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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 DRUM & MONKEY
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 ROSEBERRY
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 SUTTON ARMS
EC2 49 GRESHAM STREET
EC3 SWAN
EC4 BANKER
EC4 BLACK FRIAR
EC4 CITY RETREAT
EC4 MINORIES
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E2 CAMDENS HEAD
E6 MILLERS WELL
E8 LADY DIANA
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 GEORGE TAVERN
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 TRINITY ARMS
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 ANGLESEA ARMS
SE18 COOPERS ARMS (Plaisted's)
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)
SE18 UNION TAVERN

SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
SE19 PRINCE ALBERT
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 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 RAILWAY TAVERN
N8 TOLL GATE
N9 LAMB
N10 SPOONS
N11 BANKERS DRAFT
N12 TALLY HO
N13 WHOLE HOG
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
N16 SHAKESPEARE
N17 CLUTTERBUCKS
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NEW MOON
N19 DOG
N21 DOG & DUCK
N21 HALF MOON
N21 ORANGE TREE
N22 STARTING GATE
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
BARNET, OLD MITRE
COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN
EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS
NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL
OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 LORD NELSON
NW1 QUINNS
NW1 SPREAD EAGLE
NW1 VICTORIA & ALBERT BAR
NW2 BEATEN DOCKET
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
NW3 THREE HORSESHOES
NW4 CHEQUERS
NW4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
NW8 CLIFTON HOTEL
NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL
NW9 J.J. MOONS
NW9 MOON UNDER WATER
NW10 COLISEUM
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
NW10 OUTSIDE INN
HAREFIELD, PLOUGH
HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL
HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
HATCH END, MOON & SIXPENCE
KENTON, NEW MOON
NORTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
RUISLIP, J.J. MOONS
SOUTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK
WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE
WEMBLEY, J.J. MOONS

OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
NW6 Grogblossom, 235 West End Lane
CLUBS
NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,
Middlesex University Bus. School

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EDITORIAL

Regular readers of the London Drinker cannot have failed to notice the regular Beer Briefing column that appears in (almost) every edition giving the most up to date (so far as we can ascertain) information on all the pubs in Greater London for you to keep your local beers guides updated. The mammoth task of collating this information is carried out by an unsung hero, one Roger Warhurst and I, for my sins, have the job of reading his writing and preparing it for printing (as well as generating most of the errors that creep in).

All that is just a roundabout way of introducing my topic for this month which is the burgeoning practice of producing brand new traditional pubs. Over the past year or so one of the most noticeable trends in the information coming through to me is the number of pubs on the 'Ale House' theme.

The two main protagonists seem to be Whitbread with their "Ale Houses" or "Hogsheads" and Carlsberg-Tetley (whom we used to call Allied Breweries) with their pubs that they tend to call "Clutterbucks (Ale House)" — original, don't you think. In addition to these there is another company by the name of Regent Inns plc, based in Whetstone who have renamed two of their pubs "G.E.Aldwinkles", although they are reported as keeping the original name in smaller lettering.

I must admit at this stage that, owing to a shortage of time, I have not had a chance to visit examples of these pub chains so I am not going to make any judgements on the pubs themselves though from reading the descriptions in the beer guide updates the companies seem to make quite a good job of doing the pubs up. Still, they should know by now what a decent pub looks like — most breweries have made enough mistakes in the past to have learnt from.

They tend to have a good beer range and the Whitbread houses supplement the handpumps with a number of beers on gravity behind the bar (with a suitable means of keeping the beer cool), even if a large proportion of the "guest" beers come from a predictable list based largely on Whitbread group breweries (or reborn brews from closed down breweries).

Two features of some of these conversions disappoint me, however. The first is the loss, or at least reduction in significance, of the original pub name; this is something I have been arguing against on and off throughout the ten years I have been involved with the Drinker. Pub names often allude to an important piece of history associated either with their location or the time when they were built; simply to replace this with the bland "Ale House" indicates to me that perhaps the brewers are not really as serious about preserving tradition as they would have us believe.

The second matter is possibly more important and that is "passing off" beers as something else, supposedly "house" beers. Not many months ago there were suggestions that the Government were going to do something about this practice but still it survives. Between June 1993 and April 1994 Beer Briefing carried details of five Clutterbucks' (Ale Houses) all selling a beer called Clutterbucks variously described in brackets as "believed to be Taylor Walker Bitter"; "3.7% ABV, origin unknown"; "possibly Friary Meux Best Bitter"; "believed to be Friary Meux Best Bitter" and "house beer — currently Friary Meux Best Bitter". This is definitely against the policy of the Campaign for Real Ale and if the beer is any good it ought to sell on its own merits.

A final thought is why two large brewery companies should have suddenly had the good idea of inventing the traditional pub at this time. No doubt both had an excellent idea entirely spontaneously and independently — after all nobody would wish to accuse them of plagiarism, would they. Surely only the most cynical of us could suggest that there was any connection between this new concept and the success of a certain company that bears the name Wetherspoon.

Andy Pirson

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IDLE MOMENTS

Yes its welcome to Cockup Corner time again. Both of you spotted the SECOND totally undeliberate (or should that be liberate) error that crept into the February Number Puzzles. Mind you, this one wasn't spotted until the answers came out in last month's drinker but spotted it was by Martin Butler (who telephoned) and Derek Edwards (who wrote). Yes, I know that you can score a double 13 with one dart to give you 26. The lowest number you can't score with a single dart is 23.

Well, how did you get on with last month's Number (and other) Puzzles? You will no doubt recall that they were set by or other reader Nick, the Black Grunger of Woking (sorry, Hounslow). Anyway, here are the answers:

1. 1787 First Fleet Sailed for Australia
2. Sir Nigel Gresley, Designer of the Flying Scotsman
3. 303 Calibre of the Lee Enfield Rifle
4. De Havilland Comet, 1st Jet Airliner
5. Nicholas Brakspear, Only British Pope
6. 4 Rolls Royce Merlins on a Lancaster Bomber
7. Sir Christopher Cockerell, Inventor of the Hovercraft
8. 1941 Japan Attacked Pearl Harbour
9. 750 Cubic Centimetres (or Cylinder Capacity) of the Triumph Bonneville Motorcycle
10. Aldershot, Home of the British Army

I was right about number 9 by the way. I also got a couple of others right — though not all of them, I must admit. Back to all numbers this month — and all set by me:

1. 6 LC in the FACP
2. 12 P for F of a K in C
3. 52 M from L to B
4. 2 is the OEPN
5. 0532 is the DC for L
6. 60 PB the OKR in M
7. 1000000 G in a T
8. 1547 D of H the E
9. 7 S on a H
10. 30 F in the GN

I've had the old Scrabble set out again and come up with some more brewery anagrams. I think that when this lot is exhausted I might give them a rest for a while - even I am getting a bit fed up with them. I've still got enough for about 14 more editions in stock though,

not counting these ones (which are last month's answers, of course):

1. DON RANG HIT HARDINGTON
2. RATE DUG RUDGATE
3. BAN MATES BATEMANS
4. LOU DAMNS MAULDONS
5. RAN DUEL ARUNDEL

Or these ones (which aren't last month's answers):

1. CURB WINKS
2. WHY DO COW?
3. DOG FLINCH
4. PENS ROT
5. LEAN EVENLY

Right. Now its 5BY4 time again. In keeping with my intention to keep things as obscure as possible, I am sticking with the name 5BY4 even though there are ten of them and the 4 doesn't have any relevance either. In fact this month where I know the number of members of the group it is generally three. Anyway this time you have to match the song title to the all female vocal groups and as usual the solution is at the end.

Here are the groups:

1. Shangri-Las
2. Toys
3. Three Degrees
4. Reparata and the Delrons
5. Chiffons
6. Poni-Tails
7. Supremes
8. Shirelles
9. Crystals
10. Ronettes

and here are the songs:

- A. Will You Love Me Tomorrow?
- B. Where Did Our Love Go?
- C. Leader of the Pack
- D. Sweet Talkin' Guy
- E. Captain of Your Ship
- F. When Will I See You Again?
- G. Born Too Late
- H. Baby I Love You
- I. A Lovers' Concerto
- J. Da Doo Ron Ron

It won't always be pop songs; next month I'm thinking of getting you to match famous (or infamous) buildings with their architects. Still, that's all in the future; now its time to go back to the past and give you the answers to last month's general knowledge questions:

1. Bay City Rollers (1976); Tourists

- (1979); Samantha Fox (1989)
2. Samantha Fox
 3. London — it was the original Hungerford Bridge
 4. Thomas Telford
 5. Potassium
 6. Seven
 7. Queen Victoria (1867)
 8. Ridley's
 9. The Isles of Scilly
 10. Hurricane

And to round things off here are ten more general knowledge questions:

1. In regal terms, what did the years 1066, 1483, 1553 and 1936 have in common?
2. Which is the largest state of the USA?
3. What is the World's tallest office building?
4. And following on from the last question what is the tallest building in Europe?
5. What ball game is played on the largest field?
6. By what name was pop singer Ronald Wycherley better known?
7. There is a working water mill at Eling, just outside Southampton. What feature

makes it unique?

8. What is the most southerly point on the mainland of Great Britain?
 9. And what is the most northerly point on the mainland of Great Britain?
 10. What runs from Newington to Sangatte?
- There, they weren't too difficult, were they. And now finally here is the solution to 5BY4: 1-C, 2-I, 3-F, 4-E, 5-D, 6-G, 7-B, 8-A, 9-J, 10-H

Have a good month - I trust you won't get too fed up with bank holidays.

