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# Editorial

You can hardly have failed to notice the news about the spread of a new pub company with a silly name (or at least spelling of its name) throughout the London area. The big news about the Ambishus Pub Company in the introduction to last month's Capital Pubcheck was its purchase of ten pubs from The J.D. Wetherspoon Organisation - they are listed in the column this month.

So who are the Ambishus Pub Company? Not a lot seems to be said on that particular subject. Well, the company was started by a gentleman, of whom you may have heard, by the name of Michael Cannon who found himself sitting on quite a nice pile of money after he sold the Magic Pub Company, in which he had a sizable personal holding, to Greene King. Prior to that, he had been the head honcho at Inn Leisure, once called Devenish, who closed down the long established brewery at Weymouth.

It sort of makes sense, doesn't it - from silly pub names to silly company name. So far, we have not seen any renamings of the pubs acquired; maybe Mr. Cannon has seen the error of his ways. Or maybe he has run out of literary inspiration; after all the poetic muse to come up with such masterpieces as Hungry Horse, Pickled Newt and Rat & Carrot surely cannot be turned on and off like a tap!

Already the fall out of the purchase of the ten Wetherspoon pubs by Ambishus is being felt. In a thinner than usual postbag this month, two out of four letters are complaining about changes to such pubs. One reader deplores the appearance of rock music in a pub he used specifically as a haven from it and the other notes the disappearance of the guest beers from the pubs, together with the oversized glasses.

We must remember, of course, that however many times a week we use a pub it never becomes ours (except in the very rare case where villages have clubbed together and bought their local which a brewery was after closing down - not in London though). No, it remains steadfastly the property of the company which owns it - or in this case, buys it. The owner can do just about whatever he likes, within planning regulations and the laws of the land that is, and these do not cover such things as music (or lack thereof); beer range; tastefulness of decor or brim measure against lined glasses (yet!). Unfortunately your only sanction is to vote with your feet - and in some cases they may have to take you quite a long way. So far as pub owning companies are concerned your opinion, and mine, count for about three

tenths of b\*\*\*\*\* all. So long as they can see the kids in there throwing alcopops down their necks with great alacrity (and back up again in many cases) and at great expense, what interest do they have in us sensible people who like mild ale in reasonable quantities?

In saying that, let us not forget that one of our correspondents does note that is new Ambishus pub sells Toby Cask at £1.20 a pint. Is that worth travelling a long way for, or what? "Or what," in my case, I would say.

Talking of alcopops, by the way, did you hear recently about the concerns expressed about them by the British Dental Association? It seems that with all the sugar in them they are highly acidic and do nasty things to your teeth (well, probably not yours and certainly not mine). Now, this is probably not very different from all the stories we have been hearing for years about soft drinks like Coke and 7Up in particular but it seems that in the case of alcopops, they tend to be drunk by young people to excess so that (as I alluded to somewhat tastelessly above) they have a tendency to regurgitate them - by which time the acid has been concentrated by the acid that everybody's stomach produces. Dentists are now reporting significant numbers of cases of young people attending their surgeries with their fillings protruding from their teeth where the natural material is being eroded by these acids.

Nice thought to end on that, isn't it?

**Andy Pirson** 

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# Brewery News

#### THEYTHINK IT'S ALL OPEN!

Sports commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme celebrated the thirty second anniversary of his most famous sentence, "They think it's all over - it

is now!" by being the guest of honour at the reopening of Fuller's BARLEY MOW in Epsom on 30th July. Oh yes, it was also the anniversary of some game of football the round ball version.

The 150 year old Barley Mow at 12 Pikes Hill in Epsom has recently undergone a £300,000 refurbishment which has included incorporating the ground floor area of the adjoining cottage and turning the additional space into new bar areas. Both the kitchen and cellar

areas have been doubled in size to cope with the anticipated increase in trade.

When considering its renovation, Fuller's were loathe to destroy the traditional style and atmosphere which had been the basis of the pubs popularity, so the design is still that of a cottage pub with a number of individual areas, each with its own character. Wherever possible, reclaimed materials such as clay tiles, oak and pitch pine flooring have ben used to create the impression that the new areas have actually been there for years.

Managers Bob and Betty Maguire have been at the Barley Mow for eight years and in that time have succeeded in making the pub the centre of its community. They recently handed over a cheque for £3,780 to the Junior Opportunities Group in Epsom - money that had been raised by

the regulars of the pub.

All the food is home made by Betty and a good variety is offered from lunchtime snacks of baguettes with a variety of mouth-watering fillings to juicy steaks in the evening and a traditional Sunday lunch with a choice of two delicious roast meats at the weekend. With the full range of Fuller's cask beers available, the brewery are sure that the reputation of the pub is going to be hard to beat.

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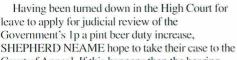
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# BREWERY/PUB NEWS ROUND-UP

YOUNG'S have been having problems with institutional shareholders led by Guinness Peat. GP want to change the shareholder structure of the company, a not unusual aim considering that the Young family currently hold 60% of the voting shares. GP blame the company's 'archaic share structure' for the fact that shares are currently traded below their true net asset value.

It was confirmed last month that YOUNG'S are looking seriously at MORRELLS with a view to a purchase.

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Court of Appeal. If this happens then the hearing will take place on the same day as their ongoing challenge to last year's duty rise - 25th January 1999.

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE are planning to introduce the 'cash back' facility in all Whitbread's branded outlets. This system will be operated in a similar way to that already in use in supermarkets for those paying by plastic.

AVEBURY TAVERNS have paid Whitbread £42.5m for 253 leased pubs. This deal means that Avebury have bought 720 outlets in 10 months, not a bad buying spree but easy when you have a Japanese bank backing your company.

WHITBREAD now has a total of 3,400 pubs and say that they will be holding on to the remaining 1,700 in the leased estate.

BULMERS are set to increase their share of the US market. They currently have a 9% share of cider sales in the US but with the addition of Green Mountain cidery in Vermont, bought for £8.7m they have increased that market share to over 25%.

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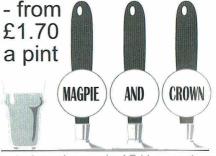
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# Branch News

#### ANOTHER AWARD FOR FULLER'S

For some reason the list of class winners in the Champion Beer of

Britain Awards does not list the bottled beers category but Fuller's have put that right with a press release celebrating the fact that it was won by their bottle cond-1845 itioned Celebration Ale. With London Pride taking an equal third place the Best Bitters category, they are pleased. Fuller's already have a unique record having won more

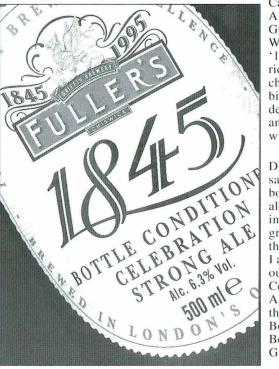
CAMRA awards than any other brewer including the much coveted "Champion Beer of Britain" with three different ales (ESB, London Pride and Chiswick Bitter) and now 1845 joins these in the "Best in Britain" Hall of Fame.

Since its launch in 195 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fuller Smith & Turner, '1845' has enjoyed enormous popularity within off trade sectors around the country. It was awarded a bronze medal in the same category in 1997 and is now Britain's best selling botle conditioned strong ale and still growing in excess of 50% year on year.

The judges included a panel of national newspaper readers and experts from the

Campaign for Real Ale. Roger Protz, Guardian Beer Writer said of '1845', "It has a rich, almost winey character with biscuity malt and deep hop bitterness and is a worthy winner."

Fuller's Brewing Director Reg Drury says, "I believe that bottle conditioned ales are an important and growing sector of the beer market and I am delighted that our '1845 Celebration Strong Ale' has been voted the Champion **Bottle Conditioned** Beer at this year's GBBF."



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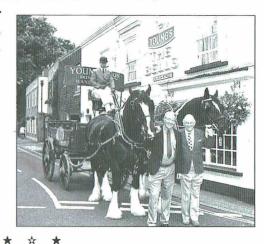
#### **NEW TERRITORY FOR YOUNG'S**

Young's have sent us another photo of John Young welcoming more pubs to the fold (sorry, couldn't resist that - Young's ram, sheep, fold ...).

Young's have acquired three pubs, two in Chelmsford and one in Staines, Middlesex. They are the Riverside Inn, Victoria Road, Chelmsford; the O'Connor's, Hall Street, Chelmsford and the Bells, Church Street, Staines, Middlesex.

All three were formerly free-houses, although the Bells was owned by Terry Southin, pictured with John Young, who sold Young's beers.

The purchase of these pubs brings the brewery's estate to 180, and Young's say that they are looking to expand their tied estate throughout the Home Counties.



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#### THE WINDSOR CASTLE

Carshalton's Windsor Castle has won the Croydon & Sutton Branch's Pub of the Year award for the third time in a row after coming fourth in the national finals last year.

Dave Stott the manager, pictured centre, said, "We like to offer our customers a choice of beers from the micro breweries. They must like them because the keep coming back."

# LESBIAN & GAY NEWS

AGRAD 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. All are welcome.

#### SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00 p.m. THE KING'S ARMS, 23 Poland Street, W1, (0171-) 734 5907, (Monthly meeting).

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. VIA FOSSA, 171 North End Road, W14, (0171-) 603 6071. Yet another new venue, listed as a gay pub with a mixed/gay

crowd in the listings, but possibly better described as gay friendly straight pub (though some of the bar staff are decidedly cute - if they don't mind me saying so!). Recently selling Marston's Pedigree, Courage Director's, Greene King IPA and Boddington's. Next to West Kensington underground station, on the corner of North End Road and West Cromwell Road.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> around 1 p.m. Day out in Brighton. Meet in the Evening Star, as usual, around 1.00pm - not gay but handy for the station, with a fine selection of real ales. Turn right and then immediately left out of the station and it's about 100 yards. on the left. We'll attempt to get round all the gay real ale venues before closing time - a veritable feast!

# Pub News

#### **PUB NEWS FROM ENFIELD & BARNET BRANCH**

This article should really be headed Enfield and Barnet swap shop! A White Swan for a Change of Hart, Chequers for a Greyhound, and a Blacking Bottle for something 'ambitious'. What am I on about? Let me explain.

A Good Beer Guide entry for 1998 and many times in the past, the WHITE SWAN, 243 Golders Green Road, NW11 is to become an Allied Domecq Festival Ale House. This friendly local with its secluded beer garden has remained virtually unchanged for many years. We understand the refurbishment could take six weeks, and after all the commotion regarding the HOLLY BUSH in Hampstead, another Allied Domecq owned house, we are apprehensive about its future. By the time you read this, the very popular manager Leo Brecken, his wife Ann and family will have been moved by Allied Domecq to a West Middlesex Branch GBG entry pub, THE CHANGE OF HART, 21 High Street, Edgware. In return, Colin and Jill from the latter pub will be moving to the White Swan.

