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E14 QUEENS HEAD  
E15 GOLDEN GROVE  
DAGENHAM, LORD DENHAM  
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SE1 COPPER  
SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
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SE1 MARKET PORTER  
SE1 OLD BRIDGE HOUSE  
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road  
SE1 TRINITY ARMS  
SE1 WHEATSHEAF  
SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall Street  
SE1 WINDMILL, 44 Lambeth High Street  
SE1 ZANZI BAR  
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SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE8 DOG & BELL  
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SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY  
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS  
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SE13 FOX & FIRKIN  
SE13 HOGS HEAD  
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS  
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### OFF TRADE

E18 Gales Off Licence, 204 High Road, Woodford Green  
SE3 Bitter Experience, 129 Lee Road  
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill

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WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS  
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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  
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N4 TAP & SPILE  
N6 OLD GATE HOUSE  
N7 TAPPIT HEN

N8 ELBOW ROOM  
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N13 WHOLE HOG  
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N16 EBOR ARMS  
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE  
N17 ELBOW ROOM  
N17 NEW MOON  
N19 DOG  
N21 DOG & DUCK  
N21 HALF MOON  
N21 ORANGE TREE  
N22 STARTING GATE  
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER  
BARNET, WHITE LION  
BARNET, YE OLDE MONKEN HOLT  
COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN  
EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE  
ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK  
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER  
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHAF  
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NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER  
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL  
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NW3 DUKE OF HAMILTON  
NW3 FLASK TAVERN  
NW3 THREE HORSESHOES  
NW4 CHEQUERS  
NW4 FOOTMAN & FIRKIN  
NW4 GREYHOUND  
NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL  
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NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS  
NW10 OUTSIDE INN  
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HAREFIELD, PLOUGH  
HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL  
HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS  
HATCH END, MOON & SIXPENCE  
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### OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street  
NW6 Grogblossoms, 235 West End Lane  
**CLUBS**  
NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB, Middlesex University Bus. School  
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## GUEST EDITORIAL

Now that Spring is in the air those of us with children start fancying a drive in the country, a walk through the woods and a superb pub lunch. Despite their father, my two children are well behaved and I enjoy taking them into pubs. We always go prepared – books, games and toys to keep them occupied etc. However, I would not inflict my offspring on anybody. In other words I want a pub that genuinely offers decent facilities for children. Decent facilities that are separate from the main body of drinkers. I am only too well aware that people often go into pubs to escape from the little darlings! In the summer I do not normally have a problem. Armed with my Beer Guide I studiously seek out hostels with the outdoor drinking area symbol. The guide clearly warns this may only be a bench out the front. However, usually we are satisfied and occasionally really pleased.

There are difficulties when the weather is not so reliable. Recently we ventured out to Box Hill and went for a drink at the superb King William IV. Excellent beer (Adnans, Hogs Back Tea, Pedigree) and a quality menu including vegetarian choices (makes a change from places where the kids menu is only burger and chips, chicken nuggets and chips or fish fingers and chips. What is wrong with offering a child's portion of the adult meal?).

We were intending to spend an hour or so, there. We really are good customers and would spend a fair amount in that time. Unfortunately, the pub only has a tiny room where children are allowed, and this was full. So we had to leave and take our custom elsewhere. After looking at a Fuller's pub in Epsom (conservatory full of smoke) we ended up at A Big Steak Pub in Ashted. Excellent children's facilities, pretty good beer, but it was like a MacDonalds in terms of food, pre-cooked and pretty horrible.

Maybe I am expecting too much. Excellent beer, excellent family facilities including an excellent range of food. Wait a minute, this sounds like the Prince of Wales, Stow Maries, Essex. If you haven't visited yet, I urge you to. Even my wife was mighty impressed "Best pub in that bloody guide!"

My wife usually drives so I drank about five pints, she had a couple of mineral waters and

a coffee. The children had cokes, orange juices and we all ate a hearty meal, in very pleasant surroundings - but not interfering with or bothering any of the drinkers in other parts of the pub. We spent a substantial amount of money - not that the pub was expensive - were made to feel welcome and will definitely visit again.

I realise of course that not all pubs are large enough to offer such delightful facilities for families, but there are many that can, choose not to, and then complain about lack of trade.

I often drink with friends and visit pubs in other parts of the country. At these times I am often annoyed to find children in pubs where they shouldn't be, e.g.. running around the main part of the bar.

However, I also often drink with my wife and children. At these times I look for a pub that is interested in providing for our needs. In other words I use pubs in different ways and for different purposes at different times. The common element is that I love decent beer. Surely my expectations aren't unreasonable? Given the number of pubs around the country, why aren't there more that offer a diverse range of facilities and services? Perhaps there are more like the Prince of Wales, Stow Maries. If you know of any pubs that genuinely offer facilities for children (not 'They'll be alright in the corner') then please write in and let me know.

**Alan Millington**

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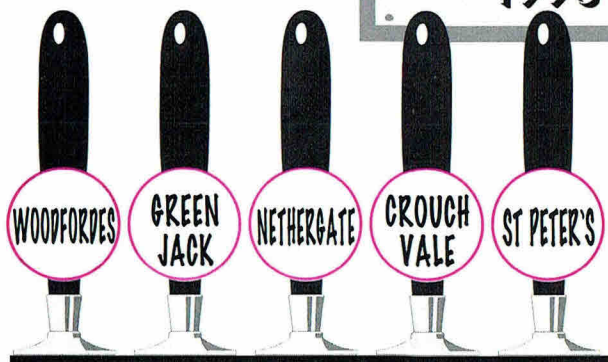
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## IDLE MOMENTS

This month you find me slightly more than usually idle, not because there's nothing to do - on the contrary, but as I'm in the middle of having a new kitchen installed and have no sink (or even drainage) there at present I'm virtually camping out in my study (sounds grander than spare bedroom - and besides, there's no bed in it). So enough of the idle chat, let's get on with the proper idleness.

I shall kick off once again with the brewery clerihews; I have been gratified at the response to this idea as after I put last month's column together I received another bagful from Robin Bolt who lives in South Croydon. I've included this one from him specifically because A.Chessplayer told me that there was no usable rhyme for "Barnes":

**King and Barnes**

**Spin some yarns**

**That Christmas Ale**

**Has now gone stale.**

And now here is another one from the aforementioned A.Chessplayer:

**Fuller, Smith and Turner**

**Have a nice little earner**

**Which is known far and wide**

**As Fuller's London Pride.**

And to finish this little bit we'll have another one from Brian Fletcher:

**Lorimer and Clark**

**Were heard to remark**

**When pounced on by Vaux**

**"They're predatory hawks"**

Now I should like to lead you on through the realms of the brewery anagram and I shall begin by enlightening you as to the solutions to last month's:

1. RAN ON RED EGG                      GREEN DRAGON
2. HE BURNT MA ON DLR                NORTHUMBERLAND
3. BLUNT DRAINS                      BURNTISLAND
4. VILE ORLOP                          LIVERPOOL
5. WE RISK W.I. CHAR                   WARWICKSHIRE

There, and now that we've got your minds directed at such matters here are some more to keep you going over Easter which this year, as we all know, is just about as early as it can get:

1. LEN BOILER
2. TENDER BIT
3. INCA TIT
4. HONK, SIS!
5. A SOW DOTES

Now I think we shall have a few more of the old cryptic Underground stations. Here are last month's answers to kick off with:

1. Conceal senior churchman underground - Canonbury
2. Watch out for arrows as you cross this thoroughfare - Bow Road
3. The gardener here is a pretty mean woman -Tufnell Park
4. Approach the top to reach the church - Upminster
5. In the shelter of the worn out veterans - Croyley

And here are some more for you to get your teeth into:

1. Make temporary repair to the lady's clothing.
2. The Street's Mr. Barlow is really heavy!
3. I've got no money, they've got it all!
4. Unlike most Escorts, this one isn't red.
5. Don't comment on her age or she'll put a spell on you.

This month I have subtitled 5BY4 "Just a Little Something I Put Together" as I have taken songs with titles based on the word "Little". All you have to do is match the song to the artist. As usual the answers will be found at the end of the column:

1. A Little In Love
  2. Little Children
  3. Little Black Book
  4. Little Town Flirt
  5. Little Arrows
  6. A Little Bit More
  7. Little Sister
  8. Little Things
  9. A Little Bitty Tear
  10. Little Lies
- A. Burl Ives  
B. Leapy Lee  
C. Del Shannon  
D. Billy J Kramer & the Dakotas  
E. Fleetwood Mac  
F. Cliff Richard  
G. Jimmy Dean

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H. Dave Berry

I. Dr. Hook

J. Elvis Presley

Now for the bit that I call Trivial Knowledge. It might not be trivial in all cases but it certainly is in this context. Anyway, here are last month's answers:

1. They walked on the Moon - the last people to do so, so far.
2. Gemini - the American two man space project
3. Abraham Lincoln - he got assassinated part way through the performance. Presumably his wife didn't, either.
4. Oxford Street
5. Nelson's Column
6. The Borough of Ealing
7. 1974
8. It was on 2nd September. (I know 'cos I started working for a living the on following day.)
9. The Bristol Britannia
10. Seven

And just to round things off, here are this month's questions:

1. In Victorian times, what did a "Pure Finder" do for a living?
2. Into how many volumes is the Domesday Book divided?
3. And where is the Domesday Book kept?

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## HAVE DRUNK - CAN COOK.

### (Omelettes from the Fridge)

I have always thought that there must be a lot of mileage in recounting readers' experiences in that well known field of eating after a skinful of beer. These could include anything to do with takeaways that have gone wrong for drink-related reasons. A classic example from one of my friends in Manchester springs to mind when, bearing his fish and chips for the long bus journey home, he first visited a cash dispenser in a deserted area; placed his meal in the cash area; tapped the wrong pin number three times, and the plastic screen came down, trapping his meal and swallowing his card. Hence no meal, no money and a long walk home!

I have a fund of stories of burnt pans, hideous concoctions from the fridge, which as we know always seem like such a good idea at the time. Sounds familiar? Let us know your stories. The best will be printed.

C.C.

4. Where is the official residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports?
5. The current Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports is the Queen Mother. Who immediately preceded her?
6. In 1889 the first town without a cathedral was granted the status of a city. Which city was it?
7. A fifteenth century dispute over precedence between two city livery companies led to a expression still in common speech. What is the phrase?
8. In what year did Lord Lucan disappear?
9. What national museum has its entrance at the same junction of the M42 as the NEC?
10. In 1983 Douglas Adams and John Lloyd published a small book which made place names more useful by giving them definitions. What is the name of this wonderful book which carries an orange sticker which reads "This book will change your life"?

Well, that's about it for another month; I'll just give you the answers to 5BY4 as promised:

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

And then we get the best bit:

Goodbye!

