]
10. Get thinner and lighter. [5]
11. This vegetable may give out water, I hear. [4]
12. Going on about old horses? [7]
13. Companies producing lettuce. [3]
14. God's purpose provides incentive. [4]
16. Road, I hear, is travelled. [4]
18. Famous reformer and cook. [3]
20. He fantasises about red mare. [7]
21. The pain of the preacher. [4]
24. It's most advisable to contain a creature. [5]
25. The French, deep down, are clean. [7]
26. Aims to have me in for repairs. [6]
27. Share out or cut. [5]

## DOWN

1. Tablet broken in fight. [6]
2. Holy man has time for acting. [5]
3. English office with garden. [4]
5. Grey coat taken off in class. [8]
6. A politician told untruths or made insinuations. [7]
7. Anger when a green is ploughed up. [6]
8. Gentlemen, apparently, provide songs. [5]
13. Made to swallow match head and burnt. [8]
15. Before and after the churchman. [7]
17. I bleed badly and may be consumed. [6]
18. Father unwell? It's the fancy piece! [5]
19. Stray into the hill and fear arises. [6]
22. Scrounge dollar in prison. [5]
23. Swear to smother American in gas. [4]

Name .....

Address .....

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All correct entries received by first post on 27th April will be entered into a draw for two tickets to the Great British Beer Festival.

Prize winner will be announced in the June 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

C	U	P	I	D	P	R	E	S	E	N	T
U	A	R	A	N	R	E	N	T			
T	O	T	A	S	S	I	S	T	A	N	T
L	R	F	T	U	O						
A	V	I	A	T	O	R	I	D	E	R	
S	C		Y	E	O						
S	H	I	E	L	D	A	D	R	O	I	T
	D	U	G								
A	M	E	N	D	R	U	S	T	L	E	R
W		F		D	O	H	E				
F	U	R	N	I	T	U	R	E	B	R	A
U	A	T	N	E	U	T					
L	I	N	S	E	E	D	P	A	G	E	S

Winner of the prize for the February Crossword:  
Ibis Maritima, Thames Estuary.

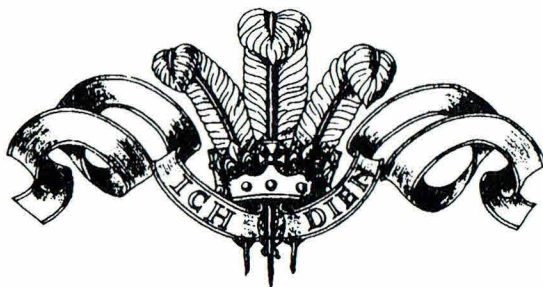
Other correct entries were received from:

Aaron Aardvaark, Paul Adams, Mrs. D.M.Amy, Mrs. Pat Andrews, J.Barker, Andrew Bovey, Alan Brooke, Andy Canroux, Brendan Casey, Neil Chapman, Phil Clark, Michael Clarke, A.P.Conaish, K.Creighton, Jane Darnbrough, Ian Davey, R.A.Dodds, Barry Egelton, Kathryn Everitt, Mike Farrelly, A.Fawcett, B.H.Fletcher, P.French, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Guy & Alison, John Heakin, John Heath, Alison Henley, Ivor Jardonne, Phil Kempton, Doug King & Queen, Pete Large, Martin Ludgate, P.McAleavy, Susan Manjoury, H.J.Moran, Al Mountain, Charles Murray, January Musson, Terry Neill, D.S.Noble, H.O'Connor, Steve Pigott, R.Prince, Jim Richards, Tanya Smith, Old Snokey, Young Snokey, Richard Stephenson, David Tyrrell, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Spud Whale, Tony Whitford, Chris Withhouse, S.Wilkinson, Susan Wilson, David Woodward, Terry Wookey, Yak, Robert Young.

There was also one incorrect entry.

We are sorry but only entries on the original grid can be accepted - no photocopies can be entered into the draw for the prize.





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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

I should like to point out that it is not the case that J.D.Wetherspoons offer the same beers simultaneously throughout their estate as alleged in the march editorial.

On February 24th I visited five of their houses in west and north west London. The "standard" beers were not the same in each, one offered Greene King beers which the others did not. Also all five houses stocked a guest beer but these were from three different breweries — Exe Valley, Crouch Vale and Pilgrim.

There is therefore some justification for travelling around (not only for the joy of drinking in music-less pubs).

Yours,

Brian Fletcher

Sevenoaks.

*Editor's Comment:*

*Okay, I admit that there is some variation across the Wetherspoon estate with regard to the beers but I think you will agree that the main supplies still come from a fairly small number of brewers. I am rather surprised that you found Greene King beers in only one pub — I was under the impression that their IPA was one of the standard beers to be found alongside Younger's Scotch Bitter in most, if not all, of their outlets.*

*I will freely admit that my observations were not taken from travelling around but rather — as I stated as the basis of my editorial — from the lists of beers reported in the newly opened outlets. I type them out each month and frequently I only have to key in the beers list once for up to four or five Wetherspoon pubs (such are the joys of using a word processor).*

*I am pleased that the guest beers no longer seem to be the same in all pubs each week — I suspect that as a result of their expanding chain, some the smaller breweries (which I am also pleased that they are supporting) would be unable to meet the demand to serve all their pubs at the same time.*

*I think you are jumping to the support of the Wetherspoon Organisation somewhat unnecessarily. I was not criticising them for the style of their business, merely observing that that is how they appear to operate. Is it significant that I haven't received a letter from the Company refuting my editorial?*

**Andy Pirson**

Dear Editors,

I write to you concerning what appears to be a growing part of the central London scene, namely a 'door policy' where the pub employs a bouncer who vets potential customers.

Inevitably this policy is aimed at one group of society, males under 35. Increasingly recently I have been turned away, both when alone and when with a group of friends with the retort "Couples only", "No groups of young men" or "No football fans".

If pubs selected their clientele on the basis of their race they would be liable for prosecution under the relevant legislation; in my case I appear to have no redress.

Two of the worst pubs in this regard are regulars in the Good Beer Guide: The Marquess of Anglesea in Covent Garden and the Chandos, St. Martins Lane. I would therefore ask local CAMRA members to exclude these or any other pubs from future Good Beer Guides or at least mention the 'door policy' in the pub's description, thereby saving myself and my friends a wasted journey.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Roberts

New Southgate, N11

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Dear Editors,

I visited all but one pub listed in the 1993 Good Beer Guide in the Greater London area. Below is my top 10:

1. CITTIE OF YORK — HOLBURN
2. DOVE — HAMMERSMITH
3. KINGS ARMS — HAMPTON COURT
4. BUN SHOP — SURBITON
5. POPES GROTT — TWICKENHAM
6. DRUM — LEYTON
7. GOOSE & FIRKIN — SOUTHWARK
8. GREYHOUND BREWERY — STREATHAM
9. MARKET PORTER — SOUTHWARK
10. CATFORD RAM — CATFORD

It would be interesting to see other readers top ten. I am willing to collate the results for a definite top ten.

Yours faithfully

Ian Duggan

Middlesex

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# THE ALBANY

Station Yard, Twickenham, Middlesex

## MICRO MADNESS ALE FESTIVAL

Thursday 7th April - Sunday 10th April '94



Hanby Drawwell Bitter

Malton Owd Bob

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Dear Editors,

I write to you (with tongue in cheek) with reference to the August 1993 issue and in particular the Kingston Pub Crawl article on page 21. It was a splendid article but we own the Fighting Cocks, a pub about which you suggest, "Keep going straight"; well, I dare say last August it was a fair comment. Since taking over as Operations Manager for C.C.C. Leisure (Corporate Catering Company Ltd.) I have concentrated on developing the retailing of ales in our free houses, of which the Fighting Cocks is one.

You will now find in our newly refurbished Fighting cocks a selection of fine ales (normally at least four) plus a selection of Belgian beers. The pub is very popular with students during the evenings and we have been responsible for converting many "younger" drinkers to the pleasure of real ale.

For your information, I enclose a list of our pubs at which we have successfully "turned on the taps". I am currently working on the other fourteen pubs to do the same. I also distribute recipes using real ale to all our pubs and I would be more than pleased to share these with you if you think they would be of interest.

Good health and good drinking ahoy!

Yours sincerely,

Roger Loiselle MBII

Operations Manager,

C.C.C. Leisure, Richmond.

*Editor's Comment:*

*Thanks for the letter, Roger. Unfortunately the list of pubs to which you refer wasn't actually in the envelope — we would be most interested to see it and to pass on the information to our readers.*

*With regard to the real ale recipes, they would be most interesting and I am sure many of our readers would like to try them — possibly the basis for a regular feature here.*

*Also, I'm glad to give you the opportunity to tell us of the improvements at the Fighting Cocks although the "keep going straight" was meant to be simply a route instruction rather than a specific suggestion to avoid the pub — I think.*

**Andy Pirson**

Dear Editor,

## **NO JUSTICE FOR THE DRINKER**

In their wisdom the government have shelved their decision to implement the introduction of oversize glasses. This finally would have given the drinker what they are paying for, a pint beer and not some beer including froth. They have also decreed that 5% of your pint can be froth. This means that on a beer costing £1.50 you will be paying 7p for air. Their argument is that it would cost too much to implement. How and too much to who? Autobar (0604-811977 Tony Clark) supply the Great British Beer Festival with glasses and his office said the difference between a 20oz glass and a 22oz glass is about 18p. Given the average life of glass is three months (each year 40 million glasses are replaced) the brewers can hardly claim much of an increase on the price of a pint to pass on to the customer can they? **CAMRA WILL GIVE YOU VALUE FOR MONEY — ALL OUR FESTIVALS USE OVERSIZE GLASSES.**

Also can you announce the beer of the festival was Tomintoul Stag. A thank you to all those who voted.

Yours faithfully

Keith Emmerson

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Dear Editor,

As a regular at the premises concerned I feel I must reply to Jim Bracken's letter in the March edition about the Queens Theatre Bar in Hornchurch.

