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SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
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SE1 WINDMILL, 44 Lambeth High Street
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SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE
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SE9 HOWERD CLUB
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SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB
CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE
ORPINGTON, JUBILEE SPORTS BAR
OFF TRADE

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

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WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE
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N1 EARL OF RADNOR
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
N1 MALT & HOPS
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N1 WENLOCK ARMS
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N17 NEW MOON
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N21 DOG & DUCK
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BARNET, YE OLDE MONKEN HOLT
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ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
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NW3 DUKE OF HAMILTON
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NW4 GREYHOUND
NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL
NW9 J.J. MOONS
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NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
NW10 OUTSIDE INN
NW11 WHITE SWAN
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HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL
HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
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WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE
WEMBLEY, J.J. MOONS
OFF TRADE
N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
NW6 Grogblossoms, 235 West End Lane
CLUBS
NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,
Middlesex University Bus.
School

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200 UP

You know the worst bit' about a commemoration of the 200th edition of London Drinker? Just at the moment I think it must be writing a retrospective; anyway let's begin. Back in March 1979 the first London Drinker appeared under the joint editorship of Brian Sheridan, Ron Atkins, Robin Bence and Mike Hammersley following much discussion at the liaison meetings of the London branches of CAMRA (and I've been to rather more of those than I care to recall, as well). On the front cover was a picture of a chap in a tweed coat enjoying a pint of some sort of beer; so far as I can recall the identity of this punter has never before been revealed publicly - so I don't think that I shall do so now.

Although I was not involved in the editorial content of the magazine at that time, I do have fond(?) recollections of distribution days, even then it was the last Wednesday of the month if I remember correctly. In those days Robin was also involved with the Manchester Branches' magazine "What's Doing" and he arranged for the first few edition to be produced by the same printers. I recall expectant evenings in the function room of the Sugar Loaf in WC2 waiting for him to turn up with the goods. Finally he would arrive from the frozen north and then the fun would start.

Whether or not it was to save money I don't know but in those early days what came from the printers was separate sheets of paper and we had to collate, fold and staple them ourselves. We knew how to enjoy ourselves in those days!

One particular event sticks in my mind from the balmy (barmy?) summer of 1979. A crowd of a dozen or so of us - all chaps - were sitting in the Sugar Loaf awaiting the arrival of the paper when we were joined by Caroline Bennett of South West London Branch who came in with a colleague of hers, the two girls were on their way out for the evening. As the young lady was introduced to us all in turn she suddenly fell victim to a totally incapacitating fit of the giggles. It took fully three or four minutes until she could compose herself sufficiently to explain the reason for her mirth. It turned out that, what none of us had noticed, every one of the assembled party (prior to the arrival of Caroline and her friend) had a beard. Well, it was funny at the time!

In doing fully five minutes research for this article I rummaged through my pile of back numbers (I think it's complete, though I haven't checked them for a long time) and suddenly realised that the first edition that was edited by Chris Cobbold, Martin Smith and myself when we took over from Mike and Ron was that for April 1983 so this is also our fourteenth anniversary. Unfortunately Martin is no longer part of the editorial team as family commitments took him to Wales some time ago but Chris and I are still on board (both considerably greyer) with Ian Amy. And of course, Martin still does our regular five/ten/fifteen years ago column.

So what can I recall from those fourteen years. Well, not a lot really apart from an ongoing chain of deadlines, editorials, Idle Moments, Branch Diary pages etc. etc. And the occasional threat of libel suits - usually because of something written by somebody other than the authors, sometimes a piece I hadn't even seen until the magazine came from the printers. Fortunately there haven't been too many of those - and they have all been settled without the threatened legal action taking place.

I don't want to go on all night about the mundane processes that go into the production of the Drinker as I have always felt that the magazine itself should do all the talking. So I should just like to close this short piece with a couple of tributes and an apology to everybody I have not mentioned.

Firstly I wish to thank the above mentioned four gentlemen for getting the magazine started in the first place but I would also like to thank two other people who have been on board even longer than Chris and me. Stan Tompkins has been in charge of postal subscriptions ever since the first edition - the only man left from the original London Drinker team. The other unsung hero is our Crossword Compiler Dave Quinton; I'm afraid I don't know when Dave submitted his first crossword but, as I noted above, he has also been around longer than I have. Our deepest thanks to you both.

Finally before I finish, I wish to thank all of our contributors over years, whether it be for news articles, pub crawls, guest editorials, photographs or even non rhyming limericks. Thank you all, and please keep them rolling in.

Andy Pirson

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IDLE MOMENTS

Just for a change this month, I'm not at a loss for a way to start this column. This month I have an apology to start with - no, not about the column. Were you in the White Hart at Hampton on the evening of Saturday 1st March and did you buy a copy of the London Drinker there? And did a bloke at the next table give you a back elbow in the groin as you returned to your place carrying a pint and a half of bitter? If it is you that I am addressing, then I apologise - it was a complete accident; I was just about to stand up to go on to another pub and put my hands on the back of my chair to assist the old legs in standing up and I'm afraid that you came back from the bar at just the wrong time. I hope that no serious harm was done.

Funnily enough, on that occasion (as most Saturday nights) I was in the company of a certain A.Chessplayer who once again provides this month's first brewery cleriheW:

Friary Meux

Rhymes with spew.

Only berks

Call it Meux.

There, how was that for a link? The second cleriheW comes from Brian Fletcher who, as far as I am aware was not present that evening:

Greenall Whitley

The epitome

Of all things bad and underhanded

Now as villains they are branded

I'm not sure that I should allow this one from Robin Bolt, after all it doesn't rhyme:

Leatherbritches

May get you in stitches.

But their Steaming Billy

Will ruin your sex life.

Now let's have some brewery anagrams, kicking off with last month's answers:

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|----------------|------------|
| 1. LEN BOILER | REBELLION |
| 2. TENDER BIT | BITTER END |
| 3. INCA TIT | TITANIC |
| 4. HONK, SIS! | HOSKINS |
| 5. A SOW DOTES | EASTWOODS |

And, so as not to confuse you (well, me, anyway), we shall carry on with this month's brewery anagrams:

1. MR. ROOT MOANS

2. WON SET
3. HOB SIPS
4. HOT ALLY
5. TOP CORN

For the last few months the next thing on the agenda has been the cryptic underground stations. This time I thought we would continue with... (It gets hard thinking up new ways to introduce old subjects. But then, I expect you had noticed -not much gets past you lot, not even an inoffensive elbow) ...last month's answers:

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

And so we shall carry on with this month's. I don't know how much longer I can keep these up as it isn't easy finding ten ways of saying "south" or eight of saying "west". May I apologise in advance for No. 1:

1. No, it's not mustard pickle, but it is in the ring.
2. You can't see over it into the garden so you'll have to open it.
3. Is this a road to get tied up in?
4. Everybody hoots in the wide street
5. The man on the omnibus is most unrefined

This month I thought I would give 5BY4 the subtitle "Ten to One". As you can see it's pop songs again but this time the link is numbers -and I haven't put the songs in random order this time. Just match the singers or bands with their songs (for want of a better word). Answers as ever after Trivia Corner:

1. Ten Thousand Miles
2. 9 To 5
3. Eight Miles High
4. Seven Drunken Nights
5. Six Pack
6. 5.4.3.2.1

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7. Four Letter Word
8. Three Times a Lady
9. Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps Please
10. One Man Band
- A. Leo Sayer
- B. Michael Holliday
- C. Dubliners
- D. Kim Wilde
- E. Sheena Easton
- F. Splodgenessabounds
- G. Police
- H. Manfred Mann
- I. Commodores
- J. Byrds

And now we do indeed find ourselves in Trivia Corner (or is that cornered by the trivia). Here are last month's answers; if you were too mean (or late) to buy last month's Drinker, see if you can work out what the questions were:

1. He collected dog excrement from the streets to be used in the tanning of leather.
2. Two, the Great Domesday and the Little Domesday.
3. The Public Record Office in Chancery Lane
4. Walmer Castle
5. Sir Robert Menzies
6. Birmingham
7. At sixes and sevens
8. 1974
9. The National Motorcycle Museum
10. The Meaning of Liff

And now we shall just get on with this month's questions:

1. How many houses are still remaining in Downing Street?
2. Which rock singer used to be married to James Taylor?
3. In Shakespeare's play, whom did Hamlet describe as "a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy"?
4. Whose dying words (in 1902) were, "So little done, so much to do"?
5. We all know, of course, that Sputnik I was launched on 4th October 1957, but how long did it last in orbit?
6. How many MEPs represent England, Wales and Scotland in the European Parliament?
7. And in what year were the first direct

elections to the European Parliament held in Britain?

8. Which Great Western Railway locomotive is credited with being the first to reach a speed of 100 miles an hour in service?
9. Who was buried in 1400 in part of the south transept of Westminster Abbey now known as Poets' Corner
10. What do the authoresses Victoria Holt, Jean Plaidy, Eleanor Burford and Philippa Carr all have in common?

Last lap now; here are the answers to this month's 5BY4, as promised:

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

Right, that's your lot then. I'll see you next time (if you're not quick enough).

Cheerio.

