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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.

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E11 GEORGE  
E15 GOLDEN GROVE  
E17 COLLEGE ARMS  
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SE1 COPPER  
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN  
SE1 GRAPES  
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SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY  
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road  
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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  
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SE16 MOBY DICK  
SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM  
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)  
SE20 MOON & STARS  
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN  
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SE25 ALLIANCE

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CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL  
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WC1 THREE CUPS  
WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR  
WC2 FULMAR & FIRKIN  
WC2 GEORGE IV  
WC2 HOGS HEAD  
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY  
WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE  
N1 179 UPPER STREET  
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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

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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

By now there cannot be any people around who (assuming they are interested in such matters) have not heard that the proposed merger between Bass and Carlsberg-Tetley has been effectively vetoed by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Margaret Beckett. The threats of restrictions which Mrs. Beckett was proposing (eg Bass to shed 1,400 pubs) were sufficiently strong that Bass pulled out of the deal. While I hold no candle for any particular political party, I am pleased to note the prompt action taken by the new Government on this matter which had been hanging around for so long that it was beginning to look like it might go through by default.

So what is going to happen now? (Yes folks, it's speculation time again!) When Scottish & Newcastle took over Courage to form the new biggest brewing group in the UK, Bass were well known to be decidedly miffed at losing their top dog position. I don't think that Mrs. Beckett's decisive action will have done anything to make them any happier about being No. 2. At the time of the Scottish Courage merger, there was some speculation about what Bass would try to do in order to regain their former supremacy; suggestions were that they would hit the acquisition trail and start bidding for the odd regional or two in order to increase their sphere of influence. I seem to recall speculation at the time that among the potential targets was Greene King and that even the likes of Fullers and Youngs could come under the beady eye of the hungry giant.

So what has changed? Not a lot really. Perhaps the time for vigilance is just beginning again. I do not suppose that Bass are likely to have another go at Carlsberg-Tetley - or anybody of similar size (There is only Whitbread and I don't think they are looking for a buyer) - so perhaps they will be thinking about picking up smaller brewers one at a time until they just get their noses in front of Scotco (or should that be Scottco). Then the "Big Two" would be controlling "only" 70% of the market instead of the 75% that it would

have been if the Bass/C-T merger had happened

I have just reread the editorial I wrote for last October's London Drinker shortly after the proposed takeover was announced. At that time I aired the view that the DTI and OFT would not have a leg to stand on to stop it happening after they went belly up over the Scottish Courage deal. I am pleased to say that I was wrong, but I am still wondering whether the result would have been the same had the result of the general election been different.

So now what of Carlsberg-Tetley itself? It was understood last year that Carlsberg were rather keen to divest themselves of their 50% holding in the company and it was this share that Bass were planning on buying. I still don't fully understand the set-up of C-T but do Allied Lyons (or whatever they now call themselves) own the other half? Hopefully somebody who understands the intricacies of the way British business conceals who owns what (and I'm sure it's not unique in this matter) will enlighten me if I am wrong.

In the cask beer market C-T have just two leading brands (about the same as Fullers), Ind Coope Burton Ale and various different beers called Tetley Bitter (well two anyway - the proper stuff from Leeds and what we get in the South from Warrington). Now we read in What's Brewing that Burton Ale is going for a... well, is for the chop. It strikes me that whatever they do want, a discerning cask beer market is not one of the sectors they see as important.

On a slightly different matter, the business world and the USA in particular is getting somewhat hot under the collar about the proposed GMG Brands, the (here we go again!) merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. CAMRA has not taken a very high profile stance on this one because it does not affect the beer market to anything like the same extent. How different would it have been, though, if Grand Met had not sold off all its breweries to Courage some years ago?

**Andy Pirson**

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## IDLE MOMENTS

Let me start by apologising for one of last month's trivia questions (No, only one of them). In question 5 the man with the wooden leg was called "Bumper" Harris but by some strange misfortune he seems to have lost his nickname as well as a limb. He had it when he left me.

Now, I think I'll have a little bit of a go at my old colleague Martin Smith. Last month he opened his From Our Archives column with the old chestnut about how to pronounce the word GHOTI, forgetting that I have already (though a long time ago) used this little bit of fun. The real reason for mentioning it though is not to have a go at Martin but to give its inventor his due recognition. I can now reveal that I have learnt fairly recently that the infamous word was invented by none other than the great George Bernard Shaw specifically to illustrate the stupidity of the English language - well he could, couldn't he, being an Irishman

Now having got that little lot out of the way, I think I'll draw the Brewery Clerihews to a close with just three more. The first is from a new contributor, Steve Smith who hails from Manchester as you might have guessed from the subject of his verse:

Joseph Holt  
When adding the malt  
Said, "I'll brew beer to drink  
at a fair price, I think."

Robin Bolt sent in lots and, to be honest, I haven't used them all but I think the concept has run its course - for a while at least. Here is one more from him:

Tiger Tops  
Use different hops  
So each new beer  
Will bring you cheer.

Similarly, Brian Fletcher supplied a few more than I have actually used. Here is one more from him:

Rayments of (Furneaux) Pelham  
Greene King did tell 'em  
After fifty-six years  
It's the end of your beers.

Over the next few weeks I shall be sorting out my favourite and awarding the small prize that I promised at the beginning of the year. See, you can trust me to keep my promises - it will be small.

Now, as I've taken up a lot of space with the intro and the clerihews, let's get straight on with last month's brewery anagram solutions:

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. SLAIN TALON  | ALL NATIONS  |
| 2. SHOWN BY WIT | WHITBY'S OWN |
| 3. SLING AT HAM | LASTINGHAM   |
| 4. HOSE A COUCH | COACH HOUSE  |
| 5. NON-CLASS    | SCANLONS     |

And then roll right along with this month's (no, without the solutions):

1. HEAR THE...
2. TORTE
3. SIN ON COT
4. STUNT HERE
5. DRAG ODDS

Still the cryptic Underground stations manage to make it out of the woodwork. Here are last month's answers:

1. Occidental church - Westminster
2. Not to be confused with the starting point of the Great Fire - Baker Street
3. Path beneath a vault - Archway
4. Archery takes place at this place of worship? - Bow Church
5. These gardens were a Scandinavian cemetery - Finsbury Park

...and this month's clues:

1. Is this the monarch's grave?
2. Bacon from the Orient?
3. Mr. Blunstone's Valley
4. The fourth evangelists's forest
5. Does the Squire live here?

Now, as you have all come to expect (Okay so call me Mr. Predictable, I don't care) it's 5BY4 time again. This time I've subtitled it "Whose Breweries?" and before plunging into them I must thank Glyn Wadley of Cranfield in Bedfordshire for suggesting this subject and providing a list of some 49 examples, to which I have managed to add a few more. You have been warned! Anyway, here are the first

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ten for you to match up. Answers as usual at the end:

1. Fuller's
2. Wadworth
3. Greene King
4. Adnams
5. Maclay
6. Palmers
7. Hardy & Hanson
8. Elgood's
9. Charles Wells
10. Harvey
- A. Sole Bay
- B. Eagle
- C. Westgate
- D. Griffin
- E. North Brink
- F. Kimberley
- G. Bridge Wharf
- H. Thistle
- I. Northgate
- J. The Old

Thinking of Cranfield reminds me that I once spent a couple of very cold days of my college career there in early 1971 learning how to test jet engines, a skill I haven't found it necessary to exercise again since. Ho hum.

Ignoring all of that, I think it's Time for Trivia (being in something of an alliterative mood). Here are last month's answers (and let's hear it for "Bumper" Harris):

1. Cumberland and Westmorland
2. Billy Connolly
3. A handkerchief
4. Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
5. He rode up and down on the first escalators installed on the Underground to instill public confidence in their safety.
6. Ermine Street
7. They are owned by the National Trust.
8. Windmills
9. Fleetwood Mac
10. Christine McVie

And without more ado here are this month's questions:

1. The tune, Jessica by the Allman Brothers is used to introduce which BBC2 television programme?

2. And what is the name of the signature tune of Mastermind?
3. They had eight No. 1 hits between July 1964 and July 1969 and thirteen other top ten hits. Who are they?
4. Which solo singer has also had duet chart hits with more collaborators than any other?
5. Harold Wilson became leader of the Labour Party on whose death?
6. Who were the two writers of the Band Aid hit, Do They Know It's Christmas?
7. The Royal Naval College at Greenwich, designed by Sir Christopher Wren is built around the earlier Queen's House. Who was the architect of this building?
8. Who became President of the USA on the assassination of William McKinley in 1901?
9. Who was the first king of the House of Lancaster?
10. The Hall of Arts and Sciences was opened on 29th March 1871. By what name is it now known?

There you go, that's your lot, apart from the answers to 5BY4:

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

Enjoy August. I hope the sun shines.

**Andy Pirson**

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## THE WATERLOO ARMS

The 2nd Waterloo Arms Beer Festival is being held on 5th, 6th, and 7th of September and starts at lunchtime each day. Paul & Jan Osgood are having 16 guest ales, traditional ciders and the full range of Hop Back ales. Czech Budvar is also on draught. The festival is a celebration of their 2nd Year at the pub and 10 years of Hop Back Brewery. Last year's festival was a great success with visitors from the capital and they are hoping to do as well this year.

The Waterloo is 10 minutes walk from Southampton Central Station. Jan & Paul would like to thank everyone at London Drinker for their support and look forward to seeing them in September.

The Waterloo is in Waterloo Road (Phone 01703 220022)

I'll see you there

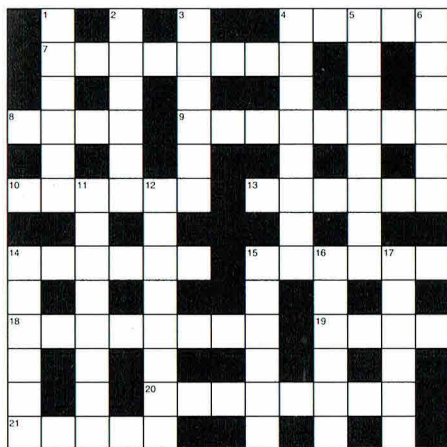
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# LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

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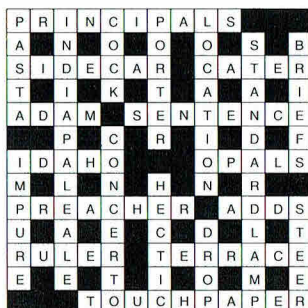
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All correct entries received by first post on 27th August will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the October London Drinker.  
Solution next month.

All entries to be submitted to:  
London Drinker Crossword  
25 Valens House  
Upper Tulse Hill  
London SW2 2RX

## LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



## ACROSS

4. Little Donkey is something well worth having. [5]
7. Biscuits and nuts. [8]
- 8,9. Very nearly a thousand make emergency call. [4,4,4]
10. Guard posted onto railway. [6]
13. Ordered to be given yellow card. [6]
14. It's easy to put love into an embrace. [6]
15. A fellow is a good looker. [6]
18. He's central but also back to the side. [8]
19. It's nothing for a bird. [4]
20. He's too lazy to settle a fight. [8]
21. Understand outskirts of Derby to be run down. [5]

## DOWN

1. Writer has to copy in the South East. [6]
2. It's evident Patrick has to catch up. [6]
3. Very narrow pub put telly outside. [6]
4. A drug will develop heavenly body. [8]
5. Hit senator with hidden device. [8]
6. Dearth of ravelled string. [6]
11. where you might keep cuttings? [4,4]
12. Depend on taking money not long ago. [8]
14. Scoundrels take in alien youngsters. [6]
15. A minor route across the sea? [6]
16. A man's type of network. [3,3]
17. Instigate local position perhaps. [6]

Winner of the prize for the June Crossword:  
Stuart Osgood, Bromley.

Other correct entries were received from:  
A, Aaba Aababa, Tony Alpe, Pat Andrews, Mark Antony, Geoff B, Tom Baldwin, The Bean, John Blundell, Robin Bolt, Alan Brooke, Martyn Brown, Andy Camroux, Stephen Clark, A.P.Comaish, Steve Cooper, Chas Creasey, B.H.Fletcher my old tomcat & budgerigar, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Graham Hill, Chris James, Hugh Jardonne, Pete Large, Dylan Mason, Jerry the Mole, M.J.Moran, Al Mountain, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Mick Norman, J.Roger-Roadrage, Andy Schink, Super Scooper, Mrs A.Shafting, Penny & Bryan Smith-Worth, Old Smokey, Tarnya Stephen & Jez, Bill Thackray, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, Ted Whitaker, David Woodward, Yak.

There were also three incorrect entries.