They regularly have a differing selection of guest beers which are listed as stated.

However the permanent price list, which is situated on the customers side of the bar, makes it clear that there is a surcharge of 20p per drink to cover the cost of the Sunday jazz.

As I am sure Jim really knows £1.50, is not an excessive price for a guest beer in the London area. The Theatre does a good job giving customers a much needed choice of beer in an area dominated by the national brewers.

Sundays are very popular at the Queens and the locals do not object to paying a bit more for the entertainment.

Yours sincerely

Peter Roberts

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## PUBLICAN WINS BEER PURCHASE TEST CASE

Publicans engaged in a long-running campaign against the terms of their leases with *Intntrepreneur*, the joint venture between *Courage* and *Grand Metropolitan*, recently won a significant victory in a High Court test case.

An application by *Courage* for an injunction to ban Midlands tenant Mr Martin Bayliss from breaking the terms of his lease by buying half his beer stocks from wholesalers at cheaper prices, was refused by Mr Justice Morritt.

The ruling could spark similar actions from other *Intntrepreneur* tenants dissatisfied with their leases. Up to 200 other tenants are understood to be considering action.

The ruling will remain until the European Commission reaches a decision later this year on whether the UK's brewery tie system is legal under European competition law.

Mr Bayliss had claimed that the terms of his lease, requiring him to buy all beer direct from the brewers, made it impossible to buy stock and pay rent on his Solihull pub. If able to buy at discounted prices, he could save £10,000 a year, he told the court.

## NEWS FROM WETHERSPOON

Pub operator J D Wetherspoon is trying to spread its style of outlet to the borough of Bromley — but with little luck.

The company operates 77 free houses, 75 of which are in Greater London (February 1994) and has selected a number of sites in the borough which it wants to convert.

It has put forward application for the following sites, High Street, Beckenham; High Street, Orpington; High Street, Bromley; Queensway, Petts Wood and High Street, Penge.

In Beckenham the council rejected the scheme and Wetherspoons has now pulled out, at Petts Wood, the scheme was rejected, but the company is appealing and is taking the same action at Orpington, where the scheme was rejected, the company invited to put forward another scheme and rejected again.

In Bromley the company has pulled out after losing a licensing hearing and although it has planning permission for Penge to convert a former cinema, the council have not yet made a decision as to whether they will allow the

company to demolish the whole site in order to rebuild a pub from new.

Wetherspoons Managing Director Tim Martin said: "I don't understand why they don't want us to open in the borough."

"If the five pubs had opened it would have meant an investment of more than £4 million and well as the creation of 80-90 full and part time jobs."

"We feel strongly that there is a demand for our style of pub in the areas we have chosen and hopefully we will open some in the area soon."

"The nearby borough of Croydon has three of our pubs, all of which are doing very well and we would hope to emulate their success in Bromley."

## LONDON DRINKER — PUTNEY

South West London Branch are looking for a CAMRA member to take over the distribution of the London Drinker in the Putney and Putney Heath area. This round currently consists of only five pubs so there is some scope to increase the number of outlets. If you are interested please ring Martin Butler on 081-862 6178 (daytime) or 081-542 3158 (home) for further information.

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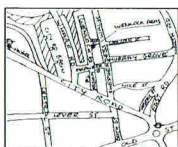
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## SOUTH WEST LONDON PUB OF THE YEAR THE HOPE AND ANCHOR

Every year in the mailout to our branch members, we include a voting form for our 'Pub of the Year' and this year the list contained what the branch considered to be the pick of the pubs from the Good Beer Guide entries in our area. The pubs were short listed and mailed to our 700 members for their decision. On the list were eight Young's pubs which reflects the high esteem in which the breweries pubs are held up us; one Fuller's house (our only one!) and one free house. Last year's winner, The Priory Arms, was excluded as per our branch rules so the scene was set for the Hope & Anchor in Acre Lane, Brixton to win for the second time in recent years.



*Martin Butler of SW CAMRA congratulating John and Judy from the Hope & Anchor at Battersea*

The Hope & Anchor is everything to its customers. A children's room is available in cold weather, an excellent garden for fine weather, Good Food Guide inclusion and a Good Beer Guide regular. It is also a big fund-raiser for 'Debra'; the skin blistering complaint suffered by some children. Well done to you all at the Hope!

The award will be presented on Wednesday 20 April at 8.30.

**Chris Cobbold**

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## CATFORD BEER FESTIVAL 1994

South-East London branch of CAMRA will be holding their annual beer festival at the Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, Catford SE6. The event will run from Wednesday 15th June to Saturday 18th of June.

A range of nearly 45 traditional beers from small independent breweries will be available, along with Cider, Perry and foreign bottled beers. The cask beers will be cooled using a new system of in-cask probes.

The occasion will also see the launch of the branch's new pub guide, which will detail every pub in the south-east London postal districts.

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Godalming  
Surrey

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## BRANCH DIARY

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

**LONDON PUBS GROUP:** Wed 27 (7.30) Business Meeting, with a speaker from Fullers Brewery. WINDMILL, Windmill Street, W1 — Tue 31 May (8.00) Pub Crawl of Richmond. Start OLD SHIP, 3 King Street then WATERMANS ARMS, 12 Water Lane; WHITE CROSS HOTEL, Riverside, Water Lane, WHITE SWAN, 26 Old Palace Lane; finish at ORANGE TREE (AROUND 10.20), 45 Kew Road.

**CROYDON & SUTTON:** Thu 7 (8.00) Two Pub Social. CRESCENT ARMS, 323 White Horse Road, Selhurst then DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE — Thu 14 (8.00) Carshalton Crawl. Start FOX & HOUNDS then WOODMAN and GREYHOUND — Thu 21 (8.00) Social. HORSESHOE, 745 London Road, Thornton Heath Pond — Wed 27 (8.00) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon.

**EAST LONDON & CITY:** Mon 11 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ARTILLERY ARMS, Bunhill Row, EC1 — Wed 20 (8.00) Branch Social. TAP & SPILE then DRUM, both Lea Bridge Road, E10 — Mon 9 May (8.00) Branch Meeting. WENLOCK ARMS, Wenlock Road N1.

**ENFIELD & BARNET:** Tue 5 (9.00) Two Pub Social. BUILDERS ARMS, 3 Albert Road, New Barnet then LORD KITCHENER (10.00), 49 East Barnet Road — Wed 13 (9.00) Temple Fortune Trauma. HOPS, 750 Finchley Road, NW11 then ROYAL OAK (10.00), 117 Finchley Road (not far away, despite street numbers, but on opposite sides of road) — Tue 19 (9.00) Social. ORANGE TREE, 18 Highfield Road, N21 — Thu 28 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. KINGS HEAD, 84 High Street, Barnet

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Thu 14 (8.30) Branch Meeting. GRIFFIN, Claygate — Wed 20 (8.30) Social. BLACK LION, Surbiton — Thu 5 May Brewery Trip to Morlands, Abingdon. Call Branch Contact for details and bookings.

**NORTH LONDON:** Tue 5 (8.00) Three Pub Social in N8. Start HARRINGEY ARMS, 153 Crouch Hill then QUEENS HOTEL (8.45), 26 Broadway Parade, Tottenham Lane; RAILWAY TAVERN (9.45), 23 Crouch End Hill (Crouch Hill or Hornsey BR) — Tue 12 (8.00) Two Pub Social in NW8. BLENHEIM, 21 Loudoun Road then CLIFTON (9.30), 96 Clifton Hill (St Johns Wood tube or South Hampstead BR) — Tue 19 (8.00) Three Pub Social in NW3. Start JACK STRAW'S CASTLE, North End Way then BULL AND BUSH (8.45), North End Way; SPANIARDS INN (9.30), Spaniards Road (Hampstead tube or Hampstead Heath BR, bus 268 or 210) — Thu 28 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. PAKENHAM ARMS, 1 Pakenham Street, WC1 (Kings Cross or Russell Square tube) — Tue 3 May (8.00) Two Pub Social in N17. ELBOW ROOM, 503—505 High Road; CLUTTERBUCKS (9.30), 803 High Road (Seven Sisters tube or Bruce Grove BR).

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Thu 7 (8.00) Committee Meeting. WHITE BEAR, Kingsley Road, Hounslow — Tue 19 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ALBANY, Station Yard, Twickenham — Tue 26 (8.00) Joint Social with North Surrey Branch. HOBGOBLIN, 14 Church Street, Staines.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Mon 11 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting. LORD CLYDE, Clenham Street, SE1 — Thu 28 (8.00) Social. BARGEPOLE, Harrow Manorway, Abbey Wood, SE2 (nearest BR station Abbey Wood. Buses 180/380/178 from Lewisham pass nearby).

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX:** Wed 6 (8.30) Hornchurch Pub Crawl. Start J.J. MOONS then CRICKETERS (9.00); BULL (9.30), KINGS HEAD (10.00). All pubs are in High Street (A124) — Tue 12 (8.30) Social. TOWER ARMS, Weald Road (opposite church), South Weald — Thu 21 (8.30) Social. NEW FAIRLOP OAK, Fulwell Cross (A123), Barkingside. Pub has beer festival starting this day — Mon 25 (6.30 at brewery) Brewery Trip to HARVEYS, Lewes. Details/bookings contact Wendy Benson on 0708-723897 — Wed 4 May (8.30) May Mild Social. KINGS HEAD, The Green, West Tilbury (OS: TQ661780).

**SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Sat 9 Coach Trip to Hop Back Brewery. Bookings to Dave Paterson on 0932-226940 (7pm to 9pm only) — Tue 12 (8.00) Open Branch Committee and Open Festival

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Committee Meetings. GROVE, 39 Oldridge Road, Balham, SW2 — Wed 20 (8.00) Pub of the Year Presentation. HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane, Brixton, SW2 — Sun 15 May: Cricket at Wargrave. Players please ring Alan Millington on 081-769 7696 — Fri 20 May (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, South Lambeth, SW8

**WATFORD & DISTRICT:** Wed 6 (8.30) Bushey Social. Start QUEENS ARMS then KING STAG (9.15); SWAN (10.00) — Wed 13 (8.30) GBG Social. THE COMPASSES, Abbots Langley — Tue 19 (8.30) Watford Social. GOLDEN LION then BLAKES (9.15); WELLINGTON (10.00) — Sun 24 (8.30) Branch Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB — Wed 27 (8.30) Beer Tasting. WEST HERTS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB.

