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Good old Whitbread! Our old favorites are at it again, doing what they do best - closing breweries. The Whitbread tour of destruction is well documented and has been written about over the years in this journal but they have surpassed themselves this time. They have closed their award-winning brewery in Castle Eden and their large cask brewery at Cheltenham.

They have transferred production to the ex-Boddington Brewery in Manchester. They now have spare capacity in Strangeways as cask Boddingtons has lost sales over the year. Boddingtons Bitter used to be the pride of Manchester in the 70's and 80's until the once proud family owners sold out to Whitbread and betrayed the trust of a generation of loyal drinkers. As soon as Whitbread took over the price hikes started, pubs were tarted up and often changed out of all recognition and worst of all, they started dabbling with the 'cream of Manchester', altering ingredients and cheapening production methods. In no time at all the famous bitter was starting on the road to being yet another standard, average bitter and to make up for it Whitbread embarked on a massive advertising campaign to persuade the nation to drink it.

Soon Boddingtons was appearing in all Whitbread pubs but most southern drinkers must have thought 'What's all the fuss about? This is another slightly bitter northern beer!' What a shame we couldn't have sampled it as it used to be! So now this insipid 'national' brand is losing sales so tough luck Castle Eden and Flowers. Even though sales are up, things are all up with you.

In what has been a bad month for the real ale drinker another famous brewery has been closed by new 'owners'. Morlands of Abingdon took over Ruddles of Oakham in Rutland and talked of a bright future after years of neglect by the previous owners. Morlands are famous for 'Old Speckled Hen', the strong ale which is widely available in the free trade. Their other beers are insipid, sweet brands with no great following. This never used to be the case but, as with so many other regional brands, the perceived need for 'market penetration' has meant the neutering of taste in case some drinkers object to the taste of a hop. Now they will doubtless be launching Ruddles as a brand in their tied houses and beyond, but having sampled

Morlands wares they will probably be just as insipid as their other brews.

Thank goodness that some breweries still have the guts to make distinctive brands in a world grown used to awful lagers and dreadful keg 'smooth' beers. When so many big brewers and regionals produce mediocre beers is there any wonder that young impressionable drinkers go for such foul alternatives?

Oh, for a return to the hoppy, tasty beers that have as many fans as people who can't stand them! Thank goodness I live in an area dominated by Youngs and some Wetherspoon pubs that offer a good choice.

Chris Cobbold

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WHITBREAD "TOUR OF DESTRUCTION" CONTINUES

Drinkers will fight tooth and nail to save threatened 'Blair' brewery

CAMRA condemned Whitbread's decision to close the Castle Eden brewery, situated in the Sedgefield constituency of Prime Minister Tony Blair, and the Flowers Brewery in Cheltenham when the two brewery closures were announced last month.

Ben Wardle, Press and Public Affairs Manager commented "This is certainly no late April Fool for Britain's beer drinkers. We're to lose Ruddles Brewery and now we're to lose Castle Eden and Flowers too. Castle Eden Ale won an award at the prestigious Champion Beer of Britain competition and this is how Whitbread rewards its champion brewery. We will fight these closures tooth and nail."

Mr Wardle continued "Whitbread's beer sales are up over 2% on last year and its market share has increased. How can they say that demand is falling? This closure has nothing to do with declining beer sales and everything to do with a short-sighted desire to focus on a handful of national brands."

"Whitbread seems to be finishing off the tour of brewery destruction it started in the 1970s. Drinkers up and down the country have seen well-loved brands axed or changed beyond

recognition," he added. In 1997 Whitbread axed nine regional brands from their cask ale portfolio using the same excuse. These beers and those from Castle Eden and Flowers cannot easily be brewed elsewhere. Changes in the water, brewing vessels and strain of yeast used will make them pale imitations of their former selves.

The closure of Ruddles Brewery was announced earlier on the same day by regional brewer Morland (best known for Old Speckled Hen). The Castle Eden and Flowers closures made this a truly sad day for beer drinkers.

Castle Eden lies in Tony Blair's constituency of Sedgefield. On a visit to the refurbished brewery visitors' reception in 1995, Mr Blair said award winning Castle Eden Ale, "...is a very nice beer." CAMRA is asking Mr. Blair's constituents to write to him in support of the brewery.

THE SPECKLED HEN SHOWS ITS CLAWS

CAMRA slams closure of Ruddles Brewery

“Morland have betrayed Britain's beer drinkers”, is how Mike Benner CAMRA's Head of Campaigns responded to the news that Morland are to close the Ruddles Brewery. Morland purchased the brewery and Ruddles brands last September, and only six months later are announcing the closure with the loss of around 85 jobs.

Mike Benner added, "Ruddles has been bounced around like a rubber ball since the mid-eighties and beer quality suffered as a result, but in recent times the beer has improved immensely and the bitter was a winner in CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain awards last year." Morland itself was threatened with a take-over by Greene King in 1992. CAMRA campaigned hard to protect the brewery and beers and this is how Morland repay us.

He further stated, "Brewing Ruddles outside

its Rutland homeland will ruin the beer. A different team of brewers and different ingredients will see to that. Morland are being short-sighted by closing the brewery. Its key brand 'Old Speckled Hen' has proved itself able to perform on the national stage, but Morlands are leaving no room in their brewing capacity to expand the brand further. They should think again."

CAMRA will be calling for an urgent meeting with Morland managers and is asking beer drinkers to write and complain to the company.

BASS NATIONAL SALES WINS WORTHINGTON WHITE SHIELD REPRIEVE

Bass National Sales has successfully negotiated a deal with regional brewer King & Barnes which secures the future of Worthington White Shield as well as maintaining the strong position of Carling lager in King & Barnes' tied estate.

Following successful matching trials at The Horsham Brewery, West Sussex, King & Barnes started brewing and marketing Worthington White Shield under licence from Bass early in March.

Bass Brewers has had a successful trading relationship with King & Barnes for many years with Carling lager being on sale in many of the brewer's 57 tenancies in Sussex, Surrey and Kent. The new agreement will ensure that Carling remains a major lager brand in King & Barnes tied estate for a minimum of three years.

Comments David Crofton, Director of Sales for Bass National Sales: "I can confirm that the Worthington White Shield brewed by King & Barnes tastes every bit as good as the bottles I enjoyed during my induction training as a Bass salesman over 30 years ago. It retains all the traditional characteristics and it is especially

pleasing that the brand has cemented a continued trading relationship between our two companies."

Bass Brewers will continue to offer Worthington White Shield to its on and off trade customers whilst King & Barnes build distribution through their own trade channels including exports to Europe and North America.

Comments Bill King, Chairman & Managing Director of King and Barnes: "Having spearheaded the revival of bottle conditioned ales in this country with Festive, our award winning bottle conditioned beer, we are pleased to be brewing Worthington White Shield, the best known brand in this sector. At the same time, our tenants have enjoyed considerable success with Carling lager since we began first listed the brand in the early 1980s and are delighted to continue to stock Britain's biggest beer."

CAMRA NATIONAL MILD DAY

Saturday 16th May

This year's National Mild Day aims to prove what a great drink mild is. Mild is a very underrated drink here in the South with very few outlets selling it and very few drinkers ever having tried it. Here are a few myths about mild:

MILD IS ALWAYS VERY DARK, ALMOST BLACK.

Actually only some milds are dark. Many are the same colour as bitter, McMullens AK, though not advertised as a mild these days.

MILD IS DARK SO IT MUST BE STRONG.

Mild is made with darker crystal malts but generally they have a lower gravity than standard bitter. Brakspear Mild is only 3.0% ABV.

MILD IS BLAND COMPARED WITH BITTER.

It's true that mild is brewed using fewer hops so that the bitterness is less than standard bitter but this doesn't mean that mild lacks flavour, some, like Sarah Hughes Dark Ruby Mild, are rich and fruity in flavour.

Wetherspoon have announced that they will be supporting CAMRA's National Mild Day in all their pubs. Tim Martin, Wetherspoon's Chairman said, "Although individual managers stock mild on a fairly regular basis, this will be the first time mild will be available throughout the chain." Each pub will be serving a minimum of two milds, which could be as many as four on Saturday, May 16 - CAMRA's National Mild Day. The milds will be chosen from a list which includes Batemans Dark Mild, Cains Dark Mild, Banks and Taylor Shepherd Mild and Theakston's Mild. Wetherspoon have said that a mild will be priced at between £1.10 and £1.50 a pint.

Ask your local pub to stock a mild for National Mild Day and see what you've been missing out on.

JDW HELP MAKE MAY A MILD MONTH

This month sees CAMRA's annual National Mild Day return to its original place in the calendar, but this time with a powerful new ally. Pub-owning chain J D Wetherspoon are linking up with CAMRA to help promote the day on Saturday 16th May and will be stocking draught milds in all of their two hundred houses nationwide. JDW pubs will be selling up to four milds from Scottish Courage (Theakston's), Bateman's, Cain's and Banks and Taylor in the week leading up to the big day.

Milds on sale in dozens of other participating pubs will heighten the profile of a fine traditional style and it is hoped, bring that style to a wider audience of drinkers which would boost production and sales for independent brewers. This would be particularly useful for London and south-east pubs and breweries who are keen to promote a style which has had hard times since the advent of keg lagers in the late Seventies.

David Leatherbarrow, marketing manager for J D Wetherspoons, said that the milds chosen were from breweries well able to produce enough of the goods to supply two hundred pubs across the country. All milds will sell from between 1.10 and 1.50 a pint. It is hoped that, if drinkers help to make National Mild Day a success this year, that JDW and CAMRA will join forces again next year.

Make mine (and yours) a mild on the 16th!

Al Ferrier

BROWN BACKS BEER SMUGGLERS

Camra, has criticised the Chancellor for failing to address the growing problem of beer smuggling in his recent Budget. CAMRA is urging the Government to release the findings of the Customs & Excise Review of Alcohol and Tobacco Smuggling and Fraud (which were expected in March) without delay.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns said, "Yet another penny increase on beer tax is an open invitation to the growing army of smugglers. These criminals are making huge profits selling nearly a million pints a day of cheap French fizz from the back of their vans."

There is growing evidence that beer smuggling gangs are becoming increasingly organised. Without substantial duty cuts, the level of cross-border shopping for beer is predicted to increase from 1 in 20 pints today to 1 in 5 pints by 2006. Customs & Excise estimate that two thirds of this trade is illegal.

Mr. Benner added, "As these gangs become more organised they will become more powerful and harder stop. Mr. Brown has promised action to clamp down on smuggling, but has failed to use the one weapon in his arsenal that is guaranteed to work - cut duty. Pubs are closing directly as a result of high beer tax and our licensing system is being undermined. The fact is that smugglers don't care who buys their beer - young teenagers or street drunks. The Chancellor has ignored the evidence that a cut in duty would benefit the industry, consumers and the government within two years."

CAMRA will continue to campaign for duty to be reduced to the EU median level in order to revitalise this important British industry.

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HICCUP FOR "HONEST PINT" BILL

Camra, condemned the objection to the so-called 'Honest Pint' Bill raised during its third reading in the Commons on 20th March.

Mike Benner, Head of Campaigns said, "I am shocked that an individual MP has objected to a Bill that would result in legal certainty on this issue and would protect consumers from being ripped off. The Bill would mean drinkers would get what they pay for - a full liquid pint every time. Despite this hiccup we will continue the fight for an honest pint."

