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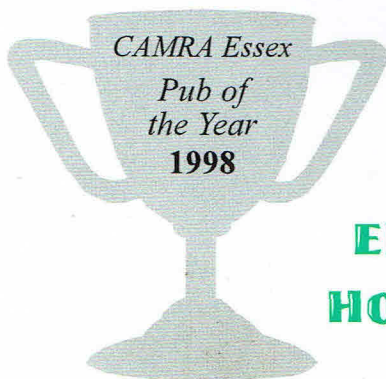
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The front cover of our 1999 Good Beer Guide parades it as the definitive guide to Britain's best 5000 pubs. I hope all pubgoers would agree. As a CAMRA member and volunteer pub inspector for the local branch I commend the Guide as the Campaign's collective recommendations of pubs most likely to serve real ale in consistently good condition, whilst allowing that some pubs may be considered none the worse for serving no real ale at all.

It is indeed a matter of definition, but also a question of custom and practice. After 25 years of Good Beer Guides, CAMRA's message seems to be accepted that good beer means principally real ale. So the best pubs must be real ale pubs? I'm not convinced, but I wouldn't argue.

Where I believe CAMRA is in a much stronger position is in protecting its hard won definition of real ale. We still need to inform and educate fellow drinkers that real means cask conditioned and dispensed without the injection of extraneous gas. We also need to alert and assist enforcement agencies such as Trading Standards Officers and the Advertising Standards Authority in policing any less than innocent misdescriptions. Widespread abolition of the once near-universal "tie" between brewery and pub may be one reason why the beer that is nowadays available to drink inside a pub is often a far cry from what drinkers may reasonably be led to expect from what is advertised outside. Unless its members are vigilant, CAMRA could lose the moral high ground.

One pub still proclaims "Real Ale" in big letters high on the wall above the door; inside, the handpumps have been removed and only carbonated or nitro keg beers are available. Another advertises "Cask Ales" on a plastic notice attached to the outside wall at eye level; none has been available there for three years at least. More specifically, the outside of another displays the painted legend, "Cask Conditioned Ales", but none is served there any more. Such signs may bring customers through the doors under illusions. Some may confuse what is actually available - John Smith's Smooth, Caffrey's or whatever - with a real ale.

Inside the pub it is usually easy to see which real ales, if any, are being served: the clips on the handpumps face the customer. But they have done at one free house at times when no real ale is available at all, despite an enticing array of attractive pump clips. The term "free house" itself creates the impression of a pub where the customer might expect a relatively good choice of beers: ideally it suggests that the publican may without hindrance or contrary inducement supply

whatever beers he likes from whatever source he chooses. Granted, the publican has the choice, but it is surely stretching credibility for a pub to style itself a "Traditional Free House" whilst continuing to serve no real ale at all for the last three years and keeping no fewer than 12 handpumps on the bar purely for show.

Honest, truthful, decent or sincere?

Confusing, certainly, but no more so than some of the vagaries of corporate obfuscation employed quite legally by the national brewers and kindred hotel and leisure investment companies. A pump clip featuring a fat white duck and the words Aylesbury Brewing Company acknowledges that the bitter in question is brewed at Burton. The admirably definitive pages at the back of the Good Beer Guide identify it as a Carlsberg Tetley product. They confirm the many beers that are now brewed by different companies, in different breweries or to different recipes from those which earned them their former reputations, so that the name becomes a con. Have I stumbled in my nocturnal ramblings upon the black art of brand management?

I look forward to learning what the new proprietors of the former Morrells Brewery estate will call their pubs and the beers that Thomas Hardy Brewing Ltd (the former Eldridge Pope

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Adnams at The Bleeding Heart Tavern

Adnams newest outlet in London, The Bleeding Heart Tavern at 19 Greville Street in Holborn, is not exactly new. It first started trading some 200 years ago.

The first record of the Tavern, on the corner of Bleeding Heart Yard and Charles Street, (as Greville Street was then called) is in the 1746 edition of the London Register of Innkeepers and Alehouse Keepers. The licensee is listed as one Roger Hebden, a gentleman with no criminal convictions.

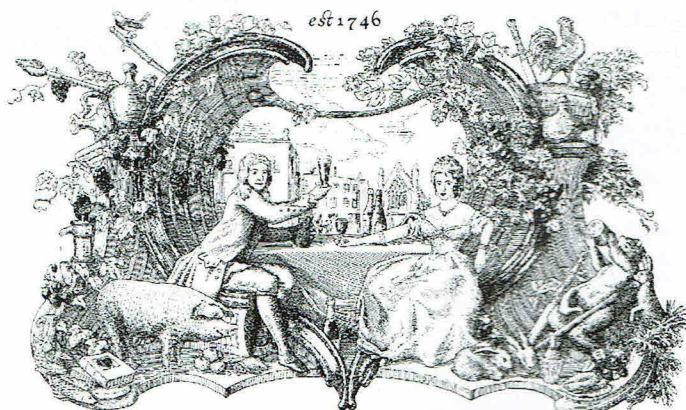
At that time, Charles Street had virtually a tavern on every corner - indeed Holborn boasted one tavern for every five private dwellings. Drunkenness and debauchery were rife, and some taverns boasted their customers could be "drunk for a penny, and dead drunk for twopence". Many Holborn taverns offered a back room with "free straw" where drunken customers were laid out end to end to sleep it off until they were ready to carouse once more.

The Bleeding Heart Tavern continued to trade until 1946. In that year the Tavern relinquished its licence to become The New Windsor Grill cafe, and Charles Street was renamed Greville Street.

In June of this year the New Windsor Grill's lease expired. The freeholder of the building which housed The New Windsor Grill, Robert Wilson, owner of the Bleeding Heart Restaurant and Bistro within Bleeding Heart Yard, decided the time was right to restore the site to its former glory.

"At Bleeding Heart Restaurant we have more than 450 wines on the list but no beer. Restoring the Bleeding Heart Tavern would give us the opportunity to reach a part of the market we had never reached before - ale drinkers", said Wilson. "There was never any question about which beer we would choose - with a weekend place in Suffolk, I've always been an Adnams man".

Wilson has worked closely with Adnams to ensure that the beer is served to his Holborn customers in peak condition from a newly installed state of the art temperature controlled cellar. "Someone once said to us that Adnams didn't travel well - you just have to taste our beer here at the Bleeding Heart Tavern to know that whoever said that must have been a rival brewer!"



The BLEEDING HEART *Tavern*

FLEETWOOD FIRST AT FULLER'S

Fuller's have named the Fleetwood in Wilson Street, London EC2 as the 1998 winner of the coveted *Griffin Trophy*; the brewery's equivalent of a pub of the year and the highest accolade they can bestow on a pub. As well as the trophy the winners, Elton and Sheila Mouna, won a two week New Year safari holiday.

The results were announced "Oscar style" in the boardroom at the Griffin Brewery on 16th November and the trophy and a plaque were presented to the couple by chairman Anthony Fuller and managing director Michael Turner as the photograph shows.

All 200 of Fuller's pubs, both managed and tenanted, are eligible to enter the competition and judging takes place through the year. Factors considered include internal and external appearance of the pub; the quality of the beers and cellar; cuisine; involvement in the local community and the licensees' commitment and enthusiasm. This year 22 pubs were nominated for the first round of judging which involved a visit by five judges from Fuller's head office. The list was reduced to nine before the deciding inspection by the final judges - Michael Turner, marketing director John Roberts and brewing director Reg Drury.

"Choosing the overall winner for the Griffin Trophy is a very difficult decision to make as standards in Fuller's pubs are continually improving," said Michael Turner. "Elton and Sheila have worked extremely hard this year with the Fleetwood, so hard in fact that it was Fuller's busiest pub this year, despite having only 1,200 square feet of bar area and just five trading days each week."

Elton and Sheila Mouna are no strangers to the Griffin Trophy final; they won Best City Pub last



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brewery in Dorchester) will be supplying them, now that neither the Morrell family nor their lovely Oxford brewery seem to be involved. On a less sceptical note, I am heartened by the confidence coming from Wolverhampton and Dudley and from Greene King, as reported in last month's *What's Brewing*, in challenging the new orthodoxy and championing the traditional business combination of a brewery and some pubs.

The Battersea Beer Festival (11-13 February) will include a membership stand and, we hope, provide a focus for current campaigning issues. I hope that all readers will come along and, at least, drink the beer. Cheers!

Geoff Strawbridge



year with the Fleetwood and got to the final in 1996 with another City pub, the Vintry. As winner, Elton has been asked to be a judge for the 1999 competition and has accepted the invitation.

Also at the finals of the Griffin Trophy a special award for outstanding achievement was presented to Gerry O'Brien of the Churchill Arms in Kensington Church Street, London W8. Managing director Michael Turner explained, "Gerry has increased profit each year for the last 13 years, doing so with seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm. We decided to present him with a special plaque to reflect his hard work and dedication over the years."

From a Fuller's press release



Beer Festivals

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PUB NEWS FROM EAST LONDON AND CITY BRANCH

An enthusiastic promoter of the Pig's Ear Real Ale Festival late last year was Murphy's White Hart (which is now its official title), 1 Mile End Road, E1. The pub is now extended into the adjoining premises and has maintained its reputation for good beer. Tetley Bitter, Young's Ordinary and Shepherd Neam Master Brew were on sale when I last visited. Why not come and see for yourself at our social there on 19 February.

Talking of the **Pig's Ear Festival**, I am writing just after the end of the 1998 edition and once again I can report that it was extremely successful. The attendance on the Friday broke all records and the customers there that day were still able to choose from 96 different draft beers. The only problem was that some of them had to queue for a while at peak times to gain entry to the venue. We are very grateful to those people for the patience they showed. Next time, why not come on the Wednesday or the Saturday, our quietest sessions. The festival featured a bottle-conditioned beer bar for the first time; which was a resounding success - especially the one-off BCB produced for us by the Hop Back Brewery of Salisbury. It was interesting to hear that one customer had travelled all the way from the United States for the day (!) to attend the festival after reading about it on the internet - he worked his way down the bar and acquired plenty of carry-outs, but it was still thought to have cost him around £30 a pint.

I mentioned a couple of months ago that **JD Wetherspoon's** were hoping to take over the old Chasney's Restaurant opposite Chingford Station, E3. Apparently this deal has fallen through but my informant says that the company is looking at other properties in the area.

The **Pride of Spitalfields**, Heneage Street, E1 has been selling the special beers from the Wye Valley Brewery of Hereford recently, including Big Bang and the popular Butty's Bach, which was originally brewed as a special for the Cardiff Beer Festival but also proved to be a big hit at the Pig's Ear. Again you could join us to see this pub for yourself at our social on 19 February.

