

Nov
97

LONDON



30p

DRINKER



THE COACH & HORSES
Kew Green, Kew, Richmond

Photo by: Doug Scott

Vol 19

Produced by the London branches of the Campaign for Real Ale Ltd

No. 10

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 LEOPARD
EC1 MASQUE HAUNT
EC1 O'HANLONS
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
EC1 SHAKESPEARE
EC1 SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE
EC3 SWAN
EC4 BLACK FRIAR
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E2 CAMDENS HEAD
E2 CONQUEROR
E3 COBORN ARMS
E7 OLD SPOTTED DOG
E8 PRINCE ARTHUR
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E11 BIRKBECK TAVERN
E11 GEORGE
E15 GOLDEN GROVE
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 COPPER
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 GLOBE
SE1 GRAPES
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 LORD CLYDE
SE1 MARKET PORTER
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 ROYAL OAK
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
SE1 SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall Street
SE1 WINDMILL, 44 Lambeth High Street
SE1 ZANZI BAR
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE3 CROWN
SE3 FAIRWAY & FIRKIN
SE3 HARE & BILLET
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE6 BLACK HORSE & HARROW
SE6 TIGERS HEAD
SE7 ANTIGALLICAN
SE7 ROYAL OAK
SE7 VICTORIA
SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE
SE9 BANKERS DRAFT
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
SE10 RICHARD I
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE13 HOGS HEAD
SE13 QUAGGY DUCK
SE13 WATCH HOUSE
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MOBY DICK

SE18 COOPERS ARMS (PLAISTEDS)
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)
SE20 MOON & STARS
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE24 LORD STANLEY
SE25 ALLIANCE
SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
BARKING, BARKING DOG
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS
CROYDON, CRICKETERS ARMS
CROYDON, DOG & BULL
CROYDON, GEORGE
CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL
CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD
ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD
LOUGHTON, LAST POST
PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING MOON

CLUBS

SE3 ODDBINS
SE9 HOWARD CLUB
SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB
CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE
ORPINGTON, JUBILEE SPORTS BAR
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 PAKENHAM ARMS
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 TAP & SPILE
N6 OLD GATE HOUSE
N7 TAPPIT HEN
N8 ELBOW ROOM
N8 TOLL GATE
N9 LAMB
N11 BANKERS DRAFT
N12 ELEPHANT
N12 TALLY HO
N13 WHOLE HOG
N16 EBOR ARMS
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NEW MOON
N19 DOG
N21 HALF MOON
N21 ORANGE TREE
N22 STARTING GATE
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
BARNET, WHITE LION
BARNET, YE OLDE MITRE INN
EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS

OUTLETS - NORTH WEST PUBS

NW1 HEAD OF STEAM
NW1 LORD NELSON
NW1 QUINNS
NW1 SPREAD EAGLE
NW2 BEATEN DOCKET
NW3 DUKE OF HAMILTON
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
NW3 THREE HORSESHOES
NW4 CHEQUERS
NW4 FOOTMAN & FIRKIN
NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL
NW9 J.J. MOONS
NW10 COLISEUM
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
NW10 OUTSIDE INN
NW11 WHITE SWAN
HAREFIELD, WHITE HORSE
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

Continued on page 39

EDITORIAL

By the time you have read this, the latest Good Beer Guide will have been available for a month for CAMRA members and landlords and landladies told the good or the bad news. In these times of hardship in the trade, with beer sales being hit by imports, any publicity is good publicity.

Unfortunately local CAMRA branches who reach the difficult decisions about selection often start from a reduced pub base. In my area, South West London, our members only get to so many pubs on a regular basis and at our shortlisting meeting, the most common question is 'Has anyone been there lately?'. We would love to travel around a lot more, but like everyone else our spare time is limited. The only time our members visit a pub on a regular basis is when we deliver 'London Drinker' every month. This, of course, can be a double edged sword but in most of these pubs, the beer is of sufficiently high enough quality for the guide. In fact, we often are unable to fill our allocation of pubs. I just know there must be other pubs in our area that would be worthy contenders for a place.

However, it is not only good beer that decides whether a pub is included. Does the pub have clean toilets? Does it have fake or misleading dispense systems for beer or cider? The growing market for cider has allowed companies to promote keg brands such as Cidermaster and Scrumpy Jack. When these dead products are sold through a full sized handpump we take this as a deliberate attempt to mislead the customers and the pub in question will no longer be eligible for 'The Guide'. But, following lobbying from CAMRA's APPLE group, some of these suppliers will fit a short 'stubby' pump or a plastic box, so the customer is left in no doubt that he/she is purchasing the fizzy version.

This year's Good Beer Guide is also 25 years old and the Introduction and Barry Pepper's article reveal a fascinating history of these campaigning years; the successes but also the failures. As with any campaigning organisation we must highlight both of these if we are to be taken seriously. Our sometimes ambivalent attitude to Superpubs be they owned by the 'Firkin' chain, Wetherspoons or the 'Newt & Cucumber' chain, is also highlighted. Many of

our younger members frequent these pubs and our older members gravitate towards the cheaper of these establishments.

London is not forgotten either, having three great pubs that have been in The Guide all 25 years! They are: The Buckingham Arms, The Fox & Hounds and The Star Tavern, all in SW1. No serious pub crawl is complete without including one of these three gems. London Drinker readers might also be aware of two others on the 'Silver Selection'; the marvellous Square & Compasses in Dorset and The Bull & Oyster at Pin Mill near Ipswich. Many other classics have only missed out because of a change of licensee at a crucial time. Our branch has two in the latter category and we will be making special awards to them this month.

There are many guides about pubs and beer but there is only one Good Beer Guide. It is unique as it relies entirely on volunteer membership for the substance of the entries. Jeff Evans had edited the last eight guides and I would like to thank him from all of us, for producing a work of such quality.

Chris Cobbold

RIP **PRINCESS** **LOUISE** **FREEHOUSE**

On 10th October ownership of this well-known freehouse passed from Regent Inns to Samuel Smith.

In line with the new owners' policy there will be no choice of beers in the Louise but instead the Samuel Smiths' old Brewery Bitter has been substituted for the previous wide range of beers.

It remains to be seen whether this pub will retain its popularity with its beer range removed especially as the beer is bland and the previous high quality sandwiches are now a mere shadow of their former selves.

Regrettably, this is a pub which no longer holds its attraction and I doubt that it will continue to be favoured by my patronage. Incidentally when I asked the new manager if he would continue to sell London Drinker which had been removed when I visited following the transfer, he said no, as he did not expect to attract real ale drinkers!

Ian Amy



15th Old Ale Festival

Saturday
29th November 1997
11am to 11pm

THE WHITE HORSE

Parson's Green, London SW6

over 60 draught beers including 20
ales on gravity dispense in the Old
Coach House at the back of the pub

featuring Porters, Stouts, Old Ales,
Barley Wines, Scotch Ales and

Special Rackings

Music & Entertainment
plus Delicious Food

Nearest Underground: Parsons Green

Wimbledon Branch District Line

London Buses 11 or 22

Telephone: 0171 736 2115 Fax: 0171 610 6091

IDLE MOMENTS

Hello again. Winter seems to be drawing on now and by the time this gets printed the clocks will have gone back. So what better can there be to do on a winter evening than to sit by the roaring fire in your local solving the little puzzles I set for you. No, don't bother writing, I'm sure that you can think of all sorts of better things to do - but why aren't you?

Anyway, enough of that. last month, you may remember, the old number puzzles reappeared on the menu and here are the answers:

1. 4 Knights in a Game of Chess
2. 350 Pounds is the Price of Park Lane in Monopoly
3. 7 Balls Fall from the Drum in every National Lottery Draw
4. 12 E Tiles in a Scrabble Set
5. 2 Minutes of Questions from Magnus Magnusson in Mastermind
6. 20 Prime Ministers in the Twentieth century
7. 3 Stripes on a Sergeant's Sleeve
8. 32 Cards in a Game of Euchre
9. 6 Tudor Monarchs of England (including Lady Jane Gray)
10. 49 Games on a Football Pools Coupon

And here are some more to keep you going for another month (still no repeats yet):

1. 10 L on a C (IC)
2. 373 DK is the BP of W
3. 40 M is the D of each H of a RM (U or L)
4. 2 B on a P of S
5. 225 S on a SB
6. 10 PM since the A of QE the S
7. 432 P in a H
8. 4 P is the AS of FB
9. 110 CF the SST
10. 12 ECB by E the F

And as we have started, so shall we continue with another old favourite(?) the brewery anagrams, starting as ever with last month's solutions:

1. HAVE RIDER RIVERHEAD
2. TRAINS OGRE GRAINSTORE
3. STOP MR. READ'S VAN
 DAVENPORTS ARMS
4. BRITTLE CASH HERE
 LEATHERBRITCHES

5. LEN BRAYS BARNSELEY

And here are this month's. I haven't been through the new Good Beer Guide yet to sort out all the new breweries but I have checked to ensure that these ones are still brewing:

1. "NOR BEER," WE SAY
2. BRISK STEW HERE
3. CHEAP PLAID
4. I SCOLD MY MEN
5. TAME THE ILL VAN

Now here is a round that I think is not much longer for this world, but I still seem to be getting a bit of mileage out of it. It is of course, the cryptic Underground stations and here (yes you've guessed)...

1. Use it to get into Jamaica? - West India Quay
2. Dyslexic cattle's river crossing - Uxbridge
3. The Street's Mr. Barlow's looking very sickly - Kensal Green
4. The clueless contestants are trying to get here but it's closed - Mornington Crescent
5. This way for Scotland - Caledonian Road

Now, by the way that these ones do not have the answers at the end, you will probably have guessed that these are the ones I want you to solve this month (Well, I'm not really that bothered but you can have a go if you like):

1. Did this part of the East End move from Kent?
2. If you don't speak clearly the taxi driver may take you to Scotland
3. Pale place
4. This timber is immature
5. Groan! It's been messed about

And now it's 5BY4 time again. Looking back through my records it seems that I have not done aliases since February so I'm calling this moth's "Yet More Aliases". Just match the professional names with the celebrities' original ones in the second list. Or if you prefer, just cheat by looking at the solution at the end:

1. Peggy Lee
2. Cary Grant

3. Robert Maxwell
4. Cleo Laine
5. Elvis Costello
6. Billy Fury
7. Englebert Humperdinck
8. Whoopi Goldberg
9. Dame Anna Neagle
10. Tina Turner
- A. Arnold George Dorsey
- B. Norma Egstrom
- C. Annie Mae Bullock
- D. Declan McManus
- E. Clementina Campbell
- F. Ronald Wycherley
- G. Marjorie Robertson
- H. Ludvick Hoch
- I. Alexander Archibald Leach
- J. Caryn Johnson

Now, if you can work out the following then you should worry as they are the answers to last month's Trivial Knowledge, not the puzzles. For those of you who are new to Idle Moments and have not abandoned the page as absolute drivel - get out while you can! For the rest of you....

1. Guy Fawkes
2. The UEFA Cup
3. Libra, solidus, denarius
4. Sir Bernard Lovell
5. Mohammed Al Fayed
6. The Lord Mayor's Show
7. Lord of the Flies
8. Dorset Square
9. Skye
10. Lewis with Harris

And now, just to round things off, here are some more questions to answer (or ignore, as the fancy takes you):

1. The World's tallest building (currently) is called the Petronas Towers. In what Asian city does it stand?
2. At what airfield is the Museum of Army Flying to be found?
3. In Monty Python's Life of Brian, who played Brian's mother?
4. What was the name of Lady Chatterley's lover?
5. Barnes Wallis designed two sizes of "earthquake bomb" in the Second World War, weighing seven and ten tons respectively. What were they called?

6. Where is Waverley Station?
7. As Sybil Fawltly Prunella Scales was married to John Cleese, but who is her husband in real life?
8. Who was the last monarch of the House of York?
9. What organisation's motto is "Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity"?
10. Who was president of the USA from 1953 to 1961?

And finally, as promised, here are the answers to 5BY4:

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

That's it for this month. I expect the Easter eggs will be in the shops by the next time we foregather.

Oh no, I almost forgot. I received a couple of jokes from a reader last month and as he seemed a sad enough case to write to me I thought I would give one of them an airing (I thought the other one to be in slightly too bad taste, I'm afraid). Anyway, this one concerns two chaps called Mike Tyson and Evander Holifield who meet in a pub. Mike says to Evander, "Can I get you a drink?" to which he replies, "No thanks, I've got one 'ere.'"

Yes, it was Vincent in my day as well. Still what goes around comes around, whatever that means.

Cheers!

Andy Pirson

LONDON DRINKER is published by the London Branches of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale Limited.

Editors: Chris Cobbold, 25 Valens House, Upper Tulse Hill, London SW2 2RX. Tel: 0181-674 0556; Andy Pirson, 13 Belvedere Close, Teddington Middlesex, TW11 0NT. Tel: 0181-943 5344; Ian Amy, 10 Oakhill, Claygate, Esher, Surrey KT10 0TG.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: £7.00 for 11 editions should be sent to: Stan Tompkins, 122 Manor Way, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 2BH.

ADVERTISING: Barry Tillbrook. Tel: 0181-989 7523.

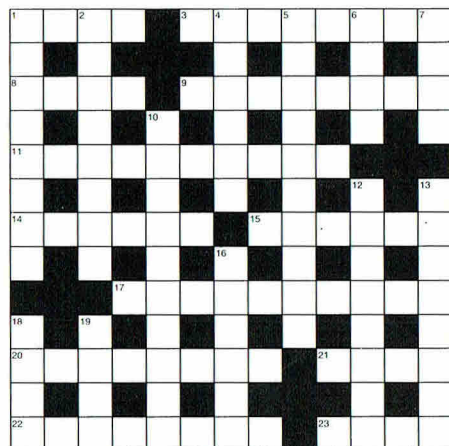
Please be sure to send all Diary material to Andy Pirson.

