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WHERE TO BUY LONDON DRINKER

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

OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

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EC1 MASQUE HAUNT
EC1 O'HANLONS
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EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
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EC1 SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE
EC3 SWAN
EC4 BLACK FRIAR
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E2 CAMDENS HEAD
E2 CONQUEROR
E3 COBORN ARMS
E7 OLD SPOTTED DOG
E8 PRINCE ARTHUR
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E11 BIRKBECK TAVERN
E11 GEORGE
E15 GOLDEN GROVE
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 COPPER
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 GRAPES
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 MARKET PORTER
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall Street
SE1 WINDMILL, 44 Lambeth High Street
SE1 ZANZI BAR
SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE3 CROWN
SE3 HARE & BILLET
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE6 BLACK HORSE & HARROW
SE6 TIGERS HEAD
SE7 ANTIGALLICAN
SE7 ROYAL OAK
SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE8 DOG & BELL
SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE
SE9 BANKERS DRAFT
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
SE10 RICHARD I
SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
SE13 HOGS HEAD
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE16 MOBY DICK
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)
SE20 MOON & STARS
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE24 LORD STANLEY
SE25 ALLIANCE

SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
BARKING, BARKING DOG
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
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CROYDON, CRICKETERS ARMS
CROYDON, DOG & BULL
CROYDON, GEORGE
CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL
CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD
ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD
LOUGHTON, LAST POST
PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH
SOUTH CROYDON, RAIL VIEW
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING MOON

CLUBS

SE9 HOWERD CLUB
SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB
CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE
ORPINGTON, JUBILEE SPORTS BAR
OFF TRADE
E18 Gales Off Licence, 204 High Road, Woodford Green
SE3 Bitter Experience, 129 Lee Road
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill

OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL and NORTH PUBS

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

N8 ELBOW ROOM
N8 TOLL GATE
N9 LAMB
N11 BANKERS DRAFT
N12 ELEPHANT
N12 TALLY HO
N13 WHOLE HOG
N16 EBOR ARMS
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NEW MOON
N19 DOG
N21 HALF MOON
N21 ORANGE TREE
N22 STARTING GATE
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
BARNET, WHITE LION
BARNET, YE OLDE MITRE INN
EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS

OUTLETS - NORTH WEST PUBS

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

OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
NW6 Grog Blossoms, 235 West End Lane

CLUBS

NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB, Middlesex University Bus School

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EDITORIAL

If you turn to the letters page you will read one from Robin Forshaw-Wilson about the proposed plans put forward by Allied Domecq for the Holly Bush in Hampstead. Yet another pub “restoration”, yes - but one with a difference. The Holly Bush is a very good, very traditional pub of the type which is all too rare in London these days. It is also a Grade II listed building and what are Allied Domecq planning to do with it - rip out the windows and put in cafe style doors across the front, that’s what.

Apart from this they want to bastardise the antique furniture by adding upholstered tops to make it “more comfortable”, then they want to lay flag stone flooring inside and introduce paint effects like rag rolling. “All this in a Grade II listed building,” you say, “they must be joking!” I think that maybe they are, but that joke is likely to be on us, the pub users, if we are not careful; I think their approach is insidious and a lot of backs need to be watched - carefully.

What have they done so far? Well, they started by putting forward a scheme that would alter the pub out of all recognition, that would make a total mockery of its listing - a bit like decorating St Paul’s Cathedral with fairy lights like Harrods, but coloured. I reckon that they put this scheme forward for planning approval in the full knowledge that it stood about as much chance as a Blackpool donkey in the Grand National. They then held a “consultation” meeting at the pub with customers and local residents making all kinds of “reasonable” noises and statements like “giving the customers what they really really want. “Next, I gather, they withdrew the planning application and arranged a further two “consultation” meetings.

As I write this, I do not know if those meetings have taken place yet or what the outcome of them will be but I suspect very very strongly that they will be watering down their outrageous plans to something that they wanted to do all along that they think they might get away with, but which they think would have been rejected out of hand if they had used it as their starting point. Thus they get what they want and put it about that they were bowing to public pressure. We have an expression where I come from which would make a succinct reply to this ploy; unfortunately it is not the kind of

thing that should be written in this magazine or uttered in polite company. Suffice it to say that it is one word beginning with B and ending in S.

Be on your mettle people of Hampstead. Don’t be hoodwinked; you have a pub in the Holly Bush which is an absolute gem. I visited the pub once some years ago and it left a lasting impression which remains with me; it must not be lost to these vandals who wish to wreck it for all time. If it is lost it must lose its listing as any reason for it to be protected will have disappeared. Once gone it can never be recreated - any replacement would be a pastiche.

Maybe the pub could do with some redecoration; any building which is in continuous use over a long period of time needs maintenance and repair. What it needs at most is probably a lick of paint and a clean, it certainly does not need a makeover. Reject, I urge you, anything which changes the pub. If Allied Domecq wish to do anything that needs either planning or listed building consent that will not be in the interests of the pub, or the people who use it.

While I am on the subject of losing things, I think it is appropriate that I should mention another pub that is about to change fairly dramatically - and will probably have done so by the time you read this. Back in March we reported that the Princess Louise in High Holborn was being bought from Regent Inns by Samuel Smith. While it has had something of a chequered history in recent years, the pub has remained in drinkers’ minds as a free house with a good range of beers. Not any more, I’ll bet.

Back in July 1978, when I was the editor of the single sheet Richmond & Hounslow Branch newsletter, the main article was headed “Shock Threat to Choice in Richmond” and reported that Samuel Smith had bought their first pub in London, the Tudor Close, an excellent free house (if a bit tatty round the edges) with an excellent range of beers kept in excellent condition and enjoyed by a large regular clientele. I suppose we must look on the bright side - at least it is not one of the nitrokeg only Sam’s pubs; you can still get one real ale there. What will be the next free house they turn into a one-beer wonder? The Great British Beer Festival?

Andy Pirson

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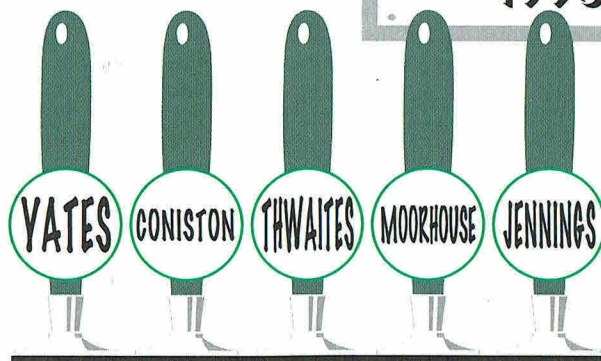
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IDLE MOMENTS

Well folks, it's that time again; I'm here at my computer and you are there in your favourite corner of the saloon bar with a few minutes to kill and nothing better to do than read this rubbish. Anyway, as promised I have decided on the winner of the clerihew competition. I picked out a few favourites which I thought might bear repeating and so I shall go through them, starting with Ron Pettit's:

Friary Meux
Rhymes with spew.
Only berks
Call it Meux.

I liked the humour of this one and it might have won had it not been for the error pointed out by Tony Hunt that in fact it rhymes with "pukes". Close but no cigar, Ron.

Next up is Brian Fletcher who tended to concentrate on brewers' past mistakes and takeovers. Of his, I liked:

Watney Coombe and Reid
Reluctantly agreed
that Red Barrel brewing
Led to their undoing

Rhys Jones of Manchester sent in just one rhyme but it struck a chord with me; I have always had a thing about Sam's since they closed the best (in my opinion) free house in London and made it their first southern one-beer emporium.

Samuel Smith
Is taking the pith
He and his tykes
Can get on their bikes.

My favourite from Robin Bolt was:

Leatherbritches
May get you in stitches.
But their Steaming Billy
Will ruin your sex life.

but unfortunately I feel I have to disqualify it as (you may have noticed) it doesn't rhyme at the end. This leaves me with Ken Crawford's:

The enigmas of brewing at Faversham
Are not quite decoded by Caversham
But try some and get a good clue
From Masterbrew

Great, but it doesn't actually name the brewery. Yes, I know your Fuller's one did, but almost everyone sent in a Fuller, Smith and Turner one.

And the winner? Damn, I thought I might get away with it if I rambled on long enough. It was a hard one to call but in the end personal prejudice came into play and a cheque for £10 will be on its way to Rhys Jones for his Sam Smith diatribe.

Now, it's time to keep a second promise. Yes, all you fans of the number puzzles (You poor sad people!), I've got some more for you - and yes they are all new ones:

1. 4 K in a G of C
2. 350 P is the P of PL in M
3. 7 BF from the D in every NLD
4. 12 ET in a SS
5. 2 M of Q from MM in M
6. 20 PM in the TC
7. 3 S on a SS
8. 32 C in a G of E
9. 6 TM of E (including LJG)
10. 49 G on a FPC

There, just like old times, wasn't it. Now let's progress straight along with the answers to last month's brewery anagrams:

1. REF MARS RAMS FARMERS ARMS
2. TOIL MOUNT TOMINTOUL
3. GOT STRIPE TIGERTOPS
4. SHOCK BAG HOGS BACK
5. MARS MINER MERRIMANS

And as I have taken up too much space already, straight on with this month's:

1. HAVE RIDER
2. TRAINS OGRE
3. STOP MR. READ'S VAN
4. BRITTLE CASH HERE
5. LEN BRAYS

And moving straight along to the cryptic Underground stations, here are last month's:

1. Moor your bird here - Heron Quays
2. Route to the South West County Town - Gloucester Road
3. Apostle's garden - St. James's Park
4. Pale horses drink here - Bayswater
5. Till the soil at altitude - Harrow on the Hill

...and here are this month's:

1. Use it to get into Jamaica?
2. Dyslexic cattle's river crossing

3. The Street's Mr. Barlow's looking very sickly
4. The clueless contestants are trying to get here but it's closed
5. This way for Scotland

And for this month's 5BY4 I've selected the subtitle "Still More Breweries". If you don't know what to do with them, escape while you can. Answers at the end, as usual.