Andy Pirson

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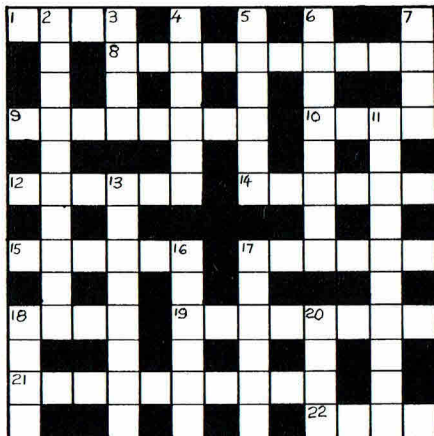
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1. Nips back with some turn. [4]
8. It's hot running round the world. [10]
9. Move spur back, or other tack. [8]
10. Lean back on instrument. [4]
12. A doctor, I am for drink. [6]
14. Father took in legislature? [6]
15. Enjoyment having Len climb up the chimney. [6]
17. After hesitation makes advertisement. [6]
18. Rather fowl but fashionable. [4]
19. Upright position. [8]
21. Crashed into trains. All change! [10]
22. Wind blowing in greater part of one summer month. [4]

DOWN

2. Place for drinks and where they end up. [10]
3. Get tight in local. [4]
4. I look forward to it. [6]
5. Sits as riot causes blockage..... [6]
6.before nurses make claims. [8]
7. Run away from, apparently, an insect. [4]
11. Beer with head causes ill-feeling. [10]
13. Pub with no money? Not had the experience. [8]
16. Dog that is following girl. [6]
17. About to be held in check. Calm. [6]
18. Reduce energy. Charming! [4]
20. Maid in garden holding ring. [4]

Name

Address

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All correct entries received by first post on 25th May will be entered into a draw for two tickets to the Great British Beer Festival. Prize winner will be announced in the July London Drinker. Solution next month.

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

Winner of the prize for the March Crossword:
Alan G.Brooke, Eastcote, Ruislip.

Other correct entries were received from:
Aaron Aardvark, Paul Adams, Paul Adams, Tony Alpe, Pat Andrews, Geoff B, Paul Baker, Donald Barker, Roy Bedow, John Bennett, Gary Boden, Robin Bolt, A.Bradbury, W.Brooze Davies, Geoff Brown, Miss C.Butler, Andy Camroux, Roy Cawood, Jeanette Chapman, Phil Clark, A.P.Comaish, I.Cox, Jane Darnbrough, Rupert Dodds, Mike Farrelly, John Field, B.H.Fletcher, P.J.S.French, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, "Gtetch", Guy & Alison, John Heath, Alison Henley, Brian Hood, Paul Hopkinson, Mark Humphreys, Alec James, Mick Jones, Danny Kelly, Doug King & Queen, Pete Large, Terry Lavell, Peter Lloyd, Dave MacKenzie, Dylan Mason, M.J.Moran, Al Mountain, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Andrew Phillips, Steve Piggott, Mr. Plum, Robert Poxon, Rod Prince, Kevin Reeve, Jim Richards, A.C.Scutter, Dave Shiner, Mrs. B.Smith, Fred Smith OBE, Old Smokey, Dr.M.P.Steward, David Tyrrell, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, S.Whole, Tony Whitford, Chris Whithouse, Jerry Wiggins, David Woodward, Terry Wookey, Yak, Bosun Juan Yarns, Robert Young, T.Zarda Smith.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editor,

During March I had a little time on my hands so decided to look around for a watering hole with a nice range of beers.

Fortunately a glance in LD guided me only a few miles from home to the 'Prince of Wales' at Blackheath where a mini beer festival was going on. It had a range of 14 beers, all in excellent condition.

I enquired as to the frequency of these festivals and was told that there would be others in the not to distant future and would hope that this type of enterprise would get plenty of support and indeed if there are similar events elsewhere in London, they would be either advertised or other readers would write in to let others know.

K. Reeve,
London SE

Dear Editor

Wetherspoon's Tim Martin current claim to sell beer cheaper than supermarkets while his pubs sell beer in imperial glasses.

My brother made issue with him on the opening of the Moor on the Hill, Sutton, the same week as Mr Heseltine threw out the fair deal glasses they must have already had a stock of lined glasses ready so come off it Tim.

Yours sincerely
Tony Insole

Dear Editor,

While I wouldn't expect London Drinker to have one single position on Wetherspoons I do think it is possible to explore the contradictions in this pub company rather more effectively than the April issue of London Drinker does! It is not really sufficient to publish both a debate about the range of Wetherspoons beers and a plug for their low prices at the same time without some explanation of what is involved.

Firstly, and this point should be first, Wetherspoons has done a lot to change the real ale scene in London for the better. Of course it's pubs are to a formula with comparatively little variation in design, beers or food. Not only has this set a standard which others have tried to follow (particularly no smoking areas, no music and all day food), it has also ensured that Wetherspoons are highly profitable. Their launch as a public company has been very successful, which was by no means guaranteed. Furthermore Tim Martin has been placed around half-way up the Sunday Times list of the Top 50 millionaires of the Tory years since

1979. This does not of course mean that Mr Martin is stinking rich, although he is a great believer in free market capitalism, but that Wetherspoons has cash to invest in further expansion which will be aided shortly by a rights issue on the Stock Exchange.

Politics aside much of this is good for the London drinker. The downside however is closely connected to the upside. Prices are kept low because deals are done in bulk with brewers to supply large quantities of beer. This means a restricted choice of 'house beers'. The argument is not so much with the restriction of choice, after all it is run side by side with an adventurous guest ale policy, but the nature of the choice. If it was Brakspears and Taylors Landlord rather than Theakston Best and XB 1 for one would not be complaining. As it Wetherspoons does not have one real bitter in its standard range.

Since Tim Martin is such a believer in the free market I am sure he would not mind me arguing that what is needed now from a CAMRA point of view is for some entrepreneur to take the many good points of Wetherspoons and add to them a better range of standard beers and less obvious uniformity of approach. I am not thinking about Allied, S&N or Whitbread, but if there are still any left after two years of John Major the small business person, with both flair and social conscience.

Yours sincerely
K Flett

Dear Editor

I've just read Ian Duggan's list of top ten London pubs so here's mine. It's simply a list of my current favourites and the ones I will always go back to. In order:

1. The Wheatsheaf, SE1
2. The Dog and Bell, Deptford
3. Kings Arms, Roupell Street, SE1
4. Ashburnham Arms, Greenwich
5. Seckforde Arms, EC1
6. The Britannia Tap, W14
7. The Cricketers, South Woodford
8. White Horse, Parsons Green
9. Turners Arms, W1
10. Archery Tavern, W2

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Editor's Note: Whilst this correspondent omitted his name, it has been printed because its content is not contentious. Usually we do not print anonymous comment.

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MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editor,

I entirely support the views of Andy Pirson and Paul Moorhouse about the abuse of sparklers for southern beers. The worst culprits in London are generally "free houses", Charles Wells and Taylor Walker pubs. Several times in the past I've had to ask for the removal of the sparkler so that a particular southern beer can be served properly. I've never done this when the bar staff are busy and I've had no problems with my request until 19th March 1994.

This happened at Ye Olde White Bear, a Taylor Walker pub in Well Walk, Hampstead. I was with members of North London, East London, South East London and South East Essex Branches who had all taken part in the skittles match at the Freemasons Arms; the pub was already crowded when we arrived but they were mostly watching the rugby so it wasn't busy. Some of the group bought Young's Bitter and they all had heads on them, so when the landlord approached me I asked if he served Young's through a sparkler. When he tried to become evasive I repeated the question and he replied that he did. I asked him to remove it and he refused, claiming that he was too busy (to do something that only takes a few seconds). This incident was witnessed by one of the people who is on the committee of the North London Branch of CAMRA; both of us were unimpressed by his attitude and we did not drink there.

After the incident one of the South East Essex members chatted to the landlord about the pub and in passing mentioned that there were CAMRA members in the pub. The landlord asked him if he knew me and when he replied that he did, he was told that I had misunderstood him and claimed that he never used a sparkler for Young's Bitter. When I was told about this I checked the handpump and, surprise, surprise, no sign of one. (A personal inference has been omitted here — but we feel that the facts speak for themselves — Ed.)

I now believe that it is time we stood up to this nonsense and that the people who should be making requests are those who want heads on their southern beers and not those who don't. I have three suggestions for tackling the abuse. Firstly, if by yourself or with a mate, ask for the removal of the sparkler before the beer is served and, if possible, state that this

beer should not be served with one. If refused walk out of the pub.

Secondly, set up a group of like minded people and take them out both to offending pubs and to other pubs guilty of this abuse. Get one of them to make the request; if refused this person loudly says, "We're not drinking here," and show the landlord how much money he has lost in a matter of seconds. If the sparkler is taken off then say thanks and let everyone in the group tell the staff the errors of their ways. I know this tactic is the same as the one used in the early days of CAMRA to get pubs to sell real ale. I think it is suitable for this issue, so let's start with Ye Olde White Bear! If the staff are genuinely busy just buy one drink before moving on or simply walk out.

Thirdly write to the owners of the offending pubs and complain about them.

Yours sincerely,

Aidan Kerrigan, Harlesden, NW10.

Editor's comment:

I have a fourth suggestion. If, as often seems to be the case (owing to trading agreement between Young's and Taylor Walker, in particular), the beer being improperly served is Young's Bitter then also write to John Young telling him that you consider that his beer is being abused because the use of a sparkler stifles the characteristic bitterness of the beer. He might just have some sway with the powers that be in brewery.

Andy Pirson

Dear Editor,

During March I had a little time on my hands so decided to look around for a watering hole with a nice range of beers.

Fortunately a glance in LD guided me only a few miles from home to the 'Prince of Wales' at Blackheath where a mini beer festival was going on. It had a range of 14 beers, all in excellent condition.

I enquired as to the frequency of these festivals and was told that there would be others in the not to distant future and would hope that this type of enterprise would get plenty of support and indeed if there are similar events elsewhere in London, they would be either advertised or other readers would write in to let others know.

K. Reeve,



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The 1993 Good Beer Guide Comments

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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for May of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 37.