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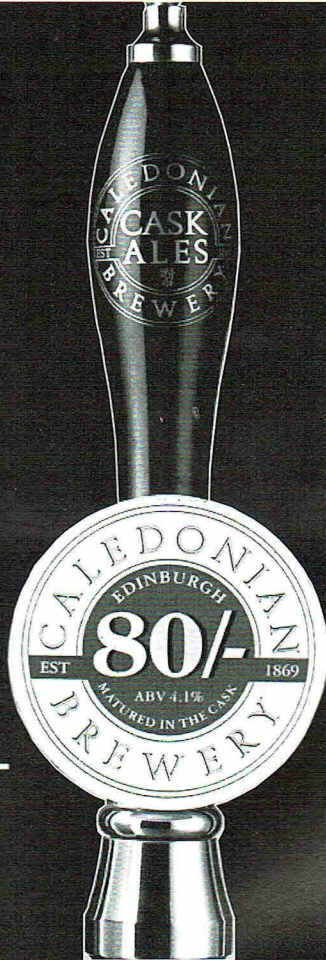
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## BRANCH UPDATE

From this month we are changing the face of the Branch Diary section somewhat to make it more attractive and, we hope, more entertaining. In addition to listing the month's events of each CAMRA branch, we are giving over space for other items of news that will be of interest to people in the area and hopefully beyond. To start off with, as this idea came up at short notice we have extended contributions from just a couple of branches this time but we fully expect this to extend in future months although we don't anticipate that every branch will have earth shattering news every month. Contributions and events for August are as follows:

### ALL LONDON:

Fri 29 (8.00) All London Barbecue Social at the DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon.

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

Mon 4 (7.30) Great British Beer Festival Staff Crawl (but all welcome) of classic Belgravia pubs. Starting ORANGE BREWERY, 37 Pimlico Road then FOX & HOUNDS (8.00), 29 Passmore Street; ANTE-LOPE (8.45), 22 Eaton Terrace; STAR TAVERN (9.30), 6 Belgrave Mews West; NAGS HEAD (10.15), 53 Kinnerton Street (all in SW1) - Wed 3 Sep (8.00) Business Meeting. WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street, SE1.

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

Tue 5 (7.30) Social at the Great British Beer Festival, Scottish Bar (Bar B) - Wed 13 (8.30) Social. FIELDER & FIRKIN, 346 High Street, Sutton (lower end) - Mon 18 (8.30) Social at the new Wetherspoon pub in South End, Croydon - Sat 23 (10.15) Joint Crawl with Brighton & South Downs Branch. Meet at East Croydon Station - Thu 28 (8.00) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, Surrey Street, Croydon - Fri 29 (8.00) All London Barbecue Social at the Dog & Bull (See above).

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

Sat 26 July (8.45am) ROBERTS' RAMBLE. This year's walk is from Witham to Maldon in Essex. Meet at Liverpool Street Station ticket office for 9.00 train to Witham. We shall return by bus to Chelmsford and then train - Mon 11 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BIRKBECK TAVERN, Langthorne Road, E11 - Fri 22 (7.00) Beer & Curry Night. meet PRIDE OF SPITALFIELDS, Heneage Street, E1 by 8.00; Later at ALMA, Spelman Street, E1

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

Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20 (to be confirmed) - Sat 16 (4.00) Branch Barbecue. ORANGE TREE, 18 Highfields Road, Winchmore Hill, N21 - Tue 19 (9.00) Social. WILLIAM IV, 192 Hertford Road, Lower Edmonton, N9 - Sat 23 Coach trip to Peterborough Beer Festival; Lytton Arms, Old Knebworth on return journey. More details from Branch Contact - Thu 28 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pickup. RAILWAY BELL, 13 East Barnet Road, EN4.

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

Thu 14 (8.30) Business Meeting. NEW INN, Rushett Road, Long Ditton - Tue 26 (8.00) Social. KINGS TUN (new Wetherspoon pub), Clarence Street, Kingston - Sat 30 (10.30) Day of Action for the RUNNING HORSE in Leatherhead. Details from Branch Contact.

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

Tue 5 No Social; Great British Beer Festival - Tue 12 (8.00) Branch Social and post GBBF drink. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Street, N1 - Tue 19 (8.00) Camden Social. FUSILIER & FIRKIN, 7 Chalk farm Road then SPREADEAGLE, 141 Albert Street - Tue 26 (8.00) Central London Historical Walk and Crawl led by Gary White. Meet at GLASSBLOWER, Glasshouse Street, W1. All welcome - Tue 2 Sept (8.00) Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Street, N1.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW.** Alistair Black 01932 780823 (H).

Tue 12 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. CARDINAL WOLSEY, The Green, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court then on to KINGS ARMS (9.30), Lion Gate, Hampton Court Road for a Social - Fri 15 (8.00) Social Evening with Barbecue. GREYHOUND, 82 Kew Green, Kew - ADVANCE NOTICE: FELTHAM BEER FESTIVAL, Thu 2 to Sat 4 October. Volunteer staff please contact Alistair.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON.** Andy Camroux 0181-854 1538 (H) 0181-331 8510 (W) e-mail: [a.camroux@greenwich.ac.uk](mailto:a.camroux@greenwich.ac.uk).

This time of year is a busy one for S. E. London members, with the Great British Beer Festival coming along almost as soon as we have recovered from our efforts at the Catford Festival. In between, we have

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celebrated the opening of the Shipwright Arms in Toolcy Street, SE1, the winning of the national club of the year award by the Howerd Club, SE9, not to mention having a highly successful pub crawl and curry afternoon one Sunday in June.

The August schedule is a bit less hectic on the branch side, with most people concentrating on the GBBF for the first part of the month.

Sun 17 (12.30) **DULWICH WOOD HOUSE, SE26.** Our annual Sunday afternoon beer and boules session. The boules is subject to the weather, the beer will be there whatever! - Tue 19 (8.00) Branch/Committee Meeting. **HOGSHEAD, 354 Lewisham High Street, SE13** - Sat 30 Branch Outing to Brighton. Meet at East Croydon station for the 10.50 train; those who prefer more of a lie in, or fancy some sight-seeing, can meet us in these pubs: **BASKETMAKER'S ARMS (12.00)**, 12 Gloucester Road; **HAND IN HAND (2.00)**, 33 Upper St James Street; **EVENING STAR (6.00)**, 55-56 Surrey Street (near Brighton Station).

For some months, we have been eagerly awaiting the opening of Harveys' new pub, the Royal Oak in Tabard Street, SE1. Latest news is that it is due to open in early August, with the exact date yet to be finalised. We hope to visit once it's open - more details at the 19th August meeting.

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

Mon 3 (8.30) Social. **ROSE & CROWN, 31 Mill Lane (off A104), Woodford Green** - Wed 13 (8.30) Out of Area Social. **CARPENTERS ARMS, High Road (B1393), Thornwood Common** - Thu 21 (8.30) Social. **CHAFFORD HUNDRED, 100 Fleming Road (junction Howard Road), Chafford Hundred, Grays** - Thu 28 (8.30) Social. **ROSE & CROWN, 16 Ilford Hill (A118 near A406), Ilford.**

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

Wed 6 (7-8.00) Social at the Great British Beer Festival. Meet at the Hop Back bar. **CRICKET FIXTURES:** Sun 3 Priory Arms (H); Sun 17 Watford Branch (H); Sun 24 Priory Arms (A); Mon 25 Watford Branch (A); Sun 31 Sultan (H). Home games are at Haydons Road Rec, SW19 (corner of Quicks Road) starting at 2.30pm. Players please ring Andy Robinson 0171-410 6302 (work) or 0181-653 8885 (home).

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

Fri 8 Social at the Great British Beer Festival. Meet at the membership stand every hour from 5.00 - Wed 13 (8.00) Bus Crawl. Start at **TUDOR ARMS** then **ONE BELL (9.15)**; **MOON UNDER WATER (10.00)**. W1 or W2 buses - Sun 17 Cricket Match against SW London Branch. Meet at the **SULTAN, Norman Road, SW19** at 1.30 - Wed 20 (8.00) Croxley Crawl. **SPORTSMAN** then **ARTICHOKE (9.00)**; **COACH & HORSES (10.00)** - Mon 25 Cricket Match. Return match against SW London. Meet West Herts Sports Club, Park Avenue at 1.30 - Tue 26 (8.30) Chorleywood Wander. **ROSE & CROWN** then **SPORTSMAN (9.30)**; **OLD SHEPHERD (10.15)** - Sun 31 (8.00) Committee Meeting. **WEST HERTS SORTS CLUB.**

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

Tue 12 (8.30) Social at the **CROWN, 153 Dovehouse Street, SW3**, a Whitbread Good Beer Guide pub with an impressive bank of handpumps, the range of beer can vary. Located close to Fulham Road and served by bus No. 14, South Kensington is the nearest tube.

Thu 21 Garden Social at the **LOWNDES ARMS, 37 Chesham Street, SW1**. Meet in the garden which is rare for the area. The pub has been refurbished since our last visit. Located to the north of Sloane Square close to Eaton Place, nearest tube is Sloane Square.

On Sun 31 the Branch is holding an outing to the Mid-Hants Railway. By train from Waterloo to Alton, which also picks up at Clapham Junction and Wimbledon. The Mid-Hants Railway runs between Alton and Alresford which is about a 35 minute run. Details from Di Kehoe during working hours only (see above).

More West London Branch News is located elsewhere in the magazine.

**WEST MIDDLESEX.** Dave O'Driscoll 0181-427 7498 (H) 0171-725 3035 (W).

Tue 5 to Sat 9 Week long Social at the Great British Beer Festival, Olympia - Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. **LOAD OF HAY, Villier Street, Uxbridge** - Tue 19 (8.30) Social. **FOX & GOOSE, Hanger Lane, W5** - Sat 23 (12.00) Saturday Afternoon Two Pub Social. **FIVE BELLS** and **CROWN (1.15)**, both High Street, Harmondsworth (possibly moving on to Sipson afterwards) - Wed 27 (9.00) London Drinker Pickup. **RED LION, St Marys Road, W5.**

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

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors

I was surprised and upset to read in your June issue of the threat to the Prince of Wales in Merton.

I visited this pub twice with the quiz team from my old local (Rising Sun, Pimlico), and on each occasion we found the people friendly, the beer and food good, and, in short, we enjoyed a good night there. We met some nice US guests too, and had a crack with them.

The pub seemed well-run, and well-patronised - much more successful than some Youngs' pubs we'd visited. (Come to think of it, we were so impressed that we poached mine hosts Cliff and Heather the following year - at least we were pleased when the brewery sent them to us!).

If Youngs want to keep their customers' loyalty they had better start paying more attention what pub-goers want. The proposal to close a good pub and replace it with a car lot bodes ill for the future.

Yours

Charlie Pottins  
NW10

*This is typical of a number of letters on the subject. Prince of Wales saved - see elsewhere!*

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Dear Editors,

While drinking my second pint of Belhaven St. Andrew's Ale (trying to decide whether it was OK or not) I noticed some manoeuvres which included the emptying of a drip tray serving a number of pumps). You will not be surprised to learn that the contents went into a pint glass that was returned to the area (out of sight) below the handpumps.

As I left I took a quick look over the bar where there were two part-filled glasses lurking in the drip tray. I still do not know whether I like Belhaven beers!

I just thought that you should know.

Ben, Essex.

### **Editor's note:**

*The name of the pub in question which is in east London has been withheld and the matter referred to the local CAMRA branch for further investigation.*

Dear Editors,

In the gents of one of my local Youngs' pubs, there was a machine offering flavoured condoms. Among the flavours on offer were lager, lager & lime, and malt whiskey (sic!)

No real ale flavour was on offer. Surely CAMRA should be campaigning with the manufacturers of these products to add a real ale flavoured condom to their range.

Obviously the choice of real ale would be a contentious matter, but the problem could be solved by a tasting panel involving Roger Protz and Michael Jackson.

Cheers

Albert Sheriden (no relation)

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Dear Editors,

London Drinker's Editorial, (June) points out that Labour has a commitment on oversize glasses and suggests that it will be interesting to see how long it is before something is done. The answer is probably, quite some time unless we put some campaigning pressure on for it. And while we are at it, a decent minimum wage, might also ensure that drinkers at last get the bar staff they deserve. Oh, and there is also the question of later opening at weekends - surely this should be the flip side of Jack Straw's entirely welcome action against alcopops, in this sense it will encourage responsible drinking?

Yours

Keith Flett

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Dear Editors,

It's a shame that these days we rarely get to see the character of the FRIENDLY (and funny) drunk on our screens, whether in films, sit-coms or soaps etc.

Maybe CAMRA in association with a brewery could organise an annual ('sober') competition to find the funniest one around? To compete for the Freddie Frinton Flagon (or in the case of Whitbreads... 'Trophy'?). Who's the late great Freddie Frinton you ask?

