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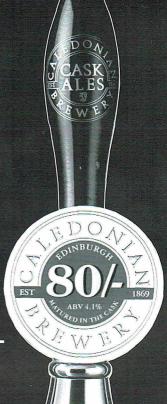


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There always been brought up to believe that I live in a democracy but sometimes I hear a piece of news that makes me doubt that. I am thinking that this might be one of those times.

Now that might strike you as a pretty outrageous statement with which to start an editorial and I admit that it probably is overstating the case, but recent events in Parliament have left me wondering why it is that a lone MP can scupper a bill that has widespread support simply by uttering the single word, "Object". Just in case that did not sink in, let me repeat, by uttering the single word, "Object" Mr. Eric Forth (Con.), MP for Bromley and Chislehurst stopped all discussion on Dennis Turner's "Full Pints" bill. This bill had support from quite a large number of MPs (certainly more than just Mr. Forth) but being a private member's bill that simple action was enough to terminate discussion - and apparently there is never a vote without discussion.

Now, I am sure that lots of other private members' bills have been terminated in exactly this manner in the past but this time the subject is one that a lot of us are interested in. Not that Mr. Forth believes this, he is reported in stating that there is no public support for the matter. I am honestly flabbergasted at that statement; it is tantamount to saying that every member of the public who enters a pub is quite happy to be (perhaps even wishes to be) fobbed off with short measure.

Maybe it is time for parliamentary procedure to be changed to ensure that private members bills cannot be usurped in such a callous and undemocratic manner. It is hard enough for a private member's bill to be brought to the house in the first place; once it gets there, there must surely be a specific minimum amount allocated to it to ensure that it receives a fair hearing. And surely every bill deserves to be voted upon at every stage of its progress through parliament; any shortfall on this must be a tremendous waste of time and effort, and I repeat undemocratic. For Mr. Forth to have made the statement that he did is as facile as I believe it to be dishonest.

There is one more chance for this bill on Friday 3rd July. Please write to your MP urging him to support it, ESPECIALLY if you live in the constituency of Bromley and Chislehurst - then your MP will not be able to make such patently untrue statements again.

On a similar subject, I recently went into a Wetherspoons with a fellow editor where we

decided on a pint of Summer Lightning each, served in their oversize glasses which "guarantee full pints". What a shame that I had to ask for mine to be topped up to the line so helpfully provided by the management. When I mentioned this matter at a subsequent all London CAMRA meeting, it was intimated to me that this was not an isolated incident in this particular pub. It still pays to keep your eyes open.

By the way, another private member's bill was also blocked within the last couple of weeks, which could also have an effect on those of us who want to go drinking beyond walking distance of our homes. Its purpose was to introduce licensing for private hire car companies - that is minicab operators. Once again, a single MP stood up and uttered the single word, "Object". And do you know the identity of that single MP? Why, it was none other than Mr. Eric Forth, MP for Bromley and Chislehurst. I wonder if he has any special reason for being apparently so opposed to any legislation which is in favour of consumer protection.

Andy Pirson

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MORE BREWERY HISTORY GOES DOWN THE PAN

At the end of April Scottish Courage marked the death knell for two more historic brewery names with the announcement that beers produced under the Matthew Brown banner were to be dropped from their portfolio, together with those of William Younger.

This announcement marked the latest structural change in brewing following announcements of brewery closures and brand losses from Bass, Carlsberg Tetley and Whitbread.

When Scottish & Newcastle (as they were then) took over Matthew Brown in 1985 they stated that the brewery was sacrosanct, yet this did not stop them closing it in 1991 - now even the name is going. It appears from a position of hindsight that all they were probably interested in was the Theakston identity with its flagship ale, Old Peculier.

Mike Benner, CAMRA's Head of Campaigns stated, "National brewers are blaming these cutbacks on falling demand for cask beer, but this is simply a cover up. The balance of power in the market has moved to the big pub retail chains and the brewers are running scared. Scottish Courage is no longer the exclusive supplier for what is now the Grand Pub Company and it's reeling as a result."

He added, "The national brewers are desperately marketing one or two beers as 'must have' national brands while ignoring the others they have acquired over the years. It is a basic rule of marketing that if you don't promote it, demand will fade."

DOME VICTORY?

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Pollowing reports in the press that there would not be a British style pub in the Millennium Dome owing to fears about a hooligan element, CAMRA is claiming a victory over the reversal of this decision. It wrote to the New Millennium Experience Company after the initial reports and the Campaign's National

AGM backed a motion calling for the Dome to feature the best of British beer.

The Campaign's Press and Public Affairs Manager, Ben Wardle, told us, "Britain is World renowned for brewing some damn fine beers. Now visitors to the Dome will be able to experience some of them. Drinkers can now celebrate the Millennium with style - perhaps we'll be able to do it with a full pint too."

He continued, "Britain's traditional pubs and real ale are a great draw for overseas visitors. I'm glad the Dome has now recognised the importance of our brewing heritage."

Now the Company has announced that the provisionally named "Inn at the Dome" will serve "the best traditionally brewed and popular beers from Lands End to John O'Groats". Let us just hope that by this statement they don't just mean the brews that the national brewers can churn out in vast quantities, like Boddingtons and the rest.

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

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

Southampton

4 - 8 Aug GREAT BRITISH BEER

FESTIVAL
Grand & National Halls

Olympia, London W8

Opinion

FULL PINTS - WHERE'S THE PROBLEM?

The May edition of London Drinker carried the news that Dennis Turner's Private Member's Bill seeking to guarantee full pints suffered a set-back following objections from two MP's - Nicholas Soames and Eric Forth. Messrs. Soames and Forth claim there is no public support for the change and that the ensuing expense of changing to lined glasses is not justifiable. I wonder just how accurate these assertions are.

Recent research has revealed the following:

- Only 30% of companies have a policy of providing a full liquid pint without the need to request a top-up.
- The industry is split on the "Honest Pint" Bill 19% support legislation, 65% oppose the move. Amongst pub chains 47% support and 53% oppose.
- 1 in 5 companies already make some use of lined oversized glasses (which allow consumers to see whether they're getting a full pint).

I suspect that the main expense of moving to lined glasses is the cost of the extra beer that must be put into every glass, not the cost of glasses, which would be introduced over a period of time. Guidelines issued by the Brewery and Licensed Retailers Association (BLRA) encourage bar-staff to top up pints, with good grace, WHEN REQUESTED. Many pubs display posters saying staff will top up pints on request but remind customers that the head may form up to 5% of the pint under current UK law. The main problem with the law as it stands is that the onus is on the customer to request a full pint rather than the retailer to provide full measure. Unscrupulous breweries and publicans exploit the law by normally serving less than the full measure, knowing that only some customers will ask for a top-up. There are rumours of breweries who recommend that publicans sell over 100% of the beer in each container, e.g. serve 76 pints from a container which holds 72 pints! This is only possible by either supplying less than full measure for each pint ordered or by returning beer to the container.

If a customer is short-changed he will generally tell the bar-staff at the earliest opportunity. If that same customer takes a beer that is less than full measure, (s)he will generally do little more than grumble to drinking companions or just accept the pint as it stands - many (most?) probably don't even register that they have accepted less than they asked for.

The reason for the lack of public support could be that there is no problem with the

measures. However, research by CAMRA has indicated that 25% of the total number of 'pints' served are below the legal minimum of 19 fluid ounces. The most likely explanation for the lack of support is that people simply won't complain.

CAMRA encourages ALL drinkers to politely request full measure and if there is a persistent problem to contact the local Trading Standards Officer (TSO). The addresses and phone numbers for TSO's in the South East London CAMRA branch area are:

BROMLEY

Environmental Services London Borough of Bromley Bromley Civic Centre Stockwell Close Bromley KENT BR1 3UH

GREENWICH

Tel. (0181) 464 3333

Environmental & Consumer Services London Borough of Greenwich Riverside House Woolwich High Street LONDON SE18 6DN Tel. (0181) 854 8888

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Tel. (0181) 695 6000

Public Protection Services London Borough of Southwark The Chaplin Centre Thurlow Street LONDON SE17 2DG Tel. (0171) 525 5856

The final chance for Mr Turner's bill is Friday 3rd July. Drinkers who are in favour of moving the onus of providing full measure on to the retailer are encouraged to contact their MP asking them to support the bill, especially

Odds & Ends

if their MP happens to be Mr Soames or Mr Forth. The best way to contact MPs is via their local constituency office, but failing that all MPs can be contacted via the House of Commons at the following address

> House of Commons LONDON SW1A 0AA

In the meantime drinkers can obtain full measure at the Catford Beer Festival, which uses oversized lined glasses, as do all CAMRA organised beer festivals.

Andy Camroux

A LOT OF BOTTLE

With the current sporting extravaganza about to get underway across the Channel, perhaps we can get away with telling the following old chestnut again.

It concerns two rival local teams in a junior football league in Dortmund, Germany. As an incentive for their forthcoming derby match, the owner of the bar where one of the teams drank offered his team a bottle of beer per player for each goal scored. On hearing this the

owner of the other team's local matched the offer for his team.

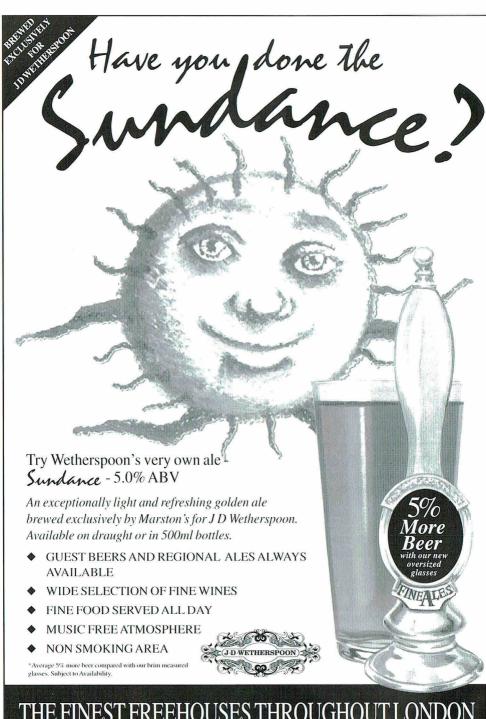
The final score of a game notable for its stunningly inept defending was 24-23. Who says that the Germans don't have a sense of humour - although I suspect that two of them weren't laughing.

MAGIC

ondon Drinker readers remember that the Magic Pub Company, famed for their pub names like "Pickled Newt" and "Orange Rat", was sold last year to Greene King for something like £197 Million. According to the Daily Mail three of the men behind the company are coming back into the trade as the Ambishus (sic) Pub Company, having spent almost £16 Million on a total of 31 pubs. The company was due to be floated on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) in May 1998. The article did not say where the pubs were but the company are looking for more. Sightings please to Capital Pubcheck.

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Pub News

PUB NEWS FROM EAST LONDON AND CITY BRANCH

Last London & City Branch are pleased to announce that our PUB OF THE YEAR for 1998 is O'Hanlon's of Tysoe Street, EC1. The pub was chosen for its friendly welcome, its atmosphere of lively conversation, its excellent food and above all for the superb beers brewed at the pub's own brewery in Vauxhall. We are sure that it will prove to be a very popular Pub of the Year to follow the success of the Alma (1997) and the Birkbeck Tavern (1996), both of which have retained their reputations for fine real ale. A special celebration evening will be held on Monday 8 June (see Branch Diary) and all London Drinker readers are welcome to attend. We are sure the craic will be good and John O'Hanlon has suggested that he might even brew a special beer for the occasion.

I was recently lucky enough to be invited to a beer tasting night at the Hoop & Grapes Aldgate High Street, EC3 and while I was there I learned that this pub regularly (and probably uniquely in London) sells a beer from Scottish regional brewer Maclays. Generally either Broadsword or Wallace IPA.

As if it wasn't huge enough already, the Hamilton Hall, at Liverpool Street Station, EC2 is now even bigger. Wetherspoon's have taken over the almost-as-grand premises next door (formerly Balls Brothers), extended their main bar area and created a new entrance from Bishopsgate. There is a separate serving area in this extension but real ale is not available from that bar. Nearby, the Drum & Monkey, Houndsditch, EC3 has caught the guest beer bug and I was pleased to see one of my favourites - Caledonian Deuchar's IPA - last time I called in. This pub also seems to have scrapped its restrictive door policy based on mode of dress.

On Good Friday I spent a very pleasant couple of hours in the Approach Tavern, Approach Road, E2. This pub seems to be thriving under its new ownership and there was a very good crowd in a for mid-afternoon. The barman told me that the guest beers - Morland's spring seasonal on the day I was there with Ruddle's County (get it while you can) to come - were selling well. Nearby the Royal Standard, Victoria Park Road, E9, has also finally changed hands - reportedly with the loss of Marston's Pedigree.

