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-Editorial

Britain's regional breweries are under threat. There is nothing new in that statement but unfortunately it is not becoming any less true as time goes on. Last summer, Gibbs Mew of Salisbury became the latest of quite a long list of regionals to withdraw from brewing altogether to concentrate on the area of their market where they saw the profits coming from - retailing. The 1998 Good Beer Guide records that the beers are being brewed by Ushers of Trowbridge while their chain of pubs continues to grow. Clearly they were being quite successful - successful enough to be the target for a predator. And sure enough, along came a predator in the form of Enterprise Inns who took control on 3rd February for a payment of £48million.

This leads me to speculate that they would have been more secure had they kept brewing. Without the brewery they became just another bunch of pubs - just what Enterprise wanted. While they had a brewery this represented an asset that might have valued the company higher than a predator may have wanted to pay for the number of pubs involved.

And what of the ex-Gibbs Mew pubs; will they still get "Gibbs Mew" beers? For the time being they probably will, but in the long run I very much doubt whether Enterprise will be interested in special trading agreements to supply a particular section of their estate. Prepare to say goodbye to Gibbs Mew beers even in their contracted-out form.

When the Beer Orders came into force in 1990 we all rejoiced (well, some of us did) that pubs would be able to stock a cask beer of their own choice. I seem to recall commenting at the time that the Orders were very badly drafted in one particular, and very obvious, respect. You will no doubt recall that they granted this right to tenants of breweries owing more that 2,000 pubs.

Let me repeat that with a little emphasis. The Beer Orders give the right to stock a cask beer of their choice to tenants of BREWERIES owning more than 2,000 pubs. Now we all get the message don't we. Well we should if we drink in one of the 4,300 or so pubs owned, for example, by the Grand Pub Company. Do you get guest beers in Grand Pub Company pubs? You tell me; and as a clue - are the Grand Pub Company a brewer? I don't think you have to work very hard to sort out that the answer to both those questions will be the same.

Oh sure! The pubs will probably carry beers from a range of brewers but do not expect to see much from outside the ranges of the Big Three of Bass, Whitbread and Scottish Courage. (Do you remember those heady days when we had a

Big Six to worry about?) You may even see "guest beers" in the pubs but rest assured (if that is an appropriate term) that they will not be guest beers as the Campaign for Real Ale views them - or even as the Beer Orders view them!

Still, we should not feel too sorry for the owners of Gibbs Mew; after all they got £48million out of the deal. That's equivalent to about six exclusive Saturday jackpot wins in the National; Lottery - I'd be happy with one. No, the people to feel sorry for are the people who have enjoyed drinking Gibbs Mew beers in their 300 or so pubs who from now on can expect such wonderful and exclusive ales as Courage Best, Theakston's XB, Hancock's HB or Worthington Best Bitter. Now there's nothing wrong (some may say) with those beers but they hardly have a great scarcity value do they? I know that I, for one, do not look forward to another pint of Courage with the same interest as I regarded a pint of Gibbs' Deacon.

Andy Pirson

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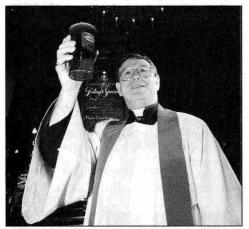
THE COUNTING HOUSE, EC3

Wednesday 4th February saw the opening of Fuller's fifteenth Ale & Pie House, the COUNTING HOUSE, in Cornhill, EC3. The pub was blessed by the Venerable Gordon Reid, Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael's Church next door.

The address is significant as it is built over the remains of the second Roman basilica, essentially the Roman town hall for London, constructed around 100AD. This was one of the most important buildings in Roman Britain and at the time was the largest Roman building north of the Alps, longer than St. Pauls Cathedral! A part of the southern wall of the basilica is still visible in the basement of the pub.

During the First World War the building was a bank - hence the name - and much of the interior has been retained, as tends to be Fuller's style in the large number of Ale & Pie houses which are former banks. A mosaic floor displays the names and dates of former National Provincial Bank (now part of NatWest) branches in the City and elsewhere, including Cornhill in 1762. An original War Memorial plaque still hangs on the wall to commemorate the young bank clerks who lost their lives and the front of the central main bar is where the tellers used to sit.

Passing under the impressive glass domed atrium there are two private rooms towards the rear of the ground floor; the larger with space for about 30 people was originally the bank manager's office. The adjoining private dining



Rev Gordon Reid raises a pint of London Pride to the success of the Counting House following his blessing

area where up to ten people can sup their London Pride etc. was previously used by the manager for more sombre activities such as interviewing prospective borrowers from the bank. A staircase leads up to an L-shaped balcony with fireplace and leather clad chairs where diners can enjoy the delicious freshly made pies such as the house speciality "Counting House Venison Pie".

Many important decisions have been made on this site since 100AD; hopefully the choice of which Fuller's beer or pie to order can be made in a somewhat more relaxed atmosphere.

From a Fuller's press release

NEWS FROM WETHERSPOON'S

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Pub chain J D Wetherspoon is spending more that £7.5 million on its expansion into the Holborn and City areas of London. It is opening six new pubs, which will offer more than 30,000 square feet of customer space between them. The first to open was PENDEREL'S OAK in High Holborn, on the site of disused offices on February 18.

Nearby, The SHAKESPEARE'S HEAD is opening in Kingsway, just a short distance from Holborn underground station (March 17) with another pub, The LIBERTY BOUNDS, opening in Trinity Square in the City one day later. In late April, Wetherspoon's is opening in Chancery Lane and early 1999 at Gracechurch Street in the City.

Wetherspoon Chairman Tim Martin said:
"Apart from Hamilton Hall in Liverpool Street
Station, we have only ever operated another two
of our pubs on the fringes of the City. The six
new pubs represent a major move into the busy
Holborn and City areas for Wetherspoon and we
are confident they will prove a success."

From a Wetherspoon Press Release

-Pub News

MINISTER OPENS FULLER'S NEWEST HOTEL

Fuller's latest venture was officially opened on Tuesday 10th February by the Minister for Film and Tourism, Tom Clarke CBE MP. The MAD HATTER is the brewery's fifth hotel and is branded an English Inn with a bar and dining area in the "Ale and Pie House" style. The building was constructed in late Victorian times as a hat factory when the surrounding area was famous for milliners - the hotel is located at the corner of Blackfriars Road and Stamford Street in SE1. The location is convenient for the Royal Festival Hall and National Theatre and all the other places of entertainment on the South Bank as well as Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and, of course, Waterloo Station, less than half a mile away.

The conversion to an hotel required considerable restoration as the building had been disused for several years and had fallen into some disrepair. The 30 en suite bedrooms are on the upper three floors of the building and all have remote control television with satellite and radio channels; direct dial telephones; trouser/skirt presses, hair dryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Ten percent of rooms have been designed to cater for disabled people and some rooms are designated as no-smoking. Laundry and dry cleaning services are also available.

Fuller's sixteenth Ale & Pie House on the ground floor is traditional in style and the dining

area is decorated with specially commissioned frescoes depicting scenes from Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland".

The signature "Top Hat Pie" of sauteed pork with whisky, apple and mixed herbs is one of five pies available to diners, along with Fuller's famous beers and wines from their extensive list. Hotel guests can choose from a Continental, cooked or full English breakfast ranging from £4.50 to £7.50, served between 7.00 and 9.30 am every day. Room rates at the Mad Hatter are £72.50 from Sunday to Thursday nights and £53.50 on Friday and Saturday nights.

From a Fuller's press release



INDEPENDENTS MOVE INTO NORTH LONDON

In the past few months North London has seen the arrival of Brakspears in the Capital. They have re-opened the Windsor Castle, 93 Park Road, NW1 as a Robert Brakspears Ale House. The pub is newly refurbished, with a plush first floor drinking area and two bars. All Breakspears beer were available on hand-pump but we were very disappointed to see tight sparklers in use. The down-stairs bar also had beers available on gravity from casks placed on self-tilting stillage, at the rear of the bar, creating an image similar to that of Hogshead pubs.

Another independent brewery has further increased its presence in the capital, Shepherd Neame have acquired the Rugby Tavern, 19 Great James Street, WC1, previously a Fullers house. The pub is looking smarter after some minor alterations and re-decoration. This the second Shepherd Neame pub in the North London area, their beers can also be found at the Prince Arthur, 49 Brunswick Place, N1. We hope to see both of these pubs flourishing in the future and increasing the range of quality ale for Londoners.

Meanwhile as it is March the branch will be

busy with the London Drinker Beer & Cider Festival, 25th - 27th March, at the Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, WC1, close to Kings Cross and St. Pancras stations. Please join us for a pint or two.

Alison Cox Branch Secretary, North London



-Pub News

PUB NEWS FROM EAST LONDON AND CITY BRANCH

It's hard to keep up with all the new beers emerging from the O'Hanlon Brewery these days. The best place to sample them is obviously their own pub-O'HANLON'S, Tysoe Street, EC1. Keep your fingers crossed that some of the excellent Port Stout might still be available when you visit. If not, there is sure to he something interesting alongside their regular range - I've come across Autumn Ale, Winter Ale, Christmas Ale, Mild and Damson Ale recently.

One pub chain which has been expanding in our area is Broadstairs-based Thorley Taverns. I visited their new pub, The **ALDGATE EXCHANGE**, at Aldgate, El just after Christmas and found it to he a pleasant, busy pub with facilities to suit both a City and local crowd. Sadly no Broadstairs beers (Viking - although this brewery is rumoured to be once again in financial difficulty), but two from Courage, Draught Bass and Marston Pedigree (£1.80). Shepherd Neame beers were also advertised but unavailable on the day.

A pub which has changed its name several times is the **HAYFIELD**, 158 Mile End Rd, E1. Previously the Hayfield Tavern and the Pearly Queen, it is still (thankfully) called the Hayfield but is also now subtitled "IT'S A SCREAM" - part of a chain of such pubs owned by Charringtons (or whatever they're called these days). And scream I nearly did when I saw what they have done to the interior. Presumably designed to cash in on the local student population, it was desperately quiet when I visited on a Tuesday evening. In its defence, the background music was excellent and the beer, Bass and London Pride, perfectly acceptable.

It would seem that the **NELSON'S HEAD**, Horatio St, E2 - a one-time Batemans tied house and Good Beer Guide entry and before that a Gibbs Mew house - no longer sells real ale. Nearby though, the **BRITISH LION**, 193 Hackney Road, E2, is now selling a single ale, which changes regularly. Recent visits have seen Pitfield Christmas Ale 1997 and Whitbread Fuggles Imperial IPA on the bar.

Staying in Shoreditch, we were delighted to find on a recent pub crawl of that area that the **CONQUEROR** in Austin Street, E2 is selling three beers from Fuller's Brewery, including one of the better pints of Pride I've drunk recently. Heaps of seafood on the bar on Sunday afternoon too.

After 137 years as the Prince of Wales, Young's Lea Bridge Road, E5 pub is now re-named the **PRINCESS OF WALES.** John Young himself came along to do the honours in early January and

said the re-naming was no offence to Prince Charles as the pub had in fact been named after Edward VII. A new pub sign features a white rose.