Yours faithfully

A H Clark

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## EAST END NEWS

The sale of Murphy's (The White Hart) on Mile End Road has now gone through and contrary to rumours it is not run by the same company which has recently taken over the Approach Tavern. Structural alterations have taken place resulting in a change to the bar area, including the removal of much of the beautiful old wood and glasswork. Fuller's London Pride and Young's Ordinary appear to be the beers. CAMRA has obtained a copy of the Application for Conservation Area Consent which has been submitted to Tower Hamlets Council by the new owners. This application includes the demolition of the adjacent (currently derelict) No. 3 Mile End Road, the extension of the pub onto this site, internal 'modernisation' of the existing pub, the complete rebuilding of the upstairs areas to create new accommodation and an entertainment area and the 'upgrading' of the external signage. Long-suffering customers will be relieved to know that the plans also include new toilets. On the detailed plans themselves an arrow points at the wood and glass partitions with the legend 'paneled partition removed (some already gone)'. Attempts to have the building and its interior listed before too much damage can be done have not been successful - a letter from the Department of National Heritage reads as follows: "We were recently asked to consider this building for listing and sought advice from English Heritage, who are the Department's statutory advisors on listing matters. English Heritage commented that this public house c.1900 retains many original features, including diamond-cut glass panels of some interest. However some of the panels have been moved from their original positions and the other original features are not considered to be of exceptional quality. Because of the large number of public houses built after 1840, the criteria for listing are strict, and this building is therefore not considered to be of the special architectural or historic interest required to warrant listing. Having carefully considered all the evidence, the Department decided to accept English Heritage's advice and will not be adding this building to the statutory list". Comments on the Application have been 'noted' by Tower Hamlets Council's Bethnal Green Community Area Planning Team. And so it seems we will lose the Mile End Road's last unaltered pub.

After some two years with M&B Brew XI, Grove Green Road, Leytonstone pub the Northcote's 'Guest Beer of the Month' has now changed to Worthington Best to mark their conversion into the livery of the East London Pub Co. Another pub in that chain The Bell on High

Road, Leytonstone, E11 has dropped its Worthington Best but still sells a superb pint of Bass - as befits a Good Beer Guide entry pub.

Frequently seen at the Birkbeck Tavern, Leyton, E11 in recent weeks have been beers from the Viking Brewery of Broadstairs, Kent. Landlord Brian Delaney tells us that his is the Brewery's only directly-supplied outlet in London.

Good to see the Goldengrove at Stratford E15 and other JD Wetherspoon's pubs clearly displaying the prices of crisps etc above the bar. There are all too many pubs out there where punters can lose sight of the high price of snacks when buying a round. Good also to see the return of real cider at the Goldengrove recently.

The Thirst and Last on High Road, Leytonstone E11 has reverted to its old name of the Britannia after its short-lived incarnation as an 'Ale House'.

The William IV, High Road, Leyton E10 has been selling 'Old Bootlegger' (brewery unknown) at £1.25 a pint. Also on the bar for our recent branch social was Fuller's ESB and London Pride and Courage best and Director's.

We hear that the famous clock at the Crown, High Road, Leytonstone E11 has survived the recent redecoration. Unfortunately, conversion to the colours of the East London Pub Co. has not resulted in the arrival of anything resembling real ale.

In the past few months, two new J D Wetherspoon's pubs have opened in the ELAC branch area. The first of these was the King's Ford, 250-252 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford E4, in an old furniture shop and so named because the nearby River Lee was once apparently known as the King's Stream, which is news to us. More recently the Sir John Oldcastle opened on Farringdon Road, EC1, which is very close to Farringdon tube and BR stations.

News reaches us that Fuller's tied house the Vintory, Queen Street, EC4 is scheduled for demolition.

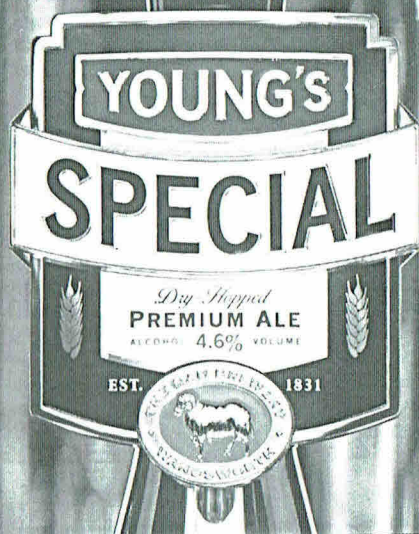
O'Hanlon's beers are selling so well at their own pub in Tysoe Street EC1 that they have increased their number of handpumps to six, most of which are now selling O'Hanlon's beers. Latest off the line is O'Hanlon's Blakeley's Best No. 2 and O'Hanlon's Spring Gold. Also spotted recently were guest beers from Norfolk micro Iceni. The beers are popular with CAMRA members too.

J D Wetherspoon carbon-copies the Old Monk chain are expanding in our area and now have 5

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pubs. The Learned Monk in particular has built up a reputation for its ales and is also selling 6% Biddenden cider on handpump. This pub can be found at 1 Fleet Place, EC4, which is immediately outside City Thameslink BR station.

The Lord Henniker, Stratford E15's on-off flirtation with Ridley's beers seems to be back on again with Ridley IPA available during February and March.

Leyton Orient Supporter's Club in Brisbane Road, E10 is going from strength to strength with its guest beer policy. Four handpumped and two gravity served casks are emptied at every home game and the range of different beers that have been tried is phenomenal. 160 beers, 11,000 pints.

The Old Spotted Dog at Forest Gate not only now has real cider regularly available but also from time to time real perry - a rare drink indeed. These are alongside regular guest beers which are supplied through Everard's Brewery's Old English Ale Club.

Nobody seems to be sure quite when it happened, but the Fountain, Sewardstone Road, Chingford, E4 is now no more and the building has become a burger restaurant.

The Black Lion, High Street, Plaistow, E13 has developed a successful guest beer policy with

Mansfield Bitter, Mighty Oak Bitter, Adnams Old and Adnams Extra all appearing recently alongside the Courage regulars. Still in Plaistow, the Lord Stanley, St Mary's Road, E13 stocks the rarely encountered Shepherd Neame Best Bitter.

The East London Branch is concerned with the actions of a company calling themselves the East London Pub Co. It would appear to be the managed house side of the Bass Charrington empire though we have no evidence to prove this and at once stage thought all the pubs were keg only. In all cases the inn signs have been removed and replaced with a yellow silhouette of a horse drawn cart on a black background. What horse drawn carts have to do with the East End is beyond me. Pearly Kings and Queens I could understand. Up till June there were none of their pubs west of the Lea. However the Little Driver in E3 is the first to succumb. The list so far is: E17 Flowerpot and Lord Brooke. E15 Queens Head and Manby Arms. E11 The Bell, Corlwy Arms, Crown Essex Arms and Northcote. E10 Coach & Horses, Hare & Hounds and Colegrave Arms. E7 Rising Sun and Live & Let Live, so no more inn signs of flowerpots and coats of arms etc. A letter to the Brewery Liaison Officer for Bass has been sent via CAMRA HQ and we await his reply.

**Keith Emmerson**

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## FULL PINT PROMISE

The Consumer Affairs Minister Nigel Griffiths has backed a private member's bill ensuring full pints for pub customers.

The Weights and Measures (Beer & Cider) Bill comes from Wolverhampton South East Labour MP Dennis Turner but unfortunately is only 20th on the ballot, which means it has little chance of getting Parliamentary time - in this session, at least.

Mr Griffiths managed to avoid promising the bill Government time but, CAMRA believes it will almost certainly resurface and might even be given Government time - provided Campaign members keep up the pressure.

"I have been calling for a change in the law for a very long time and am delighted to give my full support to the bill. Down the years I have received many complaints from consumers and trading standards officers, who have reported short measures in contravention even of the industry's own guidance notes" commented Mr Griffiths. He went on to say "A recent survey by CAMRA showed that eight out of ten pints weren't pints at all. When

the consumer asks for a pint and is charged for a pint, that is the quantity he should be served.

Scare stories are being spread about the supposed cost of serving full pints, which CAMRA members must continue to fight against. The BLRA has suggested that beer will increase by 10p a pint if pubs switch to lined glasses. In fact, there should be no added cost at all, and no excuse for price increased as:-

- The cost of buying in over-sized glasses will be nil provided they are phased in over the normal replacement cycle.
- The additional cost of filling an oversized glass to the line is equal to the cost of the beer spilled when filling brim-measure glasses.
- Banks's use oversized glasses and are consistently one of the cheapest regional brewers.

CAMRA believes that drinkers have been 'ripped off' for far too long and the only solution to this problem is to introduced lined oversize glasses to guarantee a full and fair pint. Needless to say the campaign goes on.

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## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the August 1982 issue of London Drinker - price 12p - consisted of 24 pages including pink cover, which featured labels of Devenish Wessex Bitter and Burney's New Cross Brewery ales & stout, pricing Dinner Ale and Special Stout at 2/6d (12½p) per dozen - quart bottles, that is. The latter brewery featured in a small piece by Mostyn Lewis, who summarised its history from incorporation in 1898 to winding-up in 1925. Its pubs passed through the hands of Hoare's into those of Charrington's. On the same page John Davis traced the history of the Leigham Arms, Streatham. The history and outlets of Devenish were also featured in the content.

"THROUGH THE ROOF - THE FACTS" screamed the first headline. It surmounted an analysis by Roger Warhurst of prices in London pubs, comparing a survey made in December 1979 with another - both by West London CAMRA branches - in June 1982. The introduction began: "For years we have said that the beer prices in London are far too high. Now we can prove it." Without going into the gory details, I will quote two points made in the article: "GIVE US BACK OUR 9p!" - The average price of a pint of ordinary bitter in the saloon bar of a West London tied house is now 66½p compared with 41½p just 2½ years ago. Prices for ordinary and premium bitters have risen on average 56% over that period... Putting it simply, if beer prices had merely kept pace with prices generally and basic wage rates, we would be paying on average 9p less per pint." The final lines read:

"In general, strength for strength, prices tend to be 3 to 4p more (in free houses) than in tied houses. There are, however, instances of free houses charging well over this, and one particular free house surveyed was charging between 8p and 12p more for certain premium and strong bitters." Adjust the figures, and the story is still familiar.

Watney's were again the news. "Within a year, all cask conditioned beer in Watney houses should be served by hand-pulled beer engines." So one would hope. That company was also about to market Stag Bitter in cans. From the same stable (though not trough), Trumans were marketing a fourth real beer, Sampson, OG 1055. The writer commented

"As with other Truman beers it is not cheap. At around 80p a pint, it compares unfavourably with the general price of ESB" (which had the same gravity). Two more new beers were announced: one, unnamed, of 1043 OG from the Victoria Brewery, and Taylor Walker Mainline, which had been awaited from some time.

TEN YEARS AGO blue was the theme colour, used throughout the 24 page edition. Black was the "second" colour, appearing on 8 pages including the cover, of which the front panel featured information and the logo for the Great British Beer Festival, the tenth of that ilk, in Brighton, while the back bore full details.

Merton provided an Historicrawl of Alfriston, Sussex, not too far from Brighton, to coincide.

P. Sartist chronicled part of a cycle tour via pubs, entitled "Capes and Ale". That particular tour ran from Southampton to Northampton, visiting, in this section, Salisbury, Hungerford, Wantage, Faringdon, Burford and Little Barrington, where the narrative was left in abeyance till next time.

One correspondent asked in a Letter to the Editors "If London's got everything why does every pub I've been in during a week in the Midlands offer a decent pint of Mild, whereas back home I can't get it for love or money?" Dipsy was depicted in two different poses, both looking very depressed, with the message "No B.....'s Written" and his own reply "Dear Dipsy, INVENT a few."

FIVE YEARS AGO the mid blue frame of the 32 page August 1992 issue enclosed a pen drawing of the Duke of York, W1. The colour appeared on 4 other pages, all adverts, including the rear cover, which concerned the Feltham beer & cider festival.

In his Editorial Chris reflected on the iniquities of the practice of putting back into casks ullage which has not been simply pulled off to empty the lines for cleaning.

In Idle Moments Derek Edwards contributed another "Confuse a Child"-type alphabet which began with A for 'Orses, B for Mutton and C for th Highlanders. All the other regulars were featured.

Taylor Walker had re-opened the Three Compasses in Bromley, as its second



Arkwright's Wheel pub after a £130,000 refurbishment.

Whitbread was test marketing the new Castle Eden Porter for a short period in 28 Greater London pubs, at between 99p and £1.20 a pint.

Greene King had failed in its attempt to acquire Morland's of Abingdon.