Further up the road in Church End, Hendon, NW4, another swap has taken place. Michael, yet another of the branch's friendly and popular publicans has moved from THE CHEQUERS to THE GREYHOUND, a distance of little more than 100 yards! Also, he seems to have to have taken all his clientele with him. The Greyhound is owned by Surrey Free Inns and since Michael arrived its profits have skyrocketed particularly in the sale of real ale. At the time of writing he has had a special Anniversary Ale on for Old Hendon Cricket Club at £1.40 a pint and Courage Best at £1.50. Also, Timothy Taylor's Landlord has been on. The Greyhound is a picturesque pub tucked between St. Mary's Church and the Charles II period Church Farm House Museum. Like the pub both are well worth a visit.

Other 'swaps' apply to two former Wetherspoon pubs, the BLACKING BOTTLE 122-126 High Street, Edgware and the WHITE

Views expressed in this publication are those of their individual authors and are not necessarily endorsed by the Editorial Team or the Campaign for Real Ale Limited. LION OF MORTIMER 256 West Hendon Broadway, NW9. These are amongst several in the London area that have been sold to the Ambishus Pub Company, a company headed by former Magic Pub Company personnel, for a sum that Tim Martin couldn't refuse. To our knowledge these are the only two Wetherspoon pubs within the branch that have changed. It is particularly odd about the Blacking Bottle which has always been successful although I gather the regulars are quite happy with their new owner.

The White Swan at Mortimer, although host to a major beer festival last year, was always known as the 'White Elephant'. We can only hope that Ambishus live up to their misspelt name and are able to turn its fortune around. Both pubs sell four draught beers including Courage Directors, Greene King Abbot and IPA and Bass Toby Cask. The latter at £1.40 a pint. Hopefully a guest ale is now also available.

Robin Forshaw-Wilson Enfield & Barnet Branch

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# Pub News

# PUB NEWS FROM EAST LONDON AND CITY BRANCH

The reported cessation of brewing (if possibly only temporarily) at the Falcon & Firkin, Victoria Park Rd, E9 means that for the first time in many, many centuries there are currently no commercial breweries in the East London and City area - once one of the main brewing centres for the whole of England. This unhappy situation is not expected to last long. The third of London's new US-style brewpubs is about to open at 1 Bishopsgate in the heart of the City. I believe it will go under the name of the Pacific & Oriental Brewing Company and it may even have opened by the time you read this - it is already overdue.

I recently came across Room Café Bar, 10 Copthall Avenue, EC2, a small and rather stylish bar, connected with the next-door Rupee Room restaurant, in an forgotten corner of the City. It is very modern in appearance and decorated in the same pastel creams and greens as a number of trendy new West End bars. Four important differences give this place a much more pleasant ambience however: decent handpulled beer (Shep's Spitfire), laid back music, comfortable furnishing and 'normal' clientele (no yuppies decor not crass enough, no fashion victims location too obscure).

Good luck to Pat and Peter Perfect who have recently taken over the **Brown Bear**, 139 Leman Street, E1. Many readers will know them from the six years they spent at the Morpeth Arms in Pimlico, during which time they hosted the launch of Susan Nowak's *Good Pub Food Guide*. In their words, the Brown Bear had become a little "tired" in recent years and they intend to revive its fortunes. Initially, the beers on sale have been Morland Old Speckled Hen, Marston Pedigree, Wadworth 6X and a guest.

It is interesting to note that one of the bestselling beers at the **Approach Tavern**, 47 Approach Road, E2, recently has been Ruddles County. It proved particularly popular at a recent branch meeting in the pub. With all the changes of brewery ownership, this once sought after beer has had a pretty rough ride in recent years but now it seems to be back on good form. So it came as a shock to some of the regulars at the Approach when we told them that Morland were in the process of closing down the Ruddles Brewery in Langham.

Several months ago now, Dave Chapman rang me to say that he had brought in some big changes at the Duke of Sussex, 94 Goldsmith's Row, E2 and I finally got over there recently to see what he meant. Renamed the **Albion** the pub has been redecorated in a very football-friendly style with many references to those baggy-shorted boys from the Black Country, West Bromwich Albion. The beer range is Greene King IPA and Abbot and bottled Weston's cider is also available. A high quality large-screen TV set makes this pub an excellent choice for watching sporting events.

The **Birkbeck Tavern**, 45 Langthorne Road, E11 was a great supporter of the now-defunct Viking Brewery of Broadstairs, Kent. That brewery has been superseded by the Kent Craft Brewery and the Birkbeck is probably the first London pub to pick up on the new brewery's products - all four of the present beer range were available for a while during late July. Also supporting the South East's smaller brewers is the **Black Bull**, 199 Whitechapel Road, E1 where products from Nethergate and Pitfield breweries have been sighted recently alongside the regular Ridley IPA.

Readers will be aware that Bass have done up a load of their East London tied houses and rebadged them as the East London Pub Company. A few of the less well performing ones quickly fell by the wayside but the now around 20-strong chain has otherwise been attracting some good publicity for their community focus. Cynics may say that Bass have been fattening them up for a profitable sell-off. It was no surprise then that rumours were flying back in July that the chain had been purchased by Michael Cannon's new concern, the Ambishus Pub Co. These rumours were quickly denied and it emerged that Ambishus had in fact bought some ex-Wetherspoon houses and a few from Regent Inns. But the story did not sound ridiculous - if you've got an East London Pub Co. place near you, keep an eye on it.

Stephen Harris





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# Letters to the Editors

#### Dear Editors,

For someone who loves draught beer but hates pop music the Wetherspoon organisation has been a haven ... completely 'til now. The pub in Chiswick was taken over a few weeks ago by Ambishus, Wetherspoon having relinquished it as part of 'a natural progression', whatever that is.

At a recent visit I was greeted, to my fury, by the dreaded sound. Exit one haven, and one customer, never to return. Escape becomes ever harder. The local Young's pub went the same way some time ago.

Yours sincerely, Brian Desmond, London W4



#### Dear Editors,

Although being an enthusiastic reader of the "London Drinker", I have, however, a couple of "complaints" to make: What happened to the centre spread devoted to Wetherspoon's pubs and the list of Firkin pubs? These were the first pages I used to turn to in each new number. Hoping you will explain by return. Also, in anticipation, can you tell me the address of the Philatelist and Firkin in Bromley (Kent)? Thank you.

Yours sincerely, John A Johnson, London N7 Editor's comment:

The Editors regret that they are unable to enter into individual correspondence with readers. We are all volunteers producing the London Drinker in our own time and what little of that we have spare is needed for serious recuperation in a local pub.

The lists of outlets from Wetherspoon's and the Firkin chain were advertisement features paid for by the respective companies. They disappeared when the two organisations reduced the level of their advertising with us. If you need a reason why, I'm afraid that you will have to ask them.

With regard to the Philatelist and Firkin, the address is 27-29 East Street, Bromley

Andy Pirson

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#### Dear Editors.

The Dog in Archway Road - one of the original Wetherspoon's pubs - has been sold to the

Ambishus Pub Co. The most immediate visible effects have been the disappearance of the popular guest beers from micros (dubiously "compensated" for by the introduction of Toby Bitter at £1.20 a pint) and a massive hike in some other prices (eg. Directors has now shot up to £1.90). Customers already seem to be voting with their feet - reluctantly, since there are precious few real ale alternatives in the vicinity. Rumour has it that the Elbow Room in Crouch End - another small Wetherspoon's - is to be sold off as well.

Further, another feature Ambishus Pub Co have been swift to change is the Wetherspoon provision of "oversized" lined glasses. These have been replaced by brim measures! Yours sincerely,

Graham Larkbey, London N6



#### Dear Editors,

I read Sarah Porter's Brewery News Roundup (August London Drinker) with nostalgic sadness. She wrote in praise of Greene King, it's head brewer and increased sales of Abbot Ale.

At the same time as I joined CAMRA in 1973 I used to travel miles for a pint of Abbot Ale as it was only available in one pub in the Greater London area. During the mid 1980s Abbot Ale underwent a gradual change into the indifferent product we have today. Up to and during the 1970s until about 1984 Abbot Ale was a truly magnificent beer with a really distinctive flavour that was often an acquired taste. Now it is a shadow of its former self and hardly worth crossing the road for let alone travelling a few miles.

Greene King might point at their increased sales to justify their spoiling of Abbot Ale but it is only in recent years that they have expanded their estate and broken into the free trade and guest beer markets in London and the South East. For the majority of the 1970s they would only supply their one tied house in London, the Builders Arms in New Barnet. Increased sales are no measure of quality, rather a measure of increased presence in the market place.

I would be interested in other readers' views on Abbot Ale. It is also my belief that the same thing has happened to Shepherd Neame's Master Brew Bitter.

Yours sincerely, Derek Smith, Enfiled

# Branch Update

Welcome again to our regular branch information page where we have details of Branch Contacts and events as well as general items of news from the various branch areas. This is where branches can tell drinkers across London what is happening in their areas that might be of interest to them. Branch events for September are listed below.

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

Wed 9 (8.00) Business Meeting. ROYAL OAK, Tabard Street, SE1. Pub Records/Preservation Officers of all London area branches and other interested persons welcome.

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

Tue 1 (8.00) Central Croydon Crawl. Meet in DOG & Bull, 24 Surrey Street, depart 9.00 - Thu 10 (8.00) Sutton Crawl. Meet in MOON ON THE HILL, Hill Road, depart 9.00 - Fri 18 (8.00) Redhill Pub Crawl. Meet in HOME COTTAGE, 3 Redstone Hill (behind station), depart 9.00 - Tue 22 (8.00) Wallington Pub Crawl. Meet in DUKES HEAD, Wallington Green (saloon bar), depart 9.00 - Thu 24 (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. Thu 27 Aug (7.00pm) Social. Meet at SHOOTING STAR, Fullers new tied house in Middlesex St, E1. At 8.00pm we will move on - hopefully to the PACIFIC AND ORIENTAL BREWING COMPANY, the new brew pub at 1 Bishopsgate, EC2 if it has opened. Otherwise it will be to wherever takes our fancy on the night.

Mon 7 Sept. (8.00pm) Branch Meeting. BROWN BEAR, 130 Leman Street, E1. We will meet in the rear of the bar area at this smart pub which is under new management.

Sat 12 Sept. (1.00pm) **CAMRA National Day of Action.** We embark on a campaigning pub crawl around the Branch area. Full details were not available at the time of going to press,

but we will meet in the BR ticket hall at Liverpool Street Station at 1.00pm and take it from there. If you cannot make that time, then catch up with us at the PRIDE OF SPITALFIELDS at 3.00pm.

Thu 24 September (6.00pm) Beer Festival Social. 1st Twickenham Beer Festival, YORK HOUSE, Richmond Road, Twickenham. Meet at the festival - CAMRA members are admitted free.

Fri 2 Oct (8.00pm) Beer Festival Social, JD Wetherspoon's Oktoberfest is under way. Meet at WALNUT TREE, High Road, Leytonstone, E11 then at 9.00pm on to GOLDENGROVE, The Grove, Stratford, E15.

