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### PROTECT LONDON'S HERITAGE - VISIT A PUB!

As you will have most likely picked this magazine up in a pub, then perhaps you feel that this call is not for you but we all have a duty to "use it or lose it". And for this reason, the week commencing 14th October, CAMRA is running a campaign to highlight the uncertain future of London's pubs.

Over the last three years, CAMRA has been tracking what has been happening to pubs in England and Wales and it is not a pretty picture. Estimates are that over 1330 pubs have been lost during this time, i.e. around 2.5% of all pubs. So what is happening to them?

A few years ago, London was losing the back street boozers. These pubs often had low turnovers and struggled to pay the increasing rents demanded by owners who wanted better financial returns. Now the situation has changed. 26% of the pubs lost in England and Wales were demolished but the remaining 74% were either converted into other businesses or into residential use. These pubs are now gone forever. In all of these cases, planning permission is needed and anyone can object to these changes. CAMRA, working with local pub users, has many times succeeded in stopping these changes happening but we need to know about them. We do not have to sit and accept it.

Too often as well we see the theming of pubs in line with the latest bright idea from a pub marketer. They rarely last more than a few years before they are done again but in the meantime original fixtures and fittings that were part of the pub's heritage are destroyed. We can work to stop this by getting pubs listed, in some cases both internally and externally. This gives protection to buildings with stunning interiors such as the Salisbury in West London and the Blackfriar at Blackfriars.

But overall, we need to encourage more people to visit our pubs. Without them our traditional social life will never be the same again. And although there are new pubs being built, the numbers are significantly less than we are losing. Of course they do have a part to play, often attracting a newer, younger element where we can hopefully teach them the delights of a decent pint of real ale but they can never take the place of one of London's old masterpieces. Our Victorian gin places, our back street locals, our roadhouses and our historic pubs such as the Queens Larder (Bloomsbury) and the Dove (Hammersmith), all have a story to tell and one that we must preserve to tell their stories to the next generation.

As Belloc said 'When you have lost your inns, drown your empty selves, for you will have lost the last of England'. Do your bit. Visit a pub during CAMRA's pub week and drag others with you!

Christine Cryne

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# LONDON PUB WEEK 14-20 OCTOBER 2002

A London Week of Action supporting pubs - a good idea, good excuse for going to the boozer with fellow Real Ale enthusiasts. Pity the pub kicks you out at 11.20, though.

Hold on, do you know just how many pubs are likely to close for ever before that time and during that week? In London alone there could be at least two pubs lost for every one of those seven days. You always thought it was the country pubs we were losing? No, because with greedy property developers the situation in London is becoming much worse. In just two and a half years 380 pubs have closed in Greater London. Many of these pubs have uncertain futures but 46% of these pubs have

been lost forever. 61 have been demolished whilst others have been converted to other businesses or residential use. The worst hit area has been inner London, which has lost 307 pubs.

This is terrible news for everyone who likes a good pub. Although there are a number of new pubs opening, only in central London are there sufficient openings to make up for the losses. Variety and choice are being eroded. CAMRA is concerned because the losses are biased towards neighbourhood pubs. These are the sorts of pubs that are often responsible for keeping a sense of local community. We cannot underestimate their importance to society.

## Pub losses and gains in London

	Central London			Inner London			Outer London			Total		
	Loss	Gain	Change	Loss	Gain	Change	Loss	Gain	Change	Loss	Gain	Change
July 97 - Dec 99	23	107	+84	158	141	-17	38	78	+40	219	326	+107
Jan 00 - June 02	27	52	+25	307	91	-216	56	36	-10	380	179	-201
Total	50	159	+109	465	232	-233	84	114	-30	599	505	-94
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Another thing, though, not so many people are actually going to the pubs – what's the reason for this? Pubs too smoky? (several such as Wetherspoons have a non-smoking area), poor beer quality? (this surely equals poor cellarman'ship), loud music played just for the bar staff? (there are a number of quiet pubs mentioned in the Good Beer Guide), price increases? (always the case); or perhaps your local has just been turned into another Paddy O'Flagellant's (meaning it's all keg). Another reason for people leaving the pub is the cheap beer on offer at the large supermarkets – stay in and watch those old videos of the 'Beer Hunter' instead.

We have to protect our pubs and get people into them. October 14-20 is London Pub Week. In fact next year CAMRA will have a National Pub Week. London has decided to get there a year earlier, before too many more of our pubs close. The Great British Pub debate should have started yesterday.

During the week I hope all members of London Branches will be visiting their favourite pubs. Enfield and Barnet, for example, has a pub crawl of Barnet on Saturday October 19, taking in several of

the old coaching inns (details under Branch Update).

On Monday 14 October there will be an all-London Branches pub crawl of Hampstead NW3. You don't have to be a CAMRA member; everyone is welcome. We might even sign you up!

We shall start at a famous Young's pub, the Flask in Flask Walk (7pm), gloriously Victorian with a characterful public bar. Then we will go to a very much more modern looking pub, one of the Wetherspoons chain so cheerfully inexpensive, the Three Horseshoes at 28 Heath Street (8pm). Next we go to a wonderful pub that, believe it or not, they wanted to turn into an 'every town in the land' style café and bistro, the Holly Bush at 22 Holly Mount (8.45). Through CAMRA and various pressure groups the historic pub has now been saved. Finally, unless we have time for other gems and curiosities, we end up at 'Woody's', the local name for North London's CAMRA Pub of the Year, the Duke of Hamilton, 23 New End (9.30). If you're lucky Woody himself might serve you with a superb pint of Fuller's, one of London's favourite ales in one of London's favourite pubs.

Unless we use them we will lose them. Support London Pub Week and keep our pubs alive.

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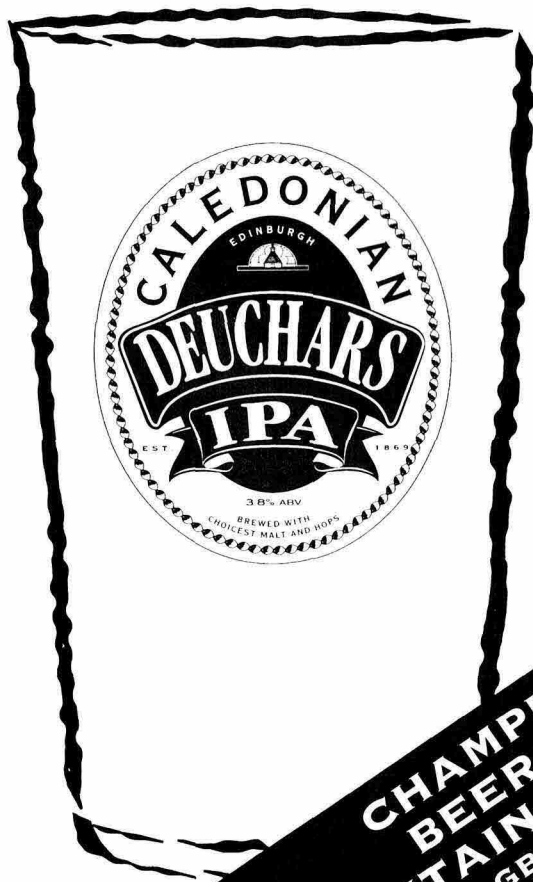
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## LONDON CAMRA MOURNS FOR KEVIN REEVE

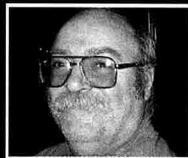
The success or otherwise of this year's Great British Beer Festival (GBBF) paled into insignificance for me following the devastating news of Kevin Reeve's death at the age of 48 from a heart attack on Mon. 5th August.

Kevin had been the manager of the Every 1's a Winner Tombola stand at GBBF for 12 years and worked at most CAMRA-run beer festivals in London.

I first met Kevin at one of the staff socials at the end of the first festival I worked at, the 1992 GBBF. Over the years we became firm friends and spent many enjoyable sessions drinking in various pubs and festivals, but especially in his favourite pub, Rose's in Woolwich.

Kevin's straight-talking style ruffled a few

feathers over the years, but he made many more friends than enemies. This was evidenced by the large number of people locally and from around the country who attended his funeral service and the subsequent celebration of his life, which was held at Rose's. Dave, Jackie and Misty at Rose's will miss Kevin terribly.



Kevin's passing leaves a massive hole in the Campaign. The South East London branch of CAMRA has lost a vital festival worker, pubs surveyor and London Drinker distributor. Most importantly, we have lost a great friend who will nevertheless be in our memories forever.

*Andy Camroux*

## SAVING KINGSTON'S PUBS

Help is at hand for ale drinkers in Kingston. Recognising the vital role that pubs play in their local communities, the Council is proposing a new policy to help protect our locals.

The Borough has been hard hit by pub closures in recent months. A spate of planning applications has been submitted to demolish pubs and redevelop the land, usually for housing. The list is a long one: The White Horse, Cambridge Arms and Duke Tavern have all closed. The Liverpool Arms, Railway Tavern, Duke of Cambridge and the Toby Jug (as shown on the cover) have been demolished.

In an attempt to stop this worrying trend Kingston Council is planning a change to the Unitary Development Plan for the borough giving more protection to pubs which play a part in the social life of the local community.

In October the Council will be consulting local people and organisations, including CAMRA, on the new policy.

It has also asked CAMRA and local

neighbourhoods to identify any pubs in the borough which may be deserving of being listed, or being designated buildings of townscape merit. This would give added protection to the best buildings. As a result of this consultation 21 pubs have been identified and will be assessed for possible listing.

Roger Hayes, Council Leader is vigorously backing the new policy.

'Imagine Albert Square without the Queen Vic, or Coronation Street with no Rover's Return. Pubs play an important role in the community. Our favourite locals could soon be a thing of the past if urgent action is not taken to prevent their closure or even demolition. Our new policy will give the Council more control over the redevelopment of these sites and help preserve vital facilities for the community.'

*Birgit Allen*

Royal Borough Kingston upon Thames,  
Planning Policy  
Phone 020 8547 5361

## BEER FESTIVALS

CAMRA beer festivals in prospect include several in or convenient for London:

**October 3-5 (Thu-Sat).** Twickenham York House, Richmond Rd

**October 10-12 (Thu-Sat).** Wallington Wallington Hall, Stafford Rd

**October 17-19 (Thu-Sat).** Oxford Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates St

**November 1-2 (Fri-Sat).** Watford West Herts Sports Club, Park Ave

**November 8-9 (Fri-Sat).** Woking Woking Leisure Centre, Woking Park, Kingfield Rd

**November 15-16 (Fri-Sat).** Medway St George Hotel, Gundulph Rd, Chatham

**December 3-7 (Tue-Sat).** Pig's Ear Stratford Town Hall, Mare St, E15

**February 5-7 2003 (Wed to Fri).** Battersea Battersea Grand Hall, Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, SW11 (Near Clapham Junction BR).



## LONDON PUBS GROUP UPDATE

The following is a summary of current alerts and concerns over pub preservation in London:

**E3, Widow's Son (Bun House)**, 75 Devon's Road: lease is currently up for sale

**N20, Rising Sun**, Oakleigh Road North: reported to be closed for refurbishment

**NW8, Clifton**, 96 Clifton Hill: was undergoing refurbishment in August

**SW3, Blenheim**, 27 Cale Street: planning permission was sought in late July for 'complete refurbishment works to public house, lower ground and ground floor, and conversion of existing public house accommodation into 3 two-bedroomed flats with first floor terrace'. London Pubs Group contacted the Planning Officer to see if the plans showed whether the ground floor was going to be retained as a pub or turned into a restaurant but the Officer said that this was not clear from the plans. Even if the latter is the case there would be no need for a change of use application. West London

CAMRA has been informed and is carrying a watching brief

**SW17, King's Head**, 84 Upper Tooting Road: closed for refurbishment - London Pubs Group commented on the proposals back in May this year but has recently raised fresh concerns with the Conservation Officer since the work has begun. The Conservation Officer is dealing with the proposals.

**W2, Grand Junction Arms**, South Wharf Road: may be demolished as part of the Paddington Scheme

**Hampton, White Hart**, 70 High Street: Richmond Borough Council has approved a second application for change of use to residential flats. It was withdrawn from the agenda of the Planning Committee Meeting of 5 September for reasons unknown.

*Jane Jephcote*

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## ◆ Deuchars is the best of British

**D**euchars IPA brewed by Caledonian of Edinburgh was awarded the title of 'Champion Beer of Britain' at the Great British Beer Festival in August. It was judged to be the best beer in Britain by a panel of brewers, beer writers and journalists. This is the first time that a Scottish beer has ever won the title.

The 2002 Good Beer Guide describes Deuchars as *'an extremely tasty and refreshing amber-coloured session beer. Hops and fruit are very evident and are balanced by malt throughout. The lingering aftertaste is delightfully bitter and hoppy.'*

Roger Protz, one of the finalist judges and Editor of the *Good Beer Guide* said *'I think that the victory for Caledonian is well overdue. Deuchars IPA is a fabulous beer. A brilliant blend of malt and hop character and above all a drink with enormous drinkability. A great victory for Scotland!'*

David Brown, Caledonian's Director of Marketing said *'We are absolutely thrilled to have won this award, particularly as we are the first Scottish brewery to do so. Deuchars has been a great success in Scotland for many years and appreciate the support that CAMRA has given us.'*

The silver medal in the awards went to RCH East Street Cream from Somerset, and the bronze to Moondance from Triple FFF of Alton, Hampshire.