Andy Pirson

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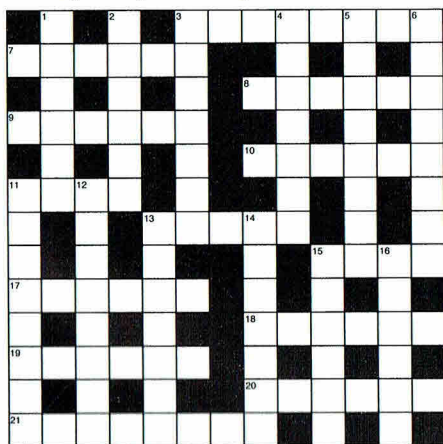
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# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

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Solution next month.

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London Drinker Crossword

25 Valens House

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## LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

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## ACROSS

3. I leave catering for horticulture. [8]
7. In the main he's quietly angry. [6]
8. Flower to point backwards. [6]
9. Bird shows standard decay. [6]
10. Tale little Evelyn into grim surroundings. [6]
11. Take top off and duck. [4]
13. Coach or other vehicle. [5]
15. A rather badly repaired instrument. [4]
17. Customer let in wrongly after early closing. [6]
18. Stand up to delinquent relative. [6]
19. Disregard characterless foreign gentleman. [6]
20. Season sauce, I hear. [6]
21. No point points having point. [8]

## DOWN

1. Road rage? It doesn't exist. [6]
2. Go round to look up damaged trap. [6]
3. We get at her. It happens all the time. [7]
4. Oriental festival name. [7]
5. It's sweet to have diamonds and money. [3,5]
6. Make a brew of green tea. [8]
11. No it's upturned cart with some kind of engine. [8]
12. In single shot men take in twice the atmosphere. [8]
13. It supports a climber. [7]
14. Admit you're a journalist. Cause a stir. [7]
15. Show desire over something glossy. [6]
16. Rebellion is increasing. [6]

Winner of the prize for the December Crossword:  
Richard Gregory, Faversham, Kent

Other correct entries were received from:

A, Aaba Aababa, Alison, Mark Antony, Tommy Atkins, John Blundell, Robin Bolt, Martyn Brown, Ben Burfutt, Fin Burns, Blessing Chipanga, A.P. Conaish, Chas Creasey, Kathryn Everett, Mike Farrelly, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, Jonty Hawkes, G. Hearne, John Heath, Graham Hill, Independent Imbiber, Chris James, Richard Jones (& his sister), Pete Large, Terry Lavell, John & Liz McGraw, M. Mackay, M.J. Moran, Al Mountain, Mick Norman, Rab Noolas with Bert, Nigel Parsons, Rod Prince, Kevin Reeve, Andy Schink, Super Scooper, B.J. Smith & Penny Worth, P.J. Smith, Old Smokey from Badger Country, Tarnya, Stephen & Jez, Bill Thackray, Paul Tiffany, Neil Walton, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, Susan Wilson, Hazel Woodhams, D. Woodward, Yak (heavy with child), Pater Yarlett, Zephaniah Zheithauk, Zoltan Zzyzzz.

There were also 10 incorrect entries.

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**ALL LONDON:** ADVANCE NOTICE: Please leave the following dates clear in your diary for Great British Beer Festival publicity crawls: Thu 26 June (evening); Sat 12 July (daytime); Tue 22 July (evening).

**LONDON PUBS GROUP.** Jeff Primm 0181-683 3832 (H) 0171-973 3096 (W): Wed 12 (8.00) Business Meeting. STAR, 6 Belgrave Mews West, SW1 (all interested members welcome).

**CROYDON & SUTTON.** Paul Everitt 0181-686 5053 (H & W): Thu 6 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon. Bring membership cards - Sat 8 (11.30) Joint Pub Crawl in Shoreham. Ring contact for details - Tue 11 Arundel Brewery Visit. Ring Steve Collins for details on 0171-930 4041 (work) - Sun 16 (12.00) Beer Festival Social. FIDDLER & FIRKIN, 14 South End, Croydon - Thu 27 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WINDSOR CASTLE, 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton.

**EAST LONDON & CITY.** Stephen Harris 0181-519 0163 (H) e-mail: [steve@pigsear.org.uk](mailto:steve@pigsear.org.uk): Mon 3 (8.00) Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. ARTILLERY ARMS, Bunhill Row, EC1 - Mon 10 (8.00) Branch Meeting. OLD SPOTTED DOG, 212 Upton Lane, E7 - Thu 13 (8.00) Social. BLACK LION, High Street, Plaistow, E13 followed by LORD STANLEY, E13 - Thu 27 (8.00) Social. MARKSMAN, Hackney Road, E2 followed by CAMDEN'S HEAD, Bethnal Green Road, E2 - Mon 7 April (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BIRKBECK TAVERN, Langthorne Road, E11.

**ENFIELD & BARNET.** Derek Smith 0181-805 1436 (H & W): Tue 4 (9.00) Social. WHITE SWAN, 243 Golders Green Road, NW11 - Fri 7 (6.30) Brewery Trip to Pitfield Brewery (fully booked!), 14 Pitfield Street, N1 - Tue 11 Branch Meeting. STAG, 1 Little Park Gardens, Enfield, EN2 - Thu 27 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pickup. THREE HORSESHOES, 1166 High Road, Whetstone, N20 - Tue 1 Apr (9.00) An Evening with the Bard; Tony's Birthday (Social). MOSS HALL TAVERN, 283 Ballard's Lane, North Finchley, N12 (NB - now called ELEPHANT INN).

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD.** Brian Bade 0181-549 7486 (H & Fax): Sun 2 (4.00) Festival Social. BOATERS INN, Canbury Gardens, Lower Ham Road, Kingston - Thu 6 (8.00) Business Meeting. ROYAL GEORGE, 130 Hersham Road, Hersham (NB: Walton on Thames BR station) - Sun 23 (12.30) Lunchtime Social. HOG & STUMP (formerly Flamingo Brewery), 88 London Road, Kingston.

**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) Branch Euston Crawl & Publicity Leafleting. FRIAR & FIRKIN, 120 Euston Road then NEPTUNE (9.00), 51 Werrington Street; HEAD OF STEAM (10.00), Euston Station Colonnade, all NW1 - Wed 17 to Fri 22 London Drinker Beer Festival. Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, WC1. See advert for details - Tue 25 (8.00) Two Pub Social. CANONBURY TAVERN, 21 Canonbury Place, N1 then MARQUESS TAVERN (9.00), 32 Canonbury Street - Tue 1 Apr (8.00) Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW.** Alistair Black 01932 780823 (H): Mon 3 (8.00) Good Beer Guide 1998 Final Selection Meeting. OLD SHIP, 3 King Street, Richmond (upstairs room) - Tue 11 (8.00) Committee Meeting. HOGARTH, 58 Broad Street, Teddington (open to all from 9.00) - Thu 13 (8.00) Joint Social/Quiz Night with West London & West Middlesex Branches. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford - Advance Notice: Wed 23 Apr (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Venue to be advised next month (probably Watermans Arms, Richmond).

**SOUTH EAST LONDON.** Andy Camroux 0181-854 1538 (H) 0181-331 8510 (W) e-mail: [a.camroux@greenwich.ac.uk](mailto:a.camroux@greenwich.ac.uk): Tue 4 (8.00) Catford Beer Festival Planning Meeting. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 105 Tanners Hill, SE8 - Mon 10 (8.00) Open Branch/Committee Meeting. MARKET PORTER, 8 Stoney Street, SE1 - Thu 13 Pitfield Brewery Visit. Contact Andy Camroux for more information - Fri 21 (from 6.00) Working Social at London Drinker Beer Festival - Thu 27 (8.00) Bromley Centre Pub Crawl. Meet at PARTRIDGE, High Street moving on to G. PAMPHILON and PHILATELIST & FIRKIN - Mon 7 Apr (8.00) Open Branch/Committee Meeting. DOG & BELL, 116 Prince Street, SE8

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX.** Andrew Clifton 01708 765150 (H): Wed 5 (8.30) Branch Meeting to select pubs for Good Beer Guide 1998. PLOUGH INN, off Sabines Road, Navestock Heath (OS: TQ538970).

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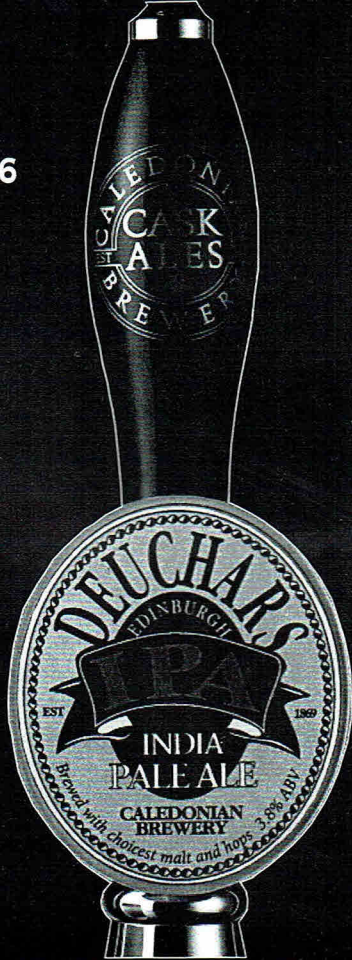
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**SOUTH WEST LONDON.** Martin Butler 0181-542 3158 (H & Fax): Sun 2 (10.30am) Open Branch Committee & Open Festival Committee Meetings; (11.00am) Branch Meeting. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Thu 27 (8.00) Social. WALSH'S (formerly Unity), 228 York Road, SW11.

**WATFORD & DISTRICT.** Tony Smith 01923 221155 (H & W) Fax: 01923 218625: Tue 4 (8.00) Chorleywood Walk About. GATE then WHITE HORSE (9.00); BLACK HORSE (10.00) - Mon 10 (8.30) Games Night. Shove Halfpenny at the VILLIERS, Oxhey - Thu 20 (9.00) Social. COMPASSES, Abbots Langley - Mon 24 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. FOX & HOUNDS, Rickmansworth.

**WEST LONDON.** Di Kehoe 0171-218 3141 (W): Thu 6 (8.30) Branch/Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. WARWICK ARMS, 160 Warwick Road, W14 - Thu 13 (8.00) Joint Social/Quiz Night with Richmond & Hounslow & West Middlesex Branches. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford - Wed 26 (9.00) Social. STAR, 6 Belgrave Mews West, SW1.

**WEST MIDDLESEX.** Dave O'Driscoll 0181-427 7498 (H) 0171-725 3035 (W): Sat 1 (10.00am) Branch day out to Oxford. Meet at Ealing Broadway station for 10:15 to Oxford (arr. 11:35). Train times from W. Ealing 10:02, Hanwell 10:04, Southall 10:08; change at Slough. Maximise travel card discounts please! - Thu 6 (8.30) Social. SEVEN BALLS, 743 Kenton Lane, Harrow Weald - Wed 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DRAYTON COURT, The Avenue, W13 - Thu 13 (8.00) Joint Social/Quiz Night with Richmond & Hounslow & West London Branches. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford - Tue 18 (8.30) Social. THE CROWN, Colham Green Road, Colham Green - Wed 26 (9.00) London Drinker Pickup. RED LION, St Marys Road W5.

