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E14 QUEENS HEAD
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SE1 COPPER
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SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)

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SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
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CROYDON, DOG & BULL
CROYDON, FIDDLER & FIRKIN
CROYDON, GEORGE
CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL
(GLUEPOT)
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
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WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
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WC1 OLD MONK
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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
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N1 COMPTON ARMS
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BARNET, YE OLDE MONKEN HOLT
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EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
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NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL
OUTLETS – NORTH WEST PUBS
NW1 HEAD OF STEAM
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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 Grog Blossoms, 235 West End Lane
CLUBS
NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB, Middlesex University Bus. School

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EDITORIAL

According to the latest printed statistics, Real Ale is on the retreat. The new keg beers being promoted by the National Brewers and by many of the independents are not only reducing choice, but also threatening throughput in pubs where cask ale has always been a minor percentage of total sales. The most obvious brewery affecting London drinkers has been Samuel Smiths of Tadcaster. Regular readers will be familiar with the tale, but briefly Sam Smiths have turned a large proportion of their London estate over to nitrokeg beer and have ripped out the handpumps at the same time. Does this then, herald a return to the dark days of Watneys Red and Double Diamond?

The main purveyors of nitrokeg beers like Caffreys, John Smiths Extra Smooth and Tetley Smooth Keg are the big six brewers who also own or control 84% of the market in Britain. The microbrewers like Hop Back, Yates and Woodfordes only manage 1% of the total market. The family owned independents control 15%. The figures are Allied Domecq (CTL) 16%, Whitbread 14%, Scottish Courage 30% and Bass 24%.

Unfortunately, the increased availability of nitrokeg beers in the nationals' pubs threatens cask ales directly.

Whereas before a landlord/lady could guarantee their sales of cask ale in a week, now with the addition of these nationally advertised products, cask ale is also declining in quality. Slow selling beer loses condition and starts to oxidise however conscientious the cellar person. You then enter a spiral of declining sales, quality and customers. Soon the availability of real ale will diminish and then we will have a whole generation of drinkers who have never experienced the delights of a quality real ale.

Mind you, it has always been mindboggling to me how people can willingly sit and drink some of these national brand cask beers. They are often so insipid and sweet that the new nitrokegs might even be an improvement on them! The only beers of quality they do produce

are often sold in indifferent condition or the owners close down the brewery which produced them (Home, Warrington etc). To make matters worse independents like Young's, Gales, Shepherd Neame, Charles Wells and Ushers are dabbling with nitrokeg. Like their 'lagers' these are bound to head the same way.

After more than a decade of growth, sales of real ale are in sharp decline. It is further affected by the closure of pubs, high beer prices and taxes and cheap imports.

It is not that cask beer drinkers can rely on the free trade in London either. The big brewers can offer such discounts now, that the smaller microbrewers are being priced out of the market. Witness the price of Scotch Bitter and the price of Guest beers in Wetherspoon's pubs. The pseudo - Firkin chain is another example.

I think I'd better go down for a pint of Hop Back to cheer myself up!

Chris Cobbold

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IDLE MOMENTS

Hello again, welcome to April and more particularly, welcome to April's Idle Moments – and believe me, you are welcome to them! As you can tell, I'm running out of old jokes to start the column with so let's just get on with the answers to last month's number puzzles:

1. 48 Farthings in a Shilling (in Old Currency)
2. 1977 The First Great British Beer Festival was Held at Alexandra Palace
3. 23 Popes have been Called John
4. 9 Letters in the Count-Down Conundrum
5. 1852 Crystal Palace Moved to Sydenham from Hyde Park
6. 5 Points for a Try in Rugby Union
7. 11 Top Ten Hits by Dusty Springfield
8. 2 Points for the Yellow Ball in Snooker
9. 6 Balls in an Over in Cricket
10. 1851 Great Exhibition Held in Hyde Park

And from there we shall let things degenerate into this month's number puzzles:

1. 32 SS is the HQ of the CP
2. 6 N in the C-DNG
3. 2 C per T are A in a FOGP
4. 16 FO in an AP of B
5. 9 E have been P of the OCED
6. 150 WR is the HQ of the LP
7. 2 M of the Y are N after RE (J and A)
8. 62 TTH of CR
9. 10 M have J with the M-TF
10. 2 of EA on NA

Gosh! This is exciting, isn't it! Oh well, suit yourselves then. I'll just get on with the answers to last month's brewery anagrams then, shall I? Here they are then; I hope the tension didn't aggravate any heart problems:

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| 1. FED ROME | FREEDOM |
| 2. SIT, RUBY! | TISBURY |
| 3. BAR IN A TIN | BRITANNIA |
| 4. BOG SHACK | HOGS BACK |
| 5. AH, MALTINGS | LASTINGHAM |

And, ignoring the fact that you've had a bellyful of them already, here are some more brewery anagrams:

1. WET BIRD RAG
2. RAW WICK
3. MALE TILT HAVEN
4. WADES SOOT
5. HERE PAM

Now, I know that you have really enjoyed

the cryptic Underground stations over the past couple of months (Yes you did!) and so we shall have some more of them, but only after last month's answers:

1. Nobleman's Palace - Barons Court
2. Ruin the "Amber Nectar" - Cockfosters
3. Fire damaged tree - Burnt Oak
4. Murder the Scottish stream - Kilburn
5. Scarlet river crossing - Redbridge
6. Hiding place for coming out - Debden
7. God's messenger - Angel
8. Steam pioneer wades river - Watford
9. Place to leave the heavy ordnance - Canons Park
10. The street to Lloyds Bank - Black Horse Road

And now we shall have this month's stations as promised. You can try to solve them or not, just as you please. I couldn't care less really.

1. Does Albert Pierrepont live down this road?
2. Arsenal players become undertakers.
3. Shut that dog up!
4. Trench beside the sea.
5. Marble metropolis.
6. Occidental sandwich filling.
7. Huge!
8. Napoleon's Last Stand.
9. Tall tree.
10. Where I pulled up a bucketful of fish.

Now we have a really rare occasion. This month's 5BY4 is entitled "Who's at Home?" Those of you who read this column regularly may have noticed that Association Football hardly ever gets a look in as it is not very high on the list of subjects I have much knowledge of, or interest in. As an exception, I have listed some football clubs (on the left, for those who know as much about footie as I do) and their home grounds. All you have to do is match the two together. As usual the answers will be at the end following the Trivial Knowledge questions.

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Arsenal | A. Portman Road |
| 2. Watford | B. St. James's Park |
| 3. Middlesbrough | C. Meadow Lane |
| 4. Ipswich Town | D. Highbury |
| 5. Cardiff City | E. Ninian Park |
| 6. Shrewsbury Town | F. Recreation Ground |

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 7. Notts County | G. Vicarage Road |
| 8. Exeter City | H. Gay Meadow |
| 9. Scunthorpe Utd | I. Ayresome Park |
| 10. Chesterfield | J. Old Show Ground |

By the way, I apologise in advance if any of these are out of date; I asked my mate Ron for a list of clubs and grounds and he came up with a copy of a football encyclopedia dating from 1954 (Not one to throw things away, our Ron). I did leave out Accrington Stanley, though. And now after all that drivel, here are the answers to last month's Trivial Knowledge (no, it's General Trivia... no, it's - Oh who cares?!):

1. The Hawker Siddley (or Folland) Gnat until 1979 and subsequently the British Aerospace (Hawker) Hawk.
2. The River Churn
3. Hamley's
4. King Charles II
5. Al Capone's
6. The Marquis of Queensberry
7. Saint Bartholomew's Hospital
8. £400 per annum
9. To kill every tenth man in a defeated army
10. Hadrian's Wall

And to finish off with here are this month's (I know, I'll call them) Questions:

1. Near Haywards Heath in West Sussex, this Elizabethan mansion is owned by the National Trust but its gardens are an outpost of Kew Gardens. What is it called?
2. Leeds Castle is nowhere near Yorkshire and Scotney Castle is not in Scotland. In what county are they both located?
3. On what motor racing circuit will you find the Mulsanne Straight?
4. We all know the Big Apple, but who or what is "Big Blue"?
5. Back in the Sixties, who was the Producer of TW3 and That Was the Week...?
6. What were Mandy Rice-Davies' most famous four words?
7. And about whom did she say them?
8. Who were the parents of the first Duke of St. Albans?
9. Who first coined the phrase "all the little gnomes of Zurich and the other financial centres" in 1956?
10. What name (in book titles) links Joseph Conrad and Kingsley Amis?

And finally - here are the answers to 5BY4:
1-D, 2-G, 3-I, 4-A, 5-E, 6-H, 7-C, 8-B, 9-J, 10-F.

Have a good Easter. I'll see you next month (if you don't see me first).

Andy Pirson

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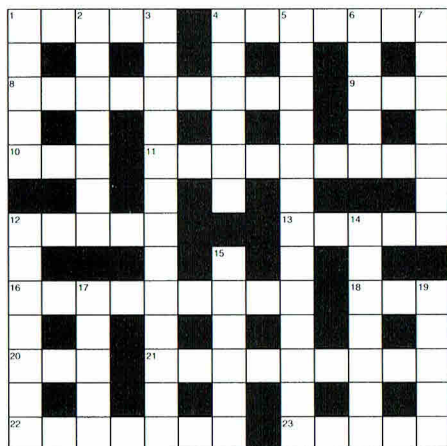
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LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Royal awards for fashion wear. [5]
4. Getting rid of material. [7]
8. Fix metal round the pub store house. [5,4]
9. Feel ill from drink, apparently. [3]
10. Go to court her. [3]
11. So Lawrence surrounds very nearly the whole city. [9]
12. Cooker extracts nothing from fruit. [5]
13. Transport by automobile and railway. [5]
16. Queen given rose spray. [9]
18. Food taken off the end of the pier. [3]
20. Expose some uncouth fellow. [3]
21. It's inculcated in journalist to keep calm. [9]
22. Held up song during act. [7]
23. Strong desire to eat garden's first plant. [5]

DOWN

1. Tries to disrupt services. [5]
2. Bird from the frozen north. [7]
3. Is she a plant lover? [10,3]
4. Kent has last word on sailors. [6]
5. Superior criminal going down. [13]
6. Some claim a goddess displays the perfect state. [5]
7. Passage of boat carrying Roman leader. [7]
12. Ponders confusing answer. [7]
14. Beat again and drive back. [7]
15. Avoided confusion, I hear. [6]
17. It's most important to put tea in vessel. [5]

Winner of the prize for the February Crossword:

Robert Day, London SE15

Other correct entries were received from:

Aaron Aardvark, Paul Adams, Alison & Guy, Pat Andrews, Ella van Ardon, Tom Baldwin, John Blundell, Robin Bolt, Martyn Brown, Andy Camroux, Brendan Casey, A.P. Comaish, Kathryn Everett, Mikes Farrelly & Richards, B.H. Fletcher, Paul Gray, Jonty Hawkes, John Heath, Hugh Jardonne, Pete Large, Martin Ludgate, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Mick Norman, H.O'Connor, Steve Piggott, Kevin Reeve, Super Scooper, Tarnya & Stephen, Dave Tyrrell's married!, Nigel Walton, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, Hazel Woodhams, Yak & Rosamund, Robert Young.