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| 1. Hoskins | A. Delph |
| 2. Gibbs Mew | B. Knowle Spring |
| 3. Ward | C. Unicorn |
| 4. Timothy Taylor | D. Falcon |
| 5. Robinson | E. Anchor |
| 6. McMullen | F. Golden Hill |
| 7. Batham | G. Beaumanor |
| 8. Exmoor | H. Anvil |
| 9. Okells | I. Sheaf |
| 10. Hydes | J. Hertford |

And so, at long last, we come to Trivial Knowledge; I shan't waste any more time but get straight on with last month's answers:

1. Polaris, or the Pole Star
2. The farthest point from the moon of a body in lunar orbit
3. Betelgeuse and Rigel
4. Logarithms
5. Isambard Kingdom Brunel
6. In a pair of binoculars
7. Dorset
8. Sir Nigel Gresley
9. The separate condenser; it avoided the need to heat and cool the mass of the cylinder cyclically.
10. George Bernard Shaw

And here are this month's:

1. Who is missing from this list of conspirators: Robert Catesby, Robert and Thomas Winter, ?? Bates, Christopher and John Wright, Thomas Percy?
2. In football, by what name has Inter Cities Fairs Cup been known since 1971?
3. Most of us are old enough to remember that £s.d. means real money, but what do the initials stand for (in Latin, not pounds, shillings pence)?
4. After whom is the radio telescope at Jodrell Bank now named?
5. Who now owns Fulham Football Club?
6. What takes place in London on the second Saturday in November?

7. The Hebrew name for the Devil is Beelzebub, but what does this mean when translated into English?
8. Lord's Cricket Ground has been in its present location since 1814, but what present London square is the site of Thomas Lord's original cricket ground?
9. What island is the largest and most northerly of the Inner Hebrides?
10. And to finish off with, what island is the largest and most northerly of the Outer Hebrides?

And just before I go, here, as promised, are the answers to 5BY4:

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

That's it. See you next time.

Andy Pirson

MCMULLEN ANNOUNCES SPECIAL RESERVE NUMBER FOURTEEN

McMullen, Hertfordshire family brewers, recently announced the re-introduction of Oatmeal Ale, the fourteenth in the series of McMullen Special Reserve limited edition seasonal ales.

Oatmeal Ale is McMullen's contribution to Beer Month, organised by the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association and was one of the Beer Month ales featured at a tutored tasting for national and international beer writers at the Spice of Life, the McMullen pub in Cambridge Circus, London on Thursday 4th September.

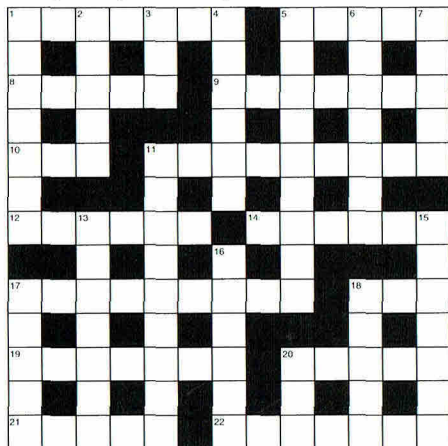
First launched in March 1995, Oatmeal Ale is a smooth, full bodied traditional ale with the colour of rosewood. The McMullen brewers have given it a distinctive style by the blending of oatmeal with a grist of pale ale and crystal malts. The addition of natural whole leaf Kentish hops, straight from the sack, was followed by gentle fermentation of the brew in the Hertford Brewery's 19th century copper-lined oak vats.

Oatmeal Ale has an ABV of five per cent, and is available on handpump in around 150 selected McMullen pubs and free trade outlets until the end of October. It will also be on sale in Tesco stores in 500ml bottles.

LONDON DRINKER CROSSWORD

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON

£10 PRIZE TO BE WON



ACROSS

1. It has links to South African practice. [7]
5. Girl turned up daily. [5]
8. Pull it for pints? [5]
9. Group has time for dressing. [7]
10. Sailor in the Antarctic Ocean. [3]
11. Foster trees growing in Hampshire. [3,6]
12. Negligent over girl. [6]
14. For each boy is an individual. [6]
17. Stops lifeless hair. [9]
18. American uncle. [3]
19. First, for example, to have spoken about noise. [7]
20. I am in confusion about corn. [5]
21. Little man's rules. [5]
22. Warm seasons produce adders. [7]

DOWN

1. Way to speak or not to speak. [7]
2. Most bounders are beneath us. [5]
3. Atmospheric tune? [3]
4. Benders cause doggy bowels. [6]
5. Fellow dwelling among hermits. Capital people! [9]
6. It may be curtains for them. [7]
7. A small department is proficient. [5]
11. Birds find homes outside the heather. [9]
13. Intend the German to wander. [7]
15. Counts the anaesthetics. [7]
16. Classes lose point and upset balance. [6]
17. Go under - right in under. [5]
18. Odds on cold stuff - or hot stuff. [5]
20. Keep her quiet. [3]

Winner of the prize for the August Crossword: Bill Hernon, Streatham.

Other correct entries were received from:

A, Aaba Aababa, Tony Alpe, Pat Andrews, Geoff B, Tom Baldwin, Roger Boiler, Alan Brooke, Martyn Brown, Ian Clark, A.P.Comaish, Charles Creasey, Brian Felton, B.H.Fletcher, Dudley Freeman, Lawrie Gordon, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Eva Gutzup, Jonty Hawkes, John Heath, A. & H.James, Chris James, Jamie King, Miss T.King, Pete Large, Jim Mason, Jerry the Mole, M.J.Moran, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Stuart Osgood, J.D.Pascoe, Derek Pryce, Mikes Farrelly (majority) & Richards (minority), Andy Schink, Super Scooper, Old Smokey, Tarnya Jez & Stephen, Bill Thackray, Paul Tiffany, John Vallantine, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, Susan Wilson, Terry Wookey, Penny & Bryan Worth-Smith, Yak.

Name.....

Address

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All correct entries received by first post on 29th October will be entered into a draw for the prize.

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

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BRANCH BITS & PIECES

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

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

Tue 7 (7.30) Hampstead Back Streets Walk. Start MAGDALA TAVERN, 2A South Hill Park then FREEMASONS ARMS (8.00), 32 Downshire Hill; WELLS TAVERN (8.45), 30 Well Walk; WHITE BEAR (9.15), Well Road; DUKE OF HAMILTON (9.45), 23 New End; HOLLY BUSH (10.15), 22 Holly Mount, all in NW3 - Mon 20 (8.00) Brentford Threatened Pubs Walk. Start WATERMANS ARMS, 1 Ferry Lane then BREWERY TAP (9.00), 47 Catherine Wheel Road; MAGPIE & CROWN (10.00), 128 High Street - Advance Notice: Wed 12 Nov (8.00) Business Meeting. ROYAL OAK, Tabard Street, SE1. All interested persons welcome at all walks and meetings.

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

Thu 2 (8.00) Pub Crawl of South Croydon. Meet at SKY LARK, South End - Thu 9 to Sat 11 4TH CROYDON & SUTTON BEER FESTIVAL. Thu 5.00-10.30pm; Fri 12.00-10.30pm; Sat 12.00-6.00pm - Fri 17 (8.00) Redhill Pub Crawl. Meet in HOME COTTAGE, 3 Redstone Hill - Thu 23 (8.00) Social. GOAT HOUSE, 2 Penge Road, South Norwood - Thu 30 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon.

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

Fri 10 (5.30) Bob's Beer Bash, meet PRINCE ARTHUR, Forest Road, E8 then EARL OF RADNOR, 106 Mildmay Grove South (6.45); MARQUESS TAVERN (8.00), 32 Cannonbury Street; WENLOCK ARMS (9.30), 26 Wenlock Road, N1 - Tue 14 (8.00) Branch Meeting. SEKFORDE ARMS, Sekforde Street. EC1 - Mon 27 (7.00) Darts Match Vs South East London Branch. WHEATSHEAF, Stoney Street, SE1

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

Wed 1 (9.00) Social. CHEQUERS, 22 Church End, Hendon, NW4 - Tue 7 (9.00) Two Pub Social. FOX, 413 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, N13 then WHOLE HOG, 430/434 Green Lanes - Thu 16 (8.30) Pub of the Year Presentation and Good Beer Guide Launch. OLDE MITRE, 58 High Street, Barnet, EN5 - Wed 22 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Roadshow. STAG, 1 Little Park Gardens, Enfield Town - Sat 25 (12.00) Pub Crawl of Kingston upon Thames. Meet TWO BREWERS, 19 Wood Street, Kingston. Details from Branch Contact - Thu 30 (9.00) Good Beer Guide Roadshow and London Drinker Pickup. WHITE LION, 50 St. Albans Road, Barnet, EN5.

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

Thu 9 (8.30) Business Meeting. GAMECOCK, Vale Road, Worcester Park - Sat 18 (8.00) Cycling Evening Pub Crawl, Surbiton to Esher. Meet at DENBY DALE, Station Road, Surbiton. For details contact Clive Taylor on 0181-949 2099 - Thu 23 (8.30) Three Pub Joint Social with North Surrey and Richmond & Hounslow Branches. Start WHITE HART, Hampton Wick then over Kingston Bridge to TWO BREWERS, Wood Street, finishing at the KING'S TUN (Wetherspoons), Clarence Street (near Kingston BR station).

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

Tue 7 (8.00) Branch Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 - Tue 14 (8.00) London Drinker Beer Festival Planning Meeting. KINGS ARMS, 11a Northington Street, WC1 - Tue 21 (8.00) Islington Social. 179 UPPER STREET, 179 Upper Street, N1 then FINNOCK & FIRKIN, 100 Upper Street - Tue 28 (8.00) Hampstead Social. FLASK TAVERN, 14 Flask Walk, NW3 then HOLLY BUSH, 22 Holly Mount - Tue 4 Nov (8.00) Branch Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1.

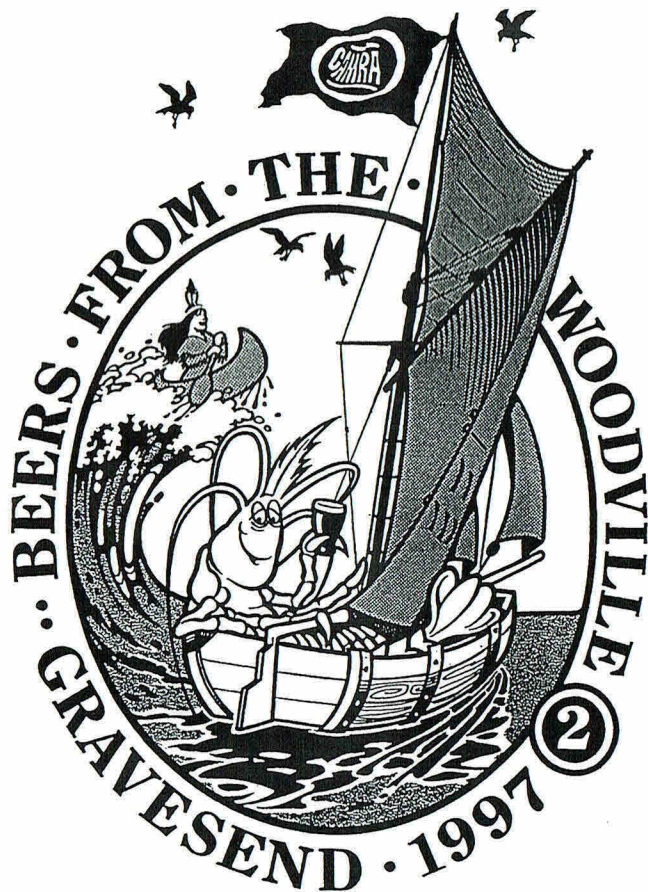
RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW. Alistair Black 01932 780823 (H).