Dennis Turner's Private Member's Bill passed through its committee stage on Wednesday 11th March despite opposition from two Conservative MPs Eric Forth and Nicholas Soames. The Beer and Pubs industry is already split on the issue. Several pub companies already offer full pints and licensees organisations disagree with the views of the brewers.

Mike Benner added, "Certain sectors of the industry are claiming that the Bill is unworkable and will lead to higher prices in pubs, but the facts don't support this view."

Pubs set their prices based on a number of variables including rent, salaries, overheads and amenity levels. This is why prices vary so much from pub to pub - full pints would only be a small part of this process. Several pub chains already offer full liquid pints and have not put prices up. It would be up to individual pubs to decide if their market would bear price increases. If drinkers weren't getting ripped off they might even go to the pub more often!

The enforcement of the legislation would be phased in. Pubs would not have to replace all their glasses in one go, but over a period of 2 - 3 years, within which they would have to replace their existing glasses anyway due to wear and tear.

CAMRA's own research has shown that:

84% of people want full liquid pints

80% of pints are short

1 in 4 pints are less than 95% - the industry's own guidelines.

CATFORD BEER FESTIVAL

Don't miss this year's Catford Beer Festival which is Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th June at the Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, Catford. As in previous years we will have lots of real ale, ciders, perries, country wines and, we think, one of the best imported beer bars in London. The live music line up looks like being as good as ever with bands to appeal to all tastes including Wolfie Witcher and One Jump Ahead.

This year will be the last year that Tony Taylor of the Crystal Palace Tavern SE8 is so closely involved in the festival. Tony has been the festival licensee and beer orderer for a number of years as well as providing a venue for the festival committee meetings and a garage to keep the festival kit in. He will be greatly missed and the committee would like to offer him a big vote of thanks for all his help and to wish him well as he moves to Belgium. Who knows, maybe he'll be involved in the imported beer order next year!

Festival opening times are Wed 5pm-11pm, Thur-Sat 12pm-11pm; free entry, subject to fire limits, to CAMRA members at all times.

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NEW FULLERS APPOINTMENTS

Fullers have announced two new appointments to the area manager level of its management structure. The first is Alex Hayter; he is 39 years old and has joined Fullers from Greenalls Pubs & Restaurants having previously worked for the Magic Pub Company and Grand Metropolitan Retail. He is to manage Fullers English Inns - pubs generally in rural settings often by a river or canal. They are described as having a relaxed informal country dining environment with high quality food prepared on the premises. Fullers consider them ideal for family dining or off site business meetings.

Keith Yates (40), formerly with Yates Wine Lodges for five years, will take responsibility for High Street pubs. One of his first projects will be the launch in November 1998 of a 4,500 square foot outlet in Reading.

Another new appointment to the company from Pitcher & Piano is Harri Owen. She will spearhead the launch later this year of "The Fine Line", a bar concept aimed at 25-36 year old women.

They will all report directly to Retail Inns Director Simon Emeny who joined Fullers from Bass Taverns eighteen months ago. He states, "I'm delighted to have Alex and Keith on board. This is an exciting time for Fuller's,

we have recently raised £20 million Debenture Stock, repayable in the year 2028 at exceptionally good rates. The funds will enable us to step up the acquisition of sites, in particular the expansion of our "Ale & Pie" brand (which we have recently successfully exported to Bristol and Birmingham) as well as the development of "English Inns" hotels and restaurants and the roll out of "The Fine Line".

"Alex and Keith bring a wealth of experience to Fuller's and as with most businesses, it is the calibre of our people which will continue to keep us profitable and innovative in the future."

From a Fullers press release

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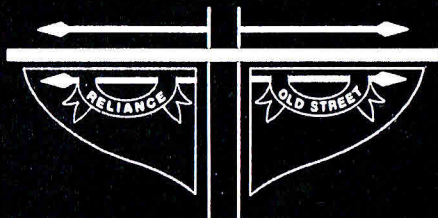
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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

We read your article, "All Change at the Howerd Club" (February Issue), with interest. Whilst it is true that the Chair of the club has moved to another church, it is not true that an upheaval or an "All change" situation exists at the club.

The club is run by a committee and a dedicated Cellarman, both are still in place and continue to provide high quality ale served in a friendly atmosphere.

The award of the "Club of the Year" award did not bring about our success but rather recognised it. The award was most welcome but was not responsible for any increase in noise levels and we have no plans to change the entrance to the club.

We are the same club with the same good ales, the same atmosphere and the same welcome to CAMRA members. We are sure that the article was written in good faith, but from a misinformed source.

Yours sincerely,

The Committee, Howerd Club, SE9

Dear Editors,

Since the Wetherspoon's pub referred to by Charles Pope-Martin, [April] is around 5 minutes from where I work I received the shock of £2.25 for a pint of guest beer well before I read his letter. In the past Wetherspoon's outlets in central London have charged more than elsewhere in the chain, but have still remained highly competitive in price.

£2.25 for guest beer in Holborn is still, sadly, just about competitive for the area, but not 'highly' so. Wetherspoon's successful formula has been built around no music, all day food, no smoking areas, and crucially for CAMRA members, a good range of guest beers at reasonable prices.

The latest set of Wetherspoons financial results underlined that profits were comparatively low per pint drunk, with money being made on food. Perhaps this is the reason for the switch in policy in some of their central London pubs. Alternatively perhaps the price simply reflects the undoubtedly very high costs of setting up and operating in such locations.

Either way I think we should be told what the policy is and what the reasons for it are.

Unfortunately, even if I was a Wetherspoon's shareholder - which I am not - I doubt I would be able to extract this information from them. However as someone who has been a customer since the beginning - Marlers Bar in Muswell Hill - and in general a great admirer, it would be interesting to know.

Yours,

Keith Flett, London N17

Dear Editors,

I think that Messrs. Lumby and King are quite right to object to heavy-handed behavior at closing time - I was 'moved' to the front of Wetherspoon's (Piccadilly, Manchester) and found the experience both unnecessary and unpleasant. In the case of JDW one wonders whether it is company policy or a local management matter.

Further to my letter in the April edition of London Drinker regarding Wetherspoon's guest beers at £2.25 in Penderel's Oak, High Holborn, those wishing to save money can go round the corner to Shakespeare's Head in Kingsway where the guest beers are a mere £2.15!

One wonders what the cheapest Wetherspoon's price is (festivals excluded) for their guest ales.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Pope-Martin, London, E17

Dear Editors,

I like Harvey's flavoursome beers, when I can reach them, and was delighted to learn of a genuine Harvey's pub in London. However, on Friday 13 March, I paid my first - and probably last - visit to the Royal Oak, not easy to reach by road from the north, London Bridge, side. It advertises the full portfolio of Harvey's ales but at 9.15pm just three were available including Harvey's Porter of which I bought a half a pint and queried the lack of choice with the 'gov'nor' who replied "We've been very busy". I said glad to hear it but surely he should have put on another beer or two by now.

He turned his back on me.

I left.

Yours truly,

J Spiegel, Southend-On-Sea, Essex

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Can anyone explain the omission of The Sultan from this year's South West London Pub of the Year shortlist? There may well be 'a lack of competition to Youngs in its heartland' but I believe this Hop Back house to be one of the best pubs in London.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Warren, London SW19

PS. The changes to London Drinker are most welcome but can we lose the word [sic] 'Pubcheck'.

Dear Editors,

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from J D Wetherspoon plc in reply to my generally complimentary missive, which, however, protested at being asked to pay £2.55 for a pint of guest ale ('Old Thumper', I think) at their newly opened pub in High Holborn. As I made the point, a whole £1 dearer than at Balham, my most usual watering hole. I thought you might be interested in the concept of seven different price bands, it is a new one on me.

I am amazed (a) at the original £2.55 (b) that they are prepared to admit this price banding (c) that nobody in CAMRA seems to have known about it apparently.

Perhaps they might issue a list of pubs, as they do in 'London Drinker' with a starring system of which band they are in.

Yours in solidarity,

T Watkins, London, SE27

Dear Mr Watkins,

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 1998 and for your kind comments about our public houses which are greatly appreciated.

Regarding your query about the prices, I must inform you that we have seven different price bands throughout the Company, with prices varying from pub to pub and area to area but we feel that in each site we are always very competitive. However, I have passed your comments to the Area Manager so that they may be taken on board.

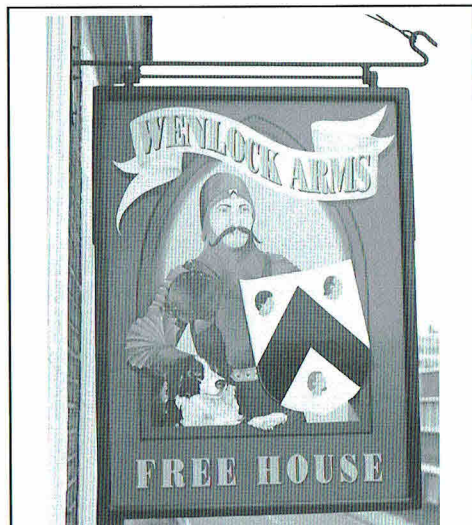
Thank you for taking the time to contact us and for your obvious interest in our Company.

Yours sincerely,

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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 May are listed below.

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

Wed 20 (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).

Eleven of our branch members took part in the Thameside Crawl on Saturday 4th April; the highlight being the Wheatsheaf in Stoney Street and the disappointment being outside the Royal Oak, Tabard Street at 1.00pm, only to find it closed and not open as advertised on page 2 of London Drinker. We hope to see a few new faces at our Drinka Pinta Mild Social at the Moon on the Hill and the Beer Festival in a Marquee at the Windsor Castle that always offers a great choice of beers and food. On Saturday 30th May we start the annual Ale Trail with the Brighton Branch, crawling around Hove and surrounding areas.

Wed 6 (8.00) Social. DUKES HEAD, 6 Manor Road, Wallington (Meet in public bar) - Sat 16 (6.00) Drinka Pinta Mild Social. MOON ON THE HILL, 5-9 Hill Road, Sutton - Mon 18 (8.00) Two Pub Social. Meet in the PURLEY ARMS, 345 Brighton Road (dep. 9.15) then RAILVIEW, 188 Selsdon Road, South Croydon - Sun 24 (12.00 noon) Beer Festival Social.

CASTLE, 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton - Thu 28 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WINDSOR CASTLE (as above) - Sat 30 Ale Trail Crawl of Hove and surrounding area. Phone contact for details

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

Mon 4 (8.00) Joint Social with North London Branch. WENLOCK ARMS, Wenlock Rd, N1. As we have a reputation as being top-dogs in the CAMRA darts league they might challenge us to a game so be prepared.

Sat 16 (12.00) CAMRA Mild Day. South East London CAMRA have organised a mild pub crawl for those of you who would rather not watch the Cup Final. Start at the SHIPWRIGHT'S ARMS, Tooley Street, SE1 at 12.00. Then on to the ROYAL OAK, Tabard Street, SE1 - then the WHEATSHEAF, Stoney Street, SE1 before finishing back at the

SHIPWRIGHT'S. Mild should be available at all three pubs.