The **DRUM**, JD Wetherspoon's, Lea Bridge Road, E10, outlet, is about to close for refurbishment. I hear that the adjoining premises has been purchased and that the refurbishment will include a much needed expansion of the bar area. Elsewhere in the 'Spoons estate, the GEORGE at Wanstead, E11 has recently reopened after its own re- fit which seems to be to the satisfaction of regulars.

One of the hits of last December's *Pig's Ear Real Ale Festival* was the selection of beers from the Bass Brewery Museum in Burton. If you want to try more, go to the **EDWARD VII**, The Broadway, Stratford, E15. They have a 4.8% house beer "7th Heaven" from that brewery.

Stephen Harris



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Brewery News

BREWING IN THE GARDEN (OF ENGLAND)

SHEPHERD NEAME - 300 YEARS YOUNG

Many CAMRA members may have recently read the supplement to 'What's Brewing', CAMRA's monthly newspaper, that focussed on the tricentennial anniversary this year of Britain's's oldest brewery, Shepherd Neame. It made interesting reading

Despite surviving wars, depressions, the general strike and a myriad of other hurdles, Sheps have found themselves squaring up to their greatest foe so far and it's one that still only really five years old! The brewery was recently on the national and local news seeking to get some redress in the High Court on the devastating damage done by cheap imported beer from the continent.

Stuart Neame himself stated that he thought there'd be only one independent brewery still working in forty years time and that he fully intended Sheps to be it. One in three pints drunk in Kent now comes in from across the Channel and it begs the question of how long the brewery can hold out against an ever-rising tide of cheap, low quality imports.

But, Sheps is finding a warmer welcome, paradoxically, in that lager-loving superpower across the pond, the USA. Indeed, the company are busy exporting their (mostly bottled) ales to our former colonial cousins in the States and Ireland. The Irish enjoying traditional British ale in bottles? It may not be on sale in many pubs 'over the water', but it is gathering its admirers amongst those that are looking for something with a little more character than a super-cooled keg stout. I for one wish Sheps and their Irish customers good luck.

Maybe ironically, they possess the licence to brew the Swiss lager Hurlimann as well as the formerly-famous Oranjeboom ("It's a lager not a tune ...") and that habitue of Indian restaurants, Kingfisher. It's a balanced portfolio they possess.

So, congratulations to our Faversham friends here's to another three hundred years of defiantly brewing beers that are worth drinking. Cheers!

FST FOR SHINTY!

Fuller Smith & Turner, the west London brewery, is sponsoring the Strathglass Shinty Club, Inverness-shire, Scotland. Shinty, a sister sport to Hurling in Ireland often likened to ice-hockey, was first introduced into the Scottish Highlands from Ireland some 1,500 years ago. Fuller's chairman Mr Anthony Fuller, a regular visitor to Inverness, is a fan of the game and supports the Strathglass team whenever he can.

The Strathglass Shinty Club was formed in 1879, thirty-four years after the partnership of Fuller Smith & Turner in 1845. However, it is only recently that the Scots have been able to enjoy Fuller's famous ales such as London Pride '1845' and 'ESB' via major multiples such as Tesco and Safeway.

Fuller's sponsorship seems to be bringing good fortune to the players as for the first time in many years, the club's second team has reached the quarter final in the Sunderland Cup, the national junior championship.

The Fuller's sponsorship will be used to provide new camans (shinty sticks) for the players. Both these and the club's shirts will carry Fuller's logo and the brewery's eyecatching banner is on display at the Strathglass home ground in Cannich, some 30 miles southwest of Inverness.

Fuller's ales are also proving popular at the village pub, the Slaters Arms, the manager Jimmy Mackintosh supports the club providing meals for visiting teams after matches. Now they will also be able to enjoy a glass or two of London's finest in the heart of the Highlands!

Fuller's Press Release

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Pub News

GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL 1998BIERES SANS FRONTIERES ANNUAL MEETING

The organisation of a large event such as the Great British Beer Festival takes many months of effort from a large number of people. Indeed, planning for this year's festival was under way before the start of last year's event! Although the main co-ordination of the event is controlled by the Working Party, the detailed organisation is handled by a number of other groups.

One example of this is the imported beer bars, Bières sans Frontières. At the height of the festival, up to 60 people can be working, serving the customers, collecting and sorting empty bottles (many are returnable), and re-stocking the shelves. This does not happen by magic and so each year, a meeting is held to decide who does what to ensure that there are not too many last minute panics when we eventually arrive at Olympia.

This year's meeting was held at Bier Circus, 89 Onderrichtstraat, Brussels, on Saturday 10th January 1998. Amazingly, over 30 people travelled to Brussels from all over Europe, making this the best attended meeting ever. Previous meetings have been held in London, Bradford and Glasgow. It is testimony to the dedication of CAMRA members that so many were prepared to give up a weekend, and the money, just to attend a five and a half hour long meeting!

I am sure that many readers will be interested to find out that we are planning to have a bar devoted solely to traditional lambic beers. This is one of the oldest styles of beer that is still produced, but only in very small quantities. We hope to have over twenty different gueuze, kriek and lambic beers on sale, and possibly a tutored tasting session.

There were, of course, other diversions. About twenty people arrived at lunchtime on Friday and were able to visit the splendid Cantillon Brewery (shown as the Gueuze Museum on tourist maps). Naturally this included a sampling of the products, which helped to set us up for the remainder of the day. Sadly, we had to leave to move on to Poechenellekelder, to meet more of the contingent. This is an excellent bar directly opposite the Manneken Pis, with a wide range of beers, including Cantillon, of course.

The remainder of the evening was spent trawling around various bars in central Brussels. One of particular note was L'Ultime Hallutinatie! Great name, impressive interior, good value food and an interesting beer range.

Despite sitting through a marathon meeting on Saturday, everyone was ready for another crawl around Brussels. Various groups went off to find food, and later, we all met up in DeToone. This is part bar, part puppet theatre, with all performances being in a Brussels dialect that the majority of Belgians cannot understand! Naturally, we stayed in the bar, where we proceeded to drink all of the Cantillon in the place! The evening ended at about 4-30am in Stuemelings, which is the sort of bar that closes when you leave!

As most people were leaving late on Sunday, there was enough time for a large group to visit De Rare Vos, in Schepdal for lunch. This is a very large bar that draws the locals in for its food and of course, beer. The food is typically Belgian, and is probably not very suitable for vegetarians or horse lovers!

If any readers would like more information on drinking in and around Brussels, contact Steven D'Arcy on 0032-2736-7218. As a long time resident of Brussels he has up to date details of the best places to drink in and produces an excellent guide containing a wealth of information on bars in and around Brussels. Other details can be found in Tim Webb's Good Beer Guide to Belgium and Holland. The third edition is due to be published in late Spring of this year.

Rob Close

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

24th-27th March London Drinker

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24th-25th April Chippenham

Studio Hall

Olympian Leisure Centre

Chippenham

30th-3rd May Ongar

Budworth Hall High Street, Ongar

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Like many drinkers living in the Muswell Hill area, I welcomed the arrival of the Fantail & Firkin to the local pub scene. This imaginative refurbishment of a former church building, providing good beer, has rightly become a major success. Unfortunately, my feelings towards the outlet have been marred by the behaviour of the 'security staff' who become omnipresent on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

One Thursday night towards the end of last year I visited the pub for a couple of pints in the last hour of opening. At around 11.05pm (with around half a pint left to consume) a friend and myself were instructed to leave the upper balcony level and proceed downstairs. As is human nature (and in common with other drinkers) conversation continued and no immediate movement made. We were promptly revisited by a couple of the security staff and request became a distinct order. We moved downstairs accordingly, and stood in the front section of the pub. Within two or three minutes, the same members of security told us, specifically, to move towards the front entrance. I found the situation ridiculous (given that we had an inch or so of beer left in our glasses), and said so. At this point we were rounded upon by several of the 'hired heavies' (perhaps there is safety in numbers where a situation may require words of more than one syllable). We were told, in no uncertain terms, to drink up and leave. This we did at 11.15pm, leaving a pub full of drinkers with substantial amounts still to consume.

Few people welcome the advent of closing time. It was, however, clear to all concerned that we were neither troublemakers nor 'hangers on' (we had insufficient beer left to even attempt this). The incident was almost laughable and, I would add, unprecedented in my twenty or so years of pub drinking.

I continued to visit the Fantail on a regular basis until a similar experience on Christmas Eve. After spending the whole evening in the pub with two friends, we were visited within five minutes of the bar closing, by two familiar looking members of security. They informed us that we had been asked to drink up four times (completely untrue) and, with them standing over us, we were told to finish off the scant amount of beer left in our glasses. It was quite clear that we were being targeted (again, the pub was crowded with plenty of other drinks yet to be consumed). Without

argument (for there didn't seem much point), we drank up. Our glasses were taken and we were aggressively told to leave. I pointed out that we had done as they had requested. In response, one of the security staff leaned towards me and wished me a happy Christmas, adding that arrangements could be made for me not to have to return to the pub in the New Year.

To date, this festive threat has not had to be enforced. Since the last incident my friends and I have had little inclination to return, not due to fear of recriminations but to the belief that there are other pubs in the area more deserving of our regular custom.

I fully appreciate the necessity for pubs to be cleared quickly at the end of the evening. Indeed, the regular bar staff achieve this with courtesy and efficiency on the remaining nights of the week. The unnecessary intimidation of customers by the security staff (which I am certain continues) smacks far more of an ego trip for the individuals concerned than the purported pub clearance.

I'm sure that the Fantail & Firkin will continue to be successful irrespective of the complaining tone of this letter. However, I would like to make other discerning drinkers and, indeed, Allied aware of the type of treatment that is meted out there in the name of 'security'. For those who may wish to sample the best beer available in N10, the Fantail is definitely the place to go. But for those customers who prefer to be treated as adults, without inappropriate harassment once the tills are closed for the evening? No Firkin chance!

Yours sincerely, P Lumby London, N10

Dear Editors,

Thank you for doing the impossible!

I have, for many years enjoyed every issue of the "London Drinker", and did not think it needed much improvement.

However - the February 1998 has proved me wrong. What a SUPER issue - congratulations to all concerned. Great value at 30p.

You all deserve a pint - see you at Battersea?? Yours sincerely, ER Pattison

London, N1

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Congratulations on the revamp of London Drinker - the changes have made it more modern and I particularly like the new design of the cover. I have two suggestions.

In Andy's article he wrote that type-written contributions have to be retyped by volunteers. Have you considered buying a scanner. The most basic models would be perfectly adequate and are available from Dixons' etc. It would save a lot of your inputters' time.

E-mail: As a temporary measure until your equipment is upgraded, you could obtain a free e-mail address with Hotmail. This is a free service run by Microsoft. People don't pay anything - instead it is funded by the adverts which appear with it (rather like ITV). You could get going at any "Cyber-café" and you could then collect contributions sent to you every few weeks.

Turning to other matters, could London Drinker let us know if the next edition of the west London beer guide has been postponed indefinitely? It is presumably a Sisyphean task to keep it up to date but my copy of the first edition has had so many amendmentss that it is practically unreadable.

Finally, I notice that Gale's Brewery now has a web site and I wonder whether a review of beer on the Internet would be of interest.