LONDON PUBS GROUP: Tue 31 (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 ORANGE TREE (around 10.20), 45 Kew Road

CROYDON & SUTTON: Fri 6 (8.00) Sutton Crawl. LORD NELSON, Lower Road; NEW INN, Myrtle Road; WINDSOR CASTLE; NEW TOWN (Saloon Bar) — Wed 11 (7.45) Croydon Crawl. PORTER & SORTER, Station Road; GEORGE, George Street; ROYAL STANDARD, Sheldon Street; DOG & BULL, Surrey Street — Mon 16 (8.00) Social. KENLEY HOTEL, 62 Godstone Road, Kenley — Mon 23 (8.30) Branch Meeting. NEW TOWN, Lind Road, Sutton — Sun 29 (12.00) Joint Social with South East London Branch. FIDDLER & FIRKIN, South End, Croydon

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WENLOCK ARMS, Wenlock Road, N1 — Wed 18 (6.00) Mild Night. SUTTON ARMS, Great Sutton Street, EC1 — Sun 29 (12.00) Sunday Social. Start BEEHIVE then IMPERIAL CROWN (1.00); BOW BELLS (2.00), all E3 — Mon 6 June (8.00) Branch Meeting. SUTTON ARMS, Great Sutton Street, EC1.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Tue 3 (9.00) Social. WOODMAN, Bourne Hill, N14 — Wed 11 (8.30) Branch Meeting. OLD WHITE LION, 121 Great North Road, N2 — Tue 17 (9.00) Social. RISING SUN, 240 Winchester Road, N9 — Thu 26 (9.00) Social. MERRY HILLS, 95 Bramley Road, N14 — Tue 31 (8.30) Quiz against North London Branch. WOOD GREEN LABOUR CLUB, Stuart Crescent, N22 (CAMRA membership cards must be shown).

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Thu 5 (2.00) Brewery Trip to Morlands. Names to Branch Contact please — Tue 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. CLAREMONT ARMS, Esher. Mild should be available — Thu 2 June (8.00) Surrey Beer Festival Publicity Crawl of Epsom. Start KINGS ARMS.

NORTH LONDON: Tue 3 (8.00) Two Pub Social in N17. ELBOW ROOM, 503-505 High Road then CLUTTERBUCKS, 803 High Road (Seven Sisters tube or Bruce Grove BR) — Tue 10 (8.00) Committee Meeting followed by Branch Meeting and Pub of the Year Final Selection Meeting (8.30) WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 (Old Street tube & BR) — Fri 20 (7.30) Brewery Trip to Hook Norton (jointly with North Oxfordshire Branch) followed by Social at PEAR TREE, Scotland End. Details/bookings please phone Aidan Kerrigan on 081-838 2905 — Thu 26 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. SQUARE TAVERN, 26 Tolmers Square, NW1 (Euston tube & BR) — Tue 31 (8.30) Brewery Quiz Match against Enfield & Barnet Branch. WOOD GREEN LABOUR CLUB, Stuart Crescent, N22 (CAMRA membership cards must be shown for signing in — Wood Green tube).

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 3 (8.00) Committee Meeting. GRIFFIN, Brentford — Mon 16 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE SWAN, Twickenham — Thu 26 (8.00) Social. KINGS ARMS, Hampton Court — Tue 31 (8.00) London Pubs Group Crawl of Richmond. See under London Pubs Group for details.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 9 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting. ASHBURNHAM ARMS, Greenwich, SE10 — Thu 19 (8.00) Quiz Social. HOWERD CLUB, near Well Hall Cinema, Eltham, SE9 — Thu 26 (8.00) Social. TRINITY ARMS, Southwark, SE1.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: ALL MAY SOCIALS ARE PLANNED TO FEATURE MILD — THE DIFFERENT CHOICE. Wed 4 (8.30) May Mild Social. KINGS HEAD, The Green, West Tilbury (OS: TQ661780) — Tue 10 (8.30) May Mild Social. CRICKETERS, 299/301 High Road (A11), Woodford Green — Thu 19 (8.30) May Mild Social. MOLETRAP, Tawney Common, Stapleford Tawney (OS: TQ500014) — Thu 26 (8.30) May Mild Social. PLOUGH, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ538970) Wed 1 to Sat 4 June SOUTH ESSEX BEER FESTIVAL. Civic Hall, Grays. (Wed—Fri 12-3 & 6-11, Sat 12-4 & 6-11) — Fri 10 June (2.00 at brewery) Brewery Trip to Eldridge Pope, Dorchester. Bookings to Wendy Benson on Romford 723897

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Wed 11 (7.45) Crawl of Croydon with Croydon & Sutton Branch. Start PORTER & SORTER, Station Road (by East Croydon Station) then GEORGE (8.30); ROYAL



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WEST LONDON:

Thu 19 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6. To be followed by Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss branch finances. Please try to attend as new committee members are needed.

Wed 11 (8.00) West End Walkabout. DE HEM'S, Macclesfield Street, W1; MOON UNDER WATER (9.00), Leicester Square, WC2; TOM CRIBB (10.00), 36 Panton Street, SW1 - Thu 26 (6.00) Early Evening Social. WINDSOR CASTLE, Campden Hill Road, W8

WEST MIDDLESEX: Tue 3 (8.30) More Mingling with Milds. J.J. MOONS, Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor - Thu 12 (8.30) Social. THREE TUNS, 45 The Green, Southall - Wed 18 (8.00 sharp) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. LOAD OF HAY, 33 Villiers Street, Uxbridge (in front bar) - Thu 26 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. RED LION & PINEAPPLE, Uxbridge Road, Acton

Deadline for the June edition, 3rd May. Material for July to arrive by 1st June. **Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.**

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THE ALLIANCE, SOUTH NORWOOD

The Alliance at 91 High Street, South Norwood, SE25, the subject of our front cover picture in April, offers the thirsty ale drinker an exotic guest beer (that changes every two days) from anywhere around the country, such as Yakima Pale Ale and Enville's Brewery White Beer — not forgetting the Festival of Rude Beer.

If you do happen to visit on a match day, look for the unclipped pump and ask for the guest ale — politely! Mark, usually wearing a loud shirt and braces, is a fountain of knowledge on micro breweries and beer.

As well as the ever changing guest beers the regular ones are Courage Best Bitter and Directors; Marston's Pedigree; Wadworth 6X. and Morland's Old Speckled Hen. There is also a choice of some decent bottled beers and lagers as well as twenty seven varieties of wines by the glass and three champagnes. On the food front there are O'Hagans sausages, home cooked meals as well as a choice of four vegetarian dishes.

So, as they say in all the best beer guides, the Alliance is worth seeking out. It is a Good Beer Guide listed pub and the nearest station is Norwood Junction.

Paul Everitt

EAST LONDON & CITY BRANCH NEWS

As one door closes, another two shut.

Fullers opened another City pub in March, this time in EC2. Called 49 Gresham Street it is on the corner of Wood Street in a new office block. Open weekdays only from 11.00-21.30, it has a downstairs wine bar that can be hired for private functions.

The long awaited closure of the Green Man and the Old City of London Shades (formerly the Shades, EC4) has finally come to pass. Both pubs are in Bucklersbury which was recently purchased as part of the Palumbo development plan. If they are replaced we can expect them to be housed in a glass stump or giant carbuncle entirely unsuited for the area, or at least a building that HRH Prince Charles can have an architectural 'dig' at.

Other News:

Oceans in EC1 has closed but nearby at the Harrow, it looks like work is in progress. The George & Dragon has been partly turned over to offices



and the remainder called Peasant. Also in EC1, the recently re-named Surprise (to Charlottes) is now the Harlem Yacht Club. E1 the Bancroft Arms re-opened in December selling Ruddles Best and Courage Directors. The White Hart in Whitechapel High Street is now a Clutterbuck establishment. The Great Eastern Free House is part of the Great Eastern Hotel (Liverpool Street EC2) and sells Boddingtons and Pedigree.

Shepherd Neame, Bateman's... heading out of the East End?

The for sale sign has gone up at four Shepherd Neame pubs. These are Crown & Sceptre (E1), Bromley Arms (E3), Albion (E8) and Welsh Harp (E9). Prices range from £90,000 to £100,000. The sale of the only London Bateman

pub, the Nelsons Head in E2 has also been reported. These are among 18 pubs Fleurets have on their sale list in East London.

May branch functions: Branch Meeting, 9th May Wenlock Arms, Wenlock Road N1 where two milds will be available for Make May a Mild Month and a further mild at the Sutton Arms, Great Sutton Street EC1 on 13th May.

WOMEN DRINK MORE BEER

British women are drinking more beer than ever while men are drinking less.

The average female now downs 3.5 pints a week compared with only 2.8 pints a decade ago, according to a survey by Whitbread.

And the brewer is so impressed by the results that it is to recommend its landlords offer free samples of ales to women to convert even more.

But as women ditch their spritzer image, the average man has gone from downing 11.6 pints a week in 1963 to 9.9 pints last year.

And the pub, once seen as the last bastion of the drinking man, is attracting more and more females and fewer men.

BREWERY ENCOURAGES TOURISM

To launch the 1994 Ipswich & District Tourist Guide and the Joint Heritage Ticket for the Ipswich Transport Museum and Tolly Cobbold Brewery, the Mayor of Ipswich, Margaret Alderton was driven in an historic fire engine from the Town Hall to the Tolly Cobbold Brewery. (Bells Ringing all the way!)

At a special ceremony in the Brewery Tap, Brian Cowie, Jnt MD of Tolly Cobbold gave details of how Ipswich was becoming a major tourist centre, and added "Last year the Tollybus operated between the Town Centre and the Brewery. For 1994, we've gone one better and the joint heritage ticket with the Transport Museum will provide entry to both attractions, plus free transport between the Town centre, the Museum and the Brewery."

Mr Cowie added that this was the first of several joint promotions that will be launched to encourage tourism to Ipswich and Suffolk.

STRAIGHT FROM THE BREWERY'S MOUTH

Once again at the Great British Beer Festival there will be seven brewery stands. They are different from the rest of the bars in that the brewers provide a display stand for their beers which adds impact and colour on entering the Festival.

The local brewer, Young's will again be present and it is hoped not only to have their Ordinary and Special but also their Winter Warmer as well. So those of you who miss the beer during the summer months may be able to get a mid year fix!

McMullens, the Hertfordshire Brewery are repeating their stand too but selling Country alongside their popular AK. A good light beer to start the session off with. McMullens will again be sponsoring the Festival games, providing every thing from bar towels to sports shirts.

Moving further afield, Adnams will be present with a range of their Suffolk beers on sale including, of course, Extra, which won the Champion Beer of Britain last year. Batemans, the Lincolnshire family brewer, will be next door with a similar number of beers from their increasing range. The beers will include Valiant, launched at last year's Festival and XXXB which won the Champion Beer of Britain award a few years ago. Batemans will be sponsoring the Family Room.