New breweries continue to emerge all around the country, including some which are relatively local to North East London - not that you would guess so to look at the beers on offer at the vast majority of our pubs which continue to limit themselves to a very small range of nationally advertised "brands". One such brewery is the City of Cambridge Brewery and it was good to see two of their beers on the bar at the **Birkbeck Tavern**,

Langthorne Road, Leyton, E11 recently, the first time I had come across them outside of a beer festival.

Another local brewery is Mighty Oak at Hutton near Brentwood in Essex. 25 East London Branch members and friends recently made a very enjoyable visit to this brewery where we were told that the best bet for their beers in our area was currently the **Black Lion**, High Street, Plaistow, E8. Most of the beer currently heads east into Essex, but the brewery is looking to expand the number of outlets in East London and since the visit I have noticed their beer at the **Birkbeck Tavern** and the **Leyton Orient Supporters Club**.

Unfortunately I have to report a couple of rather silly pub name-changes. In fact both are slightly odd. First of all, the **Prince of Wales**, High Road, Leyton, E10 was closed for a much needed face-lift but rather strangely has re-opened as a "sports bar" under the name of **Shoelaces**. It does not appear to be any relation to **Bootlaces**, just around the corner in Lea Bridge Road, although neither pub is selling real ale. More bizarre still is the saga at the historic **Eagle Hotel**, Hollybush Hill, Snaresbrook, E11. This pub has also been done up and re-opened under the name **Toby Carvery**. I think that at first most people took this to mean that there was now a Toby Carvery at the Eagle, but no, the pub is actually called the Toby Carvery and does not have the word Eagle in its name at all. This well-known landmark pub stands opposite Eagle Pond and at the junction with Eagle Lane. Are we now supposed to talk about Toby Pond and Carvery Lane? In the meantime a local campaign to have the proper name restored is gaining momentum and has CAMRA support. In the same general area, refurbishment work is underway at the **Lion & Key**, High Road, Leyton, E10 - a pub with much potential but which has been in a severely run-down condition of late. Locals are keeping an eye on the pub's namesign with some trepidation.

BATEMANS COUNTDOWN TO THE MILLENNIUM

Following a very successful 1998 Batemans Brewery from Wainfleet, Lincolnshire are getting ready for an equally successful 1999.

Each month leading up to the Millennium they are producing a beer, under the heading of Jolly's Generation 2000, to celebrate an event that took place in that month through the centuries. The Jolly Fisherman is the logo of Skegness, which is only 5 miles from Wainfleet.

Jolly's Lightning commemorates the development of electricity in January 1706. With an ABV of 4.0% it is a well balanced bitter, dry hopped, giving a clean, floral tasting beer.

Jolly's Megabyte at 4.2% is scheduled for February.

From a Batemans press release



HARRODS GOES SHOPPING AT FULLER'S

Fuller Smith & Turner has been appointed by Harrods, that well known purveyor of green bags, to brew its first "own brand" bottled beer. 'Harrods Special English Ale' was developed by Fuller's following a brief from the Knightsbridge store to brew a traditional British ale. The style chosen is a n India Pale Ale, well hopped with an alcohol content of 4.8% by volume.



"This is obviously a great opportunity for both companies," said John Roberts, Fuller's marketing director. "As well as strengthening our excellent relationship with Harrods, which shares our values of tradition, heritage and quality, this

is a further acknowledgment of Fuller's brewing expertise in the traditional ale market."

Fuller's association with Harrods began 18 months ago with an exclusive arrangement to supply draught beer to The Green Man, the in store pub as well as supplying bottled London Pride for sale in store and in the cafes and restaurants.

The first case of 'Harrods Special English Ale' was delivered by Fuller's dray drawn by horses Griffin and Pride on 13th November. The photo shows sales director Richard Fuller presenting the first bottles to Harrods' wine buyer Pamela Gregory.

From a Fuller's press release

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

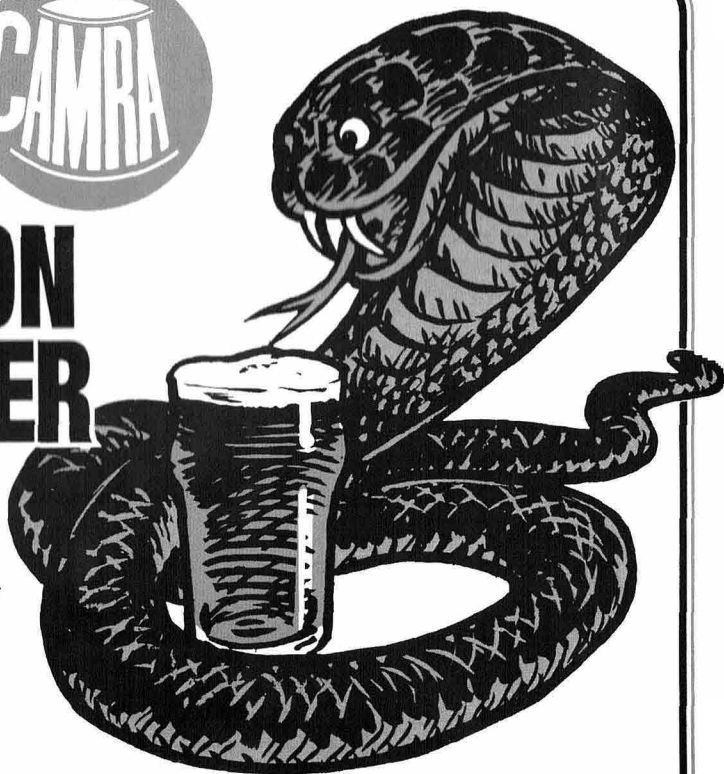
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| 5-6 Feb | 6TH WHITE CLIFFS
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| 11-13 Feb | 10TH BATTERSEA
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| 12-13 Feb | 2ND SALISBURY
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| 19-20 Feb | 2ND BRISTOL
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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

As requested by Geoff Strawbridge my comments on his South Lambeth article. You can only drink in one pub at a time and you can only drink so much beer. If I lived in SW8 I would probably drink in the Priory and the Youngs pubs and not bother with the remainder of the pubs. There are four pubs in Barking I drink in on a regular basis. I occasionally visit the others to see if there are any changes to real ale availability and forward these details to Capital Pubcheck but I no longer really care if they do or do not sell real ale because I am not going to drink there on a regular basis anyway. The non-availability of Webster's or Worthington's Best hardly strikes me as a great tragedy and I don't feel pubs selling one indifferent real ale half-heartedly do the real ale cause any good. If a licensee is not interested in selling real ale or more importantly his regular customers are not interested in drinking it then it is no good trying to make the pub sell it. I suppose the point I am trying to make is that real ale should be sold by and to people who are genuinely interested in it.

In a recent London Drinker Steve Harris noted that a pub in Wanstead close to the Wetherspoon pub, the George, had stopped selling real ale because customers who wanted to drink real ale went to the George instead. The Wetherspoon pub in East Ham, the Millers Well, has had a similar effect on the availability of real ale in other pubs in East Ham.
Colin Price
Barking, Essex



Dear Editors,

In the not too distant past McMullens Draught Stronghart won the top award at CAMRA's Winter Beer Festival. Now the brewery has ceased to stock the draught version of this winter beer. It shows how much value they put on their CAMRA award. Another part of brewing tradition bites the dust.
P Chinnery
Wickford, Essex

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Dear Editors,

Having got customers to expect 5% more beer in their lined glass are Wetherspoons going to advertise 5% less in their glasses following a return to the brim measure glass?

Cynics may believe that the Wetherspoons exercise was designed to make customers expect less in their glasses. Personally I don't believe anyone is that clever though I have noticed barstaff serving something short of a pint recently. In the Railway (202 Richmond Road) staff appeared reluctant to fill to the top. Has there been a lowering of standards in JD's pubs? At the Railway nobody bothered to ask us how we would like the steak in our mixed grill done and what did happen to the tomatoes advertised? It may be a good idea to list the addresses of the Trading Standards throughout London in London Drinker Magazine and get them visiting a few pubs. Can we ask everyone to look in their Thomsons Directory and send them in so a list can be printed. For the East End these appear to be:

London Borough of Hackney, Town Hall,
Mare St, E8 1EA. Tel: 0181 356 5000

London Borough of Newham, Town Hall,
East Ham, E6 2RP. Tel: 0181 472 1430

London Borough of Tower Hamlets,
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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 February** are listed below.

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

Wed 10 (7.30) Crawl of New Pubs and Pub Conversions in St Johns Hill. The Falcon, 2 St John's Hill, SW11 (dep 8.00). Further details from contact.

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

Thu 4 (8.30) SE25 Crawl. Meet in The Goat House, 2 Penge Road, then the Wetherspoons pub, and The Alliance. - Mon 8 (8.00) Croydon Crawl. Meet in The Cricketer's Arms, South Bridge Place, then Dog and Bull and The George, George Street. - Wed 17 (8.00) Two Pub Social. Meet in the saloon bar, Duke's Head, Manor Road, then to The Whispering Moon, Wallington. - Tue 23 (8.30) Social. Clifton Arms, Clifton Road SE25. - Thu 25 (8.30) Branch Meeting. Windsor Castle, 378 Carshalton Road, Carshalton. Membership Cards required for GBG voting. - Thu 4 Mar (8.30) Branch AGM. Windsor Castle as above. Membership Cards required.

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

Mon 8 Branch Meeting, LEOPARD, Seward Street, EC1. We will meet upstairs at this comfortable pub which supports our local breweries, Pitfield and O'Hanlon's. - Fri 19 Beer & Curry Night. Meet PRIDE OF SPITALFIELDS, Heneage Street, E1 by 8.00pm at the latest. We will then depart to eat (no need to book), probably at several different venues, before regrouping at MURPHY'S WHITE HART, 1 Mile End Road at around 9.15pm.

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

Tue 2 (9.00) Social. Whole Hog, 430/34 Green lanes, Palmers Green N13. - Wed 10 (9.00) Social. Albion, 74 Union Street, Barnet EN5. - Tue 16 (9.00) Social. George, 5 The Town, Enfield Town EN2. - Thu 25 (9.00) Social and London Drinker Pickup. Bull and Butcher, 1277 High Road, Whetstone N20. - Sat 27 (11.00am) Visit to Hoggs Back Brewery, Tongham, Surrey. Details from Tony Roberts (0181 482 9673).

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

Wed 3 (8.00) Curry Night. Meet in Kings Tun, Kingston, then to Monty's in Fife Road. - Thu 11 (8.30) Social. Battersea Beer Festival, Battersea Grand Hall, Lavender Hill SW11. - Sun 21 (4.00) Late afternoon drinks in Kingston town centre. Bishop Out of Residence, then on to nearby pubs. - Thu 25 (8.30) Branch Meeting. Willoughby Arms, 47 Willoughby Road, Kingston.

