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# DRINKER



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## Where to Buy London Drinker

The following is a list of all the current outlets for London Drinker of which the editors have been informed. Full addresses are only given where there are two pubs of the same name in the same postal district.

### OUTLETS – EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS  
EC1 BISHOPS FINGER  
EC1 MASQUE HAUNT  
EC1 O'HANLONS  
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN  
EC1 ROSEBERRY  
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS  
EC1 SHAKESPEARE  
EC3 SWAN  
EC4 BLACK FRIAR  
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD  
E2 CAMDENS HEAD  
E3 IMPERIAL CROWN  
E5 PRINCE OF WALES  
E8 LADY DIANA  
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN  
E9 ROYAL STANDARD  
E11 BIRKBECK TAVERN  
E11 GEORGE  
E13 VILLAGE  
E14 QUEENS HEAD  
E15 GOLDEN GROVE  
DAGENHAM, LORD DENHAM  
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 OLD BRIDGE HOUSE  
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road  
SE1 ST GEORGES TAVERN  
SE1 TRINITY ARMS  
SE1 WHEATSHEAF  
SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall Street  
SE3 BRITISH OAK  
SE3 HARE & BILLET  
SE3 PRINCESS OF WALES  
SE5 FOX ON THE HILL  
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN  
SE6 BLACK HORSE & HARROW  
SE6 TIGERS HEAD  
SE7 ANTGALLICAN  
SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE8 DOG & BELL  
SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE  
SE8 ROYAL GEORGE  
SE9 BANKERS DRAFT  
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY  
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS  
SE10 RICHARD I  
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN  
SE13 HOGS HEAD  
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS  
SE16 MANOR TAVERN  
SE16 MOBY DICK  
SE18 COOPERS ARMS (Plaisted's)  
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM  
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)  
SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH

SE19 ROYAL ALBERT  
SE20 MOON & STARS  
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE25 ALLIANCE  
SE25 GOAT HOUSE  
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE  
ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE BAR  
BARKING, BARKING DOG  
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK  
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR  
CROYDON, ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL  
CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS  
CROYDON, DOG & BULL  
CROYDON, FIDDLER & FIRKIN  
CROYDON, GEORGE  
CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL  
CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD  
ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF  
ILFORD  
LOUGHTON, LAST POST  
PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH  
SOUTH CROYDON, FIDDLER  
& FIRKIN  
SOUTH CROYDON, RAIL VIEW  
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING MOON  
**CLUBS**  
SE9 HOWERD CLUB  
SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB  
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB  
CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE  
**OFF TRADE**  
E18 Gales Off Licence, 204 High  
Road, Woodford Green  
SE3 Bitter Experience, 129 Lee Road  
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons  
Hill  
**OUTLETS – WEST CENTRAL and NORTH PUBS**  
WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS  
WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE  
WC1 OLD MONK  
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS  
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE  
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN  
WC1 SUN  
WC1 THREE CUPS  
WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR  
WC2 FULMAR & FIRKIN  
WC2 GEORGE IV  
WC2 HOGS HEAD  
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY  
WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE  
N1 179 UPPER STREET  
N1 COMPTON ARMS  
N1 EARL OF RADNOR  
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE  
N1 MALT & HOPS  
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN  
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR  
N1 WENLOCK ARMS  
N2 WELCH'S ALE HOUSE  
N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH BOWL  
N4 TAP & SPILE  
N6 OLD GATE HOUSE  
N7 TAPPIT HEN

N8 ELBOW ROOM  
N8 RAILWAY TAVERN  
N8 TOLL GATE  
N9 LAMB  
N11 BANKERS DRAFT  
N12 TALLY HO  
N13 WHOLE HOG  
N16 ATLAS  
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE  
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, WHITE LION  
BARNET, YE OLDE MONKEN  
HOLT  
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 HEAD OF STEAM  
NW1 LORD NELSON  
NW1 QUINNS  
NW1 SPREAD EAGLE  
NW2 BEATEN DOCKET  
NW3 FLASK TAVERN  
NW3 THREE HORSESHOES  
NW4 CHEQUERS  
NW4 GREYHOUND  
NW4 PICKLED NEWT  
NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL  
NW9 J.J. MOONS  
NW9 MOON UNDER WATER  
NW9 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER  
NW10 COLISEUM  
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS  
NW10 OUTSIDE INN  
NW11 WHITE SWAN  
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  
STANMORE, MALT HOUSE  
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK  
WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE  
WEMBLEY, J.J. MOONS  
**OFF TRADE**  
N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street  
NW6 Grogblossoms, 235 West End  
Lane  
**CLUBS**  
NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB, Mid-  
dlesex University Bus. School

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## ANDY'S ANNUAL REVIEW

I can't remember whether it is my turn to write an editorial this month or not. If it is this is it, if not here are a few thoughts anyway.

How has your year been? Beer-wise, I was thinking of. Well, what has happened? Duty hasn't come down on beer yet (I'm writing this before the Budget but I don't expect this to be wrong by the time you read it).

All the Belhaven pubs that we thought a few short years ago might be selling some nice Scottish beers from Dunbar all seem to have been passed on to Ascot Estates. In fact, an awful lot of pubs have passed on to pub companies which have sprung up either from nowhere or from very small groups to very big groups of "Free Houses". Ha! Free houses my eye (Oops - nearly wrote something rude there)! You know, I know and they know that we know that they are every bit as tied as any brewery owned pub - it is just that the people to whom they are tied are not actually a brewery - so you may get Theakston's Best Bitter alongside your Courage Best Bitter; it's still not the publican's choice.

Courage now seems to be Scottish Courage now. I still can't keep up with all the machinations on this one but nobody has done anything about stopping it so it seems to be a fait accompli now. What with that and Scottish & Newcastle taking over all of the pubs which were formerly Chef & Brewer (even ignoring the Courage takeover they control about ten percent of London's pubs), it looks to the untrained eye that London now has three local brewers: Youngs, Fullers and Theakstons.

So what else has happened. I can't miss this opportunity to continue expressing my views on Sam Smiths. It was bad enough back in the Seventies when they took over what was considered by many the best free house in west

London, the Tudor Close (now the Rose of York - where else?), and turned it into a one beer establishment - very plush I grant you but lacking the character - and the excellent beer range - of its former days. Now they have pulled the plug on all real beer in over half their London pubs and dropped the second beer choice, Museum Ale, in the rest. Thankyou Yorkshire's oldest brewery - for absolutely nothing at all!

If you read the beer guide updates we publish through the year, you will no doubt have noticed quite a lot of new pubs opening, notably Wetherspoons, Firkins and Regent Inns to name but a few. This is of course a good sign but it must be tempered with the number of pubs that are being closed and converted into shops or, particularly more recently, flats. This is apart from those pubs which remain open but are converted to cafe bars without any real beer or the latest rage "Irish" pubs, also usually without any real ale.

I won't go on about this latest phenomenon as Tony Hedger covered it very well in his guest editorial in November, but I must record the conversion of another landmark free house of the past, the Sun in Lamb's Conduit Street, WC1 which used to boast a beer list of some 40 beers and always had a dozen or more on at any one time - and always in good nick. Still you can still get real beer at the Sun, not that I would travel in from the suburbs especially to drink Theakston's Best Bitter or XB.

Going back to the new pub openings, it does seem to me that a large proportion of these new establishments are springing up in places which are already well served with pubs. Two places which come to mind are Richmond with the Flicker & Firkin (last year) and Bass' new All Bar One and Ealing which now boasts the Photographer & Firkin, Yates's Wine Lodge, the Better Half (Regent Inns) and Charrington's Fiddlers Three - all opened in the last couple of years. On the other hand, the conversion of the Cricketers in Feltham to the Inn on the Square by Wetherspoons is to be seriously applauded.

And of course, it's not only pubs that are closing. The takeover of Courage by S&N means that Websters brewery in Halifax is very likely to

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*The Editorial Team  
wish the Season's  
Greetings to all our  
readers, contributors  
and advertisers*

*Young's response to the October '95  
editorial is reproduced at Page 19  
of this issue*

## GARY & NICKY WISH ALL CUSTOMERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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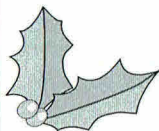
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## IDLE MOMENTS

Firstly may I begin by wishing you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Now, having got the niceties (not nice ties - they are what aunties give you for Christmas) out of the way I can get on with being nasty to you in the usual manner, starting as usual with the number puzzles following last month's answers of course:

1. 4 Provinces in Ireland
2. 13 Witches in a Coven
3. 1910 Accession of King George the Fifth
4. 2 Police Forces in Greater London
5. 185 Countries are Represented at the United Nations
6. 4 EC Postal Districts in the City of London
7. 24900 Miles is the Circumference of the Earth (at the Equator)
8. 3 Points for a Drop Goal in Rugby Union
9. 28 Characters in the Arabic Alphabet
10. 6 Hoops on a Croquet Pitch

And here are some more to tide you over the festive season:

1. 53 IG in a B of O
2. 4 O in WRC
3. 2 V to the DB
4. 5 AC have C on the M
5. 6 NC to W the NLJ
6. 1 OP is a B
7. 2 K in a B
8. 4 EC have B with W
9. 7 B on a ST are not R
10. 23 M in the C

Don't do them too quickly, though; they've got to last you through January as well. Now it's time for the answers to last month's brewery anagrams:

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|------------------|-------------|
| 1. SEE, GOOEY!   | GOOSE EYE   |
| 2. HAS WORLD     | SHARDLOW    |
| 3. HEAR NO CLUB  | BLUE ANCHOR |
| 4. EIGHT ARE     | HERITAGE    |
| 5. WET RABID REG | BRIDGEWATER |

And so that we cannot be accused of commercialising Christmas, these have nothing to do with the time of year:

1. CLEANED SET
2. DUNE MAN
3. MEAN BATS
4. LEX FOY
5. RED ROB

Of course, we can't let the season pass

without some recognition so I have pulled out a little puzzle extracted from a sheet that was passing around my office last year. I'm afraid I cannot give credit to the author as the sheet was one of those anonymous photocopies that for once was not obscene. Anyway all you have to do is identify the twelve songs from the unnecessarily abstruse versions listed below. About half are Christmas carols and the rest are popular (Well popular to some people) songs with a Christmas theme. To save you waiting until you are fed up with the festive season, I have arranged for the answers to be placed somewhere else in this edition (Exciting isn't it!):

1. COLOURLESS YULETIDE
2. MONARCHICAL TRIAD
3. THE QUADRUPEL WITH THE VERMILION PROBOSCIS
4. FAR OFF IN A FEEDER
5. ARRAY THE CORRIDORS
6. BANTAM PERCUSSIONIST
7. GIVE ATTENTION TO THE MELODIOUS CELESTIAL BEINGS
8. ENDOCARPS VISCERATED IN A CONFLAGRATION
9. NOCTURNAL NOISELESSNESS
10. JEHOVAH DULCIFY BLITHE CHEVALIERS
11. SINGULAR YEARNING FOR TWIN ANTERIOR INCISORS
12. LOYAL FOLLOWERS ADVANCE

I was sitting here thinking "What can I do for this month's 5BY4?" when suddenly it came to me! What do we all think about at Christmas? Yes of course - beer! So all you have to do is match the beers culled from the back of the Good Beer Guide with the breweries that produce them. You could cheat by going straight to your own copy of the GBG, but there's not a lot of point as I have given the answers along with those for the silly songs above. So here are the beers:

1. Wildcat
2. Kursaal Flyer
3. Jacobite Ale
4. Double Chance Bitter
5. Armada Ale
6. Hearty Ale
7. Mash Tun Mild
8. Fiddlers Elbow

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9. Black Bess Porter

10. Powderkeg

.....and here are the breweries:

A. Cotleigh

B. Arkell's

C. Malton

D. Crouch Vale

E. Ash Vine

F. Traquair House

G. Harveys

H. Burton Bridge

I. Wychwood

J. Tomintoul

And now as it's getting late and I've got to get this lot off to the printers, I shall just hurry along with the answers to last month's "Trivial Knowledge" questions:

1. (Carl) Giles

2. Asterix the Gaul

3. A beagle

4. Sally

5. Mercury

6. Gemini

7. It is a skittle alley (like a ten pin bowling alley but smaller and with nine pins).

8. Four

9. Alan Coren

10. Ferdinand Porsche

And likewise, I shall carry straight on with

this month's questions:

1. In November three Rugby League matches were played on the ground of a Rugby Union club. What is the name of the ground and which club owns it?

2. We all know that a "Pacific" railway locomotive has a wheel arrangement 4-6-2, but what is the arrangement on an "Atlantic" loco?

3. To what trade did "tumblers" used to be apprenticed?

4. What play was on at the theatre where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated?

5. In Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, what is the name of Shylock's wife?

6. Where on a horse will you find the withers?

7. What is an oenophile particularly keen on?

8. What would you be doing if you were to nititate at somebody?

9. The late sixties' rock band Steppenwolf took their name from a novel. Who was the author?

10. It used to be called a Flutterby. By what name do we now call it?

Well, that just bout wraps things up, so I shall be on my way with a cheery Yuletide farewell. Have a good one!

**Andy Pirson**

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## MR GEORGE'S UNIQUE FLAVOURS

Bateman's Brewery of Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, is continuing to brew its unique flavoured beers every two months. The latest Mr. George's Unique Flavour to be launched was 'Waynflete' Smokey Joe, on 1st November.

'Waynflete' Smokey Joe, with an ABV of 4.4%, is made from malt roasted over fires of oak wood in Scotland, the same smoked malts are used in the production of specialist single malt whiskies. The malt is combined with choicest hops resulting in a rich dark coloured beer with a superb balanced flavour, a clean palate and a subtle aroma of bonfires and Autumn.

Jaclyn Bateman, Marketing Director of Batemans Brewery is delighted with the interest Mr. George's Unique Flavours are creating, "You either love them or hate them" she says, "but with each beer being different, the next one is always worth trying. This has been proved in the barrelage of the previous two, 'Waynflete' Strawberry Fields and

Lincolnshire Yellow Belly, which were well over the budgeted barrelage."