Best wishes,

Glvn Thomas

Hounslow

Editor's Comment:

Thanks for the (another) unsolicited testimonial. You will be pleased to know that my equipment has now been upgraded - I've just got to learn how to work all the twiddly bits and decide which Internet provider to sign up with. I have already promised myself a scanner and I shall certainly be trying it out to see how accurate OCR (optical character recognition) software can be.

With regard to the West London beer guide, this has been resurrected again and surveying has restarted (at least in my own branch area). ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE VERY WELCOME!

Finally on the subject of beer on the Internet, I am sure that this is of interest, so if you would like to do a bit of surfing and share your findings with us we would be pleased to hear from you - or anybody else who would like to write on the subject.

Andy Pirson

Dear Editors,

I refer to John Hurrell's letter in February's Drinker.

My apologies to anyone who had trouble finding the Black Boy, Bushey Heath as a result of my misplacing of the Devonshire Arms in my article in the previous edition. Having approached the pub from the Watford direction I relied on the excellent Watford Area Pub Guide in writing my directions from London. Unfortunately on the map of Bushey Heath the position of the Devonshire Arms was transposed with that of the nearby Forester's Arms.

Yours sincerely,

J Onemore

Dear Editors,

I think that the enclosed newspaper cutting from the Daily Telegraph 3/2/98 should be added to the debate raging in your organ.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Pope-Martin

London, E17

Earl Spencer has declined to support a pub at Postcombe, Oxfordshire, that changed its name from the Feathers to England's Rose in honour of the Princess. He said his sister would not have supported any connection with alcohol.



Dear Editors,

I have recently received the new look London Drinker and I think it is great.

The features and news items are a delight to read and study.

A nice magazine well presented and full of information.

I look forward each month to the Capital Pubcheck because it covers so many interesting items.

Page 40 of this month's issue mentions the Downham Tavern, Bromley. What a grand place it used to be, not so much the new Downham Tavern, but the place that was demolished. Yours sincerely,

R De'Ath,

Bromley, Kent

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Branch Update

BRANCH UPDATE

Welcome again to our 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 where branches can tell drinkers across London what is happening in their areas that might be of interest to them. Branch events for March are listed below.

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

Wed 11 (8.00) Business Meeting. ROYAL OAK, Tabard Street SE1. Pub records/preservation officers of all London area branches and other interested persons welcome.

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

Thu 5 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon. Please bring your membership cards - Mon 9 (8.30) Two Pub Social. Meet in the BULL'S HEAD, Laud Street, Croydon then the ROYAL STANDARD - Wed 18 (8.30) Social at the new Wetherspoon pub, 8 High Street, South Norwood - Thu 26 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WINDSOR CASTLE, 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton - Fri 27 (8.30) Social. CLARET FREE HOUSE, 5A Bingham Corner, Addiscombe

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

Mon 2 (8.00) Branch Meeting. CITY PRIDE, Farringdon Lane, EC1 - Tue 10 (8.00) Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. LEOPARD, Seward Street, EC1. Please bring membership cards. Fri 13 (7.00) Beer & Curry Night. Meet at LORD RODNEY'S HEAD, Whitechapel Road, E1 (Banks & Taylor beers). Please try to be here by 8.00 when we shall depart to eat at one or more of the local restaurants/cafes; later at the PRIDE OF SPITALFIELDS, Heneage Street, E1 - Mon 23 (7.00) Social. O'HANLON'S, Tysoe Street, EC1; then on to JERUSALEM TAVERN, Britton Street, EC1 (St. Peter's beers) - Wed 1 April (7.00) Social. WHEATSHEAF, Stoney Street, SE1. April Fools Day darts against South East London CAMRA at this threatened (now less so - Ed.) market pub.

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

Tue 3 (9.00) Two Pub Social. BAILEY (formerly Warwick Hotel), Victoria Road, New Barnet, EN4 then (10.00) ALEXANDRA, 133 East Barnet Road (Despite different addresses, these pubs are next to each other) - Tue 10 (9.00) Social. WONDER, 1 Batley Road, Enfield, EN2 - Wed 18 (9.00) Social. FIVE BELLS, 165-167 East End Road, East Finchley, N2 - Wed 25 to Fri 27 London Drinker Beer Festival. Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, NW1 - Thu 26 Working Social & London Drinker

pickup. London Drinker Beer Festival - Wed 1 April (9.00) Tony's Birthday Social and Alternative LDPU. ELEPHANT INN (formerly Moss Hall Tavern), 283 Ballards Lane, North Finchley, N12

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

Thu 12 (8.30) Business Meeting. FOLEY ARMS, Foley Road, Claygate - Thu 19 (8.30) Festival Social. BOATERS INN, Canbury Gardens, Lower Ham Road, Kingston - Sun 29 (12.30) Lunchtime Social and Crawl of Leatherhead. Meet PENNY BLACK, High Street (other destinations from Branch Contact)

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

Mon 2 (8.00) Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 - Tue 3 (7.30-10.00) London Drinker Beer Festival Publicity Crawl. Start THREE CUPS, 22 Sandland Street, WC1; finish LAMB, 94 Lambs Conduit Street, WC1 - Tue 10 (8.00) Social PAKENHAM ARMS, 1 Pakenham Street, WC1 and CALTHORPE ARMS, 252 Grays Inn Road - Tue 17 (8.00) Stoke Newington Crawl. ROSE & CROWN, 199 Stoke Newington Church Street then (9.00) STEPTOES, 102 Stoke Newington Church Street; (10.00) ROCHESTER CASTLE, 143-145 Stoke Newington High Street -Wed 25 to Fri 27 London Drinker Beer Festival. Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, NW1 - Tue 31 (8.00) Social, post LDBF drink (free pint to new members). HEAD OF STEAM, Euston Station Colonnade, NW1.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW. Brian Kirton 0181-384 7284 (H).

With 1999 Good Beer Guide selection and surveying taking up most of March, little else is being arranged but please note the AGM date for April. We do have news, however! Yes it is true, and we can now go public.... The Branch's festival committee has decided to switch our annual beer festival from Feltham to Twickenham. We hope the change will bring us new customers and that the location will attract more volunteer staff, particularly from Branch members. The venue is York House, part of the Borough Council buildings at Twickenham (near the Eel Pie and the Hogshead),

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about 5 minutes walk from the station. Dates (subject to budget approval etc.) Are 24th to 26th September. Setting up will be from 8.00 on Tue 22nd, take down on Sun 27th. Further news later.

Mon 9 (8.00) Good Beer Guide 1999 Final Selection Meeting. CASTLE, 18 Upper Square, Isleworth - Tue 24 (8.00) Open Committee meeting. CROWN, 174 Richmond Road, Twickenham - Advance Notice: Wed 22 April (8.00)BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Venue probably RED COW, Richmond (Check next month).

SOUTH EAST LONDON. Andy Camroux 0181-333 2914 (H) 0181-331 8547 (W) e-mail: a.camroux@greenwich.ac.uk

Recent branch events have been arranged around Good Beer Guide crawls, and our AGM. The new committee has been formed following a cabinet reshuffle, the introduction of new blood to replace members elevated to the peerage (Regional Director and London Pubs Group, actually) and the abolition of any members without portfolio. As we are the branch with the Millennium Dome, we thought that one Peter Mandleson was enough!

We are in the process of provisionally planning all of our events for the rest of the year. Any branch member with any good ideas for trips, brewery visits etc., please contact Andy Camroux, or even better, come to any of the advertised meetings. Please note that our friends from across the water

have generously conceded home advantage for the

return leg of our darts challenge. Obviously no Newcastle supporters in East London! Challenges from other London branches are welcome.

On a gratifying note, there have been at least three branches (including Keighley & Craven!) recently visiting SE1 for crawls. Lets hope that this popularity will continue and ultimately help to save the Wheatsheaf, which has now been listed! Thank you Tony Banks!

Tue 3 (8.00) Committee Meeting. BRICKLAYERS ARMS, 189 Dartmouth Road, SE26 - Mon 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 193 Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich, SE22 -Wed 18 (8.00) Catford Beer Festival Planning. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 105 Tanners Hill, SE8 - Thu 26 (6.30) Working Social. LONDON DRINKER BEER FESTIVAL - Wed 1 April (7.30) Darts Social v East London & City Branch. WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street, SE1, 7-30pm SOUTH WEST ESSEX. Andrew Clifton 01708

765150 (H).

Tue 3 (8.30) Mini-Crawl in Orsett. Start in the FOX, Heath Road (near A1023), Orsett Heath, then FOXHOUND, 18 High Road (B188), Orsett -Mon 9 (8.30) Joint Games Evening with Dengie Sub-Branch at BELL INN, Main Road (B1018), Woodham Ferrers - Wed 18 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. GREEN MAN, Cricketers Lane (near A128), Herongate. Anybody wishing to submit nominations for the committee, or to vote on Good Beer Guide nominations, who

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is unable to attend, may send votes/nominations to Andrew Clifton, 46 Havering Drive, Romford RM1 4BH or fax them to 01708 765150 - Tue 24 (8.30) Social. BELL INN, High Road, Horndon on the Hill - Thu 2 April (8.30) Social. THEOBOLDS ARMS, Kings Walk, Grays - Tue 7 April (9.00) Good Beer Guide Selection Meeting. WOODMAN, London Road (A113), Stanford Rivers. This meeting follows immediately upon a visit to the adjacent White Bear, London Road, Stanford Rivers. Anybody wishing to vote on Good Beer Guide nominations, who is unable to attend, may send votes/nominations to Andrew Clifton (address as above).

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

Fri 6 Crawl of Clapham and South Lambeth. Meet (6.45 to 7.15) HOGSHEAD, 409 Clapham Road, SW9 (opposite Clapham North tube station), then (7.45) BREAD & ROSES, 68 Clapham Manor Road, SW4; (8.45) BRITISH LION, 137 Thessaly Road, SW8; (9.15) SURPRISE, 16 Southville, SW8; (10.00) MAWBEY ARMS, Mawbey Street, SW8; finally (10.30) PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Sun 16 (10.30am) Open Branch Committee Meeting (May meetings); (11.00) Branch Meeting (1999 Good beer Guide selection). Members opportunity to influence the choice of local pubs to appear in the next edition of the GBG. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8.

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

Tue 3 (8.30) Watford Wander. ARTICHOKE, The Parade, Watford; (9.30) GOLDEN LION, Estcourt Road; (10.00) ESTCOURT ARMS, St. Johns Road - Tue 10 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Social. VICTORIA, Oxhey - Sat 21 (11.40) Lunchtime Pub Crawl of Apsley & Boxmoor. 11.40am Train from Watford Junction Station - Wed 25 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. FLAG & FIRKIN. Ask at bar for directions to meeting room.

WEST LONDON. Di Kehoe 0171-218 3141 (W). MARCH: On Tuesday 3rd there will be a 6 pub Good Beer Guide survey crawl of the Covent Garden Area of WC2; all the pubs are in the current guide. Timings are subject to change, but we start the evening off at 7.30 in the MARQUIS OF GRANBY, 51 Chandos Place, a small pub selling Adnams, Marstons, Tetley and guests; then on to the LAMB & FLAG (8.05), 33 Rose Street with Courage beers and guests, reputed to be the oldest pub in Covent Garden. Next is the CROSS KEYS (8.40), 31 Endell Street, (also Courage and Marstons) then to the PRINCE OF WALES (9.15), 150 Drury Lane (Courage and Theakstons). The MARQUESS OF ANGLESEA (9.50), 39 Bow

Street (Youngs), finishing the evening at the HOGSHEAD, 23 Wellington Street at 10.25 with its ever changing beer range. Covent Garden is well served by buses and the tube.