Wed 20 (6.00) New Pubs Social. Start at the HOGSHEAD, America Square, then (7.00) OLD DISPENSARY, Leman Street, E1; (7.45) OLD MONK, Leman Street, E1 and finally (8.15) ALDGATE EXCHANGE, Aldgate, E1.

Additionally a Branch Meeting will be organised by the new committee following the AGM on 6 April - please ring Stephen Harris for date and venue.

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

Tue 5 (9.00) Social. TRENT TAVERN, Cockfosters Road, Cockfosters, EN4 - Wed 13 (8.30) Branch Meeting. INN ON THE GREEN (upstairs function room), 295 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, N13 - Tue 19 (9.00) Social. RAILWAY TAVERN, 129 Hale Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 (Bus 221) - Thu 28 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pickup. KINGS HEAD, Market Place, Enfield Town, EN2.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD. Clive Taylor 0181-949 2099 (H) 01483-714898 (W)

Wed 6 (8.00) Crawl of Clerkenwell, EC1 to visit O'Hanlon's. Start BRITANNIA, Ironmonger Row (Old Street tube) - Tue 12 (8.30) Branch Meeting. SWAN, Walton on Thames - Sun 24 (12.30) Lunchtime Social. PLOUGH, Byfleet. Visit the Kings Arms en route from railway station.

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

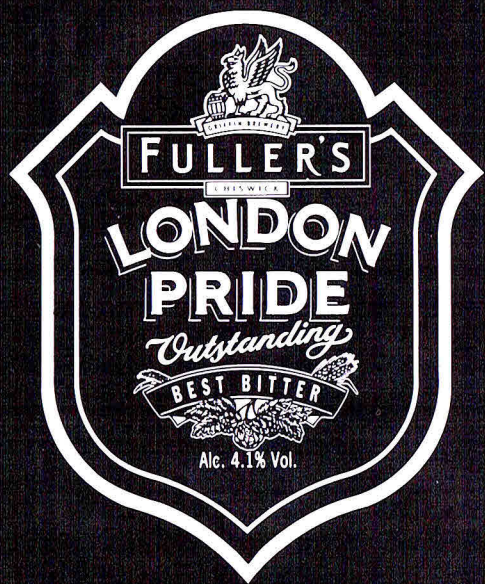
Mon 4 (8.00) Branch Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 - Tue 12 (meet 8.00) Branch Social and Brewery Tour. FLOUNDER & FIRKIN, 54 Holloway Road N7 - Tue 19 (8.00) Branch Social. NEW MOON, 413 Lordship Lane, N17 - Thu 28 (8.00) London Drinker Beer Festival Post-mortem Meeting. KINGS ARMS, 11a Northington Street, WC1 - Mon 1 Jun (8.00) Branch Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1.

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

ON Saturday 9th May we will be presenting Oakham Brewery with their certificate for JHB being the Beer of the Festival at Feltham last year.

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YOU DO,
TAKE PRIDE.



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We will make a day of it, meeting outside the Albany, Twickenham at 8.45 (for 9.00 prompt departure), picking up also (if required) at the Magpie & Crown, Brentford and Kew Bridge Station. As well as the Oakham Brewery, we will also visit the Grainstore Brewery in Oakham; Charter's in Peterborough and possibly B&T's brewery tap in Shefford on the way back, getting home about 9.00pm. Still a few seats available - call Brian. (Anyone who worked at Feltham Festival will get a letter.)

Tue 5 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford - Sat 9 May (8.45am) Day Trip to Oakham Brewery & Peterborough (coach fare £10.00). See above for details) - Thu 21 (8.00) Richmond Social. Start ORANGE TREE, 45 Kew Road then (9.00) CASEY'S (ex Belvedere), 145 Sheen Road and (9.45) RED COW, 59 Sheen Road.

SOUTH EAST LONDON. Rob Close 0181-659-8067 (H - answer phone), E-mail: rob_close@msn.com.

With Good Beer Guide surveys out of the way, we can have some more sociable events before starting the publicity campaign for this year's Catford Beer Festival (17th-20th June). At this month's planning meeting, we will be working out publicity crawls. Please come along and collect posters, even if you can only take them to a couple of pubs. This will help us to get the best possible coverage, to help make the Festival a success.

At the start of last month, our return darts match with ELAC had a predictable result - this time we loaned them two of our players, and lost! This sets the series up nicely for a decider, which will probably happen in late June or early July.

We are holding two Mild promotion events this month. On Mild Day, we are crawling around SE1, visiting pubs that regularly stock mild. Support from all Branches will be welcome and appreciated. Earlier that week, we are holding a Branch meeting at Bromley Labour Club. They are very keen to introduce cask mild on a regular basis and so we are pleased to give them our support.

The end of the month sees three socials in four days! The first of these is our annual quiz challenge from the Howerd Club. This is always an enjoyable evening, however humiliating the result may be! (They usually thrash us in the religious round!)

The survivors can then have a lie-in the following day, before making their way to Forest Hill for a leisurely lunchtime drink before letting someone else do the cooking. The buffet at Dewaniam is very good, and even Andy couldn't finish everything last year!

The final event is an out of area crawl to help one of our members, Eliza Mason, raise money for Operation Raleigh. For more details, check out page 5 in April's What's Brewing.

Tue 5 (8.00) Committee Meeting. MAPLE TREE, 50 Maple Road, SE20 - Wed 13 (8.00) Branch Meeting and Mild Promotion. BROMLEY LABOUR CLUB, H G Wells Centre, St Marks Road, near Bromley South Station - Sat 16 (12.00) Mild Day Crawl in SE1. Start at SHIPWRIGHTS, 88 Tooley Street then (1.00) ROYAL OAK, 44 Tabard Street; (2.00) WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street; ending back at SHIPWRIGHTS - Tue 19 (8.00) Catford Beer Festival Planning Meeting. CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, 105 Tanners Hill, SE8 - Sat 23 (7.30) Quiz Night. HOWERD CLUB, 447 Rochester Way, SE9 - Sun 24 Curry Social Crawl Meet 12.30 at BIRD IN HAND, 35 Dartmouth Road, SE23; then (3.00) to Dewaniam, 133 Stanstead Road - Tues. 26 (6.30) Out of Area Crawl. ARTILLERY ARMS, 102 Bunhill Row, EC1. **SOUTH WEST ESSEX.** Andrew Clifton 01708 765150 (H).

Fri 1 (8.30) Branch Visit to ONGAR BEER FESTIVAL, Budworth Hall, Ongar. Details from Wendy Benson, 01708-723897 (H) - Thu 7 (8.30) Social. OLD SHIP, 58 High Street, Aveley - Tue 12 (7.00 at brewery) Brewery Trip to MAULDON'S BREWERY, Sudbury. Details/Bookings: Wendy Benson, 01708-723897 (H) Thu 14 (8.30) Social (during pub beer festival). WOODMAN, London Road (A113), Stanford Rivers. Possible coach: contact Wendy Benson - Tue 19 (8.30) Out of Area Social. MOLETRAP, Tawney Common, Stapleford Tawney (OS: TL500014) - Thu 28 (8.30) Social. WORLDS END, Fort Road (near A128 & Tilbury Fort), Tilbury.

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

Thu 30 Apr Prices Survey Crawl, Battersea to Wandsworth. Meet (7-7.30) BEEHIVE, 197 St. Johns Hill, SW11. To include (8.15) SLUG & LETTUCE, 21 Alma Road, SW18 and (9.30) SPREAD EAGLE, 71 Wandsworth High Street,

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SW18 - Fri 8 (7.30) Branch Committee Meeting (Pub Design Award nominations) followed by (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Sat 16 National Mild Day. Up to three milds available at PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 - Fri 22 Crawl of Merton & South Wimbledon. Meet (7-7.30) KILKENNY TAVERN, 131 Merton High Street, SW19 (next door but one to South Wimbledon tube station); then (8.15) PRINCESS OF WALES (formerly Prince of Wales), 98 Morden Road; (9.00) TRAFALGAR, 23 High Path; (9.30) PRINCESS ROYAL, 25 Abbey Road; finally (by 10.30) SULTAN, 78 Norman Road.

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

Wed 6 (8.30) Social. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB (Nominee for Club of the Year) - Weekend 15/16 Mini Beer Festival.

SPORTSMAN, Croxley Green (Opens 6pm Friday) - Wed 20 (8.00) Chorleywood Social. Start WHITE HORSE then (9.00) BLACK HORSE; (10.00) OLD SHEPHERD - Tue 26 (8.30) Club Visit. WATFORD RUGBY CLUB, Radlett.

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

The West London Branch AGM will be held on Thursday 7th at the WHITE HORSE, Parsons Green, SW6. The meeting is due to start at 7.30. Tube, Parsons Green on the Wimbledon branch of the District Line.

Saturday 16th is Mild Day and as our branch area has few outlets for mild we will be visiting two of our known pubs, lunchtime at the WHITE HORSE, Parsons Green, SW6 then in the evening to the RADNOR ARMS, 247 Warwick Road, W14.

On Tuesday 19th we will be joining with the Campden Hill Branch of SPBW (Society for the Preservation of Beers from the Wood) for a pub crawl in SW1 starting at 7.30 in the ORANGE BREWERY (Home Brew), 37 Pimlico Road; 8.00 at the FOX & HOUNDS, 29 Passmore Street (Youngs); 8.40 the DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 63 Eaton Terrace (Shepherd Neame); 9.15 the ANTELOPE, 22 Eaton Terrace (Nicholson's); 9.50 the LOWNDES ARMS, 37 Chesham Street and finishing at the STAR, Belgrave Mews West (Fullers) for 10.30. Tube nearest the start is Sloane Square and at the end

of the evening is Hyde Park Corner or Knightsbridge.

Thursday 29th we shall be holding one of our Friday early evening socials at the DUKE OF YORK, 47 Rathbone Street, W1, a Good Beer Guide listed Greene King pub to the north of Oxford Street. Nearest tube is Tottenham Court Road

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

Mon 4 (12:00 noon) Bank Holiday Mild Social. FORNAXE & FIRKIN, Northolt Road South Harrow - Wed 13 (7:45 for 8:00 prompt start) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road, Southall - Tue 19 (8:30) More Mild at JJ MOONS, Victoria Road, Ruislip Manor - Sat 23 (12:00 noon). Even More Mild at THE ROYAL OAK, Peel Road, Wealdstone then (2:30 pm) THE MALTHOUSE, Stanmore Hill, Stanmore - Wed 27 (9:00) London Drinker Pickup. RED LION, St Marys Road W5.

Deadline for the June edition, 8th May. Material for July to arrive by 5th June. **Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.**

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I'M ALRIGHT, JACK..?

Readers may have seen a recent documentary on Channel 4 looking at the 'work' of bootleggers and their illicit trade. The majority of the programme accompanied a group of former miners from the north who, on being made redundant when their pit closed, took to a life of crime for "a good laff and a few quid" they said.

If the programme highlighted anything it was two things: that, like the former steel workers in the film "The Full Monty", some people will do almost anything to feed their families and just survive in today's harsh economic and political climate. The second item to become apparent was the almost - laughable ineffectuality of the work of HM Customs & Excise in identifying bootleggers and prosecuting them. An operator was unhappy when one of his many vans was 'nicked' but then reassured that it was the first time in three years of almost daily trips to France that it had happened. Customs have occasional crackdowns on the booze-cruisers who bring home far too much for their own consumption (go to many weddings with five hundred people do you?), but, to excuse the metaphor, this really is pissing in the ocean and the reality of their failure to stop this iniquitous trade can be measured in jobs lost and futures tarnished.