Some characteristics run consistently through the whole range of these beers. The barley, mostly grown in East Anglia and Lincolnshire, is malted in the old-fashioned way. This process of 'floor malting', is now carried out by only a few specialist maltsters and helps to give 'Batemans Good Honest Ales' their traditional flavour. Each batch of malt is personally inspected by the Head Brewer, Martin Cullimore, before it is allowed to be used in a Bateman's brew.

Martin Cullimore buys his hops from Worcestershire and Kent. At harvest time each year, he makes the pilgrimage to the hop growing counties, to hand pick the hops that are right for the Bateman beers.

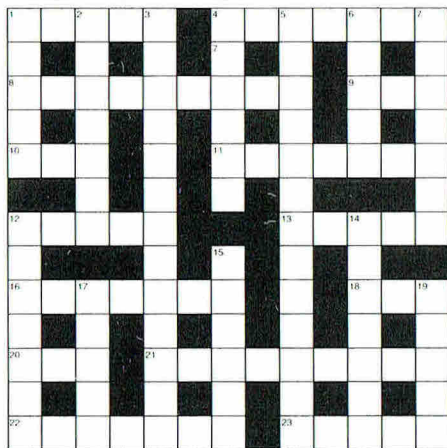
The hops and barley are combined with the water from the Lincolnshire Wolds and Bateman's own strain of yeast, resulting in unsurpassed beers.

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# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON



Name .....

Address .....

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All correct entries received by first post on 31st January will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the March 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



£10 PRIZE TO BE WON

## ACROSS

1. Give the vessel credit, it's clean. [5]
4. Takes in periodicals. [7]
8. Board battles with English knives. [9]
9. Some wooden poetry. [3]
10. Party engaging trendy musicians. [3]
11. Forgetting a name is disturbing. [7]
12. Acts to have society provide medication. [5]
13. Traveller sees mother on return. [5]
16. Jesus, you have no right to hold me up as a drug dealer. [7]
18. In distress, observed to cry. [3]
20. Decay of vegetables with no transport. [3]
21. Foreshadow the laying down of a stupid standard. [9]
22. Bothers the French being involved in tests. [7]
23. Squire eventually employs 7 down. [5]

## DOWN

1. Fed up of chopped dates. [5]
2. Strips decorations. [7]
3. Five steel bars may turn up here. [4,9]
4. Drink while attending plays. [6]
5. Two out of three traffic controllers shine. [5,3,5]
6. Prevents acne recurring. [5]
7. He'll run for someone else. [7]
12. Last month nothing strange occurred. It's appropriate. [7]
14. Road hazard causes error. [7]
15. Leading salesman pushes drinks. [6]
17. Look back after extra praise. [5]
19. Blockhead's always retarded, note. [5]

Winner of the prize for the October Crossword: Paul Gray, Crawley

Other correct entries were received from:

Paul Adams, Tony Alpe, Mrs Pat Andrews, I.W. Ardon, Tommy Atkins, Geoff B, Tom Baldwin, Sam Bow, Steve Bremner, Martyn Brown, Andy Camroux, B.H. Fletcher, Eileen Graves, J.E. Green, Guy & Alison, Geraldine Hearn, John Heath, John Heckin, Doug with Tyrrell's help, Peter Kärten, Martin Ludgate, Jim Mason, Al Mountain, Jan Musson, Terry Neil, Rab Noolas, Robert Poxon, Derek Pryce, Kevin Reeve, Super Scooper, Young Smokey, Betty Swallows, Tarnya & Stephen, Bill Thackray, David Tyrrell, Neil Walton, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, S. Whale, Hazel Woodhams.

There were also two incomplete entries.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

As a relative newcomer to the world of real ale and even newer to the London Drinker the editorial in the October Drinker left me bemused as to the amount of research carried out before the writing of the said editorial.

Having arrived in England from Zimbabwe some six years ago I was delighted to experience the joy of real ale almost straight away, and I have been an avid disciple ever since. The reason I was not able to sample these delights before is that there is no real ale brewed in Zimbabwe. The only home "Beer" available apart from the local lager is a liquid of dubious origin largely resembling very runny alcoholic porridge.

As I work in Wimbledon I often frequent the Alexandra. Admittedly this is only at lunch hour but I must say that the changes to what was a relatively dead public bar were a great improvement, and this is now the section I frequent most often. The numerous new drinking establishments that have sprung up in Wimbledon have been very advantageous to local drinkers as everybody enjoys variety. The Hand and Racket was eagerly awaited with their publicised 12 real ales. The sad truth of this is that there are in fact sometimes only 3 or 4 because they only use the small firkin barrels that do not last long so you are waiting for the new barrel to settle. The other point about the Hand and Racket is that the consistency of the quality of their various beers is not always spot on. This is probably one of Young's strongest qualities. The consistent quality of their beer is a reason I think so many people frequent pubs like the Alex. I find it interesting when you say it was "shoulder to shoulder" in the Hand and Racket "nearly empty" in the Alex as though this is always the case. Admittedly it is now quieter in the Alex but there are also the days when it is "shoulder to shoulder" in the Alex and "nearly empty" in the Hand and Racket.

Keep up the good work on the magazine, we do enjoy it and it certainly stimulates interest in real ale.

Yours sincerely  
Kit Lennard  
Egham, Surrey

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Dear Editors,

I couldn't agree more with Chris Cobbold's comments about Youngs (October 'Drinker' Editorial). Having enjoyed their pubs and beer

for many years now it saddens me to see the direction they are taking.

Where once Youngs were probably the best value in London, now they are just the same as all the others. No doubt in an attempt to join the 'big boys' they have pushed their prices up year on year, with the consequent alienation and loss of loyal and regular customers.

As regards the pubs, The Alexandra isn't the only example of an excellent pub ruined needlessly by them. Once most of their pubs had (at least) two bars, with differing price levels, where customers could choose their surroundings and company. These have nearly all been knocked about. Readers will have their own examples, my main one being the Thatched House in Shepherd's Bush, which was one of the first to be given 'the treatment'.

However, there is an even more disturbing development; that of 'badging' pubs with Youngs livery which do not serve Youngs products. My first encounter with this was at the Dover Castle, SE1, where Youngs colours, painted windows and even flag are in evidence. On entering, I was informed that they had never had Youngs and only had the usual Grand Met stuff. Another example is the Duke of Cornwall, SW8, which readers may recall as a former good real ale freehouse. Badged up as a Youngs pub, it now serves only fizz! What's going on? Are Youngs trying to deceive the public or is there some other sinister agenda at work? It is yet another nail in the coffin of a once-proud company.

Why Youngs have felt it necessary to dispense with their traditions and integrity for the 'quick buck' is beyond me. They seem to have become just another brewery out to milk the punters.

Yours faithfully  
Malcolm Brown  
Watford

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Dear Editors,

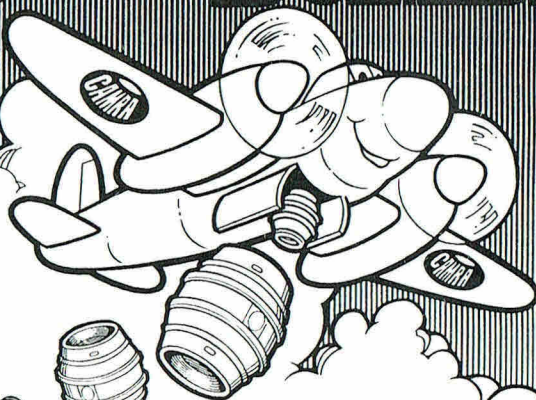
I have read with interest the articles and correspondence concerning Sam Smiths' removal of cask beer from some of their London pubs. The last time I visited a Sam Smiths pub was the White Horse in Beverley, Humberside back in April 1994 and the beer was crap then.

If Sam Smiths can't get it right on their own door step, how can we expect them to get it right in London?

Yours sincerely  
Derek Smith  
Enfield

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS (CONTINUED)

Dear Editors,

Some relevant news re – Fullers bottled beers.

I spoke recently with Customer Liaison at the Griffin Brewery after being charged wildly differing prices for 1845 bottled beer at a few of the Fullers pubs I frequent. At the Beehive in St Johns Hill I was charged £2.30 for a takeaway bottle and at the Ship Inn, Borough High Street I was charged £1.65 for a takeaway bottle and also £1.65 for drinking in the pub. At Fullers off-licences the price is £1.65, but at Asda & Salfway supermarkets the price is cheaper.

The word from Fullers is this: 1845 Ale is £2.10 to drink on the premises at managed pubs but £1.65 to take away (I know what I'd do!). My advice is to take it away but don't let them charge you more than £1.65 – after all that's the price stated in the adverts for 1845 in past 'London Drinkers'. Unfortunately, if you are drinking at a tenanted pub, such as the Beehive, the price for on and off sales is at the discretion of the tenant. The Beehive is a great pub which serves a fine pint but my advice is don't drink 1845 there unless you're filthy rich in which case let me know when you'll be there and I'll come and help you spend your cash drinking 1845 there.

Cheers!

Jan Musson  
London SW9

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Dear Editors,

I paid a visit to Manchester for the TUC demonstration against racism recently and while I was there sampled a number of pubs. what I found tends to suggest that the theory of Manchester exceptionalism which has been developed in the pages of London Drinker does not really hold.

In one pleasant back street pub I paid £1.35 for a pint of Tetleys for example. In a Holts pub in the City Centre I paid 99p for a superb pint of their bitter. If it was simply that the free market operated in Manchester pubs in such a way as to keep all prices lower, then there clearly would not be a 36p gap between the price of Holts and Tetleys. If anything the

gap is bigger, in proportion, than you would expect in London.

We may wish to pursue a theory of Holts exceptionalism, but if we do London Drinker, or someone, will need to investigate very carefully how they keep the price of their beer so low. Selling an excellent pint cheaply and therefore selling lots of it is clearly one answer. But there is more to it than that or Manchester would have nothing but Holts pubs. Sadly this is far from the case.

Yours sincerely

Keith Flett

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Dear Editors,

I read with interest the editorial in the October edition. My interest stems from the fact that I was a dedicated Youngs drinker from the mid-sixties until about two years ago when my brand loyalty was finally exhausted. There was a time when I would not go into a pub unless it was Youngs. Unfortunately this has all changed. You mentioned the fact that Young's profits dropped by 14% last year. A principal reason for this drop was supposed to have been the low duty imports from across the channel. At the same time however the other home counties brewers show profit improvement. I refer in particular to Shepherd Neame whose estate is located much closer to the channel ports. So why is there a difference? In my view it is Young's product and pricing policies. Shepherd Neame have introduced Spitfire and Bishop's Finger, both excellent products, into their range. In the meantime Youngs gave us Porter and more recently Dirty Dicks – both failures. Also Youngs existing products, Special and Winter Warmer, are in my opinion a shadow of their old selves. On top of this loyal customers are having to pay more.

I read recently of new Board appointments at Youngs. Lets hope that they can do something to woo back the old customers and halt the profits decline with some innovative new policies.

Yours sincerely

T Duncombe  
London SE25

Dear Editors,

It comes as no surprise that your correspondent Mr Card finds letter writing a waste of time.

His letter was by far the longest published in your November issue but still managed to skirt round the basic facts.

The Buckingham Arms chose to close at 3.00pm on VJ Day. Virtually every other pub in the area stayed open.

Not being able to enjoy our favourite tippie, we drank in the two pubs closest to the Buckingham.

Both did an excellent trade. The second of them having no seats left at 5.00pm.

Both were selling inferior bitter at superior prices.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Insole (brother of Jim Insole)

Dear Editors,

How many pub landlords and their customers have thought of writing to their MP for the abolition of scratch cards?, that have so many of our best bars playing for a reduced number of performances, to a scratch team.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen J. Fothergill

London SW6

*Editor's Comment:*

*Forgive me for giving a personal opinion here but in answer to your question, hopefully nobody has. Here are a few reasons for my reply:*

- 1. This is still a free country (to a certain extent) where we preserve the right to spend our disposable income as we see fit.*
- 2. If scratch cards do reduce the amount of money put across the bars of pubs, I suspect that those more susceptible to their lure are the "lager drinkers" rather than the discerning people like you and I who drink real beer.*
- 3. I suspect that a greater number of those who govern us would be inclined to the view that alcohol, a poison, does us more harm than scratch cards.*
- 4. To use a colloquialism, you would be pissing (pardon my French) in the wind.*

*Andy Pirson*

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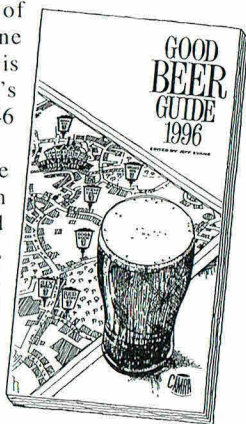
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## 250 IS SPECIAL

One of the oldest names in British Brewing, **TOLLY COBBOLD**, launches a unique bottled beer **COBBOLD'S 250 SPECIAL** to celebrate 250 years of brewing in Ipswich.



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Appropriately, the label features the coat of arms of the Borough of Ipswich and will be formally launched at a special naming ceremony in the Brewery Copper Room by the Member of Parliament for Ipswich: *Mr Jamie Cann*.



Commenting on the beer, Brian Cowie, Joint Managing Director of Tolly Cobbold said "To mark such a unique anniversary, the beer had to be rather special. It has an attractive "Goldings hops" nose and with a full-bodied dry taste and a 6% ABV, it is a beer to be savoured and enjoyed. Thomas Cobbold would have been proud of **Cobbold's 250**."

The beer will be available in pubs and clubs throughout East Anglia and from specialist beer shops in other parts of the UK.

## WATFORD BREWERIANA AUCTION

The Watford & District branch of CAMRA will be holding their annual auction of breweriana on Wednesday 6th December, at the West Herts Sports Club, Park Avenue, Watford (a 10-15 minute walk from either the Watford metropolitan line station or from Watford Junction). The auction starts at 8.00pm, with the lots being available for viewing a half hour earlier.

Amongst the items that are expected to be available are: a Trumans mirror from the 60's; trays from Offilers, News, and Simonds; ash trays from Friary, and Yates & Jackson; a Wells of Watford bottle label; assorted pump clips including Goddards Special Bitter and Ann's Treat; and a Victoria brewery (Ware) advertising sign. Also being auctioned are a can of Lager (sic) and a Watneys Starlight wooden bar display!