The GBG meeting on Tuesday 10th at the CARPENTERS ARMS, Seymour Place, W1 at 8.00pm is to decide which entries will go forward for the 1999 Good Beer Guide. Please make sure all survey forms are back with the branch no later than the 3rd. Nearest tube is Marble Arch.

On Friday 20th we shall be holding as social at the FOX & HOUNDS, 29 Passmore Street, SW1, any time after 7pm until 9.30/10pm. A small free house selling Bass, Adnams, Greene King and Harveys. Nearest tube is Sloane Square.

APRIL: On Thursday 2nd, the Branch will be presenting a 25 years in the Good Beer Guide award to the BRITANNIA, Allen Street, W8. This two bar Youngs pub just off Kensington High Street boasts a small public bar and a larger saloon bar with a conservatory. Buses 9, 10, 27, 28, 31 and 49 all serve Kensington High Street, plus the tube station of the same name.

WEST MIDDLESEX. Dave O'Driscoll 0181-427 7498 (H) 0171-766 1929 (W).

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The last government held a consultation into whether pubs should be able to open an extra hour on Friday and Saturday evenings. CAMRA believes that they should. In fact we would like to see a situation where pubs can open when they please, but with some local control over problem pubs.

The present government is interested in resurrecting the issue but it needs to know how the public feel. Would you like to be able to stay in your local until midnight? Are you tired of being forced to go home at 11.20 on a Friday night? Do you long to be able to choose to have another drink in a pub you like rather than being forced into a nightclub or theme bar with a late licence? If your answer to any of the above is 'Yes', get writing now. If the government sees real public demand for later opening on Fridays and Saturdays it might just move a review of licensing law up the political agenda. That would be good news for consumers and publicans alike.

Past experience with all-day opening during the week and Sunday afternoon opening shows that consumption of alcohol does not increase significantly with longer opening hours. People don't drink more, they just pace their drinking. Later opening hours would probably lead to pubs staggering their closing times. Some would close at 11pm, others at 11.30, others at midnight. This means pub-goers don't all pour out into the streets at the same time with all the problems that can cause. Experience in other countries has shown that later hours can reduce the strain on public services and reduce disorder.

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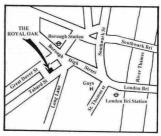
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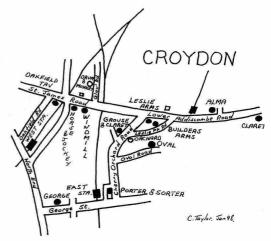
MY FIRST CROYDON CRAWL

For some time I have intended to 'hit' Croydon and try some of the pubs there. I had made out a map with the Good Beer Guide (GBG) entries and intended to set out at about 17.30, so taking my pub guide in my hands I set forth towards unknown territories.

Arriving at East Croydon Station I walked out and down the side of the station to The Porter and Sorter, which can be seen from the station platform. The Porter and Sorter, is a typical Courage corner pub, dwarfed by the neighbouring sorting office. According to my SE London Pub Guide the pub was due for demolition in 1988 to make way for the sorting office, or an extension, but they must of changed their minds. It was 18.15 as I entered and it was quite busy inside with workers on their way home. I was unable to get to the bar, but luckily the barmaid immediately saw me and I was served at once; full marks for service. On offer were Courage, Theakston and Youngs beers, I had a half of Courage Best and it was all right. The pub is a sort of two bar pub connected into a U shape. While I was there I noticed all the staff seemed very efficient, which was good to see. Also, there was a very large white dog, large enough to dissuade any unwanted customers.

Turning right from The Porter and Sorter I made for Cherry Orchard Road, turning left a little way and crossing over into Oval Road, a quieter residential road, proceeding for a few hundred yards I came to The Oval (18.45) which is quite a contrast to The Porter as there were only three customers. No problem getting to the bar in this large smart one bar pub with its low woody ceiling, fixtures and carpeting throughout. The beers on were London Pride, Greene King IPA and Adnams. I had the Adnams which was OK even though the barman had trouble actually filling my half pint glass to the top, which he didn't. On my request for a top-up he stuck the swan neck to the bottom of the glass and pulled the beer frothed and foamed away as he put it back in front of me, only to settle back to where it was filled to in the first place! Without asking he again picked it up and tried a second time, still putting the pipe right into the glass, this time he was a little more successful. I suggested it might be easier if he didn't put the pipe into the beer, but who am I, being a mere customer. Noticing the menu it seems this pub is popular for pizzas so it could be ideal for a bite to eat.

Retracing my steps back to Cherry Orchard



Road I proceeded in the same direction, crossing over to The Grouse and Claret (19.10) ex Horse and Groom on the corner of Cross Road. Inside was a very low lit trendy music pub with three bars, one containing two pool tables. There were tables and benches on the black floorboards and the ceiling was covered in posters. In the pool room there was some of the original oak panelling and Marshall & Taplow etched windows. There were a few customers in, and surprising of a mixed age group. At the bar there was Greene King IPA, Fullers Pride and again surprisingly, Fullers autumn beer Red Fox. I had a half of the Pride and it was all right.

Leaving the pub I crossed over and long a bit to The Orchard, ex Cherry Orchard. On entering the bar I noticed the pump handles had no badges on, I checked with the barman if they did any real ale, he pointed to cream flow etc. "No", I said, "I mean real ales." He didn't know what I was talking about and had to ask the manager. They didn't. As I left I noticed 'Cross Roads' playing on the juke box, now that's a bit of Cream I don't mind flowing.

On a bit further to turn tight into Leslie Park Road, and a couple of hundred yards along is The Builders Arms, (19.30) a Fullers and a GBG pub. Now this is what you call a pub. Well looked after with two bars catering properly for local trade. It is

Crawl

quite long and narrow reaching to the back, carpeted and with upholstered benches. On the walls are numerous pictures and photos making it into a nice comfortable pub. The full range of Fullers beers were on, I had a pint of Chiswick for £1.50 and very good it was, as I'm sure the other beers were, deservedly a GBG pub in every way.

Leaving this pub, I continued in the same direction for a short way until reaching the main Lower Addiscombe Road, turning right past some takeaways (handy for something to eat en route) and the closed Addiscombe railway station all boarded up. Just a bit further on, on the same side as the station is The Alma, a large corner pub with attractively lit windows and boxes with flowers in. On entering it was immediately obvious that it was a football pub with a large screen and a TV showing the Chelsea v Tromo match. There was one large bar with quite ornate surroundings, a little wasted I felt, there was a separate area for pool and darts. Predictably the beer was restricted: Tetleys and Youngs. I ordered a half of Tetleys, the barman went to the far end of the bar and proceeded to pour out a glass of Tetleys Smooth! When he returned I pointed out the Tetleys pump, indicating that this was what I really wanted. He informed me that they didn't have any, only Youngs, which I accepted. I asked why wasn't the Tetleys badge turned around to avoid any confusion. He hadn't thought of that! I moved to the end of the bar to sup my Youngs and around the corner was another Tetleys badged pump, the barman enquired if the Youngs was alright, I replied it was and then pointed to his second Tetleys pump, he turned the badge round also.

I didn't loiter too long before going back outside to continue along the Lower Addiscombe Road in the same direction for about seven minutes, passing through a residential area before reaching some more shops and takeaways. Amongst these on the other side, next to a Chinese restaurant was The Claret (GBG pub) looking like a shop. I went in and immediately felt I was in a more pleasant pub with a nice atmosphere. It had a single bar, cream walls with black beams and carpeted throughout. The beers on offer were Palmers, their house bitter, Shepherd Neame Spitfire and King & Barnes Sussex Bitter. I tried the Palmers, it was all right, not the most exciting beer, but it was served rather on the cool side. At the far end of the bar the Chelsea match was still in progress, but not so intrusively.

On leaving The Claret I retraced my steps back

towards Addiscombe. Past the closed station second on the right was a Threshers which I thought looked distinctly like an old pub. On a bit further to the junction with Cherry Orchard Road I found The Leslie Arms. A really grand impressive looking brick building with a round tower on one corner, and the pub sign hanging from a sturdy wooden arm. Unfortunately the inside was nowhere near as impressive. It has a huge open area that probably was several bars at one time, but now had been knocked through. There was a large screen (Chelsea had been scoring more goals and an unusual) red pool table. The clientele needless to say were mainly young, and so was the barman, a very jovial lad called Andy. I thought his talents were wasted behind the bar; he should be in entertainment. The beer selection was interesting if nothing else, ie. Leslie Arms Bitter? On enquiring it seems it comes from The Trent Brewing Company. It was 3.3% ABV and was being sold at £1.50. I tried a cautious half and, quite surprisingly, it wasn't bad - a bit like a weaker version of Friary Meux or Benskins.

After a short but entertaining pause I was on my way again, in the same direction, crossing the main railway line and turning right on the bridge into Gloucester Road. Just down the slope was The Drum and Monkey, a pub which I've seen from the train many times, so now time to see the inside and try the beer. Another one of life's disappointments. As I surveyed the line of pump handles with no badges on, petting the pub doberman (one of them anyway) the landlord explained he used to sell real ale but had no call for it anymore. So much for The Drum and Monkey. I gave my last pet to the friendly doberman and edged towards the door bidding my farewell

I went straight back up to the main road and down to the right was The Windmill, S&N. A large square building with a flat roofed extension to the right. Going inside I found two bars back to back, Chelsea still scoring in the public side. The lounge felt more mellow and comfortable. Beer wise there was the standard S&N range: Courage and Theakstons. I had a half of the Courage Best and to my surprise it was very good, which goes to show it can be kept right. Incidentally, I called in a week later and it was the same good standard.

Finishing my excellent half of best I continued in the same direction along St James Road, on the right at a junction with Sydenham Road was another building which could of been a pub, it is now a Kwik Fit shop. I carried on past a large impressive church on the left until reaching The Horse and Jockey, ex Bridge Tavern, on the corner with Wellesley Road. A good looking pub if one stands on the other side of the road to admire it. Inside there was only Tetleys and Worthington on, I had the Tetleys, a half. Unfortunately it had a strange flavour - not off - but I didn't feel it worth complaining. Even so the pub seemed quite comfortable with two bars in an L-shape, white walls and black beams and some bare brickwork.

A short walk over the railway bridge is The Oakfield Tavern, a three storey narrow looking pub with rounded corners, perhaps being built similar to the railway buildings of its time. I went into the lounge bar on the right, this had a small bar around the corner in this comfortable looking lounge. I believe the public bar was larger but I couldn't really see through to it. The beer on offer was London Pride, Red Fox and an Oakfield Bitter, which I was told was brewed specially for them. I tried it and strangely enough it tasted very similar to The Leslie Arms Bitter, it was the same strength and price. Never mind though, it was all right and so was the pub.

