

# DRINKER



ROSE & CROWN, 2 The Polygon, London SW4 (A Harvey's outpost)

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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.

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OUT	LETS - EAST and SOUTH	SE18	VILLAGE BLACKSMITH	N4	TAP & SPILE
	ΓPUBS	SE19	ROYAL ALBERT	N4	WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
EC1	ARTILLERY ARMS	SE20	HOP EXCHANGE	N4	WORLDS END
EC1	BISHOPS FINGER	SE22	CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN	N6	OLD GATE HOUSE
ECI	O'HANLONS	SE25	ALLIANCE	N7	HOLLOWAY
ECI	PHEASANT & FIRKIN		GOAT HOUSE	N8	ELBOW ROOM
ECI	ROSEBERRY		DULWICH WOOD HOUSE	N8	RAILWAY TAVERN
ECI	SEKFORDE ARMS		GREYHOUND	N8	TOLL GATE
ECI	SHAKESPEARE		SCOMBE, CLARET WINE BAR	N9	LAMB
ECI	SUTTON ARMS	BARE	KING, BARKING DOG	N10	SPOONS
EC3	SWAN	BARK	KINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK	NII	BANKERS DRAFT
EC4	BLACK FRIAR	BECK	ENHAM, GEORGE INN	NI2	TALLY HO
EC4	CITY RETREAT	BECK	ENHAM, JOLLY WOODMAN	N13	WHOLE HOG
E1			EY, BLUE ANCHOR	NI6	NOBODY INN
E2	LORD RODNEYS HEAD CAMDENS HEAD		DON, ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL	NI6	ROCHESTER CASTLE
E6	MILLERS WELL	CROY	DON, BEDFORD TAVERN	N16	SHAKESPEARE
E8	LADY DIANA	CROY	DON, BUILDERS ARMS	N17	CLUTTERBUCKS
E9		CROY	ZDON DOG & BULL	NI7	
	FALCON & FIRKIN	CROY	YDON, FIDDLER & FIRKIN YDON, GEORGE	N17	ELBOW ROOM
E9	ROYAL STANDARD	CROY	OON GEORGE		NEW MOON
E10	DRUM	CROY	DON, PRINCESS ROYAL	N19	DOG & BUCK
E10	TAP & SPILE	CROY	YDON, ROYAL STANDARD	N21	DOG & DUCK
E11	GEORGE	CROY	YDON, SHIP	N21	HALF MOON
E13	VILLAGE		RD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD	N21	ORANGE TREE
E15	GOLDENGROVE	LOUG	GHTON, LAST POST	N22	STARTING GATE
SE1	ANCHOR & HOPE	DIIDI	EY, FOXLEY HATCH		IET, MOON UNDER WATER
SEI	COPPER	COLLI	H CROYDON, FIDDLER &		IET, OLD MITRE
SE1	FOUNDERS ARMS	3001	FIRKIN	COCK	FOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN
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SE1	GEORGE TAVERN		LINGTON, WHISPERING MOON	ENFIE	ELD, MOON UNDER WATER
SE1	GOOSE & FIRKIN			<b>ENFIE</b>	ELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
SE1	GRAPES	CLU		NEW	ELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS
SEI	HORNIMAN AT HAYS	SE1	LENSBURY BAR, SHELL	NEW	BARNET, LORD KITCHENER
SE1	KINGS ARMS	O.F.	INTERNATIONAL		BARNET, RAILWAY BELL
SE1	MARKET PORTER	SE9	HOWERD CLUB	OUT	LETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS
SE1	OLD BRIDGE HOUSE	SE13	LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB		LORD NELSON
SEI	PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY	SE18	PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB	NWI	QUINNS
SE1	SHIP, 68 Borough Road	CRO	YDON, RUSKIN HOUSE		SPREAD EAGLE
SEI	ST GEORGES TAVERN		TRADE		VICTORIA & ALBERT BAR
SE1	ST JOHNS TAVERN	E4	Waltham Wines,	NW2	BEATEN DOCKET
SE1	TRINITY ARMS		72 Sewardstone Rd	NW3	FLASK TAVERN
SEL	WELLINGTON TAVERN	SE3	Bitter Experience, 128 Lee Road	NW3	THREE HORSESHOES
SE1	WHEATSHEAF	BEXL	EYHEATH, Bitter Experience,	NIW/A	CHEQUERS
SE1	WHITE HART, Cornwall Street		216 Broadway	NIW/4	WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
SE3	BRITISH OAK	BRON	MLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill	NIVI/O	CLIETON HOTEL
SE3	HARE & BILLET	OUT	LETS - WEST CENTRAL	NIMA	CLIFTON HOTEL
SE3	PRINCESS OF WALES		NORTH PUBS		PRINCESS ROYAL
SE3	RAILWAY TAVERN	WCI	CALTHORPE ARMS		J.J. MOONS
SE5	PHOENIX & FIRKIN	WCI	CITTIE OF YORKE		MOON UNDER WATER
SE6	BLACK HORSE & HARROW	WCI	ENTERPRISE		COLISEUM
SE6	TIGERS HEAD	WCI	PAKENHAM ARMS		GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
SE7	McDONNELS	WCI	PAKENHAM ARMS PRINCESS LOUISE		OUTSIDE INN
SE8	CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN	WCI	RUGBY TAVERN		FIELD, PLOUGH
SE8	DOG & BELL	WCI	CLINI	HARK	OW, MOON ON THE HILL
SE8	ROYAL GEORGE	WCI	THREE CUPS UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CROWN & ANCHOR	HARK	OW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
SE9	BANKERS DRAFT	WCI	UNIVERSITY OF LONDON		CH END, MOON & SIXPENCE
	ADMIRAL HARDY	WC2	CROWN & ANCHOR		ON, NEW MOON
	ASHBURNHAM ARMS	WC2	FULMER AND FIRKIN		'H HARROW, J.J. MOONS
	RICHARD I	WC2	CEOPCE IV		LIP, J.J. MOONS
	FOX & FIRKIN	WC2	GEORGE IV MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY	SOUT	H HARROW, J.J. MOONS
SE16	BLACKSMITHS ARMS	WC2	MOON & SIVEENCE	WEAL	LDSTONE, ROYAL OAK
	MANOR TAVERN	NI	MOON & SIXPENCE COMPTONNI EAGLE	WEAL	LDSTONE, SARSEN STONE
				WEM	BLEY, J.J. MOONS
SEIO	MOBY DICK	N1	EARL OF RADNOR		TRADE
SEIS	ANGLESEA ARMS	N1	GEORGE & VULTURE	NI	Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
	COOPERS ARMS (Plaisted's)	NI	MALT & HOPS		Grogblossom, 235 West End Lane
	EARL OF CHATHAM	N1	MARQUESS TAVERN	CLU	
	MITRE	NI	PRINCE ARTHUR		
	PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB	N1	WENLOCK ARMS	INW4	HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,
SE18	ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)	N2	WELCH'S ALE HOUSE		Middlesex University Bus. School
SE18	UNION TAVERN	N4	OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH BOWL		Continued on page 39

# EDITORIAL

As the Editorial this month we have reproduced an article by **Denis Woodbridge** from a recent edition of the Sunday Telegraph

# FARMERS HOPPING MAD OVER ROW OVER PESTICIDE

English hop growers face a disastrous season after being invaded by an aphid that is resistant to all approved pesticides.

They are unable to tackle the damson-hop aphid with a new pesticide, widely used in Europe and the U.S. because it has not yet been approved in Britain - despite the fact that hops imported to make up for the low British yield are likely to have been treated with the new product called Confidor.

The English hop industry has an £18 million turnover and produces about 5,000 tons of hops a year, but yields and quality are expected to be seriously hit when harvesting begins at the end of this month.

Dr. Peter Darby, a research scientist working on hop-plant breeding, said the aphid had acquired resistance to many chemicals. Only the systemic pesticide, Cytrolane, appeared to remain effective, though there were indications that the aphid was now developing a tolerance to this.

Brian Willder, a Herefordshire hop grower, said his 100-acre crop had suffered despite two applications of pesticide at a cost of £28,000.

Yet manufacturers' trials have been carried out on his farm and appeared effective. "The irony is that brewers will probably have to import more from abroad where the new chemical has been used," said Mr. Willder.

A Ministry of Agriculture spokeswoman said that an application for approval by the manufacturers, Bayer, was being looked at and a decision was due "shortly".

Julian Berry, chairman of the National Farmers' Union Hops Committee, said that this was the second application. The first had been turned down in spring 1993.

Richard Wood, marketing director of English Hops Ltd, said the rejection had put British growers at a serious disadvantage. "If the new chemical is not given approval, brewers will have to replace the loss with hops from abroad which could eventually effect (sic) the character of English beer."

Mr. Wood said Confidor was even being aerial-sprayed in Czechoslovakia.

Tony Redsell, chairman of the National Hop

Association, said Bayer had been carrying out trials on his farm for three years, compared with two by the ministry's Pesticide Safety Directorate. "If the delay continues, there won't be a hop industry left," he said.

Denis Woodbridge

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# GET FIT FOR THE FIRST WOKING BEER FESTIVAL!



Woking Leisure Centre will be the venue for the first CAMRA beer festival ever to be held in the town on Friday and Saturday 11/12 November this year. This joint venture between Surrey/Hants Borders Branch and Woking Borough Council is part of the Council's programme of events to mark its Centennial year. The Leisure Centre is ideally situated in Woking Park about 10 minutes walk from the town centre and bus and railway stations.

The Festival will feature around 60 ales, plus ciders and imported beers. There will be live entertainment all sessions, and quiet areas.

Being located at the Leisure Centre, and run in conjunction with the Council, the emphasis will be on making a family day out. Children will be admitted free, with a family room being available until 9pm each evening. To keep the youngsters entertained, there will be a play area, and it is proposed to have face painting, clowns and magicians.

The Festival will be open 6-11pm Friday and Saturday evening, and 11am-3.30pm Saturday lunchtime. Adult admission is £3.25, including souvenir pint glass, and there will be £1.00 back on the day to card carrying CAMRA members. Tickets can be got at the door, or are available now in advance from Martin Hills, Woking Borough Council, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, WOKING, Surrey, GU21 IYL (cheques payable to Woking Borough Council – S.A.E. please).

Volunteers to staff the Festival are required — please contact William Hill, 'Pendennis', Frimley Road, Ash Vale, ALDERSHOT, Hants., GU12 5NN (other enquiries to Julian Long (0483) 223522).

# LAUNCH THE TITANIC!

The Titanic Brewery will launch their beers in London on Wednesday, 12 October at the Kelly Arms, Alfred Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. (BR Kingston, Surbiton; Buses K1/K4)

A warm invitation goes out to beer lovers across the Capital to come and taste these wonderful beers at what should prove to be a celebratory evening

Free samples of:
Best Bitter
Lifeboat
Premium
Captain Smith Strong Ale
will be available

For further information about this evening, or how you can get your hands on Titanic Beer, call Danny Spencer of Comax Trading Company on 081 546 7310

# **IDLE MOMENTS**

Welcome to the October edition of Idle Moments, especially so if you obtained this copy of London Drinker at the Third Feltham Beer Festival. If you were there, I hope you had a good time and if you are there, I hope you are having a good time (in which case, why are you reading this rubbish?).