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.

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

Just the one meeting this month, which will include voting for branch entries for the 2000 GBG. Following that volunteers would be welcome for form completion as everything will have to be in the hands of Alistair Black by Tuesday 9 March when there will be a Branch Meeting (see next month for venue). Future diary date (subject to confirmation) Wed 21 April for Branch AGM, probably at a Richmond pub. This will be confirmed next month.

Wed 17 (8.00) Open Branch meeting with GBG final selection. Popes Grotto, Cross Deep, Twickenham.

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

As was noted in the last diary, we are concentrating on GBG surveys. This usually gives us a chance to visit a number of our country pubs around Orpington. We are arranging for a mini-bus to ferry people around, so if you are interested in the trip on 27th Feb, please let me know at least a week in advance.

Tue 2 Feb, Social following Committee Meeting, BROMLEY LABOUR CLUB, HG Wells Centre, St Marks Road, Bromley at 9-00pm. Fri 5 Feb, GBG Survey Crawl, meet by WH Smiths, London Bridge Station for train to Sydenham via Gypsy Hill at 6-30pm. Tue 9 Feb, Branch Social at JOLLY WOODMAN, 9 Chancery Lane Beckenham at 8-00. Sat 13 Feb, Working Social at Battersea Beer Festival. Tue 16

Branch Update

Feb, Social, Hogshead, Lewisham at 8-00pm. Thur 18 Feb, GBG crawl of 176 bus route, meet at KINGS ARMS, Roupel Street, SE1 at 7-30. Tue 23 Feb, Catford Beer Festival Planning, CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN, SE8 at 7-30. Sat 27 Feb GBG Survey Crawl, meet at SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS, 109 Queensway, Petts Wood at 12-30pm for mini-bus trip to Chelsfield and Cudham (small charge to cover costs).

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

Thu 4 (8.30) Social. Swan (Hogshead), 123 High Street (A1023), Brentwood. - Tue 9 (8.30) Social. Theobald Arms, Kings Walk, Grays. - Mon 15 (8.30) Social. Rose and Crown, 31 Mill Lane (off High Road (A104)), Woodford Green. - Tue 23 (8.30) Social. Bell Inn, High Road, Horndon on the Hill. Tue 2 Mar Two Fox Social. Fox, 176 Heath Road, Orsett Heath (8.30) / Foxhound, 18 High Road (B188), Orsett (10.00).

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

February is the month of the Battersea Beer Festival, and we hope to see as many London Drinker readers as possible at the Grand Hall over the three days 11th to 13th. This will be the tenth Battersea Beer Festival, and we are intending to make it a truly memorable event. There will be souvenir glasses and t-shirts for sale, and some unusual beers as well as many old favourites. Continuing the tradition of past years, the festival will have a distinctly canine theme. We have scoured the GBG for beers with 'doggy' names, and have ordered as many of these as we can. The important work of publicising the festival continues into February. We have pre-festival publicity crawl on the evening of Wednesday 3rd. Volunteers are always welcome - just turn up if you would like to join us. And if you can help by getting a few posters put up in your local pub or leisure centre, please phone Mark Bravery for supplies.

Future Events: Wed 3. Battersea Beer Festival publicity crawl. Meet (6.30 - 7.00pm) FALCON, 2 St Johns Hill, SW11 (on crossroads by Clapham Junction station). - Thurs 11 - Sat 13. Battersea Beer Festival. Battersea Grand Hall, Lavender Hill, London, SW11. For full details see advert elsewhere in this edition of London Drinker. - Fri 19 (7.00) Open committee meeting followed by post-festival social. SULTAN, 78 Norman Road, South Wimbledon, SW19.

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

Thu 4 (8.30) Social. Swan, Bushey. - Thu 11 (8.30) Pub of The Year award. Black Boy, Bushey Heath. - Thu 18 (8.00) Herts. Liaison meeting. Wenlock Arms, London N1. - Wed 24 Social. Wellington Arms (8.30) / Estcourt Arms (9.30). - Wed 3 Mar Social. Nascot Arms (8.30) / Bedford Arms (9.30). - Wed 24 Mar (8.30) Branch AGM. Flag and Firkin, Watford.

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

Surveying for the Millenium Good Beer Guide is now in full swing, most of the pubs we visit this month are either GBG pubs being re-assessed or new possibilities, why not join us looking at some of our better pubs. These pubs have been organised for this month as follows.

Wed 3 (8.00) Covent Garden Crawl. Marquis of Granby, Chandos, then (8.35) Lamb and Flag, 33 Rose Street, then (9.10) Freemasons Arms, 81 Longacre, next (9.45) Cross Keys, 21 Endell Street, finishing (10.20) Hogshead, 21 Drury Lane. - Thu 11 (8.00) SW3 and SW7 Crawl. Blenheim, 27 Cale Street, SW3, then (9.00) Crown, 153 Dovehouse Street SW3, finishing (10.00) Anglesea Arms, 15 Selwood Terrace SW7. - Thu 25 (8.00) W! Crawl. Three Greyhounds, 25 Greek Street, then (8.45) Dog and Duck, 18 Bateman Street, then (9.30) Bath House, 96 Dean Street, finishing (10.15) Blue Posts, 28 Rupert Street

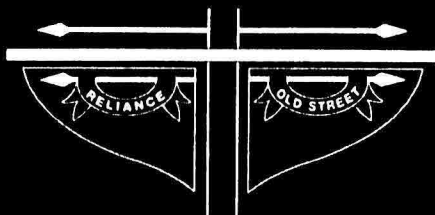
WEST MIDDLESEX. Paul Dabrowski 0181-571 9146 (H), 0171-713 3882 (W).

Tue 2 (8.30) Branch Social. Bridge Hotel, Greenford Road, Greenford. - Wed 10 (8.30) 'Pub of the Year' Branch Meeting. Beaconsfield Arms, West End Road, Southall. - Thu 18 (8.30) Branch Social. Ealing Lawn Tennis Club, Daniel Road (off Creffield Road), Ealing Common. - Wed 24 (9.00) London Drinker Pick-Up. Red Lion, St Mary's Road, Ealing. - Thu 25 (8.00) "Beer of Excellence" Presentation by Reading & mid-Berks branch followed by optional Curry nearby. Beaconsfield Arms, West End Road, Southall.

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BOOTLEGGING ON THE INCREASE

Beer in France pays around 4p a pint excise duty compared now to 33p a pint in the UK. Buying beer in France is not illegal but reselling in the UK without paying British Duty is a crime - smuggling. In the first year of the Single European Market in 1993 there were, roughly, three or four prosecutions for the smuggling of alcohol or tobacco per month. Latest figures show prosecutions running at the rate of more than one a day.

In 1997 an estimated 1.5 million pints of beer crossed the Channel per day. Customs & Excise estimate that over 75% of that beer is smuggled for illegal resale. From continuing surveillance operations, the Brewers & Licensed Retailers Association (BLRA) estimated an increase of 4% in the number of heavily laden vans leaving Calais in 1998, from 87,500 in 1997 to over 91,000, almost 250 a day.

After London, Manchester has moved into second place as the vans' destination, with Sheffield third; the problem is by no means confined to the South East, with vans identified as coming from as far afield as Londonderry, Aberdeen and Haverfordwest.

The pattern of buying large quantities of beer levelled out over last year, apart from a peak period prior to the World Cup, suggesting that the trade is now regular, possibly supplying regular customers. Busiest time for loading large quantities of beer is between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., over half the vans observed being loaded at night.

Over the Christmas period, one in five pints of beer drunk at home or at private parties is likely to have been smuggled.

A spokesman for the BLRA said, "All our findings will be made available to Customs & Excise to help combat the growing problem of smuggling. Five years into the Single Market and the flood of beer coming across the Channel is still increasing. The smugglers are well organised and are cheating the country out of millions of pounds of taxes, threatening breweries, pubs and jobs in the UK. The 1 January tax increase will simply give them more of an incentive. The Government must cut beer duty to cut the ground from under them."

Stuart Neame, Vice-Chairman of the 300 year old Kent brewer, Shepherd Neame of Faversham, said, "In Kent we are in the front line of an increasingly nasty trade which has seen pubs and off-licences close and crime and intimidation flourish. It is quite bizarre that on the eve of the

21st century this country is devoting more and more resources to stamp out smuggling, the classic crime of the 18th century."

On behalf of consumers, Mike Benner of CAMRA said, "A third of the price of a pint is tax and this high tax policy is crippling British pubs and leading to increased levels of crime. High tax works against licensing law and will undoubtedly lead to higher levels of underage drinking and alcohol-related crime as smugglers are not concerned with promoting sensible drinking. Pubs provide a socially controlled environment for responsible drinking but they are finding it increasingly difficult to compete with smugglers. The only long-term solution is the harmonisation of excise duty with the rest of Europe."

HM Customs and Excise operate a Customs Hotline on 0800 901901 for information on suspected smuggling.

From a BLRA press release



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National Festival

GBBF '99

Well as we roll into the new year it is time to look forward to the marvellous beer drinking opportunities that '99 has for us.

The obvious 'big one' is the Great British Beer Festival in August. While that may seem a long way off it is time I started telling you about the things that will be on offer. If I mentioned them all in July you'd spend the entire month reading, (there really is that much!) So over the next few months there will be a few articles about different areas of what is THE beer event of the year, fear not it won't just be advertorial, I'll try to make it interesting.

Christmas is definitely a hectic time if you have children. I am sure all you parents out there have worked very hard to give them a great time. Believe it or not you deserve fun too. That is why CAMRA will be offering a family room at Olympia so you can enjoy the wonderful beers on offer without worrying about finding a babysitter.

The Family room is an area away from the bar where parents can sit with the children while supping. It must be pointed out though that it is not a crèche and all children have to be supervised at all times. (There has been an occasion in the past when two children were left unattended, this did cause the staff a headache as they didn't speak any English so identifying the parents and finding them was a nightmare.)

There will be toys and games available along with soft drinks, tea and coffee. You will even find a few treats for sale (of the kind that are bad for teeth.) The family room will be open all lunch time sessions and until nine in the evenings.

New for this years festival is going to be G.B.B.F.'s own dedicated web site. This should go online very soon. Watch this space for the address! It is hoped to publish provisional beer lists as soon as they are available along with a multitude of other information and trivia. As this is a new thing we would welcome any suggestions for things you would like to see on the site, if you have any ideas e-mail Mark.Bridges@capitalstudios.co.uk.

The Great British Beer Festival is open from 3rd - 7th August. See you there!