The bootleggers themselves were not in the slightest bit repentant at the damage they had done to British brewery and pub jobs through their activities and the token Customs man described the trade as "like the captain of a ship complaining about the weather...it'll always be there"! So, a cocktail (!) of greed, opportunism and apathy has helped to despatch the brewing heritage of this country. You as a real-ale drinker will not have to be reminded about the millions of duty pounds lost to the country every year from those that grow rich on this business. Left unchecked, breweries and pubs (especially those in the south where much contraband is landed and sold on) will close and thousands will lose their jobs and yes, the ability to provide a decent life for their families.

When the trade barriers came down across the EU in 1993, it was hoped that the UK would slash its ridiculously - high duty and tax tariffs and effectively consign bootlegging

and smuggling to the pages of the history books, but the last government arrogantly stuck to its guns and we've been awash with cheap lager imports ever since. The campaign by small and independent breweries across the country, worthwhile as it is, has yet to gain the sort of momentum that would place it on the front pages of the tabloids and really get people fired up enough to ask awkward questions and make a stink until all parties concerned - the government, the media and the EU - sit up and actually change things. Big Business has been chipping away and bastardising our brewing culture for years and if they're given a hand by those out to make a quick buck for themselves (and sod the rest), then real ale brewing will be a thing of the past in thirty years.

What can you do? One or more of a few practical steps...

If you're invited to a barbeque or party this summer and a good deal of cheap imported fizz is apparent, ask the host why he feels the need to save a few quid buying something that could cost the country dear in the long run. Write to your MP and MEP asking their view on the trade and what they plan to do about it. If they don't respond or you think they haven't an clue, don't vote for them! The last thing should be easy: drink beer brewed by small brewers and indies (in their tied pubs if you can) to prove that you don't want to be tarred with the opportunistic brush.

On the other hand, you could say "Pull the ladder up", hire a van, go to France and then buy a new car on the profits.

But I think that someone's already done that...

Al Ferrier

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A QUIET DRINK

If you fancy one try the **CRICKETERS ARMS** at 23 Southbridge Place, Croydon, situated just off the Sutton end of the Croydon flyover. Previously managed, it was very run down when new tenants Claire and Gary came on the scene; they are both CAMRA members and committed to the cause. Aided and abetted by family and pub friends, they put the premises through a complete transformation; repainted and refurbished inside and out, it has been returned to its former glory.

A welcome addition to the large car park is a new patio garden to the rear of the pub and the darts area has also been extended. The turn round in the pub's fortune has been so marked that during the last twelve months Claire and Gary won the Bass National Award for Newcomers to the Trade as well as a London Borough of Croydon floral award for constant flower display throughout the summer. Deserved thanks go to all the customers and staff without whom this success could not possibly have been achieved..

Sensibly background music, two silent gaming machines, a football table game, darts area and TV for sporting occasions complete the entertainment. Occasional quiz nights are hilarious and a trip to the Derby is on the cards. Barbecues will be held on the patio in the summer.

Stalwart beers Harvey's Sussex Bitter and Fuller's London Pride are supplemented by guests which change at least twice weekly; nominate a guest beer and it will probably be provided. 219 have appeared in the last twelve months and the tally is still rising - gravity dispensed, no slops, no recycling and most definitely no nonsense.

Good wholesome inexpensive pub food, mostly home made, is available from noon until 3.00pm Monday to Friday. Buffets are a speciality and highly thought of; all kinds of parties can be catered for. There is free Sunday lunchtime bar

food and plenty of it and children are welcome until early evening.

The Cricketers Arms is a truly cosy old fashioned local with a warm welcoming atmosphere. Rediscover the art of conversation (or mind your own business - no one will bother you), it is what a pub is all about. Come on in and see for yourself; you will be in for a pleasant surprise.

Paul Everritt

OBITUARY

It was with great sadness that I learnt of the death of Dave Sheed, the landlord of the Lord Stanley in Loughborough Junction SE24. He died after a short, mystery illness that was diagnosed only just beforehand.

I first met Dave at the Great British Beer Festival in the company of Ian Hornsey of Nethergate Brewery. Dave asked me to deliver London Drinkers and I did so on a regular basis for the next two years. He was always grateful to the SE London Branch for supporting him even though he was right on the fringes of their branch area.

Dave's pub was a local institution decorated in his own style with American car licence plates and other memorabilia. He had an intimate knowledge of the pub trade having run Bass pubs for many years. He was a very friendly, open person and he built up a loyal local following. I could always find a beer to my liking and he stocked many unusual beers taken directly from the breweries concerned.

I deliver to 16 pubs but always timed my visits to the Lord Stanley after visiting some particularly soulless pubs. He was always there, always welcoming and we got on like a house on fire.

I will miss him, as will all his locals.

Chris Cobbold



The Cricketers Arms photographed about ten years ago by landlady Claire's father

FESTIVAL FROLICS

The Great Bradford Beer Exhibition

This year's event was held in Saltaire, about four miles to the north of Bradford. Previous events had been held at Bradford University, in conjunction with the Students Union, but this year the local branch decided to take total control of the event.

Victorian mill owner Sir Titus Salt established Saltaire, to provide hygienic living accommodation for his workers. This did not include any pubs as he was disturbed by the amount of drunkenness he saw in Bradford. Little has changed, allegedly! It was also rumoured that Sir Titus banned pubs, as they were popular meeting places for fledgling Trade Unions. He did recognise that workers did have some time of their own, so he built the Victoria Hall for lectures and meetings to enable his employees to educate themselves. It was seen as an institute with the advantages of a pub but without its evils. A fitting place to hold a beer festival!

There were over 100 beers from more than 60 breweries covering the whole country from the Isle of Skye to Swale. Even O'Hanlons had a presence with their Myrica Ale. Obviously, beers from "God's Own County" were popular, with 21 breweries representing the White Rose. This included a range of interesting beers from Kitchen, brewed using a variety of added ingredients, including carrots, almonds and raisins! Careful management of the beers ensured that the majority of the range was available at every session, with a good selection left at the end on Saturday evening.

During the break in sessions on Saturday afternoon, a number of CAMRA volunteers adjourned to Salts Mill for solid refreshment. This has been transformed from dereliction to become a popular tourist attraction. The café walls are lined with paintings and photographs by local lad, David Hockney.

One pleasant aspect of the festival was that the main hall containing the bars was non-smoking. Smokers were consigned to a smaller room upstairs. I say "room", as it was nearly the size of the hall at Stratford Town Hall! This made the atmosphere very pleasant, helped by a good-natured crowd. To the surprise of the organisers, most sessions were sold out, despite

this being a brand new venue. There is scope to expand next year and use another room, which has panoramic views over the Aire valley.

In short, a great effort from the organisers, Ricky Holden, Mick Farrar, and others, for a very successful event at a new venue.

Rob Close

WAS ANDREW MOSBY AT THE SAME FESTIVAL AS ME?

In the April 8-15 edition of Time Out Magazine Andrew Mosby tried very hard to do a hatchet job on CAMRA and the London Drinker Beer Festival in particular. He nearly succeeds, and had he been writing 10 or even 5 years ago he most certainly would have done, however his view of CAMRA is probably that far out of date.

Here is a journalist whose sole objective in going to the festival was to find fault, he starts by mentioning the old chestnut about beards, moves on to the use of tankards and then on to the names of beers, making passing reference to the lack of sex appeal of real ale drinkers and finally reaches that other old chestnut the large belly.

But do we care? Should we care? In some ways we should because this is how one journalist has chosen to portray us to the wider public but in another perhaps we shouldn't because if we have reached the point where a well-known magazine which appears to pride itself on mocking everything sees us as worthy of notice then perhaps we should take it as a weird compliment that we have made an impact.

Sarah Porter

BURNING AT BOTH ENDS - A CRAWL OF HAMPTON WICK

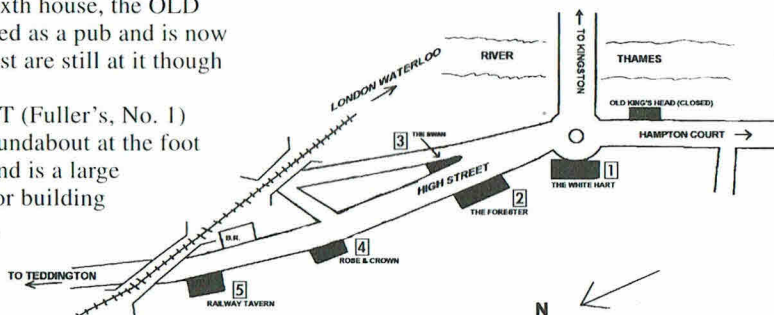
Across the Thames from Surrey neighbour Kingston, Hampton Wick is settled around one main street, the High Street, along which all the pubs featured are built. This makes for a compact crawl and which can be completed easily in an evening. It's on several bus routes as it more or less starts by the foot of Kingston bridge and has its own rail station, so access is good. I've started the listing from the bridge but you are welcome to start at the end nearest the station, though be warned that if you do, you may not want to move on!

Hampton Wick's sixth house, the OLD KING'S HEAD, closed as a pub and is now an art gallery. The rest are still at it though

... THE WHITE HART (Fuller's, No. 1) stands close to the roundabout at the foot of Kingston Bridge and is a large sprawling mock-Tudor building with a large car park, function room, front patio and even a bike park at the rear. The last feature attracts the many local students and those visiting nearby Bushy Park.

Inside it's basically a one-bar pub with a partitioned area that serves as an evening Thai restaurant. The pub recently underwent a tasteful renovation and large comfortable chairs welcome customers to a worthwhile crawl inclusion. Darts is played, there is a TV at the back showing sport and be prepared to be regaled by Sixties hits from the piped music. The range of Fullers' regular ales plus their seasonals are of some of the best examples to be found in the area. My pint of 1845 Celebration Ale (6.3%) was smooth and subtly wicked. They keep a good pint of London Pride and Chiswick Bitter too!

Leaving the pub and turning left, we come to two pubs facing one another from across the street. The one on the left, the FORESTERS (Taylor Walker, No. 2) is a small-ish place, again with just one bar. Pool is played here and the pub hosts regular live music nights. Tetley Bitter and guest ale Old Speckled Hen make the cask ale selection a bit limited, but it is worth just the one on



your way. The OSH is in pretty good condition.

Crossing the road to its rival the SWAN (Shepherd Neame, No. 3), we arrive at a pub that bids to straddle two different worlds; that of traditional ale house and trendy bar-restaurant. Do they pull it off? Just about! Again, it is a period-built place but with some traditional charm. Before its current redemption by Britain's senior brewer, the Swan had somewhat of a chequered history. When I first knew it a few years ago it was one of any number of run-down, tatty Courage houses - a quintessential 'old man's pub' with little to recommend it. It gained (slightly) free house status under the ScotCo giveaway but its fortunes fared no better. It was on the slippery slope of karaoke and meat raffles until Sheps snapped it up. Straight away it went from being an old man's place to ...a youth club! Hardcore garage thumped all day and night like a pile driver digging new foundations. The ales went undrunk, spurned by an alcopop bottle and ten straws. Something had to give ...