Wed 8 (8.00) Beer Festival Debriefing. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford - Tue 14 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. HOGARTH, 58 Broad Street, Teddington then (9.30) Social at QUEEN DOWAGER, 49 North Lane - Thu 23 (8.00) Joint Social Crawl with Kingston & Leatherhead Branch. Start WHITE HART, 1 High Street, Hampton Wick then TWO BREWERS (9.00), Wood Street, Kingston; KING'S TUN (10.00), Clarence Street.

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

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**CAMRA REAL ALE FESTIVAL
AT THE WOODVILLE HALLS, GRAVESEND**



Friday 3rd October - Saturday 4th October

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Wed 8th, Committee Meeting, CROWN, 117 Burnt Ash Hill, SE12. October kicks off with a visit to a former Good Beer Guide pub which has recently been refurbished.

Monday 13th, Branch Meeting, WATCH HOUSE, Lewisham High Street, SE13. This is the latest of a succession of new pubs in the area, and the latest local addition to the Wetherspoon chain. This pub opened in July and, like many Wetherspoons, is a conversion of three shops.

Tue 21st, Social, SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS, Tooley Street, SE1. Another fairly recent addition to the area this year, selling the excellent locally brewed Bishop's beers among others.

Tue 28th, Social, O'HANLON'S, Tysoe Street, EC1. A visit to East London's area for a change, though O'Hanlon's beer is brewed in our area.

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

Wed 1 (8.30) Social. GREEN MAN, Cricketers Lane, off Brentwood Road (A128), Herongate - Tue 7 (8.30) Social. OLD WHITE HORSE, Ockendon Road (B186), North Ockendon; Greater London's most easterly pub! - Thu 16 (8.30) Social during Pub's Beer Festival at WOODMAN, 155 London Road (A113), Stanford Rivers - Wed 22 (8.30) Social. BRITANNIA, Church Road (off A123), Barking - Thu 28 (8.30) Social. ROSE, Chelmsford Road (A1023), Shenfield.

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

Thu 16 (7.30) Open Branch Committee (Dec & Jan meetings) and Open Festival Committee meetings. Branch Meeting: Pub of the Year Shortlisting. GROVE, 39 Oldridge Road, Balham, SW12. 1988 *Good Beer Guides* expected to be available.

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

Wed 1 (8.00) Herts Liaison Meeting. ROYAL OAK, Chipperfield - Wed 8 (8.30) Games Night; Pool Competition. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB - Wed 15 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Social. KINGS HEAD, Hunton Bridge - Thu 23 (6.00) Good Beer Guide Launch. WATERSTONES BOOK SHOP then WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB (8.30) - Sun 26 Committee Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB - Wed 29 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Social. BLACK BOY, Bushey Heath.

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

Fri 26th September. A social gathering at the GROUSE & CLARET, 14 Little Chester Street, Belgravia, SW1. A Hall & Woodhouse, plush corner pub in a back street off Grosvenor Place, which also has a guest ale. We meet at 7.00pm. Nearest tubes are Hyde Park Corner or Victoria. Buses are plenty.

Thursday 9th October. An 8.30 start social to the KINGS HEAD & EIGHT BELLS, 50 Cheyne Walk, SW3. The Branch has not visited this Whitbread pub for some while. Located close to Albert Bridge and facing the river, it has no close Underground; bus 239 is nearest and then those that follow the Kings Road. Tuesday 21st. Day trip to Everards Brewery. Numbers are limited, so this trip may already be full by the time this appears.

Thursday 23rd. The Branch will be on a Hammersmith pub crawl starting at 8.30 in the ANDOVER ARMS, 57 Aldensley Road, a Fullers pub with a Thai kitchen for evening food, hidden in the back streets of Brackenbury Village; then on to the newly refurbished and renamed STONEMASONS ARMS, formerly the Royal Oak, 60 Glenthorne Road at 9.30 and finishing in the HAMMERSMITH RAM, formerly the Builders, 81 King Street at 10.30; this Youngs house was altered last year and is now a one bar pub. Public transport to the area is extensive.

Friday 31st October sees the start of the 20th Bokbier Festival held by PINT in the centre of Amsterdam. BRANCH NEWS: Bruce and Kath of the Star Tavern, 6 Belgrave Mews West, W1 have left Fullers.

Update on the VIA FOSSA, North End Road, W14. It is NOT a Yates's pub as previously reported (the workman did not know who he was working for). It is a Greenall's house selling Greenall's Bitter, Courage Directors, Boddington's and Marston's Pedigree. A multi bar pub on different levels, it is aimed at a young market with doormen on the entrances in the evenings; music is on the loud side. Food is available but there is no set restaurant area.

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

Thu 2 (8.30) Social. FAT CONTROLLER, Station Road, Harrow - Wed 8 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DUKE OF YORK, Steyne Road, W3 - Tue 14 (8.30) Social. GREYSTOKE, Queens Drive, W3 - Thu 23 (8.30) Social. CASE IS ALTERED, High Road, Eastcote - Wed 29 (9.00) London Drinker Pickup. RED LION, St. Marys Road, W5.

Deadline for the November edition, 1st October. Material for December to arrive by 1st November.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

I am writing to inform you and your readers of the threat by Allied Domecq to a CAMRA National Inventory pub, the Holly Bush at 22 Holly Mount, Hampstead, NW3. According to the Hampstead and Highgate Times of 15th August, the pub is to undergo a £200,000 face lift which would include a "cafe style" frontage.

The Holly Bush is also a Grade II listed building and the proposals are to:

1. Open up the front of the pub by replacing the windows with cafe style doors.
2. Introduce flag stone flooring in parts of the bar area.
3. Upholster the antique wooden furniture to make it more comfortable.
4. Introduce new paint effects such as rag-rolling.

A meeting which I attended with Jeff Primm of the CAMRA London Pubs group was held at the pub with Allied Domecq management on Tuesday 19th August; our feelings, along with those of many regulars, were made very clear. Two more meetings are to be held.

This is an extremely popular historic pub and a Good Beer Guide entry. Allied Domecq, with their usual pig-headedness, are almost literally bulldozing their way in. It is not only a concern of CAMRA's but for everyone with a love of the true English pub.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Forshaw-Wilson
Enfield & Barnet Branch

Dear Editors,

In response to Andy McCormack's letter querying of the whereabouts of the South Western, SW19, I am almost certain it was an Ind Coope establishment directly opposite Wimbledon Station. Situated over the main line, the pub was demolished to make way for Dixons etc.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Porter

East Sheen

ps: Well said, John Gilbert.

Editor's Comment

Thanks for the information. I should have checked back further through my pile of old beer guides. The South Western is listed in the last edition of Real Beer in London (before all the "local" guides were produced) as selling Ind Coope Burton Ale.

There is no mention there of L.J.Clarks though, although this does not mean that it did not exist - RBIL only listed real ale outlets.

Andy Pirson

Dear Editors

Apropos Andy McCormack's letter in the September 1997 issue, he might care to know that the South Western in SW19 which he visited in 1981 has indeed been demolished in the meantime. It used to stand across the road from Wimbledon railway station and was presumably named after the London & South Western Railway. I remember it as a "boozier" but I think it served a reasonable pint of Bass in the late seventies.

Shops and offices now occupy the site.

Yours sincerely

Simon Haste

London E17

Dear Editors,

Regarding Andy McCormack's letter in the September edition, I can't comment on L.J.Clark's in SW18 but I can shed some light on the South Western, SW19. It stood directly opposite the entrance to Wimbledon B.R. Station which was originally built by the London & Southampton Railway, later renamed the London & South Western Railway - hence the name, which also gave the original title to Drummond's adjacent to Richmond Station, once part of the same railway.

As I recall, the pub was directly above the railway tracks and served a good drop of beer, giving lie to the oft-quoted excuse for cloudy beer in pubs near railways that it is caused by passing trains. Those magnificent Bulleid Pacifics which used to roar by a few feet beneath the cellar certainly didn't affect it in my mid-teens when I was as keen on rail as ale (and still am!).


Yours truly,

Martin Smith

Carmarthenshire Branch

Another Editor's Note: Thankyou - I think we've got the message now. Incidentally, Bob Kelly phoned with the same information and he reminded me that the Artful Dodger by the railway on the corner of Canbury Park Road and Richmond Road in Kingston also used to be called the South Western until a few years ago. Thanks also to Mr. & Mrs. Goodhew of Worcester Park for their letter on the subject.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS (continued)

Dear Editors,

RE: NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS

I am writing in response to Martin Butler's piece "Putney News" London Drinker August 97 in which he raises a number of questions which I am very happy to answer. May I first of all thank Mr Butler for writing such a sensible and balanced piece and for having the good grace to visit our pub in the King's Road before passing judgement.

The key question he raised was - what would become of the pub if we failed to get planning permission? Well we have failed to get planning permission due to Philip Evison's campaign although I feel that the decision was based on the desire of the Conservative majority to keep the people on Mr Evison's petition happy rather than any sensible planning issue - we had the approval of the planning officers. Despite this we are to go ahead with the conversion of the Northumberland Arms to a Jim Thompson's and we will open in October serving South east Asian food and a range of three cask conditioned real ales. The only effect of the planning refusal is that we can not extend our facilities which means we will be investing a smaller capital sum, we will be employing less people and the comfort and enjoyment of our customers will be reduced - well done Mr Evison!

Martin Butler utilised sympathetic understatement when he described the Northumberland Arms as "not one of the great pubs". It was in fact an abomination. Until we took it over it did not serve cask conditioned ale, had suffered a hideously inappropriate extension, had had an internal refurbishment so lacking in taste that it defied description and had so few customers that it had become unviable. The pub had been granted planning permission to be converted into a car showroom and this would almost certainly had been it's fate if we had not stepped in. Surely a tastefully decorated pub/restaurant serving authentic South-east Asian food and good beer is a better option? Certainly I can't be the only real ale fan in London who gets annoyed at not being able to get a decent pint when dining out at a good restaurant.