## YOUNG'S VICTORY ALE RAISES FUNDS FOR THE ROYAL STAR & GARTER HOME

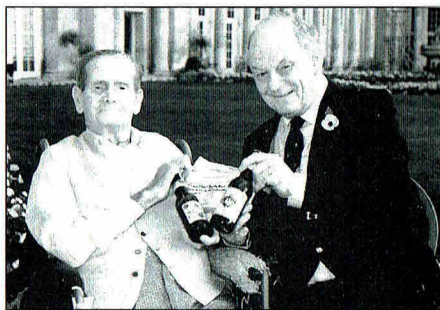
Chairman of YOUNG'S, Mr John Young, visited the Royal Star & Garter Home for disabled ex-service men and women in Richmond recently to present the proceeds of sales of Young's Victory Ale, launched in April to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Second World War.

The Victory Ale, brewed to a traditional recipe, was on sale in Young's pubs in time for the VE Day celebrations last May. A bottled Victory Pilsener Lager was also available, with 5p from each bottle sold going to help support the disabled ex-service residents of the Home.

So far, the ale and lager have raised £3,730 for the Home, matched by £3,500 from the Young's family trust.

Several Young's pubs also supported the Home, particularly over the VE Bank Holiday weekend, and the Spotted Horse in Putney raised £500 through a series of Quiz Nights.

John Young, a distinguished wartime pilot with the Fleet Air Arm, presented the cheques to World War One veteran, 97 year old Bill Burke a resident of the Home. Bill, who



enlisted at the age of 17 and fought at the Battles of Paschendaele and the Somme, was a regular at Young's pub the Duke's Head in Wallington for many years.

Mr Burke thanked Mr Young on behalf of his fellow residents and said how he had always enjoyed a pint of Young's ale.

After the presentation, Mr Young visited the Home's Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Departments, where he chatted with many of the Home's residents.

The Victory Ale and lager in bottles remain on sale, raising even more for the Home.



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## BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for December and January of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 38.

**LONDON PUBS GROUP: DEC:** Mon 4 (7.30) Business Meeting. MARKET PORTER, 9 Stoney Street, SE1. **JAN:** Wed 17 (7.30) S.E.London Crawl. Start PHOENIX & FIRKIN. **FEB:** Wed 21 (8.00) Business Meeting. MARKET PORTER, 9 Stoney Street, SE1.

**CROYDON & SUTTON: DEC:** Fri 8 (8.30) Christmas Social. WINDSOR CASTLE, Carshalton Road, Carshalton (in the Cottage Room) -Wed 13 (8.30) Social. PRINCESS ROYAL, 22 Longley Road, West Croydon - Mon 19 (8.30) Social. PLOUGH, Croydon Road, Beddington - Mon 25 (12.00) Christmas Day Social. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon. **JAN:** Thu 4 (8.30) Social. ARKWRIGHT'S WHEEL, 151 North End, Croydon - Mon 8 (8.30) Social. CLARET FREE HOUSE, 5A Bingham Corner, Lower Addiscombe - Wed 17 (8.30) Two Pub Social. MOON ON THE HILL, 9 Hill Road, Sutton then NEW TOWN, 7 Lind Road - Thu 25 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WINDSOR CASTLE, Carshalton Road, Carshalton.

**EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue 28 Nov to Sat 2 Dec PIGS EAR BEER FESTIVAL.** Old Town Hall, Stratford Broadway, E15. **DEC:** Sun 3 (12.00) Branch Meeting and Pigs Ear Beer Festival Take Down (Free Beer?) - Fri 8 (6.30) Charles Wells Passport Night 2. Start KINGS ARMS, 18 Kingsland High Road, E8 - Fri 22 (7.00) Christmas Social. DRUM, Lea Bridge Road, E10. **JAN:** Mon 8 (8.00) Branch Meeting & Festival Debrief. Call Branch Contact for venue -Wed 22 (7.00) Branch Social. BOW BELLS, 116 Bow Road, E3.

**ENFIELD & BARNET: DEC:** Sat 2 (8.00) Branch Christmas Dinner. SALISBURY ARMS, Hoppers Road, N21. Details from Branch Contact - Tue 5 (9.00) Two Pub Social. RAT & CARROT, Queens Parade, Friern Barnet Road, N11 then TRIUMPH (10.00), Summers Lane, N12 - Wed 13 (8.30) Informal Branch Meeting. JOLLY FARMERS, 2 Enfield Road, Slades Hill, Enfield - Thu 21 (9.00) Social. CAVALIER, Russell lane, N20. **JAN:** Mon 1 (12.00) Cobweb Social. WHITE LION, 50 St Albans Road, Barnet - Thu 4 (9.00) Social. MOON UNDER WATER, Chase Side, Enfield - Wed 10 (8.30) Branch Meeting. TORRINGTON, 4 Lodge Lane, N12 (in rear room if available) - Tue 16 (9.00) Two Pub Social. HOLLY BUSH, 200 Lancaster Road, Enfield then WONDER (10.00) Batley Road - Thu 25 (9.00) Social. HALF MOON, 749 Green Lanes, N21. **FEB:** Thu 1 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pickup. OSIDGE ARMS, Hampden Square, N14.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: DEC:** Wed 6 (8.30) Branch Meeting. ROYAL OAK, New Malden - Wed 13 (8.00 for 8.30) Branch Christmas Meal & Social. COCOANUT, Kingston. Names for meal to Branch Contact please. **JAN:** Thu 11 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DENBY DALE, Surbiton - Thu 25 (8.00) Pub Crawl/Social of Surbiton/Kingston Borders. Start WAGGON & HORSES, Surbiton. **FEB:** Thu 1 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. DRUIDS HEAD, Market Place, Kingston (upstairs room). A short branch meeting will precede the AGM; all interested members please attend.

**NORTH LONDON: DEC:** Tue 5 (8.00) Trevor's Birthday Bash. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 (Old Street BR/LT) - Tue 12 (8.00) Good Beer Guide 1997 1st Selection Meeting and Branch Christmas Party. RUGBY TAVERN, Great James Street, WC1 (Holborn/Russell Square LT) - Tue 19 (8.00) N17 Social. CLUTTERBUCKS, 803 High Street then ELBOW ROOM (9.30), 503/505 High Street (White Hart Lane/Bruce Grove BR or Seven Sisters LT) - Sun 31 (9.00) Hogmanay Social. CALTHORPE ARMS, 252 Grays Inn Road, WC1 (Kings Cross BR/LT). **JAN:** Tue 2 No Social. - Tue 9 (8.00) New Year Social in N1. PRINCE ARTHUR, 49 Brunswick Place, Charles Square then GEORGE & VULTURE, 63 Pitfield Street (Old Street BR/LT) - Tue 16 Thai Curry Night. KINGS ARMS, 11 Northington Street, WC1 (Holborn/Chancery Lane LT) - Tue 23 (8.00) Envelope Stuffing Social. LORD NELSON, 48 Stanhope Street, NW1 (Euston BR/Warren Street LT) - Tue 30 (8.30) Good Beer Guide 2nd Selection Meeting. Venue to be announced - **FEB:** Tue 6 (8.30) Beer Festival 3rd Planning meeting. Venue to be announced.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: DEC:** Tue 5 (8.00) Committee Meeting (open to all from 9.00). RAILWAY HOTEL, Victoria Road, Teddington -Fri 8 (7.30 for 8.00) Christmas Dinner. COACH & HORSES, Kew Green. Call Brian for details/bookings - Wed 20 (8.00) Christmas Social with West

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London & West Middlesex Branches at Fullers Brewery. £5.00 charge includes beer & food. Call Brian for tickets (CAMRA members only). **JAN:** Tue 9 (8.00) Committee Meeting (open to all from 9.00). RED COW, Sheen Road, Richmond – Mon 15 (8.00) Branch Meeting. QUEEN VICTORIA, Bath Road, Hounslow – Thu 5 (8.00) Social. MAGPIE & CROWN, High Street, Brentford.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON: DEC:** Mon 4 (8.00) Open Branch/Committee Meeting. SULTAN, SE1 – Sat 9 (8.00) Christmas Party. ROSE'S, Woolwich, SE18 – Wed 13 (8.00) Pub Crawl. Start SHERGAR, SE15 – Wed 20 (8.00) Social. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, SE8.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX: DEC:** Tue 5 (8.30) Crib Night. PRINCE OF WALES, Woodham Road (B1012), Stow Maries – Thu 14 (8.30) Social. FOX & GOOSE, 584 London Road, West Thurrock – Tue 19 (7.00) Christmas at the Cottage, McMullens Brewery, Hertford. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on Romford 723897 – Thu 28 (8.30) Social. BRITANNIA, 1 Church Road (off A123), Barking. **JAN:** Thu 4 (8.30) Social. THEOBALD ARMS, Kings Walk, Grays – Tue 9 (8.30) Social. TRAVELLERS FRIEND, 496/498 High Road (A104), Woodford Green – Thu 18 (8.30) Social. WHITE LION, Lion Hill (B1420), Fobbing – Tue 23 (8.30) Social. BEAR, Noak Hill Road, Noak Hill. **FEB:** Thu 1 (8.30) Social. RABBITS, Stapleford Road (B175), Stapleford Abbots.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON: DEC:** Tue 12 (7.30) Christmas Antisocial -Curry Night at the Sree Krishna. Bookings to Dave Paterson by 5th Dec. Ring 01932 226940 before 9.00pm. Meet FREEDOM & FIRKIN, 196 Tooting High Street, SW17 from 6.30. **JAN:** Thu 11 (8.00) Branch Meeting (Good Beer Guide shortlisting). PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 – Wed 17 (8.00) Open Branch & Festival Committee Meetings. SPREAD EAGLE, 71 Wandsworth High Street, SW18 (Venue subject to confirmation).

**WATFORD & DISTRICT: DEC:** Wed 6 (8.00) Branch Auction. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB (Viewing from 7.30) – Fri 15 Christmas Curry. ABBOTS TANDOORI (9.00). Meet at ROYAL OAK (8.00) – Fri 29 Real Ale Ramble. meet at Tring station at 10.15 (or 9.45 at Watford Junction). **JAN:** Wed 3 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Social. BEDFORD ARMS, Abbots Langley – Fri 12 (5.00) Pre-Christmas Pub Crawl. Start WARWICK CASTLE, Warwick Place, W9 – Tue 16 (9.00) Campaigning Social in Chorleywood. WHITE HORSE then BLACK HORSE (10.00) – Wed 24 Pub of the Year. To be announced – Sun 28 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB.

**WEST LONDON: NOV:** Thu 30 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting (followed by social at 9.00). GEORGE IV, 184 Chiswick High Road, W4. **DEC:** Mon 4 (8.00) Campaign Social. ROYAL OAK, Regency Street, SW1. Youngs pub threatened with closure – Tue 12 (8.30) Social. ONE TUN, 58/60 Goodge Street, W1 – Wed 20 JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY with West Middlesex and Richmond & Hounslow Branches at Fullers Brewery. Details from Branch Contact – Thu 28 (8.30) Social. CHURCHILL ARMS, 119 Kensington Church Street, W8. **JAN:** Wed 3 (7.45) Pub Crawl. Start ADAM & EVE, 81 Petty France, SW1 then BUCKINGHAM ARMS (8.30), 62 Petty France; CASK & GLASS (9.15), 39 Palace Street; CARDINAL (10.00), 23 Francis Street – Thu 11 (8.00) Good Beer Guide Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 – Tue 23 (8.30) Social. ANDOVER ARMS, 57 Aldensley Road, W6.

**WEST MIDDLESEX: DEC:** Tue 5 (8.30) "Refurbished Pub" Social. BLACK HORSE, 1018 Harrow Road, Sudbury – Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DRAYTON COURT, 2 The Avenue, West Ealing, W13 – Sat 16 (7.07) Christmas Party. LOAD OF HAY, 33 Villiers Street, Uxbridge. Games-Food-Beer! Tickets available from the Branch Contact. Be there! – Wed 20 JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY with West London and Richmond & Hounslow Branches in the Hock Cellar at Fullers Brewery. Entry by ticket only at £5.00 including food and bargain priced beer. Details from Branch Contact – Sat 30 (7.00) "More Turkey Sandwich" Social. FAT CONTROLLER, Station Road, Harrow on the Hill. **JAN:** Thu 4 (8.30) "New Year Blues" Social. HAMBOROUGH TAVERN, Uxbridge Road, Southall – Tue 9 (8.30) Friendly Social. FOX & GOOSE, Hanger Lane, Ealing, W5 – Wed 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DUKE OF YORK, 86 Steyne Road, Acton, W3 – Mon 22 (8.30) "Cheap Beer" Social. MALTHOUSE, Stanmore Hill, Stanmore. **FEB:** Thu 1 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pickup. MOON & SIXPENCE, Uxbridge Road, Hayes End.

Deadline for the February edition, 2nd January. Material for March to arrive by 1st February. Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.



## ABBOT ALE COMES INTO ITS OWN



Abbot Ale – full bodied with a rich, deep flavour – has been quietly appreciated over the years by connoisseurs in East Anglia and the South East, but its true potential has never perhaps been fully exploited.

Regional independent brewers Greene King would like to put that right. They have made one or two changes and have thrown the weight of a substantial advertising campaign behind its flagship brand.

“The word ‘changes’ usually sends shock-waves through the hearts of real ale drinkers, but I do hope that CAMRA members will welcome what we have done to Abbot Ale,” said head brewer Alistair Heeley.

“We have introduced a slower fermentation which means that the beer spends at least seven days in the fermenting vessels,” he continued. “Of course it’s appropriate that an ale named Abbot should be ‘blessed by the Sabbath’, but there was another reason for slowing down the fermentation. It has enabled us to retain the bitterness, the fruity esters and the 5% abv at the same time as knocking off some of the harsher tones of the flavour.”

The use of hop oil has stopped, and Alistair is now late-hopping with Kent grown Target and Challenger hops. The result is the same acclaimed Abbot with its unparalleled explosion of flavour, but with a vastly improved drinkability.