Sheps closed the place and ploughed some cash in. It is a nice place at last in a sort of

bland, suburban way. Unfortunately the renovation meant that the pub's separate public bar disappeared with a knock-through, but at least the ales are up to scratch. The regular Sheps ales are all on handpump plus their occasionals and even their fine bottled range. Those poor devils who seek out lager curiosities will be well-catered for here with both Oranjeboom and Hurlimann. There is even a draught wheat beer.

Turning right on leaving and re-crossing the road, we come to the ROSE & CROWN (free, No. 4), maybe the weakest link ale-wise out of the five. Also given its liberty in the aforementioned ScotCo semi-emancipation, the pub is somewhat down-at-heel and Courage Best and the odd guest, Well's Bombardier when I was there which was in good but not great nick. Pool is played and there is even a fringe theatre upstairs.

We leave the Rose & Crown and turn left to find our final destination. The RAILWAY TAVERN (Intreprenuer tenancy, former Courage, No. 5) is somewhat of a little treasure. Sure, it is not everyone's cup of rosie lee, but this Irish-run boozier stands as a reminder that branding and theming may be okay for some, but a great traditional pub will always win in the end. Courage Best and Director's plus permanent guest Adnams' Bitter (in superb condition) are the mainstays ale-wise in this horseshoe, one room bar. I suppose I should disclose a personal interest here and state for the record that I have visited the pub most weekends for the last three years and even had a birthday party there. Opposite the rail station, the pub has a regular and passing clientele of shoppers, commuters and students. Well-supported by the local Irish community as you would expect, this place is like no other and lively evening here is like an education. A large-screen tv shows major sporting events, there's a pool table, a beer garden and regular Irish traditional music. The cd jukebox has plenty for all tastes and be prepared for dancing on tables when the evening wears on. Come for "the craic" and the Adnams' and bring your drinking trousers!

You'll need them....

Al Ferrier

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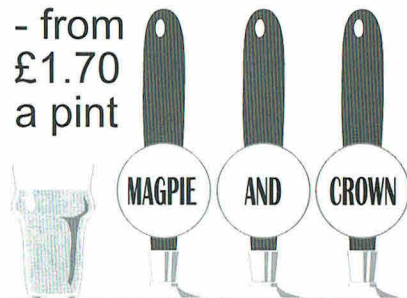
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PUB NEWS FROM EAST LONDON AND CITY BRANCH

Farringdon is well blessed with good pubs these days, what with O'Hanlon's and The Jerusalem Tavern (whose latest fruit beer is grapefruit, not gooseberry as I tried to make out last month). And the good thing is that these new pubs are bringing up the standard in some of the longer established places in the area. The City Pride, Farringdon Lane, EC1 is a case in point. This Fuller's pub has added Chiswick Bitter alongside the existing London Pride and ESB and has also been nicely redecorated.

Elsewhere in EC1, the Leopard, Seward Street has recently held another successful beer festival which attracted custom from far and wide. Watch out for a further festival in September. If you have not visited this pub yet, go and have a look - it is no longer the "straightforward local's pub" described in the East London Pub Guide.

I have to admit that I was seriously impressed when I called in at the new Hogshead in America Square, EC3. I normally avoid these places as they are expensive and I've been served some pretty indifferent beer at other outlets in the same chain. This pub is very big but has a much more intimate feel than most of the superpubs opening at present, being divided into several discrete drinking areas and comfortably furnished. Fourteen real ales were advertised as on sale. I tried four. The two from Wood's Brewery on the handpumps were good (who mentioned cask breathers?) but one of the two served straight from the cask was flat and the other a little stale.

I had a pleasant surprise when I went in to the Old Tea Warehouse, Creechurch Lane, EC3 and discovered that they are selling guest beers by gravity dispense in the back bar. Several people had told me that they do this but it's such a warren of a place and always so busy that I had not previously clapped eyes on the casks. To save serial correspondent Keith Flett of Tottenham having to reach for his pen, I will not mention the prices.

Still in EC3, at Aldgate, the Hoop & Grapes has continued selling interesting guest beers following the success of their beer festival before Christmas. Fuller's London Pride is now the only regular beer with all the other pumps used for guests. Almost next door, the Still & Star, Little Somerset Street, E1 is a real antidote to the glut of theme bars and pub chains in the area, being a straightforward boozer retaining the feel of an earlier age. Decent beer too.

News reaches me of swingeing price rises at the Bull & Crown, The Green, Chingford, E4. But don't despair, the excellent Ridley IPA is still only £1.09 a pint - up from 99p.

The Castle, 148 Kingsland High Street, E8 has been closed and undergoing extensive renovations. At the beginning of March it looked about to re-open under the name Father Ted's when TV company Hat Trick Productions obtained an injunction preventing the new owners from using the name of their hit comedy show. The pub remains closed.

The number of guest beers at the Birkbeck Tavern, Langthorne Road, E11 has now increased generally to three and either a mild or a stout is often available. Recently favoured breweries have included Barnsley, Tisbury and Leyland - with the full range of the latter's beers available in late March.

Famous for its fine draught Bass, the Flowerpot, Wood Street, E17 is no longer a one-beer pub. Fuller's London Pride now sits on the bar alongside the Bass. Staff claim that Bass still accounts for 90% of all the beer (including lager) sold at this drinkers' haunt though.

Surveying for the Good Beer Guide always throws up a few interesting stories. I am astonished by the number of pubs whose bar staff claim not to know the address and telephone number of the pub where they work. Then there are the pubs who are not sure if they want to be in the Guide and refer all questions to their head office. Weirdest of all are the pubstaff who claim their cellars are full of cask breathers, aspirators and other nasties when in fact they almost definitely do not use these devices. One JD Wetherspoon pub in our area, which shall remain nameless, actually managed to fall into all three of these categories, thus more-or-less eliminating any chance it had of making next year's Guide. Surely 'spoons pubs don't use cask breathers, do they?

East London has largely been spared from the

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epidemic of fake 'Irish' pubs which have blighted the rest of London (possibly because we are well supplied with pubs that have a genuinely Irish feel). Those who think these places might be a purely London phenomenon can think again. Business recently took me to Londonderry where I found time for a pint in JT McGinley's, 24 Foyle St. It looked authentically Irish to me although not dissimilar to the Scruffy Murphys and O'Neills I have seen in England. Authentic that is until a barmaid confided in me that the place had only recently acquired the look of a junk shop and that "most of it's tat really - some was imported from England". So there you have it, fake Irish pubs on the Emerald Isle itself.

Stephen Harris

WETHERSPOON OPENINGS CONTINUE

Wetherspoon have opened the next two pubs in their planned assault on the City. The latest additions to their growing estate in the centre of London are **The Liberty Bounds**, **Trinity Square**, **EC3** and **The Shakespeare's Head**, **Kingsway, WC2**.



Peter and Berni Canning salute a Beefeater at the Tower of London, just a few yards from their new pub, the Liberty Bounds.

Both pubs opened for business on the same day and Wetherspoon say that they will be run in the same way as Wetherspoon pubs throughout the capital; music-free, no-smoking area, cask-conditioned beers available at all times, open all day including Sunday. This will mean that they differ from other city pubs that tend to close early during the week and not to open at weekends.

From a Wetherspoon's press release

YOUNGS OPEN NEW PUB IN THE ALDWYCH

Youngs latest pub was opened by a couple who met in the building over 50 years ago. Geoff and Barbara Warner met whilst working for Standard Telephones and Cables and will be celebrating their Golden Wedding later this year. Youngs invited them to serve up the first pint and the first glass of champagne when they opened **The Columbia Bar** in Aldwych.



Barbara and Geoff Warner toast the opening of the Columbia Bar

Youngs describe the pub as being the most 'breathtakingly modern' pub in London with two floors of glass, stainless-steel and high-tech furnishings. Real ale drinkers should be reassured that the manager Steve Williamson is also the manager of **The Marquess of Anglesey** in Covent Garden.

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LONDON BEERS - BEER TASTING PART I

Late last year I volunteered to be a member of the CAMRA tasting panel for London. Basically all members receive some training and then have to taste various beers whilst filling in tasting cards. These are then compiled by the Chair of the panel who summarises each beer and forms the descriptions eventually printed in the Good Beer Guide's brewery section. Anyway, the following is a summary, brewery by brewery, of my first seven weeks adventures around town.

BISHOPS

Sadly, at the time of writing I heard that the brewery had shut and I expect you will hear more elsewhere. However I did manage to try most of the standard range at least once. Starting at The Globe, SE1 in early January I had a good pint of Thirsty Willies, a good, balanced, golden, fairly hoppy beer. Unlike most Southern breweries both big and small, Bishops were not afraid to use hops although I felt they were less bitter than they were when they first became full mash two or three years ago. Later that evening I struggled through a substandard pint of Mitre, their best bitter, at the Shipwright's Arms, a pub closely associated with the brewery. Certainly a disappointment but I feel this pub usually sells too many beers for its turnover.

Later that week I had an excellent pint of Cardinal, their premium beer, at one of my local pubs, The Great Spoon of Ilford. Sadly this darkish, fruity yet still fairly hoppy beer was only too hard to find. Further examples of Thirsty Willies were tried at The Wheatsheaf, SE1 (on form) and The Lord Clyde, SE1 (poor quality). However the latter pub also had a very good example of Cathedral, their original bitter which was again hoppy, fruity yet darker than Thirsty Willies. Finally I tried a pint of a new beer, Andy Bishop's Bitter, at the Globe in mid February. Rumour has it that this is brewed at Crouch Vale.

Editor's note: Bishops Brewery Ltd is not currently brewing following the resignation of the brewer, Andy Bishop, the founder of the company. South East London CAMRA are trying to contact the remaining partners to find out their plans for the brewery, more details will appear when available. The Shipwright's Arms, a pub often erroneously referred to as being owned by the brewery, is still in business and continues to sell a range of beers including the Andy Bishop's Bitter mentioned above.

FULLERS

After hunting out Bishops beers Fullers is an easy job but finding excellent examples is not.

I also decided to visit some new pubs to me for added interest. First off I made my first and last visit to the Red Lion, Barnes, a regular GBG entry. I tried both the Chiswick (substandard but drinkable) and the ESB which was totally bland. ESB is one of my all time favourites but throughout this tour I have not yet found a good one.

The Artillery Arms, EC1, a small locals pub, came up with a very good pint of Chiswick which I probably prefer to London Pride due to the dry hopping. However, the Golden Eagle, W1, another cosy pub had a first class pint of London Pride on display. I shall have to return here for some Brakspears.

The next stop was an old favourite, the Dog & Bell, SE8. London Pride and ESB are regulars alongside 3 guests often unusual for London. For once I had pints of Pride (v. good) and ESB (a little tired) before walking to the also excellent Crystal Palace Tavern close by.