In E4 there is a McMullen's pub, the Royal Oak, Kings Head Hill, Chingford, which is sometimes forgotten as it no longer appears in the Good Beer Guide due to its use of cask breathers on slower selling ales. This should not put you off visiting this excellent pub.

McMullen's are now up to number 15 in their

series of 'Special Reserve' ales - one of the best yet, called Hertford Castle, a 5% Pale Ale, well seasoned with Bramling, Progress and Goldings hops.

Not content with having a Pub of the Year, East London & City Branch has also recently announced that its 1998 CLUB OF THE YEAR is the Leyton Orient Supporters Club, Brisbane Road, E10. Not so long ago this was a typical club bar with nothing but fizzy beer. The Committee then took the bold move of trying out some real ale a few years back and the whole thing has snowballed from there. 4 - 6 real ales are now available, always from independent breweries including many of the new micros. The only drawback is that the club closed its doors on 2 May after the Torquay game and will not now re-open until the O's pre-season friendlies start in August. At least when they do re-open they will know that their enthusiasm for good beer has been recognised.

The increase to three guest beers at the Birkbeck Tavern, Langthorne Road, E11 has been at the expense, mirroring the national trend, of Draught Bass. This leaves Courage Best and the house beer as the only regulars at the pub with guest beers now taking centre stage.

Ridley's tied house, the Duke of Cambridge, Boundary Road, E17 has not quite got off to the start CAMRA members were hoping for and many people have reported wasted visits with no real ale available. I can confirm that the pub is now advertising Ridley's IPA at a reasonable £1.55 a pint. Meanwhile the rumours that Bateman's are about to re-enter the East London pub scene are growing stronger but where and when is anybody's guess at the moment.

Stephen Harris

MORE TIME GENTLEMEN PLEASE!

One of the ongoing complaints about pub culture in the UK is the parlous and fragmented nature of licencing hours. Visitors to our country and particularly our city are mystified by the dog's breakfast of legislation concerning not just hours, but age and 'acceptability' as well. They're not alone but there are plenty around that would sooner see us return to a neò - puritan ethos where fun, fulfilment and choice are anathema and would seek to deny any resident or visitor that basic right.

You know who they are and I won't grant them the satisfaction or the 'oxygen of publicity' by naming them. Needless to say, they are on a hiding to nothing as they sit Canute - like in their ivory towers (excuse the mixed metaphor!). They shall not spoil our fun and we shall not let them. The battle lines are drawn.

Many readers will remember the glorious day in 1988 when afternoon closing was made optional and we could enjoy a pint or two without the indulgence of a landlord for a 'lock in'. I well remember that day and the one that followed later allowing Sunday afternoon opening. Both were accompanied by the usual wailing and portents of doom from those who would prefer us to lock all our doors and take to our beds of an evening or Sunday like good little citizens.

Vocal misgivings were given life by any renta-quote temperance hothead who happened to be passing within quotable distance but as we know, the site of all and sundry lying dog faced in the street of a Sabbath never materialised. Let's face it, if someone had a drink problem they'd know where they'd be able to carry on drinking and the pub closing at 11 p.m, 12 p.m or even later will make not a scrap of difference anyway. The proposed legislation to allow midnight opening is very overdue and represents a dawning realisation by politicians that a nanny state does no one any benefit in the long run. Indeed, such moves to modify the law could also prove to be a popular vote winner: "giving people what they want" and "the feel good factor" being the sort of sound bites that lodge in the consciousness of mass culture long after they are uttered.

After a few hours on a train, I can be drinking to well past midnight (legitimately) in either of two capital cities. Many pubs in Edinburgh do some fine cask ales (plug here for the Malt Shovel!) and lager drinkers would be in clover in Paris. Why not in London? We live in and around one of the world's greatest cities - a world class city - but it's not just tourists who are disappointed at 11.20 when mine host issues his usual friendly homily of "auf Wiedersehen pet".

It's an anachronism to expect people to meakly comply with an archaic law just because that's what's always happened. We can fly men to the moon, cure hideous diseases but can't get a pint after 11 p.m? Absurd is not the word!

This is the Nincties and we are soon to see the dawn of a new millennium. The rural idyll with all its "poor man at his gate" hypocrisies and social controls are dead in the water. Let's get real and start to enjoy a bit more choice.

Al Ferrier

The legend of the lock in and the 'late house' are part and parcel anyway of pub culture, so it is facile in the extreme to obstruct what the majority of customers find an enjoyable pursuit. No one's forcing anyone to stay later or even go in the first place; it's the customer's right to choose after all.

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I felt that I must write to complain about Simon Fyffe's article "London Beers - Beer Tasting Part 1."

In the Fullers segment he states the worst pub was the Railway Tavern in Carshalton. As I use the pub on a regular basis I find the beer has no problems and the friendliest landlord you could wish to meet. How can Mr Fyffe write such a damning article on one visit?

Yours faithfully, P Wilkins Sutton, Surrey

Dear Editors,

Guest Writer Ted Bruning left us in no doubt about his opinion of Sam Smiths (LD April 98) but if he had visited the Cittie of Yorke recently he would have found that the huge day-glo blackboards and Sega rally machine, which he complains about, were removed over a year ago. The beer quality is reliably good and, at £1.50 a pint, offers far better value than (for example) Penderels Oak down the road.

Robin Cox, North London Branch

Dear Editors,

Why Should I Bother?

Since The Victoria became "Real" in September 1997, we have put on a guest beer every week; including Spitfire, Monkey Wrench, Old Horny, St. George's Ale, etc. etc.

In the beginning I was a novice and took advice from Chris and Andy. I learnt from my mistakes, persevered, and now work hard to please my clientele.

We were honoured by a couple of visits from the local CAMRA group and I did my best to make them comfortable. To what avail?

Since January of this year, I have seen sales of "Real Ale" fall off almost to the point of extinction, except for my regular customers who I don't think give a toss and would be just as happy drinking John Smith Smooth, which for the last six months I have discontinued to make way for the "Ale" that was going to put my pub on the map.

I thank you very much for your feature article in December's issue and for the photograph on

the front of this month's.

Unfortunately this is not sufficient recompense for pouring a quantity of "Ale" down the drain due to lack of interest. Yours sincerely, Jim & Rita Willox The Victoria. Charlton, SE7

10/0/05

Dear Editors,

I am writing in response to J. Spiegel's letter in the May edition regarding the Royal Oak in Tabard Street, SE1. It is a shame Mr. Spiegel did not tell the whole story.

On the evening in question the pub had been extremely busy, which explains why some casks had been emptied. As the pub is closed each weekend, Fred Taylor, the landlord, might have decided to leave the existing range of 3 cask beers rather than compromise the quality of the beer for customers on Monday. More importantly, Fred's wife, Diana had been rushed to hospital earlier in the evening. Fred accompanied his wife, returning to the pub at about 9:40. Shortly after returning, Fred was confronted by Mr Spiegel. Fred tried to explain the circumstances but his explanations quite clearly fell on deaf ears.

I would like to reassure readers that Mr Spiegel's experience was unusual. Members of the South East London branch of CAMRA have monitored the beer range and quality since the pub reopened in August last year and have been extremely impressed - the pub has been nominated for the English Heritage Pub Design awards, following its refurbishment and has been nominated for the next Good Pub Food guide.

I hope that Fred and Diana are aware that for every customer with Mr. Spiegel's attitude there are many more who appreciate their friendliness and professional attitude. As for the assertion that the pub "is not easy to reach by road from the north", it's very easy to reach using public transport, about 2-3 minutes walk from Borough tube.

I am pleased to report that Diana's condition has improved recently but she is still not well enough to return to work. We offer Fred and Diana our best wishes.

Andy Camroux, Woolwich, SE18

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I am writing to respond to negative comments about of the Royal Oak, SE1 in the May edition.

Firstly, the pub has recently stopped opening on Saturdays. I understand that some people may have been disappointed at finding the pub closed, but unfortunately this has been due to matters entirely outside the control of the landlord.

This explains why more beers will not be put on late on a Friday night, as they will inevitably be past their best by the time they come to be sold the following week. In my many visits to the pub, virtually every pint I have had has been of excellent quality. This is entirely due to the high quality of cellar management which manages to keep a good range of beers on despite variable turnover and being closed two days a week.

Any pub with too many beers on will find that some of them are past their best. CAMRA is actively campaigning for QUALITY not quantity, and in this respect the Royal Oak is an outstanding pub which I would not hesitate to recommend to anyone.

Dave Lee.

Chairman, South East London CAMRA

Dear Editors,

Amidst all the brouhaha about Morland's proposed closure of Ruddles Brewery, readers might have failed to notice the launch of a new Morland's beer, "The Tanner's Jack". I bought a bottle in Oddbins last week, lured by the label blurb that described it as "... a flavoursome and well hopped ale...".

To my admittedly un - tutored palate, "The Tanner's Jack" tasted the same as "Old Speckled Hen", ie sweet and not very hoppy. However, the bottle bore a neck tag which, if returned to Morland with a statement of not less than 10 words as to why one didn't enjoy the new beer, will result in Morland sending a cheque by return for the purchase price.

May I suggest that we register our protest by buying bottles of "The Tanner's Jack" and promptly sending away for a refund, saying that we didn't like the new beer?

Yours faithfully,

Simon Haste.

Walthamstow, E17



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Branch Update

Velcome again to our 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 June are listed below.

LONDON PUBS GROUP. Eric Martin 0181-697 2147 (H), 0171-973 3274 (W). Wed 10 (8.00) Greenwich Crawl. Start ASHBURNHAM ARMS, 25 Ashburnham Grove then (8.30) RICHARD I, 52 Royal Hill; (9.00) ADMIRAL HARDY, 7 College Approach; (9.30) TRAFALGAR TAVERN, Park Row; (10.00) CUTTY SARK, 6 Ballast Quay, (10.30) PLUME OF FEATHERS, 19 Park Vista (all in SE10).

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

The St Georges Day social at the GEORGE was well attended; this, the SKYLARK and the FOXLEY HATCH all came up trumps with a great range of guest beers at low prices. Well done Wetherspoons!

On Monday 1st June we visit Croydon's newest pub, a new HOGSHEAD in the High Street, then to the SHIP, now owned by Wizard Inns. On Saturday 27th some of us will be helping out at the First West Kent Beer Festival (See What's Brewing for details). Bring your tent and sleeping bag if you want to lend a hand. Mon 1 (8.00) Two Pub Social. Meet in the new HOGSHEAD in the High Street then the SHIP opposite - Sat 13 (11.00am) A River Wandle Wander. Meet in WETHERSPOONS, 33 Aberconway Road, Morden - Fri 19 (7.00) Social at Catford Beer Festival, Lewisham Theatre, Rushy Green, Catford, SE6 - Thu 25 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DOG & BULL, 24 Surrey Street, Croydon - Sat 27 (11.00am) Working Social at West Kent Beer Festival, Hop Farm Country Park, Beltring.

EAST LONDON & CITY. Stephen Harris 0181-519 0163 (H) e-mail:

steve@pigsear.org.uk.

Mon I June (8.00 pm) Branch Meeting OLD SPOTTED DOG, Upton Lane, E7. This will be the first meeting following the recent AGM and will be used to plan our activities over the next twelve months. The pub serves a range of beers, usually including one from Everards, as well as real cider and perry.

Mon 8 June (7.30pm) Pub Of The Year 1998 Presentation to O'HANLON'S, Tysoe Street, EC1. See news item elsewhere in this issue. A good crowd is expected to show our appreciation to John O'Hanlon and his staff at this popular choice of Pub of the Year. All are welcome to attend

Tue 23 June. Brewery Visit, O'HANLON'S, To follow up the above event we will be visiting our local brewery to see how the beers are made. Places on this visit will be limited and available on a first come first served basis. Names to Stephen Harris please.

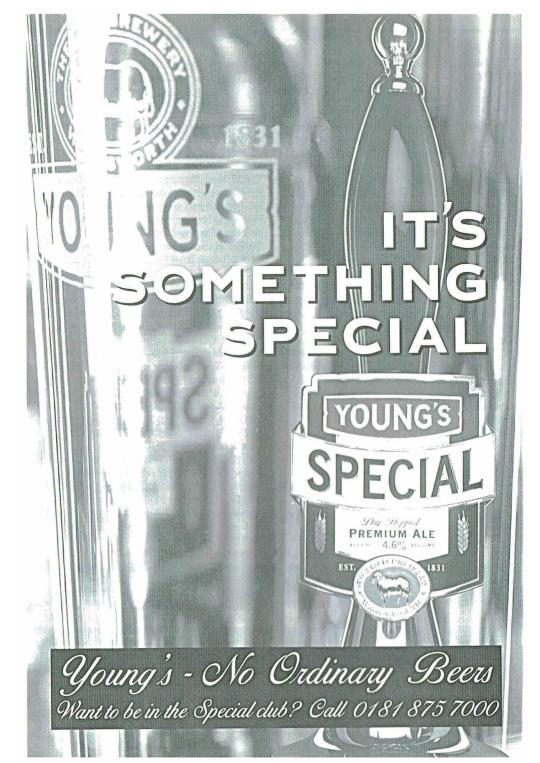
ENFIELD & BARNET. Derek Smith 0181-805 1436 (H & W).

