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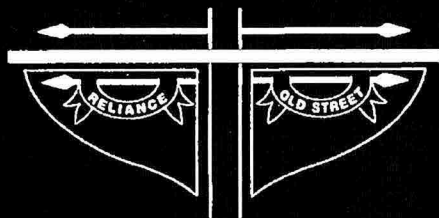
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A year has gone by since I wrote on the subject of **QUALITY** and it is pleasing to note that the industry - both brewers and retailers - along with CAMRA have moved to improve quality.

Back in November CAMRA organised a seminar on the subject in London which was attended by representatives of the national, regional and micro-breweries, suppliers of malt and hops, beer agencies, pub chain owners, journalists and concerned CAMRA members. Topics covered included ingredients, brewing methods, distribution, retail policy and cellar practices.

This was quickly followed by the unveiling of an industry based scheme called **CASK MARQUE**. The scheme aims to improve quality at retail level and a pilot scheme involving 1,000 pubs nation-

wide has been running since January with a view to involving 2,500 by the end of the year. The pilot scheme has been supported by eleven brewing companies including Adnams, Fullers, Greene King, McMullens and Whitbread Beer Company as well as three retail groups including Allied Domecq Inns and Regent Inns. CAMRA has warmly welcomed this initiative.

I accept that this initiative does not address quality at the production level; I would argue that Fuller's Chiswick Bitter or Young's Bitter are better beers than Courage Best Bitter but in the end that is only my opinion or choice. What all of us can agree on is that a well-kept pint of the latter is preferable to a badly kept pint of either of the two London brews! Cask Marque quote from an independent survey in Spring 1997 which found one in five pints of cask beer were of poor quality. Based on this any non-cask beer drinker who heeded the CAMRA message to 'ask for cask' would have stood a one in five chance of getting a poor pint. These are hardly the conditions that will create an increasing band of cask ale drinkers on which the future of real ale depends.

Consciously (or otherwise) many of us as keen cask ale drinkers go into pubs where have we have a much better than one in five chance of a good pint. However bearing in mind this 'one in five' risk CAMRA's support for the Cask Marque scheme seems essential. As customers we will start to see pubs displaying a plaque outside and a certificate inside to indicate that the pub has met Cask Marque's standards relating to cellar

management and dispense. I have not seen any yet; no doubt the editors would be happy to report your sightings in *London Drinker*. This gives us the potential for a decent number of pubs which the cask ale drinker can enter with confidence. No doubt there will be an overlap with the 5,000 pubs in CAMRA's annual Good Beer Guide (GBG) but the scheme could be very helpful to those cask ale drinkers with or without a copy of the GBG.

So when you see the Cask Mark plaque give the pub your custom and if appropriate let the guvnor or staff know that you think standards are being met. Equally you should draw to the guvnor's attention any case where the ale is not up to standard. If you have any comments about the scheme or accredited pubs write to:

Cask Marque,
c/o MDA, Waterfall Mill,
Queen Victoria Street, Millhill, Blackburn,
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Terry Hewitt

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THE BROCKLEY JACK AT 100

On 19th May 1998, the Brockley Jack, Brockley Road SE4 achieved its hundredth birthday. The pub was opened in 1898 as a large pub and hotel by the Noakes brewery, run by W. Noakes, a local dignitary. The new building replaced an older, smaller pub dating from the 18th century.

The name of the pub comes from Jack Camp, a former landlord, who supplemented his income from running the pub with a second career as a notorious highwayman. Local legend has it that Brockley Jack eventually hanged himself in one of the upstairs rooms of the old pub, and his ghost is said to haunt the premises to this day; several of the present staff have reported feeling the ghostly touch. Brockley Jack, in highwayman's gear, features on the pub sign and on the front of this imposing building.



The Brockley Jack (or as much as you can photo at one time).

More recently, the pub - in common with many others these days - has been converted from a two bar into an open plan layout, and has been through a number of changes in ownership. Current owners are Greene King, who acquired the pub last September and the beer range now offers Greene King IPA and Abbot Ale as regular beers, supplemented by up to two guests which usually change every month.

The establishment also boasts its own theatre, situated behind the main bar area. The Brockley Jack Theatre was originally started up by a group of unemployed actors, and often had to beg, borrow or steal various props from helpful locals. It has now progressed to being a full time

operation, and with help from previous owners the Magic Pub Company, can now boast a proper sound and lighting system, helping it to look a very professional effort. Tickets are usually



I thought the face painting was for the kids....locals celebrate in the main bar.

priced at £5-8, with a special offer of a pub meal and theatre show for a tenner.

A celebration party was held on the Sunday before the anniversary; wholly organised by local volunteers, the event featured everything from balloons to bands and even a bouncy castle! A competition was held in local schools to design a birthday card for the pub, all competitions and raffles being held to raise money for the Help a London Child charity. For the party, the garden area was opened for the first time in a number of years - it had been used by the theatre as a store. The garden may become a permanent feature if finances allow.

A great time was had by all, and this is the best compliment that could be paid to the efforts of locals who did their best to mark the centenary in style. Guest beers Batemans XB and Ash Vine Grin and Bear It were in good condition - the pub is well worth a visit as guest beers are a bit of a rarity in the area.

Dave Lee

PUB NEWS FROM EAST LONDON AND CITY BRANCH.

You will need to have a long memory to recall drinking in the **Hat & Feathers**, Clerkenwell Road, EC1; once an Ind Coope pub, but closed now for many years. An application has been made for planning permission to develop the property and an adjoining site into a six-storey hotel block, but it looks as if the bar itself is undergoing extensive renovation and may re-open. It used to have mirrors featuring long-defunct breweries - bet they won't re-appear.

It has been interesting to follow the debate in the *London Drinker* regarding the opening of the first of the 'new generation' of JD Wetherspoon pubs in Holborn and the City. These have been criticised for being expensive and for lacking the attention to local history and interest for which suburban pubs in the chain have become known. I am not sure that all of this criticism is really warranted. Wetherspoon's have always operated a differential pricing system - outlets in Victoria and Trafalgar Square have long been more expensive than those in Bethnal Green or Leyton - and most drinkers have, regrettably, become used to paying more for a decent pint in the City than in the suburbs. When I visited the **Liberty Bounds**, recently opened at 15 Trinity Square, EC3, the beer was in excellent nick and that's the most important thing for me. OK, it was dearer than the same pint would have been at my local 'spoon in Stratford but it was still cheaper and better than in many of the other pubs in EC3. Meanwhile, Wetherspoons are rumoured to have acquired a site in Hackney, opposite the Town Hall and another in Forest Gate.

Former Truman's house, the **City of Paris**, 178 Old Ford Road, E2 is now owned by ABA Taverns and has recently re-opened under new management. A palatable pint of Charles Wells Eagle IPA is sold at a bargain £1.00 and a "House Bitter" is also advertised at £1.20 a pint, but was not available when I visited in mid-May. Nearby, the **Bishop Bonner**, Bonner Road, E2, remains closed.

One pub which has been having a rough old time of it lately has been the **Bow Bells**, 116 Bow Road, E3. This pub pioneered the introduction of guest beers in that area and became a popular meeting place for East London and City Branch members; but a number of management changes and often poor

beer quality has kept us away for a year or so. Now the "For Sale" notices have come down and the pub is closed for refurbishment. Fingers crossed. Work is also going on at the nearby, long-closed but fondly-remembered **Bombay Grab** but it is unclear whether this place has a future as a pub.

New management at the **North Star**, 24 Browning Road, E11 is said to have seen a marked increase in beer quality. Draught Bass and Fuller's London Pride are the beers at this back street pub in "Leytonstone Village". The nearby **Walnut Tree**, 857-861 High Road, Leytonstone, E11 is also developing a reputation as one of the more reliable JD Wetherspoon outlets. This is good news in an area where twelve months ago you would have been hard pressed to find a decent pint.

Also in Leytonstone, the **Crown**, 692 High Road, E11 has been re-named the **Sheepwalk** after its very brief time as an East London Pub Company house. Further down the High Road, the *Good Beer Guide* listed **Bell** has won the East London Pub Company's "Who Cares Wins" award for 1998 - based on criteria including beer, service, external and internal appearance. Pity the normally excellent draught Bass was unavailable last time I went in.

'National Mild Days' seem to come around every six months or so for some reason nowadays and the latest one, on 16 May, seems to have been a bit better supported despite the unfortunate clash with the FA Cup Final. East London and City CAMRA members were able to enjoy two special promotions with Goacher's Dark Mild (from Kent) at the **Leopard**, 33 Seward St, EC1 and Buffy's Mild (from Norfolk) at the **Old Spotted Dog**, 212 Upton Lane, E7.

Stephen Harris

PUB FINALIST IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Windsor Castle, Carshalton, already Greater London Pub of the Year, which has been judged Runner-Up in the final round of CAMRA's Pub of the Year Competition. This excellent community pub, managed by Dave Stott, is fully committed to real ale, as is popular with the local CAMRA branch. It's added attractions of excellent food and a separate function room make this a worthy entry in the national round.

On hearing the news, Dave said, "We're over the moon. We've never run the pub to win awards. Our main aim is to offer good honest beer and food in a traditional atmosphere."

Ben Wardle, the Press & Public Affairs Manager for CAMRA said, "It is great to see community pubs like this providing such a good service to locals and visitors alike. It goes to show that identikit theme pubs can't beat home made food and good beer. This pub serves full pints and it's won awards in full measure."

This annual competition is very much a members award. Here a brief description of the competition and how the Windsor Castle came to be one of the runners up.

The first round is at branch level where a pub is adjudged the best in the branch's area. The next round is the regional competition. In Greater London we have 12 branches who enter pubs into the competition, and again it is judged by ordinary CAMRA members.

The winner of that competition is then passed into a larger regional competition. This year the Windsor Castle was judged against the East Anglian and Central Southern Pubs of the Year. It is only at this stage of the competition where the distances the judges need to travel have increased that the competition judges change - at this stage of the competition the judging is done by the Regional Directors of the regions involved.

The final round is the big one. The judging panel is made up of Regional Directors and members of CAMRA's Pubs Group and they all make separate visits to the finalist pubs. As can be seen from the list below, at this point in the competition, getting round the pubs is no small thing and the Windsor Castle had stiff competition and has done extremely well..

The Overall Winner:

The Volunteer Arms (Staggs),
Musselburgh, near Edinburgh

Runners Up: The Old Spot, Dursley,
Gloucestershire
The Three Kings, Hanley Castle,
Warwickshire
The Windsor Caste, Carshalton

THE RED LION, BROMLEY

The South East London branch of the Campaign for Real Ale recently presented the Red Lion in North Road, Bromley with their runner up certificate for London Regional Pub of the Year.

The managers Chris and Siobhan Humphrey were amazed when they were awarded South East London Branch Pub of the Year, so to come so close to winning the London Regional competition is real surprise. Chris said "this year has been a good year for us and this certificate is the icing on the cake."



Steve Goad, who is pictured presenting the certificate was one of the first branch members to discover the joys of the Red Lion, and nominated it as Pub of the Year, said "The pub is going from strength to strength and there is no finer beer in Bromley at the moment."

Congratulations to the Red Lion for doing so well, we wish them well in the future.

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WETHERSPOON NEWS

‘Wetherspoon News’ has dropped onto the mats of the editorial team this week. This glossy magazine, available from their pubs, is crammed with photos of happy, smiling staff and managers of Wetherspoon’s ever-expanding estate. Snippets of news fill in the gaps in between. This is primarily a large, glossy advert but it is nicely done and CAMRA gets various mentions throughout.