Anyway enough of the intros; let's get on with the real silliness, starting as usual with the solutions to last month's number puzzles:

- 1. 6 Spots on a Snooker Table
- 1952 Year of the Helsinki Olympic Games
- 171 Highest Possible Score with Three Darts in Different Beds
- 4. 1 Red Ball in a Game of Billiards
- 5. 25 Beatles' Top Ten Hits
- 6. 80586 Intel Called it the Pentium Instead
- 7. 235 Radioactive Isotope of Uranium
- 8. 5 Coins on a Shove Ha'penny Board
- 9. 26 Atomic Number of Iron
- 10. 12 Members of the National Executive of the Campaign for Real Ale

And here with unerring predictability are this month's number puzzles:

- 1. 10 is X in RN
- 2. 180 FO in a B
- 1789 S of the B
- 4. 10 P is the W of a G of W
- 5. 55 is the S of the N from O to T
- 6. 960 F in a P (in OM)
- 7. 1926 QE the SB in L
- 8. 4 P in a B
- 9. 176 is the SN of the OSM for WL
- 10. 12 D from CD to E

Now, as all regular readers (Yes, I am told there are some people who persevere with this stuff – sad, isn't it) know we have the brewery anagrams next. It should be self explanatory but if not last month's answers may help to clarify things:

1. SAVE HOT RUIN HARVIESTOUN

2. STOLEN NOG LONGSTONE

3. LEAD RUN ARUNDEL

4. PORN SET PRESTON

LAY, VEX EEL EXE VALLEY

That's it; you're on your own now with this month's:

- 1. BELT ON HAM
- 2. MICE OR CLAM
- 3. HI SPAR

- 4. FINN LARKS
- 5. TWIN C. TOXIN

Regular readers who haven't lost too many brain cells to the ale will recall why I call the next bit 5BY4; if you don't know, it doesn't matter. All you have to do is match the first list (1 to 10) with the second list (A to J) and when you think you have got them all right (or have given up) you can check with the answers at the end.

Once again, I am indebted to the Guinness Book of British Hit Singles. I said volume Tim Rice and Co. use the term One Hit Wonders for people or groups who have had only one hit record, but one which reached No. 1. I have widened it out a bit to allow artists (or groups) who had a single top ten hit and nothing else. Here they are then, songs first, performers second (By the way; the numbers in brackets are the highest position they reached in the UK charts):

- 1. Summertime City (4)
- 2. Tell Laura I Love Her (1)
- 3. Spirit In The Sky (1)
- 4. In The Year 2525 (1)
- 5. It's Good News Week (5)
- 6. (Hey There) Lonely Girl (4)
- 7. Walk On The Wild Side (10)
- 8. Here Comes Summer (1)
- 9. A Pub With No Beer (3)
- 10. When (1)
- A. Ricky Valance
- B. Slim Dusty
- C. Eddie Holman
- D. Lou Reed
- E. Mike Batt
- F. Hedgehoppers Anonymous
- G. Norman Greenbaum
- H. Kalin Twins
- I. Jerry Keller
- J. Zager & Evans

There, they were easy, weren't they. Now we shall round things off with our regular bout of ten general knowledge questions of a somewhat trivial nature, but not (as usual) until you have had the answers to last months:

- 1. Harold Abrahams (1924); Alan Wells (1980); Linford Christie (1992)
- 2. George Harrison
- 3. Jayne Mansfield
- 4. Tesco
- 5. The Diary of a Nobody

- 6. Three Men in a Boat To Say Nothing of the Dog!
- 7. The Old Bailey (or the Central Criminal Court)
- 8. The Nissen hut
- 9. Bath
- 10. The River Ribble

So here, then, are the questions:

- The occupation of Adolf Hitler's father meant that the soon to be dictator spent much of his early life very close to the Austrian/German border. What was it?
- 2. What brewery awaits the restoration to the throne of a Stuart monarch?
- 3. On what river does Leeds stand?
- And talking of Yorkshire, what river flows through Wensleydale? (No it is not the Wensley)
- 5. There are two cities in Germany called Frankfurt which are differentiated by the rivers on which they stand. What are the two rivers called?
- 6. And finally before we leave Germany and rivers, on what river does Berlin stand?
- 7. How many Trappist monasteries in Belgium still brew beer?
- 8. And there is one Trappist monastery in the Netherlands which brews beer. What or where is it?
- 9. What is to be found at St. James's Gate?
- 10. Who, to cricket enthusiasts, is the Bearded Wonder?

Well, that's about all I've got time for this month; I've got to put together the programme for Feltham Beer Festival now. Before I go, though, here are the answers to 5BY4:

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

See you next month.

**Andy Pirson** 

# LONDON PUBS GROUP

London Pubs Group will be holding its AGM at The Market Porter in SE1 on Wednesday 26th October. The meeting will decide the future policies of the group which acts in conjunction with CAMRA's National Pubs Group. The posts of Chairman, Secretary and Branch Liaison Officer will also be filled.

If you are interested in the preservation of pubs in London please do come along, you will be made very welcome.

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# THE LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON

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All correct entries received first post on 26th October will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

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

# LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

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£10 PRIZE TO BE WON

# ACROSS

1.	Have no faith in damaged strut.	[8]
5.	It's a mistake to knock back lager.	[4]
9.	Thespian begins and studies lines.	[7]
10.	Note article on tax.	[5]
11.	An afterthought, the east end of a church.	[4]
12.	Last mag for the cockney to back.	[7]
14.	A padre broke up the march.	[6]
16.	American woman left in charge of the French.	[6]
19.	Leaders of orchestra return to play on stage.	[7]
21.	Pass mark or credit.	[4]
24.	Stag's second antler? It's sharp.	[5]
25.	She starts being sick at sea.	[7]
26.	The last word in churches.	[4]
27.	Bless me a surprise get together!	[8]

# DOWN

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2.	Bit of a fight	[5]
3.	about a split on the bottom?	[4,3]
4.	Found out and taken to court about ship.	[6]
6.	Late rally made largely by one side.	[7]
7.	Act before becoming audibly tight.	[8]
8.	Dust up may cause boss	[4]
13.	to repeat lousy musical.	[8]
15.	Bring back others some rock.	[7]
17.	One way to travel on a horse.	[7]
18.	Pleasures discovered as Sam loses head and ta	kes
	drugs.	[6]
20.	Band call.	[4]
22.	About to arm and rise.	[5]
23.	Somewhat beleaguered by fever.	[4]

It's only a little thing but see me about it.

Winner of the prize for the August Crossword: Perry (perhaps this time) Freeman, London E10.

Other correct entries were received from: Aaron Aardvark, Paul Adams, Mark Antony, I.W.Ardon, Geoff B, Robin Bolt, Andrew Bovey, Andy Camroux, Neil Chapman, A.P.Comaish, Steve Cooper, Jane Darnbrough, R.A. Dodds, Big Eric & the Wickford Werewolf, Kathryn Everett, John Feenan, Flowerpot Man, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E. Green, Guy & Alison, John Heath, John Heekin, Alison Henley, William Hill, Mike Jolly, Phil Kempton, Dave McKenzie, Jim Mason, M.J. Moran, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, H.O'Connor, George Parker, Nigel Parsons, Kevin Reeve, Jim Richards, A.C.Scutter, Mrs B.Smith, Tarnya Smith, Old Smokey, David Tyrrell, Graham Vivian, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Tony Whitford, Chris Whithouse, John Williamson, Susan Wilson, Hazel Woodhams, David Woodward, Terry Wookey.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

You might be interested to know (re S Fothergill's letter) that CAMRA does have sympathetic MPs and Lords through which we press our case.

We don't pay people because (a) we can't afford it and (b) a genuine cause can always find MPs who will help for nothing rather than expecting a retainer.

CAMRA also has links with the 130 strong Parliamentary Beer Club, which brings together most of the MPs and Lords interested in beer.

As for the mis-use of the term 'free house', this is one of those running sores where Trading Standards refuse to prosecute. When CAMRA first raised this, over a decade ago, it would have been possible to clarify the issue. By now even Firkin pubs which sell only Firkin beer are claiming to be 'free houses'.

Yours etc, Stephen Cox Campaigns Manager, CAMRA St Albans

Dear Editors.

Re Mr Jack Speigel's letter to London Drinker, September 1993

Mr Speigel in his letter to your magazine which you printed, mentioned a pub with a logo even older than Truman, Hanbury, Buxton. It is called either the Plover or the Eagle (I know it's some bird or other!) unquote. He'll be pleased to read that the establishment has already been photographed by Eric Martin of SE London branch in black and white and that a photograph of the pub, which is the Victoria, 757 Woolwich Road, SE7, appears on page 72 of the new South East London Beer Guide for this year.

Yours sincerely A P Boyd Sydenham, London SE26

Dear Editors.

Having read the comments in Beer Update 94 re The Half and Half and the lack of beer choice in SW16, could I invite the author to join me on a "Streatham Stroll"

Starting at the Brass Farthing (at least ten real ales) on to the Pied Bull, (a Young's managed house), forward to the Greyhound (four ales brewed for the pub), more Young's in the Bedford Park and finally to the White Lion, the Market Tavern's free house with a choice of six varying real ales.

I would also point out that any pub charging £1.85 for Young's "Ordinary" and having bouncers on the doors is, in my personal view, an unwelcome addition to any area.

Yours sincerely Andy Irvine-Turner London SW16

Dear Editors,

I feel I have to mention that, since the article about the Wheatsheaf in Stoney Street SE1 that used to have wonderful beers and a wonderful array of guest ales, all in tip top condition, run by an expert, is no longer!!

Some of them are very indifferent to each other, the clientele has dropped since John went, the masses have voted with their feet. Also Chris the paragraph in September 94 about Pitfield Brewery, Brighton by the sea!! It happens to be Lancing by the sea, someone didn't do their research did they? nor did What's brewing!! Also Chris I wrote some time ago about Young's, I still feel the same about it, poor quality, even more now that they put the prices up again

Yours G Durrance Hopton St Crawler Colchester, Essex

Dear Editors,

As I have not written one of my missives to you for a bit, I though I would explain the strange moniker 'The Two Mikes' — 'Big Eric' and 'The Werewolf of Wickford' that has started appearing in the results sheet of the London Drinker crossword.

At school, my middle name being Eammon (butt of piss-taking irish jokes) was converted by me, unwittingly to a supposedly forgettable 'Eric'. Trouble was, no-one forgot! My nickname has been Eric from that day to this.

'The Werewolf of Wickford' half of the equation is the other Mike — Mike Richards. Mike has been the recipient of state largesse for several years now and spends his time happily constructing pieces of carpentry in the garden shed which he rarely finishes. He has been known to come out at night somewhat unshaven.

I hope your readers got a good laugh out of the story behind the weird nicknames! Good luck to one and all,

Mike Farrelly

# THE ALBANY

Station Yard, Twickenham, Middlesex

# **AUTUMN REAL ALE FESTIVAL**

Thursday 27th October - Monday 31st October '94



- Kelham Island Golden Eagle
- Old Mill Bullion
- Thwaites Craftsman
- Wychwood Hobgoblin
- Woodfordes Norfolk Nog
- Robinsons Frederics
- Steam Packet Gamekeeper
- Banks & Taylor Bitter
- Coach House Posthorn
- Stocks Select
- Elgoods Cambridge Bitter
- Hambleton Stallion
- Hull Brewery Bitter
- Arundel Stronghold
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- Hadrian Gladiator
- Nene Valley Trojan Bitter
- Wickwar Brand Oak Bitter

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# MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors.