Another Champion Beer of Britain will also have a stand. Burton Ale has won numerous awards over the years and is the only beer on the brewery stands to represent the famous brewing town of Burton. Burton Ale are the sponsors of the entertainment including the septuagenarian jazz drummer, Eric Delaney, on Saturday evening.

There are also two newcomers to the brewery stands. One is another Midland brewer, Everards. A brewer with a good range of beers varying from a mild upwards. They are probably best known for their beer called Tiger (ABV 4.2%)

The final stand is also the most northerly. Maclays from Alloa will be selling their Scottish beers. This is the first time a brewer from north of the border has had a stand at the festival. It should add a colourful note to the accents of the staff for the majority of the time the brewery stands are manned by people from the breweries themselves. So this is your chance to get information direct from the brewery's mouth.

The Great British Beer Festival is open 2-6 August, Grand Hall, Olympia. Contact 0727 867201 for further details.

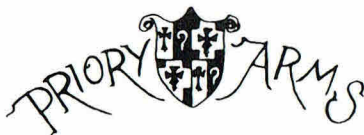
"THE LONG SLOG" COMES TO AN END

Weary members of the South-East London branch of CAMRA can now put their feet up, happy in the knowledge that every pub in their area has been inspected for their new pub guide.

"It was a real slog in some of the areas such as Walworth and Peckham, where a decent pint is hard to come by" said the guide's editor, Cliff Cork. "We were pleased to see that the number of pubs selling cask ale has increased since our last guide was published in 1988. Whilst many of those converts are only selling big brewers' beers such as Ruddles Best, at least it is a step in the right direction. We have also discovered one or two new gems along the way, including a pub in Peckham, The Nags Head, which is selling unusual guest beers."

The new guide will be officially launched at The Princess of Wales on Blackheath Common, SE3 on Thursday 9th June, and will be available at the second Catford Beer Festival a week later.

Andrew Padgham



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NO BEER-TIE IN CATFORD — AND THAT'S OFFICIAL!

There will be no restrictions in the number of guest beers available in Catford in mid-June, and local drinkers have the hard work of local Campaign for Real Ale members to thank for it. South-east London branch members will be holding their second beer festival in the Lewisham Theatre in Catford, and there won't be a big brewers' beer in sight!

"Following last year's event, we've decided to go for the more unusual beers, especially those brewed by the micros," said beer orderer Eric Martin, "the new Bishops Brewery beer will be available and they are also brewing a special one-off festival beer for us. Old favourites such as Taylors Landlord and Hopback Summer Lightning will also be there. Overall we hope to have over 60 different beers in total from around the country."

Festival organiser, Peter Foord, said: "Last year's festival was a bigger success than we'd planned for, so this year the beer order has been substantially increased. We have also got more room around the theatre complex for drinkers this year, so the main hall won't be as crowded."

A range of traditional ciders and perrys and foreign bottled beers will also be available, not forgetting the branches new pub guide which features every pub in the area.

For further information, please contact Andrew Padgham on 081-693 6181 (w)

Andrew Padgham

WETHERSPOON SEEKS £22.1M

J D Wetherspoon, the pub operator, announced a 76 per cent increase in interim profits and a £22.1m rights issue — just 17 months after the rapidly expanding chain came to the market.

The group's shares have climbed rapidly since being launched at 160p and yesterday closed at 393p, up 10p on the day. The 1-for-4 rights issue is priced at 315p.

The Wetherspoon estate has grown from 44 pubs at flotation to 77 today, most within greater London. The group said permissions were in place for the conversion of a further

14 sites into pubs. Ten of these were expected to open for trading by the end of the current financial year.

Mr Tim Martin, chairman said proceeds of the rights issue would be used in part to reduce short-term borrowings and finance current developments. The balance would be placed on deposit, pending further investment in the pub expansion programme.

The rights issue will dilute from 22 to 18 per cent the stake held by Mr Martin, the Group's 38-year-old founder, and his wife.

He said: "The proceeds of the rights issue will strengthen our capital base as we continue to invest in our expansion programme."

Pre-tax profits rose from £1.49m to £2.62m in the six months to January 31, while sales rose by 56 per cent to £20.56m.

Mr Martin said: "The 24 pubs opened in the last financial year combined with the 20 pubs opened and due to open in the current financial year will have a beneficial effect on earnings for the year."

Earnings per share increased 41 per cent to 8.6p (6.1p) and the interim dividend is raised by 22 per cent to 2.2p (1.8p)

"A DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE"

(East London & City News)

Fuller's have opened a new pub in the City — at 49 Gresham Street, EC2 (corner of Wood street). Occupying the ground floor and basement of a newly constructed office block, it comprises a plush, split-level bar at ground level and a basement wine bar and is imaginatively named "49 Gresham Street"

The guv'nor is Mark Noble-Campbell, formerly at The Swan in Ship Tavern Passage, which is now in the capable hands of the good people from the Rossetti, NW8. Mark now has enough room to swing the proverbial cat — or would do if he didn't have so many customers!

"49 Gresham Street" is open from 11am to 9.30pm, Monday to Friday and is closed at weekends. There is access for wheelchairs. The beer range comprises Hock, Chiswick London Pride and ESB — all on hand pump.

City Slicker

BARKING AND DAGENHAM

BARKING DOG

61 Station Parade, Barking, Essex

BARNET

MOON UNDER WATER

148 High Street, Barnet, Herts

WHITE LION OF MORTIMER

3 York Parade, West Hendon Broadway, NW9

RAILWAY BELL

13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, Herts

MOON UNDER WATER

10 Varley Parade, Colindale NW9

TALLY HO

749 High Road, North Finchley, N12

BLACKING BOTTLE

122-126 High Street, Edgware, Middlesex

BRENT

JJ MOON'S

553 Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury NW9

OUTSIDE INN

312-314 Neasden Lane, Neasden NW10

JJ MOON'S

397 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex

THE COLISEUM

Manor Park Road, Harlesden, NW10

CAMDEN

MAN IN THE MOON

40-42 Chalk Farm Road, Camden NW1

BEATEN DOCKET

50-56 Cricklewood Broadway, Cricklewood NW2

THREE HORSESHOES

28 Heath Street, Hampstead NW3

CROYDON

THE GEORGE

17-21 George Street, Croydon, Surrey

MOON UNDER WATER

1327 London Road, Norbury SW16

FOXLEY HATCH

8-9 Russell Hill Road, Purley, Surrey

EALING

RED LION AND PINEAPPLE

281 High Street, Acton, London W3

ENFIELD

MOON UNDER WATER

115/117 Chase Side, Enfield, Middlesex

WHOLE HOG

430-434 Green Lanes, Palmers Green N13

HALF MOON

749 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, London N21

BANKER'S DRAFT

36-38 Friern Barnet Road, New Southgate N11

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52-54 Church Street, Edmonton, N9

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10-12 Grand Parade, Green Lanes, Harringay N4

NEW MOON

413 Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17

ELBOW ROOM

503-505 High Road, Tottenham N17

TOLL GATE

26-30 Turnpike Lane, Hornsey N8

ELBOW ROOM

22 Topsfield Parade, Tottenham Lane, Crouch End N8

GATE HOUSE

1 North Hill, Highgate, London N6

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3 Shaftesbury Parade, Shaftesbury Circle, South Harrow, Middlesex

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NEW MOON

25-26 Kenton Park Parade, Kenton Road, Harrow, Middlesex

MOON AND SIXPENCE

250 Uxbridge Road, Pinner, Middlesex

SARSEN STONE

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1250-1256 Uxbridge Road, Hayes End,
Middlesex

SYLVAN MOON

27 Green Lane, Northwood, Middlesex

HOUNSLOW

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84-86 Staines Road, Hounslow,
Middlesex

JJ MOON'S

80-82 Chiswick High Road, Chiswick W4

ISLINGTON

THE DOG

17/19 Archway Road, Archway N19

179 UPPER STREET

179 Upper Street, Islington N1

WHITE LION OF MORTIMER

125-127 Stroud Green Road,
Stroud Green N4

LAMBETH

CROWN AND SCEPTRE

2a Streatham Hill, SW2

THE BEEHIVE

407-409 Brixton Road, Brixton SW9

LEWISHAM

TIGER'S HEAD

350 Bromley Road, Catford SE6

BIRD IN HAND

35 Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill SE23

CITY OF LONDON

HAMILTON HALL

Liverpool Street Station EC2

MERTON

WHITE LION OF MORTIMER

223 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey

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419-421 Barking Road, East Ham, E6

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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

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FANS OF OLD PUBS MEET YOUNG'S ONES

London Pubs Group will be holding their next pub crawl on Monday 31 May, this time in Richmond. A short description of their route and the pubs on it follows. Said Roger Sedgley, Group Chairman: "Our events are open to anybody, not just CAMRA members and any new faces are always made to feel welcome. We hope that this article will interest you enough for you to come along."

THE TOUR: We start off at The Old Ship, a Young's house at 3 King Street, which is a short walk towards the Thames from the station. This interesting pub is known to date from around 1735, and was a stopping point for stage coaches en route to Hampton Court. In Young's Brewers possession since 1869, it houses a collection of nautical equipment.

After meeting up at The Old Ship, we move on at about 8.20pm around the corner to our second Young's pub, The Watermans Arms. Originally called the Kings Head "at the ferry in Richmond", the name of the lane and indeed the pub itself was changed at a later date. The original pub had been in existence in 1660 and was rebuilt by Young's in 1898. The Watermans Arms still retains the two-bar layout from that era.

Further along the riverside is the White Cross Hotel, which we will probably reach at around 9.30pm. Sometimes cut off by high tides, look out for the fireplace situated under a window in one of the bars of this comfortable Young's establishment.

After imbibing at the White Cross, we turn inland to find The White Swan in Old Palace Lane; a light and hopefully short, relief from the excellent Young's pubs on our route. We hope to be here at round 10.00pm.