Andy Pirson

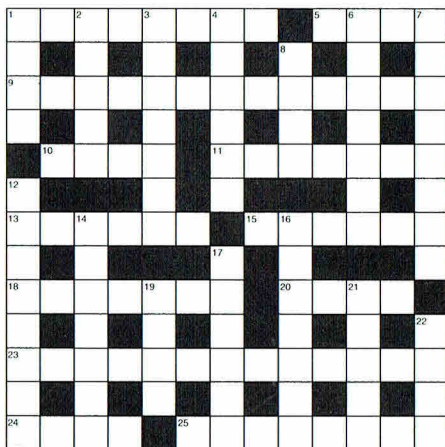
FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

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| 3-5 April | 3rd Dunstable
Dunstable Young Persons Centre
Manchester Place
Off North High Street
Dunstable |
| 24-26 April | 10th Beer on Broadway
Ealing Town Hall
New Broadway
Ealing W5 |
| 25-26 April | Chippenham
Studio Hall
Olympiad Leisure Centre
Chippenham |
| 1-4 May | 10th Ongar
Budworth Hall
High Street
Ongar |
| 16-18 May | Yapton
Yapton & Ford Village Hall
Yapton
Nr Arundel |
| 19-24 May | 24th Cambridge
Cambridge City Football Ground
Milton Road
Cambridge |
| 22-25 May | Lincoln
The Drill Hall
Lincoln |

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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



ACROSS

1. Shorten agreement. [8]
5. Brought up back in Derby [4]
9. First instant on which to play tricks. [5,5,3]
10. Man's first drink makes man [4]
11. Thanks to our having doctor it's beatable. [7]
13. Unravelled, untied but holding together [6]
15. General Peron found in Europe. [6]
18. Alan left antipodes for another country. [7]
20. Broken sculpture. [4]
23. It flies with the Red Cross. [2,6,4]
24. Find it in the outskirts of Coventry, say. [4]
25. Major characteristic of the Government? [8]

DOWN

1. About to place on the earth. [4]
2. It's the done thing to have a woman. [5]
3. Go over again, include second revision, make easier. [7]
4. Attacks large number of yobs. [6]
6. Endorse crazy kind of day. [3,4]
7. The crack of dawn? [8]
8. It's grand in tennis. [4]
12. Park in the cinema? [8]
14. Understanding it's visible. [7]
16. It's messy somehow when graduate enters mission. [7]
17. Forest worker called the queen. [6]
19. African turned up in space. [4]
21. Do it! [5]
22. Spurs on English horses. [4]

Winner of the prize for the February Crossword: Brendan Casey, Mitcham.

Other correct entries were received from:

A; Tony Alpe; Pat Andrews; Tommy Atkins; Geoff B; Tom Baldwin; Bernard Blount; John Blundell; Robin Bolt; Martyn Brown; Ben Burfutt; Andy Camroux; A.P.Comaish; Brian Fletcher; L.J.Gordon; Paul Gray; J.E.Green; Jonty Hawkes; Graham Hill; Billy Irving; Chris James; Pete Large; Liz & John McGraw; Jim Mason; Al Mountain; Terry Neill; Rab Noolas; John O'Donovan; C.F.Pottins; Kevin Reeve; Andy Schink; Super Scooper; Bryan Smith; Old Smokey; Mike Squared; Stephen, Tarnya & Baby Jez; Bill Thackray; David Tyrrell; Martin Weedon; Susan Wilson; Hazel Woodhams; David Woodward; Terry Wookey; Yak, Ros & William; Robert Young.

We regret that photocopies can not be entered for the prize draw. Please make your entry on an original grid.

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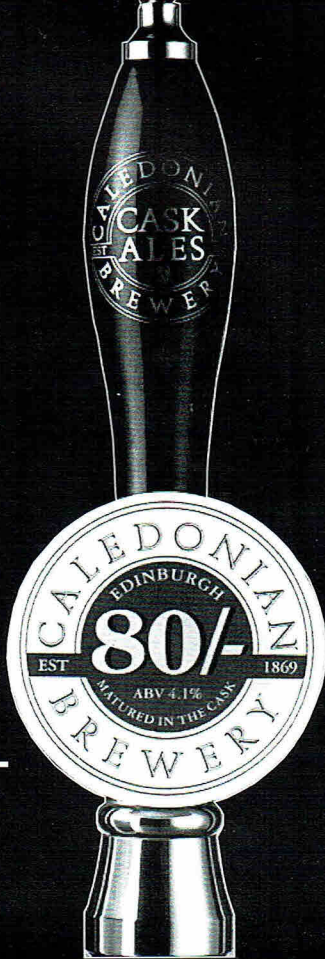
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BRANCH DIARY

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LONDON PUBS GROUP. Jeff Primm 0181-683 3832 (H) 0171973 3096 (W).

CROYDON & SUTTON. Paul Everitt 0181-686 5053 (H & W): Wed 2 (8.00) Upper Norwood Crawl. Meet at POSTAL ORDER, 33 Westow Street (dep. 9.15) then ROYAL ALBERT (saloon bar) - Mon 7 (8.00) A Wallington Wobble. Meet in the WINDMILL, 37 Stafford Road (dep. 9.00) then WHISPERING MOON, Ross Parade; DUKES HEAD (public bar), 6 Manor Road - Mon 12 Quiz Social. CRICKETERS ARMS, 23 Southbridge Place, Croydon (Old Town) - Wed 23 (8.30) Beer Festival Social. FOXLEY HATCH, 8-9 Russell Hill Road, Purley - Thu 24 (8.00) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon - Wed 30 (8.30) Social. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon.

EAST LONDON & CITY. Stephen Harris 0181-519 0163 (H) e mail: steve@pigsear.org.uk: Sat 5 (5.00pm) Train Excursion to RAM CIDER HOUSE, Farncombe, Surrey. Meet at Waterloo BR ticket office for 17.20 train to Farncombe - Mon 7 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BIRKBECK TAVERN, Langthorne Road, E11 - Wed 23 (7.00) Social. OLD BANK OF ENGLAND, 194 Fleet Street, EC4 - Fri 2 May Beer Festival Social at Ongar Beer Festival. Meet at Festival or outside Loughton tube station at 6.00pm for bus.

ENFIELD & BARNET. Derek Smith 0181-805 1436 (H & W): Tue 1 (9.00) Chairman's Birthday (31 again). ELEPHANT INN (formerly Moss Hall Tavern), 283 Ballards Lane, North Finchley, N12 - Wed 9 (9.00) Social. BUSH HILL PARK HOTEL, 116 St Marks Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, EN1 - Tue 15 Boozin' and a Bowlin' Come ten pin bowling at a brewery. THE ORIGINAL BREWERY at THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, Finchley Leisure Park, Finchley High Road, Finchley, N12. Further details from Branch Contact - Wed 23 (9.00) St George's Day Social. MOON UNDER WATER, 148 High Street, Barnet, EN5 - Thu 1 May (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pickup. NEW CROWN, 80-84 Chase Side, Southgate, N14 - Tue 6 (9.00) Social at new pub. GOLDEN EAGLE (formerly Goldies), 58 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD. Brian Bade 0181-549 7486 (H & Fax): Tue 8 (8.30) Business Meeting. RUNNING HORSE, Bridge Street, Leatherhead - Wed 16 (8.30) Two Pub Social in Ewell. EIGHT BELLS, 78 Kingston Road then WHEATSHEAF, 34 Kingston Road.

NORTH LONDON. Alison Cox 0181-742 0498 (H) 0181-746 8148 (W): Tue 1 (8.00) Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 - Tue 8 (8.00) Branch Meeting and new members evening (free pint). RUGBY TAVERN, 19 Great James Street, WC1 - Tue 15 (8.00) Two Pub Social in NW8. PRINCESS ROYAL, 11 Circus Road then STAR (9.00), 37 St Johns Wood Terrace - Tue 22 (8.00) Social. QUEENS ARMS, 1 Kilburn High Road, NW6 - Tue 28 (7.00) O'HANLONS BREWERY TRIP, 114 Randall Road, Vauxhall, SE11. Contact Alison Cox for more details on 0181742 5832.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW. Alistair Black 01932 780823 (H): Wed 9 (8.00) Committee Meeting (open to all from 9.00). COACH & HORSES, 183 London Road, Isleworth - Tue 15 (8.00) Social. RED LION, 92 Linkfield Road, Isleworth - Wed 23 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. WATERMANS ARMS, 12 Water Lane, Richmond. Please remember to bring your membership cards.

SOUTH EAST LONDON. Andy Camroux 0181-854 1538 (H) 0181-331 8510 (W) e mail: a.camroux@greenwich.ac.uk: Mon 7 (8.00) Branch & Committee Meeting. DOG & BELL, 116 Prince Street, SE8 - Wed 16 (8.00) Catford Beer Festival Planning Meeting. WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street, SE1 - Tue 22 (8.00) Social. MOBY DICK, Russell Place, Greenland Dock, SE16 - Fri 25 (6.00) Working Social at Beer on Broadway. Ealing Town Hall, W5.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX. Andrew Clifton 01708 765150 (H): May SW Essex Branch apologise to anybody who tried to attend the AGM on Wednesday 12th March 1997. Due to circumstances beyond our control this had to be cancelled AT EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE. Please see below for notice of rearranged AGM. Tue 3 (8.30) Social. MALTSTERS ARMS, London Road (A113), Abridge - Wed 9 (8.30) Social. CHEQUERS, North Street, Hornchurch (near Emerson Park station) - Tue 15 (8.30) Out of area Social and Games Night with Chelmsford and Mid Essex Branch. VIPER, Mill Green Road (off A12), Mill Green (OS: TQ641019) - Wed 23 (8.30) St George's Day Social. WOODMAN, 155 London Road (A113), Stanford Rivers - Sat 26 (lunchtime at brewery). Brewery Trip to FLAGSHIP BREWERY, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham. Coach to be arranged; details & bookings from Wendy Benson on 01708 723897 - Advance notice of rearranged Branch AGM: Wed 14 May (8.30) at TRAVELLERS FRIEND, 496/498 High Road (A104), Woodford Green. Nominations for new committee and/or points for agenda to Andrew Clifton, 46 Havering Drive, Romford RM1 4BH (tel/fax as above).