More sampling took me to 2 tied pubs in Hounslow, The Earl Russell and The Cross Lances which are virtually neighbours. I particularly liked the basic public bars but it was the former, non-GBG listed pub, which had better condition beer (Pride vs. ESB). The worst yet was the Railway Tavern in Carshalton where not only the Pride and ESB were very tired but we also found the atmosphere and welcome unpleasant. However this was more than compensated by a visit to the particularly welcoming, Windsor Castle, a worthy winner of London CAMRA pub of the year. No visit to this area is complete without a couple of pints in The Royal Standard, Croydon, my favourite Fullers pub. However the ESB here which is usually excellent was dire and tasted like water. All was not lost as 1_ pints of 1845 just slipped down despite its strength. Perhaps all the ESB drinkers had moved up.

O'HANLONS

Sadly I did not have much opportunity to try

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these remarkable, distinctive ales. O'Hanlons pub itself is the place to go to try the range which includes the quite excellent Dry Stout available in winter in cask-conditioned form and all year in non-pasteurised, smoother and cooler keg form (still very drinkable). My one visit here allowed me to try the fairly rich Blakeley's Winter Ale and Red Ale, both very enjoyable. I also found some Red Ale on at the Wheatsheaf recently and it was just as good. I shall certainly be sampling some of these beers for my next report.

PITFIELD

London's newest small brewery and the hardest to find. The only London outlets I know are the local Wenlock Arms which often sells the 3.7% Bitter and the one-offs, the Reliance, N1 which used to, and may still do, sell the Bitter and The Crystal Palace Tavern, SE8 which regularly sells them and has had several Pitfield House Beers. It is the standard range that needs to be sampled for the GBG and only one sighting of the Bitter has occurred. This was an excellent example at the Wenlock in mid January and quite the best version of the beer I previously thought was lacking in character. This time I found a distinctive, light, fruity session beer with a good hoppy balance. Since then I have come across Late Ale, Valentines 98 Ale, a mild and a dry hopped version of the Bitter but none as good as that above.

YOUNGS

Last but not least this well-known brewery which has had more ups and downs over the years than most and about which I have varied views. Firstly, the Bitter (or Ordinary) used to be an old favourite but the bitterness of 5 to 10 years ago seems to be fading fast. That said, it is still a good beer albeit a much more malty one. The Special has seemed to me to constantly changing in character and flavour over the years but it is always deceptively powerful for its ABV. Finally Winter Warmer seems to vary in quality and style each season like a wine. This years has been the best for a while but the late 90s caramel version is nothing like that rich, complex ale of old.

Anyway, tasting got off to a quick start in 1998 with the annual New Year's Day Youngs 135 Association social. The venue was The Morpeth Arms, SW1, but sadly no one could recommend the Special. The Bitter was particularly good (enough for 5 pints) once the cask was changed. Two more 135 trips visited The Duke of

Wellington in Portobello Road where the Winter Warmer was particularly good and The Rising Sun, SW1. The range here was consistent but the Special had a strange, not unpleasant, slightly scented tang, a characteristic I have often found in it.

The best Special yet was the Sekforde Arms near Farringdon, one of their best pubs all round and worth visiting on a crawl which takes in the O'Hanlons and St Peters pubs close by. This was a full-flavoured hoppy version and I did not try the Bitter. My most recent Special was the Britannia in Barking, the only Youngs pub within walking distance from home. True to form another good version but one that tasted more like a stronger version of the Bitter.

To be continued...

Simon Fyffe

Editor's Note: Anyone interested in becoming a trained taster should write to the editors at the address elsewhere in the magazine. Training usually takes place on a Saturday evening in London. The notes sent in by the trained tasters provide the tasting notes for the GBG brewery section and help to compile the shortlist for beers for the Champion Beer of Britain award.

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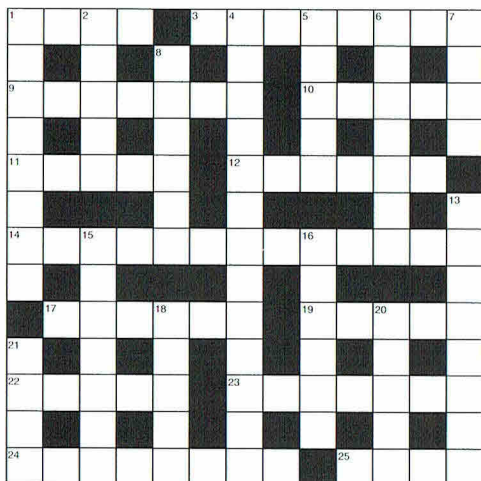
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1. Poet is not allowed in the pub, I hear. [4]
3. Father's got ages for hobbies. [8]
9. He may desire inordinately to be married. [7]
10. Setting out to burn some popular songs. [5]
11. Throng to see Cornish member. [5]
12. Frank has the power and acted. [6]
14. Extra quick drink. [7,6]
17. It may well reflect on you. [6]
19. Brief disturbance of dress material. [5]
22. Tied Pedro up. [5]
23. They steal women's underwear apparently. [7]

24. Left lights on pictures. [8]
25. Be the first to make metal. [4]

DOWN

1. Carries relation's hat. [8]
2. Drink before graduate dance. [5]
4. Bighead lusting after fruit. That's the spirit. [7,6]
5. School; the first with waterfall. [5]
6. Mother's pet dog. [7]
7. Point, in addition, to what's on the beach. [4]
8. Article on law breaking in war-torn area. [6]
13. Freed or let out again. [8]
15. Captain? He takes exercise. [7]
16. Position from where the Titanic sank? [6]
18. Condition of jockey. [5]
20. Note always turns up under another note. [5]
21. Fall a little. [4]

Winner of the prize for the March Crossword:
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UPDATE 134

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 we welcome three new Wetherspoon free houses comprising two bank conversions in EC3 City, near the Tower of London and WC2 Kingsway and a pub acquisition in Surbiton. Youngs have opened a bar in WC2 Aldwych. The latest non-brewing Firkin has appeared in SW16 Streatham. A continental style brewpub has opened in W1 Great Portland Street albeit bereft of real ale and expensive and just around the corner a speciality sausage restaurant has opened selling 4 real ales and a range of bottled beers. More pub closures and conversions to other uses are reported in East London and the Bass run East London Pub Co. has gained one and lost a number of outlets.

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

EC3, LIBERTY BOUNDS, 15 Trinity Square. Courage: Directors Bitter (£1.99). Fuller: London Pride (£2.15). Theakston: Best Bitter (£1.79). 3 Guest beers (£2.15). Weston: 1st Quality Draught Cider. Imposing stone clad former bank building converted into a Wetherspoon Free House opened mid-March 1998. Large, wooden panelled ground floor bar with raised seating/no smoking area along frontage offering views through large windows of the Tower of London. Screened seating areas, with a 'fireplace alcove', at the rear. False bookshelves line the staircase to the upper balcony bar with light pine flooring and carpets. Unlike other recent Wetherspoon conversions, pictures, maps and panels chronicle the history of the area around the Tower and two wall hangings portray Henry VIII and his daughter Elizabeth I. The pub's name refers to the land within the Crown boundaries outside the fortifications known as the Tower Liberties and bounded by landmark stones which are 'beaten'

every three years. Special privileges were granted by James II to Liberties inhabitants including paying no rates and exemption from the general system of law. Food, disabled WC. Open all permitted hours. Entrance also at rear from Muscovy St.

W1(F), MASH, 19-21 Great Portland St. No real ale. A new continental style brewpub and restaurant opened in March in former commercial premises and sister to its counterpart 'Mash & Air' in Manchester. Door staff control entry into a light green painted ground floor bar with pine flooring and furnishing. The brewery is located at the rear behind glass screens and the beers are believed to be stored in tanks under a gas blanket which results in a gassy taste. The range of beers may vary over time but for the record those listed in March were Mash (5.4%), Wheat (5.6%) and Peach (5%) all £2.80 a pint and Abbey (6.5%) at £1.70 a _ pint. Table or bar service. Loud repetitive music in evenings. Restaurant upstairs, takeaway deli and reception desk near entrance. Brewery tours available. Opens 8am (for breakfast) - 1am Monday to Saturday and 12-10.30 Sunday.

W1(F), R K STANLEYS, 6 Little Portland St.

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Wells: Eagle IPA (£2.19), Bombardier (£2.40). 2 Guest beers eg. Adnams Extra, Ringwood Porter (£2.55). A speciality sausage restaurant and bar opened November 1997 in former night club premises featuring fresh sausages made on the premises, cask ales and an interesting, albeit expensive, range of bottled beers from Britain and the Continent, including bottle conditioned beers. Basic cream coloured decor with choice of table or bar service. Beware 12.5% 'optional' service charge added to bill. Open kitchen area at rear. Disabled WC. Opens 12-2.30, 6-11.30 Mon to Sat, closed Sun.

W1(Mar), TOUCAN GUINNESS BAR, 94 Wimpole St. No real ale. New Free House with a 'Guinness' theme in former shop premises and sister pub to Toucan (see below).

W1(S), TOUCAN (THE), 19 Carlisle St. No real ale. Independent free house with 'Guinness' theme. In a former restaurant apparently opened 5 years ago but not previously reported.

WC2, COLUMBIA BAR, 69 Aldwych. Young: Bitter, Special, Seasonal beer. New Youngs bar at base of Columbia House office block opened March 1998. Aimed at the affluent younger market, it features a ground floor bar with green painted decor, tiled floor and fluorescent lighting. Raised seating/no smoking area behind the bar. Emphasis on wine, cocktails, etc. Stairs lead down to basement 'vault' with bare floorboards, exposed brick walls and ventilation and green alcove lighting. Monotonous 'music' throughout. The handpumps, although welcome, seem incongruous amongst the lager taps and 'beer from the bottle' brigade. Food. Open 7.30am for breakfast Monday to Friday and all permitted hours throughout, including weekends.

WC2, SHAKESPEARS HEAD, Africa House, 64-78 Kingsway. Courage: Directors Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Theakston: Best Bitter. Guest beers. Weston: 1st Quality Draught Cider. (Prices as Liberty Bounds above). Wetherspoon Free House opened March 1998 in premises formerly a bank and building society. Imposing entrance leads into rather anonymous large bar with dark panelled walls subdivided by screens. No smoking eating/drinking area at rear. Shakespear related prints and theatre posters on the walls. A disappointing lack of any historical

information on either the building, local area or origin of the pub name. Food, disabled WC. Open all permitted hours. Verdict: We have come to expect better - a lost opportunity in such a central location.

NORTH

W1, O'NEILLS, 59 Upper St. No Real Ale. Latest outlet for mock 'Oirish' Bass chain in former shop unit.

NORTH WEST

HARROW WEALD, RED LION, 328 High Rd. Renamed WEALDSTONE INN. Tetley: Bitter. (W114)

KENTON, ANGIES V, 14 Station Parade, Kenton Lane. No Real Ale. Irish bar in former shop unit.

KENTON, CEILI HOUSE, 410 Kenton Lane. No Real Ale. Irish bar in former shop unit.

KENTON, JAMES JOYCE, 91 Kenton Lane. No Real Ale. Irish bar in former shop unit.

SOUTH WEST

SW16, FURZE & FIRKIN, 103-105 Streatham High Rd. Firkin: Ramblers Ale (3.5%), Furze Ale (4.3%), Bush Beer (5.0%), Dogbolter (5.6%). Beware keg Addlestone Cider hidden behind false handpump. Latest Allied Domecq non-brewing Firkin opened March 1998 in former drapers shop premises originally Burtons. A furze is an evergreen shrub which apparently used to be found extensively on Streatham Common. Usual firkin decor with raised seating area to left of bar. Giant kids games. Live 2-piece bands Fridays and Saturdays and alternate Thursdays and Sundays. Big screen TV, newspapers. Large patio to rear. Food, disabled WC. Open all permitted hours.