**WEST LONDON:** Thu 21 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 — Wed 13 (8.00) Maida Vale Ale Trail. BRIDGE HOUSE, 13 Westbourne Terrace, W2; WARWICK CASTLE (8.40), 6 Warwick Place, W9; TRUSCOTT ARMS (9.20), 55 Shirland Road; PRINCE ALFRED (10.00), Formosa Street; WARRINGTON HOTEL (10.30), 93 Warrington Crescent — Thu 19 May (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (followed by EGM to discuss branch finances). WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6.

**WEST MIDDLESEX:** Tue 5 (8.00) Quiz Night. SEVEN BALLS, 749 Kenton Lane, Harrow Weald — Thu 14 to Sat 16 "BEER ON BROADWAY 72 Beer Festival at Ealing Town Hall. BE THERE. See elsewhere for details — Wed 20 (8.30) Open Committee Meeting. CROWN, Colham Green, Hillingdon — Thu 28 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. PLOUGH, Northfield Avenue, South Ealing, W5 — Wed 18 May (8.00 sharp) Advance Notice: BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. LOAD OF HAY, Villier Street, Uxbridge. Please bring your membership card along to vote.

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## NOT EVEN A PINT IN A PINT POT

Trading Standards Officers are not raising their glasses to toast the announcement (by Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Minister for Trade and Technology), that the Government has now decided not to implement Section 43 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985, which would have illegalised the practice of including the frothy head on many beers as part of the "pint" for which consumers currently pay prices of £1.25 and upwards.

Chris Howell, Chairman of the Institute's Metrology and Quantity Standards Committee recalled the statement by Mr Edward Leigh, the then Tory Consumer Affairs Minister, on 20th December 1991, when he proudly announced the Government's intention to implement Section 43, which had lain dormant for 13 years, awaiting Ministerial consent to its introduction.

"I have fought hard in Europe to retain the traditional British pint", said the then Minister, "My view on consumer protection is that people should get what they think they are getting and what they pay for."

On this issue the Government has clearly changed its mind.

Recalling the fight by brewing interests to avoid the introduction of Section 43, Chris Howell recalled that in February 1992

the brewers were claiming that the cost of serving "full" measures would add 14p to the cost of a pint due to the need to fit beer meters in pubs and clubs. In October 1992 the additional cost was going to be 10p, and now Mr McLoughlin tells us it would add 7p to the cost of a pint.

At least the DTI press release indicates that the Minister has acknowledged that this increase is due to the cost of the extra beer that would have to be passed on to consumers. Put another way, this means that a lot of outlets have been making a nice profit at the expense of the consumer. Approximately 20% of licensees already use either line measures or beer meters which do give a full pint of liquid, and I have seen no evidence that they consistently charge more than their competitors who use brim measures. One wonders how they have managed to remain in business under the circumstances.

The latest decision is claimed to be part of the Government's deregulation initiatives. "We have always been concerned that the concept of deregulation would demote consumer protection interests to the bottom of the pile", said an ITSA spokesman: "this latest decision can only reaffirm that view."



## FULLER'S UPDATE

As many of you will have noticed, Fuller's reduced the price of two of its products by nearly 20p throughout the Managed Estate and in the majority of Tenanted houses. Initially the promotion was to run for three months, however, sales have been so encouraging that it will now be continued. This means that Chiswick Bitter will continue to be sold at £1.29 and Hock at £1.19 in a move designed to reassure customers that despite the recession, they can still enjoy a pint of Fuller's real ale at very competitive prices. The Fuller's promotion highlights two brands which have perhaps been unfairly overlooked in the past. However, Hock has now established itself as a premium mild brand and has earned itself a sizeable following, particularly with the educated palates of CAMRA members. Sales of Chiswick are up too, and many people are taking advantage of the price reduction by buying mixed drinks such as Hock and London Pride or Chiswick Bitter and ESB.

Thirty regulars from the New Moon, Hanworth, well and truly earned their refreshments in the Hock Cellar at the Brewery when they walked the eight miles from the pub to Fuller's for charity. They were met by Managing Director, Michael Turner who was presented with a wooden shield made by one of the visitors to commemorate the event. The pub hopes to raise at least £18,000 for local charities through various events although they believe that the majority of it will be raised through a swear bottle residing on the bar at the New Moon! They were well supported by Capital Gold who followed their progress on air.

Bob Williams, Fuller's Warehouse supervisor, recently celebrated his 40 years service with the Company when Anthony Fuller presented him with an engraved gold pocket watch. Bob who really is as tall as his picture suggests, joined Fuller's in 1953, starting as Brewing Room Boy, working his way up to being the youngest ever foreman at the Brewery of both the Tun Room and the Racking Room. Bob says that he has thoroughly enjoyed working for Fuller's and seldom has he not looked forward to coming to work, a rare feat!



## NEWS FROM YOUNG'S BREWERY

### Brewery and council join forces to cut "Health Police" red tape

Young's brewery and Wandsworth Council have joined forces to try to cut bureaucracy and inconsistency among environmental health officers.



*Georgina Wilson, a member of the staff at the Brewery Tap, Wandsworth, wearing a protective coat and hat, plastic gloves and blue sticking plaster over her earrings, wraps a meal in clingfilm ready to serve to a customer in the garden.*

Since (March 1994), Wandsworth has been acting as a "home authority", helping Youngs to cope with the mounting tide of health and safety regulations and trying to ensure that they are applied consistently throughout the land.

The move, thought to be the first involving a brewery, could have wide-ranging implications for the brewing, hotel and catering industries.

The council stepped in after brewery chairman John Young complained about the actions of environmental health officers — who, he said, were now known as the Health Police — and the fact that the law was being interpreted in conflicting ways by many local authorities.

He said in his 1993 annual report to share-

holders: "Regulations on hygiene in places where food and drink are prepared and served are both necessary and desirable, but their application and enforcement must be handled sensibly."

He said environmental health officers had been given "enormous discretionary powers with no right of appeal".

Under the "home authority" agreement, companies can look to a single local authority for advice and help on problems affecting outlets spread over a wide area. Youngs will now be able to reach agreement over food hygiene matters with Wandsworth Council in respect of all its 180 pubs, both inside and outside the borough.

Youngs, the Wandsworth independent brewers, have scooped the first three places in a competition to find the best pub in the London area.

A panel of experts from CAMRA have chose the Dog and Bull in Surrey Street, Croydon, as thier London Region Pub of the Year.

Two other Young's houses — The Flask, in Flask Walk, Hampstead, and the Waggon and Horses in Surbiton Hill Road, Surbiton — were joint second.

The Dog and Bull now goes forward to CAMRA's national finals, contested by pubs from 14 regions throughout Britain. The national winner is expected to be announced later this month.

Youngs have only 180 pubs, or three per cent of the 6,000 pubs in the London area, but regularly win more awards for their beers and pubs than any other brewery in the capital.



*Winners: Frank Egan, Licensee of the Dog and Bull (centre) with Joe Reilly of the Waggon and Horses (left) and John Orr of the Flask.*

Young's Special, the beer the Queen Mother preferred to Champagne, has gone national.



The Wandsworth-brewed premium bitter is now available for the first time throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

Youngs have signed a series of agreements with other brewers and wholesalers with depts as far apart as Inverness and Cornwall, Aberystwyth and East Anglia.

The five major national brewers — Bass, Carlsberg-Tetley, Courage, Scottish & Newcastle and Whitbread — are joined by five widespread regional independents — Adnams of Southwold, Charles Wells of Bedford, Felinfoel of Llanelli, Maclays of Alloa and Mitchells of Lancaster — is stocking the 4.6 ABV Special.

The Queen Mother showed her appreciation of Young's Special when she visited the Queen's Head at Stepney in London's East End in 1987.



*The Queen Mother pulling herself a pint of Young's Special.*

She went behind the bar to pull a pint and when she was offered a glass of Champagne, she drank the beer instead. "Never mind the Champagne," she said, "this is much better."

Every Young's pub now has pictures of the Queen Mother pulling a pint of Special and drinking the beer.

Young's Special, which has won dozens of prizes at brewing exhibitions and beer festivals over the years, is brewed from the finest English malt, and Fuggles and Goldings hops.

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10 Varley Parade, Colindale NW9

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749 High Road, North Finchley, N12

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36-38 Friern Barnet Road, New Southgate N11

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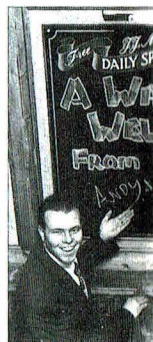
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149 Denmark Hill, London SE5

### SUTTON

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25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road, Wallington,  
Surrey

#### MOON ON THE HILL

5-9 Hill Road, Sutton, Surrey

### TOWER HAMLETS

#### CAMDEN'S HEAD

456 Bethnal Green Road,  
Bethnal Green E2

### WALTHAM FOREST

#### THE DRUM

557/9 Lea Bridge Road, Walthamstow E10

### WANDSWORTH

#### JJ MOON'S

56a High Street, Tooting SW17

#### MOON UNDER WATER

194 Balham High Road, Balham SW12

#### SPOTTED DOG

72 Garratt Lane, Arndale Centre, Wandsworth SW18

#### THE RAILWAY

202 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London  
SW15

### WESTMINSTER

#### MOON UNDER WATER

28 Leicester Square, London WC2

#### WETHERPOONS

Victoria Station, London SW1

### BERKSHIRE

#### OLD MANOR

Church Road, Bracknell, Berkshire

### NORWICH

#### BELL HOTEL

5 Orford Hill, Norwich, Norfolk



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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the 20 page April 1979 London Drinker had a blue cover, which bore the photo of three gents enjoying a beer in a typical bar scene. What appeared to be a caption, but actually referred to part of the content, read *"THE PRICEY PINT. This month London Drinker begins a new series on the ever increasing price of beer."* This referred to an article entitled "Why your pint costs more than it should", which explained that 90% of London pubs were owned by the Big Six, who did not compete in price, and that pubs in the Metropolis pushed up prices at the slightest pretext. Is history not repeating itself? Rather than going into detail, I quote three lines of the article: *"What all this adds up to in London is that with 90% of the pubs owned by brewers who are more expensive than they need be, prices are bound to be higher on average than elsewhere."* PLUS ça change, as an EEC partner might say ...