## ◆ Get real in ale week

**F**ollowing on from last year's successful Cask Ale week, the Independent Family Brewers of Britain (IFBB) will be urging customers to 'get real' this year during Real Beer Week. The 33 members of the IFBB, which include Fullers, Young's and many of the best known regional breweries from around the country, aim to lure people into their pubs and boost their sales of cask beer with a range of promotions. The week chosen for the activity is Monday 30 September to Sunday 6 October.

Although the campaign has a national focus, most of the activity will be organised locally, and each member of the IFBB will offer their own promotions. Fullers, Young's and Adnams will be offering a 'try before you buy' scheme; Batemans will have scratchcards with the chance of winning beer for a year; Hydes has a competition to win a brewery tour, and Wadworths is giving lager buyers a voucher for a free pint of real ale when they buy their pint of lager.

Other plans include the Badger school of excellence, to be launched by the Badger brewery as a training guide to real ale for customers. IFBB chairman Anthony Fuller said *'Real Beer Week is a celebration of the many diverse brands that are produced by*

*IFBB members. We want to introduce more people to the delights of Real Beer, its quality, its uniqueness of flavours, and its health values.'*

He added *'To ensure that Real Beer is still around in years to come it is important to widen the market and extend our customer base. Real Beer Week will focus nationally and regionally on introducing more people to Real Beer as a viable drinking choice when entering a pub or restaurant.'*

CAMRA has been working closely with the IFBB on ideas for promoting real beer to new markets, as well as running its 'Ask if its Cask' campaign as a generic promotion for cask beer. Spokesman Tony Jerome said that CAMRA was delighted with the announcement of Real Beer Week.

## ◆ Cains and Tollys sold

**C**ains brewery, which has been for sale for some months, has finally been sold to Gardner-Shaw, a Midlands based drinks distribution company. The deal, which cost them £3.4 million, ended months of uncertainty - previous owners Danish Brewery Group originally put the brewery up for sale last year. The offer beat one from Carlisle Retail, which included Cains founder and former managing director Steve Holt.

Although Cains was making a loss, mainly due to its reliance on low-cost supermarket lagers, the new owners have pledged to turn the company round. Gardner-Shaw is owned by brothers Sudarghara and Ajmail Dusanj, who took the company over ten years ago and have managed to transform it into a successful business with 11 depots across the country. Sudarghara Dusanj said *'Cains has been important to Liverpool's economy for many years. We recognise the importance of preserving the heritage of the company and firmly believe we can take this piece of history and transform it into a modern day success story.'*

He also pledged to continue brewing Cains' award winning beers on the current site, following a vocal local campaign to save the brewery and its beers. Campaigners are treating the change of ownership with caution, and the Supporters of Cains Action Group has vowed to continue its campaign to ensure Cains beers continue to be sold in over 300 local pubs.

A less expected move was the takeover of Tolly Cobbold of Ipswich by Chelmsford based Ridley's, leading to an end to brewing on the Ipswich site. The deal could lead to the rise of a new power in independent brewing in the region; Tollys had just 6 pubs to add to Ridley's estate of 71, but is the main Carlsberg-Tetley distributor in East Anglia and also has some 700 free trade accounts. Many of these



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accounts were former Brent Walker pubs now owned by Pubmaster - Tolly Cobbold was bought by the management from Brent Walker 12 years ago.

Nicholas Ridley, Executive Chairman of Ridley's said that the main attraction was Tolly's wide range of distribution, as the majority of Ridley's own sales are concentrated near their Essex base. The company is actively looking to expand production following the relaunch of its entire range last year and the introduction of Prospect, its highly regarded Best Bitter.

Tolly Cobbold was originally only kept open following a protest campaign by local people and CAMRA. A preservation order was put on the brewing equipment by the council, and this was a big factor in persuading Brent Walker to sell the brewery as a going concern. Their original plan had been to demolish the riverside brewery and build a marina on the site.

However, sadly, the old brewery has not been operated for some years, and the more modern plant that has been in use has been moved to Ridley's. The Cliff Quay brewery site was not part of the sale, and a Tolly spokesman confirmed that there are plans to revive the marina plan.

### ◆ Greene King in confident mood

Greene King chief executive Tim Bridge reckons 'He has the best beer business in Britain'. That's his view following the unveiling of strong annual results including a pre-tax profit increase of over ten per cent. Further expansions of the pub estate in the last year included the purchase of the 107-strong estate of Morrells in July; the estate is now close to 2,000 and Greene King plan to spend £50m doing them up in the near future.

Greene King will now be brewing 'Morrells' beers - they have been brewed at Thomas Hardy Burtonwood since Morrells' brewery in Oxford was controversially axed. These beers will join a portfolio that is increasing sales rapidly, with Old Speckled Hen up 22 per cent in the 12 months to May, and increases also reported for IPA and Abbot.

Overall, sales are up by fifteen per cent on the previous year; however, profits did not benefit as much as expected from the World Cup as the boost to beer sales was offset by a big fall in food sales.

### ◆ Beauty of Hops awards

The annual Beauty of Hops competition sees brewers competing to produce all sorts of special beers - in the past, the awards have included the ultimate beer to go with curry, pizza and fish and chips. For this year's awards, there were three challenges - to come up with the Ultimate Barbecue beer, the Ultimate Wedding beer and the Ultimate Fruit/spiced beer.

Maybe surprisingly, one of the winners of the best beer to act as a companion for a barbecue was a dark beer - Greene King's Strong Suffolk. Head brewer John Bexon explained 'Usually you would associate blonde or golden beers with barbecues, but the judges have confounded expectations by going for Strong Suffolk. Strong Suffolk is dark and warming, so it's normally thought of as an autumn and winter ale. However, if you chill it it's unexpectedly refreshing and tasty.'

Unable to choose between the top two, the judges awarded joint gold to Harvey's Bonfire Boy. St Peter's Cream Stour won bronze.

The Ultimate Wedding Beer had to be one fit to be served in champagne flutes to toast the happy couple at a summer wedding. The all-female judging panel were looking for pale beers of 5.5 per cent alcohol, and they chose Smiles Bristol IPA as the winner. Fuller's got silver with Organic Honey Dew, and bronze went to Federation Angel Ale.

In the Fruit and spiced beer category, Brains won with Ultimo, with silver and bronze going to Dark Star Spiced Vice and St Peter's Lemon and Ginger.

Dave Lee

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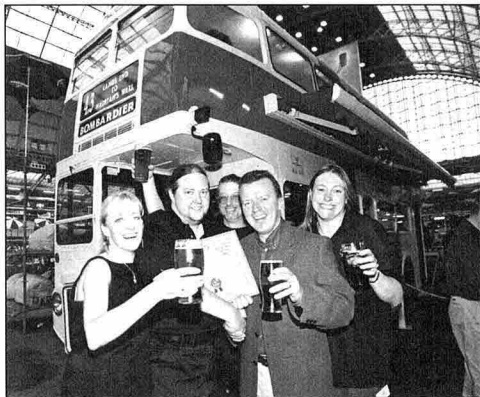
### ◆ Local celebrations at Olympia

Fuller's are celebrating yet more awards for their beers this summer, following the Champion Beer of Britain competition held at the Great British Beer Festival (GBBF) in Olympia in August.

Fuller's 1845 won the gold medal in the bottled beer competition, backed up with a silver for ESB in the strong bitter category and a bronze for London Pride in the best bitter category. 1845 was launched in 1995 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Fuller Smith and Turner, and has enjoyed enormous popularity ever since. The judges in the competition included Roger Protz, Guardian Beer Writer, who said of the beer '*A magnificent russet-coloured ale with a fine balance of malt and hop flavours, with spicy and peppery Golding hops and nutty and creamy malt. Delicious!*'

The award will be reflected in a new label for the bottle for this autumn. Fuller's Beer and Brands director John Roberts said '*I believe that bottle conditioned ales are an important and growing sector of the beer market and I am delighted that our '1845' has been voted Champion Bottle Conditioned Beer at this year's GBBF.*' The win comes on the back of a 41% increase in sales volumes over the last year.

Fuller's boasts that it has already won more CAMRA awards than any other brewer, including previous wins of the Champion Beer of Britain title with three different beers - ESB, London Pride and Chiswick.



Members of the North London Branch - from left Christine Cryne, Ian Hasell and John Cryne - raise their glasses at the Great British Beer Festival and congratulate Charles Wells brewery, whose Banana Bread Beer was voted Beer of the Festival at the 2002 London Drinker Beer and Cider Festival. Rumours that several pints were then consumed on the Bombardier bus are fervently denied!

Ken Don, Young's Head Brewer also receives an award at Olympia, for Beer of the Festival at

Battersea 2002, where the Double Chocolate Stout supplied on draught by special request was voted the winner.



Festival Organiser Stephen Blann is shown presenting the framed certificate on behalf of South West London Branch.

### ◆ A barrel of laughs at Headliners

On Friday 6 September Fuller's opened Headliners, West London's only purpose-built comedy club at the George IV pub on Chiswick High Road.

Simon Randall the brains behind Ha Bloody Ha and the Ealing Comedy Festival has teamed together with Fuller's to provide West London with the chance to see top comedy acts. These include; Al Murray, Harry Hill, Ed Byrne, Ricky Gervais and many more.

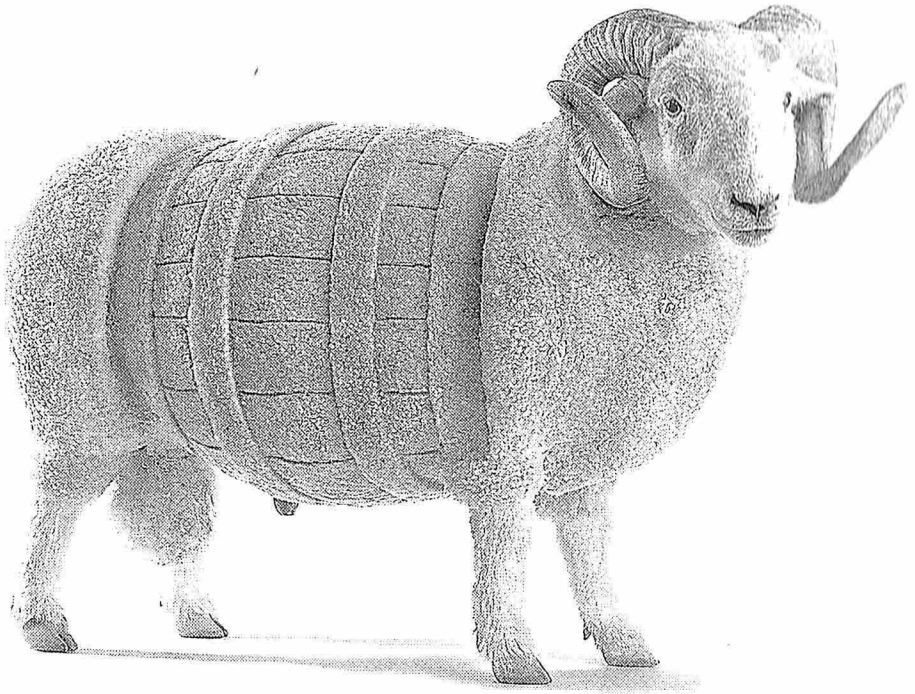
Headliners at George IV is a brand new, modern, 250-seater comedy venue, which allows you to get up close to the big names in comedy and experience gags-galore. It comes complete with it's own bar, which offers table-service for large groups, so that you can enjoy your beer without having to leave your seat.

Meals can be ordered before the show or during the intervals and will be served to your table in the next available break until 10pm.

Tickets cost £10 each.

### ◆ Fuller's Master Cellarman of the Year: The Railway Tavern, Carshalton

Trevor Gingell, licensee of the Railway Tavern in Carshalton, has won the title of Fuller's Master Cellarman of the Year. To achieve this accolade, licensees have to attain and then sustain a score of over 95% in four visits from the Fuller's Beer Quality Advisors throughout the year. Cellar hygiene and dispense equipment including



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## ◆ The Wych Elm garden wins again

Manuel and Janet Turnes of The Wych Elm, Kingston-upon-Thames; have won first prize in the Premier Category of Fuller's Gardens Competition for the second year in a row. Chairman Anthony Fuller visited the pub to present them with their certificate and a cash prize that they are going to put towards their award-winning garden.



The Fuller's Gardens Competition is an annual contest and categories include Premier, Family Garden, Beer Garden, Front of House and First Time Entrant. Any pub that has been either the overall competition winner or a category winner (with the exception of the First Time Entrant) within the past two years must enter into the Premier category. These pubs then compete against each other to be truly, the best of the best.