The February edition of the London Drinker advertised the First World Beer Festival in Hanover, Germany.

Suitably intrigued I planned with a couple of friends (Mr Edward Janard and Mr Martin Messias) to visit the festival. My intrigue increased as the weeks passed by as I heard nothing further about the festival in the "beer press".

We arrived in Hanover late on Friday 17th June having travelled overland from Oostende where we sampled some Belgian brews and Köln where we enjoyed the delights of one or two Kölsch beers. It was too late to seek out the festival and our hotel bar was closed, however there was time to find a nearby bar which served Paulaner Pils not exactly a local brew to Hanover (being a Munich brew!) but it was very acceptable all the same.

The next morning after breakfast we set off in search of the festival which was held at Congress Centrum Stadtpark. None of us knew Hanover but after obtaining a map and finding a tram stop we managed to find it, out in the suburbs some 15 minutes from where we were staying. We identified some other beer enthusiasts on the tram and followed them when they got off. Only to find horror of horrors it was not open! We had an hour to put in — a short walk round the park and another tram ride soon put the time in.

When we finally got to the festival we found it very quiet (it was early). There were two large halls with mini bars, some from various countries including Bolivia, Thailand, Jamaica, Sweden, Peru, New Zealand, Japan and others all selling local beers.

There were other stalls from German breweries including Bitburger, Warsteiner, Schneider, Kloster Bier and others all selling their own wares. We soon came to the conclusion that this was a trade rather than a consumers/enthusiasts festival, nevertheless it was interesting for all that.

The UK stand was particularly disappointing as all they had was Newcastle Brown and Bass Pale Ale in bottles as well as some home brew kits!

Among the brews I sampled were Pinkus Alt (strong, clear and refreshing), Pinkus Konigmatz (alcohol free unfortunately! tasted like Supermatt the Danish soft drink), Andreas

Klosterbier (strong and malty), Boston Lightship (no enzymes or adjuncts, a little salty from the USA) and something called Rommel Deus Hamburg Dunkel (a dark beer and not too strong).

On the way out we found the park area and had some food which was washed down with a couple more beers (which I didn't write down) however, there were many more stalls outside and I felt like I could have done with a week at the festival rather than an afternoon.

However we had other places to go (including the Harz Mountains, Berlin and Poland) and other beers to sample which we did but that is another story.

Regards,

Alistair Blackett

Dear Editors,

Can we please convey, through your columns, our belated thanks to all the performers, audience and other supporters who contributed so much to the success of the "Old Friends and Guests" musical evening at the Charles Cryer Studio Theatre on 28th May. Thanks to everybody involved, we raised over £400 for Saint Raphael's Hospice in North Cheam.

On Sunday 6th November the Sutton Acoustic Music Club will be kindly hosting their fourth annual St. Raphael's benefit evening at the Robin Hood, Sutton. Further details will be announced nearer the time.

In 1995 "Old Friends" will definitely consider putting on another similar concert at the Charles Cryer Theatre. We would also like to arrange other gigs at smaller venues such as pub function rooms. If any landlord, landlady or tenant is interested in letting us have a room for a nominal fee (or even free) we would be most grateful. A music licence and P.A. would be useful but not imperative (the musical acts will usually be individuals or duos – and acoustie).

These acts would probably be "one-offs" but if any such venue would be interested in hosting a regular (say monthly to start off with) series of musical evenings with "Old Friends" and their guests, performing an acoustic mixture of blues, popular music and whatever, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Many thanks again,

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# **BRANCH DIARY**

If your branch is not mentioned, below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for October of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 29.

**LONDON PUBS GROUP:** Wed 26 (8.00) Business Meeting and AGM. MARKET PORTER, Stoney Street, SE1 — Mon 28 Nov (8.00)Pub Crawl of Paddington. Start SWAN, W2. More details next month.

CROYDON & SUTTON: Thu 6 (8.00) Selhurst Crawl. Meet at CLIFTON ARMS, Clifton Road, SE25 — Fri 14 (4.00) & Sat 15 SECOND CROYDON BEER FESTIVAL. Ruskin House, Park Lane, Croydon — Thu 20 King & Barnes Brewery Visit. Contact Steve Collins on 081-930 4041 (work) for details/bookings — Thu 27 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Mon 3 (8.00) Branch Meeting. ROYAL STANDARD (Back Bar), Victoria Park Road, E9 — Wed 12 (8.00) Two Pub Social. ANCHOR & HOPE, High Hill Ferry then PRINCE OF WALES (9.30), Lea Bridge Road, both E5 — Sun 23 (12.00) Branch Social. Start at RESOLUTE TAVERN, Poplar High Street, E14 — Mon 7 Nov (8.00) Branch Meeting. ROYAL STANDARD (Back Bar), Victoria Park Road E9.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Tue 4 (9.00) Two Pub Social. FOX, 413 Green Lanes then WHOLE HOG (10.00), 430-434 Green Lanes, both N13 — Sat 8 (12.00) Misery Line Meander. Start SULTAN, Norman Road, South Wimbledon, SW19. Details from Branch Contact — Wed 12 (9.00) Social. YE OLDE MITRE, 58 High Street, Barnet — Tue 18 (9.00) Social. WHITE HART, 290 Chase Road, Southgate, N14 — Thu 27 (8.30) Pub of the Year & Good Beer Guide Promotion. MOON UNDER WATER, High Street, Barnet — Tue 1 Nov (9.00) Good Beer Guide Promotion. CHEOUERS, 20 Church End, Hendon, NW4.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Wed 12 (8.30) Two Pub Social. SWAN, Claygate followed by FOLEY ARMS — Thu 27 (8.30) Branch Meeting. ASHLEY PARK HOTEL, Walton on Thames.

NORTH LONDON: Thu 6 (8.00) Committee Meeting followed by (8.30) Branch Meeting. QUEENS HEAD, Acton Street, WC1 (Kings Cross BR/LT) — Tue 11 (8.00) Two Pub Social in NW1. FUSILIER & FIRKIN, 7/8 Chalk Farm Road then T.E.DINGWALLS (9.30), 11 East Yard, Camden Lock (Camden Road BR/Camden LT) — Sat 15 (8.00) Darts Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 (Old Street BR/LT) — Tue 18 (8.00) Three Pub Social in N1. HEN & CHICKENS, 109 St Pauls Road (Highbury Corner) then TUT & SHIVE (8.45) 235 Upper Street; MARQUESS TAVERN (9.30), 32 Canonbury Street (Highbury & Islington BR/LT) — Fri 21 (11.00) Daytime Trip to Ridley's Brewery & Essex Pubs. Details/bookings phone Aidan Kerrigan on 081-963 0120 (home-answering m/c) — Thu 27 (8.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 — Tue 1 Nov (8.00) Halloween Beer Festival Social. BEATEN DOCKET, 50—56 Cricklewood Broadway, NW2 (Cricklewood BR/Kilburn LT).

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 4 (8.00) Committee Meeting. WHITE CROSS, Riverside, Water Lane, Richmond — Mon 10 (8.00) Post Festival Debrief. VICTORIA, 56 Worple Road, Isleworth — Mon 17 (8.00) Branch Meeting. POPES GROTTO, Cross Deep, Twickenham — Thu 27 (8.00) Social & Pub of the Year Presentation. TRIPLE CROWN, 15 Kew Foot Road, Richmond — Tue 1 Nov (8.00) Committee Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 25 Market Place, Brentford.

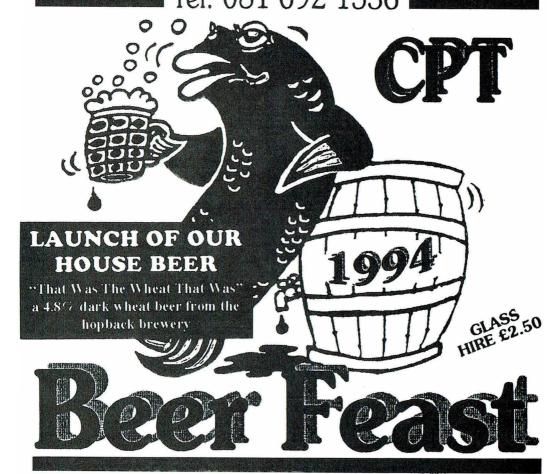
**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Thu 29 Sep (8.00) Social. ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT), 49 Hare Street, SE18 — Mon 3 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting. BEEHIVE, 60 Carter Street, SE17 — Mon 17 (8.00) First Working Party Meeting for 1995 catford Beerex. ASHBURNHAM ARMS, Ashburnham Grove, SE10 — Mon 24 (8.00) 1994 Pub of the Year Presentation. ASHBURNHAM ARMS, Ashburnham Grove, SE10 — Thu 27 (8.00) Social. LORD STANLEY, 31 Hinton Road, SE24.

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**SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Mon 10 (8.00) Open Branch Committee & Festival Committee Meetings; (9.00) Branch Meeting (Pub of the Year Shortlisting). PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, South Lambeth, SW8 — Thu 27 (7.30) Crawl of Clapham Old Town. Meet MANOR ARMS, 128 Clapham Manor Street, SW4; finish ROSE & CROWN, 2 The Polygon, SW4.

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Sun 2 (8.30) Branch Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB — Tue 4 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Social. STAG, Bushey — Wed 12 (8.30) Club Social (Darts & Pool). MOUNT VERNON SOCIAL CLUB — Wed 19 (8.30) Watford Social. Start WAG & BONE then ONE BELL (9.15); ESTCOURT ARMS (10.00) — Wed 26 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Launch. BELL, Bedmond — Sun 30 (8.30) Branch Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB.

**WEST LONDON:** Thu 6 (8.30) Social. DUKE OF CUMBERLAND, 235 New Kings Road, Fulham, SW6 — Thu 20 (8.00) Social. CLUTTERBUCKS (formerly WHEATSHEAF), 329 Edgware Road, W2 — Mon 31 (6.00) Early Evening Social. T J BARNARDS, Praed Street, Paddington, W2.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Mon 3 (8.30) Social. J J MOONS, 3 Shaftesbury Parade, Shaftebury Circle, South Harrow — Tue 11 (8.30) Social. RED LION, Uxbridge Road, Southall — Wed 19 (8.30) Open Committee Meeting. ANGEL, Uxbridge Road, Hayes End — Thu 27 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pick—up. GEORGE & DRAGON, 183 High Street, Acton, W3.

Deadline for the November edition, 3rd October. Material for December to arrive by 1st November. Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.

# COOKING WITH BEER

This month's recipe, again courtesy of Corporate Catering Co. Ltd. is for CHICKEN BREAD PUDDING and it goes like this:

Ingredients (for 12 helpings):

12 slices of toast, trimmed and buttered

1 cup of consomme

1 cup of ale

8 cups of minced or chopped chicken

3/4 cup of parmesan cheese

4 tablespoons of melted butter

11/2 teaspoons of fresh ground black pepper

4 tablespoons of fresh parsley

1 cup of breadcrumbs

# Method:

Line a buttered baking dish with the toast. Mix the consomme and beer together and pour them over the toast. Mix together the chicken, cheese, butter, parsley and pepper; spread the mixture over the toast and top with the breadcrumbs. Bake for 45 minutes at 200°C or until the meat is fully cooked.