Greene King recently launched its first national consumer campaign in the broad-sheets, based on the brewing heritage of Bury St Edmunds. The advertisements are based on a monk’s life in the town’s Abbey during the 13th Century, although the history of brewing in Bury St Edmunds in fact goes back even further: in 1086, ale brewers (“cerevusuarii”) were mentioned as servants of Bury Abbey in the Domesday Book. Today, the brewers still use East Anglian winter barley, which they malt in their own maltings, and natural spring water from the chalk wells below the brewery.

Whatever the heritage and whatever the advertising manages to do for Greene King, as Roger Protz says in the November issue of *What’s Brewing*.

“The proof of the brewing is in the drinking... the new version of Abbot is a change for the better. It should find wider sales and drinking it could become a habit...”

Greene King’s marketing director Simon Jamieson added.

“I am truly proud of Abbot Ale now. If you haven’t tried it in recent weeks, this is the time to seek it out.”

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### SMALL CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

The recent small beer festival in Watford, the first run by the Watford & District branch, was a successful event with over 400 people attending the Friday evening and Saturday sessions. The results was that the beer at the festival ran out at 8.50 on the Saturday evening, but fortunately as the event was held at the West Herts Sports Club, there was still five beers, including Cheriton Pots Ale, available at the bar.

Our thanks to our colleagues in other branches for their support, and to all those who attended for helping to make it such an enjoyable event.

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## NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR HIGHGATE

ASS's Highgate brewery in Walsall has been saved from closure... and the man behind the rescue is former Caffrey's brand manager Steve Nuttall.

Mr Nuttall, 29, joined forces with Cape Hill brewer Neil Bain – who was head brewer at Highgate from 1991 to 1993 – to raise £600,000 to buy the brewery.

And they have absolutely no intention of producing any nitrokeg at Britain's only mild-only brewery.

Mr Nuttall, under whose management Caffrey's went from nought to 200,000 barrels in a year without promotion, said he had had his eyes on Highgate for some time.

"This idea goes back a long way," he said. "Anyone who has looked at Highgate will have seen how the product is so good and yet so undersold."

"Highgate's brands require focused attention which a large brewer with many other brands cannot always provide. We will ensure the beers get the attention they deserve."

The new Highgate & Walsall Brewing Company has a contract to supply Bass for at least three years while Mr Nuttall and Mr Bain build production from today's 18,000 barrels by marketing the existing Highgate Dark and Old brands more actively and by launching new ales.

"Getting Neil on board was the key," said Mr Nuttall. "He's a very highly respected brewer capable of turning out quite exceptional ales."

"Highgate will major on dark ales and quality will always be put first."

Among other plans are a visitors centre and tap and, in time, a bottling line for bottle-conditioned ales. But however successful the venture is, Mr Nuttall does not plan to extend the brewery beyond its capacity of 50,000 barrels a year.

"If we try to go into the mass market we will lose value," he said.

Highgate has been under threat of closure for years. But partly out of sentiment Bass has allowed it several stays of execution, even investing some promotional budget in its main brand two years ago.

But the failure of the re-launch of Highgate Mild as Dark, and Cape Hill's new short-run facility, meant Highgate had to close or be sold.

A spokeswoman said: "We're all very pleased that it is now in such safe and capable hands."

## SCRUM DOWN AT THE CROWN

Customers at the Crown Tavern, 43 Clerkenwell Green, EC1 were recently treated to a lunchtime show down with England and Harlequins rugby union player Jason Leonard. The Crown Tavern, owned by Nicholson's Free Houses, invited Jason along to perform the official duties at the re-opening of the pub after it's £190,000 refurbishment.



*Pictured at the Crown Tavern are from left, Jason Leonard, Licensees Brian and Louise Murray, Nicholson's Retail Area Manager Chris Whateley-Smith and Nicholson's Director Joe Boyle.*



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## ENFIELD & BARNET NEWS

First the good news: – two pubs in eastern Enfield have recently started to sell unusual beers for the area. The Black Horse, 179 Hertford Road has been promoting Batemans XB as its Beer of the Month for two months at £1.30 per pint. The exterior of the Black Horse is typical of a road house pub but the interior is surprisingly pleasant.

A quarter of a mile up the road, the Red Lion at 371 Hertford Road is offering Charles Wells Eagle IPA at £1.20 per pint. Also available is Toby Cask Bitter at £1.42.

Three miles down the road at 192 Hertford Road, Edmonton, N9, the King William IV underwent a BIG STEAK conversion earlier this year and now offers a selection of cask beers including Adnams Bitter, Tetley Bitter and Burton at regular prices plus Youngs Bitter at £1.25 a pint (August 1995).

Now the bad news:-

The solitary handpump has disappeared from the Kings Arms, 129 Hertford Road, Enfield and nitrokeg Flowers and Boddingtons have replaced the cask versions at the Rose & Crown, 217 Hertford Road, Enfield.

**Derek Smith**

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## WETHERSPOON NEWS

Wetherspoon has opened a new pub on the site of the former Tesco store in Gladstone Road, Wimbledon.

They have spent £1.5 million converting the empty building and created 35 full and part-time jobs.

The pub is called The Wibbas Down Inn, Wibbas Down being the former name of Wimbledon.

It is run by Managers Mark and Kari Powell and features a complete ban on all music and pool tables, as well as a large non-smoking area (approximately one-third of the customer space).

The Wibbas Down Inn has 6,000 square feet of customer space and two separate bars on the same level.

It specialises in selling six real ales at all times, including Younger's Scotch Bitter at 99p a pint.

The pub is open all week, including all day Sunday and features numerous pictures, photographs and text about the history and characters of the area.

It also contains theatrical memorabilia from the Wimbledon Theatre across the road, including clothes from The Moscow Ballet.

Manager Mark Powell said "The pub looks wonderful and I'm sure people will be impressed with the transformation.

"We believe it will appeal to people who enjoy a drink or meal in quiet and comfortable surroundings and are confident it will be a great success."

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## YOUNGS BREWERY

*Following the editorial in the October edition of London Drinker, we have offered Youngs the right of reply which is reproduced below without comment.*

These statements and comments were based, in the main, on the pricing structure at just one of the company's 179 houses and on two visits to another pub over a period of two years, and are not typical of the company's tied estate.

Young's prices are fair and in line with those charged by their competitors and recent increases have been below both the level of inflation and the increases levied by some other brewers and pub owners in London. When the Chancellor increased duty by 1p a year ago, Youngs were one of the few breweries in Britain not to increase prices in the pubs by more than 1p. The brewery says, and we accept, that this disproved the suggestion that it is "locked into a price raising time warp".

We also accept Young's denial that the beer is of poor quality at the Alexandra in Wimbledon. Standards at the Alexandra are exceptionally high and it is to the credit of both Youngs and the licensees that trade is holding up in spite of the opening of three new pubs in the immediate area.

We withdraw our statements that Young's managers and tenants are disillusioned, that less beer will be brewed next year, that the company has told its managers that they can maintain profits by allowing sales to fall while charging more for beer, and that Youngs are squeezing the last pennies from their customers to maintain profits artificially. We are pleased to report that the company is not only hoping to increase its output next year, but that it offers its managers one of the best incentive schemes in the industry.

We apologise for the embarrassment and dismay caused by our editorial.

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**EALING**

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**ENFIELD**

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- **The Lord Moon of the Mall**, 16-18 Whitehall, London SW1
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- **The Moon and Spoon**, 86-88 High Street, Slough, Berkshire
- **The Standing Order**, 28-32 Irongate, Derby
- **Wetherspoons**, Units 10-12, The Cambrian Centre, Newport, Gwent
- **Wetherspoons**, Units 1 and 2, Charlotte Row, Liverpool

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- 6 Grand Parade, High Street Crawley
- 7-9 Regent Road, Great Yarmouth
- **The Regal**, Kings Square, Gloucester
- 20 High Street, Southampton
- 98-101 George Street, Hove, East Sussex
- 1/15 Market Square, Basildon

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**THE BANKER'S DRAFT**

36-38 Friern Barnet Road, New Southgate N11

**THE LAMB**

52-54 Church Street, Edmonton N9

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**EPPING FOREST**

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**THE LAST POST**

227 High Road, Loughton

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**THE BANKER'S DRAFT**

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25-26 Kenton Park Parade, Kenton Road, Harrow

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- **Wibbas Down Inn**, 6-12 Gladstone Road, Wimbledon
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- **Wetherspoons**, Piccadilly, Manchester

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## SAMUEL SMITHS UPDATE

As far as we can ascertain, the following is the current position on real ale in Samuel Smith's outlets in the capital.

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W1	Bricklayers Arms, 31 Gressa St	OBB
W1	Champion, 12 Wells St	Fizz
W1	Cock, 27 Great Portland St	OBB
W1	Fitzroy Tavern, 16 Charlotte St	Fizz
W1	Horse & Groom, 128 Great Portland St	Fizz
W1	Rose & Crown, 81 Newman St	OBB
W1	Yorkshire Grey, 46 Langham St	OBB
W1	Angel Tavern, 37 Thayer St	Fizz
W1	Dover Castle, 43 Weymouth Mews	OBB
W1	Glasshouse Stores, 55 Brewer St	Fizz
W1	John Snow, 39 Broadwick St	Fizz
W1	Red Lion, 14 Kingly St	OBB
WC1	Cittie of York, 12 High Holborn	OBB
WC1	Crown, 51 New Oxford St	Fizz
WC2	Chandos, 29 St Martins Lane	OBB
WC2	Lyceum Tavern, 354 Strand	OBB

### East

E1	Captain Kidd, 108 Wapping High St	Fizz
North West		
NW3	Swiss Cottage, 98 Finchley Rd	Fizz

### South East

SE1	Anchor Tap, 28 Horsleydown Lane	OBB
SE8	Royal George, 85 Tanners Hill	Fizz
SE20	Anerley Arms, 2 Ridsdale Rd	Fizz

### South West

Kingston Gazebo, Thames Walk	Fizz
Richmond Rose of York, Petersham Rd	OBB

### West

W9	Robert Browning (in Little Venice), 15 Clifton Rd	Fizz
W11	Earl of Lonsdale, 281 Westbourne Grove	Fizz
	Isleworth, Town Wharf, Swan St	OBB

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## BOOK REVIEW

### The Ultimate Encyclopaedia of Beer

by Roger Protz

Reviewed by John White of Grimsby & N E Lincs. CAMRA.

This encyclopaedia of beer is the first serious challenge to Michael Jackson's landmark 1988 "New World Guide To Beer", to date my favourite beer book. There is a good chance that this classic will not get the update it now needs, as Michael is seemingly now so entrenched in the beers of the USA, if the imminent publication of a book covering the USA only, and his succession of articles featuring American beers in CAMRA's monthly newspaper What's Brewing, are anything to go by. Therefore this new book, with a similar scope to Michael's World Guide, by a writer of Roger Protz's calibre, the editor of What's Brewing and the British Guild of Beer Writers' current beer writer of the year, is most welcome. It comes hot on the trail of another book of his, "The Ale Trail", an excellent, more specialised book concentrating on one style of beer. Both venture beyond Britain, Roger's first books to do so, apart from his European Beer Almanac, an interesting collection of ingredients listings and recipes for selected European beers, with tasting notes.

The lavishly illustrated encyclopaedia – there are over 240 photographs, most of which have not had general release before, plus over a hundred reproductions of bottle labels – is made up of sections covering: the brewing of beer; beers of the world, country by country; the world's pubs; the business of beer; the culture of beer drinking; beer cuisine; and the history of beer.

The section on how beer is brewed, and its ingredients is, according to Roger, not too technical. Yet it provides a very good grounding into the brewing process for the two main styles of beer: ale, and what in Britain we call lager. The basic difference between ale and lager is that they are produced by top and bottom fermentation respectively. However, ale production is increasingly being carried out in fermentation vessels which drive the yeast in the lager direction: downwards. Roger provides a way out of this confusion, which I hope catches on. As the two types of fermentation take place at different temperatures, he introduces the terms warm and cold fermentation, for the respective ale and lager alcohol producing steps in brewing. Many drinkers fight shy of the remotest bit of technical detail on beer, but much pleasure can be derived from knowing, for example, the

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difference between Real Ale and keg or nitro keg, and between Czech Pilsener from British lager, etc. This section of the book provides such knowledge, in a notably easy to assimilate way.

By far the biggest section of the book is the world A to Z of beer. I was surprised to find that England and Belgium get less pages than the USA. With so many outstanding speciality beers Belgium warrants significant coverage. True, Roger is not afraid to condemn the appalling mass-market American beers. I won't name names, but typically they rely on TV adverts, which always seem to feature classic blues singers or records. However, he also points out that the USA has over 400 small craft brewers producing beers of 'enormous' quality. There are American beers that are worth drinking, try, for example, Samuel Adams Boston Lager. It is good for a filtered, bottled beer, and is readily available in England. But most of the American craft beers will never be seen here, whereas there is now a good choice of Belgian beers. Furthermore, if you prefer to drink beer at source it costs far less to travel to Belgium than to the States.

The USA emphasis by respected writers such as Roger Protz and Michael Jackson clearly means that there must be something in this American beer thing. I am still skeptical that American beers will catch on in Britain to the same extent that the Belgian ones are. The Belgian beers experiencing the most rapid increase in sales, are in the main unpasteurized

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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the yellow cover of the Dec 1980/Jan 1981 joint issue depicted the Albany, W1 in the new Taylor Walker style – the “re” – introduced bitter had appeared in several pubs.

There was an obituary for Joe Goodwin, the CAMRA Chairman who had died as the result of a severe asthma attack. He was an immensely popular figure and liked to get to know ordinary members and their points of view. I only ever met him once, and can confirm the last details in all respects.

Courage had done the equivalent of breaking off diplomatic relations with CAMRA as a result of an article in What's Brewing criticising the company's policy, including the impending closure of the Horsleydown Brewery.

The movement had begun for pubs with no-smoking areas, with the first London example in the Old Park Heights Hotel, Enfield.

Pork scratchings had begun to appear on the London scene, being a popular commodity in the North and Midlands.

Charles Wells of Bedford had taken over their first tied house in London, the Hope & Anchor in Waterloo.