Mr Butler expressed concern that the site maybe unsuitable and that there might be a parking problem. Surely the two are not compatible. If the site is unsuitable then there won't be a parking problem. With regard to parking our experience in the King's Road suggests that a majority of customers come by taxi or on foot and in any case it is legal to park on a red route at night when we do most of our trade.

As a CAMRA member (and as someone who owns an historic pub that is in the 1997 Good Beer Guide) the one point I do feel a twinge of guilt about is the change of name. Unfortunately it is a fact of modern business that pubs which have a recognisable trading identity tend to be more successful. Furthermore I do feel that there is a huge difference between pubs such as The Northumberland Arms and those of real historical value.

This latter point leads me on to a thought which has been bothering me recently. It seems to have become de rigeur to protest about virtually every pub conversion. There is an increasing suspicion among many people I know in the industry that this is reducing the effectiveness of the Campaign. People refer to the "usual CAMRA whinges" and I believe planners are starting to see the objections as being standard for the course. It is not time that we developed a national register of important pubs that need to be protected. That way efforts can be focused on really worthwhile house and our protests will be taken more seriously.

I do hope readers of London Drinker will be fair to us and wait until the pub is open before passing judgement. Furthermore I will undertake to meet any fair minded reader, who is not fully satisfied with my explanations, at Jim Thompson's, Putney when it opens and I will happily explain in more detail what we are trying to achieve in this business. I can be contacted at Taipan Taverns on 0171-736 3080.

Yours sincerely
Peter Borg-Neal
Operations Director
Taipan Taverns

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS (continued)

Dear Editors,

I would like to make a couple of points following the article "When Irish Eyes Aren't Smiling" in the September issue (author not identified).

I agree with virtually everything the author said in that article.

Taking the point about Irish-brewed real ales; you may know that in St. Patrick's week (from March 17th) this year, we had an Irish Real Ales Festival at our pub "The Head of Steam" at Euston Station. It was an overwhelming success, with - literally - only a few gallons left after the 17th of March (a Monday), with the rest going the next day. We brought over 17 Irish real ales - and many of them were some of the most beautiful beers we have ever presented.

At the time, there were two independent breweries from Northern Ireland (Hildon and Whitewater) and four in the Republic (Porter House, Biddy Early, Irish Brewing and Dublin Brewing). We had on sale cask versions of every beer they all brewed with the exception of Biddy Early.

Six of the ales were not normally available in real form (three from Porter House, the one from Irish Brewing and the two from Dublin Brewing), but the brewers racked off ales fresh from the settling tanks - when they were "real" - before they went into the kegging process. These beers were wonderful and we felt it was a tremendous campaigning event. The Irish brewers are marvellous - can't do enough to help, and really keen to see their beers more widely available throughout Britain.

Could I suggest that CAMRA beer festival organisers and pub "guest beers" planners try and get hold of these beers? You will not be sorry. They are not cheap, but they will sell. None of the Irish brewers regularly delivery to individual events or pubs in Britain, but Small Beer Wholesalers of Lincoln (01522 540431) are now bringing in Whitewater regularly and sufficient demand could encourage them to bring in more beers.

Anyone going to Ireland (in which case don't miss the Anchor in Cahirsiveen and Dick Mack's in Dingle, both in County Kerry - REAL Irish pubs) should search out beers

from the independents and encourage sales of their beers in their own territories. Give them a ring before you go and get a list of their outlets - and if they are still not regularly producing the real thing, encourage them to do it. To my knowledge, the following is a list of all Irish independent brewers (phone numbers from Britain).

Hilden Brewery, Hilden House, Grand Street, Lisburn, Co Antrim, N Ireland. 01846 663863.

Whitewater Brewing Co., Kilkeel, County Down. 013697 26370

Porter House Brewing Co. Ltd, 16-18 Parliament Street, Dublin 2, Ireland 01 6798847

Irish Brewing Co. Ltd. Unit 3, Newbridge Industrial Estate, Newbridge, Co Kildare 145 435540

Dublin Brewing Co., 141-146 North King Street, Smithfield, Dublin 7. 018728622

Biddy Early Brewery, Inagh, Ennis, County Clare 00353 65 36742

Twin Meadows Brewery, Enfield Ind. Est. Enfield, County Meath, Ireland. 00353 405 41558

Yours sincerely

Tony Brookes

Head of Steam

Newcastle Upon Tyne

Dear Editors,

I read with interest Tim Nickolls' article "Post Office Jolly Boys - A Spring Saunter" and noted his comments about "drinking woeful beer in recommended pub in the Enfield area".

I would like to invite Mr. Nickolls to any of our Branch functions and tell us about his drinking experiences, good or bad, in the Enfield area. This Branch certainly does not want to submit pubs with "woeful beer" for entry into the Good Beer Guide.

Decisions concerning the entries for the Good Beer Guide will be made early in the New Year and we would welcome any input Mr. Nickolls could make at branch level, in time for the next selection process.

Yours faithfully,

Derek Smith

Enfield & Barnet Branch

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IS YOUR PUB THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY?

The search is on to find which of Britain's pubs make the greatest contribution to their community.

Each year, big hearted licensees and pub customers raise a staggering £60 million for charity. Quizzes, sports and social events, outings for the needy, sponsored walks and charity nights - you name it, they do it, to raise money for serving causes.

The Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association is putting up £21,000 in prize money for the Community Pub of the Year Awards, all of which goes to local causes chosen by the winning pubs.

Anybody can nominate a pub for the Awards, including pub staff and customers. Nomination forms are available by ringing FREEPHONE 0800 731 2198.

There's £1,000 for the winning pub in each of 11 regions - the South West, South East, London, Midlands, Eastern Counties, Yorkshire, North East, North West & North Wales, South Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The 11 regional winners are then judged by a celebrity panel, including actor Richard Thorn, better known as pub landlord Alan Turner in TV's long-running *Emmerdale*. They will choose an overall winner, and the licensees of the Community Pub of the Year will receive a cheque for £10,000 at a glittering celebration dinner held in London early next year.

BLRA Director Robin Simpson said, "In many communities across the country, the closure of the local pub would leave a gap that would be impossible to fill".

"Pub licensees and customers make an enormous contribution, not only in cash terms, but also through practical acts of kindness, such as organising outings for the elderly and even a crèche for local mothers!

"Out Awards scheme recognises these wonderful acts of community support, and allows Britain's brewers and pub operators to add to that support."

London Drinkers will recall that this year's competition was won by the Waggon and Horses, Surbiton.

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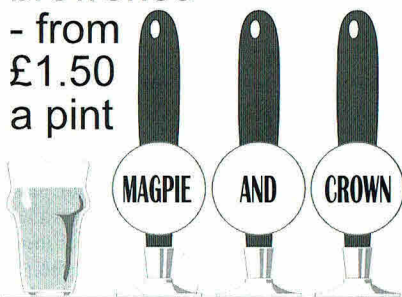
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EAST LONDON & CITY PUB NEWS

The LONDON HOSPITAL TAVERN, Whitechapel Road, E1 is now operating as a "Festival Ale House", promising an increased range guest beers.

Seekers of the UK's rarer beers should take note that the guest beer pumps at the ALMA, Spelman Street, E1 have recently handled the products of the following breweries, amongst others: Abel Brown, Bitter End, Bishop's, Sam Trueman, Cheriton and Porter. Guest beers all weigh in at £1.50 a pint.

The LORD RODNEY'S HEAD on Whitechapel Road, E1 has added a Banks & Taylor seasonal beer to its regular range of three B&T ales. At least one cider is always available as well and everything costs £1.60 a pint. Nearby the BLACK BULL, also on Whitechapel Road continues to sell Leyland Mild and a Ridley beers, the latter now generally being IPA rather than the stronger Rumpus. Here the price is £1.50.

News reaches us that the PLOUGH, Mott Street, E4 has been refurbished into a one-bar pub, whilst up the road into Essex, the ROYAL OAK (VENNERS), Sewardstone Road is selling Courage Directors and bottle conditioned White Shield. The latter beer is also available at the KINGS HEAD, Kings Head Hill, E4 but seems to be an increasingly rare find in pubs these days. Also in E4, the BULL AND CROWN, The Green is still selling a decent pint of Ridley's IPA at a very reasonable 99p a pint (Yes 99p).

The site of the former COCK, E6 is now split between a Barclays Bank and a Burger King.

When visiting the FOREST GLEN, Dames Road, E7 recently, the pump clips were seen to be reversed. Chancing it, pints of Bass were ordered. "Oh, we've run out of that," said the barmaid. A local then told me that it was now several months since they had run out of Bass during which time the pub has been a keg only zone! Perhaps someone could let us know when the next delivery is due.

The RISING SUN, Morning Lane, E9 is under new management, a change which is said to have seen the introduction of badger

beers from Dorset's Hall & Woodhouse Brewery.

The connection between the BIRKBECK TAVERN, Langthorne Road, E11 and the Viking Brewery of Broadstairs, Kent has strengthened to the point where one of the two guest beers offered at the pub is often from that brewery. Rumours have been circulating of a late summer beer festival at this popular pub.

The DUKE OF EDINBURGH, Nightingale Lane, E11 is currently offering both Young's PA and a seasonal beer from "Samuel Allsop" as guests, both at £1.50 a pint.

J.D.Wetherspoon's latest offering, the WALNUT TREE, has opened in High Road, Leytonstone, E11 in the old Hyams Gym premises close to the tube station. Anyone who has ever seen a 'spoon's pub will not need me to describe it. At the other end of the High Road, the old Halfway House has transformed itself into the vaguely Irish theme CROPPY ACRE and for the first time in living memory is serving real ale, Wadworth 6X and Burton Ale being the choice. The ESSEX ARMS, Leytonstone High Road, E15 sells Hancock's HB as its only real ale at a reasonable £1.10 a pint. Across the road though, one-time Truman's pub the CHOBHAM ARMS, Chobham Road, E15 is currently closed with its future uncertain.

Early risers will find that the RAILWAY TAVERN, Angel Lane, E15 still makes use of its early licence, opening between 6.00am and 8.00am Monday to Saturday. Beers on offer are Tetley Bitter and Greene King IPA. Nearby the THEATRE ROYAL BAR continues to sell Adnams Broadside and Wells' Eagle IPA, whilst on the Broadway, Stratford, E15, the SWAN has been selling Gibbs Mew Salisbury Bitter.