Note: The chicken can be replaced with turkey or rabbit.

# DRINKERS GET REAL — OFFICIAL

CAMRA recently warmly welcomed the Cask Ale Report 1994. Published by Carlsberg-Tetley, this authoritative report provides reliable information on the continued, astonishing growth of real ale (or cask conditioned beer as the brewers call it) and shows that real ale sales rose 9% (Jan 1993–Jan 1994) at a time when beer sales in total fell 2% and keg beer sales fell 4%.

Real ale is now 47% of all stout bitter or mild sold, as opposed to 35% in 1987. It now seems only a matter of time before it is the majority of ale sold. This is despite a decline in pub going by customers, and a growth in cheap imports, both of which could be expected to damage real ale sales.

One sign of the real ale revival — and we like to think, one cause of it — is the growth in CAMRA individual membership. This has now reached 45,000 drinkers, the highest in its history and twice the membership of five years ago. Research done by Carlsberg-Tetley challenges many of the stereotypes that surround the real ale drinker. Real ale sales are growing across the country — particularly in regions of traditionally low sales, like clubs, Wales and Scotland — and among all age groups, and among both men and women.

# BEER AND PUBS IN LONDON

London's brewers and pub-owners are looking for the licensees and drinkers who have done most to help charities over the past year.

More than 6,000 pubs throughout the London area are being urged to enter Pubs with a Heart, being run for the second time by the Association of London Brewers and Licensed Retailers.

The aim is to highlight the vast amount of good work carried out voluntarily by publicans and pub-goers.

Entry forms are being distributed to tied houses and free-trade outlets, and all pubs are being encouraged to enter, whether they have raised only a few pounds or tens of thousands for a worthy cause.

The winner of the 1994 London Pubs with a Heart plaque will not necessarily be the pub that has raised the most money. The judges, who will first select a short-list of finalists, will be looking at how the money has been raised and what it has been used for.

The finalists will all be personally visited, and after the entries have been carefully scrutinised and audited, an overall winner will be presented with a handsome plaque for outside the pub, along with a cheque for £2,000 payable to any registered charity of the pub's choice. The five runners-up will receive framed certificates.

Any licensee who does not receive an entry form by the end of September should telephone 0306-742445. The closing date for entries is 30 October.

Press enquiries to Michael Hardman on 0306-742445.

# THE OLD BANK OF ENGLAND, EC4

Shortly after half past ten on the evening of 5th September, I walked in and ordered a pint of Summer Ale. The barman half filled a glass from the pump, then disappeared with glass and drip-bucket (which contained some beer) and returned will full glass and empty drip-bucket. Are you thinking when I'm thinking?

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# EAST END NEWS

# CITY CRAWL RESULT

The City pub crawl of those pubs not listed in the East London and City Beer Guide took place in July. Cheapest pint was in Fullers Melton Mowbray at 18 Holborn because of their current offer of 119p a pint for Hock. They can learn a lesson from Walkers of Holborn on air conditioning though. The beers there were Wadworths 6X, Tetley, Brakspears Bitter and Nicholson Best. In the Blue Anchor (Rolls Passage) the Theakstons Best at 181p compared unfavourably with 138p a pint in the Corn Dolly in Bradford and 126p a pint in most Wetherspoons pubs. Pedigree and Youngers IPA were their other beers. The new Fullers pub was not yet open (though it is now — 194 Fleet Street) so we went into the Olde Cheshire Cheese to be confronted by a substandard Good Beer Guide pint of Sam Smiths OBB. The Old King Lud had 14 beers on sale but all were from the 'Whitbread Stable', 6X, Speckled Hen, Brakspear, Abbot, Castle Eden, Boddingtons Mild and Bitter, Pedigree, London Price, Wethereds, Flowers IPA and Original, Pompey Royal and Gales HSB. The three guest beers were not on. Someone ought to tell them that sticking casks on stillage behind the bar under bright lights is not a good idea.

# **OPEN OR SHUT CASE**

One of the fatal things to say about a pub is that it is closed. Fine if the building has been given the order of the wooden window because there is no case to answer, but if it has not how do you know it is closed given the odd opening hours of some pubs. The Crosby Head is one such case. Having been reported in the updates as 'Closed — future uncertain' it promptly opens selling John Smiths and Directors. So let's see if we can open the following pubs that look as if they are closed: E2 the Black Horse, Ship & Blue Ball and Prince of Wales in Teale Street. E14 Gambols (is for sale). E1 British Prince.

Is there someone living in the vicinity of these pubs that can try to gain entrance?

# **PUB NEWS**

Is it significant that some pubs no longer show brewery ownership? Have they been sold on to another pub owning chain or become a free house but not got around to putting up the sign. The following pubs are somewhere in those categories: E1: White Horse, Carpenters Arms, Artichoke, Duke of Norfolk (sells Tetley and Flowers IPA). E2: Crown. E8: Market House. E14: Lord Stanley, Sir Charles Napier, Manor Arms. Again if someone lives in the vicinity....

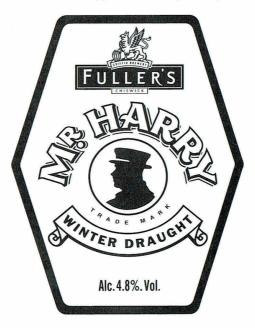
This months cycle tour took me onto the Isle of Dogs (E14) and Stepney (E1) where the Guildford Arms displays a Maritime Tavern sign, the Vulcan is now a supermarket, the Steamship is owned (?) by ABA Taverns and claims to be a free house (they also run the Salmon & Ball and City of Paris, both E2), the Kingsbridge Arms is now a free house. In El the Queens Head in Fieldgate Street is now a free house and the Old Globe will re-open soon (still Charles Wells). From other areas the Whitethorn in E3 is closed. In E2 the Acorn has the new Ascot Estates (ex Belhaven) livery and the Westminster Arms, lately Jazzy Dee's and currently called Flamingo subject of national press attention due to a request for planning permission to turn into a mosque, is closed. E8 the Belgrave Arms is owned (?) by Marr Taverns, E15 the Windmill is selling John Smiths at 135p a pint and Mulligans ex Moonlights, ex Mooro's but originally the Black Bull is now Mooneys and sells only John Smiths. Waltham Wines E4 is closed. Anybody out here with pub chain ownership knowledge that can write an article for us?

# REFLECTIONS ON BEER QUALITY — UPDATE

No feedback has been received following my article in the July issue though I write this before seeing the September edition. I have come across a report of the state of cask beer given by CAMRA's Technical Committee in 1993. In it were given the results of a tasting trail at Greene King on casks that were 5, 10, 11, 19 and 24 days after racking and were assessed by five Trained CAMRA testers along with Greene Kings. "The beers at five days and 10 days were clearly preferred, with the 24-day beer being generally liked the least." It would appear that keeping the beer longer improves the taste but not as long as 24 days.

**Keith Emmerson** 

# HE'S BACK!



After a summer break, Fuller's winter ale, **Mr Harry**, is back.

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# RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW NEWS

The FLICKER & FIRKIN in Dukes Yard, Richmond opened last month with three in house beers available. These are the ubiquitous Dogbolter alongside the pub's unique beers Pecker Ale at 3.5% ABV and Flicker Ale at 4.3%. I only tried the Pecker Ale which was a light, very hoppy beer, but I plan to try the other beers soon. The Branch has another Firkin pub in its area, the Flower & Firkin at Kew Gardens Station but no beers are brewed here.

In Isleworth, the MILFORD ARMS on London Road is undergoing refurbishment. As yet we do not know what change will be made to the beer range; we understand, however, that there has been no change of ownership.

Mild ale appears to be making a comeback in the branch area; it has been mentioned in previous editions that mild is frequently available in the KINGS ARMS and COUNTY ARMS, both in Isleworth. It could also be argued that Eldridge Pope Dorchester Bitter, available in the VICTORIA – also in Isleworth, is in fact a mild at 3.3% ABV while in Brentford at the ROYAL OAK, Webster's Green Label Best at 3.2% ABV has been spotted. Other sightings in Hounslow have been reported. In Hampton Wick at the SWAN, Nethergate Light Mild was seen during a recent pub crawl but it had unfortunately run out just before we arrived.

Of course, Fuller's Hock has played a large role in bringing mild to the public eye. Many young drinkers had never before had the opportunity to sample a cask conditioned mild and now they have their chance. At the Feltham Beer Festival at the beginning of this month several unusual milds will be on offer in an attempt to show the public the variety currently available.

Finally, our congratulations go to Mick Carty at the TRIPLE CROWN in Kew Foot Road, Richmond which is our Pub Of the Year for 1994. We shall be holding a special presentation on Thursday 27th October.

**Doug Scott** 

# NEWS FROM YOUNGS BREWERY

A pub with no garden is in line to scoop one of London's top gardening prizes for the third year running.

Peter and Frances Kay, who run the Clock House in Peckham Rye, south-east London, have again won the front-of-house section of the Young's Floral Pubs Contest for their stunning display of windows boxes and hanging baskets.



Peter and Frances Key outside the Clock House

They now go forward with the four other section winners to be judged for the overall Young's championship, which they won in 1992 and 1993.

The overall winner will be announced at a special prize-giving ceremony at Guildhall in the City of London in October.

Other section winners: patio or yard, Old House at Home, Dorking, Surrey; garden, Swan, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey; herbs, Pickwick, Eton Wick, Berkshire; special award, Waggon and Horse, Surbiton, Surrey.

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# IT'S 'PARTY TIME' IN BAVARIA AND FULHAM

Alastair Hook reflects on an October visit to south-west London.

Recent visitors to the White Horse in Parsons Green, Fulham, will have noticed this busy and innovative pub's participation in a six month presentation of a season of genuine Bavarian beer styles. The beers have been shipped over from Bavaria by Brewers Imports, the Liverpool based Bavarian beer specialists, in draught form, in an attempt to banish the notion that German means Eurofizz. A genuine top fermented wheat beer, Schneider Weisse, an unfiltered dark lager, Au Dunkles and following these beers during October a Festbeer from the Hofbrauhaus Freising, have all contributed to the light headed atmosphere of the famous south-west London pub.

The style Festbeer is awkward to characterise or define. Fest is the German word for party or festival. A beer consumed at a time of celebration, at the beginning or end of a season, or a particular religious day of note, would be termed a Festbeer. The god-fearing Bavarians are great followers of tradition and it is of particular interest that although the seasons and religious calendar remains the same today as it always was the Festbeers of Bavaria strike secular notes of disorder. An amber coloured malty Festbeer from Franconia has relatively little in common with a golden hop perfumed Festbeer from the Hallertau. Even less so with a dark coloured Festbeer that no so long ago was quite common.