A short walk now follows towards Richmond Station for the final pub on our tour; The Orange Tree, in Kew Road. The pub was rebuilt by Young's around 1897 in the distinctive Flemish brick and terracotta style popular with the late Victorians. It is believed the pub was so called after the first orange tree was brought into Britain and planted in Kew Gardens in 1780. The building houses a small theatre upstairs and the 21 year old bar manager has been nominated for the publican magazine "Bar Personality of the Year 1994," so a warm welcome is assured.

London Pubs Group organise pub crawls every two months. So far they have toured around such varied areas as Fleet Street, Cricklewood, Maida Vale, Croydon and Hampstead. Their next crawl will be on Monday 1 August, so make a note in your diary and watch this space!

Details of all Young's pubs can be found in their book "Inn and Around London", from where details for this description were obtained.

Andrew Padgham

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS

The EXPRESS at Kew Bridge, Brentford closed its doors on Maundy Thursday, 31st March for an indefinite period for refurbishment. The Express has been owned by the Aldington family since 1882 and the branch's Pubs Officer is preparing a brief history of the pub for the Drinker.

Elsewhere in Hounslow borough the Royal Albion in Hibernia Road, Hounslow and the Park Tavern in London Road, Brentford are selling Greene King beers. Wilkins real cider is still available at the Albion. Finally in Hounslow, the Greyhound in Hanworth Road, which closed a short while ago is due to reopen in May as a gay pub called the Queens Arms. The owners, Grand Met are reported to be putting up £110,000 to refurbish the pub and it is promised that real ale will be available.

In Richmond, the Duke of York, Kew Road which was closed for major refurbishment has reopened as the ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL. It has a "Wetherspoonish" interior and the beers available are Tetley Bitter; Ind Coope Burton Ale and Arkwrights Bitter (O.G. 1033) from somewhere called the Trent Brewery according to the pump clip, as well as guest beers.

Almost next door at the ORANGE TREE, you may recall that we reported in March that Steve Norris had made it through to the final of the National Barperson of the Year competition. We are now delighted to report that he won and is now THE National Barperson of the Year. Well done Steve (Rodney)!

Doug Scott

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NEW PRODUCTS FOR HOME DRINKERS?

Walking through Bristol on a very wet Saturday after Easter, trying to kill time before slipping into a strange pub to watch the Grand National, I saw her too late. A middle-aged lady with a clipboard was moving across the pavement and it was too deserted to tactfully avoid her. 'Do you drink beer?' she asked tentatively. 'Do I drink beer?' I queried, 'Yes I do.' She asked a few quick questions to confirm her suspicions that I conformed to her market research target group, and then lead me across a busy street and up into a room where she explained that her company, MMS I think, was acting on behalf of an unidentified brewing client who was interested in marketing two new products aimed at the home drinker. I was surprised that I wasn't asked to sign some sort of confidentiality agreement prior to my participation. These products, coming soon after the 'draught beer in a can' furore could be set to revolutionise the home drinks market and lead drinkers out of the pubs and back into their living rooms, further increasing the pressure on landlords.

Initially I was asked questions such as is it beer as opposed to lager that I drink, how much beer do I drink at home, where do I normally buy it, how much at each purchase and in what type of container. There was then a short series of questions to discover my awareness of and views on the 'draught-flow' system or 'widget in a can' method. I was then shown a two litre PET bottle marked 'PRODUCT A', and told that it contained a widget. There followed several questions about my opinion of it, whether I would try it, (somewhere in preference to incest and morris dancing?), its likely price, the prices at which I would think it too costly and too cheap (too cheap!?), and its advantages. I briefly saw it was labelled as 4.0% ABV, with instructions to crush the bottle to dispel as much air as possible before resealing its screw cap between successive pourings.

Then I was shown a stumpy and unattractive half litre PET bottle labelled imagina-

tively as 'PRODUCT B' (these marketers!). I was told that it contained living bottle-conditioned beer. I then faced the same series of questions as before. I was much more enthusiastic about the idea of this product, but with reservations about the plastic bottle and pressed the researcher for the identity of her client, which she was genuinely unable to reveal. At the end of the interview I was asked which product I would be likely to prefer, and after indicating the latter, I was given three bottles to take away and try over the course of the next eight days, and a form to complete, indicating my opinions on twelve different aspects of the beer, ranging from bitterness, sweetness, gassiness, smoothness, colour, strength of flavour, and alcohol strength, (it is 4.3% ABV), to body, head, aftertaste and ease of drinking(?!).

At the time of writing I have only consumed the first bottle. The instructions were to store it in the refrigerator, and so I probably poured it too cold, resulting in immediate loss of head. It had a ready yeasty nose, redolent of a German wheat beer. The colour was a warm golden red-brown. It was pleasantly bitter leading to a sweetish aftertaste which seemed reluctant to linger. The yeast deposit in the bottle was a lot less than might have been expected. The beer's appearance was a little fizzy, and this was reflected in its overly gassy taste. It would be an interesting exercise to try and start a refermentation in a sugar solution to see how live the deposit actually is to verify the bottle-conditioned claims. It was refreshing, but seemed to bear more resemblance to summer shandy both in colour and mouth feel, than a 4.3% ABV real beer but I look forward to the remaining bottles, to see if it improves. I would guess that the product comes from a major UK concern trying to get a section of the Eurobeer market. My initial view is that they have got good intentions but could do better. Watch the supermarket shelves...

Martin H. Watson



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FETTLER AND FIRKIN STEAMS INTO PADDINGTON

Put on your platform shoes, get on the right track and steam on down to the new Fettler and Firkin pub, 15 Chilworth Street, Paddington. This is one stop that you won't want to miss!

Over £100,000 has been invested into the new pub which is just a whistle away from Paddington Station. The traditional features of the building have been preserved and enhanced with both the interior and exterior being adapted to reflect the distinctive and popular Firkin character.



First of many barrels of Rail Ale arrives at the Fettler and Firkin on an authentic railway trolley. Pictured from left to right are Mark Kershaw (Licensee), Mark Crowther (Area Manager) and Nick Coombe (Member of bar staff)

Real ale fans will go off the rails when they see the selection of beers on offer including Fettler Ale (Abv 4.3%), Rail Ale (Abv 3.5%), Firkin Full Mash Mild (Abv 3.4%) and the award winning Dog Bolter (5.6%). The Fettler and Firkin will also serve a selection of real ales from micro breweries across the country.

The Fettler and Firkin (named after the craftsman involved in laying railway lines), is the 17th Firkin pub in London and promises to bring a lot of Firkin fun to Paddington!

AND NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS

In recent years, the Whitbread empire has been considered CAMRA's Public Enemy No.1. Justifiably so, it may be argued, in view of its record for brewery closures, even though many of us deplored the now outlawed "Don't Drink Boddingtons" campaign, which midguidedly led us into disrepute as an organisation devoted to choice. However, with no personal axe to grind, I beg to make a small point in their favour.

This has to do with the iniquitous recent ruling that the head is part of a pint — even though you don't need a PhD in physics to know that bubbles are empty of liquid. I prefer to have what I pay for, certainly not less and ideally more. There would be strong objections if I tendered less than the requested payment! If a customer chooses to accept short measure in the form of froth, that's his business. If a head is required, it can be asked for in advance. When behind a bar (I use the singular deliberately) I make a habit of filling to the brim, or line, unless otherwise requested. On a particular occasion that springs to mind, one clown who had watched me fill his glass proceeded to pour away part of his pint and demanded a head. Resisting the temptation to surmise what he kept in his, I handed him the ashtray into which he had poured the unwanted liquid and invited him in plain concise Saff London dialect to help himself. He hasn't repeated the action in my presence.

To get to the original point — a few weeks back when visiting a superb Whitbread pub formerly featured in the Good Beer Guide in company of a friend from the Glasgow Branch (where full measure is served — or else!) we were agreeably surprised to see a well-displayed poster which read: "If you think the head on your beer is too large — tell us — we will gladly top up your glass." This was followed, in smaller print, by the statement: "Under UK law a reasonable head forms part of a pint."

It is said that something good, however little, can be said for everyone. After all, Hitler painted well and drank beer. So perhaps the current Big Bad Wolf has at least one redeeming feature.

Martin Smith
Carmarthenshire Branch



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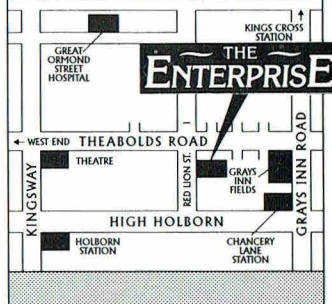
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GUINNESS LAUNCHES FOREIGN EXTRA STOUT

Brewing giant Guinness has brought refreshing news to British beer lovers by officially launching Guinness FES (Foreign Extra Stout) in this country for the first time in the brand's 170 year history.

A high gravity stout with an ABV (alcohol by volume) of 7.5 per cent, Guinness FES now looks set to become a regular favourite among British beer connoisseurs just as it has among beer lovers throughout the rest of the world.

First exported from Dublin to the West Indies in the early 1800's, Guinness FES has built up a massive following around the world with its unique, complex oaky flavour. It is now brewed in over 40 countries and sold in 55.

Commenting on the new launch, Rob MacNevin, marketing director of Guinness Brewing GB said: "Until now Guinness FES has only been available in Britain on a very limited basis through occasional unofficial imports from abroad. We have decided to officially launch the brand in Britain to guarantee a regular supply and to cater for today's discerning beer drinker looking for an alternative to the premium bottles beers currently available."

Available in 33cl bottles, Guinness FES costs between £1.09 and £1.29 per bottle.

* Guinness Foreign Extra Stout (FES) was first exported from Dublin in the early 1800's.

* Guinness FES is a traditional top-ferment-

ed stout brewed from malted and roasted barley, hops, water and yeast to the same specification as the original export product. Towards the end of the brewing process a specially matured beer is added which balances the sweetness usually associated with very strong beers resulting in a strong, full flavoured and very drinkable beer.

* In order to ensure that the flavour develops fully, the beer is left to mature in the bottle for 28 days before being sent out into the trade.

* Guinness FES features the traditional export label design which includes a striking 'lot number' across the middle of the label. This number, unique to Guinness FES, historically represented the bottling date and was used from the late 1800's until the advent of code-edge labelling in the 1970's. Today Guinness has continued with tradition and still features a number of FES labels. The number now used represents the date of April 1895 when the decision was made by the Guinness Board that all bottles of FES for export markets must use the Guinness Trade mark label.