There were also 3 incomplete entries.

Name

Address

All correct entries received by first post on 24th April will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the June London Drinker.

Solution next month.

All entries to be submitted to:

London Drinker Crossword

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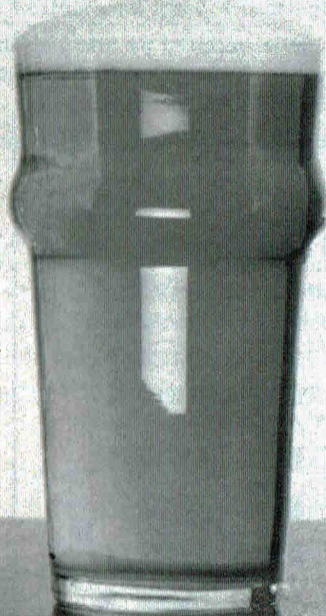
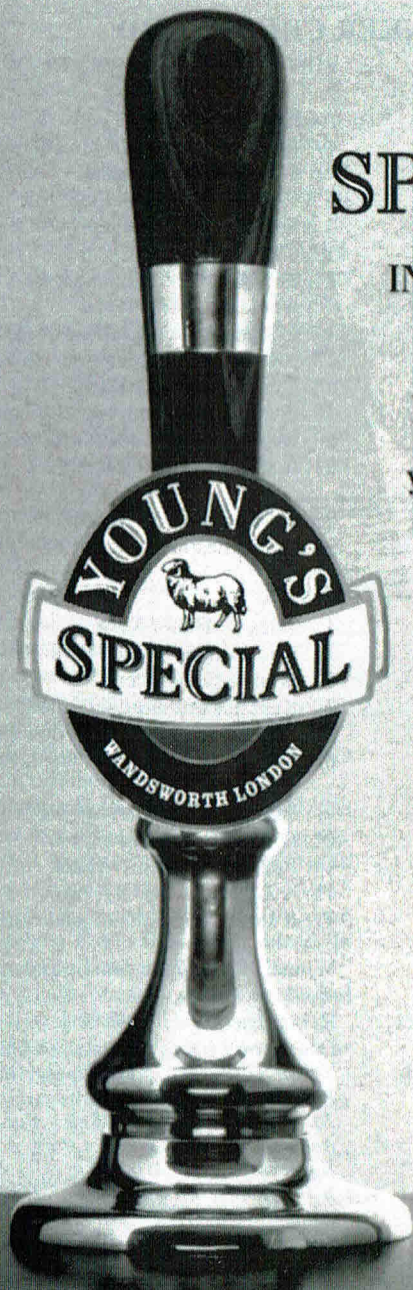
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

I recently wrote to Tim Martin of Wetherspoon's regarding several salient and relevant points of interest to drinkers, most notably their definition of a free house, tasting notes for their mini-festival guides and the likelihood of a "Moon" type place in Dublin in the near future. Here are the responses I received.

On Point One: "Although we do stock a number of our beers from Scottish Courage, we believe we offer a wide range of other products in addition. Moreover, we are not tied to Scottish Courage or indeed any other brewery and can and do stock products from major brewers such as Bank's, Marston and Greene King."

Fair enough, but the *percentage* of products stocked is probably vastly in Scottish Courage's favour - even the bottled beers are from Scottish Courage (right down to the otherwise hard to find Younger's Light Ale!). How can anywhere justifiably call itself a free house (with all that implies) when the vast majority of its products come from one source? Just how free is "free"? Free house is an abused phrase indeed.

My belief is that the Trades Description Act should be amended to state that if a place stocks more than fifty percent of its products from one manufacturer, then it cannot declare itself as being "free" of that company's tie. Maybe we should clarify this when assessing pubs for the Good Beer Guide. If a place is found to stock a significant percentage of its products from one brewer or other supplier, then we could call it, in Wetherspoon's case "a Scottish Courage based free house" as opposed to the ones that are genuinely free and stock only one ale from one place, for instance. I think this could be a good future inclusion in the Guide as it would help clarify just who supplies the ale in what place and what hold they have.

Wetherspoon's current expansion could be being financed in part by the supply contract and barrelage discounts that Scottish Courage give them. Less cash spent buying in the ale is more dosh to spend buying and developing more places...? Can it be right, for example, that a new Wetherspoon's outlet near me sells

more Scottish Courage beers than Scottish Courage's own outlet up the road?

Point Two: "The notes for the festival beer guides which we print are forwarded to us by the person who selects the beers for us on our behalf (Who he?). I was unaware that much of the material is reprinted (their word - read "copied wholesale") from the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and will ensure that we either seek CAMRA's permission in future or print our own reviews - thankyou for pointing this out. We have a team of pub managers who, along with our micro beer supplier, choose the beers."

Good. At least they admit they did crib our painstakingly gathered (and copyrighted) info for their own benefit. I wouldn't mind but some of their places sell the GBG behind the bar. Besides, they shouldn't have nicked ours in the first place!

Point Three: "We are always on the look out for good new sites and should you spot one in Dublin, then we should be delighted to hear from you."

Well, it shows they haven't ruled out setting up shop in the Emerald Isle, though I think they'd have to invest a fair bit weaning Dubliners off the local black keg stuff to tell them what a fantastic drink cask ale is. Scottish Courage are still a tiny presence in Ulster and so it's likely that all Wetherspoon's beers would have to come south through an arrangement with Gass... (burp) sorry bass. There's also an education perspective: many many years have elapsed since good cask ale was available over there on draught (the Irish aren't keen on bottled beers), so several generations will have grown up not drinking it regularly, if at all. This would have to be addressed.

So there we are. I promise to keep you informed of anything I hear back from them in my continuing correspondence with Mr. Martin and his operations sidekick, Mr. Hutson. Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

Al Ferrier, New Malden

Editor's Comments:

1. *Oh dear - not MORE legislation please!*
2. *I'm sorry, but you can't define a free house*

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by what it chooses to (or not to) stock. It is either free or it is not. However, what is wrong with CAMRA's view that pubs owned by chains are not free houses but "chain tied" where the overall management decides on the beer range? The question of loan ties is relevant but we do not have the right to know all the financial arrangements between a pub and its suppliers.

3. "All this implies" is a dangerous statement. Just because a pub is a free house (even a genuine one), it doesn't mean that you have any right to expect it to stock beers from lots of breweries. It would still be a free house if the owner chose to sell only Webster's Yorkshire Bitter.
4. The Good Beer Guide does not give details of brewery ties unless it is in the general description. You should be able to tell what you can expect to find from the list of beers available.
5. Since you do not seem to consider Wetherspoon's particularly worthy, why so keen that they should set up shop in Ireland? Incidentally, if the punters in Ireland want real ale when it become available then they will buy it. I was brought up in the era when there was virtually only keg beer available, but I don't recall that I needed any special education programme to enjoy the proper stuff when I came across it.

Andy Pirson

Dear Editors,

ALLEGED SOLUTION TO DECEMBER CROSSWORD

I noticed with interest the solution to the December Crossword and the list of those with the correct entries.

I keep a copy of my entry (just in case) and it appears to me that there is an error in your solution, ie the answer to 9 across.

I cannot see how "ORE" can be the answer but if it is correct can you explain the reasoning? Alternatively, if you agree with my answer then my name should be added to the list of correct entries, assuming that my entry was received in time.

A small point but it winds a mate of mine up to see my name printed! Keep up the good

work I enjoy the crossword.

Yours faithfully

H O'Connor

Barking, Essex

Dear Editors,

The news that a Bass Charrington pub had been taken over by Sam Smiths would, in the past, have been generally welcomed by real ale drinkers. Unfortunately, for The Cardinal in Victoria, which is a current Good Beer Guide entry and always sold decent if expensive real ale, it is an unmitigated disaster. All the handpumps have been removed and only keg beer is now available. The Cardinal is a fairly large and busy pub, particularly at lunchtimes and early evening so beer turnover has never been a problem. Surely it would be possible for at least OBB to be served through a handpump. If this is going to be Sam Smiths' future policy, let's hope they don't take over any other pubs in London. Still, maybe the loss of the Cardinal to real ale may open the way for the nearby and threatened Youngs Royal Oak to be included in the 1997 Good Beer Guide!.

Yours sincerely

John Heath

Pinner, Middlesex

Dear Editors,

A bill is to be introduced by Simon Hughes, MP for Bermondsey, restricting the smoking of tobacco in public places. It is for discussion in the House of Commons under the Ten Minute Rule. Surely this will make brewers regret that so many public bars have been destroyed?

In America "Cigar Club" bars can exist alongside non-smokers, but with one barn of a room it looks like smoke free, fug free air only.

Have any CAMRA members thought of writing to Mr. Hughes to enquire about further details of his legislation?

Yours sincerely,

Stephen J.Fothergill, Fulham.