Ruddles of Oakham was the subject of Michael

Clutton's profile of its history and products.

In the third City Crawl, Richard Plumb guided readers round 7 pubs in Fleet Street, with details of historical interest.

“Banished from the Bar” was Adele Jones' memoirs of her early days in, and more to the point outside, pubs in the early 50's. This was inspired by the fact that at the time restrictions about children in pubs were relaxing.

The latest publication on the London beer scene was Real Ale in Central London, a street map showing the locations of 470 pubs. The price was 40p. An updated edition of Real Beer in London was on sale at 75p.

TEN YEARS AGO the cover frame of the 48 page December 1985 edition was red, which appeared on 6 other pages. It contained a cartoon by Eileen Graves depicting miniature pantomine characters celebrating the festive season. Peter Pan, in flight, was serving beer in tiny jugs filled from a normal sized one proffered by a human hand, passing them down a vertical chain via Tinkerbell and 4 of the 7 Dwarfs standing on 'each others' shoulders. Everyone seemed to be enjoying it – including the Big Bad Wolf (Red Riding Hood was asleep with an arm draped round his shoulders)

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while Puss in Boots was particularly pie-eyed halfway up a beanstalk and one of the Ugly Sisters had a vague smile. Even Baby Bear had a glass.

Chris in his Editorial discussed the need for later closing times and described 3 experiences of "afters" in different locations, two good, and one where only policemen were served after "time".

A Local Beer Night was advertised in the Warrior, Brixton to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the Brixton Brewery's opening. That event seems a century ago, but it can't be – I was there.

A back numbers service had been started for collectors of the magazine. It has been run ever since by Stan Tompkins, who also despatches postal subscription copies.

A Christmas Competition was announced, offering a £5 prize to the writer of the best anagram for "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". The winning entry, published the following March, was YEAH, MY PARAPHRASED ENTRY WINS – "CAMRA". The best attempt by crossword compiler Dave Quinton who judged the competition was "Peter Pan charms Wendy as a hairy Mary".

The Advertising Standards Authority had found that a Carlsberg poster campaign showing the liquid being poured from a handpump was NOT misleading.

A potted history of James White Cider, from their own information, included an invitation to CAMRA members to visit their premises in Norfolk to see, sample and enjoy a discount on products. At the time it was one sale in the Goose & Firkin, and eventually it became available in most if not all Firkin pubs.

In "Out of Town" Pat Hanson described a visit to Dublin City Centre.

There was at the time some controversy over Webster's. They took a full page advert printed in the unusual "white out of black" format, whereby the image of a handpump and clip with pint glass appeared as normal, but the background was completely black with the message in white "Yorkshire born and brewed". The printers hated that sort of thing – it used up a lot of ink and often made a mess of the machine.

Alan Millington, later in the issue, chronicled a visit to Wilson's brewery in Manchester and Webster's in Halifax by a group of officials and contributors from this magazine, made at the invitation of the company in response to what they described as a "scurrilous article", in the March edition, suggesting that Webster's was brewed everywhere apart from Yorkshire. Alan's final sentence was "In conclusion Webster's Bitter is

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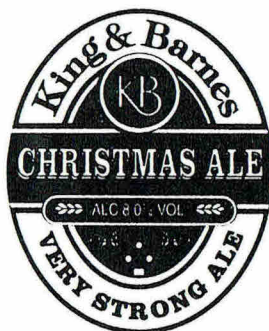
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genuine, only brewed in Yorkshire, and is a pretty decent pint”.

The Department of Trade & Industry was advocating that froth should not be counted as part of a pint, and that brim-measure glasses should be phased out. The NULV and the Brewers’ Society rejected the idea. No wonder – it would have meant that a pint was exactly that, not empty bubbles which can sit on top of a full pint in a lined glass.

The Pitfield Brewery was due to move to larger premises in Hoxton Square, with a capacity for 50 barrels per week.

For “Out of Town”, Merton presented a potted history of Winchester to complement the local branch’s recommendation of 18 pubs to visit in the city. Our Amateur Graphics department contributed a complicated map to show their locations – it took about a fortnight to complete. Also included was century-old piece with the by-line “Omega” entitled “A Ramble through the Ancient City of Winchester”, found in a local bookshop by one of our contributors, wherein the author, accompanied by his friend HYDE (the name of a local pub) encountered various features and events which were actually the names of 125 pubs in the area, of which 30 still fulfil the function. They finished, not unpredictably, in the OLD HOUSE AT HOME. Truly a joint effort.

“Firkin Rhyming Couplets” involved David Bruce’s Pheasant and Firkin in Goswell Road, EC1. It had been in the middle of a dispute when it first opened in August 1982 with Bass. It had named its house bitter Barbican – a local name – already in use by Bass for a non-alcoholic travesty. The correspondence was displayed on the wall in 4 frames. The first, from Bass, demanded that the name should not be used, and that all advertising matter etc. showing it be destroyed, threatening legal action. The second, from a reply from David, was a poem, to which Bass responded in kind demanding an undertaking to desist from using the name. David’s reply, the fourth displayed, was also a poem, though the Bard of Bass had not twigged to the point of its predecessor, and the reader was challenged to work out the humour of the correspondence by the contributor, who signed himself F.N.No. 1267 (F.N. Firkin Nuisance for a member of the Firkin Club). The solution was to read the first word of David’s lines downwards, which resulted, respectively, in “Dear Bass, Your Claim is Ridiculous! Bruces Barbican is Real Beer So Get Stuffed”, and – “All Right Then, We’ll Call It Guinness And See What They Say”.

“Family Skeletons” was about Frederick

Charrington, born in 1850 to the brewing family, who “saw the light and sold his share in the business to become a philanthropist and temperance evangelist. The author was obviously unaware that an almost identical article had previously appeared in L.D., obviously gleaned from the same source.

Mike Moran contributed a scholarly dissertation on Ginger Beer, including two recipes.

FIVE YEARS AGO red was, predictably, the theme colour, which appeared on 8 of its 32 pages, including both covers. The “Masthead” – i.e. the title on the front – was shown as snow-encrusted, and the Panel was a cartoon by Eileen – showing a replete (not to say inebriate) robin slumped against an empty beer glass and two bottles of milk, on a pub doorstep.

Ian Amy presented his first Editorial, and reflected on the seasonal influx of drinkers in pubs, which could cause difficulty in getting to the bar and being served.

Asahi Breweries of Japan, who had almost a quarter of the beer market there, was buying a 20% share in Elders, which owned Courage.

Idle Moments featured the usual numbers puzzles and brewery anagrams, plus non-existent positives from negatives, plus 10 trivia questions.

The Junction Inn, St Denys, Southampton, a L.D. outlet featured – it had been awarded CAMRA’s Best Pubs Refurbishment citation for 1990.

That more or less wraps up another year, so all that remains is for me to wish you the compliments of the season.

Christmas Cheers!

**Martin Smith**

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## FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

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| <b>22-22 Dec</b> | <b>Slough</b><br>Student Union<br>Thames Valley University<br>Slough |
| <b>26-28 Jan</b> | <b>St Neots Winter Ale Festival</b><br>St Neots Football Club        |
| <b>2-3 Jan</b>   | <b>White Cliffs Winter Ale Festival</b><br>Maison Diev<br>Dover      |
| <b>14-17 Feb</b> | <b>Battersea</b><br>Battersea Grand Hall<br>London SW11              |
| <b>23-24 Feb</b> | <b>Sussex Beer Festival</b><br>Hove Town Hall                        |
| <b>1-2 Mar</b>   | <b>Portsmouth Winterfest IV</b><br>Thorngate Halls<br>Gosport        |
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## FULLERS WARMS TO WINTER

With the onset of winter Fullers are continuing their programme of seasonal beers with the new Old Winter Ale. Available since 6th November, it is a ABV all malt ale with plenty of crystal malt which darkens it and adds a malty, nutty sweetness - balanced by extra hops. It is described by the brewery as a rich warming winter ale and follows on from Hock, Summer Ale and IPA.



Old Winter Ale replaces the previous winter beer, Mr. Harry, whose cartoon image was felt to be somewhat out of place among the other beers in London's range; London Pride, Chiswick Bitter, ESB and the other seasonal brews whose quality is matched by

their image. Old Winter Ale is described as completing the set of seasonal ales.

As well as the draught version there is a bottled Old Winter Ale which has a slightly higher strength of 5.3% ABV. The exclusively designed, embossed bottles of 550ml capacity are available in Fuller's pub and off licences until the beginning of 1996 so you will be able to enjoy it at home as well as in your local.

## CALIFORNIAN CHRISTMAS CHEER

Once again, as every year since it was first produced in 1975, Anchor Brewing Co's Christmas brew, "Our Special Ale" was launched in the UK on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday 23rd November. As always the release to British drinkers was timed to coincide with that in Anchor's home city, San Francisco.

The original "Our Special Ale" was the forerunner to the truly excellent Liberty Ale

- a golden, hugely hoppy beer. These days the annual Christmas ales resemble medieval "Wassails" using a blend of natural spices and roasted malts to achieve a distinctive and interesting warm winter flavour (or should that be flavor?).

"Our Special Ale" (not called a Christmas ale, although the label always prominently bears the words "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year") is brewed in extremely limited quantities using a new recipe and label every year. A tree, the traditional symbol for renewal (again a different one every year), always appears on the label and to make the beer even more special it is only available from Thanksgiving until New Year.

The 1995 brew is no exception to Anchor's now 20-year old tradition. A tree will again grace the label and the brew - a firmly kept secret until it goes on sale - once again promises to be a delicious combination of toasty maltness, herbs and spices. The actual recipe, of course, remains a secret and any guesses as to the spices used are met with (at best) an enigmatic smile.

## MOTHER-IN-LAW RETURNS

Tolly's Old Strong - the famous winter ale was formally welcomed back for the season with a ceremonial "pulling of the first pint" at the start of the Norwich Beer Festival, the biggest CAMRA Beer Festival outside London.

Connoisseurs of the seasonal brew, which has an ABV of 5%, savoured the beer and voted it a "winner".

The return of Old Strong also signals the return of those Traditional Mixed Drinks:-

A Father-in-Law: Old & Mild

A Mother-in-Law: Old & Bitter

Over 150 pubs in East Anglia will be featuring Old Strong which will be available until next February.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

The Wenlock Arms has a vacancy for an enthusiastic bar person. Bar and cellar training will be given to the right applicant. Telephone 0171 608 3406.



## COOKING WITH BEER

Once again we are indebted to CCC Leisure Ltd for this month's recipe. It is called ARROZ CON PATO (Duck with rice to you and me) and it serves 4 or 5 people.

### INGREDIENTS:

1 x 6lb duck  
2 tablespoons salad oil  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons salt  
½ teaspoon dried, ground chilli peppers  
1 teaspoon Spanish paprika  
3 cups boiling water  
1½ cups raw rice  
1 cup green peas (fresh or frozen)  
¼ cup beer

### METHOD:

Wash and dry the duck; cut it into small pieces (1 inch cube). Remove as much of the fat as possible. Heat the oil in a casserole; brown the duck with the garlic. Pour off the fat; season the duck with the salt, chilli peppers and paprika and add 1 cup of boiling water. Cover and cook for 45 minutes in a low heat. Add the remaining 2 cups of boiling water and the rice, stir lightly, cover and cook for 20 minutes; add the peas. Cook for 10 minutes longer or until the rice is tender and dry. Stir in the beer and taste for seasoning. Cook for 5 minutes longer and serve.

## GETTING BOMBED IN SLOUGH?

The Friendly Bombs Beer Festival is being run by the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead branch of CAMRA on December 20th, 21st and 22nd. It derives its name from the famous poem by Sir John Betjeman in which he invites "friendly bombs" to obliterate the appalling modern developments which had ruined the old town of Slough in the Thirties.

There is a parallel with the Slough of today which has seen the devastating effect of the policies of the big brewers on its beer and pubs. Slough has a poor selection of both, enhanced only in the last few months by the opening of a Wetherspoons establishment in the High Street. Fortunately, outlying villages harbour many excellent pubs with a good range of local brews. This will be Slough's first CAMRA festival and it will be a great boost to campaigning efforts in the area. It is to be held in the Students Union Building of Thames Valley University in the centre of Slough, only five minutes walk from the BR station. London drinkers will find good fast connections to Paddington and Ealing Broadway with plenty of late night trains.

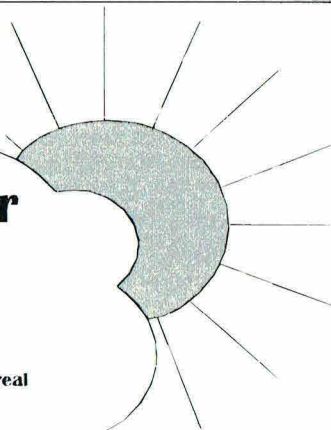
Full details of the festival are given in the advertisement in this issue.

### *Advance Warning*

## Great British Beer Festival 1996

**6th - 10th August  
Grand Hall, Olympia**

**5th Fantastic Year with over 250,000 pints of real  
ale, cider & imported beers**



## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 109

This month we welcome the opening of the latest Wetherspoon Free House in SW19 Wimbledon. The onward march of the Irish theme pub continues across London with Greene King joining the fray with a conversion in SW1 Victoria. Bass and Scottish & Newcastle have converted more pubs to the Irish theme, albeit real ales are retained in a subsidiary role. Even that former mecca of real ales the Sun, WC1 has fallen victim to the trend. A comprehensive update to the recently published North London pub guide, including omissions, errors and changes is also included.

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, 3rd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 4th edition; 3SE - 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

**EC4, BIERREX**, 2/3 Creed Lane. New European beer bar/Free House in former commercial premises. Many Belgian and German beers in bottle and a complementary food menu. Open 7.30 for breakfast through to 11pm Mon-Fri, 12-4 sat, closed Sun.

**WIS), WAXY O'CONNOR'S**, 14-16 Rupert Street. No real ale. Very large Irish themed Free House on 3 levels, ground floor and 2 basement bars in former restaurant premises.