Time was getting on so I had to get nearer to East Croydon station. Turning down Exfoliate Road towards the West station I went through the shopping precinct to turn left into George Street to pay one more call, Croydon's Wetherspoon's pub The George. This was a very long, narrow pub in the usual Wetherspoon's decor, it seemed very well patronised. Since it was about last orders I finished with a half of Hampshire's Pendragon and very good it was indeed, the end to a very pleasant evening.

I hot-footed it back East Croydon station to find the next train back to Clapham Junction was all stations, next time I must leave earlier to get the 23.00 train. On reflection of this evenings crawl I find it a bit disheartening to find that the most impressive pubs building wise seem to be the ones that have been let go or completely spoilt inside one way or another. Why can't the owners of these pubs do something more positive with these when we are seeing very large pubs opening up in massive premises around the country, and very impressive some of them are too, so let's take care of our original existing pubs that are still standing.

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LILLE BY EUROSTAR

Each year, a research team from CAMAL, the Campaign for Authentic Lager, explores an area on the Continent in a search for good lagers. While there the team is also happy to sample the other beers local to the area. Their most recent trip was to Lille, North France, by Eurostar. From the large amount of research data collected on pubs and beers a few notes have been put together for general reading.

LILLE

Lille has a compact town centre with hundreds of bar-restaurants and plenty of attractive buildings. This part of France is more beer oriented than central and southern France. It is particularly well known for its range of Bières de Garde from the smaller breweries, and being near to Belgium it has a good range of interesting Belgian beers. It is easy to get to being 2 hours by Eurostar from Waterloo.

The main areas for bars are at the old station, Gare Lille Flandres, and around the adjoining squares, Place du General de Gaulle and Place Rihour. The bars are mainly continental barrestaurants, and there are few basic bars. Theme pubs and trendy Irish bars are quite rare.

The beers were generally on reasonable form, and did not normally need a swizzle stick to get rid of excess gas. On some of the more available beers, such as Leffe, variation in quality was noticeable varying from bright and sparkling to old and tired. A little French knowledge is useful to avoid serious errors, like selecting Panaché from the beer menu only to find it is a shandy.

Prices in the touristy area ranged from about F12 to F20 for 25cl but were normally in the range F14-15. The measure on the oversize lined glass was often above the line. In the cheap back street bars away from the town centre the beer was about F10. At the time the exchange rate (to buy) was about 9.3 Francs/£ (excluding commission).

We stayed at a modern continental style hotel in the city centre, Mister Bed City in Rue de Béthune, (Tel 03.20.12.96.96), which provided good value at F149 (£16/night), for single ensuite room-only accommodation, F199 (£21/night) a for twin en-suite room. Breakfast was F29, (£3.15). If you prefer a day trip by Eurostar at £49, the main pub area is within easy reach of the new station built for TGV and Eurostar services.

A TOUR OF THE CITY

Eurostar calls at La Gare Lille/Europe which is used by TGV trains. A short walk from here takes you to the old station, La Gare SNCF Lille/Flandres, which is used by the normal trains. In front of the old station is La Place de La Gare which has a good selection of bars and provides a starting point for the city centre. Not to be missed is Les 3 Brasseurs brew-pub for the good range of beers brewed on the premises. It also provides a good example of one of the local food specialities, Flammekeuches, similar to a thin-base pizza. Providing a good choice of interesting beers are Le Taverne de Flammande and Le Palais de la Bière. Many of the other barrestaurants are worth calling in to try unusual beers. Among them is an Au Bureau pub where you can try a version of a French pub chain which uses as its theme a pseudo-British pub.

A short walk down Rue Faidherbe takes you to the more interesting surroundings of Place du General de Gaulle. Around the square there is a good range of bars and bar-restaurants selling a variety of French and Belgian beers. Just off the square, in Rue Esquermoise, is La Taverne d'Ecu, another brew-pub, quite large and rather fussily decorated. We were unable to sample the Bière de la Maison because of work on the brewing equipment but there is a good range of other beers available.

While in the main square, if you are missing the British pub, you can always call in at Bar de l'Echo which has its "English Bar" upstairs with beer in glasses of a minimum 50cl. size. But the beer itself is more local such as Kriek Morte de Subite, a strong cherry flavoured beer.

Off the main square, in a small square in front of the Théâtre Opéra House, is a must for the "scooper", the Café Jean. A smart bar-restaurant, which closes at 11pm, it has a wide range of beers from small French and Belgian breweries. While in the Place du Théâtre, well worth visiting is La Cloche which has interesting beers

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March 6th: come and here The Band of Two

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such as Sebourg Blonde (Jenlain).

At the corner of the main square, on Rue Rihour, is Café Leffe, one of the better bars for sampling Leffe Blonde, which many people may have tried in bottled form from Tesco. The Café is well situated with plenty of outside tables and does a tasty moule dish if you enjoy mussels. A short walk takes you to Place Rihour, a much smaller square, where Jenlain Café provides draught Jenlain, a beer available as a bottled Bière de Garde in some of the better British supermarkets. The café has a pleasant drinking atmosphere and covers three floors. While we were there, there was a crowded meeting of the Universitie de Bierlogie on the top floor having a beer tasting.

A short stroll away is Rue de Béthune, an essential target if you cannot manage without a visit to the local Marks and Spencers. There are a number of bar-restaurants in this pedestrianised street, including another of the Au Bureau chain.

A walk back to the station from Place de Béthune, at the bottom of the road, takes you up Rue du Molinel to the side of the old station, Rue de Tournai, where there is another good choice of bar-restaurants. Of particular note is Le Flandres, for good value food and a place to try a 75cl. bottle of Trois Monts Bière de Garde, at 8.5%!

If you are staying in the city, a stroll around Old Lille, a short walk from Place du General de Gaulle, is well worthwhile. There are some interesting bars such as BJ's, Rue Basse, with its traditional unisex loo, but the beers in the area are not very exciting, typically Heineken and other mass produced lagers. A Sunday stroll around the market, Marché de Wazemmes at Place de la Nouvelle Aventure, is a good French experience. The market is large and mainly open air. It is principally a food market, with a very impressive display of produce, but there is also a good junk market. The smell of cooking food is marvellous with several stalls of spit roasting chickens but the most impressive sight was a huge paella steaming away and attracting a hungry crowd.

On the way back to Britain, the French have conveniently placed a huge indoor shopping centre, Centre Euralille, between the old and the new stations, which has a supermarket to enable you to collect your take-away French beers and cheese.

Ken Brewster

WILLIAM HAGUE VISITS FULLER'S BREWERY

On Tuesday 20th January 1998 the Rt. Hon William Hague MP, Leader of the Conservative Party visited Fuller's Brewery in Chiswick. As well as a tour of the brewery, the leader of the Conservative Party had a private briefing with Fuller's Chairman Anthony Fuller and Managing Director Michael Turner to discuss industry issues such as the proposed minimum wage, beer duty and illegal imports.

After the tour Mr Hague demonstrated his excellent pint-pulling skills in the Mawson Arms, the pub adjoining Fuller's brewery and tasted Fuller's award-winning London Pride ale.

"We were delighted to show Mr Hague around our brewery" says Anthony Fuller "it also gave us the opportunity to highlight issues pertinent to us and other family brewers, such as the fact that illegal imports account for 5% of the UK beer market and the 36 independent family brewers in the UK account for only 5.6% of that same market".

During the tour Mr Hague said, "The brewing industry is important for the economy of this country as it employs many people throughout the United Kingdom. This country has a proud



Anthony Fuller (left) hands William Hague his pint of London Pride.

and long standing brewing tradition and people across it continue to enjoy many of the fine traditional ales the industry has brought us".

From a Fullers press release

Festivals

WHATEVER THE WEATHER

LONDON DRINKER BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL (25-27TH MARCH)

The London Drinker Beer & Cider Festival starts on Wednesday 25th March which is the 75th anniversary of the first ever weather forecast. At exactly 9.30pm that evening, an anonymous broadcaster read out the forecast and we have been talking about whether they got it right or wrong ever since!

To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Festival is having a number of beers based around the weather theme. These include Butterknowle's High Force, Townes' Sunshine, Whim's Snow White, Hop Back's Summer Lightning, Brewery on Sea's Raindance and, of course, Gales. You will also have the chance to mix Moorhouse's Black Cat and Wychwood's Dogs Bollocks to create a (raining) cats and dogs effect!

The Festival is also having two beers brewed especially for the occasion: Pitfield's Jack Frost and O'Hanlon's Weather Forecast. This latter beer will only be put on sale from 9.30pm on the Wednesday evening. The first pint and the privilege of giving the toast to celebrate the occasion will be auctioned off earlier that evening as part of the regular Wednesday night breweriana auction.

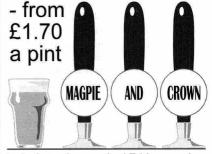
The Festival will also have a variety of real ciders and perries and imported beer from a range of European countries. Friday evening's drinking is accompanied by Kit Packman's One Jump Ahead but Thursday, as usual, is a quiet night. And to help it all down, there will be a range of hot and cold food on sale every session, all produced by local CAMRA food enthusiasts to ensure that the food is as authentic as the beer!

So whatever the weather may be like outside, this year's London Drinker Beer and Cider Festival will offer you a sunny welcome and a storm of a time with no cloudy beer except the wheat beer!

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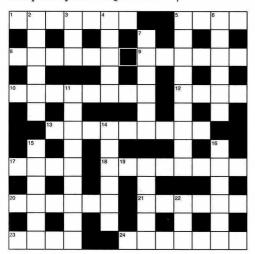
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Crossword

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON



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All correct entries received by first post on 25th March will be entered into a draw for the prize.

Prize winner will be announced in the May London Drinker.

Solution next month.

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All entries to be submitted to: London Drinker Crossword 25 Vaens House Upper Tulse Hill

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



£10 PRIZE TO BE WON

ACROSS

1.	Relative trouble controlling the right.	[7]
5.	Steal from prison?	[4]
8.	Courage beer container.	[6]
9.	Average fellow makes excus.	[6]

Remain insignificant and try to make others so. [8]

12. Hard for us to make time. [4]

13. Worn out and broken. [9]17. Jump at the back. [4]

18. Stands against the barriers? [8]

20. It mixes with mortar. [6]

21. Hold up case involving food.23. Cold boy? Get dressed.[4]

24. Instrument discovered strange animal chasing cat's tail [7]

DOWN

2.	He's often out on the tiles.	[6]
3.	Nip or nipper.	[3]
4.	Being straight before getting caught.	[5]
1.0		CONTROL DESCRIPTION

5. Game opponents in Liverpool? [5-4]

6. He's a god to country's leading musicians. [6]

7. Odds on this place supplying ball. [6]
11. Received a gift from someone willing. [9]

14. Pass or approve it, I hear. [6]

15. Expose vicar brewing ale. [6]

16. Lets out, say, low temperatures. [6]
19. We object to the girl becoming guide. [5]

22. Turn in the Military Medal for her. [3]

Winner of the prize for the December Crossword: Derek Pryce, Staines

Other correct entries were received from:

Aaba Aababa, Paul Adams, Tony Alpe, Mrs. P.J. Andrews, Tommy Atkins, Geoff B, John Blundell, Alan Brooke, Martyn Brown, Andy Camroux, A.P. Comaish, Chas Creasey, K. Creighton, Mike Farrelly, Gobbles the Dog, Paul Gray, Jez Haigh, Jonty Hawkes, John Heath, Billy Hernon, Graham Hill, Chris James, Heather James, Hugh Jardonne, Jerry the Mole, Pete Large, John & Liz McGraw, M.J. Moran, Al Mountain, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, David Oddy, Nigel Parsons, Kevin Reeve, Boris Ripernikerzov, Super Scooper, Eddie Sissons, Mrs B. Smith, Bryan Smith Penny & Isa, Old Smokey, Jack Taylor, Bill Thackray, R.D.F. Toss, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, Susan Wilson, David Woodward, Yak.