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

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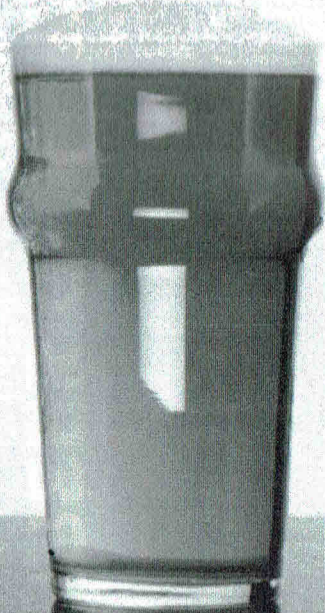
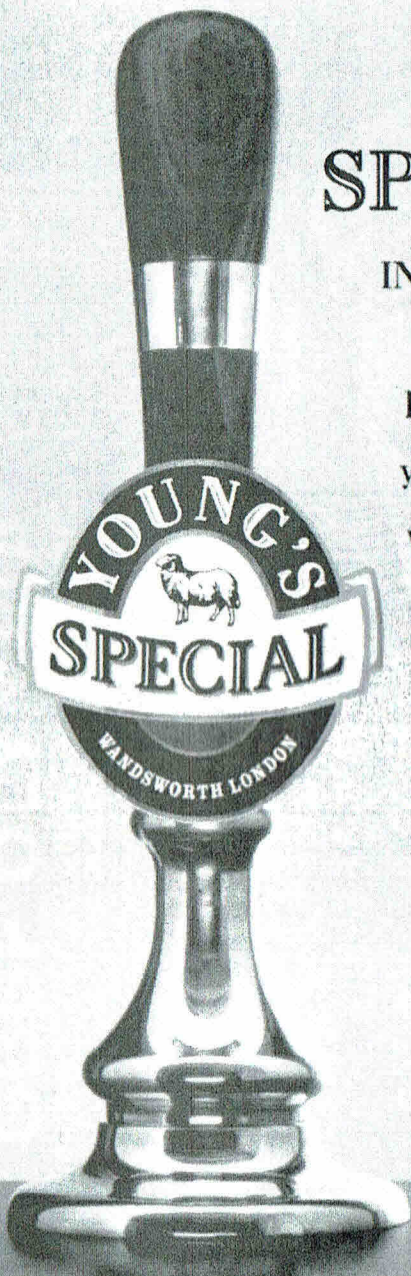
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## A PINT A DAY...

Sterile, free of toxic metals, isotonic and good for the heart, beer is undeserving of decades of bad press, says David Williams and Jeremy Philpott from The University of Cardiff.

Beer is one of the most ancient foods known to humankind. Grain was being fermented to brew beer as long ago as circa 3500 BC - 2000 years before it was used in baking bread. Used as payment, ration, or gift, beer has been drunk and celebrated by people all over the world for thousands of years. Up to 300 years ago it was safer to drink beer than surface water because the water used in brewing had been boiled, and until recently stout was frequently prescribed for post-natal women and the infirm.

Beer is a complete food, it contains water, carbohydrates, protein and micronutrients. The modest levels of alcohol in beer improve blood circulation, reducing the risk of heart disease for light drinkers compared with that for heavy drinkers and abstainers.

The main component of beer is water, which makes up 93 per cent of the beverage by weight. Ignoring any water derived from metabolism, a healthy 70kg adult human needs 2.1 litres of water per day, equivalent to about 4 pints.

Compared with other alcoholic drinks, beer is better able to quench thirst because it contains less alcohol per volume and its high water content more than compensates for its dehydrating effects. Moreover, since many beers are isotonic (i.e. they have the same osmotic pressure as body fluids), they have negligible impact on the water balance of the body.

Carbohydrates derived from malted barley also feature prominently in beer, which generally contains about 15g per pint. Less than 2g of this is fermentable sugar, the rest being dextrins (intermediate products obtained during the transformation of starch into maltose and D-glucose). Carbohydrates are a major source of energy; a pint of beer provides about 180 kcal (240 kcal for cola and 200 kcal for skimmed milk), though unlike other sugary foods such as jams and soft drinks it does not cause tooth decay.

In addition, beer includes a small quantity of dietary fibre - non-starch polysaccharides such as cellulose and pectin - compounds that make up plant cell walls. Stouts include just 1g of dietary fibre per pint, while lighter beers contain less than half of even that amount.

Contrary to popular opinion, however, beer

does not contain any fat. Rather, the pot bellies of heavy drinkers probably result from the effects of alcohol as an appetite stimulant. This is partly countered by the carbon dioxide content of beer, which encourages drinkers to imbibe the drink in small amounts with pauses, allowing time to satisfy their thirst. Carbonated drinks also promote stomach acid formation (helping digestion) and stimulate blood flow to the muscles, brain, lungs and kidneys. Nevertheless, those on a calorie controlled diet still need to reduce their beer consumption because the body preferentially burns the carbohydrates derived from beer rather than body fat.

One other fact about beer that may come as a surprise is its fairly high content of protein and vitamins. Beer contains about 2g of protein per pint, one-seventh of which occurs in the form of the constituent amino acids. Amino acids perform many important metabolic roles; for example, they are involved in activating enzymes, controlling the body's pH and converting energy for use in muscles. Malt is the main source of these amino acids, and beer brewed exclusively from malt, rather than those brewed using malt and adjuncts, are richest in protein.

Perhaps even more surprisingly, beer also contains nearly 4g per pint of water-soluble B vitamins, rich in niacin, pantothenic acid, pyridoxine and riboflavin, beer is relatively low in only two B vitamins, thiamine and biotin.

One of the other benefits of drinking beer is that unlike some other drinks, it contains relatively low levels of sodium.

The level of dietary calcium in beer is also generally low - only about half as much as in white wine - while the nitrate content of beer (5 ppm per pint) is well below the maximum level set by the World Health Organisation.

In addition, potentially toxic metals, such as cadmium, chromium, cobalt, lead, mercury and tin, are virtually absent. This is partly because breweries often use spring water, which is relatively free of chemical additives and which will have absorbed very little metal from old pipework. Another reason is that during fermentation the sulphur groups in the yeast act as a sponge for most of the heaviest metals, removing them from solution. Yeast cells are extremely sensitive to their environment and are readily poisoned by metals that are toxic to humans. Yeast is therefore a useful yardstick for

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**Steve and Charlie**  
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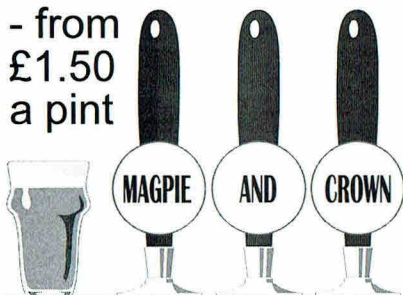
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## **LETTERS TO THE EDITORS**

Dear Editors,

### **SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL**

Confused, I am, and I am certain that there are others like me.

What is the point Brian Bade is making in last months London Drinker?

He begins his letter by supporting a previous article on this subject, and one which I am sure everybody, whether they are real ale drinkers or not, totally support. The loss of your 'local' either through closure or "being done up" is a matter for concern, but which side of the fence is Brian standing. Firstly, he supports the measure, but then admits to drinking in the new Hogshead (Druids Head) in Kingston. This is a town centre pub, recently 'done-up', and in no way can be called a local, except by lunchtime workers in the area. Secondly, can he explain why the local area Pub of the Year is the Two Brewers, yet another town centre pub.

Kingston is thankfully blessed with many locals, all of them serving a good pint of real ale. In my area in particular, we have the Wych Elm, Park Tavern, Willoughby Arms, all 'four-ale' houses, the latter even having a fifth, a 'Sunday Special' at £1.25 a pint.

Will Brian and his committee this year commit themselves to supporting our back street pubs? I for one await the guide listings and POTY nominations with interest.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Quiller

Kingston-Upon-Thames

Surrey

Dear Editors,

With reference to your "Roll of Honour" on page 38 of the current London Drinker. To the East of London JD Wetherspoon have 17 houses; of these 6 regularly serve re-cycled beer using the old scam of leaving a glass in the drip tray with spilt beer in it and this is then topped up and served to a customer. May I recommend the removal of this Company from your "Roll".

Yours sincerely

Pat Le Fevre

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the nutritional wholesomeness of a beer; if yeast has thrived to produce the beer, it is safe to drink.

Another metal that is found in relatively low concentrations in beer is aluminium. Aluminium is the most abundant metal in the Earth's crust and it is present in almost all foods. A survey by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food found that beers contain between 5 and 6500 pph of aluminium, with a median value around 100 pph (57 pg per pint). This is the same aluminium content as for canned cola, and 36 times less than occurs in tea.

Although background concentrations of aluminium are non-toxic to humans, some years ago a number of scientists endeavoured to prove a casual link between aluminium in the diet and Alzheimer's disease. Today the Alzheimer's debate is focused more upon vascular causes but the supposed threat from aluminium remains in the public perception. One perceived threat was thought to result from the storage of acidic beer in aluminium cans and kegs; in fact a protective lacquer prevents aluminium containers from being dissolved into the beer.

Besides its low metal content, another advantage of beer as a beverage is its antiseptic and sterile properties. In the 12th century, German monks added hops to their ale for medicinal purposes, while in the 14th century, hops were added to Flemish ale to create bitter tasting 'biere' a drink that could survive transport and storage without spoilage.

To this day beer travels better than milk or water as regards bacteriological contamination. Compounds called iso-x-acids, derived from hops in the copper boil have antibacterial properties and even the alcohol itself is an antiseptic. Moreover, the process of boiling the wort (the liquid extracted from the grains during mashing) before fermentation ensures that microbes are absent. Even on the rare occasions when the few species of bacteria that can survive in beer are present, they generally only compromise the taste and appearance of the beer rather than pose any serious risk to health.

As far as we know, drinking moderate amounts of beer has no adverse effects on health; the UK brewing industry is controlled and regulated by more legislation than the sum of the controls over the pharmaceutical and radiochemical industries.

Indeed, research now reliably suggests that drinking moderate amounts of beer may even be beneficial for health. Work published in the

1970s first suggested a casual link between modest alcohol intake (an average of one pint of beer per day) and a reduced incidence of heart disease. People who drank a small amount of beer or wine seemed to be at a lower risk from heart attacks than those who abstained completely. These findings were remarkable, but critics explained the data as 'skewed' because the sample population of abstainers included former heavy drinkers who had given up drinking due to heart disease or other health complications.

More recent studies have connected for the potential skewing of data from the abstaining population and have still found those who drink an average of 14 units of alcohol per week (equivalent to seven pints of beer) are at less risk from heart disease than those who drink heavily or not at all. In 1991, for example, a report in the *Lancet* noted that drinking alcohol increased the amount of various fractions of high density lipoproteins (HDL) in the bloodstream, 'associated with a reduced risk of coronary artery disease'.

Another well known benefit of moderate alcohol consumption is its link to a reduced incidence of gallstones. These normally form when bile becomes supersaturated with cholesterol. Research suggests that alcohol can decrease the amount of cholesterol the body produces, reducing the tendency for gallstones in form.