There was a period in Bavarian history when the brewing of bottom fermented beers was forbidden between the 24th April and 29th September. The beers of March and April were laid to rest in the cellars, nestled amidst mountains of alpine ice, and were consumed once mature during the summer months and beyond. These beers were called Märzen and March beers. The end of season binge, or stock clearance, ran into the month of October and tied up with the end of the harvest. This was one of the most noted Festivals of the year. The beer was drunk by way of celebration to mark the end of the summer toil.

Up until the mid nineteenth century these



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Festbeers might have resembled the Bavarian dark lagers of today, albeit somewhat thicker and more aggressive on the palate. The Munich brewer Gabriel Sedlmeyr however was to brew a special beer for the Munich Octoberfest during the 1850's. It resembled the Viennese amber speciality created by the Austrian brewer Anton Dreyer. It was to be a trend setting success. The term Octoberfest beer thus became synonymous with the primordial term Märzen, the term Märzen with the style of Vienna.

A Festbeer today might have some of the character of the original Märzen, or of the original Munich lager, or more commonly the character of a fortified Bohemian pale lager. It is often golden in colour, slightly sweet but well attenuated and beautifully rounded in character. The Fest beer of the Hofbrauhaus Freising has a faintly spicy hop bouquet with a long dry finish and carries very easily it's 5.8% ABV. The White Horse is hoping to take some of the pressure off of Munich from the 1st October onwards when this splendid beer will be exhibiting all that is special in a carefully matured lager beer.

# FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

14-15 Oct CROYDON Ruskin House

Coombe Road, Croydon

21-22 Oct 17th BATH

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North Promenade Road, Bath

27-29 Oct 9th SWINDON

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Frobisher Drive, Swindon

28-29 Oct OVERTON HAMPSHIRE

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St Luke's Hall Winchester Street Overton, Hants

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# GREENWICH PUB WINS TOP LOCAL AWARD FROM BEER CAMPAIGNERS

The Ashburnham Arms in Greenwich has been judged Pub of the Year by the South East London branch of CAMRA. This is no mean achievement as there are over 950 pubs within south east London.

Licencees Deborah Carroll-Head and Dave Head always serve their range of Shepherd Neame beers in peak condition. The popularity of the pub and the subsequent high turnover of beer means that cask breathers are not needed. Another bonus is that oversize lined glasses are used, so you are always guaranteed a full pint. This makes you wonder how other pubs can claim that investing in oversize glasses is too expensive.

The pub has a strong local following, with regular quiz nights and live bands. Deborah and Dave also support local artists by allowing them to display their works in one part of the pub.

The pub satisfies the inner person as well with a range of freshly prepared homemade meals which always include pasta and vegetarian dishes, and occasional barbecues.

"In a busy tourist area such as Greenwich the Ashburnham Arms is like a breath of fresh air", said local CAMRA chairman Andrew Padgham, "Not only are you assured a friendly welcome but also an excellent pint at a reasonable price; what more could you ask for?"

Dave and Deborah will be presented with a mirror and plaque to mark the award on Monday 24th October.

# SOUTH-EAST LONDON PUB NEWS

Former Good Beer Guide pub the Kings Arms in Roupell Street, SE1 now has an expanded range of real ales on sale, thanks to the new landlord Steve Harris. Greene King Abbot, Marstons Pedigree, Wadworths 6X and Adnams Bitter join the existing range of Tetleys Bitter and Ind Coope Burton Ale, plus an ever changing guest. The pub can be found nestling underneath Waterloo East station, and is well worth a visit for its surviving two-bar layout.

Traditional Inns (London) have now purchased the lease of the Trinity Arms in Swan Street, SE1, from the receivers of Banks & Taylor. The new manager Bill Brown has given an assurance that he will continue wholeheartedly with the programme of selling a range of cask ales, and new handpumps have recently been installed.

He told us: "We intend that the pub will remain a traditional English boozer, serving a range of traditional ales at reasonable prices, in a friendly comfortable atmosphere."

Andrew Padgham



# The White Horse

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Also to be featured on draught in the 'Bavarian Beer Hunt' series: Bock, Doppelbock and Weizenbock beers.

The White Horse is situated 120 yards from Parson's Green station (Underground, District Line – Wimbledon branch)

For further details contact Rupert Reeves on: 071-736 2115

# BELGIAN UPDATE

Having just spent the last week of July on a 5-day B.B.B. (Belgian Beer Break), we thought we would drop some hints which might be of use to any "London Drinkers" who may be thinking of doing this in the near future.

We visited the following places: Bruges (a beautiful city), Brussels, Antwerp and Beersel (an excellent drinking town near Brussels).

# To and Fro

We went on a British Rail 5-day excursion which costs £51 (although many of BR's own books incorrectly state £57!! Don't ask why). Victoria to Ramsgate takes about 2 hours and the Sally Line ferry takes about 5 hours to get to Ostend, so it is worth paying the £6 Jet-Foil supplement which only takes 1 hour unless you want to slowly sample the 3 or 4 Belgian beers on the ferry. Belgian Rail trains take about 1½ hours to get to Brussels. We "broke" this journey for a night in Bruges, which is only ½ hour from Ostend.

# **Beer Guides**

We strongly advise that you do a little bit of research prior to your visit, in order to get the most out of the country. The following are recommended:

- (a) A Selective Guides to Brussels' (any many other) Bars by the CAMRA (Brussels) Branch, available from the author Stephen D'Arcy, Boite No. 5, 67 Rue des Atrébates, B-1040 Brussels, price £2.
- (b) The Good Beer Guide to Belgium and Holland by Tim Webb, available from bookshops and CAMRA headquarters.

(These two Guides are essential as they not only list the current best bars but also explain the huge variety of different beers and ales available, along with maps and details of how to get around the main cities/areas.)

(c) Any of Michael Jackson's books, videos, LPs, CDs(!) will also give a well-rounded, deeply satisfying, slightly nutty flavour of what to expect (if your follow our drift).

# Hotels

We stayed in the Hotel Lybear in Bruges (BFr. 1500 = £30 for a basic twin-room with breakfast) and the Hotel Jamar on Jamarlaan in Brussels (very close to Zuid-station) (BFr. 1800 = £36 per night for a twin room with bathroom and TV). Other hotels are mentioned in Stephen D'Arcy's guide.

# Getting Around

This is almost too easy. Brussels has a great public transport system — trains, metro, trams and buses all reasonably priced, and being a compact city it is very easy for excellent walking pub-crawls (but get your maps organised first).

# Beers

It would not be possible to list all the excellent ales we sampled on our visit. We easily covered 30 bars in 4 days using the guides listed and found a superb variety. However, one of the main reasons for our visit was to sample the 'lambic' beer. Read on:

'Lambic' beer is truly unique to this country. It slowly ferments over 2-5 years using the wild yeasts which only exist in the Senne Valley around Brussels. After brewing, it is sometimes mixed with 'old' beer to make 'gueze' beer, and/or steeped in fruit (usually cherries to make 'kriek', raspberries to make 'framboise' or grapes to make 'vigneronne'). Lambic which is made in the traditional way is termed 'artisinal' (hand made), whilst the 'keg' version is called industrial. There are only a handful of traditional breweries left (e.g. Cantillon. Vander Linden. Vandervelden), whilst the ubiquitous 'industrial' Belle Vue versions are to be avoided.

# Museums

The two museums of most interest to beer tourists in Brussels are the Brussels Brewing museum in the Grand' Place, which provides an explanation of the brewing process and a beer for £2, and the Musée de la Gueuze, otherwise known as the Cantillon Brewery, which is near the Zuidstation. This is the last traditional lambic brewery in Brussels and the Van Roy family run it as a working brewery/museum. Not only are there daily tours and tastings, but they also have open brewing days which start at 6 a.m.(!). Ask for details.

# Roll of Honour

# Beers:

Strongest: Bush Beer — 12.2% and very drinkable.

Silliest: Delerium Tremens (good beer, but served in a ridiculous glass plastered with pink elephants).

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# REAL DRAUGHT BEER

# and where to find it in Young's pubs

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Most expensive: Frank Boon's 'Parfait

Marriage'.

Most dangerous: Hanssen's kriek — a barmaid informed us that a cork nearly blinded her. The beer was also distinctly 'dangerous'.

Cheapest: (apart from at the Cantillon brewery) probably a 'bolleke' (glass) of De Konick in Den Engel, Antwerp: BFr. 42 (85p). Bars:

Darkest: De Pelgrom (The Pilgrim) in Antwerp; a medieval candle-lit basement.

*Most OTT:* Het Elfde Gebod in Antwerp; stuffed full of religious icons, statues etc.

Best Kriek: In't Beerhuis, Old Beersel (Vandervelden).

Friendliest: the Beer Circus in Brussels. The lady owner speaks very good English, is very knowledgeable about beer and probably stocks the best beer range in town.

Best food: In't Spinnekopke in Brussels. Try a Cantillon vigneronne with your meal.

Best 'pose': La Fleur Papier Doré in Brussels; René Magritte's former local.

Best 'mal Anglaise': Au Labourer, Brussels for 'Whitbreath' — surely the kiss of death!

Visiting Belgium has never been easier (BR permitting), and must be recommended for a short break for beer enthusiasts. We hope this information will be useful to potential tourists. Enjoy the ale.

John Garwell and Malcolm Brown

# "A DICKY IN YOUR BOTTLE..."

Further to the item in the September issue, the Bar Billiards table has, I regret to report, been removed from the Lady Diana, E.8. Does anyone know of a "London Drinker" outlet where bar billiards may be played?

# BEER DRINKERS FROTH OVER RISES

Publicans and drinkers in Wandsworth have reacted furiously to the decision by Young's brewery to increase prices – despite promises from the company's chairman to slash the cost of the pint.

The increase comes just ten months after brewery chiefs raised the prices of their most popular beers by five pence a pint prior to the Chancellor's autumn budget.

And only one month after John Young

assured beer drinkers that prices would be cut in line with duty reductions in the next budget.

On August 1st, the prices rose again by between four and five pence a pint.

However, some pubs waited until this Monday to pass the increase onto their customers, with the level of extra cost varying from pub to pub.

One publican, who wished to remain anonymous, said: "Brewers are complaining about the duties on beer in this country, but this will only encourage people to go and get cheap beer from abroad.

"It's all down to pure greed. The company is run by accountants who have never set foot behind a bar.

'They're really cutting their own throats, and they're not giving value for money.

"I know a lot landlords who are very upset about it, particularly with so many places having to shut down. You see boarded up pubs everywhere."

Regular drinkers at Young's pubs in the Town Centre, where the brewery holds a near total monopoly, are also angry at the price hike.

Gary Davis, of Central Wandsworth, has been drinking Young's beers since he was "old enough to get into a pub."

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# FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, October 1979 was the only month that a scheduled edition of London Drinker failed to appear. In the following issue it was explained that production had been made difficult due to the amount of work everyone had put in to that year's Great British Beer Festival, but the immediate reason had been the sudden resignation of one of the Editorial Team. Since then it has appeared without fail each month (except January, which shares a double issue with December), a total of 172 issues to date, from the first in March 1979.