Printed by Ark Litho Ltd., Silverglade, 405 Leatherhead Road, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2QL

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



ACROSS

1. Drop article? It's a long story! [4]
3. Entered but not quite finished. [8]
8. Has nothing in memory but space. [4]
9. One record in mark up. Just over two pounds. [8]
11. I am game for one being short. [10]
14. Are they worn regularly? [6]
15. Go on about first person to become a buccaneer. [6]
17. They may enclose the grounds. [6,4]
20. After being dubbed these words are heard. [5,3]
21. Quiet song or two. [4]
22. He negotiates between banks. [8]
23. I am crazy about girl. [4]

DOWN

1. Delinquent sat right in line. [8]
2. A guide may be produced for these honest locals. [4,4]
4. Girl with red-headed boy. [6]
5. Urge to have writer banned. [10]
6. Ancient city discovered in pretty resort. [4]
7. Dome demolished as a protest. [4]
10. Still, apparently, writing things. [10]
12. View this programme. [8]
13. Calculated it's certain to be in drink. [8]
16. Land hit if a car crashes. [6]
18. Flower from the first of The Acton Flower Festivals. [4]
19. Back track to find dissembler. [4]

Winner of the prize for the September Crossword:
J.McPub-Wetherspoon, Croydon.

Other correct entries were received from:

A, Pat Andrews, Mark Antony, Geoff B, John Blundell, Robin Bolt, Alan Brooke, Martyn Brown, D.A.Bryant, Ben Burfutt, E.C.Carr, A.P.Comaish, Chas Creasey, K.Creighton, Kathryn Everett, Marion Goodall, Lawrie Gordon, Eileen Graves, J.E.Green, John Heath, Billy Hernon, Graham Hill, Alec & Heather James, Pete Large, Jim Mason, Jerry the Mole, M.J.Moran, Al Mountain, Ray Naish, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Jean Petrie, Derek Pryce, Kevin Reeve, Super Scooper, Bev & Paul Smith, Young Smokey, Tarnya Jez & Stephen, Bill Thackray, Fred Vere, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, David Woodward, Penny Worth & Bryan Smith, Yak.

Name

Address

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

Prize winner will be announced in the February 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





IT'S SOMETHING SPECIAL

Young's - No Ordinary Beers
Want to be in the Special club? Call 0181 875 7000

BRANCH BITS & PIECES

Welcome again to our expanded branch information page where we have details of Branch Contacts and events as well as general items of news from the various branch areas. This is another brief reminder to branches that this is your column where you can tell drinkers across London what is happening in your area that might be of interest to them. Branch events for November are listed below.

LONDON PUBS GROUP. Eric Martin 0181-697 2147 (H), 0171-973 3274 (W).

Wed 12 (8.00) Business Meeting. ROYAL OAK, Tabard Street, SE1. All interested persons welcome.

CROYDON & SUTTON. Paul Everitt 0181-686 5053 (H & W).

Wed 5 (8.30) Bonfire Night Barbecue. CRICKETERS ARMS, Southbridge Place, Croydon - Thu 6 (8.30) New Members Social. WINDSOR CASTLE, 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton - Sat 8 (7.30) Mild Social. PRINCESS ROYAL, 22 Longley Road, Broad Green, Croydon - Tue 11 (8.30) Social. ROYAL STANDARD, 1 Sheldon Street, Croydon - Wed 19 (8.00) Cheam Pub Crawl. Meet RAILWAY, 32 Station Way, Cheam - Thu 27 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WINDSOR CASTLE, 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton.

EAST LONDON & CITY. Stephen Harris 0181-519 0163 (H) e-mail: steve@pigsear.org.uk.

Mon 27 Oct (7.00) Darts Match Vs SE London Branch. WHEATSHÉAF, Stoney Street, SE1 - Wed 5 (6.15) City Meet COCK & WOOLPACK, 6 Finch lane, EC3 then OLD JAMAICA INN (7.15); CROWDERS WELL, Fore Street, EC2 - Fri 28 (7.30) Pre-Festival Beer & Curry Night. Meet LORD RODNEYS HEAD, 285 Whitechapel Road by 8.00pm; later at BLACK BULL, 199 Whitechapel Road, E1

ENFIELD & BARNET. Derek Smith 0181-805 1436 (H & W).

Wed 5 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Roadshow. LAMB, 52/54 Church Street, Lower Edmonton, N9 - Tue 11 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Roadshow. JOINERS ARMS, 51 Ballards Lane, Finchley Central, N3 - Wed 19 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Roadshow. DOG & DUCK, 74 Hoppers Road, Winchmore Hill, N21 - Thu 27 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Roadshow & London Drinker Pickup. TALLY HO, 749 High Road, North Finchley, N12 - Advance Notice: Sat 13 Dec Branch Christmas Dinner. STAG, Enfield Town. Meet in bar from 8.00; meal at 9.00. £10 deposit required; bookings to Tony Roberts

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD. Brian Bade 0181-549 7486 (H & Fax).

Thu 13 (8.30) Business Meeting. FOUNTAIN, Malden Road, New Malden - Thu 20 (8.30) Social and Pub of the Year Celebration (fearranged). PARK TAVERN, New Road, Kingston - Sat 29 (7.30) Curry Night in Surbiton. Venue to be announced (Phone Branch Contact). Meet in BLACK LION, Brighton Road at stated time.

NORTH LONDON. Alison Cox 0181-742 0498 (H) 0181-746 8148 (W).

Tue 4 (8.00) Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 - Tue 11 (8.00) Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting and Pub of the Year Presentation. DUKE OF HAMILTON, 23 New End, NW3 (Food provided) - Tue 18 Social and Chinese Meal. Meet (8.00) at MOON & SIXPENCE, Wardour Street, W1 then on to a local restaurant - Sun 23 (12.00) Sunday Social. OLD DAIRY, Crouch Hill, N4 (junction of Stroud Green Road) - Tue 25 (8.00) Branch Meeting. KINGS ARMS, N1 11a Northington Street, WC1 - Tue 2 Dec (8.00) Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1.

RICHMOND & HOUSLOW. Alistair Black 01932 780823 (H).

Tue 11 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. HARE & HOUNDS, 216 Upper Richmond Road West, East Sheen, SW14 - Thu 13 (8.30) Tasting Evening at TURKS HEAD (Fuller's), 28 Winchester Road, St. Margarets, Twickenham. Ticket only; contact Alistair. Tue 25 (8.00) Quiz Night. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford. Anyone and everyone welcome - Advance Notice: Fri 12 Dec Christmas Dinner. ORANGE TREE, Richmond. Contact Alistair.

SOUTH EAST LONDON. Andy Camroux 0181-333 2914 (H) 0181-331 8510 (W) e-mail: a.camroux@greenwich.ac.uk

August and September were relatively quiet on the branch front as members concentrated on national campaigning at the Great British Beer Festival and regional campaigning at the London Day of Action. On the local front, we have contacted Railtrack asking for details of the Thameslink 2000 plans, which are rumoured to include the demolition of the Wheatsheaf in SE1. A small group of members attended a street party/protest organised by local residents and businesses that will be affected by the proposed changes. More details will follow when Railtrack make the plans public.

November Meetings:

The main campaigning event of the month is the National Mild Day on Saturday 8th November. In 1949 mild ale accounted for approximately half of the total output by British brewers. By 1995 mild accounted for less than 5% of the total output. The Crystal Palace Tavern, 105 Tanners Hill, SE8 will be hosting the branch event from 2.00pm on Sat 8. It is hoped to have at least three milds available.

Other meetings due to be held are:

Tue 4 Committee Meeting at ROYAL OAK, Tabard Street, SE1. Meet at 7.30 for 8.00 start.

Mon 10 Open Branch Meeting at the JOLLY WOODMAN, 9 Chancery Lane, Beckenham, starting at 8.00. This small Bass pub has been a regular in the Good Beer Guide and is on CAMRA's national inventory of unspoilt pubs.

Sun 16 Joint Social with Surrey/Hants Borders Branch. Meet at Waterloo Station for the 12.32 train travelling to Farnham where a minibus will take us to the Good Beer Guide listed SANDROCK at Wrecclesham, Farnham, Surrey.

Wed 19 First planning meeting for the Sixth Catford Beer Festival. Meeting at the CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 105 Tanners Hill, SE8 starting at 8.00. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

Tue 25 Ten Pin Bowling Social. The Hogshead regulars have challenged the Branch to a match. Meet at the HOGSHEAD, 354 Lewisham High Road, SE13 at 7.30.

Mon 1 Dec. Committee Meeting at the DOG & BELL, 116 Prince Street, SE8. 7.30 for 8.00 start.

Fri 5 Dec. Working Social at Pig's Ear Beer Festival. Stratford Town Hall, E15 from 6.00pm.

Sat 13 Dec. Christmas party at the new Harvey's pub, the ROYAL OAK, 44 Tabard Street, SE1 from 7.00.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX. Andrew Clifton 01708 765150 (H).

Tue 1 (8.30) Social. RISING SUN, Church Hill, Stanford le Hope - Tue 11 (8.30) Social & Presentation of SW Essex (London) Pub of the Year Award. CHEQUERS, North Street, Hornchurch (near Emerson Park Station) - Thu 20 (8.30) Joint Games Evening with Herts/Essex Borders Branch. CARPENTERS ARMS, High Road (B1393), Thornwood Common - Thu 27 (8.30) Social at Rochford Beer Festival. Freight House, Rochford (adjacent to railway station) - Mon 1 Dec (8.30) Social & Presentation of SW Essex (Essex) Pub of the Year Award. WHITE HORSE, 173 Coxtie Green Road, Coxtie Green.

SOUTH WEST LONDON. Mark Bravery 0181-540 9183 (H), 0171-438 7181 (W).

Sat 8 (11am to 11pm) National Mild Day. Celebrate at PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Wed 12 (7.30) Open Branch Committee (Feb meetings) and open Festival Committee Meetings. OLD SERGEANT, 104 Garratt Lane, Wandsworth, SW18 - Fri 28 Streatham Crawl. Meet (7.30-8.00pm) at PIED BULL, 498 Streatham High Road, SW16 then GREYHOUND (8.30), 151 Greyhound Lane; BEDFORD PARK (9.15), 223 Streatham High Road; finally CROWN & SCEPTRE (10.15), 2A Streatham Hill, SW2

WATFORD & DISTRICT. Tony Smith 01923 221155 (H & W) Fax: 01923 218625.

Wed 5 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Social. FOX & HOUNDS, Rickmansworth - Wed 12 (8.00) Branch Auction. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB. Viewing from 7.30pm - Tue 18 (8.30) Oxhey Social. HAYDON ARMS then RIFLE VOLUNTEER (9.15); VICTORIA (10.00) - Tue 25 (8.30) Games Evening. Shut the Box at the DEVONSHIRE ARMS. Sun 30 (8.00)

Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB.

WEST LONDON. Di Kehoe 0171-218 3141 (W).

The West London Branch have much to celebrate this month as two of our pubs are to be rewarded with a certificate for twenty five years in the Good Beer Guide. Both presentations are set for Thursdays at 8.00pm. The first, on Thursday 13th will be at the BUCKINGHAM ARMS, 62 Petty France, SW1. This is a busy Young's pub close to the Passport Office and the Home Office; the nearest tube is St. James's Park.

The second presentation is to be held on Thursday 20th and is at the FOX & HOUNDS, 29 Passmore Street, also in SW1. This is a gem of a local; nearest tube Sloane Square (See the article elsewhere in this issue).

Saturday 8th November is the National Mild Day of Action. Only two pubs in our area carry a mild on a regular basis so we shall be visiting both of them, starting at 8.00pm at the WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 for Highgate Mild; moving on to the RADNOR ARMS, 247 Warwick Road, W14 where Everards Mild is to be found.

WEST MIDDLESEX. Dave O'Driscoll 0181-427 7498 (H) 0171-766 1929 (W).

Tue 4 (8.00) Pinner Two Pub Social. FROTHFINDER & FIRKIN, Marsh Road then ODDFELLOWS ARMS (9.30) - Sat 8 (1.00pm) Hanwell Hoohah (all pubs in W7). Meet VIADUCT, Hanwell Broadway then FOX (2.30), Green Lane; finishing DOLPHIN (4.30), Lower Boston Road - Wed 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DRAYTON COURT, The Avenue, W13 - Thu 20 (7.00) Uxbridge & Cowley Campaigning/Surveying Social. Meet WHITE HORSE, Belmont Road for 7.20 departure. Approx. 12 pubs to be visited - Wed 26 (9.00) London Drinker Pickup. RED LION, St. Marys Road, W5.

Deadline for the December/January edition, 3rd November. Material for February to arrive by 2nd January. **Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.**

Looking for something different in cask conditioned beer?

FLAGSHIP

**Traditionally crafted Kentish
Ales now being served at**

ROSE'S, WOOLWICH.

ROYAL OAK, CHARLTON

THE ROBIN HOOD & LITTLE JOHN, BEXLEYHEATH.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, DEPTFORD.

THE TRAFALGAR TAVERN, GREENWICH.

or you can take one home with you from

THE BITTER EXPERIENCE, LEE GREEN.

THE CORK & CASK, BEXLEY.

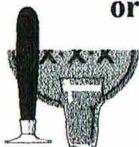
THE FLAGSHIP BREWERY

THE HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM KENT

Enquiries/Trade orders: - Telephone 01634 832828

VICTORY MILD - FRIGGIN IN THE RIGGIN - NELSON'S BLOOD

CAPSTAN - ENSIGN



CROWS NEST - FUTTOCK

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Re: The Northumberland Arms

May I, as the “fly in the ointment” who appears (forgive the mixed metaphor) to have got up the nose of Taipan Taverns’ Peter Borg-Neal, be allowed the right of reply to his letter in your October issue? There are issues involved here, I feel, which go to the heart of what CAMRA is all about and I have expressed my views in a much longer letter addressed personally to Mr. Borg-Neal.

Firstly, the campaign against the expansion of the NA (nothing could realistically be done to prevent its conversion to a Jim Thompsons) was not, as Mr. Borg-Neal seems to suggest, a one-man vendetta on my part but was widely supported by local residents and Wandsworth councillors. I only wish I could be so influential! I see nothing wrong with the fact that the planning decision “was based on the desire ... to keep the people on Mr. Evison’s petition happy...” Local residents (i.e. the petitioners), whom the council serves, expressed concern about the possible disturbance from the extended JT and the Planning Committee reflected this in their decision. What is this if not a “sensible planning issue”?