* Guinness FES is currently brewed in over 40 countries and sold in 55.

* Guinness FES has an ABV (alcohol by volume) of 7.5 per cent.

* Guinness FES is available in 33cl bottles and costs between £1.09 and £1.29 per bottle.

NEW PROTECTION FOR PUBS

English Heritage will soon issue specific guidelines for the 'listing' of historic pubs. CAMRA warmly welcomed this important initiative to defend pubs of historical and architectural value.

The guidelines were launched at the 1994 CAMRA AGM and Conference by Jennie Page, Chief Executive of English Heritage. The proposals represent the results of several years of CAMRA campaigning.

"Unfortunately, pubs are not well protected by the current listing process," said CAMRA spokesman Roger Sedgley, citing three areas of concern.

Pub interiors are very important – after all, that is where the customer spends their time. Currently listing places too little emphasis on

the interior.

Listing does not currently take account of the features which make buildings important as pubs, such as separate rooms and spaces.

A pub might be a good example of a particular era in pub development — that is not currently considered.

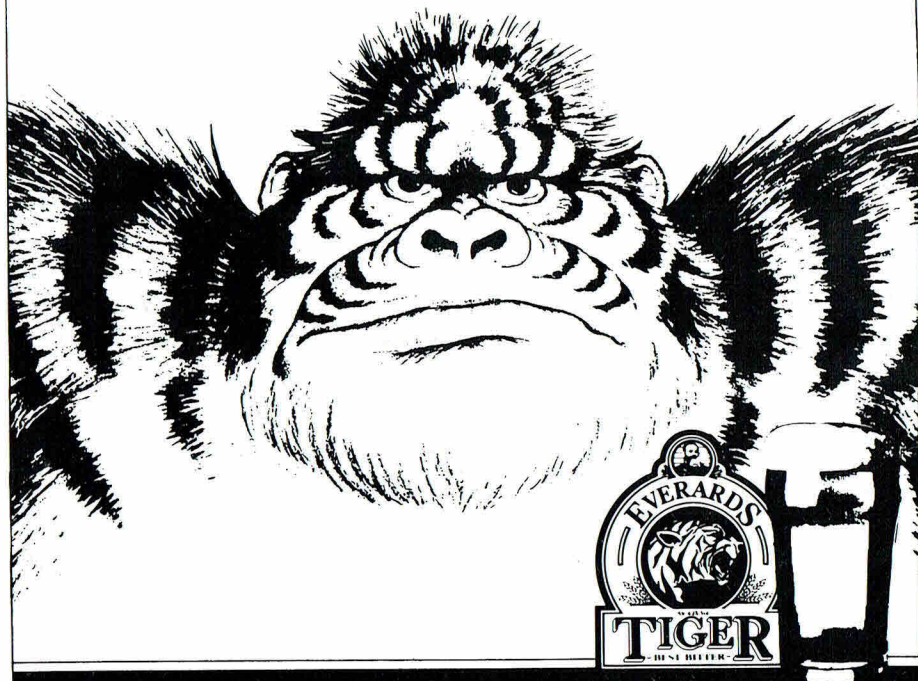
All these points are addressed in the new guidelines.

CAMRA, along with other interested groups, will seek listed status for appropriate pubs as soon as possible.

"We don't want to preserve pubs as empty museums," said Sedgley, "we do want to see the character and historical value of our unique pub heritage retained. What is lost cannot be recreated."

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7-8 Chalk Farm Road

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47 Borough Road

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166 Goswell Road

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Windsor Walk

SURREY

FLOWER & FIRKIN
Kew Gardens Station

CROYDON

FIDDLER & FIRKIN
14 South End

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the pink cover of the 20 page May 1979 issue of *London Drinker* bore a photograph of the Windmill, Clapham Common. This did not refer to a particular article, and below it appeared in large letters "Prices-a Political Fix?" The article to which it referred quoted a suggestion from an un-named top figure in brewery management, to the effect that the then-recent round of price rises (3p a pint), had taken place with political motivation at a meeting of the Brewers' Society "To embarrass the Government." In this edition also came a report on an appeal for price information. It was planned to make an appropriate "award" for London's most over-priced pint — the Clarence, Whitehall was cited as the first contender, with Ruddles County at 51p a pint, Green King Abbot at 49p, Rayments BBA at 44p and Ruddles Bitter at 43p. Reasonable prices were cited for the area, in the Shades a few doors away, with Bass at 37p and Charrington IPA at 36p. At the same time as this "competition", it was planned to run one for the pub with the most reasonable prices.

It seemed likely that London's second new mini-brewery would open in July — "Simon's Tower Bridge Brewery" was situated adjacent to Courage's Horsleydown site. Courage, meanwhile, came in for criticism about TV commercials for Best Bitter, emphasizing its "Traditional" nature but ending with a pressure tap.

Drawing from the S.E. London CAMRA magazine "Hop Vine", the first of a series was published of cooking with beer, in this case Guinness Stew.

The Drinker Glossary — of technical terms which crop up occasionally — continued alphabetically from Gravity to Wort.

In the first of a series of articles about the Big Six, Tim Amsden outlined the history of Allied and its predecessors.

Sam Smiths had bought its second London pub, the Anerley Arms in Penge, from Charrington. The recently-published 1979 Good Beer Guide was reviewed. Containing over 6000 recommendations, it cost £2.35, or £1.95 to members.

TEN YEARS AGO, coincidentally, the 28-page May 1984 edition also appeared in pink covers — the front one featured a photograph of the New Inn, Ealing, which was the subject of a Pub Profile.

In "London Drinking", Red Rover travelled from Morden via Sutton to Purley, Coulsdon then Croydon on his researches courtesy of L.T., for whom he worked. Meanwhile in "Round the

Houses", the North London passport enthusiast visited Youngs pubs in Fenchurch Street, Southwark, Bow Street and Westminster, taking in en route the products of Charles Wells, Sam Smith and MacMullen's.

Watney's had introduced Combes Bitter and was about to market low gravity Antler in cask conditioned form. Remember them?

The centre page spread was a reproduction of a privately circulated new local guide. This tongue-in-cheek work involved — of all places — Balham, drawing from the words of Peter Sellers and regular L.D. contributors, but was nonetheless accurate regarding local pubs and history.

Young's were planning to open the Chelsea Ram in premises originally built in Edwardian times as a pub, but never used as such.

"Czech This!" was the title of Ian Worden's rundown of the real ale drinker's scene in Czechoslovakia.

Tim Chudley had celebrated brewing his millionth pint. His local Line Bitter is now a product of Gibbs Mew in Salisbury.

The Third Capital Beer night was announced for the George, Strand — a Charrington house. The Printer, who up to this issue had planned the layout according to our rough outlines, placed the advert in such a way that the tear-off admission slip was in the corner away from the edge of the page. Directly above was the Editorial, placed at the wrong end of the magazine and the penultimate content. Andy reflected on how 2p on a pint in the Budget had grown by the time it reached the point of sale. At the end of the second column — on page 24 — the reader was informed "Continued on page 19" where indeed the final paragraph appeared under the heading "From page 3". This sort of cock-up used to drive me to distraction as Editor i/c production, but the end was in sight ...

This was the last edition printed by Daru Graphic (who had done the job since December 1979, a total of 49 issues); it was also the last to use non-glossy paper and coloured sheets for covers. I was not sorry to see the end of the arrangement and transfer of operations nearer home. For the 13 editions since joining the Editorial Team it had fallen to my lot to deliver the scripts (usually more than one visit) on a dreary trek by public transport, more often than not supplemented by a none too pleasant cycle ride at the far end, to the then beer desert of Harmondsworth, between home time at school and when the printer knocked-off. More than once I arrived to find the premises very closed, despite

arranging by phone to visit and discuss the layout etc, and had to stuff it through the letterbox, returning homeward disgruntled and reflecting that it might have been posted — the object of my trip being to avoid losses of scripts. Enough said.

FIVE YEARS AGO the 32 page May 1989 issue had tangerine as its theme colour. This choice was to coincide with the launch of Real Beer in West London whose cover, in that colour, was reproduced in a full-page advert. The magazine cover's illustration was a cartoon which had appeared in "Two Beers, my Friend Will Pay." It featured a minion of Megalithic Industries, informing its Chairman: "The Monopolies Commission say they've no objection to our taking over Piddlecroft's Brewery — we already own it." In his Editorial Chris discussed the significance of that Commission's report, which limited brewers to owning no more than 2,000 pubs, the introduction of guest beers and the change in tenancy agreements, inter alia. As we now know, its recommendations did not work entirely in the drinker's favour.

Andy had come up with another variation on Idle Moments — mirror-writing. The idea was to produce coherent sentences, using only the eleven reversible letters of the alphabet, which could be read by means of a mirror. Try this, the first one published:

BEER AND WINE

There has been recent press comment that wine sales are growing and beers sales falling. This is hardly news.

However, it is worth noting that beer is still predominantly the British national drink. For example, there are still roughly twice as many pints of beer sold as glasses of wine. (1) Given that a glass of wine has about the same alcohol as a half of beer, you can safely say that almost four times as much beer is drunk as wine.

In terms of pounds spent, consumers spend nearly three times as much on beer as they do on wine. Expenditure on beer is more than half of all expenditure on alcoholic drinks. (2)

Now, if the press gave as much coverage to beer, in proportion to sales, as they did to wine, things would be much fairer.

(1) HM Customs

Sales per head of adult population, UK

Beer — 230 pints = 460 half pints

Wine — 126 small pub glasses

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This was the fourth type of pointless exercise to appear in the column, the others being represented in the same article: Non-rhyming limericks, numbers/initials, and brewery title anagrams.

Greene King had opened a brand-new pub, the Spinnaker in London's Docklands.

Merton continued his Historicrawl of Hordsham. An archive photograph of one hotel man-aged to become reversed. Not a major disaster as there were no legible signs, except that a modern shot from the same angle had appeared in the first part — the correct way round. As usual, an odd tale from history — in this case the last recorded execution by pressing to death, and the sudden spectacular demise a week later of the executioner.