Ron Atkins provided a pub crawl of Hampstead, visiting 12 pubs.

In a forerunner of Beer Update, a list of 13 pubs recently converted to real ale appeared, with seven changes of beers on sale in other London pubs.

"Guide to the Ads" provided translations of advertiser-speak. For example, *"Harp — puts out the fire"* is construed as "It's rather like water", *"Look at the beautiful body"* is explained as "we had to have an excuse to put a lady with a large bosom on the ad", and *"E-That's Beer"* draws the comment "There should be a question mark at the end".

Finally, part one of the 'Drinker' Glossary provided explanations of some technical terms likely to appear in articles. Working alphabetically, this part began with Air Pressure and got as far as Fizz.

TEN YEARS AGO the 28 page April 1984 issue's white cover illustrated the Chiswick Eyot, originally, and since re-titled, The Roebuck in Chiswick High Road, A Truman house which was planning a three-day beer festival including a number of beers from independent breweries. I can't check how many; due to a typesetting error the figure was omitted from the phrase "... no less than Real Beers will be featured." Nine were mentioned by name.

In London Drinking, Red Rover described a

somewhat unsuccessful crawl in Clapton and Leyton. In the same issue the North London pursuer of the Youngs passport toured Tooting, Mitcham, Merton and South Wimbledon.

John Davis, that inveterate traveller, had found a drinkable beer in Portugal. His wife June outlined the local situation regarding wines and spirits. Her contribution was proceeded, by courtesy of the gremlin, with the sub-heading "The Mensahib writes".

In a full page advert the improbably named "Vertical Refreshment Co" gave a surrealist narrative beginning with the words *"In the Vertical I met this bloke with the hippopotamus. They were playing Skittles and drinking Brakspears Special."* It mentioned several other unusual beers (for that era) and other pub games, and food. Puns included "hippohuggability", "hippocrassy" and "hippothesis". It referred to the recently-opened premises of the name mentioned, on Tooley Street SE1, between London Bridge Station and the Thames.

It had only been open, in a former warehouse, for a short while and, for that matter, it did not last long before demolition. The hippo refers to the decor, which included many furry or inflatable hippopotami. Board and pub games were available — there was an outsize chess set which fascinated the youngsters as the pieces were about half their height!

The Golden Lion, Penge was subject of a Pub Profile. Part of the renowned Maple Road crawl, this Free House is still thriving.

This being the April edition, the spirit of its first day emerged in four items: Mostyn Lewis produced an article about Crudginton's Brewery, which exists only in the cartoons of Bill Tidy; Two adverts, for Dandelion lager and "Real Ale in Thamesmead" would have produced little serious response, and London Transport was, allegedly, about to re-introduce buffet cars, with real ale. The Circle Line, it seemed, would soon introduce sleeping cars.

The Pineapple, SE1 had recently been reopened after refurbishment. At that period it was a regular venue for collections of London Drinker by branches.

The Brixton Brewery had introduced a traditional lager beer named Amber Knight. It did have some flavour, but didn't last long.

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Pisces Crustaceus wrote a serious but pun-filled treatise entitled "A Fishy Tale", the subject of which you can guess.

The Castle, Surbiton, featured the previous month, whose license was in jeopardy due to an objection, was no longer in danger of closure after it was withdrawn at the review hearing.

The Tooley Street Brewery was producing a house beer for the Dickens Inn by the Tower.

FIVE YEARS AGO the April 1989 issue has a black-framed cover with green "tombstone", a colour which appeared on 6 of its 32 pages. The cover illustration was a stylised "newspaper placard" railing against a rise in extra taxation on beer. Despite the pessimistic comments on the cover, most of the content was more cheerful. Some gloom, however, was provided in "Euro-Shock for British Drinkers" which outlined a recent EEC Directive, affecting licensing hours, the abolition of the pint as a legal measure, maximum temperature for beer, use of only continental-style neuter hops, and height limitations on bar staff. The fact that the author's name was given as H.Oakes and the CAMRA comment drawing attention to the date on the cover (1st April) should have put most unwary readers wise. A spoof advert in the same vein read: *"You don't need to visit a Real Ale pub for PFARZASSEN Real Cool British Lager. Brewed in Great Britain for the Great British Public under sterile conditions. Never knowingly underpriced. Our customers know no better."*

In Idle Moments Andy introduced the idea of anagrams of brewery names, for example, Adnams could be re-hashed as SAD MAN.

Guy Tunncliffe outlined the history of Old English Skittles and allied games.

In a Guest Editorial, Stan Tompkins looked back over ten years of handling L.D. postal subscriptions. He is still going strong and also handles the Back Numbers service, details on p. 13.

On a culinary note, Mick Lewis provided several recipes using cider and perry.

In his Historicrawl, Merton visited Horsham, West Sussex, in the first section of an article which in its entirety covered 20 pubs over a seven mile route, in 3 parts. As usual, apart from pubs a great deal of history intruded, this time involving the railway and an odd accident, the County Gaol and the Museum

"A Fatal Attraction" was the somewhat misleading heading to a glowing description of the Salisbury Real Ale and Jazz Festival, while in "Out of Town" Robert Crown wrote about the Blue Anchor at East Aberthaw, South Glamorgan.

The occasional and sometimes deliberate misunderstanding that CAMRA is somehow connected with photography led to a lighthearted piece by Sandy Ripon entitled "So You're a CAMRA Member — I've got a Nikon you know." In this photographic terms were re-interpreted, for example: "*BOX BROWNIE: A crate of beer from Newcastle*"; "*FILM: To be found floating on the beer if the glass is not clean*"; "*SELF TIMER — 'And I say your clock is ten minutes fast, landlord'*", and much in a similar vein.

Which ends this month's offering. Until May, Cheers.

Martin Smith



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# REAL DRAUGHT BEER

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### 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, Riverside

### BATTERSEA, SW11

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

### BEDDINGTON, Surrey

Plough, Croydon Rd

### BETCHWORTH, Surrey

Dolphin, The Street

### BLOOMSBURY, WC1

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

### BOROUGH, SE1

Bunch of Grapes, 2 St Thomas St

### BOW, E3

Coborn Arms, 8 Coborn Rd

### BRIXTON

Hope and Anchor,  
123 Acre Lane, SW2  
Trinity Arms,  
45 Trinity Gardens, SW9

### CARSHALTON, Surrey

Greyhound, 2 High St

### CATFORD, SE6

Catford Ram, 9 Winslade Way

### CHELSEA

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

### 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

Olde 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  
Sekford Arms, 34 Sekford St

### COVENT GARDEN, WC2

Marques of Anglesey, 39 Bow St

### CROYDON, Surrey

Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St

Gloucester, 111 White Horse Rd

Tamworth Arms, 62 Tamworth Rd

### DARTFORD, Kent

Malt Shovel, 3 Darenth Rd

### DORKING, Surrey

Old House at Home, 24 West St

### DULWICH, SE26

Dulwich Wood House,  
39 Sydenham Hill

### EAST DULWICH, SE22

Clock House, 196a Peckham Ryte

### EAST SHEEN, SW14

Hare and Hounds,  
216 Upper Richmond Rd West

### EFFINGHAM, Surrey

Plough, Orestan Lane

### EPSOM, Surrey

King's Arms, 144 East St

### ESHER, Surrey

Bear, 71 High St

### ETON WICK, Berkshire

Pickwick, 32 Eton Wick Rd

### FITZROVIA, W1

One Tun, 58 Goodge St

### FULHAM, SW6

Duke of Cumberland,  
235 New King's Rd

### GREENFORD, Middlesex

Bridge Hotel, Western Avenue

### GREENWICH, SE10

Richard I, 52-54 Royal Hill

### HAMMERSMITH, W6

Brook Green, 170 Shepherd's Bush Rd

Builders, 81 King St

Thatched House, 115 Dalling Rd

### HAMPSTEAD, NW3

Flask, 14 Flask Walk

Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St

### HARLESDEN, NW10

Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane

### ISLEWORTH, Middlesex

Castle, 18 Upper Square

Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd

### ISLINGTON, N1

Marques 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

Cricketers, 340 London Rd

King's Arms, 260 London Rd

### MORTLAKE, SW14

Charlie Butler, 40 High St

Jolly Gardeners,  
36 Lower Richmond Rd

### NORWOOD

Hope, 49 High St, SE27

Railway Bell, 14 Cawnpore St, SE19

### NOTTING HILL, W11

Duke of Wellington,  
179 Portobello Rd

Hoop, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate

### OXFORD

Angel and Greyhound,  
30 St Clements St

King's Arms, 40 Holywell St

### OXSHOTT, Surrey

Bear, Leatherhead Rd

### PIMLICO, SW1

Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank

Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd

### PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex

Fountain, Station Rd

### PRIMROSE HILL, NW1

Queens, 49 Regent's Park Rd

### PUTNEY, SW15

Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd

Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd

Green Man, Putney Heath

Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd

Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St

### REDHILL, Surrey

Home Cottage, Redstone Hill

### 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

Rd Cow, 59 Shen Rd

Shaftesbury Arms, 123 Kew Rd

Shakespeare, Lower Richmond Rd

Waterman's Arms, 12 Water Lane

White Cross, Riverside

### ROEHAMPTON, SW15

Angel, 11 High St

Maltese Cat, Aubyn Square

### ROTHERHITHE, SE16

Ship, 39-47 St Marychurch St

### SHERE, Surrey

Prince of Wales, Shere Lane

### SOUTHWARK, SE1

Founders' Arms,  
Bankside, 52 Hopton St

Prince William Henry,  
217 Blackfriars Rd

### STEPNEY

Hollands, 7-9 Exmouth St, E1

Queen's Head, 8 Flamborough St, E14

### STREATHAM, SW16

Bedford Park,  
223 Streatham High Rd

Pied Bull, 498 Streatham High Rd

### SURBITON, Surrey

Black Lion, 58 Brighton Rd

Victoria, 28 Victoria Rd

Waggon and Horses,  
1 Surbiton Hill Rd

### SUTTON, Surrey

Lord Nelson, 32 Lower Rd

New Town, 7 Land Rd

Robin Hood, 52 West St

### SYDENHAM, SE26

Bricklayers' Arms,  
189 Dartmouth Rd

### TEDDINGTON, Middlesex

Abercorn Arms, 75 Church Rd

Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane

### THORNTON HEATH, Surrey

Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd

Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd

Railway Telegraph, 19 Brigsstock 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