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Capital Pubcheck

UPDATE 132

The aim of 'Capital Pubcheck' is to share information about the latest happenings on the London pub scene including new pub and bar openings, name changes, acquisitions, closures, notable changes to beer ranges etc. Cross references to CAMRA's various pub guides covering Greater London are also provided to enable easy updating.

Information is gathered from a variety of sources including London Drinker readers, individual CAMRA members and branch contacts, breweries, pub operators, landlords etc. If you would like to contribute to 'Pubcheck' please send your news to the address below. A pro-forma is available for

regular contributors.

This Month has been fairly quiet for pub openings in the Capital following the pre-Christmas record breaking period reported last month. A new Wetherspoon free house has opened in Northwood and four Bass "All Bar Ones" in identical style have opened in EC1 Smithfield, WC2 Covent Garden, SW10 Fulham Road and W11 Notting Hill Gate. Shepherd Neame have taken over a Fullers pub in WC1 Bloomsbury and Fullers have acquired a free house in W1 Soho. Morlands and Gibbs Mew have each acquired pubs in NW8 Maida Vale and EC1 Clerkenwell respectively. eight other new pubs and bars are reported to have opened bereft of real ale and another eight existing pubs no longer serve the real thing. Eight pubs have closed, four have been demolished and six converted to other uses. No less than thirteen have been renamed and two more ex-Magic Greene King pubs have reverted to their original names - Hooray!

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.

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

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE CENTRAL

EC1, ALL BAR ONE, 91-93 Charterhouse St. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Another outlet for the Bass-owned chain opened early February in former commercial premises opposite Smithfield Market. All the usual contents including 'track' to kitchen for orders, blackboard menu, pine furniture, cream and green decor, exposed ventilation ducts, clock, etc. Board games, newspapers and the Beano available. Food and wine emphasis but keen to retain real ale, although pricey. Opens 11.30-11 Mon-Fri, closed weekends.

EC2, CHARIOTS, Chariots House, Fairchild St. No real ale. Free house. Gay café bar in former commercial premises.

W1 (May) CHEERS, 72 Regent St. Free house bar and restaurant. No real ale. Bar and restaurant modelled on American TV series, and part of international chain, sells keg Boston beer.

WC2 ALL BAR ONE, 19 Henrietta St. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Yet another new opening for the Bass-owned chain and decorated in typical style (see above). Opened February in former commercial premises. Opens 11.30-11 Mon-Sat; 12-10.30 Sunday.

NORTH

N1, RUSHTON'S (CARPENTERS ARMS), 21 Bridport Place. Greene King: IPA. Ridley: IPA, ESX, Best. Beers not all available at one time. (N125)

NORTH WEST

NORTHWOOD, MILLENNIUM, 22 Joel St. No real ale. Irish run free house, bar and restaurant in former shop premises.

NORTHWOOD, WILLIAM JOLLE, 53 Joel St. Courage: Directors Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Theakston: Best Bitter. Guest beers. Weston: 1st Quality Cider. Latest Wetherspoon free house opened late January in former shop premises next to Northwood Hills tube station. Wide frontage with french windows opening

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onto small front terrace. One large, woodpanelled bar with contrasting seating areas including a no smoking/eating area to left of entrance and 'comfy' sofas and fireplace to the right, both lined with dusty books. William Jolle was the earliest recorded (1394) member of a local family after which Joel St. was later named. Local history panels record the growth of the suburb following the opening of the station in 1933 when houses cost £750 - £1250! Food. Disabled WC. Open all permitted hours. RUISLIP, CAPTAIN MORGANS, 210, Field End Rd, Eastcote. No real ale. Irish run free house in former shop premises.

SUDBURY, LEPRECHAUN, 263/265 Harrow Rd. No real ale. Irish run free house in former shop premises.

SUDBURY, MONSOON, 32/34 Watford Rd. No real ale. Free house in former shop

WEMBLEY, CURRAGH, 527 High Street. No real ale. Irish run free house in former shop premises.

WEMBLEY, INNISFREE, 30 Harrow Rd. No real ale. Irish run free house in former shop premises.

SOUTH EAST

SE8, MANSION HOUSE, 204 Evelyn St. Reopened free house. No real ale. (SE81, U102, U125)

BEXLEYHEATH, ROYAL STANDARD, 59 Lion Rd. Renamed MORGANS WINE & ALE HOUSE. Draught Bass. Tetley: Bitter. Now a free house, ex-Allied (Taylor Walker). Refurbished. (3SE214, K205)

SOUTH WEST

SW10, ALL BAR ONE, 311-313 Fulham Rd. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. A further addition for the Bass chain opened January 1998 in former restaurant premises. For description see above. Opens 11.30-11 Mon-Sat; 12-10.30 Sun.

MITCHAM, RAVENSBY TAVERN, 169 Morden Rd. Young: Bitter. Reopened after short closure. (SW147)

WEST

W11, ALL BAR ONE, 126-128 Notting Hill Gate. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Yet another new outlet for the Bass run chain in former shop premises. Opened February 1998 for description see above. Opens 11.30-11

Mon-Sat; 12-10.30 Sun.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

EAST

E2, NELSONS HEAD. Free house. No real ale. (E82, U92)

E2, RED DEER. Phoenix. Closed, future uncertain. (E84, U86, U112)

NORTH WEST

NW1. CLARENCE. Renamed DILLONS. Grand Met (ex Courage), H removed. (N163) NW1, EAGLE. Renamed ROSIE O'GRADY'S. Grand Met (ex Truman), H removed, (N164)

NW1. HANLEY ARMS. Renamed BAR **HANLEY.** Free house, H removed. (N167) NW1, RATTLERS. Renamed BAR ZAAR. Grand Met (ex Courage), now closed, future uncertain. Formerly NORTH LONDON (THE). (N174)

NW1, ROYALES. Renamed SPORTS DOME. Now a sports bar, still fizz. Previously BAR ROYALE, originally BRIGHTON. (N174) HAREFIELD, PLOUGH. Free house, converted to 'Childlink Learning Centre'. (W109, U48, U81)

PINNER, SHIP. Allied (Taylor Walker) closed, future uncertain. (W186)

WEMBLEY, HARROW TAVERN. Scottish & Newcastle, demolished and site being redeveloped. (W159, U50, U106)

WEMBLEY, VILLAGE INN. Grand Met (ex Truman), converted to Indian vegetarian restaurant. (W159, U98, W19, U86)

SOUTH EAST

SE7, THAMES BARRIER ARMS. Phoenix, converted to animal clinic. (SE73, U102, U112) SE8, CROWS NEST. Charrington, now demolished. (SE78, U102, U125) SE8. GOSTERWOOD TAVERN. Free house, closed, future uncertain. (SE80, U102)

SE8, NOAH'S ARK. Phoenix, converted to solicitor's office. (SW81, W102, W112, W120)

SOUTH WEST

SW6, KINGS ARMS. Bass, closed, future uncertain. (SW68)

SW18, FORESTER. Phoenix, closed, future uncertain. (SW111)

CHESSINGTON, ACE OF CLUBS. Free house, no real ale. (SW134)

KINGSTON, O'NEILL'S. Bass, no real ale. (SW126)

WHATEVER YOU DO, TAKE PRIDE.



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MITCHAM, BATH TAVERN. Bass, now demolished. (SW145)

MITCHAM, HORSE & GROOM. Allied, now demolished. (SW146, W127)

MORDEN, KC'S WINE BAR. Renamed DR FEELGOODS, free house now closed and for sale. (SW150)

SURBITON, GALLERY 68. Inntrepreneur, converted to office for builders merchant. (SW161)

SURBITON, TOBY JUG. Bass, H removed. (SW163)

WEST

W2, ASHES TAVERN. Renamed BAR 02, now an Australian theme pub. H removed (W58, U107)

BRENTFORD, WINDMILL. Free house (Labatt), closed, future uncertain. (W99, U68, U79, U100)

HAMPTON WICK, OLD KINGS HEAD. Grand Met (ex Courage), now converted to commercial premises. (W06, U91, U98, U124) OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, THOMAS WETHERED. Renamed CLERK AND WELL. Now owned by Gibbs Mew (ex Whitbread). (E25, U79)

W1 (Mar), LAMB & FLAG. - John Smith: Bitter. +Greene King: Abbot Ale. Now badged by S&N as a 'Simonds' pub - yet another revived brewery name used for branding purposes. (W99, U68, U79, U100)

W1 (May), SUN & THIRTEEN CANTONS. -Beers Listed

WC1, RUGBY TAVERN. - Beers listed. +Shepherd Neame: Bitter, Best Bitter, Spitfire. Former Fullers pub acquired by Shepherd Neame. Originally part of Allied Empire being badged as Taylor Walker and Peter Nicholsons before passing to Fullers. (W50, N30)

EAST

E1, HAYFIELD. - Beers listed except draught Bass. +Fuller: London Pride. Now badged as part of Bass' 'It's a Scream' theme chain aimed at the student market. (E67, U79)
E2, BRITISH LION. - Beers listed. +Changing guest beers. (E79, U110)

E5, PRINCE OF WALES. Renamed PRINCESS OF WALES. New pub sign features white rose. (E100)

E8, HOBSON'S CHOICE. Renamed MADDIGANS. Hanging sign adds 'of Mare Street' to title. (E113, U65)
ROMFORD, GLOBAL NETCARE.
Renamed CONNEX CAFÉ BAR, still fizz. (U125)
ROMFORD, LIBERTYS. Renamed

ROMFORD, LIBERTYS. Renamed COLORS, still fizz. (X27)

NORTH

N1, KING & BISHOP. Renamed PUZZLE. - Beers Listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +John Smiths: Bitter. Free house now run by the Puzzle Pub Co. Formerly MULLIGANS (N52, U121)

NORTH WEST

NW1, CAMDEN ARMS. Renamed CAMDEN BREWING CO. -Beers Listed. +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. +Wadworth: 6X. Varying house beer, understood to be brewed by the Cuckmere Haven micro brewery in Sussex. Beers noted so far have been named 'Rovers Return' and 'Randy's Revenge'. Now free ex Allied (Ex Taylor Walker). (N162)

NW8, ABBEY ROAD ALE HOUSE.