MORDEN, DR FEELGOODS, 83 London Rd. No Real Ale. Now open. (SW150, U132)

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

EAST

E1, PACIFICOS Allied, closed, future uncertain. Formerly BULL & PUMP (E62, U92)

E2, ACORN. Ascot, closed. (E77, U99)

E2, CROWN. Ascot, converted to flats but still retains hanging pub sign. (E80, U99)

E2, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 25 Cambridge Crescent. Ascot, closed, boarded up, future uncertain. (E80, U99)

E2, WOOLPACK. Grand Met (ex Watney), now demolished. (E86, U89)

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E7, ODESSA ARMS. Courage, demolished. (E108)

E8, FATHER TEDS. Ex-Courage, closed (not opened under new name), formerly CROWN (E111, U131)

E15, SWAN. Grand Met (ex Watney) H unused. (E155, U113)

E15, VILLAGE. Free house, closed, future uncertain. (E155, U73, U76)

NORTH

N1, GEORGE. Renamed MORIARTY'S BAR. Now a Free House, ex Greene King. H removed. (N44)

SOUTH WEST

SW6, ADELAIDE. Free house, closed, future uncertain. (SW65)

SW19, MARQUIS OF LORNE. Intreprenuer, H unused. (SW118)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC2, CITY TUP. -Boddington: Bitter. - Wadworth: 6X. +Courage: Best Bitter. +John Smith: Bitter. (E35, U88, U98, U131)

EC2, GLOBE. - Charrington: IPA. Pub now knocked through to JOHN KEATS AT THE MOORGATE next door but remains separately named. (E31)

EC2, LONDON GENERAL. Bass, now demolished. (E33, U131)

EC2, JOHN KEATS AT THE MOORGATE. -Highgate: Saddlers Bitter. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Knocked through to GLOBE but remains separately named. (E33, U119)

EC3, HOOP & GRAPES. -Beers listed except Fuller: London Pride. +Guest beers. (E40)

W1(F), TOTTENHAM. -Beers listed except Tetley: Bitter. +Adnams: Broadside. +Greene King: Abbot Ale. +Hardy: Popes Traditional Bitter. +Marstons: Pedigree. (W32, U48, U89)

W1(S), NELLIE DEAN. Now titled NELLIE DEAN (IN SOHO). (W43)

EAST

E1, DUKE OF SOMERSET. Renamed FIRST & LAST. -Beers listed. +Fuller: London Pride. (E65)

E1, STILL & STAR. -Charrington: IPA. +Draught Bass. +Fuller: London Pride. +Greene

King: IPA. +Young: Bitter. (E73)

E2, DUKE OF SUSSEX. Renamed ALBION. - Courage: Best Bitter. +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. (E80, U94)

E2, JUKE BOX. Reverted to BRITANNIA. Hanging sign displays 'The Brit' name. (E79, U124)

E2, PERSEVERANCE, 112 Pritchards Rd. Now a free house, ex Grand Met (Watney), still fizz. (E83)

E3, LITTLE DRIVER. Now badged as part of East London Pub Co. chain by Bass. (E90, U69, U72, U79, U117, U121)

E9, McCANNS. Renamed VILLAGE INN. (E121, U71, U85, U117)

E10, COACH & HORSES. No longer badged as East London Pub Co. (E123, U75, U124)

E10, HARE & HOUNDS. No longer badged as East London Pub Co. (E125, U67, U124)

E11, COWLEY ARMS. No longer badged as East London Pub Co. (E128, U124)

E11, CROWN. No longer badged as East London Pub Co. (E128, U76, U124)

E17, FLOWER POT. No longer badged as East London Pub Co. (E167, U80, U124, U125)

E17, PIG & WHISTLE. -Beers listed.

+Greenall: Bitter. +Guest beer. Now owned by Greenalls, formerly Inn Leisure. (E168, U73)

E17, PLOUGH. Renamed HECTORS. (E168, U80)

NORTH

N4, PLIMSOLL ARMS. Renamed AULD TRIANGLE. (N76)

ENFIELD EAST (EN3), PRINCE OF WALES. Renamed ENTERTAINER. (N241)

NORTH WEST

HARROW WEALD, LEEFE ROBINSON.

Full name is LEEFE ROBINSON VC. -

Flowers: Original Bitter. +Flowers: IPA.

+Marstons: Pedigree. Now part of Whitbread's Beefeater chain. (W114, U67)

SOUTH WEST

SW19, KILKENNY TAVERN. -Ruddle: Best Bitter. + Courage: Best Bitter. (SW117)

SURBITON, CAP IN HAND. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. +Hop Back: Summer Lightning. +3 Guest beers. +Weston: 1st Quality Draught Cider. Road House at Hook Rise on A3 Kingston Bypass acquired from Enterprise Inns by Wetherspoons and reopened on 31st March. Completely refurbished with the addition of a conservatory

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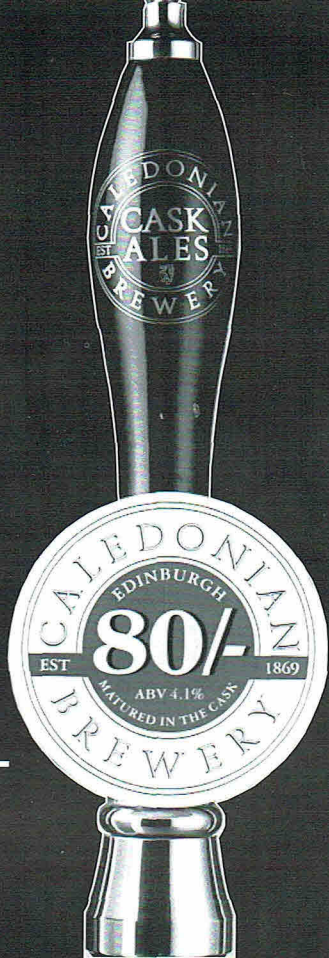
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WEST

TWICKENHAM, COCK & BULL. Renamed FULWELL ARMS. -Beers listed. +Boddington: Bitter. +Fuller: London Pride. Originally JOLLY BLACKSMITH. (W150, U44, U57, U101)

TWICKENHAM, HEDGEHOG & STUMP. Renamed TUP (THE). -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Theakston: XB. Formerly NAUGHTIES. Now part of Tup free house chain. (W151, U45, U95)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 131

PUBS CLOSED ETC.

E15, CHOBHAM ARMS. Not converted to restaurant, still closed and derelict. Delete entry.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 132

OTHER CHANGES ETC.

KINGSTON, HUNGRY HORSE. Beers should read: Courage: Best Bitter. Greene King: Martha Greene's Brewery Ale, IPA, Abbot Ale.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 133

OTHER CHANGES ETC.

WC1, YORKSHIRE GREY. Should read **YORKSHIRE GREY BREWERY.**

ROMFORD, CLUTTERBUCKS ALE HOUSE. River Rom runs under the pub.

SW1(B), FOX & HOUNDS. Ref should read (SW39)

W11, COCK & BOTTLE. Not a Free House but inherited from Grand Met by Nomura owned Grand Pub Co.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 134

OTHER CHANGES ETC.

CENTRAL - Heading omitted in error.

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

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| 30-Apr - 1 May | 11TH ONGAR
The Budworth Hall
High Street, Ongar |
| 30 Apr - 3 May | READING
Kings Meadow
Reading |
| 15 - 17 May | YAPTON
Yapton & Ford Village Hall
Yapton, Nr Arundel |
| 18 - 23 May | 25TH CAMBRIDGE
Cambridge City Football Ground
Mitchams Corner
Milton Road, Cambridge |
| 20 - 23 May | 13TH COLCHESTER
Colchester Arts Centre
Church Street
Colchester |
| 28 - 30 May | OXFORD
Oxford Town Hall
St Aldates, Oxford |
| 1 - 6 June | THURROCK
Thurrock Civic Centre
Blackshots Lane
Grays |
| 3 - 6 June | TRIPLE IN TENTS
National Hockey Stadium
Silbury Boulevard
Central Milton Keynes |
| 12 - 13 June | 1ST HEREFORD CIDER FESTIVAL
Shire Hall
St Peters Square
Hereford |
| 17 - 20 June | 6TH CATFORD
Lewisham Theatre
Rushey Green
Catford, London SE8 |
| 19 - 20 June | SOUTHAMPTON
Guildhall
West Marlands Road
Southampton |
| 4 - 8 Aug | GREAT BRITISH BEER FESTIVAL
Grand & National Halls
Olympia, London W8 |

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the blue cover of the 24 page May 1983 issue of *London Drinker* bore a photo of the Bedford Hotel, Balham, then a recent convert to real ale. Prominent in the picture was a “no entry” street sign which, according to the caption, no longer applied to Real Ale drinkers. The pub’s history appeared in the content, and some attention was paid to the most notable occurrence within its walls, the inquest upon the victim of the Balham Murder 1876.

The Editorial dwelt upon one’s motives for joining CAMRA, and stressed the danger of complacency in its success.

New Malden had become the latest Greater London district to achieve 100% real ale pubs. “Red Rover” - a pen-name veiling the identity of a contributor who worked for London buses - contributed the first of a number of articles which became renowned for their outspokenness about the less attractive side of the pub scene, such as prices, decor and clientele. On more than one occasion when producing a notebook in pubs, I had the unenviable pleasure of being accused of his identity and of dubious journalistic practises; one guvnor wouldn’t accept my denials and invited me to something off through the door. This first crawl, which included several references to public transport, ran from Waterloo via Blackfriars Road to Walworth, and visited 32 pubs, of which the author actually drank in ten. You can guess why the others failed to please him. All subsequent episodes bore the title “London Drinking”, and I believe the Gremlins caused the main heading with those words to be omitted. Mike Moran contributed Part 1 of a series on Home Brewing, which ran for three episodes then disappeared after an announcement to the effect that he was on holiday.

Mel Warren presented us with a crawl from Kings Cross to Highbury along the Caledonian Road. The title was “Dahn the Cally”, for a change not misprinted. A brief history of the Hoop & Grapes, Aldgate, which had been closed since 1976 and was to reopen at a date unspecified after major rebuilding work - it escaped the Great Fire of 1666 by a matter of yards. Another reopening, one which had already taken place, was that of Barker’s, formerly the Dive Bar in Southwark Street, now named the Hop Cellar.

The City of London Brewery was chronicled from its earliest reference, in 1431, to its demolition in 1942, when it was the oldest brewery in the City, having been devastated by bombing in 1940/41.

“What’s in a name?” concerned the change of

title of the Bull & Mouth near the British Museum (a corruption of “Boulogne Mouth”, a naval action in the 16th Century) to “The Falkland Arms” in honour of our beating the Argentinians in the eponymous islands in the previous year.

TEN YEARS AGO in May 1988 the main colour was chocolate brown, with black appearing on 7 of its 40 pages including the covers. This choice was made to mark the demise of Wethered’s of Marlow (who used it as the house colour) and the cover illustration was of a Wethered’s beer mat, to which we had added the letters R.I.P. This was premature, as press date was before the actual closure, but in any case that took place as schedule by Whitbread.