A small snippet mentions that Wetherspoon’s supported our National Mild Day on 16th May.

A piece and photo on the back cover is about the award of Pub of the Year by Grimsby and East Lincolnshire branch to The Yarborough Hotel in Grimsby. This represents quite an achievement as Wetherspoon seem to move their managers around quickly, particularly in London, and it is often not possible to consider their pubs for the annual competition as by the time the competition moves into its next phase the manager has changed!

Ted Bruning, a recent controversial contributor to London Drinker, has written an article for this edition. He has written on the merits, or otherwise, of the British seaside pub. It is interesting to note that JDW have included their disclaimer on the bottom of Ted’s page rather than elsewhere in the magazine as we do! Ted’s book ‘Historic Pubs of London’ gets a mention in the snippets because of his inclusion of JDW’s Hamilton Hall in Liverpool Street, oddly without Ted’s name being mentioned

Recent openings in the City, already reported in London Drinker, get a write-up along with the recent openings at Gatwick airport.

London pubs feature heavily in the ‘good causes’ category. The Moon and Sixpence in Hillingdon is mentioned with a piece and photo about their recent award in recognition of “the service and help they have shown to disabled and older customers” at the pub. The award by Hillingdon Council was nominated by an anonymous customer. The Crown & Sceptre, Streatham also gets an honourable mention with for their recent fundraising activities on behalf of their “Good Causes” group which benefits various charities. The Railway Bell in New Barnet is another pub mentioned as having raised money for charity with a golf match recently. ‘Opening Soons’ include:

The Half Moon Theatre, Mile End Road (July 26);

an as-yet unnamed establishment in the Leigate

Centre, Lee Green, London SE12 (July 31);

The Pommerlers Rest, Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 (Aug 12);

an as-yet unnamed establishment in High Street, Rickmansworth (Aug 25);

an as-yet unnamed establishment in Bellegrove Road, Welling (Sept 16);

an as-yet unnamed establishment in Poultry, London EC2 (Sept 16);

an as-yet unnamed establishment in Darkes Lane, Potters Bar (Oct 13);

an as-yet unnamed establishment in Chancery Lane, London WC2 (Nov 18).

Looks like Wetherspoon’s are serious when they say that they want to have 500 pubs by the end of 2001! **SP.**

WENLOCK ARMS SUPPORTS FESTIVAL QUIZ

The Wenlock Arms in Wenlock Road, N1 is offering a prize of £30 worth of beer to be consumed at the pub for a lucky winning team at the Great British Beer Festival pub quiz.

The Wenlock is well known for its weekly pub quizzes and no doubt will be supplying some teams of its own to compete for this and 14 other prizes supplied by the quiz’s sponsor Fullers. The prizes include mini pins of beer, tee shirts, a meal and beer for four and lots more! Including Fuller’s glasses for the team with the best name.

The pub quiz will take place during the afternoon of Saturday 8th August on the stage and is only £7.50 to enter. Details from the Information Stand on the day. Entrance prices to the Festival can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

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COMMENT FROM THE USA

At this present time I am on vacation in the United States of America. It is very noticeable to me that the United States have a beer revolution going on at the moment; in fact this revolution has been going on for the past few years. I visit the USA, normally twice a year, and I have had no trouble in finding beer to suit my palate. My home town is Croydon, and my favourite beers locally are, of course, Fullers and Youngs.

When I first visited New York in September 1993 I had little choice but to drink either Bass or Guinness. (Budweiser and Miller were never an option). Now, five years later, I can go to micro breweries (or brewpubs as they are known over here) and sample such delights as Heartland's Indiana Pale Ale, or their Farmer Jons Oatmeal Stout. In Brooklyn I can have several of the Brooklyn Brewery beers including Brooklyn Lager, Brown Ale, Pennant Pale Ale, East India Pale Ale, Weisse, Pilsner and my favourite Black Chocolate Stout.

I have just visited a brewpub in White Plains called The Westchester Brewing Co. where I sampled their I.P.A. and a rather excellent Porter. It seems to me that certainly in New York and probably elsewhere in the USA. the brewers are streets ahead of the Brits in brewing bitter beers, stouts and particularly porters. Over the past five years I have tasted more great beers in the USA. than I have in England and it is with great regret that I have to admit that the most bitter and delicious beer I have ever tasted is to be found in Boston at a brewpub known as the Boston Beer Works (it is an I.P.A. but as I have not sampled it for about three years I cannot remember it's name).

Having got hold of a copy of a free circulation paper called "Ale Street News" and thumbing through it I notice the popularity of Porters & Stouts. This is of great interest to me as one of my all time favourite beers is Fullers London Porter. Fullers in their wisdom decided that it was a poor seller and therefore they would not produce it, instead they put out the overpriced and unpleasant cask version of their celebration ale 1845. When we first heard that Fullers were not going to brew London Porter, my friends and I

were up in arms as we had spent a whole year looking forward to it's return. We were getting reluctantly used to it only being around for six weeks a year, but are now devastated that this beer is no longer to be brewed. The fact is, London Porter is/was the finest new or seasonal beer to come out in a long while, and although it did have unpleasant side effects it was all worthwhile.

It is a sadness to me that I have to travel 3000 miles to get beers that I know can be, and were, produced in England.

Peter Holland.

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

In the May issue of *London Drinker*, Andrew Warren queried the absence of The Sultan, SW19 from South West London CAMRA's Pub of the Year shortlist.

The shortlist was drawn up at an open meeting of the Branch last October. The Sultan was among the pubs considered, but in the view of those present there were other pubs better qualified for the shortlist.

That said, the Branch's continued high regard for this pub should not be in doubt. The Sultan was voted pub of the year for 1995 and it has appeared in the last three editions of the *Good Beer Guide*.

Any branch member is welcome to attend our shortlisting meetings; dates, times and venues are publicised in the Branch Update section of *London Drinker*.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bravery, South West London Branch,
CAMRA.

Dear Editors,

I have just read with distaste the comments made by Simon Fyffe concerning the Railway Tavern and Windsor Castle in Carshalton. The nasty, vitriolic comments concerning the Railway Tavern are beyond belief. I have been using this pub since last year and have always found their beer in good form. The staff have always been efficient and courteous, and the manager and his wife friendly. Simon Fyffe's comments are destructive and must have had a bad effect on the Railway Tavern, its staff and customers.

On the other hand I find the Windsor Castle to be a cold, unfriendly pub, although the beer has always been excellent. The manager is never welcoming, and has never spoken to us at all until one of his staff shortchanged me. One complaining the manager told me, "if you don't like it, you know what you can do". After this the member of staff who had shortchanged me made a point of serving me each time I went to the bar, and continually harangued me in front of other customers. I voted with my feet and went elsewhere.

I cannot understand CAMRA's rating of the Windsor Castle - it is the most unfriendly pub I have ever been in and I have been in many pubs over the last 38 years.

Someone should also tell Simon Fyffe that destructive comments like his do more harm than good. If he needs to criticise at least make constructive comments.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Porter

Dear Editors,

As I was enjoying a gorgeous pint (Harveys) in a magnificent pub (Royal Oak, Tabard Street), I was shocked and amazed to read of the experience written about by J Spiegel, Southend-On-Sea in the May *London Drinker*. Could this be the same pub I make a pilgrimage to from Surrey several times a month, where I meet my mate to savour the finer things in life, and where the landlord made me (a dumb American) feel like a regular by the second visit?

Mr Spiegel must be referring to the ale then.

There is a lot of room for complaint when the landlord stocks the Harveys range (at least 5), including seasonals, all in award winning condition and at a fair price. Perhaps not then. Well, Mr Spiegel must have found fault with the pub, which is easy considering it is clean, spacious, well-built, serves top quality, fairly priced meals, and sponsors local entertainment, including Morris Dancing and jazz piano - all without a fruit machine! Granted, the location could be better and they could open weekends, but you won't find a better place in London to enjoy yourself. Mr Spiegel, what were you thinking?

Yours sincerely,

Justin Hawke, Virginia Water, Surrey

Dear Editors,

Ref. Royal Oak, Tabard St. Correspondent Andy Camroux accuses me of lying (June LD). On the contrary, my visit on 13th March went exactly as stated (letter, May LD). If the landlord's reply "We've been very busy" was his attempt - and he made no other - to explain the poor choice that night, it fell rather short although now one is aware of his wife's illness (and I wish her well). My object all sublime was to enjoy maybe three pints of fine Harvey's beer and perhaps some food if available. I left disappointed.

Yours sincerely

Jack Spiegel, Southend-On-Sea, Essex

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

The question of Wetherspoon's guest beer prices continues to intrigue. Recently (18/4/98), I visited the two outlets at Gatwick Airport.

In the 'landside' Village Inn I was not surprised to be charged £2.35 for a pint of Wood's Shropshire Lad - I had assumed that the prices would be high. I then went to the 'airside' Red Lion where I thought the prices might be lower - given the tax and duty free nature of the area. The price of a pint of Brakspear's Special? £2.45!

It was interesting to note that at both pubs, the Sundance Beer Festival was being promoted with ales at a very reasonable £1.49.

Do JDW's prices come out of a hat?

Yours faithfully,

Charles Pope-Martin

Walthamstow Village, E17

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Dear Editors,

Keith Emmerson writes for idiots and I enjoy his work. Some points. It is traditional and therefore entirely to be expected for coaches not to function on the other side of the Pennines.

There are implications both for sport and travel.

I was surprised that public transport is still so abundant. Emsley moor may be Emley moor, it could also be Pole moor. There is truth in stories about freeze ups and tumbling down masts as there is in the story about broadcasts over the telephone lines. KM may have been a victim of the Slaithwaite Moon rakers. A map would have been useful.

Your sincerely,

J. Grayson (via e-mail)

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Dear Editors,

I would like to confess to being the pathetic idiot that keeps writing dull letters under a false name to your organ about Wetherspoon pubs. The fact is that I have been to some 200 of them and am barred from over half for recounting numbingly tedious anecdotes about train spotting and Metropolitan Police boundary markers. I also have a ridiculous shaped head and affect a raucous hyena-like laugh when I've had too much drink (most of the time). Can you help? Your sincerely,

Owen Roderick, Loughton, Essex

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SOUTH WEST LONDON BRANCH CRICKET

The Branch opened its season with a home match at Quicks Road, SW19 against the Priory Arms, SW8. The visitors batted first, the highlight of the innings being a second innings partnership of 43. The Priory made 101-7 off their 30 overs. Andy Robinson was the pick of the bowlers with 3 wickets for 18 runs. CAMRA met its target with 11 balls to spare for the loss of 5 wickets. Top scorer was captain Simon Stokes with 36.

The following week the branch travelled to play the Red Lion at Aldershot. CAMRA batted first and scored at nearly six an over to finish on 179-6 off 30 overs. Again Stokes was top scorer with 88 not out. The Red Lion started brightly making 94 for the first wicket but could not match the run rate and finished on 126 for 4. Robinson was the best of the bowlers with 7-1-22-2.

A Wednesday evening found the branch away at Nursery Road, Merton, SW19 for a 15 over game against the Princess of Wales, SW19. The hosts batted first and made 79 for 5, Raj top scoring with an unbeaten 31. Martin Strawbridge was the best of the bowlers with 4-0-17-2. CAMRA made the target without loss and with four overs to spare, Stokes and Derek Kan both finishing with undefeated 36s.

The last day in May saw the branch at home to

the Sunderland FC Supporters Club (London Branch) in a 35 overs match. After winning the toss the hosts batted first and although they scored steadily they also lost wickets to leave them on 86 for 7 off only 17.5 overs. Tom Carter then joined Martin Strawbridge and the pair put on 58 for the eighth wicket in just 9.2 overs before Carter was caught for 15. Strawbridge top scored on 50 and CAMRA finished on 144 all out off only 29.1 overs. Hobson was the pick of the bowlers with five wickets for 33 runs of his seven overs. The visitors were never up with the pace and were 60 for 9 all out off 31.4 overs Robinson finishing with 7-0-21-3.

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

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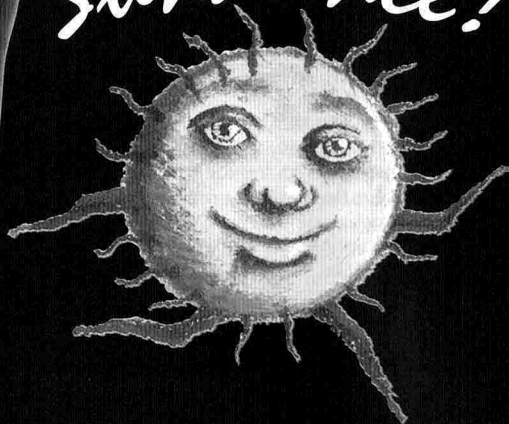
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Branch Update

Welcome 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 news and events for July are listed below.

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

Wed 15 (8.00) Business Meeting. ROYAL OAK, Tabard Street, SE1. Pub Records/Preservation Officers of all London area branches and all interested persons welcome.

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

Two dates to record in your diaries if you fancy a trip to the country. On Sunday 12th July we are travelling to Ardingly Beer Festival, in our own bus, and we have a country pub crawl on Saturday 18th. Details from the Branch Contact.

Wed 8 South Norwood Crawl. Start PORTMANOR (dep. 9.00), Portland Road then PICKLED NEWT; GLADSTONE; PRINCE OF DENMARK and GREYHOUND - Sun 12 ARDINGLY BEER FESTIVAL BUS TRIP.

Phone Contact for pick-up details and prices - Sat 18 Country Pub Ramble from Penshurst Station. Meet (10.15) at East Croydon Station -

Thu 23 Sutton Old Town Crawl. Start MOON ON THE HILL (dep. 9.00), Hill Road then NEW INN; WINDSOR CASTLE and NEW TOWN - Thu 30 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WINDSOR CASTLE, 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton **EAST LONDON & CITY.** Stephen Harris 0181-519 0163 (H) e-mail: steve@pigsear.org.uk.

Sat 11 ROBERTS' RAMBLE. This will be the 21st of Peter Roberts' annual real ale rambles and the intention is to retrace the steps of the very first walk with the added bonus of afternoon opening this time around. Meet at Liverpool Street Station in time for the 10.30 train to Ingatestone. Intermediate stations include: Stratford 10.37, Romford 10.46, Shenfield 10.57, arriving Ingatestone 11.01. First pub is the STAR, High St, Ingatestone. Eventually we will return from Brentwood.

Mon 13 July (8.00 pm) Branch Meeting APPROACH TAVERN, Approach Road, E2. A return to a venue the Branch has used many times for meetings over the years but the first time we have been back under the new ownership.

Fri 24 July (7.30pm) Beer and Curry Night.

Meet at the LORD RODNEY'S HEAD, Whitechapel Rd, E1 by 8.00pm when we will leave to eat. Re-group later at the PRIDE OF SPITALFIELDS, Heneage Street, E1 - probably around 9.30pm.

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

Wed 1 (9.00) Social. SPOONS, 89 Colney Hatch Lane, Muswell Hill, N10 - Mon 5 (9.00) "Not the World Cup Social." CRICKETERS, 19 Chase Side Place (off Chase Side), Enfield, EN2 - Tue 14 (9.00) Social, GATE, Barnet Road, Arkley, Barnet, EN5 (Bus 107) - Wed 22 (9.00) Two Pub Social. GREYHOUND, 52 Church End and CHEQUERS, 22 Church End, Hendon, NW4 - Thu 30 (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pick-up. BLACK BULL, 1446 High Road, Whetstone, N20.

INGSTON & LEATHERHEAD. Clive Taylor 0181-949 2099 (H) 01483-714898 (W) Thu 2 Curry Evening in Surbiton. Meet (8.00) in BLACK PRINCE, Ewell Road - Wed 8 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BREWERY INN, Ashted - Thu 16 (8.00) Social in Weybridge. Meet BUFFERS, near Station then to JOLLY FARMER, Princes Road - Sun 19 Day Trip to Watercress Line for Real Ale train. Depart Surbiton 10.52 to Alton, for 12.41 departure - Wed 29 (8.00) Cycle Crawl round Cobham area. Meet at the PLOUGH near station (depart 8.30) **NORTH LONDON.** Alison Cox 0181-742 0498 (H) 0181-746 8148 (W).

Mon 6 (8.00) Branch Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 - Tue 14 (8.00) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. RUGBY TAVERN, 19 Great James Street, WC1 (snacks provided) - Sun 19 Knebworth Country Ramble and Drink. 10.21 Train from Kings Cross (front carriage, 10.26 from Finsbury Park), arrive Knebworth Station 10.52. Contact Gary White for details [0181-772 6045 (W), 0181-801 9513 (H), email g.white@sfxavier.ac.uk] - Tue 21 (8.00) Highgate Social. GATE HOUSE, North Road, N6 and FLASK, 77 Highgate West Hill - Tue 28 (8.00) Hampstead Crawl. Start DUKE OF HAMILTON 23 New End, NW3 then HORSE & GROOM, 68 Heath Street; HOLLY

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BUSH, 22 Holly Mount; FLASK TAVERN, 14 Flask Walk (finish 10.30) - Mon 3 Aug (8.00) Branch Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1.

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

Social events for July to September will be centred around the Twickenham area where we shall have crawls to publicise the Twickenham Beer Festival (24th to 26th September) and to try to push sales of the London Drinker. The first of these crawls will be on Thursday 23rd July and any Branch member who can come along to help will be most welcome.

In response to numerous(!) Requests, we shall be organising a cycle tour again this year, probably on Saturday 15th August, taking a circular route around the branch area and allowing for public transport facilities for the less energetic - more details next month.

Thu 9 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. MOON UNDER WATER, 84/88 Staines Road, Hounslow - Thu 23 (8.00) Twickenham Crawl. Start HOGSHEAD, 33/35 York Street then (8.30) EEL PIE, 9 Church Street; (9.00) FOX, 39 Church Street; (9.30) BARMY ARMS, Embankment; (10.00) HOBGOBLIN, 11 London Road; (10.30) MOON UNDER WATER, 51/57 London Road.

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

By the time you read this, the Catford Beer Festival will be over, and will start planning for next year! If you have any comments of suggestions, please feel free to come along to the post mortem meeting on Tuesday 7th July at the usual venue.

We hope to hold our return darts match with ELAC this month, but at the time of going to press, a date and venue had not been set. Please get in touch with Rob to find out the latest news. We are having another bowling social in Lewisham this month. Please call Rob in advance if you want to come along, so that we can ensure that sufficient lanes are booked. Unfortunately the planned visit to Larkins Brewery has been cancelled, but we are planning to visit in November. The will probably be announced in October's London Drinker.

Wed 1 July, Special meeting to discuss Millennium Guide, SHIPWRIGHTS, Tooley Street, SE1, 8-00pm - Mon 6 July, Social, following Committee meeting, SHIP, Borough High Street, SE 1, 9-00pm - Tues 7 July, Catford Beer Festival post mortem, CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, Tanners Hill, SE 8, 8-00pm - Tues 14 July, Open Branch Meeting, BULL, Shooters Hill, SE18, 8-00pm - Thur 21 July, Bowling social, meet HOGSHEAD, Lewisham High Street, SE 13, 7-30pm - Tues 28 July, - Joint Committee/Branch meeting, CROWN, Burnt Ash Hill, SE 12, 7-30pm.

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

Thu 2 (8.30) Social STAG, Brentwood Road (A128), Marden Ash - Mon 6 Madam Chairman's Birthday (another Big "0"). PRINCE OF WALES, Stow Maries (near South Woodham Ferrers) - Wed 15 20th CHELMSFORD BEER FESTIVAL & Big Al's 41st Birthday. Anglia Polytechnic University Sports Hall, Park Road (near Chelmsford Rail & Bus Stations). Event open 12.00-3.00 & 6.00-11.00 Tue 14 to Sat 18 - Tue 21 (8.30) Out of Area Social. QUEENS HEAD, Queen Street (by B184), Fyfield - Thu 30 (8.30) Social. ROEBUCK, North End/Roebuck Lane (near A121), Buckhurst Hill. **SOUTH WEST LONDON.** Mark Bravery 0181-540 9183 (H), 0171-438 7181 (W).

Sat 27 June 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 - Sun 12 (10.30am) Open Committee Meeting (Sept & Oct meetings) followed (at 11.00) by Open Festival Committee Meeting. PRIORY ARMS, 83 Lansdowne Way, SW8 (upstairs room) - Sat 18 Great British Beer Festival Publicity Crawl. Meet (11.00-11.30) at HAND & RACKET, 25 Wimbledon Hill Road, SW19. [Cricket players ring Andy Robinson, 0171-410 6302 (W) or 0181-653 8885 (H)] **WATFORD & DISTRICT.** Tony Smith 01923 221155 (H & W) Fax: 01923 218625.

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Wed 1 (8.30) Sarratt Social. **BOOT** then (9.40) **CART & HORSES**. Be at Watford Junction at 8.15pm for transport - Tue 7 (8.15) Independent Social. **ESTCOURT TAVERN** then (9.00) **WELLINGTON ARMS**; (9.45) **ESTCOURT ARMS** - Sat 18 Minibus Trip. To be confirmed - Wed 22 (8.00) Bushey Social. **BLACK BOY** then (9.00) **KINGS HEAD**; (10.00) **STAG** - Sun 26 (8.00) Branch Committee Meeting. **WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB** - Wed 29 (8.30) Chorleywood/Heronsgate Social. **STAG** then (9.30) **LAND OF LIBERTY**. Be at Watford Junction at 8.15pm for transport.

WEST LONDON. Di Kehoe 0171-218 3999 (W). *Note changed telephone number.* Why not join us for this month's events which will be:

Wed 1st a Branch Meeting which will start around 8.00pm at the **BRITANNIA TAP**, 150 Warwick Road, W14.

Thursday 9th is a social evening at the **JUGGED HARE**, 172 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 from 8.30. This is a Fullers Ale & Pie House located in an old bank mid way between Victoria and Pimlico Stations; plenty of buses pass by.

Saturday 19th is the date for a day out to St Albans, meeting about noon in the **HOGSHEAD**. Phone Di for more details nearer the day.

There will be a Two Pub Garden Social in Hammersmith on Tuesday 28th, starting at 8.30 at the **CROSS KEYS**, 57 Black Lion Lane then on to the **BLACK LION** (9.45) in South Black Lion Lane which is on the river.

WEST MIDDLESEX. Paul Dabrowski 0181-571 9146 (H), 0171-713 3882 (W).

Sun 5 (12.00) Ealing Countryside Day Lunchtime Social. **BALLOT BOX**, Horsenden Lane, Perivale *then* Countryside Day Beer Tent - Wed 15 (8.30) Branch Meeting. **LOAD OF HAY**, Villier Street, Uxbridge - Thu 23 (8.30) Two Bar Evening Social. **THREE HORSESHOES**, South Road, Southall *then (possibly)* Conservative Club - Wed 29 (9.00) London Drinker Pick-up. **RED LION**, St Marys Road, Ealing, W5

Deadline for the August edition, 9th July.

Material for September to arrive by 7th August.
Please be sure to send all diary material to Andy Pirson.

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CROYDON CRAWL - A RESPONSE

We have received this response to Clive Walker's report "My first Croydon Crawl" in the March edition of London Drinker:

Iand some of my Croydon contemporaries read with wry amusement your crawl report. You clearly suffered, but then haven't we all, when visiting pubs in this part of Croydon. Not to put too fine a point on it, The Leslie Arms and The Cherry are typical of the large, rambling soulless, cold and character less type of pubs one finds in the East Croydon environs. A sad scene. Neither do they sell The London Drinker. Nor do some of the other pubs visited. Mind you, with such a pathetic selection, or rather the lack of selection of beers offered in these places, it would be a travesty of justice if they did. Such a shame as they could do far better but in the clutches of the giant brewers what choices do they have? Regrettably none. Don't set me off; say no more then.

Clive, much of your trip seems to have been an unmitigated disaster. Something not easily forgotten in a hurry. Although I suggest, not an entirely wasted journey as one learns from such trips, where or where not to go. Your experience will, at least, serve as a warning to others who may have been planning a similar run. God forbid. For sure you won't be visiting the majority of these establishments again.

Let us hope this disappointing experience doesn't put you off further visits to Croydon. Might I say other Croydon excursions, perhaps aided and abetted by a little guidance from The Croydon & Sutton Branch together with may have some ideas that could be put to good use.

Relying on the GBG's accuracy for a choice of pubs raises other questions including the logistics of publication. Taking into account the rapid movement in the pub market, the frequency of updating existing entries, the insertion of newcomers and the removal of those pubs no longer able to meet the standards required of them represent to name a few of the difficulties that will always prevent the GBG from being 100% accurate. But it won't be far out. Perhaps more "volunteer samplers and writers" would help? Indeed I'll volunteer myself. Practice what you preach say I. My CV, to say the least points towards vast tipping experiences in all parts of the globe. Services free of charge. Can't be fairer than that. Anyone want take me on? 0181-239-1522 I'm waiting.

Okay Clive, not withstanding the decent pint or two you did enjoy, let's get onto the "right" side of Croydon. Your excursion tells me, and I

agree, the area to the immediate left of the station in the interests of drinking decent beer, must be avoided at all costs unless absolutely desperate. In circumstance of the latter case, the old adage, "Any port in a storm" still holds true, believe me!

Dick Whittington once said, "Out of the station, old friend, turn right and so to the "Croydon centre". Full of night clubs, discos, old revamped and new gregarious theme pubs, bars, joints etc. they're all there. Lack of decent real ale, extravagant prices, uncaring bar staff without knowledge of the products on offer let alone how serve them, these are areas I would avoid like the plague. Deserving no more accolade than a raising of a hand with a showing of that well known World War II Churchillian sign intimating victory near. Alas not to be. Trust me!

If it's good, well kept real ale you like, at the correct temperature, served in full quantity, in local and convivial surroundings, by a knowledgeable host and friendly bar staff, then head on through the centre for the "other" side of the town. Across the High Street, down Crown Hill for your first Croydon encounter with some fine examples of the great British institution, the truly local pub.

Some of my favourites. Dog and Bull in Surrey Street. Royal Standard in Sheldon Street, Wandle Arms in New Waddon Road, Tamworth Arms in Tamworth Road, and my own favourite watering hole, The Cricketer's Arms, Southbridge Place. All around, near or under the Croydon flyover and within a stone's throw of

ROBERTS RAMBLE 1997

Wickham Bishops, Little Braxted and Heybridge

Started with a train journey to Witham and before one step had been made we lost one of the Ramblers. Frank having left his lunch and library book on a station platform decided to return there to retrieve it. Frank was never seen again. Lessons to be learnt there; 1) Don't carry more than one bag, 2) Why take books (heavy things books) on a walk?

Eleven of us trooped out of the station in pursuit of a county path. We were accompanied by two dogs. The first pub was the Ridley's pub the Mitre at Wickham Bishops. The cheap offer in Chelmsford of IPA at 149p hadn't reached this part of Essex where 160p was the norm. The English breakfast looked enticing and good value for money. Nice piece of stained glass in the shape of a Mitre had been cut into the bar. By my reckoning we had walked four miles but the next pub was only a mile away past a wedding reception.

The Green Man was the next pub and as I stood outside watching my fellow ramblers wander from bar to bar I wondered how many

Croydon Crawl continued

each other. Okay, a short walk then. Mostly cater for a regular clientele of locals who know and savour good beer. No rubbish here, believe me. Everyone shares and supports the common aim and the cause of Good Ale. Be it Youngs, Fullers, Courage, Harveys, Hancocks, guest beers or whatever. Interesting to note independent guests served in the Cricketer's Arms change frequently, and if you have a mind to do so, suggest a guest beer to suit your taste. It might be ordered for you. Now there's a thing you won't come across often these days.

I could go on forever. Suffice to say in my opinion this is the place to be. Without wishing to berate the subject further I simply conclude by saying, here is an open invitation to have a good wander around. The next time you fancy a Croydon creep, give Paul or myself a ring. I am sure either or both of us, or others will be delighted to give you a walk and sampling tour of these hitherto relatively unspoilt pleasant Croydon street pubs. Not one to be missed I assure you. Keep taking the tablets.

Peter Crossley

pubs by that name Ridley's owned as I knew of another in Little Braxted. Once inside I discovered that I was in Little Braxted! I'd been there twice before, once by coach and once on a walk from Braintree, I had no idea it was so close to Wickham Bishops. Nice pub this serving a wide range of food and very keen on darts. All manner of people were playing darts on a previous visit and really enjoying themselves. "No trouble with the people in this bar," said the landlord Tony "It's the people in the other bar I have the problems with."

The next pub we knew would be a disappointment but was a welcome haven from the rain that was steadily falling. The Prince of Wales at Great Totham South sold Greene King beers amongst others. I think it was nearly two hours before we came to visit another pub; I don't remember whether it was the Jolly Sailor or Old Ship but what I do remember was the pint of beer I had bore no resemblance to any Nethergate IPA I had drunk before.

Into Heybridge itself and some walkers decide to visit the Queens Head whilst the rest of us search for a chippy. The Swan Hotel was the only pub I ventured in for an uninteresting pint of Greene King IPA. We caught the bus back into Chelmsford and had a final pint of Adnams' in the Royal Steamer.

I thought we had walked 14 miles but Pete thinks nearer to 11. Anyway it did Jeff's legs no harm following the operation on them and when I saw him next day he was still standing.

This year sees the 20th anniversary of the Roberts Ramble and Pete hopes to repeat the first one with a visit to Stondon Massey. This is due to take place on the 11th July.

Keith Emmerson

Branch News

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD CAMRA CELEBRATE NATIONAL MILD DAY

Kingston & Leatherhead CAMRA Branch members celebrated National Mild Day on 16th May with the help of local publicans in the Kingston and Epsom areas, who made a wide range of milds available during the weekend.

Participating pubs included the RISING SUN, Heathcote Road and RAILWAY GUARD, Church Road (both Epsom), the NORTH STAR,



Landlord Paul Adams of the Canbury Arms, Kingston pours another pint of Rudgate Ruby Mild.

Hook and the CANBURY ARMS, Canbury Park Road, Kingston, stocking a total of ten milds between them. In addition three JD Wetherspoon pubs; the CAP IN HAND, Hook Rise, the CORONATION HALL, St Marks Hill, Surbiton and the KINGS TUN, Clarence Street, Kingston



Branch chairman Dave Oram with John Norman raise a glass to (centre) manageress Kim Brown of the Coronation Hall, Surbiton (JD Wetherspoon)

between them provided the full range of milds advertised. All the beers were in good condition.

Branch spokesman Brian Bade commented: "We are grateful to have received so much support from our friends in the trade. They made the day's extended crawl a very enjoyable one, and brought the beers to a much wider public. Special thanks go to the Rising Sun in Epsom and the Canbury Arms, Kingston for their campaigning effort on behalf of CAMRA.

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Cider News

SMALL CIDER PRODUCERS TRIUMPHANT

Small producers left the big boys standing when CAMRA announced its Cider and Perry of the Year Awards at the beginning of June.

Champion Cider of the Year 1998 is 'New Forest Traditional Cider', produced on a small Hampshire smallholding. It is a splendid alternative to today's mass-produced and fizzy versions. The judges praised the winner, saying that they found it "well balanced, easily drinkable and typical of the fruit."

Barry Topp of New Forest said, "I am totally flabbergasted to win such an important national award. The winning cider is made exclusively using Kingston Black apples from Herefordshire and this is what has given it such a unique bitter sharp flavour." He hopes to produce a traditional cider brandy using a Calvados still from Normandy and aged in wood from the surrounding forest.

Barry Topp of New Forest Cider can be contacted on 01425 403 589

Second and third places respectively went to Crones Special Vintage from Kenninghall, Norfolk and West Croft Traditional Cider of Highbridge, Somerset

Dunkertons of Herefordshire scooped the Champion Perry of the Year Award with their excellent perry (pear cider). Dunkertons started in 1982 and has gone from strength to strength opening its own shop and cider restaurant serving perry and cider straight from the wood. Its ciders and perries are made using fruit from its own organically grown trees.

Dunkertons can be reached on 01544 388 653

Second place went to Minchew of Malvern Hill, Gloucestershire and third place to Coombes from Highbridge, Somerset

POMONA Awards

Peter Mitchell is The winner of CAMRA's first ever POMONA Award, instigated to honour those who have best served traditional cider and perry. Peter of Hindlip College in Worcestershire was responsible for setting up the first nationally recognised cider making training course. He can be contacted on 01905 451 310.

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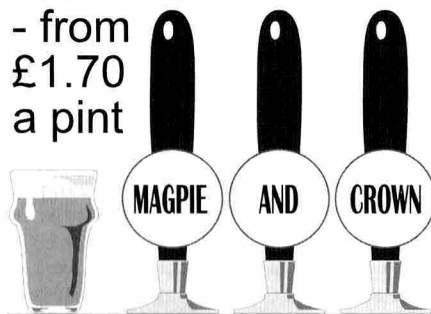
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GOT THOSE WEDDING DAY BEER BLUES...

It's a scenario that many of you will be sadly familiar with. A friend, relation or acquaintance has invited you and your beloved to either the whole day or the evening bash in order to celebrate their wedding day. Being a stalwart ale-lover, the day holds a certain amount of trepidation and possibly a nightmare situation for you about the beers on sale at the reception venue. 'Minefield' is an accurate description.

It's a stark choice alright: stay the whole time and beam a magnanimous greeting to your hosts when they enquire if you are enjoying yourself or do a Houdini act and vanish after the speeches to seek God's medicine in a nearby hostelry. With the first one you're miserable as you find another five pounds for a pint of creamy-bland keg and a cola but your misery can hardly be communicated to the happy couple on their big day. The second possibility sees you branded as a rude anorak, cruelly snubbing your friends for your own selfish need. The de-regulation of the wedding venue itself has brought the whole issue of wedding day boozing to a state of flux...

As we are no longer restricted to religious houses or the council's best efforts at the registry, a myriad of new venues have sprung up to cater for your big occasion. Those with a footballing passion can combine the two and get hitched at their own 'field of dreams' - in the centre circle or goalmouth if need be! In addition, there's hosts of hotels, yachts, lighthouses, stately homes and what-have-you bidding for your hard-saved cash. But what of beers on sale at the do?

Unless the venue is known to you for selling wickedly-good cask beers, it's going to be 'sight unseen' before you arrive. It could be you've been tipped off by the groom or best man who, if he is a cask man as well, will apologise profusely in advance and cite any number of excuses as to why they arranged the gig there at all. Some friends invited me to their big day at a rugby union club which I happened to know did not only London Pride but was also a rare regular outlet for Brain's. Needless to say, I could relax. But at an earlier event, I wasn't so lucky. The opening of the bar was eagerly anticipated after the wine, champagne etc. In a moment of disappointment, I was confronted with a Greene King bar...with no cask beer. Abbot and IPA were there none and I was forced to buy the infamously-bad King keg

bitter, possibly the most poorly-named beer ever. Curiously, it tasted of prawns! Even the barman agreed and turned the pump off, and I was cast adrift onto a sea of keg bottled pale ale.

Worst result of all: went to bed sober. Not good.

But hope springs eternal. Devon CAMRA member Fran Brennan (and editor of her local CAMRA newsletter, called "Beer'tiz") sets the record straight and offers us a glimpse of wedding day beer heaven so I'll leave you with her contribution in a spirit(?) that one day things will get better. Meanwhile, I'm the one sneaking in the odd crate or two of Summer Lightning or Festive to the reception. Just for my own consumption, you understand. Take it away, Fran...

"When Nick and I tied the knot 14 odd years ago, beer was top priority. We didn't have much dosh (takes out violin) so we carved the cost of the actual wedding back to the barest minimum (I made a frock and we nipped down the Reggie office), so we could spend all the money we'd cobbled together on five firkins of various ales.

These we put up in the front room of our Bristol flat which we made uninhabitable while the ale was conditioning so as to keep the temperature at a steady 55_F. On the grand day and now back at the reception/beerfest, in the flat, everyone got wonderfully dogfaced on gallons and gallons of what, if I say so myself, was truly brilliant beer. Lovely - it was 'my perfect day' and our ale-drinking friends reckoned it to be the best matrimonial bash they'd ever been to.

There's only one downside to this tale. Namely that I don't think it's quite what my in-laws had in mind for the wedding of their first-born son. Still, they're speaking to me now, so things are looking up. Right?"

Al Ferrier

LESBIAN AND GAY REAL ALE DRINKERS

LAGRAD is a group of lesbian and gay members of the **Campaign for Real Ale** organising to extend the Campaign to the lesbian and gay scene. The group meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month from 7.00 p.m. onwards in the upstairs bar of the King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, London W1 (off south side of Oxford Street, between Oxford Circus and Tottenham Court Road tubes). The programme, part of which is listed below, will be updated at these meetings, which are open to all, and are primarily social events. But if you do have any ideas for venues for meetings please bring them along, whether they be suggestions for individual pubs that we might visit, or more ambitious pub crawls. Please try and check out any suggestions first, if possible, so we don't have any abortive visits (especially if you're suggesting a venue for the whole evening!).

Finally the group is compiling a guide to the availability of real ale on the lesbian and gay scene. If you'd like to view the current version it's available at the 'first Wednesday meeting', in the King's Arms or on the world wide web at

<http://www.goldings.demon.co.uk/queerale/>

Events for July and August are listed here:

1 July 1998, Wednesday 7.00p.m. The King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, W1, (0171) 734 5907, (Monthly meeting).

17 July 1998, Friday 7.30p.m. The Eagle Tavern, 2 Shepherdess Walk, N1, (0171) 253 4715

25 July 1998, Saturday 1.00p.m. Day out in Oxford. Meet at the Jolly Farmers, Paradise Street, (01865) 793759, Oxford's only listed gay venue. It's five minutes from Oxford railway station, past the Morrell's Brewery and turn right (it's 'off Westgate Centre' according to press adverts). Trains leave Paddington at 18 and 48 minutes past each hour and the journey time is one hour, so we'll probably be on the 11.48, or see you there. At some point we'll move on to explore the (straight) hostelrys of town.

4-8 August 1998, Tues-Sat. Great British Beer Festival, Olympia. Advance notice, I'm sure we'll be going at some point(s) during the week.

5 August 1998, Wednesday 7.00p.m. The King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, W1, (0171-) 734 5907, (Monthly meeting).

21 August 1998, Friday 7.30 p.m. Southern Pride, 82 Norwood High Street, West Norwood, SE27 (0181-) 761 5200, 100yards. from West Norwood railway station. Yet another new venue to check out.



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DESERT ISLAND BEERS

Another in our occasional series - new contributions welcome.

Watching the river flow by from the Bishop Out of Residence my thoughts turned to boats and hops and bitter. I realised that when away from familiar beers on canal boats the letter H has always betokened a good pint for those cast ashore in foreign parts (and it seems to apply closer to home too). In a beer desert I would suggest:

Holts Bitter (4%): Incredibly good value. Drunk first in Macclesfield at 98p a pint. From the canal go down the steep embankment to the Queens, a classic Victorian beer dispensary.

Holdens Bitter (3.9%): Fine bitter finish. Drunk first at the Great Western in Wolverhampton. Makes the demanding lock flight from the Staffs and Worcester worthwhile.

Hook Norton Best Bitter (3.4%): Superb balanced session beer. Tried this one first at another Great Western this time at Aynho on the Oxford canal.

Holt, Plant and Deakin Entire (4.4%): Surprisingly complex and tasty for a Carlsberg-Tetley offering. Drunk first at New Navigation on Titford branch of Birmingham Canal Navigations (may no longer be available).

Hogs Back TEA (4.2%): Another quite complex bitter, sometimes rather even muddy. Drunk first, in great condition, at the Leathern Bottle, Farcombe, on a River Wey holiday.

Hopback GFB (3.5%): Clean, fragrant, ideal summer beer. Drunk first at the Sultan, Colliers

Wood. No boat connection but the River Wandle is nearby.

Harveys Sussex Best Bitter (4%): Good solid bitter. Drunk first at Royal Oak Tabard Street, thanks to advert in London Drinker. Excellent landlord contrary to your correspondent earlier in the year.

Highgate Dark Ale (3.2%): I'm not normally a mild drinker but have enjoyed this one. Drunk first at North Star, Hook, a pub recently refurbished and selling good food.

If HPD Entire no longer exists then I would substitute Sarah Hughes Ruby Mild (6%): Unique beer. Drunk first at Beacon Hotel, Sedgley, on the Birmingham Canal Navigations holiday.

The only sour note amongst the Hs that came to me is Hancocks HB, which has invariably been insipid and best avoided in my experience. It also occurred to me that I could compile a dislikes list of bad Bs which would include Banks and Boddingtons.

Lastly, my partner tells me I must put in a plug for her favourite beer - Adnams Southwold Bitter.

Dave Morgan

CAMRA CALLS FOR A HALT ON CARPETBAGGERS

In a piece issued early in June CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, called for a halt to the attempts by would be carpetbaggers to take-over some of Britain's remaining independent brewers.

Unsolicited bids within two days for Vaux in Sunderland and Ushers in Trowbridge have started the rumour wheels spinning. Bidders are believed to be interested in only parts of the two companies, such as the Hotel chain of Vaux, and may be tempted to sell off or close the brewing facilities.

CAMRA research manager Iain Loe said, "Vaux and Ushers have in the last years provided choice and variety to the beer drinker and pub-goer and it would be a tragedy if all that was thrown away in the pursuit of a fast buck."

CAMRA is calling for clarification of the situation as soon as possible and for the bidders to declare that they will guarantee that brewing will

continue in Sunderland and Trowbridge for the foreseeable future.

It seems to us that this could well herald yet another round of takeover bids which, if it is allowed to go ahead will lead to more and more diminution of choice for beer drinkers in the majority of the country's pubs. True, the micro breweries produce a dazzling array of beers in many varieties, but all of their production combined is tiny in terms of the beer market nationally. The danger is that one day soon the choice for beer drinkers might be something like Courage Best, Theakston XB or a trip to a speciality free house or beer festival.

Brewery Results

FULLERS "TAKE PRIDE" IN 1997/8 RESULTS

Fuller Smith & Turner plc recorded an increase in pre-exceptional profits of 17% to £12.85 million (up from £11.02m) for their financial year which ended on 28th March according to the Chairman's address given by Anthony Fuller at the company's AGM on 28th May. This was based on an increase in turnover of 11.9%, from £102 million to £114 million. Allowing for exceptional items, the net profit before tax rose from just over £11 million to £11.87 million, an increase of 7.9%.

Total beer sales rose by 12% to 153,000 barrels with cask conditioned beers showing an 11% increase. Star of the show was London Pride with an increase in sales of 14% over last year's 100,000 barrels production. To put this into perspective, the national trend over the same period shows a decline of 12%. Free trade sales were up by 17% and within this sector, sales through supermarkets were up by 18% at just under 14,000 barrels. Emphasising the importance of the free trade sector to Fullers, Mr Fuller reported that it now accounts for 67% of the brewery's "own beer" production.

Dividends were increased by 13% to a final figure of 7.75 pence per ordinary share. Export business grew in volume by 50% to 10,700 barrels with the US market showing a 63% increase. Sales to Italy, Sweden and Finland were also on the rise.

Fullers Wine Company showed profits increased by no less than 51% and they were once again "Regional Wine Merchant of the Year" in the competition sponsored by Wine magazine. During the year six new pubs and two new hotels were opened and the trading area has spread to Bristol (The Old Fish market) and Birmingham (The Old Joint Stock). Meanwhile Fullers have renovated fourteen existing sites with a further seven in progress and due for completion by early summer.

Sadly, just after the year end, the Chairman's elder brother, Sir John Fuller, who had been a non-executive director of the company for 17 years died after a short illness. Another non-executive director has been appointed; he is James Espey, who was until recently Chairman of Seagram Distillers plc. Deputy Chairman, David Williams retired at the end of May after 39 years with the company; he is replaced on the Main Board by Simon Emeny who joined Fullers from Bass about a year ago and became Retail Director in August 1997.

Information taken from a Fullers Press Release.

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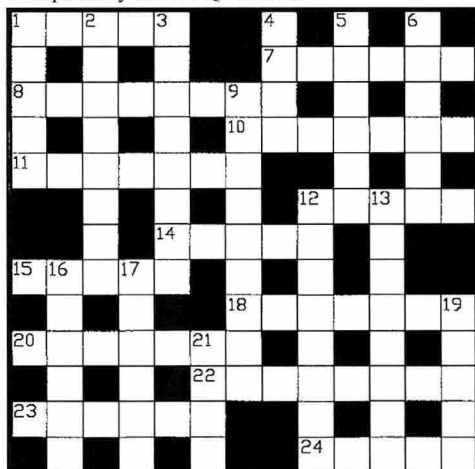
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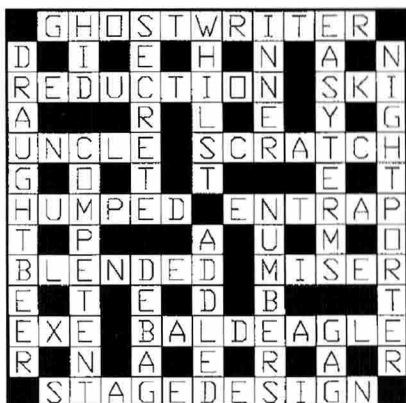
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Solution next month.

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LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

1. In church that man provides the ring. [5]
7. I live after a doctor gives drink. [6]
8. Declare the woman has put on weight. [8]
10. A royal opponent is coming. [7]
11. Forcefully put former demand. [7]
12. Shred up lots of animals. [5]
14. Is it like a lord to be in good time [5]
15. First bird at the hot springs washes. [5]
19. Dunderhead stirs up troubles. [7]
20. It may be thick as a post. [7]
22. Writing lies about material. [8]
23. Girl has nothing on but a robe. [6]
24. Scoundrel, for example comes back to scrounge. [5]

DOWN

1. Box at an initially crazy speed. [5]
2. It's unwise for pub to take no money. [8]
3. Tries to match bird on illicit drinking bout. [8]
4. Late supporter for drink, I hear. [4]
5. Force to help. [6]
6. Get overseas right away on the ship. [6]
9. Most arrived before crossing the city. [9]
12. It's trendy, I hear to have no spontaneous reaction to drug. [8]
13. Discovered animal turning up to devour meat. [8]
16. Country song about sailor. [6]
17. Empty and depressed after short vacation. [6]
18. Issue over girl. [5]
21. A cat is a very small thing. [4]

Winner of the prize for the September Crossword:
Terry Lavell, London E17.

Other correct entries were received from:

Paul Adams, Tony Alpe, Mark Antony, Geoff B, John Blundell, John Bradbury, Alan Brooke, Ben Burfutt, Andy Camroux, N.Canton, Brendan Casey, Chris, Fran & a Spotty Dog, Lesley Clack, David Cleall-Harding, A.P.Cornish, The Dog's Belles, RdeF.Toss, Mike Farrelly, B.H.Fletcher, Lawrie Gordon, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Jez Haigh, Jonty Hawkes, John Heath, Bill Hernon, Graham Hill, Diana Howard, R.Interview Stodge, Hugh Jardonne, M.J.Moran, Al Mountain, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Alf O'Coyle, Stuart Osgood, T.Osser, Pat & Den, Derek Pryce, Super Scooper, Ben Smith, Bryan Smith & Isa, Old Smokey, R.Supwards, Bill Thackray, Paul Turner, Dave "I am 40" Urquhart, Tony Watkins, Martin Weedon, David Woodward, Pete Yarllett, Yorkshire Rose.



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Magpie, 12 New Street, EC2
Throgmortons, 27a Throgmorton Street, EC2
Red Lion, 8 Lombard Court, EC3
Ship, 11 Talbot Court, EC3
Walkers of Fenchurch, 18 London Street, EC3
Black Friar, 174 Queen Victoria Street, EC4
Old Bell Tavern, 95 Fleet Street, EC4
Walkers of Holborn, Norwich Street, EC4
Williamsons Tavern, Groveland Court, off Bow Lane, EC4

Bloomsbury Tavern, 236 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2
Coal Hole, 91 The Strand, WC2
Globe, 37 Bow Street, WC2
Marquis of Granby, 51-52 Chandos Street, WC2

Argyll Arms, 18 Argyll Street, W1
Barley Mow, 8 Dorset Street, W1
Clachan, 34 Kingly Street, W1
Dog & Duck, 18 Bateman Street, Soho, W1
Northumberland Arms, 43 Goodge Street, W1
Shelley's, 10 Stafford Street, W1
Three Greyhounds, 25 Greek Street, W1

Leinster Arms, 17 Leinster Terrace, W2
Catherine Wheel, 23 Kensington Church Street, W8
Devonshire Arms, 37 Marloes Road, Kensington, W8
Clifton, 96 Clifton Hill, St Johns Wood, NW8

Antelope, 22 Eaton Terrace, SW1
Golden Lion, 25 King Street, St James's, SW1
Paxtons Head, 153 Knightsbridge, SW1
Red Lion, 2 Duke of York Street, SW1
Walkers of St James, 32a Duke Street, St James's, SW1
Walkers of Whitehall, Craig Court, 15 Whitehall, SW1
Australian, 29 Milner Street, SW3

Doggetts Coat & Badge, 1 Blackfriars Bridge, SE1
Horniman at Hays, Hays Galleria, Tooley Street, SE1
Old Thameside Inn, Pickfords Wharf, Clink Street, SE1
Southwark Tavern, 22 Southwark Street, SE1

OH NO! IT'S GARRY GOBSHITE'S DIARY

April/May 1998

Everyone seems excited that Worthington White Shield is to survive after all, albeit brewed by King & Barnes. Only experience will tell how successful K&B are at matching their brew with its predecessor, but if the venture is a success then perhaps the guys 'n' gals at Horsham will turn their attention to restoring Sussex Bitter to former glories.

April is of course the month of CAMRA's national AGM, held this year in Edinburgh. One of the centrepieces of the conference was an enthralling debate on the merits of the cask breather. The atmosphere crackled as the three guest speakers argued over the whole spectrum from very much in favour to ... er ... very much in favour. The chairman was, of course, neutral, since he sat firmly in the centre ground between the extreme positions occupied by the panellists. The loss of some 50% of the motions on the order paper, because of insufficient time was left to debate them, was a small price to pay for being present at this epoch discussion.

Much lamentation at the news that Whitbread plan to close two more breweries. One can only hope that all the products of this sad company are excluded from future editions of the Good Beer Guide, if only because their integrity can no longer be guaranteed. One would also like to see an official CAMRA boycott of all Whitbread products, including their non-pub activities, but I somehow doubt this will happen. In any case, CAMRA's National Executive probably see an up-side to these brewery closures: they will provide two new potential lunch venues.

Another high spot at Edinburgh was the presentation by Robin Neame (of Shepherd Neame) on the need to reduce UK beer duty. I understand that the details of his speech - which was well argued and persuasive - will appear elsewhere in LD, so I will not attempt to summarise the arguments here. However, I do proffer a suggestion to the UK brewing industry which may work. The brewers should have a whip round and bung the Labour Party a million quid or two, in return for getting Chancellor Gordon to knock 10p off of the

price of a pint. Once the decision is announced, the story of the 'bung' should be leaked to the press. With luck, an embarrassed Tony Blair will then order the money to be returned.

Along with three other members of SW London Branch I have recently taken to playing competitive bridge. I can recommend the Battersea Bridge club to anyone interested in playing duplicate pairs. Meetings take place every Monday at 1pm, every Thursday at 7.30pm and at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. Partners (for bridge!) will be found. The best part is that the club meets in the Grove Hotel in Balham, one of that small proportion (20%) of Youngs houses that consistently sells a good pint of Bitter.

Finally, a mystery. During the late night drinking following the Saturday of the Edinburgh AGM, a former editor of LD could be heard singing this jingle:

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Garry Gobshite

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Capital Pubcheck

UPDATE 136

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

Information is gathered from a variety of sources including London Drinker readers, individual CAMRA members and branch contacts, breweries, pub operators, landlords etc. If you would like to contribute to 'Pubcheck' please send your news to the address below. A pro-forma is available for regular contributors. **A quiet month for pub openings with just one outlet of note reported from Whitbread in Croydon. Pub closures continue apace with conversions to other uses now also affecting more affluent, high value areas of the Capital. There is some evidence that recent renamings may reflect a return to a more traditional approach, often including reversion to original names from the crass names adopted in recent years.**

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page number in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; K - 'Real Ale Drinkers Guide to Kent Pubs', 8th edition; N - North London Beer Guide, 3rd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 4th edition; 3SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - South West London Pub Guide, 2nd edition; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 8th edition.

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

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

EAST

E1, PACIFICOS, 72 Shoreditch High St. Reopened and renamed **RAINBOW (SPORTS BAR)**. Draught Bass. Fuller: London Pride. Features 'exotic dancing'. Formerly **BULL & PUMP**. (E62, U92, U134)

E2, CITY OF PARIS, 178 Old Ford Rd. Wells: Eagle IPA (£1.00 a pint)

BARKING, FERRET & TROUSERLEG.

Reverted to **BARGE AGROUND**. Courage: Best Bitter. (X12, U74, U85, U106, U117, U135)

SOUTH EAST

SE16, TROPICS, 264 Rotherhithe New Rd. Reopened and renamed **GOLDEN LION**. Now owned by Mayfair Taverns, ex Belhaven. No real ale, H unused. (SE133, U135)

CROYDON, HOGSHEAD, 58-60 High St. Boddington: Bitter. Flowers: Original Bitter, Abroad Cooper. Marston: Pedigree. Young: Special. Scrumpy Jack: Old Hazy Cider. Guest beers including four on stillage behind bar. New Whitbread Hogshead in premises most recently a finance office and estate agency but originally a bank, opened in May 1998. A sensitive and attractive conversion with stone flagged and

polished wood flooring (with rugs), wood panelling etc. Plaques commemorate its former banking use by NatWest and the London Joint City and Midland Bank. A comfy corner features fireplace and sofas. The bar is stacked with wines and Belgian beers. Stairs lead to a spacious and airy upstairs bar (with 3 handpumps) overlooking the street market which can be hired for functions. Guest beers include those from the Rebellion Brewery. Food 12-10. Disabled WC. Open all permitted hours.

WEST

W12, SEVEN STARS. Renamed **TYPHOON TAVERN**. Adnams: Bitter. Tetley: Bitter. Former Allied (ex Taylor Walker) pub acquired by Taipan Taverns who run the Jim Thompson's oriental bar/restaurant chain. Decorated with oriental sunshades and bric-a-brac with polished wood flooring. Restaurant at rear. Jazz Sunday evenings. (W92)

TWICKENHAM, MURRAYS, 59 York St. No real ale. Free House/bar in former shop unit.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC1, CLERK & WELL. Gibbs Mew (now Enterprise) closed. Formerly **THOMAS**

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WETHERED. (E25, U79, U132)

EC3, SIR JOHN FALSTAFF. Free House, closed. (E42)

EAST

E1, YORKSHIRE GREY. Free House.

Converted to flats. (E76, U70, U79, U108)

E2, BEEHIVE. Grand Met (ex Watney), closed, boarded up. (E77)

E9, STAG. Ascot, now demolished to make way for new housing development. (E122, U99, U108)

E9, WELSH HARP. Renamed **HOSPITAL TAVERN.** Now a Farrens Free House, ex Shepherd Neame. H unused. (E122)

NORTH WEST

NW8, DUKE OF YORK. Scottish & Newcastle, H removed. (N214)

NW8, EXETER ARMS (BEER ENGINE). Whitbread, H removed. (N214)

NW8, HEROES OF ALMA. Grand Met (ex Watney), closed. (N214)

SOUTH EAST

SE10, FOX & HOUNDS. Free House, closed, planning permission for conversion to residential use refused, future uncertain. (SE98, U102)

SOUTH WEST

SW1(P), BRAHMS. Intreprenuer, converted to restaurant named Little Bay. (SW40)

SW1(P), DENBIGH ARMS. Intreprenuer, signage removed, closed and boarded up, future uncertain, (SW40)

SW1(P), DEVONSHIRE ARMS.

Intreprenuer, closed and being converted to Pizza Express restaurant. (SW40)

SW6, HARWOOD ARMS. Intreprenuer, H unused. (SW67)

SW10, NOT QUITE LIVE. Renamed **DOWN THE IFIELD.** Allied, H unused. (SW35)

SW19, NAGS HEAD. Free House, H unused. (SW118, U131)

SW19, SPORTSMAN. Free House, closed and boarded up, future uncertain.

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, EAGLE & STUMP. Renamed **TRADER**

(THE). -Marston: Pedigree. +Boddington: Bitter. Now run by 'Smith & Jones'. Formerly **MOLLY BLOOMS.** (E20, U124)

EC1, GLUEPOT. Renamed **NELSONS**

RETREAT. -Wadworth: 6X. +Courage: Best Bitter. Now 'Free' ex Grand Met (Watney).

Formerly **MURPHYS TAVERNS.** (E20, U124)

EC1, ROSEBERRY. Renamed **BAREX.** -Beers listed except Fuller: London Pride. +Greene King: IPA. Refurbished. (E22)

EC1, WILMINGTON ARMS. -Beers listed. +Greene King: Martha Greene's Brewery Ale, IPA, Abbot Ale. (E27, U95, U98, U117)

EAST

E1, THREE CROWNS. Now Inn Business, ex Wiltshire. (E74, U71)

E3, LORD TREDEGAR. Now Inn Business. Ex Sycamore Tavern. (E91, U91, U99)

E8, CROWN. Renamed **O'NEILLS BAR.** -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. +Whitbread: Best Bitter. (E112, U79)

E9, WHITE LION. Renamed **GENEVAS** but still appears to be closed. (E122, U110)

E11, CLUTTERBUCKS (ALE HOUSE), 36 High St Wanstead. Renamed **D LAFFERTYS & SONS.** -Beers listed. +Laffertys: Bitter (house beer brewed by Allied Domecq). +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. Another Irish theme pub. Formerly **CHURCHILLS.** (E127, U90, U101, U113)

E11, CROWN. Renamed **SHEEPWALK,** still fizz. (E128, U76, U124, U134)

E11, NORTH STAR. -Beers listed. +Draught Bass. +Fuller: London Pride. (E129)

E16, ROYAL OAK. -Courage: Best Bitter. +Bass: Toby Cask (£1.10) (E160, U80)

BARKING, BULL. Now badged as part of the Bass 'East London Pub Co' estate. (X12, U118)

NORTH

N1, PRINCE OF WALES, 13 Felton St. Renamed **MADISONS.** Now a Free House, ex Charles Wells. Note full address. (N55)

SOUTH EAST

CROYDON, PORTER & SORTER. -Beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter and Directors Bitter. +Boddington: Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Wadworth: 6X. Now a 'Wizard' Free House, formerly Courage. (3SE248, U49, U108)

CROYDON, SHIP. -Beers listed except Adnams: Bitter and Tetley: Bitter. +Adnams: Broadside. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree. +Guest beer. (SW37)

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Pedigree. +Guest beer. (SW37)

SOUTH WEST

SW1(B), ANTELOPE. -Beers listed except Adnams: Bitter and Tetley: Bitter. +Adnams:

Broadside. +Brakspear: Bitter. +Marston:

Pedigree. +Guest beer. (SW37)

SW6, HALFWAY HOUSE. Renamed **FRONT**

PAGE. -Bass: Toby Cask. +Adnams: Bitter.

+Draught Bass. +Weston: Old Rosie Cider.

Refurbished with open plan blue and cream

decor and pine floor. (SW67)

SW10, BULL BAR. Reverted to **BLACK**

BULL. Still fizz. (SW84)

SW10, HOLLYWOOD. -Beers listed except

Courage: Directors Bitter and Theakston: Best

Bitter. (SW85)

SW13, MANOR ARMS. -Beers listed. +Fuller:

London Pride. +Guest beer. Now a Free House,

ex Innentrepreneur (SW94)

SW13, ROSE OF DENMARK. Now a Free

House, ex Phoenix. (SW95)

MORDEN, JACK STAMPS BEER HOUSE. -

Guest beer. +Draught Bass. +Brakspear: Bitter.

+Courage: Best Bitter. Remodelled along with

name change reported in Update 135 to provide a more pub like atmosphere. Raised seating area, beer related pictures, darts, pool, table football, large screen TV. Formerly END OF THE LINE. (SW150, U132, U135)

WEST

W6, DISTILLERS ARMS. Now simply

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 135

DISTILLERS. -Courage: Best Bitter.

+Theakston: XB. (W74, U107)

NEW & REOPENED PUBS ETC.

W1 (Mar), CAF_TOTO. Formerly

MUSWELLS, originally APOLLO.

WC2, PORTERS BAR. Is a Free House.

WC2, PORTERS ENGLISH RESTAURANT.

Is a Free House.

WC2, SOHO BREWING CO. Brewing

equipment cost £1/2 million.

PUBS CLOSED ETC.

BARKING, PICKLED NEWT (WHITE

HORSE). Should have been listed under

'OTHER CHANGES'.

SW17, TOWN HOUSE. Should read **SW19**

OTHER CHANGES ETC.

SURBITON, MAYPOLE. Ref should read

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

There are a few topics which crop up with monotonous regularity when I am preparing articles in this series. Naturally, as I am dealing with the same month of three different years, such annual events as beer festivals are bound to recur. However, there is a downside which has more than its fair share of frequency - price rises, beer quality and choice and pub/brewery closures spring readily to mind. There is no way we can change history, but it has a nasty habit of repeating itself, not always for the best. I do my best to give a balanced picture - not easy at the distance of a couple of hundred miles, and I have precious little feedback. Your comments whether favourable or otherwise, are more than welcome c/o the Editors. We aim to please, but, unlike some publications, will not distort facts.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the July 1983 edition of London Drinker's white covers - in our pre-glossy days (that is, those printed between March 1979 and May 1984) the covers were usually printed on sheets of a pastel shade. In this case the choice was a good one as the cover illustration was an excellent monochrome photograph by John Elliott (who will be mentioned again in this piece) of the Crown and Greyhound, Dulwich Village. This was profiled in the content of an article which outlined its history, and quoted extensively from an account of its facilities (including a Masonic temple) from a contemporary architectural journal published when the present building opened, simply as the Crown, in the early 1890s. This ended with the prophetic words, "Provision is made for the addition in the future should the need arise - as it probably would do before long - for a motor garage."

In his Editorial, Chris Cobbold dwelt on the iniquities of the short-measure pint, which he hoped would soon be remedied by law. How full was your last pint before requesting a top-up?

John Ward wrote about the Fox & Hounds, SW1, then celebrating having appeared in all ten editions of the Good Beer Guide. It features in the current edition, and has appeared in every one. The Fox & Hounds is a real beer house, with no spirits licence - thought to be unique in the London area. Young's who have taken it over, intend to keep it as a traditional pub.

Mostyn Lewis discussed "The Killer in the Cellar" - carbon dioxide (CO₂) - which not only makes keg beer unacceptably fizzy, but under certain circumstances can be lethal.

"Watney's Progress" referred to the fact that 80% of their London pubs were selling real ale, and that the last DCL pump was about to be

removed. This device looked like a regular handpump, but worked by forcing air into the cask - in other words a form of top pressure - rather than by suction.

Young's were planning to market a light mild under the name "Family Ale". I can't remember ever seeing it on my travels, but some time afterwards "Young John's Ale" made its appearance. "Family Ale" sounds delightfully Victorian, but smacks of illegality.

John Elliott, London Drinker's photographer par excellence, described a visit to a Wandsworth pub, unidentified by name, for the purpose of delivering copies of this magazine. It was a strong contender for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide, but on this occasion John was met with hostility from the landlord, who stated that he wanted no CAMRA involvement, having had many years in the trade etc. etc. To quote from John, as to paraphrase would be pointless, "As a parting shot he handed me the remaining copies of last month's 'London Drinker' and its display holder, asking me to pass this on to my local branch chairman with the novel instruction to 'Poke it up his arse. CAMRA is a spent force', he added, 'Its use finished years ago. Its job is now done and you can't be any help to my business.' On this basis I don't think anybody really wants to know where this particular pub is. Or do they?" The establishment concerned was the Old East Hill Tavern, which under new ownership is now the Slug & Lettuce.

Whitbread had reported trading profits of £117.9m in the year up to February 1983, an increase of 10% on the previous year, but sales of beer had dropped while there had been "significant gains" in lager sales.

Boddingtons - then an independent brewery but

now owned by the company last mentioned had begun to appear in London pubs. The bad news was that in one instance the price of a pint was 76p, compared to the average of 53p in Stockport.

TEN YEARS AGO the July 1988 edition had, unusually, 36 pages - multiples of 8 are generally considered convenient to the printing process. The theme colour was green, and the cover illustration was two-horse Charrington dray, photographed in 1935. An article in the content explained that the drayman in attendance was Leonard Tillbrook, grandfather of advertising manager Barry, who appeared in the photo as a very tiny tot, sampling what seems to be beer.

Transport was always cropping up in LD, "London Buses can drive you to drink" heralded a piece by "Forrester" about bus routes which terminated at pubs; the latter thus receiving free advertising from the destination panels. London's first bus started from a pub - following the practice of stage coaches. A total of 33 pubs on 16 routes was listed, all operated by Routemasters.

Christian Muteau, then London Regional Secretary, provided the inspiration for "Beer - and Cricket". This stemmed from his liking for both topics, especially where the two coincided (he was scorer for several clubs), and several venues for readers of similar tastes were featured.

In the second part of an Historicrawl begun two issues previously, Merton completed a crawl of Windsor. Naturally he dwelt on several historical topics, including the funeral of Queen Victoria, when the gun carriage on which the coffin was borne rolled backwards and narrowly missed taking the new King, Edward VII with her. An interesting gremlin provided an unintentional misprint. The intended word was 'interment' appeared as 'internment', implying that she was imprisoned rather than buried.

A new edition of the South East London Guide had just appeared, priced £3.95 (members £3.35) and featuring in excess of 1200 pubs. It was advertised on a full page, the basis of which was its cover design, whose subject was a full colour photograph (though reproduced here as black & white) of the Crown & Greyhound mentioned above.

"Loadsa Beer - No Kids" announced that there would be no children's room at the Great British Beer Festival in Leeds that August. To illustrate the point a photograph appeared of a scruffy lad sitting on a pub doorstep dejectedly eating crisps.

It was a contrived shot - the young friend I used as model had to be 'scruffified' even more than usual; ironically as I was getting him to pose, the landlady of the pub I used kindly came out and invited him in! The article gave full details of the festival and of local facilities.

FIVE YEARS AGO, of the July 1993 edition's 40 pages, orange featured on five - both covers and 3 inside. The front bore a photo of the Mitre, N1, the back an advert for the Great British Beer Festival the following month.

Andy's Editorial discussed the effects of the Beer Orders, which allowed tenants to take a guest beer, but also resulted in many tied houses becoming free houses.

Andy, in compiling Idle Moments, presented the usual problems but with no new Brain Teaser available reproduced a mathematical one - how fast does someone standing on the Equator actually travel with the rotation of the Earth? His solution to the washing machine problem posed in June included a detail that the washing achieves 143G, and the further explanation (which I still don't understand) that a pair of socks weighing an ounce would effectively go up to 9lb in weight. By that premise I'd go up to 33 tons by my probably wildly inaccurate calculations. Luckily my bulk precludes my climbing into a washing machine.

Young's had opened their third hotel - Holly Lodge - behind the Windmill, Clapham Common - had been incorporated into the latter as hotel accommodation.

Andrew Bovey had attended a tasting of foreign beers both draught and foreign - organised by Sainsbury's.

Wetherspoon's had introduced non-smoking areas in all their free houses.

South West London Branch had chosen as its Pub of the Year the Priory, SW8. The same branch, as a thank you to helpers at the Battersea Beer Festival, had organised a trip to Nethergate Brewery in Suffolk. The article was illustrated by photos which indicated that the event was enjoyed by all.

History is said to repeat itself, as I said earlier, it makes it easy to revamp and update what I wrote in the issue last discussed. It is said that there are few things certain in life. Inter alia birth, death and price increases.

Cheers,

Martin Smith

Idle Moments

Greetings! Well, here we are again ready for another night huddled round the fire, sick to death (or not) of that sporting contest of which some of us do not speak and wondering what to do next. In the absence of anything entertaining, I see you find yourself reading this rubbish.

Before we start, the thought came to me, "Why not kick off with a humorous quotation?" Not thinking of a good enough reason not to, I leafed through a book and found this one by Simon Cameron (1799-1889):

An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought.

There. Now, having satisfied by cynical bent, we can get on with the matter in hand. You will be pleased(?) To know that I have managed to come up with some more new number puzzles this month after last month's absence; so here they are:

1. 4 L on a D
2. 439 F is the L of SPC
3. 5 P of W in a W
4. 1087 D of W the C
5. 2 BQ in the TC
6. 7624 R in TC by CC
7. 3 D
8. 1930 FWCW by U
9. 5 I of S are I
10. 12 LT of I

And so without more ado (I find ado always makes such a mess if you have any more of it!) we shall have the answers to last month's brewery anagrams:

GENDER GROAN
GREEN DRAGON
RUIN CD INSTEAD
ANCIENT DRUIDS
DOOM WON PATH
WOODHAMPTON
WON BARBELS
ABEL BROWN'S
HANDY LIVES
HYDES ANVIL
RAVE SMILE
MERIVALES
STREW BARK BRYAN
STRAWBERRY BANK
SWAY PEA GAS
PASSAGEWAY
JOHN'S THIN NON-POM
JOHN THOMPSON INN
CON IN CRATE
CONCERTINA

And just in case you were thinking I might be running out of them, no such luck. Here are this month's:

1. H.N.SALOON
2. DIRTY MALL STRAIN
3. RED BUT BORING
4. REPORT
5. RESTING OAR

Right, 5BY4 time then. I thought that, just for once, I would do a subject you might be interested in, so I've subtitled it "Micro Homes"; all you have to do is decide which micro brewery is located where. There isn't a lot of point reaching for your Good Beer Guide to cheat as the answers are given at the end anyway. So, here are the breweries:

1. Cotleigh
2. Judges
3. Goddards
4. Hanby
5. Beartown
6. Dark Horse
7. Kitchen
8. Featherstone
9. McGuinness
10. Passageway

And here are the towns and villages:

- A. Hertford
- B. Ryde, Isle of Wight
- C. Wem, Shropshire
- D. Rugby, Warwicks
- E. Enderby, Leicestershire
- F. Huddersfield
- G. Wiveliscombe, Somerset
- H. Liverpool
- I. Congleton, Cheshire
- J. Rochdale

And finally we come to Trivia Time and we kick off (Whoops! Didn't mean to use that terminology) start with last month's answers:

1. The Falkland Islands
2. February (6th)
3. 1787
4. Rudyard Kipling (Just So Stories - The Elephant's Child)
5. Irving Berlin

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6. Vinegar Joe
7. Three (Burts, Goddards and Ventnor)
8. On the palm of the hand
9. Six days
10. Anthony Trollope

And here are the questions for this time:

1. Which optical company moved from Jena to Degenhardt at the partition of Germany after the Second World War?
2. Which Shakespeare play contains the stage direction, "Exit, pursued by a bear."?
3. What well known song was written by Andrew (Banjo) Paterson?
4. What motorcycle manufacturing company was founded by the brothers Harry and Charlie Collier?

5. What county town is to be found at Longitude 0°32' East, Latitude 52°16' North?
6. Who was the "London Bach"?
7. Which knight threw away Excalibur on the instructions of King Arthur?
8. Which is the World's third largest ocean?
9. Who referred to whom as a "Flanders Mare"?
10. How long is the caber tossed at the Braemar Highland Gathering?

And finally, here are the answers to this month's 5BY4:

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

That's it. You can go and do something sensible now.
Andy Pirson

OBITUARY

I was greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Derry Williams, as reported in last month's What's Brewing. As Gill Keay noted, he was certainly a "larger-than-life character", and the

Kent Beer Festival will not be the same.

My last memory of him was from last year's Festival, when he was seen wearing a tall top hat, stoically surveying the masses with an appearance similar to that of a Victorian civil engineer. He was excellent at calming the most boisterous drinkers without causing a scene.

The sad news also answered a question that I have been pondering...where was I first introduced to the wonders of imported beers. The answer came to me straight away... at Dane John Gardens, Canterbury, one of the former sites for the Kent Festival. Derry then owned an old Parisian single-decker bus, with a platform at the back. As I recall, he would drive over to France and Belgium just before the Festival, load the back of the bus with Duvel, Liefmans Kriek, Popperinge Hommel Bier, Chimay, Orval etc. etc., and then sell the beer directly from the bus!

The bus also proved to be useful for the staff party. Unfortunately I couldn't make it, but I was told of the bus travelling along the newly opened M25, with several of the party standing on the platform at the back, raising their glasses to astonished passing drivers!

A sad loss indeed, and I shall raise a personal glass of Duvel to his memory.

Rob Close

Manager, Bières sans Frontières, GBBF

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

SE13 QUAGGY DUCK
SE13 WATCH HOUSE
SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
SE18 EDINBURGH CASTLE
SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)
SE20 MOON & STARS
SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
SE25 ALLIANCE
SE25 GOAT HOUSE
SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
BARKING, BARKING DOG
BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK
BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
CHELSFIELD, FIVE BELLS
CHISLEHURST, SYDNEY ARMS
CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS
CROYDON, CRICKETERS ARMS
CROYDON, DOG & BULL
CROYDON, GEORGE
CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL
CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD
ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD
LOUGHTON, LAST POST
PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH
WALLINGTON, WHISPERING MOON
CLUBS
SE9 HOWERD CLUB
SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB
SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB
SE28 BELMARSH PRISON
CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE
ORPINGTON, JUBILEE SPORTS BAR
OFF TRADE
E18 Gales Off Licence, 204 High Road, Woodford Green
SE3 Bitter Experience, 129 Lee Road
SE3 Oddbins
BEXLEY HEATH, Maison Maurice (beer & wine wholesalers)
BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill
GRAVESEND, AVS (beer wholesalers)
OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL and NORTH PUBS
WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
WC1 CITIE OF YORKE
WC1 PENDERELS OAK
WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
WC1 THREE CUPS
WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
WC1 YORKSHIRE GREY
WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
WC2 FULMAR & FIRKIN
WC2 GEORGE IV
WC2 HOGS HEAD
WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY
WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE

N1 179 UPPER STREET
N1 COMPTON ARMS
N1 EARL OF RADNOR
N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
N1 WENLOCK ARMS
N2 WELCH'S ALE HOUSE
N6 OLD GATE HOUSE
N9 LAMB
N11 BANKERS DRAFT
N12 ELEPHANT
N12 TALLY HO
N13 WHOLE HOG
N16 EBOR ARMS
N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
N17 ELBOW ROOM
N17 NEW MOON
N19 DOG
N21 HALF MOON
N21 ORANGE TREE
BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
BARNET, WHITE LION
BARNET, YE OLDE MITRE INN
EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK
ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS
OUTLETS - NORTH WEST PUBS
NW1 HEAD OF STEAM
NW1 QUINNS
NW1 SPREAD EAGLE
NW2 BEATEN DOCKET
NW3 DUKE OF HAMILTON
NW3 FLASK TAVERN
NW3 THREE HORSESHOES
NW4 CHEQUERS
NW4 FOOTMAN & FIRKIN
NW4 GREYHOUND
NW1 WHITE SWAN
HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL
HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
HATCH END, MOON & SIXPENCE
KENTON, NEW MOON
NORTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
RUISLIP, J.J. MOONS
SOUTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
STANMORE, MALT HOUSE
WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK
WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE
WEMBLEY, J.J. MOONS
OFF TRADE
N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
NW6 Grog Blossoms, 235 West End Lane
CLUBS
NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB, Middlesex University Bus. School
OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS
SW1 ANTELOPE

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SW1 BARLEY MOW
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW1 MOON ON THE MALL
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 SW1 ROYAL OAK
 SW1 STAR
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 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS
 SW8 PRIORY ARMS
 SW8 SURPRISE
 SW9 BEEHIVE, 407 Brixton Road
 SW9 TRINITY ARMS
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN
 SW11 BEEHIVE
 SW11 EAGLE ALEHOUSE, Chatham Road
 SW11 WALSH'S
 SW12 GROVE
 SW12 MOON UNDER WATER
 SW13 COACH & HORSES
 SW13 RED LION
 SW13 ROSE OF DENMARK
 SW14 HALFWAY HOUSE
 SW14 HARE & HOUNDS
 SW15 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW15 GREEN MAN
 SW15 HOGSHEAD
 SW15 RAILWAY
 SW16 PIED BULL
 SW17 CASTLE
 SW17 J.J. MOONS
 SW18 OLD SERGEANT
 SW18 SPOTTED DOG
 SW18 SPREAD EAGLE
 SW19 BREWERY TAP
 SW19 HAND & RACKET
 SW19 PRINCESS OF WALES
 SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL
 SW19 SULTAN
 SW19 TRAFALGAR
 SW19 WIBBAS DOWN INN
 CARSHALTON, GREYHOUND
 CARSHALTON, RAILWAY TAVERN
 CARSHALTON, WINDSOR CASTLE
 CHESSINGTON, NORTH STAR
 CHESSINGTON, WHITE HART
 CHEAM, RAILWAY
 KEW, COACH & HORSES
 KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER
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 KINGSTON, KELLY ARMS
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 KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN

KINGSTON, RAM
 KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS
 KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS
 KINGSTON, WYCH ELM
 MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF
 MORTIMER
 NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK
 RICHMOND, DUKE OF YORK
 RICHMOND, DYSARTS
 RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE
 RICHMOND, TRIPLE CROWN
 RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS
 SURBITON, CAP IN HAND
 SURBITON, CORONATION HALL
 SURBITON, NEW PRINCE
 SURBITON, SURBITON FLYER
 SUTTON, FIELDER & FIRKIN
 SUTTON, NEW TOWN
 WALLINGTON, WHISPERING
 MOON
 W1 BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street
 W1 CLEVELAND ARMS
 W1 MOON & SIXPENCE
 W1 MORTIMER ARMS
 W1 PRINCE ALFRED
 W1 WINDMILL
 W2 ARCHERY TAVERN
 W2 ROYAL STANDARD
 W3 KINGS HEAD
 W5 T.J. DUFFY'S
 W5 RED LION
 W5 ROSE & CROWN
 W5 WHEATSHEAF
 W6 ANDOVER ARMS
 W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL
 W10 VILLAGE INN
 W11 FROG & FIRKIN
 W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE
 W12 MOON ON THE GREEN
 W13 DRAYTON COURT
 W13 THE FORESTER
 W14 BRITANNIA TAP
 W14 RADNOR ARMS
 BRENTFORD, MAGPIE & CROWN
 CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD
 FELTHAM, MOON ON THE
 SQUARE
 HAMPTON, WHITE HART
 HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS
 HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART
 HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER
 HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE
 HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES
 HOUNSLOW, MOON UNDER
 WATER
 ISLEWORTH, RED LION
 ISLEWORTH, ROYAL OAK
 SOUTHALL, BEACONSFIELD
 ARMS
 TEDDINGTON, HOGARTH
 TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER
 UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES
 WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON
 WHITTON, WHITE HART

OFF TRADE
 W11 Grogblossom
 CLUBS
 W1 Univ. of Westminster S.U. Bar,
 104 Bolsover Street
 UTSIDE LONDON
 ADDLESTONE, CRICKETERS
 ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWER
 BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR
 BRIGHTON, SUSSEX YEOMAN
 CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING
 & QUEEN
 CHERTSEY, CASTLE
 CLAYGATE, FOLEY ARMS
 COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT
 CROXLEY GREEN, SPORTSMAN
 DENHAM (Bucks), LAMBERT
 ARMS
 EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS
 EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS
 EGHAM, PRINCE OF WALES
 EGHAM, WHITE LION
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 ARMS
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