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### **RELATIVE VALUES**

CAMRA's annual price survey earlier this year found the average beer price increase less than the average average price increase since last year, if I am interpreting the summarized statistics correctly. Of course it is a shame that beer prices should increase at all: if excise duty were 'harmonized' as we might expect, given political commitment to the European Union, then the price of beer ought to fall substantially.

Much more interesting though is the regional difference - between the 'average' pint in London at £2.12 and in the North West at £1.69. Indeed, our money went a lot further over a week in August on the canals around Manchester than it would have done had we stayed 'down south'.

Drink Joseph Holt's Mild preferably. It won silver in the International dark milds and stouts section of the 2002 Brewing Industry International Awards. It tasted marvellous, and at a price of £1.17 a pint whichever pub we visited. There were two nights I drank nothing else.

Enjoying a particularly good evening at the delightful Queens Hotel, Macclesfield (right outside the station; you can't miss it), and wondering how we might return the hospitality of the house, we thought maybe the pub should be 'twinned' with the Priory Arms: we're welcome there; so they're welcome here. Cracking pub, and great beers, sometimes even Holt's, only at twice the price - naturally!

*Geoff Strawbridge*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Thanks you for printing my letter about O'Hanlons opening at 8.30am. Unfortunately they stopped opening early in late July and have reverted to opening at 11am. I presume that this is due to the lack of trade in the morning as the time I went there at 8.30am there was only one other customer. My apologies to anyone who went there and was disappointed.

Another nearby pub the Exmouth Arms does breakfast from after 9am and from 9am to 11am you can have a drink but only if you have breakfast. Also the nearby Betsy Trotwood opens at 8am but this is for coffee and snacks only. Obviously both pubs serve drink after 11am.

Since I wrote my original article about early opening pubs the Southwark Tavern in Borough Market SE1 has stopped opening in the early mornings. However the Market Porter still opens from 6.30 to 8.30am on Monday to Friday and serves an excellent pint of Harvey's Bitter along with an ever changing range of beers from micro-breweries.

In Smithfield the Cock Tavern has replaced Young's Bitter with Flowers IPA and the New Market has had a change in management, although there have been no changes yet.

Colin Price, Barking

Dear Editor

As a subscriber to *London Drinker* I take pleasure in any news of pubs reopened and reported the reopening of the Drayton Arms, Islington to my local Branch. On early visits the staff seemed friendly and attentive whilst Courage Best and Old Speckled Hen were at least a start. However as time has gone by the accent on food has increased. Recently on a Saturday night I took the girl-friend into the beer garden just after 10pm and was pounced on by a waiter informing us that the kitchen was closed. We let him know we were 10 o'clock drinkers and he went away. Every few minutes after that people got up and left and staff began stacking chairs at 10.30. We endured this disturbance but at 10.45 were informed that the area was to be closed and were escorted to a table inside. Between 10.50 and 10.55 two different members of staff told us that they were taking last orders at the bar. I had already got ours!

Before we left we found a copy of their menu in which the top line reads: White Gazpacho with Chilli Tiger Prawns £5.50 and the bottom line reads: Smokers are asked to be mindful of others.

Could someone get some serious drinkers down there before it is too late!

M J Stevens, Turnham Green

Dear Editor

It was with a mixture of dismay and anger that I recently visited the Duke's Head, Wallington, a Young's House and GBG regular, to find that following the closure of the public bar for another refit, they have now wrecked it as a place for the public to drink. It has been my father's 'local' for about 35 years and I have seen the public bar decline from a real community meeting place to its present state, now a noisy 'yoof' bar with intrusive TV, a horrendously loud juke box and brash lighting. To cap it all, the leaded frosted windows have been ripped out to be replaced by see-through variety - so there is no longer any privacy in the place either.

The few regulars have in effect been excluded, and of course without any consultation. I suppose it's too much to hope that the smaller independent brewers might show some responsibility and empathy for the communities they purport to serve, but it seems that Young's, just like the big pubcos, are only interested in the bottom line.

Bob Steel, Pubs Secretary, Sutton & Croydon  
CAMRA, Carshalton

Dear Editor



On Sunday 16 June I was having a quiet drink in 'The Wenlock'. Well, quiet to me as I'm stone deaf, though someone was banging away at the piano with trumpet

accompaniment. Then suddenly the music stopped and practically everyone dashed outside. So I followed. The photo shows what greeted my eyes (lucky I had my camera with me).

I was told these people are 'The Angel Morris', so local yokels, not country bumpkins! Not what I'd expect in rural N1 near Shepherdess Walk. They certainly confused the local motorists.

'Inky' Hills, Totteridge

PS. By the way, what has happened to the LD web page? It has not been updated since last October.

(Our Webmaster explains: Just a sad note to say that thanks to Bill (don't we all love him) Gates and his improving (but we'll bugger you for life) software the .net web pages that are now on the web site are now .Net aware. The Server isn't. So a long and painful rewrite is in order to cater for those that are not the sparkling brand new super dooper multi giga etc with XP pro and .Net management etc blah blah blah. that can see the updates and the rest of us that can't. Thanks Bill, invoice in post.)

## BRANCH UPDATE

**W**elcome to our regular details of London CAMRA Branch contacts and events. This is where branches can say what is happening in their areas that might be of interest to drinkers across London. Events for October and November are listed below.

Branch meetings and socials are open to all - everyone is welcome to come along.

### ALL LONDON EVENTS

**October - Sun 6 (1pm)** London Pub of the Year presentation. Sultan, 78 Norman Rd, South Wimbledon SW19. - **Mon 14** London Pub Week crawl, Hampstead NW3. (7pm) Flask, Flask Walk, then (8pm) Three Horseshoes, 28 Heath St, (8.45) Holly Bush, Holly Mount, (9.30) Duke of Hamilton, 23 New End.

**November - Sat 9** (after the Lord Mayor's Show). Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1.

### LONDON PUBS GROUP. Jane Jephcote

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**September - Sat 28** Tenth Anniversary crawl of Belgravia SW1. Meet (2.30) Orange Brewery, 37 Pimlico Rd, SW1; then (c3.15) Antelope, 22 Eaton Terrace; (c4pm) Paxton's Head, 153 Knightsbridge; (c4.45) Nags Head, Kinnerton St; (c5.30) Grenadier, 18 Wilton Row; (c6.30) Star Tavern, 6 Belgrave Mews West; (c7.15) Fox and Hounds, 29 Passmore St.

**October - Wed 23** (7.15 for 7.30) Meeting. Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1 (upstairs).

**November - Wed 13** (7.30) Evening crawl of Croydon. Meet Rose & Crown, 124 Church St, Croydon.

**BEXLEY.** Martyn Nicholls 01322 527857 (H).

Website: [www.camrabexleybranch.org.uk](http://www.camrabexleybranch.org.uk)

**October - Wed 9** (8.30) Foresters, Welling.

**CROYDON & SUTTON.** Terry Hewitt 020-8660 5931 (H), 020-7918 3242 (W)

**October - Wed 2** (8.30) Wallington social. Whispering Moon (Wetherspoon). - **Thu 10-Sat 12** 9th Croydon & Sutton Beerfest (see page 32). - **Thu 24** (8.30) Selhurst social. Two Brewers, 221 Gloucester Rd. - **Sun 29** (8.30) Branch meeting. Dog & Bull, 24 Surrey St, Croydon.

**November - Tue 5** (8.30) Carshalton two pub social. Greyhound (dep. 9.30) then Sun. - **Sun 17** (noon) Beerfest 'Thank-you Do'. - **Thu 21** (8.30) N. Croydon two pub social. Gloucester (dep. 09.30) then Fishermans. - **Thu 28** (8.30) Branch meeting. Windsor Castle, 378 Carshalton Rd., Carshalton.

### EAST LONDON & CITY. Ben or Robyn

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Website: [www.pigsear.org.uk](http://www.pigsear.org.uk)

**October - Tue 8** (8pm) Branch meeting. George, 159 High St, Wanstead E11 (opposite Wanstead tube). - **Sat 12** (10.30am) Roberts' Silver Jubilee Rumble: details from Pete Roberts or Social Sec. - **Fri 18** (from 7.30) Club of the Year Presentation. Leyton Orient Supporters' Club, Brisbane Rd, E10 (Leyton). - **Thu 24** (8pm) Social at Harlow Beer Festival, Harlow Football Club (Harlow Town overground). - **Mon 28** (8pm) 6th Birthday of Jerusalem Tavern, Britton St EC1 (Farringdon)

**November - Fri 1, Thu 7 and Fri 22** Pig's Ear publicity crawls: details from Social Sec. - **Tue 12** Branch meeting Counting House, 50 Cornhill, EC3 (Bank)

**ENFIELD & BARNET.** Brian Willis 020-8441 1892 (H), Work: [Brian.Willis@Saffery.com](mailto:Brian.Willis@Saffery.com)

**October - Wed 2** (9pm) Local launch of 2003 Good Beer Guide-Lord Nelson, West End Lane, Barnet. - **Tue 8** (9pm) George, Enfield Town. - **Wed 16** (9pm) Sebright Arms, Alston Rd, Barnet. - **Sat 19** Ask if it's cash promo day in Barnet, contact Brian for details. - **Thu 24** (9pm) Picture Palace, Lincoln Rd, Ponders End. - **Wed 30** (9pm) Railway

Bell, New Barnet.

**November - Tue 5** (9pm) Beehive, Little Bury St, Edmonton. - **Wed 13** (9pm) Rising Sun, Mill Hill. - **Tue 19** (9pm) Whole Hog, Palmers Green. - **Thu 28** (9pm) London Drinker pick up. Old Mitre, Barnet

### KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD. Clive Taylor

020-8949 2099 (H) 020-8540 1901 (W)

**October - Thu 3** Social. Twickenham Beer Festival about 8pm onwards - **Wed 9** (8.30) Branch meeting. George & Dragon, High St, Thames Ditton - **Tue 15** Italian Evening in Surbiton. Meet (7.30) New Prince, Ewell Rd then about 8.30 adjourn to nearby Italian restaurant. - **Sun 27** Long Ditton Walk. Start (1 pm) Black Lion, Lower Brighton Rd, Surbiton, dep 1.30 to Plough and Harrow, then New Inn, and others. Finish back in Surbiton.

**November - Thu 7** (9pm) Joint social/curry evening with Richmond & Hounslow branch. Lion, Wick Rd, Teddington. Cost £5. **Please book by 4 Nov.** - **Fri/Sat 8/9** Woking Beer Festival. - **Tue 12** (8.30) Branch meeting. Victoria, Victoria Rd, Surbiton. - Date and venue to be confirmed for a pub in the Epsom and Ewell area, looking to arrange a Games Night, darts, shove halfpenny, bar skittles and so on. Local members especially invited. Phone for more details nearer the time.

### NORTH LONDON. Mike Rose 020-8342 8584,

[lynnmikeros@aol.com](mailto:lynnmikeros@aol.com)

**October - Tue 1** (8pm) Social. Marquess Tavern, 32 Canonbury St, then Compton Arms, 4 Compton Ave, N1. - **Tue 8** (8pm) Social and Indian meal. Square Tavern, 26 Tolmer Sq NW1, afterwards (10pm) Head of Steam, Euston station. - **Mon 14** London Pub Week crawl, Hampstead (see above). - **Tue 15** (8.15) Social. Hogshead, then Spread Eagle, both Parkway, NW1. - **Tue 22** (8pm) London Drinker Beer Festival 2003, first meeting. Kings Arms, 11a Northington St, WC1. - **Tue 29** (8pm) Social. Volunteer, 45 Baker St, W1, then Windsor Castle, 8 Park Rd, NW1.

**November - Mon 4** (8pm) Social. Wenlock Arms, 26 Wenlock Rd, N1. - **Tue 12** (8pm) WC1 survey and crawl. Plough, 27 Museum St, survey local pubs, then (10pm) Museum Tavern, 49 Gt Russell St. - **Tue 19** (8pm) Social. Lloyds No 1, Parkfield St, N1, then York Tavern, 82 Islington High St, N1. - **Tue 26** (8pm) Branch meeting (first Good Beer Guide selections), venue tba. Website: [www.camranorthlondon.org.uk](http://www.camranorthlondon.org.uk)

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW.** Brian Kirtton 020-8384 7284 (H)

**October - Thu 3 to Sat 5**, Twickenham Beer Festival: 55 different ales. - **Wed 9** (8.30) Branch meeting incl. Festival debrief. Prince of Wales, 136 Hampton Rd, Twickenham. - **Tue 15** as part of CAMRA's Week of Action centring on pub heritage, visit 2 of the oldest branch area pubs, first (7.30-8.45) Kings Arms, Hampton Court Rd., Hampton Court, then (9.30-11) White Cross, Riverside, Richmond. - **Tue 22** (7.30 for 8pm) Inter-Branch pub quiz organised by West London Branch, Magpie & Crown, 128 High St, Brentford: all welcome, cash prizes.