The liver of a 70kg human can process 7g of alcohol per hour (about half a pint), up to a maximum of 150g over 24 hours. The occasional heavy drinking bout causes no lasting damage (provided that driving, machinery and traffic are avoided). Persistent heavy drinking however, results in heart disease, cirrhosis of the liver, obesity, impaired control and response times, behavioural changes and problems in family or social life.


But although alcohol is chastised for its addictive properties and harmful effects on health when taken in excess, smoking poses far greater health risks. UK Home Office statistics for 1990 show that smoking was responsible for nearly four times as many deaths as alcohol in the UK (11,000 as opposed to 30,000).

It is way past time then to dispel some of the myths about beer. When used as part of a balanced diet, beer is beneficial for health and the infrequent mishap resulting from a little over-indulgence is no reason to brand beer as contrary to our well-being.

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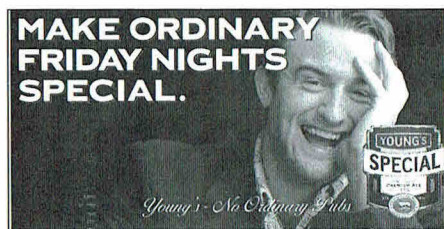
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## YOUNG'S BECOME STREETWISE

Young's, the south London real ale brewers, have hit the streets of the capital for the first time with a £500,000 poster campaign.

Two 48-sheet posters will be appearing on more than 200 prime sites during February, March and April.



*Young's first two posters, now going up at more than 200 sites in and around London.*

The advertising campaign – the biggest in Young's 166-year history – will concentrate on the brewery's flagship beer brand, Young's Special, with a little help from its stablemate, Young's Bitter, which is popularly known as Ordinary.

One of the first two posters in a series that is set to continue in the summer and the autumn invites drinkers to "Make Ordinary Friday Nights Special" and also bears the slogan "Young's – No Ordinary Pubs."

Young's sales and marketing director Stephen Goodyear said: "This is our first poster campaign for seven years.

"We want to remind drinkers in and around London that we produce the capital's finest traditional ales, served in extraordinarily good pubs."

The previous campaign, in 1990, featured brewery chairman John Young, disguised as Lord Kitchener, in advertisements on London Underground and in trade and local newspapers.

That campaign, which carried the message "You need Young's beers", coincided with the Government's decision to give pubs owned by the national brewers the right to stock a real ale from an independent brewer.

The new posters have been created for Young's by Galloway & Company, of Lots Road, Chelsea, and the poster sites bought by Pawson Media of Holborn.

Young's have 180 pubs, wine bars and restaurants in the Home Counties. The poster campaign will be concentrated in London – especially in areas around Young's pubs and along commuter routes – but will also spread out of the capital as far as Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Surrey, Sussex and Essex.

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## TOP 8 DESERT ISLAND BEERS

1. Hopback Summer Lightning - quite simply an orgasm in a glass - now also available in the bottle. Often imitated, never surpassed.
2. Adnams Bitter. Southwold must be heaven on earth. If I move to Suffolk, it must be near an Adnam's pub.
3. Woodfordes Wherry. Truly a magnificent beer. The Brewery Tap is worth a visit.
4. Spingo Medium/Middle. The Blue Anchor at Helston. A superb strong beer at the best of the four original brew pubs left in the 70s. Still brilliant.
5. Batemans XXB. We played football against Stuart Bateman's Bulldogs and were always soundly thrashed. Still this beer helped dull the pain.
6. Hook Norton Bitter. Just a superb beer. Drink it in The Butchers Arms, Balcote, Oxford. You won't need to go anywhere else.
7. G.F.B. John Gilbert's (I think he's God!) first brew. I first drank this in the Wyndham Arms, Salisbury. Why couldn't other brewers do this?
8. Yates Bitter. On our way back from Bateman's (see 5) we stopped at The Eagle, Boston and discovered this delightful pale beer. We were late home.

Alan Millington

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## EAST END NEWS

The City is the area this month to highlight the ongoing trend to name and re-name pubs. The Rising Sun (EC4) has returned to its original name after being called the Hedgehog & er ..... something or other. The New Market (EC1) has been the Newmarket Hotel and the Newmarket Tavern but is now the Frog and Fiddle and opens 11-11 Mon-Fri only. The link between frogs and fiddles evades me for the moment. A fiddle is possibly on the coat of arms of most MP's? In Old Bailey, EC4, the pub the Old Bailey has been re-named Shamus O'Donnell's and another bar has sprung up at number 32 called McGovern's. The Irish theme continues in Carter Lane where at number 56 is Ryan's Pub House. In Knightbridge Street the Horns is now St Pauls Wine Vaults. Handpumps are not used to pull wine so they have been removed. The Queens Head is now the Reina, Wine, Pub and Tapas Bar. Back in EC1 at 55 Charterhouse I have spied a bar called Abbaye and it describes itself as a Belgium Brasserie, Beer & Mussel Bar. It sells the draught beers from Stella Artois, Leffe Blonde and Brun. Hoegaarden and Belle Vue Kriek. The latter beer being described as flavoured with cherries in oak vats. Staying in EC1 the Ye Olde Red Cow will shortly be a Shepherd Neame pub. Bilbo Baggins Beer & Banjo Emporium downsized (another flash word for becoming smaller) and was re-named Baileys, it has now gone.

Leaving the City in E3 the Bow Bells is for sale whilst nearly opposite the Little Driver's three handpumps never have pumpclips turned toward the customers. In E7 Micky Finn's has reverted to commercial use and the Live & Let Live's guest beer policy has been discontinued following the arrival of a new landlady. Bass though still is available at 175p. Toby keg can be had for a pound. Overpriced? Who said that?

Having lived my adult life in the East End I always bemoan the quality of pubs here. Seemingly everywhere I go there are little gems of pubs serving good beer from the small brewer, the Priory Arms south of the water, the Sultan, Crystal Palace Tavern, Wenlock Arms, Magpie & Crown in Brentford, Station Arms in Southminster etc, are all pubs I would like as a local. Sadly 66% of the pubs in Bow are keg and most of the others are not interested in the real ale cause. Recently I found another thanks to a friend that I was visiting. The Lord Stanley in

Peckham, and the landlord's name is, I suspect, Rodney, though everyone calls him Dave. There's a connection there somewhere, but I don't suppose his surname is Trotter. Lovely pub full of locals and food on a Saturday! Nethergate's Umbel Magna and Saddlers from Highgate were available as well as Ruddles Best and London Pride.

**Keith Emerson**

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## PUB WITH A HEART

The Waggon and Horses in Surbiton has reached the last three in the Greater London finals of the Heart of the Community Award. Joe and Brighid who have run the pub since 1967 have ensured that, through their unremitting hard work and commitment to good causes, the Waggon has become a true heart of the community pub and have raised over £100,000 for charity.

They have not singled out any particular good cause since there are so many, instead Joe's fund raising talents have been directed to a wide range of interests and priorities. Charities such as Children In Need, Poppy Appeal, relief in Romania as well as Victim Support, the local hospice and hospitals have all benefited.

Despite all this activity Joe and Brighid have not lost sight of the importance of the Waggon as a local hostelry and were finalists in the 1995 Greater London Pub of the Year, Kingston and Leatherhead branch's 1996 Pub of the Year and appears in the 1997 Good Beer Guide. They have also won prizes in the local flower festival in 1989 from Young's Brewery in 1994 and the London Gardener's Society in 1995 for hanging basket displays.

**Ian Amy**

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## DEATH OF A PRINCESS

The Princess Louise, the well known freehouse in High Holburn, WC1, currently owned by Regent Inns will become part of the Samuel Smith's London tied estate in October.

It is to be hoped that this well-preserved Victorian pub, built in 1872, and currently serving a range of real ales does not suffer the same fate as the rest of the Samuel Smith pubs in London with the loss of real ale and the substitution of Nitro-keg.

As further information becomes available London Drinker will keep London drinkers informed.

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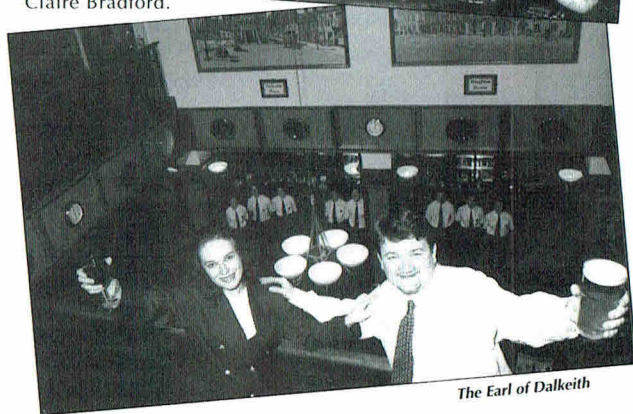
Wetherspoon has opened two pubs within seven miles of each other – at Kettering and Wellingborough.

More than £1.6 million has been spent building The Earl of Dalkeith and The Red Well.

The Red Well in Silver Street, Wellingborough is run by Mark Davies and Tracey Meakin-Davies, and The Earl of Dalkeith in Dalkeith Place, Kettering, by Simon and Claire Bradford.



*The Red Well*



*The Earl of Dalkeith*

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- Unnamed – 5-9 Burgate, Canterbury (February 26)
- The Babington Arms – 11-13 Babington Lane, Derby (February 28)
- The Picture House, Bridge Street, Stafford (February 28)
- The Drapers Arms – 30-32 Fawcett Street, Sunderland (March 6)
- The Baron Cadogan – 22-24 Prospect Street, Caversham (March 7)
- The Hope Tap – 99-105 Friar Street, Reading (March 12)
- The Opera House, 48-60 Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells (March 13)
- The Yarrowborough Hotel, Bethlehem Street, Grimsby (April 3)
- Unnamed – Cannon Street, Dover (April 10)
- Unnamed – High Road, Leytonstone (April 18)
- The Counting House – 67-71 Reform Street, Dundee (May 2)
- Unnamed – 185 Lower Road, Rotherhithe, London (May 2)
- The Lord Rosebery – 85-87 Westborough, Scarborough (May 2)
- Unnamed – 62-66 George Street, Edinburgh (May 16)
- Unnamed – 153 High Street, Burton-on-Trent (May 30)
- Unnamed – 15/16 The Strand, Torquay (May 22)
- Unnamed – 5 Castle Street, Aberdeen (May 30)
- Unnamed – No 1 Poultry, London EC2 (June 20)
- Unnamed – 198-204 High Street, Lewisham (July 12)
- Unnamed – 42 Midland Road, Bedford (September 15)

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234-236 The Broadway, Bexleyheath

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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO inflation hit CAMRA! The yellow cover of March 1982's 24 page issue of London Drinker bore a price reflecting a 20% increase – to 12p.

The “gremlins” in the system were obviously not peculiar to the period when I was on the Editorial team. An apology appeared for entrants to the December Crossword Competition. The entries were collated, and inadvertently sent to the wrong address. The anonymous apologist said optimistically “There is a chance they can be recovered, in which case the competition can go ahead.”