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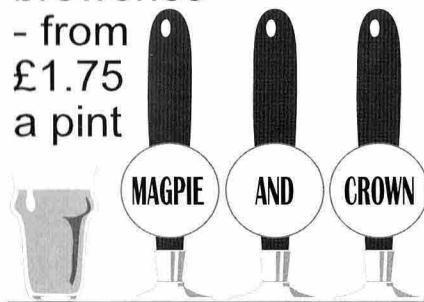
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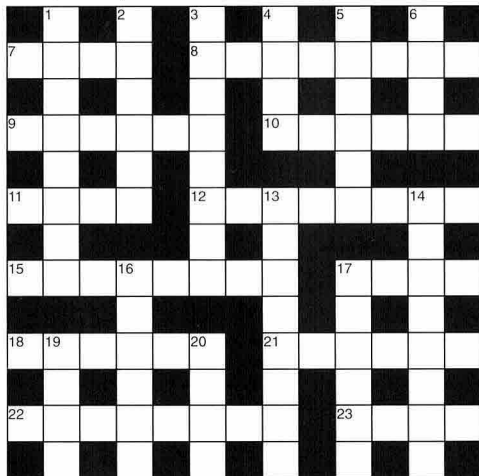


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London Drinker Crossword

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Solution next month.

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LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

7. End of the first operation? [4]
8. Reserves dance at the literary centre. [8]
9. A toll is collected for this clothing. [6]
10. Game woman at the wedding embraces groom first. [6]
11. Rod rejected pieces of advice. [4]
12. He'll change notes for you. [8]
15. Charles, say, initially uses sharp scissors for sex change operation. [8]
17. Vera has it. It's the truth! [4]
18. Crazy Maureen missing the point. It's crap. [6]
21. Went mad to find worker in debt. [6]
22. The luxury of a penthouse? [4,4]
23. Unwilling to be partially clothed. [4]

DOWN

1. When you stare at her, she takes off. [8]
2. Race to get final Express edition. [6]
3. Sailor, stop getting the whip. Give up! [8]
4. Search for company doctor. [4]
5. Give idiot gin cocktail. [6]
6. Desire to be tall. [4]
13. Booked and substituted? [8]
14. Mostly end agreement on prayer. [8]
16. Men finally have a duty to nothing. [6]
17. It's wicked and should burn. [6]
19. It corrupts a police force. [4]
20. Way out old thing. [4]

Winner of the prize for the November Crossword:
Dik Denman, Uxbridge.

Other correct entries were received from:

Alf & Trev, Tony Alpe, Pat Andrews, Andy & Louise, Geoff B, John Blundell, Bob & Margaret, Ben Burfutt, Chris Fran & a Spotty Dog, A.P.Comaish, Chas Creasey, Mikes Farrelly/Richards, B.H.Fletcher, Dudley Freeman, Gobbles the Dog, Eileen Graves, Paul Gray, J.E.Green, John Heath, W.J.Hernon, Graham Hill, Malcolm Irving, Tom Kemp, Pete Large, Terry Lavell, Dylan Mason, M.J.Moran, Al Mountain, Terry Neill & a bit of Dick, Rab Noolas, Mick Norman, David Oddy, Stuart Osgood, Dave Porritt & Elizabeth Duff, Derek Pryce, Kevin Reeve, Tracey Rowland, Geoff S, Super Scooper, Bryan Smith & Isa, Bill Thackray, A.R.P.Warden, Tony & Ann Watkins, Martin Weedon, Susan Wilson, David Woodward, Yak.,

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OUT OF THE MOUTHS

During the hot summer of '97 I spent several weeks doing some "hands on" research for an article (hitherto unpublished) about small independent breweries, in a brewery near my home.

One particularly sweltering day, after a morning on the cask cleaning unit I fancied a lunchtime pint of cooling real cider and sought out the only local selling it. There I found a friend and his stepson, Justin, and having slaked my thirst I enquired how the school holidays were going. "I'm BORED!" came Justin's reply. A fortnight's a long time when you're twelve. Once a teacher, always a teacher, so..... "Finish your coke then, we're going round the brewery", then "Slow down. I fancy another pint."

This one being a bright specimen and an audience of one. I decided to give him the whole works and see how much he took in. That is, no holds barred with the technical terms. No silly questions were forthcoming. As the jokingly-designated "chief tour guide" I've been asked most daft things: "When do you put in the alcohol?" is an example. I did, however, need to answer such things as the linguistic derivation of Sparge arm (Latin) and so on.

Back at the pub, another coke in hand, Justin launched into a rapid-fire discourse which astonished his stepfather, Richard: "It isn't called water unless you're washing something, it's liquor until you've steeped the malt, then it's wort and you boil it with hops.... then you pitch the yeast...." and so on. He got it word perfect and how he managed without drawing breath - apparently - was beyond me; it was uncannily like hearing a recording of a younger version of myself from the phraseology he used, and not the first time that had happened with him - on the previous occasion it involved the controls of a steam locomotive. It's not unusual for a youngster to have a photographic or retentive memory and years back a lad of about the same age in my cycling club started sleep talking in a Youth Hostel dormitory and re-played one of my ghost stories, scaring ME. Hopefully, when Justin is old enough to try real ale seriously he'll appreciate what it really is - a wholesome, natural food produced by the skill

of the brewer and served perfectly courtesy of the landlord's proficiency.

Happy drinking.

Martin Smith



NEW VENUE FOR THE THIRD GREAT BRITISH WINTER BEER FESTIVAL

CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, recently held its prestigious Great British Winter Beer Festival. The first two festivals were held in Glasgow, but from 21st to 23rd January beer drinkers from all over the World were sampling top brews when the festival opened its doors for the first time in Manchester, at Upper Campfield Market.

The Festival hosted the Champion Winter Beer of Britain competition - the consumers' choice of the best winter ales in the country. The key features of the festival were:

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Judging of the best winter beer in Britain (last year's winner was Nethergate Old Growler from Suffolk)

FAIR DEAL FOR SMALL BREWERS

Festival goers were asked to support CAMRA's campaign for a fair system of beer taxation for Britain's 400 small brewers.

Mike Benner, the Campaign's Head of campaigns said, "The festival featured dozens of spectacular beers from some of Britain's tiniest breweries. We asked visitors to help protect these breweries from the might of the big companies by joining us in our call for a sliding scale of excise duty on beer. We think smaller brewers should benefit from a tax system which means they pay less duty up to a certain production level. It would be good for jobs and local economies and would promote choice for drinkers.



Winners Round-Up

DOUBLE AWARD FOR WAGGON & HORSES

On Wednesday 18th November, members of Kingston and Leatherhead Branch and other London Branches gathered at the GBG-listed Waggon & Horses, Surbiton for a double celebration. Joe and Brigid Reilly, the longest serving publicans in the branch area and esteemed tenants of the "Waggon", collected both the local branch Pub of the Year (Greater London Section) and the CAMRA Greater London Pub of the Year awards.

It was a fitting honour for this fine Young's house, which has been winner of the Branch award on two previous occasions (1993 and 1996) and comes hard on the heels of national recognition by the BLRA as their Community Pub of the Year for, amongst other things, the considerable sums raised for charity.



Brigid and Joe (shown second from left and extreme right) are pictured with their awards after the presentation by Sarah Porter (CAMRA London Regional Director) and Dave Oram (Kingston & Leatherhead Branch Chairman). The evening featured hospitality and attendance by representatives of Young's Brewery including Michael Hardman. The awards were followed by a pub quiz and raffle in aid of charity, in which members of the London Drinker editorial team were seen carrying off prizes (no hard feelings chaps, but I have the photographs!). The draw provoked another appearance of Joe's legendary 'green jacket', and the raffle raised £150 on the night for the Princess Alice Hospice.

The couple were obviously delighted to be honoured but it shows yet again, if proof were needed, what can be achieved by hard work, dedication to customer service and consistently good beer. For many of us locals however, what makes the pub so special is the traditional Irish welcome that awaits regular and occasional visitors alike, both young and old,

and their kindness as hosts. They talk of the pub as their home, seeing the people not as its punters but as part of their extended family. Such an attitude is a rare commodity in the cynical '90s, and it will be a sad day indeed for the Kingston and Surbiton area if and when the Reillys finally leave the pub they have known for over 30 years.

Just before sending this for publication, we heard that the New Year's Honours List contained the name of one Patrick Joseph Reilly, who has been awarded an MBE for charitable services to the community in Surbiton. Needless to say, we are all delighted for Joe and Brigid, and all the "Waggon" regulars.

Brian Bade

Kingston & Leatherhead CAMRA



FULLER'S PUB WINS THE EVENING STANDARD PUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Evening Standard Pub of the Year competition has been won by the Churchill Arms in Kensington Church Street, for once a choice that I find I can agree with.

The star-studded judging panel of, Sir Tim Rice, Alice Beer, Victor Ubogu and Andrew Jefford, are quoted in a Fuller's press release as saying that Gerry O'Brien who has been at the pub for the last thirteen years, was '... exactly what a good pub landlord should be, always around ensuring things are as they should be and placing the needs of this customers first'.

How's that for a glowing reference!

In fact it seems that Fuller's agree with this description as not only has Gerry so far trained six other Fuller's managers but they have also

Winners Round-Up



Manager Gerry O'Brien (centre)

recently presented him with a special award at their own Pub of the Year competition. At the time of that award Michael Turner, Fuller's managing director added, 'Gerry has increased his business each year for the last 13 years, doing so with seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm. We decided to present him with a special plaque to reflect his hard work and dedication over the years'.

So what makes the Churchill Arms special? Well apart from the beer, the pub contains all sorts of bits and pieces, serves excellent Thai food and is just enough off the beaten track in Kensington not to be filled with tourists. Sounds perfect doesn't it. Unfortunately, every real ale lover who fancies a quick, tasty meal knows where the pub is, so it's still packed out with lots of people. In fact it can be guaranteed that if there is a CAMRA event happening in London then a contingent of those attending will descend on the pub, particularly if that event happens to be in August at Olympia!!

Congratulations to Gerry and his team at the Churchill Arms, a very well deserving winner..

Sarah Porter

DEUCHARS IS SCOTTISH CHAMPION!

3rd Champion Beer of Scotland is announced

Caledonian Deuchars IPA was announced early in November as the CAMRA Champion Beer of Scotland. The 3rd Champion Beer of Scotland awards took place at the Aberdeen and North East Beer Festival.

After much sniffing, slurping and swallowing, the judges made their decision. Second place went to Caledonian 80/- and the third place went to Isle of Skye Red Cuillin. Competition organiser and CAMRA's Scottish Director, Colin Valentine, said "Deuchars has been knocking at the door for a number of years now as regards winning a major award. It has finally done it."

Craig Frood, Caledonian's National Sales Manager said "The staff at the brewery are very pleased with this award. We have always thought that Deuchars was the tops. This proves it."