Renamed **SALT HOUSE.** -Beers Listed. +Morland: Independent IPA, Old Speckled Hen. Now a Morlands pub ex Whitbread. Refurbished in bare floorboards, spartan style

with emphasis on food. Restaurant open 12-3; 7-10.30. (11.30 Thurs-Sat). Wine tasting. Open all permitted hours and until 12 midnight Thurs-Sat when eating. (N213)

HAREFIELD, MAD O'ROURKES PIE SHOP INN. Renamed DISRAELI'S. -Beers listed. +Castle Eden: Ale, Fuggles Imperial IPA. Fuller: London Pride. King & Barnes: Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. Beers may vary. (W108, U67, U69, U73, U86)

HARROW, SHAFTESBURY. Renamed HUNGRY HORSE. -Beers listed. +Greene King: Martha Greene's Brewery Ale, IPA, Abbot Ale. Presumably renamed in Magic days but not previously reported. No indication of original name. (W114, U98, U117)

HARROW, APOLLO. Now badged as part of Mr O's chain. (W113)

PINNER, BELL. Now BELL (AT PINNER). (W135, U79)

PINNER, RAILWAY HOTEL. Now **RAILWAY.** (W136, U78)

PINNER, STARLING. Has added 'at Pinner' to hanging sign. (W136)

SUDBURY, SWAN. Renamed SUDBURY INN. -Beers listed except Tetley: Bitter.

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+Young: Bitter. (W146, U110)

WEMBLEY, BARRETTS. Bar now on

ground floor. (U64)

SOUTH EAST

WELLING, ROSE & CROWN. Now ROSE & CROWN (AT WELLING). (3SE287,

K205)

SOUTH WEST

CHESSINGTON, PICKLED NEWT (PORT OF CALL). Reverted to original name PORT OF CALL. -Beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Pickled Newt name

retained in smaller letters presumably as a theme/brand name. (SW134)

KINGSTON, BRITISH OAK. Now badged as part of Allied's Mr Q's chain. (SW140) KINGSTON, HUNGRY HORSE. Reverted to

original name **BREWSTER**. -Beers listed. +Courage: Martha Greene's Brewery Ale, IPA, Abbot Ale. All evidence of the Hungry Horse era thankfully removed. (SW143)

MORDEN, ABBOT. -Beers listed. +Ind Coope Burton Ale. +Marston: Pedigree. (SW150)

MORDEN, END OF THE LINE. -Beer range, now generally only one cask ale. (SW150)

NEW MALDEN, FOUNTAIN. Now refurbished and badged by S&N as part of the 'John Barras & Co.' chain. (SW151)

WEST

W2, COW. - Taylor: Landlord. +Fuller: ESB, seasonal beer. Formerly RAILWAY TAVERN. (W62, U36, U104)

HILLINGDON, PRINCE OF WALES, Pield Heath Rd. Renamed ORANGE PEEL. -Beers listed. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Flowers: Original Bitter. +Wadworth: 6X. Now a free house ex Allied (Benskins) and refurbished in light pine style. (W123)

NORTHOLT, SWAN. Renamed OAST HOUSE. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Now badged as a 'Steak & Ale' pub. (W134, U107)

NORTHOLT, HARVESTER. Although still part of the generic Harvester chain, its proper name **MANDEVILLE ARMS** is now displayed in smaller letters on the hanging sign. Now Bass owned but remains fizz. H removed. (W134)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 131
NEW & REOPENED PUBS ETC.

EC4, SHAWS BOOKSELLERS. Film set was for the "Wings of a Dove" movie starring

Helena Bonham Carter, and not as stated (erroneous information from bar staff!!)

L BAR ONE. Opened Dec 1997.

CROYDON, BAR MONACO. Add: Opened in former shop premises.

CROYDON, McCLUSKY'S. Add: Opened in former shop premises.

SW2, McCLUSKI'S. Run by Allied Leisure. **W6, WILLIAM MORRIS.** Opened Dec 1997. *OTHER CHANGES ETC.*

HOUNSLOW, HUNGRY HORSE. Ref. should read (W128, U91, U95 etc.) CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 115 PUBS CLOSED ETC.

SE8, FARRIERS ARMS. Delete entry - not renamed and remains a Bass pub with no real ale, as per SE Guide (SE79). Pub renamed Whelans was the Jolly Waggoners, SE16 correctly reported in update 120.

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Feature

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the green cover of the 24 page March 1982 issue bore a cartoon whose significance only became apparent just over half way through the copy with a short story entitled Animal Crackers - it depicted a chimpanzee drawing a pint of beer (presumed real) from a water-main standpipe. In its last appearance before being superseded by an Editorial, the News & Views page - the first inside the cover to meet the reader's eye - reported that Charrington was trying out Springfield Bitter in London, while Whitbread was test marketing Castle Eden, which had for some time been creeping southwards, taking the place of other cask beers.

The Stop Press in the previous edition to the effect that Fullers was to be sold in Charrington houses has proved a false alarm. By hindsight, perhaps this was in fact a premonition?

The editors of the time, Mike Hammersley and Ron Atkins who had edited London Drinker since its outset 4 years previously in various roles, made their farewells and wished success to the incoming Editorial team, two of whom - Chris and Andy - still serve in that capacity.

In a half page advert, the Malt & Hops, Kings Cross, claimed to be the cheapest pub in London, with 10 traditional ales always available at 20% discount all weekend and for three hours other days, plus a guest beer at 55p a pint each Tuesday.

In the centre-page spread Mostyn Lewis provided a "Family tree" of Whitbread in London over the previous 90 years. This showed the names of 42 breweries taken over during a period, one by another to end up as a huge conglomeration, with relevant dates, which led to a network of 289 pubs in Greater London. Mostyn pointed out that the number of breweries taken over during that period was around 300.

TEN YEARS AGO the 36 page March 1988 issue also used green as its theme colour appearing on 8 pages including both covers. The front featured an advert for the forthcoming London Drinker Beer Festival and 2 headlines: "Truman gets the Chop" and a splash "STOP PRESS - Bruce's selling up." This was indeed an issue of many last minute changes. In fact the first paragraph of his editorial Andy stated: "Numerous stories are currently going around about what is happening in the Watney Mann, Truman empire and very little of it is good news for the drinking public. Firstly we heard that Combes Bitter, which has been brewed at the Truman Brewery in Brick Lane, is to be scrapped almost immediately - it may well be no more by the time you read this. This was followed up straight away by news that all Truman cask beers

are to go the same way, with all Truman beers to be dropped by the late spring." This was supplemented by a "camera ready" article some pages further on, from Ian Worden, stating "As this issue went to press we had confirmation of plans by Watney Mann and Truman to HALVE its range of real ales produced in London and cease cask production altogether at the Mortlake brewery which will thus go back to the keg-only Red Barrel days.

In a camera-ready STOP PRESS was the announcement "Bruce's Selling Up!" the first paragraph read: "On the 11th February David Bruce announced the sale of his 11 pubs. The news reached us too late to cover the story properly - in fact at the time the artwork for this issue was in the hands of our printer. It was rather a fraught time.

"Idle Moments" made its first appearance, with 3 non-rhyming limericks, In the words of Andy, who has compiled the column ever since, it ".... Probably strikes you as a waste of time. It probably is but we must add that the limerick when written down must look like it rhymes. It's just that with the vagaries of pronunciation in our language (or other people's) it doesn't sound that way." One of the examples included non-rhymes of wallet/ballet/mallet and river/fiver. Earlier in this historical "first" Andy explained the purpose of such an idea as "some silly exercises to keep the mind ticking over in idle moments and to keep the conversation going when you realise you have nothing in common with your drinking companions."

Cider again cropped up in a big way, in a Letter to the Editors and 2 articles, one about tracking down and visiting real cider makers' premises, and one classic Cider pub.

Bargain Beers cited 2 examples of Courage Best at 87p and 90p respectively and the same brew, at £1.10 was cited as a rip-off along with Taylor Walker Bitter at £1.15, the same price as Ind Coope Burton at the same establishment.

Feature

Famous Last Words were used under the heading "EEC Offers Cheaper Drinks Cheer". It read in part: Significant cuts are likely next year in the price of cigarettes, spirits and wine as a result of Common Market proposals on the harmonisation of tax, according to a report by a Commons select committee on European legislation. The committee says that the reductions raise important social and health issues. The Treasury forecast a tax reduction of 10% on tobacco, leading to 12p off the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes. The price of a 75cl bottle of spirits would fall by £2.30 because of a cut of 40% in duty; wine would fall by 70p per 70cl bottle as a result of an 85% cut. British beer would be taxed at a higher rate than foreign wine." The last bit proved not far short of the truth.

FIVE YEARS AGO the March 1993 London Drinker's blue-themed cover bore the logo for the London Drinker Beer Festival, referring the readers to the content, of which the eight middle pages formed a festival programme. Three more of its 40 pages used the same colour - all adverts for festivals - 1 for the above mentioned, 1 for the "Triple Crown Festival" in the Albany, Twickenham, and one on the rear cover - "Beer

on Broadway", the sixth such festival to be held at Ealing Town Hall.

Andy, who wrote the editorial, pondered on the number of breweries that Whitbread were buying and then closing. Congratulations were due to Andy on the 10th anniversary of "Idle Moments". This is a commodity of which I have a plethora here in the lands of Llans, but despite the fact that I can usually work out the puzzles, so far I haven't been able to come up with a contribution worth submitting! This one included numbers, brewery anagrams, general knowledge and answers to the previous month's word puzzles, and on brain teaser.

The Bavarian Beer Company, base in Ealing, had been set up to import a range of brews from a small country brewery called Engelbrau - the German for Angel Brew.

Keith Langridge profiled the history of Clutterbuck's Ale House in Romford, from its foundation in the 15th century through the present 1896 building to date. Known for many years as the Old White Hart, then the Bitter End (fizz only), it had been transformed into an excellent real ale outlet.

Martin Smith

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- Idle Moments

No idle moments for me this month, I'm afraid. On top of getting used to the new format and production methods for London Drinker, I am producing this on my new computer with all the new gongs and whistles to learn about. I haven't even plugged the modem into the wall yet to find out about the Internet. Anyway, enough of my bleating; it's time to inflict the usual suffering on you lot, starting off with the answers to last month's number puzzle:

- 1. 3 Minutes is the Length of a Round in Boxing
- 2. 66 Feet in a Chain
- 3. 2 Umpires on a Cricket Pitch
- 4. 3 Abbey Road is the Famous EMI Recording Studio
- 85 England Rugby Union Caps for Rory Underwood
- 6. 7 Sides on a Twenty Pence Piece
- 7. 2000 Metres is the Distance for all Olympic Rowing Competitions
- 8. 3 Sons of Queen Elizabeth the Second
- 9. 8 Engines on an Avro Shackleton
- 10. 1845 Commemorative Beer from Fullers Right, now it's your turn. Let's see how you get on with this little lot:
- 1. 2 B on a RC
- 2. 1440 FO in a F
- 3. 25 H in the D when the CGB
- 4. 1963 Y of the BFTTH
- 5. 1000 L of W in a T
- 6. 3 NOH of RO
- 7. 1936 A of KE the E
- 8. 760 M an H is the S of S (at SL)
- 9. 14 L on a WL
- 10. 1066 W the CC on CD

Next it's brewery anagram time and here as usual are February's solutions (No, I know it's not always February's answers, but you know what mean):