"The Brewers" presented a learned piece on the small brewers of London and their products. In "Olympia Heights" Roger Warhurst offered two crawls around Olympia, then as now the venue for the Great British Beer Festival.

Wetherspoon's had obtained a licence for a pub in Brixton despite opposition from Whitbread. Their most recent pub had opened in Bethnal Green - the Camden's Head. They were also set to open two pubs in Terminal 4 of Heathrow Airport.

Fuller's had re-launched their passport scheme, encouraging drinkers to visit each of their pubs.

As I said in valediction 5 years ago: More next month. Enjoy the GBBF, you lucky Londoners.

Cheers!

**Martin Smith**

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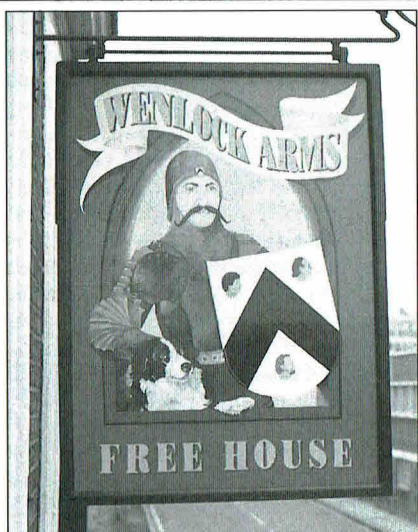
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## THE 5TH CATFORD BEER FESTIVAL

The 1997 Catford Beer Festival took place this year on 11th to 14th June, at its regular venue, the Lewisham Theatre.

The festival started with an invitation session for licensees of local Good Beer Guide pubs and local MPs. Unfortunately, the promised appearance of three MPs failed to materialise as they were called back to the Commons for an urgent debate (much to their dismay, I'm sure!). Despite this, there was a good turnout, and the Lady Mayor of Lewisham arrived for the festival opening, and quickly got into the swing of things, taking the opportunity of sampling the beers and ciders on offer.

Wednesday night was again the quiet night, while later in the week live music was on, including the ever popular Kit Packham and Wolfie Witcher, and rounded off by the South of the River Big Band and Catford Celedh on Saturday.

This year the beer order included a number of "feature" breweries, with beer from them intended to be on throughout the festival - these included five special festival brews. These were supplemented with a changing range of 'guest' beers, mainly from members of the Independent Family Brewers of Britain. The London Brewers Association bar served beers from the three LBA members (Bishops, Pitfield and O'Hanlons), and this proved very popular, with all the Bishops beer selling out by the Friday evening. Beers from Nethergate (winners of the 1996 Beer of the Festival award), North Downs and Viking went well, but the clear favourite was Church End brewery, based in Shustoke, Warwickshire. All their beers were excellent, and their Gravediggers was voted Beer of the Festival.

The ever popular Cider and Tombola stands did well again this year and the experiment of selling Gales' country wines was a sell-out success - even though the original order was doubled in the hope there would be some left for the staff!

A wider range of imported beers and bottle conditioned ales was offered this year, this being possible due to the bar

being relocated to the downstairs studio bar area from its previous congested spot in the foyer. More draught German beers were on this year after selling out last year.

The festival was a great success overall, with more than 3,500 people through the door over the four days, despite a quieter than usual Thursday. The organising committee are already looking forward to next year's event, with plenty of ideas for making it even better, and comments and suggestions are always useful. Anyone who has a view on what was good or bad about the festival or what could be done better next year, is welcome to come to the branch events listed in the diary in this magazine, to the Catford '98 planning meetings (which start in November and are advertised in London Drinker) or to get in touch through the branch contact (again listed in this magazine).

Finally, the organisers would like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their free time to make the festival possible.

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## FIRST GREAT BRITISH WHEAT CHALLENGE

The first Great British Wheat Beer Challenge, sponsored by the Society of Independent Brewers, was held at the White Horse, Parsons Green, SW6. About 25 beers were exhibited.

The Champion Wheat Beer of Britain was Silent Knight from the Quay Brewery, Weymouth. Joint second were Sparkling Wit from the Fenland Brewery, and Mash Wheat from the Mash brewery. London was represented by beers from Pitfield and Scanlon's.

The Quay brewery only opened last year in the former Devenish Brewery. The beer is dark and complex tasting with plenty of flavour from the dark malt. My favourite was the Sparkling Wit which was refreshing with a hint of coriander.

The White Horse and SIBA are to be congratulated on this initiative to promote this increasingly popular style of beer.





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

It is run by Sian and Mike Davies, who moved from The Outside Inn at Neasden, north west London.

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

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

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

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

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



▲ The Hope Tap, Reading



◀ The Lord Rosebery, Scarborough

## OPENING SOON

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

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WETHERSPOON PUB GUIDE

**BARKING AND DAGENHAM**

**THE BARKING DOG**  
61 Station Parade, Barking

**THE LORD DENMAN**  
270-272 Heathway, Dagenham

**BARNET**

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
148 High Street, Barnet

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

**THE RAILWAY BELL**  
13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
10 Varley Parade, Colindale NW9

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

**THE BLACKING BOTTLE**  
122-126 High Street, Edgware

**BEXLEY**

**THE WRONG 'UN**  
234-236 The Broadway, Bexleyheath

**BRENT**

**J J MOON'S**  
553 Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury NW9

**THE OUTSIDE INN**  
312-314 Neasden Lane, Neasden  
NW10

**J J MOON'S**  
397 High Road, Wembley

**THE COLISEUM**  
Manor Park Road, Harlesden NW10

**BROMLEY**

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

**THE HARVEST MOON**  
141-143 High Street, Orpington

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

**CAMDEN**

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

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

**THE BEATEN DOCKET**  
50-56 Cricklewood Broadway,  
Cricklewood NW2

**THE THREE HORSESHOES**  
28 Heath Street, Hampstead NW3

**CITY OF LONDON**

**HAMILTON HALL**  
Liverpool Street Station EC2

**CROYDON**

**THE GEORGE**  
17-21 George Street, Croydon

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
1327 London Road, Norbury SW16

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

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33 Westow Street, Crystal Palace

**EALING**

**THE RED LION AND PINEAPPLE**  
281 High Street, Acton W3

**ENFIELD**

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
115-117 Chase Side, Enfield

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

**THE HALF MOON**  
749 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill N21

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

**THE LAMB**

52-54 Church Street, Edmonton N9

**THE NEW CROWN**  
80-84 Chase Side, Southgate

**EEPING FOREST**

**THE LAST POST**  
227 High Road, Loughton

**GREENWICH**

**THE BANKER'S DRAFT**  
80 High Street, Eltham SE9

**HACKNEY**

**THE ROCHESTER CASTLE**  
145 High Street, Stoke Newington N16

**HAMMERSMITH**

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

**HARINGEY**

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

**THE NEW MOON**  
413 Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17

**THE ELBOW ROOM**  
503-505 High Road, Tottenham N17

**THE TOLL GATE**  
26-30 Turnpike Lane, Hornsey N8

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

**THE GATE HOUSE**  
1 North Hill, Highgate N6

**HARROW**

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Shaftesbury Circle, South Harrow

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

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

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**THE ROBERT PEEL**  
5-10 Market Place, Bury

**THE LORD ROSEBERY**  
85-87 Westborough,  
Scarborough

**THE WALNUT TREE**  
857-861 High Street, Leytonstone

**THE SURREY DOCKS**  
185 Lower Road, Rotherhithe

**THE YARBOROUGH HOTEL**  
29 Bethlehem Street, Grimsby

**THE LONDON INN**  
15-16 The Strand, Torquay

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

**THE RED LION**  
Roman Bank, Skegness

**THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS**  
42 Midland Road, Bedford

**THE STANDING ORDER**  
62-66 George Street, Edinburgh

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

**THE PERKIN WARBECK**  
22-23 East Street, Taunton

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**THE MOON AND SIXPENCE**  
250 Uxbridge Road, Pinner

**THE SARSEN STONE**  
32 High Street, Wealdstone

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20 The Broadwalk, Pinner Road,  
North Harrow

**THE VILLAGE INN**  
402-408 Rayners Lane, Pinner

**THE MAN IN THE MOON**  
1 Buckingham Parade, Stanmore

**HAVERING**

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

**THE MOON AND STARS**  
99-103 South Street, Romford

**HERTFORDSHIRE**

**THE HART AND SPOOL**  
148 Shenley Road, Borehamwood

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
44, High Street, Watford

**HILLINGDON**

**J J MOON'S**  
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**THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
10-11 Broadway Parade,  
Coldharbour Lane, Hayes



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198-204 High Street, Lewisham

**THE HOPE TAP**

99-105 Friar Street, Reading

**THE ARCHIBALD SIMPSON**

5 Castle Street, Aberdeen

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67-71 Reform Street, Dundee

**THE KINGS TUN**153-157 Clarence Street,  
Kingston-Upon-Thames**THE MOON AND STARFISH**

1 Marine Parade East, Clacton-on-Sea

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Oxted**THE JP JOULE**

Northenden Road, Sale

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34-36 Southend, Croydon

**THE FELIX HOLT**

3 Stratford Street, Nuneaton

**THE LODESTAR**

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Heathrow Airport, Hounslow**WETHERSPOONS**Terminal Four, (Landside),  
Heathrow Airport, Hounslow**THE MOON AND SIXPENCE**1250-1256 Uxbridge Road,  
Hayes End**THE SYLVAN MOON**

27 Green Lane, Northwood

**THE GOOD YARN**

132 High Street, Uxbridge

**HOUNSLOW****THE MOON UNDER WATER**  
84-86 Staines Road, Hounslow**JJ MOON'S**

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338-346 Holloway Road, London N7

**THE DOG**

17-19 Archway Road, Archway N19

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

168-172 Old Street EC2

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55 High Street, Dartford

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2a Streatham Hill SW2

**THE BEEHIVE**

407-409 Brixton Road, Brixton SW9

**LEWISHAM****THE TIGER'S HEAD**

350 Bromley Road, Catford SE6

**THE BIRD IN HAND**

35 Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill SE23

**MERTON****THE WHITE LION OF MORTIMER**

223 London Road, Mitcham

**WETHERSPOONS**

33 Aberconway Road, Morden

**THE WIBBAS DOWN INN**

6-12 Gladstone Road, Wimbledon

**NEWHAM****THE MILLER'S WELL**

419-421 Barking Road, East Ham E6

**THE GOLDENGROVE**

146-148 The Grove, Stratford E15

**REDBRIDGE****THE NEW FAIRLOP OAK**

Fencepiece Road, Barkingside

**THE GEORGE**

High Street, Wanstead E11

**THE GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD**

114-116 Cranbrook Road, Ilford

**RICHMOND UPON THAMES****THE MOON UNDER WATER**

53-57 London Road, Twickenham

**SOUTHWARK****\*THE FOX ON THE HILL**

149 Denmark Hill SE5

**SPELTHORNE****THE GEORGE**

2-8 High Street, Staines

**SURREY****THE REGENT**

19 Church Street, Walton-on Thames

**SUTTON****THE WHISPERING MOON**25 Ross Parade, Woodcote Road,  
Wallington**THE MOON ON THE HILL**

5-9 Hill Road, Sutton

**WETHERSPOONS**

553-556 London Road, North Cheam

**TOWER HAMLETS****THE CAMDEN'S HEAD**456 Bethnal Green Road,  
Bethnal Green E2**WALTHAM FOREST****THE DRUM**

557-559 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton E10

**THE KING'S FORD**250-252 Chingford Mount Road,  
Chingford**WANDSWORTH****JJ MOON'S**

56a High Street, Tooting SW17

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**

194 Balham High Road, Balham W12

**THE SPOTTED DOG**72 Garratt Lane, Arndale Centre,  
Wandsworth SW18**THE RAILWAY**

202 Upper Richmond Road, Putney SW15

**THE GRID INN**22 Replingham Road,  
Southfields SW18**WESTMINSTER****THE MOON UNDER WATER**

28 Leicester Square WC2

**WETHERSPOONS**

Victoria Station SW1

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**

105-107 Charing Cross Road, London WC1

**THE LORD MOON OF THE MALL**

16-18 Whitehall SW1

**THE MOON AND SIXPENCE**

185 Wardour Street W1

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15-19 Queens Road, Clifton, Bristol

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Weston -Super-Mare**BERKSHIRE****\*THE OLD MANOR**

Church Road, Bracknell

**THE MONK'S RETREAT**

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86-88 High Street, Slough

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104-108 Kings Road, Reading

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Caversham

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9 Commarket, High Wycombe

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40 The Broadway, Peterborough

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78-92 Foregate Street, Chester

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61 Wilson Street, Middlesbrough