Secondly, it is a gross exaggeration for him to say that the old NA was “an abomination”. I have freely admitted that it was not the most luxurious of pubs but it was comfortable, traditional and popular, with a wide spectrum of patrons and had darts, pool, quizzes etc. In other words, it was a typical London suburban local with all the social functions which that implies. I have said repeatedly that it could have been refurbished, and its custom boosted, without the need to destroy it and theme it. It is frankly nonsense, in my view, to say that people “get annoyed” if they can’t get good beer in a good restaurant.

If you want good food go to a good restaurant and the quality of the beer is a secondary consideration (or you go to the pub first!). Vice versa, if you want good beer. It is a misconception, in my view, to

maintain that a real pub has to have real ale (though it helps!). On the other hand, putting real beer into an artificial and/or trendy establishment does not automatically turn it into a real pub either, as Mr. Borg-Neal (possibly disingenuously) appears to believe.

Thirdly to say that patrons could park on the Upper Richmond Road (=South Circular) at night, at that particular point, is laughable to anyone who knows the area. To anyone who plans to do so, I would only say, make sure your insurance is up to date and comprehensive! Parking is bound to impact on the only logically available location, namely the adjacent, narrow Dyers lane cul-de-sac.

Finally (and full marks for giving Mr. Borg-Neal the space), we have his remarks about “CAMRA whinges”! I have said in my personal letter to Mr. Borg-Neal that, far from witnessing a phase of “knee-jerk” reaction against every current pub conversion, I believe we are seeing a backlash against the fact that, for too long, such conversions have gone ahead unchecked, unprotested and unlamented. Taipan Taverns may, to some extent, have fallen victim to a “pendulum” syndrome but I nevertheless believe that the motives behind the current protests are entirely laudable. Moreover, if it were not for the “CAMRA whinges” (or “whingers”?), Mr. Borg-Neal would almost certainly not have such a wide choice, and possibly no choice at all, of real ales to put in his JTs and his “historic pub”. A case, I feel, of “biting the hand that feeds him”!

Yours faithfully,

Philip J. Evison

London SW15

Dear Editors

Another entry for your rip-off pints collection. Back in the summer I was in Cambridge and went into the Bath Ale House with a mate. Two pints of Dog Bollocks please. Yes sir, that will be £5-16 pence - at £2.58 a pint that was the bollocks to be sure!

Yours

Richard Dawe

Dear Editors

I hope the following may prompt Andy McCormack's memory of what was obviously a good evening.

L.J. Clarke's was indeed a Cafe Bar in Old York Road, Wandsworth SW18, but only this month has been converted into a "chain-bar": so it is no more. All is not lost however, since only a few doors away lies Youngs excellent Alma Tavern bang opposite Wandsworth Town Station.

He also went to the "South Western" that evening and my guess is that he ended up, not in SW19, but in Kingston-upon-Thames, where what is now the "Artful Dodger" used to be named the "South Western". Many years ago this pub had a lady tenant who had been a gentlemen's barber and at slack times customers would partake of a pint and a short back and sides in the bar. That was when women were women (God bless 'em) and Environmental Health Officers weren't invented.

Yours faithfully

Ian N. Wilcockson

P.S. Loved your bit about Breather Valves: spot on!

Dear Editors,

I note from the October edition that planning has started for the next London Drinker Beer Festival. A plea: Don't spoil the glass which makes an excellent souvenir by emblazoning it with "Join at the Products Stand, £12" as happened last year.

The London Drinker has been stuffed full of good material in recent months but is it really necessary to fill 80% of a page with cricket reports (October edition) with no reference at all to beer/drinking? I am sure all non-participants in the matches found it very boring.

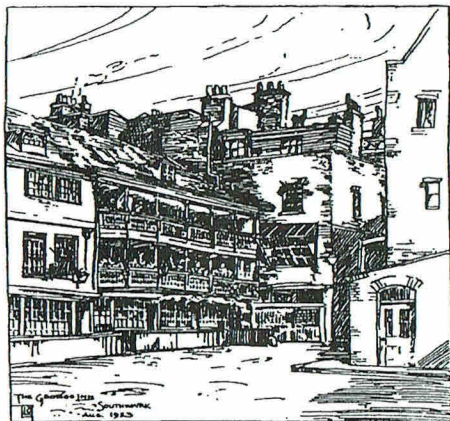
Yours faithfully,

Tim Nickolls, Enfield

Editor's Comment:

The cricket reports were beer related insofar as they related to a CAMRA branch. What do our other readers think of us carrying reports on sporting events by branches of the Campaign?

AP



The George Inn

re-built 1676

77 Borough High St, London SE1

Tel 0171 407 2056

Beer Festival

held every third Monday
of the month

We have an extra eight unusual
ales in addition to our usual
large selection

The festival normally lasts five
days

~

Come and try Bishops Brewery's
Restoration Ale

- the only place you can buy it

~

Open 11-11 Monday to Saturday
and 12-10.30 Sunday

~

Selected for both the 1997 and
1998 CAMRA Good Beer Guides

OLIVER HARE WHOLESALE

— BRITISH CASK ALE SPECIALISTS —

*Call us for all your
Cask Ale Requirements*

*we are Truly Independent, have a
Superb range and offer a Friendly
Delivery Service to suit your
requirements.*

*We store all of our Cask Beer
in a
TEMPERATURE
CONTROLLED
ENVIRONMENT TO GUARANTEE*

QUALITY

**ASK HIM ABOUT
SUPPLYING
YOUR
BEER FESTIVAL**

FOR PRICE LISTS & DEALS

**CALL THE CASK ALE
HOTLINE 01799 508058**

**Oliver's Mobile : 0973 841520
ANYTIME**



OLIVER HARE WHOLESALE

B.T.C. SHIRE HILL SAFFRON WALDEN ESSEX CB11 3AQ

Fax 01799 528081

THE FOX & HOUNDS, SW1

TWENTY FIVE YEARS IN THE GOOD BEER GUIDE

The Good Beer Guide celebrates its twenty fifth anniversary this year with the release of the 1998 edition. Only a very small number of pubs have been in every edition and among these elite few is a tiny local, which does not even have a spirits license, in SW1. What better could we do than let the tenant, Diane Pearce Harvey, tell her own story about the pub?

I took over running the Fox as a tenant of Charringtons in 1968 when I was 25 years old, although I had first stood behind its bar when I was 11! A family friend was running the pub then. In those far off days it was very unusual for a young female to hold a licence. I had no previous experience but I took to the trade like the proverbial duck to water and although it is hard work, if you like people it is just great fun. My attitude has always been that the bar is my front room and everyone is a visitor and whilst every night is not necessarily a party, there is always a friendly atmosphere and good banter. The Fox being so small, food has always been basic and the minimum (delicious toasted sandwiches, though), but of course beer is God. The advent of the glossy, all can do pub has tended to make me feel a tad old fashioned, but if it is beer served with love, care and enthusiasm and a friendly, homey atmosphere that appeals then you will like the Fox!

Over the years I have fought to keep the pub. In the mid 1970s Westminster City Council wanted to implement a School Zoning proposal which had blighted the area for the previous forty years and so an application was made to pull down the pub and adjacent houses to increase the facilities of the school opposite. A strenuous opposition was mounted through the pub and with the support of customers, local residents, the press, television and CAMRA we successfully opposed the application. The freeholder, the Grosvenor Estate, was then in a position to grant Charringtons a lease where previously they had only had a monthly tenancy agreement. It was a great moment - dancing in the streets etc.....

The Fox was then about half the size it is now (just the ground floor of a two up two

down cottage) and had one outside WC for ladies and me, plus a gents urinal reached from the street - very quaint! The granting of a proper lease was dependent upon Charringtons updating the facilities and it was during this work that, having saved the pub from being pulled down, the Brewery's contractors nearly knocked it down with me inside it! Work stopped and there I was manning (or should that be womanning) the barricades again. It took nine months of a Mexican standoff with the Brewery before blame could be apportioned and a face saving remedy could be found. During this time I traded with virtually no facilities - but I did always somehow manage to maintain the standard of my beer and I was rewarded during this difficult time by the support of my customers and CAMRA. The night we closed to allow the building works to recommence we literally "drank the pub dry" - all that was left was half a case of Jubilee Stout and a bottle of sweet Martini! Some party.

We were actually closed for five months, reopening in March 1980. The loyalty of the locals and regulars was such that it was as if we had never closed! It was during the 1980s that we started to be used by the Royal Court Theatre and this added yet another dimension to the great mix of people that use the Fox.

Time passed - my landlords changed from Charrington to Bass, but it was not until 1991 and the Monopolies Commission recommendations on the brewing industry that my personal future was again threatened. When faced with holding only a limited number of pubs, Bass informed me that the Fox was one that they would be seeking to dispose of. However, as they were only leaseholders and as I had certain (limited) rights as a tenant, that proved more of a problem than they had bargained for!

The result was several years of brinkmanship with the Brewery and a total lack of security for me. I did, however, manage to stick it out and on 30th September 1996 the Brewery's lease ran out and I was still here! Success, or at least nearly success! It has taken me another year to hammer out a

continued on page 38

ROCHFORD RAMBLE...

Rochford is a small market town near Southend-on-Sea in Essex. It is well served by buses from Southend and by train from London (Liverpool Street). The town centre contains some ancient buildings and has ten pubs, all very close together.

All the pubs were visited on Oct 11th and 12th.

The nearest pub to the station is the **MARLBOROUGH HEAD** (1). This is an old building with one large bar serving Tetleys and Pedigree. The latter was very good. Mind your head on entering and leaving!

The **MILESTONE** (2) is almost opposite. This is a free house usually serving Greene King beers only though additional guests are served during the beer festival. The beer here was also excellent.

A short walk up West Street brings you to the Market Square and the **KINGS HEAD** (3), an old building with a modernised interior. This is also a free house though it seems to have a tie to Shepherd Neame. Master Brew and Spitfire were available, both were in good nick.

A few seconds up North Street is the **OLD SHIP** (4). For my money, this is the best pub in Rochford. The sign still proclaims ownership by the Romford Brewery Co. It has one large bar and has notable stained glass windows. A house beer, Pedigree and Hardy Royal Oak are regularly available along with two guests (often from the likes of Gales and Greene King, etc) always in tip top condition.

Behind the Old Ship is the **NEW SHIP** (5) a Bass pub serving Worthington and Bass and one guest which can be absolutely anything but always good. The walls of the pub are adorned with caricatures of regulars.

Back on North Street, the **GOLDEN LION** (6) is almost opposite the Old Ship. The exterior of this pub is extremely decrepit and it does not always look open when it is. This is the local CAMRA favourite pub serving a range of about six beers and real cider. The beer range changes all the time. Do not be put off by this pub's appearance.

A little further up the street, on the corner of Weirpond Road is the **ROSE & CROWN** (7), a large corner pub with an 'L' shape bar.

Directors and Old Speckled Hen were on offer. The Hen came up cloudy but was very tasty after a couple more pints were pulled off.

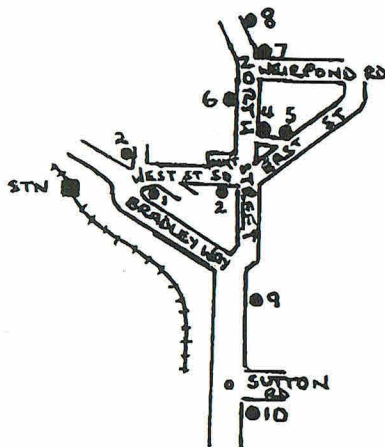
The final pub in North Street is the **WHITE HORSE** (8) a basic pub serving Bass and Ridleys IPA which came up vinegary and was returned. A new barrel was put on and several pints pulled off before it came up clear. It was short of condition but tasted OK. The guvnor was very apologetic and I finished up having two pints for the price of one. I think that the condition of the beer was down to the beer itself and not the way it is kept.

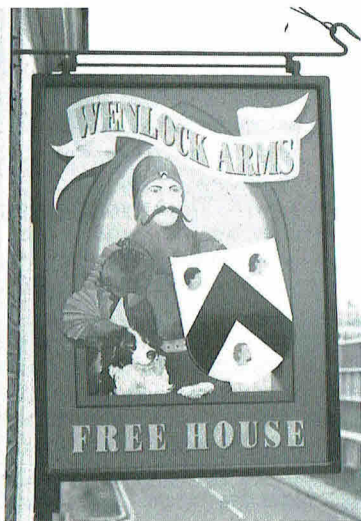
From the White Horse, a walk of about five minutes towards Southend brings you to the **HORSE & GROOM** (9), a smallish free house serving Ridleys IPA and Witchfinder Porter (which was excellent) and Woodcock IPA (I can't remember who brews it) though the beer range changes regularly.

The final part of call is the **ANNE BOLEYN** (10), a huge Greene King pub. Only Abbot was available but it was very good though expensive (£2.05 per pint). This pub is quite food orientated with a large part of it solely for diners.

All these pubs are well worth visiting in my opinion. There aren't too many places around London that have so many decent pubs serving good beer in such a small area. The beer festival on 25th - 29th November is well worth visiting as well.

Ray Wright





A genuine Free House featuring a selection of the very best in Cask Ales, Traditional Cider and Perry

- Mild always available
- Lined glasses guarantee full pints
- Salt Beef sandwiches
- Function room free to CAMRA members
- Jazz piano Sunday lunchtimes
- Jazz every Tuesday, Friday and 3rd Saturday evening in the month
- Open all permitted hours

CAMRA
NORTH LONDON
PUB OF THE YEAR
1995 & 1996

26 Wenlock Road
London N1
0171 608 3406

Nearest Tube stations are Old Street (exit 1) and Angel. Wenlock Road is off City Road via Windsor Terrace
<http://www.wenlock-arms.org.uk/>

SOUTH WEST LONDON BRANCH CRICKET

SWL's last game of the season was a 25 over rematch against the **Priory Arms, SW8**, on the last Sunday of September.

Camra batted first. They lost wickets steadily but an innings of 59 from captain Simon Stokes in one hour 31 minutes saw them through to a respectable 108 all out off 24.2 overs. Steve finished with the best bowling figures on 3.2-0-6-3.