Editor's comment:

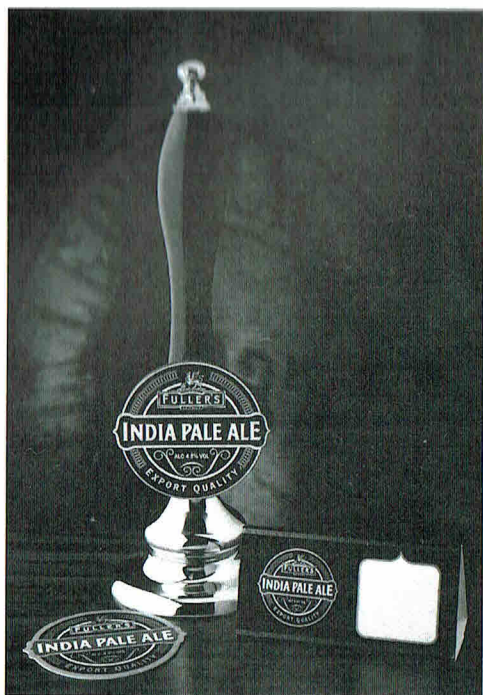
Have you?

By the way, I don't think Bass plc et al will be quaking in their boots just yet. I can't actually remember ever hearing of any bill under the Ten Minute Rule actually making it as far as becoming law.

Andy Pirson



INDEPENDENT FAMILY BREWERS SINCE 1845



It must be Spring! Fuller's India Pale Ale, which was such a success last year, has returned and is now available in the majority of their London pubs until Friday 31st May.

Like its early nineteenth century predecessor, Fuller's India Pale Ale is a pale amber colour and an all malt brew with a distinctive, pleasant bitterness originating from Kentish Golding hops. It has an alcohol by volume of 4.8% and will cost around £1.85 a pint.

India Pale Ale is one of Fuller's five seasonal brews and follows on from Fuller's Porter. It will be replaced with Fuller's Summer Ale in June, which in turn will be succeeded by Fuller's Hock.

The year will be warmly rounded off with Fuller's Old Winter Ale.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Re: Several letters in "London Drinker" and "What's Brewing"

Since when has CAMRA stood for the campaign for real cider, the acronym doesn't even fit! and since when has the "Good Beer Guide" been the Good Cider Guide? I know things like conning the public with fake methods of dispense are important but when all said and done the good book is called a Beer Guide, no mention of cider there. Yes I feel that correct dispense is important but whatever next. Perfectly decent pubs serving excellent real ale be excluded from the guide because the barman doesn't pour Guinness correctly?

This has now surely gone too far, let the cider buffs (a category in which I include myself) work towards getting more real cider in pubs and getting it correctly served, only using CAMRA as a safety net for advice and encouragement. What is needed is a proper campaign for Cider with it's own membership and NEC to deal exclusively with problems concerning Cider and Perry. Due to personal difficulties I cannot get to the AGM this year, and as such am not allowed a voice on issues and motions to be discussed, but I would urge all members that can go to support any motions that herald a return to CAMRA's original values concerning the threat to beer. After all we have enough problems with Nitrokey, Theme Pubs and Scottish Courage destroying our beery heritage to be distracted by issues concerning other drinks.

As an organisation if we can mobilise our membership and concentrate on issues at the heart of the matter without distraction we can once more push back the tides of accountants and whiz kids destroying the nations favourite drink.

Yours faithfully

A C Makey
Hertfordshire

Dear Editors,

I hear from the usual reliable source that the Hope and Anchor in Brixton is to be dropped from the Good Beer Guide. Surely not for the beer quality which has taken a quantum leap forward since the change of management. Perhaps for the lavatories which are cold, unpleasant and must have been put in before the First World War. I am assured that the ladies' lavatory (only ONE in a large pub!) is worse, being excessively tiled in a pattern fit to encourage epilepsy.

This is a good friendly local spoilt by the facilities. The Bara Brith on St. David's Day was excellent, tasted authentic and was much

appreciated by this ex-pat Welshman.

Yours sincerely,

G.Thomas

Clapham Road North, SW9.

Editor's Reply:

Normally we do not encourage letters about individual pubs but in this case we do consider it worthwhile to clarify why the Hope & Anchor will not be in the 1997 Good Beer Guide. Having spoken to the local branch chairman who also happens to be an editor of that estimable magazine, the London Drinker (and also, I suspect, your "usual reliable source"), the facts of the case are that the change of management to which you refer was the second in a short space of time and the quantum leap to which you refer followed something of a quantum plummet. It was unfortunately during the short period of the previous management that the short list for the 1997 GBG was drawn up and under those circumstances the local branch were not prepared to consider the pub for next year's guide.

My fellow editor assures me that the beer quality is now restored and the pub is heartily recommended by him and all his cronies who are to be seen in the place every Sunday lunchtime.

Andy Pirson

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MCMULLEN COMMEMORATES THE DAYS OF THE ALE KEEPER

McMullen, Hertfordshire family brewer, has restored a historic part of the 105-year-old Hertford Brewery – the Ale Keeper room.

Beer tax based on fermentation was first introduced in 1880 immediately after the abolition of the malt tax. This change in legislation switched the tax responsibility from the malster to the brewer and meant that security in breweries had to be improved.

So when Alexander Peter and Osmond Henry McMullen, sons of Peter McMullen who founded the Company in 1827, built the Hertford Brewery in 1891, they included a room for a watchman – the Ale Keeper.

The Ale Keeper's job was very wide ranging. His most important task was probably to keep an eye on the ales fermenting in the timber and copper vessels that are still used today, but he also had to check the boilers which drove the steam beam engine and produced steam for cask cleaning, guard the cask yard, hand out the beer allowance to draymen returning with their horses from a day of deliveries to the

pubs, and even take in payments for beer.

Customs and Excise officers were likely to call in at the brewery at any time, and the Ale Keeper was there at night to let them in and accompany them on their inspections.

"We have restored the Ale Keeper room as closely as possible to the 1891 original," said Chairman David McMullen, "and you can almost picture the Ale Keeper at night sitting in his chair in front of an open fire, puffing at his pipe and listening to the rumble of wooden barrels in the adjacent cask yard and the chimes of the brewery stable clock."

In spite to the research that was necessary to carry out the restoration work, it is still not known if McMullen's famous Original AK bitter derived its name from the Ale Keeper job title. So the mystery of the AK initials lives on.

The Company celebrated the restoration of the Ale Keeper room with a reception at which Skipper's Celebration Bitter, the latest McMullen Special Reserve limited edition seasonal ale, was launched.

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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below, please ring the branch contact. Dates for April of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch contacts page 30.

LONDON PUBS GROUP: Wed 17 (8.00) Business Meeting. MARKET PORTER, 9 Stoney Street, SE1 – Wed 15 May (7.30) Brick Lane Crawl. Start ALMA, Spelman Street, E1 then PRIDE OF SPITALFIELDS, Heneage Street (Aldgate East Tube).

CROYDON & SUTTON: Mon 1 (8.00) Pub Quiz. CROWN & SCEPTRE, 32 Junction Road, South Croydon – Mon 9 (8.30) Social. FIELDER & FIRKIN, 346 High Street, Sutton – Tue 16 (8.00) Two Pub Social. CLIFTON ARMS, 21 Clifton Road, SE25 (depart 9.30) then TWO BREWERS, 221 Gloucester Road, Croydon – Thu 25 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue 9 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BOW BELLS, Bow Road, E3 – Wed 17 (7.00) Social. VILLAGE AT PLAISTOW, Balaam Street, E13 – Tue 23 (7.30) St. George's Day and Branch 22nd Birthday Social. GEORGE, Wanstead, E11 – Tue 30 (7.00) Social. ROYAL OAK, 219 Kings Head Hill, E4 then BULL & BUSH, The Green – Tue 7 May (8.00) Branch Meeting. Venue to be advised.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Tue 2 (9.00) Two Pub Social. OLIVERS, 169 Ballards Lane, N3 then JOINERS ARMS (10.00), 51 Ballards Lane – Wed 10 (9.00) Social. WILLIAM IV, 192 Hertford Road, N9 – Tue 16 (9.00) Two Pub Social. ALEXANDRA, 1 Church Lane, N2 then WINDSOR CASTLE (10.00), The Walks, off Church Lane – Thu 25 (9.00) Social. YE OLDE MITRE INN, 58 High Street, Barnet – Sat 27 Waltham Cross Saturday Ramble with Herts & Essex Borders Branch. Details from Branch Contact – Sat-Sun 1-2 Jun Branch visit to Batemans Brewery, Wainfleet. Details from Branch Contact.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Wed 10 (8.30) Business Meeting. THE HINCHLEY WOOD (near Hinchley Wood BR station) – Tue 30 (8.00) Pub Crawl of Thames Ditton. Start GEORGE & DRAGON, off High Street.

NORTH LONDON: Tue 2 (8.00) Beer & Curry Night. Meet ROCHESTER CASTLE, 143-145 Stoke Newington High Street, N16 before going to Rice and Spice Balti House, 160 Stoke Newington High Street (opposite pub). As it is unlicensed you are welcome to take your own beer. For bookings and details contact Aidan Kerrigan on 0181-963 0120 (H & answering machine) – Tue 9 (8.00) NW3 Social. HORSE & GROOM, 68 Heath Street then HOLLY BUSH (9.30), Holly Mount (Hampstead Tube) – Tue 16 (8.00) N22 Social. PALACE GATES, 22 Palace Gates Road then STARTING GATE (9.30), Station Road (Alexandra Place BR; Wood Green Tube) – Tue 23 (8.00) WC1 Social. OLD MONK, 39-41 Grays Inn Road then CITTIE OF YORKE (9.30), 22 High Holborn (a rare real Sam Smith's outlet) (Chancery Lane Tube) – Tue 30 (8.00) N1 Social. ROSEMARY BRANCH, 2 Shepperton Road then DUKE OF WELLINGTON (9.30), 71 Nile Street (Now real and serving changing rota from small independent breweries, including rare ones) (Old Street BR/Tube) – Tue 7 May (8.00) Mild Night. HEAD OF STEAM, Euston Station Colonnade, Eversholt Street, NW1.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Tue 2 (8.00) Joint Social with North Surrey Branch. TAP & SPILE (ex Railway), Station Road, Egham – Wed 10 (8.00) Committee Meeting then open Branch Meeting at 9.00. BEEHIVE, 227 High Street, Brentford – Mon 22 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. WATERMANS ARMS (upstairs room), Water Lane, Richmond (Bring your membership card).