**November - Thu 7** (8.30 for 9pm) 'Curry evening'. Lion, 27 Wick Rd, Teddington: meal cost only £5. Contact Brian to book as need to know numbers. - **Wed 13** (8.30) Branch meeting. Moon under Water, 84/88 Staines Rd., Hounslow. - **Wed 20** (8pm) Pool and darts knock-out challenge. Crown, 174 Richmond Rd, Twickenham. All branch members welcome, £2.50 for pool entry, £1 for darts: cash prizes. - **Tue 26** Three-pub social crawl in Barnes, SW13. (8pm) Red Lion, 2 Castelnau, then (9pm) Sun Inn, 7 Church St, (10pm) Coach & Horses, 27 High St.

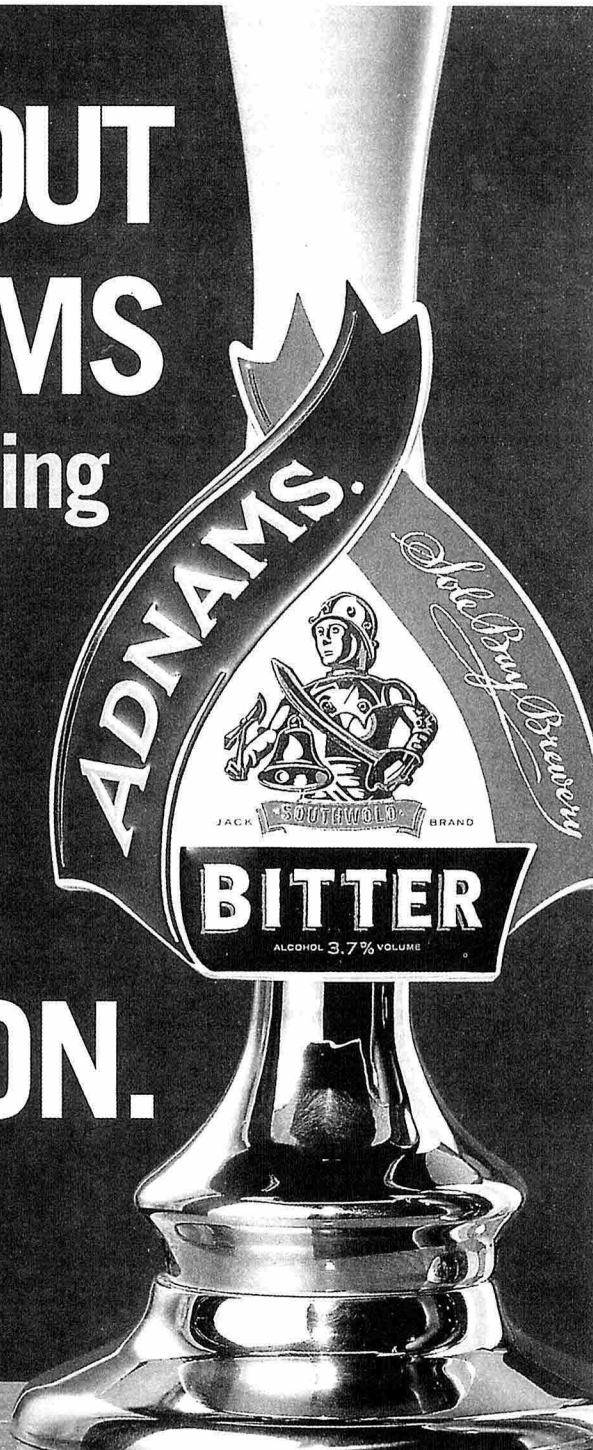
Advance notice, 16 Dec Calais day trip, 20 Dec Xmas Dinner, Coach & Horses, Kew.

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**October – Wed 2 (8pm)** Social. Clock Gate, Cutty Sark station, Greenwich SE10: check out the latest new Wetherspoon pub in our area. - **Tue 8 (8pm)** Branch/committee meeting. Market Porter, 9 Stoney St, SE1. - **Sun 13 (12 noon–4pm)** we will be running a small real ale bar at the Festival of the Nations at Crown Woods School, Riefield Rd, Eltham. - **Thu 17 (8pm)** Social at our 2002 Pub of the Year, Rose's (Prince Albert), 49 Hare St, Woolwich SE18. - **Wed 23 (8pm)** Not content with one pub of the year, we visit the all-London Pub of the Year, the Sultan, 78 Norman Rd, South Wimbledon SW19. - **Tue 29 (8pm)** Social. Founders Arms, 52 Hopton St SE1  
**November – Tue 5 (8pm)** Branch/committee meeting. Bromley Labour Club, HG Wells Centre, St Mark's Rd, Bromley. - **Tue 12 (8pm)** Social. Cricketers, 93 Chislehurst Rd, Orpington. - **Thu 21 (8pm)** Waterloo area pub crawl starting Mad Hater, 3-7 Stamford St SE1. - **Wed 27 (8pm)** Pub crawl starting London and Rye, 109 Rushey Green, Catford SE6.

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX.** *Andrew Clifton*

*01708 765150 (H), [swessex@clara.co.uk](mailto:swessex@clara.co.uk).*

**October – Tue 1 (8.30)** Social. Prince of Wales, 199 Roman Rd (B1002), Mountnessing. - **Tue 8 (8.30)** Social. Eva Hart, 1128 High Rd (A118) (junction of Station Rd), Chadwell Heath. - **Wed 16** Northern Line (City Branch) Social. (7pm) Wenlock Arms, 26 Wenlock Rd, N1, then via Cross Keys, Gracechurch St, EC to Royal Oak, 44 Tabard St, SE1. - **Thu, 24 (8.30)** Social. Crumpled Horn, 33-37 Corbets Tey Rd, Upminster (a few minutes walk from Upminster station). - **Thu 31 (7pm in Bowling Alley).** Bowling Social in Romford Brewery Shopping Centre, then Moon & Stars, 99-103 South St, Romford.

**November – Wed 6 (8.30)** Social. Swan, High Rd, Hornndon on the Hill. - **Wed 13 (8.30)** Social. White Horse, 173 Coxtie Green Rd, Coxtie Green (about a mile from A128 Ongar Road). - **Wed 20 (8.30)** Social at Rochford Beer Festival, Freighhouse, Rochford. Just outside Rochford station (trains from Liverpool Street, Romford, Shenfield, Southend Victoria and connections). - **Thu 28 (8.30)** Social. Britannia, 1 Church Rd (just off A123), Barking.

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**SOUTH WEST LONDON.** *Mark Bravery 020-8540 9183 (H) 020-7438 6418 (W), [markbravery@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:markbravery@blueyonder.co.uk).*

**October – Sun 6 (1pm).** London Regional Pub of the Year presentation at the Sultan (see above). - **Mon 21 (7.30).** Branch/committee meeting (Pub of the Year shortlist, GBG 2003 distribution). Old Sergeant, 104 Garratt La, Wandsworth SW18. - **Sat 26–Sun 27** Battersea Beer Festival staff trip to Bath and Bristol. Numbers limited. Names to David Paterson please on 01932 226940 (evenings before 9pm) before Friday 11 October.

**November – Thu 7** Battersea crawl.. Meet (7-7.30) Asparagus, 1-13 Falcon Rd, SW11 (5 mins walk from Clapham Junction station, north exit). To include (8.15) Castle, 115 Battersea High St, (9.15) Duke of Cambridge, 228 Battersea Bridge Rd and (10pm) Grove, 279 Battersea Park Rd. - **Wed 20 (7.30).** Branch/committee meeting (GBG 2004 long-listing, possible motions for national AGM). Sultan, 78 Norman Rnd, South Wimbledon SW19.

*Website: [www.swlcamra.org](http://www.swlcamra.org)*

**WATFORD & DISTRICT.** *Martin Few*

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**October – Wed 9** Rickmansworth: (8.30) Whip and Collar, (9pm) Tree, (9.30) Bell, Book & Candle. - **Fri 18 (8pm)** Black Boy, Bushey Heath; (10pm) Swan, Bushey. - **Mon 21** Watford: (8.30) Horns, (9.15) White Lion, (10pm) Estcourt Arms.

**November – Fri 1–Sat 2:** 8th Watford Beer Festival. West Herts Sports Club, Park Avenue, Watford. 40+ beers plus cider and perry. Friday 12 noon to 11pm, Saturday 11am to

11pm, West Herts Sports Club and CAMRA members free. Non-members £1. Food available all sessions. Further details from Tony Smith on 01923 221155 or Martin Few on 01923 252412. - **Fri 8** Croxley Green: (8.30) Duke of York, (9pm) Sportsman. - **Sun 17:** (12 noon) Old Fox, Old Bricket Wood; (1.30) Fox and Hounds and (2.30) Gate, Bricket Wood. - **Sat 23** Day trip to Reading (Watford away game optional). Train times TBC.

*Website: [www.watfordcamra.org.uk](http://www.watfordcamra.org.uk)*

**WEST LONDON.** *Kevin O'Donovan, 07990 972 424 (M), [westlondoncamra@aol.com](mailto:westlondoncamra@aol.com)*

**October – Tue 15 (8pm)** - West London Pub of the Year presentation. Churchill Arms, Kensington Church St, W8. - **Tue 22 (7.30)** Fund raising pub quiz & raffle with West Middlesex and Richmond & Hounslow branches - Magpie & Crown, 128 High St, Brentford: 4 or 5 members per team, quiz will start at 8pm, with all profits going to West London CAMRA funds. - **Thu 31 (6pm)** Social. Orange Brewery, 37 Pimlico Rd, SW1.

**November – Tue 12 (8pm)** - London Club of the Year presentation - Southside Bar, Imperial College, Princes Gdns, SW7. - **Wed 20** W14 Crawl. (6pm) Hand & Flower, 1 Hammersmith Rd; (6.30) Beaconsfield, 24 Blythe Rd; (7pm) Priory, 58 Milson Rd; (7.30) Havelock Tavern, 57 Masboro Rd; (8pm) Old Parris Head, 120 Blythe Rd; (8.45) Bushranger, 55 Goldhawk Rd, W12; (9.15) British Prince, 77 Goldhawk Rd, W12. - **Thu 28 (8pm)** Social. Coach & Horses, 5 Bruton St, W1.

**WEST MIDDLESEX.** *Paul Dabrowski (Social Secretary) 020-8571-9146 (H) 0118-923 7445 (W).*

**October – Thu 3 (7pm)** Twickenham Beer Festival Social. York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham. - **Wed 9 (8.30)** Branch meeting. Drayton Court Hotel, The Avenue, West Ealing. - **Sat 12 (11.30)** All-day Out of Branch Social. Shiplake and Henley (0958 train ex-Paddington/1051 ex-Twyford) for more details, consult Branch Contact. - **Thu 17 (8.30)** Social. Fat Controller and Moon on the Hill, both Station Rd, Harrow. - **Tue 22 (7.30)** Inter-branch quiz & fundraising night, Magpie & Crown, High St, Brentford. - **Thu 31 (8pm)** Halloween Social. Ealing Lawn Tennis Club, Daniel Rd, off Creffield Rd, Ealing Common

**November – Tue 5 (8.30)** Social. Case Is Altered, High Rd, Eastcote. - **Wed 13 (8.30)** Branch meeting. Beaconsfield Arms, West End Rd, Southall. - **Thu 21 (8.30)** Social. Forester, Leighton Rd, West Ealing. - **Thu 28 (8pm)** London Drinker pick-up and drop-off. Magpie & Crown, High St, Brentford, and Fox, Green La, Hanwell.

Electronic copy deadline for the December/January edition: 12th November 2002. Please send entries to [geoff@coherent-tech.co.uk](mailto:geoff@coherent-tech.co.uk).

## LAGRAD LONDON GROUP

LAGRAD (Lesbian and Gay Real Ale Drinkers) is a group of CAMRA members extending the Campaign to the lesbian and gay scene. All are welcome to all events. Contact the group convenor on:

LAGRAD@ukgateway.net or visit the LAGRAD

website, [www.goldings.demon.co.uk/queerale/](http://www.goldings.demon.co.uk/queerale/)

**October – Wed 2 (7pm)** Monthly social. King's Arms (upstairs bar), 23 Poland St, W1 (020-7734 5907). - **Tue 15** two pub crawl of N1: (7pm) Duke of Wellington, 119 Balls Pond Rd (020-7254 4338), a lesbian friendly venue; (8.30) Ram Bar, 39 Queens Head St (020-7354 0576).

**November – Wed 6 (7pm)** Monthly social. King's Arms (upstairs bar), 23 Poland St, W1. - **Tue 19 (8pm)** Fort, 131 Grange Rd, SE1 (020-7237 7742). Cruise (booze) in the dark. Usually has a Young's beer. Don't get there early as it doesn't open till 8pm.

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An independent scheme jointly funded by participating brewers and retailers, the Cask Marque recognises excellence in serving cask ale. The award is made to a licensee, who has to pass two unannounced inspections with assessors sampling beers checking temperature, appearance, aroma and taste. Twice yearly inspections continue, with additional random inspections triggered by customer comment. Readers' vigilance will be valuable! Visit the Cask Marque website at [www.cask-marque.co.uk](http://www.cask-marque.co.uk) for more information.