Still in E15, the Lord Henniker on The Grove has undergone extensive redecoration and recently reopened as THE CORONET Bar & Restaurant. The handpumps have survived the refit but were not in use when we looked in recently. Another name change up the road has seen Old Shelaghs (previously Dirty Nellies) on High Road,

Leytonstone, E11 turned into GREEN'S. Both of these pubs have sold Ridley's beers in the recent past and it hoped that they will continue to do so.

Contrary to two reports in London Drinker, the WOODMAN, Stratford High Street, E15 is open for business, under new management.

The GEORGE, E18 has four handpumps in use, selecting from Draught Bass, Ruddle's County, Wadworth 6X, Hancock HB and Fuller's London Pride.

The CITY PRIDE, Fuller's tied house in Farringdon Lane, EC1 has been looking a little run down of late but the new guv'nor plans a general smartening up of the place and has promised the return of Chiswick Bitter to the handpumps. He wishes to see the pub included in the Good Beer Guide. Worth a look next time you're in the City.

Recent developments at the HAMILTON HALL, J.D.Wetherspoon's grand Liverpool Street station pub mean that two guest beers are usually to be found, rather than the one-if-you-are-lucky arrangements of the past. The upstairs bar can often be the place to look. The pub reputedly has the highest turnover of any pub in the UK - not all of it real ale!

The SLURPING TOAD is a new pub on Bishopsgate, EC2 owned by Eldridge Pope, the pub owning company which is now a separate business from the Thomas Hardy Brevery. Three Thomas hardy beers are sold alongside Draught Bass and a house beer of unknown (and probably inauspicious) origin. In common with the current City fashion, this pub plays loud music in the evenings. Eldridge Pope are also the owners of the new BAR EXCELLENCE, a huge and thronged pub in an old insurance office in Cornhill, EC3. Suit and tie or posh frock are de rigueur here and real ale a bit of a sideline as the city boys blow their thoroughly undeserved bonuses on alcopop and Yankee lager. But Draught Bass and Thomas Hardy Ale are available at a price (albeit from pumps without pump clips) and experience has shown that beer quality is better in the upstairs bar which presumably has a higher turnover.

A report in the Licensee suggests that Suffolk brewers, Adnams have purchased a site on Bishopsgate, whilst Essex favourites,

Ridley's are not denying rumours that they are looking at a pub in Walthamstow.

Greene King of Bury St. Edmunds have converted an old storehouse on Creechurch Lane, EC3 and reopened it as the multi-roomed OLD TEA WAREHOUSE. Greene King beers get a mixed press these days. When they are good they are very good, but when they are bad they are best left well alone. The use of cask breathers can also muddy the waters in some of their pubs. But this outlet got the thumbs up all round when a party of seasoned ELAC tasters arrived one evening recently. Please note that time is called at 9.00pm.

Anyone who finds themselves missing the old days at Murphy's on the Mile End Road and happens to find themselves in the West Midlands might like to visit the PORT'N'ALE at Great Bridge (address in the GBG), where they will find a warm welcome, familiar faces behind the bar and some pretty good beer.

Stephen Harris

CAMRA CONDEMNS GIBBS MEW DECISION TO STOP BREWING

Salisbury brewer Gibbs Mew is to stop brewing and will source its beers from Ushers in Trowbridge.

Commenting, CAMRA Head of Campaigns Stephen Cox said "This is a very sad day for Salisbury. The experience of other brewers who have contracted out their brewing is not a good one. Drinkers can usually taste the difference in beers brewed elsewhere, even though they keep the name. The company makes much of the cost savings of buying beer elsewhere, but these never show in price cuts to the consumer."

"It seems a strange way to celebrate 100 years of Gibbs Mew [formed by merger in 1898] - to throw away their brewing heritage and what makes their pubs uniquely theirs."

"No doubt in a couple of years Gibbs Mew pubs will be selling the same old national beers as every other company - with perhaps a token pretend-Gibbs Mew beer on handpump."

"Will Bishop's Tipple - the beer known best outside the area - become more like Ushers Folly?"



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, Merriam Way, Leeds (December)
- Unnamed, High Street, Oldham (January 21, 1998)
- Unnamed, Unit two, Nelson Square, Bolton (March 1998)
- Unnamed, 104-106 High Street, Waltham Cross (March 1998)
- Unnamed, County Hotel, High Street, Ashford
- Unnamed, 5 St. Michael's Street, West Bromwich
- Unnamed, Trinity Square, London
- Unnamed, Fore Street, Edmonton
- Unnamed, Shawlands Arcade, Glasgow
- Unnamed, 62-64 Skinnergate, Darlington
- Unnamed, Fishponds Road, Fishponds, Bristol
- Unnamed, former Embassy cinema, Fairfield Road, Braintree

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

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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
113 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

JJ MOON'S
553 Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury NW9

THE OUTSIDE INN
312-314 Neasden Lane, Neasden
NW10

JJ MOON'S
397 High Road, Wembley

THE COLISEUM
Manor Park Road, Harlesden NW10

BROMLEY

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

THE HARVEST MOON
141-143 High Street, Orpington

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

CAMDEN

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

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

THE BEATEN DOCKET
50-56 Cricklewood Broadway,
Cricklewood NW2

THE THREE HORSESHOES
28 Heath Street, Hampstead NW3

CITY OF LONDON

HAMILTON HALL
Liverpool Street Station EC2

CROYDON

THE GEORGE
17-21 George Street, Croydon

THE MOON UNDER WATER
1327 London Road, Norbury SW16

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

THE POSTAL ORDER
33 Westow Street, Crystal Palace

EALING

THE RED LION AND PINEAPPLE
281 High Street, Acton W3

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SOUTH WEST LONDON BRANCH CRICKET

On Sunday 17 August Watford Branch were the visitors in what turned out to be a close 30 over match at Haydons Road.

SWL batted first and had lost both their openers, including top scorer Steve Hodgson (19), for 46 runs both to opening bowler Martin Streader. After that they lost their wickets steadily, save for a fifth wicket partnership of 34 between Brian Sheridan and debutante Bernard Hall. SWL were all out for 106 off only 23.1 overs, a score they could easily have improved upon with a little more application. David Burgan was the best of the bowlers taking 3 for 10 off 3 overs.

Watford were soon in trouble losing their first three wickets for only 5 runs to opening bowler Franklyn Richards, who eventually finished with figures of 9-0-25-3. At one stage Watford were 46-6 but number three John Garwell was looking comfortable. He protected the lower order batsmen and paced his innings so he did not need to take unnecessary risks. With partnerships of 30 and 27 for the seventh and eighth wickets the men from Hertfordshire were within four runs of victory when they lost Birch. Garwell, who had just completed his 50 (including 7 boundaries) in one hour and 47 minutes, was out one run later. There followed a tense seven minutes before the last pair of Malcolm Brown and Martin Streader saw Watford home by one wicket with 1.3 overs to spare, finishing on 108 for 9.

The following Sunday SWL were at Wandsworth Common for a 30 over match against the Priory Arms, SW8. On a pitch of variable bounce Camra showed some of the application that had been missing the previous week and took full advantage of the short boundaries. The highlight of the innings was a 99 run partnership between Franklyn Richards (39) and top scorer Leo Maxim, who scored 64 in only 40 minutes including five 6s and six 4s. Camra finished on 183 for 9 off their 30 overs. "Margate" Warnham, with his spinners, returned the best figures of the bowlers with 6-0-28-4.

In reply the Priory lost wickets steadily and were all out for 59 off 20.4 overs. Steve McMillan top scorer with 15 and Richards was the best of the bowlers with 5-1-12-3.

A return match with Watford had been

arranged for the following Bank Holiday Monday at the West Herts Sports Club. Unfortunately this was abandoned due to a damp pitch and was replaced by some competitive games of bridge, crib, darts and pool.

The last Sunday of August saw SWL play the Sultan, SW19 in their inaugural match. Camra lost their first wicket with only one run on the board, but a partnership of 53 between Simon Stokes (35) and Steve Hodgson (15) put Camra on their way. Martin Strawbridge was top scorer with 45 and SWL finished on 154 for 7 off their 30 overs. Tom Carter managed to swing the ball in the air and obtain movement off the pitch and claimed the wickets of three of SWL's best batsmen finishing with 7-1-28-3.

The Sultan lost wickets steadily and were soon in trouble at 16 for 6. A partnership of 45 for the seventh wicket between top scorer Dave Coram (29) and Jay Costello (15) helped the Sultan to 76 all out off 21.1 overs. Andy Robinson's spinners were the pick of the bowling returning figures of 5-0-17-3.

The SWL team is open to Camra members of all abilities. A report of our games in September will appear in next month's Drinker. We resume our activities with nets in April.

MJB

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HARVEY'S (FINALLY) COME TO TOWN

Towards the end of 1995 the South East London CAMRA branch were excited to learn that Harvey's of Lewes had bought a pub in our branch area, their first one in London. We contacted Miles Jenner, Harvey's Managing Director and Head Brewer, who told us it was the Royal Oak, 44 Tabard Street, SE1, a two or three minutes walk from Borough tube (depending on your luck with the traffic lights) or about 10 minutes from London Bridge. The pub was previously owned by Courage but was closed at the time of the purchase.

Harvey's had been interested in acquiring a pub in the Southwark area for sometime. Miles' father, Anthony Jenner, had trained as a brewer at the family's South London brewery, based at 134 Southwark Bridge Road. This brewery was taken over by Woodhead's Brewery in 1944. Anthony Jenner was appointed Harvey's second brewer in 1938 and is now their chairman.

After delays in obtaining planning permission for a kitchen at the pub, rebuilding work finally started this year. In July the hoarding around the pub had been taken down and there were signs of building work inside. We tried to contact the brewery for the opening date, but it was not until the Great British Beer Festival that the date was confirmed as Monday 18th August.

I informed fellow committee members and a group made their way to the pub in the evening, only to find that CAMRA HQ staff and local committee members from five years previously had received invitations from the brewery! Fortunately we were still allowed in, and we chose not to bear any grudges (well not many grudges, anyway).

The wait proved to be worth it. Successive refurbishments had left little sign of the original layout, only a couple of cast-iron columns and a section of mahogany panelling housing a clock. However, in consultation with the Victorian Society, the restoration is as close as possible to the original. The pub has two bars and a jug & bottle area for off sales.

The beers currently available are Armada, Sussex Best Bitter and Sussex Pale Ale. 1859 Porter was specially brewed (out-of-season) for the pub's opening. All beers were in good condition on the opening day and on each subsequent visit.