**DERBYSHIRE****THE STANDING ORDER**

28-32 Irongate, Derby

**THE BABINGTON ARMS**

11-13 Babington Lane, Derby

**DEVON****THE IMPERIAL**

New North Road, Exeter

**DORSET****THE MOON IN THE SQUARE**

4-8 Exeter Road, The Square, Bournemouth

**EAST SUSSEX****CLIFTONVILLE INN**

98-101 George Street, Hove

**ESSEX****THE ELMS**

1060 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea

**THE LAST POST**

Weston Road, Southend-on-Sea

**THE PLAYHOUSE**

4 St. John Street, Colchester

**THE MOON ON THE SQUARE**

1-15 Market Square, Basildon

**GLASGOW****THE COUNTING HOUSE**

24 George Square, Glasgow

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE****THE REGAL**

Kings Square, Gloucester

**GREATER MANCHESTER****THE MOON UNDER WATER**

68-74 Deansgate, Manchester

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**

5-7A Market Place, Wigan

**WETHERSPOONS**

49 Piccadilly, Manchester

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Main Street, Wellington Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne

**GWENT****WETHERSPOONS**

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**HAMPSHIRE****THE STANDING ORDER**

20 High Street, Southampton

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18-20 Leys Avenue, Letchworth

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20 High Street, Bromsgrove

**THE POSTAL ORDER**

18 Foregate Street, Worcester

**KENT****THE MUGGLETON INN**

8-9 High Street, Maidstone

**THE THOMAS INGOLDSBY**

5-9 Burgate, Canterbury

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48-60 Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells

**THE EIGHT BELLS**

19 Cannon Street, Dover

**LANCASHIRE****THE POSTAL ORDER**

15 Darwen Street, Blackburn

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114 Friargate, Preston

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107 Granby Street, Leicester

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The Parade, Market Place, Northampton

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112-114 The Parade, Leamington Spa

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86 The Kingsway, Swansea

**WEST MIDLANDS****THE FIGURE OF EIGHT**

236-238 Broad Street, Birmingham

**THE SQUARE PEG**

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

**THE FULL MOON**

58-60 High Street, Dudley

**THE MOON UNDER WATER**

53-55 Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton

**WEST SUSSEX****THE RED LION**

North Terminal, International Departures Lounge, Gatwick Airport (Airside)

**THE JUBILEE OAK**

6 Grand Parade, High Street, Crawley

**\*THE HATTERS INN**

2-10 Queensway, Bognor Regis

**WILTSHIRE****THE SAVOY**

38-40 Regent Street, Swindon

**YORKSHIRE****THE BANKERS DRAFT**

1-3 Market Place, Sheffield

**THE RHINOCEROS**

35-37 Bridgegate, Rotherham

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

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

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



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## A BEER DRINKER'S RIGHTS

Much of what you might like or dislike about a pub, its decor, the music, the other customers etc, is personal preference. There are some things, however, that you have every right to expect. Generally people feel very self-conscious about making a fuss, especially in pubs but as a consumer organisation CAMRA would encourage those who get less than their due to complain. After all, you are paying for it. No-one is doing you a favour.

Firstly, one golden rule: there is no excuse for rudeness in either direction and a row gets no-one anywhere. A licensee has the right to ask anyone to leave his premises at any time without having to give any explanation, subject to being answerable under the laws covering racial and sexual discrimination. Complain by all means but if you turn nasty you will find yourself doing it from the wrong side of the door! Be polite but firm is our advice.

In Public Health terms, beer is a foodstuff and you are entitled to have it served in a clean and undamaged glass. You should be offered a clean glass for every drink. If you prefer to keep the same glass then you can ask to do so but bar staff should not make the assumption that you do.

The beer that you are served should be in a fit state. The majority of cask conditioned beers should be clear but there are some that are not meant to be, (e.g. Young's Wheat Beer). Remember also that beers can sometimes naturally have a "haze" on them, usually caused by a reaction of proteins to a drop in temperature. Do not be put off by this; if it does not look that bad, taste it. If it bites like it should then it is drinkable! You should know from the first taste if it is off. Do not wait until you are half-way through it or until one of your friends takes his/hers back before deciding to return a drink to the bar. You cannot expect to be taken seriously in those circumstances. If the beer has bits floating in it or tastes like vinegar or something similarly unpalatable then you should not be expected to accept it. You should say clearly why you do not want it but there is little point in getting

drawn into a debate about it. There is also little point in suggesting that the person serving you should taste it as the normal reply is either that they do not drink it so would not know what it is meant to taste like or will take a sip and tell you that it is perfectly all right, even if the cringing look on their faces clearly shows otherwise. The other customary rejoinder is "old Fred drinks Boggins and he hasn't complained". Fred's personal preferences are not yours and do not come into the matter. If you are flatly refused an exchange or a refund, there is no point in continuing the exchange: make a report to the local Consumer Services/Trading Standards Officer (see below). It helps to have a witness to (truthfully!) confirm your version of events.

Now we get to the difficult bit: a full pint... A few years back we all hoped that the problem of short measures would come to an end with the introduction of oversize glasses. The legislation was indeed passed but was abolished under the deregulation policy before ever being put into effect. The problem has been made worse recently with the fashion for serving all beers, whether they were traditionally served with a "big" head or not, through swan neck hand pulls and sparklers. The current opinion of the courts is that "the head of froth is an integral part of what is purported to be sold provided that it is not excessive or unreasonable". The Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association have however realised that this issue is important to their members and their customers alike to have issued their own Guidance Notes on the subject. These are fairly comprehensive but the main points state that:

1. A measure of beer served with a head must include a minimum 95% liquid (i.e. 19 fluid ounces out of 20, after the collapse of the head).
2. The beer should not be made available to the customer until bar staff are satisfied with the measure. The sale is not complete until the beer is made available for consumption. The gas in the liquid

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should have time to clear and the bar staff should have an opportunity to complete service by topping up prior to the completion of the transaction.

3. Requests from customers for top-ups should be received with good grace and never refused, subject to avoiding spillage of liquid.

These guidelines are intended as relevant evidence for the courts so any licensee keeping to them should stay on the right side of the local Trading Standards Officers. The guidelines advise licensees to ensure that their bar staff are fully trained in the law and the guidance notes and are committed to ensuring that "having regard to the reasonable preferences and expectations of their customers with respect to a head or lack of head on beers", the customer will receive at least 95% liquid. This may not be perfect but it is the best that we can hope for under current circumstances.

If you believe that you have a legitimate complaint regarding the quality or quantity of anything served to you in a pub you are entitled to take the matter up with the Trading Standards Officer (sometimes called

the Consumer Services or Protection Officer) of the appropriate local authority. Sending a copy of your complaint to either the licensee or the company's Head Office or both might also help make the point.

The above is taken from the recently published South West London Pub Guide and the telephone numbers for Trading Standards Officers in that and the surrounding area are:

London Borough of Croydon

**0181-686 4433 (switchboard)**

London Borough of Hammersmith &

Fulham

**0181-576 5202**

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

**0171-937 5464 (enquiries)**

Royal Borough of Kingston **0181-547 4654**

London Borough of Lambeth **0171-926 7785**

London Borough of Merton **0181-545 4018**

London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

**0181-891 7770**

London Borough of Sutton **0181-770 5528**

London Borough of Wandsworth

**0181-871 6127**

City of Westminster

**0171-828 8070 (switchboard)**

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## **PRINCE OF WALES - SAVED**

Merton Council have refused planning permission for the demolition of the Prince of Wales, Morden Road, SW19 and its replacement with a car showroom and vehicle repair workshop.

At its meeting on 19 June the Planning Applications Sub-Committee were told the Council had received petitions with a total of 830 signatures and around 100 letters opposed to the scheme. Objectors attended the meeting and three spoke setting out the views of residents and customers and the place of the Prince in the local pub scene. The applicants chose not to exercise their right of reply. Councillors spoke for the retention of the pub and threw out the application unanimously.

The main reasons for the rejection were the inappropriateness of the proposed development in a residential area and the importance of the pub to the locality. This latter point could prove significant if

alternative schemes come forward.

However the future for the Prince is still not clear. The applicants still have the right to go to appeal. Also, it is understood Pendragon's offer, subject to planning permission, was accepted by Young's, and there is speculation in the local press that they may still exercise their right to buy, although this would seem unlikely.

Assuming nothing comes of this, what next? It is often said there is no such thing as bad publicity and, since the planning application, trade in the pub appears to have increased. Young's should capitalise on this by promoting the pub locally and encouraging its use. They should also consider the longer term, e.g. the opportunities for trade which the nearby Croydon Tramlink will bring. Residents who supported the pub's retention need to make use of it. As CAMRA has often said of the local, "Use it or lose it!"

**Martin Butler**

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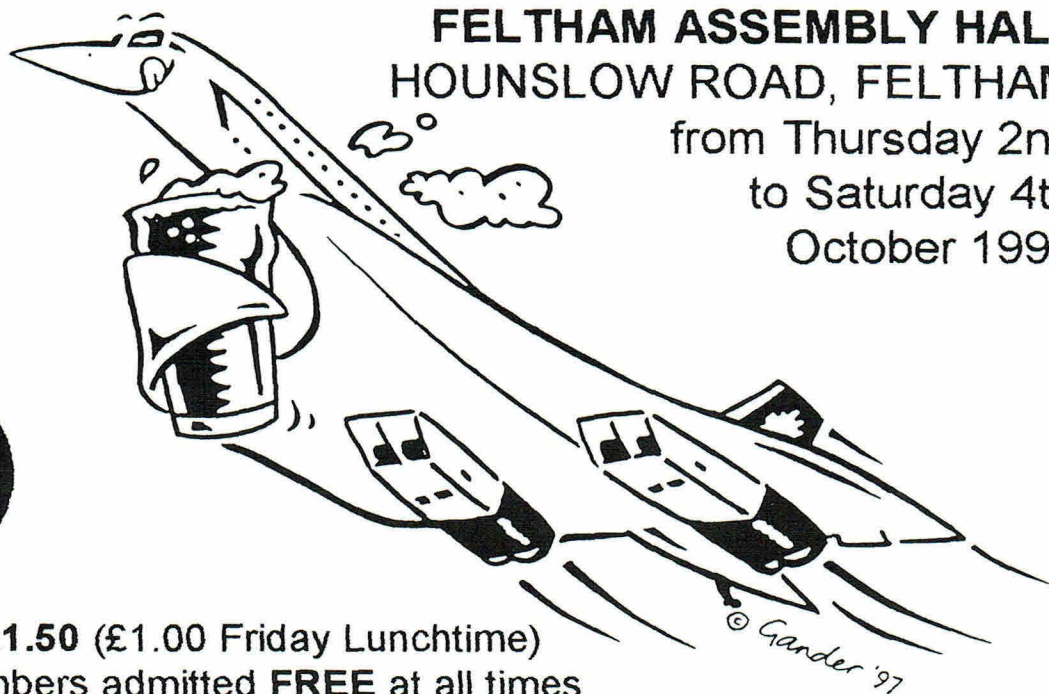


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## PUTNEY NEWS

A hive of activity to report in Putney, SW15.

The NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS, Upper Richmond Road, closed at the end of June for about four months. The operating company, Taipan Taverns, intends to convert it into a "Jim Thompson's Oriental Bar, Restaurant & Bazaar" no doubt similar to the ones which already exist in Fulham and Croydon. (When I visited the Fulham pub I had a good pint of the guest beer, Adnams Broadside, at £2.20 a pint! Tetley Bitter was also available).

The building is thought to date from between 1867 and 1871. No one is going to claim this as one of the great pubs but its importance lies in its position in a residential area. Sited at the corner of Dyers Lane, about halfway between Putney and Barnes the pub serves the local community and the proposed conversion has aroused strong opposition from the locals, coordinated by local CAMRA member, Philip Evison, and supported by the local branch.

It is a curious place for such a conversion. Some distance from the nearest stations and the centre of Putney, with a none too reliable bus service, it would seem likely that the majority of customers will travel by car. However the pub does not have its own car park, Upper Richmond Road is a Red Route and Dyers Lane a cul-de-sac which is likely to be subject of greater parking restrictions in the near future.

Some aspects of the conversion require planning permission, most notably the "erection of single story rear extension with double lantern roof light to provide restaurant", with its implications for adjoining properties. Taipan Taverns have started work ahead of planning permission, no doubt confining themselves to works that do not require Wandsworth Council's consent. This raises the question of what they will do with the pub if planning permission is refused.

Towards Barnes it is rumoured the long closed CAFE MORE (ex RED ROVER) has been sold and is likely to be demolished to make way for housing. Back towards Putney, Greene King's ARAB BOY TAVERN was

shut during my visit in late June with work on extension and refurbishment in progress but with no indication of when it would be reopening. Contrast this attitude with that of Wetherspoons whose RAILWAY was shut but with the reopening date (8 July) extensively advertised.