Tue 2 (9.00) Social. QUEENS ARMS, Great North Road, Barnet, EN5 (adjacent to Odeon cinema) - Thu 11 (8.30) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. BULL & BUTCHER, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20. Guest speaker, Mr. Norris Silk (Senior Manager, Allied Retail) - Tue 16 (9.00) Social. NINETEENTH HOLE (formerly Trent Park Golf Club), Bramley Road, Oakwood, N14 - Thu 25 (9.00) Social &London Drinker Pickup. NEW CROWN, Chase Side, Southgate, N14 - Wed 1 July (9.00) Social. SPOONS, Colney Hatch Lane, Muswell Hill, N10.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD, Clive
Taylor 0181-949 2099 (H) 01483-714898 (W)
Wed 3 (8.30) Quiz with SPBW. WILLOUGHBY
ARMS, Willoughby Road, Kingston - Sat 6
Minibus trip to North Downs, Depart Surbiton
Station 7.00pm, Epsom Station 7.15. Fare £7.00;
bookings to Clive - Wed 10 (8.00) Cycle Ride,
Meet DENBY DALE, Surbiton then to Cobham
via Weston Green - Tue 16 (8.30) Branch
Meeting, OLD KINGS HEAD, Church Street,
Epsom - Thu 2 July (8.00) Curry Evening in
Surbiton, Meet NEW PRINCE, Ewell Road
NORTH LONDON, Alison Cox 0181-742
0498 (H) 0181-746 8148 (W).

Mon 1 Branch Social and Pitfield Brewery Visit. Meet at Pitfield Brewery, Pitfield Street, N1 at 7.00pm. Contact Gary White (See below) for details and to book place; numbers are limited. Finish at the Wenlock Arms, N1 - Tue 9 Regents Canal Mini-Crawl. Start WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 (depart 8.00pm prompt). For more details contact Gary White 0181-772 6045

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(W), 0181-801 9513 (H), e-mail: g.white@sfxavier.ac.uk - Tue 16 (8.00) Branch Social and Pub of the Year Presentation.

MARQUESS TAVERN, 32 Canonbury Street, N1 - Tue 23 (8.00) Branch Social & O'Hanlons visit. O'HANLON'S, Tysoe Street, EC1 - Tue 30 (8.00) Social & Summer Pub of the Season Presentation. CLIFTON, 96 Clifton Hill, NW8 - Mon 6 July (8.00) Branch Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1. Advance Notice: Branch AGM. 14th July at the RUGBY TAVERN, 19 Great James Street, WC1 (8.00pm) RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW. Brian Kirton 0181-384 7284 (H).

On Saturday 9th May sixteen branch members and friends who had worked at last year's Feltham Beer Festival had an enjoyable day out by mini-coach to Oakham. A certificate was presented to John, the brewer at Oakham Brewery, to commemorate JHB being voted Beer of the Festival by a large margin. We also visited the Grainstore Brewery just along the road with stops at Charters, a converted Dutch barge in Peterborough and the B&T Brewery Tap in Shefford on the way back. A great time was had by all - and the sun shone all day! This month, on the 20th we have an informal train trip to Hastings - no fixed itinerary but we shall try to visit all the GBG pubs in town. Contact Brian nearer the date for travel details but we shall be aiming for a train from Charing Cross at around 10.30am.

Finally on the following Thursday we have our Richmond Social Crawl (part 2). The aim is to visit some of the pubs that have been a bit neglected in recent times (possibly with good reason - but we shall see!)

Wed 10 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting WHITE HART, 1 High Street, Hampton Wick - Sat 20 Day trip to Hastings by train. No fixed itinerary but definitely including FIRST IN LAST OUT. Call Brian for train details - Thu 25 (7.30) Richmond Social Crawl (Part 2). Start ORANGE TREE, 45 Kew Road then (8.15) SUN INN, 17 Parkshot; (8.45) WHITE SWAN, 26 Old Palace Lane; (9.30) CRICKETERS, 24 The Green; (10.00) PRINCES HEAD, 28 The Green.

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

Next month's activities are all related to the Fifth

Catford Beer Festival, which runs from 17th-20th June. Please come along and help to publicise the Festival at one of the publicity crawls.

As noted last month, we lost the return darts match with ELAC to leave the series tied 1-1. The decider will hopefully be in July. We shall then see if their "reputation for being top-dogs" is justified!

The Branch can boast about our prowess at the bowling alley. We were successful yet again in our latest ten-pin bowling match against the Hogshead, Lewisham. Any Branches who would like to challenge us, please contact Rob. Mon 1 (9.00) Social following committee meeting, PLUME OF FEATHERS, 19 Park Vista, SE10 - Wed 3 (7.30) Catford Beer Festival publicity crawl, meet CATFORD RAM, 9 Winslade Way, SE6 - Tues 9 (8.00) Open Branch Meeting, RAILWAY BELL, 14 Cawnpore Street, SE19 - Wed 10 (7.30) Joint Social/ Catford Beer Festival publicity crawl with London Pubs Group, meet ASHBURNHAM ARMS, 25 Ashburnham Grove, SE10 - Thu 11 (7.30) Catford Beer Festival Publicity Crawl, meet PARTRIDGE, 192 High Street, Bromley -Sat 13 (12.30) Catford Beer Festival Publicity Crawl, meet WATCH HOUSE, 198 Lewisham High Street, SE13 - Mon 17 to Sun 21 June, CATFORD BEER FESTIVAL, - Sat 27 New Members Social, WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street, SE1.

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

Mon 1 to Sat 6 THURROCK BEER FESTIVAL, Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays. Open 12noon -3pm, 6-11pm each day except Wed (open all day) and Sat (close 4pm). Darts Tournament on Wed; for entries/details call Macco on 0958 443639 - Wed 10 (8.30) Social. TRAVELLERS FRIEND, 496/498 High Road (A104), Woodford Green - Tue 16 (8.30) Social. RABBITS, Stapleford Road (B175), Stapleford Abbots - Tue 23 (8.30) Out of Area Social. SUN INN, 3 Feering Hill, Feering - Thu 2 July (8.30) Social. STAG, Brentwood Road (A128), Marden Ash.

SOUTH WEST LONDON. Mark Bravery 0181-540 9183 (H), 0171-438 7181 (W). It may have been cold, dark, wet and windy with April snow lying on the common, but a dozen members of SW London CAMRA braved the

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wintry conditions to attend the branch's Pub of the Year Presentation at the HAND IN HAND in Wimbledon. The certificate was presented to the pub's licensee Sally Marley by the branch's Assistant Pubs Officer Martin Butler who recalled Sally's long association with Young's and the Hand in Hand in particular. And branch members will be back at the pub on 27th June when a crawl across Putney Heath and Wimbledon Common will finish there at about 6pm. All are welcome; details in Branch Update. Mon 8 Joint Crawl of Putney with West London Branch. Meet (7.45 - 8.15pm) PHARAOH & FIRKIN, 90 Fulham High Street, SW6 (north side of Putney Bridge near tube station). To include (9.00) DUKES HEAD, 8 Lower Richmond Road, SW15 and (10.00) (YE OLDE) SPOTTED HORSE, 122 Putney High Street -Wed 3 (7.30) Open Branch Committee Meeting. GROVE, 39 Oldridge Road, Balham, SW12 -Sat 27 Summer crawl across Putney Heath and Wimbledon Common. Meet (12-12.30pm) RAILWAY, 202 Upper Richmond Road, SW15 (opposite Putney railway station) then (1.15) GREEN MAN, 1 Putney Heath; (2.30) ANGEL, 11 High Street, Roehampton; (3.30) TELEGRAPH, Telegraph Road, Putney Heath; (5.00) FOX & GRAPES, Camp Road, Wimbledon Common, SW19; finally (6.00) HAND IN HAND (Branch Pub of the Year), Crooked Billet, Wimbledon. Cricket players please phone Andy Robinson on 0171-410 6302 (work) or 0181-653 8885 (home).

WATFORD & DISTRICT. Tony Smith 01923 221155 (H & W) Fax: 01923 218625. Tue 2 (8.30) Boules Night. COACH & HORSES, Croxley Green - Sat 13 (5.30pm) Treasure Hunt. Starts at FOX & HOUNDS, Rickmansworth (on foot); finish 9.00pm - Fri 19 (5.00pm) Final Pre-Christmas Pub Crawl. Starts at WHEATSHEAF, 6 Stoney Street, SE1 - Wed 24 (8.15) Good Beer Guide Social. PLOUGH, Belsize. Meet at Watford Junction Station for transport.

WEST LONDON. Di Kehoe 0171-218 3141 (work hours only).

With the World Cup (football) starting this month, we as a branch are not planning much; there seems little point going out to socialise in what may not be a football free zone.

On Monday 8th we are joining with the South.

West London Branch for a pub crawl, kicking off in the PHARAOH & FIRKIN, 90 Fulham High Street, SW6, a large Firkin brew pub located just to the north of Putney Bridge. Nearest tube is Putney Bridge Station on the Wimbledon branch of the District Line. Most of the buses serving this area stop at the station. Crossing over the bridge to the DUKES HEAD, 8 Lower Richmond Road, SW15 for 9pm, this is a Young's pub overlooking the river. We finish the evening in the SPOTTED HORSE, 122 Putney High Street (another Young's pub) at 10pm. Thursday 18th will be a Social Evening in the COCK & BOTTLE, 17 Needham Street, W11, starting at 8.30pm. This is a new venue for us in an area without much real ale; it sells Brakspears at prices which are said to be vary reasonable. On Wednesday 1st July there will be a Branch Meeting at a venue to be announced (see July London Drinker or call Branch Contact). We believe this to be a football free day. WEST MIDDLESEX. Dave O'Driscoll 0181-427 7498 (H) 0171-766 1929 (W). Tue 2 (8.30) Social. PLOUGH, Mandeville Road, Northolt - Wed 10 (8.30) Branch Meeting. DUKE OF YORK, Steyne Road, Acton, W3 -Thu 18 (8.00) Two Pub Social, PRINCE OF WALES then (9.30) TURK'S HEAD, both Harlington Road, Hillingdon Heath - Wed 24 (9.00) London Drinker Pickup, RED LION, St Marys Road, Ealing, W5 - Tue 30 (8.30) Social. FOX & GOOSE, Hanger Lane, Ealing, W5. Deadline for the July edition, 5th June. Material

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GREENWICH PUB CRAWL

A s plans for the Millennium Dome progress and details of the contents start to be made public, many people will no doubt be interested in the pubs in the area. At CAMRA's recent national AGM a motion was carried to campaign for a traditional pub serving quality cask-conditioned beer within the Dome development. Within a week the Millennium Experience announced that they planned to include a traditional pub serving a range of the beers that will be brewed to celebrate the new millennium (albeit a year early). Now that's what I call an effective campaign!

While we are waiting for further news, let's not forget the excellent pubs in the centre of Greenwich. The London Pubs Group joins the South East London branch of CAMRA on a pub crawl of Greenwich on Weds. 10 June, starting at the Ashburnham Arms at 7:30. The following crawl visits the best and some of the most historic pubs in Greenwich, hopefully we can cover all the pubs in one evening. All pubs are in the SE10 postal district. (*) indicates pub was nominated for the 1999 GBG.

The crawl starts at the (*) ASHBURNHAM ARMS, 25 Ashburnham Grove (open Mon-Sat 11-3, 6-11, Sun 12-3, 7-10:30). This outstanding Shepherd Neame pub is a regular entry in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide (GBG) and was chosen as the London CAMRA Pub of the Year in 1995. It has recently been extended to reflect its popularity and is a recent winner of the brewery's Community Food Pub of the Year. The pub sells the full range of Shepherd Neame beers, including seasonal brews. Food is available Tue-Sun 12-3, Tue & Fri 6-8:30. Beer garden popular during the summer.

From here, turn left and walk to the end of the road. Cross Greenwich South Street and follow Royal Hill as the road bends round to the left. The next pub is on the left, after the Prince Albert and is the (*) RICHARD I, 52-54 Royal Hill. This popular two-bar, bow-windowed pub has previously featured on CAMRA's National Inventory of Pub Interiors. The pub was once owned by the Tolly Cobbold brewery of Ipswich and is still known as the Tolly House locally. Young's currently own the pub, which has a large beer garden featuring a barbecue area that is very popular in summer. A welcome relief from the hectic central pubs.