Chris Cobbold in his Editorial dwelt on the evils of beer returned illegally to casks with beer from drip trays and the like.

Women’s rights campaigners were claiming victory after the Jack the Ripper pub in Whitechapel had been forced to change its name after ten years back to its original title, the Ten Bells. All Ripper-related material appeared from then onwards inside the building. Roger Protz contributed a page about Truman’s beers - at the time it was likely that the name would be transferred to beers brewed by Ushers of Trowbridge - which as it transpired turned out to be the case.

The Castle, Cowcross Street next to Farringdon Station was profiled - it has the unique distinction of holding a pawnbroker’s licence, dating from the 1820’s when the landlord loaned cash to the temporarily penniless King George IV (formerly the Prince Regent) on security of the monarch’s watch. In the same issue the Glassblower, just off Regent Street, was also featured - at the time it was a regular L.D. outlet.

Hoskins Brewery of Leicester, which had owned the Waterside Inn, N1 for two years, had sold it to Whitbread. Nearby the George VI had been sold by Thwaites of Blackburn to a free house chain.

The 9-year history of David Bruce’s Firkin pubs was outlined - they had been sold for £6.6m to

Midsummer Leisure, formerly CAMRA Real Ale Investments. The contribution bore my name, followed by "BLO (ret'd), Bruce's".

In a 1½ page article entitled "If the Cap Fits", D James discussed some of the less salubrious pub practises which tend to lead to an inferior pint - you can guess them if you like. I won't spoil your drinking.

In the first of two parts of a Historicrawl of Windsor & Eton, Merton wrote about the pubs of Eton and 5 in Windsor, with a fair smattering of history. The second part, covering the rest of Windsor, appeared two months later.

Idle moments featured three non-rhyming limericks and a three-stanza epic.

At this time CAMAL - the Campaign for Real Lager - was contributing regular articles, and a CAMAL trip to Germany was chronicled. They apparently enjoyed it.

From "Pint in Hand" - the magazine of the Society for the Preservation of Beers from the Wood, which predates CAMRA by some years, came an article on Coopering, very much a beer-related topic once, but now a dying craft.

Alma Books' latest production, Pubs for Families, was reviewed.

In "News from Afar" the retirement of the late Ted Stanbridge from the Bat & Ball, Newpound Common near Billingshurst was covered - he lived there for 77½ years, served beer direct from the cask and never used a cellar. He died the following year.

FIVE YEARS AGO flame red was chosen for 6 of the 32 pages of the May 1993 issue, including both covers. The front illustrated the Priory Arms, SW8, and back was an advert for the Catford Beer Festival - the first to be run by South-East London Branch at Lewisham Theatre, having previously used Greenwich Town Hall.

In the Editorial, Andy followed-up the reintroduction of Fullers' Hock, expressing the hope that it would remain a permanent member of the portfolio, which as we now know did not come to fruition. It was a good quality beer but prices varied greatly. Hock featured in a half page advert which described it as "a new Cask Condition Mild". As usual, Andy contributed the regular Idle Moments features.

An unnamed reader wrote about the pubs of Munich, (generally restaurants), being retired and having lived there for some years, describing the beer types available and recommending some outlets, with transport directions.

Martin Watson, who was not far short of

completing his Fullers passport tour with his wife, described their travels and impressions.

As a result of their featuring on a TV programme, Tolly Cobbold had received enquiries about beer for export, and as a result 1200 cases of 1048 og Cantab were despatched to Italy. The natives did not think the naked lady - the Bacchante - was very English (as if they had the monopoly on such creatures!), but the picture of a traditional Suffolk Punch horse was thought to fit the image, and so to go with it Tolly's Strong Ale - abv 4.6% - was born.

Marston's had developed eight beers for its "Head Brewer's Choice" range, available for a fortnight each. Meanwhile McMullen's of Hertford had done similarly, and a press release described the characteristics of the beers, while another described the brewery's history from 1827 to date.

Beer sales had dropped nationally, though real ale still accounted for 58.5% of "draught" sales compared with 41.5% for lager and keg.

Cheers for now,

Martin Smith

NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH?

Too late to go with last month's article we received this photo of Streatham MP Keith Hill enjoying lunch at the Windmill on the Common, Clapham watched by licensees James and Rachel Watt. He had just presented them with a Parliamentary Beer Club certificate as an excellent place to enjoy food.



Idle Moments

Well, here we are again; Easter has gone and possibly the snow as well. And here I sit missing Harlequins giving Leicester a good stuffing at the Stoop (No, don't tell me, I'll know the result long before you read this). So in the absence of anything worthwhile to do let's get on with the answers to last month's number puzzles:

- 12 Feet is the Length of a Snooker Table
- 4 Pedals on a Tandem
- 147 Square Miles is the Area of the Isle of Wight
- 60 Years to Your Diamond Wedding Anniversary
- 959 Cells in a Nematode Worm
- 3 Formula One World Championships of Jackie Stewart
- 78 Crime Novels by Agatha Christie
- 55 Top Ten Hits of Elvis Presley
- 397 Miles from London to Glasgow
- 8 Wins in the Saint Leger by Lester Piggott

I know what you're thinking: "How does he come up with new ones every month?" (Or is it "Why does he..."). Either way, here they are:

- 23 H in the DW the CGF
- 75 C in a SB of W
- 2001 S of the NM
- 9 SS by O in T
- 18 P for a NLW in C on CF
- 20 Q in a R of P
- 227 SM is the A of the I of M
- 12 I is the D of a LPR
- 150 Y in a S
- 25 M in the PGLA

And now for all you lovers of brewery anagrams (You sad people!), here are the answers to last month's set:

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. IDLE FILCH | LICHFIELD |
| 2. TORN COP | CROPTON |
| 3. SKEWER THE RIBS | WEST BERKSHIRE |
| 4. BEL HAS PECK | BLACK SHEEP |
| 5. DARN THUMB LONER | NORTHUMBERLAND |

And if you are feeling in need of some more for this month (You sad, sad people! Nurse will be coming round with the medicine shortly), here they are:

- TAKEN THEM SKEWER
- NOT SLIM SON
- LAYS BREN
- THICKEN
- TEN PALS

As you may know, I like to be a bit educational from time, and as I don't think

you've suffered enough yet I've got out one of my old college text books (price three pounds fifteen shillings if I remember correctly) and extracted some data from the Periodic Table for this month's 5BY4. All you have to do is match the elements numbered 1 to 10 in the left hand column with their atomic numbers marked A to J in the right hand one (Educational or what?).

Answers as usual at the end:

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|---------------|-------|
| 1. Lead | A. 92 |
| 2. Uranium | B. 7 |
| 3. Oxygen | C. 79 |
| 4. Iron | D. 8 |
| 5. Nitrogen | E. 29 |
| 6. Helium | F. 13 |
| 7. Plutonium | G. 26 |
| 8. Gold | H. 82 |
| 9. Copper | I. 2 |
| 10. Aluminium | J. 94 |

And so finally we come to the last section of this little farrago, the bit I like to call General Trivia (or is it Trivial Knowledge - either way that seems to describe it quite well). And, so as not to change the habits of a lunchtime, we shall kick off with last month's answers:

- 1st April
- Robin, Barry and Maurice Gibb
- The Wallace Collection
- Frans Hals
- As You Like it
- Naomi James
- Leon Trotsky
- Harry S. Truman
- The Chiltern Hundreds
- The village of Portmeirion

And so at length we reach this month's questions:

- Who is the author of such travel books as "Notes From a Small Island" and "The Lost Continent"?
- For what form of transport were the Glasgow firm of Alley & MacLellan best known?
- John Manners was a Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards in 1758 and Commander in Chief of the Army by 1766. By what title is he commemorated in the

- name of many pubs?
- To whom is the quotation "When the President does it, that means that it is not illegal" attributed?
 - Who wrote "The Wind in the Willows"?
 - Who wrote "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner"?
 - Who collectively are Allan Clarke, Graham Nash, Eric Haydock, Tony Hicks and Bobby Elliott?
 - Which composer's last twelve symphonies are known as the London Symphonies (or Salomon Symphonies)?
 - The flight of which king, after his defeat at what battle, is commemorated in the pub name The Royal Oak?
 - What is the capital city of New York state? Right, just before I go here, as promised are the answers to 5BY4:
1-H, 2-A, 3-D, 4-G, 5-B, 6-I, 7-J, 8-C, 9-E, 10-F.
And now for the bit you've all been waiting for.
Byee!

Andy Pirson

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EC1 SHAKESPEARE
EC1 SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE
EC3 SWAN
EC4 BLACK FRIAR
E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
E2 CAMDENS HEAD
E2 CONQUEROR
E3 COBORN ARMS
E7 OLD SPOTTED DOG
E8 PRINCE ARTHUR
E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
E11 BIRKBECK TAVERN
E11 GEORGE
E15 GOLDEN GROVE
E17 COLLEGE ARMS
SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
SE1 COPPER
SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
SE1 GLOBE
SE1 GRAPES
SE1 KINGS ARMS
SE1 LORD CLYDE
SE1 MARKET PORTER
SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
SE1 ROYAL OAK
SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
SE1 SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS
SE1 WHEATSHEAF
SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall Street
SE1 WINDMILL, 44 Lambeth High Street
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SE3 BRITISH OAK
SE3 CROWN
SE3 FAIRWAY & FIRKIN
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SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE6 BLACK HORSE & HARROW
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SE7 ANTIGALLICAN
SE7 ROYAL OAK
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SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
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SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE
SE9 BANKERS DRAFT
SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY
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SE10 RICHARD I
SE13 HOGS HEAD

SE13 QUAGGY DUCK
SE13 WATCH HOUSE
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE18 COOPERS ARMS (PLAISTEDS)
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)
SE20 MOON & STARS
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
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SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB
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WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE

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N1 EARL OF RADNOR
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 WENLOCK ARMS
N2 WELCH'S ALE HOUSE
N6 OLD GATE HOUSE
N9 LAMB
N11 BANKERS DRAFT
N12 ELEPHANT
N12 TALLY HO
N13 WHOLE HOG
N16 EBOR ARMS
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NEW MOON
N19 DOG
N21 HALF MOON
N21 ORANGE TREE
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
BARNET, WHITE LION
BARNET, YE OLDE MITRE INN
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 SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE
 SW3 COOPERS ARMS
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 SW3 SURPRISE
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 SW11 EAGLE ALEHOUSE,
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 SW12 MOON UNDER WATER
 SW12 NIGHTINGALE
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 SW13 ROSE OF DENMARK
 SW14 HALFWAY HOUSE
 SW14 HARE & HOUNDS
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW15 GREEN MAN
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 OXFORD, WHARF HOUSE
 POTTERS BAR, CHEQUERS
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 ARMS
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 SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK
 TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP &
 FEATHERS
 WALTON ON THAMES, REGENT
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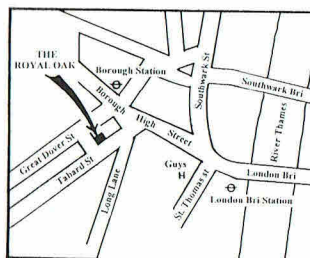
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