Down by the river I visited the PUTNEY BRIDGE, a new bar and restaurant tied to Whitbread, on the corner of the Embankment and Lower Richmond Road. In the bright and airy cafe bar style with a separate restaurant upstairs. I had a half of the Wadworth 6X which was in very good form but with a price tag of £1.15. Next door the STAR & GARTER have responded by completely renovating the bar, including the removal of the remarkable, if somewhat dated, collection of bric-a-brac, again in the bright and airy if somewhat clinical style. Unfortunately they also removed the handpumps and renamed the bar BAR M. Those who like these places can nip round the corner for another expensive pint at the SLUG & LETTUCE (ex White Lion).

If you wish to help save the "North" Philip Evison can be contacted on 0181-876 8393, or Email: 106304.1075@compuserve.com.

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## WEST LONDON BRANCH NEWS

The West London Branch of CAMRA recently had a successful day out to Derby. Nine branch members came along to try out some of the unusual beers on offer in some of the local pubs. Our next venture out of London will be on Sunday 31st August when we shall be visiting the Mid-Hants Railway to ride on the train and have a bevvy or two.

And now for some updates from the branch area. BROMPTONS on the Warwick Road, at the Earls Court end has changed its name to the WARWICK; this is likely to cause some confusion with the Warwick Arms which is also in the same street. The FERRET & FIRKIN, Lots Road, SW10 has written to CAMRA explaining that, even though they brew on the premises, they do not use cellar tanks or gas pressure as previously thought. The FREEMASONS ARMS in Longacre, WC2 is under new management and no longer uses gas pressure. The ROYAL OAK, Milson Road, W14 is now a Morlands house currently selling Old Speckled Hen; the pub is due for refurbishment which will incorporate an Hungarian restaurant. The THREE KINGS, North End Road, W14 is

currently having a major rebuild and it is understood that it is to become a Yates's establishment. And lastly in the RADNOR ARMS, Warwick Road, W14 the Nitrokeg has been removed because of lack of demand; is this a first? Its place on the bar has been taken over by Budweiser Budvar and Everards Mild is soon to be added to the range.

Unfortunately for London, Peter and Erica Biggs of the WARWICK ARMS, Warwick Road, W14 have decided to move on to pastures new. Looking for peace and quiet, they are moving to Douglas on the Isle of Man to run the Railway, an Okells pub. During their 8 years tenure Peter, an active CAMRA member, and Erica have built up a healthy local trade as well as attracting people from afar. The Warwick Arms is well known within CAMRA circles, as well as being a West London Branch HQ and post office. Due to its proximity to Olympia it has been the venue for many GBBF working group and committee meetings. Peter and Erica will be sadly missed but we wish them all the very best in their new venture.

**Di Kehoe**

**Chairman, West London Branch**

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## HOPS JUMP

The future prosperity of the English Hop-growing industry has received an important boost with the official approval of the Institute of Brewing of four new hop varieties developed by Horticultural Research International at Wye in Kent.

The Institute's approval means that the two revolutionary 'dwarf' varieties, First Gold and Herald, as well as two of the new 'conventional' tall varieties Admiral and Phoenix, can now be used with confidence for brewing purposes.

This is important given the considerable financial investment made by England's hop growers, by brewers and by the Ministry of Agriculture (MAFF) over the last twenty years in developing new hop varieties, which can take up to fifteen years to bring into full scale production.

The above announcement coincides with the publication by the National Hop Association of English of figures showing that the area of England under hops increased in 1996 for the first time for fourteen years, rising from 3088 hectares in 1995 to 3119 hectares in 1996.

Nearly all of the English 'aroma hops' showed a growth in area in 1996, 'First Gold' (16-99 hectares) and 'Phoenix' (20-108 hectares) showing the most spectacular rises, which is an encouraging start for both of these new varieties. The quintessentially English, earthy 'Fuggles' remained static at around 306 hectares whilst the delicate, citrussy qualities of 'Goldings' pushed them up from 402-449 hectares. The 'Whitbread Goldings Variety' moved from 105 to 141 hectares whilst both 'Progress' and 'Bramling Cross' also showed good growth.

The brewing trials were conducted over two years by a selection of leading national and regional brewers.

## 1996 STATISTICS (HECTARES)

Total hop coverage for 1995:	3088 hectares	
Total hop coverage for 1996:	3119 hectares	
Per Variety:		
Variety	1995	1996
Admiral	10	12.97
Bramling Cross	46	53
Challenger	341	311.17

Experimental	2.2	0.3
First Gold	16	98.6
Fuggles	308	305.49
Goldings	402	449.16
Herald	5	5.4
Northdown	360	322.6
Northern Brewer	2	1.2
Omega	3	1.5
Pioneer	3	3.0
Phoenix	20	107.8
Progress	170	179.6
Target	1245	1096.25
Target (organic)	3.8	2.7
WGV	105	141.33
Yeoman	43	24.9
Zenith	3	2.8
Total:	3088 hecs	3119.77 hecs
	7630 acres	7708 acres

1995 figures taken from the NHA and AGNVH brochures

1996 figures supplied by the five Producer Groups

## SW LONDON NEWS

Decent beer has returned to the Nightingale in SW12! The Youngs pub suffered a steep decline in quality after the departure of Jeremy & Diane Marley but the new landlord from the Trinity in Brixton, has done wonders with the beer and I hope that all the locals who defected to other pubs will soon return to 'The Bird'. Excellent Youngs can still be had at 'The Grove' down the road where Kieran Baynham keeps his Bitter and Special in tip-top condition. Other pubs where the branch has sampled quality Youngs recently have been 'The Queen Adelaide' and 'The Old Sergeant' both in SW18. 'The Surprise' in SW8, 'The Castle' SW17 and 'The Bred Bull' in SW16.

The Guest beer at 'The Bread & Roses' in SW4 is usually from The Wolf Brewery. Down the road at 'The Priory' the last guest beer was Holts from Manchester which was put on for our Battersea Beer Festival meeting. A plea from our committee to any local member who is a journalist or has connections with the press and would like to join a small group to promote the Beerex in 1998. Please contact me - Chris Cobbold (0181-674 0556) in the evenings.

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## BEER BRIEFING

### LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 126

The tide of “super”pub openings in central shopping locations continues to surge with five Allied “Firkins” in N12 North Finchley, Harrow, Pinner, N10 Muswell Hill and SW11 Battersea. The latter two are welcome as brewpubs. In addition we report two S&N Slug & Lettuce’s in SW11 Clapham Junction and Kingston; one Whitbread Hogshead in Sidcup; a Whitbread Beefeater in Enfield and a new Wetherspoon in Kingston. A Polish bar has opened in WC1 Holborn bereft of real ale - could this set a new trend replacing the Irish theme pubs? Another roadhouse has fallen victim to McDonalds, this time in Edgware.

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**

##### **EAST**

**E15, STAGE DOOR**, Rex House, 361-373 High Street. No real ale. Free House/bar and brasseries on frontage of former Rex Theatre.

**E15, ZAR ZAR’S**, 405 High Street. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant in former shop unit.

##### **NORTH**

**N10, FANTAIL & FIRKIN**, 87 Muswell Hill Broadway. Firkin: Broadway Bitter (3.5%), Fant’Ale (4.3%), Golden Glory (5.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). Guest Firkin beers (currently Full Mash Mild and Sparrowhawk). Latest Firkin brewpub opened in early July in former United Reformed church used latterly as a council run community centre. A Grade II listed building sensitively refurbished and restored after some years of neglect. Large and spacious with bar at rear, polished floor, barrel tables, coloured glass windows and, appropriately, pews. Chandeliers and a large pigeon sculpture are suspended from the ceiling. (The pigeon is not the fantail variety, however!) Stairs lead to an upper gallery with its own bar opened in the evenings. Brewery and pigeon related paraphernalia adorn the walls. A small 3 barrel length brewery producing cask conditioned beers has been installed to the left of the entrance currently operated by brewer Andy Milne brewing Broadway Bitter and Fant’Ale. Remaining beers are supplied by other London Firkin brewpubs including the Falcon & Firkin and Flounder & Firkin. Pub games. Intrusive video games machines and loud “music” spoil the ambience. Beware fizz Addlestone cider on handpump. Disabled entrance and WC. Food. Opens 12-11 Mon-Sat, 12-10.30 Sunday.

**N12, FRINGILLA & FIRKIN**, 762/764 High Road. Firkin: Chaff Ale (3.5%), Fringilla Ale

(4.3%), Warblers Revenge (5.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). Guest Firkin beer (currently Mutant Mild 4.0%). Non-brewing Firkin opened in May 1997 in former furniture shop. Beers are believed to be brewed at the Flag & Firkin, Watford. Fringilla is apparently Latin for finch and provides an opportunity for finch related pictures etc. to cover the walls. Large bar with all the usual Firkin attributes including chandeliers and fans and seating area at side. Large screen TV and electronic games. Patio at front for outside drinking. Disabled WC. Food. Beware fizz Addlestone cider on handpump. Open all permitted hours.

**ENFIELD (EN3), NAVIGATION INN**, off Wharf Road, Ponders End. Boddington: Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Wadworth: 6X. Whitbread Beefeater pub and restaurant created in former nightclub premises, originally water board building, alongside River Lee Navigation opened in 1996. The entrance is approached via a terrace with outdoor drinking and opens to reveal a mock-up of a canalside view including chandlers, barge operators, narrow boat etc. Large sail suspended from ceiling hides ventilation ducts. Stairs lead to upstairs restaurant overlooking navigation. Main bar to left with exposed brickwork, timbers etc. opens out on to canalside patio. Indoor children’s play area to right of entrance open until 8pm (9pm Fri, 10pm Sat). Separate garden and outside children’s play area. Large car park. Open all permitted hours.

##### **SOUTH EAST**

**SE3, SUN IN THE SANDS**, 123 Shooters Hill. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Now badged by S&N as a “Tanners Pub Co” pub with the emphasis on good value basic food. Formerly a Youngers pub, the most easterly in London. (SE49) **SIDCUP, HOGSHEAD**, 47-49 Sidcup High Street. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Greene King: Abbot Ale.



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Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Wadworth: 6X. Whitbread: Abroad Cooper. Young: Bitter. 4 Guest beers on gravity dispense. Whitbread Hogshhead created from two shop units. A variety of partitioned seating areas, alcoves, bare beams and panelled walls covered with local history panels and old photos of Sidcup create a pleasant and convivial atmosphere. Areas to the left and right of the entrance are themed respectively to commemorate Deweys Music Emporium which used to stand nearby and the Suffragettes movement. Four pint jugs of beer at discount. Food until 7pm (3pm Sunday). Disabled WC. Open all permitted hours.

**SOUTH WEST**

**SW11, FARADAY & FIRKIN**, 66A-66C Battersea Rise. Firkin: X Static Ale (3.5%), Faraday Ale (4.3%), Nuclear Ale (5.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). Guest Firkin ale (currently Sparrowhawk). Another Firkin brewpub opened in June in a former temperance billiard hall. Steps from the entrance lead down to main bar area decorated in typical Firkin style. Stairs lead to upper bar. Beer and "electricity" related pictures and artefacts cover the walls. The electrical connection is apparently the vaguely nearby Battersea Power Station. Enthusiastic brewster Geraldine Denny operates the five barrel brewing plant visible behind screens to the right of the entrance and produces X Static, Faraday and Dogbolter in cask conditioned form. Remaining beers originate from other Firkin brewpubs. "Nuclear" is known as Golden Glory elsewhere. Beware fizz Addlestone cider on handpump. Disabled WC. Food at all times. Opens 12-11 (12-10.30 Sun).

**SW11, SLUG & LETTUCE**, 4 St. Johns Hill. Courage: Best Bitter. Theakston: XB. Wadworth: 6X. Latest in the Scottish & Newcastle run chain opened in June in former shop unit. Typical example of clinical bar style with prices to match (£2.30 a pint for the above beers). Food (until 8pm Fri/Sat). Over 21s only. Open all permitted hours.

**SW15, PUTNEYBRIDGE**, Embankment (next to former Star & Garter). Boddington: Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. New bar with upstairs restaurant and views of river opened in March on site of former petrol station and derelict building. Technically a Free House but with product tie to Whitbread, bright and airy. Expensive. Disabled WC (key behind bar). Bar food until 3pm lunchtimes. Restaurant open lunchtime and evenings. Open all permitted hours. Real ale not always available.