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Mon 1 (8.00) Committee Meeting. WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street, SE1 – Tue 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting. TIGERS HEAD, 350 Bromley Road, SE6. New faces always welcome – Wed 10 Ballards and King & Barnes Brewery Trips. Further details from Branch Contact – Mon 15 (8.00) Catford Beer Festival Planning Meeting. Call Branch Contact for venue. New faces and ideas always welcome – Fri 19 (7.00) Working Festival. Beer on Broadway Beer Festival (See festivals column) – Tue 23 (8.00) St. George's Day Social. ST. GEORGES TAVERN, 44 Lambeth Road, SE1.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Tue 2 (8.30) Out of Area Social. WHITE HART, Moreton – Wed 10 (8.30) Social. CROOKED BILLET, 113 River Road, Creekmouth (1_ miles south of A13) – Tue 16 (12.00 at brewery) Brewery Trip to Iceni, Ickburgh then (5.00 at brewery) Buffy's, Tivetshall St. Mary (£5

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charge). Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on 01708-723897 – Tue 23 (8.00) Branch London Area Pub of the Year Presentation. BRITANNIA, 1 Church Road, Barking – Thu 2 May (8.30) Social at Ongar Beer Festival, Budworth Hall, Ongar – Tue 7 May (8.30) Out of Area Social. RETREAT, 42 Church Street, Bocking.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thu 27 Mar (7.30) Crawl. Start CASTLE, 115 Battersea High Street, SW11; WOODMAN, 60 Battersea High Street; DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 228 Battersea Bridge Road – Wed 17 (8.00) Pub of the Year Presentation. SULTAN, 78 Norman Road, SW19 – Mon 28 (8.00) Open Branch Committee and Open Festival Committee Meetings. HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane, SW2 – Tue 23, Tue 30 & Tue 7 May (6-7pm) Cricket Netts. Clapham Common, SW4 (near Clapham South Tube). Subject to availability; ring Andy Robinson on 0171-410 6302 (work) or 0181-653 8885 (home) – Wed 1 May (7.30) Branch & Festival Committees followed by (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 – Sun 5 May (1.30) Branch Cricket Club Match. Morden Rec, Farm Road, Morden. Players please ring Andy Robinson (as above).

WATFORD & DISTRICT: Tue 2 (8.30) GBG Social. VILLIERS, Oxhey – Tue 16 (8.30) Wild West Social in Rickmansworth. THE WESTERN then COACH & HORSES (9.30) – Tue 23 (8.30) Branch Darts Tournament. WHITE LION (public bar) – Sun 28 (8.00) Branch Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB.

WEST LONDON: Tue 2 (8.30) Joint Social with West Middlesex Branch. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford – Fri 19 (8.30) Social. FOX & HOUNDS, 29 Passmore Street, SW1 – Wed 8 May (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6. Guest speaker to be arranged.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Mon 1 (8.00) "Beer on Broadway" Poster Drop Social. Start WHEATSHEAF, Haven Lane, Ealing, W5 – Tue 2 (8.30) Joint Social with West London Branch. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford – Wed 10 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DUKE OF YORK, 86 Steyne Road, Acton, W3 – Thu-Sat 18-20 (All the time) BEER ON BROADWAY. Ealing Town Hall, W5. DON'T GO ANYWHERE ELSE! – Thu 25 (8.30) Social & London Drinker Pickup. BLACK HORSE, 425 Oldfield Lane, Greenford – Advance Notice: Wed 15 May (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. LOAD OF HAY, Villiers Street, Uxbridge.

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

A JUST REWARD FOR STAMINA

Ted Gardener, a long time customer of the Robert Inn on the Great West Road in Hounslow recently celebrated his 90th birthday in style at the pub, as can be seen in the opposite photo. It seems that a long time ago he met one Charles Fuller, then a director of Fuller's who promised him that if he continued to drink at the Robert Inn for sixty years he would be given a gold watch and free beer for life.

As it seems that the Charles Fuller in question is no longer around to refute the question, the Manager of the Robert Inn, Elliott O'Dwyer tried to keep the promise. A gold watch proved beyond Mr. O'Dwyer's means but he did present Ted with an engraved pewter tankard which he will be using to drink a free daily pint of London Pride for the rest of his life.

So can we now expect a rush of



Elliott O'Dwyer (R), Manager of the Robert Inn, Hounslow, shares a joke with his new bar man, 90 year old Ted Gardener, as he enjoys the first of many free pints of London Pride in his special birthday tankard.

nonagenarians in Fullers pubs around London claiming to have known Charles Fuller sixty years ago?

ADNAMS BREWERS DRAY

Adnams who in London currently own Manifold, a composite wholesaler and Brewers Dray, a traditional ale distributor, have taken a major step forward in announcing the formation of a new trading operation in London under the banner of Adnams Brewers Dray, merging both account bases and refocusing on its product portfolio.

The new company will be primarily concerned with promoting traditional ales along with Bitburger where Adnams has the UK trade agency. Add to this core portfolio the support range of national brands in beers, lagers, wines, spirits and minerals and you have a very comprehensive package available to customers.

Geographically it will still look to service customers within the M25 offering bi-monthly promotions, the Adnams Loyalty Points Scheme and heavily backed promotional support from other cask ale breweries, in particular Charles Wells, Everards and Wadworth.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Letter to: Fuller Smith & Turner Plc

Dear Sirs,

As 'life members' of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) living in South East London, we are supporters of Independent Brewers, particularly Fullers and Young's.

Our 'local' Pub (the Blacksmith's Arms, Rotherhithe, London SE16) is a Fullers house, which offers ESB and London Pride on hand-pump. It is a pub which we patronise and visit regularly. The real ales are always kept in excellent condition, and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have such a Pub as our 'local'.

However, we note that it appears to be the policy of Fullers (and Young's for that matter) not to allow their Pubs to offer a guest ale. As enthusiasts of real ale, we obviously find this rather disappointing. Whilst we enjoy Fullers real ale products, there are times when we feel that we would like to try different real ales from Independent Breweries. Consequently, there are many occasions when we visit other Pubs in preference to our local Fullers Pub, simply in order to try beers from other Independents.

Obviously, we would not expect Fullers to make 'drastic' changes which would result in a large range of ales from Independent breweries being made available in your tied-houses. We also appreciate that, by offering products other than your own, it could have an effect on profit margins and, would no doubt involve you in having to enter into Agreements with Competitors or Beer Agencies.

We do feel, however, that by offering a greater degree of choice, it would enhance your establishments and, in our opinion, encourage more real ale drinkers to patronise your Pubs, thus benefitting your Brewery. This is a point which regularly 'comes up' during conversation with fellow enthusiasts, particularly at Beers Festivals, most of whom seem to be of this opinion.

Obviously, we do not know how well this idea would be received by the Tenants of your tied Houses. As most of the Fullers Tenants whom we come across appear to show an interest and take pride in their real ales (which is reflected in the quality and condition of the beers which they serve), we feel that many

would be willing to offer the choice. If relatively small amounts of a different beer-beers could be obtained and offered in your houses, we feel sure that it would be a popular and successful move.

We appreciate from a quality point of view the importance of selling beers fairly quickly, as beers which are 'turned-over' quickly after conditioning are always of a higher quality than those which have been 'languishing' in the cask for long periods. Given that beers can be obtained in a range of quantities (i.e. from 36 pints upwards), 'turn-over' should not be a problem.

We hope that you will take the comments made in this letter in the spirit to which they are written, as no form of criticism is intended, and would be most interested to hear your views on this subject.

Yours faithfully

Liz Astall & Fred Taylor

Reply from Fullers

Dear Mr Taylor & Ms Astall,

Re: Guest Beers

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the prospect of providing other brewers ales in our tenanted houses.

I quite understand your observations and indeed we at Fullers have asked ourselves many of the questions that you have raised, in an endeavour to both offer our customers variety and of course to maximise our sales.

We therefore conducted a test in a selection of 25 different types of Managed Houses over the past six months with each house selecting one or two 'guests'. Initially there was certainly some interest shown by customers but this has unfortunately now waned in most houses even though we endeavoured to involve customers in selecting the next guest ale(s).

Part of the downturn has undoubtedly been due to a decision to also brew our own seasonal 'guest' brands; India Pale Ale, Summer Ale, Hock, Old Winter Ale and from next week London Porter. It may sound conceited to say so but our houses have reported that these are far outselling and depressing other brewers guest ale sales.

As you rightly mention with regard to quality, we are rather fanatical about maintaining the best product quality and as a

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FOOTBALL FREE ZONE

Catford declared a Football-Free zone!!

The Catford Beer Festival returns in June to the Lewisham Theatre in Rushey Green, Catford, SE6.

This year, to avoid clashing with the European Football Championship, the festival will be open from Wednesday the 5th of June to Saturday the 8th of June 1996. As in previous years it will be open Wednesday from 5pm to 11pm, and Thursday to Saturday 12 noon to 11 pm.

A new logo for the festival accompanies several changes to the format of this year's event. The layout of the bars will be altered and will allow more space in the main hall, with additional seating. There will be a larger range of real ales, totalling over 70, which will be on sale throughout the event, including a special festival brew and beers from the very newest micro-breweries. The beers available will vary from session to session, although the intention is to have a hard-core of popular favourites on sale at all times. Over 120 gallons of cider and perry will also be on sale, and as an experiment, English Country Wines.

The Imported Beer Bar will have an expanded range which will include brand new Belgium beer never before seen in the UK, and several seasonal German beers.

To encourage you to attend, admission will be free, other than on the Thursday and Friday evening when non-CAMRA members will have to pay £2 to get in after 7pm, so why not join now?

Wednesday night is designated quiet night, with live bands on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and also Saturday lunchtime. The bands will include the fabulous Kit Packham's One Jump Ahead. A quiet bar will be available at all times for those who prefer conversation to music.