TEN YEARS AGO the theme colour chosen for the 32 page October 1984 issue was turquoise, which appeared on both covers. The back comprised an advert for the 3rd Pig's Ear Beer Festival, in Bethnal Green. Guest musicians on the Saturday night were to be the Temperance Seven! The front featured the logo of the same event, a glass of dark ale bearing the symbol of an apparently drunken pig's head — inspired, I think, by the emblem of the Trough Brewery

in Bradford. Attention was also drawn on the cover to features on the latest Clifton Inn, the Jolly Fenman at Sidcup, and to "Young's CXLth" — their 140th tied house, the Dolphin at Betchworth, Surrey.

The Editorial discussed the effect of that year's hot summer on beers and the danger in not keeping them cool. The author, I believe, was Chris, though for some reason the by-line was omitted. In the main content Chris also gave news of a new London Drinker outlet, the Jolly Angler, Manchester, always a popular venue for visitors from London. Another out-of-town pub featured was the Olde Six Bells at Billingshurst, West Sussex, one of my favourite pubs and held in high esteem by the cycling fraternity.

In "Irish Drinker" another, unidentified writer outlined the lot of the drinker in the Republic. Thwaites of Blackburn took out a full page advert for its first London pub, the George IV in Islington, due to open when the magazine went on sale.

The 5th Capital Beer Night was announced,

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South-West London Branch had made an unusual presentation to the Phoenix & Firkin — a B.R. "Waiting and Ladies Room" sign to go with its other railway decor. Representatives of the Branch and its neighbours in S.E. London (on whose patch the pub is located) were pictured with David Bruce at the presentation, and David was also portrayed in full flow stressing his commitment to real ale.

With a hard winter and coal strike with ensuing power cuts predicted, an appeal was made for information about real ale pubs with their own source of lighting, be it gas, candles or whatever, where in the event of a blackout other beers cannot be served.

FIVE YEARS AGO the cover of the October 1989 London Drinker sported a chocolate frame enclosing an engraving of the Nightingale, Balham. The same colour was also on six more of its 32 pages. The Nightingale had organised a sponsored walk — not its first — which raised £16,000 for charity, boosting its total in ten years to £97.630.

In his Editorial, Andy discussed the significance of the report by the Monopolies & Mergers Commission on the brewing industry, which concentrated largely on companies owning over 2,000 pubs.

Advance notice was given of the planned first Cider and Perry Exhibition, which took place the following May.

In a predecessor to this column, "Five

Years Ago" quoted several items from the edition reviewed above, including a record made in the Bedford, Balham of 2,754 one-handed press-ups in 21/2 hours, and a Quote of the Month (i.e. October 1984): "If it wasn't for the brewers only 95% of the population would be drinking water."

South-East London Branch were preparing the second Peckham Real Ale Festival. Its advert gave notice of Premier Beers from Classic Breweries (the average was 1051 o.g.) and included a Monopoly "Title deed" card for Old Kent Road — the venue of the event — in the appropriate brown as on the cover, with festival details, followed by the slogan "We have no monopoly — just lots of Independents!"

Merton provided the second half of his Historicrawl of Clerkenwell, predictably including a few odd details, such as Cromwell — a local resident, Lenin, who partly planned the Russian Revolution in one of the pubs involved, a public hangman who was himself executed by his successor, and the terrorist who had the dubious distinction of being the last person to be hanged in public in England.

Chris Cobold also presented a pub crawl, of Prague. He was impressed not only by the historic city itself and its public transport system, but also by its pubs, beers, prices and accounting system which meant you paid the whole bill at the end of each session.

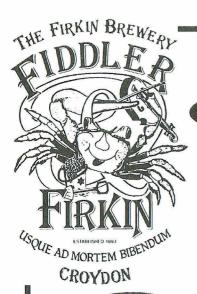
That concludes this month's nostalgia, so until next opening time —

Cheers!

**Martin Smith** 

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# TRIP TO HUDDERSFIELD? SAIR-TAINLY NOT!

Saturday 30th April was the day Rochdale, Oldham and Bury CAMRA members and new recruits planned to visit several locations between Uppermill and the Sair Inn, Huddersfield. The trip got off to a bad start our coach driver had been given the wrong starting time by his company and the previous night's party had thrown up on the coach, necessitating a clean-up job. Thus our departure was almost an hour late. It was a bright but extremely cold morning and not one for hanging about on street corners, although we are well used to this being part of trip procedure! Our Social Secretary, waiting in the comfort of his home at Uppermill, received frantic phone calls from members demanding to know where the coach was, but the Rochdale contingent was happy to take advantage of the delay by persuading the Flying Horse to open up slightly early, so getting a head start on the rest of us.

Everyone collected, our first port of call was the Cross Keys at Uppermill and the approach hill proved a challenge to the severely limited gearbox of the fully-laden twenty-year-old 49-seater. A round of applause and a cloud of oily smoke signalled our safe arrival in the pub car park. The thirsty travellers crowded into the bar and were met my our fraught Social Secretary. A swift and pleasant pint of Holts was downed and then it was back on to the coach in an effort to make up lost time. The descent into Uppermill village presented no problems!

We now headed in the direction of Yorkshire and our lunch stop at the Navigation, Dobcross. Here we acquired more hangers-on, a hasty bite and a choice of Marstons Pedigree, Camerons Strongarm, Hansons and Banks's bitters. We now found more than enough time to get our breath back—the coach refused to start. It was sunny and decent ale was to hand so we didn't mind—much. The repair man arrived after an hour, kicked the fuel pump and we were mobile again.

It was now too late to proceed to Sair (we've rescheduled the visit for September), so Contingency Plan No. I was brought into play.

A short trip to the Diggle Hotel rewarded us with Taylors Golden Best, Landlord and Flowers Original. The coach decided to stay put and several members were seen up to their elbows in its internal workings. Their efforts proved successful and we headed back to Uppermill, where a Festival was being held to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. The beer tent offered Banks's and Hansons bitters and traditional sideshows and craft stalls were enjoyed in the late afternoon sunshine.

Although the outcome of the trip was not as expected, everyone enjoyed themselves (thank goodness it didn't rain!). It was later remarked that our only two disastrous trips had both been free. Are we to draw some conclusions from this? We have been assured that it won't be the same coach that carries us on our next venture — to Snowdonia Brewery!

# LICENSEE JOINS ELITE PARLIAMENTARY BEER CLUB

Raoul Devaux, licensee at the Red Lion, 48 Parliament Street, SW1 has been invited to join the Parliamentary Beer Club which has until now been exclusive to Members of Parliament. The Taylor Walker pub is the MP's 'local' being just across the road from the Houses of Parliament and is frequented by thirsty members having a quick pint between sittings.

The Parliamentary Beer Club which was formed in 1993 promotes understanding amongst interested Parliamentarians of the UK beer and pub industries. Over one hundred and twenty MPs and peers of all parties are members of the Club whose rules include putting the British pub and the brewing trade back in the forefront of British Society.

Raoul is delighted with his new responsibility and with the opportunities involved in being the first non MP to join the Club. "I am thrilled to have been given this highly honoured role. I now have the chance to look into the industry from a new perspective and to provide information to the Club from the other side of the bar. I will also be taking the opportunity to remind the members of the excessive duty on alcohol."



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# 'OBSESSED' LABEL **COLLECTOR JAILED**

The leading authority on beer bottle labels was jailed for 18 months yesterday after raiding the archives at the Public Records Office in Kew for rare examples from long-forgotten British breweries to add to his collection.

Bottle labels had become "an obsession" for Keith Osborne, a local government officer Kingston crown court, Surrey, heard.

Mr Osborne, president of the Labologist Society, is in the Guinness Book of Records as having the world's biggest collection. He was convicted last month of nine theft charges involving 28 labels over 15 months up to August last year. He had denied the charges.

Judge Denis Paiba told him: "You built up a mammoth collection of 30,000 beer bottle labels worth £50,000, and in my view it became an obsession... The courts will be rigorous in dealing with thefts of this sort."

The court heard that Mr Osborne, aged 47, of Hawley, Surrey, who was also ordered to pay £2,992 costs, soaked labels off their cardboard in a toilet cistern. A watch was mounted after a guard heard running water in a lavatory and

discovered labels in the cistern.

Peter Tester, defending, said Mr Osborne had acted "completely and utterly out of character". He had asked for a community service order. After the case, Mr Osborne's wife, Beverley,

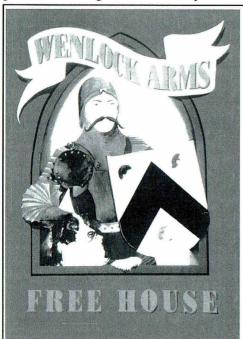
said an appeal would be lodged against sentence. "It's ridiculous. If he had killed somebody he would have got 28 days or something — with perhaps a holiday to go with it. He is not guilty."

# ADDLESTONE'S CIDER

In the beer guide updates in last month's London Drinker a couple of pubs were listed as selling, among other things, Addlestone's Cider on handpump. This was included through an oversight as there is very grave doubt over whether or not Addlestone's Cider is real in accordance with the guidelines laid down by CAMRA's Apple and Pear Liaison Executive (APPLE). In the absence of a satisfactory answer from Addlestone's it is regarded as a keg cider and should not have been listed in the beer guide updates.

Our thanks go to Jeff Tucker of Maidstone for pointing out this error to us.

**Andy Pirson** 



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# NEW AUDIENCE DISCOVERS THE JOYS OF CASK ALE

The growth of the number of women drinkers and families visiting pubs are two of the factors in the continuing revival of Britain's most traditional beer — cask ale.

Cask ale sales are up more than nine per cent, despite a two per cent fall in overall beer sales (in the year to January 1994), it is reported in the second annual Cask Ale Report published today by Carlsberg-Tetley.

Cask bitter now represents 44 per cent of the draught bitter and stout market compared with 34 per cent just five years ago. The report predicts that the trend will continue with ales moving more towards premium products as the shift towards authentic values continues.

The broader appeal now offered by pubs, who are reviving their image by focusing on food, leisure and traditional pub values, has attracted a growing number of women and families to each or for special occasions. This benefits cask ales as there is a direct correlation between food sales and cask ale turnover. Sixteen per cent of draught ale drinkers are now women.

Liz Morgan, Carlsberg-Tetley's marketing director, says: "The sophistication and subtleties of original British ales are attracting an increasingly broad audience as people look for authentic pro-ducts with character and originality. More and more women and their families are now visiting the pub for a meal out.

This change in the way we spend our leisure time has meant that food sales, and sales of the accompanying glass of cask ale, are on the rise."

Surprisingly, the growth in sales of draughtin-can beers has introduced a new wave of younger drinkers to cask ales, challenging the traditional image of the cask ale drinker. Drinkers try draught-in-can beers at home, which try to replicate cask characteristics such as a tight creamy head, and they like them so much that they choose to drink the real thing when they go to the pub.

The report also notes:

- The fragmentation of the trade continues to allow pubs the opportunity to offer a greater variety of ales.
- Original research identifies two broad categories of cask ale drinker:
  - \* The long-term drinker who is drawn to the charisma of handpulls, to quality service and the sociability of cask ale drinking.
  - \* The new wave of younger drinkers, often students, introduced to cask ale for the first time
- How real is ale the debate continues to rage on how far some brewers are going to reduce the level of natural fermentation (and therefore potential variability) in the pub cellar.