Mentioning gremlins, their electronic counterpart were featured in a short item. Remember Space Invaders? This issue reported that the intrusive machines were on their way out, the number in various establishments being reported as having dropped from 5,800 to 4,600. During what period of time was not indicated, and as the source of information was Morning Advertiser the figures were presumably national.

Under the headline “Great Yorkshire Turn About” came the announcement: “A rush by national brewers to push the least attractive of their northern beers in the London market has at last taken a turn for the better. Webster, the Halifax subsidiary of the Watney and Truman giant, Grand Metropolitan – should soon have their Yorkshire Bitter (og 1037) available in cask – conditioned form in about 100 London pubs.” Elsewhere in the edition fifteen outlets were named from a brewery-produced list, nothing appearing from either E, or S.E. postal districts.

TEN YEARS AGO the March 1987 edition used green as its theme colour, and the cover advertised the London Drinker Beer Festival whose successor is mentioned in this issue.

This was a 24 page issue which announced the opening on February 17th of that year, of David Bruce's ninth pub. The Phantom and Firkin in Plaistow had been an Allied pub, the Red Lion, and its purchase had been delayed by the previous owners misplacing vital documentation. The name referred to a reputed haunting there, and it was later renamed the VILLAGE IN PLAISTOW by its

second subsequent owner Wessex Taverns.

The Editorial discussed the need to increase permitted hours, which were due for review at the end of the month.

The Brewers Arms, Lewes, fell under scrutiny in a pub profile.

The Star and Garter, Putney, a Courage house, had re-opened after £200,000 refurbishment.

The 17th J.D.Wetherspoon had opened – the White Lion of Mortimer in Finsbury Park.

FIVE YEARS AGO purple was the theme colour that greeted readers of the 40 page March 1992 L.D, on both covers and one inside page. The front bore brief details of the London Drinker Beer Festival, the back those of the 5th “Beer on Broadway” at Ealing Town Hall.

In his Editorial, Chris discussed a largely neglected facility in many pubs, the WCs which in many cases were sub-standard, in some cases disgraceful. He quoted the worst example he knew - 18 years before - Becky's Dive Bar in Southwark. Many years since, this original haven of guest beers from outside London is, in its umpteenth re-incarnation as the Hop Cellars, is improved in all respects beyond recognition.

“Idle Moments” featured a non-rhyming limerick, the first after a long gap. The numbers puzzle appeared as usual, and was followed by a new idea from Mike Gigg: to find, or invent, a word which hardly ever need be used – his example was a collective noun for hermits – a Lonesome. Brewery anagrams followed, then trivia, brain teasers and finally another from Mike named above, fitting in a missing line from a TV advert jingle of the early 70s, ending “For less than half a crown”.

Wetherspoon's had sold 5 pubs to Devenish, and were about to open 5 others.

Young's Ship in Wandsworth had won the Evening Standard Pub of the Year Award. The company had bought the lease of the Bunch of Grapes, Southwark. A number of Bass pubs were to take Young's beers. Their Winter Warmer had won the Cask Conditioned Beer Championship Trophy in the Brewing Industry International Awards.

It was announced that the next Great British Beer Festival was to be at Olympia,

where it has been each subsequent August.

The centre spread constituted a programme for the 1992 LD Beer Festival.

CAMRA had asked the then Chancellor, Norman Lamont, not to increase the duty on beer. I hope whoever fills his place after the next Election will not only do just that, but reduce it in line with our European so-called partners. But somehow I doubt it.

Ian Knowles produced a crawl of Croyley, visiting 8 pubs with a choice of 14 beers.

An un-named writer gave a review of Czechoslovak beers. Draught Budweisser Budvar sales in the UK were running at record levels and still going fast.

Dave O'Driscoll presented a crawl around Keston, comprising 3 pubs in what had previously been considered a beer desert.

The Rossetti (Fullers) in St John's Wood, a modern building, had been presented the North London Branch's Pub of the Year Award, having been in the GBG for 16 consecutive years – it has since been demolished.

Until April –  
Cheers

**Martin Smith**

## FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

<b>6-9 Mar</b>	<b>Oxford</b> Folly Bridge Inn Abingdon Road, Oxford
<b>7-8 Mar</b>	<b>Somerset</b> Taunton Rugby Club
<b>19-21 Mar</b>	<b>London Drinker</b> Camden Centre Bidborough Street, WC1
<b>24-26 Apr</b>	<b>Beer on Broadway</b> Ealing Town Hall New Broadway, W5
<b>25-26 Apr</b>	<b>Chippenham</b> Studio Hall Olympiad Leisure Centre Chippenham
<b>1-4 May</b>	<b>Ongar</b> Budworth Hall, Ongar
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## THE NAME GAME

During a recent car journey I was pondering on the idiosyncrasies behind pub names. As they are not decided on a whim I reflected on the procrastination and thought processes that gave the powers that be the idea for a house's name. Some, I remembered had no rhyme or reason to them but are none the worse for that. Many of us are not far from the usual stock in trade of Rose and Crowns, White Harts, Ploughs and suchlike but rarer indeed is the pub with the really memorable name.

How about this lot for the quirky and unusual: "The World Turned Upside Down" (Old Kent Road); "Leg of mutton & Cauliflower" (Ashted, Surrey); "The Green Man & French Horn" (Upper St Martins Lane, WC2); "Old Father Thames" (Embankment); "The Labouring Boys" (Isleworth) and my favourite "The Little B" (Sale, Cheshire). The last of these got its name to avoid confusion with a larger pub nearby, known - you guessed it - as "The Big B". Now "The Big B" is no more and "The Little B" is not so little, having had extensions built recently. It's a funny old world.

Many of these names are long standing and therefore owe nothing to the mania, particularly of the (late) Magic Pub Company, of dropping an established house's respectable moniker in favour of a silly gimmicky name. I refer, in part, of course to the rash of Pickled Newts, Hungry Horses and other laughably poor names given to perfectly decent establishments recently.

Of course, many pubs have unique names because of their history or that of the area in which they are situated. Even in built-up areas you find the usual Fox & Hounds, Woolpack, Plough, Harrow etc. with a rural reference maybe harking back to a bygone age when the area really was a country one and these things were part and parcel of everyday life in their area. The more esoteric names are anybody's guess; the World Turned Upside Down may be a reference to a former publican who imbibed a little too much!

Then there are the ones named after past royalty or nobility. Readers may see the occasional "Prince of Wales" or "Queens Head" near them and then wondered why the sign doesn't bear any resemblance to the present incumbents of those titles. The reason, I believe, is that the Royal Family cannot endorse any commercial enterprise by lending their name to a business. Some royals, as today, are more popular with sign painters and owners than others; chances are that if a pub is called the Queens Head", then the head in question is that of Victoria or Alexandra and not Mary or Elizabeth the First. There is, after all, a Queen Victoria in Albert Square! A "Prince of Wales" is likely to be Victoria's successor, Edward the Seventh and not he who abdicated in 1936. Even Prince Albert is the favoured consort as prince consorts (Should that be princes consort? - Ed.) go.

It is still unusual for pubs to be named after actual living people but, if anything, cricketers have a slight leading edge here. A hostelry in Yorkshire rejoices in the name "Fiery Fred" after Mr. Trueman who was reported to be "dead chuffed" when told of the news and, love him or loathe him, a free house in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire honoured "Sir" Geoffrey Boycott with a permanent debt of gratitude. "It's right champion that" Geoff may've said when he was told.

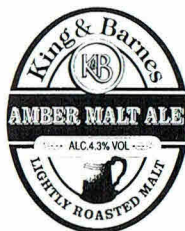
If pubs derive their names from locality or local history, it occasionally happens that the pubs themselves are so long established at that location that the area around the tavern takes on the name of the pub. The A3 in Surrey passes close to a former pub, now a restaurant called the "Cap in Hand" - a pretty mundane name you might think, until you know that the roundabout near the place is still known as the "Ace of Spades" even though the pub of that name has been gone many (JJ) moons ago.

So here's to the refreshingly weird, the decidedly odd and the interestingly individual. They brighten up a pub world full of the bland and the dull!

Al Ferrier

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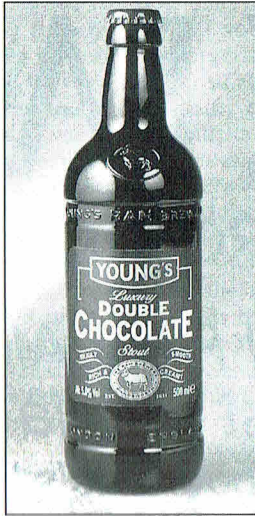
The best chocolate this Easter will be pouring out of beer pumps and bottles rather than coming shaped like eggs or rabbits.

Young's the south London independent brewers, have announced that **Double Chocolate Stout** will be the first of this year's programme of seasonal beers.

It is brewed at 5.0 per cent alcohol by volume, using two kinds of chocolate – including 1lb bars of Cadbury's Dairy Milk.

Young's head brewer, Ken Don, who devised the new recipe, is using 10 per cent chocolate malt, 85 per cent pale ale malt and 5 per cent sugar, along with Fuggles, Goldings and Styrian hops.

Cask-conditioned Double Chocolate Stout will be available from 17th March until the end of April. It is also on sale in 500ml bottles in supermarkets such as Asda and off-licences including Oddbins from February.



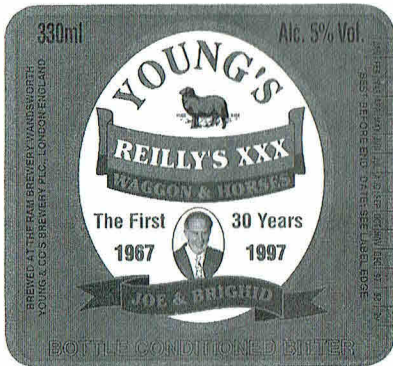
The summer season concludes with the return of **Dirty Dick's Ale** for six weeks from the beginning of September. This 4.1 ABV bitter was first produced two years ago to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Dirty Dick's, a Young's pub in Bishopsgate, City of London.

Young's have also been testing a number of existing beers in bottled conditioned form.

The tests are now going public with the introduction of a special bottled bitter called **Reilly's XXX** to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Joe and Brigid Reilly as tenants of the Waggon and Horses, a Young's pub in Surbiton. The 5.0 ABV brew is a bottled-conditioned version of the popular RamRod, which is available both in bottles and on draught.

Meanwhile, Young's bottled Export Bitter (6.4ABV) has been renamed **Special London Ale**, the name it has been known by in the United States for many years. It has also been given a smart new label depicting the London skyline.

Special London Ale has been described by top beer writer Michael Jackson as "one of the world's great beers" and by the Sunday Express as "liquid hops".



It will be followed on the bars in Young's pubs and in free houses by another new draught seasonal beer, Young's **Oregon Amber**, brewed at 4.0 ABV. This beer, brewed with Fuggles hops from the American state of Oregon, is described as a cross between ale and lager.