Royal George, 130 Hersham Rd

Swan, 50 Manor Rd

### WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey

Chequers, Chequers Lane

### WALLINGTON, Surrey

Duke's Head, 6 Manor Rd

### WANDSWORTH, SW18

Alma, 499 York Rd

Brewery Tap, 68 Wandsworth High St

County Arms, 345 Trinity Rd

Crane, 14 Armoury Way

Gardeners' Arms, 268 Merton Rd

Grapes, 39 Fairfield St

Halfway House, 521 Garratt Lane

King's Arms, 96 Wandsworth High St

Old Sergeant, 104 Garratt Lane

Pig and Whistle, 481 Merton Rd

Queen Adelaide, 35 Putney Bridge Rd

Ship, 41 Jew's Row

### Spread Eagle

71 Wandsworth High St

Two Brewers, 147 East Hill

Wheatheaf, 30 Putney Bridge Rd

### WESTMINSTER, SW1

Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France

Royal Oak, 1 Regency St

### WIMBLEDON, SW19

Alexandra, 33 Wimbledon Hill Rd

Crooked Billet, 15 Crooked Billet

Dog and Fox, 24 High St

Hand in Hand, 6 Crooked Billet

Rose and Crown, 55 High St



## NOTHING'S AS SPECIAL AS YOUNG'S



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## CAMAL COMMENT

Not 15 minutes walk from the “Frog & Rosbif”, the real ale and pukka nosh pub in Rue Saint Denis in the heart of Paris, is “Le Pub” and compared to the typical French bar, it does bear a reasonable similarity to an up-market English pub. On entering, you might be accosted by a young lady, but have no fear, she only wants to shepherdess you to a table where she, or another member of staff can exact a cover charge and hopefully, a tip. Unless she seems irresistible, you can indicate your preference to sit at the bar on one of the several stools provided and thus avoid those impositions.

When you are seated comfortably at the bar, you will be presented with a list of beers and perhaps, a large bowl of potato chips, courtesy of the house. They are particularly good and certainly sharpen your thirst while you are waiting for your beer to be delivered.

With 500 beers to choose from and 24 of them on draught, the most fastidious drinker should find at least one to his liking.

Turning to the list of draught beers, you will find that there are four or five English/Scotch, two Irish, two German, four or five Belgian, a Swiss, two Czech and several French beers. The French beers are perhaps the most interesting as they are not generally available in Paris, or anywhere else for that matter.

Now, to the uninitiated, France might not be considered the source of some of the world’s

best beers, but a little experience reveals that, whilst the distribution network leaves much to be desired, there is a wealth of untapped, or poorly tapped brewing expertise in that country and if the sources can be located, there is a treat in store for the beer connoisseur. Fortunately, the management of “Le Pub” seem to make it their business to source these beers and make them available to visitors and perhaps a few discriminating Parisians. One such beer available at the time of the visit was Jénlain Brune from north east France, a veritable cocktail of desirable beer flavours, none of which upstages the others. To call it well balanced would be perfunctory.

Whatever taste you like is there — a truly remarkable beer, clear, non-gassy and beautifully brewed. At “Le Pub” beer is sold by the pint and, where appropriate, in English style jugs.

Draught beers in the average Paris bar cost between £3 and £4 a half litre. At “Le Pub” the price is similar, but you get a pint instead of a half litre.

A visit to “Le Pub” removes any doubt, if doubt existed, that good beer does not necessarily have to be “Real”. “Le Pub” is open 24 hours a day for food and drink and is immaculate.

The nearest Metro station is Pont Neuf, but if you are coming from the north, Odean will do just as well. “Le Pub” is near where Rue Dauphine joins Rue Nazarine. You can’t miss it.

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## SOUTH EAST LONDON PUB GUIDE

The south-east London branch of CAMRA will be holding its annual beer festival at the Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, SE6. This is the second time the festival has been held there, and this years event will be open from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th June.

They will also be launching their new pub guide, which will feature every pub within the south-east London postal districts. This numbers nearly 900 pubs. The emphasis of the guide is placed on those pubs which sell traditional cask-conditioned beer, or real ale. These real ales are listed in a brief description of the pub, along with other useful information such as the local BR station, and whether or not the pub sells food. A special emphasis on facilities for families and the disabled is also made.

In view of the large number of pubs in the area there is bound to be one to suit everyones taste. From the run-down but friendly back-street local to the modern food-orientated establishment; all are listed.

The SE London area stretches from Kennington and Waterloo, through to Camberwell, and on to Norwood and Abbey Wood. The guide will be divided into the relevant postal areas, with pubs shown on a map to assist those in unfamiliar territory. A brief description of each postal area outlines its history.

It is intended to launch the guide at the beer festival but it will also be available from local book shops, and from CAMRA headquarters at 34 Alma Road, St Albans AL1 3BW.



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## HOP BACK BREWERY MAKES KEY APPOINTMENT

Hop Back Brewery of Salisbury has appointed an Area Manager to assist in its growth as it seeks to buy new pubs following a successful application for funds under the Business Expansion Scheme.

The new appointment is Richard Hall (35), with eight years experience of the industry as a pub manager with London brewers, Young's of Wandsworth.

During his time as a licensee at the Hope & Anchor at Brixton, Richard's became the first Young's house to win the coveted *Pub of the Year* award from CAMRA in SW London. Last year he came third in a competition to find London's *Licensee of the Year* in a scheme run by the Daily Mirror and the London Society of Brewers. Previously, Richard had run his own building business for eight years.



Richard Hall (left) seen alongside Hop Back MD John Gilbert at the recent Battersea Beer Festival. A poll among visitors to the festival made Hop Back's premium brew, **Summer Lightning**, the Beer-of-the-Festival. The company's **Wilt Alternative** brand came second in the poll while its **Stout** came fourth. In all, Hop Back Brewery has won 28 first prizes for beer quality from CAMRA.

Says Hop Back Managing Director John Gilbert: "Richard is a young man, yet with a wealth of experience in traditional pubs and traditional beers — and will have plenty to offer the company as we expand our tied estate."

Richard will assist the company in its current search for top-quality pubs in the south of England. The company expects to be able to announce details of its first purchases within the month.

## WETHERSPOON HITS OUT

Wetherspoon's boss Tim Martin has hit out at supermarket claims that it's cheaper to drink at home than in one of his company's pubs.

The company, which has 77 outlets (75 in Greater London) has now finished its two month "How low dare we go" price promotion throughout its estate.

And it says that customers can still enjoy a good pint of beer in any of its pubs at lower than supermarket prices.

From March a pint of Theakston Bitter cost £1.26 (Tesco £1.29 and Sainsbury's £1.42), Theakston XB £1.36 (Tesco £1.37), Courage Director's £1.36 (Tesco and Sainsbury's £1.39) and draught Guinness £1.39 (Tesco and Sainsbury's £1.44) in all Wetherspoon pub s.

And its popular Younger's Scotch Bitter, not available in supermarkets, was on sale for a knockdown 89p a pint.

Wetherspoon's Managing Director Tim Martin said: "It is a myth that it is cheaper to drink at home than in one of our pubs.

"Our prices on our best selling beers have always been competitive with supermarkets and now they are actually cheaper pint for pint.

"We're showing that it needn't cost the earth to enjoy a drink in one of our pubs.

"The demise of the British pub is an untrue myth as we are proving.

"Wetherspoon's keeps going from strength to strength and despite all the talk, we're sure people would rather drink in a pub than anywhere else."

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## FROM DUSSELDORF TO COLOGNE

In November, DICK EBOHNEN wrote about Dusseldorf, one of two cities whose beers can be sampled during a single long weekend visit. In the second part of his article, he travels 25 miles up the Rhine — to Cologne.

Cologne (Koeln) is only 25 miles from Dusseldorf — about 20 to 30 minutes by train — but the contrast in beer styles is enormous. Cologne shares with Dusseldorf the distinction of having retained its own style in the face of the Europe-wide takeover of Pilsener type beers and, like Altbier, its beer is top-fermented. However, there the similarity ends.

Koelschbier (or just plain Koelsch) is characterised by a lightness of colour, a delicacy of flavour, and a softness of palate. It could be described as “subtle” if that word had not too often been brought into disrepute by GBG entries using it as a synonym for “bland”.

There are about 25 different brands of Koelsch, all brewed in Cologne or its immediate environs. Indeed only beer brewed within a defined area around the city can be termed Koelsch. This was tested in the courts some years ago when the Wicküler brewery based in Wuppertal tried to introduce a Koelsch. The court ruled that the description “Koelsch” could only be applied to beer brewed in the Cologne area — in effect applying the Appellation Controlee principle, used for French wine, to beer. This is an interesting ruling when you consider that many people nowadays believe that it is the ingredients and brewing processes that matter. The Germans, who after all have a beer purity law, clearly believe that it is also reasonable to expect that a beer described as being of a local style should originate from that area. (The principle does not of course extend to styles from outside Germany; an awful lot of German beer is called Pils!)