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# BEER BRIEFING LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 96

This month we welcome three brand new pubs of character; two Pirkin brew pubs in SW6 Pulham and Richmond and a Yates's Wine Lodge in W5 Ealing. Also in Ealing the last but one Pullers fizz pub converts to real ale. A further Pirkin conversion has opened in E8 Mile End.

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

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

# NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

## CENTRAL

EC2, ARBITRAGER, 27A Throgmorton Street. Courage: Directors Bitter. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (Omitted from E guide, 1770)

## EAST

E3, HORN OF PLENTY, 588 Mile End Road. Renamed PLAUTIST & FIRKIN. Firkin: Full Mash Mild (3.4%), Whistle Bitter (3.5%), Flute Ale (4.3%), Dogbolter (5.6%). Guest beer from Brewers Dray. Weston: Extra Strong Cider (7.3%). Small chalet style, 60's estate pub transferred from Taylor Walker to Firkin estate. House beers brewed at Falcon & Firkin, E9. Usual Firkin decor, bare boards, some pews and barrel tables. Live music some evenings. Pood. Limited outdoor drinking at front and rear. Open all permitted hours. (E90)

E9, RETREAT, 226 Morning Lane. Reopened and renamed BOURNES, still fizz. Originally RISING SUN. (E122)

# SOUTH EAST

SE1, DOCKHEAD STORES, 146 Tanner Street. Now just DOCKHEAD. Bass. Now a Free House, ex Courage (SE20)

SE1, ROYAL STANDARD, 42 Harper Road. Ruddle: Best Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (SE39, U54)

SE2, BARGE POLE, Harrow Manorway. Greene King: IPA. Tetley: Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Truman. Note correct title. (SE43)

SE4, CLARENDON, 237 Lewisham Way. Renamed MALT & HOPS. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. Wadworth: 6%. Now a Whitbread Ale House. (SE52)

SE4, GOLDEN DRAGON, 48 St. Norbert Road. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Reinstatement. (SE52, U50)

SE5, ARTICHOKE, 25 Camberwell Church Street. Renamed BRAMBLES BAR. Worthington: Best Bitter. Artichoke name also still displayed. (SE54)

SE5, BRITISH LION, 50 Benhill Road. Ruddle: Best Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (SE56)

SE5, CLARENDON ARMS, 225 Camberwell New Road. Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SE56)

SB8, MANSION HOUSE, 204 Evelyn Street. Greene King: IPA. Real ale not always available. (SE71, U88)

SE9, WELCOME INN, 438 Well Hall Road. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Wadworth: 6X. Guest beer [currently Whitbread: Fuggles Imperial IPA (5.5%)]. A Beefeater with separate bar. Note full address. (SE78, U46)

SE12, DUKE OF EDINBURGH, 394 Lee High Road. Crouch Vale: Millennium Gold. Hancock: HB. Guest beer. Now a Free House, ex Whitbread. (SE98) SR13, SPORTS, 162 Lee High Road. Reverted to ROSE OF LEE. Courage: Best Bitter. Real beer not always available. (SE105, U53, U57)

SE15, GLOBE, 58 Peckham Hill Street.Ruddle: County. (SE119,

SE15, MARLBOROUGH HEAD, 74 Marmont Street. Bass. Charrington: IPA. Now a Free House, ex Belhaven. (SE120, U39, U46)

SE15, STUART ARMS, 40 Stuart Road. No real ale. Reopened. Has been Belhaven, ex Truman but Belhaven name now removed. (SE124, U51)

SE16, MANOR TAVERN, 78 Galleywell Road. Worthington: Best Bitter. (SE131, U82)

SE16, LITTLE CROWN, 56 Albion Street. Bishop: Cathedral Ale. Pub for sale 9/94. (E131)

SB17, DUCHESS OF YORK, 2 Barlow Street. Reopened & renamed PLACKS, still fizz. (SE137, U54)

SE17, DUKE OF CLARENCE, 154 Manor Place. Bass. Now a Free House. ex Grand Met (Courage). (SE137, U54)

SE17, PRINCE ALFRED, 267 Walworth Road. Renamed BRATEN PATH. Boddington: Bitter. Tetley: Bitter. Young: Special. Now a Free House, ex Taylor Walker. (SE139)

SB17, ROSIR O'GRADYS, 204 Manor Place. Ruddle: Best Bitter. Real ale not always available. Now a Free House, ex Belhaven. (SE140, U41, U47)

SE17, TEMPLE BAR, 284/6 Walworth Road. Worthington: Best Bitter. (SE140)

SE18, LORD CLYDE, 1 Brookhill Road. Courage: Best Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (SE146)

SE18, SPORTS, 242 Plumstead High Street. No real ale. Reopened & reverted to HORSE & GROOM. Now a Free House, ex Truman. (SE149, U44)

SE22, CASABLANCA, 78 East Dulwich Grove. Boddington: Bitter. New Free House in former restaurant premises.

SE23, FOREST HILL, 41 Stanstead Road. Younger No. 3. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (SE177, U42, U50)

# SOUTH WEST

SW6, PHARAOH & FIRKIN, 90/90A Fulham High Street. Firkin: Full Mash Mild (3.4%), Cam'ale (3.5%), Pharaoh (4.3%), Dogbolter (5.6%). Guest beers changing weekly. Weston: Extra Strong Cider (7.3%). New spacious Carlsberg-Tetley 'Pirkin' brew pub opened in September in former Temperance billiard hall. Imaginatively converted with conservatory added at front and mezzanine floor created over in-house brewery to the rear. Stained glass windows and roof lights complement the usual bare boards, old pews and wooden tables. Chandeliers even replace the ceiling fans! An attempt to superimpose an ancient Egyptian theme, though, does not really work. Piano, red phone box and newspapers available. Normal Pirkin fodder includes baps, ploughmans, quiches etc. and it is required under the licence to be

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available at all times. Mild currently brought in from other Firkin breweries. House beers brewed on the premises are as normal kept under a blanket of  ${\rm CO}_2$  in cellar tanks albeit at low pressure. A revised recipe has resulted in much improved hoppy flavours – recommended. Open all permitted hours.

RICHMOND, FLICKER & FIRKIN, Dukes Yard, Duke Street. Firkin: Pecker Ale (3.5%), Flicker (4.3%), Dogbolter (5.6%). 3 Varying guest beers from provincial brewers. Weston: Extra Strong Cider (7.3%). Another new Firkin brew pub opened in September in premises formerly used as an antiques market. Unusually, the brewery is located next to the entrance hall which then leads through to the rather barn like bar with no windows. Usual Firkin decor with ceiling fans and chandeliers, red phone box, piano, pews and wooden tables. Pictures of brewery related subjects adorn the walls interspersed with pictures and descriptions of the woodpecker family. The Northern Flicker is a woodpecker inhabiting North and Central America. Disabled toilet. Food. Open all permitted hours. Note correct address, contrary to publicity material.

# WEST

W5, FRATHERS, The Broadway. Fuller: Chiswick Bitter, London Pride. A long awaited conversion to real ale! According to our records the only Fullers fizz pub remaining is the Red Lion in Brentford. (W72)

W5, OLD ORLEANS, 26-42 Bond Street. No real ale. A bar & restaurant, previously Grand Met (Chef & Brewer) now acquired by Scottish & Newcastle. Not previously reported. W5, YATES'S WINE LODGE, Mattock Lane (near Bond Street). Cains: Bitter. Courage: Directors Bitter. John Smith: Bitter. Brand new Yates's pub opened in July. A welcome re-entry to the London scene from this Lancashire based, well established chain with currently only one other London outlet in Avery Row, Mayfair, Wl. Large, well lit and highly decorative in typical style with mirrors, coloured glass windows and screens, high ceiling, chandeliers etc. Stairs lead to a balcony bar. Despite the traditional decor, regrettably real ale is almost incidental with the emphasis on wines, Sangria, mixed drinks and keg beers of dubious origins. Pictures of old Yates's pubs adorn the walls including the Bun Shop in the Strand, sold and converted to an Italian restaurant in 1982. Good value hot food. Disabled toilet and lift to balcony. Open all permitted hours.

HAMPTON WICK, ROSE & CROWN, 61 High Street. John Smith: Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. Now a Free House, ex Watney. Beers may vary. (W106, U91)

# PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

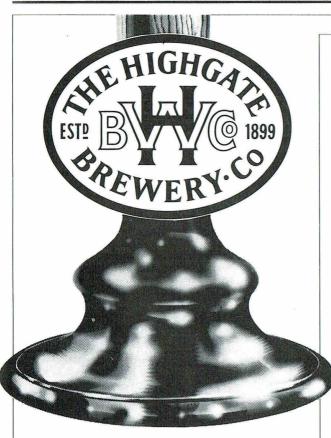
# CENTRAL

EC1, LADY OWEN ARMS. Taylor Walker, closed and now used as Kings Head Theatre rehearsal rooms. (E19)

# EAST

- E2, SPORTING LIFE. Free House, now being converted into flats. (E85, U82)
- E8, BLACK BULL. Belhaven, now demolished. (E111)
- E8, BREWERY TAP. Belhaven, closed, future uncertain. (Ell1) E8, EARL OF SETLAND. Whitbread, converted to residential "honeymoon" B&B hotel. (Ell2, 83)

- E8, THREE COMPASSES. Now a Free House, ex Charrington, H unused. (E116)
- E15, ADAM & EVE. Charrington, demolished for Jubilee Line Extension. (E151)
- K15, KING HAROLD. Charrington, H unused. (E153, U85, U91) SOUTH EAST
- SE1, DUKE OF CLARENCE. Taylor Walker. No real ale. (SE20, U59)
- SE1, DUKE OF KENT. Free House, now converted to Nigerian Muslim centre. (omitted from SE quide, U71)
- SE1, DUN COW. Free House (fizz), closed & converted to doctors' surgery. (SE21)
- SE1, FINAL FURLOWG. Grand Met (Watney). No real ale. (SE21, U53)
- SE1, FLOWERS OF THE FOREST, 123 Blackfriars Road. Grand Met (Courage), now demolished. (SE22, U54)
- SE1, GEORGE, 109 Long Lane. Charrington (fizz), closed, future uncertain. (SE22)
- SE1, HENRY COOPER. Grand Met (Courage), closed, future uncertain. (SE25, U53)
- SE1, HORSESHOB, 115 Tower Bridge Road. Watney, demolished.
- (SE26)
  SE1, INDIANNAS. Free House, demolished. Formerly BRIEFS
- WINE BAR. (SE18, U56)
  SE1, LORD WELLINGTON. Free House (fizz), closed, future
- uncertain. (SE29)
  SE1, ROYAL OAK, 44 Tabard Street. Grand Met (Courage). No real ale. (SE39)
- SE1, ROYAL OAK. 97 Tooley Street. Grand Met (Courage), demolished. (SE39)
- SE1, SHIP, 228 Long Lane. Grand Met (Watney), H unused. Note correct address. (SE40)
- SE1, STACE DOOR. Grand Met (Watney), H unused. (SE41, U59) SE1, UNCLE SAMS. Belhaven, converted to CAESARS, a night spot with entry fee. Formerly GOOSEBERRIES. (SE25, U47,
- SE2, BIRCHWOOD. Grand Met (Watney). No real ale. (SE46, U41. U46, U59)
- SE2, PEGASUS. Charrington (fizz), closed, future uncertain.
- SE3, DOVER PATROL. Grand Met (Courage), closed after fire, future uncertain.(SE49)
- SE4, BREAKSPEARE ARMS. Grand Met (Courage), closed, future uncertain. Note correct spelling of name. (SE52)
- SE5, BREWERS. Grand Met (Watney), closed, future uncertain.
  - SE5, FOUNTAIN. Grand Met (Watney). No real ale. (SE57)
  - SE5, IVANHOE. Now a Labbatts Free House, ex Grand Met (Courage). No real ale. (SE57, U53)
  - SE5, LORD CLYDE. Charrington. No real ale. (SE57, U57)
  - SB5, ORANGE TREE. Grand Met (Courage). No real ale. No real ale. (SE58, U55)
  - SE5, SILVER BUCKLE. S&N (Younger), H unused. (SE59, U51) SE5, SKINNERS ARMS. Taylor Walker. No real ale. (SE59, U55)
  - SEG, BONNIES. Grand Met (Watney) (fizz), closed & fire damaged, future uncertain. (SE61)
  - SE8, BROWN BEAR. Now converted to "Bear" community project accommodation with residential above. (SE68, U41, U54)
  - SE8, FOUNTAIN. Grand Met(Courage). No real ale. For sale 9/94. (SE71, U41)
  - SE9, FARM HOUSE, Taylor Walker. No real ale. (SE76, U59) SE9, KING & QUBEN. Grand Met (Truman) (fizz), demolished to make way for new housing. (SE77)