From the Richard I, turn left and continue to the end of Royal Hill. At the end, turn right into Greenwich High Road. The next pub adjoining Greenwich Cinema is the (*) FUNNEL & FIRKIN, 174 Greenwich High Road. This pub is a recent conversion by the much-maligned Firkin Brewery; in its previous format only keg beers were available, so the conversion is welcome. The pub features the usual range of Firkin beers, supplied by the Flag & Firkin in Watford. Standard Firkin decor and innuendoes will keep the kiddies amused...



(photo: Andy Camroux)

From the Funnel & Firkin, turn right and continue along Greenwich High Road, heading towards the centre. When you encounter the one-way system, cross Nelson Road to enter the 'central island' of the one-way system. Enter the market via the alleyway running alongside Oddbins. The next pub, at the far end of the market is the ADMIRAL HARDY, 7 College Approach. This traditional one-bar pub is situated at the northern end of Greenwich market, close to all the tourist attractions; interesting memorabilia adorn the walls. Beer quality can be erratic but in recent years the pub has been an occasional entry in the GBG.

Leaving the pub from the front door, turn left then cross College Approach and turn right into Greenwich Church Street. The GIPSY MOTH, 60 Greenwich Church Street, is about 25 metres

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down on the right. This large recently refurbished pub is closer to the Cutty Sark than the Gipsy Moth IV. It was formerly known as the Wheatsheaf but was renamed and reopened by Sir Francis Chichester's widow in 1974. The pub is Popular with tourists and local students, in spite of the expensive prices. Beer quality is reasonably good.

The easiest way to get to the next pub is to head towards the river, walking past the Cutty Sark, the famous tea clipper now in dry dock. Follow the riverside path in front of the Royal Naval College and you will arrive at the next pub.

The (*) TRAFALGAR TAVERN, Park Row, a large multi-roomed pub is a listed building and was the Evening Standard Pub of the Year in 1995. The beer range and quality has improved considerably in recent years following the introduction of guest beers from independent regional breweries and microbreweries. A large meeting room is available for private parties and a separate dining area is open lunchtimes and evenings. There is live jazz Monday evenings.

On leaving, turn left and continue until the junction with Trafalgar Road. Cross the road and continue along Park Row into Park Vista. The final pub is about 50 yards on the left; it is the PLUME OF FEATHERS, 19 Park Vista, believed to be the only pub in Greenwich that lies on the Meridian. There has been a pub on the site since 1691. The beer range is currently rather uninspiring but is rumoured to be about to improve. The pub has a walled garden and toys available for children. Excellent home-cooked food is available throughout the day. The current manager is very friendly and enthusiastic.

All of the pubs listed are open all permitted hours (Mon-Sat 11-11, Sun 12-10.30) except for the Ashburnham Arms whose opening hours are given above.

Transport information:

Ashburnham Arms:

Greenwich BR

Buses 180, 199, short walk to 177, 5-10 min walk to Cutty Sark for 188, 286, 386 or 5 min to Blackheath Hill for 53.

Plume of Feathers:

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-Pub Guide

SOUTH WEST LONDON PUB GUIDE WINS THE PRIZE

I am delighted to be able to inform readers that the South West London Pub Guide won the award for the best local pub guide for 1997 at this year's CAMRA Annual General Meeting. Many people made valuable contributions to its production and congratulations are due to all concerned, especially the leading lights, Martin Butler, Roy Hurry, John Norman and Roger Warhurst plus Peter Gander for his distinctive artwork. It was a lot of work but it is very good to know that the quality of the final product has been properly appreciated.

The guide has 170 pages and measures a convenient pocket-sized 21x11.5x1 centimetres. It covers all of the SW Postal Districts from the West End to Raynes Park plus the outlying districts from Richmond and Kew around to Wallington and Beddington. As this is essentially a pub rather than a beer guide, all pubs are listed - even the non real ale ones - with the usual symbols and all but three appear on the guide's very comprehensive maps. There is a key map and index of place names to help visitors.

One of the features that helped win the prize was the Guide's campaigning content. For example, there is an analysis of changes in pub ownership and the availability of real ale between the 1986 edition of the guide and the current one. There is also an item on the rights of the beer drinker that was reprinted in this magazine a few months back (although without any acknowledgement, I might add!). There are also historical and geographical introductions to the areas covered and descriptions of individual pubs where merited. In all it is a much more than just a list of pubs.

We have recently produced the first updates leaflet. This is quite a revelation in itself. In less than a year South West London has acquired - whether it wanted them or not - an incredible twenty-two new licensed premises. The analysis is: 3 non-"chain" real ale pubs, 6 non-real ale bars or café/bars, 3 All Bar Ones (Bass), 3 Firkins (Carlsberg Tetley), 2 Wetherspoons, 2 Slug & Lettuce, 2 Hogsheads (Whitbread) and one Old Monk. I would stress that these are all conversions from other uses or newly built rather than conversions of existing pubs or bars. You really do have to wonder whether there really is the capacity for this growth, but time will tell.

One really encouraging point for those who do not like gimmicks is the reversion of the Finnegans Wake in SW3 to its original name, Shuckburgh Arms. Several crassly named ex Magic Pub Company houses have similarly

reverted since the take-over by Greene King. Furthermore, in terms of the conversion of existing pubs at least, there have been no sightings of the rumoured Australian theme pubs. Is this the start of something?

The updates leaflet costs 25p and is available from London beer festivals. Sorry but it is not practical to sell it by post. It is however mainly based on Roger Warhurst's "Capital Pubcheck" update that appears most months in this magazine. That is yet another reason to make sure you get your copy regularly.

As for the guide itself, it will be available at the Catford and Great British Beer Festivals. It can also be obtained by post (including the latest updates leaflet) from: 7 The Square, Peabody Estate, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 9PX (no callers at this address please). Cheques/P.O.s payable: CAMRA South West London Pub Guide.

To celebrate our award, during the month of June 1998 we will let you have a copy of the Guide for a straight £5 (as opposed to the usual price including P & P of £5.70).

Tony Hedger

APOLOGY

on page 18 of the May London drinker we featured the Cricketers in Croydon; The author, Paul Everitt has pointed out a couple of minor mistakes. Firstly, he noted that the beers are served on gravity but they are in fact served through handpumps in the normal manner. Secondly we were informed that the photo of the pub was taken by the landlady, Claire's father when it was actually taken by Paul Everitt himself. Sorry, but we are satisfied that both pieces of information were as given to us.

Feature

GOOD BEER, GOOD CURRIES, GOOD COMPANY, GOOD HOLIDAY.

What more could you ask of a holiday.

This is the story of the Bradford Real Ale Holiday 1997 organised by the local CAMRA branch.

Igot to Bradford early to meet up with BT colleagues based in Manchester Road, "How do I find the building?" I asked. "It's the ugliest building in the road." In my experience, usually the dirtiest as well. Though to put one off the track, BT usually remove any signs to show who owns it.

Successfully negotiated, I then travelled across town to the Goldsborough to meet up with friends. This pub was once the Draymans Hotel, if the brewery section is to be believed in the local beer guide, though it was some 103 years ago since the Northbrook Brewery were there (or was it just the company office?). I then got taken to task over my English grammar after showing my article on the holiday written for the London Drinker, I only write for idiots was my reply (and you do it so well Mr Boothroyd commentated some days later) so you must by over educated. After several pints reliving times past, myself and friends made our way to the Beehive where there seemed to be some dispute as to whether I had a room for the night or not. Then on to the Melborn but with Eamon (the fandlord) running a one man band with 20 odd customers we decided to return to the Beehive. I must say I enjoyed the Banks and Taylor's I had.

Friday. Saw us in Rochdale visiting the McGuinness Brewing Company at the back of the Cask & Feather. The Flying Horse in the Town Hall Square sold JW Lees bitter at 140p whilst the Holt's pub the Navigation sold Holt's bitter at 102p. Someone recommended we visit the Wishing Well at Ha'p'orth but that's for another day. In Halifax it was the same problem with too many descending on the same pub for a comfortable drink so I opted for the Pumphouse and some Deakin's. Turning right there is a handy chip shop before you reach the Tap & Spile. Why do women chew gum and drink lager at the same time? Nice pint of Hopback GFB here, a beer I know.

Saturday: Disaster has struck. The coach has blown a head gasket and there is no replacement. Plan B is bought into operation as we make our way across town to Foster Square

Station for the journey to Skipton. The Royal Shepherd is where some people had lunch but after some Cain's bitter (they also had Boddington's Mild) fellow East London member Dave and I try the Cock & Bottle and the Black Horse. By this time the walkers have set off despite our runner telling them we were just finishing a swift half (the other half in the glass was swift as well). Lu Cody had hurriedly arranged another walk with the help(?) of the local information bureau. On the organisers instructions we hurry down the steps beside the river. We cross a bridge but no sign of the others. Which way to go, left down a road, forward into what looks like a dead end. We retrace our steps but the door Dave has spotted is locked. We opt to go forward, at the end of the Old Saw Mill is an open gate. We trek amongst what look like giant rhubarb sticks and come to a stile and we re-cross the river. Five minutes later we meet Lu and Co. coming in the opposite direction! "How did you come that way" both groups asked. We return to the stile. Dave and I opt not to go into the first pub as it only offers Tetley and Theakston and travel further up the road to the Elm Tree for a pint of Holt's and some Seabrook's crisps. The lady in the turquoise frock with white spots asks us if we want another pint as they are closing but no, we have to return to the steam railway.

We return to Skipton in a fleet of taxis. "Any other good pubs in Skipton?" we ask the driver hopefully. "What's the Craven like?" The driver turns up his nose. Sounds like our sort of pub so Dave and I set off for a pint of Thwaites. We were greeted with "Is this the second time I've served you today?" We have followed (not stalked) the lady in the spotted dress in the Elm Tree! Sue tells us she used to do five pubs? She said she may see us tonight in Bradford but not

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behind the bar. The locals look up from their pints and eyebrows are raised. We are cutting it fine as we make our way to the station, the train is in and we are on the wrong side of the fence and 50 yards away. Too late, we wave to the rest of the holidaymakers and turn on our heel back to the Craven. Sue serves us for the third time. We set off earlier this time and get closer but still miss the train. Back to the pub, Sue serves us for the fourth time, only a half and I set my watch alarm for 11 minutes. We are finally back in Bradford having missed the Idle Working Men's Club. We calculate it will be some time before the other holidaymakers will be with us and decide on a curry in Tandoori Nights (53 North Parade). This was the establishment we had our final curry last year. I opt for Jalfrezi Murgh whist the ever adventurous Johnson goes for Liver Masala (chicken livers). Remembering the nans from last year we decide not to have one each so our on site expert advises a nan for two. It was still too much so he wrapped it up and I ate it two days later! We finally caught up with, or rather the other holidaymakers caught up with us at the 1 in 12 Club which is behind the Castle where they are having a beer festival of their

Sunday: We arrived at Grange-over-Sands for the walk to Cartmel. We are joined by other members of the local CAMRA branch. The first five minutes walk is ok but the next ten is a trifle steep and sees jackets being removed, sweat running down noses and bodies bent over double gasping for breath. Vic even decides to go back but we talk him out of it. The views are spectacular and the clints and grykes explored. No need to go up the tower to see the coming storm. "Its going to miss us" says Lu, the storm decides otherwise as the wind switches course. Luckily, though we see the lightning, it doesn't come near us but the rain does. Whilst the Northerners don their wet weather gear the rest of us manfully stride through the rain. Soft? Us southerners? Ha! Under the next tree to us shelter the sheep. By the time we arrive at the Cavendish Arms Inn the sun has appeared to dry us out. We also visit another pub in the square but miss out on the Pig & Whistle as it closes early. We take the steam train to Haverthwaite and then back onto the bus for Foxfield. Every holiday throws up a couple of

gems of pubs and this was to be the first. The people at the Prince of Wales (nice view of the station) welcomed us with open arms as we worked our way through the beer and food menu. Sweetcorn soup was supped, I opted for a oak smoked cheese sandwich whereas Des ordered something not available so they gave him a substitute that I suspect cost more than his original order, a dirty great plate load of Yorkshire pudding stuffed with something. Des wasn't offering any samples. From here to the Manor Arms at Broughton, a pub that does not like coach loads of people descending on them but there was plenty of variety of bottled Belgian beer to chose from. The curry that night was the Sweet Centre in Lumb Lane.