The pub has good value food available, including breakfast from 7:45 to 9:45. A small

meeting room, The John Harvey Room, is available for meetings or parties. The room is named after the founder of the brewery at Bridge Wharf, Lewes.

The present opening hours of the pub are 11-11 Monday to Friday. The tenants, Fred and Diana Taylor, are waiting to see how trade is before deciding on weekend hours.

All in all the Royal Oak is another welcome addition to the pubs in the area.

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BEER GUIDES

At the Canterbury Beer Festival I was approached by the (presumably) Kent Beer Guide editor, asking what I thought of the Kent guide. Before I had a chance to reply, he was summoned away by his walkie-talkie so I thought I would make a reply to him via an article and ask other readers what they think are the worst and best aspects of beer guides. A guide, in my opinion, should be easy for visitors to the area to use; some are not and it would appear that knowledge of the area is a distinct advantage.

So for the Kent guide, I prefer to see all pubs listed together, whether they are keg, or closed or demolished since the last guide. If the pub that I am searching for is not in the main body of the guide then I have to search for it. For instance, I find a pub closed (the Bridge House, Gillingham) but it is not listed in the Gillingham pub section. Do I search 1) the Closed Pubs section, 2) the Non-Real Ale Pubs section, 3) the R.I.P. section or where I found it 4) the Hall of Shame section. Had this pub been in the main body of text, I would not have needed to search anywhere. Why put keg pubs in the main body and place them on maps? "You are advertising keg pubs," I was once told - a negative response. Keg pubs are potential real ale pubs and when they go real I know exactly where to find them. The Good Beer Guide entry, the Bishops Finger in Canterbury is a classic example; in 1993 it was in the Non-Real Ale section, but now it is real I have no way of knowing where it is without the aid of the local A-Z.

The back pages of the Kent guide listed pubs that became real since the last guide in 1988, pubs serving mild, those with traditional games, pubs for children, pubs with wheelchair access, pubs doing Bed & Breakfast, those open all day and those with meeting rooms - all of which is useful added information but what I would like every guide to have is an ABC index. I once heard the story of a chap who fell asleep on his way home after a skinful of ale. He awoke when the train drew to a halt atop a bridge; not knowing where he was, he jumped off, slid down the bank side and went into a pub called the Lads of the Village to call a cab home. I believe it cost him fifteen quid but to

this day he does not know where the Lads of the Village is and without an ABC index I'm not going to search through all the villages. If the pub had changed its name, then the guide would need a Changed Name section!

Has anybody got any thoughts on the subject? I hope the next editor for the East London Guide is reading this and if he dares to turn section E1 into Aldgate, Stepney Green and Whitechapel I will personally do him some damage. The old West London guide had W1 in four sections: Fitzrovia, Marylebone, Mayfair and Soho; the new South West London guide has SW1 in four sections: Belgravia & Sloane Square; Pimlico; St. James's and Westminster & Victoria. This means that you need prior knowledge of these areas; without looking would you know which part you were in? Wouldn't it have been simpler to keep them all as one area?

Keith Emmerson

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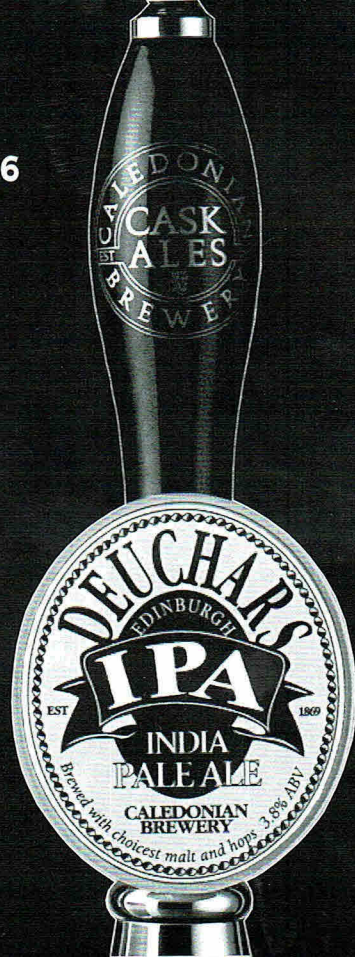
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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the October 1982 issue of London Drinker used light blue for the cover of its 24 pages, the front of which featured a photo of the Warrington Hotel, W9, with the caption "Made of Ale - See inside". This referred to a pub crawl of the Maida Vale area, and I won't tantalise you with the prices of the time, which were less than a third of the present ones.

In "A Pride of Lions" Martyn Lewis contributed a résumé of the history of Huggins' Lion Brewery of Westminster, taken over by Watney etc... in 1929, of which a relic survives in the form of a painted sign (shown in a photograph) on the side of the Horseshoe pub next to Bermondsey Square SE1, the Horseshoe being the symbol of that company. The sign came to light when the adjacent Star Music Hall was demolished in the mid 70's, revealing it in partially preserved form. In the same article was the history of the Lion Brewery which occupied the site of the Royal Festival Hall, and whose sign - a lion built in synthetic Coade Stone - now graces the southern approach to Westminster Bridge.

The eighth update of Real Beer in London revealed 29 new real ale outlets, and 40 deletions. Eleven on the new entries were reported as selling some beers by means of a DCL Air Pressure Pump (remember them?). It was stated that they were due for replacement soon.

Advance publicity was given of the first Pig's Ear beer festival, from the 14th to 16th October.

Howard Gladwin described his drinking experiences in Sweden, which sounded less than satisfying. Alan Greenwood, in his Beer Notes discussed beer-drinking vessels and all matters appertaining to them. A full-page advert announced the opening of the B&W Beer Company's Union Brewery at Hayes, Middlesex. Its emblem bore the words "In association with the Sun Freehouse & Moon Freehouse." and its beers were listed as Union Bitter, og 1034, and Union Extra Bitter, og 1050. I don't remember anything about the concern or the beers - it was listed in the 1983 Good Beer Guide, but not

thereafter, and nothing about it appears in Real Beer in West London, so obviously it went the way of so many other small concerns in the 1980s.

TEN YEARS AGO the October 1987 edition used green on 8 of its inside pages. The cover illustrated the Chelsea Ramand an article told how, in an area rife with snobbery in pubs which objected to working clothes on the premises, local construction workers dressed for the job were welcome there.

The cover frame of this 32 page edition was black with grey "headstone" and white title - one of our more successful colour experiments. Also on the cover was a flash reading "Whitbread close 2 breweries". The report was a "Stop Press" in the literal sense of the phrase - the news about the impending closure of Wethereds at Marlow and Chesters in Salford, Manchester, involving the loss of a total of 186 jobs, arrived too late to have the article typeset. In consequence it appeared "camera ready", that is typed out (on the same ancient machine I still use to prepare articles, which at the time of that piece a decade ago had been superannuated from CAMRA HQ for some years), and photographically reduced to fit the space. Whitbread blamed the closures on what they described as the public's preference for lager. That's the power of advertising for which, ultimately, we the drinker pay willy-nilly.

It was reported that with the opening of the Flamingo & Firkin in September 1987, David Bruce had become the fifth largest operator of breweries in the country, with 9 of his premises producing their own beer. It was originally the Three Tuns of the Isleworth Brewery, both facts still proclaimed in ceramic on its exterior. Within eleven months it had been taken back by Grand Met after David sold the Firkin chain. It later bore the title The Flamingo Brewery, and is now called the Hog & Stump.

The South-East London Beer Guide was reported as being sold out, and Real Beer in West London was in the final stage of surveying.

Eastender treated us to a crawl entitled "Barnsbury Bash", of that area between Caledonian Road and Holloway Road.

Reflecting that contributor's profession, several references were on a rail-borne theme. Another crawl - of the Historical variety - was provided by Paul Thomas, of Battle, Sussex, where a certain contretemps took place in 1066. Historical detail was provided by Merton in a rare joint effort, and judicious use was made of the second colour (which in this edition appeared in the centre spread) to show on a sketch map both modern features (including pubs) and the situation directly before the battle, which in fact took place seven miles from Hastings, by whose name history remembers it.

"Aardvark" described in an "Out of Town" article a visit to the Sair Inn at Linthwaite, West Yorkshire. At the time it had its own brewery with a 1 1/2 barrel brew length, producing 7 beers ranging in og from 1032 to 1080. The Linfit Brewery, as it is entitled, doubled its capacity with new plant in 1994 and now brews 13 real ales plus seasonal beers. My own personal gremlin led to me mis-reporting is as being defunct, an error subsequently corrected.

Fullers were reported to have bought a hotel near to the planned point of surfacing of the Channel Tunnel in Ashford, Kent.

FIVE YEARS AGO the green frame of the 32 page October 1992 edition's cover bore a photograph of The Surprise, SW4. No special reason for its use, just an excellent photo of an equally excellent Young's pub. The colour appeared on four inner pages and the back cover - all adverts.

In his Editorial, Andy explained the policy for crediting articles in LD to their authors. This, he said, was generally done, as it gave more authority to the content, but that when it would put the author's livelihood in jeopardy, say for telling too much truth about a company's methods, it was omitted. Some people prefer pseudonymy for various reasons, professional or otherwise. I have done so in a number of publications in the past, including this one.

"Idle Moments" produced number puzzles, brewery anagrams and silly alphabets - words with inaudible letters: I in Friend, K in Knot, T in Castle etc. General Knowledge and Brain Teasers concluded the article.

In an advert stating that "Summer

Lightning" had been judged the best strong beer at the 1992 GBBF, the Hop Back Brewery of Salisbury announced that it had opened its second brewery at Downton nearby, and would be brewing speciality beers at its original plant at the Wyndham Arms.

Fuller's was about to start producing a real mild until the following March, and porter was a possibility.

Des Tuddenham discussed the difference between northern & southern beers, with particular reference to the sparkler. I won't go into all his arguments, but I quote his final paragraph: "Forcing ale through tight sparklers (agitating devices that help produce a head) knocks the condition out of a beer, leaving it light and ultra-soft in texture. And they call us softies!" (he being a southerner.)

Doug Scott, organizer of the first Feltham Festival reported on its success, being attended by 800 customers. Over 30 ales were on offer, plus bottled American and Belgian beers. Fuller's Golden Pride (ABV 9%) in cask was star of the show. All known outlets for real cider were listed, consisting of 48 pubs and 58 off licences. Jackie Tulip of Kingston & Leatherhead branch who provided the list, also recommended the Ram, Farncombe, Surrey, which I thoroughly endorse. They stock no beers at all. The pub was profiled in these pages some years ago.