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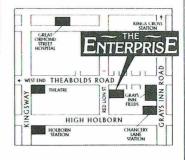
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# MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Wandering round Bromley recently I found myself enjoying the unexpected pleasure of a Witkap Trippel at a very friendly 'Belgian Bar-Brasserie' calling itself Abbaye, newly opened in a fake cloister adjacent to The Glades shopping centre (the interior decoration is not entirely inauthentic since it's found in some Belgian pubs too!). They offer an odd but interesting range of bottled beers, including four trappists, and a few abbeys and fruit beers, and Hoegaarden, Leffe Blonde, Belle Vue Kriek and Stella on draught. Unlike the only other place I know that specialises in such treats, Belgo in Camden, you don't have to book weeks in advance and eat an overpriced meal.

If you haven't done so already I think the place deserves a mention. Even the most die-hard CAMRA dogmatist must admit them as purveyors of 'real' ale on the strength of the range of fine bottle-conditioned brews on offer, and I think the word should be passed to enthusiasts for this kind of thing — the night I was there most customers seemed to be drinking halves of Stella and if this continues they may start to wonder why they're bothering to stock the interesting stuff. One drawback is the high prices — though I guess, given the gravity of some of the beers, HM Customs and Excise can take at least some of the blame.

I can't yet vouch for the food, which seems moderately priced but hardly cheap, with, unsurprisingly, an emphasis on mussels and chips. The Stella, I'm told, currently comes from Whitbread rather than Interbrew of Leuven but that is supposed to be changing. It's safe to assume the other stuff comes from where it is supposed to, unless Whitbread have started getting handy with the coriander and orange peel or exposing their mashes to wild yeasts. Now that really would be something ... Yours sincerely

Des de Moor London SE14

Dear Editors.

I do despair of individual "CAMRA" members viewpoint when I read Mr Bell's letter in August L.D.

Admittedly, I have a vested interest, in that I do drink and thoroughly enjoy Courage Best Bitter, and sometimes Directors! but how can any reasonable person feel insulted at being offered a choice of real ales comprising Courage Best, Directors and John Smith?

Presumably if Mr Bell had been offered a pint of Red Speckled Woodpecker Bomber Magic at £2, he would have been happy as a sandboy, because this would not have been produced by a mega-brewery.

How does Mr Bell know that the landlord of the "Ennismore Arms" has not chosen to stock Courage beers, even though it is a free house, and isn't that

his right? and isn't it Mr Bell's right to take his custom elsewhere?

For Mr Bell to talk about legal action being taken, in my opinion brings total discredit to CAMRA which has achieved so much success in forgoing a good relationship with ale breweries and public houses over the years.

Yours sincerely Colin Richell

Dear Editors,

Think globally, drink locally!

Have you ever been in a strange town on business, or on holiday, and wondered whether there was any decent beer available and where it could be drunk. If you go to Belgium or Munich there are excellent CAMRA guides. You can often get some idea from Michael Jackson' various books, although he has a tendency to wax lyrical about the beers but not mention where they can be drunk. I have long thought that there should be a guide to the best bars for beer drinkers, from Tallahassee to Tallinn, Tunbridge Wells to Tübingen. This guide should be more about why you should visit a particular bar and how to get there than a description of the beers served: a sort of Good Beer Guide on a global basis.

Of course finding bars was always going to be difficult. World-wide there must be millions to choose from and even the grimmest dive in some Andean slum probably has its advocates. In selecting bars I decided upon the following criteria"

- They offer a wide choice of beers for the area;
- They sell unique or very unusual beers, including homebrew pubs;
- They provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the beer drinker.

Over the years I have acquired guides to bars in a number of countries. Articles in What's Brewing and London Drinker have also been very useful sources. But what I lack is the personal recommendation from drinkers who have been there and drunk there.

I would like to hear from you which bars you would include in such a guide. When you went abroad which bars did you like best and why. Please bear in mind that I am really looking for places which you would take a fellow CAMRA member or somebody interested in drinking the best beers. However pleasant the memories might be, I am really not interested in that bar in Malaga where you chatted up those birds last year. You probably then had your mind on other things than the beer!

If you can help please write to me: Simon Fowler, 13 Grovewood, Sandycombe Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3NF. The book will be published probably in early 1996. I would also like to hear from people who might be interested in buying such a valuable volume.

Simon Fowler

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Where to buy Continued	KINGSTON, COCOANUT	SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN
OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and	KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD	STAINES, CAVALIER
WEST PUBS	KINGSTON, FIGHTING COCKS KINGSTON, GAZEBO	TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER TWICKENHAM, ALBANY
SWI BARLEY MOW	KINGSTON, GAZEBO KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS	TWICKENHAM, AEBANT TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE
SWI BUCKINGHAM ARMS	KINGSTON, RELET ARMS KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET	TWICKENHAM, FIVE OAKS
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS SW1 MORPETH ARMS	KINGSTON, NEW T & TERRET	TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY	KINGSTON, SPRING GROVE	UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES
SWI PAVIOURS ARMS	KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS	WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON
SW1 RISING SUN	KINGSTON, WYCH ELM	WHITTON, WHITE HART
SW1 ROYAL OAK	MITCHAM, CRICKETERS	OFF TRADE
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR	MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF	W11 GROGBLOSSOM
SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE	MORTIMER	CLUBS
SW3 COOPERS ARMS	NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK RICHMOND, DYSARTS	ISLEWORTH, Western Geophysical
SW3 ROSE SW3 SURPRISE	RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE	Social Club W1 Polytechnic of Central London
SW4 MANOR ARMS	RICHMOND, SHAFTESBURY ARMS	S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsolver Street
SW4 ROSE & CROWN	RICHMOND, TRIPLE CROWN	OUTSIDE LONDON
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND	RICHMOND, WATERMANS ARMS	ALDERSHOT, VOLUNTEER
SW6 WHITE HORSE	RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS	ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWERS
SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS	SURBITON, BUN SHOP	BRIGHTLINGSEA, RAILWAY
SW8 OLD RED HOUSE	SURBITON, NEW PRINCE	BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR
SW8 PRIORY ARMS	SUTTON, MOON ON THE HILL	BRIGHTON, THE SUSSEX YEOMAN
SW8 ROEBUCK SW8 SURPRISE	SUTTON, NEW TOWN	CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING &
SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN	WALLINGTON, WHISPERING MOON	QUEEN CHERTSEY, CASTLE
SW10 KINGS ARMS, 190 Fulham Rd	W1 ARGYLL ARMS	CHERTSEY, KINGS ARMS
SW10 STARGAZEY	WI MOON & SIXPENCE	COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT
SW11 BEEHIVE	WI MORTIMER ARMS	CROXLEY GREEN, SPORTSMAN
SW11 PLOUGH	WI WINDMILL	DARTFORD, ROYAL VICTORIA &
SW12 MOON UNDER WATER	W1 WESTMORELAND ARMS	BULL
SW12 NIGHTINGALE	W2 ARCHERY TAVERN	EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS
SW12 PRINCE OF WALES SW14 HARE & HOUNDS	W2 ROYAL STANDARD W3 KINGS ARMS	EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS
SW14 RAILWAY TAVERN	W4 GEORGE & DEVONSHIRE	LONG DITTON, MASONS ARMS KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL
SW15 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE,	W4 WINDMILL	LALEHAM, FEATHERS
Kingston Vale	W5 PLOUGH	LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS
SW15 FOX & HOUNDS	W5 RED LION	MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS
SW15 GREEN MAN	W5 ROSE & CROWN	MORTIMER WEST END (Hants),
SW16 BRASS FARTHING	W5 WHEATSHEAF	RED LION
SW16 PIED BULL	W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL	OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK
SW16 WHITE LION SW17 CASTLE	W6 RICHMOND ARMS W10 VILLAGE INN	PETERBOROUGH, BOGART'S POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS
SW17 J.J. MOONS	WII FROG & FIRKIN	ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH &
SW17 LEATHER BOTTLE	W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE	HORSES
SW18 BREWERY TAP	W12 MOON ON THE GREEN	SALISBURY (Wilts), WYNDHAM
SW18 COUNTY ARMS	W13 THE FORESTER	ARMS
SW18 HALFWAY HOUSE	W14 WARWICK ARMS	STEVENAGE (Herts), RED LION
SW18 OLD SERGEANT	BRENTFORD, GLOBE	SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO ARMS
SW18 PIG & WHISTLE SW18 SPOTTED DOG	BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON	STOW MARIES, PRINCE OF WALES
SW18 SPREAD EAGLE	CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD FELTHAM, GENERAL ROY	STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants),
SW18 STAR & GARTER	HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS	NEW INN
SW19 ALEXANDRA	HAMPTON, WHITE HART	SUNBURY, FLOWERPOT
SW19 GROVE	HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART	SUNBURY, HARE & HOUNDS
SW19 KINGS HEAD	HARLINGTON, CROWN	SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK
SW19 PRINCE OF WALES,	HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR	TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &
Morden Road	HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER	FEATHERS
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL SW19 SULTAN	HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE	WATFORD, ONE BELL WATFORD, WEST HERTS SPORTS
SW19 SULTAN SW19 TRAFALGAR	HOUNSLOW, BEAVER HOUNSLOW, CHARIOT	CLUB
CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN	HOUNSLOW, CHARIOT HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES	WEYBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES
CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR	HOUNSLOW, LORD CLYDE	WHITCHURCH (Hants), YE OLDE
CHEAM, RAILWAY	ISLEWORTH, COACH & HORSES	BREWERY INN
KEW, COACH & HORSES	ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS	WORCESTER, BREWERY TAP &
KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER	ISLEWORTH, VICTORIA	BREWERY
KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS	SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD ARMS	WORTHING, VINE

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