The panel of judges included Phil Duncan, the licensee of the Marine Hotel in Stonehaven, CAMRA Scottish Pub of the Year; Rob Hill, head brewer at Orkney Brewery and Paul Wood, head brewer at Aberdeen's Flare and Firkin.

The finalists were Caledonian 80/- and Deuchars IPA; Fraoch Heather Ale; Inverlmond Independence; Isle of Skye Red Cuillin and Tomintoul Wildcat. Mr Valentine continued, "There was little to choose between the beers and all of the finalists can be proud of their achievement in getting this far in the competition. These really are the creme de la creme of Scottish Beers."

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UPDATE 142

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.

The lead up to the Christmas/New Year period generated the usual increase in pub and bar openings, but less than in previous years. Of the 21 brand new pubs and bars recorded over the two month period since the previous London Drinker updates, sadly only 10 dispense real ale, of which only 3 new Wetherspoon pubs in EC2 City, SE25 South Norwood and SW16 Streatham are of serious interest to the beer enthusiast.

The others include a new Greene King 'city bar' in SE1 London Bridge, Young's latest café-bar in Orpington, three 'All Bar Ones' in EC3 City, SW7 South Kensington and W2 Bayswater and one 'It's a Scream' in SW17 Tooting all from Bass. The latest Marston 'Pitcher and Piano' conversion in EC3 City at least offers Pedigree unlike other recent such openings. With the above exceptions few other new bars or bar/restaurants aimed at the younger market are offering real ale, including those run by pub operators such as Greenalls and Whitbread. Even Bass appears to have withdrawn real ale from its O'Neills chain, as has Scottish & Newcastle from its Big Hand Mo's chain.

A new edition of the Essex Beer Guide was published in November last. Any additions, deletions or significant changes to pubs within Greater London not already reported in the 'updates' are included in the listings below. From next month the updates will cross-reference to the new guide.

The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page number in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; K - 'Real Ale Drinkers Guide to Kent Pubs', 8th edition; N - North London Beer Guide, 3rd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 4th edition; 3SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - South West London Pub Guide, 2nd edition; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 8th edition. If you would like to report changes to pubs or beers please write to: Capital Pubcheck, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR.

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC1, EXTRA TIME, 1 Long Lane. No real ale. New sports bar under office block.

EC1, GREEN MAN, 1 Poultry. Courage: Directors Bitter; Fuller: London Pride; Theakston: Best Bitter; Guest beers; Weston: 1st Quality Cider. New Wetherspoon Free House opened December 1998 at a cost of £1.6 million and incorporated into a controversial new office and shopping complex developed by Lord Palumbo. The scheme entailed demolition of several listed buildings on the site and included two pubs of character, the Green Man and Old City of London Shades (in Bucklesbury, EC4). The external pub entrance is actually on the corner of

Queen Victoria St and Sise Lane, EC4 and leads into a narrow carpeted ground floor bar with light wood bar fittings and panelling and tiled bar area. Stairs lead down to a large carpeted basement bar with no smoking/eating area behind the stairs, leading through to a large 'beer hall' with pastel walls, cream ceiling, green lighting and another raised seating/no smoking area to the side. Glass doors lead out from this bar directly into the internal shopping and restaurant courtyard at the centre of the complex, complete with chairs and tables for 'outside' drinking. An image of a face of the Green Man is displayed on a large canvas hanging over the stairs and is incorporated into tilework. Local history panels and a poem about the Green Man decorate the walls. Disabled lift gives access to disabled WC at lower level. Food. Open all permitted hours (which is very rare in this part of the City).

EC2, HENRYS, 4 London Wall Buildings,

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Blomfield St. No real ale. Greenalls owned bar/restaurant.

EC3, ALL BAR ONE, 16 Byward St. Draught Bass; Worthington: Best Bitter. Another outlet for the Bass chain opened September 1998 in former commercial and shop premises. The usual green and cream decor with large windows, polished pine floor, chunky pine furniture, benches, pews, church chairs, clock, etc. Large front bar leads through to back room, similarly furnished. There is no sign of the usual 'track' from the bar to the kitchen. Newspapers, the Beano and pub games available. Menu displayed on blackboards. Disabled WC. Open Mon-Fri 11.30-11; Sat 12-6; closed Sunday.

W1 (F), DIG INN, 40 Charlotte St. No real ale. New Free House in former restaurant premises.

W1(Mar), HENRYS, 8-13 Bird St. No real ale. Greenalls owned bar/restaurant.

W1 (S), O'NEILL'S, 33-37 Wardour St. No real ale. Bass run Irish theme pub opened c.1996 in former Chinese supermarket premises, but not previously reported.

W1(S), RUPERT STREET, 50 Rupert St. No real ale. New Free House/bar in former shop premises.

WC2, HENRYS, 5/6 Henrietta St. No real ale. Greenalls owned bar/restaurant opened November 1998 in former bank premises.

WC2, LA PERLA, 28 Maiden Lane. No real ale. New Mexican bar featuring bottled Mexican beers (at a price) in former shop premises.

EAST

E17, ROSE & CROWN, 55 Hoe St. Now **ROSE & CROWN (YE OLDE)**. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Reopened and revamped in mock 'baronial hall' style. (E168, U106)

BARKING, RED LION, 66 North St. Ind Coope: House Beer. Not always available. (X13, U72, U84, U103)

COLLIER ROW, MID CITY LANES, Collier Row Road. Ruddle: Best Bitter. Free House/bar (Mid City Bar) in revamped bowling alley.

DAGENHAM, CROSS KEYS, Crown St. No real ale. Reopened and now a Free House. ex-Bass. (X40, U67, U92)

ELM PARK (HORNCHURCH), NEW ELM PARK, Broadway, Parade, Elm Park Ave. Young: Bitter. Real ale not always available. (X45)

HAROLD HILL, ALDERMAN, Chippenham Rd. Ruddle: Best Bitter. (X58)

HAROLD HILL, DUCKWOOD, 59 Whitechurch Rd. John Smith: Bitter. (X58, U106)

HAROLD HILL, SAXON KING, 198 Petersfield Ave. Courage: Best Bitter. (X58, U106)

HAROLD HILL, WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, 1 Petersfield Ave. M&B: Brew XI.

(X58)

ILFORD, JONO'S BAR, 37 Cranbrook Rd. No real ale. Free House in former shop premises opened June 1997. Real ale tried but sadly H now unused.

ROMFORD, BULL, 76 Market Place. Adnams: Bitter; Tetley: Bitter; Young: Bitter; Guest beer. Real ale not always available. (X86)

SEVEN KINGS, JOKER, 1 Cameron Rd. Draught Bass; Webster: Green Label. Beers likely to have changed under Greene King ownership. (X91, U84, U98, U117)

SOUTH HORNCHURCH, CHERRY TREE, 119 Rainham Rd. John Smith: Bitter; Theakston: Best Bitter. Formerly BARNABY'S CARVERY. (X94, U72, U106)

WOODFORD GREEN, RAILWAY TAVERN, 126 Snakes Lane East. Theakston: XB; Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (X114)

NORTH

N7, MONTAGUE ARMS, 40 Benwell Rd. Renamed **BENWELL ARMS**. Fuller: London Pride. Now a Free House, ex Allied (Taylor Walker). (N88)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, HITCHCOCKS, 10-18 London Bridge St. Greene King: IPA, Triumph (4.3%), Abbot Ale. New Greene King 'city bar' opened October 1998 on ground floor of redevelopment site which includes a new hotel next door. Large spacious bar with polished floor, yellow painted walls and raised seating area at front. Emphasis on lunchtime 'city' workers and home going commuters heading for London Bridge station nearby. Managed by Peter Cliffe formerly of the 'Two Brewers' in Kingston. Disabled WC. Full menu 12-10 Mon-Fri, 12-9 Sat. Opens 10 (for food) - 11 Mon-Fri, 12-11 Sat, closed Sun.

SE5, PLOUGH, 66 Coldharbour Lane. Renamed **JACK BEARDS AT THE PLOUGH**.

Courage: Best Bitter. Theakston: Best Bitter. (SE61)

SE25, WILLIAM STANLEY, 7/8 High St. Courage: Directors Bitter; Fuller: London Pride; Theakston: Best Bitter; Guest beer. New Wetherspoon Free House opened December 1998 in former Chinese restaurant premises. A wide, cream painted frontage with blue signage, double doors give entry into a large bar area divided into a variety of areas with cream coloured panelling, pastel green walls and ceiling. The main area is carpeted with bare floorboards to the right and alcove seating.. Two separate no smoking areas are provided at the rear to the left and right of the bar. The name commemorates, William Ford Robinson Stanley (1829-1909) a mathematical instrument maker who lived locally and registered 78 patents during his lifetime and reputedly invented the lemon squeezer. He gave his name to the nearby Stanley Halls and founded Stanley Technical College (now a technical high school). Local history panels and old photos record local dignitaries, buildings and events.

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Disabled WC. Food. Open all permitted hours.
ORPINGTON, RAM BA BA, 99 High St. Young: Bitter, Special. New Youngs café bar (the second in London) opened September 1998 in former bank premises. Decorated in typical café-bar style with cream and pastel shade decor, pine furniture, abstract paintings, etc. Features fibre optic lighting above the bar which can change colour to suit the mood. Food until 9.30pm. Disabled WC. Opens 11-11 Mon-Sat; 12-3, 7-10.30 Sun.

SOUTH WEST

SW7, ALL BAR ONE, 152 Gloucester Rd. Draught Bass; Worthington: Best Bitter. Another addition to the Bass owned chain, opened July 1998 in former post office premises. Decorated in typical style (see EC3 above). Disabled WC. Open 12-11 Mon-Fri; 11.30-11 Sat; 12-10.30 Sun.

SW8, OLD RED HOUSE, 133 Battersea Park Rd. Reopened and renamed **FLANAGANS OF BATTERSEA**. Draught Bass; Green King; IPA. Now a Free House owned by Vince Flanagan, previously licensee of the Victoria, Wandsworth Road. (SW78, U127)

SW9, MUCKY DUCK, 201 Coldharbour Lane. Varying beers from Whitbread range, ie. Flowers Original Bitter, Greene King Abbot Ale, Morland Old Speckled Hen, Wadworth 6X. (SW82)

SW16, HOLLAND TRINGHAM, 107-109 Streatham High Rd. Courage; Directors Bitter; Hop Back; Summer Lightning; Shepherd Neame; Spitfire; Theakston: Best Bitter; Guest beers; Weston: 1st Quality Cider. New Wetherspoon Free House opened December 1998 in former DIY shop next door to Furze & Firkin. Wide coloured glass French window frontage and double doors leading into large carpeted drinking area with blue/green decor and cream painted ceiling. Alcove seating areas line right hand wall with exposed brickwork to the left. A double set of stairs lead down to the lower area dominated by a light pine semi-circular bar with no smoking area beyond. Windows at the rear look out on to a large patio at the rear and offers the possibility of outside drinking in summer but has yet to be licenced. The pub is named after Joseph Holland Tringham 1861-1908, an engineer turned architect and painter who lived locally and was commissioned by royalty and also painted local scenes - six blowup postcards of which are displayed on the walls alongside local history panels. Disabled WC (on ground floor). Food. Open all permitted hours.