Chris Cobbold reported on the 1992 GBBF, which had hosted 38,000 customers, and required a large beer re-order. The article was illustrated with 9 photographs of the event by Dave Paterson.

Theakston's were running a promotion in central London which involved collecting 15 stickers, one for each £1 spent, in not less than five different participating Younger's pubs. The prize was an engraved glass Theakston's tankard.

On a final and very personal note, by the time you read this, I shall have been OFF the Editorial Team for as many editions as I was ON it, seventy-five (unless my notorious maths has let me down again) - which means that Andy and Chris, who with myself formed the second Team

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COLIN'S EASTER CRAWL

One feature which seems to have disappeared from London Drinker in recent years is the pub crawl, the author usually going to areas and pubs he/she hasn't visited before. After almost giving up alcohol for Lent (severe toothache forced me to drink some rum for medicinal purposes) I decided to go on a long walk on Easter Monday and visit some new pubs.

I started in Romford as pubs there are still allowed to open at ten in the morning. This is because prior to the current all day 11.00 to 11.00 licensing hours morning opening in Romford was 10.00 a.m. and pubs are allowed to keep the early opening time.

Few pubs appear to be using this concession although this may be because it was a Bank Holiday. One that was, was the Moon and Stars, a J.D. Wetherspoon pub. This is a typical Wetherspoon pub although with a pubbie character than some of their larger conversions. At 10.20 it was interesting to see a few regulars were already there. As London Pride was not ready I had a half of Theakston's Best to start the day. The Lamb which is in Romford Market claims to open at 7am on market days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday).

Leaving, I head north through the market and the town centre and up North Street and Havering Road until about 11.30 when I reached the Orange Tree in Havering-atte-Bower. This is a small pub with traces of the time when it would have been a country pub. Tetley's and Pedigree are on offer and I have a half of the latter and read the day's Times as there were no other customers.

Heading north through the countryside to Stapleford Abbots for a couple of miles I arrive at the Rabbits, an Allied (or whoever they are these days) pub selling Greene King IPA and Tolly Bitter. Although the pub appears to be in the middle of nowhere it is full of regulars enjoying the Bank Holiday lunchtime. After a half of Tolly's I take my leave and head north to Passingford Bridge where I turn east to go to Abridge which is a small village on the River Roding, passing Stapleford Aerodrome on the way.

Abridge has three pubs one of which, the Maltsters, is a Greene King pub selling an excellent pint of IPA. Despite the fact it is only two o'clock the pub is relatively empty.

Passing the other two major brewers pubs I regret to note that they seem to have more custom.

Crossing a small bridge (presumably this is why the village is called Abridge) over the Roding I then walk a further mile north to Theydon Bois which has a Central Line tube station and four pubs, two of which are McMullens. The first of these is the Queen Victoria which has three bars and a large green at the front. At three in the afternoon it is packed out with customers enjoying the excellent ales like the AK of which I have a pint.

The other pub is the Sixteen String Jack named after a local highwayman (not the landlord). I arrive just before afternoon closing and am the only customer in the place. Perhaps the shorter opening hours and the smaller number of customers are connected. A shame as the Country Bitter was in good condition.

I intend to go to Epping next but miss the turning and continue east for about four miles to Waltham Abbey. On the way I pass another McMullen's pub, the Volunteer, which is next to a Jewish cemetery and also go under the M25. Waltham Abbey is a small town dominated by a large church, with about a dozen pubs. On the eastern side of the town is the River Lea and the canal and on the banks is the Old English Gentleman, a McMullen's pub. This pub reminds me of two of my favourites in E5 at the other end of the canal, the Prince of Wales (Young's) and the Anchor and Hope (Fuller's). There is a path along which you can walk or cycle but don't make the mistake a friend of mine made. After several pints of ESB in the Anchor and Hope he decide to cycle along the towpath and unfortunately fell in.

Most of the pubs in Waltham Abbey are small McMullen's ones and I try three of these - the Angel, the Crown and the White Lion. I also try the Coach and Horses, a small free house selling Greene King and McMullens, and the Sun, an Allied pub (see comments on the Rabbits). The last pub I visit is the Wheatsheaf, yet another McMullens pub, which is a more modern pub on a housing estate on the north eastern side of town. It is late afternoon/early evening by now and most

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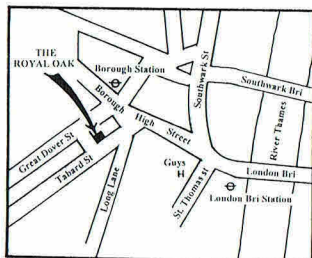
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pubs are fairly quiet.

It is interesting to note that in all the pubs the AK and County are in good condition but the seasonal beers are not so enjoyable. Perhaps they get caught in the nobody drinks it so it goes off so nobody drinks it trap.

Leaving Waltham Abbey as it is beginning to get dark I head due south down Sewardstone Road to Sewardstone, the most northerly part of E4. Despite the London post-code Sewardstone is in Essex not Greater London and has three pubs. The first one of these is the Plough on the corner of Mott Street which is just over a mile south of Waltham Abbey and is the most northerly pub in the East London area. This is a large McMullens pub which has been refurbished into a one bar pub with an emphasis on food. However the beer is very good and another pint of McMullens goes down a treat

The next pub, the Royal Oak, is about half a mile further south and is, or was, owned by Terry Venables. Various mementos and photos of his footballing career decorate the pub. The only hand-pumped beer on offer is Courage Director_s but bottles of White Shield are also available. This is a beer I never see in pubs these days and I have sometimes wondered if Bass still brew it. Anyway I take advantage of this rare opportunity to have a bottle. The Bill is on the TV so it must be about 8pm.

The last pub in Sewardstone is the Fox and Hounds a further mile south but as it is now dark I give it a miss and head on south to Chingford proper. Turning west into King_s Head Hill I trudge up the hill to I reach another Royal Oak. This is a large two bar McMullen_s pub with a genuine public bar which has another pleasure I haven_t experienced for a long time - a working bar billiards table. To get a game I challenge the winner of the game currently being played. Unfortunately the day_s beer is beginning to take its toll and I am well beaten. My elderly opponent asks me, a little sarcastically, if I play a lot of pool. However it was great to play such a fine game again after several years and the beer was excellent.

Leaving this fine pub at about 10pm I head up the hill to the King_s Head to finish the crawl but as a bus comes along while I am passing a stop I decide to call it a day then.

Most of the pubs on the crawl are

McMullen_s. Two others in the area are the Holly Bush in Loughton and the Cricketers in Woodford. The latter is particularly recommended and has a boules pitch.

Any one wishing to repeat the crawl or try other pubs in the area will find it helpful to use a copy of the latest Essex guide.

Colin Price

APOLOGIES FROM.....?

The East End News article that appeared in the August London Drinker was attributed to me but on closer scrutiny it would appear that the only parts I wrote were the last paragraph and the one on the Leyton Orient Supporters Club bar. All the rest should have been attributed to Steve Harris and mention should have been made that the article originally appeared in the Spring edition of Pig's Ear, a magazine distributed among East London CAMRA branch members. Where the rest of the article that I wrote went to is unknown, at least unknown to me.

Apologies to Steve Harris for not properly attributing his bits to him. Apologies to our readers that we did not receive information that was current in the Spring in time to pass it on before high Summer. Apologies to Keith Emmerson that part of his article went missing. I cannot be sure that we were informed that the East London news had been previously published.

AP

CONDITIONING?

In July I was invited along to visit the Shepherd Neame brewery, thanks to Swale Branch, for which I am most grateful. One of the questions I always ask is "Do the brewery advise publicans how long to condition their beer?" It seems pointless to be brewing good beer if you then allow the publican to ruin it by not advising him on the length of conditioning. Marston's advise 10 days for Pedigree; McGuinness, Woodforde's and Commercial don't advise; McMullen's try to keep the beer at the brewery for at least five days before dispatching it to the pub. I wonder if the Brewery Liaison Officers for Young's and Fuller's could pose that question the next time they correspond with those breweries?

Keith Emmerson

WHATEVER
YOU DO,
TAKE PRIDE.



BEER BRIEFING

LONDON BEER GUIDES UPDATE 128

The most welcome news this month is the opening of Harvey's first London pub in SE1, close to Borough Tube Station; it is set to be added to the fairly exclusive list of pubs essential for beer lovers to visit in the capital. Other new pubs include another "All Bar One" in N6 Highgate and an Edwards in Hounslow, both from Bass and Eldridge Pope's second "Bar Excellence" in WC2 Kingsway; a converted golf clubhouse in N14 near Oakwood Tube Station and a new pub of uncertain origin in W3 Acton. Another road house has been snapped up by McDonalds, this time on the North Circular Road in NW10.

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.

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to **NEW & REOPENED PUBS & Pubs CONVERTED TO REAL ALE**

CENTRAL

WC2, BAR EXCELLENCE, 42 Kingsway. Draught Bass. Hardy: Country Bitter. The second of the chain opened in August run by Eldridge Pope - now a pub chain, having disposed of the brewery. Formerly offices and believed once to have been a bank. The main bar area has a high ceiling with chandeliers, polished wooden floor and tiled bar surround. Stairs lead to an upper balcony bar overlooking the main bar area. To the rear a small carpeted room provides some respite from the loud recorded music. Downstairs, the "Bacchus Room" can be hired for functions or wine tasting. Food. Disabled WC. Opens 10 (for food) to 11 Mon-Sat, closed Sundays. May close early on Sat depending on trade.

NORTH

N6, ALL BAR ONE, 1-3 Hampstead Lane. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Latest in Bass chain opened in former restaurant. Typical "ABO" decor with large windows, pine floor and furniture, exposed ventilation, cream and green painted walls, blackboard displaying food and "track" to kitchen. Food 12-10 (9.30 Sun). Opens 11.30-11 Mon-Sat 12-10.30 Sunday.

N14, NINETEENTH HOLE, Trent Park Golf Course, Bramley Road. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter. Golf clubhouse now open to the

general public as a Free House. Guest beers are promised from Ringwood Brewery. Single storey building with large carpeted bar leading through to rear eating/function area. Golf trophies and rolls of honour adorn the walls. Food. Outdoor patio. Large car park. Open all permitted hours and from 7am for breakfast.

SOUTH EAST

SE1, ROYAL OAK, 44 Tabard Street. Harvey: Mild, PA, Best Bitter, Armada, seasonal beer. Former Watney pub which passed to Phoenix, acquired by Harveys of Lewes and reopened as the company's first tied house in London. The pub dates from 1860 and has been extensively and attractively refurbished in Victorian period style [See article elsewhere in this edition]. Food is served to 9pm. Opens 7.45 (for breakfast) to 11pm Mon-Fri, 12-4 Sat, closed Sundays.

SOUTH WEST

SW15, CAFE COAST, 50-54 Putney High Street. No real ale. Second outlet in London for the Bass "Coast" chain where only nitrokeg is on offer.

WEST

W3, CUCKOO & RAINBOW, 106 High Street. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: IPA. Fuller: London Pride. Wadworth: 6X. Whitbread: Trophy Bitter. Large pub opened in 1996 but not previously reported and run by "Carrick & Riddett", originally wine merchants of Carlisle. Presumably a pub chain using a revived name and

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apparently with some form of tie up with Whitbread which through a series of takeovers inherited Brampton Old Brewery Co which was owned by Carrick & Riddett (see history panel in pub). Very much in the "Wetherspoon style" with no smoking area at rear, raised seating areas and alcoves, but with the addition of TV, fruit machines and live music on Sundays. Food until 10pm. Open all permitted hours.

HOUNSLOW, EDWARDS, 1-5 Staines Road. Draught Bass. Latest in Bass run chain and the first shop conversion, opened in September and located opposite Yates's. Cream and red walls adorned with "modern art", French windows open on to pedestrianised area, low lighting, carpeted seating areas and tiled bar area. DJ plays loud music Thursday to Sunday evenings. Food. Opens 8am (for breakfast) to 11pm Mon-Sat, 8-10.30 Sunday.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC1, FILTHY McNASTYS WHISKEY CAFE. Allied (Taylor Walker) converted to restaurant. Formerly FOUNTAIN. (E16, U89)

EAST

E6, COCK. Ex Bass, previously reported as demolished. Site now occupied by bank and burger bar. (E103, U108, U117)

E15, CHOBHAM ARMS. Phoenix, closed, future uncertain. (E153, U112)

NORTH WEST

NW10, PANTILES. Allied (Taylor Walker) being converted into a McDonalds restaurant. Yet another road house lost to the hamburger chain. (N226)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC2, HAMILTON HALL. +2 Guest beers. (U68)

EAST

E11, DUKE OF EDINBURGH. +Guest

beers. (E128)

E15, THEATRE ROYAL BAR. -Wells: Bombardier. +Adnams: Broadside. (E155)

NORTH

BARNET (EN5), TJ's RIB PLACE. Renamed **BENNIGANS**, now an American style diner but retaining bar. Originally **KINGS ARMS**. (N253)

SOUTH EAST

SE3, BRITISH OAK. -Theakston: Old Peculier. +Greene King: IPA. +Guest beer. (SE45, U102)

SOUTH WEST

SW7, ANGLESEA ARMS. -Marston: Pedigree. -Young: Special. +Brakspear: Bitter. The new management has introduced a more adventurous beer range including guest beers from micro breweries including Nethergate. (SW72)

WEST

W14, VIA FOSSA. +Greenalls: Bitter. Attractively refurbished by Greenalls with a variety of seating areas and numerous clocks. (W95, U71, U95, U127)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 126

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

E11, O'NEILLS. Should read H unused.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 127

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

SE13, WATCH HOUSE. "Round no smoking area" should read "raised no smoking area."

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

W6, ROYAL OAK (now SECRETS). "Rap dancing" should read "lap dancing." Ref should read (W77, U94)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

BECKENHAM (now O'NEILLS). Ref omitted (3SE204)

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LESBIANS AND GAYS TASTE SUCCESS

Earlier this year Billy Tipping, Convenor of the Lesbian and Gay Real Ale Drinkers Group, wrote to Scottish & Newcastle to protest at the removal of real ale from BROMPTON'S in Earls Court. The response was astonishing (from a real ale drinkers point of view!). S&N confirmed that in response to customer demand, in future all their gay venues in London, not just Brompton's, would be supplying real ale and that it was "here to stay." Their response also observes that this approach is somewhat different from Bass Charrington's who are removing real ale from gay venues. Billy's comment, in response: "All credit to S&N for giving the customers what they want, but how about Bass rising to S&N's challenge and restoring real ale to the COLHERNE just over the road from Brompton's, where the handpumps were ripped out not so long ago?"

The Lesbian and Gay Real Ale Drinkers Group meet at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of every month in the upstairs bar of the KINGS ARMS, 23 Poland Street, W1. They can be identified by the "CAMRA" logo on their table.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

Friday 3rd (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 it is in the Good Beer Guide). (8.00pm) YE OLDE ROSE & CROWN, 1 Croom's Hill, Greenwich, SE10.

Saturday 11th West London CAMRA Day Trip to Brighton. At least one of our group is likely to be going and anyone is welcome to tag along. If there are a few of us, we shall probably peel off and check out the gay scene (again!). Meet around 12.00 noon in the Evening Star, out of the station, bear right and carry straight on down towards the coast. Suggest you check out who's going from our group first though. [Editor's note: We have been notified by West London Branch that their trip to Brighton is cancelled, so we particularly recommend that you check who else is going.]

Thursday 16th (7.30pm) Monthly meeting at the Kings Arms, Poland Street, W1.

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(chronologically, that is) have doubled that figure, to 150, and Ian has equalled it. Congratulations, colleagues - I always enjoy reading LD. After nearly 8 years exile I still miss my native London (though not the rat-race nor the prices) and it's good to be kept informed. Also, there's not much scope for ex-editors round here - it's good to see your name in print!

Cheers for now

Martin Smith

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

(Continued)

Dear Editors

I am writing to give the answers to Andy McCormack's query about two pubs he has visited that do not appear in the new South West London Pub Guide (September letters).

1. L.J. Clarks, SW18, visited December 1992. This was situated at 527 Old York Road. The establishment sold handpumped beer and traded for a number of years but has now, together with the premises next door, been converted into an All Bar One.

2. South Western, SW19, visited March 1981. This was an Ind Coope pub situated at 2 Wimbledon Hill Road, opposite Wimbledon Railway Station. It was listed in the 1981 edition of Real Beer in London but had been demolished by the time of the 1986 South West London Guide.

Yours faithfully

'Arry Hart

Dear Editors

I would like to thank London Drinker for its tribute to my fiancée Hazel Woodhams who sadly died in July.

Phil Hoskins of Croydon and Sutton Branch wrote the article that was factually 100% correct and expressed in the best possible terms. I have placed a copy of the article in my local, the Royal Standard in Croydon, and also sent a copy to Hazel's family.

I am planning to have a beer brewed in her memory (just to be called "Hazel") - possibly with hazelnuts or hazelnut essence added. If any breweries are prepared to do this, I would be grateful if they would contact me during the day, Monday to

Friday, on 0181 760 5769. If possible, I would like the beer to be on sale at the Wheatsheaf, Stoney Street, London Bridge on Friday 5th December.

Once again, many thanks, especially to Phil.

Robin Bolt

Croydon

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KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET
KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN
KINGSTON, RAM

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

CLUBS

W1 Polytechnic of Central
London S.U. Bar, 104
Bolsover Street
ISLEWORTH, Western Atlas Social
Club
OUTSIDE LONDON
ADDLESTONE, CRICKETERS
ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWER
BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR
BRIGHTON, SUSSEX YEOMAN
CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING
& QUEEN
CHERTSEY, CASTLE
CLAYGATE, FOLEY ARMS
COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT
CROXLEY GREEN, SPORTSMAN
DENHAM (Bucks), LAMBERT
ARMS
EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS
EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS
EGHAM, PRINCE OF WALES
EGHAM, WHITE LION
KNEBWORTH (Herts), LYTTON
ARMS
KNOWL HILL (Berk), OLD DEVIL
LALEHAM, FEATHERS
LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS
LONG DITTON (Surrey), NEW INN
MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS
MORTIMER WEST END (Hants),
RED LION
OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK
OXFORD, WHARF HOUSE
POTTERS BAR, CHEQUERS
READING, HOBGOBLIN
READING, HOP LEAF
READING, HORSE & JOCKEY
ROFFEY (Horsham), NORFOLK
ARMS
ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH &
HORSES
SALISBURY, WYNDHAM ARMS
SHOREHAM BY SEA, CRAB TREE
STEVENAGE, RED LION
SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO
ARMS
STAFFORD, STAFFORD ARMS
STAINES, BEEHIVE
STAINES, CAVALIER
STAINES, PHOENIX
STOW MARIES (Essex), PRINCE
OF WALES
STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants), NEW
INN
SUNBURY, FLOWER POT
SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK
TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &
FEATHERS
WALTON ON THAMES, REGENT
WEST HORSLEY (Surrey), KING
WILLIAM IV
WEYBRIDGE, JOLLY FARMER
WORCESTER PARK, GAMECOCK
WORTHING, VINE
WRAYSBUURY, PERSEVERANCE
CLUBS
WATFORD, WEST HERTS
SPORTS CLUB

4th CROYDON & SUTTON REAL ALE FESTIVAL



WALLINGTON HALL
9th - 11th OCTOBER 1997

Thursday 9th
5pm to 10 30pm

£1 CAMRA members £2 Non members

LAST ADMISSION 9.45pm

Friday 10th - Lunchtime
12pm to 5pm

FREE ADMISSION

Friday 10th - Evening
5pm to 10 30pm

£1 CAMRA members £2.50 Non members

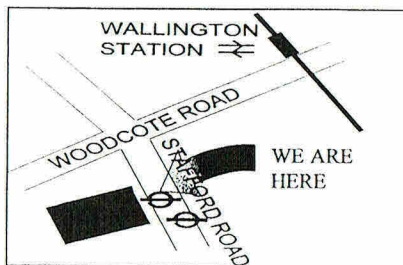
LAST ADMISSION 9.45pm

Saturday 11th
12pm to 6pm (while stocks last)

£1 CAMRA members £1.50 Non members

The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission.

35+ Real Ales
Cider + Perry
Food available



ACCESS

10 MINUTES WALK FROM WALLINGTON B.R.

SERVED BY BUSES:

- 127 PURLEY - MITCHAM - TOOTING.
- 151 SUTTON - CHEAM - WORCESTER PARK.
- 154 CROYDON - SUTTON - MORDEN.
- 157 CRYSTAL PALACE - CROYDON - MORDEN.
- 301 CROYDON - PURLEY - COULSDON.
- 400 CROYDON - PURLEY - CATERHAM.
- 455 CROYDON - PURLEY.
- N44 WEST END - WANDSWORTH - TOOTING - SUTTON.