(The idea that British beers should have to justify their origins would not go down well with the big brewers for whom Masham is apparently a suburb of Newcastle on Tyne and Rutland an area extending as far as Mortlake.)

The ending to the story is not particularly happy. The company concerned decided it still wanted to brew Koelsch and so established the Kuppers brewery in the South of the city. Kuppers Koelsch, because it has the marketing effort of a major company behind it, is the biggest single seller in Cologne and is one of the best known outside the area, but it is an undistinguished example of the Koelsch style. The company shows some enterprise in that it offers an unfiltered (and therefore slightly

cloudy) version of its beer (known as Wiess), although it is fairly hard to find and is arguably something of a “locospotters” beer.

The crawl however concentrates on three home brew taverns (or to be more accurate two home brew taverns plus a third selling the Koelsch from a parent home brew tavern situated off the crawl route). The first is a few minutes’ walk from the main railway station and is reached by walking past the cathedral (you can’t miss it) to Am Hof. The P J Frueh Coelner Hofbrauhaus is surely the most famous of the three and is certainly the biggest. Like the Dusseldorf taverns it is largely occupied by tables but has a small standing area for the more dedicated artiste.

Koelsch is traditionally served in tall straight glasses which contain only centilitres (a little over one third of a pint). This can be frustrating for some; an acquaintance of mine — an Old Shirtliftian and a gentleman — would probably finish a glass in a single swallow. However, service is normally quick and efficient so that another beer will appear when the waiter (termed “Kobe” in Cologne) sees that you are empty. The Cologne Kobe uses a specially designed circular tray with a central pillar handle and holes round the periphery for the glasses. This arrangement allows about a dozen glasses to be carried in the holes, and when times are busy, extra can be carried by

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putting additional glasses in an inner circle, resting against those in the holes. (A Dusseldorf waiter would probably laugh at this; they carry glasses on ordinary circular trays, and can manage about 40 at a time if necessary).

The fare is much the same as in the Dusseldorf taverns it anything from bread and cheese — termed *Halve Hahn* (half chicken) in Cologne — to hot meals. the *schweinehaxe* and the more wimpish *Eisbein* are again among the favourites.

The next port of call is at the top end of the Heumarkt ("Haymarket") which is found by turning right on leaving *Freuh's*, then taking the second or third right and walking through the old quarter to the Heumarkt. (May I recommend at this stage that you have a street map of the city centre; I tried to draw a map to accompany this article and it was a mess, and I got bored with describing left and right turns and street names.) The establishment we are looking for is a tavern belonging to the *Paeffgen* brewery. It is not the main tavern, which is situated at 64/66 *Friesenstrasse* (central Cologne, but off the route of this mini-crawl). It is a relatively small tavern although is still in the classic style. *Paeffgen* Koelsch is one of the most bitter examples of the style, although with such a delicate style, this is relative — it does not have the massive bitterness of the Dusseldorf *Alts* described last month I rate it highly on the Koelsch scale.

The third port of call is at the bottom end of the Heumarkt — *Brauerei zur Malzmühle* ("malt mill"). This tavern is entered by two revolving doors set side by side, each door leading to a different room. *Malzmühle*

Koelsch is more malty in flavour and so something of a contrast to *Paeffgen's*. Unlike the other two, *Malzmühle* sells bottles (and casks) for the take away market.

While I have concentrated on the three home brew taverns in Cologne, there are numerous other bars in the old town selling many of the numerous brands of Koelsch beer produced. There are reputed to be 26 Koelsch brewers, so the city is a paradise for those who favour the trainspotting approach to beer. In Dusseldorf, the products of the home brew taverns are markedly superior to those of the commercial brewers. In Cologne, the gap is much narrower, so if you do feel inclined to sample everything from Dom to *Zunft* (with *Ganser*, *Gaffel*, *Garde*, *Gereons* and *Gilden*; *Rats*, *Reissdorf*, *Richmond* and *Roemer*; or *Sester*, *Sion* and *Suenner* in between), then you should not be disappointed.

As the introduction to this pair of articles mentioned, both Cologne and Dusseldorf can be visited within the compass of an extended weekend. By air, it is usually better to fly to Dusseldorf as there are more flights than to *Koeln/Bonn*. There are some cheap flights available to Dusseldorf from around £80, but of course they carry various booking restrictions. By rail, a five day return from London to Dusseldorf currently costs £86. This ticket requires that you commence your return sea crossing before midnight on the fourth day after the day on which you land on the Continental side. For example, if you travel overnight on a Friday, arriving in Cologne at about 10.20 on Saturday morning and in

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## RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS

The Hare & Hounds in Sheen, SW14, a regular Good Beer Guide entry, is currently undergoing refurbishment which, it is understood, will improve the kitchen and open the pub up generally. It was understood that it was planned to make the pub a one-roomed affair, thus effectively raising the price of a pint for public bar drinkers.

Locals were predictably angered by this decision and regulars wrote to owners Young & Co. to reverse their decision. The area manager told them that if there is sufficient opposition to the one-roomed pub, the public bar will be retained. The Richmond & Hounslow Branch of CAMRA will be writing to John Young to ask him to preserve the public bar at the Hare and Hounds.

*Footnote: We understand that since the above piece was penned, the Hare & Hounds has been visited by Caroline Young and she has stated that the public bar is to be retained. (AP)*

Another current refurbishment is under way at the Duke of York in Richmond, a small Taylor Walker pub opposite the station. The pub which is closed while the work is going on, is due to be changed out of all recognition and we await the outcome with some trepidation.

The Hope & Anchor, Hanworth, saga moves on. There is to be a public enquiry at the Civic Centre, Hounslow on March 29th, following McDonalds' appeal to the secretary of State for the Environment.

Following on from last month's article, Brentford appears to have caught on to the guest beer scene with a vengeance. Most of the pubs below are Innentrepreneur leases free of tie.

The New Inn offers varying guest beers as well as the usual Courage range. The Magpie & Crown offers Hall & Woodhouse; the Bricklayers has a changing range of beers as do the Albany and the Watermans. Timothy Taylor's Landlord is available at the White Horse.

In Isleworth the Social Club was a great success with a lot of interest in CAMRA shown by club members. Beers on sale on the night were Uley Best Bitter (superb); Tim Chudley Local Line Bitter (from Gibbs Mew) and Theakston XB.

And finally in Hounslow, five Chef & Brewer pubs taken over by S&N have been put on the market as a package under the name of the Pub Trading Co. They include the Windsor Castle, Duke of Wellington and Ruby Tuesday and are all located in west Hounslow.

Doug Scott

## GLENDA JACKSON DRAWS ON BARMAID PAST

Glenda Jackson drew on her experience as a barmaid in an effort to ensure that drinkers get a "full pint" of beer.

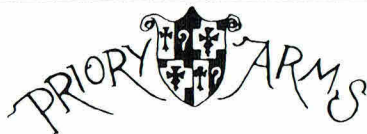
Ms. Jackson, the Labour MP for Hampstead, who worked as a barmaid at a Butlin's camp in Pwllheli, Gwynedd, in the late 1960's told a Commons committee that pubs should serve beer in marked glasses and leave customers in no doubt they were getting a "froth-free" pint of liquid.

The Government proposes, as part of the Deregulation Bill that a pint can continue to include up to 5 per cent froth. Labour accuses ministers of bowing to pressure from brewers who donate to the Conservative Party.

"I think I can claim with some confidence to be the only member of this committee with experience of being a barmaid" Ms. Jackson told the Deregulation Committee.

"Where there were marked glasses, the first thing people did was to raise their drink to eye level and check with absolute certainty that the pint of beer was really a pint."

She said legislation ensuring full pints with no froth would also lessen the chances of "unpleasant" confrontations between customers and staff.



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## HOT NEWS FROM THE ORANGE BREWERY

Those of you who peruse the pages of this magazine regularly may have noticed the lack of information from, or about, the Orange Brewery. Some of you may have been aware of the fact that we were part of Grand Met's 'Chef & Brewer' group and that now we have been acquired by S&N Retailing (a separate entity from S&N Brewing). As Grand Met. did not place a great emphasis on maintenance of the brewery, the plant is in need of refurbishment and will shortly be overhauled by S&N which will alleviate a lot of the problems we have had in the past and will once again make brewing the pleasurable activity it used to be.

Since the takeover by S&N we were unable to use courage yeast, but we were lucky enough to get yeast from the Home brewery in Nottingham with the blessings of their head brewer, Ian Sweetin (a very nice man!). It is a fruitier yeast than the one we were using and it has made a slight difference in the overall taste of our beers but you would need to be a regular regular to notice; it is also of a more consistent quality.

We are also assured of the full co-operation of their microbiology and lab technicians should we have any problems, which makes a nice change.

Our new area manager, Jez King, is firmly committed to bringing out the full potential of the brewery and we're currently re-badging our beers, so by the time you read this they should be in place in the bar. We may also do a range of brewery logo shirts — more on that when and if it happens.

We will be amalgamated with our sister brewery 'The Yorkshire Grey' on Grays Inn Road under 'The Pimlico & Bloomsbury Brewing Co.' banner and they will feature some of our beers on a guest basis.

The Greyhound brewery has now got new management, please welcome Dave and Betty Ferguson, who are committed to the real ale revival and they will be hosting a May Day festival featuring a selection of ales from all of our breweries and hopefully we'll see you there. Happy supping

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Dear Editors,

Having been a student at Bangor for four years, I read Barry Howell's letter last month with great interest, particularly with regard to the comment about Whitbread pubs.

Although it is now nine years since I graduated from those hallowed halls, I can recall very few Whitbread pubs and only one which I ever drank in. That was the Belle Vue in Upper Bangor which first sold Whitbread Special Cask from Liverpool then later the ubiquitous beer on wheels, Trophy Bitter.

Of course, the simplest thing to do is to avoid Whitbread pubs and there are plenty of alternatives, unless things have changed drastically. On or near Bangor High Street there were five excellent Burtonwood pubs in addition to Marston's Bulkeley Arms and of course the Harp mentioned in Barry's letter. This latter was a free house then selling S&N bees as well as Pedigree and Owd Rodger from Marstons and Draught Bass.