The April/May 2002 London Drinker listed those pubs and clubs in Greater London whose licensees had Cask Marque accreditation. Additions and deletions since then are listed below and regular updates will appear from now onwards pending reissue of the full list next April.

An asterisk indicates a pub listed in the 2002 Good Beer Guide (ib indicates an 'Inn Brief' listing.) The figures in brackets cross-refer to CAMRA's local pub guides and updates (see Capital Pubcheck for explanation).

Pub ownership is not recorded by Cask Marque; references have been compiled by CAMRA from the latest available information. Some ownerships may have changed.

## ADDITIONS

### CENTRAL

**EC1, OLD RED LION**, 418 St John St. Punch. (E21, U67, U159)  
**EC2, RED HERRING**, 49 Gresham Rd. Fuller. Formerly 49 GRESHAM STREET. (U92, U162)  
**EC3, SWAN**, Ship Tavern Passage, 77-80 Gracechurch St. Fuller. (E43, U70)  
**EC4, BANKER**, Cousin Lane. Fuller. (E45)  
**W1(Mar), CARPENTERS ARMS**, 12 Seymour Place. Free House. (W34, U92, U95, U120)  
**W1(May), FULLERS ALE LODGE**, 11 Avery Row. Fuller. Formerly YATES'S WINE LODGE. (W40, U90, U116)  
**W1(May), SAMUEL PEPYS**, 29 Clarges St. Six Continents. (W40, U80, U92)  
**W1(S), SHIP\***, 116 Wardour St. Fuller. (W44, U87)  
**WC1, COLLEGE ARMS**, 18 Store St. Broken Foot Inns. Formerly UNIVERSITY TAVERN. (W51, N31, U167)  
**WC2, THEODORE BULLFROG**, 26-30 John Adam St. Broken Foot Inns. Formerly ST MARTINS TAVERN. (W56, U139, U149, U161, U167)

### EAST

**E1, SHOOTING STAR**, 125-129 Middlesex St. Fuller. (U137)

### NORTH WEST

**NW1, LLOYDS No 1 BAR (ICE WHARF)**, Units 1 & 2, Suffolk Wharf off Jamestown Rd. Wetherspoon. (U165)  
**HAREFIELD, KINGS ARMS**, 6 Park Lane. Punch (W108)

### SOUTH EAST

**BEXLEYHEATH, LLOYDS No 1 BAR**, Market Place. Wetherspoon. (U166)  
**BROMLEY, TOM FOOLERY**, 204-206 High St. Fuller. Formerly BAR STANZA and BAR COAST. (U131, U158, U163)

**CROYDON, GOOSE ON THE MARKET**, 1-4 Surrey St. Six Continents. (U159)  
**SOUTH CROYDON, CROWN & SCEPTRE**, 32 Junction Rd. Fuller. (3SE276, U83)

### SOUTH WEST

**SW1(B), TURKS HEAD**, 10 Motcomb St. Six Continents. (SW40)  
**KINGSTON, DRUIDS HEAD (HOGSHEAD)**, 3 Market Place. Laurel. (SW141)

### WEST

**W2, MONKEY PUZZLE**, 30 Southwick St. Hall & Woodhouse. (W62, U67, U101, U163)  
**W2, VICTORIA\*** ib, 10A Strathearn Place. Fuller. (W64, U67, U87)  
**W3, CASTLE**, 140 Victoria Rd. Fuller. (W64)  
**W4, GEORGE IV**, 185 Chiswick High Rd. Fuller. (W69, U53, U99, U101, U108)  
**W5, CASTLE\***, 36 St Marys Rd. Fuller. (W72, U46, U92)  
**W6, DOVE\***, 19 Upper Mall. Fuller. (W74, U92)  
**W14, HAND & FLOWER**, 1

Hammersmith Rd. Wizard Inns. (W94, U58, U71, U76, U95, U153, U167)  
**HAMPTON WICK, WHITE HART HOTEL**, 1 High St. Fuller. (W106, U99, U160)  
**HARLINGTON, WHITE HART**, 158 High St. Fuller. (W111)  
**HEATHROW, WETHERSPOONS**, Terminal 2 Landside. Wetherspoon. (U167)  
**HOUNSLOW, CROSS LANCES\***, 236 Hanworth Rd. Fuller. (W126)  
**ISLEWORTH, COUNTY ARMS**, 2 Hall Rd. Wizard Inns. (W130, U86, U140)  
**ISLEWORTH, RISING SUN**, 407 London Rd. Fuller. (W131)  
**TEDDINGTON, HOGARTH**, 58 Broad St. Fuller. (W146, U92)  
**TEDDINGTON, LION\***, 27 Wick Rd. Unique. (W147, U91, U153)



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**TWICKENHAM, HOOK, LINE & SINKER**,  
29/31 York St. Fuller. (U162)  
**TWICKENHAM, TURK'S HEAD**, 28 Winchester  
Rd. Fuller. (W151)  
**WHITTON, ADMIRAL NELSON**, 123 Nelson  
Rd. Fuller. (W162)

### DELETIONS

*Pubs may be deleted owing to change of licensee,  
failed inspection or decision by the licensee or  
sponsor to cease participation in the scheme.*

**W1(F), MORTIMER**, 40 Berners St. Free House.  
(U148)  
**N1, WENLOCK ARMS\***, 26 Wenlock Rd. Free

House. (N62)  
**N6, VICTORIA**, 28 North Hill. Laurel. (N83)  
**NW1, HEAD OF STEAM\***, Euston Station  
Colonnade. Free House. (N168)  
**NW1, PRINCESS OF WALES**, 22 Chalcot Rd.  
Laurel. (N173)  
**NW3, WASHINGTON\***, 50 Englands Lane. Six  
Continents. (N190, U151)  
**WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE\*** ib, 32 High  
St. Choice Inns, ex-Wetherspoon. (U70, U166)  
**SW1(P), WHITE SWAN**, 14 Vauxhall Bridge Rd.  
S&N. (SW44, U139)  
**SW19, SWAN**, 89 Ridgway. Free House. (SW120,  
U164)

## CAPITAL PUBCHECK - UPDATE 167

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. 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.

This time we record two authentic new Wetherspoon openings in EC1 Farringdon and Heathrow Terminal 2, and two 'Lloyds No 1' bars in N1 Islington and Ilford. Barracuda have opened a new outlet in Sidcup. Two pubs under threat of change of use have been 'saved' in NW5 and NW8 and another effectively lost in NW3. Many other closures are recorded throughout London and pubs ceasing real ale continue to mount up. Sadly big chains such as Six Continents' Harvesters and Whitbread's Brewers Fayres are removing cask ales. More 'Firkins', 'Rats' etc are being renamed, some even regaining their

original names. A pub in Belgravia has reverted to its original name after 160 years!

Cross references to CAMRA's various pub guides covering Greater London are provided to enable easy updating. The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page numbers in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; H - Hertfordshire Guide to Real Ale, 2000 edition; K - Guide to Kent Pubs, 10th edition; 8K - Real Ale 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, 9th edition.

If you would like to report changes to pubs or beers, please write to: Capital Pubcheck, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR or  
e-mail: capitalpubcheck@hotmail.com.

### NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

#### CENTRAL

**EC1, PRINT WORKS**, 113-117 Farringdon Rd. Courage: Directors Bitter; Fuller: London Pride; Greene King: Abbot Ale; Hopback: Summer Lightning; Shepherd Neame: Spitfire; Guest beers (£1.49). New (proper) Wetherspoon Free House opened at the end of July in basement of commercial premises originally occupied by the print trade. Well hidden with blue neon signage at pavement level and entrance round the corner in Ray Street. Steps and a lift, for people with disabilities, lead down into a sprawling cellar with a dimly lit seating area with brown and cream decor leading through to a brightly lit bar. A separate no smoking/eating area with local history panels lies to the side. Carpeted throughout except around the bar. Food. Disabled WC. Open all permitted hours (including weekends). Apparently it was originally earmarked to become yet another 'Lloyds No 1 Bar' but, happily for those of us who like to converse in pubs, late working office workers on floors above objected to the potential noise, particularly in the evenings, and an

authentic and original Wetherspoons was created instead!

**EC3, BOISDALE OF BISHOPSGATE**, 202 Bishopsgate. No real ale. Former Young's owned 'Bill Bentley Wine Bar' acquired by new owners in June and operated as a Free House/bar and restaurant with a Scottish theme. Keg beers only.

#### EAST

**E9, GENEVAS**, 331 Wick Rd. Reopened but no real ale. Formerly WHITE LION. (E122, U110, U136)

**E13, LIBRA ARMS**, 53 Stratford Rd. Greene King: IPA (E136)

**E14, WHITE HORSE**, 9/11 Poplar High St. Reopened but no real ale. (E149, U165)

**E15, CARPENTERS ARMS**, 16 Leytonstone Rd. Reopened but no real ale. (E152, U159)

**E15, TOBY TAVERN**, 81, Portway. Renamed PARK TAVERN. Greene King: IPA (reinstatement). (E155, U85)

**ILFORD, GREENE CASTLE**, 71 Ilford Hill. Renamed LLOYDS No 1 BAR. Fuller: London Pride, Seasonal beer; Taylor: Landlord. Former Greene King pub inherited from the Magic Pub Co and previously Watney,



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which has been through a number of name changes and makeovers in recent years, acquired by Wetherspoons and revamped and extended in late July. The pub name is projected on to the pavement outside the entrance, guarded by bouncers. Inside, the decor is light and airy with polished wooden flooring, carpeted areas at rear, cream decor and a mixture of seating. A stand up drinking counter is adjacent to a small dance floor area supervised by DJs from a music console, when in session. Loud recorded music and plasma video screens predominate throughout. A respite from the noise is provided by a large outdoor patio at the rear with umbrellas and halogen lamp heaters. Food available including 2 for 1 offers. Open 11-11 Mon-Wed, 11-1am Thu, 11-1.30am Fri, 11-12.30am Sat, 12-10.30 Sun. Formerly Blah Blah's, Rat & Carrot, Mainstreet and Red Lion. (X73, U144, U158, U163)

## NORTH

**N1, LLOYDS No 1 BAR (GLASS WORKS)**, Units 5 & 6, N1 Centre, Parkfield St. Fuller: London Pride; Greene King; Abbot Ale; Shepherd Neame; Spitfire. Brand new Wetherspoon 'Lloyds No 1 Bar' opened late July on first floor of new 'N1 Centre', a leisure and shopping complex which also includes cinemas and a relocated Marquee Club. It is reached from a balcony accessed by stairs or lift from the ground floor/foyer. A grey steel entrance porch flanked by bouncers leads into a rather uninviting large bar area with blue neon lighting, black ceiling and mock steel furniture offset by sofas, a mock stone fireplace, red/blue fussy carpets and brown panelled walls. Loud, thumping 'music' and plasma video screens permeate every corner, discouraging conversation. No smoking/eating area to side where children (hopefully with earplugs) accompanied by adults can sit, provided they eat, up to 6pm. A history panel indicates that the bar takes its name from one of the trades carried out on the site of the N1 centre in the nineteenth century. Disabled WC. Food (including 2 for 1 offers). Opens 9am (for breakfast) -2am Mon-Sat, 12-12 midnight Sun. Clearly aimed specifically at younger drinkers, it is almost indistinguishable from the plethora of other 'circuit' bars and has a slightly menacing edge (at least in the evenings) generally absent from other Wetherspoons pubs. Thankfully real ale is on offer, unlike many bars of its type, and is good value, but why oh why has Wetherspoon gone down this path when its unique formula of catering to a broad section of the community in a music-free environment has proved so successful?

**N1, LIVING ROOM**, 18-26 Essex Rd. No real ale. New Free House/bar opened on ground floor of former commercial premises.

## NORTH WEST

**NW5, PINEAPPLE**, 51 Leverton St. Flowers: IPA; Marston: Pedigree. Saved from conversion to residential use by the actions of locals lobbying the planning authority, supported by CAMRA, the pub has reopened after refurbishment under a father and daughter partnership. Amongst all the doom and gloom of pub closures, this stands out as an example of what can be achieved by customers fighting to save their local, given determination and enthusiasm. (N200, U163)

**NW11, CASTLE**, 452 Finchley Rd. Greene King: IPA, Morland Old Speckled Hen. (N227, U117)

**NW11, GATE LODGE**, 622 Finchley Rd. No real ale. New small Free House/bar with slight Irish influence, in former shop premises. One handpump unused.

## SOUTH EAST

**SIDCUP, PORTRAIT**, 7/8 Elm Parade, Main Road. Greene King: IPA, Morland Old Speckled Hen. New Barracuda Free House opened in June in former antiques shop and badged as part of Smith & Jones chain. Spacious bar area with raised section at rear, decorated in semi-contemporary style with polished dark wood parquet flooring and wood panelling, cream decor, mock fireplace, mixture of tables, chairs, leather sofas and alcove seating. Exposed silver ventilation piping. Background music and TV for sports. Food. Open all permitted hours.