In reply the Priory also lost wickets steadily. Matt Hardwick was top scorer on 42. The Priory, who were one player short were all out for 89 runs off 21.4 overs. Tom Carter managed to move the ball in the air and off the pitch and finished with figures of 6-2-10-3.

The game against the **Hop Leaf, Reading** at the start of the month, was cancelled by the Council due to the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales the preceding day. When asked why they had arbitrarily cancelled a confirmed booking a spokesperson for the Council explained that as some of the leagues had postponed it was easier to cancel all matches. Easier for them maybe but not for those who had arranged to travel or those who had arranged hospitality. Obviously the new local government doctrines of customer care/consultation/empowerment have yet to reach this corner of Berkshire.

Incidentally the Council's sports centres were not only open that day but from 2pm on the Saturday. So it was all right with Reading Council if you wished to swim or play any of the other various sports offered in the sports centres but not if you wanted to play a traditional team game like cricket.

The other two games scheduled for September were cancelled by the opposition due to unavailability of players.

The SWL team is open to Camra members of all abilities. Look out for our out of season activities in the Branch Update section

MJB



APPLE

The Apple and Pear Product Liaison Executive (APPLE) is the group within CAMRA that promotes traditional cider and perry. Cider is currently in a similar situation to that which beer faced some twenty years ago. Traditional products are being forced aside by new keg products and the number of outlets for real cider is diminishing. The situation with perry is even more urgent and it could disappear in the foreseeable future if nothing is done to prevent it.

Today, 90% of cider is fizzy, pasteurised and served under gas pressure. Most of it is made from foreign apple concentrate rather than real apples, which is often essential to meet demand and is cheaper than using home produced apples. Most commercial cider is also full of artificial flavourings and colourings and is filtered to please the eye.

There is an alternative - the fermented juice of British apples, with nothing added and nothing taken away, made in the traditional way. A hundred years ago all cider fitted this description. It was strong, still and flavoursome.

Cider apples are ready from the beginning of September although the fruit is often left to soften for a week or two before use. After this period the fruit is milled. The pulp is mushy and must be wrapped and sealed before pressing. The extracted juice is collected in vats where fermentation takes place. The natural yeast which grows on the skins of the apples is set to work and the process can take several months. Some ciders ferment for the full period and are extremely dry. Bulmers No. 7 is an example and is so sugar free that it is claimed to be safe for diabetics. The sweetness can of course be controlled by cutting fermentation short by removing the yeast and re-vatting the juice. Truly traditional cider making stops here and the cider is ready to serve in its cloudy form

and often blended to add character.

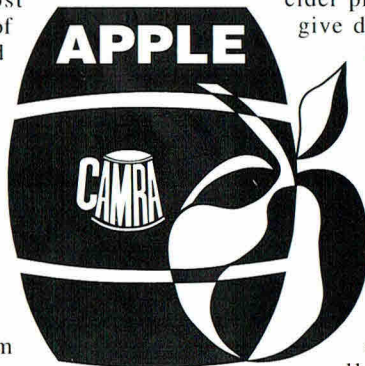
Perry is simply fermented pear juice produced from the milling and pressing of dedicated varieties of pears. Unlike cider apples, pears do not keep well and are milled and pressed as soon as they have been harvested. The largest producer is Gaymers, but they only produce the fizzy, factory-conditioned Babydam. Sadly, perry is rarely seen in pubs and is only available in quantity at beer festivals.

Traditional cider is usually served through a traditional beer engine with handpump or from a polypin. While it is generally safe to assume that a handpump represents the real thing there are exceptions. Marketing departments of big cider producers are desperate to give draught cider a traditional image, as this is seen to increase sales and give the product premium status. Beware of fake handpumps!

In addition it has been known to serve cider with top pressure (Addlestons for instance). This makes the drink unnaturally fizzy and spoils the flavour by allowing too much carbon dioxide gas to dissolve.

Successful campaigning has persuaded Symonds and Gaymers to replace their fake handpumps with short stubby pumps, which make the ciders instantly recognisable as keg. Nationally the battle is on with Scrumpy Jack and Cidermaster to do the same although in our area some enlightened pubs have already replaced the misleading handpumps.

Both of the cider makers have stated that it's the responsibility of pub landlords to request the removal of fake handpumps as keg taps are freely available. Any outlets that can't be bothered to make this request will not be welcome in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide or any other CAMRA publication.





Wetherspoon has built on its success in Reading with a new pub in the heart of the town centre. The Hope Tap, named after a brewery of the same name that stood on part of the site in Friar Street, follows on from the success of The Monk's Retreat and Back of Beyond in the town and The Baron Cadogan in nearby Caversham.

It is run by Sian and Mike Davies, who moved from

The Outside Inn at Neasden, north west London.

The pub has been built on the site of three empty shops at a cost of almost £800,000.

A new area for the company is Scarborough, where the first Wetherspoon pub has been built on the former Co-op site.

The Lord Rosebery, located in Westborough, near to the town's railway station, has two bars, on the ground and first floor.

The building was originally the headquarters for the Scarborough Liberal Party, whose local MP Lord Rosebery, became Prime Minister in 1894.

The pub is managed by Ian and Joanne Colls, who have run a number of Wetherspoon pubs during their time with the company.



▲ The Hope Tap, Reading



◀ The Lord Rosebery, Scarborough

OPENING SOON

- Unnamed, Crown Street, Ipswich (August 21)
- Unnamed, 11 Jewry Street, Winchester (August 21)
- The Coronation Hall, St Marks Hill, Surbiton (August 21)
- Unnamed, 58 Sheep Street, Bicester (September 24)
- Unnamed, 24 Cannon Street, Bedford (October 2)
- Unnamed, The Butts, Rochdale (October 18)
- The Leading Light, 20-22 Preston Street, Faversham (November 12)
- Unnamed, Darwell Street, Walsall (November 13)
- Unnamed, 30-34 High Street, Leatherhead (November 20)
- The Counting House, High Holborn, London (December 3)
- Unnamed, Swan Island, Hammersmith (December 3)
- Wetherspoons, 1 Poultry, Bank Station, London (December 11)
- Unnamed, 48 Botchergate, Carlisle (December 11)
- Unnamed, 1 Park Road North, Havant (December 15)
- Unnamed, Merriam Way, Leeds (December)
- Unnamed, High Street, Oldham (January 21, 1998)
- Unnamed, Unit Two, Nelson Square, Bolton (March 1998)
- Unnamed, 104-106 High Street, Waltham Cross (March 1998)
- Unnamed, County Hotel, High Street, Ashford
- Unnamed, 5 St. Michael's Street, West Bromwich
- Unnamed, Trinity Square, London
- Unnamed, Fore Street, Edmonton
- Unnamed, Shawlands Arcade, Glasgow
- Unnamed, 62-64 Skinnergate, Darlington
- Unnamed, Fishponds Road, Fishponds, Bristol
- Unnamed, former Embassy cinema, Fairfield Road, Braintree

•The opening dates, in brackets, are only a guide and are subject to change

WETHERSPOON PUB GUIDE

BARKING AND DAGENHAM

THE BARKING DOG
61 Station Parade, Barking

THE LORD DENMAN
270-272 Heathway, Dagenham

BARNET

THE MOON UNDER WATER
148 High Street, Barnet

THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
3 York Parade, West Hendon
Broadway NW9

THE RAILWAY BELL
13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet

THE MOON UNDER WATER
10 Varley Parade, Colindale NW9

***THE TALLY HO**
749 High Road, North Finchley N12

THE BLACKING BOTTLE
122-126 High Street, Edgware

BEXLEY

THE WRONG 'UN
234-236 The Broadway, Bexleyheath

BRENT

J J MOON'S
553 Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury NW9

THE OUTSIDE INN
312-314 Neasden Lane, Neasden
NW10

J J MOON'S
397 High Road, Wembley

THE COLISEUM
Manor Park Road, Harlesden NW10

BROMLEY

THE MOON AND STARS
164-166 High Street, Penge SE20

THE HARVEST MOON
141-143 High Street, Orpington

THE SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS
109-111 Queensway, Petts Wood

CAMDEN

THE MAN IN THE MOON
40-42 Chalk Farm Road, Camden NW1

THE SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE
29-35 Farringdon Road, Farringdon,
London EC1

THE BEATEN DOCKET
50-56 Cricklewood Broadway,
Cricklewood NW2

THE THREE HORSESHOES
28 Heath Street, Hampstead NW3

CITY OF LONDON

HAMILTON HALL
Liverpool Street Station EC2

CROYDON

THE GEORGE
17-21 George Street, Croydon

THE MOON UNDER WATER
1327 London Road, Norbury SW16

THE FOXLEY HATCH
8-9 Russell Hill Parade,
Russell Hill Road, Purley

THE POSTAL ORDER
33 Westow Street, Crystal Palace

EALING

THE RED LION AND PINEAPPLE
281 High Street, Acton W3

ENFIELD

THE MOON UNDER WATER
115-117 Chase Side, Enfield

THE WHOLE HOG
430-434 Green Lanes, Palmers Green N13

THE HALF MOON
749 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill N21

THE BANKER'S DRAFT
36-38 Friern Barnet Road,
New Southgate N11

THE LAMB
52-54 Church Street, Edmonton N9

THE NEW CROWN
80-84 Chase Side, Southgate

EEPING FOREST
THE LAST POST
227 High Road, Loughton

GREENWICH

THE BANKER'S DRAFT
80 High Street, Eltham SE9

HACKNEY

THE ROCHESTER CASTLE
145 High Street, Stoke Newington N16

HAMMERSMITH

THE MOON ON THE GREEN
172-174 Uxbridge Road,
Shepherds Bush W12

HARINGEY

THE OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
10-12 Grand Parade, Green Lanes,
Harringay N4

THE NEW MOON
413 Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17

THE ELBOW ROOM
503-505 High Road, Tottenham N17

THE TOLL GATE
26-30 Turnpike Lane, Hornsey N8

THE ELBOW ROOM
22 Topsfield Parade, Tottenham Lane,
Crouch End N8

THE GATE HOUSE
1 North Hill, Highgate N6

HARROW

J J MOON'S
3 Shaftesbury Parade,
Shaftesbury Circle, South Harrow

THE MOON ON THE HILL
373-375 Station Road, Harrow

THE NEW MOON
25-26 Kenton Park Parade,
Kenton Road, Harrow

NOW OPEN • NOW

THE ROBERT PEEL
5-10 Market Place, Bury

THE LORD ROSEBERY
85-87 Westborough,
Scarborough

THE WALNUT TREE
857-861 High Street, Leytonstone

THE SURREY DOCKS
185 Lower Road, Rotherhithe

THE YARBOROUGH HOTEL
29 Bethlehem Street, Grimsby

THE LONDON INN
15-16 The Strand, Torquay

THE LORD BURTON
154 High Street, Burton-on-Trent

THE RED LION
Roman Bank, Skegness

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS
42 Midland Road, Bedford

THE STANDING ORDER
62-66 George Street, Edinburgh

THE MOON UNDER WATER
164-166 High Street, Cradley Heath

THE PERKIN WARBECK
22-23 East Street, Taunton

NOW OPEN • NOW

THE MOON AND SIXPENCE
250 Uxbridge Road, Pinner

THE SARSEN STONE
32 High Street, Wealdstone

J J MOON'S
20 The Broadwalk, Pinner Road,
North Harrow

THE VILLAGE INN
402-408 Rayners Lane, Pinner

THE MAN IN THE MOON
1 Buckingham Parade, Stanmore

HAVERING

J J MOON'S
46-62 High Street, Hornchurch

THE MOON AND STARS
99-103 South Street, Romford

HERTFORDSHIRE

THE HART AND SPOOL
148 Shenley Road, Borehamwood

THE MOON UNDER WATER
44, High Street, Watford

HILLINGDON

J J MOON'S
12 Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor

THE MOON UNDER WATER
10-11 Broadway Parade,
Coldharbour Lane, Hayes

OPEN • NOW OPEN

THE WATCH HOUSE
198-204 High Street, Lewisham

THE HOPE TAP
99-105 Friar Street, Reading

THE ARCHIBALD SIMPSON
5 Castle Street, Aberdeen

THE COUNTING HOUSE
67-71 Reform Street, Dundee

THE KINGS TUN
153-157 Clarence Street,
Kingston-Upon-Thames

THE MOON AND STARFISH
1 Marine Parade East, Clacton-on-Sea

THE OXTED INN
Units 1-4, Station Road West,
Oxtd

THE JP JOULE
Northenden Road, Sale

THE SKYLARK
34-36 Southend, Croydon

THE FELIX HOLT
3 Stratford Street, Nuneaton

THE LODESTAR
12 Brook Street, Neston

OPEN • NOW OPEN

J J MOON'S
Terminal Four, (Airside),
Heathrow Airport, Hounslow

WETHERSPOONS
Terminal Four, (Landside),
Heathrow Airport, Hounslow

THE MOON AND SIXPENCE
1250-1256 Uxbridge Road,
Hayes End

THE SYLVAN MOON
27 Green Lane, Northwood

THE GOOD YARN
132 High Street, Uxbridge

HOUNSLOW
THE MOON UNDER WATER
84-86 Staines Road, Hounslow

J J MOON'S
80-82 Chiswick High Road, Chiswick W4

THE MOON ON THE SQUARE
Unit 30, The Centre, Feltham

ISLINGTON
THE CORONET
338-346 Holloway Road, London N7

THE DOG
17-19 Archway Road, Archway N19

179 UPPER STREET
179 Upper Street, Islington N1

THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
125-127 Stroud Green Road,
Stroud Green N4

THE MASQUE HAUNT
168-172 Old Street EC2

KENT

THE PAPER MOON
55 High Street, Dartford

LAMBETH

THE CROWN AND SCEPTRE
2a Streatham Hill SW2

THE BEEHIVE
407-409 Brixton Road, Brixton SW9

LEWISHAM

THE TIGER'S HEAD
350 Bromley Road, Catford SE6

THE BIRD IN HAND
35 Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill SE23