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

Wed 2 (9.00) Social. New Wetherspoon's pub, GILPIN'S BELL, Upper Fore Street, Upper Edmonton, N18 (adjacent to Phoenix, formerly "Ripspeed") - Sat 5 (11.00am) Epping Forest Ramble, led by Ron Andrews, Meet BULL & CROWN, The Green (opposite Station Road), Chingford, E4. (Chingford BR, bus 313 or 444) - Tue 8 (9.00) Real Ale Promotion Night. ORANGE TREE, 18 Highfield Road, Winchmore Hill, N21. Special, guest beer will be available - Tue 15 (9.00) Social, ST. MONICA'S SOCIAL CLUB, 6 Cannon Hill, Southgate, N16 (near to Cherry Tree, bus 121, 299, W6) - Wed 23 (9.00) Two Pub Social in Finchley Central, FERRET & TROUSER LEG (formerly Minstrel), 1 Ballards lane, N3 then (10.00) JOINERS ARMS, 51 Ballards Lane -Sun 27 (12.00) "Beer & Biriani". Meet RED LION, 371 Hertford Road, Enfield Highway, EN3, then to "Sultan" restaurant, 558 Hertford Road, EN3 for a buffet Indian meal - Thu 1 Oct (9.00) Social & London Drinker Pickup. ALEXANDRA, 133 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, EN4. (Bus 184, 307, 326).

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD. Clive Taylor 0181-949 2099 (H) 01483-714898 (W) Sat 28 - Sun 29 Aug. Day out to the Faversham Hop Festival, including Shepherd Neame brewery tour and tour of Kentish pubs. For details contact John Norman on 0181-408 1053 (H) or 01705-7011515 (W) - Fri 4 to Sun 6 Weekend Trip to Bristol to visit Smiles and Ross Breweries. Travel by train from Paddington on

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Friday afternoon. £20 deposit required for B&B bookings - Thu 10 Branch meeting. MITRE, Heath Road, Weybridge (10 min from railway station) - Thu 17 Social. KELLY ARMS, Alfred Road, Kingston to meet the new landlord and landlady. Two beers from micros available - Thu 24 (8.00) Social at Twickenham Beer Festival. York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham - Wed 30 Bus Pub Crawl from Richmond back to Kingston. Purchase your one day bus pass so that we can stop off at what pubs we want. Meet at TRIPLE CROWN, Kew Foot Road at 7.30 (depart 8.00)

NORTH LONDON. Alison Cox 0181-742 0498 (H) 0181-746 8148 (W). Any social queries contact Gary White 0181-801 9513 (H), 0181-772 6045 (W), email: <g.white@sfxavier.ac.uk>.

Tue 8 (8.00) Branch Meeting. RUGBY TAVERN, 19 Great James Street, WC1 - Tue 15 (8.00) Branch Social, GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TAVERN, 67 High Street, N8 then TOLL GATE, 26-30 Turnpike Lane, N8 - Tue 22 Holborn Crawl. Start (8.00) SHAKESPEARES HEAD, Kingsway, WC2 then PRINCESS LOUISE, 208 High Holborn, WC1; PENDERELS OAK, High Holborn, WC1; THREE CUPS, 22 Sandland Street, WC1 - Sun 27 (12.00) Sunday Social. BIRKBECK TAVERN, 45 Langthorne Road, E11 - Tue 29 (8.00) Branch Social ALBION, 10 Thornhill Road, N1 then CROWN, 116 Cloudesley Street, N1 - Mon 5 Oct (8.00) Branch Social. WENLOCK ARMS, 26 Wenlock Road, N1 RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW, Brian Kirton

September is Festival time (OK so there was a fairly local one in August). Please don't go to Feltham out of habit! We are confident everyone will enjoy York House just as much. This means that there are publicity crawls aplenty - please do try to come along and help; we need to cover as many pubs as we can.

0181-384 7284 (H).

During CAMRA's "Week of Action" we are planning a promotional evening at the Magpie & Crown (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept) when we hope to get people from the local press etc. who need to be badgered, cajoled and generally given a good talking to. The more members the better - please try to make it.

Thu 3 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. OLD SHIP, 3 King Street, Richmond; followed by Festival Publicity Crawl in central Richmond - Tue 8 (8.00) Further Festival Publicity Crawl in Richmond. Meet at ORANGE TREE, 45 Kew Road - Thu 10 (8.00) "Week of Action" Promotional Evening. MAGPIE & CROWN, 128 High Street, Brentford. Meeting/talking to local press etc - Sat 12 (7.00) Festival Publicity Tour around Teddington. Meet at QUEEN DOWAGER, 49 North Lane - Thu 24 to Sat 26 TWICKENHAM BEER FESTIVAL. See Festival listings and advert.

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

The visit to Vale Brewery has been put back to Wednesday 14 October. Please let Rob know if you want to go. There will be a fee, but this will include food, and we will be using the train.

For those who have recovered from Olympia and can't wait for Pigs Ear, the Feltham Beer Festival has re-materialised in Twickenham! All branch members are welcome to come along on

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the Thursday evening whether you're working or not.

Our popular ramble around some our country pubs, is being repeated at the end of the month. We meet at Bromley North station at 11-30 and get the bus to Biggin Hill. The total length is about 6 miles.

Most of our meetings have to be organised at least two months in advance, so that we can publicise them. Sometimes(!) circumstances mean that the details change at the last minute. In order to provide the best information service our members, we are considering sending out last minute details on E-mail. If you would like to be kept informed of branch activities, please let me know at the address given above.

Thu 2 (9.00) Social following Committee Meeting. ROYAL OAK, SE1 - Tue 8 (8.00) Branch Social. SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS, Petts Wood - Sun 13 (12.30) Boules Social. DULWICH WOOD HOUSE, SE26 - Thu 24 (7.30) Working Social. TWICKENHAM BEER FESTIVAL - Sun 27 Ramble round Downe. Meet 11.30 at Bromley North station.

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

Wed 2 (8.30) Social & Presentation as Pub of the Year (London Area) to CHEOUERS, North Street, (near Emerson Park Station), Hornchurch - Tue 8 to Sat 12 CHAPPEL BEER FESTIVAL at East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel & Wakes Colne Station, Admission (free to CAMRA members) includes museum entrance during the day. Opening times: Tue 7-11pm, other days 11am-4pm, 5-11pm - Thu 17 (8.30)Social. EVA HART, 1128 High Road (junc. Station Road, near Wangey Road), Chadwell Heath - Thu 24 (8.30) Social & approval of AGM minutes. BRAVE NELSON, 138 Woodman Road (\_ mile off B186 Warley Hill), Warley - Mon 28 (8.30) Social. CRICKETERS, 299/301 High Road (A11), Woodford Green.

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

The pub scene in Battersea has undergone a fair amount of change recently, and the branch will be visiting the area on Friday 18 September. Our crawl starts at The Falcon, an ornate Victorian building (and former hotel), on the

main crossroads by Clapham Junction station. It boasts the longest continuous bar in the country. But will its character be preserved into the next century? A planning application, submitted by Bass Taverns in June, proposed alterations to the pub that would create more floor space for drinkers. But the plans involve the removal of original wooden screens and lobbies, as-well-as cutting through the famous bar. CAMRA have written to Wandsworth Borough Council, objecting strongly to the proposals.

After showing our support for the pub's preservation, we will head down Falcon Road to The Asparagus, a Wetherspoon's pub that opened in July. This is the eleventh Wetherspoon's pub in our branch area, but the first in SW11. From there we will proceed to the GBG-listed Fox & Hounds, a friendly local in Latchmere Road. Next stop will be the Faraday & Firkin, part of the ubiquitous Allied chain, opened last year in a former temperance billiard hall in Battersea Rise. From there we will turn left into Northcote Road, which now features more than one of the newly fashionable glassfronted wine and ale bars that are springing up

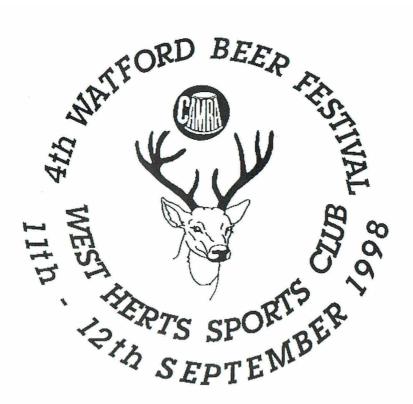
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Details from Tony Smith 01923 221155

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across the capital. Visits to these will depend both on time and inclination. We'intend to end up at a more traditional real ale outlet, the excellent Eagle Ale House in Chatham Road. So we start and finish at the sign of a bird of prey. Further details below. All are welcome.

Thurs 3 September - 7.30 pm. Open Committee Meeting and Festival Committee Meeting. OLD SERGEANT, 104 Garratt Lane, Wandsworth, SW18

Fri 18 Sept - Crawl of Battersea. Meet (6.30 - 7.00 pm) FALCON, 2 St Johns Hill SW11 then (7.30) ASPARAGUS (new Wetherspoon's) 1-13 Falcon Road; (8.30) FOX & HOUNDS, 66 Latchmere Road; (9.15) FARADAY & FIRKIN 66A Battersea Rise; finally (10.30) EAGLE ALE HOUSE, 104 Chatham Road.

Cricket players please ring Andy Robinson 0171-410 6302 (w) or 0181-653 8885 (h).

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

Wed 2 (8.30) Good Beer Guide Social.
BLACK BOY, Bushey Heath - Fri 11 to Sat 12
4<sup>TH</sup> WATFORD CAMRA BEERFEST. West
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Sat 12.00 noon-11.00pm - Wed 16 (8.30)
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CLUB - Wed 23 (8.30) Branch Meeting. FLAG
& FIRKIN - Sun 27 (8.00) Branch Committee
Meeting. WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB - Wed
30 (8.30) Bushey Social. ROYAL OAK then
(9.15) QUEENS ARMS.

**WEST LONDON.** Di Kehoe 0171-218 3999 (W).

AUGUST: To see August out, we shall meet for a social evening at the BELL & CROWN, Strand on the Green, Chiswick, W4 on Thursday 27th from 8.30 onwards. This is a large popular Good Beer Guide listed Fuller's pub with two conservatories overlooking the river and riverside walk. Kew Bridge BR station is the nearest rail link but many buses pass close to the bridge.

SEPTEMBER: On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> we shall be out and about on a WC2 pub crawl; start time is 8.00pm in the SHAKESPEARE'S HEAD, Kingsway - our first visit to this new Wetherspoon's pub. Then (8.45) we move on to the FULMER & FIRKIN, 51 Parker Street for some Firkin beer before progressing to the

NEWTON ARMS, 31 Newton Street at 9.45 where the beers are Adnams Bitter, Ind Coope Burton Ale and Tetley Bitter. We finish off at 10.15 in the HOGSHEAD, 21 Drury Lane, a GBG pub with a changing beer range. Times are a guideline only. This area east of Covent Garden is well placed for all forms of transportation.