Monday: Des takes us on a guided tour of the transmitter masts (Emsley Moor?) and potted history of the one that froze over and fell down, 1960's? See I was listening Des. The second gem of a pub is the Huntsman at Thurlstone, a Guide Beer Guide entry on Manchester Road, a South Yorkshire and Clark's house selling guest beers. Amongst the beers on this occasion were Batemans flavoured with vanilla, Taylor's Landlord and Merrie Maker from Marston Moor. A keen landlord who religiously marks up his guest beers in his copy of the Good Beer Guide. Sadly he hasn't the custom to stay open weekday lunch times but if you have a group that want to visit then give him a ring, 01226-764892 should find him but don't use the number in your Good Beer Guide as it is wrong. There followed a walk around the reservoirs and with hindsight I suggest we would have returned to the Huntsman rather than visit the Wagon & Horses. Our next port of call is the Strines Inn were there appears to be a mix up over food. Beer is Wards Best at 178p, "London prices" says Des, not so, though we cannot get Wards at 89p a pint we can get other beers at that price in Wetherspoons pubs. Arriving in Glossop we pile into the Friendship and then the Star Inn Ale House. Due to an article I had written about the holiday in London Drinker we have been offered a 10% discount on food at the Head of Steam Huddersfield so this is the final bout of the night. We return to Tandoori Nights but unfortunately chicken livers are off. I settle for ginger chicken whilst Dave and Brian go for

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Crawl

CAMRA HITS EDINBURGH

Astrong contingent from South East London set off for Edinburgh at the end of April, the excuse being the annual AGM and conference of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale.

Amidst all the weighty debate on the issues of the day, there was plenty of opportunity to visit the local pubs, and needless to say we didn't need a second invitation. The Georgian New Town was the venue for the first night's festivities; the firm favourite was the Guildford Arms, which offered a selection of seven excellent ales from Harviestoun, Caledonian, Orkney and Traquair House. Not only was the beer in excellent condition, but the ornate interior of this late Victorian pub is spectacular. Also recommended is the Cambridge in Young Street - we later found that the Oxford in the same street also serves good beer, as well as being one of the few unspoilt pubs in the area.

This was all a warm-up for Saturday's activities, when the hordes of CAMRA descended on the historic old part of Edinburgh, around the Castle and Royal Mile. Leading the pub crawl were some of South East London branch's female members, proudly wearing their Catford Beer Festival T-shirts and badges. Their



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Goshtabay. The nan bread for two is eaten, or nearly eaten by three. Cobra lager on sale here if you so desire.

Tuesday: It's over bar the final pub or two. We meet in the shoulder of Mutton where the landlord is caught in a rush through the door as he tries to put out his billboard. We visit the Corn Dolly where carpet laying is in progress. Apparently they had been waiting for it for some time, in fact so long ago that Pete (the landlord) ordered it in pounds, shillings and pence. I visited the Goldsborough and embark on a large tuna sandwich that, needless to say, had I bitten a chunk out of the middle of it I would have got both ears wet.

The 1998 holiday starts 16th July and ends 21st. Details from Josie Boothroyd, 26 Summerbridge Drive, Eccleshill, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD10 0ER. If you have the latest copy of Microsoft Powerpoint you might like to get a slide show of the event.

Keith Emmerson



A couple of "Catford kittens" enjoying the Edinburgh pub scene and a friend.

tour of destruction was the highlight of the evening, and the locals will tremble at the name of the Catford kittens for years to come.

Best beer of the night was in the Cloisters (Brougham St., near Tollcross), featuring beers served using the traditional Scottish air pressure system; and in the Bow Bar (West Bow), which had a festival of IPAs on. For IPA fans, there were nine to choose from, while admiring the traditional interior - you wouldn't believe that this pub was actually created quite recently.

Scotland's liberal licensing laws were used to the full, with everyone blearily staggering back to the B&B in the early hours of the morning. To round off the weekend, and to help recover from Saturday's exertions, there was a trip to Musselburgh, on the outskirts of the city. This is the location of Staggs (the Volunteer Arms), Scotland's CAMRA Pub of the Year. Its normally closed on Sundays, but on this occasion was not only open, but had a special ale night with no fizzy alternatives to the proper stuff on sale.

If anyone is considering a trip to Edinburgh, our advice is: go! As well as a host of excellent pubs (far more than we could get round in one weekend, however hard we tried), it is a wonderful city, relatively unspoilt by Hitler's bombs and the worse depredations of post-war architects. A wide range of sights (and pubs) are located in a relatively compact central area, and of course most of the pubs do a good selection of malt whiskies if anyone needs a break from the beer. Just watch out for those hills!

Crawl -

A SECOND CROYDON VISIT

After an interesting visit the previous week (See March London Drinker) I decided to continue with another crawl around some more of the Croydon pubs. This time my drinking colleague had recovered and we met up in the BUILDERS ARMS, about 10 mins from East Croydon station. Even though I had visited this pub last week I thought it would make a good meeting place and to sample some more the of the excellent Fuller's beer there. We started with a pint each of the Chiswick and this set us up for the evening.

Almost reluctantly we left The Builders and retraced our steps along Leslie Park Road, right into Cherry Orchard Road to the Leslie Arms, we just admired it from the outside not bothering to go in as I had done so last week. Turning left along Lower Addiscombe Road, over the railway, we were about to carry on past the WINDMILL. I was telling my colleague how good the Courage was in there last week, he not being a particular Courage fan I didn't think we would go in but on my recommendation we gave it another go. Much to my relief the Best was just as good as last week and we weren't disappointed.

Carrying on in the same direction for about a _ mile we turned right at the Horse and Groom, visited last week, into White Horse Road, on past the Coach and Horses (ex Mail Coach) which was closed, until reaching the crossroads with Northcote Road. On the corner was the GLOUCESTER, a large square Young's pub built in the early 60's. We were told the original building was bombed in the war. Inside was a very comfortable lounge, looking very ornate and grand. The full range of Young's beers was on offer and very good it was. Note the unusual blue pump handles.

After enjoying the hospitality of the Gloucester and talking to one of the old locals we turned left out of the pub along Windmill Road. Proceeding down just past the police car pound we came to the FISHERMAN, seemed an unusual name for the area not being near the sea or river. This was a Fuller's pub with Pride and ESB on. It was a very cosy low-lit pub with a split-level bar. At the far end was a pool table and red leather benches to sit on. The jukebox was played a little loud but altogether it seemed quite a nice pub if a little different. The Pride seemed rather on the bland side but the ESB was better

On leaving we continued in the same direction joining up with St James Road until

reaching the London Road. Turning right past the closed Star, and the Rising Sun (Greene King) that we didn't bother with. We walked for about a half a mile before turning left into Stanley Road and continued for another five minutes until reaching the CROWN, a large pub on the corner with Boston Road. This pub is in the GBG so I have to admit I was a little disappointed when on entering to find only Young's and Webster's Bitter on, especially after a fair walk to get here. The pub itself was very smart with one good size bar, around the walls were lots of plates. We tried the Youngs and very good it was. The governor was working on his own behind the bar and while talking to him he seemed quite keen and knew what he was talking about, in fact the pub grew on us and we had a second drink there.

Bidding our farewells we went back along Stanley Road a short way to turn right into York Road, just at the next junction we could see another pub, The Mitre. On approaching it we found there was also another pub facing it on the other side of Canterbury Road, The Duke of York. We chose the MITRE first, on entering we found only Pride was on, and by the clientele it didn't feel a very real ale pub. The Pride was not particularly good so we didn't hang about very long.

Walking across the road we went into the DUKE OF YORK, with a quick look and an enquiry we found no real ale so we stayed here even shorter, rather disappointing these two pubs.

Going back to the London Road we headed back towards Croydon, as far as Handford Road on the right, then a quick right into Bishops Road, seemed an unlikely road to find a pub but just around the corner was the PRINCESS ROYAL, also known as the GLUEPOT. In we went and straight away we felt that we were in a pleasant atmosphere of a friendly well-run pub.

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Before us was a three-sided bar presenting Greene King beers, including Rayment's and mild. We tried the Rayment's and very good it was. The pub was quite well patronised, with a comfortable lounge area to the right and a bar area to the left with a dartboard. Amongst the décor there were lots of jugs hanging from the beams, and also a real fire to sit by. We chatted with some of the locals at the bar and the landlord, who incidentally I sat next to on a flight back from Crete last September, and I promised to visit his pub. Glad we did; very impressive it is and also a good GBG entry. We finished the Rayment's and decided we just had time to try the mild, and that was very good as well. By now time was getting on towards 10.40 and time to leave if I was to get the 11.00 train. Walking very rapidly back through the town centre and left into George Street no time to visit the Wetherspoon's. I reached East Croydon station just as the train was arriving, perfect timing. Must allow a bit more time next time.

Summing up the evening the GBG pubs were all very good, we found one or two other good or interesting ones, and some not so good ones. All told, not a bad evening out.

Clive F Taylor



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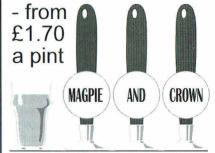
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BEERS AND BARS OF COURMAYEUR, ITALY

For this year's ski holiday we went to Courmayeur in Italy. It lies at the top end of the Val d'Aosta, just short of the Mont Blanc Tunnel into France; it took about an hour and half in the coach from Turin airport. Courmayeur is a fair size mountain town with quite a long main street which is shut off to road traffic, the present main road by-passes the town with its almost constant stream of juggernauts heading too or from the tunnel.

During last year's holiday in a nearby area I was surprised at the variety of different beers that could be found, so this year I decided to keep a record of what we found and drank. I do add that all the beers mentioned are keg and not real ale as we know it.

We checked into our hotel. Lo Scoiattolo. (The Squirrel) at about half past three, time for a beer, so we straight away ventured out to find a bar. It had snowed heavily a few days before but the paths were fairly clear. Within a few minutes walk we came to the start of the pedestrian area, and a few doors along was Zillo's Bar, this would do for starters. It was a medium sized locals bar, so what was going to be on offer? There were two choices, the Italian Forst, a lager type beer, and surprisingly Arrol's 80/-! This was a bit of surprise for our first bar. I tried the Arrol's, it was rather good, strong and dark at about 7% I think, and served in pint glasses as well. We had a couple before going on to the intro do which was in a disco bar called The Abat Jour. This was at the far end of the town, out of the pedestrian area and on for another quarter of a mile.

We found it just past the cinema, went down some steps and into the disco, we were directed to a smaller bar where the other new arrivals were. Going into the bar there were six different beers on draught, not a bad choice. These included Heineken, Hoegaarden, Amstel, McFarlands dark (5.6%) and Golden Fire (6.5%) from Ireland and Murphy's Irish Stout. I had a glass of Hoegaarden, the cloudy wheat beer which was nice and refreshing whilst we listened to what the reps had to tell us.

That evening we popped out for a couple after dinner; walking along the road that ran below the town centre we came to Poppy's, a downstairs bar with it's own pizza oven. The beer range was fairly good with Amstel, Nastro Azzurro, Heineken and McFarlands dark and Golden Fire. I had the McFarlands dark, a deep red malty beer which was rather good. On another visit I tried

the Golden Fire which was like the name, a light golden beer, stronger but I preferred the darker ordinary McFarlands.

Walking back through the town we 'had to try' The Red Lion. This was a medium sized bar wit a Scottish feel about it, with wooden panelling covering the walls. On tap was Courage Bulldog 6.3%. I've had plenty of Courage over the years but not come across this one. John Smiths Smooth!, Beamish and Fosters. It had to be the Bulldog, a dark strong beer and not bad it was either. I wonder why they don't try selling it in GB. In cask form of course.

After skiing the next day we called in at The Bar Roma in Via Roma. This was a large open bar with two rooms, in the evening it was one of the more popular places to go. Just one beer on here, Nastro Azzurro - not bad but more the standard light bubbly lager type of beer. After here we again dropped into Zillo's Bar for more of the Arrol's, but unfortunately it was off and replaced with the Forst version of a dark beer, actually the Italians call it red beer. I tried a pint, it was almost as good as the Arrol's so I was quite satisfied, but had to be a little careful at 6.3%.

That evening it was quiz night in the downstairs bar of The Hotel Cresta Duc, only Kronenbourg on here. We came third. After the quiz I tried The Café Dell Posta - no draught, only bottles of Heineken. Along a bit further opposite The Red Lion was the American Bar. This seemed quite lively and the best bet seemed to be the German Hacker Pshorr, this was quite nice in the usual German fashion. Also available were Harp and Guinness.

The next day on the Mountain we had lunch at a cabin doing Tuborg, then at the end of the skiing there was a little bar by the cable car station called Chez Edward, more a locals bar but ideal to relax in after a good days skiing over a glass of Becks. Incidentally this was the cheapest beer for us in town at 5,000L (£1.75) for a large

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0.4l glass. The others ranged from 6,000L to 7,500L. On the way back we stopped for a second beer choosing a bar near the Piazzale Monte Bianco, a fairly ordinary place doubling up into a newspaper shop as well. Here was Henninger for which, to my surprise, I was charged 7,500L, so from the cheapest to the most expensive in one go.