As usual staff are urgently required, and will be warmly welcomed, so if you can help please contact Sarah Porter on 0181 857 4214 (Home). A beer range hotline is available from Tony Taylor at the Crystal Palace Tavern, Deptford on 0181 692 1536, which is a pub well worth visiting for its own permanent mini-festival. Any further information required can be obtained from

Andy Padgham on 0181 693 2555 (work), 0181 291 2874 (home) or EMAIL GB8BFVMJ@IBMMAIL.Com.

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HIGHGATE – A PROFILE

As most of you will know by now, the Highgate Brewery in Walsall was the subject of a management buy-out from M&B (Bass Group) last year and so is now an independent company which now bears the name Highgate and Walsall Brewing Company Ltd. We have obtained a brief history and profile of the brewery from the Managing Director, Mr. Steve Nuttall and we are pleased to reproduce these (in slightly reduced form) here.

HISTORY

The brewery was founded in 1898 by a local businessman and pub owner James A. Fletcher. Built in fields, purchased for £1,000, off Sandymount Road in Walsall the brewery is now Grade II listed and was named after the historical city gate that allowed access to old Walsall from the surrounding countryside, long since vanished.

Highgate's first brew, produced on 1st July 1898, was a top quality dark mild that has been the principal, but not the only, product ever since. In fact, after the First World War, Highgate was for many years the only brewery in the country specialising in mild ale. Over the years the brewery has produced and bottled bitter, pale ale and the famous "winter warmer", Old Ale, a strikingly powerful jet black beer, still brewed at Christmas to celebrate the festive season and warm those cold winter nights!

During the First World War, Highgate bought the Yardley and Ingram Brewery in Bloxwich; then in 1924 Mr. Fletcher and Mr. John Lord (brewer of Shot Acre Street, Walsall) formed the Walsall Breweries Proprietary Ltd. and acquired the business of Arthur Beebee's Malt Shovel Brewery of Sandwell Street, Walsall.

Big changes were afoot again in 1939, when Mr. Fletcher sold Highgate to his big Birmingham competitor Mitchells & Butlers. There was some speculation over Highgate's closure but with Adolf Hitler's intervention it was kept open, principally to allow M&B to draw its full ration of malt and hops to keep brewing. Highgate Mild had such a great following that had it closed, it may have undermined seriously the Black Country's war effort!

Up until 1920 all deliveries of beer were by horse drawn dray and Highgate Mild was a "well kept" local secret. However in 1923 a fleet of Albion and Leyland motor vehicles took over and its fame started to spread far and wide.

Although the fields are gone the handsome Victorian brewery still stands in Walsall's residential area and retains much original brewing equipment, including ancient mash tuns; beautifully kept copper boilers and open oak fermenters. The plant is in the best of condition and refuses to become another monument to our brewing past. It is a living, working traditional plant still producing delicious beers in the most natural way.

At Highgate we never brew in the traditional way (at least not for the sake of it), we brew in the best way! It just so happens that with 180 years of unbroken brewing service between them, our nine men of Highgate just haven't been able to improve on the methods that have made the English ale the envy of the World. But then, if at first you DO succeed...fine!

Highgate has always retained its identity and individuality and in 1995 also proudly regained its independence. Highgate's exciting future stretches ahead as a promise to discerning beer drinkers everywhere.

A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE

Highgate is not a modern sales story, but a dignified and distinguished, refreshing change. In today's world of modernisation and automation, manufactured modern beers, with bland flavours and mediocre quality, threaten to replace traditionally brewed ales with their delicious individual flavours. Quality and attention to detail so often fade with the ever changing pacey times in which speed, costs and convenience overtake craftsmanship.

Fortunately, we are not interested in transforming our magnificent traditional brewery into an automated push button chemical plant. The fabric of Highgate Brewery and every step in the natural brewing process is important to us in contributing to the character and quality of

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EAST END NEWS

Silly names for pubs appear to be back in vogue. The latest in the East End is in South Woodford where the Boar & Thistle (was Firs and Fir Tree) has become Wall Street. Adverts for the pub in the local press show clocks with New York and Tokyo time. Whether there are any pubs in these two cities showing South Woodford time is unknown. The last pub to have a similar name was the Black Boy in Stepney. It became Fifth Avenue and is currently closed and looks as if it has been converted to flats. In EC1 the Leopard is almost unrecognisable internally where the back has been covered in and the dartboard replaced with a kitchen. Lemon sole (£5) and trout (£3.50) seem a bargain as does the Salisbury Best at £1.45.

EC1: BRITANNIA: Range (Mar 96) Pedigree, Brakspear Bitter, Boddington, London Pride plus a guest beer (was Tolly Cobbold IPA).

CHEQUERS: Re-opened (Feb 96) selling London Pride and Adnames Bitter.

COACH & HORSES: St Johns Square, Re-

named No. 2 the Square, The Square and now (Dec 95) BLAKES.

GOLDEN HIND: Closed and partly demolished. Application for music and dancing licence sought.]

LEOPARD: Refurbished (Feb 96). Now sells Salisbury Best, Abbot and 6X.

SHAKESPEARE: Goswell Road. Range February 96: Tetley, Burton, Double Diamond, Friary Meux, Pedigree. Evening food 6.30-10.00.

SURPRISE: Re-named Charlottes, Harlem Yacht Club and now (Jan 96) the LITTLE KITTEN.

E2: GEORGE & DRAGON: Converted to shop (Feb 96).

KING & QUEEN: Converted to flats (Jan 96).

LITTLE WONDER: Converted to shop/flats (Jan 96).

QUEEN VICTORIA: Converted to flats (Jan 96).

STICK OF ROCK: Converted to a shop (Feb 96).

WEYMOUTH ARMS: Converted to flats (Feb 96).

E6: DUKES HEAD: No real ale (Feb 96) despite six handpumps.

RODINGL Add Roding Bitter (99p) brewed by the Trent Brewing Co at 3.3%.

E7: FOREST GLEN: Six handpumps but no beer on visit (Mar 96).

TOWERS: Closed (Feb 96).

E11: CLUTTERBACKS: Range Dec 95: Walkers Winter Warmer, Adnams Southwold and Clutterbacks, plus a guest beer. Four of the eight handpumps have been removed.

E14: DOCKMASTERS HOUSE: West India Dock Gate, Hartsmere Road, E14 8JJ (tel. 0171 515 0960, fax: 0171 363 1013). New pub selling Pedigree and Boddingtons. Run by former landlord of the Pier Tavern.

TELEGRAPH: Closed (Dec 95).

VULCAN: No longer a supermarket, now an Indian restaurant (Lancer Brasserie).

E17: TOWER HOTEL: Re-named GOOSE & GRANITE, Hancock HB. Bass and 6X are about £2 a pint with a house beer at £1.

E18: BOAR & THISTLE: Re-named (Feb 96) Wall Street and keg.

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BELGO CENTRAAL VOTED BEST LONDON RESTAURANT AT THE 1996 LONDON RESTAURANT AWARDS

Belgo Centraal, the Belgian inspired Covent Garden eatery, was voted Best London Restaurant at the 1996 London Restaurant Awards which were held in the Park Lane Hotel. The *crème de la crème* of the restaurant world turned out in force for the inaugural ceremony. Belgo Centraal, which opened only 11 months ago, competed against the well established restaurants L'Odeon, le Gavroche, Windows Of The World, Oslo Court, Aubergine and Mezzo. The most prestigious award of the evening was presented to Belgo owners Denis Blais and André Plisnier by infamous chef and restaurateur Raymond Blanc.

The Belgo concept was launched with the opening of Belgo Noord in Chalk Farm in 1992 with the promise to serve unpretentious food in an architecturally stimulating environment while remaining accessible and affordable. The formula proved to be successful and having introduced a continental 'brewery eating hall' culture to London, Pilsner and Blais decided to extend the concept with the opening of the 400 seater Belgo Centraal. "Belgo food is for eating, not philosophically dissecting," comments Blais. "We are delighted that London's restaurant-goers have welcomed our philosophy and given us this prestigious accolade."

The menus at both Belgo restaurants predominately feature Belgian specialties including the national dish *moules et frites* (served in kilo pots or open faced platters in a variety of sauces), *waterzooi*, a northern hemisphere fish and shellfish stew, and *stoemp*, Belgium's answer to bubble and squeak.

The awards were devised in association with London Tonight to allow Londoners to vote on their favourite places to eat out in the capital. Over 10,000 viewers registered their votes, making this the single largest poll ever carried out on London's restaurants.



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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the colour of the front cover was pale orange and the pub depicted was the JOLLY MINISTER.

News and Views, as the forerunner of the present Editorial, covered the proposed extension of the availability of Federation Beers to London.

Local News revealed only 3 pubs in SW20, two Watneys and a Charringtons, all fizz. Adele Jones gave details of the beers of America and Alan Greenwood in his Beer Diary gave a history of beer duty from its origins in the 17th century under Oliver Cromwell.

Louise Joselyn's conducted tour of drinking in Surbiton covered eight pubs serving a wide variety of beers, and finally no April edition would have been complete in those days without a liberal helping of spoof articles which were on pages 17 and 18 of this 20 page edition and were this year clearly indicated in the text.

TEN YEARS AGO the April 1986 edition, using blue as the additional colour the Editorial covered charity events and collections in pubs and went on to plead for assistance and articles for future editions of the magazine. (Times don't change, do they – Ed.)

This month's crawl covered the South Woolwich Borders and highlighted 8 pubs offering a wide selection of beers. The April 1st style article for this edition covered CAMRA beards and featured 8 examples of hirsute male CAMRA members, one of whom Christian Muteau, was the author of an article on the pleasures and problems of running the Butts at the Elephant and Castle. Martin Smith covered the history of the name Bull and Bush, and there was an article by Barry Gillham of Fleurets discussing the possible changes in the pub trade especially for small and independent brewers, while Bob Heath of the Association of Bottled Beer Collectors described the history of the Bass Corkers. Dipsy gave his usual topical and frank advice to those with more personal problems to conclude this 32 page edition.