The first Surrey Beer Festival was announced, to take place over two days in Dorking. John Harrison contributed a scholarly history of the brewing of Porter, once very much a London brew.

Fuller's Chiswick Bitter was under threat as its sales were falling below expectations. Of course, we now know differently — which wraps things up nicely for this month.

Cheers,

Martin Smith.

1992, latest figures available

(2) Central Statistical Office

Expenditure on beer £12.8 billion

Expenditure on wine £4.4 billion

Expenditure on alcohol £23.6 billion

1992, latest figures available

Incidentally, cask beer sales are over £2 billion!

BACK NUMBERS

To date 168 editions of London Drinker have been issued: back numbers of the following are available: 1979: march, April, May, June, August, September, December.

1980: February, march, April, May, July, August, September, October, November, December.

1981: February, April, May, July, August, September, November, December.

1982: March, April, May, July, August, September, October, November, December.

1983: February, April, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

1984: All issues (May one copy only)

1985 to date: All issues

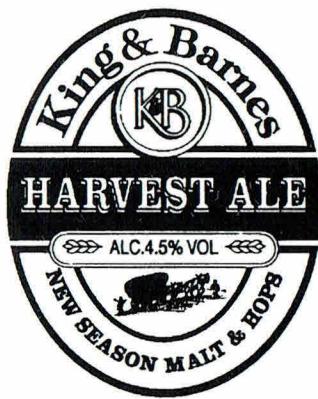
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WETHERSPOON'S GUEST BEER POLICY

Following Andy Pirson's editorial in March about the beer range in Wetherspoon's pubs and his comparison of the company to a supermarket chain like Tesco's (branches everywhere; good quality product - if not the most exciting - and keen prices) we had a letter from a reader, Brian Fletcher, stating that on one day he had drunk three different guest beers in five Wetherspoon pubs.

We have subsequently received from another reader, David Tyrrell, a copy of correspondence between himself and Wetherspoon's which is quite illuminating on this subject. Mr. Tyrrell wrote to Wetherspoon's as follows:

Dear Mr Martin,

In the March edition of the London Drinker the editor stated that it was his understanding Wetherspoon's had standardised the guest beer throughout the estate.

My experiences on Saturday, 5 March, when I (and some friends) visited 4 of your pubs (Denmark Hill, Streatham Hill, Sutton and Forest Hill), would seem to confirm this. Crouch Vale's SAS guested in each pub. Although a fine beer, our previous experiences of trips around JD pubs had led us to expect more variety and to hope for some hitherto undiscovered delights.

I should be grateful if you could confirm

whether this is indeed now your company's policy. If so, we shall, of course, continue to visit your establishments to sample the still refreshingly varied visitor from the smaller UK brewery. However, our anticipation will be tempered by a dash of realism.

Yours sincerely,

David Tyrrell.

and he received the following reply:

Dear Mr Tyrrell

Tim Martin has passed me a copy of your letter and asked me to reply on his behalf.

JD Wetherspoon provide a guest ale which is the same product in all of our pubs. The weekend guest ale should be available from Friday through Sunday. In addition to this managers are able to stock a guest ale of their own choice between Monday and Thursday. Therefore it is Monday - Thursdays that you would most often find different Wetherspoon pubs selling different guest ales. We are currently examining our guest beer policy and, it may be that in future our weekend guest ale is not the same in each house. I hope this goes some way to explaining our current policy. Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

John Hutson, General Manager.

So there you have it from the horse's mouth.

RETURNED BEER

Reproduced below are the admirable stock instructions for Young's managers. But why, I wonder, are filter papers necessary, if No.9 is true?

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Real Draught Beer Management

1. Rotate beer stocks religiously; using low gyle numbers first

2. Allow real draught beer 24 hours at least to drop bright

3. Ensure casks are firmly stillaged and vented on delivery; if beer is not thrown out when venting, insert a soft peg for 12-24 hours replacing with a hard peg — to be eased only on dispense of beer. The cask must be tapped at least 24 hours before beer is required and the beer checked for clarity and palate at the same time removing sediment from tap.

4. At all times keep taps and beer lines clean and sterile. There must be an adequate supply

of clean cask taps available. Ensure that the roll-over taps on the bar — visible to the customer — are clean and presentable.

5. Cellar tools, equipment, filter papers, pegs, corks and keystone etc should be kept neat and tidy on a bench or 'cellar tidy'.

6. When the casks are empty, hard peg the shive, cork the keystone and remove cask from stillion, ready to receive fresh beer.

7. Turn off beer lines at the cask tap and replace hard pegs at the end of every session.

8. The cleanliness and presentation of glasses in the bar is extremely important, therefore, all glasses must be thoroughly clean and free from grease and lipstick.

9. NEVER AT ANY TIME RETURN SLOPS OR SPILLAGE FROM THE BAR TO THE CASK (see Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970)

If in difficulty or in need of advice telephone Cellar Services at 01-870 0141.

REAL DRAUGHT BEER

and where to find it in Young's pubs

BALHAM, SW12

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

BARKING, Essex

Britannia, 1 Church Rd

BARNES, SW13

Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Rd
Coach and Horses, 27 High St
White Hart, The Terrace, 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 Sandall 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, SE8

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

Old Windmill, South Side

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, SW11

Plough, 89 St John's Hill

CLAPTON, E5

Prince of Wales, 146 Lea Bridge Rd

CLAYGATE, Surrey

Foley Arms, Foley Rd

CLEREKENWELL, EC1

London Spa, 70 Exmouth Market

Sekford Arms, 34 Sekford St

COVENT GARDEN, WC2

Marquess of Anglesey, 39 Bow St
CROYDON, Surrey

Dog and Bull, 24 Surrey St

Gloucester, 111 White Horse Rd

Tamworth Arms, 62 Tamworth Rd

DARTFORD, Kent

Malt Shovel, 3 Darenth Rd

DORKING, Surrey

Old House at Home, 24 West St

DULWICH, SE26

Dulwich Wood House,
39 Sydenham Hill
EAST DULWICH, SE22

Clock House, 196a Peckham Rye

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

FTZTROVIA, 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, 61 King St

Thatched House, 115 Dalling Rd

HAMPSTEAD, NW3

Flask, 14 Flask Walk

Horse and Groom, 68 Heath St

HARLESDEN, NW10

Grand Junction Arms, Acton Lane

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex

Castle, 18 Upper Square

Coach and Horses, 183 London Rd

ISLINGTON, N1

Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St

KENSINGTON

Britannia, 1 Allen St, W8

Britannia Tap, 150 Warwick Rd, W14

KEW, Surrey

Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green

KILBURN, NW6

Queen's Arms, 1 High Rd

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES

Albert Arms, 57 Kingston Hill

Bishop Out of Residence,
2 Bishops' 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

Wangrave 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, W1

Duke of Wellington,
179 Portobello Rd

Hoop, 83-85 Notting Hill Gate

OXFORD

Angel and Greyhound,
30 St Clements St

King's Arms, 40 Holywell St

OXSHOTT, Surrey

Bear, Leatherhead Rd

PIMLICO, SW1

Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank

Rising Sun, 46 Ebury Bridge Rd

PLUMPTON GREEN, East Sussex

Fountain, Station Rd

PRIMROSE HILL, NW1

Queens, 49 Regent's Park Rd

PUTNEY, SW15

Castle, 220 Putney Bridge Rd

Duke's Head, 8 Lower Richmond Rd

Green Man, Putney Heath

Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Rd

Spotted Horse, 122 Putney High St

REDHILL, Surrey

Home Cottage, Redstone Hill

REGENT'S PARK, NW1

Spread Eagle, 141 Albert St

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES

Fox and Goose,
327 Petersham Rd, Ham

Mitre, 20 St Mary's Grove

Old Ship, 3 King St

Orange Tree, 45 Kew Rd

Red Cow, 59 Sheen Rd

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

Wagon and Horses,
1 Surbiton Hill Rd

SUTTON, Surrey

Lord Nelson, 32 Lower Rd

New Town, 7 Land Rd

Robin Hood, 52 West St

SYDENHAM, SE26

Bricklayers' Arms,
189 Dartmouth Rd

TEDDINGTON, Middlesex

Abercorn Arms, 76 Church Rd

Queen Dowager, 49 North Lane

THORNTON HEATH, Surrey

Fountain Head, 114 Parchmore Rd

Lord Napier, 111 Beulah Rd

Railway Telegraph, 19 Brinstock Rd

TOOTING, SW17

Castle, 38 High St

Corrigan 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 Merton 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

Dear Editors,

Thank you for publishing my letter.

The point I was trying to make was that the CAMRA members who had been invited to the private social club would have to be made temporary members for the day; that is the law. If the CAMRA members were invited to a CIU affiliated club they would have to do exactly the same thing. So what is the difference.

Your reply to my previous letters was that CAMRA members could not walk into a CIU club without the formalities of signing in etc. but this appears not to be a problem with the Richmond & Hounslow branch does it?

Because the aim of CAMRA is to maintain the existence of real ale in public houses, CAMRA members support those establishments. If the aim of CAMRA had been to maintain the existence of real ale at a reasonable price, then CAMRA would join their local CIU club, annual renewal between £2 and £6 (What is that these days?). If the particular club didn't stock real ale, it soon would if there was a demand for it from its members.

I feel that my complaint is reasonable in as much that CAMRA is supporting many over-priced public houses (see readers' letters in London Drinker) but not supporting reasonably priced CIU affiliated clubs who, like my club, are really making a big effort to stock a wide variety of real ales.

Come on Enfield and Barnet Branch, where are you?

My comment relating to the Ally Pally does not reflect the fact that I live down the road. My earliest memories of the beer festivals were at that venue and were most enjoyable. From a purely selfish point of view, I am an A.P. supporter and would like to see Ally Pally cut its losses, but I do understand that CAMRA cannot afford the charges.

Yours sincerely,
C.J.Richell,
Palmers Green, N13
Editor's Comment:

I fully accept your point that drinking in clubs is usually considerably cheaper than in pubs but I still hold the view that campaigning for real beer in a club is the duty of the members of that club. If I were to join a club for its

facilities I would campaign for real ale there if it was not already available. What I would not do is join a club specifically to campaign for real ale there if all the existing members were not interested in it.