Elsewhere there were some very good Lees (Railway, Llangefri) and Robinson's pubs (Pilot Boat, Dulas, Gazelle, Glygarth). There were then only a few Marston's pubs; presumably, however, this has changed since the takeover of Border Brewery in 1984.

With regard to the Head brewer's choice

beers, I'm sure others will have remarked that these are available in more than ten pubs although there are very few outlets for these beers in the London area, the only ones to my knowledge are the Load of Hay, Uxbridge and the Tap & Spiles at Heathrow, E10 and N4; a full list of outlets was printed in December's *What's Brewing*.

There were more beers than those in the list; the most recent one I tried at Woodcocks in Lincoln was Chestnut Ale. For those who missed some of the better beers in the range, they are available in bottled form from Marstons and the Mild, Stout and Porter are sold as Tesco own brand beers for around £1 (for a half litre bottle) and are thoroughly enjoyable.

Of course, back to the Whitbread question — rather than struggling, trying to find an alternative to Marston's Pedigree and Bodingtons, both shadows of their former selves, why not avoid Whitbread pubs altogether as many CAMRA members have done in response to a number of CAMRA AGM motions following the closure of breweries in Liverpool, Sheffield, Marlow and Faversham. Where next, Castle Eden?!

Yours sincerely,

Doug Scott  
Isleworth

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## **CAMRA GOES TO MAASTRICHT TO SAVE THE BRITISH BREWING INDUSTRY**

The drinkers of Maastricht, in the Netherlands, pay 21 pence a pint less beer duty (on a 5.0% ABV pint), than the drinkers of Maidstone, Middlesbrough or Motherwell.

That massive gap in tax threatens British pubs, British breweries, and British jobs. Since the start of 1993, Britons have flocked abroad to buy drink — and that is before the Channel Tunnel opens later this year. It is a flood of cheap and nasty packaged beer.

Already a staggering 3.5% of the UK's beer is brought in from abroad, paying no UK tax. That is a million pints a day — enough to close several substantial regional breweries. Estimates for the increase in bootlegging and illegal sales have also rocketed.

Top officials from CAMRA met their counterparts in the European Beer Consumers Union, in Maastricht on the 12th March. It was a deeply symbolic meeting, in the town where the next phase of European history began.

"Britain has signed up for the Single Market — but we are not playing fair by British brewers, publicans, or drinkers" said National Chairman John Cryne. "The British Government must cut beer duty, or the European authorities must force them to do so."

"We will be discussing with our colleagues abroad how we can obtain Britain's beer drinkers a fair deal in Europe. Otherwise, it will be a victory for cheap fizz, foreign brewers, and crooks with big vans."

## BATTERSEA BEER FESTIVAL (AN APOLOGY)

Most of our readers who are looking at this now will have been to the Battersea Festival. We ordered 200 dozen lined festival glasses and when we ran out on Friday night at 7.30pm, we were left with a stock of unlined plastic glasses. As we were emphasising "one pint is 20 fluid ounces" and we were working



in conjunction with the Weights and Measures people, it was decided to limit entry to Foreign Beer drinkers only, where the bottle could be tipped into the plastic glass without worries about measure.

Some CAMRA members who attended on Wednesday evening complained about a lack of choice and, although some beers were still working, we did have forty beers for sale. The full range was available during Thursday and Friday. The committee apologise for the lack of a free programme. This and the other problems will be addressed for next year.

On the positive side, most of our 4,500 customers enjoyed themselves; the seating and layout of the hall decorated with tablecloths and flowers, being favourably commented upon.



Most people also remarked that the beer was in fine condition and at a reasonable temperature.

One thing is certain, next year we will, as usual, try harder to make the festival as enjoyable for everyone as well as our helpers!



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This month we report more new pubs including two in the West End and three in north London. Taylor Walker and the Regent Inns pub group are vying with each other in erecting Wetherspoon style pub chains, respectively "Clutterbucks" and "G.E. Aldwinkles." The uninspiring M&B Brew XI has been spotted as a guest beer in Charrington pubs.

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page number in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; K - 'Real Ale Drinkers Guide to Kent Pubs', 8th edition; N - North London Beer Guide, 2nd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - Real Beer in South West London; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 8th edition. U refers to earlier updates. # indicates a guest beer. If you would like to report changes to pubs or beers please write to: Beer Guides Updates, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR

**NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS  
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CENTRAL

W1(S), AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT, 20 Kingly Street. Adams: Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. Young: Special. Beers may vary. Small Free House bar in former shop unit specialising in blues music. Live music Tues to Thurs and Sat evenings. Food. Open 12-11 Mon-Fri, 6-11 Sat, Closed Sundays.

W1(S), BACK FROM THE BORDER, 8 Argyll Street. No real ale. New Free House/basement bar next to London Palladium.

EAST

E3, LORD TREDEGAR, 30 Lichfield Road. Bass. Tetley: Bitter. (E91, U79)

NORTH

N3, CATCHER IN THE RYE, 315-319 Regents Park Road. Bass. Brakspear: Bitter. Catchers: Bitter (origin unknown). Greene King: IPA. Theakston: XB. Varying guest beer. New Regent Inns Free House opened in January 1994 in former shop premises. Comfortably furnished in traditional style with several interconnected rooms. Food available most of day. Open 11-11 Mon-Sat, 12-3 & 7.30-10.30 Sun.

N17, WATERSEDGE INN, Stonebridge Lock, Marsh Lane (off east side of new road, Watermead Way). Fuller: ESB. New single storey Free House bar created out of existing cafe alongside River Lea. Patio, families welcome, car parking nearby. London Pride on fizz and beware Scrumpy Jack cider on handpump. Open all permitted hours.

ENFIELD, BLACK HORSE, 179 Hertford Road. Courage: Best Bitter. (N180, U77)

ENFIELD, KINGS ARMS, 129 Hertford Road. Greene King: IPA. (N184, U42)

ENFIELD, SWAN, 216 High Street, Ponders End. Renamed BEEF & BARREL. Bass. Wadworth: 6X. Worthington: Best Bitter. Decorated in 'bare boards' style. 4 jugs of bitter for the price of 3. Food. (N189, U77)

ENFIELD, WHITE HOUSE, 570 Hertford Road. John Smith: Bitter. Beware Scrumpy Jack cider on handpump. (N190, U77)

NEW BARNET, GREEDY GRAPE, 3 Victoria Road. No real ale. New Free House/wine bar.

**PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL  
ALE**

WEST

W12, NEW TELEGRAPH TAVERN. Belhaven, closed, future uncertain. (W91, U46)

HAMPTON WICK, ROSE & CROWN. Watney, H unused. (W106)

HOUNSLOW, RUBY TUESDAY. Watney, H unused. (W128)

**OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES**

CENTRAL

W1(F), BLUE POST. Reverted to BLUE POSTS. -Charrington: IPA. +Hancock: HB. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (W28)

W1 (Mar), WESTMORELAND ARMS. -Beers listed. +Bateman: XB. +Everard: Beacon Bitter. +Jennings: Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. (W36, U54)

WC1, DOLPHIN TAVERN. -Brakspear: Bitter. -Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. +Brakspear: Special Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. (W46, U51, U73)

EAST

E3, MELODY PARK INN. Renamed (yet again) - this time to OUTPOST. Formerly G.I. BIOS, PARK INN, INN AT THE PARK and AUNT SALLY! (E91)

E15, KING HAROLD. -Bass. -Fuller: London Pride. +Hancock: HB. (E153, U85)

NORTH

N1, ANGEL & CROWN. Renamed TUT'N'SHIVE. -Beers listed. +Boddington: Bitter. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. +Theakston: Best Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. +Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. +3 varying beers on gravity dispense. Whitbread pub redecorated in bare boards 'ale house' style. For some reason Frankenstein resides in the rafters over the bar. (N28)

N1, NOBODY INN. Now NOBODY INN (ALE HOUSE). +Guest beers. (N39, U88)

N7, HOLLOWAY. -Beers listed. +Varying range of beers including: Greene King: IPA; Marston: Old Rodger; Porridge (house beer, origin unknown); Theakston: Old Peculier. A Regent Inns Free House. (N65, U64)



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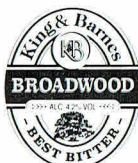
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## BEER BRIEFING

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**N17, BRICKLAYERS ARMS.** Renamed **CLUTTERBUCKS (ALE HOUSE)**. -Young: Bitter. +Adams: Bitter. +Clutterbucks (believed to be Priary Meux Best Bitter) +Marston: Pedigree. +4 varying guest beers from independent breweries. Latest Taylor Walker Clutterbucks conversion sensitively refurbished in traditional style. Split level bar, bare boards, newspapers, no music. (N98, U87)

### NORTH WEST

**NW1, HOPE & ANCHOR.** Renamed **CLUTTERBUCKS (ALE HOUSE)**. -Beers listed. +Adams: Bitter. +Clutterbucks (house beer - currently Priary Meux Best Bitter). +Marston: Pedigree. +Tetley: Bitter. +Varying range of guest beers. Attractively refurbished in typical 'ale house' style. Some original features retained including 'Hope & Anchor' clock. (N120)

**NW3, WHITE HORSE.** Renamed **G.E. ALDWINKLES**. -Beers listed. +Aldwinkles (house beer - origin unknown). +Brakspear: Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. +Young: Special. Now a Regent Inns Free House, ex Watney. Original name also still displayed in smaller letters. Sensitively refurbished retaining many original features including tiled floor. Separate eating area. Recommended. (N140)

**NW8, CROCKERS.** -Beers listed. +10 varying real ales including: Brakspear: Bitter; Greene King: Abbot Ale; Marston: Pedigree; Theakston: XB; Wadworth: 6X; Young: Special. Sadly the Vaux range beers are no longer available. (N155, U56, U62)