- 1. TRAIN FITS US LOT FIRST IN LAST OUT
- IDLE RON

RED LION

3. DENT TRIBE

BITTER END

4. TOT GRIPES

TIGERTOPS

- 5. BEE ERRS? NO WAY! BREWERY ON SEA Right on with this month's
- 1. MAD RON L.
- 2. SO SEW TOAD
- 3. DR. SCORES
- 4. WISH RACK WIRE
- 5. CATTLE HERB SHIRE

I've done Aliases as 5BY4 so many times before that I don't think it's worth subtitling them any more. Just match the famous people in list one with their original names in list two; answers as usual after the trivia bit (as if this weren't trivial!):

- Ginger Rogers
- 2. Hedy Lamarr
- 3. Mary Pickford
- 4. Rock Hudson
- 5. Shakin' Stevens
- 6. John Denver
- 7. Dinah Washington
- 8. John Ford
- 9. Stewart Granger
- 10. Susan Hayward
- A. Hedwig Kiesler
- B. Edythe Marriner
- C. Gladys Marie Smith
- D. Sean O'Feeney
- E. Virginia Katherine McMath
- F. Roy Scherer
- G. James Stewart
- H. Michael Barratt
- I. Ruth Jones
- J. Henry John Deutschendorf

Okay, we're coming towards the end now, just Trivia Time to go. Here are last month's answers:

- 1. The electric light bulb. It is used to etch the glass to give the "pearl" finish.
- 2. 1,048,576 (2 raised to the power 20 or 1024x1024)
- 3. Charles Pooter (Lupin)
- 4. Led Zeppelin
- 5. McLaren
- 6. The White Star Line
- 7. The Time Machine by H.G.Wells
- 8. Richard Boston
- 9. Herstmonceux in Sussex
- 10 1948

...and here are this month's questions:

- 1. Four Formula 1 motor racing world champions have gone on to found (or at least run) their own teams. Who are they?
- 2. Still on the subject of Formula 1, what was the name of the team founded by bearing manufacturer, Tony Vandervell?
- 3. Nancy Wilkinson was the first and Anne Ashurst was the last - first and last what?
- Which breweries produced the commemorative bottled beers for CAMRA's

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tenth and twenty-first anniversaries?

- 5. What is the connection between a Douglas Adams character and a Leicester Rugby player?
- 6. Who wrote the songs "Anything Goes", "Miss Otis Regrets" and "I've got you under my Skin"?
- 7. William of Orange came from Holland to become William III, but in what country is the town of Orange from where the title originates?
- 8. Since 1974 Montgomeryshire has been a part of which Welsh county?
- Henry Higgins (not the one in Pygmalion/My Fair Lady) was the first Britain's first professional participant in what "sport" in the 1960s?
- 10. In what year did the "Jack the Ripper" murders occur?

Right, that's about it; just the answers to this month's 5BY4 to go and here they are: 1-E, 2-A, 3-C, 4-F, 5-H, 6-J, 7-I, 8-D, 9-G, 10-B.

Okey-dokey, you can get back to enjoying life again. See you next time.

Andy Pirson

Letters (continued)

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Dear Editors,

I see that the spirit of New Labour is abroad even in the London Drinker when Stephen Harris makes the Gordon Brownesque comment about a pub that sells interesting cask beers at £2.25 a pint that 'You can't have everything, I suppose'. Well actually you can as the recent Wetherspoons two month beer fest which sold many interesting beers for between £1.29 and £1.49 showed.

More importantly we cannot afford to let decent and interesting cask beers become an expensive pint for a niche market of the well off. Several low paid or unwaged people I know who drink cask beer, regularly drink brands which are blander than they would ideally prefer because they are cheaper than the interesting stuff. That can't be right and it should be something we in CAMRA are concerned about.

Yours, Keith Flett Tottenham **LONDON DRINKER** is published by the London Branches of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale Limited.

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OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH	SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS	N7 TAPPIT HEN
EAST PUBS	SE16 MOBY DICK	N8 ELBOW ROOM
EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS	SE18 COOPERS ARMS (PLAISTEDS)	N8 TOLL GATE
EC1 BISHOPS FINGER	SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)	N9 LAMB
EC1 LEOPARD	SE20 MOON & STARS	N11 BANKERS DRAFT
EC1 MASQUE HAUNT	SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN	N12 ELEPHANT
EC1 O'HANLONS	SE24 LORD STANLEY	N12 TALLY HO
EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN	SE25 ALLIANCE	N13 WHOLE HOG
EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS	SE25 GOAT HOUSE	N16 EBOR ARMS
EC1 SHAKESPEARE	SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE	N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
EC1 SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE	BARKING, BARKING DOG	N17 ELBOW ROOM
EC3 SWAN	BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK	N17 NEW MOON
EC4 BLACK FRIAR	BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR	N19 DOG
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD	CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS	N21 HALF MOON
E2 CAMDENS HEAD	CROYDON, CRICKETERS ARMS	N21 ORANGE TREE
E2 CONQUEROR	CROYDON, DOG & BULL	N22 STARTING GATE
E3 COBORN ARMS	CROYDON, GEORGE	BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
E7 OLD SPOTTED DOG	CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL	BARNET, WHITE LION
E8 PRINCE ARTHUR	CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD	BARNET, YE OLDE MITRE INN
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN	ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD	EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
E11 BIRKBECK TAVERN	LOUGHTON, LAST POST	ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK
E11 GEORGE	PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH	ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
E15 GOLDEN GROVE	WALLINGTON, WHISPERING	ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
E17 COLLEGE ARMS	MOON	NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE	CLUBS	OUTLETS - NORTH WEST PUBS
SE1 COPPER	SE3 ODDBINS	NW1 HEAD OF STEAM
SEI GOOSE & FIRKIN	SE9 HOWERD CLUB	
SEI GLOBE	SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB	NW1 LORD NELSON
SEI GRAPES	SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB	NW1 QUINNS
SEI KINGS ARMS	CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE	NW1 SPREAD EAGLE
SEI LORD CLYDE	ORPINGTON, JUBILEE SPORTS BAR	NW2 BEATEN DOCKET
SEI LORD CLIDE SEI MARKET PORTER	OFF TRADE	NW3 DUKE OF HAMILTON
	E18 Gales Off Licence, 204 High Road,	NW3 FLASK TAVERN
SEL PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY	Woodford Green	NW3 THREE HORSESHOES
SE1 ROYAL OAK	SE3 Bitter Experience, 129 Lee Road	NW4 CHEQUERS
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road	BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill	NW4 FOOTMAN & FIRKIN
SE1 SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS	OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL and	NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL
SE1 WHEATSHEAF	NORTH PUBS	NW9 J.J.MOONS
SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall Street	WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS	NW10 COLISEUM
SE1 WINDMILL, 44 Lambeth High	WC1 CALTHORFE ARMS WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE	NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
Street	WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS	NW10 OUTSIDE INN
SE1 ZANZIBAR		NW11 WHITE SWAN
SE3 BRITISH OAK	WC1 RUGBY TAVERN	HAREFIELD, WHITE HORSE
SE3 CROWN	WC1 SUN WC1 THREE CUPS	HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL
SE3 FAIRWAY & FIRKIN	WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON	HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
SE3 HARE & BILLET		HATCH END, MOON & SIXPENCE
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN	WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR	KENTON, NEW MOON
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SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE	N1 EARL OF RADNOR	OFF TRADE
SE9 BANKERS DRAFT	N1 GEORGE & VULTURE	N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY	N1 MALT & HOPS	NW6 Grogblossoms, 235 West End
SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS	N1 MARQUESS TAVERN	Lane
SE10 RICHARD I	N1 PRINCE ARTHUR	CLURS

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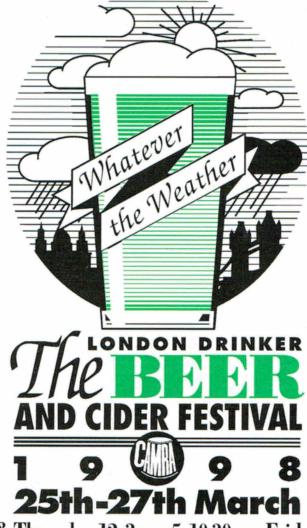
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WEST PUBS	KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS	W1 Polytechnic of Central London
SW1 BARLEY MOW	KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS	S.U. Bar, 104 Bolsover Street
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS	KINGSTON, WYCH ELM	ISLEWORTH, Western Atlas Social
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS	MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF	Club
SW1 MOON ON THE MALL	MORTIMER	OUTSIDE LONDON
SW1 MORPETH ARMS	NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK	ADDLESTONE, CRICKETERS
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY	RICHMOND, DYSARTS	ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWER
SW1 ROYAL OAK	RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE	BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR
SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE	RICHMOND, TRIPLE CROWN	BRIGHTON, SUSSEX YEOMAN
SW3 COOPERS ARMS	RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS	CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING
SW3 CROWN	SURBITON, CORONATION HALL	& QUEEN
SW3 SURPRISE	SURBITON, DENBY DALE	CHERTSEY, CASTLE
SW4 BREAD & ROSES	SURBITON, NEW PRINCE	CLAYGATE, FOLEY ARMS
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND	SUTTON, FIELDER & FIRKIN	COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT
SW6 WHITE HORSE	SUTTON, NEW TOWN	CROXLEY GREEN, SPORTSMAN
SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS	WALLINGTON, WHISPERING	DENHAM (Bucks), LAMBERT
SW8 PRIORY ARMS	MOON	ARMS
SW8 SURPRISE	W1 BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street	EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS
SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN	W1 CLEVELAND ARMS	EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS
SW11 BEEHIVE	W1 MOON & SIXPENCE	EGHAM, PRINCE OF WALES
SWII EAGLE ALEHOUSE,	W1 MORTIMER ARMS	EGHAM, WHITE LION
Chatham Road	W1 PRINCE ALFRED	KNEBWORTH (Herts), LYTTON
SW11 WALSH'S	WI WINDMILL	ARMS
SW12 GROVE	W2 ARCHERY TAVERN	KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL
SW12 NIGHTINGALE	W2 ROYAL STANDARD	LALEHAM, FEATHERS
SW12 PRINCE OF WALES	W3 KINGS HEAD	LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS
SW13 COACH & HORSES	W5 DUFFY'S	LONG DITTON (Surrey), NEW INN
SW13 RED LION	W5 RED LION	MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS
SW13 ROSE OF DENMARK	W5 ROSE & CROWN	MORTIMER WEST END (Hants),
SW14 HALFWAY HOUSE	W5 WHEATSHEAF	RED LION
SW14 HARE & HOUNDS	W6 ANDOVER ARMS	OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK
SW15 FOX & HOUNDS	W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL	OXFORD, WHARF HOUSE
SW15 GREEN MAN	W10 VILLAGE INN	POTTERS BAR, CHEQUERS
SW15 RAILWAY	W11 FROG & FIRKIN	READING, HOBGOBLIN
SW16 PIED BULL	W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE	READING, HOP LEAF
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SW19 BREWERY TAP	W14 WARWICK ARMS	HORSES
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SW19 WIBBAS DOWN INN	HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER	WALES
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CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN	HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES	INN
CARSHALTON, WINDSOR CASTLE	HOUNSLOW, MOON UNDER	SUNBURY, FLOWER POT
CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR	WATER	SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK
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KEW, COACH & HORSES	ISLEWORTH, ROYAL OAK	FEATHERS
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