##### EAST

**E10, WILLIAM THE FOURTH**, 816 High Road. Now **WILLIAM THE FOURTH WINE BAR**. Courage: Best Bitter. Directors Bitter. Fuller: London Pride, ESB, Tetley: Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. A major refurbishment and despite its name still a pub. Reinstatement. (E125, U85)

**E11, CUBE**, 762 High Road. Renamed **O'NEILL'S (ANNIE McNAMARA'S)**. Bass. Hancock: HB. Formerly a music venue open only at weekends and before that the GREEN MAN. The building has been divided into two and fitted out as an Irish theme pub (O'Neill's) with an adjoining Irish music venue (Annie McNamara's) for which there is an admission charge. O'Neill's is fitted out in typical 'Irish' style with screens (some imported from Ireland), bare boards etc. Annie McNamara's is in similar 'woody' style with a stage. The latter is only open Wed to Sun evenings. The Cube was omitted from the E guide.

**E11, HALFWAY HOUSE**. No real ale. Reopened under new management. (E128, U108)

##### SOUTH EAST

**SE8, NOBODY'S INN**, 2 New King Street. Reopened and reverted to **HARP OF ERIN**. King & Barnes: 12 Bore Country Bitter. Beer Line Supplies: Tavern IPA (origin unknown). Formerly **ROUND THE BEND**. (SE82, E103)

##### SOUTH WEST

**SW7, KAVANAGHS**, 108 Brompton Road. No real ale. H unused. New Irish basement bar which leads through to Jury's Kensington Hotel, Queens gate, under the same management.

**SW11, VICTORIA**, 57 Battersea Bridge Road. Reopened and renamed **VALHALLA**. No real ale. Now a Free House/bar and restaurant. Formerly **VICTORIA ARMS**. (SW41, U39, U43, U108)

**SW19, JJ'S BAR CAFE**, 105-109 The Broadway. Young: Bitter. Special. Bar and cafe next to Wimbledon Theatre on two levels. Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri, 4-11 Sat, 6-10.30 Sun. Happy hours 5-7 Mon-Sat, 7-8 Sun. Note full title. (U80)

**SW19, WIBBAS DOWN INN**, 6-12 Gladstone Road. Courage: Directors Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest beers at all times. Weston: Scrumpy Cider. Large Wetherspoon Free House, decorated in typical style with local history panels, dusty books

etc. Raised seating area at side. Rear links through to smaller bar and second entrance in Russell Road opposite Wimbledon Theatre. Disabled toilet. Food. Open all permitted hours.

#### PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

##### EAST

**E2, GREEN GATE**. Taylor Walker, closed and converted to a shop (E81)

**E2, MONTYS**. Free House converted to flats. Originally GOSSET ARMS. (E82)

**E11, LINCOLN**. Renamed **BIG HAND MO'S**. H removed. Now S&N "baseball" theme pub. (E129, U89, U106)

##### SOUTH EAST

**SE1, WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN**. Grand Met (Watney) closed, for lease as commercial unit. (SE41)

**SE6, BONNIES**. Site developed for food store. (SE65, U105, U106)

**SE8, WOODMAN**. Grand Met (Courage) now demolished to make way for food store. (SE82, U104)

#### OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

##### CENTRAL

**WC1, SUN**. Renamed **FINNEGANS WAKE**. -Beers listed. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Converted into a S&N Irish theme pub. A sad end to what was once the real ale mecca of London. (N30, W51, U75, U106)

##### EAST

**E2, PERSEVERANCE**, 125 Gosset Street. Renamed **PERS (THE)**. Now open only in evenings.

**E11, BUGSYS**. Renamed **BROADWAY**, formerly **DIRTY NELLIES**. (E128, U76)

##### SOUTH EAST

**SE3, THREE TUNS**. Renamed **O'NEILL'S**. -Hancock: HB. Refurbished as an Irish theme pub complete with bare boards, bench tables, partitions and Irish bric-a-brac. (SE49)

**SE23, DARTMOUTH ARMS**. -Young: Special. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Dartmouth: Bitter (3.2%) believed to be Courage: Bitter Ale. (SE205)

**CROYDON, EAST CROYDON STATION**. Bars on platforms 3/4 and 5/6 now both named **QUICKSNACK**, still fizz. Additional bar with same name on platform 1/2 also fizz. (SE241, U54)

##### SOUTH WEST

**SW1(W), UNICORN**, 69 Victoria Place. Renamed **MOLLY O'GRADY'S**. -Raymont: BBA. Greene King pub now converted with an Irish theme. Note full address. (U35)

**SW4, CLOCK HOUSE**. Now only opened in evenings. (SW24, U39)

**SW4, ROSE & CROWN**. +Harvey: Sussex Best Bitter. +Guest beers. (SW25, U56, U74, U87, U89)

**SW4, SUN**. -Charrington: IPA. +Fuller: London Pride. Now operated by Helmsshire Ltd on lease from Charringtons. (SW25)

**SW8, STOCKERS**. -Flowers: Original Bitter. +Boddington: Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen.



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Full range not always available and may vary. Formerly LORD MORRISON OF LAMBETH. (SW33, U43, U49, U55)

**SW11, CEDARS.** Now Ascot Estates who have taken over the Belhaven pubs. (SW39, U68, U70, U88)

**SW11, CORNET.** John Smith: Bitter. Now run by Regent Inns, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SW39, U70, U100)

**SW11, CROWN.** -Flowers: Original Bitter, +Courage; Best Bitter, +Marston; Pedigree, +Wadworth: 6X. Now a T.W. Guest Free House, ex Grand Met (Truman). (SW39, U39, U70)

**SW11, DOG & DUCK.** -Courage: Best Bitter, +Theakston: Best Bitter. Formerly SAVILLES. (SW41, U46, U91, U10)

**SW11, GREYHOUND.** Now Marr Taverns, ex Charrington, still fizz. (SW40, U33, U34, U36, U42, U43)

**SW11, NORTHCOTE.** -Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW41, U52, U61, U107)

**SW11, PRINCE ALBERT.** -Beers listed, +Courage: Directors Bitter, +John Smith: Bitter, +Guest beers. (SW41, U39, U71, U107)

**SW11, RAVEN.** -Courage: Directors Bitter, +Bass, +Courage: Best Bitter. Now Phoenix Inns, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SW41, U78)

**SW11, RISING SUN.** Now run by Marlin Inns, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SW41, U39, U78)

**SW11, STAG.** -Beers listed, +John Smith: Bitter, +Webster: Green Label. (SW41, U39, U78)

**SW11, UNITY TAVERN.** -+Thatchers: Cider. Beer range varies. (SW41, U39, U78, U100)

**SW11, WINDSOR CASTLE.** +Guest beer from Theakston range. (SW41, U60, U91, U107)

**SW11, WOODMAN.** -Beers listed except Hall & Woodhouse: Badger Best Bitter, Tanglefoot, +Hall & Woodhouse: Hard Tackle, +5 Guest beers. (SW41, U32, U53, U59, U78)

**SW15, ARAB BOY TAVERN.** -Beers listed, +Bass, +Boddington: Bitter. (SW46, U73, U98, U105)

**SW15, CEDAR TREE.** -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +John Smith: Bitter, +Theakston: XB. (SW46, U57, U107)

**SW15, JOLLY GARDENERS.** -Wadworth: 6X, +1 Guest beer. (SW46, U48, U87)

**SW15, KINGS HEAD.** -Beers listed, +Worthington: Best Bitter. Now run by European Leisure, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SW46, U50, U60, U73)

**SW15 NORTHERLAND ARMS.** -Beers listed, +Courage: Directors Bitter, +Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW47, U29, U63)

**SW15, SPENCER ARMS.** -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +Courage: Directors Bitter, +John Smith: Bitter. (SW47, U107)

**SW15, STAR & GARTER.** -Courage: Best Bitter, +Courage: Directors Bitter, +Tetley: Bitter. Now run by Glendale Leisure, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SW47, U56, U75)

**SW15, TELEGRAPH.** -Beers listed, +John Smith: Bitter, +Marston: Pedigree, +Morland: Old Speckled Hen, +Young: Special. (SW47, U56, U107)

**SW16, EARL FERRERS.** -Fuller: London Pride, +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Now run by Kerry Commercial, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SW48, U34, U71)

**SW16, GENEVIEVE.** -Beers listed, +Courage: Best Bitter, +John Smith: Bitter, +Theakston: Best Bitter. (SW48, U39, U53, U107)

**SW16, GREYHOUND BREWERY.** -Greyhound: Pedigree XXX Mild, Easter Brew, +Greyhound: Dynamite, +Specials from time to time. (SW48, U62)

**SW16, ROSE & CROWN.** -Beers listed, +Courage: Directors Bitter, +John Smith: Bitter, +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. (SW49, U49, U107)

**SW17, KINGS HEAD.** -Beers listed, +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB, Old Peculier. (SW50, U29, U43, U107)

**SW17, RAILWAY BELL.** -Beers listed, +Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (SW50, U29, U80)

**SW17, WHEATSHEAF.** -Beers listed, +Ruddle: Best Bitter. Now run by Stanwood Taverns. (SW50, U58)

**SW18, SPINNING WHEEL II.** Reverted to a pub, still fizz. (SW51, U46, U54, U98)

**SW19, FOX & GRAPES.** -Eldridge Pope: Dorchester Bitter, +Guest beers. Now operated by Joe's Ltd. (SW55, U72)

**SW19, KING OF DENMARK.** +Theakston: XB. (SW56, U107)

**SW19, NELSON ARMS.** -Young: Special, +Bass, +Worthington: Best Bitter, +Young: Bitter. Now run by Bassett Inns. (SW56, U32, U43, U66, U68)

**SW19, OLD LEATHER BOTTLE.** -Beers listed, +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB, +Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, +2 Guest beers. (SW56, U28, U59, U67, U107)

**SW19, PRINCE OF WALES.** 2 Hartfield Road, -Beers listed, +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter, +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB, Old Peculier, +Guest beers, +Bulmer: Traditional Cider. (SW56, U52)

**SW19, ROYAL STANDARD.** +Greene King seasonal beers. (SW56, U48, U87)

**SW19, SWAN.** -Ruddle: Best Bitter, County, +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB, Old Peculier, +Guest beers, +Bulmer: Traditional Cider. (SW56, U28, U70, U80, U107)

**SW19, WOODMAN.** -Ruddle: County, +Theakston: Best Bitter. (SW56, U29, U34, U43, U49, U107)

**SW20, EMMA HAMILTON.** -Beers listed except Ruddle: Best Bitter, +Theakston: Best Bitter. (SW59, U39, U74, U107)

**SW20, RAYNES PARK TAVERN.** -Ruddle: Best Bitter, County, +Courage: Directors Bitter, +Theakston: Best Bitter. (SW59, U59, U80, U107)

**KINGSTON, BREWSTER.** Renamed HUNGRY HORSE. -Beers listed, +Bass, +Boddington: Bitter, +Webster: Green Label. (SW64, U98)

**MORDEN, BEVERLEY.** -Ruddle: County, +Theakston: XB. (SW70, U34, U53, U107)

**CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 106**

*PUBS ACQUIRED BY SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE*

**W1(F), PRESLEYS.** Refs should read (W32, U50, U93)

**W1(F), VALIANT TROOPER.** Refs should read (W32, U82, U98)

**W1(Mar), LAMB & FLAG.** Refs should read (W34, U89)

**W1(Mar), THREE TUNS.** Refs should read (W36, U51, U89)

**W1(May), GOAT TAVERN.** Refs should read (W39, U90)

**W1(May), HOG IN THE POUND.** Refs should read (W39, U90, U101)

**W1(May), KINGS ARMS.** Refs should read (W39, U95)

**W1(May), SPREADEAGLE.** Refs should read (W40, U90, U98, U100)

**CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 107**

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

**N4, BECHERS.** Note correct title and address.

**N9, FILLING STATION BAR & GRILL.** Note correct title.

**N17, THREE COMPASSES.** Address is 323 Queen Street

**NW8, EXETER ARMS (BEER ENGINE).** Note correct address.

**NW10, FINNIGANS WAKE.** Delete entry; correct details appear in U108.

*PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE*

**N5, GUNNERS.** Should be recorded under 'Changes', already reported as fizz in U88.

*OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES*

**NW1, HENNELLYS.** Formerly PORTMAN ARMS.

*PUBS ACQUIRED BY SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE*

**SW3, SHUCKBURGH ARMS.** Refs should read (SW23, U39, U74)

**BEDFORD, PLOUGH.** Should be placed in BRENTFORD. GREENFORD, RAILWAY HOTEL. Should read RAILWAY (THE).

**WEST DRAYTON, SIX BELLS.** SPORTS subsidiary name now removed.

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***CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 108***

**INTRODUCTION**

14 out of the 27 Sam Smith pubs no longer sell real ale and the remaining 13 sell only one beer.

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

**WC1, MOON.** Refs should read (N18, W47, U51, U98, U104)

**E1, DOCKS & SON.** Should read **DOCKS & CO.**

**NW10, CROWN.** Delete entry; already in U107.

**SW8, HORSESHOE.** Delete entry; pub not renamed and remains a fizz Free House.

**PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE**

**WC1, CROWN.** Address is 51 New Oxford Street.

**SW4, ROYAL OAK.** Ref should read (SW25, U28)

**SW8, PUB CONTINENTAL.** Add: converted to shop.

**SW16 RAILWAY TAVERN.** Should read **RAILWAY HOTEL.**

**OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES**

**WC1, CITTIE OF YORK.** Refs should read (N13, W45)

**WC2, LYCEUM TAVERN.** Ref should read (W55)

**W1, FOOTSIES.** Formerly FILLING STATION BAR.

**SW1(P), MADIGANS.** Formerly EL FLAMENCO, originally DOLPHIN.

**SW1(P), PAVOIRS ARMS.** Should be placed in SW1(W).

**SW16, HORSE & GROOM.** Refs should read (SW48, U32, U107)

***NORTH LONDON PUB GUIDE***  
***(3RD EDITION)***

The North London Pub Guide (3rd edition) was published in August 1995 and covers WC1: the N and NW postal districts; outer parts of north London in Barnet and Enfield Boroughs and Edgware in outer north west London. The major part of outer north west London (eg, Harrow) is included in the west London guide which also duplicates WC1 - confused? The listings below are a compendium of all known information to bring the guide up to date and not only includes omissions and errors but also reiterates additions, deletions and changes published in recent updates as well as additional, so far unpublished, information. The entries are cross referenced to the relevant page numbers in the guide.

***ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES, OMISSIONS & CORRECTIONS***

**CENTRAL**

**WC1, CITTIE OF YORK.** -Sam Smith; Museum Ale. (N19)

**WC1, CROWN.** Sam Smith. H removed (N21)

**WC1, DOLPHIN.** 47 Tonbridge Street. Courage; Best Bitter. Wuddle; Best Bitter. Webster; Yorkshire Bitter. For description see W guide, p46. (N21)

**WC1, DOLPHIN.** SHOULD READ **DOLPHIN TAVERN.** (N21)

**WC1, DUKES HEAD.** Marlborough Hotel. Bass. For description see U108. Note correct title of hotel (N22)

**WC1, FALKLAND ARMS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N22)

**WC1, FRIEND AT HAND.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N22)

**WC1, JEREMY BENTHAM.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N23)

**WC1, JOHNSTON'S (OF BLOOMSBURY).** Forte Crest Hotel, Coram Street. Free House/bar open to public. No real ale. Omitted in error. Formerly DICKENS INN (See W46, U108)

**WC1, MALBOROUGH ARMS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N24)

**WC1, MOON.** Renamed **MURPHYS MOON.** Now a Magic Pub Co Irish theme pub. - Beers listed except Boddington: Bitter. +Theakston: XB. (N25)

**WC1, NORFOLK ARMS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N25)

**WC1, WHITE HART.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N32)

**WC1, SUN.** Renamed **FINNEGANS WAKE.** See main listing above. (N30)

**NORTH**

**N1, ADMIRAL KEPPEL.** Was acquired by Wiltshire (now part of United Breweries) from Charrington in 1992. Now closed, future uncertain. (N37)

**N1, ALBION.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N37)

**N1, COCK.** Should have read **COCK TAVERN.** Renamed **HEDGEHOG & HOGSHEAD.** -Beers listed. +Belcher: Original, Best Bitter. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. For description see U107. (N40)

**N1, DIVAS.** Building Design Centre, Berners Street. Free House. No real ale. First floor bar. part of Royal Agricultural Hall complex. Open evenings only. Omitted in error.

**N1, DUKE OF WELLINGTON.** 71 Nile Street. Ruddle: Best Bitter. 2 Guest beers (1 from Whitbread group, 1 independent). Adventurous range of guests and all beers £1.30a pint!. Licensee is a CAMRA member. (N41)

**N1, DUKE OF WELLINGTON.** 74 Richmond Avenue. Should be listed after **DUKE OF WELLINGTON.** 71 Nile Street.

**N1, GEORGE IV.** 60 Copenhagen Street. +Thwaites: Bitter (£1.10 a pint). Craftsman. Reverted to Thwaites and currently for sale. (N46)

**N1, LADY MILDMAY.** Free House, closed, future uncertain. (N50)

**N1, KENILWORTH CASTLE.** Renamed **CORLEYS TAV-ERN.** Now Irish themed, still fizz. (N48)

**N1, MARKET TAVERN.** 2 Essex Road. Renamed **FINNEGANS WAKE.** Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Beware Scrumpy Jack cider on H. (N51)

**N1, POTTERS BAR.** Renamed **NORTHERN BAR.** -Frem-lins: Bitter. -Whitbread: Pompey Royal. +Flowers: IPA. Listed incorrectly under NW1 in guide. (N172)

**N1, PRINCE ALBERT.** 29 Elmore Street. Webster: Green Label. A Grand Met (Courage) pub. Wood panelled two bar local. Omitted in error.

**N1, RYDONS.** Former Shepherd Neame pub converted to residential use. (N57)

**N1, WOODVILLE ARMS.** Grand Met (Courage), closed and under conversion probably to residential. (N62)

**N1, YORK TAVERN.** Renamed **COOPERS.** +Guest beer.

**N2, FIVE BELLS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N62)

**N3, MINSTREL.** Renamed **FERRET & TROUSERLEG.** An ale/cafe bar. Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N69)

**N3, QUEENS HEAD.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N70)

**N5, WHITE HOUSE.** Renamed **CASTLE (THE).** (N79)

**N6, WOODMAN.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N83)

**N7, DUKE OF WELLINGTON.** Carried forward from the previous guide. As reported in U53, this pub was demolished by 1977! (N86)

**N7, ENKLE ARMS.** Should read **ENKEL ARMS.** (N86)

**N7, FAVOURITE.** is a Free House, not Grand Met. (N87)

**N7, GIN PALACE.** This entry became confused with the **WHITE HORSE**, 36 Market Road which has been renamed **GIN PALACE** and is now closed (see N91). The **LAMB TAV-ERN**, North Road, to which this entry refers has not been renamed, is open and sells Fuller: London Pride and Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (N88)

**N7, HERCULES TAVERN - BARRAS & CO.** Should read **HERCULES (THE).** Barras & Co is the name of the chain and not part of the title. (N87)

**N7, LION HOTEL.** Now **LION (BEER ENGINE).** Courage: Directors Bitter. Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Whitbread: WCPA (£1 per pint). Refurbished. (N88)

**N7, MOYNIHAN ARMS.** Address should read 83-91 Georges Road. (N88)

**N7, NEWMARKET (ALE HOUSE).** Listed incorrectly under NW1 in error. (N170)

**N7, TOLLINGTON.** Acquired by Greene king in 9/93. No real ale. H unused. (N91)

**N7, WHITE HORSE.** Renamed **GIN PALACE** and now closed, future uncertain. (N91)

**N8, QUEENS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N95)

**N8, WELLINGTON.** Listed incorrectly under N22 in error. (N157)



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**N9, EXHIBITION.** Address should read 49/51 South Mall. (N99)

**N9, HORSE & GROOM.** Renamed **TUDOR INN**. Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N104)

**N10, JOHN BAIRD.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N104)

**N10 RAT & CARROT.** Is subtitled (**THE MINSTREL**). (N104)

**N10, RICHIES.** Should read **RITCHIES**. (N104)

**N11, GROVE.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N107)

**N11, KITES NIGHTCLUB (TURRETS).** Should read **KITES CAFE BAR AT THE TURRETS**. (N107)

**N11, RAT & CARROT.** Is subtitled (**THE DUCK**). (N109)

**N13, BIRD IN HAND.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N115)

**N13, FOX.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N115)

**N13, INN ON THE GREEN.** 295 Green Lanes, Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: IPA. Marston: Pedigree. For description see U108. (N115)

**N14, CHERRY TREE (YE OLD).** Should read **CHERRY TREE (YE OLDE)**.

**N14, SOUTHGATE.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N120)

**N14, WOOLPACK.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N120)

**N15, LORD PALMERSTON.** Has retained its name, H removed. (N125)

**N15, MANNIONS PRINCE ARTHUR.** Is a Free House, ex Grand met (Truman) in 1990. (N125)

**N16, MONARCH.** Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Refurbished Labatts pub (previously known as Maritime Taverns). (N129)

**N17, BEEHIVE.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N133)

**N17, GUILDED CAGE.** Should read **GILDED CAGE**. (N134)

**N17, PLOUGH.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N135)

**N17, WHITE HART (HENNELLEYS).** Delete subsidiary title. The pub is however a Hennelly Taverns Free House. (N134)

**N18, MR. B'S.** Taylor Walker, now demolished. (N139)

**N19, NORFOLK ARMS.** Whitbread, closed, future uncertain. (N144)

**N19, PICKLED NEWT (NEW BRUNSWICK).** +Bass, +Boddington: Bitter. (N144)

**N20, CAVALIER.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N147)

**N20, WOODMAN.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N148)

**N21, CHASESIDE TAVERN.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N151)

**N21, QUEENS HEAD.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N153)

**N22, PARK INN.** 12 Palace Gates. Courage: Best Bitter, Morland: Old Speckled Hen, Wadworth: 6X. For description see U108. (N156)

**N22, RAT & CARROT (LORDSHIP).** Should read **RAT & CARROT (THE LORDSHIP)**. (N157)

**N22, RAT & CARROT (TJB).** Should read **RAT & CARROT (TJB'S)**. (N157)

**N22, WELLINGTON.** Should be under N8. (N157)

**ENFIELD (EN1), BULLDOG.** 170 Bullsmoor Lane, Charrington. No real ale. Omitted in error.

**ENFIELD (EN1), PLOUGH.** Address is 155 Turkey Street. (N230)

**ENFIELD (EN1), SALISBURYS.** Reverted to **SALISBURY** and then renamed **HUNGRY HORSE**, Bass. Boddington: Bitter. Webster: Green Label. (N230)

**ENFIELD (EN2), JOLLY FARMERS.** Address should read 92 Enfield Road. (N235)

**ENFIELD (EN2), MOON UNDER WATER.** Address is 115/117 Chase Side (N236)

**ENFIELD (EN2), ROSE & CROWN.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N237)

**ENFIELD (EN2), STAG.** Address should read 31 Little park Gardens. (N237)

**NORTH WEST**

**NW1, ALLSOP ARMS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N161)

**NW1, ANCHOR.** Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Is a Whit-

bread, not a Wells pub. Wood panelled local. (N161)

**NW1, BUCKS HEAD.** renamed **HARVEY FLOOR-BANGERS**. -Beers listed. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Bucks: Best Bitter (house beer). +Courage: Best Bitter. Now a Regent Inns Free House. Description in U107. (N162)

**NW1, COBDEN ARMS.** Address is 28/30 Camden High Street. (N163)

**NW1, GLOBE.** 47 Lisson Grove. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. +John Smith: Bitter. (N166)

**NW1, GLOBE.** 43-47 Marylebone Road. Now S&N, ex Grand Met. Note correct address. (N166)

**NW1, GREEN MAN.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N167)

**NW1, HENNELLYS.** -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Wychwood: Best Bitter. Now a Wychwood pub. Wychwood beers may vary. (N168)

**NW1, NEWMARKET ALE HOUSE.** Should be listed under N7. (N170)

**NW1, PICKLED NEWT.** Also displays subsidiary name (**UNICORN**). (N171)

**NW1, PONTEFRAC CASTLE.** Renamed **CHAPEL (THE)**. -Beers listed except Bass. +Guest beer. Converted with bare boards style and emphasis on food and wine. (N172)

**NW1, POTTERS BAR.** Should be listed under N1. See N1 for detailed changes. (N172)

**NW1, QUEENS HEAD & ARTICHOKE.** -Courage: Directors Bitter. +Mansfield: Kingston, 3KB. +Wadworth: 6X. Guest beers vary. (N173)

**NW3, BELSIZE TAVERN.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N184)

**NW3, NORTH STAR TAVERN.** Now simply **NORTH STAR**. +Courage: Best Bitter. Directors Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Old Peculier. Guest beers. Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N188)

**NW3, OLD ORLEANS.** Was Grand met, not Free, now S&N. (N189)

**NW3, SWISS COTTAGE.** Sam Smith, H removed. (N190)

**NW4, LOAD OF HAY.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N195)

**NW4, MANNINGS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N195)

**NW4, PICKLED NEWT (THE MIDLAND).** Renamed **HUNGRY HORSE**. (N195)

**NW5, BOOK & CANDLE.** Renamed **AUNTIE ANNIES PORTER HOUSE**. (N197)

**NW5, DUKE OF ST ALBANS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N198)

**DOLLY FOSSETTS WINE BAR.** Delete "WINE BAR", not part of title. (N198)

**NW5, WESTPORT INN.** Formerly **GIpsy QUEEN**. (N201)

**NW6, BRIDGE TAVERN.** Renamed **BRIDGE (THE)**. John Smith: Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Plus 2 guest beers from small and independent breweries. Renovated as a S&N John Barras & Co theme pub. (N203)

**NW6, PRIORY TAVERN.** Courage: Best Bitter (£1.34 a pint). (N206)

**NW6, SALUSBURY.** Should read **SALUSBURY TAVERN**. Pub has expanded and address is now 50/52 Salusbury Road. (N207)

**NW7, RAILWAY TAVERN.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N210)

**NW8, BLENHEIM.** Now sold as restaurant with same name. (N213)

**NW8, CAFE GIOCONDA.** 60 St Johns Wood High Street. Free House. No real ale. A cafe bar currently being converted into an ALL BAR ONE concept pub. Details to follow. Originally **PORTLAND ARMS**. Omitted in error.

**NW8, CROWN.** Now also displays subsidiary name **JEWEL BRASSERIE IN THE CROWN**. -Beers listed. +Mansfield: Old Baily. Beers vary. (N213)

**NW8, KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN.** 7 Queens Terrace. Wells, closed, future uncertain. Omitted in error.

**NW8, MARLBOROUGH.** 39 Abbey Road. Eldridge Pope: Norman Conquest. Flowers: Original Bitter. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Range changes constantly. Now a Free House although still displaying Charrington signs. For description see previous guide and U104. Omitted in error.

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**NW8, ORDNANCE ARMS.** Renamed **ORDNANCE**. H removed, now converted to a cafe bar. Pun has never been owned by Sam Smith. (N215)

**NW8, PHOENIX.** Is a Wells pub acquired from Charrington in 1991. (N215)

**NW8, PRINCESS ROYAL.** +Fuller: London Pride. (N215)

**NW8, SULLIVANS.** Renamed **LORD FRAMPTON**. -Beers listed. +Wadworth: 6X. +Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Guest beer. A tenancy with reasonable prices. (N215)

**NW9, BLACKBIRDS.** Now S&N. ex Grand Met. (N217)

**NW9, JESTERS.** 458 Church Lane. No real ale. New Free House in former shop premises. Omitted.

**NW9, KINGS ARMS.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N218)

**NW9, MOON UNDER WATER.** Address should read 10 Yarley Parade, Edgware Road. (N218)

**NW9, UPPER WELSH HARP.** 109 The Broadway, West Hendon. No real ale. H unused. A Taylor Walker pub under threat of closure. Omitted in error.

**NW9, WHITE LION OF MORTIMER.** 256-258 The Broadway, West Hendon. Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: XB. Younger: Scotch Bitter (96p/pint). Guest beer. A large and spacious Wetherspoon Free House decorated in grand style complete with chandeliers. Non smoking area up steps to rear and separate food bar upstairs. Patio at rear. Open all permitted hours. Omitted in error.

**NW10, BRENNANS BAR.** 228 High Street, Harlesden. No real ale. A Free House in former commercial premises. Formerly BAR (DOWNUNDER). Note correct address. Omitted in error.

**NW10, BUCCANEER.** Is Labatts, not magic. (N221)

**NW10, COACH & HORSES.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N221)

**NW10, FINNIGANS WAKE.** Should read **FINNIGANS WAKE (SALS BAR)**. Address should read 249-253 Neasden Lane. SALS BAR at 249 interconnects with main pub at Nos 251-253. An Irish Free House in former shop premises (N222)

**NW10, GREY HORSE.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N223)

**NW10, HARBOUR ALE HOUSE.** 429 High Road, Willesden. No real ale. A Free House in former shop premises. Omitted in error.

**NW10, HENNELLYS FREE HOUSE.** Reverted to **STONEBRIDGE PARK**, still fizz. (223)

**NW10, RAT & CARROT (THE CROWN).** 335 High Road, Willesden. This entry has been confused with the previous entry for the RAT & CARROT (ex CROWN) in Harlesden. Delete reference to RAT & CARROT, the pub remains named CROWN and is now S&N, ex Grand Met (Courage) (not Magic). Delete all reference to the beers listed. Beers sold are:- Courage: Best Bitter and Theakston: Best Bitter. (N224)

**NW10, SPOTTED DOG.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N225)

**NW10, WHITE HART.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N225)

**NW10, WHITE HORSE.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N225)

**NW11, CHARLSTONS.** Should read **CHARLESTONS**. (N227)

**EDGWARE (HA8), FLYING EAGLE.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N256)

**EDGWARE (HA8), MASONS ARMS.** Address is 75 High Street (N257)

**EDGWARE (HA8), PRINCE OF WALES.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N257)

**EDGWARE (HA8), RAILWAY HOTEL.** Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N257)

**EDGWARE (HA8), SMUGGLERS COVE.** Renamed **CRILI BAR**. Now a McGowans Irish Free House. (N257)

**EDGWARE (HA8), WHITE LION.** Address is 435 Burnt Oak Broadway. Now S&N, ex Grand Met. (N257)

## THREAT TO ROYAL OAK FROM BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The popular 1995 Good Beer Guide listed **ROYAL OAK** dating from 1872, a Youngs pub in Regency Street, Victoria, SW1 is threatened with demolition. A planning application has been made to Westminster City Council for its demolition together with adjoining DSS offices to make way for a new residential apartment building complete with car parking. The applicant is a company called Caldera Investments S.A. who are



based in the British Virgin Islands and the owner of the site is given as Metis Properties Ltd. It is understood that Youngs have only a short period left to run on their lease.

The pub is regrettably not listed although it occupies a prominent corner site and contributes much towards the street scene. It is however, within the Vincent Square conservation area and is also covered by policies in the Council's "Unitary Development Plan" aimed at safeguarding "local service uses".

The Royal Oak is just the sort of traditional local community pub that is becoming increasingly rare in central London with good beer, good company and conversation. It is well worth fighting to retain. Anyone wanting to help save the pub should write with some urgency to:

Director of Planning and Environment  
 Ref RN957462 TP21028  
 Westminster City Hall  
 64 Victoria Street  
 London SW1E 6QP

A social meeting is to be held at the Royal Oak on Monday 4th December at 8.00pm organised by the West London Branch of CAMRA. Anyone interested in fighting to save the pub is invited to attend.



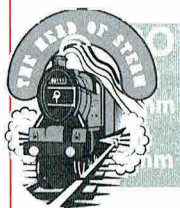
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American craft beers on draught, over there, but in general they will not be as good, filtered and pasteurized. Anchor Liberty Ale, the bottled American beer featured on the cover of the encyclopaedia, is so treated, yet is declared a world classic by Roger. In my view, it is not in the same league as, for example the bottled Belgian Trappist beers one can purchase in Small Beer in Cleethorpes. Anchor Liberty Ale and my favourite English Real Ale, Fuller's ESB, are produced using warm fermentation. This is especially conducive to the production of esters, which give draught ESB its characteristic fruitiness. These esters are delicate: pasteurization has a major detrimental effect on them. Fuller's ESB, is, for me, moderate in its filtered and pasteurized (keg and bottled) form. In the book Roger quotes a Dutch brewer, who is of the opinion that pasteurization should be confined to the cow shed! Another Dutch brewery which does not pasteurize is also mentioned, followed by the words: 'And what is good enough for them should be good enough for the rest of the world.'

The English part of the pub gazetteer is marvellous. If you have worries about the future of the English pub, undertaking a crawl of the pubs included for London, for instance, will restore your faith in it as a great institution; you will never want to ever again go into one of the food-orientated pubs that are springing up everywhere, with their bland beer, pseudo-sophisticated fittings, and their micro-waved chef's special, 'home' cooked dish of the day, accompanied by oven chips and a sachet of vinegar. Other countries fair less well in this section of the book. The French, being great appreciators of food and wine, also recognise good beer, and most towns in France of any size have at least one speciality beer bar: there are some splendid examples, particularly in Paris and the north east of the country. However, of the four pubs listed for the whole of France, two are English pubs, and the other two are okay, but not worthy of being in such a small list. In the German section pubs are listed only for Dusseldorf, Cologne and Munich, the latter having ten. Surely Bamberg and its neighbouring towns warrant a number of entries? To many, including myself, the classic pubs of Bamberg make up Germany's finest pub crawl.

The chapters on beer history is excellent and is beautifully illustrated. Once I had started on this section, I could not put it down. The book is well worth it for just this and the section on brewing, never mind the nitty gritty of the beer itself and the pubs it is drunk in.

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**BOOK EARLY!**

As a first edition, of a book jam packed with information, a few mistakes have inevitably slipped through the proof readers' nets. Carlsberg's famous brewery, is not of course in Helsinki, but in Copenhagen, and in lager brewing it is a Lauter Tun which is used to filter the wort, not a Lager Tun. One or two errors are propagations of those in source material. Michael Jackson and now Roger, provide the wrong English translation for the name of the Netherlands' only Trappist brewing monastery: Koningshoeven. This means King's Homesteads, not King's Garden. This is of importance vis-à-vis the history of the monastery, since after French monks accepted the gift of three homesteads, following flight from political persecution, they converted one of them into a place of worship, which was used until profit from activities such as brewing beer, for external sale, provided funding for the building of the present, impressive monastery.

The encyclopaedia is a serious yet accessible work, which should narrow the gap between beer and wine in the 'taken-seriously stakes'. I can heartily recommend its purchase to all lovers of good beer. Alternatively drop some strong hints to ensure that it ends up in your Christmas stocking.

**John White**

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close (Yes, I know it's hard to get excited about that) and Courage's Bristol brewery – home of Best Bitter, Directors and Bitter Ale – is not safe either. And now we hear that Carlsberg-Tetley (or whatever they call themselves this week) are closing their Warrington brewery – Walker's as it used to be. Still, that might mean that we know where the Tetley's we drink in London has come from in future. It all points to a very large surplus in brewing capacity in the country; surely the microbreweries aren't taking that big a slice of the market!

Talk of Walker's brewery also brings to mind another merger. Greenalls used to be called Greenall Whitley and they also used to have a brewery in Warrington – until they closed it down and put all their brewing out to contract, at Walker's. And who did Greenalls take over a month or two ago? None other than another brewery without a brewery, Boddingtons. Of course there is still a Boddingtons brewery and it is still brewing; it's just that Boddingtons sold it as a going concern to Whitbread some years ago. Who knows what effect that will have in the trade?

Talking of microbreweries, we must not forget the Freedom Brewery in Fulham whose products are available at the White Horse, Parsons Green – and very good indeed I am told they are, though I have not found time to try them yet.

All in all, it's been a pretty mixed bag but my

overriding impression is that on balance things have not benefitted the customer and if the Scottish Courage merger does lead to the rush by Bass and others to maintain their market share as threatened, I can only see things getting worse.

And on that note may I close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of all the London Drinker team.

**Andy Pirson**

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## ANSWERS TO IDLE MOMENTS

The answers to the Cryptic Christmas Carols are as follows:

1. WHITE CHRISTMAS
2. WE THREE KINGS
3. RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER
4. AWAY IN A MANGER
5. DECK THE HALLS
6. LITTLE DRUMMER BOY
7. HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
8. CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE
9. SILENT NIGHT
10. GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
11. ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH
12. OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

And these are the answers to 5BY4:

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

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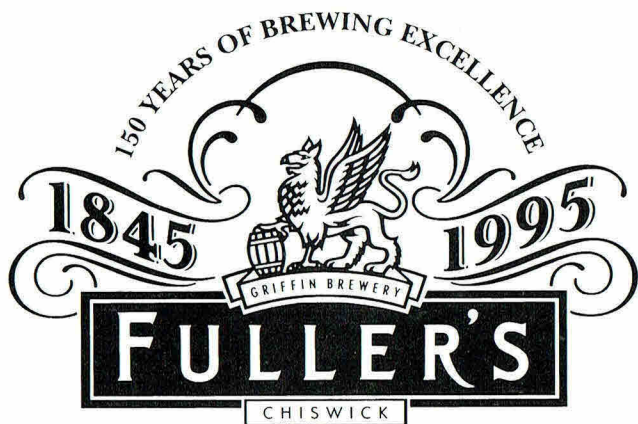
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SW1 FOX & HOUNDS  
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SW1 ORANGE BREWERY  
SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS  
SW1 RISING SUN  
SW1 ROYAL OAK  
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR  
SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE  
SW3 COOPERS ARMS  
SW3 ROSE  
SW3 SURPRISE  
SW4 MANOR ARMS  
SW4 MISTRESS P's  
SW4 ROSE & CROWN  
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBER-  
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SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS  
SW8 OLD RED HOUSE  
SW8 PRIORY ARMS  
SW8 SURPRISE  
SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN  
SW10 KINGS ARMS, 190 Ful-  
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SW10 STARGAZEY  
SW11 BEEHIVE  
SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE  
SW11 UNITY  
SW12 MOON UNDER WATER  
SW12 NIGHTINGALE  
SW12 PRINCE OF WALES  
SW13 BULLS HEAD  
SW13 RED LION  
SW13 ROSE OF DENMARK  
SW14 HALFWAY HOUSE  
SW14 HARE & HOUNDS  
SW15 FOX & HOUNDS  
SW15 GREEN MAN  
SW15 RAILWAY  
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SW17 CASTLE  
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SW17 LEATHER BOTTLE  
SW18 BREWERY TAP  
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SW18 OLD SERGEANT  
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SW18 SPREAD EAGLE  
SW19 ALEXANDRA  
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SW19 PRINCE OF WALES,  
Morden Road  
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL  
SW19 SULTAN  
SW19 TRAFALGAR  
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TAVERN  
CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR  
CHEAM, RAILWAY  
HAM, HAND & FLOWER

KEW, COACH & HORSES  
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KINGSTON, COCOANUT  
KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD  
KINGSTON, FIGHTING  
COCKS  
KINGSTON, FLAMINGO  
BREWERY CO.  
KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS  
KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET  
KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN  
KINGSTON, RAM  
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  
SURBITON, DENBY DALE  
SURBITON, NEW PRINCE  
SURBITON, RISING SUN  
SUTTON, MOON ON THE  
HILL  
SUTTON, NEW TOWN  
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING  
MOON  
W1 BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street  
W1 CLEVELAND ARMS  
W1 MOON & SIXPENCE  
W1 MORTIMER ARMS  
W1 PRINCE ALFRED  
W1 WESTMORELAND  
ARMS  
W1 WINDMILL  
W2 ARCHERY TAVERN  
W2 ROYAL STANDARD  
W3 KINGS ARMS  
W5 PLOUGH  
W5 RED LION  
W5 ROSE & CROWN  
W5 WHEATSHEAF  
W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL  
W6 RICHMOND ARMS  
W10 VILLAGE INN  
W11 FROG & FIRKIN  
W12 MOON ON THE GREEN  
W13 THE FORESTER  
W14 WARWICK ARMS  
BRENTFORD, GLOBE  
BRENTFORD, LORD NELSON  
CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD  
FELTHAM, MOON ON THE  
SQUARE

HAMPTON COURT, KINGS  
ARMS  
HAMPTON WICK, WHITE  
HART  
HARLINGTON, CROWN  
HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR  
HAYES, MOON UNDER  
WATER  
HAYES END, MOON & SIX-  
PENCE  
HOUNSLOW, BEAVER  
HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES  
ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS  
ISLEWORTH, ROYAL OAK  
ISLEWORTH, VICTORIA  
SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD  
ARMS  
SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN  
TEDDINGTON, QUEEN  
DOWAGER  
TEDDINGTON, WALDE-  
GRAVE ARMS  
TWICKENHAM, EEL PIE  
TWICKENHAM, NELSON  
UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF  
WALES  
WHITTON, ADMIRAL NEL-  
SON  
WHITTON, WHITE HART  
**OFF TRADE**  
W11 Grogblossom  
**CLUBS**  
ISLEWORTH, Western Geophys-  
ical Social Club  
W1 Polytechnic of Central  
London S.U. Bar, 104  
Bolsover Street  
**OUTSIDE LONDON**  
ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOW-  
ERS  
BRIGHTLINGSEA, RAILWAY  
BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR  
BRIGHTON, SUSSEX YEO-  
MAN  
CATERHAM ON THE HILL,  
KING & QUEEN  
CHERTSEY, CASTLE  
COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT  
CROXLEY GREEN, SPORTS-  
MAN  
EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS  
EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS  
EGHAM, PRINCE OF WALES  
EGHAM, WHITE LION  
KNEBWORTH (Herts), LYT-  
TON ARMS  
KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD  
DEVIL  
LALEHAM, FEATHERS  
LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS  
MANCHESTER, JOLLY  
ANGLERS  
MORTIMER WEST END  
(Hants), RED LION  
OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG &  
DUCK



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AT  
FULLER'S BREWERY*