**KINGSTON, KINGS TUN**, 153-157 Clarence Street. Courage: Best Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Theakston: Best Bitter. 3 Guest beers. Weston: 1st Quality Cider. Very large Wetherspoon Free House opened in July in former Kingston Empire music hall, built 1910. It later became a cinema, supermarket and Reject Shop. Flowery carpets, tiled area around bar and frontage; wood panels and partitions; local history panels commemorate local landmarks and famous residents. Pictures of old music hall stars and a sculpture of Charlie Chaplin on a ladder set the scene. The building is reputedly haunted by a former projectionist who hanged himself. A large white representation of a table and two chairs hangs above the stairs which lead to the upper bar; a poltergeist has apparently moved tables and chairs around. The Kings Tun was the name of the ancient Saxon kings of Wessex administration centre which later grew into Kingston. No smoking/eating areas on both floors. Disabled WC. Food at most times. Open all permitted hours.

**KINGSTON, SLUG & LETTUCE**, Thameside (near Turks Boatyard, opposite the Outrigger). Courage: Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter. New Scottish & Newcastle bar on first floor of riverside development with balcony seating area overlooking river. Spacious and airy with large french windows. Pine floor, cream walls and soft lighting. Beers may vary. Food. Open all permitted hours.

**WEST**

**W14, ROYAL OAK**, 58 Milson Road. Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Now Morlands, ex Whitbread but due to close temporarily following lease to new operator. (W95, U71, U92)

**HAYES, CURRAN'S**, 720 Uxbridge Road. No real ale. Free House/Irish bar in former shop unit.

**PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE**

**CENTRAL**

**WC1, EMPIRE**, 11 Little Turnstile. Renamed **POLISH BAR**. Now a Free House/bar and Polish restaurant, ex Grand Met (Courage). H unused. Sells bottled beers from Brok Eebrewery (EB) and Zywiec Polish Breweries. Open 12-11 Mon-Fri, 5-11 Sat only. Note correct address (N22, W46)

**WC2, GEORGE**, 2 George Court. Renamed **POSTARZ BAR**. Now a Free House/gay venue, ex Bass. H unused. (W53, U90)

**EAST**

**E11, O'NEILL'S**. Bass, H removed. "Annie McNamara's" name now removed. Formerly CUBE, originally GREEN MAN. (U109, U110)

**E15, LORD HENNIKER**. Renamed **CORONET**. Free House, H unused although real ale promised. (E154, U108, U113, U117)

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**E15, YORKSHIRE GREY.** Renamed **OLD LOG CABIN.** Now a Free House, ex Bass. H removed. (E156)

**NORTH WEST**

**EDGWARE (HA8), CORNER HOUSE.** Allied (Taylor Walker), converted to McDonald's restaurant. Another road house falls victim to the Big M. (N256)

**SOUTH WEST**

**SW15, STAR & GARTER.** Renamed **BAR M.** Free House, H removed. "Star & Garter" name retained at top of building. (SW104)

**OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES**

**EAST**

**E11, OLD SHELAGHS.** Renamed **GREENS.** Formerly BROADWAY, BUGSYS and DIRTY NELLIES. (E128, U76, U109, U125)

**E17, LORD PALMERSTON.** -Beers listed. +Worthington: Best Bitter. Now badged by Bass as "East London Pub Co." (E167)

**NORTH**

**N17, PERRYS.** Renamed **O'MARA'S.** Irish themed, still fizz. Note address is 669-673 High Road. (N135)

**NORTH WEST**

**HARROW, GAYTON HALL, 9** Gayton Road. Renamed **PHILOMATH & FIRKIN.** -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Firkin: Algebr-Ale (3.5%), Philomath Ale (4.3%), Winstons Revenge (5.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). +Guest Firkin beer (currently Sparrowhawk). Former Berni Inn acquired by Allied and reopened as a non-brewing Firkin pub in February. Beers brewed at Flag & Firkin, Watford. Normal Firkin decor including intrusive video games and stage for live music. Walls adorned with breweriana and "academic" paraphernalia. "Philomath" is a lover of learning - a reference to the nearby Harrow public school. Large outdoor terrace and limited car parking. Food. Disabled WC. Beware fizz Addlestone cider on handpump. Note full address. (W113)

**PINNER, GEORGE.** Renamed **SEDGWICKS** and now renamed again **FROTHFINDERS & FIRKIN.** -Beers listed. +Firkin: Backpackers Bitter (3.5%), Frothfinders Ale (4.3%), Excursion Ale (5.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). +Guest Firkin beer (currently Sparrowhawk 4.3%). Former Benskins badged pub converted to non-brewing Firkin pub in April. The "Frothfinders Federation" were apparently a local group of beer drinkers who undertook pub crawls of the area - sort of early "scoopers"! Usual Firkin decor. Large garden at

rear. Disabled WC. Food. Beware fizz Addlestone cider on handpump. (W135, U78, U79)

**SOUTH EAST**

**SE4, BROCKLEY JACK.** -Beers listed. +Boddington: Bitter. +Greene King: Abbot Ale. +2 Guest beers (currently Taylor: Landlord and Cameron: Strongarm). (SE51, U102, U117)

**SE15, STUART ARMS.** Renamed **IVY HOUSE.** Now owned by Glenfield Holdings, ex Belhaven. Still fizz, H unused. (SE140)

**SE18, STAR, 84** Wellington Street. -Beers listed. +Fuller: London Pride. (SE174, U102)

**SOUTH WEST**

**SW7, HARRINGTON.** Renamed **RAT & PARROT.** -Beers listed except Courage: Directors Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter, XB. Refurbished in usual Rat & Parrot style - polished floors etc. (SW72)

**SW11, EARL SPENCER.** Renamed **S (BAR & RESTAURANT).** -Beers listed. +Fuller: London Pride. Refurbished in May as a pleasant airy bar with tables and chairs, sofas etc, tropical fish tank and relaxing atmosphere. Food. Children welcome until 7pm. Beers may vary (SW88)

**NEW MALDEN, RENOIRS.** Renamed **SUGAR RAYS.** Still fizz. (SW153)

**RICHMOND, BELVEDERE.** Renamed **PATRICK CASEY'S.** -Shepherd Neame: Best Bitter. +Shepherd Neame: Bitter. Now Free, ex Shepherd Neame but retaining product tie. Irish theme. (SW154)

**WEST**

**W11, CASTLE.** -Charrington: IPA. +Fuller: London Pride. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. (W87)

**W11, PRINCE OF WALES.** -Charrington: IPA. +Fuller: London Pride. (W90)

**W11, STAR.** -Beers listed except Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. (W90, U74)

**HEATHROW AIRPORT, HARRY RAMSDENS FISH BAR.** +Guest beers. All beers £1.50 a pint after 9pm. (U65)

**HEATHROW AIRPORT, TAP & SPILE.** -Beers listed. +Boddington: Bitter. +Greene King: IPA. +Marston: Pedigree. +Up to 2 guest beers. Much reduced range. (U65)

**CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 125**

**PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE**

**WC2, SUGAR LOAF.** Pseudo-Irish "god" should read "fad".

**OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES**

**E1, WHITE LION.** Should read **WHITE SWAN.**

**W5, FIDDLERS THREE.** Add -(delete) Worthington: Best Bitter. Opens 8am (10am Sunday) for breakfast.



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## LESBIAN AND GAY REAL ALE DRINKERS GROUP

A group of lesbian and gay members of CAMRA organising to extend the Campaign to the lesbian and gay scene.

The group meets regularly on the third Thursday of every month from 7.30pm onwards in the upstairs bar of the King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, London W1 (off south side of Oxford Street, between Oxford Circus and Tottenham Court Road tubes). Their programme is open to all, and is primary social events. But if you do have any ideas for venues for meetings please bring them along, whether they be suggestions for individual pubs that we might visit, or more ambitious pub crawls. Please try and check out any suggestions first, if possible, so we don't have any abortive visits (especially if you're suggesting a venue for the whole evening!).

Finally the group is compiling a guide to the availability of real ale on the lesbian and gay scene. If you'd like to view the current version it's available at the 'third Thursday meeting', in the King's Arms or on the world wide web at <http://www.goldings.demon.co.uk/queerale/>

### PROGRAMME OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1 August 1997, Friday, Islington Crawl: 7.30pm – The Harlequin, 27 Arlington Way, EC1 – 8.30pm The Ram Bar, 39 Queen's Head Street, Islington, N1 (0171) 354 0576

5-9 August 1997 (Tues-Sat) – Great British Beer Festival, Olympia. We'll be going (in varying numbers) at least twice:

5 August 1997, Tuesday – around 7pm  
Meet in the area immediately in front of the entrance near the commercial brewery stands.

7 August 1997, Thursday – around 7pm  
Meet in the area immediately in front of the entrance near the commercial brewery stands.

21 August 1997, Thursday 7.30pm – King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, W1 (0171) 734 5907 (Monthly meeting)

5 September 1997, Friday 7.30pm The Admiral Duncan, 54 Old Compton Street,

W1 (0171) 437 5300

18 September 1997, Thursday – 7.30pm  
King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, W1 (0171) 734 5907 (Monthly meeting)

3 October 1997, Friday – 7.00pm The Ashburnham Arms, 25 Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, SE10 (0181) 692 2007, in a side street, over the main road (and parallel to it), from the BR station (not gay but a good starting point because its in the Good Beer Guide! 8.00pm Ye Olde Rose and Crown, 1 Croom's Hill, Greenwich, SE10 (0181) 858 0154

16 October 1997, Thursday – 7.30pm  
King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, W1 (0171) 734 5907 (Monthly meeting).

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## MORSE'S CREATOR OPENS YOUNG'S NEWEST PUB

Best selling author Colin Dexter, creator of television's Inspector Morse, has performed the opening ceremony at a new Young's pub. He raised a traditional garland, decorated with hops, to proclaim the Cock and Camel in George Street, Oxford, officially open.

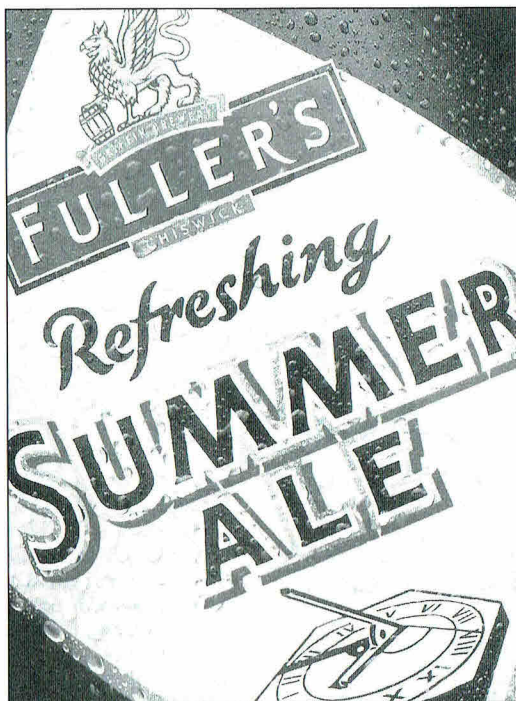
The Cock and Camel, a former discount store, is the third pub in the city owned by Young's, following the King's Arms in Holywell Street and the Angel and Greyhound in St Clements Street. It takes its name from the trade mark of Cockburn & Campbell, Young's wines and spirits subsidiary, which last year celebrated its bicentenary.

The ground floor of the pub is in the style of a cafe bar. The small basement is more traditional, with its floor partly made of slate from a Victorian fermenting vessel once used to brew beer at Young's brewery in Wandsworth. Both bars are open for food and drink all day. The licensee of the Cock and Camel is 31-year-old Sarah Heims, who had previously run a busy wine bar for Young's in the City of London.



The picture shows Colin Dexter (right) hoisting the ale garland at the Cock and Camel, watched by (from left) Young's estates director Ian Wilcockson, managing director Patrick Read and licensee Sarah Heims.

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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!



## YOUNG'S QUENCH MPs' THIRSTS

More Labour MPs mean that more beer is being ordered at the House of Commons. Parliament's local brewery, Young's of Wandsworth, has come to the rescue of Members who enjoy a pint in the bars around the Palace of Westminster.

One of the brewery's horse-drawn drays made a special delivery of Young's Bitter to Alan Meale MP; chairman of the Parliamentary Beer Club, in front of Big Ben. The beer will help satisfy the increased demand from the new intake of Mps, many of whom prefer beer to gin and tonic.



*The picture shows Alan Meale MP (left) receives a cask of Young's Bitter from brewery chairman John Young.*

## A FAIR DEAL FOR BEER

CAMRA and brewers Whitbread have got together to commission research on a subject of common interest - beer. Setting aside any facetious comments about big brewers and interest in beer we hear that they jointly funded an independent research company called Carma (no relation) to analyse 275 press articles on drink published between September and December 1996.