FIVE YEARS AGO the 2nd Cider and Perry Exhibition at Stratford Town Hall was advertised in blue on the front cover. Andy Pirson's Editorial covered pubs changing their

names, whilst in Idle Moments Andy gave a selection of false negatives as well as the more usual crop of trivia questions.

The April 1st article in this edition covered a supposed press release from the Ministry of Silly Rules and was penned by Saul Phibbes, any one of several Ministries could qualify for that title today!

Most of the rest of this edition was given over to cider and the cider festival with articles on fake handpumps by Mick Lewis. Perry by Sara Hicks and details of the ciders available at the festival based on descriptions by David Kitton concluded this 32 page edition.

Well, that's another month's archive articles reviewed on behalf of Martin Smith who is currently unwell. Cheers for now

Ian Amy

COOKING WITH BEER

Once again we return to our occasional subject of recipes using beer as an ingredient. It will probably be the last for some time, unless one of our readers can come up with one as this is the last we have on the stocks from CCC Leisure (for which we wish to offer our thanks). This one is called BARBECUE SPARE RIBS, but it can be used for any meat barbecue.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 Racks of spare ribs (or equivalent of chicken, steak etc.)
- 3 Cups of beer
- 1 Cup of honey
- 2 Tablespoons of lemon juice
- 2½ Tablespoons of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons of dry mustard powder
- 2 Teaspoons of ginger
- ½ Teaspoon of nutmeg

METHOD

Cut the ribs etc. into serving size pieces. Mix the beer, honey, lemon juice, salt, mustard powder, ginger and nutmeg in a deep bowl. Marinate your choice for 3 hours, turning and basting regularly. Arrange the meats on a shallow oven pan, keeping the marinade aside. Roast in oven for approx. 15 minutes at 220 °C. Drain any fat and pour the marinade over the meat. Reduce heat to 190 °C and roast for 45 minutes. (If using a barbecue to finish, roast for 30 minutes total.) If using steak, omit the roasting and barbecue only.

NEWS FROM YOUNGS BREWERY

Licensee David Morris was given a Champagne surprise when he notched up 30 years at a City of London pub.

David began working at the historic Lamb Tavern in Leadenhall Market in 1966, when his late father, Sid Morris, was licensee.

The pub was bought by Young's, the Wandsworth independent brewers, in 1985, when Sid Morris retired. Young's immediately appointed David and his wife Linda as managers.

On the day that David celebrated his 30th anniversary at the Lamb Tavern, brewery chairman John Young turned up without warning, bearing a case of Champagne.

One of the hundreds of customers who joined in the celebrations was Johnnie Mack, who has been drinking at the Lamb for more than 40 years.



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EBCU CALENDAR

The European Beer Consumers' Union, of which CAMRA is one of the main member organisations, produces a very comprehensive list of what it describes as a "Calendar of Beer Festivals and other events that might be of interest to beer lovers". It is actually produced by Jos Brouwer of the Dutch organisation, PINT and covers six A4 pages of closely typeset printing. Among other things, it lists most of the local beer festivals held by CAMRA branches and similar events run by PINT in the Netherlands and de Objectieve Bierproevers (OBP) in Belgium.

We have scanned the listing issued in February (It is revised two or three times a year) and list below some beer festivals and similar events that may interest readers if they find themselves on the Continent at the right time.

- **HAMBURG-Schnelsen** (Germany) International Beer Festival - Messehalle. 31st May to 2nd June (organised by Haus der 131 Biere).
- **UTRECHT** (Netherlands) PINT Annual General Meeting - CSB Zalencentrum, Kromme Nieuwegracht. 20th April.
- **GRONINGEN** (NL) 4th Festival of the North - Huize Maas, Vismarkt 52. 26th to 27th April (org. Stichting PUB - Promotie Uitzonderlijk Bier). Beers from Dutch & foreign brewers.
- **TESSENDERLO** (Belgium) 10th Beer Festival; 3 days of the beer - Cultural Centre "Het Loo", Vismarkt. 14th to 16th June (org. Limburgse Neus).
- **ARNHEM** (NL) Beer tasting organised in assoc. with PINT - Openluchtmuseum (National Heritage Museum), near "De Roskam" brewery exhibit. 25th August.
- **AMSTERDAM** (NL) 19th PINT Bock Beer Festival - Beurs van Berlage (near Amsterdam Central Station). 1st to 3rd November (EBCU international festival).
- **BRUSSELS** (Bel) Public Brewing Session - Cantillon Brewery, Gheudestraat 56, Anderlecht. 9th November from 6am! (Coffee & croissant for those who are in before 8.30).
- **ST HELIER** (Jersey) 7th Jersey

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- **ANTWERP** (Bel) 9th 24 Hours of the Belgian Special Beers. Stadsfeestzaal, Meir. 16th to 17th November (org. OBP; EBCU international festival).
- **TILBURG** (NL) Winter Beer Dinner - Cafe Kandinsky, Telegraafstraat. 15th December. (org. PINT Noord Brabant Branch).
- **BAMBERG** (Ger) "Stärke Antrinken": Bockbier & Bokwurst - Fränkisches Brauereimuseum. 6th January 1997.

The listing above is only a tiny extract from the full list which contains, for example, 49 PINT beer tasting evenings. If you wish to see more complete listings, CAMRA headquarters is issued with copies and they are also held by the Belgian, Dutch and German tourist boards in London. Thanks to PINT and (Jos Brouwer in particular) for the information.



GOING IRISH IN SUFFOLK

Along with the latest craze for creating mock Irish pubs by breweries large and small, some are also producing mock Irish beers. Among these are Greene King who are producing a new beer by the name of Wexford Green Ale; well perhaps not a new beer because until 1956 a beer of the same name was produced by G.H.Lett & Co. Ltd. at the Millpark Brewery of Enniscorthy in the county of Wexford.

It is reported that a production level of 100,000 barrels a year is the target and that production is to be overseen by the last surviving brewer from Millpark, George Lett. We are not told, however whether this is to be a cask conditioned or nitrokeg beer.

For those interested in brewery history, Norman Barber's excellent listing, *A Century of British Brewers* (published by the Brewery History Society) reports that the Millpark Brewery was founded by the Pounder family in 1832 and taken over by the Lett family in 1864. It was the only Irish brewery to use the Burton Union System and it was powered by a water wheel, though it is not clear whether this was still the source of power when the brewery closed in 1956. On closure, the rights to brew Lett's beers were acquired by the French brewers, Pelforth.

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

29-30 Mar	Eastleigh Nightingale Centre Eastleigh
12-13 Apr	Dunstable Dunstable Young Persons Club Manchester Place High Street North
18-20 Apr	Beer on Broadway Ealing Town Hall New Broadway W5
26-27 Apr	Chippenham Olympiad Leisure Centre
2-5 May	Ongar Budworth Hall High Street
17-20 May	Yapton Yapton & Ford Village Hall
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THE TUC BACKS BRITISH BREWERS

The Trades Union Congress has come out in support of the Independent Family Brewers of Britain's campaign to save the tie, backing an industry warning that thousands of jobs may be shed following an European Commission review.

The IFBB, which represents 38 breweries in the UK, believes that up to half a million jobs could go should the review come out against the tied house system.

Low risk, low capital small businesses are available to licensees through the traditional brewery tenancy agreement, ensuring the character of the British pub survives. A wide variety of regional ales is maintained and new brands can be introduced. This agreement is now under the spotlight of the European Commission and could be declared illegal.

"The tied house system provides stability for both landlords and the brewers. It is one of the bedrocks of the British brewing industry and allows for both choice and competition," said Leif Mills, TUC Vice-President.

The hardest hit sector will be the small and independent regional brewers. Should the tied system be abolished, they would be unable to compete with the marketing budgets and huge discounts offered by the larger brewers. Many would be forced to choose between brewing or pub ownership, breweries and pubs would close and jobs would be lost.

The UK is proud of its beer heritage, which has been the envy of other countries worldwide. Recent research has shown beer prices in the UK to be among the lowest in Europe and found that UK pubs stock more foreign beers than most other countries.

"Abolition of the tie would be unfair and unnecessary; and the consumer would lose," Mr Mills added.

The IFBB's fears are founded on the experience of the USA, Australia and New Zealand where abolition of tied systems has led to the domination by two or three brewers, resulting in a limited choice of beers.



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McMullen, Hertfordshire family brewers, have announced Skipper's Celebration Bitter, the ninth McMullen Special Reserve limited edition seasonal ale, in celebration of Head Brewer Tony Skipper's award of 1995 UK Brewer of the Year.

It is appropriate that one of McMullen's Special Reserve ales should carry Tony Skipper's name because the national award was made to him for the Special Reserve series, as the individual brewer who had done most for British beer and brewing in the year.

The award was made by the Parliamentary Beer Club from votes cast by members of the British Guild of Beer Writers.

The citation described the McMullen Special Reserve ales produced by Tony Skipper as "distinctly different beers, each

of which has aroused considerable interest among beer drinkers and beer writers." He had set a standard much admired and emulated in the industry, added the citation.

Skipper's Celebration Bitter, which has an ABV (alcohol by volume) of 4.8 per cent, is a worthy addition to the McMullen Special Reserve series which was first launched three years ago.

Tony Skipper has advocated that the very best beers come from the finest natural ingredients and traditional brewing methods, and Skipper's Celebration Bitter is no exception. Like the previous eight ales in the series, it has been produced by Tony and his team at the Hertford Brewery using East Anglian malted barley, whole leaf aroma hops straight from the sack and water from McMullen's own wells under the brewery. Fermentation with McMullen special ale yeast took place in the brewery's century-old copper-lined oak vessels.

"We are delighted to dedicate our first Special Reserve of 1996 to mark Tony Skipper's achievement in being awarded the Brewer of the Year title," said Chairman David McMullen. "It is another very special brew, smooth and full of flavour, demonstrating again the great skills of our very special Head Brewer."

Skipper's Celebration Bitter will be available on handpump for 6 weeks from Friday 29th March in around 150 selected McMullen pubs and free trade outlets.