SW17, TRAMSHED, 48A Mitcham Rd. Fuller: London Pride. New Bass pub opened November 1998 as part of 'It's a Scream' chain, in former warehouse premises originally a tramshed. Decorated in 'post-industrial' style with exposed brickwork, girders and

pipng plus a plethora of games machines and TV screens. Aimed at young market and busy in evenings. Disabled WC. Food. Opens 12-11 Mon-Sat; 12-10.30 Sun.

WEST

W2, ALL BAR ONE, 74 Westbourne Grove. Draught Bass; Worthington: Best Bitter. Yet another outlet for the Bass owned chain opened in former bank premises in October 1998. Decorated in typical style (see EC3 and SW7 above). Opens 12-10.30 every day. Licence application to enable 11pm closing Mon-Sat still pending.

W2, TGI FRIDAYS, 96/98 Bishops Bridge Rd. No real ale. Large new Whitbread owned bar and restaurant in former cinema premises.

W14, HENRYS, 346 Kensington High St. No real ale. Greenalls owned bar/restaurant in former shop premises.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC1, LANGTON ARMS. Bass. Now converted to flats. (E19, U72, U92, U132)

EC4, O'NEILLS. Bass. H unused. Formerly SUGAR LOAF. (E54, U116)

EC4, LA REINA. Allied. Closed and demolished to make way for luxury housing and offices. Formerly QUEENS HEAD and the loss of pub of character and former real ale stalwart. (E52, U80)

W1 (Mar), O'NEILLS. Bass. No real ale. Formerly THE CHESTERFIELD and before that CHESTERFIELDS. (W38, U92, U114)

WC2, PEACOCK. Renamed **BAR AQUADA**. H removed, converted to café bar. (W55, U74)

EAST

E3, THREE TUNS (YE OLDE). Whitbread. Now converted to flats. (E93, U108)

BARKING, LEGENDS. Free House/night club. No real ale. Formerly CONNOLLYS WINE BAR. (X12, U117, U118)

BARKING, SHIP & SHOVEL. S&N. No real ale. (X13, U88, U106)

BARKING, STAG. Allied. H unused. (X13, U118)

BARKING, WESTBURY ARMS. Intntrepreneur (ex Watney). No real ale. (X14, U71, U90, U110)

BARKINGSIDE, CHEQUERS. Renamed INVESTIGATOR (YE OLDE). S&N. No real ale. (X14, U106)

BARKINGSIDE, OLD MAYPOLE. Allied. H unused. (X14, U83)

COLLIER ROW, CHARCOAL BURNER. Greene King, closed and demolished. (X39, U98, U117)

DAGENHAM, CHURCH ELM. Allied, H unused. (X40, U67)

DAGENHAM, FARMHOUSE TAVERN. Free House. No real ale. (X40, U69, U70)

GANTS HILL, HOBNOBS. Free House. No real



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ale. Formerly AJ'S. (X48, U83, U92)

GANTS HILL, VALENTINE. Now **VALENTINE (YE OLDE)**. S&N. No real ale. (X49, U106)

GIDEA PARK, PLOUGH. Now a Free House, ex S&N. No real ale. (X49, U73, U82, U105, U106)

GOODMAYES, WHITE HART. Bass. No real ale. (X49, U82)

HAINAULT, ALFREDS HEAD. Bass. No real ale. (X54)

HAROLD HILL, BOW & ARROW. Whitbread. Closed and converted to McDonalds restaurant in late 1997. (X58)

HORNCHURCH, SPENCERS ARMS. Allied (ex Taylor Walker). No real ale. (X63, U72)

ILFORD, BLACK HORSE. Whitbread. No real ale. (X63, U72)

ILFORD, HARLEQUINS. Free House, now a club only. Formerly STOP OUT. (X66, U125)

RAINHAM, BERWICK MANOR. Free House, now a night club only. (X84, U103)

RAINHAM, CAULIFLOWER. Became a Free House, ex Bass, but now closed and converted to Indian restaurant. (X84)

RAINHAM, SAXON HORN. Bass. No real ale. (X84)

ROMFORD, BIG HAND MO'S. S&N. No real ale. Formerly RUSH GREEN. (X87, U103, U106)

WOODFORD BRIDGE, WHITE HART. Allied. No real ale. (X114)

NORTH

N1, BLUE CAT. Free House, converted to Merkato Ethiopian restaurant (N58, U112, U120, U123)

N1, DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 74 Richmond Ave. ex Grand Met (Courage), closed converted to residential use. (N41)

N1, RED EYE. Ex Grand Met (Watney). Now a music venue with hotel above. Formerly LORD NELSON. (N50, U112)

NORTH WEST

NW8, DUKE OF YORK. 2 St Annes Terrace. Ex Grand Met (Watney). Refurbished in café bar style, H removed. (N214)

NW8, HEROES OF ALMA. Ex Grand Met (Watney), now being converted to residential use. (N214, U136)

NW8, LORD FRAMPTON. Renamed **STARS BAR.** Free House, H removed. Formerly SULLIVANS. Originally LORD CHANCELLOR. (N215, U109)

NW8, MARLBOROUGH, 39 Abbey Road. Free House, now converted to pizza restaurant. Omitted in error from N Guide. (U104, U109, U119)

SOUTH EAST

SE3, O'NEILLS. Bass. H removed. Formerly THREE TUNS. (SE49, U109)

SOUTH WEST

SW2, DUKE OF WELLINGTON. Allied. H unused. (SW52)

SW2, EFFRA HALL TAVERN. Phoenix. H unused. (SW52)

SW6, ATLAS. Innentrepreneur. H unused.

(SW65)SW9, DUKE OF EDINBURGH. Free House. No real ale. (SW82)

SW9, GRESHAM. Innentrepreneur. Closed, future uncertain. (SW82)

SW9, OLD QUEEN'S HEAD. Allied. Converted to comedy club named 'Comedy House'. (SW82)

SW9, WHITE HART. Phoenix, now converted to flats but retaining pub name and insignia in stonework. (SW84, U131)

SW19, ROYAL SIX BELLS. Allied. H unused. (SW119)

BEDDINGTON & WALLINGTON, GINOS. Free House, demolished. (SW126)

MORDEN, BIG HAND MO'S. S&N. H removed. (SW150)

WEST

W14, HOLLAND ARMS. Phoenix, closed, future uncertain. (W94, U106, U112)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRE

EC1, KINGS HEAD. -Beers listed except Boddington Bitter. +Flowers: IPA; +Fuller: London Pride; +Guest beer (recently Caledonian: 80/-). Now badged by Whitbread as part of 'Hawkins & Co' chain. (E19, U74, U75)

EC3, MCDAIDS, 9 The Arches, Crutched Friars. Renamed **'PITCHER & PIANO'**. -Beers listed; +Marston: Pedigree. Free House acquired by Marstons in September 1998 and converted into a typical Pitcher & Piano with pine floors and furniture, cream decor, etc. The former basement 'Clements' bar has also been absorbed and similarly treated. Formerly **BULLA**, originally **SAVAGE GRILL**. Note correct address. (E39, U131)

W1, (May), CLARENCE. Renamed **FIRST & LAST.** -Beers listed except Draught Bass.

+Fuller: London Pride. A smart trendy café bar overlaying the traditional bar counter etc. Can be noisy. Closed weekends. (W38)

W1 (S), GREEN MAN, 57/58 Berwick St. -Beers listed except Draught Bass and Fuller: London Pride. Refurbished and extended into next door premises to make spacious comfortable 2 room bar with lots of woodwork, long tables, benches etc. and modern light fixtures. Loud music. Note extended address. (W42, U90, U92)

W1(S), ST JAMES TAVERN. Now advertises licenced until 1am. (W44, U48, U89, U106)

W1(S), SOHO BRASSERIE. Renamed **BAR**

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SOHO, still fizz beer only. (W44)

WC2, BAR ZOLAS. Renamed **LATEST RUMOURS** by new owners Ambishus. Still fizz beer only. Formerly **RUMOURS**. (U54, U130, U137)

WC2, GRIFFIN TAVERN. -Beers listed.
+Brakspear; Bitter; +Gales; HSB; +Greene King; IPA; Young; Bitter. Free House now acquired by Regent Inns. (W54, U59)

EAST

E15, CHEVY CHASE. Now run by Inn Business, ex Sycamore Taverns. (E153, U99)

E16, ORDNANCE ARMS. Renamed **ORANGE KIPPER**, probably in its Magic Pub Co days. Now reverted to original name again. (E160, U98, U117)

E18, RAILWAY BELL. Now badged by S&N as part of 'Tanners Pub Co' chain. (E171)

BARKING, JAMES FIGG. Reverted to **BREWERY TAP**, still fizz. (X12, U73, U87, U103)

DAGENHAM, ANGLERS RETREAT. Now a Free House ex Bass, still fizz. (X40, U72).