This showed that whereas the British beer market is three times the size of the wine market (in terms of the number of "drinks" sold - half pints of beer against glasses of wine) the press gives four times as much coverage to wine as to beer. Furthermore 96% of the wine coverage was "opinion", product reviews and the like - unpaid advertising if you like. On the other hand 44% of the beer coverage was termed as "news" - such things as the results of the budget and company results, much of which probably covers the whole

drinks market including wine and spirits. Wine also features heavily in "lifestyle" articles such as entertaining and eating out columns. This is seen as a pointer to the greater economic importance of beer as a business as opposed to wine but it means that there is less importance given to factors such as taste or quality of the product itself

So what does this tell us about the perception of the beer drinker against the wine drinker? Does it mean that to the press wine drinkers are seen as people who analyse, savour, discuss, taste etc, etc. their preferred tipple while beer drinkers are only seen as a bulk sales market where what counts is how many pints we all pour into our respective bellies on a daily basis? I'll leave you to draw your own conclusions on this perceived insult.

**Andy Pirson**

## 1997 LICENSEE OF THE YEAR

Michael Fitzpatrick who runs the Lord Clyde in Clennam Street, off Southwark Bridge Road, has been named London Licensee of the Year 1997.

Michael, 48, first went to the pub, in one of London's shortest streets, at the age of eight, when his parents, Denis and Molly, became licensees. Michael, a former aircraft engineer, took over the licence in 1974.

The judges, appointed by the Association of London Brewers and Licensed Retailers, were particularly impressed by the Lord Clyde's range of beers - which includes Young's Ruddles, Websters and Bishops - the warm welcome given to customers and the cleanliness of the pub.

Both inside and out, the Lord Clyde has remained unchanged for decades. Except for a couple of minor details, such as extractor fans in the windows, you could be looking at a pub between the wars.

The six finalists included two other south London Licensees - Susan Rose of the Plume and Feathers, Park Vista, Greenwich, and John Mohan of the Hero of Switzerland, Loughborough Road, Brixton.



*Michael and Lucy Fitzpatrick receive the winner's certificate from Anthony Fuller (left), chairman of the Association of London Brewers and Licensed Retailers*

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## A FULL GLASS, OR A PINT

Generally speaking in the South we have flat beers. In the North they have frothy beer. It is to do with the brewing waters, tradition and preference. In the South we like to be served a full glass (albeit a full pint). In the North they like to have their full pint, and have a frothy head on the top, as do drinkers of processed beers like: Keg, Lager and Guinness. Of course this can only be achieved if the beer is served in oversized glasses.

To be served an unfilled, lined, glass to a flat head drinker is ill-mannered, rude and inconsiderate, but now it seems a politician wants to ensure there will be no choice. Our values, our traditions are irrelevant. Is it not bad enough that so many of us now have to endure those dreadful Northern sparklers that are put onto beer spouts in so many London pubs to make the beer all heady when we Southerners like it flat, that we now have to drink from miserly, short filled, lined glasses also.

To many it is courtesy to have our beers filled to the brim. When we ask for a glass of beer we expect a glass of beer, not a half empty glass of beer.

Southern brews from Youngs, King & Barnes, Shepherd Neame and others, are traditional flat beers and we should not be forced to lose our traditional way of drinking them because some frothy drinkers shout louder. The law as it stands at the moment is ideal. Brim fill glasses are available for flat head drinkers and line fill glasses are available (they are not illegal as brim fill will be) for the frothies. CAMRA and the government claims they support choice, and choice should extend to protecting the way local beers are enjoyed.

Older drinkers will remember when it was fashionable to drink Keg beers from Jugs and it was good victuallers' hospitality to offer "Jug or Straight". Why cannot this old fashioned ideal of service come in again and landlords offer brim or lined glass.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who values a full glass, and wants to ensure that the only law that is passed is that people should be offered a choice: Brim and Lined.

Yours sincerely

**Alan Greenwood**

*Any responses may be forwarded via the Editors.*

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## FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>5-9 Aug</b>      | <b>Great British Beer Festival</b><br>Grand & National Halls<br>Olympia W8                              |
| <b>15-16 Aug</b>    | <b>22nd Portsmouth</b><br>Guildhall<br>Portsmouth   |
| <b>6 Sept</b>       | <b>Maidstone</b><br>Museum of Kent Life<br>Sandling, Maidstone  |
| <b>9-13 Sept</b>    | <b>11th Chapel</b><br>East Anglian Railway Museum<br>Chappel & Wakes Colne Station<br>Nr Colchester     |
| <b>18-20 Sept</b>   | <b>Booze on the Ouse</b><br>Burgess Hill<br>St Ivo Recreation Centre<br>Westwood Road, St Ives<br>Cambs |
| <b>2-4 Oct</b>      | <b>6th Guernsey</b><br>The North Legion Hall<br>L'Islet<br>Vale   |
| <b>2-4 Oct</b>      | <b>St Albans</b><br>The Albans Arena<br>St Albans   |
| <b>8-11 Oct</b>     | <b>20th Bedford</b><br>Corn Exchange<br>St Pauls Square<br>Bedford                                      |
| <b>17-18 Oct</b>    | <b>20th Bath</b><br>The Pavilion<br>North Parade Road<br>Bath   |
| <b>31 Oct-1 Nov</b> | <b>Overton</b><br>St Lukes Hall<br>Overton  |

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## RED FACES AT OLYMPIA

The Eagle-Eyed amongst our readers will no doubt have notified the GBBF Publicity Team's deliberate (?) mistake in the advertising of this event as reproduced as the back page of last month's edition.

Yes, you've spotted it, the Saturday hours are wrong. The hours are 11am to 7pm and not 11pm as previously indicated, it is correctly shown in this month's edition.

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## POST OFFICE JOLLY BOYS - A SPRING CITY SAUNTER

At 5.00pm on Friday 23rd May a group left the Post Office's King Edward Building HQ opposite St. Paul's for the latest in a series of "Jolly Boy" events revolving around good beer and laughs. Our mission: To disprove the theory, suggested by many (including the Good Beer Guide), that it is hard to find a good pint in the City. We kicked off by heading at Roadrunner pace to the nearby BISHOP'S FINGER in Smithfield Market. This is a Shepherd Neame house selling the full range of their beers in excellent condition, particularly the 5.2% Bishop's Finger. The staff here say "hello", "goodbye", top up your glass without being asked and generally make you feel as though your custom is appreciated. These things are rare enough in the City to be noteworthy. The pub always has a guest beer - on this occasion Brain's SA. Most beers were tried and all got the thumbs-up. This pub used to be in the Good Beer Guide. It isn't now. A mystery.

We then headed purposefully towards the SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE, a Wetherspoon's on Farringdon Road. This pub opened last December and, sadly, after a good start swan necks and sparklers for inappropriate beers have started to creep in. The main purpose of our visit was to line our stomachs on Wetherspoon's two meals for a fiver deal. However, we were pleasantly surprised to see that the guest beer was Elgood's Greyhound Strong Bitter - a great beer, not unlike a winter warmer, although weighing in at 5.2%. One or two of us may have overimbibed considering that several hours drinking lay ahead.

Next up was the JERUSALEM TAVERN, Britton Street. This is the well publicised pub owned by St Peter's Brewery of Bungay in Suffolk. It always has six of the brewery's beers on - usually Best, Fruit, Wheat, Mild, Extra and Strong although Golden has appeared recently. The four I've tried have all been good with the exception of the Strong which, although "only" 5%, is regarded by the Jolly Boys as one of the best regular beers the City has to offer. The pub is small and unsurprisingly very popular. It being Friday night, we had to join the throng on the pavement.

Onwards, with the first hints of a weave, to the YORKSHIRE GREY on Theobalds Road. The beers brewed on site - Barristers and QC - are both delicious, particularly the latter which is a long established Jolly Boys favourite. The post event survey revealed that the Yorkshire Grey was voted the best pub of the evening.

This is another one missing from the Good Beer Guide, bizarre when you consider the plethora of pubs in the Guide in the central London area that offer nothing better than Courage, Young's, Theakston or Burton (It's true! Check for yourself). I have spent many evenings in pubs recommended in my area (Enfield/North London) drinking woeful beer and yearning to have a pub of the quality of the Yorkshire Grey or Bishop's Finger on the patch.

We concluded our crawl by heading stoically for the Princess Louise, High Holborn. This is not an obvious destination for lovers of good ale but we knew that a festival was being held. The selection offered was generally very conservative but the odd goodie was there to be found if you looked at the pump clips rather than the uninspiring board outside on the street. The Jolly Boys particularly approved of (and indulged in) Badger Tanglefoot and Vaux Boxing Hare.

The Jolly Boys headed for the station in Sir Nicholas Scott fashion already looking forward to the next event.

Tim Nickolls

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## EXCISE DUTY REVIEW

Tucked away in the details of the Chancellor's budget speech was an announcement to review alcohol duties "not least because of the impact of fraud, smuggling and cross border shopping." Dawn Primarolo, Financial Secretary, also announced a review of measures to stop smuggling and fraud.

It is good to see that all the work undertaken by brewers and CAMRA has had an impact on the new government. Let's hope they are prepared to consider radical changes.

Less welcome was Brown's decision to add a penny tax on a pint from 1 January 1998. This will only exacerbate the problem in the short term. It also discriminates against draught beer as drinkers cannot stock up in the same way as those who drink bottled and canned beer before the tax increase (although no doubt some will try on 31 December).

Let's hope the brewers show some restraint from their normal inflation busting round of price increases during the period of the review. In particular the increases in price should be limited to 1p on 1 January, not the normal doubling to keep up gross margin percentages. (It is interesting to note that although many brewers with pubs have committed themselves to reducing prices in line with any reduction in duty they have been silent on giving back what they have taken in the past to keep up gross margins).

Look out for when consultation starts and make your views known.

**Martin Butler**

## SOUTH WEST LONDON BRANCH CRICKET

The Branch entertained the London Branch of the Sunderland FC Supporters Club at Haydon's Road on Sunday 15th June.

The visitors batted first, the highlight of the innings being a 50 partnership between top scorer Stewart (36) and Nichol (28). SWL fielded well taking five catches, with Martin Strawbridge running out the number eight with a direct hit on the stumps from 25 yards. Sunderland were all out for 158 off 33.5 overs.

SWL lost their openers for ducks although

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partnerships of 44 and 45 for the third and fifth wickets gave them some hope they were always behind the clock and were eventually all out for 122 off 32.5 overs, Simon Stokes top scoring with 36.

Two weeks later the Branch were in rural Kent at West Peckham. The rain of the previous few days left a damp pitch of variable bounce, but mercifully the bowling was not as short as the pints in the local pub. The hosts batted first and were in trouble at 40 for four until a partnership of 124 between Wilson (76) and Webb (38) put their side on top. They were all out for 185. Maxim took 5 for 46 off 6.5 overs.

CAMRA were always in trouble and were all out for 43, Stevanovic and Sheridan top scoring on 11. Andrews was the pick of the bowlers taking 4 wickets for just 10 runs.

The SWL team is open to CAMRA members of all abilities. For further details see the Branch Diary page 9.

## FELTHAM BEER FESTIVAL

Please note that owing to a booking problem with the London Borough of Hounslow, the dates of the 1997 Feltham Beer Festival have had to be put back by one week. Feltham Beer Festival will now be held between Thursday 2nd and Saturday 4th October.

The Richmond & Hounslow Branch of CAMRA apologises for any difficulty caused to prospective customers and staff for this error which is outside our control.



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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  
 SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND  
 SW6 WHITE HORSE  
 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS  
 SW8 PRIORY ARMS  
 SW8 SURPRISE  
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN  
 SW11 BEEHIVE  
 SW11 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE  
 SW11 EAGLE ALEHOUSE,  
 Chatham Road  
 SW11 WALSH'S  
 SW12 GROVE  
 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  
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 W1 MOON & SIXPENCE  
 W1 MORTIMER ARMS  
 W1 PRINCE ALFRED  
 W1 WINDMILL  
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN  
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD  
 W3 KINGS HEAD  
 W5 RED LION  
 W5 ROSE & CROWN  
 W5 WHEATSHEAF  
 W6 ANDOVER ARMS  
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL  
 W10 VILLAGE INN  
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN  
 W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE  
 W12 MOON ON THE GREEN  
 W13 DRAYTON COURT  
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 OXFORD, WHARF HOUSE  
 POTTERS BAR, CHEQUERS  
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 READING, HOP LEAF  
 READING, HORSE & JOCKEY  
 ROFFEY (Horsham), NORFOLK  
 ARMS  
 ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH &  
 HORSES  
 SALISBURY, WYNDHAM ARMS  
 SHOREHAM BY SEA, CRAB TREE  
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