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BEER BRIEFING

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This month we record the latest Wetherspoon outlet in N7 Holloway and the latest non-brewery Firkin conversion in South Harrow. Some new or newly converted pubs and cafe bars are recorded, although not all are selling real ale. A list of pubs currently advertised for sale by Phoenix Inns is also included which represents a further dispersal of the former Courage, Truman and Watney estates.

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

W1(Mar), STIR CRAZY, 120-122 Marylebone Lane. No real ale. Reopened Free House with William Younger badging. (U110, U111)

EAST

E8, KINGS ARMS, 18 Kingsland High Street. Wells: Eagle IPA, Bombardier, Fargo. (E113, U65)

E8, RAILWAY TAVERN, 339 Mare Street. Wells: Bombardier, Fargo. Note Eagle IPA remains keg. (E115, U65)

NORTH

N7, CORONET, 338-346 Holloway Road. Courage: Best Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Younger: Scotch Bitter. Guest beer. Weston: Revival Cider. Probably the largest Wetherspoon Free House yet in former cinema. Much of the original decor remains. The foyer and stalls now form one huge drinking area with a Raised platform at its centre complete with old movie projectors pointing towards the former screen area. Panels adorn the walls relating to local history and personalities and also cinema history. Large black & white pictures of Hollywood stars occupy the balcony area. The external red strip cinema lighting has been retained. Food. Open all permitted hours.

SOUTH WEST

SW1(P), SPREAD EAGLE, 79 Grosvenor Road. Boddington: Bitter. Murphy: Oyster Stout. Tetley: Bitter. Guest beer. (SW16, U97)

SW5, DOME, 194/196 Earls Court Road. No real ale. Free House/cafe bar in former restaurant premises.

SW6, FAT SAMS, 498-504 Fulham Road. No real ale. Free House/American style diner.

SW10, MURPHYS PHARMACY (SCRUFFY MURPHYS), 451 Fulham Road. Tetley: Bitter. Formerly GUNTER ARMS. (SW38, U51, U74, U105)

SW15, MONTAGUE ARMS, 3 Medfield Street, Roehampton. Courage: Best Bitter. (SW46, U60, U73, U108)

SW15, RANGER, 205 Cortis Road. No real ale, H unused. Reopened. (SW47, U61, U108)

SW19, PITCHER & PIANO, 4/5 High Street,

Wimbledon. Courage: Directors Bitter (£2.30 a pint!). New Free House/cafe bar in former building society premises.

RICHMOND, MAGNUMS TEN, 10 Brewers Lane. No real ale. Free House/cafe bar in former shop premises run by Corporate Catering.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

EAST

E14, RICHARD COBDEN. Now Phoenix, ex Grand Met (Watney) (fizz). Closed for sale. (E148, U112 below)

E16, RAM TAVERN. Now simply **RAM**. Now Phoenix, ex Grand Met (Truman). Closed for sale. (E160, U112 below)

E16, ROUND HOUSE. Now Phoenix, ex Grand Met (Watney) (Fizz). Closed for sale. Note two words in title. (E160, U112 below)

NORTH

N1, OLD IVY HOUSE. Now Phoenix, ex Grand Met (Watney). Closed for sale. (N54, U112 below)

N1, SUTTON ARMS, 193A Caledonian Road. Now Phoenix, ex Grand Met (Courage). Closed for sale (N58, U112 below)

SOUTH WEST

SW1(W), PAGES. Now **PAGES BAR**. Charrington, H removed (SW18, U38, U40, U49)

SW4, BOWYERS ARMS. Taylor Walker, closed. (SW24, U39, U65, U87)

SW6, HALFWAY HOUSE. Charrington (fizz), closed, future uncertain. (SW27, U111)

SW12, McNABS WINE BAR. Free House (fizz). Now simply a wine bar and restaurant. (U67)

SW16, MANOR ARMS. Whitbread, H removed. (SW8, U63)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, LEOPARD. -Beers listed except Greene King Abbot Ale. +Gibbs Mew: Salisbury Best Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. Extended at rear with large conservatory and spiral staircase to upper level. Now believed to be owned by the Chairman of Gibbs Mew.

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EAST

E3, WENTWORTH ARMS. +Wells: Fargo. (E93, U70)

E4, ROYAL OAK. +McMullen: Gladstone. (E97)

E11, BELL. -Charrington: IPA. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (E127)

NORTH

N1, GEORGE IV. Renamed **WHELANS (LARK IN THE PARK).** -Beers listed. +Courage: Directors Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Thwaites. (N46, U109)

N1, LORD NELSON. Renamed **RED EYE**, still fizz. (N50)

NORTH WEST

HARROW, CONSTELLATION. Renamed **FORNAX & FIRKIN.** -Beers listed. +Firkin: Full Mash Mild (3.4%), Starbright (3.5%), Fornax (4.3%), Golden Glory, Dogbolter. +Weston: Scrumpy Extra Strong Cider (7.3%). Latest Allied Firkin conversion but without in-house brewery opened in December 1995. The name Fornax is believed to refer to the constellation of the five stars reflecting the former name. Usual Firkin format with pews, benches, barrel tables and now chandeliers. Live music on stage Thursday to Saturday evenings. Video games (Uh!). Red phone box. Beers brewed at various Firkin London brewpubs. Food available. Open all permitted hours. (W113)

SOUTH EAST

SE10, LONE SAILOR. Renamed **LANTERN**, still fizz. (SE98)

CRAYFORD, BEAR & RAGGED STAFF. Renamed **ORANGE KIPPER.** -Courage: Best Bitter. +Bass. +Bass: Toby Cask. +Boddington: Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. Revamped Magic pub. (3SE231, U59, U98, U107)

SOUTH WEST

SW1(B), FOX & HOUNDS. -Charrington: IPA. -Hancock: HB. +Adnams: Bitter. +Harvey: Best Bitter. (SW10, U77, U84)

SW1(W), COOPERS. -Beers listed except Bass. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (U97)

SW2, HOBGOBLIN. Still carries original name in small letters on pub sign. Should therefore read **HOBGOBLIN (GEORGE CANNING).** (SW19, U107)

SW3, SURPRISE. -Beers listed except Bass. +Hancock: HB. +Taylor: Landlord. (SW23, U56, U64, U73, U81, U84, U91)

SW5, HARPOON LOUIS. Renamed **EARLS.** (SW25)

SW6, JOLLY BREWER. Renamed **HOBGOBLIN (FULHAM).** -Beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Wychwood: Best Bitter (4.2%), Hobgoblin (6.0%). Now a Wychwood pub, ex Grand Met (Watney).

Wychwood beers may vary. (SW28, U66, U75, U94)
SW10, REDCLIFFE. Renamed **FULHAM TUP.** +John Smith: Bitter. +Guest beer (currently Marston: Pedigree). Now reverted to its pine wood style and run by the founder of the Slug & Lettuce and Harvey Floorbanger pub chains now sold to Grosvenor Inns and Regent Inns respectively. The name refers to a male sheep or ram used as a stud. The inclusion of Fulham in the name is a mystery as the pub is in West Brompton. Formerly **CARLOS & JOHNNYS.** (SW33, U43, U64)

SW17, GALLERY FREE HOUSE. Should simply read **GALLERY.** Address is 50 London Road. Still fizz. (U67)

SW17, TOOTING PALACE. Renamed again to **NEW FOUNTAIN.** -Ruddle: Best Bitter. +Webster: Green Label. Formerly **GIN PALACE**, originally **FOUNTAIN.** (SW50, U40, U43, U92)

SW20, WINNERS WINE BAR. Address is 17 Approach Road. Despite its name, it is more of a pub than a wine bar. (U72)

PHOENIX INNS PUBS FOR SALE

In December 1994, pub group Phoenix Inns acquired 1700 pubs from the Grand Met Intntrepreneur estate. These are understood to be largely free of tie. 264 of these have recently been offered for sale and those in the Greater london area are listed below. The originating brewery is also noted in brackets. An asterisk (*) indicates those pubs selling real ale on last survey. The compilers would welcome any information about changes of ownership or beers currently sold.

EAST

E1, CARPENTERS ARMS (YE OLDE). (Watney)
 Note correct title. (E70, U75)

E1, QUEENS HEAD, 57 Greatorex Street. (Watney) (E71)

E2, DOLPHIN (Truman) (E80, U69)

E2, FLORIST (Watney)* (E80, U75)

E2, HARE (Truman)* (E81)

E2, RED DEER (Watney) (E84)

E2, SHIP (Watney) (E85)

E2, SHIP & BLUE BALL (Pitfield, ex Watney, possibly now free)* (E85, U108, U110)

E3, DUKE OF WELLINGTON (Watney) (E90)

E3, PRIORY TAVERN (Truman)* (E92, U70, U76)

E3, WHITE HORSE (Watney) (E93)

E7, EARL OF DERBY (Courage)* (E107)

E14, RICHARD COBDEN (Watney) Closed. (E148, U112 above)

E15, AMELIA (Watney)* (E151)

E15, CHATSWORTH ARMS (Watney) (E152)

E15, CHOBHAM ARMS (Truman) (E153)

E15, STEAMSHIP (Courage)* (E155)

E16, ANCHOR (Courage) (E157)

E16, ESSEX ARMS (Courage) (E159)

E16, RAM (Truman) Closed. Note current title. (E160, U112 above)

E16, ROSE OF DENMARK (Watney) Closed (E160, U189)

E16, ROUND HOUSE (Watney) Note two words in

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title. (E160, U112 above)

E16, ROYAL ALBERT (Watney) (E160)

NORTH

N1, KINGS ARMS, 264 Liverpool Road (Watney)* (N49)

N1, OLD IVY HOUSE (Watney) Closed (N54, U112 above)

N1, STURT ARMS (Courage)* (N58)

N1, SUTTON ARMS, 193A Caledonian Road (Courage) Closed (N58, U112 above)

N1, VICTORY (Watney) (N61)

N1, WHITE HORSE (Watney)* (N62)

NORTH WEST

NW1, COLLEGE ARMS (Courage) (N163)

NW1, LION & LAMB (Watney) (N169)

NW8, DUKE OF CLARENCE (Watney)* (N214)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, CROWN & ANCHOR (Courage) (SE13)