DAGENHAM, BLITZ. Renamed **ME AN' O'BRIEN'S**, still fizz. (X40)

DAGENHAM, BULL TAVERN. Now simply **BULL**. (X40, U69, U106)

GIDEA PARK, SQUIRRELS HEAD. Now simply **SQUIRRELS**, formerly **CARDINALS**. (X49, U87, U92, U106)

GIDEA PARK, SHIP. Believed to be still badged **SHIP INN**. (X49, U106)

HAINAULT, BADGER. Now Phoenix Inns, ex Grand Met (Trumans). (X54)

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, WILLOWS. Reverted to **ROYAL OAK**. (X60)

HORNCHURCH, QUEENS THEATRE. Pit bar now also badged as **GREENE ROOM BAR**. (X63)

NOAK HILL, BEAR INN. Now simply **BEAR**. (X78)

ROMFORD, GOLDEN LION. Believed to be still badged as **GOLDEN LION TAVERN**. (X86, U106)

ROMFORD, PRINCE ALBERT. Now Free ex Innpreneur. (X87, U83)

UPMINSTER, BRIDGE HOUSE (HUNGRY HORSE). Now renamed **BRIDGE HOUSE (PICKLED NEWT)**. -Beers listed. +Greene King; Marsha Green's Brewery Ale, IPA, Abbot Ale. (X106, U67, U72, U98, U108, U117, U125)

UPMINSTER, OPTIMIST. Now **OPTIMIST TAVERN**. (X106)

WOODFORD GREEN, CASTLE. -Beers listed. +Bass; Toby Cask, Draught Bass. Now Bass, ex S&N. (X114, U106)

WOODFORD GREEN, DOUBLE L. Reverted to original name **WOODMAN**. -Young; Special; +Greene King; IPA. +Guest beer. Formerly **VIPER** and **MR WOODS**. (X114, U103)



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NORTH

N1, SALMON & COMPASSES. Opens 5pm midweek. (N57)

N7, QUEENS ARMS. Renamed **LIAR MAGUIRE.** Now a Free House, ex Bass. (N90)

NORTH WEST

NW8, CROCKERS. Correct name is **CROCKERS FOLLY.** (N213)

HARROW, HALF MOON. Acquired by Ambishus Pub Co. Originally a Courage pub. (W113)

SOUTH EAST

SE3, PRINCESS OF WALES, 1A Montpelier Row. -Beers listed except Draught Bass and Fuller: London Pride. Recently refurbished but no drastic changes. Note correct address. (SE46)

KENLEY, KENLEY HOTEL. -Beers listed except Tetley: Bitter. +Marston: Pedigree, +Guest beers. Now an Allied 'Festival Ale House'. (3SE258, U50)

SOUTH WEST

SW1(W), ELEPHANT & CASTLE. Renamed **SPEAKER (THE).** +Wadworth: 6X; +Young: Bitter. Refurbished in simple traditional style as befits corner local. Name relates to the Speaker of the House of Commons. Food from counter all day. Hours now 11-11 Mon-Fri; 11-8 Sat; closed Sunday. (SW48, U137)

SW4, FALCON. - Draught Bass. (SW60)

SW4, SPRINGFIELD TAVERN. -Ruddles: Best Bitter; +Courage: Best Bitter. (SW60)

SW8, ROYAL ALBERT. -Flowers: IPA; -Wadworth: 6X; +Castle Eden: Bitter; +Flowers: Original Bitter; +Guest beers (£2.25 per pint). (SW80)

SW9, HERO OF SWITZERLAND.

+Worthington: Best Bitter. (SW82)

SW16, SOCCERS BAR. Renamed **P O (YE OLDE)**, still fizz. (U131)

SW17, CORNER PIN. -Fuller: London Pride; +Young: Bitter. (SW108, U135)

SW17, GORRINGE PARK HOTEL. +Young: Winter Warmer. (SW109)

SW17, KINGS HEAD. -Courage: Best Bitter. (SW109)

SW17, LEATHER BOTTLE. +Young: Winter Warmer. (SW109)

SW17, PLOUGH. -Beers listed. +Greene King: IPA; +Young: Special. (SW110)

SW17, PRINCESS OF WALES. +Young: Winter Warmer. (SW110)

SW17, RAILWAY BELL. -Beers listed.

+Ushers: Best Bitter. (SW110)

SW17, SURREY TAVERN. -Flowers: Original Bitter. (SW110)

SW17, WHEATSHEAF. -Ruddles: Best Bitter;

+Ushers: Best Bitter. (SW110)

SW17, WHITE LION. -Beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter. (SW110)

SW18, BUILDERS ARMS. -Courage: Best Bitter; +Ushers: Best Bitter. (SW111)

SW18, MERTON INN. +Guest beers. (SW113)

SW18, SAILOR PRINCE. -John Smith: Bitter. Beware pump clip still shown but only nitrokeg version available. (SW114, U138)

SW19, PRINCE OF WALES, 336 Western Rd, Colliers Wood. -Webster: Yorkshire Bitter; +Morland: Old Speckled Hen. (SW119)

SW19, RED LION. -Draught Bass. (SW119)

SW19, ROYAL STANDARD. -Greene King: Abbot Ale. (SW119)

SW19, VICTORY. -Beers listed. +Marston: Pedigree. (SW120)

SW19, WILLIAM MORRIS. -Adnams: Bitter; -Batemans: XXXB; -Wadworth: 6X; +Young: Bitter. (SW121)

MORDEN, BEVERLEY. -Beers listed.

+Courage: Best Bitter; Directors Bitter. (SW150)

WEST

W2, ROYAL STANDARD. Renamed **ROB ROY.** -Beers listed except Tetley: Bitter.

+Maclay: Wallace IPA. Now a Free House, ex Allied (ex Taylor Walker) with a Scottish theme. (W63, U51)

W4, WINDMILL. Renamed **JACK STAMPS**

BEER HOUSE. -Beers listed. +Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: IPA. (W69, U92, U101, U102, U108)

W5, FLYING PIANO. Renamed **WEST 5.** Formerly **GUNNERSBURY TAVERN.** (W72, U94, U121)

W12, MOON ON THE GREEN. Renamed **HARVEYS** by new owners, Ambishus. -Bass: Toby Cask. +Fuller: London Pride. Guest beers include Adnams: Bitter and Courage: Best Bitter.

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 141

NEW & REOPENED PUBS ETC.

WC2, HOGSHEAD. Address should read 5 Lisle St.

N1, BARTIZAN. (Now **ANGEL**). Add: 3 Guest beers.

W10, ION. Should read 'under A40(M) motorway'.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING ETC

SW8, DUKE OF CLARENCE. Ref should read (SW76)

SW9, 'O'. Should read **COACH & HORSES.** (443 Coldharbour Lane). Delete reference to 'Formerly Coach & Horses'. Ref should simply read (SW82).

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS ETC.

CROYDON, JOHN B KEENE (now **CLOCKHOUSE (YE OLDE)**). Should have been listed under 'SOUTH EAST'.

SW9, QUEEN. Should read -Beers listed. +Bass: Toby Cask. (SW83)



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From our Archives

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO the yellow cover of the February 1984 issue of LD bore a photograph of the Duke of Devonshire, Balham, announcing a Pub Profile in the content - I spent a happy afternoon preparing the article, going through the archives in Young's Brewery - everything was written in copperplate, very skilful but not always easy to interpret via modern eyes! Unfortunately a technical problem at the printer's resulted in most of the covers - including that on my file copy - arriving with "snowstorm" effect. At the time we never saw the artwork - let alone the finished item - until delivery when everyone was on the way to collect branch quotas and it was too late to do anything but moan or use stronger language.

In his Editorial Chris discussed uncomplimentary comments made by the chairman of the National Licensed Victuallers' Association about campaigning by the West Midlands Consumer Services Dept to encourage the serving of a full pint. This included the production of beer mats with a scale to show by how much the drinker was being ripped off by short measures. You can imagine what that gentleman said on the subject. And we're STILL expected to put up with short measure!

John Smith's of Tadeaster were about to resume production of cask bitter, which in due course began appearing in Courage's London pubs. Meanwhile Courage had sold the Horseleydown Brewery next to Tower Bridge.

Allied Breweries were producing non-alcoholic lager at 35p a half-pint bottle.

During 1983 the percentage of pubs selling real ale had risen by 13% to 70% over the previous year's total. The only postal district with no real ale was Thamesmead, SE28. Five more pubs had begun brewing in 1983.

Mostyn Lewis had come across a French publication about cooking with alcohol, including beer. He quoted four recipes involving respectively soup, crab, stuffed ham and aubergines. For one other he declined to go into details. The section read "Lievre Farci 'Saint Arnould' - first disembowel your hare... maybe not".

Chris Cobbold had spent Hogmanay in Glasgow, and gave us the benefit of his experience (in the pubs - Ed), in "Scottish Drinker".

In "London Drinking" Red Rover described his findings, with usual candour, gleaned during a crawl of N17 in the rain.

The Brixton Brewery in the Warrior, Coldharbour Lane, SW9 had begun production with 20 barrels a week; its owner, Mick Conway, was also proprietor of the Battersea Brewery which had previously opened; the brewer at both was John Gilbert of Hop Back Brewery fame.

TEN YEARS AGO the February 1989 issue appeared to have a 4-coloured cover - judicious use

of artwork made the frame silver-grey with black lining and the theme colour of royal blue on the title and 11 other pages, was transformed into duck-egg blue on the panel. The illustration was the logo of the then forthcoming third Wimbledon Beer Festival - a contented, replete, sleeping monk in the form of the clip on a handpump.

In his Editorial Chris dwelt on the upsurge of beer festivals - notably in London - and some of the complications involved in running them.

In a separate article, Chris also expressed appreciation for the Old Ale Festival organised privately in the White Horse, Parson's Green the previous November. This has taken place on a number of occasions, always a resounding success.

The Crown, Clerkenwell Green, which had recently re-opened after renovations, was the subject of an historical profile including plays in the concert room, a coffin found on the premises, and an explosion which led to the last public execution, in 1868. It covered 174 years - the time the building had been standing, on a much older site.

Facing an advert for a shellfish business came "A Fishy Tale" - a rundown of the provenance of the various wares to be found for sale. Not entirely unconnected with drinking - shellfish is a traditional adjunct to the Londoner's Sunday lunch, going back to the days when it could be picked up free of charge from the Thames.

The Real Beer in London Update (the 42nd) covered 4/4 pages - deletions (ie. those pubs which have ceased to serve real beer for whatever reasons since the previous Update, including closures) filled less than a quarter of that space, which shows how availability of real ale was on the up.

"The Price of Inflation" showed, using a price list dated 1976 and comparing the total price for one of each item shown with up-to-date prices for identical drinks, that the rise over 13 years had been any average of 322%.

East London & City Branch published an obituary for Jack Long, the Branch Chairman. Embarrassingly, in the several subsequent issues a

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gremlin in the Layout Artist's department led to out-of-date artwork being used, showing Jack's name as Branch Contact. You can't win them all.

FIVE YEARS AGO in February 1994, apple green was selected for second colour for both covers and 3 inner pages of its 40 content. The front cover depicted Ye Dog & Bull, Croydon, which was voted CAMRA's London Pub of the Year for 1993. The back cover consisted of an advert for the 10th London Drinker Beer Festival, whose logo was a "Peeler" - early copper - complete with top hat and foaming tankard.

Tony Hedger penned the Editorial, which looked at the character of the traditional good pub, and how imposition of the "corporate image" was taking away what one hopes for. I hope this is not too generalised and brief a comment; Editorials are extremely difficult to summarise, those I wrote even more than most, likewise other items of mine; it is difficult to be objective about your own work. As it is, I haven't written an Editorial for nine years, except one as Guest in August '91. That, as I recall, provoked a comment on the subsequent Letters page: "What Rubbish!" - taken from my introductory remarks.