Oregon Amber will be replaced at the end of June, in Young's pubs only, by Young's **Wheat Beer**, a Belgian-style, naturally cloudy brew (4.0 ABV) which made its debut last year. Its ingredients include coriander and orange zest.

This year, the naturally conditioned Wheat Beer will be stored not in casks but in kegs, as Continental wheat beers are, to help retain its sparkle and refresh drinkers in the middle of summer.



## UPPER STREET, N1 PUBS

The Bar Central (Islington High Street; new last issue) is now called Bar Tizane Talkabout Inn (N1 132) renames from Outback Inn – at least its fifth name in five years.

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## BOSTON BREWPUB BULLETIN

A short time ago Enfield & Barnet Branch CAMRA member **Laurence Fryer** took a trip to the Boston area and while he was there he sampled a few beers. Happily, he stayed sufficiently compos mentis to write us a report of his findings. And very detailed they are too - in fact so detailed that we are having to split them over two months. Here is the first part of Laurence's findings.

Since spring 1995 around half a dozen new brewpubs have opened up within the Boston area. Boston is without a doubt the hub of the mini and micro brewery revolution in the New England area of the north east USA; there are now seven brewpubs in the Boston-Cambridge districts with four more in the metropolitan area.

Despite the wide, some may say dazzling, array of different beers now being enjoyed by thirsty New Englanders, the brewpubs mostly follow a common formula.

Typically you'll be greeted at the door, similar to a restaurant over here; the assumption is always made that you have come there to eat. If you decline you will be shown to the bar. Not surprisingly, most brewpubs make their brewery something of an exhibition and will, if the building allows, site the equipment prominently behind glass screens. You'll find the ubiquitous cable/satellite TV or two. A single bar with stools and an array of taps and even, believe it or not, a handpump or two!

In Britain we're familiar with the usual brewery T-shirt or sweatshirt; over there things are not done by halves. Firstly, each beer often will have its own designer T-shirt or sweatshirt plus one or two featuring the brewpub and its logo. It doesn't stop there; there are pint (16oz) glasses again with beer or brewery logos, denim jackets - the list is endless. Generally, all the merchandise is contained within glass cabinets in a separate section with its own assistant. It's a long way from having busy barstaff with wet hands rummaging through a pile of T-shirts out the back as happens here.

Some brewpubs offer live music at weekends. They all seem to have piped music and TVs, however. The food, despite the array of sauces, is wholesome, good value and plentiful.

If you intend travelling around Boston forget the car; as America's oldest city, Bostonians can sympathise with London's traffic chaos. There's no funnier sight than tourists (I'm told Texans bring the biggest cars into town) trying to negotiate roads little wider in some places than a Soho street, in a Cadillac. So do yourself a favour and buy an MBTA Visitor's pass; it allows you use of the whole underground/tram network (known as the T), buses and inner area railways. It costs \$5.00 and works like a London bus pass. You simply scratch out the date and off you go; they are sold in central Boston and at Airport station. In addition you can use it to get discounts on entry to a number of Boston attractions, including, I kid you not, the Computer Museum. Also recommended are the whale watching trips from the Aquarium (cash only) and the Museum of Science Omnimax Theatre. You weren't going to drink and drive anyway, were you? The law is equally as tough on drink driving as it is in Britain. Get a bus map too, they're free and are about the most detailed and accurate you can get. US cartography can leave you wishing the Ordnance Survey had done their bit over there before we handed it back to the colonists. Even the bus stops don't always have the route numbers on them.

Okay, you're primed and ready for the pubs.... (Sorry, I have to disappoint the anoraks; most - not all - of the beers are chilled, pasteurised, carbonated and filtered. What do you expect at 40 degrees latitude!?)

Ratings:

(\*) Don't leave home for it; (\*\*) Make it an early night; (\*\*\*) You need the walk there; (\*\*\*\*) Take the next day off; (\*\*\*\*\*) Check if they're hiring staff.

In no particular order we'll begin at

### **NORTH EAST BREWING COMPANY**

Converted from a Chinese restaurant in June '96, the brewery is situated inside a greenhouse in the centre of the dining area. The bar runs the length of the left wall and serves up around six house beers. N.E.B.C. partner Scott Patten took us on a tour of his baby. Whilst the brewhouse is clear for all to see, the conditioning takes place in a huge

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Gary & Nicky thank all those who recently voted The Priors Arms:

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vault at the rear of the cellar. Like many older commercial properties in Boston, there is a large cellar. The front section was in use as a dining and dancing area and will feature, when the money starts rolling in, music again.

But what of the beers? I tried a small glass of **Bostonian Blonde** (\*), brewed for the Bud drinker, this will not disappoint undemanding palates. **Nor-Easter Pale Ale** (\*\*\*) brewed with Cascade hops is a very quenchable beer and is sure to be a firm favourite with the regulars. **Lobsterback IPA** (\*\*\*\*) IPAs are big in Boston and this is no exception; we're not talking about the limp-wristed slush we're dosed with over here - this stuff is built to do the real thing. If N.E.B.C. were thinking of shipping some to India I might take up piracy! **Triple Black Wheat** (\*\*\*) The Belgians meet Burton Ale might best describe this unusual brew. Brewed with 90lbs of blackcurrant, black raspberry and blackberry. The blurb says "We combine this with Cascade hops and four types of malts to deliver a one kind of balance." The only one balance I can think of is "Im!" Untried were Black Sow Stout and MacFearsome Scotch Ale.

North East Brewing Company, 1314 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston 01234. Tel: (617) 566 6699, Facsimile (617) 277 1334, email: nbrewing@aol.com. Directions: Take the Green (B) line to Grigg Street Station. You will have to count the stops from Boston College as subsequent stops are unnamed.

### BREW MOON

This is a very modern, almost Scandinavian, style of bar with high curved divisions to screen drinkers into sections. Tegestologists among you will find the drip mats great. On tap are the following beers:

**Boston Special Reserve** (\*\*) Although an all-malt brew we found it light, thin and disappointing. Onto **Brewmaster Special** (\*) Unfortunately like the Special Reserve, it too we found to be thin and undemanding. We next tried **Grasshopper IPA** (\*\*\*) described as a medium bodied, fruity IPA. We wouldn't disagree; it also had a good hoppy aroma. We finished with **Orions Red Ale** (\*\*\*); this cherry coloured brew we found both malty and refreshing. In conclusion the

beers here are brewed to be on the conservative side as the bar is in the heart of theatreland. The food is good and there's no fuss if you want one meal split into two. We tried Jambalaya, probably out of curiosity from hearing it mentioned in the old Carpenters song. Brew Moon's sister pubs can be found in Harvard and Saugus.

Brew Moon, 115 Sturt Street, Boston. Tel: (617) 742 5225.

### FORT HILL BREWHOUSE (Mike Munroe's)

Opened in May 1996, formerly a truck loading bay. The back wall is composed of stone blocks from the original fort nearby; you enter via a steel walkway over and through the brewery. Whilst the decor is minimal, the welcome is anything but. The bar sports eleven home-brew beers on tap and a good selection of home-cooked meals. Customers can relax as there are plenty of copies of the beer list available; they even state starting gravity, ABV (alcohol by volume), the SRM (No, I don't know this rating), colour and International Bitterness Units (IBUs) or hoppiness for non-techies.

Barstaff have to know their stuff as each beer is denoted only by its own coloured tap. **Light Ale** (\*\*) 4%ABV, 11IBU. Just as it says, a light refreshing ale. **Czech Pilsner** (\*\*\*) 4.75%ABV, 26IBU. A typical American amber ale with a good hop nose. **Pale Ale** (\*\*\*) 5.25%ABV, 28IBU. Full bodied, a crisp dry pale benefitting from three stage hopping with Cascade hops. **Red Ale** (\*\*\*) 5%ABV, 23IBU. Fruity and well balanced with Willamette and Cluster hops. **American Wheat** (\*\*\*\*) 5.6%ABV, 16IBU. Unfiltered and slightly cloudy with Hallertau hops and 60% wheat; don't let the slice of lemon fool you, it's 100% beer! **India Pale Ale** (\*\*\*\*) 6.5%ABV, 45IBU. Robust and fearsome, this stuff would make it to India and back! Untried: Raspberry Ale 4%ABV, 10IBU. Brown Ale 5.5%ABV, 23IBU. Porter 6%ABV, 30IBU. Oatmeal Stout 5.5%ABV, 29IBU. I couldn't finish without mentioning the names of some of their wines: Frog Leap Cabernet Sauvignon, Wild Horse Pinot Noir. Non merci!

Fort Hill Brewhouse, 125 Broad Street, Boston. Tel: (617) 695 9700.

*To be concluded*

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## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 121

This month sees seven new pubs reported including the latest Regent Inns Free House in SW17 Tooting; a Marston owned "Pitcher & Piano in N1 Islington and a new Yates's Wine Lodge in Hounslow. The latest Allied non-brewing Firkin conversion is also in Tooting and Bass has converted another Goose & Granite in West Sutton. Name changes continue apace including the Flamingo brewpub in Kingston and several Irish conversions. Shepherd Neame have acquired two pubs in EC1 Smithfield and SW1 Pimlico but has closed one in E8 Hackney. Eldridge Pope's only remaining London pub in EC4 no longer dispenses beer. Two more road houses have been lost to McDonalds restaurants in Southall and Longford.

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page number in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; K - 'Real Ale Drinkers Guide to Kent Pubs', 8th edition; N - North London Beer Guide, 3rd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 4th edition; 3SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - Real Beer in South West London; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 8th edition. U refers to earlier updates.

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

**EC1, ABBAYE**, 55 Charterhouse Street. No (British) real ale. A new Belgian "Brasserie, Beer & Mussel Bar" opened in former commercial premises with five draught Belgian beers and a range of bottled beers including some bottle conditioned. A Pelican Group Free House. Opens 11.30-10.30 Mon-Fri only.

**EC1, BOTTLESCRUÉ**, Bath House, 52/60 Holborn Viaduct. Courage: Directors Bitter (labelled Davy's Old Wallop). One of the Davy's Free House chain now dispensing real ale. Usual decor including sawdust on floor, wood panelling etc. Pewter tankards. Emphasis on food and wine. Opens 11.30-4, 5-8.30 Mon-Fri only.

**EC4, DAVYS**, 10 Creed Lane. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter (labelled Davy's Ordinary Bitter, Old Wallop). Another Davy's Free House now dispensing real ale. Basement bar decorated in typical style with flagstone floors, dark wood panelling, wooden tables and chair and an "office booth". Emphasis on food and wine. Opens 11.30-9 Mon-Fri only.

**EC4, MCGOVERNS**, 32 Old Bailey. O'Hanlons: Celtic Gold (3.8%) or Blakeleys No 1 (4.2%). Large new Irish themed basement Free House opened in March 1996 in former restaurant premises but not previously reported. Tiled floor, painted brown walls with cabinets full of Irish bric-a-brac, decorative wooden bar, slatted wood ceiling, alcoved seating areas. Good selection of fresh Irish food served 12-3.30, 5.30-8.30 (9.30 Fri). Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri (may close earlier Mon-Wed if not busy). Beware O'Hanlons Red Ale is the keg version.