SOUTH WEST LONDON. Martin Butler 0181-542 3158 (H & Fax): Thu 27 Mar (8.00) Social. WALSH'S (formerly Unity), 228 York Road, SW11 - Sat 12 (7.30) Pub of the Year Presentation. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 (presentation at 8.00) - Tue 22 (7.30) Open Branch Committee & Festival Committee Meetings. HOPE & ANCHOR, 123 Acre Lane, SW2 - Fri 25 (7.30) Two Pub Social. WOODMAN, 222 Durnsford Road, SW19 then KING LEOPOLD ARMS (8.45), 12 Leopold Road, SW19 - Thu 8 May (8.00)

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BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8. **CRICKET FIXTURES:** Tue 29 (6-7pm) Nets, Clapham Common, SW4 (near Clapham South tube) - Sun 4 May (2.00) Parktown (away). Haydons Road Rec (corner Quicks Road). Players please ring Andy Robinson on 0171-410 6302 (W), 0181-653 8885 (H).

WATFORD & DISTRICT. Tony Smith 01923 221155 (H & W) Fax: 01923 218625: Wed 2 (9.00) GBG Social. SWAN, Bushey - Tue 8 (8.30) Games Night. Darts at the WHITE LION, Watford - Thu 20 (8.30) Abbots Langley Social. UNICORN then ROYAL OAK (9.15); BOYS HOME (10.00) - Wed 23 (8.30) St George's Day Stagger. WELLINGTON then NASCOT ARMS (9.15); BEDFORD ARMS (10.00) - Sun 27 (8.00) Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB.

WEST LONDON. Di Kehoe 0171-218 3141 (W); Thu 3 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street, W1 - Wed 23 (8.30) St George's Day Social with East London & City Branch. OLD BANK OF ENGLAND, 194 Fleet Street, EC4 - Thu 15 May (8.00) BRANCH AGM. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6.

WEST MIDDLESEX. Dave O'Driscoll 0181-427 7498 (H) 0171-725 3035 (W); Thu 3 (8.30) Social. J J MOONS, Broadway Parade, Pinner Road, North Harrow - Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DUKE OF YORK, Steyne Road, Acton W3 - Tue 15 (8.00) Uxbridge Pub Crawl. Meet at THE GOOD YARN, High Street, Uxbridge - Thu 24 to Sat 26 10th Annual Beer on Broadway Beer Festival. Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway W5. Open all permitted hours from 11am on Thu 24. Helpers wanted - contact Alex Kovac 01895 238592 (W) 01483 764147 (H) - Wed 30 (8.00) London Drinker Pickup. RED LION, St Marys Road W5 - Advance Notice: Wed 14 May (8.00 prompt) BRANCH AGM, LOAD OF HAY, Villier Street Uxbridge.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

Real Ale in E3

It was a good month in E3. "London Drinker" was available for the first time, to my knowledge. Then came "East End News" which I read in E3, over a beautiful pint of Young's Warmer. I mainly did not care for the approach. Saying 66% of the pubs are keg and most of the others are not interested in real ale MAY be correct, but is it the right approach. Of the 58 pubs in the EL&CBG (ignoring any additions of losses in the 19 updates - or is it 20 by now?), the 66% keg will be 39, and the most of the remaining 19 will be the "not interested". As there are so few, wouldn't it be easier to name them?

1. The Coburn Arms
2. The Tredegar (needs a good coat of paint)
3. The Firkin & Five Hundred Decibels (ex-Horn O)
4.?

If you had said there's no real cider in E3, this I would have accepted, as I avoid the noisy No 3 unless it is summer and I can sit outside in the quiet of the Mile End Road traffic. That's why I'm normally seen further afield in the Rodney or the Wenlock!

Yours faithfully
John Dowding

Dear Editors,

Re the Clerihews. I always thought that Vaux rhymed with "low", not "hawks". (I didn't - AP) Perhaps you could do non rhyming Clerihews like the non rhyming limericks of a few years ago.

I was most disappointed on a recent visit to EC1 that an old favourite of mine, the New Market, is now the Frog & Fiddle. Although it advertises 11 to 11 opening, it was shut at 11.45am on a Tuesday. Presumably it no longer uses the 6.30am to 9.30am licence, either. When working nights I spent quite a few sessions after work here.

The Oddbins off licence chain has an interesting selection of bottle conditioned beers.

Yours sincerely,
Colin Price

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Dear Editors,

I am writing in response to Mr. Steve Quiller's letter in last month's LD. I couldn't agree more that Kingston is blessed with many "back street" locals; I am also of the opinion that the traditional houses should receive as much support and recognition as possible as a counterbalance to the tide of "themed" or "done up" pubs.

However I feel I must offer a word or two in defence of my own house, the Two Brewers.

Firstly, the Two Brewers is not the current Pub of the Year -that is the Waggon & Horses at Surbiton; the "Brewers" held the title the year prior and since Mr. Quiller's letter it has been decided where the award moves to for next year.

Secondly, when I took the lease on the "Brewers" over three years ago it was, with no disrespect to the previous landlords, a pub which had been allowed to flounder. I took full advantage of the "Free of Tie" to try to build a reputation for GOOD and VARIED ales; my third anniversary saw the 150th ale to be featured and in the six months since then a further fifty have been offered.

Yes, by location we are technically a town pub, although definitely not centre, and we do suffer from a lack of local residents in the evenings. However, lunchtimes and early evenings the "Brewers" IS a local to the people who use it. It acts as a meeting point for many who work in Kingston and as a focal point for those people who make up a daytime community as much as any pub in a residential area (which may be quiet weekdays) acts as a community focus evenings and weekends.

Our food choice, standards and pricing have been commended in the local press. The local branch of CAMRA's own survey last autumn placed the "Brewers" top of pubs surveyed in Kingston based on quality of product, service and cleanliness and the quality and variety of our ales have been recognised by our inclusion in the Good Beer Guide for the second year running (whilst the pub was not even considered before my arrival). We were proud to hold the PoTY award when we did as we felt it acknowledged our hard work in making the "Brewers" a clean, friendly and welcoming pub while retaining all that made it traditional.

After all, regardless of location, I thought that it was the quality of the beer and these other factors that decided the award, not merely its customer catchment area.

Yours sincerely,
Peter J. Cliffe, The Two Brewers, Kingston

FULLERS QUIZ GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL

Fullers are sponsoring the first ever pub quiz to be held at CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival. The quiz will take place from the stage inside the Festival on the afternoon of Saturday 9th August. There is an entry fee of £5 per team and the quiz will last about half an hour. With thirteen superb prizes to be won there is everything to play for as well as having some fun and a few pints. The first prize is a meal for four (including four pints per head) at any Fuller's Ale & Pie House and the second prize is four mini-barrels of ESB. But there are also polo shirts, ESB and London Pride tee-shirts, Fullers' umbrellas and cases of bottled beer.

The free house, the Magpie & Crown on Brentford High Street in Middlesex is also putting up a prize of £30 worth of beer to be purchased in the pub. This has a great advantage for those into imported beer for as well as the real ales on sale there is a large range of imported beers plus a real cider. Food is available to soak up the beer every lunchtime and weekday evenings. The quiz is being set by Peterborough Beer Festival who run quizzes every year at their Festival (this year: 19-24th August) and so expect some nasties! But for those with some imagination and not much general knowledge, Fullers are also offering four of their glasses for the quiz team with the best name. So why not come along and have a go. The entry forms and full details of the prizes will be available on the day from the Information Stand at the Festival.

If you can't get along to the Festival on Saturday, the event is open from 5pm Tuesday 5th until 7pm Saturday 9th August at Olympia (two sessions Wednesday & Thursday; all day Friday) so there is plenty of opportunity to enjoy the quarter of a million pints that are on sale (including Fullers of course!). Phone 01727 867201 for further details.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

(continued)

Dear Editors,

I visited the Clifton Arms, SE25 at 3.15 on 22nd February 1997. Behind the bar and below the handpumps were two plastic jugs that were around half-full of beer colour liquid. No doubt there is a simple explanation.

Last Autumn, after an admittedly long crawl, I visited the George, SE1 and seem to remember seeing a number of suspicious looking vessels. Perhaps a more local member could have another look.

There are various GBG updates that have yet to appear in What's Brewing? such as the closures of the Village, Plaistow and the Crown N1, would you be interested?

Yours etc,

Ben Thomas

Dear Editors,

Re: Keith Emmerson "East End News"

I was rather disappointed on reading your article "East End News" March 97, London Drinker. As you know, Youngs public houses have a very good reputation for their real ale. Being the landlord of the Coborn Arms E3 and an avid ale drinker, I pride myself on the quality of our products. How, after living most of your adult life in the East End, you missed this neat and tidy pub (which also does food on a Saturday) I will never know!

So, please, before you bemoan any further, have a close look at your area. You never know, you may even meet some more friendly locals.

Yours sincerely

J.F.R. Griffin

Dear Editors,

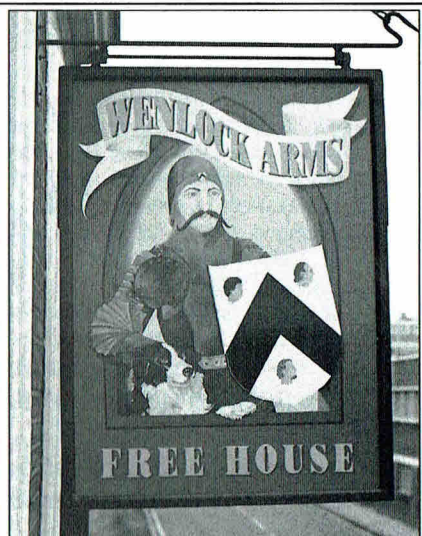
I was interested in Al Ferrier's article "The Name Game" in the March edition of London Drinker.

He speculated on the origin of the name *The World Turned Upside Down* of a pub on the Old Kent Road. I have always assumed, with no evidence at all, that this pub was named in memory of the Diggers, that group of dispossessed idealists who founded their community at St George's Hill, Surrey in 1649.

Amongst many other things they promised 'a world turned upside down'. We are of course still waiting.

Stephen Harris

Leyton E15



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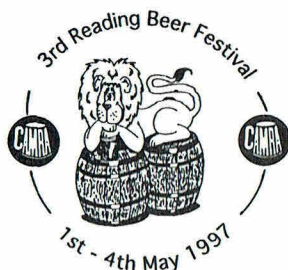
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BOSTON BREWPUB BULLETIN

Last month we gave you the first part of Laurence Fryer's report on the beer scene around Boston. We now bring you the rest of it.

Before we dive into his pearls of wisdom, let us remind you of the ratings he gives the beers:

() 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.*

And now to continue:

JOHN HARVARD'S BREW HOUSE

No visit to Boston is complete without a visit to John Harvard's. Set in a converted basement, it has an almost gothic appeal similar to early JD Wetherspoon bars. Most of the interior is given over to diners, with drinkers frequently crammed along the length of the bar jostling with waiters for the attention of the bar staff. To say it's lively would be something of an understatement. Recommended for meals, the ordering system is simplicity itself. Tell the maitre de that you want a table; they'll give you a Motorola pager set to vibrator mode. Order your beer from the bar (four pint pitchers are available and are good value.) and wait for a strange sensation in your trousers! There's usually a bit of standing space at the left hand end of the bar. Often complimentary copies of beer newspapers: Ale News, Barleycorn and Yankee Brew News are available and for their listings alone are invaluable. We stuck with the seasonal beer **AAA (***)**; a golden brew, it was light, hoppy and refreshing.

John Harvard's Brew House, 33 Dunster Street, Cambridge, Mass. Tel: (617) 868 3585. Directions: Take the Red line towards, appropriately enough, Alewife and disembark at Harvard; one minute from station.

BACK BAY BREWING COMPANY

The B.B.B.C. comes from a well established pedigree. Spawned from the Commonwealth Brewing Company (Boston's oldest brewpub, est. 1986), it is fast establishing a reputation for itself. There are pavement tables where you can sit and watch bustling,

historic Boyleston street-life. Inside is a long and narrow wooden floored bar with the ubiquitous T-shirt sales kiosk on your left and a well stocked bar on your right. The brewery is further down on your left and looks impressive and professional behind large glass screens. The beers: **Boyleston Bitter (PA) (***)** 4.5%ABV, 28IBU. A fruity medium bodied best bitter - and here's the best bit, handpulled and uncarbonated. Staff make a point of drawing off a quantity before serving too. Full marks. **Arlington Amber (***)** 5%ABV, 25IBU. Well hopped with a dry finish. **Seasonal Beer (***)** 5%ABV. Wheat and banana make this fruity and refreshing brew. Very a-peeling (Sorry). **Freedom Trail IPA (*****)** 6%ABV, 32IBU. The business. Mortgage your home; whatever, get here and try this! Ferociously flavoured amber brew, rich and fruity, well balanced with delicious hoppy overtones. It's like a supercharged version of Hopback Summer Lightning! Worth the expense of the trip alone. Untried: **Boston Massacre Lager** 4.5%ABV, 25IBU and **Tea Party Porter** 5%ABV, 27IBU.

Back Bay Brewing Company, 577 Boyleston Street, Boston. Tel: (617)424 8300. Directions: Green lane to Copley, one block from the station.

CORNWALL'S

Not a brewpub this time but if you're feeling homesick, this could be what you're looking for. Cornwall's tries hard to capture the essence of a British pub and just about pulls it off. There are around 80 bottled and 17 "draft" beers to try. Many British beers are available but more tempting was handpumped **Tremont Ale** and **IPA** but they'd sold the lot! The keg **Tremont Ale (**)** is a dark, malty and well hopped brew. We're informed that **Doyle's**, Jamaica Plain also offers handpumped beers but time was against us.

Cornwall's, Kenmore Square.

BOSTON BEERWORKS

A huge brewpub opposite Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox baseball team.

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Great for wacky T-shirts and a quick snack. We tried **Fenway Park IPA** (***), a malty, hoppy and smooth brew.

Boston Beerworks, 61 Brookline Avenue, Boston. Tel: (617) 534 BEER (2337). Try also: Salem Beer Works, 278 Derby Street, Salem, Mass.

BOSTON BEER GARDEN

Like Cornwall's not a brewpub, this bar serves a good range of US micro beers. We tried **Sierra Nevada Pale Ale** (***), fruity, spicy, well balanced with a dry finish. **Harpoon IPA** (***), this local brew is musky with an orangey aroma and is very refreshing. **Otter Creek Copper Ale** (**) light, thin but hoppy. **Shipyard Ale** (*) amber, thin and pallid. **Sam Adams Summer Wheat Ale** (*) cloudy but thin. **Pete's Wicked Summer Ale** (***), light dry and refreshing. Sorry, I lost the address to the B.B.G. but it can be reached by bus from the city centre.

If you have time to travel further afield, you could do a lot worse than to visit:

WOODSTOCK INN BREWERY

A charming wood panelled bar room with railroad memorabilia, opened in 1982. Half gallon "growlers" are available for take-away. An extensive menu coupled (*Deliberate pun? Ed.*) with a selection of good beers. There are regular "Brewers' Weekends" where you can experience hands-on brewing, drinking, dining and, if you're up to it, dancing. These cost from around \$125 for two nights with lodgings, food and a T-shirt or hat thrown in; only twenty places at a time though. The Peter Austin brewing plant can be viewed in an adjacent room. **Red Rack Ale** (****) light and refreshing. **Pemi Pale Ale** (****) very hoppy. Untried: **White Mountain Weasel Stout**, **Old Man Oatmeal Stout**, **Pig's Ear Brown Ale**, **Kanc County Maple Porter**, **Lost River Light**, **Loon Golden Ale**, **Autumn Beer** and a seasonal beer. Stay on beyond 3.00 pm to enjoy beer and food at the bar for half price. With spectacular scenery, tax free shopping and comfortable surroundings, a few days up in the New Hampshire mountains can do wonders for the mind and body.

Woodstock Inn, PO Box 118, Route 3, main Street, N. Woodstock, New Hampshire 03262. Tel: (603) 745 3951. Facsimile: (603) 745 3701 or e-mail: woodinn@aol.com.

PORTSMOUTH BREWERY

Here we have a large open plan single split level bar with an adjoining dining area and beer garden. Three dimensional collages featuring local themes adorn the walls. This time you have to get your T-shirts at their shop next door! They even sell a brewery watch. The brewery nestles in the back corner overseeing the show. The food is good and the service quick. We tried: **Pale Ale** (****) smooth and fruity and **Blonde Ale** (**). Untried: **Wiesenheimer Black Cat Stout**, **Old Brown Dog**, **Amber Lager**, **Raspberry Weizen**. Before you leave Portsmouth, check out **Stout Billy's Homebrew** and T's opposite.

Portsmouth Brewery, 56 Market Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Tel: (603) 431 1115.

Now your trip's over and you await your flight. But it's not over yet....

THE SHIPYARD

Boston Logan Airport has undergone transformation since our last visit. More welcome than most additions is the Shipyard Bar, owned by the Shipyard brewery of Maine. **Shipyard Export Ale** (****) malty with a hoppy finish. **Old Thumper Extra Special Ale** (****) the US version of a British classic ale, it has emigrated well and not lost its essential character. Untried **Brown Ale**, **Goat Island Light Ale**, **Blue Fin Stout**.

INFORMATION:

Yankee Brew News covers New England breweries, brewpubs and the local and World beer scene. Internet site: <http://realbeer.com:80/ybn/>

Ale Street news covers east coast US. Internet site: <http://www.AleStreetNews.com>

BarleyCorn brewing commercially and homebrew, reviews sightings and tastings. Sorry not yet on the net.

Pub crawler on the web claims to "find any pub or microbrewery anywhere". Internet site: <http://www.pubcrawler.com>



Customers 120 miles apart toasted the opening of two Wetherspoon pubs on the same day. For The Baron Cadogan in Caversham, near Reading and The Picture House, Stafford, opened on March 6. The Caversham pub takes its name from William Cadogan, also known as Baron Cadogan, who lived in a mansion in nearby Caversham Park.

The pub is run by Chris Harkness and Sue Breckell, and one of its more unusual features is a metal weaver bird tree sculpture, a reference to a weavers shed that stood on the site of the pub.

The Baron Cadogan is a few miles from The Back of Beyond and The Monk's Retreat in Reading, and later in the year will be joined by The Hope Tap in the town centre.

The Picture House, a landmark building in the town, has been beautifully restored from the former cinema.

The cinema theme lives on, with the bar on the stage and the giant screen above it.

As customers enter the pub, they are met by a model of actor Peter Cushing sitting in the cinema's original ticket booth.



Chris and Sue show off their eggs-traordinary sculpture at The Baron Cadogan

The Picture House, Stafford.



ON SITE - APRIL 1997 (ONWARDS)

- The Robert Peel - 5-10 Market Place, Bury (23 April)
- The Lord Rosebery - 85-87 Westborough, Scarborough (April 24)
- The Walnut Tree - 857-861 High St, Leytonstone (April 30)
- The Surrey Docker - 185 Lower Road, Rotherhithe, London (May 1)
- The Yarborough Hotel, Bethlehem Street, Grimsby (May 7)
- Unnamed - 15-16 The Strand, Torquay (May 14)
- The Eight Bells - 19 Cannon Street, Dover (May 14)
- Unnamed - 153 High Street, Burton-on-Trent (June 5)
- The Lion Freehouse - Lumley Road, Skegness (June 11)
- Unnamed - 42 Midland Road, Bedford (June 11)
- The Standing Order - 62-66 George Street, Edinburgh (June 12)
- Unnamed - 164-166 High Street, Cradley Heath (June 12)
- Unnamed - 22-23 East Street Taunton (June 19)
- Unnamed - 198-204 High Street, Lewisham (June 19)
- The Hope Tap - 99-105 Friar Street, Reading (June 25)
- The Archibald Simpson - 5 Castle Street, Aberdeen (July 3)
- The Counting House - 67-71 Reform Street, Dundee (July 4)
- Unnamed - 153-157 Clarence Road, Kingston-Upon-Thames (July 10)
- Unnamed - 1 Marine Parade East, Clacton-on-Sea (July 31)
- Unnamed - No 1 Poultry, Bank Station, London EC2 (August 18)

*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

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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

EPPING 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

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

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- The Babington Arms –
- The Picture House
- The Baron Cadogan – 22
- The William Jameson – 3
- The Thomas Ingoldsby
- The Opera House – 48-60 M

THE MAN IN THE MOON
1 Buckingham Parade, Stanmore

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46-62 High Street, Hornchurch

THE MOON AND STARS
99-103 South Street, Romford

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THE MOON UNDER WATER
44, High Street, Watford

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THE MOON ON THE SQUARE
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THE REGAL
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THE MOON UNDER WATER
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THE MUGGLETON INN
8-9 High Street, Maidstone

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THE GREYFRIAR
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86 The Kingsway, Swansea

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236-238 Broad Street, Birmingham

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Units 1, 2 & 3 Temple Court,
115 Corporation Street, Birmingham

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THE MOON UNDER WATER
53-55 Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the April 1982 edition of London Drinker consisted of 24 pages including a pink cover. Gremlins were once again bugging the Crossword department as the December entries had still not re-appeared, and there were no entries for the March crossword as a clue had been mis-printed. No crossword appeared in this edition – due to lack of space, but “We hope to do so from May onwards when our proof-checking should be improved”.

As I recall, when I first joined the Editorial Team a year later the scripts were sent to the printer, and the finished items delivered without a chance to proof-read, sometimes with disastrous results. That remained the case for a further year.

An advert for the 1982 Good Beer Guide contained the phrase “6,000 of the best pubs in the UK” and gave the price as £3.95. Mentioning prices, those quoted in the Bargain Beers column included Ind Coope Burton Bitter for 55p a pint and Burton Ale for 60p, Shepherd Neame bitter for 54p and Charrington IPA for 51p.

TEN YEARS AGO the April 1987 edition used red as its colour theme – the “Masthead” (title) appeared as pink on a black “Tombstone”, surmounting a cover panel in the form of a newsvendor’s placard with the headline “EEC BANS PURE BEER LAW”. The text itself was typed – on the same machine as is still used to prepare this piece – and referred to the German Rheinheitsgebot, or Pure Beer Law. It was set at the last moment as a STOP PRESS, and referred to an article inside the 32 page magazine, prepared before the news broke, discussing additives in beers. In the Editorial, Andy Pirson gave a worker’s eye view of the Wimbledon Beer Festival. An alternative angle from a customer was contributed by Derek Edwards. Both were in favour despite misgivings.

Merton produced a spurious explanation for the spire of Salisbury Cathedral leaning off-centre – the reason involved beer, but attention was rightly drawn to the publication date.

Borrowing from a sister publication, the season was celebrated with a review of the pubs in TV and radio programmes, and a book review – of “The Lager Cookbook” – was in a similar vein. On a more serious note, Eastender treated readers to a crawl entitled LIMEHOUSE B(L)OOZE, and Dick Ebohn contributed a learned piece on Belgian beers.

A two-yearly review of pubs in Real Beer in

London revealed that in that period – up to December 1986 – 2.5% of the 5440 pubs listed had switched to real ale, giving a total of 4016, or 74%. Courage had a 6% rise (the greatest for the big brewers), Fullers 16%.

Three writers of Letters to the Editors were displeased that a previous Editorial had suggested that returning slops to a cask could spread AIDS. So maybe it doesn’t, who knows? It should be a capital offence anyway!

FIVE YEARS AGO, the orange frame of the front cover bore a drawing depicting the frontage of the Cheshire Cheese in Crutched Friars, EC3.

Keith Emmerson queried the connection in the East End with Admiral Lord Rodney (1719-1792) whose head is immortalised in the name of the Banks & Taylor pub in Whitechapel.

There was advance notice – over 2½ years before the nominated date – for a North London day trip via the then-unopened Channel Tunnel to Antwerp and Brussels, originating at Waterloo and costing about £40.

The Battersea Beerx had been attended by 4,500 and sold 11,500 pints. £500 had been raised for Battersea Dogs’ Home.

Wetherspoon’s were about to hold a beer festival in their largest house, the White Lion of Mortimer in West Hendon, featuring 250 ales at £1.20 a pint.

South-West London Branch had voted the Nightingale, Balham, its Pub of the Year, followed by J.J.Moon’s in Streatham, and the Princess Royal, Merton.

A Consumer’s Association survey revealed that the price of beer had risen by three times the rate of inflation, in, apparently according to the text, two years. “Which?” magazine had surveyed prices in 900 pubs nationwide and come to the conclusion that the average cost of a pint was £1.24, the cheapest being 86p in the North-West, and the dearest in London at £1.72. It was predicted that the £2 pint was imminent. Further ridiculous, though non-alcoholic prices, were orange juice at £3 a pint and mineral water at £1 a pint.

The EC had proposed that cider be taxed as a wine - at £1.20 a litre, though the European Parliament had agreed that it be given a separate category.

As they put on the caption at the end of some excellent cartoons – “That’s All, Folks!”

Cheers

Martin Smith

ENFIELD & BARNET NEWS – FULLERS PUB RENAMED

West London brewers Fuller, Smith & Turner have upset some locals by renaming the Moss Hall Tavern in North Finchley the Elephant Inn.

CAMRA's Enfield & Barnet Branch wrote to the brewery to complain about the loss of an historic and unique pub name explaining that the name Moss Hall appears on maps dated 1823 and so obviously predates that. The branch presumed that the new name was chosen to go hand in hand with the new restaurant area serving Thai food. Fuller's were asked if the pub would suffer another name change when the current trend for Thai food died away.

No one was more surprised than Enfield & Barnet's Derek Smith when he found Tim Turner from Fullers on the other end of his telephone explaining the reasons for the change. Mr. Turner said the Moss Hall had suffered a drugs problem and the pub had been on a downward slope. The way to turn it around, he said, was to close it down for a short time, do it up and change its name.

Derek Smith regretted the loss of the name and when asked by Mr. Turner how he would revive the Moss Hall's fortunes suggested the

pub be turned over to tenancy. The tenant would have a lot of his own money tied up in the business and would more likely be in the bar meeting and greeting his customers than upstairs watching television, appearing only at chucking out time. His presence would ensure an orderly house.

Mr. Turner said that Fullers had decided not to go down that road and the Moss Hall/Elephant Inn would remain a managed house.

MORLANDS IN EDMONTON

Oxfordshire brewers Morlands have recently acquired a pub in Upper Edmonton. The Rising Sun in Sandal Road, very much a locals' pub, has been a Whitbread fizz house for as long as anyone can remember. CAMRA's Enfield & Barnet Branch have written to the brewery welcoming them to the area and enquiring of their plans for the Rising Sun. Large banners outside proclaimed "A Morlands House - Brewers of Old Speckled Hen", but not a drop to be found inside. The Whitbread keg fonts were wrapped in paper with the Morlands product written on them. Early days.

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DESERT ISLAND BEERS

I have read with interest over the months your readers' desert island beers and as they all seem to have neglected to mention my favourites I felt the need to present my case. My assumption is that despite the fact that it is a desert island the beer can still be dispensed at a reasonable temperature. Unlike Catford in June or Olympia in August!!

My prime requisites in choosing a good beer are absence of sweetness, good body and distinctive flavour. Also I don't like to have to search for flavour, it has to be ever present and lingering. With this in mind I have chosen the following eight beers, not in order of preference, out of a possible thirty which readily fit into this category. They are as follows:

TANGLEFOOT – I must confess to a slight hint of sweetness with this beer but it has been my overall favourite for many a year. Would recommend the Ship Inn at Weymouth to catch it at its best.

CAINS FORMIDABLE – This beer completely destroys the myth about the Beatles being the best thing to come out of Liverpool. A dry, crisp and delectable pint.

GOACHERS GOLD STAR – Maidstone used to be famous for Sharps toffee in yesteryear. Well this beer could put the town back on the map. A truly super pint which I first had at Goacher's only pub at Tovil. Subsequently it has featured regularly at Wetherspoon's Moon and Stars at Penge and it is always splendidly kept there.

BIG SIX (LAKELAND BREWING CO.)

– One has to travel a long way to get this beer. It is brewed at the Masons Arms at Cartmel Fell in Cumbria which also happens to be my favourite pub. The beer is very strong with a hint of honey and is guaranteed to induce speech impairment after about four pints combined with weakness of the legs and other limbs.

BANKS and TAYLOR'S SOS – This one really scores on flavour as does their ordinary Shefford Bitter. Unfortunately not now readily available in London to the best of my knowledge but can occasionally be spotted at the Head of Steam at Euston Station.

CLATFORD CLOUT – I first had this beer in a pub close to Andover railway station. I was so taken with it that on

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arriving home I fired off a letter to the brewer thanking him for the pleasure derived.

ADNAMS BROADSIDE – If you catch this one on form then there isn't a better beer. Although at 4.7% ABV it is almost the weakest of my selection it belies its strength. It comes up with a good recommendation for insomniacs.. Its well kept in the Crown Inn at Hastings, an unfortunate omission from the Good Beer Guide.

THOROUGHbred (Cartmel Brewery) – I am a regular visitor to Cartmel and a regular customer at the Cavendish Arms and consider the brewer, Nick Murray, to have done a marvellous job. Their award winning beer is Lakeland Gold which I find very palatable but Thoroughbred, out of the same stable, comes out in front for me. A grand rich malty flavour but not too strong, just the right pedigree.

Can I suggest that as a follow on from this topic that your next feature should be "Desert Island Dregs". I have a few that immediately spring to mind.

Yours Imbibingly
Trevor Duncombe



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BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 122

This month we welcome Beard's first Greater London pub in Bromley and another Gibbs Mew pub in Brentford. Four brand new pubs are reported in north, west and south west London including the latest Yates's Wine Lodge, Scottish & Newcastle "Rat & Parrot" and Bass "O'Neill's" creations, all of little interest from a beer point of view. Conversions include even more "Rat & Parrots, another "Edwards" from Bass and the latest non brewing "Firkin", with historic names being unceremoniously dumped in the interests of branding and theming.

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

NORTH WEST

HARROW, YATES'S WINE LODGE, 269-271 Station Road. Courage: Directors Bitter. Latest Yates's Free House opened in late February in former Woolworths premises. Decorated in typically flamboyant and decorative style. Ground floor bar and balcony bar with prominent disco console which generates deafening 'music' for the youth market in the evenings. This chain has become progressively more disappointing as further London pubs have opened. In this latest example there is only one real ale amongst a plethora of nitro keg and fizz dispensers in complete contrast to pubs in its northern heartland. Food. Open all permitted hours.

SOUTH WEST

SW11, BARRINGTONS, 165-167 St. Johns Hill. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. 1897 Ale (house beer, brewer unknown, 3.7%). New Free House operated by the Chelsea Brewery Co. opened in February 1997 in former shop premises. Plush and comfortable with only background music. The house beer is apparently brewed by an independent brewery for this pub and its namesake in Winchester. Both pubs are apparently named after the 7th Viscount Barrington (who he? Ed). Food until 10pm. Disabled access. Open all permitted hours.

SW16, O'NEILLS, 78A/78B Streatham High Road. No real ale. Latest Bass run pseudo Irish pub in garish blue and yellow colours in former pizza restaurant. Opened February 1997.

SUTTON, RAT & PARROT, 33/35 High Street. Courage: Best Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Latest addition to the S&N chain opened February 1997 in former furniture shop. Plush with a variety of drinking areas at different levels. No real ale in

upstairs bar. Opens 8am for breakfast. Food. Open all permitted hours.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

SOUTH EAST

SE20, GOLDEN LION. Free House, numerous handpumps unused. This one time mecca of real ale no longer dispenses anything from its many handpumps. (SE188, U114)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

W1(F), SHIP. Worthington: Best Bitter. +Boddington: Bitter. (W32)

W1(S), DUKE OF WELLINGTON. Renamed RAT & PARROT. Marston: Pedigree. Theakston: Old Peculier. +Courage: Directors Bitter. Opens 8am (10am weekends) for breakfast. (W42, U53, U74, U93)

EAST

ILFORD, ANGEL. Renamed O'NEILLS. Charrington: IPA. +Draught Bass. Now an Irish theme pub. (X63, U72)

NORTH WEST

HARROW, ROYAL OAK, 84/86 St. Anns Road. Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Note correct address. (W113, U67, U106)

SOUTH EAST

SE22, FORESTERS ARMS. Now part of the Whitbread "Ale House" chain. (SE198)

SE22, LORD PALMERSTON. Beers listed except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride, ESB. (SE200)

SE26, GREYHOUND. Renamed FEWTERER & FIRKIN. Beers listed. +Firkin: London Mild (3.4%), Greyhound Ale (3.5%), Fewterer Ale (4.3%), Muzz Ale (5.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). The usual Firkin decor inappropriately imposed on

BEER BRIEFING
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what had been a pub of character with some fine fittings, only some of which have survived. Beers are brewed at the Falcon & Firkin and Flag & Firkin brewpubs. A fewterer is apparently a greyhound trainer and the "dog" theme predominates. Food. Open all permitted hours. (SE223, U114)

BECKENHAM, THREE TUNS. Renamed RAT & PARROT. John Smith: Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Now part of the S&N "Rat & Parrot" chain. (3SE205, U53, K37, U107)

BROMLEY, ANGLESEY ARMS. +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire Ale. (3SE216, U70, U116)

BROMLEY, RED LION. Beers listed. +Adnams: Broadside, +Arundel: Beards Best Bitter, +Harvey: Best Bitter. +2 Guest beers from small and provincial brewers. Acquired by Beards from Whitbread and tastefully refurbished. (3SE219, U59, K50)

SOUTH WEST

SW19, HORSE & GROOM, 131 Merton High Street. Renamed KILKENNY TAVERN. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Ruddle: Best Bitter. Formerly DARK HOUSE. (SW55, U36, U59, U71, U92, U99)

WEST

W2, ORIENT EXPRESS. Renamed FORTUNE CORNER. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +Guest beer. Formerly GRAND JUNCTION ARMS. (W59, U80)

W12, BEAUMONT ARMS. Renamed EDWARDS. Worthington: Best Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. Refurbished in cafe bar style with bare floorboards and an emphasis on food. Opens early for breakfasts and all permitted hours. (W91, U43, U57, U71)

W14, BARONS (ALE HOUSE). Renamed CURTAINS UP. Beers listed. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Refurbished with a theatrical theme. Barons Court Theatre is upstairs. (W94, U107)

W14, RADNOR ARMS. Beers listed except Everard: Tiger. +Everard: Beacon Bitter, Old Original. Now tenanted by Oak Taverns and run as an Everards pub following refurbishment. (W94, U71, U101)

BRENTFORD, ALBANY ARMS

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 121

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

SW17, GORDON BENNETT! Open all permitted hours.

W6, CAMBRIDGE ARMS. Refs should read (W74, U75, U119)

HARMONDSWORTH, BLUE HORIZON. Beers omitted in error: -Boddington: Bitter. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Marston: Pedigree.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

SW9, BEEHIVE. Should read H unused.

RICHMOND, CROWN. Delete entry, pub was confused with the Bricklayers Arms already reported as closed in 1992, but now a furniture shop.

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

EC4, HOGSHEAD & HOGSHEAD. Should read HEDGEHOG & HOGSHEAD.

N1, QUEENS HEAD. Should read OLD QUEENS HEAD.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 120 (in Update 121)

SE19, POSTAL ORDER. Address is 33 Westow Street.

EAST END NEWS

The Knave of Clubs in E2 which has been closed for some time now shows some signs of work being carried out. The large internal mirrors seem to be intact and lately as I cycle past I seem to see a giraffe's head protruding from the wall? Maybe I should stay off the beer for a while. Just down the road in Bishopsgate (EC2) at the corner of Brushfield Street there appears to be a new pub opening named the Slurping Toad. Whether it is the Natterjack variety (an endangered species) or the Horny (too late for Valentines Day) is not clear.

The Duke of Edinburgh in E11 is currently the home of the East London CAMRA dart team known as the Spratts. Obviously we are in a prime position to monitor not only the pub but also the beer. Since we started playing there have been a steady stream of "guest beers". The latest was Sam's Porter from Allied. Previously they have sold the Allied beers brewed seasonally, e.g. Allsopps' Winter Ale, Treble Diamond and Old Ruby. Adnams has been sold and Youngs Bitter and the house beer Dukes are the regulars. As well as dart board the pub boasts a shove h'p board and is usually quiet, music wise, that is.

Saxon Inns seem to be the latest pub chain to con the public. I have noticed two pubs selling Cidermaster from Taunton on a fake hand-pump. Freezing cold and at £2 a pint.

The Woodman E15 appears closed and looks about to be converted to commercial use.

Keith Emmerson

BOOK REVIEW

700 GREAT BRITISH PUBS, INNS AND TAVERNS

by Donald Stuart

The February London Drinker carried an advert and a press release for this book by a reporter on the Richmond & Twickenham Times and we have now received a copy for review. Let me say two things straight away. Firstly, despite the initial appearance the title is not "WIN £1,000!" this is an indication of what you could do, though, if you buy the book.

The second point I must make is that this is not a beer guide. For sure, it does list 700 pubs (No I haven't counted them, but I trust Mr. Stuart on this matter) but it does not tell you what beers they sell or list other facilities. No, don't stop; there is good stuff to come - it's just that this is not a beer guide.

So what is it then? Well, it is a list of 700 pubs arranged in three categories which are in order: "Historic", "Haunted" and "Unique and Special". In each category the pubs are listed alphabetically so, for example, we have the King of Prussia in Fowey, Cornwall immediately followed by the Kings Arms in Amersham, Bucks. What the book then gives is a snippet of interesting information about the pub appropriate to the category in which it finds itself. The book is illustrated with photos or drawings (by the author, I think) of some of the pubs.

The snippets are interesting and by dipping in from time to time you will probably find out something new about a pub you are quite familiar with.

But.... I advise you not to just dip in from time to time. Forgive me if I'm wrong but I suspect that the thing which will make you buy this book is that headline. Let's not pretend, at £5.99 for an A5 size book of 86 pages it is not cheap but then not many books give you the chance to win back over 160 times their cover price.

No.... What you have to do is read the book, and if you will forgive the appalling metaphor, read between the lines - or at least between the entries. Dotted through the book are clues which you have to find and then use

to solve a riddle. When you have solved this riddle you will be left with a conundrum to solve. When you have solved both then you send your answers (to both the riddle and the conundrum) to Mr. Stuart, then if you are right and your entry is the first one out of Mr. Stuart's hat you will be the lucky recipient of the £1,000 prize.

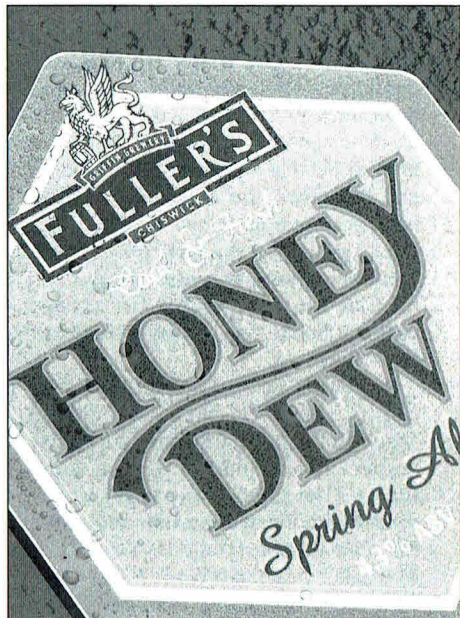
So that's it then, you have to read the book to find the clues which are scattered throughout in the text or the pictures. No, I don't know how many there are as I have not been through the book exhaustively yet but all the clues I have found are numbered so it is a fair bet that once you have found the first and last clues you will know whether you have got them all. "And what are the clues like?" you may ask. Well I don't suppose I would be giving too much away by saying the Clue No. 1 reads: "My first is never in a negative but always in print." And that's all I'm telling you.

So how do you get hold of the book? You can try your local book shop although as Mr. Stuart has published it himself, I suspect its circulation will be somewhat limited. The surefire way to get a copy is to send £5.99 and your name and address to Mr. Donald Stuart at 3 Waldeck Terrace, Mortlake, London SW14 7HE. And while I'm on the official bit your entry has to be submitted by 1st January 1998. Oh, and in case you think Mr. Stuart might be cheating he has lodged copies of the solutions with a solicitor and the editor of Competitors World.

So, what is my verdict? Will I buy the book? Well, no.... but this is only because I have the review copy. Let's face it, there are precious few perks in this job.

Okay, so would I buy the book? Yes, I think so, but then I like a bit of a challenge. My advice to you is to buy the book and have a go at winning the £1,000. After all, if you don't get lucky you will still have the book to dip into.

Andy Pirson



Building on the success of their other seasonal beers Fuller's is introducing a new 4.3% abv Spring Ale called Honeydew. The majority of beers in the Fuller's occasional range including London Porter, Old Winter Ale, Hock and India Pale Ale celebrate beers of the past, reviving recipes from the last century. With Honeydew Fuller's Brewing Director, Reg Dury and his team have created something completely new, trying to reach a wider audience by producing a beer with broader appeal. It is anticipated that its light, golden colour will tempt the lager drinker to try something different, should appeal to the increasingly important female market and yet still maintain an attraction for the traditional ale drinker who fancies

an alternative to his normal pint. As the name suggests, honey has been added to this brew to give a wonderfully aromatic nose and a subtle smoothness, whilst First Gold hops, a new dwarf variety, add a delicate yet refreshing citrus tang to this exciting modern beer.

Honeydew will be widely available in the majority of Fuller's houses and selected Free Trade outlets from Friday 21st March until 27th May but beer fans were able to get a sneak preview at Camra's London Drinker Beer Festival. The Festival was sponsored by Fuller's this year and gave the brewery the ideal launching pad for Honeydew. On the opening day Reg Drury pulled the first pint and talked the consumer through their first mouthwatering taste. It seemed to go down well and looks set to join the string of successes from the Fuller's brewing team. Beware though, it may be 4.3% but it drinks far more easily – too much of it and you could fall victim to the sting in its tail!

YOUNG'S USE OF CASK BREATHERS

During the survey for the Good Beer Guide, the South West London CAMRA branch discovered two Young's pubs using cask breathers on Winter Warmer and RamRod. The CAMRA Brewery Liaison Officer for Young's discussed the issue with Ian Swanson, their Quality Assurance Brewer, the man credited with eradicating filter papers and pour backs from Young's cellars last year.

The brewery has a practice of recommending licensees to "down size" to smaller casks when sales of a particular beer slow, to ensure a turn around of about two days per cask. Mr Swanson then recommends use of cask breathers when sales of a beer in the smallest available cask (generally 9 gallons for Winter Warmer) would mean the pub being unable to stock the beer.

The Young's BLO, Alan Bevan, said "I appreciate Young's are trying to make as many of their real ales available as possible but the CAMRA 1998 Good Beer Guide policy is very strict."

At its branch meeting on 2nd March, the SW London branch decided the following:

- 1) Not to consider for entry in the 1998 GBG any pubs using the cask breather in line with the new policy directive. (Thereby the two Young's pubs were excluded from consideration).
- 2) BLO to seek to amend the Young & Co. Brewery entry in the GBG such that it states that cask breathers may be employed on slow selling ales.

3) To revisit all 9 Young's pubs conditionally voted for entry into the 1998 Good Beer Guide to ensure they do not and will not use cask breathers on any of their real ales.

4) To bring this to the attention of the Regional Director and other CAMRA branches and ask them to ensure proper scrutiny of cellarmanship as per GBG guidance and CAMRA policy.

5) To communicate its concerns and deliberations on the issue to the Regional Director, London Drinker, What's Brewing and Young & Co. (The latter to be sent the new CAMRA Cellarmanship & Dispense policy directive from the National Executive.)

One possible consequence is that some Young's pubs may only serve the nitrokeg "RamRod Smooth" and not stock the real ale draught RamRod and Winter Warmer if sales are slow and cask breathers are banned by a brewery directive.

Alan Bevan said "CAMRA needs to address this possibility of its cask breather policy pushing good, real ale pubs towards nitrokeg." The Young's BLO added "I am very concerned about easy availability of cask breathers in real ale pubs such as Young's. It may encourage a penny pinching landlord to put a breather on a slow selling barrel or kil of bitter. We should work with brewers, like Young's, who have been defenders of real ale to ensure the best quality and widest choice of beers in pubs, be they GBG entries or not."

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Following the success of the 1996 Catford Beer Festival, the staff were finally rewarded in February with a weekend trip to Bateman's brewery in Lincolnshire and the Nethergate brewery in Suffolk. The group of 30 assembled at Lewisham Theatre at 8:30 on Saturday morning; the subsequent three-and-a-half hour journey allowed us to catch up on lost sleep.



On arrival at Bateman's we were greeted by "Mr George", George Bateman the brewery's Chairman and grandson of the founder. Following an entertaining tour of the brewery we sampled the full range of Bateman's beers before moving to the Woolpack for lunch.

Having ascertained that the only beer available in Wainfleet was Bateman's Dark Mild and XB, some of the group decided to risk an out-of-season evening in Skegness (they were warned by those who had been before).



After spending most of the evening in a pub selling Hardy & Hansons beer four people decided it wasn't worth going to the seaside if you don't go for a paddle in the sea. Having experienced the pleasure of the February sea temperature they made their way safely back to Wainfleet.

The Sunday morning coach trip to Nethergate gave us another chance to catch up on lost sleep, this time due to the late night rather than the early start! The reason for making this rather convoluted journey was to present Ian

Hornsey, Nethergate's brewer, with a certificate for the 1996 Catford Beer of the Festival, Umbel Magna.

After consuming copious amounts of Xmas Ale, Golden Gate, Old Growler and IPA we were finally allowed to have a tour of the brewery. Eventually we made our way back to the coach for the journey back to Catford.

Andy Camroux

HAVE DRINK - CAN COOK

(Omelettes from the Fridge)

Following the first in our occasional series in the last issue, I happened to show the article to a colleague, who is always suited up, and mentioned to him that obviously such unseemly goings on would not apply to him. He solemnly informed me that his 3-piece suit was not his usual one and that only that morning he had put on his first choice and discovered that the lining of the jacket was sticky. It wasn't until he felt into his inside pocket and found his doner kebab uneaten from the night before that he realised that his waistcoat, new shirt and tie were also now stained by the chilli-sauce! A large dry cleaning bill will obviously follow!

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"In fact CAMRA was able to demonstrate that a wide variety of beers across Europe qualified under the guest beer law. CAMRA

launched a massive campaign, bringing together MPs, MEPs, British brewers, Continental brewers, and drinkers across Europe. There is no doubt that without CAMRA, things would have been very different - we've been told as much by politicians and civil servants of all parties. Who dares say that CAMRA's work is now done?

"Now the Commission have been satisfied by some relatively minor amendments to the legislation, which will actually improve consumer choice.

"It's time to thank all those who helped in our campaign, and to draw a pint of a high quality guest beer to celebrate!!" concluded Mr Cox.

WETHERSPOON APOLOGY

A letter appeared in last month's **London Drinker** stating that a number of Wetherspoon's pubs were serving recycled beer. Before publishing the letter **London Drinker** did not attempt to verify the accuracy of this information and does not believe the information is correct.

London Drinker has apologised to J D Wetherspoon PLC.

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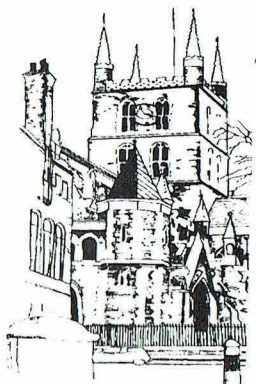
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News about one particular area of the branch that often gets forgotten, Hendon, NW4. The Footman & Firkin (formerly the White Bear) at 56 The Burroughs has now been part of the Firkin chain for five months. Having had, to be very polite, 'teething problems' the Footman seems to be on his feet. A 'professional' team has been brought in, all the way from Holland! The two men and a woman management were formerly at the Fiddler & Firkin brew pub at The Hague. Early days yet but they are loaded with enthusiasm; expect guest ales and also a beer festival. The current Firkin special is a brown ale, Cushy Butterfield named after a sixteenth century alewife - well worth trying.

The Chequers at 22 Church End, having been a Good Beer Guide entry for 1996 and 1997 seems to have a change of management every couple of weeks and as a result the beer can be very irregular. Hopefully things will settle down soon. A Scottish Courage pub, desperate for refurbishment, the beers on offer are Courage Best and Directors and Theakston's Best Bitter.

The Greyhound at 52 Church End also has a new manager, a very friendly American called Josh. This is an expensive pub with all beers served on cask breather; it sells the full range of Usher's beers including the seasonal Spring Fever.

Lastly, the Hungry Horse at 29 Station Road. This pub seems to have had a change of name more often than the Spice Girls are in the paper. Formerly the Pickled Newt, there are rumours that under its new owners Greene King it will revert to its original name, the Midland Arms. It is worth

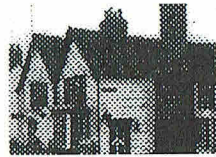
checking out with some interesting guest ales; the last time I was there they had Bateman's XXXB - wonderful once the tight sparkler was removed!

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 Walsh's, Battersea, SW11
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 Wenlock Arms, Off City Road, N1
 Water's Edge, Tottenham, N17
 Coach & Horses, Barnes, SW13
 Hogshead, Drury Lane, WC2
 Hogshead, Lewisham, SE13
 Crystal Palace Tavern, SE22
 Dog & Bell, Deptford, SE8
 Bell, Walthamstow, E17
 All J D Wetherspoon houses

We invite individual pubs to request listing and our readers to check validity of entries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS (continued)

Dear Editors,

In response to Steve Quiller's invitation ('Supporting Your Local', March LD), can I shed some light on his undoubted confusion? The essence of my admittedly rather long diatribe in the Christmas issue was the threat posed to many community pubs by the trend towards managed and themed pub conversions, on the part of both the brewers and independent pub companies, and how large parts of their business are now being 'siphoned off' by these conversions. The threat to the community local is regardless of location – they could be in the town centre or the 'back streets'.

The reasons for this are subject to endless debate, but in my judgment are a combination of the landlord/leasing approach for many low-barrelage pubs (i.e. imposing both high rents and the responsibility for refurbishment on to the lessee, which inevitably means there is little room left for investment in 'managed house' standards, e.g. on food) and, in retailing, an over-concentration on younger drinkers (who,

supposedly, are the only age group now spending money in pubs).

Mr Quiller's criticism of my remarks about the Druid's Head/Hogshead, in fact, only serves to illustrate these points quite nicely. The old 'Druid's', despite years of progressive decay and neglect, was indeed many people's "local" (maybe it escaped his notice in driving through the centre of Kingston that some people still live there!) and used it both lunchtime and evening. Despite falling trade, it managed to serve good ale to boot – four of them in fact prior to 'theming'. For over 20 years, Whitbread had the opportunity to spend a relatively small amount of money bringing this friendly old pub up to scratch, but instead they hid behind Listed-building requirements until a £700K refurbishment 'concept' was on the cards, with high prices "necessary to recoup this investment" (my quotes). The handful of former regulars who still use it now find an alienating and impersonal place (no darts, no refuge from the canned music, no fun), often with poor service and a lack of staff knowledge about the beers on offer.

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Like it or not, the individual's choice of pub is always a subjective matter, as Mr Quiller himself reveals by his list of recommended pubs. Do I detect the smell of burning martyr? CAMRA is after all just a movement of like-minded individuals, and neither I nor anyone else on 'my committee' would pretend they can influence that decision. I take great exception to the implication that we have some sort of 'divine power' to influence a pub's trade: if that was the case, CAMRA would be run by licensees!

CAMRA is nowadays concerned not only with ale quality and choice but also with preserving our pub heritage and in raising standards (of service, facilities and comfort, including standards of personal behaviour) in pubs. Both are of interest to me. I applaud some managed chains such as Wetherspoon for showing the locals how it should be done, but I find standards of comfort, or the 'ambience' in a pub, too often compromised (partly for the reasons stated earlier) by short-term commercial considerations. In many of our community locals it seems that tolerance comes down to who puts the most money over the bar. If only more local publicans had the guts to bar foul-mouthed, abusive or obviously underage customers on the premises, they might find a reassuring increase in trade follows.

Regarding "yet another" town centre Pub of the Year; the Two Brewers (POTY two years ago). Has he been in recently to see why we chose it? Apart from a choice of interesting beers (it is genuinely free of tie), the pub has many disadvantages to contend with, not least its location on the inner ring-road 'racetrack'. Luckily its licensee is not one of these, and he tries hard to provide a welcoming environment with good food at lunchtime for shoppers and local office workers. True, it's not the quietest pub, but the 'locals' seem to like the jukebox. Without the regular evening custom of Mr Quiller and his friends to fortify it, the pub not only survives but, in our collective opinion, manages to exceed the standards of even his own favourites (two of which are regular GBG entries). This year's Branch POTY is the 'suburban' Waggon & Horses in Surbiton, but he might like to know that I recently nominated the Park Tavern, – a true 'hidden gem' – for our Branch POTY this year. It won.

As Steve Quiller is so concerned about the fairness and objectivity of our Branch choices, I suggest he joins us in CAMRA instead of heckling from the sidelines! If more pub 'regulars' joined our campaign instead of acting like bemused bystanders then CAMRA might have more success in halting the march of the brand managers and property developers.

CAMRA stands up for your pub. Over to you, 'Mr. Q'!

Yours sincerely

Brian Bade

Kingston

Dear Editors,

I shall be organising the Sunbury 16 pub crawl again this year on Saturday 12th July. Last year's crawl was a great disappointment with very few people turning up because they did not know about it and consequently the charity we were supporting were let down.

We shall be supporting the same charity as last year, Cancer Research, and hope we will have a better turn out.

We shall be starting in the usual place, the Running Horse, although there is no real beer here but it is one of the sixteen pubs in Sunbury. From here the list of pubs will be as follows:

Hare & hounds (Fullers)
Grey Horse (Courage and guest beers)
Jubilee (Courage and guest beers)
George (Morland and guest beers)
Jockey (Free House)
White Horse (Courage)
Phoenix (Scottish Courage - former Watney)
Magpie (Free House)
Flower Pot (Free House)
Three Fishes (former Watney)
Admiral Hawke (former Watney)
Clare Tavern (Free House)
Shears (Courage)
Prince Albert (former Watney, with guest beers)
Leons (also known as Robbies Bar & Roses Restaurant - Free House)

T-shirts will be available around May, probably at around £6 but this could vary.

Yours sincerely,

G.D.Walker

Sunbury

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OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

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SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
SW1 MOON ON THE MALL
SW1 MORPETH ARMS
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS
SW1 ROYAL OAK
SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR
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 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE
SW11 WALSH'S
SW12 PRINCE OF WALES
SW13 COACH & HORSES
SW13 RED LION
SW13 ROSE OF DENMARK
SW14 HALFWAY HOUSE
SW14 HARE & HOUNDS
SW15 FOX & HOUNDS
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KINGSTON, RAM


KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS
KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS
KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
LONG DITTON, NEW INN
MITCHAM, QUEENS HEAD, Cricket Green
MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
MORDEN, WETHERSPOONS
NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK
RICHMOND, BELVEDERE
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
W6 HAMERSMITH RAM
W10 VILLAGE INN
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BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR
BRIGHTON, SUSSEX YEOMAN
CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING & QUEEN
CHERTSEY, CASTLE
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
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
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
WATFORD, WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB
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