MERTON

THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
223 London Road, Mitcham

WETHERSPOONS
33 Aberconway Road, Morden

THE WIBBAS DOWN INN
6-12 Gladstone Road, Wimbledon

NEWHAM

THE MILLER'S WELL
419-421 Barking Road, East Ham E6

THE GOLDENGROVE
146-148 The Grove, Stratford E15

REDBRIDGE

THE NEW FAIRLOP OAK
Fencepiece Road, Barkingside

THE GEORGE
High Street, Wanstead E11

THE GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD
114-116 Cranbrook Road, Ilford

RICHMOND UPON THAMES
THE MOON UNDER WATER
53-57 London Road, Twickenham

SOUTHWARK

***THE FOX ON THE HILL**
149 Denmark Hill SE5

SPELTHORNE

THE GEORGE
2-8 High Street, Staines

SURREY

THE REGENT
19 Church Street, Walton-on Thames

SUTTON

THE WHISPERING MOON
25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road,
Wallington

THE MOON ON THE HILL
5-9 Hill Road, Sutton

WETHERSPOONS
553-556 London Road, North Cheam

TOWER HAMLETS

THE CAMDEN'S HEAD
456 Bethnal Green Road,
Bethnal Green E2

WALTHAM FOREST

THE DRUM
557-559 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton E10

THE KING'S FORD
250-252 Chingford Mount Road,
Chingford

WANDSWORTH

J J MOON'S
56a High Street, Tooting SW17

THE MOON UNDER WATER
194 Balham High Road, Balham W12

THE SPOTTED DOG
72 Garratt Lane, Andale Centre,
Wandsworth SW18

THE RAILWAY
202 Upper Richmond Road, Putney SW15

THE GRID INN
22 Replingham Road,
Southfields SW18

WESTMINSTER

THE MOON UNDER WATER
28 Leicester Square WC2

WETHERSPOONS
Victoria Station SW1

THE MOON UNDER WATER
105-107 Charing Cross Road, London WC1

THE LORD MOON OF THE MALL
16-18 Whitehall SW1

THE MOON AND SIXPENCE
185 Wardour Street W1

OUTSIDE M25**AVON**

THE COMMERCIAL ROOMS
43-45 Corn Street, Bristol

THE BERKELEY

15-19 Queens Road, Clifton, Bristol

THE DRAGON INN
15 Meadow Street,
Weston - Super-Mare

BERKSHIRE

***THE OLD MANOR**
Church Road, Bracknell

THE MONK'S RETREAT
163 Friar Street, Reading

THE MOON AND SPOON
86-88 High Street, Slough

THE BACK OF BEYOND
104-108 Kings Road, Reading

THE BARON CADOGAN
22-24 Prospect Street,
Caversham

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**THE LAST POST**

77 The Broadway, Chesham

THE FALCON

9 Cornmarket, High Wycombe

WETHERSPOONS

201 Midsummer Boulevard, Bouverie Square, Milton Keynes

CAMBRIDGESHIRE**THE COLLEGE ARMS**

40 The Broadway, Peterborough

CHESHIRE**WETHERSPOONS**

78-92 Foregate Street, Chester

CLEVELAND**THE ISAAC WILSON**

61 Wilson Street, Middlesbrough

DERBYSHIRE**THE STANDING ORDER**

28-32 Irongate, Derby

THE BABINGTON ARMS

11-13 Babington Lane, Derby

DEVON**THE IMPERIAL**

New North Road, Exeter

DORSET**THE MOON IN THE SQUARE**

4-8 Exeter Road, The Square, Bournemouth

EAST SUSSEX**CLIFTONVILLE INN**

98-101 George Street, Hove

ESSEX**THE ELMS**

1060 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea

THE LAST POST

Weston Road, Southend-on-Sea

THE PLAYHOUSE

4 St. John Street, Colchester

THE MOON ON THE SQUARE

1-15 Market Square, Basildon

GLASGOW**THE COUNTING HOUSE**

24 George Square, Glasgow

GLOUCESTERSHIRE**THE REGAL**

Kings Square, Gloucester

GREATER MANCHESTER**THE MOON UNDER WATER**

68-74 Deansgate, Manchester

THE MOON UNDER WATER

5-7A Market Place, Wigan

WETHERSPOONS

49 Piccadilly, Manchester

THE ASH TREE

Main Street, Wellington Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne

GWENT**WETHERSPOONS**

Unit 10-12 The Cambrian Centre, Newport

HAMPSHIRE**THE STANDING ORDER**

20 High Street, Southampton

WETHERSPOONS

2 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth

HERTFORDSHIRE**THE CROSS KEYS**

2 Chequer Street, St. Albans

THE THREE MAGNETS

18-20 Leys Avenue, Letchworth

HEREFORD AND WORCESTER**THE GOLDEN CROSS HOTEL**

20 High Street, Bromsgrove

THE POSTAL ORDER

18 Foregate Street, Worcester

KENT**THE MUGGLETON INN**

8-9 High Street, Maidstone

THE THOMAS INGOLDSBY

5-9 Burgate, Canterbury

THE OPERA HOUSE

48-60 Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells

THE EIGHT BELLS

19 Canon Street, Dover

LANCASHIRE**THE POSTAL ORDER**

15 Darwen Street, Blackburn

THE GREYFRIAR

114 Friargate, Preston

LEICESTERSHIRE**THE LAST PLANTAGENET**

107 Granby Street, Leicester

LINCOLNSHIRE**THE TOLLEMACHE INN**St. Peters Hill
28 Catherines Road, Grantham**MERSEYSIDE****WETHERSPOONS**

20 Lord Street, Southport

WETHERSPOONSUnits 1, 2 & 3 Charlotte Row,
Great Charlotte Street, Liverpool**NORFOLK****THE BELL HOTEL**

5 Orford Hill, Norwich

THE TROLL CART

7-9 Regent Road, Great Yarmouth

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**THE MOON ON THE SQUARE**The Parade, Market Place,
Northampton**THE RED WELL**

16 Silver Street, Wellingborough

EARL OF DALKEITH

13-15 Dalkeith Place, Kettering

OXFORDSHIRE**THE EXCHANGE**

49-50 High Street, Banbury

STAFFORDSHIRE**THE PICTURE HOUSE**

Bridge Street, Stafford

SUFFOLK**THE WOLF**

88-89 St John Street, Bury St Edmunds

SURREY**WETHERSPOONS**

51-57 Chertsey Road, Woking

THE SUN

17 London Road, Redhill

TYNE & WEAR**THE WILLIAM JAMESON**

30-32 Fawcett Street, Sunderland

WARWICKSHIRE**THE BENJAMIN SATCHWELL**

112-114 The Parade, Leamington Spa

WEST GLAMORGAN**THE POTTER'S WHEEL**

86 The Kingsway, Swansea

WEST MIDLANDS**THE FIGURE OF EIGHT**

236-238 Broad Street, Birmingham

THE SQUARE PEGUnits 1, 2 & 3 Temple Court,
115 Corporation Street, Birmingham**THE FULL MOON**

58-60 High Street, Dudley

THE MOON UNDER WATER

53-55 Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton

WEST SUSSEX**THE RED LION**North Terminal, International
Departures Lounge, Gatwick Airport
(Airside)**THE JUBILEE OAK**

6 Grand Parade, High Street, Crawley

***THE HATTERS INN**

2-10 Queensway, Bognor Regis

WILTSHIRE**THE SAVOY**

38-40 Regent Street, Swindon

YORKSHIRE**THE BANKERS DRAFT**

1-3 Market Place, Sheffield

THE RHINOCEROS

35-37 Bridgegate, Rotherham

For more information on any Wetherspoon pub or activity write to:

J D Wetherspoon plc, Wetherspoon House, Central Park, Reeds Crescent, Watford, Herts WD1 1QH. or Telephone (01923) 477774

** Children are allowed in these pubs at all times (denoted by asterisk) when accompanied by an adult and only when food is ordered.*

THE SURREY PUB GUIDE

The Surrey guide covers all pubs, wine bars and hotels and real ale off-licences in the administrative area of Surrey. Surveying was carried out over the period of Autumn 1996 to Spring 1997, almost a necessity in these days of rapid change in the pub scene. The guide replaces the previous edition which came out four years ago.

The guide is laid out alphabetically by town/village with a brief description and history. An address, telephone number, beer range and description is given for every outlet. In addition opening times and the standard CAMRA facilities symbols are given for each recommended entry. These are easy to find as they have a large bullet point by the name. About a third of the pubs receive this accolade, very useful for the visitor who wishes to identify the better pubs in an area. This is also an important campaigning tool at a time CAMRA is seeking to encourage quality. At the same time a comprehensive guide shows the Surrey branches have not given up on the other pubs. A comparison with the previous edition makes it clear recommendations have been reviewed with some pubs gaining and others losing the prestigious 'blob'. This also shows the value of producing a guide on a regular basis as such recommendations can have a sometimes embarrassingly short life.

The editorial contains many campaigning items including 'a daze in the life of a common brewer' by Dave Roberts of the Pilgrim Brewery, on prices, the renaming of pubs and swan necks. This usefully included a list of beers regularly found in Surrey which should be served through a sparkler attached to a swan neck.

The breweries section gives a comprehensive listing of Surrey brewed beers, a listing of the beers of the independents with tied houses in the area and a listing of national brewers' beers regularly sold in Surrey.

The guide measures a pocket fitting 207mm by 107mm by 11mm and consists of 176 pages plus a cover featuring the Pilgrim Brewery.

I found the text in the editorial and the pub

entries a little small and faint, but this maybe a constraint of a guide of this coverage and size. Maps are provided for the major towns and in this edition are hand drawn. Attractive line drawings of some of the pubs are included throughout the text.

The Surrey guide is a practical and invaluable tool for anyone visiting the county and well worth the price of £4.95

Copies of the guide may be obtained by post from Mary Golding, 46 Middle Street, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HW. Please enclose a cheque for £5.70 inc p&p payable to "Surrey Beer Guide".

Further information can also be obtained through the Internet on http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/camra_surrey

Martin Butler

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

The following Public Bar price list, framed behind glass and bearing a long past sell-by date, was recently observed and noted by one of our out of town correspondents in a Midlands pub: for economy of space, we reproduce it not in its original format but in compressed form:

French Brandy, 2/5d per measure,
Gin, Rum, Scotch Whisky, 2/- per measure
Port & Sherry, 1/10d per glass
Lime juice, 3d per measure

DRAUGHT ALES read:

BEST MILD ALE, per pint 1/4d

BEST BITTER, per pint 1/8d

FOX ALE, per pint 1/8d

(That approximates to 6½p and 8½p)

As for bottled beers, Mild Ale was 1/11½d (just under 10p) per large bottle

Brown Ale 1/-½d, Bitter 1/3½d, Old Ale 2/7½d (each per small bottle). The later was also on sale by the nip at 1/11½d. As for the rest, each was priced per small bottle: Hanson's Special Stout 1/4½; Guinness 1/4½d; Bass 1/5½d, Worthington 1/5½d and finally Cider, 10½d. You will note the only legal measures defined are the pint and the nip (1/3 pint).

These prices are from April 1963 and our correspondent remarks that at the time he was 14, went to bed at 8.30pm and had half a crown (2/6d = 12½p) pocket money a week.

ANOTHER "NEW" COUNTRY PUB

On Monday 6th October Whitbread opened their latest restaurant/pub venture in the heart of rural Enfield. The entrance drive is situated in Whitewebbs Lane, 100 yards from the famous King & Tinker, where a derelict ex municipal old people's home has been transformed into a rather swish Brewer's Fayre establishment. Approached down a quarter mile drive, the white fascia of Whitewebbs House looks rather impressive.

Although there were four cask beers on handpump, Whitewebbs House appears dedicated to the diner rather than the drinker. All the many tables were laid out for meals and only two chairs appeared to be available for drinkers in the bar area. I wonder what the reaction will be to a dozen ramblers turning up dripping wet with mud on their boots.

There are extensive grounds to the rear, furnished with picnic benches that aren't going to see much use between now and next spring. One wonders on the management thinking that installs brand new picnic benches to do nothing but deteriorate over the winter. This also applies to the brand new external children's play area. Inside there is

also a small Charlie Chalk's play area.

The cask beers available are Boddington's Bitter, Flower's Original, Marston's Pedigree and Fuller's London Pride. My pint of London Pride had only a passing resemblance to the beer I know and love and at £2.05 a pint one was more than enough.

Whitbread and Enfield Borough Council have also combined on another project on the other side of the borough. They have agreed to rebuild the historic but derelict fire damaged Broomfield House in Palmers Green. This has caused a lot of controversy in Palmers Green as residents feel that their local park will be taken over by drunks and lager louts. There have been public "consultation" meetings and even court proceedings but the council is determined to push the project through as they see it as the only way to rebuild Broomfield House.

If Broomfield House turns out like the newly opened Whitewebbs House, I don't think the residents have much to fear.

NB. Whitewebbs House is not served by public transport.

Derek Smith

Bitter Experience

OFF LICENCE

129 Lee Road, London SE3
(near Tiger's Head crossroads, Lee Green)

Jug and Bottle service for Real Ales, Ciders & Lagers

Firkins, Polypins & Minipins *(approx 72, 36 and 18 pints respectively)*

Office parties and functions catered for

A vast range of British, Belgian & German beers
plus a worldwide selection

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR POLYPIN OFFER
PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS: 0181 852 8819

Open 7 days a week: 11(10 Sat) - 9.30 (10 Fri & Sat), 12 - 3 & 7 - 9 Sun

J D WETHERSPOON

J D Wetherspoon has now 'introduced oversized lined glasses in all its outlets. It says the move will ensure that all its customers are served a full pint on beers, lagers and stouts at all times in its 197 pubs in England, Scotland and Wales. It follows calls from customers and consumer organisations, including CAMRA for old style brim measure glasses to be replaced by oversized lined glasses. CAMRA surveys in many pubs, belonging to a variety of companies, highlighted the facts that on average, brim measure glasses delivered less than 95 per cent of a pint. Wetherspoon Chairman Tim Martin said: "When the first Wetherspoon pub opened in 1979 brim measure glasses were the absolute standard within the industry and that is still the case. "However, we are always prepared to listen to what customers and CAMRA have to say. "In this case we've decided they're right and are going to back their judgement. "People are now aware of the issues and we believe the glasses will be welcomed, especially since customers will now get five per cent extra beer at the same price".