**EC4, RYANS PUBLIC HOUSE (BAR)**, 56 Carter Lane. Courage: Directors Bitter. Another new Irish themed Free House in former restaurant premises. Bare floorboards, prominent Irish signpost and clock. Irish bric-a-brac and rugby paraphernalia. Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri only.

##### NORTH

**N1, PITCHER & PIANO**, 68/69 Upper Street. Marston: Pedigree. Latest in the chain now owned by Marstons, opened in Feb 1996 in former shop premises. Raised seating area at front leading back to large long bar area with roof lights. Decorated with pinewood floor, bare painted walls, green bar and side seating in clinical clutter free style but with obligatory "pseudo-fireplace". Loud music in evenings. Food. Disabled WC. Opens 12.00 Mon-Fri, otherwise all permitted hours.

**N1, RAM & TEASEL**, 39 Queens Head Street. Renamed RAM BAR. Wadworth: 6X. Small dimly lit gay bar. (N56)

##### SOUTH EAST

**SE10, ROYAL ALBERT**, 78 Blackheath Road. Courage: Best Bitter. Hardy: Popes Traditional. Reopened after fire. (SE101, U102)

##### SOUTH WEST

**SW9, BREWERY TAP**, 78 Lingham Street. Courage: Best Bitter. Guest beer (anticipated). Reopened Jan 1997 and now run by Mayfair Taverns, ex Ascot Estates. Comfortably furnished with live music Sat and Sun evenings and Sun afternoons. Open all permitted hours. (SW36, U105, U120)

**SW17, GORDON BENNETT!**, 24 Mitcham Road. Brakspear: Bitter. Young: Bitter. House Beer (Hancock: HB). Guest beers (currently Boddington: Bitter; Gales: HSB and Greene King: IPA). Former job centre converted by the Regent

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Inns Free House chain into a "wine & ale bar" in Dec 1996. Garish yellow external signage belies toned down interior with stripped pine floor and raised seating areas. Blow ups of saucy seaside posters and children's comics adorn the walls. Live music and entertainment Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Food (not Fri-Sun evenings).

**WEST**

**W6, CAMBRIDGE ARMS**, 54 Cambridge Grove. Reopened and renamed **STONEMASONS ARMS**. Boddington: Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. Refurbished in spartan style with emphasis on food. Now a Free House, formerly run by Conway Taverns, originally Grand Met (Watney). (W74, U75, U199)

**HARMONDSWORTH, BLUE HORIZON**, The Grove, Bath Road (opposite British Airways Compass Centre). New Free House/wine bar and restaurant in former car hire premises. Small pine clad bar. Opens 12-11 Mon-Sat, 12-10.30 Sun.

**HOUNSLOW, YATES'S WINE LODGE**, 1/3 Bath Road. Boddington: Bitter. Courage: Directors Bitter. Large spacious Yates's Free House in extended former NatWest Bank premises. Fitted out in typical style with decorative wooden bar fittings, flowery carpets and wall paper, globe chandeliers etc. Balustrades and recesses create separate drinking areas. Stairs lead to upstairs balcony bar overlooking main bar. Pictures of other Yates's Wine Lodges adorn the walls. Emphasis on wine and food (11-6.30 Mon Sat, 12-6 Sun). Live music planned. Open all permitted hours.

*PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE*

**CENTRAL**

**EC1, BAILEYS BAR**. Free House, closed, future uncertain. Formerly **BILBO BAGGINS (BEER & BANJO) EMPORIUM**. (E12, U76, U85)

**EC4, HORN TAVERN**. Renamed **ST PAULS WINE VAULTS**. Eldridge Pope, H removed. Now bottled beers only, emphasis on food and wine. (E49)

**EC4, PUNCH TAVERN**. Allied (Nicholson), closed until dispute over ownership and access by the freeholders Bass and Samuel Smith is resolved. (E52)

**EC4, RUMBOE**. Renamed **O'DONNELLS**, now a Free House, ex Taylor Walker. H removed. (E53)

**W1(Mar), WESTMORELAND ARMS**. Free House (Pubmaster), closed, future uncertain. (W36, U54, U91)

**EAST**

**E3, LITTLE DRIVER**. Bass, H unused. (E90,

U67, U69, U72, U79, U117)

**E7, GATSBY**. Free House, closed and building now reverted to commercial use. Formerly **MICKEY FINNS**. (E108, U79, U80, U85, U92)

**E8, BROMLEY ARMS**. Shepherd Neame, closed, future uncertain. (E89, U73)

**E16, TIDAL BASIN TAVERN**. Fuller, closed and boarded up, future uncertain. (E161, U67, U69)

**NORTH**

**N1, BUILDERS ARMS**. Whitbread, now converted to flats but retains external signage including reference to Lacons Brewery in tilework. (N39)

**N1, MEDICINE BAR**. Grand Met (ex Courage), H removed. Admission charge Fri/Sat evenings. (N51)

**SOUTH EAST**

**SE7, WATERMANS ARMS**. Grand Met (ex Watney), closed for road widening scheme. (SE74)

**SE27, THURLOW ARMS**. Allied, closed, future uncertain. (SE229)

**SOUTH WEST**

**SW1(B), BELGRAVIA BRASSERIE**. Free House, closed and renamed **MARABELS** but not yet reopened, future uncertain. Formerly **CAFE FISH** and **20'S BAR**. (SW11, U38, U52, U78)

**SW6, BEER ENGINE**. Renamed **TUT'N'SHIVE**. Whitbread, H removed, nitro keg only. Formerly **WHEATSHEAF**. (SW31, U49, U53, U74, U76, U89)

**SW6, SWAN**. Renamed **BOOTS BY BROGANS**, H removed. Converted to yet another Irish theme pub. Now run by Glendale Leisure, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SW29)

**SW9, BEEHIVE**, 6 Crossford Street. Whitbread, H removed. (SW36, U39, U49 U105)

**SW11, NAPIER ARMS**. Phoenix, closed, future uncertain. (SW41, U112)

**SW17, QUEEN VICTORIA**. Bass, H unused. (SW50, U40, U111)

**RICHMOND, CROWN**. Grand Met (Truman), closed and converted to furniture shop. (SW71, U111)

**SUTTON, CORNER HOUSE**. Renamed **PITCHERS**. Now a Whitbread "Bar & Diner", H removed. Originally **GRAPES**. (SW76, U98, U114)

**WEST**

**LONGFORD, PEGGY BEDFORD**. Grand Met (ex Courage), demolished and site used for petrol filling station and McDonalds restaurant. Sad loss of 30's mock Tudor roadhouse. (W132)

**SOUTHALL, MCGINTYS**. Free House, converted to yet another McDonalds restaurant. Formerly **PIG & WHISTLE**, originally **GREENFORD**. (W142, U50, U110)

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**CENTRAL**

**EC1, BARLEY MOW.** +Whitbread: Abroad Cooper. +Guest beers on H and direct from cask. Now a "Hogshead Cask Ale House". (E9)

**EC1, NEW MARKET.** Renamed **FROG & FIDDLE.** -Charrington: IPA. (E21, U83)

**EC1, RED COW (YE OLDE).** -Beers listed. +Shepherd Neame: Bitter, Best Bitter, Bishops Finger. Now a Shepherd Neame, ex Grand Met (ex Watney). Refurbished with small ground floor bar having bare boards and barrel tables and upstairs bar available for functions. Beware nitrokeg Bishops Finger upstairs. Now opens 11-11 Mon-Fri only. (E22, U73, U76)

**EC1, VIADUCT TAVERN.** -Beers listed except Tetley Bitter. +Guest beers (currently Adnams: Bitter and Brains: SA). (E26)

**EC4, HOGSHEAD & HOGSHEAD.** Reverted to **RISING SUN.** -Beers listed except Courage: Directors Bitter and Fuller: London Pride. +Courage: Best Bitter. Now presumably reverted to Inntreprenuer, ex Grosvenor Inns lease. (E53, U99)

**EC4, QUEENS HEAD.** Renamed **LA REINA.** -Adnams: Bitter. -Tetley: Bitter. Now a "wine, pub and tapas bar" with emphasis on food, although still has some bar stools. Still an Allied pub. (E52, U80)

**NORTH**

**N1, MULLIGANS.** Renamed **KING & BISHOP.** Now displays Greene King on sign. (N52)

**N1, NEW CROWN.** Renamed **CENTURIA.** -Crown: Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. Now a Free House/bar and restaurant, ex Taylor Walker. (N53)

**N1, QUEENS HEAD.** -Beers listed. +Boddington: Bitter. (N54)

**N1, OUTBACK INN.** Renamed again to **WALKABOUT INN,** formerly **HARVEY FLOORBANGERS BAR.** (N47)

**N1, THATCHED HOUSE.** Renamed **EMBASSY,** still fizz. Now in cafe-bar style, evening opening only. (N60)

**N7, CASTLE.** Renamed **BAILEY.** -Charrington: IPA. +Draught Bass. +Theakston: XB. Now a Free House, ex Charrington. (N86)

**N7, TAPPIT HEN.** Renamed **TAPPIT (THE).** -Beers listed except Brakspear: Bitter. +Draught Bass. (N90)

**SOUTH WEST**

**SW1(P), NEW DOLPHIN.** Reverted to **DOLPHIN.** -Beers listed. +Shepherd Neame: Bitter. Acquired by Shepherd Neame in early 1996 but not previously reported, ex Grand Met

(Watney). Formerly **MADIGANS** and previously **EL FLAMENCO.** (SW15, U50, U97, U108)

**SW3, GROVE.** Renamed **J J MURPHY & CO'S.** -Wethered: Bitter. +Boddington: Bitter. Yet another Irish theme conversion with all the usual bric-a-brac, this time from Whitbread. Will it last longer in this guise than the short lived "American Diner" conversion that first vandalised the pub in 1984? (SW22)

**SW6, ADELAIDE.** -Adnams: Bitter. (SW27, U70, U98, U120)

**SW9, PLOUGH.** -Beers listed. +Draught Bass. (SW36, U39, U105)

**SW12, DRAGONS PUZZLE.** Renamed **PUZZLE** and expanded into No 90. New Address: 90/92 Balham High Road. (U92)

**SW12, PRINCE OF WALES.** -Beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. (SW43, U51, U55)

**SW17, HOPE TAVERN.** Renamed **FAITH & FIRKIN.** -Beers listed. +Firkin: Charity Ale (3.5%), Faith Ale (4.3%), Hope Ale (5.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). Guest Firkin beer (currently Full Mash Mild: 3.4%). +Addlestone: Cider. Now part of Allied's Firkin chain. Beers are believed to be brewed at the Flag & Firkin. Converted in typical style in January 1997 with walls covered in brewery and church related pictures, cabinets full of Firkin clobber, chandeliers, fans etc but without the usual pews! Disabled WC. Food. Open all permitted hours. (SW50, U60, U90)

**KINGSTON, HUNGRY HORSE.** Renamed **WILLOW TREE** by new owners Greene King. Could this indicate a move away from the Magic "silly names" policy? Formerly **BREWSTER.** (SW64, U98, U109, U117)

**KINGSTON, FLAMINGO BREWERY COMPANY.** Renamed **HOG & STUMP.** -Beers listed. +Hog & Stump: Hogs Ale (3.4%), Hogs Best (4.2%), Hogsmill (6.1%). +Guest beers (currently Marston: Pedigree and Theakston: Best Bitter). Refurbished by new owners and given the brand name applied to its pubs elsewhere. Now has food at lunchtime and has retained its brewery and indoor children's area inherited from its David Bruce days. Formerly **FLAMINGO & FIRKIN,** originally **THREE TUNS.** (U34, U43, U116)

**SUTTON, GANDER INN.** Renamed **GOOSE & GRANITE.** -Charrington: IPA. +Draught Bass. +Fuller: London Pride. +Just So: Bitter (house beer). Large pub renamed in late 1996 and renovated in typical style as part of the Bass "Just So" chain. Emphasis on food with tiled bar area, tables and chairs throughout and "dusty books and fireplace" no smoking area. Erroneously listed under Cheam in SW guide, although located in Sutton SM1 postal area. (SW61, U43)

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**WEST**

**W5, GUNNERSBURY TAVERN.** Renamed **FLYING PIANO.** -Beers listed. +Draught Bass. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. Now a Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney). Refurbished in cafe-bar style with cream walls, tables and chairs with an emphasis on food. Comedy in evenings. (W72, U94)

**HARMONDSWORTH, CROWN.** +Fuller: London Pride. (W111, U79)

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**W1, CALLAGHANS.** Is a Free House.