## SOUTH WEST

**SW4, ROYAL OAK**, 8/10 Clapham High St. Adnams: Bitter, Broadside. Now refurbished and a Free House, ex-Bass. (SW60)

**SW6, CROSS EYED NEWT (CHELSEA)**, 477 Fulham Rd. Renamed **GREENE ROOM**. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Refurbished in modern style, brightly lit with comfortable furnishings etc. (SW66, U157)

**SW8, BUILDERS ARMS**, 8 Wyvil Rd. Renamed **WYVILS**. Fuller: London Pride (£2.30/£1.20). Still a pub and not converted to cafe as erroneously reported in Update 163 - see 'corrections' below. (SW76, U141, U163)

## WEST

**W6, BAR 38**, 1 Blacks Rd. Free House/bar and part of small chain opened c1999 but not previously reported.

**W6, PENNY FARTHING**, 135 King St. Reopened and renamed **AUTUMN HOUSE**. No real ale. Now revamped as a 'Bar and Dining Room' in contemporary style. (W76, U92, U166)

**HAMPTON HILL, CAFE SOCIETY**, 92 High St. No real ale. Regent Inns Free House/bar in former car showroom premises, opened c2001.

**HEATHROW, WETHERSPOONS**, Terminal 2 (Landside). Boddington: Bitter; Courage: Directors Bitter; Theakston: Best Bitter. New Wetherspoon bar opened January 2002 on upper level of Arrivals hall in former Burger King premises.

**HILLINGDON, HUT**, 2 Old Orchard Close. Greene King: Morland Old Speckled Hen, Guest beer. (W123, U68, U151, U163)

## PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

### CENTRAL

**EC1, LORD NELSON**, 17 Mora St, ex-Watney, closed and on market for conversion to residential. (E20)

**EC1, PACIFIC SPICE**. Renamed **SQUARED CIRCLE**. Enterprise, H removed. Formerly **CLERK & WELL**, previously **THOMAS WETHERED**. (E25, U79, U132, U136, U139)

**WC2, ROYAL GEORGE**, Six Continents, closed and shuttered along with surrounding area. (W56, U151)

### EAST

**E10, FOUR FINCH'S**, ex-Bass, closed and due for

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demolition for flats to be built on site. Formerly ALMA. (E123, U105, U113, U156)

E13, PRINCE OF WALES, ex-Truman, closed and boarded up. (E136)

E14, GUN, ex-Taylor Walker, closed and boarded up. (E145)

E14, WHITE SWAN, ex-Watney, closed. (E149)

E15, BLACK BULL (YE OLDE), ex-Watney, no real ale. Formerly MOONEYS, previously MULLIGANS. (E154, U98, U153)

E15, BRITANNIA, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (E152)

E15, GREEN GATE, ex-Taylor Walker, now converted to offices. (E153, U86, U108)

E15, GREYHOUND, ex-Courage, no real ale. (E153)

E16, CHANDELIER, ex-Watney, now demolished. (E157)

E16, DURHAM ARMS, ex-Bass, no real ale. (E159)

E16, HALLSVILLE TAVERN (WHITE HOUSE), Free House, no real ale. (E159, U79, U159)

E16, NEW GOG, ex-Courage, closed. (E159)

E16, RAM, Phoenix, closed. Formerly RAM TAVERN. (E160, U112, U144)

E16, ROSE OF DENMARK, Phoenix, now almost demolished. (E160, U89, U112, U119)

E16, ROYAL ALBERT, Phoenix, no longer a pub, either residential or used for storage. (E160, U112)

E16, NEW SHAKESPEARE, Ascot, converted to residential use. (E161, U81, U99)

CHADWELL HEATH, GREYHOUND, Six Continents (Harvester), no real ale. (X27)

MARKS GATE, HARROW, S&N, no real ale. (X87)

## NORTH

N7, ADAM & EVE, ex-Watney, now converted to flats. (N85)

N7, GALLAGHERS, ex-Bass, demolished. (N85, U145)

N7, GLOBE, ex-Bass, closed. (N87)

N7, MEDINA, ex-Bass, now converted to flats and commercial space. (N88)

N7, MOYNIHAN ARMS, 83-91 Georges Rd. Free House, closed, top floor converted to flats, future of remainder uncertain. Note correct address. (N88)

N7, SUSSEX ARMS, confirmed now converted to flats. (N90, U153)

N10, RITCHIES. Renamed VILLAGE (THE), ex-Greenalls, no real ale. (N104, U109)

N11, NORTHERN STAR, Local Image, closed and acquired by adjoining Sikh temple presumably to facilitate expansion. (N107)

N17, FAMILY TREE, Free House, now fully demolished. Formerly GILDED CAGE. (N134, U109, U138, U163).

N18, PHOENIX, Laurel, H unused. (N139)

N19, PRINCE OF DENMARK, now converted to offices and flats. (N145, U158)

N19, SALTBAR, ex-Taylor Walker, closed and boarded up. Formerly RAILWAY HOTEL (N145, U158)

N20, WOODMAN, now Noble Inns, ex-S&N, closed with aspirations for residential development. (N148, U106)

N22, PALACE GATES, renamed RAFTERS, Free House, no real ale. (N156)

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N22, RAT & CARROT (LORDSHIP), renamed PICKLED NEWT (LORDSHIP), Greene King, H unused. (N157, U109, U117)

BARNET (EN5), FELIX & FIRKIN. Renamed AVENUE (THE) after refurbishment, Six Continents, no real ale, formerly DANDY LION. (N250, U120, U151, U157, U160)

ENFIELD (EN1), PLOUGH, Laurel, closed and demolished by Fairview Homes, property developers, reputedly in advance of a possible listing inspection. (N230, U152)

## NORTH WEST

NW3 JACK STRAWS CASTLE, ex-Bass, closed and boarded up and awaiting its fate following permission for conversion of most of the pub for residential, retaining a food and drink use on ground floor and basement. The sad loss of a landmark pub. (N186)

NW10, COACH & HORSES, S&N, now being demolished. (N221, U162)

NW11, PRINCE ALBERT, renamed HARVESTER, Six Continents, H removed. (N227)

WEALDSTONE, RAILWAY HOTEL, ex-Watney, now demolished. (W156, U68, U86, U149)

## SOUTH EAST

SE1, FORT, Phoenix, closed and shuttered. (SE16, U102, U112)

SE6, GEORGE, ex-Whitbread, H unused. (SE68)

SE9, CROSSWAYS, ex-Courage, confirmed now

converted to Burger King restaurant. (SE86, U164)

SE18, WELLESLEY ARMS, ex-Bellhaven, closed and boarded up. (SE175, U103, U116)

SIDCUP, SIDCUP PLACE, Whitbread (Brewers Fayre), H removed. (U144)

## SOUTH WEST

SW1(B), EBURY ARMS, Enterprise, closed. (SW37)

SW1(P), BALMORAL CASTLE, Innpreneur, closed and boarded up. (SW40)

SW1(P), KING WILLIAM IV, ex-Allied (Taylor Walker), H unused. (SW41)

SW2, WAGGON & HORSES, Innpreneur, now converted to offices, pub sign still in place. (SW54, U153)

SW3, MOORE ARMS, ex-Allied (Ind Coope), closed. (SW57)

SW3, MWAH MWAH BAR, now converted to a clothes shop. An ignominious end to the once renowned QUEENS ELM, the former haunt of writers and artists and one of the half dozen London Courage pubs that retained its handpumps during the keg revolution of the early '70s and which helped inspire the formation of CAMRA West London branch.

SW6, BIJU, Free House, closed and boarded up. Formerly SHOELESS JOE'S. (U157, U163)

SW8, CANTON ARMS, ex-Bass, closed and gutted, possibly for conversion to restaurant. Formerly CANTON. (SW76, U141, U152)

SW8, Dewdrop, ex-Allied (Taylor Walker), H unused. (SW76, U141, U144)

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**SW8, DUKE OF CORNWALL**, Free House, now demolished. (SW76, U157)

**SW8, HORSESHOE**, Free House, H now removed. (SW78)

**SW8, NOLANS FREEHOUSE**, Intntrepreneur, H unused. (SW78)

**SW10, HOLLYWOOD**, S&N, closed although whole building refurbished, future uncertain. (SW85, U136)

**SW15, BOAT & DRAGON**, Free House, closed and boarded up. Formerly CYCLISTS REST, originally CRICKETER. (SW100, U143, U157)

**SW15, PUTNEY BRICK**, Free House, closed, future uncertain. Formerly BRICKLAYERS ARMS. (SW100, U153, U164)

**SW16, SUSSEX**, ex-Whitbread, closed and let for retail/showroom. (SW105, U149)

**SW18, BUILDERS ARMS**, Intntrepreneur, now converted to houses but retains standing pub sign. (SW111, U142, U150, U159)

**SW19, SPORTSMAN**, Free House, now demolished along with the rest of Wimbledon Football Ground. (SW119, U136)

**CHESSINGTON, BLACKAMOORS HEAD**, Six Continents, H removed. Now branded as an 'Arena Pub' with lots of TV screens, some live music and discos. Pub knocked through to remove public bar and function room. (SW134)

**CHESSINGTON, HARROW (HARVESTER)**, Six Continents, H unused. Yet another Harvester loses real ale. (SW134, U144)

**MITCHAM, OAK & ANCHOR**, already reported as demolished, housing now being built on site. (SW147, U137, U148, U161)

**RICHMOND, FLICKER & FIRKIN**, renamed LOT (THE), Six Continents, H removed. Now branded as part of 'Scream' chain. Another brewpub destroyed to make way for the crass theme aimed at the alco-pop generation. (SW155, U151, U153)

**WORCESTER PARK, PLOUGH (HARVESTER)**, Six Continents, H unused. (SW169)

## WEST

**W6, DUKE OF YORK**, ex-Courage, closed for over a year. (W74, U51, U92)

**HAMPTON HILL, JOE'S**, now Massive Pub Co, ex-Watney, H removed. Formerly VALIANT KNIGHT. (W106, U51, U58, U92)

**HOUNSLOW, NORTH STAR**, now Nomura, ex-Courage, H unused. (W128, U53, U99)

**HOUNSLOW, ROYAL ALBION**. Renamed RABAR, now Innspired, ex-Usher, H unused. Predominantly gay clientele. (W128, U57, U81, U101, U108, U141)

**HOUNSLOW, BULSTRODE**, S&N, H unused. (W126, U107)

**UXBRIDGE, PRINCE OF WALES**, ex-Watney, closed. (W154)

## OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

### CENTRAL

**EC3, JAMAICA WINE BAR**. -beers listed including St Peters beers; +Courage: Best Bitter; +Flowers: IPA; +Wells:

Bombardier. Less interesting beer range following change of management. (E40, U69, U99, U131)

**W1(F), FITZ & FIRKIN**. Reverted to ALBANY, -Firkir beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride; +Taylor: Landlord. Modernised with comfy chairs and noisy. Opens 12 noon. (W28, U75, U120)

**WC1, UNIVERSITY TAVERN**. Renamed COLLEGE ARMS, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. Now Broken Foot Inns, ex-Regent Inns.. (W51, N31)

**WC2, HARP**. -Draught Bass; +Harvey: Sussex Best Bitter; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. Formerly WELSH HARP. (W57, U74, U106)

**WC2, SALISBURY**. -beers listed; +3 guest beers from regional brewers. (W56, U106)

**WC2, THEODORE BULLFROG**, 26-30 John Adam St. -Adnams: Broadside, Seasonal beer, +Adnams: Bitter; +Guest beer (eg Fuller: London Pride or Greene King: Abbot Ale). Acquired by Broken Foot Inns from Regent Inns. Note correct address. (W56, U139, U149, U161)

## EAST

**E14, WATERMANS ARMS**. -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Wells: Bombardier. Beers may vary. Recent change of management at the famous Docklands pub (E149)

**ALDBOROUGH HATCH, DICK TURPIN**. Now part of the 'Out & Out' chain. Formerly a Beefeater. (X8, U160)

**ROMFORD, CONNEX CAFÉ BAR**. Renamed BAR MANGO, still fizz only. (X100)

**ROMFORD, FREDDIE WHALES BAR**. Renamed TRAX, still fizz only. (X101)

**ROMFORD, JAKS**. Renamed LIFE, still fizz only. (X101)

## NORTH

**N8, FIDDLERS**. Renamed WISHING WELL and part of local pub chain. Still no real ale, H unused. Formerly FIDDLERS ELBOW. (N93, U157)

**N10, TAP & BARREL (SWISS VILLAGE)**. Renamed RUBY IN THE DUST. Still no real ale. (N104, U157)

**N12, WISHING WELL**. -Usher: Best Bitter; +Courage: Best Bitter. (N113, U144, U145)

**N14, FISHMONGERS**. Now Enterprise, ex-S&N. -beers listed; +Courage: Best Bitter; +Marston: Pedigree; +Wishing Well House beer (believed to be Courage Best Bitter). Formerly SOUTHGATE. (N120, U106, U153)