CAMRA Head of Campaigns Mike Benner said: "We warmly welcome the new move to introduce oversized lined glasses across the board and throughout the Wetherspoon chain. "This is great news for beer drinkers who live near a Wetherspoon pub, unlike the majority of other pubs where they will be ripped off by paying full price for a short measure. "The move sends a clear message to the rest of the industry – it's time to get your house in order".

"Recent CAMRA research shows that 80 per cent of pints are short and that one in four are below the industry guidelines of 95 per cent liquid".

LONDON PUB OF THE YEAR

We have just been informed that the judges have completed their examination of the various branch pubs of the year for the London area. Their selection as London Pub of the Year is the WINDSOR CASTLE at 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton.

A review of the Windsor Castle together with details of the presentation to the pub will be in the December London Drinker.

FLEXIBLE PUB HOURS COMMENDED IN NEW SURVEY

CAMRA has completed a survey into the opening hours of 1039 pubs in England and Wales. The results form part of their annual pub prices survey.

"August 1997 marks the ninth anniversary of all-day opening during the week, and the second anniversary of Sunday afternoon opening," said CAMRA Head of Campaigns Stephen Cox. "Our survey shows that flexible opening has been widely - and flexibly - used. It has met a real consumer need and helped allow licensees to meet public demand."

"Every pub has not been forced to open. It is hard to credit now the dire warnings of disaster that were made before each reform of pub hours. In fact, licensees have been reasonable - sometimes opening only one bar, or opening only for a large party."

"The message is clear - drinkers and publicans can be trusted with freedom to open."

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Open all day weekdays | 57% |
| Open all day Saturdays | 73% |
| Sunday afternoon 3-5pm | 57% |

As expected, all day opening was more common with urban pubs, where there is a large passing trade. But almost half of all rural pubs took advantage of the law reforms since 1988.

"Now is the time for England and Wales to catch up with Scotland and the rest of Europe, and see some sensible extension to evening hours," said Cox. "Of course rowdy pubs should have their rights to open longer withdrawn. Neighbours have rights too."



Views expressed in this publication are those of their individual authors and are not necessarily endorsed by the Editorial Team or the Campaign for Real Ale Limited

HARVEY & SON (LEWES) LTD

SUSSEX'S OLDEST INDEPENDENT BREWERS
FOUNDED 1790

*Are proud to announce the long awaited
opening of their first London pub, after
extensive restoration*



The Royal Oak

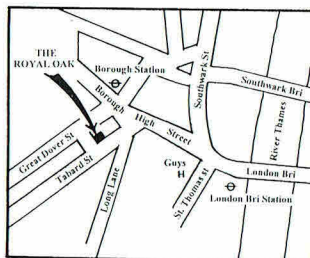
44 Tabard Street (*junc. Nebraska Street*)
Borough, Southwark, London SE1

telephone 0171 357 7173

nearest tube: Borough

function room available

11-11 Mon-Fri, 11-3 Sat
(weekend times may vary)



*A range of Harvey's award winning ales
will be available*

Advertise in next month's

LONDON DRINKER

*and get your message direct to the brewers,
pub owners, licensees, festival organisers, pub
regulars and drinkers of London and beyond*

Call now, day or evening, 7 days a week

BARRY TILLBROOK

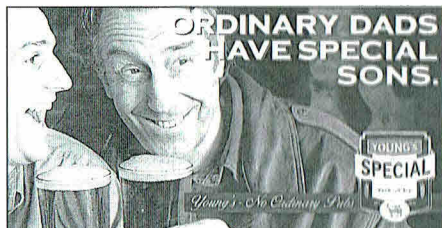
0181 989 7523

WOMEN TARGETED IN YOUNG'S ADVERTISING

Young's, the south London independent brewers, have taken the bold step of featuring women in their latest advertising campaign. Forty-eight-sheet posters now appearing in more than 300 prime sites throughout London and the Home Counties, proclaim: "Ordinary girls don't drink Special".



The caption, which accompanies pictures of two attractive girls drinking beer, is a reference to Young's Bitter – commonly known as Ordinary – and Young's Special, the brewery's two flagship real ales. Along with another poster captioned "Ordinary dads have Special sons", it is an attempt to attract younger drinkers – aged 18 to 35 – into



Young's pubs and to drink draught beer.

Young's were one of the pioneers of the real ale movement, launching a programme of promoting traditional beer in 1964, seven years before the Campaign for Real Ale was founded. Young's sales and marketing director, Stephen Goodyear, said: "Lots of women love good beer and we want to show them that there's a warm welcome for them in Young's pubs."

Martin Smith

EXCISE DUTY REVIEW

In our August edition we reported on the Chancellor's announcement of a review of alcohol duties "not least because of the impact of fraud, smuggling and cross border shopping." During the election campaign Tony Blair had promised such a study would be independent.

The terms of the study have now been announced:-

- * it is not to be independent but carried out by Customs & Excise.
- * it will only be looking at smuggling not legal cross border shopping.

It would be surprising if any such study were to recommend a reduction in duties!

THE FOURTH WOKING

BEER FESTIVAL



AT THE WOKING LEISURE CENTRE

Friday 7 November 6-11pm

Saturday 8 November

11am-3.30pm & 6-11pm

**Over 70 Real Ales - PLUS
Ciders and Imported beers,
Live Bands, Wurlitzer Organ,
Food and Juice Bar.**

Tickets selling fast: Each session limited addition
by ticket only. **Price £4.00**

**In advance - includes commemorative pint
glass and programme.**

Free pint for CAMRA members, special group rates available

**For information please telephone
01483 720103 or 01483 771122.**

PUB NEWS FROM EAST LONDON & CITY BRANCH

The LEOPARD, Seward Street, EC3 is continuing to stock Gibbs Mew beers which are now brewed by Ushers of Trowbridge and is also supporting local breweries with products from O'Hanlon and Pitfield often available.

The ARCHERS, Osborn Street, E1 has seen a paintbrush recently and has a new pub sign and three handpumps in use. The beer range seems limited to national brands.

New East London & City Pub of the Year, The ALMA, Spelman Street, E1 celebrated the award with Young & Co's Dirty Dick's served straight out of the cask.

The WILLIAM IV, High Road, Leyton, E10 is now selling a guest beer which is generally either Woodforde Wherry Best Bitter, Adnams Best or Wards BB on rotation.

Still packing them in on match days, the LEYTON ORIENT SUPPORTERS CLUB, Brisbane Road, E10 has been using a Great British Beer Festival style cooler jacket for its gravity dispensed beers on warmer days, with pleasing results. Four or five real ales are always available at this very popular un-tied club bar but opening hours are restricted and entry is for members and guests only.

The BIRKBECK TAVERN, Langthorne Road, Leytonstone, E11 has also been selling Ward BB lately as well as giving a long and popular run to Reverend James Bitter from the soon to be closed Crown Buckley Brewery in Llanelli. This pub continues to stock three regular and two guest beers.

When it first opened, O'NEILL'S in High Road Leytonstone, E11 (formerly Green Man) served a decent pint of Draught Bass but has now come in line with other pubs in the same chain and sells keg only products.

The switch to real ale at the CROPPY ACRE, High Road, Leytonstone, E11 seems to have been short lived with the two handpumps already lying idle.

Generally a keg-only zone these days, the KING HAROLD, High Road, Leyton, E15 has surprised locals recently with occasional availability of Mighty Oak Burntwood Bitter - so have a look if you are passing.

The Amelia, which was once the Princess Amelia, in Henniker Road, E15 now goes under the name BRADY'S. It remains a fizz

THE HEAD OF STEAM



Euston Station,
London NW1
Tel 0171 388 2221

BEERS FROM GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

25-29 November 97

*Beers from probably over
30 Yorkshire breweries*

BE THERE!! - buy cheap models and
things for Christmas presents
also **POLYPINS** of beer at
SILLY CHEAP PRICES

pub. Nearby the CHOBHAM ARMS, Chobham Road, E15 remains closed and is now in a state of some disrepair.

The newly opened PICTURE HOUSE, Great Eastern Road, Stratford, E15 has a bar which is open to non-cinema goers, but real ale is not for sale. Nearby, the REX, High Street, E15 also incorporates a bar as part of its refurbishment, but this too is keg only.

The BELL, Bell Corner, Walthamstow, E17 is now trading as part of the "Barras & Co" pub group and regularly sells Greene King Abbot, Courage Best and er... Websters Yorkshire Bitter as well as a guest beer which was a very tasteful seasonal offering called Fox's Nob from Highgate and Walsall when we last visited.

Up in Walthamstow Village, the VILLAGE, Orford Road, E17 sells five varying real ales which is nice, but unfortunately swan necks and tight sparklers are very much in evidence here, affecting flavour and introducing the risk of short measure. No sign though of the malpractices which have apparently been alleged in the letters pages of recent *London Drinkers*.

PRINCE OF WALES, MORDEN ROAD, SW19

It is reported that Young's have decided to retain the Prince of Wales, Morden Road, SW19 as part of their tied estate.

Regular readers will recall Merton Council rejected a planning application to turn the site into a car showroom and repair yard. It is understood the brewery did try to market the pub but are now committed to its future as a Young's pub.

Young's have also decided to rename the pub the Princess of Wales. There are differing views locally as to the appropriateness of this move. Should a pub that has a long history be so renamed? Could such a renaming be misinterpreted as a snub to the current Prince of Wales? Would this be a fitting tribute to Diana or should Young's name one of their new pubs after her? Is the timing right? Should a pub which itself only narrowly avoided becoming a victim of the motor car be renamed after an actual victim of the infernal machine? Given there are two other Prince of Wales in SW19 is it not long overdue that at least one of them be renamed?

If the pub is to be renamed should it be something else, e.g. to mark a piece of local history, the nearby Croydon Tramlink, etc.?

Let us know your views. £5 to the first out of the hat and £5 to the most original suggestion for a new name for the pub.

If you feel strongly one way or the other also write to the brewery at The Ram Brewery, High Street, Wandsworth, SW18 4JD.

Please return the form below to:

Prince of Wales Competition

*13 Belvedere Close, Teddington,
Middlesex, TW11 0NT by Wednesday 31st
December 1997*

The Sultan

78 Norman Road, South Wimbledon, SW19

Telephone 0181 542 4532

Open: Mon-Sat 12-11, Sun 12-10.30

THE ONLY HOP BACK PUB IN LONDON

Come and try our award winning beers:

GFB • Thunderstorm • Crop Circle • Entire Stout •
Summer Lightning (award winner Battersea '97)

plus bottled Thunderstorm & Summer Lightning
(gold winner at GBBF) also available by case £18

**Angie & Phil would like to thank
all our customers and guests who
helped to make our October beer
festival a success**

nearest tubes: Colliers Wood or South Wimbledon
buses: 57, 155, 156, 200

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

| | |
|------------------|---|
| 7-8 Nov | 4th Woking Woking Leisure Centre Woking Park Admission by ticket only |
| 25-29 Nov | Rochford Freight Shed Rochford Station |
| 27-29 Nov | 16th Luton Drill Hall Old Bedford Road Luton |
| 2-6 Dec | Pigs Ear Stratford Town Hall, E1 |

Do you agree with the proposal that the Prince of Wales, Morden Road, SW19 be renamed the Princess of Wales?

Agree ☐

Disagree ☐

If the pub is to be renamed I would suggest it be called

Name

Address

THE INAUGURAL



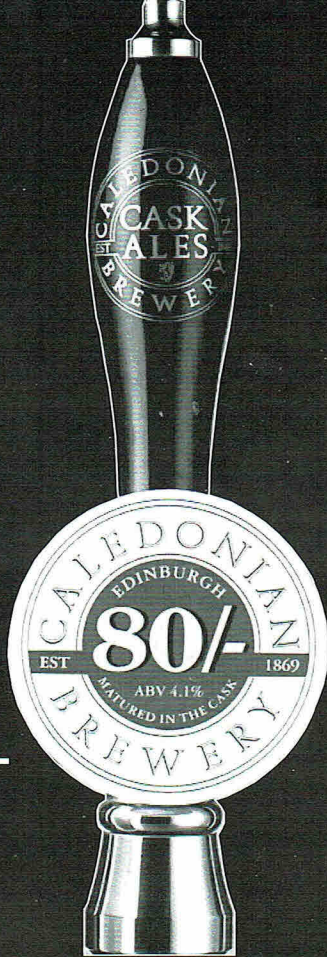
CHAMPION BEER OF SCOTLAND

THE DEFINITIVE, CLASSIC 80/- ALE

CALEDONIAN BREWERY EDINBURGH

The pacesetter in the Scottish ale revival has been the Caledonian Brewery in Edinburgh
Roger Protz - World A-Z of Brewing

Web site: <http://www.Caledonian-Brewery.co.uk>



BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 129

The pub chains continue to open new outlets in former shop and commercial premises all over London. These include a S&N Rat & Parrot in WC2 Covent Garden; two Bass run "All Bar Ones" in SE1 London Bridge and SW8 Battersea; two Greene King "Ale Cafes" in Croydon and SW18 Southfields and the latest and most extravagantly furnished Wetherspoon Free House yet in Surbiton. S&N have rebadged and renamed a pub in W1 Marylebone as "London's first Scottish pub" and have changed one of its recent pseudo-Irish "Finnegan's Wakes" back to a real pub after a period of only six months and in the process reverting to its original name. Could this mark the end of the Irish conversion fad?

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 - South West London Pub Guide, 2nd edition; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 8th edition. U refers to earlier updates.

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

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC2, ALL BAR ONE, 34 Threadneedle Street. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Latest opening for the Bass chain in early October in former bank. Decorated in typical ABO style (see London Drinkers passim). Emphasis on food and wine. Real ale £2.20 a pint. Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri, closed weekends.

W1(Mar), DOME, Duke Street. No real ale. Cafe bar at rear (and part) of Selfridges.

W1(Mar), FATHER ED'S, 29A James Street. No real ale. Irish themed Free House in former cocktail bar premises.

WC2, BAR COAST, 13/14 Maiden Lane. No real ale. A Bass owned cafe bar in the "Coast" chain.

WC2, HOPS, Strand Palace Hotel, Burlington Street. No real ale. Free House/Bar at rear of residential hotel with separate entrance for general public.

WC2, O'REILLY'S, 67 Chandos Place. No real ale. Irish themed Free House in former commercial premises and in same ownership as BAD BOB'S in basement next door at No. 66 -note changed address. (U117)

WC2, RAT & PARROT, 63-66 St. Martins Lane. Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Latest in the S&N chain opened in the summer in ground floor of office building. Spacious with wood panelled walls, light pine floor around bar area and raised carpeted seating area at side. Food. Open all permitted hours.

WC2, SOUTHSIDE BAR, 1B Tavistock Street. No real ale. New bar on first floor of Jubilee Market Hall building with independent access at rear.

WC2, WALKABOUT INN, 11 Henrietta Street. No real ale. Aussie and Kiwi pub & restaurant in former commercial premises. Entrance also in Maiden Lane.

SOUTH EAST

SE1, ALL BAR ONE, 28/30 London Bridge Street. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Another spacious new outlet for the Bass owned chain opened in September at the base of Fielden House office block opposite London Bridge Station forecourt. Decorated in typical ABO style. Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri, closed weekends.

SE8, LOONEY TOONES, 2 New King Street. Reopened and renamed **HARP**. Gibbs Mew: Country Bitter. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Reopened under yet another new name, formerly NOBODY'S INN and ROUND THE BEND. Originally HARP OF ERIN. (SE82, U103, U109, U124)

SE11, COCK TAVERN, 340 Kennington Road. Now named **COCK** but apparently spent a short period as "LUVERLY JUBBLYS". Draught Bass. (SE106)

CROYDON, OLD BRIEF, 48-50 George Street. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale, seasonal beers. Guest beer. A new Greene King "Ale Cafe" opened in early September in former solicitors and shop premises. Light pine flooring and wood panelling, soft lighting, exposed brickwork, empty wine bottles on high shelves, chandeliers, potted plants, wicker chairs etc. Raised seating area at rear and beer garden planned. Piped music. Emphasis on food with table service for both drinks and food. Open all permitted hours.

SOUTH WEST

SW3, FINNEGANS WAKE, 47 Denyer Street. Reverted to **SHUCKBURGH ARMS**. Greene

BEER BRIEFING
LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 129
continued

King: IPA. Theakston: XB. All the pseudo-Irish junk has been removed and real ale reinstated after a period of just six months as a failed Irish theme pub - hooray! (SW56)

SW8, ALL BAR ONE, 527/9 Old York Road. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Latest outlet for Bass run chain, opened in October occupying two units, one formerly a shop and the other (No. 527) a bar/restaurant named L.J.Clarks (or LJs), not previously recorded in the updates or included in the SW London guide. Smaller than the average ABO, church furniture predominates together with all the usual features. Opens 12-11 Mon-Sat, 12-10.30 Sun.

SW11, BAR COAST, 281 Lavender Hill. No real ale. Another Bass owned "Coast" cafe bar in former bank premises, nitrokeg only.

SW18, OLD GARAGE, 20 Replingham Road. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale, seasonal beer. Guest beer. Another Greene King "Ale Cafe" opened in late August in former car accessories premises near to Southfields tube. Done out in typical style with a variety of seating areas, with polished bare floor in main area and raised carpeted seating area at rear. Recorded music can be loud. Good value beer to compete with Wetherspoon's pub next door. TV. Food 12-9 Mon-Thurs and 12-8 Fri-Sun. No smoking area until 9pm. Open all permitted hours.

SURBITON, CORONATION HALL, St. Marks Hill. Courage: Directors Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Theakston: Best Bitter. Two guest beers. Weston 1st Quality Draught Cider. Latest Wetherspoon Free House opened in September in former health club opposite the "Ferret & Trouser Leg"; originally a lecture theatre and later a cinema. Opened originally in 1911, its name commemorating the coronation of George V in that year. It is probably the most lavishly furnished Wetherspoon pub yet. Entering the former foyer, raised seating areas have been created on each side, the one on the left being non-smoking with leopard skinned alcove seats and sofas. A short flight of steps and past a "coronation throne" brings you to the main bar area in the former auditorium containing a long bar to the left. Above the bar is a large glass fronted clock, two illuminated coloured pub signs and old cinema projectors and props. To the right lies another raised seating area with entry flanked by two blue globe lamps. At the rear, a mirrored staircase rises

to a small balcony seating area overlooking the main bar. The usual local history panels are supplemented with photos of former cinema stars. In common with all Wetherspoons, oversize glasses are now in use! Food. Disabled WC. Open all permitted hours.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

W1(Mar), NO COMMENT. Renamed **HORNERS**, closed, future uncertain. Formerly **WHITTAKERS**. (W36, U50)

WC2, O'NEILL'S. Bass, H removed. Formerly **P.J.MOLLOY & ON**, originally **WHITE SWAN**. Adding insult to injury at this vandalised former classic pub. (W57, U106, U115)

EAST

E1, HOLLANDS. Young. Closed and for sale. One of London's few remaining untouched Victorian pubs, albeit in a rather inhospitable setting. Action is needed to save this listed former GBG gem for posterity. (E67)

E14, DORSET ARMS. Grand Met (ex Watney), closed, future uncertain. (E144)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, SWAN & SUGARLOAF. Free House, now converted into flats. (SE36, U117)

SE1, THOMAS A'BECKET. Reopened and renamed **NOLIAS**, although retaining old signs above new one. Now a jazz venue with admission charge and only open Tuesday to Saturday evenings. Note correct spelling of old name. (SE36)

SE18, AVENUE ARMS. Phoenix, closed, future uncertain. (SE165, U112)

SE18, LORD BLOOMFIELD. Ascot, now converted to residential use, although retaining old name on sign over entrance. (SE169, U102, U113)

SOUTH WEST

SW1(B), MARABELS. Reopened but solely as a restaurant. (SW38)

SW3, QUEENS ARMS TAVERN. Wells, closed and believed to be being converted for residential use. The sad loss of one of the provincial brewer's few pubs in London. (SW57)

SW8, ELEPHANT & CASTLE. Phoenix, closed, future uncertain. (SW78)

KEW, KINGS ARMS. Free House, now converted solely into a pizza and pasta restaurant named "ASK". (SW138)

WEST

ISLEWORTH, LABOURING BOYS. Grand Met (ex Watney), closed and believed to be awaiting demolition. (W131)

BEER BRIEFING
LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 129
continued

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

W1(Mar), LINCOLN (IN MARYLEBONE). Renamed **WILLIAM WALLACE**. -Beers listed except Theakston: Best Bitter. +McEwans: 80/- . +Younger: Scotch Bitter. Now advertised at "London's first Scottish pub," this S&N former Youngers pub is now badged as a "J & J Morison" house. Scottish menu and tourist brochures available. (W35, U93, U98)

W1(Mar), MACEYS. Renamed **HOUSE OF SPORTS ACTION BAR**, still fizz. (W35)

W1(May), HOGSHEAD (IN ST. JAMES), 11-16 Dering Street. Now simply **HOGSHEAD**, the geographically inaccurate and ungrammatical subtitle having been removed. Note changed address. +Boddington: Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. +Greene King: Abbot Ale. +Marston: Pedigree. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. +Wadworth: 6X. +Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. +Guest beers (one on handpump and up to four from casks behind the bar). +2 Guest ciders from polypins. Beers may vary within the Whitbread range. Note Scrumpy Jack handpump now

removed. The old pub, originally the **BUNCH OF GRAPES**, now forms a small non-smoking corner of the extensively expanded pub which now stretches to the corner, taking in former travel agent premises and can now be viewed from Oxford Street. The typical Hogshead decor has been imposed with exposed brickwork and stone flagged floors. Stairs lead down to a basement seating/eating area. Sadly the intimate atmosphere of the old pub as a small haven off Oxford Street has been completely destroyed. Opens 11-11 Mon-Sat and 12-6 Sun. (W38, U79, U90, U118)

W1(S), BATH HOUSE. -Flowers: IPA. -Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. +Fuller: London Pride. +Marston: Pedigree. Now badged by Whitbread as a "Hawkins & Co" pub. (W41, U48, U93)

WEST

HAYES, MUSIC BOX. Renamed **THOMAS HENRY K.** -Fuller: London Pride. +Courage: Best Bitter. (W118)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 128

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

SE1, ROYAL OAK. Was a former *Courage* pub. **PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE**

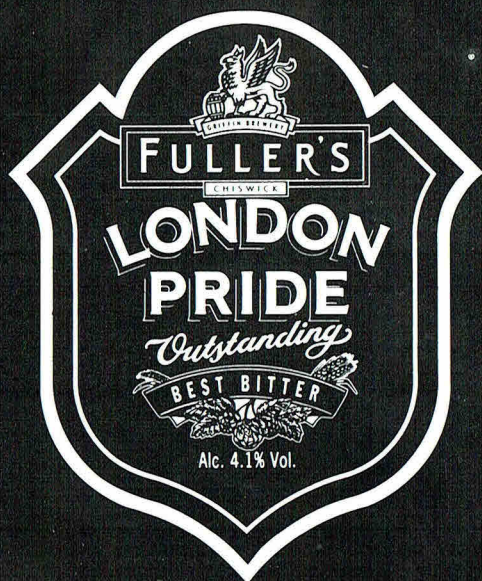
NW10, PANTILES. Ref should read (N224)

IN 200 YEARS WE'VE NEVER SOLD OUT.

Since 1799 the name Greene King has been synonymous with fine ales. Over all those years, we've fiercely defended our independence and our brewing traditions. It means we've been able to consistently produce some of the finest ales in the country. We haven't sold out. But our beers often do.



WHATEVER
YOU DO,
TAKE PRIDE.



GOOD BEER GUIDE 1998

SILVER ANNIVERSARY EDITION

The latest edition of Britain's number one beer and pubs book is now on sale. It's the 25th edition and is the biggest and best ever!

560 fact-packed pages on the British beer scene:

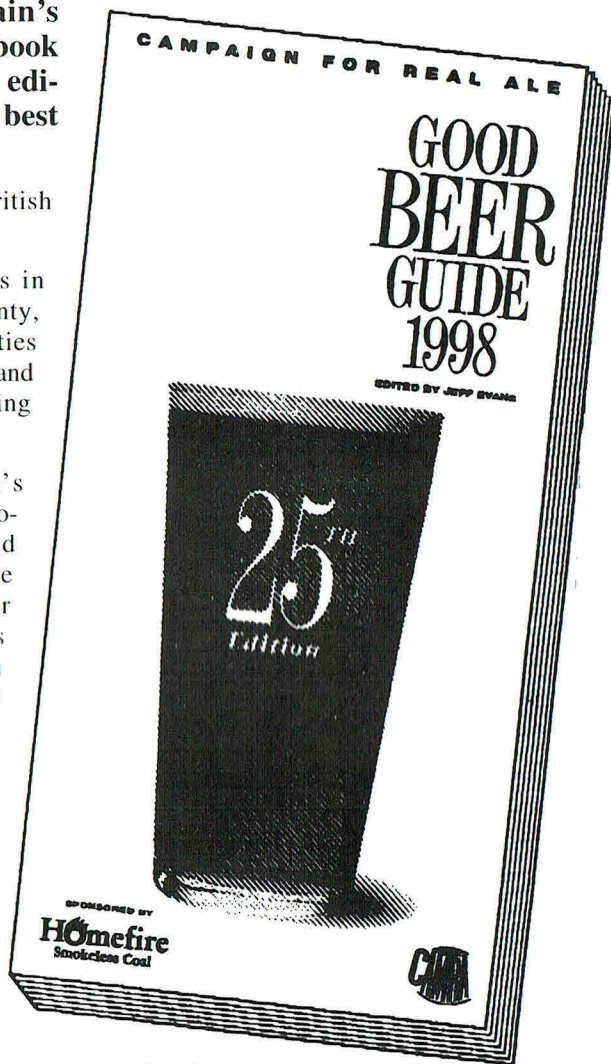
- 5,000 of the best beer pubs in Britain, arranged county by county, fully mapped and with all facilities highlighted, from accommodation and meals to family rooms, no-smoking areas and wheelchair access.

- Information on all Britain's breweries and the real ales they produce, from giants like Bass and Whitbread to the newest micros like DarkTribe in Lincolnshire, Four Rivers in Tyne & Wear, Fernandes in Yorkshire and Flannery's in Wales. There are no less than **48** new breweries in the 1998 edition, in locations from Scotland to Cornwall.

- Even more tasting notes to help you find a favourite.

The Good Beer Guide is the book no beer lover can afford to be without and is ideal for holidays, business trips, days in the country or nights on the town.

Available from all good bookstores or direct from your local CAMRA branch, it is still priced at only £10.99. It's the perfect gift - or why not treat yourself and help us celebrate our Silver Anniversary!



Copies

are also available direct and post-free from CAMRA at 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans AL1 4LW (cheques made payable to CAMRA; credit card sales on (01727) 867201).

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the 1982 issue of London Drinker consisted of 24 pages including the cover, this time in pink, which illustrated the new logo of Watney Combe Reid (the significance of which will soon become apparent), a bottle label from the Eltham Brewery, and part of a price list of Reffells Bexley Brewery. Mostyn Lewis outlined the history of the Eltham Brewery in the content, as far as the scant details were available - it ceased brewing in 1921.

This issue was rife with misprints, and omissions. Two lines of the article read: "operated... up to 1877, when John C. period between that and 1905..." which I have no means of interpreting, and the penultimate line read "The Eltham Brewery has proced an elusive subject", preceded by "For the reat, is in glass has given way...".

Watney had adopted the name Watney Combe Reid, using as its symbol a Stag, reflecting the name of the original brewery in Pimlico and its successor at Mortlake.

The Tim Bobbin in Clapham was illustrated in the content, bearing the company's new livery. The last part of the caption read: "Note the Stag logo on the side wall" - unfortunately that was nonsense as the printer had trimmed off the relevant sections of the photo!

Alan Greenwood, in his Beer Notes, outlined the history of that company, leading up to the introduction of Red Barrel in 1930, to the exclusion of all real beer from the company.

In another cock-up there was no indication at the foot of the oage where to find the rest of the article, which in fact was 2 pages later, and began without ceremony "my girl friend's chastity belt". Further down I counted the absence of 5 capital letters at the beginning of words that required them in 2 consecutive lines. The printer HAD to go! (I ended up as the muggins who dealt with him when becoming an Editor). The change came over a year later, in June 1984.

The late Des Ward contributed "Booze N'Bexley, visiting 7 pubs in the area.

Bass had objected to the use of titles similar to their own - the Tower Brewery in Bermondsey (theirs, in Tadcaster, was so

named), and Barbican Bitter from David Bruce's Pheasant and Firkin (Bass had an insipid liquid on the market using the title and masquerading as a beer, albeit low in alcohol) and the London beer assumed the name Barbarian.

Actually one of many misprints referred to it as a "larger" which is reminiscent of a TV advert jingle about a "pint that thinks it's a quart".

TEN YEARS AGO the 32 page November 1987 edition used chocolate as its theme colour, this appeared on seven pages including the front cover, which illustrated the Pope's Grotto (Youngs) in Twickenham, and also bore the hand-written headline "Beer prices to rise yet again". SO WHATS NEW? The Editorial was brief and to the point, and bears repeating in its entirety: "This year's bad summer has resulted in a poor harvest and that, it seems, is to be the next excuse for putting up the price of beer. As cereal crops are stockpiled for years, it will be some time before the shortage is felt - and then, no doubt, the same excuse will be used. It's high time something was done to bring the price of beer DOWN." All in my own fair hand - or rather, typeface. Was I right? Or was I right?

Taylor Walker had just entered into a trading agreement with Young's, whose bitter was to be available in thirteen stated outlets. Mike Moran offered recipes for pickled eggs and onions - a popular adjunct to a session on real ale. Lars Torders provided a pub crawl of Tisbury, Wiltshire, with historical additions from Merton. Eastender also contributed a crawl, of South Woodford - an area which in due course those of us who worked at the 1991 GBBF and stayed at the "digs" came to know tolerably well.

Quoting from the Morning Advertiser - which in turn was quoting from a CAMRA report - LD noted that Holt's of Manchester was producing the cheapest pint in the country, the mild which at its cheapest cost 60p, or about half the price of the dearest pint in some southern pubs.

FIVE YEARS AGO in November 1992 chocolate brown was also chosen for 4 of its 32 pages including both covers, the front of

which depicted the County Arms, SW18.

In a guest Editorial John Gilbert discussed the fact that the presence of unskilled and transient bar staff in pubs reflected the low minimum rate of pay. John's Hop Back Brewery in Salisbury had received the award certificate for the Best Strong Beer at the GBBF. At the same time certificates were also presented by Portsmouth and Salisbury Branches for Summer Lightning at their respective Beer Festivals.

Idle Moments, which had been running since March 1989, had a non-rhyming limerick for the first time in ages. Other features were numbers puzzles, brewery anagrams, general knowledge and brainteasers.

John Young said in a speech before an invited audience that Britain had the cheapest beer in Europe, despite our duty levels being 10 times that of Germany, 20 times that of France, and 25 times that of Spain. Including duty and various taxes, he said, for every pint of Young's Bitter sold the Exchequer received 43p. The figures of course will be different now. As it is now mandatory (though not always observed) for pubs to display prominently the price of drinks, I suggest (and

this is my personal view) it would be well to do so for the modern equivalent of the above facts to save bar staff taking all the stick.

The newly-issued 1993 Good Beer Guide mentioned that the price of beer had risen 17% above inflation since 1989.

A month in advance of the festive season, Des Tuddenham in "Happily Less than Merry", was not looking forward to the influx of once-a-year drinkers, along with the hype, the daft drink orders and all the usual nonsense and misbehaviour. He recalled once mentioning this to a guv'nor in St. Albans who decided to risk declaring his pub a no-Christmas zone, and had never had such a busy season. That leads me on to another bit of personal tub-thumping: why must so many pubs insist on closing for most or all of Christmas Day? I know it's become a tradition, like frequent price rises. There are many unattached people who prefer company on that of all days and plenty similar who are happy to run the bar for licensees who wish to spend the day with their family. I know, I fit (and have participated in) the first two categories.

Ale and Farewell for now, Cheers!

Martin Smith

Martin & Nicole Gale and family welcome you to this genuine family run Free House

Carpenters Arms

Carpenters Lane, Thornwood Common, Epping, Essex

- about 1 mile from Epping town centre along the B1393 towards Harlow

Telephone 01992 574208

**Crouch Vale Best and S.A.S. • McMullen's AK • Adnams Broadside
Westons Old Rosie plus ever changing Guest Beers**

Mon to Thurs 11.00-3.00, 6.00-11.00; Fri & Sat 11.00-11.00; Sun 12.00-10.30

**Crouch Vale, Adnams, Youngs, Fullers, Mauldons & Shepherd Neame
available in 36 pint polypins. Order your Christmas polypins now -
10% discount with this ad during November and December**

New bar and beer courtyard open • Car parking at rear
Family patio area • Good home made food • Pub games
Bright polypins and 2 & 4 pint takeaways always available
Outside functions catered for & hall available with licensed bar

CAMRA WELCOMES PRICE SENSE IN PUBS

Average price of pub pint of real ale £1.64 up 2.5%

Good news for real ale drinkers. For the second year running, real ale prices in pubs have risen by no more than inflation. That is the headline from CAMRA's 1997 Pub Prices Survey.

"We welcome the news that the price of a pint is moderating, and that pubs are better value" said Head of Campaigns Stephen Cox. "This makes commercial sense for brewers and publicans, and is good for customers."

"It is still the case that customers should shop around, as some of the best pubs for beer are also some of the cheapest. Independent brewers' own tied pubs remain cheapest of all, on average."

| | Real ale | Lager | Nitrokeg |
|------------------|----------|-------|----------|
| UK | 164 | 179 | 179 |
| North West | 143 | 164 | 170 |
| Yorks/Humberside | 149 | 172 | 165 |
| West Midlands | 155 | 171 | 175 |
| Wales | 154 | 174 | 175 |
| East Midlands | 156 | 173 | 165 |
| North | 161 | 170 | 170 |
| South West | 170 | 184 | 179 |
| Scotland | 176 | 170 | 175 |
| East Anglia | 171 | 183 | 188 |
| South East | 177 | 190 | 189 |
| London | 179 | 195 | 199 |

(pence per pint)

"We note that lager and nitrokeg are on average 15 pence a pint more expensive than real ale, although they cost little more to brew, and are less trouble to keep and serve. That reinforces the argument that real ale is not only tastier and more interesting, but better value too!" said Cox.

1091 pubs were surveyed across Britain in April. All types of pubs were surveyed by CAMRA members, not just real ale houses.

ROLL OF HONOUR

The following pubs in Greater London have assured us that no pour-back beers are tolerated on their premises:

The Prince of Wales, Balham SW12
The Lord Stanley, Loughborough Jctn SE24
The Sultan, South Wimbledon SW19
Walsh's, Battersea SW11
Rose's (Prince Albert), Woolwich SE18
Birkbeck Tavern, Leyton E11
Wenlock Arms, off City Road, N1
Waters Edge, Tottenham N17
Hogshead, Drury Lane WC2
Crystal Palace Tavern, East Dulwich SE22
Dog & Bull, Deptford SE8
Bell, Walthamstow E17
Head of Steam, Euston NW1
Wood Green Labour Club, Wood Green N22
All J D Wetherspoon Houses
All Youngs Houses

We invite individual pubs to request listing if they qualify and our readers to check the validity of these entries.

continued from page 15

financially viable lease with the Grosvenor Estate which I finally signed on 2nd September just gone. Another excuse for a party.....

It is plain to see how much a part of me the Fox is. I have spent almost thirty years of my life running it. To me a good pub has to do more than sell excellent, well kept beer. I believe it has to be the warm caring heart of the community it serves and I have tried to ensure that the Fox fulfils this role.

Diane Pearce Harvey

West London CAMRA Branch Chairman, Di Kehoe adds:

One ironic detail which must not be overlooked is that with all the problems the school caused, it is itself due for closure. Diane will be losing some more of her customers as the local choir will no longer be able to practise there. I gather there are a few places spare at the bar, with a choice of Bass, Adnams, Greene King and Harveys, so go and try a few pints. Come and join us for the presentation (if we can all get in) for 25 years in the Good Beer Guide and go back and visit time and time again. We wish Diane continued success and much happiness.

Continued from page 2

OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW1 MOON ON THE MALL
 SW1 MORPETH ARMS
 SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
 SW1 ROYAL OAK
 SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE
 SW3 COOPERS ARMS
 SW3 CROWN
 SW3 SURPRISE
 SW4 BREAD & ROSES
 SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND
 SW6 WHITE HORSE
 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS
 SW8 PRIORY ARMS
 SW8 SURPRISE
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN
 SW11 BEEHIVE
 SW11 EAGLE ALEHOUSE,
 Chatham Road
 SW11 WALSH'S
 SW12 GROVE
 SW12 NIGHTINGALE
 SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
 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
 SW18 OLD SERGEANT
 SW18 SPOTTED DOG
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE
 SW19 BREWERY TAP
 SW19 KINGS HEAD
 SW19 HAND & RACKET
 SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden
 Road
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL
 SW19 SULTAN
 SW19 TRAFALGAR
 SW19 WIBBAS DOWN INN
 CARSHALTON, GREYHOUND
 CARSHALTON, RAILWAY
 TAVERN
 CARSHALTON, WINDSOR
 CASTLE
 CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR
 CHEAM, RAILWAY
 KEW, COACH & HORSES
 KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER
 KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS
 KINGSTON, COCOANUT
 KINGSTON, CRICKETERS
 KINGSTON, FIGHTING COCKS
 KINGSTON, HOG & STUMP
 KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
 KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
 KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
 KINGSTON, RAM

KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS
 KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS
 KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
 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, DENBY DALE
 SURBITON, NEW PRINCE
 SUTTON, FIELDER & FIRKIN
 SUTTON, NEW TOWN
 WALLINGTON, WHISPERING
 MOON
 W1 BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street
 W1 CLEVELAND ARMS
 W1 JACK HORNER
 W1 MOON & SIXPENCE
 W1 MORTIMER ARMS
 W1 PRINCE ALFRED
 W1 WINDMILL
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD
 W3 KINGS HEAD
 W5 RED LION
 W5 ROSE & CROWN
 W5 WHEATSHEAF
 W6 ANDOVER ARMS
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
 W10 VILLAGE INN
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN
 W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE
 W12 MOON ON THE GREEN
 W13 DRAYTON COURT
 W13 THE FORESTER
 W14 RADNOR ARMS
 W14 WARWICK ARMS
 BRENTFORD, MAGPIE & CROWN
 CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD
 FELTHAM, MOON ON THE
 SQUARE
 HAMPTON, WHITE HART
 HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS
 HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART
 HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER
 HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE
 HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES
 HOUNSLOW, MOON UNDER
 WATER
 ISLEWORTH, COACH & HORSES
 ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS
 ISLEWORTH, RED LION
 ISLEWORTH, ROYAL OAK
 ISLEWORTH, VICTORIA
 SOUTHAALL, BEACONSFIELD
 ARMS
 TEDDINGTON, HOGARTH
 TEDDINGTON, QUEEN
 DOWAGER
 TWICKENHAM, KINGS ARMS
 TWICKENHAM, PRINCE ALBERT
 UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES
 WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON
 WHITTON, WHITE HART

OFF TRADE

W11 Grogblossom
CLUBS

W1 Polytechnic of Central London
 S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsover Street
 ISLEWORTH, Western Atlas Social
 Club

OUTSIDE LONDON

ADDLESTONE, CRICKETERS
 ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWER
 BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR
 BRIGHTON, SUSSEX YEOMAN
 CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING
 & QUEEN
 CHERTSEY, CASTLE
 CLAYGATE, FOLEY ARMS
 COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT
 CROXLEY GREEN, SPORTSMAN
 DENHAM (Bucks), LAMBERT ARMS
 EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS
 EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS
 EGHAM, PRINCE OF WALES
 EGHAM, WHITE LION
 KNEBWORTH (Herts), LYTTON
 ARMS
 KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL
 LALEHAM, FEATHERS
 LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS
 LONG DITTON (Surrey), NEW INN
 MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS
 MORTIMER WEST END (Hants),
 RED LION
 OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK
 OXFORD, WHARF HOUSE
 POTTERS BAR, CHEQUERS
 READING, HOBGOBLIN
 READING, HOP LEAF
 READING, HORSE & JOCKEY
 ROFFEY (Horsham), NORFOLK
 ARMS
 ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH &
 HORSES
 SALISBURY, WYNDHAM ARMS
 SHOREHAM BY SEA, CRAB TREE
 STEVENAGE, RED LION
 SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO
 ARMS
 STAFFORD, STAFFORD ARMS
 STAINES, BEEHIVE
 STAINES, CAVALIER
 STAINES, PHOENIX
 STOW MARIES (Essex), PRINCE
 OF WALES
 STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants), NEW
 INN
 SUNBURY, FLOWER POT
 SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK
 TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &
 FEATHERS
 WALTON ON THAMES, REGENT
 WEST HORSLEY (Surrey), KING
 WILLIAM IV
 WEYBRIDGE, JOLLY FARMER
 WORCESTER PARK, GAMECOCK
 WORTHING, VINE
 WRAYSLEY, PERSEVERANCE
CLUBS
 WATFORD, WEST HERTS SPORTS
 CLUB

THE SIXTEENTH



PIG'S EAR



BEER FESTIVAL



TUESDAY 2nd - SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 1997

at

OLD TOWN HALL, STRATFORD LONDON E15

REAL ALES, CIDERS & PERRIES, FOREIGN BEERS & SOFT DRINKS

LAUNCH: TUESDAY 4pm - 11pm

ALL DAY SESSIONS: WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY 11am - 11pm

FOOD: ALL SESSIONS

FREE CRECHE: SATURDAY 12 noon - 5pm

ADMISSION: TUES - THURS after 4pm £2 FRI after 4pm £3

SAT £2 all day. All other times admission FREE

**Card carrying CAMRA members TUES and SAT FREE,
£1 all other times.**