This evening we went along on the organised pub crawl, meeting up in a back street bar called Ziggy's. Here we had the choice of San Miguel or Kilkenny, I went for the San Miguel, another fairly ordinary lagery type beer. There was also a badge on tap for a Danish beer called Fax, but on enquiring the bar man told me that they only had it on at busier times.

From here we went back to the main street to visit Guides, a one bar pub with basic wooden benches and tables in the front, and a more comfortable lounge area at the side with soft chairs and a fire. The barman was actually English, so when asking what the beers were I was more than a little surprised to be told he had Charles Wells Bombardier! And Carlsberg. Needless to say I went for the Charles Wells Bombardier and it wasn't bad either. The following bars that we were taken to we had already visited, we hadn't wasted any time.

On Wednesday night we walked right through the town and out the other side to find a local's bar called Cormet. Definitely a local's bar, we were the only British there. So was the walk worth it? With the sight of Tetley's it must have been, I think? More from home, there was also Carlsberg, no competition. So while enjoying my Tetley's I noticed the bar had several brewery mirrors about it including a Tetley's and a Charles Wells, though no sign of the beer here.

Saturday night we set of to find somewhere called Planets; we had tried to find it the night before but had failed, not realising it was inside the huge ice rink and leisure complex. We went inside and up the stairs to find a very large drinking area with a long bar at the side and a stage at the far end. There were five beers on offer, and more surprises were in store. There were two Fuller's beers on. London Pride at 4.7%, a bit stronger than our usual pride at home, and also one called London Dark Ale at 5.3%, which was more like the Winter Ale. Also there were two Grimbergen beers from Belgium, Blond at 7% and Double Malt at 6.5% and

finally Kronenbourg at 5.2%. I tried the Fullers Pride and it was quite good, I could even taste the flavour which I would expect in a pint back home. At 23:00 the band started, Los Angeles May 92 was their name and for the next two hours they treated us the sounds of Led Zep, the Floyd and many others in the same vein. A really enjoyable evening, I even tried the Fullers Dark, and another Pride.

The following weekend we paid another visit, not only to see the all girl Italian rock band but also to try the Grimbergen Blond. The bar man told us it was good value to have a jug of it which we did. It was quite sweet but easily drinkable, in fact it slipped down very well as we watched the raunchy young ladies of Steel Drama perform on stage to more familiar rock numbers. Another very enjoyable evening and we managed to walk back alright, even though the next day things were a little vague.

Around town on other days I tried the bar at the bus station, just Kronenbourg, then the Agip petrol station bar, a locals place with just Nastro Azzurro. Then in town another small locals bar had something from the Moretti brewery called San Souci, a light beer. Just out of town I found yet another local's bar called Carlo's with Forst, this bar also doubled up as the betting shop. After a few days the Bombardier had run out in Guides bar to be replaced with an Italian beer called Poretti, a light beer but not bad tasting.

So at the end of our two weeks skiing in perfect conditions we had also managed to find a surprisingly wide selection of beers from all over Europe, and a variety of bars to drink them in, so to anyone coming to this part of Italy there is more than just Euro fizz to drink, in fact there is quite a range to keep one's interest for a couple of weeks.

Alison Cox

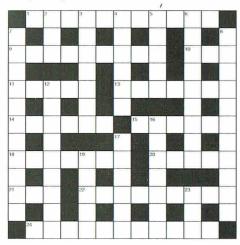
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10.	Slide from some Swiss kindergarten.	[3]
11.	He'll always take a pawn.	[5]
13.	Drop out of contest to avoid bad feeling.	[7]
14.	Carried back up?	[6]
15.	Partner endlessly returning catch.	[6]
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2. It's concealed in the French idiom.	[3]	
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4. Love to be in card game at the same time.	[6]	
5. Wrongdoer loses head but is on target.	[5]	
6. Get credit for relaxing time at school.	(4,5]	
7. Medical man has anything to drink but th	e	
real stuff.	[7,4]	
8. Hotel worker with horrific thing to drink.	•	
	[5,6]	
12. Cement pot is broken but is still efficient.	[9]	
16. Doctor and nurse somehow get together t	0	
produce book.	[7]	
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19. Expose legs of the French tart.	[5]	
23. Joke? Keep quiet.	[3]	
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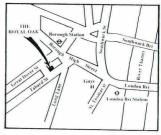
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Information is gathered from a variety of sources including London Drinker readers, individual CAMRA members and branch contacts, breweries, pub operators, landlords etc. If you would like to contribute to 'Pubcheck' please send your news to the address below. A pro-forma is available for regular contributors.

This Month we record seven new pubs including a Whitbread Hogshead in Sutton; two Bass outlets in EC3 City and W1 Marylebone and two independents in Covent Garden, one being another expensive fizz only brewpub. On the down side, no fewer than three brewpubs have changed hands and have had their brewing equipment removed. All had their origins with David Bruce, namely two ex-Grosvenor Inns "Hedgehog & Hogsheads" in N1 Highbury Corner and Sutton and the former Flamingo & Firkin (latterly Hog & Stump) in Kingston. More pub closures are reported in SE and SW London for conversion to flats, reflecting the profits to be made if local councils are prepared to grant planning permission.

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NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC3, CRUTCHED FRIAR, 38 Crutched Friars. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. New Bass pub opened in two old commercial buildings originally the headquarters of the former Peter Dominic off-licence chain. Opened about a year ago but not previously reported. Entrance leads through wide enclosed corridor between the two buildings, with seating areas either side, to a bar area in an extension at rear. Restrained cream and green decor with polished pine flooring and tiled bar area. TV, food, background music. Small patio at rear. Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri, Closed weekends, A Watney pub called Ye Olde Crutched Friars, in nearby Crosswall, was demolished ten years ago and the site now forms part of the America Square development.

W1(Mar), ALL BAR ONE, 7-9 Paddington St. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Latest Bass ABO opened mid April in former shop and commercial premises. Identikit decor and fittings to all other members of the chain.

Disabled WC. Food. Opens 11.30-11 Mon-Sat, 12-6 Sun.

W1(Mar), CAFÉ TOTO, 28 Paddington St. Renamed CARPE DIEM. Marston: Pedigree. Tetley: Bitter. A welcome return to real ale after 14 years as a 'café-bar' under various names. Open 8am Mon-Fri and 10am Sat/Sun for breakfast and all permitted hours.

WC2, PORTERS BAR, 16 Henrietta St. Boddington: Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Wadworth: 6X. Young: Special. Offshoot of Porters English Restaurant at No 17 next door, opened July 1997 in former commercial premises. Cream painted walls, pinewood floor, wicker chairs etc. Stairs lead down to similarly furnished basement bar. Open all permitted hours.

WC2, PORTERS ENGLISH RESTAURANT.

17 Henrietta St. Boddington: Bitter. Wells: Eagle Bitter, Bombardier. Small bar area is open to non-eaters and screened off from restaurant proper. Open all permitted hours (restaurant until 11.30pm Mon-Sat).

WC2, SOHO BREWING CO, 41 Earlham St. No real ale. New German style brewpub which, despite the name, opened in Covent Garden in

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late April. It is housed in a basement vault used in recent times as a rehearsal theatre and clothing warehouse but which was originally apparently part of the Wood Yard Brewery, established in 1650. It later became part of Gyffords Brewery specialising during the 19th century in London Porter until it was sold as a fruit warehouse in 1905. The brewhouse is on the ground floor and can be viewed through the windows from the arcade next door. Access to the bar is downstairs where the fermenting vessels and serving tanks are located at the rear. The bar area is clinical in style with a stainless steel bar, mirrors, polished pine floor, a scattering of rather uncomfortable chairs and tables to the side and restaurant area towards the front. The founder, Ewan Eastham of the Freedom Brewery in Fulham, has employed a German brewmaster Albrecht Von Wallmoden to produce the beers and the equipment has been imported from Caspary Schultz of Bamberg at a cost of £_ million. Beers are stored in the tanks and dispensed using gas pressure and include Soho Pale (4.5%), Soho Red (4.6%), Soho Wheat (5.0%) and a varying special the first of which is intended to be a porter using the original Gyffords recipe. Freedom Pilsner lager is also on tap. Prices range from £2.80 to £3.10 a pint, with halves being even more expensive pro-rata at between £1.50 and £1.60 a half pint! Open all permitted hours (restaurant until midnight Mon-Sat). Comment: Influenced by the success of German and American brewpubs, along with the Mash Brewery reported last month, it undoubtedly adds variety to the London pub scene. It is however full of contradictions, not least its name. Despite the German brewer and equipment only one continental style product is brewed. The pale and red 'ales' are relatively weak compared with their American brewpub equivalents and hence their flavours have great difficulty surviving the application of extraneous gas haven't we been here before?

SOUTH EAST

SE7, **VICTORIA**, 757 Woolwich Rd. Burtonwood: Bitter (labelled Victoria Bitter - house beer). Fuller: London Pride. Guest beers from independent and micro brewers. Now a

Free House, formerly Ascot. Closest pub to the Thames Barrier. (SE74 U113)

CROYDON, BLACK SHEEP BAR, 68 High St. No real ale. Free house in former shop premises.

SOUTH WEST

SUTTON, HOGSHEAD, 60/62 High St. Adnams: Bitter. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: IPA, Original Bitter, Abroad Cooper. Wadworth: 6X. Young: Special. Scrumpy Jack: Old Hazy Cider, 4 guest beers (G) including micro breweries (eg. Rebellion). Latest addition to the Whitbread chain in former shop units opened in April. Decorated in typical style with wooden benches and tables, stone flagged floor, cream painted walls, hops hanging from the ceiling, pseudo gas lamps etc. No smoking area at front complete with fireside comfy sofas. Good display of old photos of Sutton and local history panels. Mercifully music free in contrast to most other town centre pubs. Food until 8pm. Disabled WC. Open all permitted hours. Comment: Just about every pub chain active in the London area must now be represented in Sutton.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

W1(Mar), BAKER & OVEN. Free house. H removed. Operates primarily as a restaurant retaining small bar at rear. (W33, U89)

EAST BARKING, FERRET & TROUSERLEG.

S&N, no real ale, H unused. Formerly BARGE AGROUND. (X12, U74, U85, U106, U117) BARKING, ROYAL OAK. Allied (ex-Taylor Walker), H removed. (X13, U71, U118) BARKING, PICKLED NEWT (WHITE HORSE). Reverted to WHITE HORSE. Pickled Newt name retained on hanging sign. (X14, U82, U98, U103, U117)

DAGENHAM, ROBIN HOOD. Whitbread, now H removed. (X40, U86, U119)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, EARL OF DERBY. Free house, converted to flats. (SE14)

SE5, ATHENAEUM. Grand Met (ex-Watney), closed, future uncertain. (SE55)

SE13, RAVENSBOURNE ARMS. Phoenix, clesed, boarded up. (SE121, U112) SE15, DUKE OF SUSSEX. Grand Met (ex-

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Courage), converted to flats. (SE135) **SE16, TROPICS.** Ex-Belhaven, closed, boarded up. (SE153)

SOUTH WEST

SW1(W), REGENT ARMS. Free house, closed reputedly for conversion to flats, ironically by the same developers who were thwarted by a local campaign which saved the nearby Royal Oak from a similar fate. (SE49) SW2, BRANKSOME ARMS. Phoenix, closed, conversion to flats imminent. (SW52) SW3, SHUCKBURGH ARMS. S&N, H unused. Formerly FINNEGAN'S WAKE.

SW17, MAYFAIR TAVERN. Enterprise Inns, H removed. (SW109)

SW17, TOWN HOUSE. Whitbread, H removed. (SW120).

WEST

(SW56, U129)

W2, COOPERS. Free house, demolished following station redevelopment. Formerly KNIGHTS & HERALDS BAR. (W62, U98) W12, BRITISH PRINCE. Renamed ORANGE KIPPER, presumably receiving its new name in Magic Pub Co days, now Greene King. H unused. (W91, U98, U117)

W12, SWAKELEY ARMS. Renamed O'DONOGHUES. Grand Met (ex-Courage), H removed. (W92, U104)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

EAST

E1, CITY OF CARLISLE. -Adnams: Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. (E63, U73, U79)
E1, SIR SIDNEY SMITH. Reverted to PEPPERPOT. (E73)

E4, LARKSHALL. -John Smith: Bitter. +Theakston: XB. (E96)

E9, ROYAL STANDARD. -Marston Pedigree. (E122, U76, U117)

E11, BIRKBECK TAVERN. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter. +House beer. +Guest beer. (E127, U69, U113, U125, U130)

E17, FLOWER POT. +Fuller: London Pride. (E167, U80, U124, U125)

NORTH

N1, HEDGEHOG & HOGSHEAD. Renamed FAMOUS COCK TAVERN. - Beers listed.

+Adnams: Best Bitter, Broadside. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Theakston: Best Bitter. Taken over by the Ambishus Pub Co from Grosvenor Inns. No longer a brewpub - equipment removed to Toulouse, France! Decorated in nautical style - knots, boats suspended from ceiling, etc. Widescreen TV and recorded music. Formerly COCK TAVERN. (N40, U109)

SOUTH EAST

SE5, STATION. Renamed JACK BEARDS. (SE62)

SOUTH WEST

SW4, RAILWAY TAVERN. Now simply RAILWAY. (SW60)

SW17, CORNER PIN. -Bass: Toby Cask. +Fuller: London Pride. Real ale not always available. (SW108)

SW17, GORDON BENNETT! Now just GORDON BENNETT. Garish red and yellow signage replaced by toned down effect. -Beers listed except Brakspear: Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Greene King: IPA. (SW109)

SW17, JJ MOONS. -Beers listed except Courage: Directors Bitter and guest beers. +Fuller: London Pride. +Hopback: Summer Lightning. +Theakston: Best Bitter. +Weston: Old Rosie Cider. Refurbished. (SW109)

SW17, NEW FOUNTAIN. -Webster: Green Label. +Fuller: London Pride. Open until 1am Fri/Sat. (SW110)

CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR. -Beers listed except Draught Bass and Highgate Dark. +Fuller: London Pride. +Guest beers. (SW134)

KINGSTON, KINGSTON MILL. -Beers listed. +Fuller: London Pride. Acquired by Bass from Wessex Taverns and inflicted with the 'It's a Scream' theme. (SW143)

KINGSTON, HOG & STUMP. Renamed TUP (KINGSTON). -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Theakston: XB. Acquired from Mercury Taverns by the fast expanding 'Tup' pub chain. Sadly no longer a brew pub ending a 11-year period, which started with David Bruce's acquisition as part of the original Firkin chain. (SW143)

MORDEN, END OF THE LINE. Renamed JACK STAMPS BEER HOUSE. (SW150, W132)

SURBITON, LAMB. -Beers listed. +Benskin: Bitter. (SW161)

SURBITON, MAYPOLE. +Guest beer (G). (SW16)

Capital Pubcheck

CAPITAL PUBCHECK UPDATE 135 continued

SUTTON, HEDGEHOG & HOGSHEAD. -

Beers listed except Fuller: London Pride.
+Adnams: Bitter. +Courage: Best Bitter,
Directors Bitter. +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale.
Acquired from Grosvenor Inns by Ambishus
Pub Co. No longer a brewpub - equipment sold
for use in Paris! Awaiting a name change and
make over. (SW166)

WEST

W2, MITRE. -Beers listed except Boddington: Bitter and Flowers: Original Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. (W62, U93)

W11, LADBROKE ARMS. -Beers listed.

+Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter.

+Everard: Tiger. +Greene King: Abbot Ale.

+Morland: Old Speckled Hen. (W88)

W11, RAJ. Renamed RAT & PARROT. -Beers listed. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Theakston: Best Bitter. (W90, U107)

TWICKENHAM, AILSA TAVERN. -Beers listed. +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. +3 guest beers from micro breweries.

Refurbished in 'T&J Bernard' style. (W150, U94, U107)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 134

NEW & REOPENED PUBS ETC.

W1, O'NEILLS. Should read N1.

SW16, FURZE & FIRKIN. Beers believed to be brewed at Flag & Firkin, Watford.

PUBS CLOSED ETC.

E8, FATHER TED'S. Formerly CASTLE. *OTHER CHANGES ETC.*

EC2, CITY TUP. Formerly SHORTS.

EC2, JOHN KEATS AT THE MOORGATE. Formerly MOORGATE.

E17, FLOWER POT. Delete entry - still badged as East London Pub Co. (See also 'Changes' above)

TWICKENHAM, HEDGEHOG & STUMP. Should read: renamed TUP (TWICKENHAM).

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Feature

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the 28-page June 1983 issue appeared in a yellow cover, bearing a cartoon showing Big Ben growing out of the roof of a stylised pub, adorned with handpumps. This was to mark the calling of a General Election - the illustration had been prepared with this eventuality in mind and was a last-minute substitution; I was informed of the news when confirming with the printer over the phone that I was on my way with the scripts. A PS to the Editorial (which dealt with misreporting local press) finished with a plea for parliamentary support for Real Ale and its adherents, and the words "Give us a better deal - especially in London".

A half-page advert announced the publication of the Supplement to Real Beer in London which for 80p provided details of 1300 pubs in addition to those listed in the 6th edition, and recently introduced beers - most of which have since disappeared.

In this issue the first mention was made of plans to build the Phoenix and Firkin from the ruins of Denmark Hill railway station, burnt down in 1980.

Charringtons had expressed satisfaction with the test-marketing of Mitchell & Butler Springfield Bitter in the southeast, and were planning to make it available in 350 outlets.

Mostyn Lewis contributed a 4-page centre spread describing the history of Lovibonds Brewery in Greenwich, from its foundation in 1826 to its closure in 1969. This coincided with the announcement of the 5th Greenwich Real Ale Festival.

In "London Drinking", Red Rover described his travels by public transport in the name of real ale research, which dwelt on the evils of noisy game machines and jukeboxes in pubs, which in this episode were in the Hounslow district. He found some decent beer too.

TEN YEARS AGO in June 1988 the 40 pages appeared in a cover which was designed to be striking and make fullest use of the theme colour, royal blue, which spread outwards from a silver grey frame to the edges of the sheet. It featured an advert for the 10th Greenwich Real Ale Festival, and its logo - a silhouette of the Cutty Sark. An Historicrawl of the area - part one - formed the centre page spread. Merton presented a mini-crawl - only one page and three pubs! - of Hampton Court.

The Editorial dwelt on that essential but oftneglected aspect of the pub scene, the toilet facilities.

The Newt & Ferret, Kingston took out a fullpage advert to publicise a 3-day beer festival, offering 20-plus brews and ciders. CAMAL, The Campaign for Authentic Lager, was somewhat critical that CAMRA should feature cider at beer festivals.

In "Laying Wethereds to Rest" Mostyn Lewis described a "farewell" held outside the Chiswell Street Brewery, simultaneously with the last brewing at Marlow, and looked at the whole sad story of closures by the parent company, Whitbread.

There were two obituaries - one for Bill Cogswell, who had been landlord for 13 years of the Surprise in Southville, off the Wandsworth Road, a Youngs house frequently in the Good Beer Guide. The other was for Keith Wildey, a former chairman of CAMRA London who had died on a CAMRA visit to the Channel Islands. He had joined West Middlesex Branch in 1974, served as its Chairman for nine years and played a large part in the production of Real Beer in West London - at that time as yet unpublished - it was in due course dedicated to his memory.

In "Bromley Binge" Eastender described a crawl he had made, largely choosing his venues spontaneously, around Mile End, Bow and Stepney, written like a diary and, as he stated, from notes taken on the spot.

"Charity Corner" devoted 1_ pages to charitable events organized by pubs in Hampton Hill, Wimbledon and West Norwood.

Considering how much charity work is done by pubs, it always surprised me how few reports were sent to LD, let alone advance notices about such events - a request for such information appeared in that item.

Idle Moments - going from strength to strength - came up with a limerick whose five lines all ended with the same letters but still didn't rhyme:

"A football team coming from Slough Had gallantly fought their way through To play Middlesborough. But they lost the match though 'Cos their tactics weren't thorough enough."

Feature

In case this sounds confusing, the main idea of a limerick is that the first, second and fifth (last) lines rhyme with each other, and the third and fourth share a different rhyme. Here's an example - plugging one of my favourite beverages (the first in line being perry):

"There was a young lady from Ryde Who ate too many apples and died. The apples fermented Inside the Lamented Made cider inside her inside." (OK, it's been published before in LD).

Christie's Tavern, at the northern end of Richmond Bridge, had previously been the King's Head. To quote the relevant article, titled RIDICULOUS NAMING, "Just recently it has been renamed JOE BEAU LAIS. Obviously somebody thinks this is humourous. Can anybody come up with a less sensible new name for a pub - one that has actually been used, that is?" Incidentally, that pub is now known as Joe's - and has no real ale.

FIVE YEARS AGO in the 40 page 1993 issue plum was used as second colour on both covers and six inner pages. The front bore a photograph of the Rose & Crown, Clapham Old Town, now a Greene King house, bearing the tiled inscription "Simonds Noted Ales & Stouts".

Chris's Editorial reflected on the major pub chains, which were effectively restricting rather than increasing the customer's choice of beers.

In Idle Moments, for lack of brain teasers Andy posed a question on applied mathematics concerning the speed of a washing machine. I didn't - and still don't - understand the question, let alone the answer.

Three Youngs pubs had introduced a "credit card" whereby customers could buy food and drink at a discount. The card was "charged" with credit by means of prepayment across the bar, which avoided cash changing hands after each transaction.

The Kelly Arms, Kingston, was planning a 3-day beer festival in which it was intended to serve 24 beers in as many hours on two days despite having only three handpumps. Its full page advert was headed "Can you handle the Dirty Dozen?" listing 12 of the beers available. Now maths is, as previously intimated, not my strong subject

The 4th Cider and Perry Exhibition was in the offing. The centre spread consisted of a list of those available. Associated articles included

"Welcome" - self-explanatory, except that it ended, presumably thanks to some computerised gremlin, with the unfinished sentence, "Enjoy yourself, and as usual, you are invited to ...". Also appearing were "The Cider Gradings - a drinker's guide", "From a Jack to a con - the story of Scrumpy Jack " by Reece Jones, and "Perry - Britain's Best Kept Secret" by David Kitton, Editor of the Good Cider Guide.

Keith Emmerson contributed a piece on modern City pubs.

G Bradley produced "The Beginner's Definitive Guide to the London Pint".

Harry Staines, who had given up writing in 1981, returned to pen "Live from Demark 2 - the Return of Sven", I won't even attempt to summarize it, but if you want to try it I recommend you contact Stan Tompkins for a back number. One phrase Harry came up with "Schweinehaxemitapefelretkehelundbratkartoffel nbrau and lime". Even if that does get jumbled, it will make no odds - apparently it has no meaning.

That's about it now. Until next month ... Cheers!

Martin Smith

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Idle Moments

IDLE MOMENTS

Idle moments are something (How's that for grammar?) that have been pretty non existent this month for me, so this column has been produced at a gallop. As a consequence there are no number puzzles this time, but as you'll see later I've put in ten brewery anagrams instead of the usual five so as not to reduce your suffering too much.

Anyway enough of the apologies, I have got the answers to last month's number puzzles and here they are:

- 23 Hours in the Day When the Clocks Go Forward
- 2. 75 Centilitres in a Standard Bottle of Wine
- 3. 2001 Start of the New Millennium
- 4. 9 Stitches Saved by One in Time
- 5. 18 Points for a Nine Letter Word in Countdown on Channel Four
- 6. 20 Quires in a Ream of Paper
- 227 Square Miles is the Area of the Isle of Man
- 12 Inches is the Diameter of a Long Playing Record
- 9. 150 Years in a Sesquicentenary
- 25 Members in the Projected Greater London Assembly

And here are the answers to last month's brewery anagrams (See, no time wasted there):

TAKEN THEM SKEWER

HESKET NEWMARKET

- 2. NOT SLIM SON TOMLINSONS
- 3. LAYS BREN BARNSLEY
- 4. THICKEN KITCHEN
- 5. TEN PALS PLANETS

And here, as promised we have a magnificent TEN brewery anagrams:

- GENDER GROAN
- 2. RUIN CD INSTEAD
- 3. DOOM WON PATH
- 4. WON BARBELS
- 5. HANDY LIVES
- 6. RAVE SMILE
- 7. STREW BARK BRYAN
- 8. SWAY PEA GAS
- 9. JOHN'S THIN NON-POM
- 10. CON IN CRATE

This time I was thinking of subtitling 5BY4 "YOBs" (for "year of birth") but then I thought I'd put in the full dates and so it's changed to "Happy Birthday". All you have to do is match the famous people with the dates of their birth in the second list. Answers at the end, as usual.

- 1. Dusty Springfield
- 2. Woody Allen

- 3. Natalie Wood
- 4. Cher
- 5. Tommy Steele
- 6. David Bowie
- 7. Bob Dylan
- 8. Anne Bancroft
- 9. Tom Jones
- 10. Cilla Black
- A. 17 September 1931
- B. 27 May 1943
- C. 1 December 1935
- D. 7 June 1940
- E. 17 December 1936
- F. 8 January 1947
- G. 20 May 1946
- H. 20 July 1938
- I. 24 May 1941
- J. 14 April 1939

Yes folks it's trivia time (I thought of giving that initial capital letters but then I thought that would make it look less trivial, so I didn't) and here are last month's answers:

- 1. Bill Bryson
- 2. Steam wagons (The Sentinel)
- 3. The Marquis of Granby
- 4. Richard Nixon (Who else?)
- 5. Kenneth Grahame
- 6. Alan Sillitoe
- 7. The Hollies
- 8. Joseph Haydn
- 9. Charles II after the battle of Worcester
- 10. Albany

And here, just to finish things off, are this month's questions:

- 1. 10th January is celebrated as "Thatcher Day" where?
- 2. Meanwhile in New Zealand, in what month does Waitangi Day occur?
- 3. And still on matters southern, in what year were the first convicts transported from Britain to Australia?
- "I keep six honest serving men (They taught me all I knew); Their names are What and Why and When And How and Where and Who"

Branch News

THE HAND IN HAND SW LONDON CAMRA BRANCH PUB OF THE YEAR

The Hand in Hand on Wimbledon Common has scooped the annual award voted for by all members in the Branch area. The certificate was presented to landlady Sally Marley by Martin Butler who has presided over all the awards made in recent years.

The Hand in Hand, a Youngs house, had always figured in the final selection, but this is the first time that it has won. The pub is one of Youngs flagship pubs, very popular especially in the summer months when it is packed to capacity and drinkers spill out onto the common with plastic glasses. During the rest of the year, the visiting drinker will be able to see what makes this a perennial favourite.

Firstly it has an ideal setting in Crooked Billet on Wimbledon Common. It has an indoor family room for colder days which is always busy. Although food-orientated at lunchtimes and early evenings, the beer is not relegated to second place. The excellent cellar work ensures that the Bitter, Special and seasonal beers are served in peak condition and it is rarely the case that customers have to be kept waiting, even in the busiest of times.

Sally Marley used to run an old favourite of ours, "The Duke of Devonshire" in Balham which has gone into decline beerwise ever



- 5. Who wrote the song "Alexander's Ragtime Band"?
- 6. In the 1970s, Elkie Brooks and Robert Palmer sang in the same band. What was it called?
- No cheating now, how many breweries are listed in the 1998 Good Beer Guide on the Isle of Wight?
- 8. Where are the Mount of Apollo, the Mount of the Moon and the Girdle of Venus to be found?
- At what age did Mary Queen of Scots become queen (approximately)?
- 10. Who wrote a series of novels about "Barsetshire" in mid-Victorian times? And finally, the solution to this month's 5BY4. Dis you get them right?

1-J, 2-C, 3-H, 4-G, 5-E, 6-F, 7-I, 8-A, 9-D, 10-B. So that's yer lot then. Have a good month (apart from the Idle Moments)

Andy Pirson



Martin Butler presents Sally Marley with South West London Branch Pub of the Year certificate (Are the two big lads there to protect her from Martin? - Ed)

since. The same high standards from the Old Duke days have never wavered in the Hand in Hand. A large contingent of members were there for the presentation despite having to brave blizzard conditions in April!

Chris Cobbold

Chairman, SW London CAMRA Branch

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-Where to buy London Drinker-

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

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	TLETS - EAST and SOUTH	SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS	NT EARL OF RADNOR
	T PUBS	SE18 EDINBURGH CASTLE	N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
	ARTILLERY ARMS	SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)	NT WENLOCK ARMS
	BISHOPS FINGER	SE20 MOON & STARS	N2 WELCH'S ALE HOUSE
	LEOPARD	SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN	N6 OLD GATE HOUSE
	MASQUE HAUNT	SE24 LORD STANLEY	N9 LAMB
	O'HANLONS	SE25 ALLIANCE	NII BANKERS DRAFT
	PHEASANT & FIRKIN	SE25 GOAT HOUSE	N12 ELEPHANT
	SEKFORDE ARMS	SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE	N12 TALLY HO N13 WHOLE HOG
	SHAKESPEARE	BARKING, BARKING DOG BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK	N16 EBOR ARMS
	SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE SWAN	BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR	N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
	BLACK FRIAR	CHELSFIELD, FIVE BELLS	N17 ELBOW ROOM
EI	LORD RODNEYS HEAD	CHISLEHURST, SYDNEY ARMS	N17 NEW MOON
E2	CAMDENS HEAD	CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS	N19 DOG
E2	CONQUEROR	CROYDON, CRICKETERS ARMS	N21 HALF MOON
E3	COBORN ARMS	CROYDON, DOG & BULL	N21 ORANGE TREE
E7	OLD SPOTTED DOG	CROYDON, GEORGE	BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
E8	PRINCE ARTHUR	CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL	BARNET, WHITE LION
E9	FALCON & FIRKIN	CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD	BARNET, YE OLDE MITRE INN
	BIRKBECK TAVERN	ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD	EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
	GEORGE	LOUGHTON, LAST POST	ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK
E15	GOLDEN GROVE	PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH	ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
	COLLEGE ARMS	WALLINGTON, WHISPERING	ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
SE1	ANCHOR & HOPE	MOON	NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS
SE1	COPPER	CLUBS	OUTLETS - NORTH WEST PUBS
SEL	GOOSE & FIRKIN	SE9 HOWERD CLUB	NWTHEAD OF STEAM
	GLOBE	SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB	NW1 QUINNS
	GRAPES	SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB	NW1 SPREAD EAGLE
	KINGS ARMS	SE28 BELMARSH PRISON	NW2 BEATEN DOCKET
	LORD CLYDE	CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE	NW3 DUKE OF HAMILTON
	MARKET PORTER	ORPINGTON, JUBILEE SPORTS	NW3 FLASK TAVERN
	PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY	BAR	NW3 THREE HORSESHOES
	ROYAL OAK	OFF TRADE	NW4 CHEQUERS
	SHIP, 68 Borough Road	E18 Gales Off Licence, 204 High Road, Woodford Green	NW4 FOOTMAN & FIRKIN NW4 GREYHOUND
	SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS WHEATSHEAF	SE3 Bitter Experience, 129 Lee Road	NW11 WHITE SWAN
	WHITE HART, Cornwall Street	SE3 Oddbins	HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL
	WINDMILL, 44 Lambeth High	BEXLEYHEATH, Maison Maurice	HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
SEI	Street	(beer & wine wholesalers)	HATCH END, MOON & SIXPENCE
CEL	ZANZI BAR	BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons	KENTON, NEW MOON
	BRITISH OAK	Hill	NORTH HARROW, J.J.MOONS
	CROWN	GRAVESEND, AVS (beer wholesalers)	RUISLIP, J.J.MOONS
	FAIRWAY & FIRKIN	OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL and	SOUTH HARROW, J.J.MOONS
	HARE & BILLET	NORTH PUBS	STANMORE, MALT HOUSE
	PHOENIX & FIRKIN	WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS	WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK
SE6	BLACK HORSE & HARROW	WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE	WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE
SE6	TIGERS HEAD	WC1 PENDERELS OAK	WEMBLEY, J.J.MOONS
SE7	ANTIGALLICAN	WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE	OFF TRADE
	ROYAL OAK	WC1 RUGBY TAVERN	N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
	VICTORIA	WC1 THREE CUPS	NW6 Grogblossoms, 235 West End
SE8	CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN	WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON	Lane
	DOG & BELL	WC1 YORKSHIRE GREY	CLUBS
	OLD MANOR HOUSE	WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR	NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,
	BANKERS DRAFT	WC2 FULMAR & FIRKIN	Middlesex University Bus. School
	ADMIRAL HARDY	WC2 GEORGE IV	OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and
	ASHBURNHAM ARMS	WC2 HOGS HEAD	WEST PUBS
	RICHARD I	WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY	SWI BARLEY MOW
	B HOGS HEAD	WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE N1 179 UPPER STREET	SWI BUCKINGHAM ARMS
SEL	QUAGGY DUCK	N1 179 UPPER STREET	SWI FOX & HOUNDS

COMPTON ARMS

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SE13 WATCH HOUSE

SW1 MOON ON THE MALL

– Where to buy London Drinker-

SW1 MORPETH ARMS KINGSTON, WYCH ELM SW1 ORANGE BREWERY MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF W1 Univ. of Westminster S.U. Bar, SW1 ROYAL OAK MORTIMER 104 Bolsover Street SW1 STAR NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK ISLEWORTH, Western Atlas Social SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE RICHMOND, DYSARTS Club SW3 COOPERS ARMS RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE OUTSIDE LONDON SW3 CROWN ADDLESTONE, CRICKETERS RICHMOND, TRIPLE CROWN SW3 SURPRISE RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWER SW4 BREAD & ROSES BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR SURBITON, CAP IN HAND SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND BRIGHTON, SUSSEX YEOMAN SURBITON, CORONATION HALL SW6 WHITE HORSE SURBITON, DENBY DALE CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING & SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS **OUEEN** SURBITON, NEW PRINCE SW8 PRIORY ARMS CHERTSEY, CASTLE SUTTON, FIELDER & FIRKIN **SW8 SURPRISE** CLAYGATE, FOLEY ARMS SUTTON, NEW TOWN SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN WALLINGTON, WHISPERING COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT SW11 BEEHIVE CROXLEY GREEN, SPORTSMAN MOON SW11 EAGLE ALEHOUSE, Chatham DENHAM (Bucks), LAMBERT ARMS WI BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street Road EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS CLEVELAND ARMS SWII WALSH'S EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS MOON & SIXPENCE SW12 GROVE EGHAM, PRINCE OF WALES MORTIMER ARMS SW12 MOON UNDER WATER EGHAM, WHITE LION PRINCE ALFRED SW12 NIGHTINGALE KNEBWORTH (Herts), LYTTON WINDMILL. SW12 PRINCE OF WALES ARMS W2 ARCHERY TAVERN SW13 COACH & HORSES W2 KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL ROYAL STANDARD SW13 RED LION LALEHAM, FEATHERS W3 KINGS HEAD SW13 ROSE OF DENMARK LEATHERHEAD, PENNY BLACK W5 T.J.DUFFY'S SW14 HALFWAY HOUSE LEATHERHEAD, RUNNING HORSE W5 **RED LION** SW14 HARE & HOUNDS LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS W5 ROSE & CROWN SW15 FOX & HOUNDS LONG DITTON (Surrey), NEW INN W5 WHEATSHEAF SW15 GREEN MAN MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS W6 ANDOVER ARMS SW15 RAILWAY MORTIMER WEST END (Hants), W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL SW16 PIED BULL **RED LION** W10 VILLAGE INN SW17 CASTLE OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK W11 FROG & FIRKIN SW17 J.J.MOONS OXFORD, WHARF HOUSE W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE SW18 OLD SERGEANT POTTERS BAR, CHEOUERS W12 MOON ON THE GREEN SW18 SPOTTED DOG READING, HOP LEAF W13 DRAYTON COURT SW18 SPREAD EAGLE READING, HORSE & JOCKEY W13 THE FORESTER SW19 BREWERY TAP ROFFEY (Horsham), NORFOLK W14 BRITANNIA TAP SW19 KINGS HEAD **ARMS** W14 RADNOR ARMS SW19 HAND & RACKET ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH & W14 WARWICK ARMS SW19 PRINCESS OF WALES HORSES BRENTFORD, MAGPIE & CROWN SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL SALISBURY, WYNDHAM ARMS CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD SW19 SULTAN SHOREHAM BY SEA, CRAB TREE FELTHAM, MOON ON THE SW19 TRAFALGAR STEVENAGE, RED LION SOUARE SW19 WIBBAS DOWN INN SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO HAMPTON, WHITE HART CARSHALTON, GREYHOUND ARMS HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN STOW MARIES (Essex), PRINCE OF HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART CARSHALTON, WINDSOR CASTLE HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants), NEW HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE CHESSINGTON, WHITE HART HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES CHEAM, RAILWAY SUNBURY, FLOWER POT HOUNSLOW, MOON UNDER KEW, COACH & HORSES SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK WATER KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP & ISLEWORTH, RED LION KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS **FEATHERS** ISLEWORTH, ROYAL OAK KINGSTON, COCOANUT WALTON ON THAMES, REGENT SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD KINGSTON, CRICKETERS WEST HORSLEY (Surrey), KING ARMS KINGSTON, FIGHTING COCKS WILLIAM IV TEDDINGTON, HOGARTH KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS WEYBRIDGE, JOLLY FARMER TEDDINGTON, OUEEN DOWAGER KINGSTON, KINGS TUN WORCESTER PARK, GAMECOCK UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET WORTHING, VINE WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN WRAYSBURY, PERSEVERANCE WHITTON, WHITE HART KINGSTON, RAM CLUBS OFF TRADE KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS WATFORD, WEST HERTS SPORTS W11 Grogblossom

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