**N19, SHAFTESBURY**. -beers listed; +varying beers (eg Wells: Bombardier or Young: Waggle Dance). (N145, U156)

**N20, YORK ARMS**, now Noble Inns, ex-Watney, (N148)

**N21, WINCHMORE ARMS**. -beers listed; +Young: Bitter. Formerly CHASE SIDE TAVERN. (N151, U106, U163)

**N22, PARK INN**. -beers listed except Greene King: IPA; +Greene King: Abbot Ale; +wide range of imported bottled beers. (N157, U109, U117)



## NORTH WEST

**NW8, CROCKERS FOLLY.** -beers listed except Adnams: Bitter and Greene King: Abbot Ale; +Fuller: London Pride; +Hancock: HB. Acquired by the small 'Front Room' pub chain from Regent Inns and hopefully saved from conversion to other uses. (N203, U142, U152)

## SOUTH EAST

**SE3, FAIRWAY & FIRKIN.** Renamed. **RAILWAY (THE).** -Draught Bass; +Adnams: Bitter. Revamped with light pine fittings, sofas etc. Small enclosed patio at rear. Formerly **RAILWAY TAVERN.** (SE48, U123, U151, U161)

**SE23, FORESTERS ARMS.** -beer listed; +Brains: Bitter. (SE205)

**CROYDON, BAR COAST.** Renamed **FLARES**, still fizz only. (U120)

**CROYDON, GUN TAVERN.** Renamed **JACK BEARDS AT THE GUN.** (3SE243)

## SOUTH WEST

**SW1(B), ORANGE BREWERY.** +Orange:: SW1 (house beer brewed by McMullens); plans to reopen the brewery by landlord apparently vetoed by the suits at S&N. (SW38, U162)

**SW1(B), RAT & PARROT.** Reverted to **TRAVELLERS TAVERN**, -beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter and Directors Bitter; +Greene King: Morland Old Speckled Hen; +Wells: Bombardier. Now badged as part of S&N's T&J Bernard chain. (SW39)

**SW1(B), VINO VERITAS.** Reverted to its original name **JOINERS ARMS** in September 2001. The name dates from a short period between 1837 and 1841, after which it was known as the **PRINCE OF WALES** until 1996!

-beers listed; +Courage: Best Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: Morland Old Speckled Hen; +Guest beer (currently Wells: Bombardier). Badged as part of S&N's T&J Bernard chain. (SW40)

**SW3, DOME.** Renamed. **BABUSHKA**, a gloomy bar-restaurant, still fizz only. Originally the **ROEBUCK**, it was the subject of one of CAMRA's early (ineffective) attempts to prevent ruination on conversion to a café-bar by Courage in 1984. Despite planning conditions, the damage was done. (SW56)

**SW6, FRONT ROOM,** 314 Lillie Rd. Renamed **CHANCERY**, -Draught Bass; +Wells: Bombardier. Formerly **HALFWAY HOUSE.** (SW67, U136, U150)

**SW8, FENTIMAN ARMS.** -beers listed; +Greene King: IPA; +Wadworth: 6X. (SW78)

**SW9, KELLYS,** also subtitled **SHENANAGAN** at side. (SW82, U155)

**SW15, SLUG & LETTUCE.** Renamed **LITTEN TREE**, now SFI, ex-Grosvenor Inns. -beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter (now labelled Litten Tree Bitter). (SW104)

**SW16, HOBGOBLIN.** Reverted to **WHITE LION**, -beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter. Possibly now sold by Wychwood. (SW108, U127, U153)

**SW16, O'NEILLS.** Renamed **TAYLORS**, now a Free House, ex-Six Continents, still no real ale. (SW108)

**SW18, SPOTTED DOG.** -beers listed except Greene King: IPA (£1.90); +Adnams: Bitter (£2); +Tetley: Imperial (£1.70) recently; beer range may vary. Now Planet Inns, ex-Barracuda, Ambishus and Wetherspoon. (SW114, U138, U146)

## WEST

**W4, ROBIN HOOD & LITTLE JOHN.** Renamed **TOMMY FLYNN'S.** -beers listed except Draught Bass. (W69, U56, U94)

**W5, OLD GOA.** Renamed **GREEN (THE).** Now rebranded as a 'Café-Bar' but retains Greene King IPA and Abbot. (U125)

**W5, RAT & PARROT.** Renamed **PARKVIEW.** -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride; +Wells: Bombardier. Formerly **THREE PIGEONS.** (W73, U46, U107, U110)

**W8, RAT & PARROT.** Reverted to **OLD SWAN**, -beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter and Directors Bitter; +Greene King: Morland Old Speckled Hen; +Wells: Bombardier. Now badged as part of S&N's T&J Bernard chain. (W82, U74, U94)

**W14, BEACONSFIELD.** +2 guest beers (G). Is badged as part of Punch's revived 'Firkin Beer Co' chain. Formerly **FRIGATE & FIRKIN.** (W94, U45, U57, U166)

**W14, HAND & FLOWER.** -beers listed except Adnams: Bitter; +Adnams: Broadside; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire; +Young: Bitter. Acquired by Wizard Inns from Regent Inns in July. (W94, U58, U71, U76, U95, U153)

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# CAPITAL PUBCHECK - UPDATE 167

HAMPTON COURT, LIONGATE HOTEL. The Greyhound Bar is now called Black Olive, but still part of the hotel. (W104, U94)

HAMPTON HILL, JENNY LIND. -beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. Now Unique Pub Co, ex-Courage. (W105, U57)

TWICKENHAM, FOX. -beers listed; +Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Now Unique Pub Co, ex-Pickwick Inns. (W150, U57, U71, U98)

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 162

### NEW PUBS ETC.

SE5, BREWERS. Address should read 54B Southampton Way

### OTHER CHANGES ETC.

EC4, OLD KING LUD (HOGSHEAD ON LUDGATE) should read (HOGSHEAD IN LUDGATE).

COCKFOSTERS (EN4) JESTER should read NEW BARNET (EN4).

W11, PELICAN. Refs omitted (W88, U66)

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 163

### NEW PUBS ETC.

EC3, FENCHURCH COLONY. Delete entry, already listed in U161 under alternative address 14 New London St.

### PUBS CLOSED ETC.

SW4 SPRINGFIELD. Address is 155 Larkhall Lane.

SW8, BUILDERS ARMS. Delete entry. WYVILS is still a pub - see listings above.

PETERSHAM, FOX & GOOSE should read HAM.

### OTHER CHANGES ETC.

SW6, SHOELESS JOE should read SHOELESS JOES

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 164

### NEW PUBS ETC.

WC2, BRASSERIE LES SANS CULOTTES should have been listed under 'CHANGES' and read HENRY'S. Renamed etc. Add ref (U92). Delete erroneous correction in U165.

WC2, COVE is a Free House.

### PUBS CLOSED ETC.

N1, UNICORN should read: Sycamore Taverns, closed.

N7, CITY OF YORK should read CITY OF LONDON.

SW3, MARLBOROUGH should read MARLBOROUGH ARMS.

### OTHER CHANGES ETC.

SW18, 21 ALMA ROAD should read: Reverted to EAST HILL.

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 165

### NEW PUBS ETC.

N17, NARROW BOAT. Delete reference to 'reopened'.

NW1, LLOYDS No 1 (ICE WHARF) should read LLOYDS No 1 BAR (ICE WHARF). Add: opened late April 2001.

### PUBS CLOSED ETC.

HOUNSLOW, FRIEND IN HAND should have been listed under 'CHANGES'.

### OTHER CHANGES ETC.

CROYDON, CROWN. Address is 28 Wickham Rd, Shirley.

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 166

### NEW PUBS ETC.

WC2, HENRYS. Delete entry, already reported in U142 (opened Nov 1998).

BARNET (EN5), BUENA VISTA should read: ex-Inn Partnership.

BEXLEYHEATH, LLOYDS No 1 should read LLOYDS No 1 BAR.

### PUBS CLOSED ETC.

SE5, GROVE HOUSE TAVERN should read: Renamed BRB THE GROVE

W11, GATE (now E&O). Add: Formerly HOGSHEAD (IN PORTOBELLO), originally BLENHEIM ARMS.

### OTHER CHANGES ETC.

W1(May), BAR EXCELLENCE (now SHOELESS JOES). Address is simply 33 Dover St.

SE20, CROOKED BILLET. Ref should read (SE188)

SW6, LEGLESS LADDER. Now a Free House operated by Tup Inns.

SW10, MODENSA should read: Renamed BLA BLA BAR.

W12, MOON ON THE GREEN should read HARVEYS. Add: Formerly MOON ON THE GREEN. Refs should read (U58, U71, U138, U142)

HAMPTON HILL, STAR should read: ex-Inntrepreneur.

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## UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE

A few years ago, I wrote a piece for the Drinker on Dublin's brewing culture.

Things have moved on slowly since then but I feel it worthwhile to update you on the beers and the pubs that are making progress across the Irish Sea.

Many readers will already be acquainted with the Porterhouse chain of brewpubs.

Indeed, a branch has opened in Covent Garden but my focus remains their two pubs in Ireland. The first (and the chain's headquarters) is based in Bray on the Co. Wicklow coast south of Dublin and the other is in Parliament Street in central Dublin. All three Porterhouses brew for their own needs and so are self-contained.

On a recent visit to the Irish capital, I visited the Parliament Street house and once again inwardly digested their range. There are beers for nearly all tastes here: An Brainblasta is a strong ale, Porterhouse Red is a fine example of that indigenous and unique beer style, and there are three stouts and three lagers to choose from! Until last year, they brewed a cask version of their red ale but when the London house started to brew a new ale, TSB, they switched to that instead and this is now on sale and what's more on handpump too. Like their other beers - which are nitrokeg by the way - it is chilled, but this does not detract from the fiercely hoppy taste and aroma of this golden beer. It makes for a very enjoyable experience and I wonder how its sales do in comparison to their other beers.

The Porterhouse continues to become a veritable treasure trove of bottled beers from all over the world, so if you're looking for an obscure Portuguese porter, a Liberian lager or even a British brown ale, this is the place to seek out.

The pub is on three floors and one can see the brewing kit close-up and personal when answering nature's call in the basement. The house continues to welcome a varied clientele of beer lovers, locals, students and tourists and is a totally Guinness-free zone. On the edge of the frenetic Temple Bar area, it is a haven of quality and discernment.

Moving along the bustling quays towards O'Connell Bridge, I next popped into the Porterhouses' rival, Messrs. McGuire, an even larger brewpub with fine views of the River Liffey. McGuire's take their brewing very seriously.

Late last year they hired new head brewer Christopher Reid, a Brit no less, to take the helm and make the pub one of the places for the beer cognoscenti to stop and enjoy. I'd say he was doing a decent job...

Like its rivals, McGuire's boasts a fairly wide range of regularly brewed beers which include two stouts, a red ale, three lagers (one of which is brewed to the

Reinheitsgebot), a wheat beer and a new cask bitter. I visited last year too and then they had a handpumped pale ale on which was great. This time around it has been superseded by Dublin Ale, which delivers plenty of hop and malt flavour for its 4.6% and is less upfront than TSB. As well as these regular favourites, MM has found its way clear to brewing no less than nine (I kid you not) occasional beers since it opened just a few years ago and these cover a wide range of strengths and styles too, ranging from a mild at 3.5%, through a Flemish dark ale, a red lager(!), two more wheat beers - one of which was a dark ale - plus a honey beer and a summer ale; they could not be accused of being unadventurous!

MM's is also on three floors with comfortable seating areas and bare boards but some intrusion from semi-loud sounds. The pub has a slightly harder job in shifting its own beers as Guinness have several of their brands on sale in a city which is soaked in their stuff already.

Outside Dublin, micros continue to spring up and start to make their impact in the shadow of the all-mighty empire of St. James' Gate. As if to prove their own independence after many years of domination by the giant, Biddu Early of Inagh (nr. Ennis, county town of Co. Clare) have staked their claim and have been brewing both cask and keg beers for some years now, their cask Real Biddu being a fine pint indeed.

Early's was Ireland's first pub brewery. Set up in 1995 by Dr Peadar Garvey, an industrial chemist, the brewpub sought to offer something different to its customers. Your country correspondent came across their oyster stout, Biddu Black, almost by accident whilst on holiday in the Burren area, near the Clare/Galway border, when trying not to pass a pub with his name on it - well nearly (O'Brien's Bar in Ballyvaughan).

The brewery is named after an 18th century woman who was reputed to have been a witch because of her health potions. A bottle of the potion was given to the local priest who, not wishing to be tainted with evil, reputedly threw the woman's peace offering into the river at Inagh, which then turned up over a century later behind the pub! It was the contents of this bottle that gave Dr Garvey the inspiration for his own brew.