In answer to what reads like a side swipe at Richmond & Hounslow Branch, they do not have free access to the club in question. On one particular evening they were invited to a social there. Correct me if I am wrong but it is my understanding that to join most clubs you need to be proposed by an existing member.

Incidentally in reply to your question as to where Enfield and Barnet Branch; on Tuesday 31st May they will be in your very own Wood Green Labour Club.

Finally, I appreciate that you would like to see the Great British Beer Festival return to Alexandra Palace — I would also be happy to see it return there; but I will certainly not go into print with a statement boycotting any other venue as your letter did. Come on, give Olympia a try - you may even get to enjoy it!

Andy Pirson

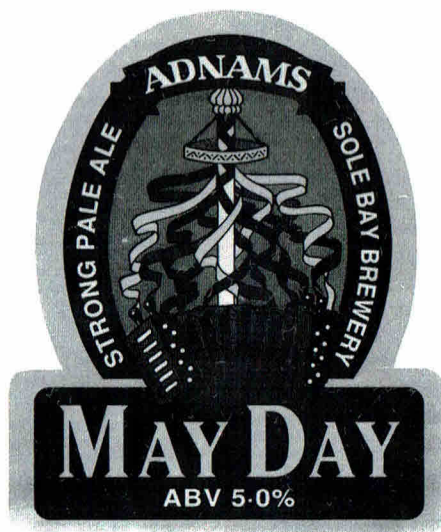
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 23-28 May | Cambridge,
Cambridge City Football
Ground,
Milton Road. |
| 25-28 May | Colchester,
Colchester Art Centre,
Church Street. |
| 25-28 May | Milton Keynes,
Madcap Theatre,
Wolverton. |
| 28-29 May | Rare Breeds,
Rare Breeds Trust Centre,
Nr Woodchurch, Ashford,
Kent. |
| 1-4 June | South Essex,
Civic Hall,
Blackshots Lane, Grays. |
| 15-18 June | Catford,
Lewisham Theatre,
Catford. |
| 17-18 June | Bury St. Edmunds,
Corn Exchange,
Town Centre. |
| 1-2 July | Dorking,
Dorking Halls,
Reigate Road |

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CHANNEL FOUR IN THE BATTLE OF THE BUDWEISERS

Food File, Channel Four, April 13th, examined the battle for independence of renowned Czech brewery, Budweiser Budvar. Mega-brewery Anheuser Busch — who brew the American Budweiser — seek to resolve the endless dispute about the name by buying a stake in the Czech company.

But as CAMRA warns "For a brewery, independence is like virginity. You can only lose it once."

Food file interviewed the different groups in the Czech Republic, fighting for the brewery's independence — or getting ready to sell out to the American dollar.

CAMRA has warned Czech drinkers that the honeyed promises of Anheuser Busch can't be trusted. "We have ample experience of big brewers taking over smaller ones. Once a brewery loses its independence, beers may be changed, or brewed at other sites," said a CAMRA spokesman.

"We have been campaigning to warn Czech drinkers of the trouble ahead if they allow this prize to fall into foreign brewers' hands and British drinkers may find supplies of the excellent Czech beer withdrawn from the British market if the Americans win control over their smaller competitor."

THE REAL MANIFESTO FOR EUROPE

CAMRA has published its European Manifesto, for the elections in June. Copies are being sent to all candidates by local CAMRA branches.

The Manifesto calls for drinks duties across Europe to be harmonised. At present beer drinkers in Britain pay an astonishing 21p a pint more than drinkers in the Netherlands and 26p a pint more than drinkers in France.

Unlimited imports for personal use already exceed one million pints every day, threatening British breweries and British jobs.

The Manifesto calls for equal treatment of wine and beer. At present wine receives financial subsidies from the Common Agricultural Policy, and favourable treatment under such matters as labelling. This is despite the fact that beer and wine are of equal importance throughout the Community, and more beer will be drunk than wine once the Community has been expanded to 16 states.

CAMRA is calling for the retention of the tie for independent brewers, in so far as the tie benefits customers through wider choice; and wants the European investigation of the tie in 1997 to concentrate on market abuse by larger companies in Europe.



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FULLER'S UPDATE

Fuller's celebrated the opening of a new pub in the city with a difference; upstairs there is a conventional pub selling Fuller's traditional, award winning ales whilst downstairs has been converted into a small cellar wine bar to appeal to the city clientelle and to the ladies. Both the pub and wine bar have been trading well above expectation.. The new pub which is both called and located at 49 Gresham Street in EC2, has been transformed from the bottom two stories of an office block belonging to the Association of British Insurers. Like all good tenants, Fuller's informed their landlords that they would be holding a party and this time the landlords wanted to come! Anthony Fuller was joined behind the bar at the official opening by the Director General of the Association of British Insurers, Michael Boleat, who pulled the first pint of ESB. Jokingly encouraged to "down it in one" by Mr Fuller, to everyone's surprise, he did! Claiming that he does not normally drink much more than a pint of Hock, he must have been relieved that it was Friday afternoon!



Anthony Fuller and the Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham, Councillor Mrs Joan Karuana, celebrate the opening of the recently refurbished Cross Keys at Hammersmith, with Managers, Anne and Paul Hayklan.

The Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham, Councillor Mrs Joan Karuana, did not take up the same offer when she kindly officiated at the reopening of the Cross Keys at Hammersmith. She did, however, view her constituency from the back of the Fuller's horse and dray when she rode round the block with some regulars from the pub. The conversion of the pub from a dated sixties design to one with a warm, traditional feel took only seven weeks and managers, Anne and Paul Hayklan, are delighted with the transformation. Antique French floorboards were especially imported and the furniture is a mixture of refurbished antique and some specially built, using oak. The garden area has been improved ready for those long summer evenings and in the winter customers have the feel of a real coal fire to look forward to. Fuller's wish Mark and all his staff at 49 Gresham Street and Anne and Paul at the Cross Keys, all the best for the future

Where to buy Continued

OUTLETS – SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

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

KINGSTON, COCOANUT
KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD
KINGSTON, FIGHTING COCKS
KINGSTON, GAZEBO
KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
KINGSTON, SPRING GROVE
KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS
KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS
KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
MITCHAM, CRICKETERS
MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF
MORTIMER
NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK
RICHMOND, DYSARTS
RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE
RICHMOND, SHAFTESBURY ARMS
RICHMOND, TRIPLE CROWN
RICHMOND, WATERMANS ARMS
RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS
SURBITON, BUN SHOP
SUTTON, NEW TOWN
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING
MOON
W1 ARGYLL ARMS
W1 MORTIMER ARMS
W1 WINDMILL
W1 WESTMORELAND ARMS
W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
W2 ROYAL STANDARD
W3 KINGS ARMS
W4 WINDMILL
W5 PLOUGH
W5 RED LION
W5 ROSE & CROWN
W5 WHEATSHEAF
W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
W6 RICHMOND ARMS
W10 VILLAGE INN
W11 FROG & FIRKIN
W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE
W12 MOON ON THE GREEN
W13 THE FORESTER
W14 WARWICK ARMS
BRENTFORD, GLOBE
BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON
CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD
FELTHAM, GENERAL ROY
HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS
HAMPTON, WHITE HART
HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART
HARLINGTON, CROWN
HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR
HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER
HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE
HOUNSLOW, BEAVER
HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES
HOUNSLOW, LORD CLYDE
HOUNSLOW, MOON UNDER WATER
ISLEWORTH, COACH & HORSES
ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS
ISLEWORTH, SWAN INN
SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS
SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN
STAINES, CAVALIER

TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER
TWICKENHAM, ALBANY
TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE
TWICKENHAM, FIVE OAKS
TWICKENHAM, POPE'S GROTTO
TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT
UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES
WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON
WHITTON, WHITE HART
OFF TRADE
W2 PADDINGTON STATION
NEWS STAND
W11 GROGBLOSSOM

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QUEEN
CHERTSEY, CASTLE
CHERTSEY, KINGS ARMS
COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT
DARTFORD, ROYAL VICTORIA &
BULL
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EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS
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KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL
LALEHAM, FEATHERS
LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS
MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS
MORTIMER WEST END (Hants),
RED LION
OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK
PETERBOROUGH, BOGART'S
POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS
ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH &
HORSES
SALISBURY (Wilts), WYNDHAM
ARMS
STEVENAGE (Herts), RED LION
SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO
ARMS
STOW MARIES, PRINCE OF WALES
STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants),
NEW INN
SUNBURY, FLOWERPOT
SUNBURY, HARE & HOUNDS
SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK
TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &
FEATHERS
WATFORD, WEST HERTS SPORTS
CLUB
WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES
WHITCHURCH (Hants), YE OLDE
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WORTHING, VINE

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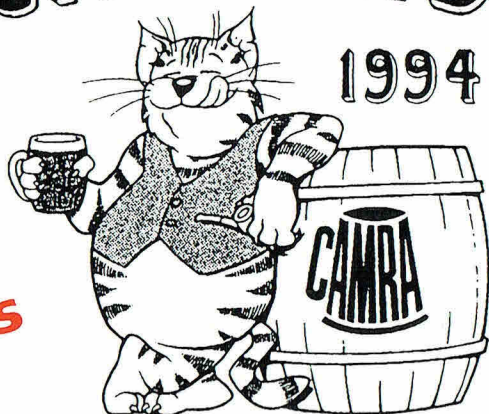
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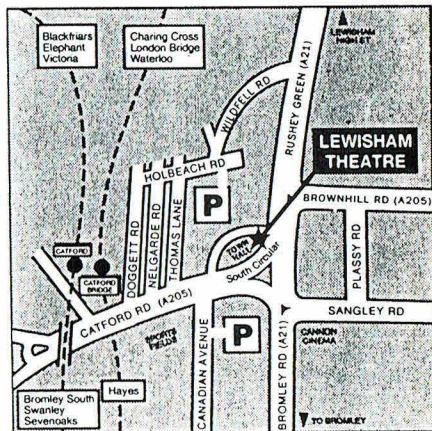
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