Tuesday 15th there will be a Branch Meeting at the COCK & BOTTLE, 17 Needham Street, W11 - an 8.00pm start please. This pub was formerly the Swan (Watneys) but now stocks Brakspear's beers. Located off Westbourne Grove, it is served by buses 27, 28 and 31.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> is the date for another day out of town, this time to Chelmsford, Essex. We meet at noon in the ORIGINAL PLOUGH, 28 Duke Street, which is next to the railway station. This GBG pub has a changing range of real ales; other pubs close by also stock a wide range of beers.

PUB NEWS: The Ambishus Pub Co have added to their expanding estate the Chiswick J.J.MOONS and the MOON ON THE GREEN, Shepherds Bush. As reported in last month's edition, the LOWNDES ARMS is due for closure in early August; local MPs and residents are helping in the fight trying to get the pub listed and hopefully remaining open. The Publican magazine has also shown interest. We shall keep you informed of the outcome. Sadly another closure has gone ahead; the GBG listed TURNERS ARMS, 26 Crawford Street, W1, which was a Shepherd Neame pub, is now awaiting a new future - but not as a pub.

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

Wed 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting.
BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road,
Southall - Tue 15 (8.30) Evening Social.
BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road, Sudbury Hill Thu 24 (6.30) TWICKENHAM BEEREX
SOCIAL. York House, Richmond Road,
Twickenham - Wed 30 (9.00) London Drinker
Pick-Up. RED LION, St Mary's Road, Ealing

Deadline for the October edition, 9<sup>th</sup> September. Material for November to arrive by 9<sup>th</sup> October.

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

# Champion Beer of Britain

For those of you who haven't already seen the results of this year's competition, here they are in full. Congratulations to Coniston Brewery for their excellent result and to Mordue Brewery who, following last year's success with Workie Ticket, have made second place this year. Not bad for such a tiny brewery.

OVERALL CHAMPION:

CONISTON BLUEBIRD BITTER

Second: Mordue Radgie Gadgie
Third: Moorhouse's Black Cat Mild

MILDS

Gold: Moorhouse's Black Cat Mild Silver: Elgood's Black Dog Mild Bronze: Harveys Sussex XX Mild Ale

BITTERS

Gold: Coniston Bluebird Bitter

Silver: Oakham JHB

Bronze: Itchen Valley Godfathers

Bronze: Dent Aviator BEST BITTERS

Gold: RCH Pitchfork
Silver: Adnams Extra
Bronze: Taylor Landlord
Bronze: Fuller's London Pride

STRONG BITTERS

Gold: Mordue Radgie Gadgie Silver: Dent Kamikaze Bronze: Cheriton Diggers Gold

SPECIALITY BEERS

Gold: Freeminer Shakemantle Ginger Ale

Silver: Dark Horse Fallen Angel Bronze: Daleside Morocco Ale

# FREDDY GOESTO WALLINGTON

Following the success of Croydon and Sutton's festival last year at Wallington, Colin the Crow has flown South for a well-earned rest. He will be replaced this year by Freddy the Fuggle. Freddy will be appearing on the glasses at Wallington Hall from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of October and the more people that come to see him and drink his beer the hoppier he will be!

Freddy the Fuggle will also be available as a limited edition soft toy, but be warned they are likely to be popular and you'll be hopping mad if you miss him.

A special beer is being brewed for the festival to be called Freddy's Favourite IPA.

Members who would like to work at the festival should contact the staffing officer, Phil Burt on 0181 239 0801.

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# **Opinions**

#### **BEER OF THE SEASON?**

Summer ales seem to be a popular theme for breweries this year, judging by recent experience. Everywhere I go, there seems to be a summer special of some sort on the bar.

Seasonal beers are nothing new, of course, and they are in a sense a natural response to the problems faced by real ale in the hot summers of recent years. Part of the success of bland (but consistent) beers like Caffrey's must have come from people who just wanted something cool and moderately drinkable, at a time when many pubs were, regrettably, turning out the real stuff in anything but ideal condition. So it seems sensible to produce a light beer, served cooler than normal, for the summer.

But, do these beers reach up to the mark? I have often found summer ales to be disappointing to say the least. Recent samples of both Young's First Gold and Wetherspoons Sundance (brewed by Marstons) bear this outnice and refreshing to start with, especially for the severely thirsty, but ultimately a bit short of body and taste. Given that Sundance seems to have replaced Summer Lightning in some Wetherspoons, I can't say it's much of an improvement.

Greene King have Beer Watch, complete with pump clip featuring a rather weedy old geezer on the beach. From enquiries in the Brockley Jack, SE4, it's getting mixed reviews from the regulars, but I gave it a try anyway. Not bad at all, and better than I expected. But the Abbot Ale was still selling faster.

There are some notably good beers around, though. One beer - which I've had before and not been over-impressed with - is Fuller's Summer Ale, but after trying it again in the Star in Belgravia, it's time for a re-think. On this occasion, it was just right - refreshing and full of flavour. Have they improved the recipe, or is this an exception? Whatever, it does prove that the style can produce some excellent beers when the brewery and the pub get it right.

Shepherd Neame Goldings is one I came across for the first time in the Ashburnham Arms, Greenwich - in excellent condition of course, as is to be expected in a pub that has been the best in Greenwich for years. It's darker than the beers mentioned above, and a tasty

addition to the range, which is very drinkable regardless of the weather.

And, of course, it might just come down to the weather. Is it the beer that's not up to it, or is it the summer? Most of these beers would be fine sitting in a beer garden in the blazing sun, but are perhaps not so good having staggered in to the pub from the latest downpour (I'm drying off as I write this!). Doubtless, sod's law says that everyone will be basking in glorious sunshine by the time this is read, but the fact remains that after years of heatwaves which have created a market for the summer specials, this year has served to remind us why the beer never used to be served so cold. I only hope the nitrokeg drinkers remember to switch back to the real stuff.

All in all, you can't blame the breweries for trying, and they have generally turned out some reasonable ales - some not brilliant, but not poor either. It would be nice if someone could think up another idea though; apart from the Shepherd Neame, everyone seems to have gone for much the same style. Can anyone suggest any alternatives?

Dave Lee



# Beer Festivals

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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, SEI Horniman at Hays, Hays Galleria, Tooley Street, SE1 Old Thameside Inn, Pickfords Wharf, Clink Street, SE1 Southwark Tavern, 22 Southwark Street, SEI



# —Forthcoming Festivals—

9-12 Sept 12<sup>111</sup> CHAPPEL

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#### SOUTH WEST LONDON BRANCH CRICKET

The first Sunday in July saw the Branch at Wargrave CC. Perhaps the nearby Henley Regatta proved too much of a rival attraction as only eight SWL players turned up (although two regulars were out due to injury). The hosts entered into the spirit of the game and provided two players in a timed ten-a-side match. Wargrave won the toss and elected to bat, scoring 182 for 4 declared off 32.2 overs. D. Ronchetti top scored with 67 with A. Auld making 55 not out. Brian Sheridan was the best of the bowlers with two wickets for 25 runs off 7 overs.

CAMRA lost their first three wickets for 34 runs. A fourth wicket partnership of 53 between top scorer Simon Stokes, 55, and Leo Maxim kept the visitors up with the pace. However after Maxim was out CAMRA steadily lost wickets and fell below the asking rate, although it was only with the last pair at the wicket they shut up shop, losing the last wicket in the penultimate over of the compulsory 20 overs in the last hour, and finishing on 132 for 9 all out off 36.1 overs. S. Fender was the best of the bowlers with 4.1-0-19-3, although he did bowl 5 of the 13 wides conceded by the hosts.

Two weeks later the branch were in Leicestershire for the return game against the Loughborough Branch, at Derby Road, Loughborough, in a 30 over ten-a-side match. SWL batted first and took advantage of the short boundaries. The second wicket produced 160 runs in an hour before Derek Kan retired on 100, made in only 79 minutes, scoring 16 fours and two sixes. Simon Stokes continued to eventually retire on 102 scored in 77 minutes, having hit 12 fours and four sixes. SWL finished on 246 for five wickets. The hosts matched the visitors scoring rate over the first 12 overs but after that dropped behind losing wickets steadily and finishing on 125 for 9 all out off 29.1 overs. P. Holmes and D. Holmes, both with 21, top scored. Alan Millington took four wickets for 33 runs off 6.1 overs.

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

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## -Beer Festivals-

#### 12TH CHAPPEL BEER FESTIVAL

once again the Essex Branches of CAMRA are getting together with the East Anglian Railway Museum to hold their regular All Essex Beer Festival at the EARM headquarters at Chappel and Wakes Colne Station (near Colchester) from Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th September, opening from 11.00am to 4.00pm and 5.00pm to 11.00pm each day. Over 200 beers will be available in two main bars situated in the former Goods Shed and the Restoration Shed. In addition a railway vehicle will form the "Shunters Arms Bar" and a restored coach will be used as a lounge bar. There will also be a foreign beer bar run by Rob Walster of the Prince of Wales, Stow Maries, Essex

Entry costs £1.50 for lunchtime sessions while evening sessions cost £1.50 (Wed), £2.50 (Thu), £3.50 (Fri) or £2.00 (Sat). The entry charge includes entry to the railway exhibits during daylight hours and CAMRA members and Friends of the East Anglian Railway Museum are admitted free at all times on production of their current membership cards.

Chappel is located on the "Lovejoy Line" ("Great Eastern's" Marks Tey to Sudbury branch). It has a roughly hourly service and is off the Liverpool Street to Colchester main line (Change at Marks Tey). We hope that an additional train will run from Chappel to Marks Tey and Colchester at around 11.00pm from Wednesday to Saturday. This train should give a connection back to Liverpool Street from Wednesday to Friday but NOT Saturday.

Coaches and minibuses are welcome and big discounts are available to pre-booked parties of non-members (bookings to the museum on 01206 242524). If you are coming by road Chappel & Wakes Colne Station is just off the A604 near the viaduct and parking is free. For parking purposes would all coach party organisers please advise the museum which session they are attending and their approximate expected arrival time.

For CAMRA and EARM members there will be a "Members & Friends" session between 7.00 and 11.00pm on Tuesday 8th September. Limited free camping is available but priority will be given to beerex staff. Extra staff are required again this year; if you would like to work please contact Graham Platt on 0181-220 0215 (H).



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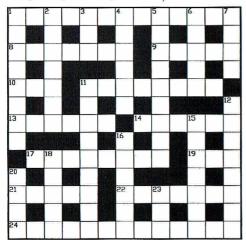
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#### Compiled by DAVE QUINTON,



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#### ACROSS

- 1. Practises snooker at the station. [13]
- 8. For a second time the quick way is opposed. [7]
- 9. Echo system going backwards and forwards. [5]
- 10. Look into money exchanges. [3]
- 11. He may have a mind to take pictures. [8]
- 13. It's a fine line entering initial diagnosis after heart attack. [6]
- 14. Try to get plenty to follow point. [6]
- 17. Do it and get lost. [8]
- 19. It's bound to be inside the patient. [3]
- 21. Walk better without head or tail. [5]
- 22. Simon; knight and holy man? [7]
- 24. It's essential but can't be obtained from the chemist. [13]

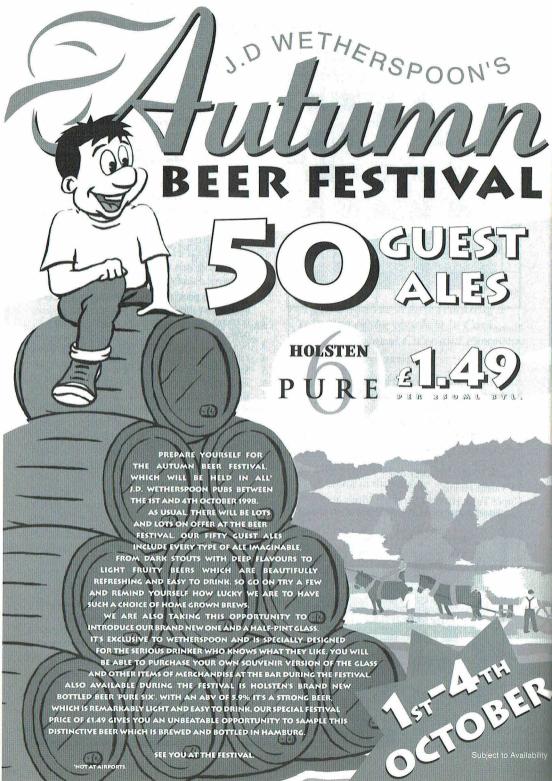
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- 1. Attempt to pack a piece of clothing. It's nothing like the real thing! [8]
- 2. A friend goes to ancient city without getting paid. [7]
- 3. Not one, I hear, in holy orders. [3]
- 4. I stop a different way of talking. [6]
- 5. Stop crazy miner breaking into gallery. [9]
- 6. Another country to help Ulster revolution. [5]
- 7. Bloody go to the track! [4]
- 11. Write first newspaper articles about instruments. [9]
- 12. Tries again to get the energy to practise. [8]
- 15. Party under way at the science centre. [4,3]
- 16. Let off after club fight. [6]
- 18. Went down only to be returned to bed. [5]
- 20. Payment I make for vehicle. [4]
- 23. Mistress Quickly? [3]

Winner of the prize for the July Crossword: M.J.Moran, London SW12.

Other correct entries were received from: Tony Alpe, Pat Andrews (without Den), Ben Alf & Trevor (not forgetting Cato), John Blundell, Alan Brooke, Ben Burfutt, Andy Camroux, Brendan Casey, A.P.Comaish, Charles Creasey, Mike Farrelly, Brian Fletcher, Gobbles the Dog, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, Jez Haigh, John Heath, Graham Hill, G.R. Hopkinson, Pete Large, Terry Lavell, Dylan Mason, Al Mountain, Terry Neill, Rab Noolas, Mick Norman, Stuart Osgood, Rod Prince, Derek Pryce, Lucy Reeve & David Woodward, Geoff S, Super Scooper, Bryan Smith & Isa, Bill Thackray, Troglodyte, Fred Vere, Terry Watkins, M. Weedon, Susan Wilson, Terry Wookey, Yak, Peter Yarlett, Yorkshire Rose.

There were also 2 incorrect entries.



# **Feature**

#### **DESERT ISLAND BEERS**

Once again a reader has written in with his eight desert island beers. This time it is Nigel Hill who lives in Surbiton and is a member of the Kingston & Leatherhead Branch of CAMRA.

1. YOUNG'S: Bitter (Ordinary) (3.7%)

How it all started. When it's on tip-top form, it's outstanding. That hoppy aroma, the explosive citrus zest on the tongue, and the malty aftertaste combine to give you one of the truly great beers. Best drunk in a Young's tied house.

2. FULLER'S: London Pride (4.1%)

A very close second. Now a national beer, with no discernible drop in quality. Wonderful malt and hops combination. Similar to the Young's in that a pub on the Fullers estate needs to be located to find it in its best condition.

3. DONNINGTON: BB (3.6%)

Practically impossible to find outside its home patch, this Cotswold bitter is well worth the journey west. Immensely refreshing pint, more often than not supped in picture-book surroundings. We must ensure this family brewery never goes the way of Morrells.

4. BRAKSPEAR: Special Bitter (4.3%)

First encountered in the garden of the Belgian Arms, at Holyport. Idyllic, quintessential English setting; warm summer's day, gentle breeze, duck pond, willow tree, cricket on the village green, the buzz of quiet conversation, and a whole host of flavours packed into a pint glass.

5. BLACK SHEEP: Special Bitter (4.4%)

This wonderfully crisp, sharp and full flavoured beer was my reward for a days walking in the North Yorkshire national park. The sharpness and bitter flavour was matched by the humour of the guvnor and the locals!

6. BUTCOMBE: Bitter (4.0%)

Until recently, regularly sampled in the Glasshouse, a tiny free house at Mayhill hamlet, in rural Gloucestershire. An excellent session beer, kept to perfection by the landlord who, alas, has retired. The pub has now been 'modernised' and seems to be more interested in

selling food. Another one bites the dust.

7. YOUNG'S: Winter Warmer (5.0%)

Seems to taste at its best when the temperature outside is in single figures, the wind is howling, rain is coming down in sheets and one is tucked away in a corner of a cosy bar. Guaranteed to keep the cold out, and ensure a long night's sleep!

8. CHALK HILL: Flintknappers Mild (5%)

"Mild it is, Mild it ain't", announces the pump clip. A product of the Coach and Horses brew pub in Norwich, this is for all those who think mild is a throwback to the days when you drank it if you could not afford the bitter. A devastating blend of complex fruit and burnt malt flavours, it finishes you off with a rosy glow as you drain the glass.

Same again, please!

## THE PRINCESS ROYAL



The Princess Royal in West Croydon has been voted Croydon Pub of the Year by the Croydon and Sutton Branch of CAMRA.

John Challice, pictured right with Branch Chairman Graham Stone, has just celebrated his sixth anniversary as landlord of the pub. He offers the full Greene King range of beers - the Mild is always on - and all of the seasonal beers.

#### **UPDATE 138**

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

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

This Month we report no less than 15 brand new pubs or bars all over the Capital. These include a record six from Wetherspoon's; three from the independent "Slug & Lettuce" chain; two from Bass (All Bar One/It's a Scream) and one each from Firkin (non-brewing), Surrey Free Inns (Litten Tree), Yates's (Blob Shop) and Scottish & Newcastle (Rat & Parrot), the latter surprisingly bereft of real ale. As reported last month, ten Wetherspoon pubs have been sold to the new Ambishus Pub Co, details below, and these are more widespread throughout London than previously believed. Brim measure glasses have been quickly reintroduced and beer choice is limited to national and regional brewers' products. More closures are reported throughout London, including one ex-Wetherspoon sold off in 1992 very close to one of their latest disposals.

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 REALALE CENTRAL

EC4, SLUG & LETTUCE, 25 Bucklersbury. Adnams: Bitter. Fuller: London Pride. Marston: Pedigree. New outlet for the newly independent chain floated off from Grosvenor Inns in former bank premises under office block, opened in December 1997. Large windows reveal spacious and airy ground floor bar with staircase to upper balcony bar. The usual de rigeur pine flooring and furniture, cream and purple decor and abstract paintings on walls. Food, disabled WC. Open 11.30-10 Mon, 11.30-11 Thurs-Fri, closed weekends.

W1 (May), SLUG & LETTUCE, 20 Hanover St. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Another new outlet for the former Grosvenor Inns chain opened in mid July 1998 in former commercial premises. The usual format with light pine furniture and flooring, cream and blue painted walls with abstract paintings. Emphasis on food and wine. Stairs lead to upstairs bar with sofas. Background music, disabled WC. Open all

permitted hours.

WC1, ALL BAR ONE, 108 New Oxford St. Draught Bass. Worthington: Best Bitter. New outlet for Bass chain, opened early August in former shop premises. The predictable format with pine furniture, pew chairs and polished pinewood flooring and tiled areas. Cream and green decor, exposed ventilation, fans, clock, board games available, food displayed on blackboard but no 'track' to kitchen! Stairs lead to upstairs seating/eating area. Open 11.30-11 Mon-Sat, 12-10.30 Sun.

#### EAST

E1, HALF MOON, 213-223 Mile End Rd. Courage: Directors Bitter (£1.64). Marston: Sundance (£1.75). Shepherd Neame: Spitfire (£1.30). Guest beers. Weston: 1st Quality Cider. Wetherspoon Free House opened late July and created from a former Welsh Calvinistic Methodist chapel dating from 1900 and adjoining building latterly, since 1979, used by the Half Moon Theatre. Red iron gates lead through a tiled porch and glass double doors into the main 'Chapel Bar', a large, square, high ceilinged space with roof lighting and tiled floors and seating alcoves. Old photos and local history

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panels decorate the walls including a profile of music hall performers from the Stepney area. A covered passageway to the right of the bar leads through to the rear 'Florian Bar' formerly the theatre proper, decorated in modern style with high ceiling and large glass panelled wall looking out onto courtyard with outside seating. Food, disabled WC, full pints. Open all permitted hours. **E14, ENTERPRISE**, 145 Three Colts St. Courage: Directors Bitter. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Reopened 1995 but not previously reported. (E144)

E14, SLUG & LETTUCE, Mackenzie Walk, 30 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. Another new outlet for the former Grosvenor Inns chain at ground floor under office block just off the dockside. Opened in February 1998. Wide frontage with several glass door entrances leading into cream and orange painted spacious interior. Caters mainly for young suits with mobile phones. Food, recorded music, disabled WC. Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri, 11-3 Sat, closed Sat evenings and all day Sunday.

E14, SPINNAKER, 19 Harbour Exchange Square. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Seasonal beers. Reopened in April 1998 after repair of bomb damage. Note correct address. Opens 11-11 Mon-Fri, closed weekends. (E148, U119)

NORTH

N17, BANK, 793-795 High Rd. No real ale. Bar and grill in former bank premises. N17, GILPINS BELL, 50-54 Fore St, Upper Edmonton. Courage: Directors Bitter (£1.54). Marston: Sundance (£1.65). Ridley: IPA (£1.49). Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. Theakston: Best Bitter. 2 Guest beers. Very large new Wetherspoon Free House in former tyre and exhaust centre, originally a furniture store, opened July. The pub is divided into several distinctive areas with, to the right, a large 'hall', wood panelled high ceilinged main bar, a more intimate middle section with no smoking area, dusty books and a fireplace, a side zone with more seating and eating areas extending around to the rear. Wood panelling, carpeted and tiled areas and bare bricks. French windows at the rear open onto a paved patio with a car park beyond. The main 'hall' features a representation of a bell behind the bar, and portraits of William and his

son Robert Cecil, 16th century landowners from

Edmonton and English statesmen respectively during the reign of James I and Queen Elizabeth I. The pub is named after an 18<sup>th</sup> century ballad about John Gilpin of Edmonton whose horse bolted on his way to meet his wife and family at the Bell Inn which stood nearby. Food, disabled WC. Open all permitted hours.

#### NORTH WEST

NW1, GOOD MIXER, 30 Inverness St.

Marston: Pedigree. (N167)
SOUTH EAST

SE10, AUCTIONEER, 217 Greenwich High Rd. Draught Bass. Latest opening for Bass's unpleasant 'It's a Scream' chain in former auction rooms opened late July. A large open plan ground floor bar with the inevitable pine flooring and furniture raised seating areas, exposed ventilation, exposed brickwork and french windows to street. A preponderance of flickering video screens and loud music. Stairs lead to upstairs bar bereft of real ale but with video games, pool table etc. Open all permitted hours. SE12, EDMUND HALLEY, 25-27 Leegate, Lee Green. Courage: Directors Bitter. Hop Back: Summer Lightning. Marston: Sundance. Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. Theakston: Best Bitter. 2 Guest beers. Weston: 1st Quality Cider. Yet another new Wetherspoon Free House, opened the very end of July in former shop unit at corner of shopping mall. Raised seating, no

smoking area to side. French windows on to mall. Wood panelled and yellow painted walls adorned

with local history panels, old photos etc. Edmund

Halley was the Astronomer Royal and published

return of the comet named after him in 1758, he is buried locally in St Margaret's churchyard.

research on comets, correctly predicting the

Food, disabled WC, open all permitted hours. **SE26, PUKKABAR,** 42 Sydenham Rd. No Real Ale. Bar with curry restaurant at rear in former shop unit.

SE27, THURLOW ARMS, 551 Norwood Rd. Renamed G.E. ALDWINKLES. Badger: Tanglefoot. Courage: Best Bitter. Hancock: HB. Young: Bitter. Former Allied pub acquired, reopened and refurbished as a Regent Inns Free House. Light and airy decor. Food. Jazz Sunday evenings. (SE229, U121)

BEXLEYHEATH, RAT & PARROT, 167 Broadway. No Real Ale. New Scottish & Newcastle pub opened in December 1997 in former supermarket, possibly originally a cinema. Imaginatively converted but how much more appealing it would have been in

# WHATEVER YOU DO,





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Wetherspoon hands. The ranks of keg dispensers look incongruous in such a splendid setting.

#### **SOUTH WEST**

SW1 (W), LITTEN TREE, 17 Artillery Row. Courage: Directors Bitter. Wadworth: 6X. New 'Surrey Free Inns' Free House opened July in former shop premises. Large spacious bar with several separate drinking areas and raised areas for dining, one of which is no smoking. Generally comfortable, carpeted with plenty of seating, some stained glass features and dusty books. Large screen TV for MTV and sport, plus regular TVs. Emphasis on music, loud in evenings and 'events' eg. karaoke, ladies night, party night, etc. Air conditioned. Food. Open 11-11.45 (special licence with doorman present) Mon-Sat, 12-10.30 Sun.

SW9, FLOURMILL & FIRKIN, 442-444
Brixton Rd. Firkin: Windy Miller (3.5%), Flour
Mill Ale (4.3%), Dogbolter (5.6%). Addlestone:
Cider. Latest non-brewing Firkin opened in
August in former shop premises. Decorated in
typical style with bare floors, dark wood
panelling, cream painted walls, pews, barrel
tables, chandeliers etc. Mill related signs, photos
and drawings adorn the walls reflecting the
famous Brixton windmill after which the pub is
named. Live music Thursday evenings, jazz
Sunday evenings. Food 12-8 including table
service 12-3, 6-8. Disabled WC. Open all
permitted hours.

SW11, ASPARAGUS, 1-13 Falcon Rd. Courage: Directors Bitter. Marston: Pedigree. Theakston: Best Bitter. 2 Guest beers (£1.75). Another Wetherspoon Free House opened late July in shop units under offices. Coloured glass decorative doors and french windows predominate externally. One large open plan bar is divided up into separate seating/eating areas and no smoking sections at either end, cream and green decor, carpets and tiled areas. A patio for al fresco eating/drinking has been created at the side. Local history panels highlight famous people with local connections etc. Much of Battersea was covered in market gardens in the 19th century and the pub is named after the asparagus crop which was sold in 'Battersea Bundles'. Food, disabled WC. Open all permitted hours.

#### WEST

W12, BLOB SHOP, 45A Goldhawk Rd.

Boddington: Bitter. John Smith: Bitter. The first of a national chain owned by Yates Wine Lodges to hit London opened in October 1997. It claims to be a 'unique and original bar, exactly like nothing else'. In fact it is a sort of down market Yates's created out of a hall approached down a passageway which latterly was apparently a restaurant but previously has had a variety of uses including bingo. It is a large barn of a pub with bare floorboards, loud and cheap juke box, large screen TV, some raised seating area, hanging lamps, miscellaneous old photos etc. Blob refers to the warm red wine toddy made famous by Yates's. Food. Open all permitted hours.

#### PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REALALE

#### CENTRAL

W1 (F), BLUE POSTS. Bass, demolished. (W28, U91)

W1 (Mar), TURNERS ARMS. Shepherd Neame, closed, future uncertain, board advertises to let as shop unit. (W36, U44, U74, U98) W1 (S), WHITE HORSE, 45 Rupert St.

Acquired by Sam Smith from Allied (ex Taylor Walker), H removed. Yet another real ale pub falls to the curse of Sam Smith and the dreaded nitrokeg. (W44, U41)

#### **EAST**

**BARKING, BARGE AGROUND.** Scottish & Newcastle, H unused. (X12, U74, U85, U106, U117, U135, U136)

**BARKING, BULL.** Bass (East London Pub Co). H unused. (X12, U118, U136)

BARKING, CHAINS (WINE BAR). Free House. Now operates as CHAINS night club. Formerly CHAINS-A-GAIN. (X12, U83)

CHADWELL HEATH, BIG HAND MO'S. Scottish & Newcastle, H removed. Formerly CHADWELL ARMS. (X26, U106, U119) ILFORD, O'NEILL'S. Bass, H removed. Formerly ANGEL. (X63, U72, U122)

#### NORTH

N15, K K McCOOLS. Pubmaster, H unused. (N124)

N15, SILVER LADY. Allied (ex Taylor Walker), closed, future uncertain. (N125)

**N22, POACHERS.** Greenalls, closed, boarded up, future uncertain. (N156)

NORTH WEST

NW1, LOCOMOTIVE. Renamed BLAKES, now a bar/restaurant. H removed.. (N169) NW1, VICTORY, 41 Clarence Way. Grand Met

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(ex Watney), closed and converted to catering company's premises. (N177)

#### SOUTH EAST

**SE8, GLOBE.** Grand Met (ex Watney), ground floor now converted to Indian restaurant, upper floor converted to Christian place of worship. (SE79, U125)

SE8, WINDSOR CASTLE. Belhaven, now converted to 'youth enterprise and employment centre'. (SE82)

**SE10, GREENWICH INN.** Free House, closed, future uncertain. (SE95)

**SE10, NORTH POLE.** Now possibly Free ex Whitbread, with a bar downstairs and restaurant upstairs. H removed. (SE99)

**SE12, GROVE PARK TAVERN.** Whitbread, demolished. Site being developed for housing. (SE113, U102)

SE13, ANCHOR. Free (Labatts). H removed. (SE118, U102)

SE13, MID KENT TAVERN. Bass, now demolished to make way for Docklands Light Railway Extension station. (SE121, U120)

BROMLEY COMMON, BRICKLAYERS ARMS. Shepherd Neame, closed, future uncertain. (3SE221)

**CROYDON, STAR,** 296 London Rd. Grand Met (ex Courage), closed, future uncertain. (3SE250, U98)

CROYDON, KINGS CELLARS. Whitbread, closed, future uncertain. Formerly KAISER BILL'S BEER KELLER & ALE HOUSE and before that GOODYS. (3SE243, U55, U82, U98) SOUTH WEST

SW1 (B), HORSE & GROOM, 1 Kinnerton St. Renamed MUSE now a bar/café, Scottish & Newcastle, H removed. (SW38)

SW1 (P), SUSSEX ARMS. Inntrepreneur, closed future uncertain. (SW44, U137)

**SW8, PAVILION.** Inntrepreneur, H unused. (SW79)

SW14, MARKET GARDENER. Inntrepreneur, closed, future uncertain. (SW98)

**SW14, QUEENS ARMS.** Free House, closed, future uncertain. (SW98)

**SW18, FORESTER.** Phoenix, now converted to flats. (SW111, U132)

SW18, GROSVENOR ARMS. Inntrepreneur, H removed. (SW113)

SW18, JOLLY GARDENERS. Inntrepreneur, H unused. (SW113)

#### WEST

W12, NEW TELEGRAPH TAVERN. Free House, closed, boarded up. (W91, U46, U95) HOUNSLOW, HUSSAR. Free House, H removed. (W126, U56, U75, U91, U99)

#### OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

#### CENTRAL

WC1, OLD CROWN. -Beers listed. +Draught Bass. Now a café bar. (W74, U81, N26)

EAST

E1, BROWN BEAR. -Beers listed. +Marston: Pedigree. +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. +Wadworth: 6X. +Guest beer. Now part of Allied's Nicholson chain. (E62)

E1, CLUTTERBUCKS. Reverted to WHITE HART. (E95, U92)

E14, FIVE BELLS & BLADEBONE. Should read FIVE BELLS & BLADE BONE. (E145) E14, TOLLESBURY BARGE. +Harvey: Best Bitter (G). (alternates with Adnams: Bitter already reported) (U119)

E17, COLLEGE ARMS. -Beers listed except Greene King Abbot. +Adnams: Bitter. +4 Guest beers from large and small breweries. Now Greenalls owned inherited from Inn Leisure. (E166, U70)

#### NORTH

**N8, ELBOW ROOM.** Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. (N93)

N15, GOAT, -beers listed. +Wadworth: 6X. Lots of unused handpumps. (N124)

N15, JJ MOONS, -Beers listed. +Tetley: Bitter (not always available) (N124)

N17, CLUTTERBUCKS ALE HOUSE, 803/805 High Rd. Reverted to BRICKLAYERS ARMS. -Beers listed except Clutterbucks.

+Webster; Yorkshire Bitter. Note full address. (N133)

N17, ELBOW ROOM. Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. (N134)

N17, GILDED CAGE. Renamed FAMILY TREE, still fizz. (N134, U109)

N17, NEW MOON. -Beers listed except Greene King: IPA. +Greene King: Abbot. +Bass: Toby Cask. Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon (N135)

N19, DOG. Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. (N143)

#### NORTH WEST

NW1, HARVEY FLOORBANGERS. Reverted to BUCKS HEAD, -Beers listed except Courage:

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Best Bitter. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Greene King: Abbot Ale. Now badged as an 'ale bar'. (N162, U107, U109)

NW1, SPORT DOME. Renamed O'BAR (CAMDEN), still fizz, formerly ROYALES. (N174, U132)

#### NW9, WHITE LION OF MORTIMER.

Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. Omitted in error from N guide. (U109)

EDGWARE, HA8, BLACKING BOTTLE.

Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. (N255)

#### **SOUTH EAST**

SE10, MORDEN ARMS. - Courage: Best Bitter. +Shepherd Neame: Bitter, Best Bitter, Spitfire. Now a Free House with support from Shepherd Neame, ex Grand Met (Courage). (SE98)
SE12, DUKE OF EDINBURGH. -Beers listed. +Shepherd Neame: Bitter. (SE113, U102)
SE23, BIRD IN HAND. -Beers listed. +Bass: Toby Cask. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. +Guest beer (currently Courage: Best Bitter). Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. (SE204, U102)

#### **SOUTH WEST**

SW5, EARLS. Reverted to (almost) original name, RICHMOND. No real ale. Free House. Acquired by Bass and branded as part of 'It's a Scream' chain. (SW62)

**SW18, SAILOR PRINCE.** +Tolly Cobbold: Original Best Bitter. (SW114)

SW18, SPOTTED DOG. -Beers listed except Courage: Directors Bitter. +Bass: Toby Cask. +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. +Guest beer (currently Courage: Best Bitter). Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. (SW114) SURBITON, DENBY DALE. Renamed SURBITON FLYER, beer range unchanged. (SW161)

#### WEST

W4, JJ MOONS. Renamed ECLIPSE. -Beers listed. +Bass: Toby Cask. +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Beer range may increase. Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. (U79) W6, CARPENTERS ARMS. Renamed LE ST PIERRE. -Beers listed except Fuller: London Pride. Now Free House, ex Grand Met (Watney). Revamped as a bar/restaurant. (W74, U55, U84, U89)

W12, MOON ON THE GREEN. -Beers listed

except Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. +Bass; Toby Cask. +Courage: Directors Bitter. +Guest beer (Currently Jennings: Bitter). Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co from Wetherspoon. (U58, U71)

HANWORTH, SWAN. -Beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter. +Boddington: Bitter. Refurbished by new owners Wizard Inns ex Grand Met (Watney) (W108, U101)

#### **CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 137**

#### NEW & REOPENED PUBS ETC.

**N1, KINGS ARMS.** Address is 264 Liverpool Rd. Was Phoenix not Whitbread.

**W2, PRIDE OF THE CANAL.** Already reported closed.

W9, ROYAL GEORGE. Now a Free House. OTHER CHANGES ETC.

W1 (F), VALIANT TROOPER. Should read +Theakston: XB

WC2, LAMB & FLAG. Now a Free House.

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# Idle Moments

So here we go again. August has come and gone and we are in the final/run up to the first Twickenham Beer Festival - so not many idle moments for yours truly! So I shall get on without further delay, pausing only to bring you another quotation that you might find amusing, this time from Frank Zappa:

"Rock journalism is people who can't write interviewing people who can't talk for people who can't read."

Now, let's get on with the answers to last month's number puzzles:

- 1. 14 West Postal Districts in London
- 2 Pounds is the Value of the Newest British Coin
- 3. 30 Year Rule
- 4. 3 Times a Lady (by the Commodores)
- 5. 117 Miles from London to Birmingham
- 1 London Borough Crosses the River Thames (Richmond)
- 7. 90 Degrees in a Quadrant
- 8. 2 Weeks in a Fortnight
- 9. 180 Degrees West (or East) is Half Way Round the World
- 10. 3 Goals Scored by France Against Brazil in the World Cup Final

And now we'll have this month's to try (still managing to find new ones):

- 1. 70 is "TS and T"
- 2. 6996 TRS by DB
- 3. 1 NOH by BH
- 4. 160 S in a T
- 5. 99 I with a CF
- 6. 4 X was BOA
- 7. 6 is the AN of C
- 8. 69 is SN in F
- 9. 300,000 P was the FP in the OGC in 1998
- 10.9 C of QV

Now I think we shall try some brewery anagrams, just by way of no change at all. To warm up with, we shall have last month's answers first though.:

- MR. RAVEN SPOTS AD DAVENPORTS ARMS
- 2. THEY GROW TIN TEIGNWORTHY
- 3. RAM IN CAB CAMRIAN
- 4. NEAT STRIPES SAINT PETERS
- 5. JOLT PH HOSE JOSEPH HOLT

And here are this month's to try:

- GRIND THESE
- 2. DARING SHEP
- 3. LONE GIN RAID
- 4. BORN TOUGH
- 5. PLOVER OIL

You should find this month's 5BY4 dead easy, so I don't want you rushing off to your Good Beer Guide to cheat. Besides, there's no point as the answers are given at the end anyway. I've subtitled it the Old'uns and all you have to do is link all the beers in the first list which begin "Old..." with the breweries that produce them in the second:

- 1. Old Lubrication
- 2. Old Man Ale
- 3. Old Tosspot
- Old Knucker
- 5. Old Baily
- 6. Old Fart
- 7. Old Cock Up Mild
- 8. Old Tom
- 9. Old Ric
- 10. Old Ebenezer
- 1. Robinson's
- 2 Oakham
- 3. Mansfield
- 4. Arundel
- 5. Daleside
- 6. Uley
- 7. Merrimans
- 8. Coniston
- 9. Leyland
- 10. Butterknowle

And the last bit is Trivia Time. If you've forgotten what last month's questions were, why not try guessing what they were from the answers:

- 1. Hieronymus Bosch
- 2. Neptune
- 3. Clerihews (after his middle name)
- 4. Brentford (at Kew Bridge Steam Museum)
- 5. Benjamin Britten
- 6. Adelaide, South Australia
- 7. Stephen Potter
- 8. Louis Armstrong
- 9. Sir Winston Churchill
- 10. Saint Botolph

And finally, here are this month's questions:

- 1. Complete the following quotation: "If I have seen further, it is by...."
- 2. Where will you find the answer to the last question?



#### **GARRY GOBSHITE'S DIARY**

July/August 1998

The burning questions in my bulging mailbag is "What are you 'Desert Island Beers Garry?" My first thought was simply to say "The beers of Courmayeur", given that the mouth-watering choice available there was already set out for readers in July's "London Drinker". However, I have decided to set out my "Desert Island Beers which no longer exist". So, it's into the time machine:

- Yates & Jackson Bitter: The perfect session bitter. Only around 1036\_ OG but beautifully bitter and dry. Disappeared at the end of the seventies when the fiercely independent Lancaster brewer sold out to the fiercely independent, but bigger, Thwaites of Blackburn.
- 2. Gray's Bitter: Complex with both fruitiness and bitterness, this beer was another late seventies' casualty when the fiercely independent Chelmsford company accepted that the need for more car parking space in the town was a far more noble cause than brewing top quality beer.
- Bass: Magnificent in the 'sixties but allowed to decline slowly thereafter, eventually ceasing to
- 3. Who wrote it? (and if you want to be flash, to whom was he writing?)
- 4. Of where is Andrew Cavendish the eleventh duke, and where does he live?
- 5. Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest musical, "Whistle Down the Wind" opened recently. Who wrote the book on which it is based?
- 6. The White Hart is an extremely common pub name, but which English king had the White Hart as his standard?
- 7. What were the names of the two sister ships of the Titanic?
- 8. What did the American millionaires John Jacob Astor, Benjamin Guggenheim, and Isidor Straus have in common?
- 9. What runs for approximately 40 miles from Balboa to Colon?
- 10. John Bunyan wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress" in 1675. Where was he at the time.

Well, there we are then, just the answers to 5BY4 to go:

1-E, 2-H, 3-B, 4-D, 5-C, 6-G, 7-I, 8-A, 9-F, 10-J. Have fun until next month - and why not have some of it at Twickenham Beer Festival (he said still plugging away like mad).

Cheers! Andy Pirson

- be brewed by the Burton Union system. A joke these days, although one well-known "beer writer" hasn't realised it yet!
- 4. Hancock's HB: Once a nicely balanced "Best Bitter" (in Wales this tends to mean about 1039\_ OG) but once Bass-Charrington took control of the Cardiff based company HB was allowed to degenerate into the "nothing" brew of today. Many experts say that it began to go downhill after yours truly stopped working at Hancock's in 1965.
- 5. Newcastle XPA ("Exhibition"): Believe it or not, this was once a <u>cask</u> beer, until S&N started to change it into tank and keg versions. Because the name was kept, the Geordies stayed loyal to it, presumably without noticing it was becoming rubbish. (The same phenomenon can be observed today with fans of Newcastle United).
- 6. Boddington's Bitter: Characterised by its pale colour and exceptional dryness, this beer was once worth travelling to Manchester to drink. It began to decline in the 1980's, largely because Boddington's were by then paying more attention to quantity than to quality. The fiercely independent Manchester company later sold out to Whitbread's, who found that they had a ready made "national brand" beer on their hands, and did not have to ruin the brew themselves.
- 7. **Higson's Bitter:** The City of Liverpool has a great deal to answer for - Cilla Black, Brookside, Jimmy Tarbuck, ghastly Carla Lane sitcoms (and ghastly Carla Lane), Stan Boardman, the other Boardman who completes one stage of the Tour de France annually, and the Beatles (a bland and highly derivative pop group who achieved fame in the 1960's singing banal George Martin songs). Higson's Bitter went some way towards redressing the balance until the fiercely independent company was taken over by Boddington's (qv). In the late 1980's I recall advertising hoardings in Liverpool proclaiming, "Higson's - brewed in the heart of the city". (They did not mention that the city was Sheffield). Cain's who took over Higson's brewery have done much to fill the gap but the best thing about Liverpool is still the next train out of Lime Street.
- 8. Wethered's IPA: Following Whitbread's conversion of Chiswell Street into a restaurant (parties catered for, special rates for CAMRA fat cats), Wethered's IPA was Whitbread's cask offering to drinkers in London. Although the beer was highly successful and highly respected, Whitbread decided to shut the Marlow brewery where it was produced and substitute an inferior version brewed in Cheltenham (cf. Fremlins,

## Feature

Flowers, etc.). Now, of course, Cheltenham is up for the chop. Plus ça change.

The Editor of LD tells me that he was harangued by a senior person at Young's over my suggestion that only about 20% of Young's pubs sold a consistently good pint of bitter. Apparently the Board (!) were highly displeased, and terms like "damaging our trade" were used. This is an interesting over-reaction and one wonders why. I have been a regular Young's drinker for nearly 30 years and it gives me no pleasure that, in my experience, only a minority of Young's pubs sell a consistently good pint. None of the many Young's drinkers who have remarked on my comment have disagreed, except to say that my estimate of 20% was generous. Instead of striking silly poses, the Board of Young's should take a considered look at the problem and see whether more effective quality control or better cellarmanship might not be in order. That form of approach would be both adult and businesslike, even if it does mean listening to those awful customers.

My postbag contains many letters asking if I know who Gobbles the Dog (a regular successful LD crossword entrant) could be. In fact Gobbles is my own pet Protzenhund, a rare breed of Middle European origin. They are not especially intelligent animals but with patience can be taught simple tricks. Gobbles has learnt to wag his tail on hearing the words "Real Ale" and to snarl and bare his teeth at the command "Lager". Say "Interbrew" and he'll sit up and beg. Cheers, Garry Gobshite

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OUT	.ETS - EAST and SOUTH	SE10	ASHBURNHAM ARMS	WC2	FULMAR & FIRKIN	
	PUBS		RICHARD I	WC2		
EC1	ARTILLERY ARMS	SE13	HOGS HEAD	WC2	HOGS HEAD	
EC1	BISHOPS FINGER	SE13	QUAGGY DUCK	WC2	MARQUESS OF ANGLEY	
EC1	LEOPARD	SE13	WATCH HOUSE	WC2	MOON & SIXPENCE	
ECT	MASQUE HAUNT		BLACKSMITHS ARMS	NI	179 UPPER STREET	
ECT	O'HANLONS	SE18	EDINBURGH CASTLE	NI	COMPTON ARMS	
ECT	PHEASANT & FIRKIN		ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)	NI	EARL OF RADNOR	
EC1	SEKFORDE ARMS		MOON & STARS	NI	MARQUESS TAVERN	
ECT	SHAKESPEARE	SE22	CRYSTAL PALACE	NI	WENLOCK ARMS	
EC1	SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE		TAVERN	N6	OLD GATE HOUSE	
EC3	SWAN		ALLIANCE	N9	LAMB	
EC4	BLACK FRIAR		GOAT HOUSE	NII	BANKERS DRAFT	
EI	LORD RODNEYS HEAD		DULWICH WOOD HOUSE	N12	ELEPHANT	
E2	CAMDENS HEAD		ANG, BARKING DOG	N12	TALLY HO	
E2	CONQUEROR		ANGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP	NI3	WHOLE HOG	
E3	COBORN ARMS		BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR	N16	EBOR ARMS	
E7 E8	OLD SPOTTED DOG		SFIELD, FIVE BELLS	N16 N17	ROCHESTER CASTLE	
E9	PRINCE ARTHUR FALCON & FIRKIN		LEHURST, SYDNEY ARMS, 'DON, BUILDERS ARMS,	N17	ELBOW ROOM NEW MOON	
EH	BIRKBECK TAVERN		DON, BUILDERS ARMS, DON, CRICKETERS ARMS,	N19	DOG	
EH	GEORGE		DON, CRICKETERS ARMS, DON, DOG & BULL,	N21	HALFMOON	
E15	GOLDEN GROVE		DON, GEORGE, CROYDON,	N21	ORANGE TREE	
E17	COLLEGE ARMS		CESS ROYAL, CROYDON,		NET, MOON UNDER WATER	
SEI	ANCHOR & HOPE		L STANDARD,		NET, WHITE LION	
SE1	GOOSE & FIRKIN		DON, SKYLARK		NET, YE OLDE MITRE INN	
SEI	GLOBE		RD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD,		WARE, BLACKING	
SEI	GRAPES		HTON, LAST POST, PURLEY,	BOTT		
SEL	JUBILEE TAVERN	FOXL	EY HATCH, SOUTH	EDGV	WARE, CHANGE OF HART	
SEI	KINGS ARMS	CROY	DON, RAIL VIEW,	ENFI	ELD, MOON UNDER WATER	
SEI	LORD CLYDE	WALI	INGTON, WHISPERING		ELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF	
SE1	MAD HATTER	MOO			LETS - NORTH WEST PUBS	
SEI	MARKET PORTER	CLUI			HEAD OF STEAM	
SEI	PRINCE WILLIAM		HOWERD CLUB		QUINNS	
CIT	HENRY		LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB		SPREAD EAGLE	
SEI SEI	ROYAL OAK	2018	PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB		BEATEN DOCKET DUKE OF HAMILTON	
SEI	SHIP, 68 Borough Road SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS	81:28	BELMARSH PRISON		FLASK TAVERN	
SEI	WHEATSHEAF	31.20	CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE,		THREE HORSESHOES	
SEI	WHITE HART, Cornwall Street		ORPINGTON, JUBILEE		CHEQUERS	
SEL	WINDMILL, 44 Lambeth High		SPORTS BAR		FOOTMAN & FIRKIN	
	Street	OFF	FRADE		GREYHOUND	
SEI	ZANZI BAR	E18	Gales Off Licence, 204 High	NWI	I WHITE SWAN	
SE3	BRITISH OAK		Road, Woodford Green	HARI	ROW, MOON ON THE HILL	
SE3	CROWN	SE3	Bitter Experience, 129 Lee Road		ROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS	
SE3	FAIRWAY & FIRKIN	SE3	Oddbins		TH END, MOON & SIXPENCE	
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SE8	DOG & BELL		THREE CUPS	Lane	-	
SE8	OLD MANOR HOUSE		UNIVERSITY OF ONON	CLU		
SE9	BANKERS DRAFT		YORKSHIRE GREY		HENDON SOCIAL CLUB,	
SE10	ADMIRAL HARDY	WC2	CROWN & ANCHOR	Middl	lesex University Bus. School	

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WEST PUBS	' KINGSTON, KINGS TUN	OFFTRADE
SW1 ANTELOPE	KINGSTON, NEWT & FERRET	W11 Grogblossom
SW1 BARLEY MOW	KINGSTON, PARK TAVERN	CLUBS
SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS	KINGSTON, RAM	W1 Univ. of Westminster S.U. Bar,
SW1 FOX & HOUNDS	KINGSTON, TWO BREWERS	104 Bolsover Street
SW1 MOON ON THE MALL	KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS	OUTSIDE LONDON
SW1 MORPETH ARMS	KINGSTON, WYCH ELM	ADDLESTONE, CRICKETERS
SW1 ORANGE BREWERY	MITCHAM, WHITE LION OF	ASCOT, CRANBOURNE TOWER
SW1 ROYALOAK	MORTIMER	BEDFORD, WELLINGTON
SWI STAR	NEW MALDEN, ROYAL OAK	BRIGHTON, EVENING STAR
SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE	RICHMOND, DUKE OF YORK	CATERHAM ON THE HILL, KING &
SW3 COOPERS ARMS	RICHMOND, DYSARTS	QUEEN
SW3 CROWN	RICHMOND, ORANGE TREE	CHERTSEY, CASTLE
SW3 SURPRISE	RICHMOND, TRIPLE CROWN	CLAYGATE, FOLEY ARMS
SW4 BREAD & ROSES SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND	RICHMOND, WHITE CROSS	COLCHESTER, ODD ONE OUT
SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND SW6 WHITE HORSE	SURBITON, CAP IN HAND SURBITON, CORONATION HALL	CROXLEY GREEN,
SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS	SURBITON, NEW PRINCE	SPORTSMAN
SW8 PRIORY ARMS	SURBITON, NEW FRINCE SURBITON, SURBITON FLYER	DENHAM (Bucks), LAMBERT ARMS
SW8 SURPRISE	SUTTON, FIELDER & FIRKIN	EAST MOLESEY, KINGS ARMS
SW9 BEEHIVE, 407 Brixton Road	SUTTON, NEW TOWN	EGHAM, JOLLY FARMERS
SW9 TRINITY ARMS	WALLINGTON, WHISPERING	EGHAM, PRINCE OF WALES
SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN	MOON	EGHAM, WHITE LION
SWII ASPARAGUS	W1 BEEHIVE, 7 Homer Street	HUNGERFORD, RAILWAY KNEBWORTH (Herts), LYTTON
SW11 BEEHIVE	W1 CLEVELAND ARMS	ARMS
SW11 EAGLE ALEHOUSE, Chatham	W1 MOON & SIXPENCE	KNOWL HILL (Berks), OLD DEVIL
Road	W1 MORTIMER ARMS	LALEHAM, FEATHERS
SWII WALSH'S	W1 PRINCE ALFRED	LEATHERHEAD, PENNY BLACK
SW12 GROVE	WI WINDMILL	LEWES, GARDENERS ARMS
SW12 MOON UNDER WATER	W2 ARCHERY TAVERN	LONG DITTON (Surrey), NEW INN
SW13 COACH & HORSES	W2 ROYAL STANDARD	MANCHESTER, JOLLY ANGLERS
SW13 RED LION	W3 KINGS HEAD	MORTIMER WEST END (Hants), RED
SW13 ROSE OF DENMARK	W5 TJ.DUFFY'S	LION
SW14 HALFWAY HOUSE SW15 GREEN MAN	W5 RED LION W5 ROSE & CROWN	OUTWOOD (Surrey), DOG & DUCK
SW15 GREEN MAIN SW15 RAILWAY	W5 WHEATSHEAF	OXFORD, WHARF HOUSE
SW16 HOGSHEAD	W6 ANDOVER ARMS	POTTERS BAR, CHEQUERS
SW16 PIED BULL	W6 BROOK GREEN HOTEL	READING, HOPLEAF READING, HORSE & JOCKEY
SW17 CASTLE	WIO VILLAGE INN	ROFFEY (Horsham), NORFOLK
SW17 J.J.MOONS	WII FROG & FIRKIN	ARMS
SW18 OLD SERGEANT	W12 CROWN & SCEPTRE	ROTHERWICK (Hants), COACH &
SW18 SPOTTED DOG	W13 DRAYTON COURT	HORSES
SW18 SPREAD EAGLE	W13 THE FORESTER	SALISBURY, WYNDHAM ARMS
SW19 BREWERY TAP	W14 BRITANNIA TAP	STEVENAGE, RED LION
SW19 HAND & RACKET	W14 RADNOR ARMS	SOUTHAMPTON, WATERLOO
SW19 PRINCESS OF WALES	BRENTFORD, MAGPIE & CROWN	ARMS
SW19 PRINCESS ROYAL	CRANFORD, QUEENS HEAD	STOW MARIES (Essex), PRINCE OF
SW19 SULTAN	FELTHAM, MOON ON THE SQUARE	WALES
SW19 TRAFALGAR	HAMPTON, WHITE HART	STRATFIELD SAYE (Hants), NEW
SW19 WIBBAS DOWN INN CARSHALTON, GREYHOUND	HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART	INN SUNNINGDALE BOYAL OAK
CARSHALTON, RAILWAY	HAYES, MOON UNDER WATER	SUNNINGDALE, ROYAL OAK
TAVERN	HAYES END, MOON & SIXPENCE	TILLINGHAM (Essex), CAP & FEATHERS
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KINGSTON, ARTFUL DODGER	TEDDINGTON, HOGARTH	WRAYSBURY, PERSEVERANCE
KINGSTON, CANBURY ARMS	TEDDINGTON, QUEEN DOWAGER	CLUBS
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