Whether or not all the stories to be found at Biddu's website ([www.beb.ie](http://www.beb.ie)) are to be believed, Biddu Black certainly has a magical rich fruitiness which puts it (hop)poles apart from the standard 'black stuff'. Despite significant expansion of the brewery's output in the past few years the beers are still difficult to find on draught - the website has a list of outlets. Unfortunately, a last-minute hunt for the other beers available in bottle (red, blonde and lager) in the pretty town of Ennis, on the way back to

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## UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE

Shannon Airport on the day of Ireland's big World Cup clash with Germany, revealed only one bar stocking the bottled lager. The website shows one I didn't try, Cruise's Bar, and a couple of outlets in Galway city also stock draught versions of the red or black and, I assume, some take-away bottles too.

The brewery are CAMRA members and a visit to it, about ten miles west of Ennis, is recommended since 'if you stop in Inagh for one drink, you will stay for the day'. It is not known if the reasons for this statement are any more sinister than the quality of the beer...

Thurles, County Tipperary too is on the beer map now as the Dwan brewery produce some awesome cask ales. Dwan are also fortunate as they have a distributor in the UK, their An Dhubhain being a

fantastic beer and a great example of their wares.

I predict that the next ten years will see more micros appear and, togetherwith the likes of Dwan and the Porterhouses, they'll start to make serious inroads into Guinness's sales. It will be possible to be a beer tourist like it is here or (say) Belgium and travel the country without resorting to Guinness's products at all. The idea of range and variety will come back to Ireland.

The Celtic Tiger economy is starting to assist Irish micros in setting-up and developing their craft and that's great. After years of being sold nothing but mass-produced, tasteless beers by one giant brewer, the Irish are looking for something else. Good on them!

*Al Ferrier & Brian Bade*



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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Queen is the fourth longest reigning British monarch and, with the Jubilee celebrations in the offing, my topic this time is pub names and signs on a royal theme.

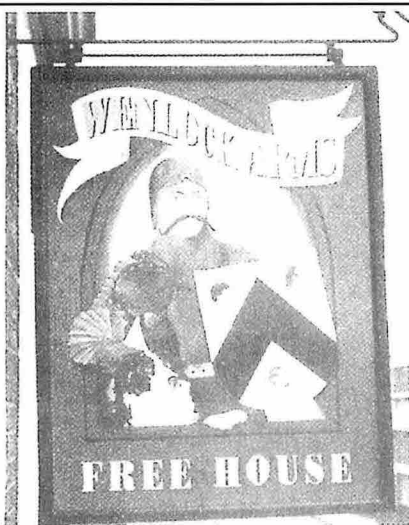
Of the ten most numerous pub names, only one does not relate to royalty - the New Inn. Whilst the King and the Queen are often depicted as chess pieces or indeterminate monarchs, signs of the King's Head and Queen's Head most frequently bear the portrait of Henry VIII or Elizabeth I. The frontage of the King & Queen in Brighton features painted statues of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn - complete with head.

The King's Arms and Queen's Arms most often use what we recognise as the Royal Standard, though that has been in use unchanged only since 1837. Before then they changed with each reign. An unusual example is the carved and painted Grade II listed stone sign of the King's Arms, Southwark, which was removed in the 1750s from the nearby mediaeval London Bridge when its buildings were demolished.

Most monarchs have been commemorated on signs by either name or portrait, including some who probably existed only in legend, such as King Coel in Colchester, King Lud and King Arthur. Notable amongst those who really existed were William the Conqueror, King Alfred, William IV (known in his younger days as the Sailor Prince and Prince William Henry). King Harold was a great hero, as was King Richard I, despite the fact that much of his reign was spent overseas, but even his brother King John, who did not have such a good press, is commemorated. Another who suffered bad publicity was Richard the Third (in York) who was also Duke of York.

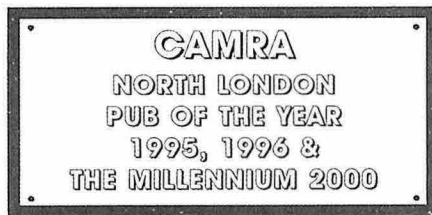
The term Royal in a pub's name is often taken to indicate royal connections, though that is not always the case, at the most tenuous. Pubs and their kin were often the only shelter available in emergency. However, the King's Arms & Royal Hotel, in Godalming, Surrey, had its title conferred by Henry VIII, and Czar Peter the Great patronised it in 1698.

Edward III, who claimed the throne of France, used the Fleur de Lys, sometimes depicted as the Plume of Feathers, and Edward the Black Prince, supposedly named from the colour of his armour, was also Prince of Wales and adopted the emblems, which often appear on signs of pubs of that name. There is a possibly apocryphal story going back to the days when itinerant artisans could earn their living and keep at an inn by using their talents on the fabric of the building. One such, it is said, not the best educated of souls, was asked to paint a sign for a pub named the Black Prince, and produced a magnificent portrait - of a Zulu chieftain.



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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Of all British monarchs, more pubs are named after Queen Victoria than any other. Hardly surprising as her long reign saw the greatest building of pubs of all time. During his lifetime Prince Albert, her Prince Consort, was also honoured, as from the previous generations was the Prince Regent, later George IV. He was her uncle, and her parents were the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

Near Euston Station the Queen's Larder records that during his supposed madness George III stayed nearby. His wife Queen Charlotte kept provisions in the cellar and tended to his catering from there.

The simplest royal title for a pub is the Crown, which refers not only to the object but to that institution's ownership of the land on which it stood, and we have such variations as the Crown & Cushion, the Crown & Sceptre and the Crown Imperial. The Crown & Treaty House in Uxbridge, though, was the venue of successful negotiations to halt the Civil War. We know how that ended. It is not, however, the origin of the title of the King Charles' Head in Oxfordshire. His family comprised the Royal Children (in Nottingham). One of them, Charles II, is also remembered as the Black Boy - his nickname deriving from his swarthy appearance, and the Royal Oak commemorates his taking refuge from the Parliamentarians in an oak tree after the Battle of Worcester in 1651; the Royal Escape in Brighton recalls his flight from there to France in a fishing boat.

In a country as patriotic as Great Britain, it is inevitable that so many hostelrys should bear the name or title of its royalty. The only trouble is that the subject is so vast, it is impossible to do it justice. Until next time.

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## IDLE MOMENTS

Greetings one and all! I'm afraid I shall have to ask you to read quickly this month as I don't have much time - I'm supposed to be spending all my "spare" time preparing for Twickenham Beer Festival - read this too late and you'll have missed it.

There's still time for an apposite quotation before we start, though. This time it comes from Maurice Chevalier - when he was asked on his seventy second birthday (in 1960) what he felt about the advancing years, he replied: *Considering the alternative, it's not too bad at all.*

And now let's forget about the advancing years and have some number puzzles:

1. 18 is the MVA in GB
2. 2001 ASO
3. 126 MPH is the RS for a SHT
4. 12 on a TSG
5. 1815 B of W
6. 200 P for PG in M
7. 1000 F in a NM
8. 54 G in a H
9. 1977 RRW the GN
10. 640 A in a SM

I wonder what people who spend long hours running breweries think of people who use them just to make up silly anagrams. See if you can work out which breweries proprietors I am belittling with these ones:

1. OH HOPPY RAKE!
2. TRY UKE
3. REST A CLOCK
4. GO HARM NICK
5. HARD ROC
6. HARD IRON & BREAD
7. BRIDE TENT
8. WED TO WOE
9. TO JAB OLLY
10. HOLD PIN

Just now I had a great inspiration for a 5BY4 that wasn't just the next letter of the alphabet in the *Good Beer Guide's* list of beers; then I realised I didn't have the information to hand to produce it so I've just gone to the next letter . . . it's "N". These are the beers:

1. Nelson's Revenge
2. Newton's Drop
3. Nailmaker Mild
4. Nanny Flyer
5. Navigation Ale
6. Nutcracker
7. Northern Light
8. N/4 Bitter
9. No-Eyed Deer
10. Norman's Conquest

And these are the brewers:

- A. Ryburn
- B. Woodforde's

- C. Leyden
- D. Cottage
- E. Goose Eye
- F. Oldershaw
- G. Hanby
- H. Enville
- I. Orkney
- J. Marble


Okay, so now we'll finish off with the ever (maybe) popular general knowledge questions:

1. What ingredient in the brewing of beer was formerly known as "godesgood"?
2. What is the name of the chain of pubs run by former CAMRA national chairman, Chris Hutt?
3. And what was the title of the book published by the same Chris Hutt in 1973 about the brewing industry?
4. What are the names of the trophies played for respectively by men and women amateur golfers between Great Britain & Ireland and the USA?
5. What was the infamous one word headline in the *Sun* on 4th May 1982 (following the sinking of the General Belgrano)?
6. By what nickname was William Joyce (1906-1946) commonly known?


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# **IDLE MOMENTS**

## **AUGUST'S ANSWERS**

As promised, here are the solutions to the puzzles set in August's Idle Moments column.

### **NUMBER PUZZLES:**

1. 14 Pounds in a Stone
2. 115 Years was the Length of the Hundred Years War
3. 1588 England Beat the Spanish Armada
4. 1948 Year of the Last London Olympic Games
5. 239,000 Miles to the Moon
6. 50 Metres is the Length of an International Standard Swimming Pool
7. 999 One Less Than a Thousand
8. 21 Spots on a Die
9. 326 Days was the Length of the Reign of King Edward the Eighth
10. 1296 Square Inches in a Square Yard

### **BREWERY ANAGRAMS:**

1. BARRY, TRY DUCHESS THEN HENRY'S BUTCHER'S YARD
2. HE UNGOOD DONOGHUE
3. STAGE GONE SIR SAINT GEORGE'S
4. COITAL IF I PRANCE PACIFIC ORIENTAL
5. END FAB CHILL BLANCHFIELD
6. LISTEN SOD! LIDSTONE'S
7. G.F.BELCHERS EGLESBRECH
8. POET'S TWINS POINTS WEST

### **5BY4:**

1. Manannan's Cloak - Bushy's
2. Moondance - Triple fff

3. Midnight Blinder - Goldfinch
4. Muzzle Loader - Cannon Royall
5. Mainseam - Northumberland
6. Magic Mushroom Mild - Whim
7. Mayfly - Shardlow
8. Milk of Amnesia - Blue Moon
9. Maggs Magnificent Mild - West Berkshire
10. Merriemaker - Marston Moor

### **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:**

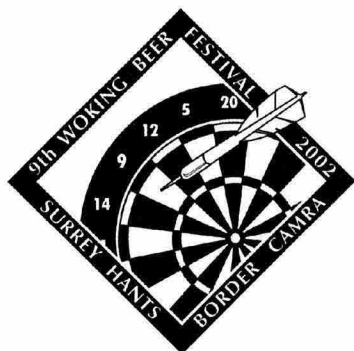
1. Dubhe, Merak, Phad, Megrez, Alioth, Mizar and Alkaid are stars which form the Plough or Great Bear (Ursa Major).
2. The bird which is sometimes (usually poetically) referred to as the philomel is the nightingale.
3. The lady who was wife, first of Louis VII, then of Henry II of England and mother of Richard I and King John was Eleanor of Aquitaine.
4. The sporting venue just to the east of the home of the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall is Twickenham Rugby Ground (or Twickenham Stadium as some people call it).
5. The tax first levied in 1695 and abolished in 1851 (although its effects can still be seen up to the present day) was Window tax.
6. The Isle of Man is the place which has a motto which translates as, "Whichever way you throw it, it will stand." (Quocunque jeceris stabit)
7. Currently fourth in line of succession to the Throne of the United Kingdom is Prince Andrew, the Duke of York (after Princes Charles, William and Harry).
8. The unit of electrical conductance is the mho (ohm backwards)
9. When John Bunyan wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress" in 1675 he was in Bedford gaol
10. Scapa Flow is within the Orkney Islands



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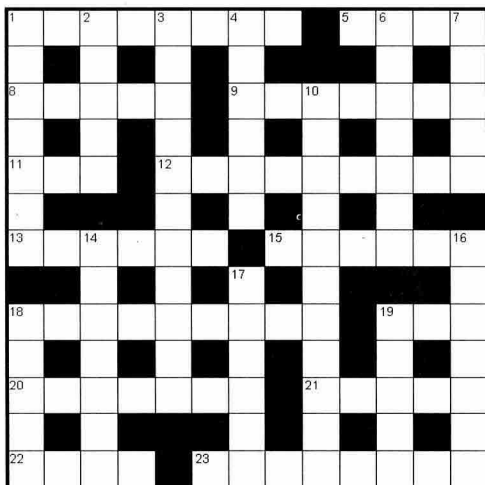
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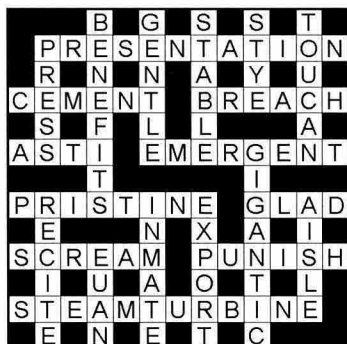
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## ACROSS

1. Combined for the purpose of obtaining a woman. [8]
5. City lying between two slopes. [4]
8. Conscious of conflict in A and E. [5]
9. Carriage of tumbling troupes. [7]
11. Aim to be rather tendentious. [3]
12. