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## WHERE TO BUY LONDON DRINKER

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

### OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS  
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EC1 MASQUE HAUNT  
EC1 O'HANLONS  
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN  
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS  
EC1 SHAKESPEARE  
EC1 SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE  
EC3 SWAN  
EC4 BLACK FRIAR  
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD  
E2 CAMDENS HEAD  
E2 CONQUEROR  
E3 COBORN ARMS  
E7 OLD SPOTTED DOG  
E8 PRINCE ARTHUR  
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN  
E11 BIRKBECK TAVERN  
E11 GEORGE  
E15 GOLDEN GROVE  
E17 COLLEGE ARMS  
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE  
SE1 COPPER  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
SE1 GRAPES  
SE1 KINGS ARMS  
SE1 MARKET PORTER  
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road  
SE1 TRINITY ARMS  
SE1 WHEATSHEAF  
SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall St  
SE1 WINDMILL., 44 Lambeth High Street  
SE1 ZANZI BAR  
SE3 BRITISH OAK  
SE3 CROWN  
SE3 HARE & BILLET  
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN  
SE6 BLACK HORSE & HARROW  
SE6 TIGERS HEAD  
SE7 ANTIGALLICAN  
SE7 ROYAL OAK  
SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
SE8 DOG & BELL  
SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE  
SE9 BANKERS DRAFT  
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY  
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS  
SE10 RICHARD I  
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN  
SE13 HOGS HEAD  
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS  
SE16 MOBY DICK  
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM  
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)  
SE20 MOON & STARS  
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CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD  
ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD  
LOUGHTON, LAST POST  
PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH  
SOUTH CROYDON, RAIL VIEW  
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING MOON

### CLUBS

SE9 HOWERD CLUB  
SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB  
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB  
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ORPINGTON, JUBILEE SPORTS BAR

### OFF TRADE

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

### OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL and NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS  
WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE  
WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS  
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE  
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN  
WC1 SUN  
WC1 THREE CUPS  
WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR  
WC2 FULMAR & FIRKIN  
WC2 GEORGE IV  
WC2 HOGS HEAD  
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY  
WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE  
N1 179 UPPER STREET  
N1 COMPTON ARMS  
N1 EARL OF RADNOR  
N1 GEORGE & VULTURE  
N1 MALT & HOPS  
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN  
N1 PRINCE ARTHUR  
N1 WENLOCK ARMS  
N2 WELCH'S ALE HOUSE  
N4 TAP & SPILE  
N6 OLD GATE HOUSE  
N7 TAPPIT HEN  
N8 ELBOW ROOM  
N8 TOLL GATE  
N9 LAMB  
N11 BANKERS DRAFT

N12 ELEPHANT  
N12 TALLY HO  
N13 WHOLE HOG  
N14 NEW CROWN  
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  
EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE  
ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK  
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER  
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF  
NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS  
NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER  
NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

### OUTLETS - NORTH WEST PUBS

NW1 HEAD OF STEAM  
NW1 LORD NELSON  
NW1 QUINNS  
NW1 SPREAD EAGLE  
NW2 BEATEN DOCKET  
NW3 DUKE OF HAMILTON  
NW3 FLASK TAVERN  
NW3 THREE HORSESHOES  
NW4 CHEQUERS  
NW4 FOOTMAN & FIRKIN  
NW4 GREYHOUND  
NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL  
NW9 J.J. MOONS  
NW10 COLISEUM  
NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS  
NW10 OUTSIDE INN  
NW11 WHITE SWAN  
HAREFIELD, WHITE HORSE  
HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL  
HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS  
HATCH END, MOON & SIXPENCE  
KENTON, NEW MOON  
NORTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS  
RUISLIP, J.J. MOONS  
SOUTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS  
STANMORE, MALT HOUSE  
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK  
WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE  
WEMBLEY, J.J. MOONS

### OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street  
NW6 Grogblossoms, 235 West End Lane

### CLUBS

NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,  
Middlesex University Bus. School

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## EDITORIAL

**CHOICE** was one of CAMRA's aims right from its fledgling days in 1971. In effect this meant the choice to be able to drink cask ale in pubs rather than be offered only keg ale or lager. Choice of which cask ale to drink was a luxury enjoyed in places like Manchester and Nottingham where the then independent regional brewers gave the 'Big Six' national combines plenty of competition. There were then no micro-breweries and only four brew-pubs remained.

Since then we saw the 'Big Six' bow to customer demand and offer the real thing in more of their pubs. Much of it though real, was of no great distinction but there were highlights such as Draught Bass (an established brew) and, unusual for one of the Big Six, Burton Ale a successful new beer. The latter being the reason for handpumps going back into many of what we knew as Allied pubs and also a winner of CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain award. Both these brands have faded from those heights. At the same time the regionals were either selling cask beer as they had always done but more of it (Yongs) or getting back on the straight and narrow by making it widely available again in their pubs (Fullers). Brew-pubs were making a comeback (David Bruce and his innovative Firkin chain) and the first of what we now call the micro-breweries started up. Choice was increasing in every way even allowing for mergers and

acquisitions involving the original 'Big Six'. The subsequent growth of the micro-brewery and brew-pub sectors, the success of the regionals with their cask beers and the relentless concentration amongst the giants - the Big Two and a Half if the Allied/Bass merger deal is approved - are well known to you all. We now have a situation where the greatest range of cask ales for 30 years is available with fewer than ever from the giants who rely on guest beers to offer choice within their pubs. Choice has now become an end in itself within the pub but sadly many pubs are offering too many different beers for the trade they have and quality is the victim. 'Never mind the quality, count the hand pumps' seems to be the message. Is it not time we put choice in second place and campaigned for **QUALITY**.

**Terry Hewitt**

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## FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

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|-------------------|---|
| <b>29 June</b>    | <b>Camra Real Ale Bar</b><br>Epping Country Show<br>St Johns School Field<br>St Johns Road, Epping        |
| <b>2-5 July</b>   | <b>Beer &amp; Cider Festival</b><br>National Hockey Stadium<br>Silbury Boulevard<br>Central Milton Keynes |
| <b>4-5 July</b>   | <b>2nd Southdowns</b><br>Crown & Hop Exchange<br>Lewes Town Hall<br>Fisher Street, Lewes                  |
| <b>5-6 July</b>   | <b>Sittingbourne Beer &amp; Steam Festival</b><br>Sittingbourne & Kemsley<br>Steam Railway                |
| <b>12-13 July</b> | <b>Real Ale Tent</b><br>Woodcote Rally, Copyhold Farm<br>Goring Heath                                     |
| <b>17-19 July</b> | <b>23rd Kent</b><br>The Cowshed, Merton Farm<br>Merton Lane, Canterbury                                   |
| <b>25-27 July</b> | <b>21st Cotswold</b><br>Postlip Hall<br>Nr Winchcombe   |
| <b>5-9 Aug</b>    | <b>Great British Beer Festival</b><br>Grand & National Halls<br>Olympia W8                                |

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## IDLE MOMENTS

A letter has flooded in! It comes from Ken Crawford who start by expressing his thanks for the reappearance of the number puzzles. Sorry to disappoint Ken but I've run out again. I am thinking of revisiting some of them in the near future so you may well see some old favourites(?) coming around again shortly. The main subject of Ken's letter, though, is clerihews. He starts by quoting the Ceaucescu one which we printed in a letter last month from Colin Price. The point he makes is that the last line (the sting or pay off) should be much shorter to achieve its bite. To demonstrate this idea he gives us the following brewery example:

The house of Fuller  
Makes many a pint-puller  
Regret all those years before he tried  
London Pride

Meanwhile we have another from Brian Fletcher:

Ridley's off Hertford End  
Are happy to depend  
on tinting their bitter as Mild  
That way their profits are piled

And one more from Robin Bolt:  
John Willie Lees  
Said, "If you please  
Drink my Moonraker  
To go to your Maker."

Before we leave the subject of number puzzles, here are the answers to the ones I set last month:

1. 11 Players in a Hockey Team
2. 3 Houses in Downing Street (Ten, Eleven and Twelve)
3. 78 Feet is the Length of a Tennis Court
4. 3000 Feet is the Minimum Height of a Munro in Scotland
5. 185 Feet is the Height of Nelson's Column
6. 2 West Central Postal Districts in London
7. 30 Players in a Game of Hurling
8. 12 Cylinders in a Rolls Royce Merlin Engine
9. 9 Feet is the Length of a Table Tennis Table
10. 72 Holes in an International Golf Tournament

And while I'm at it I shall carry straight on with last month's brewery anagram answers:

1. DRAIN IT, MRS TALLY

TYNLLIDIART ARMS

2. SEE HER IN BREAD  
ABERDEENSHIRE
3. SIR FLINT'S A TOUT  
FIRST IN LAST OUT
4. RENT COW PIN  
PRINCETOWN
5. MILE SAVER  
MERIVALES

And here are this month's:

1. SLAIN TALON
2. SHOWN BY WIT
3. SLING AT HAM
4. HOSE A COUCH
5. NON-CLASS

Old hands will know what comes next (and will probably move straight on to 5BY4). For the rest of you it's the answers to last month's cryptic Underground stations:

1. It's angry and full of boats -  
Crossharbour
2. Place of worship with cranial appendages -  
Hornchurch
3. It's not old enough to be of Queen  
Eleanor's - New Cross
4. You stand in line to enter this green space  
- Kew Gardens
5. Oriental outer garment - Eastcote

And yes, I've managed to come up with a few more:

1. Occidental church
2. Not to be confused with the starting point  
of the Great Fire
3. Path beneath a vault
4. Archery takes place at this place of  
worship?
5. These gardens were a Scandinavian  
cemetery

I was wondering what to do for 5BY4 this month and suddenly I thought, "Why not do beers linked by being named after animals?" I couldn't think of a good answer to this so I did; the name obviously had to be Beastly Brews. In fact, when I gout out by Good Beer Guide, I found so many beginning with the letter "B" that I didn't go any further and (inevitably) I renamed it "B-Beastly Brews". All you have to do is match the beers with the breweries:

- |                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Bear Ale        | A. Reepham    |
| 2. Bengal Tiger    | B. Exmoor     |
| 3. Barn Owl Bitter | C. Fulbeck    |
| 4. Bull            | D. Moorhouses |

5. Beagle
6. Black Dog Mild
7. Buchan Bronco
8. Bittern
9. Black Cat Mild
10. Beast
- E. Hambleton
- F. Traquair
- G. Aberdeenshire
- H. Concertina
- I. Cotleigh
- J. Elgood's

Answers as usual at the end. Now, let's have the answers to last month's Trivial Knowledge:

1. Walking on Sunshine
2. James Hilton
3. Anne Frank
4. Basutoland
5. Bechuanaland
6. Industrial open air museums
7. Grandson
8. Babs, Joy and Teddie
9. Rupert Bear
10. Shakin' Stevens

And just to finish off with, here are this month's little posers:

1. What two English counties were combined to form the present county of Cumbria?
2. Whose only quote in the Oxford Dictionary of Modern Quotations is, "Marriage is a wonderful invention; but, then again, so is a bicycle repair kit."?
3. What, according to Samuel Johnson's

famous Dictionary is a "muckender"?

4. In terms of international politics for what did the acronym SALT stand?
5. Harris who had a wooden leg was employed at Earls Court Station in 1911. What was his job?
6. What Roman road ran from London, through Lincoln to York?
7. What do the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal; the Royal Military Canal and the River Wey Navigation have in common?
8. The National Trust own one each in Buckinghamshire, The Isle of Wight and Somerset - one what?
9. Christine Perfect left Chicken Shack and joined what group?
10. And by what name is Christine Perfect now known?

Oh yes, before I forget I want to emphasise that the brewery anagrams are in no way intended to describe the breweries or their products. That applies in particular to No. 5. Now, here to finish off with are the answers to 5BY4:

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

And that's your lot. See you next time.

**Andy Pirson**

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# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

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£10 PRIZE TO BE WON

## ACROSS

1. Leaders of morals apparently. [10]
8. Transport drink. [7]
9. Provide broken crate. [5]
10. A mother's boy. [4]
11. A few words for time. [8]
13. I had a house in this state. [5]
14. Old friends? They're precious. [5]
16. He gets there after quietly becoming minister. [8]
17. Increases in size initially as diet doesn't succeed. [4]
20. A king who takes measures. [5]
21. Find out about the Queen causing row. [7]
22. Instructions for this begin in light blue. [5,5]

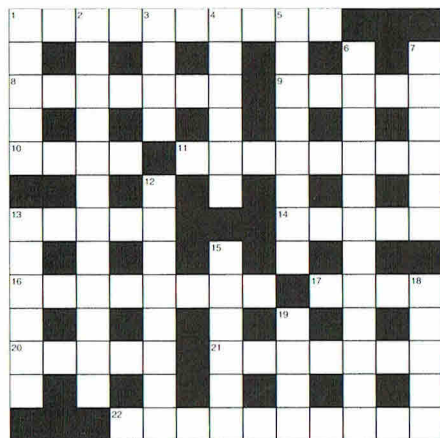
## DOWN

1. Finished article on food. [5]
2. In a couple of beers, having paid up, had another. [5,4,3]
3. It's a mistake to make it up. [4]
4. Drink carrier. [6]
5. Making speech about copper found in liquid. [8]
6. Normal light for a living room. [8,4]
7. Weave fibres to make clothes. [6]
12. Entertainment with nothing but music. [8]
13. I am clean? No! [6]
15. Architect with no skill turns out to be rushed. [6]
18. Direct cattle. [5]
19. Get rid of doctor over operation. [4]

Winner of the prize for the May Crossword:  
Eileen Graves, Frinton on Sea

Other correct entries were received from:

A, Aaba Aababa, Pat Andrews, Tommy Atkins, Geoff B. Tom Baldwin, The Bean, Robin Bolt, Alan Brooke, Martyn Brown, D.A.Bryant, Andrew Bull, Ben Burfutt, Andy Camroux, Brendan Casey, Neil Chapman, Lesley Clack, A.P.Comaish, Steve Cooper, Charles Creasey, Kathryn Everett, Mike Farrelly, B.H.Fletcher, Lawrie Gordon, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Jonty Hawkes, Geraldine Hearne, John Heath, Billy Hernon, Graham Hill, Chris James, Heather James, Jez Stephen & Tarnya, Richard Jones, Pete Large, Colin Mann, Jim Mason, Ken Matthews, Jerry the Mole, M.J.Moran, Al Mountain, Rod Prince, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Mick Norman, Kevin Reeve, Stuart Osgood, G.Richards, Bryan & Penny Smith-Worth, Old Smokey, Bill Thackray, Fred Vere, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, Spud Whale, D.White, Hazel Woodhams, D.Woodward, Yak.



Name.....

Address.....

All correct entries received by first post on 30th July will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the September London Drinker.

Solution next month.

All entries to be submitted to:

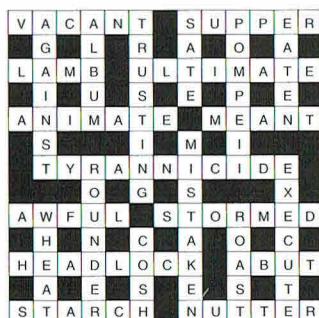
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## BRANCH DIARY

If your branch does not have any events listed, please ring the branch contact given after the branch name. Dates for July of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson.

**LONDON PUBS GROUP.** Jeff Primm 0181-683 3832 (H) 0171-973 3096 (W)

**CROYDON & SUTTON.** Paul Eweritt 0181-686 5053 (H & W): Fri 4 (8.00) Independents Social. PLOUGH, Croydon Road, Beddington -Sat 5 Visit to Lewes Beer Festival. Meet at East Croydon Station at 10.15am - Tue 8 (8.00) Two Pub Social. Meet THOMAS FARLEY (ex Wilton Arms) then RAILWAY TELEGRAPH, Thornton Heath High Street - Sat 12 Dorking Pub Ramble. Details from Terry Hewitt on 0181-660 5931 - Tue 15 (8.00) New Town Garden Socials. Meet LORD NELSON then NEW INN; WINDSOR CASTLE and NEW TOWN - Tue 22 (8.30) Social. PHOENIX & FIRKIN, Denmark Hill Station, Windsor Walk, SE5 - Thu 31 (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: Sat 5 Minibus Tour of Hertfordshire. Sorry, fully booked! - Mon 7 (8.00) Branch Meeting. ARTILLERY ARMS, Bunhill Row, EC1 - Wed 16 (7.00) Social. O'HANLON'S, Tysoe Street, EC1 - Sat 26 (9.00am) ROBERTS' RAMBLE. This year's walk is from Witham to Maldon in Essex. Meet at Liverpool Street Station ticket office for train to Witham. We will return by bus to Chelmsford and then train.

**ENFIELD & BARNET.** Derek Smith 0181-805 1436 (H & W): Wed 2 (9.00) Social. MAD-DONS (formerly Welch's Ale House), 130 High Street, East Finchley, N2 - Tue 8 (9.00) Bob's Birthday Social. MOON UNDER WATER, 115 Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 - Wed 16 (8.30) Garden Social. WHITE SWAN, 243 Golders Green Road, Golders Green, NW11 - Tue 22 (9.00) Joint Social with South Herts Branch. WHITE LION, 50 St. Albans Road, Barnet, EN5 - Sun 27 (12.00) Beer in the Willows; Cricket Watching Social. SOUTHGATE CRICKET CLUB, Walker Ground, Waterfall Road, Southgate, N14 (To be confirmed) - Thu 31 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pickup. OSIDGE ARMS, Hampden Square, Southgate, N14 - Wed 13 Aug (8.30) Branch Meeting. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20 (To be confirmed).

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD.** Brian Bade 0181-549 7486 (H & Fax): Thu 3 (8.30) Business Meeting. RISING SUN, Heathcote Road, Epsom (upstairs room) - Sun 13 (1.00) XXX Anniversary Social. WAGGON & HORSES, Surbiton Hill Road, Surbiton (Cheers, Joe & Brighd!).

**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 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (and election of officers). RUGBY TAVERN, Great James Street, WC1 (buffet included) - Tue 15 (8.00) WC1 Social. OVERDRAFT, Eagle Street and ENTERPRISE - Tue 29 (8.00) Wood Green Social. STARTING GATE, Station Road, N22 then GOOSE & GRANITE, opposite Wood Green Tube - Tue 5 Aug (8.00) Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW.** Alistair Black 01932 780823 (H): Sat 5 (11.00am) Full day cycle/bus ride, Branch End to End, Bedfont to Barnes. Full details in June London Drinker or contact Brian Kirton on 0181-384 7284 - Tue 8 (8.00) Committee Meeting (open to all). WHITE HART, 70 High Street, Hampton.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON.** Andy Camroux 0181-854 1538 (H) 0181-331 8510 (W) e-mail: a.camroux@greenwich.ac.uk: Wed 2 (7.30) New Members' Brewery Trip. O'Hanlons Brewery, Randall Road, SE11 -Tue 8 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 105 Tanners Hill, SE8 - Wed 16 (8.00) Social. HOWERD CLUB, off Rochester Way, SE9 - Fri 16 (6.30pm) Working Social. KENT BEER FESTIVAL, Canterbury - Wed 23 (7.30) Catford Post Mortem Meeting. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 105 Tanners Hill, SE8 - Sun 27 (12.30) Ramble Around Downe. Meet PARTRIDGE, High Street, Bromley -Mon 28 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting. TIGERS HEAD, 350 Bromley Road, SE6 - Wed 30 (7.00)

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Great British Beer Festival Publicity Crawl. Meet SHIP, 68 Borough Road, SE1.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX.** Andrew Clifton 01708 765150 (H); Wed 2 (8.30) Social. CHERRY TREE, 62 Queen Street (off B186 Warley Hill), Warley - Thu 10 (8.30) Social. WHITE HORSE, 173 Coptie Green Road, Coptie Green **during pub's own beer festival** - Tue 15 (8.30) Social at Chelmsford Beer Festival. Anglia Polytechnic University - Sat 19 (12.00 at brewery) brewery Trip to Bunces, Netheravon, Wilts. Details/bookings from Wendy Benson on 01708-723897 -Tue 22 (8.30) Joint Social with SE Essex Branch. GEORGE & DRAGON, Churchend, Foulness. Come early if you want to see the island in daylight, but to satisfy MOD requirements we must know the names and vehicles of those who are proposing to come in advance -Thu 31 (8.30) Out of Area Social. MOLETRAP, Tawney Common, Stapleford Tawney (OS: TQ500014)

**SOUTH WEST LONDON.** Martin Butler 0181-542 3158 (H & Fax): Fri 27 June (7.30) Social. BOLINGBROKE, 2 Cobham Close, off Bolingbroke Grove, SW11 then EAGLE ALE HOUSE (8.30), 104 Chatham Road, SW11 - Sun 13 (10.30am) Open Committee Meeting followed by (11.00) Open Festival Committee Meeting - policy & budget. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 (Your chance for a say in next year's Battersea Beer Festival) - Sat 19 (11.00am) Great British Beer Festival Publicity Crawl of Wimbledon. Meet HAND IN HAND, Wimbledon Common, SW19. Includes BREWERY TAP (1.30pm), HAND & RACKET (2.30pm), WIBBAS DOWN INN (3.30pm), SULTAN (6pm approx). **CRICKET FIXTURES:** Sun 29 June: West Peckham (A) - Sun 6 July: Wargrave (A) - Sun 20: Ightham (A). Players please ring Andy Robinson 0171-410 6302(work), 0181-653 8885(home).

**WATFORD & DISTRICT.** Tony Smith 01923 221155 (H & W) Fax: 01923 218625: Wed 2 (8.30) Skittles Evening. KINGS HEAD, Hunton Bridge - Wed 9 (8.30) Independents Social, Rickmansworth. COACH & HORSES then HOGS HEAD (9.30); FOX & HOUNDS (10.15) - Thu 17 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Social. PLOUGH, Belsize - Sat 19 (5.30 start) Branch Treasure Hunt (on foot). Start FLAG & FIRKIN - Tue 22 (8.00) Railway Social. MOON & SIXPENCE, Hatch End then PARTRIDGE (9.00), Carpenders Park; FLAG & FIRKIN (9.45), Watford - Sat 26 (12.00) Joint Pub Crawl with West Middlesex Branch. Start TAP & SPILE, Holywell Hill, St. Albans - Sun 27 (8.00) Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB.

**WEST LONDON.** Di Kehoe 0171-218 3141 (W): Thu 3 (8.30) Garden Social. HARCOURT ARMS, 32 Harcourt Street, W1 - Sat 12 (11.15am) Great British Beer Festival Publicity Day. Meet STARGAZEY, 236 Fulham Road, SW10 - Tue 15 (6.30) Great British Beer Festival Publicity Evening. Start WINDMILL, 6 Mill Street, W1 then including WORCESTER ARMS (8.15), 89 George Street finishing at GEORGE & DRAGON, 151 Cleveland Street - Wed 16 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WARWICK ARMS, 160 Warwick Road, W14 - Wed 30 (8.30) Riverside Pub Crawl. Start BULLS HEAD, 15 Strand on the Green, W4 then CITY BARGE (9.15), 27 Strand on the Green; BELL & CROWN (10.00), 11 Thames Street.

**WEST MIDDLESEX.** Dave O'Driscoll 0181-427 7498 (H) 0171-725 3035 (W): Thu 3 (8.30) Social. J J MOONS, Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor - Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DUKE OF YORK, Steyne Road, W3 - Tue 15 (8.30) Social. ROYAL OAK, Peel Road, Wealdstone - Sat 26: Branch day out to St. Albans with Watford & District Branch. Depart Watford Junction, St Albans Abbey line train at 11.16am. Connecting services 10.34 from Euston (10.46 at Harrow & Wealdstone); 10.54 from Euston direct; 10.31 Willesden Junction stopping all intermediate stations at about 2 min. intervals. Itinerary: Tap & Spile (11.35); Garibaldi (12.00); Fighting Cocks (12.45); Farriers Arms (1.30); Cross Keys (2.45); Hogshead (3.15); Jolly Sailor (4.15); Farmers Boy (Verulam Brewery) (5.00); Lower Red Lion (6.00); Portland Arms (7.30); Rose & Crown (8.00). Trains depart from St Albans Abbey back to Watford approx. every 40 mins. Pub addresses from branch contact - Wed 30 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pickup. RED LION, St Marys Road, W5.

Deadline for the August edition, 1st July. Material for September to arrive by 1st August. **Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.**

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## SOUTH WEST LONDON BRANCH CRICKET

CAMRA SW London had an early rematch with **Parktown** on Sunday 11 May and suffered another heavy defeat.

A strong batting display, with two of their players scoring 50s, lead to Parktown scoring 212 all out off 33.1 overs. CAMRA's cause was not helped by at least three dropped catches. The pick of the bowling was Andy Robinson's off-spin giving him 3 wickets for 23 runs off only 3.1 overs.

CAMRA soon fell behind the required rate and when top scorer Simon Stokes was run out for 32 their chances looked slim. Ritchie, who took 4 wickets without conceding a run in his 3.1 overs, soon wrapped up the innings at 73 all out off 26.1 overs.

The following Sunday saw SWL play hosts to the **Red Lion, Aldershot** and triumph in a closely contested encounter.

CAMRA batted first and lost their first three wickets for only 21. However a fourth wicket stand of 64 between top scorer Simon Stokes (57) and Martin Strawbridge helped the team to reach a respectable 111 all out off 25.5 overs. For the opposition Hester and Hunter both took four wickets.

In reply the visitors were soon in trouble at 36 for 5. However a sixth wicket partnership of 39 gave the Red Lion hope of victory until three wickets fell at 75. Some spirited hitting by the tail-enders left the result in doubt until the tenth wicket fell at 97 off 28.5 overs. Debutante Franklyn Richards took 3 for 13 runs as well as holding three difficult catches.

The first day of June saw SWL travel to play the **Loughborough Branch** at the scenic Loughborough Carillion ground.

The hosts batted first and were in some trouble until their number eight batsman, D Loveridge scored a fast unbeaten 52 to see Loughborough to 136 for 7 off their 30 overs. The pick of the bowling was veteran Brian Sheridan who took 3 for 27 off 9 overs.

SWL were well up with the pace until the 21st over when top scorer Nick Stokes was caught behind for 70. After that they fell behind to finish on 113 for 7 off their 30 overs. Again Loveridge caused the damage taking 4 for 15 off 9 overs.

The following Wednesday saw the Branch

at Abbey Recreation Ground, SW19 where the **Prince of Wales, Morden Road, SW19** were the hosts in a 20 over match. The Prince of Wales batted first and made 82 all out off 16.4 overs, Richards taking 5 for 15 off his four overs. SWL reached the target off 15.5 overs with Richards top scoring on 27 and Lee finishing the game with a six to take the score to 86 for 5.

The SWL team is open to CAMRA members of all abilities. For further details see the Branch Diary page.

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## THE GUEST BEER GUIDE '97

**Graham Titcombe & Nicolas Andrews**

With summer coming this is the book that beer lovers would find most useful as they head for the country.

THE GUEST BEER GUIDE '97 is the first edition of an exciting new annual on the exclusive world of really traditional beer - beer produced for quality not quantity.

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As with fine wines, great beer needs quality craft skills. Without these skills the beer is - dead as keg.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

I write in total agreement with your earlier correspondent, Edward Burns (LD, May 1997) on the subject of poor beer quality in many outlets. As a fellow CAMRA member, I too am anxious about maintaining choice, value and quality, but it seems that this three cornered equation cannot always be resolved to the satisfaction of all of its component parts.

One out of the three: about average in many places

Two: harder to find and certainly quite rare in most major multiples

All three: almost as rare as the dodo or the student barperson who actually knows something about the beers s/he's serving.

Certainly, many multiple ale outlets suffer with indifferent or poor quality ale. Like Mr. Burns, I'd rather enjoy just two superbly kept ales than half a dozen insipid ones. Whitbread invented keg beer to cut down on waste and improve "consistency". It seems that thirty years later we are still facing the charge that - worthwhile and tasty as it surely is (and cask ale is the most worthwhile of all alcoholic drinks) - the majority of ales sold on draught in the UK are symbolic of the bland featureless crap that Mr. Burns speaks of.

I would go as far as saying that the major brewers are gradually eroding the reputation of cask beer by flooding the land with sad, tasteless ales. I'm not a conspiracy theorist (honest!) but it could be that the best way to get the people to drink your even sadder products is to make what they're drinking now worse! Run down the competition until people no longer have an alternative to the status quo. After all, the former Government did this with the railways, the NHS....

Add to this that the majors realise their huge profits by employing the casual and the part time and you've a recipe that will ensure that cask beer is seen as patchy in consistency and on a bad day, undrinkable.

Good as Wetherspoon's and the like are, the majority of their staff aren't trained to appreciate what they are selling. In too many places we the consumer are being confronted by lackadaisical, uninformed service and bland, overpriced ales that are rarely fit to wash the dog with! Further to your laudable Roll of Honour of pubs that refuse to filter back beers, how about a similar one where the beer's great, reasonably priced and you are actually served properly!? Or a list

that identified pubs where things aren't what they should be? (We only have so many pages a month! - Ed.)

Service is important. Bad service can put you off a decent pub. Ignorance of products, and especially ales, cannot be justified on a "haven't time" or some such excuse. Staff training and product knowledge is essential in a competitive area such as the licensed trade. You'd be surprised how many places like to cut corners - you see it all the time.

Finally a "for instance": a small brewery pub near me needed a barperson to help out with the evening sessions. The local JobCentre sent along several eager and experienced people. Not one knew anything about ales. Back to square one. Ale is in danger of being seen as an old man's hobby.

But that's another story.

Keep fighting!

Al Ferrier

New Malden

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Dear Editors,

The recent correspondence about the variable quality of Young's occasional beers reminds me of similar experiences I have had.

My understanding (confirmed by speaking to various landlords) is that the problem is caused by the fact that most Youngs customers stick to Ordinary and/or Special, so the new beers quickly fall into the trap that "It doesn't sell, so it goes off, so it doesn't sell...." etc. It is only in central London Young's pubs that the new beers get sufficient turnover to guarantee consistent quality.

Poor beer quality is not always the landlord's fault; if the customers are unadventurous and prefer to stick to the beers they know, the new beers will go off however well the landlord looks after them. The landlord may also not have control over how many beers he sells.

On another point, I have noticed many Allied (or whatever they call themselves these days) pubs selling a house bitter for around £1 per pint. The beer is named after the pub and according to the pump clip is brewed in Newark to an alcohol content of 3.4% ABV. It is usually of indifferent quality. Does anyone know anything more about this beer?

Yours sincerely,

Colin Price

Barking



Dear Editors,

Having recently moved from Yorkshire to London, I decided to embark upon the Youngs 135 tour; today there are 169 pubs according to the list which the brewery sent me.

Having completed the tour I have written to the brewery to claim my prize in my letter I told them of my favourite pubs. I thought that your readers might like to see the list - and perhaps send in their favourites as well.

Please note that the list is in alphabetical order and does not indicate any preferences:

1. The Bear, Esher
2. Buckingham Arms, Westminster
3. Dog & Bull, Croydon
4. The Flask, Hampstead
5. Hand in Hand, Wimbledon
6. Old Sergeant, Wandsworth
7. The Plough, Effingham
8. Railway Telegraph, Thornton Heath
9. White Cross, Richmond
10. White Hart, Barnes

On checking, I find that eight of these pubs appear in the 1997 Good Beer Guide, so obviously local CAMRA members know a good pub when they see one. The main concern of CAMRA of course, is the quality of the beer and in the majority of pubs it was generally good.

Overall, it was an enjoyable thing to do and I urge any readers who are Youngs fans to try the tour themselves.

Yours sincerely,  
Chris Turner, Putney.

Dear Editors

Steve Quiller favours town centre 'themed' pubs because they attract the rough drinkers away from decent locals. For the same reason I support Keith Flett's plea for several 'family' pubs to exist in all licensing areas.

I don't mind lager drinkers or children, if they are prepared to sit down and shut up. However I don't want to share a pub with noisy, ill-mannered louts of any size.

David Woodward  
London E17

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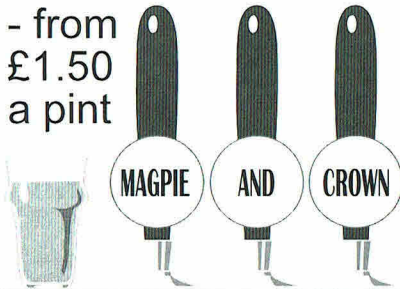
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## VISIT LONDON'S THREE MIGHTY MICROS

CAMRA's Fundraising Group are offering a unique chance for an exclusive party of people to visit London's three independent micro breweries: O'Hanlons, Bishops and Pitfield - all in one day!

The day starts with O'Hanlon's who started brewing last year. The brewery is based in South London although their pub is based in Tysoe Street, Clerkenwell, which is in East London. After a bright start, a walk and British Rail will move the party onto Bishops who are based in Borough Market. Bishops have been brewing since 1993, originally with malt extract but since last year with full mash. After the brewery tour, lunch will be taken in Bishop's new pub (opened May 1997) which is just a short walk away in Tooley Street.

After lunch, a trip north of the river courtesy of London Underground, will bring us to Old Street and a short walk to Pitfield Street and the Brew Shop off-license. Next door is the Pitfield Brewery which has been brewing on and off since 1981. It has been brewing in these particular premises since last July. At this final brewery the party will be given a brief history of Pitfield and a chance to sample the brewery's beers. The trip has been arranged for Saturday 4th October. The limited, individual places will be auctioned off everyday at the Great British Beer Festival. Postal bids are accepted by writing to Bill Austin, 21 Sussex Road, Watford, Herts, WD2 5HL; 01923 221217.

For those of you who are unable to join the party, you will be able to sample a selection of beers from the three London micro beers at this year's Festival. But of course you can visit the pubs and off-licence at any time!

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## EAST END NEWS

In **E1** Wetherspoons have a fight on their hands in making the Half Moon Theatre a pub due to opposition from the local people who claim there are upwards of five boozers in the surrounding area and they fancy a

theatre. The site is near the Old Globe and comedian Lee Hurst wants it retained as a theatre. **E2** Jeremiah Bullfrog is now a place of learning if the word school in its new title is anything to go by. Also the Britannia in Globe Road is now called the Jukebox. The White Hart closed and re-opened as the Cock & Comfort. **E3:** Priory Arms has been converted to flats. **E13:** A recent social through two pubs reveals that the Black Lion still retains a guest beer and the Lord Stanley sells Shepherd Neame Best Bitter which apparently alternates with Master Brew. There is also a guest beer. **E11:** The Cuckfield has been renovated and my spy tells me that when visited there was no Bass on though Worthington Creamflow (or whatever it's called) was available at 190p and, that the Guinness was 240p which seems a bit steep when the nearby Duke of Edinburgh sells Youngs Bitter at 145p and Guinness at 197p. **E13:** There has been a mention of another edition of the East London & City Beer Guide. That being the case there is no need to visit the Libra Arms as the dart team saw a rare victory there in April, they didn't have a brown ale or a real one. **E15:** I did report that the Woodsman appeared closed but a sign proclaimed it open on the 15th March. Not sure about opening hours as every time I pass it on a Tuesday night the steel shutters over the doors and windows appear down. No brewery signs or pub sign in evidence though it does have an illuminated Caffreys sign. The Lock Stock n Barrel (ex Belhaven ex Ascot Leisure?) has been renamed the Drum and any brewery signs that were in evidence have been removed. **E17** the Goose & Granite is currently selling London Pride at 220p a pint, a price I am told that the Goose & Granite in WC1 (ex Marquis Cornwallis) also is charging. Why anyone would want to pay these prices when you can pay 155p in the Alma in E1 I don't know.

Away from the East End in Chadwell Heath (Essex) the Greyhound has become a Harvester Restaurant and Worthington and/or Bass are available. The Harvester chain are owned by Bass Taverns.

**Keith Emmerson.**



## "TIME FOR CHANGE" ON LICENSING LAW

Two of Britain's best known consumer organisations, CAMRA and Consumers Association, have joined forces with Britain's pub operators and licensees to demand changes in our liquor licensing laws.

A letter in the *Times* recently called for a new liquor licensing Act. It said that current law 'fails to address the needs and preferences of today's consumers'. It was signed by the two independent consumer bodies named above, the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association, pub tenant organisations and the British Institute of Innkeeping. The British Hospitality Association and Business in Sport and Leisure also signed, representing pubs, hotels, nightclubs and other such premises.

The current system was described as 'costly and cumbersome to administer ... with confusion and overlap between different functions and bodies'. "But its biggest defect is that it fails to allow the trade to serve customers as well as they could," said CAMRA Campaigns Manager Stephen Cox. "We look to the new Government to begin an urgent review of licensing law."

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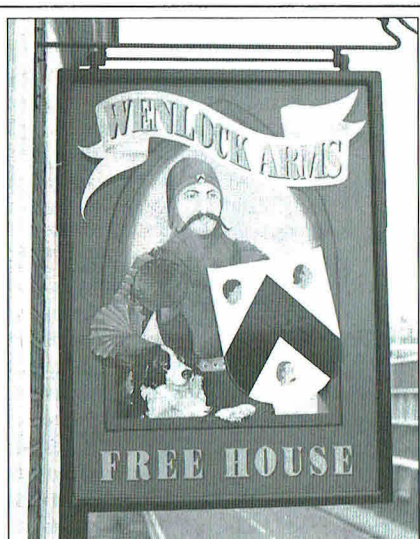
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## 2000 MILES - JUST TO GET A PINT

Four years ago Tesco carried out a thorough review of the premium bottled beer market. Certain trends were clearly identified. Customers were becoming increasingly confident about unusual and different beers and were much more prepared to experiment. Choice and variety were becoming increasingly important.

Allied to this was a renaissance in small local brewers and Tesco customers were keen to support these companies and to have the opportunity to buy the products in their local stores. Tesco buyers undertook to contact these companies and over time a superb range was built up which featured the best which the national and local brewers had to offer. A key feature of the plan was the production of top quality promotional material to support the new products in-store and to meet consumer demands for information about the brewers and their products.

Richard Morrice, a member of the British Guild of Beer writers, became a supplier of speciality bottled beers to Tesco at this time of rapid growth and development. He started to write booklets on beer for Tesco and became intrigued by the diversity of the British Brewing scene. He warmed to the people and he really admired the products.

Over the last twelve months or so Tesco have introduced a new system, which allows quality, small brewers access to their local stores. The response from customers has been overwhelmingly positive and with this came a demand for yet more information!

The brief went out to Richard:-

"Produce a new format which will intrigue our customers and give them the information which they need about our new products. Tell our customers about the work we are doing with their local brewery!"

The ideal solution would be a Round Britain Tour to allow Richard to visit the most interesting breweries and learn more about their products and the areas in which they operate. But it would take an age to organise and even longer to complete.

Along with his interest for beer Richard was becoming a born-again motorbiker pottering along the highways and by-ways on his trusty tourer.

Eventually the penny dropped! Why not go round Britain on a motorbike, visit the breweries and write the booklet? Eureka!

So that's what Richard is going to do. Starting on Monday 12th May he will ride around Britain on a Honda VFR 750 which Honda U.K. Ltd. have generously provided and which will be the first prize in a competition for Tesco customers when the booklet is featured in-store in the Autumn.

Richard will spend 15 days in the saddle, cover over 2000 miles and visit over 35 breweries. Locations visited are as far apart as Edinburgh in the North, Wiveliscombe in the West, Bungay in the East and Ringwood in the South.

Richard is well aware that drinking and driving don't mix so he will be resisting the temptation to have even a wee drop of beer on his trip.

The coming-home party, after 2000 miles, featuring beers from all the breweries on the route, should be something special.

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### BREWERY TAP - WANDSWORTH

Young's have reopened the Brewery Tap, Wandsworth High Street, as a visitors centre for the brewery. The former public bar serves as brewery shop and reception area. The saloon bar operates as a pub but with limited opening hours (11-6 Mon to Sat; 12-6 Sun) and displays some interesting memorabilia. Young's Bitter, Special and seasonal beer are available.

Young's have now joined the increasing band of brewers who are making brewery visits available to members of the public without having to go on organised group visits. Tours are normally at 12 noon, 2pm and 4pm but phone to check (0181-875 7005) at a cost of £5.50 for adults (concessions available).

Although the loss of the Brewery Tap as a traditional pub, particularly one with such a good public bar, is to be regretted, at least given the large number of good Young's pubs in the area the locals do not have too far to go. It is good to see Young's using a pub they no longer wish to operate in such an imaginative and appropriate way.





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 Yarlborough 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

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**BARKING AND DAGENHAM****THE BARKING DOG**

61 Station Parade, Barking

**THE LORD DENMAN**

270-272 Heathway, Dagenham

**BARNET****THE MOON UNDER WATER**

148 High Street, Barnet

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

13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**

10 Varley Parade, Colindale NW9

**\*THE TALLY HO**

749 High Road, North Finchley N12

**THE BLACKING BOTTLE**

122-126 High Street, Edgware

**BEXLEY****THE WRONG 'UN**

234-236 The Broadway, Bexleyheath

**BRENT****J J MOON'S**

553 Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury NW9

**THE OUTSIDE INN**312-314 Neasden Lane, Neasden  
NW10**J J MOON'S**

397 High Road, Wembley

**THE COLISEUM**

Manor Park Road, Harlesden NW10

**BROMLEY****THE MOON AND STARS**

164-166 High Street, Penge SE20

**THE HARVEST MOON**

141-143 High Street, Orpington

**THE SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS**

109-111 Queensway, Petts Wood

**CAMDEN****THE MAN IN THE MOON**

40-42 Chalk Farm Road, Camden NW1

**THE SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE**29-35 Farringdon Road, Farringdon,  
London EC1**THE BEATEN DOCKET**50-56 Cricklewood Broadway,  
Cricklewood NW2**THE THREE HORSESHOES**

28 Heath Street, Hampstead NW3

**CITY OF LONDON****HAMILTON HALL**

Liverpool Street Station EC2

**CROYDON****THE GEORGE**

17-21 George Street, Croydon

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**

1327 London Road, Norbury SW16

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

33 Westow Street, Crystal Palace

**EALING****THE RED LION AND PINEAPPLE**

281 High Street, Acton W3

**ENFIELD****THE MOON UNDER WATER**

115-117 Chase Side, Enfield

**THE WHOLE HOG**

430-434 Green Lanes, Palmers Green N13

**THE HALF MOON**

749 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill N21

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

52-54 Church Street, Edmonton N9

**THE NEW CROWN**

80-84 Chase Side, Southgate

**EPING 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**

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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

First, to give the solution to my second-hand "Idle Moments" problem last time following Andy's "Confuse a Child" alphabet quoted in May. How, using letter pronunciations in standard English words, can the hybrid word GHOTI be pronounced FISH?

GH in COUGH = F

O in WOMEN = I

TI in STATION = SH

Therefore GHOTI = FISH

Unless it's doing the rounds for the umpteenth time or you have access to an obnoxious, precocious child, if you got it we are probably of the same generation. A final note before I crush Andy's corns entirely, in the late 60s the name of one regular correspondent to the Letters page of the Telegraph, led to a writer enquiring how the Rev. OUGH pronounced his name. How many possibilities can you think of?

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the July 1982 issue consisted of 24 pages in a yellow cover bearing a photograph of Rayment's Brewery at Furneux Pelham, Herts, whose history, products and outlets featured in a major article. The brewery itself was closed in 1987 by Greene King of Bury St Edmunds, who perpetuate the name with, Rayment's Special Bitter, og 1040. Hard on the heels of the Yorkshire invasion of London by Sam Smith's, Lancashire redressed the geographical balance by the appearance here of Matthew Brown's of Blackburn. Real Ale had made its appearance at Heathrow Airport in the form of handpumped Wethered SPA in Terminal 1. At different times real ale has since appeared there in several locations; when I was liaising with Daru Graphic who then printed London Drinker in nearby Harmondsworth, I stopped off there on several occasions for a pint and never found one that was drinkable despite outrageous prices. It is significant, however, that the Tap & Spile in Terminal 1 featured in the last three Good Beer Guides. Who says CAMRA is a spent force?

Howard Gladwin contributed the fourth and final part of his crawl appropriately named Lambeth Walk, remarking that the pub of that name had no real ale. It now sells Courage Best, and for a while had Directors. A half-page advert announced that the Tower Brewery - by the former Courage

Horseleydown Brewery and then London's newest real ale brewers - had opened its own pub on Tower Bridge Road, and had introduced a 1074 og strong beer named Old Yeoman Ale.

It was reported that during his recent visit to London the Pope had received a gift of Martlet beer from Alan Greenwood's. No doubt he also sank a few pints when visiting the then Archbishop of Canterbury, who when Bishop of St Albans was not entirely unknown in the Farrier's Arms in that city.

TEN YEARS AGO mid blue was the dominant colour of the 24 page July 1987 issue, being used on 5 internal pages and the back cover, which advertised the GBBF in Brighton. The front cover was printed "white on blue" - the latter colour extended to the edge of the page, the frame appearing in white, while the title "masthead" was grey. We liked to ring the changes - to repeat a colour on two consecutive issues (which only happened once) led to confusion at the point of purchase, and this was one of our most distinctive. The cover photograph showed an unusual view of the Dickens Inn, St Katherine's Dock, with an anchor in the foreground seeming to dwarf the building. It didn't refer to the content - we had been keeping the picture for suitable opportunity to use the superb example of John Elliott's photography.

The Editorial was the shortest on record - just two words "We're resting" followed by the initials of the Editorial Team, and with a cartoon by Eileen Graves depicting an Editor contentedly relaxing (or snoozing), pint in hand, with feet up on a pile of presumably completed scripts.

A centre-page spread announced the recent opening of a new Bruce's pub, the Fuzzock and Firkin (the first word being apparently Yorkshire dialect for a donkey) in Kentish Town - formerly the Trafalgar and now named the Tavern Inn the Town. The beer was, to the best of my memory, brewed at the Falcon & Firkin in Hackney.

Banks & Taylor had just opened their third London pub, the William IV in Greenwich.

Hall & Woodhouse had added a fifth to their 4 "free" houses in the London area - the Newt & Ferret in Kingston.

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John Conen had spent a long weekend in Bruges and gave an interesting run-down on the local real ale scene.

In "Stane Street Stagger, part 3", Merton presented the penultimate part of his longest HistoriCrawl, both chronologically and geographically, along the Roman road (now the A24) from South Wimbledon to London Bridge. The first part - Merton's debut - had been nearly 5 years before, and the final part appeared in September '87.

FIVE YEARS AGO in July 1992 claret was the second colour for 6 of the issue's 32 pages including both covers, the front bearing a photograph of the Mitford Tavern, E8. In his Editorial Andy, who had just stood down as Chairman on his Branch, reflected on the fact that although CAMRA membership was higher than ever, meetings were not particularly well attended.

Young's had presented a new sign to Holland's, Whitechapel which it had bought the previous year. On one side it depicted William Reuben Holland who had established it as the Exmouth Arms in 1843. The other side bore the portrait of his great-grandson John, who had changed the name to that of his family in 1974 when the GLC listed it as a historical moment - he retired when it was sold to Youngs after 148 years in the same family.

In "Idle Moments" Dave Simmons presented an alternative to the "Confuse a Child" Alphabet, which he dubbed the "Fry a Child's Brain" Alphabet. It gave words to indicate 20 different letters, of which I only understand the point of 10: B for ever mine; C for yourself; I for the engine; L for leather; N for lope; O for the Wings of a Dove; Q for the bus; R for Sixpence; T for two; U for mism, and X for breakfast (read each one quickly). As the present government wishes every child to be proficient in the 3 Rs (Reading, Riting and 'Rithmetic), albeit at about twice the age when we were, I have other suggestions. Maths without a calculator? Monstrous! Cruelty!. Numbers/initials, Brewery anagrams, General Knowledge and Brain Teasers made their regular appearance.

The Crown & Greyhound, Dulwich Village had been selected as South London's first Heritage Inn - the new chain was mentioned

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last time. The pub appeared on the front cover of our July 1983 issue and was profiled in its content, and its history appeared in the 1988 South-East London Pub Guide.

The Frog & Firkin had undergone a £100,000 refurbishment. It was displaying what was possibly Britain's biggest T-shirt - measuring 25 feet by 45 and made of PVC - it bore the logo of its smaller, more conventional counterparts commemorating the pub and was fixed to the building facing the railway and M40 - and original pub sign.

In "Capes and Ale" - the fifteenth in an annual series - Dave Quinton described a cycle tour made by four friends visiting Manchester, the Peak District, Chesterfield and various parts of the Midlands and returning by train from Loughborough. In a week they saw neither rain nor sun, covered 258 miles and consumed 106 pints - each.

Anchor Steam Beer from San Francisco had made a re-appearance in London after a gap of 14 years. It was available in draught form in 6 London pubs and 3 outside the area. Cheers for now!

Martin Smith



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## BLACK COUNTRY STAGGER

Last bank holiday my brother and myself decided on having a long weekend in the West Midlands basing ourselves in Halesowen, the venue of one of the country's greatest free houses, the Waggon and Horses. We arrived in Birmingham at about 11am on the Saturday and headed straight to a pub called the Anchor which had been recommended to me at least twice. At 11.10 am there were already over 10 people there (all on the ale) and a small beer festival was also in progress. I tried a couple of beers here, one being Church End Pooh Stout, a stout brewed with honey which was quite pleasant. A quick bus ride took us to our B+B in Halesowen before the serious drinking (and a lot of walking!) began.

Another bus took us to Cradley Heath where we visited my brother's favourite fish and chip shop before a pleasant, but not vintage pint, of Banks's (their punctuation, not mine) mild in the SWays. This was an excellent example of a Banks's pub, unspoilt with conversation and vast amount of mild being the order of the day. We followed this with another bus trip to Woodsetton to visit the Holden's brewery tap and another Holden's tied pub closeby. We had pints of the Mild and Bitter, the latter being my favourite of the two. I found their beers OK but a little too sweet for my taste. A longish walk took us to the Sarah Hughes brew pub in Sedgley, the Beacon Hotel, a remarkable pub which I first visited during CAMRA's AGM in 1995. However, unlike the first visit, the beers were not remarkable - the basic Sedgley Surprise Bitter (5%) being virtually undrinkable and the famous Dark Ruby Mild (6%) very dull! This was the first disappointment, the next one being the Britannia in Upper Gornal. This former brew pub has now been taken over by Batham's and their mild here was definitely sub standard. Never mind, the next pub on the itinerary was to be the British Oak in Dudley, another brew pub. However, this had also stopped brewing and it was therefore time to vote with our feet and walk back to Dudley Bus station at about 8pm. Buses which had been very frequent were now non existent and it took us over an hour and half to get back to Halesowen, again mainly on foot!

However, the Waggon & Horses was on

form! We were virtually sober and tired, the pub was full and buzzing and all 13 beers were constantly being pulled. Paradise! The waggon usually sells a handful of local beers and several more esoteric, ever changing guest beers and is busy enough to turn them all over. The floor also slopes at about 10° so be careful when getting up. I tried 2 pints of Highgate beers I had never heard of, something from Erville and what surprisingly was the best beer of the day, Holden XB. A great end to a slightly disappointing day.

Sunday was a contrast, we visited 3 local Banks's pubs at lunchtime but it was the evening which was to go down as a classic session. After a couple of hours afternoon shut eye we took a bus to Pensnett to visit, the GBG listed Hollybush Inn, one of Batham's tied pubs. We had decided to have one session primarily on Batham's and this was to be it. We got to this pub in the middle of a large housing estate at 7.01 pm and there were already 3 people there but sadly a round of soft drinks seemed to be the order of the day. We opted for milds, the first pint of which lasted 10 minutes, the second over 15 minutes. Excellent!

Another walk, this time across some wasteland, took us to Brierly Hill for a quick half of Banks's Ration Ale (4.6%), one of their periodic one off specials, at the Blue Brick Top House. We then went round the corner to the Bull and Bladder, Batham's brewery tap. This was my maiden visit and I cannot recall ever seeing a pub being so lousy on a Sunday night. We had pints of the mild and bitter, the former being slightly better. Highly recommended! As time was getting on we had to get a bus back to Halesowen for a last session at the Waggon & Horses. We arrived at nearly 10.15 pm and were greeted by a lad, Richard, who was working in one of the Banks's pubs we were in at lunchtime and apparently was in charge here for the evening. Holt's (Manchester not HP&D) Bitter was now on and this was my immediate pint although nearly half the beers had changed since 24 hours ago. We were then treated to an after hours cellar tour, a lock in and more Batham's Bitter, more Holt's and complimentary halves of Kelham Island Ale for Nigel and Berkeley

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## THE SOUTH WEST LONDON PUB GUIDE

Guess what folks, it's arrived! I've got a copy of the new South West London Guide lying on my desk beside me as I write this. Seriously though, after a number of production hold-ups the second edition has made its appearance - some eleven years after the first hit the streets. So what is it like?

Well first impressions are good. The cover has an (I think) attractive cartoon illustration of a full glass of beer sailing downstream towards Albert Bridge with Battersea Power Station in the background while the book's title is on a pub sign in the top right hand corner. Page size is the same as the original south west and west London guides and this makes it eminently pocketable without the pages being cramped. The page layout is similar to the old guide with a three column format with district headings in a bold box. Good use of bolds, italics and capitals makes the entries easy to separate and a slightly lighter typeface makes the reading of the entries a bit clearer than the last one.

One big difference from the last edition is that the number of pages has risen from 80 to 172 (including the obligatory two which are blank apart from the word "notes" at the top) while the number of entries has not risen by anywhere near the same extent - from 851 to 899 in fact. Quite a bit of this space appears to be taken up with more extensive comments on pubs while there is now better map coverage; the guide claims to show all but four pubs on its 30 maps, up from 17. Also, the photos of pubs are clearer, being spread across two columns instead of being squeezed in with the listings in a single column width - a feature I first remember coming across in the Surrey guide. The increase in page numbers has not made the book too bulky; in fact it is scarcely thicker than the west London guide.

Another improvement is in the introductory section - the brewery listings; how to use the guide etc. which has grown from nine to 36 pages. An article which I expect to find useful is four pages long, entitled "How to Identify the Pubs". It features all the pub owning breweries as well as the major pub chains such as Wetherspoon's, Phoenix Inns,

Grosvenor Inns, Intntrepreneur and others. I just hope it won't be out of date too soon! Also of interest was an article listing the 49 pubs that have disappeared in the eleven years between the two editions of the guide; it also mentions but cannot begin to list those that have changed out of all recognition to restaurants, cafe-bars and night clubs by another name.

Coming back to the pub listings, the summary of features at the end of each entry is now in the form of symbols, as in the Good Beer Guide, rather than the two-letter codes of the old guide. Several new features are also included, such as proximity to stations; facilities for the disabled; no-smoking areas (other than eating only areas - a good point) and pubs which use oversize glasses (not a very heavily used symbol, I fear).

All in all, I am of the opinion that this guide stands up well against the others - you cannot call them rivals as they are not in competition, all local guides being complementary. The cover price looks right at £4.95, exactly the same as the current north and south east London guides and on a pence per page basis it is actually cheaper than the original 1986 edition! I wonder how much of that is due to the fact that modern technology allows us to do the typing and hand discs to the typesetters rather than having to pay them to key in every word; whatever the reason it looks like good value to me.

I should just like to finish with a tribute to the dedicated team who put the guide together. I know how much hard work and how many late nights it entails as I was a member of the teams who produced the first south west guide and the West London one as well. I kept my head well below the parapet this time! Those of you who appear in the credits of both guides deserve a medal - or maybe a long rest in a darkened room!

Andy Pirson

Okay, I admit it. I was pleased to see my name in the credits for taking some photos of some of the pubs in my area - but that's all I did!

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## REAL ALE HOLIDAY IN YORKSHIRE

The Bradford branch of CAMRA has announced the dates for the 1997 Real Ale holiday in Yorkshire. It runs from Thursday evening when there is to be a short tour of the City, 10th July through to Tuesday the 15th. It's based at the New Beehive in Bradford's Westgate some 15 minutes walk from the station and handy for the local curry houses. Friday will see us in Rochdale and a visit to the McGuinness brewery at the Cask & Feather. Sunday and Monday will see us in the mini bus for tours of North Yorkshire (Hubberholme, Buckden, Cray etc). with a possible pint in the Idle Working Men's Club, Cumbria (Arnside and Milnthorpe), Morecombe, Lancaster and South Yorkshire with a stop at the Slubbers Arms Huddersfield. Maybe we could hijack the bus to take us to the Sair? All days will include walking tours for the fit and not so fit. I wouldn't say ropes and ice picks are used nor will there be any absailing but we have encountered some steep hills and high altitude cow pats.

The entire event is very flexible and although the emphasis is on good beer in good pubs, other pleasures are catered for, e.g. curry. Last year I had a meal with chicken and ginger with a nan bread resembling a small pillow. Entertainment(?) is provided by the tourists, usually without their knowledge. In addition the

tourists will delight in the antics of the local folk as they regale us with their impression of Cockney accents whilst juggling three hundredweight of sandwiches, unless Des has gone on a diet that is. Lou Cody will not like his namesake Buffalo Bill guide us away from the Indians more like into Indian/Asian curry houses as well around sheep droppings, cow pats as we explore the countryside. Can we avoid that field full of flies this year please?

I must remember to take my I-Spy book this year, a Blue Boar gets me 10 points, nothing for the Slubbers Arms.

For those of you that don't know Bradford it is much like east London, history wise that is. The city has received a succession of immigrants, Irish in the 1840s (in 1736 there was a riot against Irish labourers in Shoreditch), German merchants in the mid-19th century, then Poles and Ukrainians, and more recently West Indians and Asians; 10% of the population are Pakistani.

Anyone who hasn't been doesn't know what they are missing. Send your £25 deposit to Josie Boothroyd, 26 Summerbridge Drive, Eccleshill, Bradford BD10 0ER. Total cost is £195 and includes all travel during the holiday and accommodation.

Keith Emmerson

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## THE GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL – MORE BEER & SUNSHINE

This year, CAMRA's biggest beer festival, the Great British Beer Festival, is extending from the Grand Hall at Olympia into the National Hall next door as well. Built in Victoria's reign these magnificent halls both have glass ceilings and give a grandeur to the drinking experience of the year.

Having two separate halls has allowed the Festival to have music in one hall only so that those who prefer not to drink to music can get away from it all. The softest music of the week will probably come from the Chaminade String Quartet on Tuesday evening; Jazz will dominate on Thursday evening and Steeleye Span are playing on Friday evening. There is also a pub quiz on Saturday afternoon for something completely different. So there should be some entertainment that will please everyone.

The Great British Beer Festival boasts

300 real ales from all over Britain. Again the beers will be in regional areas so that you can drink beers from as far apart as Yorkshire, Scotland, Wales and the West Country without leaving the hall. For those who enjoy alcohol made from fruit, there are around 40 ciders and perries, all traditionally produced from apples and pears respectively. And there will be a selection of imported fruit beers amongst the 100 imported beers. These beers are split into three bars and as well as Belgian, Dutch and Czech beers there will be unique ales from the USA.

As with all CAMRA beer festivals, the Great British Beer Festival is proud to say that it serves a full pint due to the fact that it uses oversized lined glasses. So why not pop along for a pint or two, you won't be disappointed!

The Festival takes place between Tuesday 5th and Saturday 9th August at Olympia London.

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## THE TRIBULATIONS OF A BREWER

Ever since I started brewing and especially since becoming involved with small scale commercial brewing, there is one man I have come to fear more than any other.

Is he the Customs and Excise Officer? or perhaps the Health Inspector? No, because if you do your job properly, you may fear neither of these people, in fact they will lend you any assistance they can.

Then, who is this fearsome person? Quite simply he is "The man with the bottle."

He would appear suddenly and unannounced clutching an amber bottle. If I were lucky, the bottle would be empty and he could be marked down as someone on the cage for his supper. Easily dealt with.

The worst thing was if the bottle was full of his home brew. If it was, his mission could be on one of two purposes.

What has gone wrong? I have to taste some and give an opinion on what is wrong with his brew and give advice on how he may correct these faults. This is often not easy on the spur of the moment, without laboratory facilities to hand.

Or even worse. "What do you think of this one then?" The man has produced a brew of which he is completely and totally unjustifiably proud. He wants me to taste some and render my appreciation and congratulations on his effort, he may even wish to impart a few tips on how I may improve my own brew. This type is extremely difficult to deal with. How do you tell him that his beer is infected, over-fermented, and/or completely out of balance without causing him mortal offence.

Men with bottles of home brew have been the cause of me drinking more rank, sour and generally unpleasant beer than any other reason.

In general the man who brews his own beer is not held in great regard by drinking people. Yes, certainly some amateur brewers produce beer which will stand comparison with any in the world and for whom I have the very highest regard, but they are outnumbered heavily.

Need this be so? I don't think so. The basic

brewing process is so simple that anyone of normal intellect may produce beer as good if not better than is sold over any bar in the land.

Commercial breweries produce fine ale of consistent quality time after time and british breweries are held in the highest esteem all through the brewing world for their degree of expertise. So it would not be a bad idea to take a leaf out of their book when it comes to brewing beer for ourselves.

Obey four simple rules and you will be able to brew first class ale of consistent quality time after time and mere production of ale as a means to an end will become a fascinating and absorbing hobby.

The four rules we must apply are:-

- Be clean in your work
- Be simple in your process
- Be precise in your quantities
- Be accurate in your records

Enjoy your brewing.

Roger McBride

(Roger is Assistant Brewer at Hop Back, Salisbury)

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## ALCOHOL DOESN'T SHRINK YOUR BRAIN

An article in the Guardian reported that new research in Australia has discounted earlier studies that persistent heavy alcohol use could cause brain damage including a form of dementia. The new study by researchers from the Australian National University in Canberra and the Centre for Education and Research on Ageing in Sydney studied 209 Second World War veterans with an average age of 73 whose average daily intake of alcohol ranged from 2 grammes to 129 grammes (8 grammes representing one unit of alcohol or half a pint of beer).

In psychological and intellectual tests the drinkers did just as well as the non-drinkers and brain scans showed no signs of shrinkage even in those whose intake represented eight pints of beer a day. The research, reported in the British Medical Journal, included the statement, "No significant correlation was found between average daily alcohol consumption and cognitive performance measures."



Rain or shine, the summer months can mean only one thing and that is that Fuller's Summer Ale is back! From 2nd June until 8th September you can tantalize those taste buds with Fuller's light, golden and refreshing summer brew in not only their own pubs, but many free houses as well. Available in 500 ml bottles from Tesco's, Sainsburys, Safeway and Budgens there is now no excuse not to enjoy Summer Ale at home, on the beach, at a barbecue... the choice is yours!



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## ROAD TEST – SOUTH WEST LONDON PUB GUIDE

### A CRAWL OF CARSHALTON

With my pristine copy of the long awaited South West London Guide in my pocket I decided to visit Carshalton, somewhere I have not crawled for years.

I arrived at the bus stop in North Street next to the ponds which I was pleased to see had been refilled. However they were beginning to get a bit whiffy in the bright hot weather. I then attempted to cross the road to the GREYHOUND. A warning - this part of Carshalton is not pedestrian friendly, in spite of the London Borough of Sutton's expressed concern about the environment. After about five minutes of increasing "pedestrian rage" I took my life into my hands and dodged the cars to the pub. The Young's Bitter was in excellent form and I resolved to return later.

Turning left out of the pub and more dodging the traffic I arrived at the WINDSOR CASTLE. The guide promised guest beers from micro breweries which I did not find, but there were three guests from independent family brewers. I tried the King & Barnes Sussex, a bit warm and flat, and the Gales Butser, which was better. Retracing my steps as far as West Street then to the RACE HORSE. Again no micro breweries and a similar range of guests to the Windsor Castle, which is not surprising as they have the same tenant. The K&B Sussex, although cooler, was also disappointing.

Up the road to the HOPE for a good, if little pricy, half of Fuller's London Pride. Then up to Camden Road turning right to take me to Fuller's RAILWAY TAVERN for an excellent half of London Pride. Turning right down North Street took me to the SUN. Here the beer range showed some major changes with only Courage Directors, which was OK but a little warm, available. The barman told me they normally had Fuller's London Pride as well. Turning left into Mill Lane brought me to the LORD PALMERSTON, where the Courage Best Bitter was reasonable. The beer range is different between the bars so it is best to check.

Coming back down Mill Street I decided to take a chance and cut through the park (not shown on the map). By tending to bear left I found myself beside the FOX & HOUNDS, my next intended port of call. I tried

something called Hop Pickers Ale - Old Harvest Gold, which I was told was 5% ABV. Obviously an attempt to cash in on the lightly coloured "summer" beer market, I would suggest only the most dedicated of tickers should seek it out - bit warm too.

Turning right, at last a crossing across the busy High Street, into the COACH & HORSES. The Fuller's London Pride and Bass were on swan necks so a quick half of Toby Cask which was OK. Then on to the WOODMAN WINE BAR where John Smith's was promised. Unfortunately the handpump was unused but the landlady informed me she was going to try a different ale in a couple of weeks time as the John Smith's had not sold well. After all this I decided I had earned some more of the Young's Bitter at the GREYHOUND.

Overall, Carshalton remains a good unspoilt crawl and I would advise giving it a try when the weather is not so hot. As to the guide, I found the pub descriptions informative and the beer range generally up to date. The map was also accurate and allowed easy location of the pubs.

**Raincoat**

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### RODNEY HOLLOWES

The West London Branch of CAMRA reports, with a profound sense of loss, the death of Rodney Hollowes, Branch Treasurer and former Chairman, on 22nd May 1997.

Rodney was an active member of the London Branch, before joining the committee at the inception of the West London Branch in 1974, as treasurer and information coordinator. From 1976 Rodney was Chairman until 1988 when he again became Treasurer, a post he held until his death.

Rodney was also a member of the 135 Association, SPBW and the Ring, in all of which he played an active part; he was once described as dedicated to the cause of drinking. Cricket was one of his favourite pastimes and poignantly, he passed away on the day that England won the first of this year's one day internationals against Australia. Otherwise, he was a very private person, warm, friendly, quiet and a perfect gentleman. He will be sadly missed.

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## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 125

The big news this month is the acquisition by Bishops, the fledgling London micro brewery of their first tied house in SE1 Tooley Street close to London Bridge. The opening of new pubs by brewers and pub operators in prime shopping locations continues with the latest Whitbread Hogshead in Ilford, another Bass "All Bar One" in W1 Regent Street and two Greene King outlets in the City and W5 Ealing. More Bass pubs in East London have been rebadged as part of the East London Pub Co estate.

A new South West London Pub Guide has been published (see review elsewhere), the first for eleven years. Updates to the new guide are included below, to which should be added the two new pubs in SW4 and SW12 reported last month in Update 124 for completeness.

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page number in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; K - "Real Ale Drinkers Guide to Kent Pubs", 8th edition; N - North London Beer Guide, 3rd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 4th edition; 3SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - South West London Pub Guide, 2nd edition; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 8th edition. U refers to earlier updates.

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

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

##### CENTRAL

**EC3, OLD TEA WAREHOUSE**, Cree Church Buildings, 4-8 Creechurch Lane. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale, seasonal beers (H). Guest beers (G). New Greene King pub created in former salvage salerooms, originally a tea warehouse, opened in Oct 1996. "China Tea" and "Earl Grey" bars lead off a courtyard (outdoor drinking) with "rustic" bare floorboards, wooden tables and chairs, exposed ventilation etc. The former bar also has up to 6 guest beers from micro breweries on gravity dispense. The downstairs Ceylon Cellar Bar has restaurant meals between 12.30 and 8pm and is adorned with tea related photos and adverts. Recently won NatWest Bank Pub of the Year award. Loud music in evenings. Officially opens 11-11 Mon-Fri, but may close from 9pm dependent on trade, particularly earlier in the week. Available for hire at weekends.

**W1(Mar), ALL BAR ONE**, 289-293 Regent Street. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Latest outlet for Bass chain, opened February 1997 in former "Dome" restaurant. The premises are on the site of the first Forte's milk bar dating from 1934 and were officially opened by Lord Forte himself (see plaque). The usual ABO decor with pine floor, cream painted walls, large picture windows, blackboard displaying food and "tracker" over bar for delivering orders to kitchen. Wine bottles predominate behind the bar and the well kept real ales are dispensed through handpumps with gold clips reflecting the price (£2.20 a pint!) Opens 11-11 Mon-Sat, 12-6 Sunday.

**W1(Mar), STIR CRAZY**, 120/122 Marylebone Lane. Renamed **JUSTIN DE BLANK**. Adnams: Bitter. A bar and restaurant. (U110, U111, U112)

##### EAST

**E11, HALFWAY HOUSE**, 345 High Road. Renamed **CROPPY ACRE**. Ind Coope: Burton Ale. Wadworth: 6X. Now a Free House, ex Phoenix. (E128, U108, U109)

**ILFORD, COPPERFIELDS**, 229/231 Cranbrook Road. No real ale. New Free House in former shop units.

**ILFORD, HOGSHEAD**, 74/76 Cranbrook Road. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter. Greene King: Abbot Ale. Marston: Pedigree. Wadworth: 6X. Whitbread: Abroad Cooper. Guest beers (G). New Whitbread pub in former building society office opened in June 1997. Fitted out in typical Hogshead style with bare floorboards and wood panelled walls covered in beer related pictures, old photos of Ilford and cabinets with old bottles from defunct breweries. Three raised seating areas either side of entrance and to the side; alcoves at rear with screens. 9 Handpumps and up to 4 guest beers on gravity dispense behind the bar. Belgian and American micro beers in bottle. Food. TV. Disabled WC. Open all permitted hours.

**ROMFORD, ASYLUM 66**, 166 South Street. No real ale. New Free House in former disco bar.

**ROMFORD, GLOBAL NETCAFE**, 72-74 South Street. No real ale. Free House opened in 1995 with Internet terminals.

##### SOUTH EAST

**SE13, SHILLELAGHS BAR**, 377 Lewisham High Street. No real ale. New Free House/Irish bar in former shop unit.



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**WEST**

**W5, OLD GOA**, 9/10 The Green, High Street. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. The first of a new Greene King chain of "ale cafes" opened in May 1997 in former tandoori restaurant (hence the name). Spacious bar with pictures from the Raj adorning the walls, polished floor and hanging shaded chandeliers over the bar. Emphasis on food with optional table service for drinks and meals. A "house beer" is promised. Opens 9am for breakfast (9.30 Sun) and all permitted hours.

**PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE**

**CENTRAL**

**WC2, SUGAR LOAF**. Renamed **O'NEILLS**. Bass, H removed. The ruinination of yet another characterful pub to feed the pseudo-Irish god. (W56, U101)

**EAST**

**E7, HOLLY TREE**. Bass, H unused. Now badged as "East London Pub Co." (E108)

**E17, WILD ROVER**. Renamed **TAP (THE)**. Bass, closed, future uncertain. Formerly **ESSEX BREWERY TAP**. (E167, U105)

**ROMFORD, CHARMERS WINE BAR**. Renamed **CELLAR BAR**. Free House, H removed. (U84)

**ROMFORD, TEMPTATIONS**. Free House, closed, future uncertain. (X87)

**SEVEN KINGS, KING'S (CUCKOO'S NEST)**. Free House, demolished. (X91)

**SOUTH EAST**

**SE1, ROYAL GEORGE (BERMONDSEY)**. Phoenix, closed, future uncertain. (SE31, U112, U118)

**SE1, TRINITY ARMS**. Free House, closed, future uncertain. The loss of a well respected real ale mecca - hopefully temporary. (SE36, U106)

**SE8, CROWS NEST**. Bass, closed, future uncertain. (SE78, U102)

**SE8, FOUNTAIN**. Phoenix, closed and converted to Chinese restaurant. (SE79, U112)

**SE8, GLOBE**. Grand Met (ex Watney), closed, future uncertain. (SE79)

**SE8, MANSION HOUSE**. Free House, closed, future uncertain. (SE81, U102)

**SE13, CASTLE**. Renamed **ZAR BAR**. Now a Free House, ex Bass, H removed. (SE118, U102)

**SE18, BROOK**. Grand Met (ex Courage), closed, future uncertain. (SE166)

**SE18, FORT TAVERN**. Phoenix, closed, future

uncertain. (SE168, U112)

**SE18, PRINCE RUPERT**. Grand Met (ex Courage), closed, future uncertain. (SE173)

**SOUTH WEST**

**SW3, POW (PRINCESS OF WALES)**. Intntrepreneur, converted to restaurant named "Chelsea Square" but with a small ancillary bar and retaining full license. (SW57)

**SW11, CLOCK HOUSE**. Bass, H unused (SW87)

**WEST**

**W5, BAR ESCOBAR**. Free House, converted to "Cafe Rouge" restaurant. (U92)

**TEDDINGTON, HORSE & GROOM**. Grand Met (ex Watney) now converted to pizza restaurant but with ancillary bar and retaining full licence. (W147, U117)

**OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES**

**CENTRAL**

**W1(Mar), VICTORY**. -Boddington: Bitter. +Flowers: Original Bitter. (W36, U73, U87)

**EAST**

**E1, CITY DARTS**. -Beers listed. +Batemans: Vallant. +Greene King: IPA. +Marston: Pedigree. Beers may vary. Now a Thorley Taverns Free House, ex Grand Met (Truman). (E63)

**E1, LONDON HOSPITAL TAVERN**. -Beers listed. +2 Guest beers. (E69)

**E1, MR. PICKWICKS**. -Beers listed. +Ash Vine: Challenger. +Marston: Pedigree. Beers may vary. Now a Thorley Taverns Free House, ex Grand Met (Truman). (E70)

**E1, SCARBOROUGH ARMS**. Current guest beers are Fuller: London Pride and Greene King: IPA. (E72, U101)

**E1, WHITE HART**, 1 Mile End Road. -Young: Special. Under new ownership. (E75)

**E1, WHITE LION**. -Shepherd Neame: Best Bitter. +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire, Bishops Finger. (E75)

**E7, LIVE & LET LIVE**. -Guest beer. +Draught Bass. Now badged as "East London Pub Co", still Bass owned. (E108, U117)

**E7, RISING SUN**. Now badged as "East London Pub Co", still fizz, H unused. (E108)

**E11, BIRKBECK TAVERN**. +Viking beers from Broadstairs, Kent. (E127, U69, U113)

**E11, BROADWAY**. Renamed again to **OLD SHELAGHS**. Formerly **BUGSYS** and **DIRTY NELLIES**. (E128, U36, U109)

**E11, THATCHED HOUSE**. Now a Free House, ex Bass, still fizz, H unused. (E130)

**E11, THIRST & LAST**. Reverted to **BRITANNIA**. (E127, U89)

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**E15, MANBY ARMS.** -Beers listed. +Draught Bass. Now badged as "East London Pub Co", still Bass owned. (E154, U73)

**E17, ARTFUL.** Renamed **CENTRAL STATION.** Still open behind shuttered windows. (E165)

**E17, FLOWER POT.** -Charrington: IPA. -Worthington: Best Bitter. (E167, U80, U124)

**GANTS HILL, CHAMPS BAR,** 19 Sevenways Parade, Woodfield Avenue. Renamed **HYPA**

**HYPA**, still fizz. Note correct address. (U117)

**ILFORD, MR. Q'S.** Should read **HOPE (MR. Q'S).** Retains HOPE as primary name, Mr Q's is the subsidiary "theme" name. Formerly HOPE REVIVED. (X63, U72, U110)

**ILFORD, STOP OUT.** Renamed **HARLEQUINS.** Now charges admission fee. (X66)

**UPMINSTER, HUNGRY HORSE.** Reverted to **BRIDGE HOUSE** as primary name with HUNGRY HORSE retained as "concept" subsidiary name. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Draught Bass. +Greene King: IPA. +Webster: Green Label. (X106, U67, U72, U98, U108, U117)

**SOUTH EAST**

**SE1, SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS (ANVIL).** Reverted simply to **SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS.** -Beers listed. +Bishops: Thirsty Willies, Mitre Best Bitter, Cathedral, Willies Revenge. +Guest beers. Former Grand Met (ex Courage) pub latterly occupied by private club renamed ANVIL though retaining original signage, now acquired by Bishops Brewery, SE1 as its first tied house. Open all permitted hours. (SE33, U105)

**SE1, SKINNERS ARMS.** Renamed **TOWNHOUSE.** -Flowers: IPA. +Marston: Pedigree. (SE34)

**SE3, NEW TIGERS HEAD.** +Theakston: XB. +Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now badged as an S&N "Barras & Co" house. (SE46, U107)

**SE10, WILLIAM IV.** -Flowers: Original Bitter. +Draught Bass. +Fuller: London Pride. A Free House formerly leased by Banks & Taylor whose livery has now mostly been removed from the exterior. (SE103)

**SOUTH WEST**

**SW3, SURPRISE.** Now **SURPRISE (IN CHELSEA).** -Guest beer. +Worthington: Best Bitter. (SW58)

**SW5, BROMPTONS.** Renamed **WARWICK.** (SW62)

**SW11, FOX & HOUNDS.** +Highgate: Sadders Best Bitter. +Young: Bitter. (SW88)

**SW11, PRINCE ALBERT.** -Beers listed. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. (SW89)

**SW11, QUEEN VICTORIA.** Renamed **SPIKEY HEDGEHOG.** Original name still visible on sign at side. (SW89)

**SW18, BREWERY TAP.** -Young: Winter Warmer. +Young: Seasonal beer. Public bar converted to Young's Brewery visitors' centre in April 1997. Brewery tours usually at 12noon, 2pm and 4pm. Saloon bar still operates as a pub but open only 11-6 Mon-Sat and 12-6 Sunday. (SW111)

**SW19, WOODMAN.** +Greene King: IPA. +Guest beer. (SW121)

**WEST**

**W5, FIDDLERS THREE.** Renamed **EDWARDS.** Latest Bass pub to fall victim to the requirement for corporate uniformity. (U103)

**BRENTFORD, WHITE HORSE.** -Beers listed except Draught Bass. +Hancock: HB. +Worthington: Best Bitter. +Guest beer. (W99, U63, U79, U83)

**ISLEWORTH (OSTERLEY), GULPERS BAR.** Renamed **OSTERLEY FREE HOUSE.** Now run by Four Pillars Hotels. -Beers listed. +Brain: Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. +Moorhouse: Pendle Witch. +Taylor: Landlord. +Tetley: Bitter. +Guest beer (currently Cottage: Norman Conquest). Under new management. Seventh handpump planned. (W131, U79)

**TEDDINGTON, KINGS ARMS.** +Marston: Pedigree. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. (W147, U57, U94, U101)

**CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 124**

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

**E11, WALNUT TREE.** Walnut Tree House was later Leyton House.

**SW6, TRAINSPOTTERS.** Should read **SW4.**

**SW12, ECLIPSE.** Description should read: No smoking area at front. Upstairs bar can be hired for functions.

**W4, HOGSHEAD.** Guest cider is on gravity dispense.

*OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES*

**WC1, UNION TAVERN.** Description should read: Etched glass remains.

**E11, COLGRAVE ARMS.** Should read **COLEGRAVE ARMS.**

**E17, FLOWER POT.** Refs should read (E67, U80)





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## ROLL OF HONOUR

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

**The Prince on Wales, Balham SW12**

**The Lord Stanley, Loughborough Junction, SE24**

**The Sultan, South Wimbledon, SW19**

**Walsh's, Battersea SW11**

**Rose's (Prince Albert), Woolwich SE18**

**Birkbeck Tavern, Leyton E11**

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

**Waters Edge, Tottenham N17**

**Coach and Horse, Barnes SW13**

**Hogshead, Drury Lane, WC2**

**Crystal Tavern, East Dulwich, SE22**

**Dog & Bull, Deptford**

**Bell, Walthamstow E17**

**Head of Steam, NW1**

**Wood Green Labour Club, Wood Green N22**

**All J D Wetherspoon Houses**

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

# The Crab Tree

*as featured in the May edition of London Drinker*

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Jubilee whilst in the cellar! A very good end to an evening session consisting of 8 pints and a walk back I do not recall.

Woke up Monday morning and felt fit enough for a full english breakfast before departing to the last port of call, Coventry, to visit an old school friend of mine. We just had a couple of pints in the Rainbow at Allesley Village nearby, another brew pub which had two of their own beers available and pretty good too. After this alcoholic weekend saner people would have a few days off but someone told me Bishops first pub was opening in London on the Tuesday and a visit was most required...

**Simon Fyffe**

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If you want to buy a copy of the new South West London Pub Guide and cannot find it in a pub or cannot wait for the Great British Beer Festival, you can get a copy by post. Just sent a cheque or postal order for £5.70 (including post and packing) to CAMRA South West London Pub Guide, 7 The Square, Peabody Estate, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 9PX. No personal callers to this address please. Cheques etc. should be made payable to CAMRA South West London Pub Guide.

## THE QUIET PINT

For those of us who prefer to drink in pubs that do not impose a background (or even foreground) of unwanted sound, the Daily Telegraph has published "The Quiet Pint" which it describes as a guide to 1,000 musak-free pubs.

We have no further details of what the book contains but if you are interested you can obtain a copy by writing to Telegraph Books Direct, PO Box 1992, Epping, Essex, CM16 6JL or you can telephone on 0541-557 222. The price of the book is £9.99 plus a charge of £1.25 for postage within the UK.

## PRINCE OF WALES, MORDEN ROAD, SW19 - LATEST

Further to our report in the last edition it is understood Merton Planning Officers will be recommending refusal of the planning application to the Council's Development Control Sub-Committee. This means it is very unlikely the application will be approved. *More in next month's Drinker.*

## 20 YEARS OF REAL ALE AT WOODCOTE

This year's Woodcote Festival of Ale will be CAMRA's twentieth time of presenting a real ale tent at the ever popular Woodcote Rally. Over the years we have provided refreshment in the shape of local and not-so-local cask beers and we have introduced thousands of visitors to the delights of British beer. The rally also features veteran and vintage transport, country fair and craft stalls; music; trade stalls; funfair; air display - in fact everything you would expect from a country show. And of course, over 30 beers in the CAMRA tent. Woodcote Festival of Ale is at the Woodcote Rally over the weekend of July 12th and 13th and takes place at Copyhold Farm, Goring Heath which is just north of Reading, off the A4074. It is hoped this year to have vintage bus transport available from Reading Station. For further details contact Dave McKerchar on 0118-948 1310.

(A joint venture between the Reading & Mid-Berks and South Oxfordshire branches of CAMRA)

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# **OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS**

SW1 BARLEY MOW  
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS  
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS  
 SW1 MOON ON THE MALL  
 SW1 MORPETH ARMS  
 SW1 ORANGE BREWERY  
 SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS  
 SW1 ROYAL OAK  
 SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR  
 SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE  
 SW3 COOPERS ARMS  
 SW3 CROWN  
 SW3 SURPRISE  
 SW4 BREAD & ROSES  
 SW4 MANOR ARMS  
 SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND  
 SW6 WHITE HORSE  
 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS  
 SW8 PRIORY ARMS  
 SW8 SURPRISE  
 SW10 FERRIS & FIRKIN  
 SW11 BEEHIVE  
 SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE  
 SW11 EAGLE ALHOUSE, Chatham Road  
 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  
 SW15 GREEN MAN  
 SW15 RAILWAY  
 SW16 PIED BULL  
 SW17 CASTLE  
 SW17 J.J. MOONS  
 SW18 OLD SERGEANT  
 SW18 SPOTTED DOG  
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE  
 SW19 BREWERY TAP  
 SW19 KINGS HEAD  
 SW19 HAND & RACKET  
 SW19 PRINCE OF WALES, Morden Road  
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL  
 SW19 SULTAN  
 SW19 TRAFALGAR  
 SW19 WIBBAS DOWN INN  
 CARSHALTON, GREYHOUND  
 CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN  
 CARSHALTON, WINDSOR CASTLE  
 CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR  
 CHEAM, RAILWAY  
 HAM, HAND & FLOWER  
 KEW, COACH & HORSES  
 KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER  
 KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS  
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