**WC2, MOON UNDER WATER.** Address is 105/107 Charing Cross Road.

**N1, SUTTON ARMS.** H removed.

**N12, HOLLYWOOD.** Open all permitted hours.

**SE1, BARROWBOY & BANKER.** Add: Guest Beer.

**SE19, POSTAL ORDER.** Address is 3 Westow Street. Open all permitted hours.

**TWICKENHAM, HOGSHEAD.** Is a Whitbread pub.

**PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE**

**N1, HARVEY FLOORBANGERS BAR.** Renamed **OUTBACK** (one word) INN.

**SE16, SIDMOUTH ARMS.** Should read SE15.

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**E15, GOLDENGLOVES.** Should read **GOLDENGROVE.**

**N1, WHELANS (LARK IN THE PARK).** Formerly **GEORGE IV.**

**SE6, RISING SUN.** Now run by Bass "Just So Pub Co".

**SE19, HOP EXCHANGE.** Should read SE20.

**SW1(W), DUKE OF YORK.** Add: -Beers listed.

**DISCLAIMER**

The last (Feb 1997) London Drinker contained a list of pub changes under the heading "North London Pub Guide Update" immediately following the regular "Beer Briefing" Update 120. This list did not form part of Update 120 and was included without reference to the compilers of Beer Briefing. It contained a number of errors and omissions and should therefore be disregarded for the purposes of updating the North London guide. Verified and accurate information on the pubs listed has either already been included in previous updates (including Update 120) or is included above. We apologise for any confusion that may have been caused.

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## THE HEAD OF STEAM

The Head of Steam pub, tucked away underneath an office block adjacent to the bus stand outside Euston station, has become a significant real ale venue in the capital, since opening in March 1995. It is also a "railway museum", with lots of railway artefacts on display and a large range of models for sale.

The pub reckons to obtain many rare ales that other pubs in London can't get. This because of the unique relationship the company, Head of Steam Limited, has with brewers from its former days when, as Legendary Yorkshire Heroes Limited, it was a large northern real ale wholesaler.

The pub informs us that Brains SA will be available on St David's Day (1/3/97), Mother's Ruin on Mother's Day (9/3/97) and to coincide with the St Patrick's Day celebrations, an "Irish Beer Festival" from 17-23 March. We understand that they will attempt to get every real ale brewed in Ireland. They also intend to persuade Guinness and others in Ireland producing only keg to supply cask versions for this festival - very good luck to them but don't hold your breath.



Fuller's highly successful London Porter will be on sale in the majority of Fuller's pubs from **Monday January 27th**. London Porter was first introduced into the Brewery's portfolio last year when the Brewing Department delved into their old brewing books to discover several recipes for Porter. Reg Drury, Fuller's Brewing Director, combined aspects from each to recreate the taste and appearance, though not the strength, of the authentic London Porter produced by the Brewery in the 19th century. The result is a 5% abv, rich dark stout, smooth and strong and served with a head. The origins of Porter date back to London in the early 1880's when it was popular to mix two or three beers – usually an old, dark well-vatted or “stale” brown ale mixed with a new brown ale and a pale ale. It was time consuming for the publican to pull from three casks for one pint and so brewers in London tested and produced a new beer that matched the taste of such mixtures and which became known as “entire”. As a result of the use of high-roasted malts, entire was dark and cloudy, it was also hoppy, easily produced in bulk and ideally suited to the soft well-water of London. Very quickly it became popular amongst the porters working in Billingsgate and Smithfield markets and gradually the beer took on the name “porter” after its main consumers. Of course these days, consumers can rest assured that Fuller's London Porter will be made with the same attention to detail and quality as all Fuller's beers and never will they see a cloudy pint of Porter pulled from a Fuller's pump! However, Reg Drury explains that Fuller's



*Porters at Smithfield Market enjoying a pint of porter!*

London Porter, “attempts to recapture the unique taste of an authentic London Porter. As the popularity of dark, creamy beers continues to grow we have experienced phenomenal success with this product, proving to be one of the most popular in Fuller's range of seasonal beers.”

Go on, give it a try!

## BRUSSELS & THE PAYOTTENLAND

Belgium produces the largest number of different beers, and the widest range of beer styles, in the world. Alcohol content ranges from under 2% for table ales to over 12% for Trappist and abbey-style beers. Colours range from cloudy white, through all the shades of gold, amber and red to chocolate brown. Some of the beers are soft and fruity, others intensely sweet, sour or bitter - or any combination. And they occasionally sell Stella Artois.

Belgium still has some regional beer styles. The Walloon breweries, in the southern, French-speaking part of Belgium, tend to make Bieres de Garde - spiced beers at about 8%, normally sold in 75cl bottles. In West Flanders, round the hop-growing town of Popperinge, the tradition is for very bitter ales. And in Brussels and the Payottenland (its south western suburbs), the traditional drink is Gueuze. Gueuze is a spontaneously fermented beer. Barley and wheat are mashed and the wort is poured into a very shallow fermenting vessel in a room open to the air (often in an attic of the brewery), without pitching any yeast. The natural yeasts in the atmosphere of the room (which is never cleaned, for fear of killing them) infect the wort and starts fermentation. The beer is racked into barrels and maturation continues for a long period. A little is sold as Lambik (fairly sweet) at up to six months old, but most Gueuze is aged for at least a year - it might typically be sold as a blend of one and two year old, with perhaps some older beer added. The blending, just before bottling, allows a little refermentation and the beer can be sparkling. Fruit versions, chiefly Kriek (sour cherry) and Framboos (raspberry) are made by adding whole fruit to the previous season's gueuze and refermenting for a few months, and then blending with young gueuze before bottling.

Some of the best bars in Brussels attempt to sell examples of most of the styles (the table beers are not often seen in bars), and may offer over 100 different brews, mostly in bottle. Keg dispense is used for lagers and some young ales. At a specialist bar, some of the beers that age well in bottle will be sold by vintage date - a twenty year old 75cl bottle of Chimay Grand Reserve can be very pleasant, but might cost the thick end of £20. In general, though, you will pay less for the same beer in Brussels than in London. In the country, prices can be very reasonable indeed.

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I am intending to take a small party out to Brussels and the Payottenland for the late May Bank Holiday (23-26 May). The Eurostar tickets and accommodation will be about £140. Contact Ian McLaren, 15 Harecourt Road, London N1 2LW (0171 354 0010) for details.

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## SILVER CELEBRATION

On Wednesday 25th January, together with friends, family and customers, Bill and Betty Lubbock celebrated twenty five years of working together with their friend and head girl Betty Austin.

She started working with them in January 1972 at the Alexandra in Wimbledon then moved with them to the Britannia in Kensington; the Prince William Henry in Blackfriars Road and now at the Queen Dowager in Teddington.

"Betty is a very loyal friend and employee and is a wonderful ambassador for us and for Youngs. She must have pulled a few thousand pints of Youngs beers in the last twenty five years", said Bill when he and Betty made a presentation of two silver photograph frames and a basket of plants to her.

Editor's interjection:

*While I have not known her for as long as Bill and Betty - only since they all came to the Dowager, though that's quite a while now - I should like to add my personal congratulations to Betty. It's funny, but I didn't know until now that Betty's surname is Austin; I did think that "Betty Barmaid" was a pretty odd name though.*

**Andy Pirson**

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## A BEER CELEBRATION!

The London Drinker Beer & Cider Festival is all about celebrating this year. The logo itself is commemorating 201 years of Napoleon being married to Josephine in March. And the Festival's beer list is celebrating Britain's regional breweries and the growth in London's brewers.

15% of the beer produced in the UK is from family brewers, compared to 83% from the large brewers and less than 2% from micros. They also own 12,000 pubs, many in rural areas. Without the continuation of these regional brewers, choice will be dramatically reduced to the detriment of the drinker. The London Drinker Beer & Cider Festival will have a range of beers from some of these breweries to show the depth, quality and complexity of beer that they now produce.

London is fortunate that both of its long established breweries, Fullers and Youngs, have been passed down from generation to generation and still have involvement from the families today. But London has seen a growth in micros brewing in the Capital. The Festival will have Bishops, O'Hanlons and Pitfield as

well as the established Fullers and Youngs. O'Hanlon are brewing a beer especially for the celebration: Spring Ale, a 4% gold beer made from Irish Spring Water. And with over 40 beers plus ciders and imported beers to choose from its not surprising that many folk will be saying "Not tonight, Josephine!"

See back page for full details.

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

The following pubs have assured us that no pour-back beers are tolerated on their premises.

**The Prince of Wales, Balham SW12**

**The Lord Stanley, Loughborough Jcn, SE24**

**The Sultan, South Wimbledon, SW19**

**Walsh's, Battersea, SW11**

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**Birkbeck Tavern, Leyton, E11**

**Wenlock Arms, Off City Road, N1**

**Waters Edge, Tottenham, N17**

**Coach & Horse, Barnes, SW13**

**Hogshead, Drury Lane WC2**

**Crystal Tavern, SE22**

**Dog & Bull, Deptford**

Hopefully there are some more pubs out there which can be included in the next issue.

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SW3 SURPRISE  
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND  
SW6 WHITE HORSE  
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SW8 SURPRISE  
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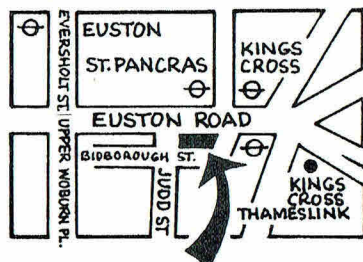
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