SE1, EARL OF DERBY (Courage) (SE14)

SE1, FORT (Courage) (SE16, U102)

SE1, HAVELOCK ARMS (Courage)* (SE20)

SE1, HORNS (Courage) SE21, U102)

SE1, ROYAL GEORGE, 84 Abbey Road (Watney) (SE31)

SE1, ROYAL OAK, 44 Tabard Street (Courage) (SE31)

SE1, TANNERS ARMS (Courage)* (SE36)

SE1, VALENTINES (Watney) (SE37)

SE5, DUKE OF EDINBURGH (Watney) (SE57)

SE5, ROSE (Courage) (SE61)

SE7, THAMES BARRIER ARMS (Watney) (SE72, U102)

SE7, WHITE HORSE (Watney)* (SE74)

SE8, FOUNTAIN (Courage) (SE79)

SE8, NOAHS ARK (Courage, possibly now free)* (SE81, U102)

SE8, PILOT (Courage) (SE81)

SE10, COACH & HORSES, 107 Blackheath Hill (Courage) (SE93)

SE11, GEORGE & DRAGON (Watney) (SE107)

SE13, RAVENSBORNE ARMS (Courage) (SE121)

SE14, SPANISH STEPS (Courage) (SE131)

SE15, ATTITUDE (CLUB) (formerly TRAFALGAR) (Watney) (omitted from SE guide)

SE15, DROVERS (Truman, then "free") (SE135)

SE15, GLENGALL ARMS (Courage) (SE135)

SE15, GOLDEN ANCHOR (Courage) (SE135)

SE15, MONTPELIER, 99 Queens Road (Courage) (SE137)

SE15, RED COW (Courage) (SE139)

SE16, CLIFTONVILLE TAVERN (Courage) (SE145)

SE16, CRYSTAL TAVERN (Courage) (SE146)

SE16, LILLIPUT HALL (Courage) (SE146)

SE16, LORD NELSON (Watney) closed (SE148)

SE16, RAYMOUTH TAVERN (Courage)* (SE151)

SE17, DUKE OF YORK (Watney)* (SE156)

SE17, GLOBE (Courage)* (SE158)

SE17, QUEEN ANNE (Courage) (SE159)

SE17, VICTORY (Courage)* (SE161)

SE18, ARMY HOUSE (Courage)* (SE164)

SE18, AVENUE ARMS (Courage)* (SE165)

SE18, BAG O'NAILS (Courage)* (SE165)

SE18, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE (Truman) (SE167)

SE18, FORT TAVERN (Watney)* (SE168)

SE18, NAVY & ARMY (Courage)* (SE170)

SE18, NORTH KENT TAVERN (Courage) (SE170)

SE18, WESTMINSTER ARMS (Truman) (SE160, U102)

SE20, QUEEN ADELAIDE (STREETS) (Courage then "free")* (SE190, U102)

BELVEDERE, PRINCE ALFRED (Courage)* (3SE207, U85, K38)

BEXLEY, RISING SUN (Courage)* (3SE210, U59, K40)

ERITH, SHIP (Courage)* (3SE256, U85, K82)

SLADE GREEN (ERITH), RAILWAY TAVERN (Courage)* (3SE256, U53, K157)

SOUTH WEST

SW2, BRANKSOME ARMS (Truman) (SW19)

SW2, EFFRA HALL TAVERN (Courage)* (SW19, U101)

SW2, RED LION (Watney)* (SW19)

SW8, ELEPHANT & CASTLE (Courage, now CC Taverns)* (SW33, U108)

SW8, LORD WESTBURY (Courage) (SW33)

SW9, WHITE HART (Truman)* (SW37, U50)

SW11, BRITISH FLAG (Watney, then possibly free) (SW39)

SW11, NAPIER ARMS (Watney)* (SW41)

SW18, FORESTER (Courage) (SW51, U48)

WEST

W2, GONDOLIER (Courage) (W59)

W3, HARBOUR LIGHTS (Watney) (W65)

W14, HOLLAND ARMS (Truman) (W94, U106)

HAMPTON, RAILWAY (Watney, then possibly "free") (W103, U60, U100)

ISLEWORTH, GEORGE (MUSIC BAR) (Truman)* Note full title (W130)

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NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

SW6, KAVANAGHS. Address should read 108A Old Brompton Road

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 111

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

E3, JOHN BULL. Refs should read (E20, U108)

SW3, QUEENS ELM. Should read renamed **MWAH MWAH BAR**.

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

SW1(P), TUT'N'SHIVE. Formerly FOUNTAIN.

SW1(W), FINNEGANS WAKE. Formerly GRAFTONS.

SW7, STANHOPE ARMS. Formerly STANHOPE TAVERN.

CAMRA'S HISTORY

March 16th, 1996 was CAMRA's 25th birthday. CAMRA has achieved a lot in its first 25 years – more than most drinkers realise.

Our biggest achievement was convincing the public to stand up for their tasty traditional real ales. In 1971 everyone was adamant that real ale would disappear, and be replaced by a handful of cold tasteless processed beers, produced by the national brewers.

CAMRA persuaded drinkers to insist on real ale, publicans to go back to stocking it, and brewers to continue producing it. There are independent brewers who were on the verge of quitting – we gave them a reason to continue. Brewing giant Watneys had given up brewing real ale altogether. Now just about every brewer has to brew real ale to survive.

The next extraordinary thing was seeing new people enter the business. Small brewers began to spring up, producing distinctive real ales aimed at discerning drinkers. For fifty years the only new brewery in Britain had been a foreign kegery. Suddenly new breweries were everywhere. Now there are over three hundred new small brewers, offering the customer a wider choice. And it is these small companies which innovate – bringing back porters, stouts, winter warmers, and beers flavoured with exotic ingredients. Larger companies copy, but who had the good ideas in the first place?

On the social side, we need only mention the 145 beer festivals we run every year. Each of our 180 branches has a lively social programme including brewery visits, pub crawls, socials and sometimes sports teams and quiz nights. Want to work at a festival – or get in cheaper? Joining CAMRA allows you to do both.

We provide information. Our lively newspaper *What's Brewing* is free to members, and tells you about new beers and breweries, and what's really going on in the world of beer.

We campaign – for better choice of beers, for better quality, full measure pints, to save your local pub from closure. Strange as it may seem, traditional beer is still under threat. We don't want real ale to become a highly priced specialty product, which only the few can afford. We don't want to see real ale confined

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Steve and Charlie
*extend a warm
welcome to all fellow
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lovers of a good pint*

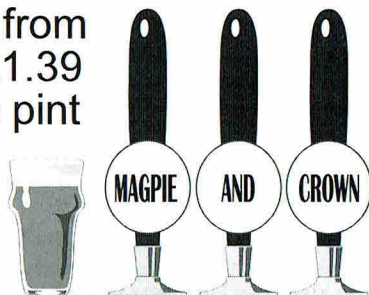
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result any house with low sales has withdrawn from the 'test'. The following houses still continue, most of the time, to stock other brewers ales:

Cat & Canary, 1-24 Fisherman's Walk, Canary Wharf, London E14 4DJ

Chariot, 34 High Street, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 1NW

Chineham Arms, Hanmore Road, Chineham, Basingstoke RG24 0PQ

Fleetwood, 36 Wilson Street, London EC2M 2TE

Flowing Spring, Henley Road, Sonning Eye, RG4 9RB

Fox & Goose, Hanger Lane, Ealing, London W5 1PD

George IV, 185 High Road, Chiswick, London W4 1DR

49 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7ET

Harpenden Arms, 188 High Street, Harpenden AL5 2TR

Kent Hotel, Scotch Common, Ealing, London W13 8DL

Ship Inn, Peach Street, Wokingham RG11 1XH

Whale, 14 Market Hill, Bucks MK18 1JX

White Hart, 1 High Street, Hampton Wick, KT1 4DA

It may well be that we will re-address this question in the future but at the present time we have no firm plans to extend our trials.

May I however, thank you for your views and of course for your valued custom at the Blacksmith's Arms and other Fullers houses.

Yours sincerely,

M J Rudd

Fuller, Smith & Turner

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to a minority of specialist pubs. And what is the point of all these new brewers opening if you still cannot get hold of their beers?

CAMRA is campaigning for the customer – whether it is attacking the ludicrously high tax on beer, demanding full measure pints, or just letting you know which pubs serve the best real ale. We need you to help us carry that campaign into the next century.

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You can't say fairer than that, can you? I trust that Mr. Nutall and his colleagues are bracing themselves for a string of London CAMRA branches phoning up trying to book a brewery trip - I'll be doing my level best to be on one of them!

Andy Pirson

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OUTLETS – SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
SW1 MORPETH ARMS
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
SW1 ORANGE KIPPER
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 ROSE & CROWN
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND
SW6 WHITE HORSE
SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS
SW8 OLD RED HOUSE
SW8 PRIORY ARMS
SW8 SURPRISE
SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN
SW10 KINGS ARMS, 190 Fulham Road
SW11 BEEHIVE
SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE
SW11 UNITY
SW12 NIGHTINGALE
SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
SW13 BULLS HEAD
SW13 COACH & HORSES
SW13 RED LION
SW13 ROSE OF DENMARK
SW14 HALFWAY HOUSE
SW14 HARE & HOUNDS
SW15 FOX & HOUNDS
SW15 GREEN MAN
SW15 RAILWAY
SW16 PIED BULL
SW17 CASTLE
SW17 J.J. MOONS
SW17 LEATHER BOTTLE
SW18 BREWERY TAP
SW18 HALFWAY HOUSE
SW18 OLD SERGEANT
SW18 PIG & WHISTLE
SW18 SPOTTED DOG
SW18 SPREAD EAGLE
SW19 BREWERY TAP
SW19 HAND & RACKETT
SW19 KINGS HEAD
SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL
SW19 SULTAN
SW19 TRAFALGAR
SW19 WIBBAS DOWN INN
SW20 CAVERN
CARSHALTON, GREYHOUND
CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN
CARSHALTON, WINDSOR CASTLE
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KINGSTON, SPRING GROVE
KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS
KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS
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W1 MOON & SIXPENCE
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