In "Idle Moments" Andy presented number puzzles, brewery anagrams and General

Knowledge questions, along with a variation on the latter theme - for those who hadn't seen the previous issue to work out its original questions from the answers given. He also gave the definition of Trivia - a term nowadays accepted as synonymous with General Knowledge - the plural of TRIVIUM, the Latin for a meeting place of 3 roads, but used for a Mediaeval university course of grammar, rhetoric and logic. Andy offered a brainteaser involving 2 gamblers, a pair of dice and 100 throws. The previous issue had included one about how many gifts were presented in the 12 Days of Christmas. His total was 364. In a rare foray into the realms of mathematics, my contribution to the issue, apart from Archives, entitled "Idler Moment", made the total 596 but included drumsticks, drums, pipes, etc; being what Ian terms numeralexic - except when behind a bar (In the SINGULAR please, typesetter!), doubtless others will find a more accurate alternative.

In a full page advert, Fullers announced that for 3 months Chiswick Bitter would be reduced to £1.29 a pint and Hock to £1.19.

The 16th Firkin pub in London, the Farrier & Firkin had opened in Marylebone. The Phoenix & Firkin at Denmark Hill railway station had won the 1993 Evening Standard Pub of the Year competition.

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The Hop Back Brewery in Salisbury was to brew a limited edition of 1,000 bottles of naturally conditioned beer, Natural Stout, at 4.5% ABV.

A group of workers from the previous LD Beer Festival had visited the then two Salisbury breweries, the above mentioned at its original site behind the Wyndham Arms, whose equipment was about to be moved to a new site in nearby Downton, and Gibbs Mew, alas no more.

Richmond & Hounslow Branch had voted the Queen Dowager, Teddington its Pub of the Year. For the same accolade, Enfield & Barnet Branch had selected the Railway Bell, New Barnet.

Wetherspoon's had opened a new pub in Purley. Its name, the Foxley Hatch, was suggested by a local CAMRA member, Ian Crichton - it was the old name for the area. This was one of 5 new Wetherspoon pubs in London reported in "Beer Briefing".

Young's Winter Warmer Ale, a bottled version of Winter Warmer, had been voted Christmas Beer of the Year in Sweden.

Vaux beers were no longer available in the Princess Louise, Holborn - their last regular outlet in London.

That concludes my review for this month, except to say that next month's will be longer as London Drinker is about to enter its third decade, having first appeared in March 1979. That means 4 sections of my screed instead of three. Therefore I

should appreciate any comments, via the Editors, about what you do, and do not find interesting in this column. No point in wasting printing space, and time, on what you don't want to read.

I'd like to wish all the best, and offer thanks, to Andy Pirson for all his work as Editor particularly putting up with my eccentricities when we served together!, and as compiler of Idle Moments which I'm glad to note he is continuing - even if his offerings have frequently left me bemused! Andy first joined the Editorial Committee along with Chris Cobbold and myself in 1983, replacing the original Committee which had expressed the wish to retire, and our first issue being in March that year. We presided over the first image change, using glossy paper and coloured ink, the first being in June 1984. The second major image change was the beginning of last year. By that stage I had withdrawn from the scene to Wales for domestic reasons, 9 years ago, and Ian Amy took my place particularly liaising with printers, at short notice. Now Chris remains the survivor of the second Committee with, at present count 175 issues behind him. As an avid reader of my only regular contact with my native London, also a regular contributor, may I wish all the best to London Drinker, and particularly to Dave Oram who has taken over Andy's task.

Cheers!

Martin Smith



LESBIAN AND GAY NEWS

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. All welcome.

3 February 1999, Wednesday 7.00 p.m. The King's Arms, 23 Poland Street, W1, (0171-) 734 5907, (Monthly meeting).

12 February 1999, Friday 7.00 p.m. Battersea Beer Festival, Battersea Town Hall, Town Hall Road (behind Arts Centre) SW11. Meeting initially somewhere around the entrance end of the hall. £2.50 admission, £1.50 with a CAMRA membership card. Food available. Nearest station: Clapham Junction BR.

19 February 1999, Friday 7.30 p.m. William IV, 77 High Street, Hampstead, NW3. (0171-) 435 5747. Traditional pub in the Scottish Courage stable. Usually has Courage Best, Directors and one of those individual pub speciality beers.

27 February 1999, Saturday 1.00 p.m. Day out in Brighton/Sussex Beer and Cider Festival. Meet at the Evening Star at 1.00 p.m. (out of Brighton Station, turn right and then immediately left and head down towards the sea for 200 yards). We'll then be making our way towards the Beer Festival in Hove Town Hall, Norton Road probably via the Regency (good range of beers). If your going to meet us in the Beer Festival it's ten minutes walk from Hove Railway Station, but bear in mind that it's only open 11.00 a.m. till 6.00 p.m. and the last admission is 4.00 p.m. Admission is £2.50 and there's £1's worth of beer vouchers if you produce your CAMRA membership card.

Idle Moments

A little late as we don't have a separate January edition, but let me wish you a Happy New Year anyway. Let's kick off with a quotation, not particularly funny and definitely not new but it definitely has a strong ring of truth; it comes from Blaise Pascal (1623-1662): *not to care for philosophy is to be a true philosopher*

Right, now to note I have received from Mr.P.E.Dant from Wormwood Scrubs or thereabouts. Referring to the November edition he writes:

"Sea Fever: I'm afraid that you have still got it wrong. The line reads 'I must down to the sea...' The usage is repeated in a later stanza."

Sorry Mr. Dant, Unless you can provide published evidence to support this, I don't believe you. My source from which I took my November correction is the Oxford Book of Twentieth Century British Verse. Until you come up with something more authoritative, I am saying that you are wrong.

Now, having got that out of the way let's have the answers to last time's number puzzles:

1. 4 Arms on the Cross of Lorraine
2. 6 Geese a-Laying (my True Love's Sixth Christmas Present)
3. 169 Squares in the London Drinker Crossword Grid
4. 7 Pounds to Stan Tompkins for an Annual Subscription to London Drinker
5. 13 Top Ten Hits (in Great Britain) by the Beach Boys
6. 3 Wings on a Fokker Tri-Plane
7. 1982 Start of Channel Four Television
8. 6 Of The Best
9. 57 is the Second Highest Possible Score with a Single Dart
10. 2 Engines on a Boeing Triple Seven

And moving right along we shall have this month's number puzzles. They go something like this:

1. 300 M is the H of the ET
2. 4 F on the GWC (or BB)
3. 1616 Y of the D of WS
4. 3 FH
5. 15 MMT's B by F
6. 1698 F of SNB
7. 3 LM from S (from the M by G&S)
8. 100 M of the USS

9. 204 B of C (L in WB - J 1999)
10. 10 A to the USC form the B of R

Then last time we had the brewery anagrams - ten of them as it was the run up to the festive season; and here are the answers:

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| 1. HEART EH? | HEATHER |
| 2. CHER LINT | CHILTERN |
| 3. RUN STEAM | TRUEMAN'S |
| 4. LESMO | MOLE'S |
| 5. RAT WITH EWE | WHITEWATER |
| 6. BOIL REV | BELVOIR |
| 7. HEAR DIVER | RIVERHEAD |
| 8. TOT CAGE | COTTAGE |
| 9. STAY IN DRILL TRAM | TYNLLIDIART ARMS |
| 10. 1, FLINT | LINFIT |

And now that we are back to normal, we are back to just five brewery anagrams this time:

1. I CRATED MY FIG COB
2. TOP SPRING SALES
3. BABY ALE, ED
4. HAL'S WORD
5. FILL M'HORSE

This time 5BY4 is more like Ten by THE Four. All you have to do is match the songs in the first list with the LPs (remember them?) From which they come. If you didn't recognise them all as Beatles songs (Or if you don't remember LPs), then I'm afraid you might be too young to do this. In that case may I guide you to the solution at the end and regard it as an exercise in education. Anyway, here are the songs:

1. Can't Buy Me Love
2. Carry That Weight
3. Do You Want To Know A Secret?
4. Baby's In Black
5. A Little Help From My Friends
6. It Won't Be Long
7. And Your Bird Can Sing
8. Penny Lane
9. Ticket To Ride
10. Nowhere Man

Idle Moments

...and here are the albums:

- A. Help!
- B. With The Beatles
- C. A Hard Day's Night
- D. Beatles For Sale
- E. Revolver
- F. Abbey Road
- G. Please Please Me
- H. Rubber Soul
- I. Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
- J. Magical Mystery Tour

And finally we come to Trivia Time, starting with December's answers:

1. Benjamin Disraeli
2. Delhi
3. Exmoor
4. They are the keys to Heaven and Hell entrusted to Saint Peter by Jesus
5. The F-Plan Diet
6. They both won on Red Rum, Brian Fletcher in 1973/74 and Tommy Stack in 1977.
7. Jo Grimond
8. Orkney and Shetland
9. They were the Greyhound Grand National and Derby
10. They were the first James Bond book and film respectively

And to finish off with, here are some more questions:

1. What is notable about the geographical feature known as Eas a'Chùal Aluinn in the Highland region of Scotland
2. Which symbolic character first appeared in a pamphlet by John Arbuthnot in 1712?
3. What do the French dauphin Francis, the Earl of Darnley and the Earl of Bothwell have in common?
4. Who is the historical figure most commonly linked with the steamboat Forfarshire?
5. In Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" how does Antigonus leave the stage and what later happens to him?
6. Apart from brewing what passes for beer, for the production of what was Mortlake famous between 1619 and 1703?
7. What advice did Pollonius give to his son Laertes in Hamlet

8. Who composed the "Nelson Mass" which was given that nickname because news of Nelson's victory at the Battle of the Nile reached Austria on the day it was first performed?
9. The World's oldest steam engine still operational and in its original location is at Crofton. What canal does it serve, raising water to the summit level?
10. Who is the cartoonist who created the Snowman and Fungus the Bogeyman and who had the temerity to depict Father Christmas on the loo?

And just before I go, here is the solution to 5BY4:

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

See you next time.

Cheers!

Andy Pirson



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SE3 CROWN
SE3 FAIRWAY & FIRKIN
SE3 HARE & BILLET
SE5 FOX ON THE HILL
SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
SE6 BLACK HORSE & HARROW
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SE7 VICTORIA
SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
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SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE
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SE13 WATCH HOUSE
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SE16 MAYFLOWER
SE16 QUEBEC CURVE
SE16 SURREY DOCKS
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WC1 THREE CUPS

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N16 EBOR ARMS
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N17 NEW MOON
N19 DOG
N21 HALF MOON
N21 ORANGE TREE
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BARNET, WHITE LION
BARNET, YE OLDE MITRE INN
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 SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
 SW1 ROYAL OAK
 SW1 STAR
 SW2 CROWN & SCEPTRE
 SW3 BUILDERS ARMS
 SW3 COOPERS ARMS
 SW3 SURPRISE
 SW4 BREAD & ROSES
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 SW9 TRINITY ARMS
 SW10 FERRET & FIRKIN
 SW11 ASPARAGUS
 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 GREEN MAN
 SW15 RAILWAY
 SW16 HOGSHEAD
 SW16 PIED BULL
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