### SOUTH WEST

**SW1 (W), WESTMINSTER ARMS,** 9 Storeys Gate. -Beers listed except Wadworth 6X. +Bass. +Everard: Tiger. +Theakston: Best Bitter, Old Peculier. +Young: Bitter. +Varying guest beers. A Regent Inns Free House. (SW18)

**SW3, SURPRISE.** -Taylor: Landlord. +Fuller: London Pride. +M&B: Brew XI (quest). (SW23, U56, U64, U73, U81, U84)

**SW7, ANGLESEA ARMS.** +Greene King: Abbot Ale. (SW31, U61, U72, U73, U83)

**SW11, DOG & DUCK.** -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. Formerly SAVILLES. (SW41, U46)

**SW11, EAGLE.** Now **EAGLE (ALE HOUSE)**. -Flowers: Original Bitter. -Wethered: Bitter. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Wadworth: 6X. (SW39, U62)

**SW11, WINDSOR CASTLE.** -John Smith: Magnet. +John Smith: Bitter. (SW41, U60)

### WEST

**W9, TRUSCOTT ARMS.** -Beers listed except Boddington Bitter and Greene King Abbot Ale. +8 other real ales including: Brakspear: Bitter, OBJ; Brains: Bitter; Courage: Best Bitter; Gales: HSB; Hook Norton: Old Hookey; Maida Ale (house beer, origin unknown); Young: Bitter. Refurbished Free House now owned by Regent Inns, ex Clark Baker. Includes the reintroduction of the "Truscott 10". (W84)

**HAMPTON, COURT JESTER.** -Fuller: ESB. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. (W103)

**HAMPTON WICK, FORESTERS.** -Young: Special. +Young: Bitter. (W106, U66)

**HAMPTON WICK, OLD KINGS HEAD.** -Courage: Directors Bitter. +Brakspear: Special Bitter. +Greene King: IPA. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. (W106)

**HAMPTON WICK, SWAN.** -Courage: Directors Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. +Young: Bitter, Special. (W106)

**HOUNSLOW, BEAVER.** -Courage: Directors Bitter. -Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter. +Tetley: Bitter. Now a Free House (Corporate Catering Co.), ex Courage. (W126, U56)

**HOUNSLOW, DUKE OF WELLINGTON.** -Beers listed. +John Smith: Bitter. (W126)

**HOUNSLOW, HUSSAR.** -Fuller: London Pride. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Tetley: Bitter. +Young: Bitter. Now a Free House (Delaney's), ex Watney. (W126, U56, U75)

**HOUNSLOW, QUEEN VICTORIA.** +Fuller: Hock, Chiswick Bitter. (W128)

**HOUNSLOW, RIFLEMAN.** -Fuller: London Pride. -Worthington: Best Bitter. +Hancock: HB. +M&B: Brew XI. (W128, U89)

**HOUNSLOW, WINDSOR CASTLE.** -Courage: Directors Bitter. (W128)

**ISLEWORTH, ROSE & CROWN.** -Tetley: Bitter. -Younger: Scotch Bitter. +Flowers: Original Bitter. (W131, U83)

**TEDDINGTON, LION.** -Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. +Eldridge Pope: Royal Oak. +Guest Beers. (W147)

## FURTHER CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 89

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

**SUTTON, MOON ON THE HILL.** Beers omitted: -Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Wadworth: 6X. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest beers.

## OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

**W1 (F), NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS.** Address omitted: 119 Tottenham Court Road.

**W1 (Mar), PRINCE ALFRED.** Adnams Bitter and Wadworth 6X already listed in W guide.

**N16, RAILWAY TAVERN.** Is now a Free House.

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 90

## OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

**W1 (S), SHAKESPEARES HEAD.** Note correct spelling of name.

**HAYES, GRAPES.** Should read +(plus) Whitbread: Winter Royal.

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Dusseldorf at about; 11.15 (by changing at Aachen) then you can leave Germany as late as 18.14 (from Cologne) on the following Wednesday so as to catch the 23.59 boat from Ostend. A ticket to Dusseldorf is valid via Cologne and permits breaks of journey, so as well as using the one ticket for the two German cities you can also stop off in Belgium. The *Brug's Beertje* (Kemelstraat) is one worthwhile possibility, as is the *Cantillon Gueuze museum* in Brussels (rue Gheude 59) in Anderlecht — about five minutes' walk from Brussels Suid/Midi station. There is also a bar close to the railway station at Angleur (one stop past Liege Guillemins but only served by local trains and not the Ostend — Cologne trains) which sounds promising. *La Vaudree* is reputed to offer around 900 (maybe more) different beers and allegedly **never** shuts. It also serves a range of dishes using beer in the recipes.

Travel to Germany promises to be more convenient when the Channel tunnel opens as Brussels will be served directly from London by high speed trains (well, they will be high speed in France and Belgium) permitting a simple change of train to reach Cologne. There is also the prospect of through services to Cologne. My dream is to be able to drink all day in Dusseldorf or Cologne and collapse onto a through overnight train to London around midnight. It may happen!

**Dick Ebhornen**

## STOP PRESS

A recent trip to Dusseldorf enables me to rectify an omission and to report on a surprising new development.

First, the omission. I am grateful to the writer of a recent letter to the Editor who revealed my ignorance of another home brew pub selling its own Altbier — the *Oberkassler Brauhaus* across the river from Dusseldorf in Oberkassel. I went to look for it and found the wrong one! The *Belsenbrau* tavern, also in Oberkassel, sells an unfiltered version of Altbier as well as a home produced Pils. The unfiltered Alt is different; although the classic altbier taste is there, it is overlain by a slight fruitiness. Both it and the Pils make the place worth a visit, which can easily be achieved by taking any underground tram from Dusseldorf Hbf which goes over into Oberkassel (the Neuss and Loric routes are two) and alighting at Belsenplatz, which is about the third stop after crossing the Rhine. The pub is opposite the tram stop on the left. The Oberkassler

Brauhaus is apparently reached by alighting one stop earlier at Barbarossaplatz but must remain for another day.

Secondly, both Zum Uerige and Schumacher are now brewing a wheat beer! One can only assume that the growing tendency among German "yoof" to go for wheat beers has prompted these two establishments to try to jump on the bandwagon. I did not get he chance to sample the Schuhmacher version but the Uerige brew was not unpleasant. It did not have the taste of apples, cloves and cinnamon (C R Portz) associated with South German wheat beers, being more straightforwardly bitter in character. Although it was lighter both in colour and in palate, there was a detectable family resemblance to the brewery's Altbier. It will be interesting to see how these new brews fare. On the occasion of my visit, I did not see many people drinking it. Nevertheless, great brewers of great beers feel a need to pander to the kiddywinkies. The big British brewers of course have been aiming at the Kevins, Waynes, Sharons and Traceys for years and much good it has done them. Both Schumacher and Uerig might do well to remember that drinkers often mature in their tastes and that there is still a market for quality as opposed to gimmickry. Even some British lager drinkers switch to real ale after hairs start growing around their private parts!

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## GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL IS NOW EUROPEAN!!

CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival has been voted the European Beer Festival of the year for 1994 by the European Beer Consumers' Union (EBCU).

EBCU consists of CAMRA and like minded beer consumer groups such as Pinte (Holland) and OPB (from Belgium). Their main aims are to promote quality and variety of beers. For a beer festival to be given this accolade it has to show support for both of these aims. With nearly 500 different drinks to choose from and each draught beer cooled, the British Festival meets their requirements.

If you would like to find out more about EBCU, the Great British Beer Festival will have an information stand run by the organisation. Here, visitors can find out about other European Beer organisations and the lobbying work that EBCU does of the European Parliament to protect European Drinkers' rights.

The Great British Beer Festival is on 2-6th August at Olympia.



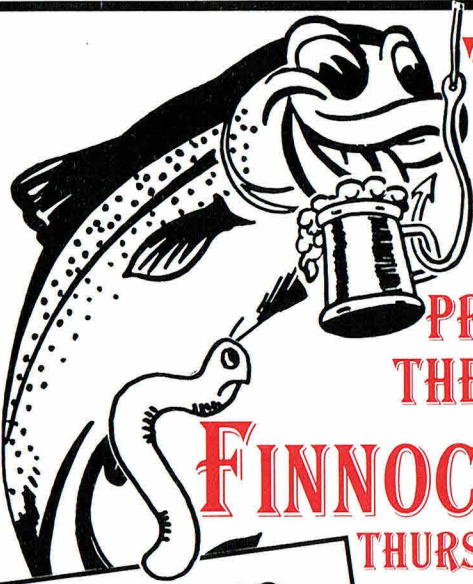
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## OUTLETS – SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

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SW1 FOX & HOUNDS  
SW1 MORPETH ARMS  
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY  
SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS  
SW1 RISING SUN  
SW1 ROYAL OAK  
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR  
SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE  
SW3 COOPERS ARMS  
SW3 ROSE  
SW3 SURPRISE  
SW4 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, Brixton Road  
SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN  
SW10 KINGS ARMS, 190 Fulham Rd  
SW10 STARGAZEY  
SW11 BEEHIVE  
SW11 PLOUGH  
SW12 MOON UNDER WATER  
SW12 NIGHTINGALE  
SW12 PRINCE OF WALES  
SW14 HARE & HOUNDS  
SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN  
SW15 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE,  
Kingston Vale  
SW15 FOX & HOUNDS  
SW15 GREEN MAN  
SW16 BRASS FARTHING  
SW16 PIED BULL  
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SW18 COUNTY ARMS  
SW18 HALFWAY HOUSE  
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SW18 PIG & WHISTLE  
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SW19 GROVE  
SW19 KINGS HEAD  
SW19 PRINCE OF WALES,  
Morden Road  
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL  
SW19 TRAFALGAR  
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CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR  
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KEW, COACH & HORSES  
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W6 RICHMOND ARMS  
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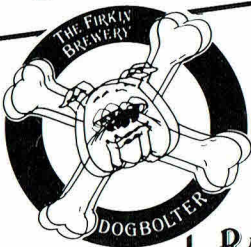
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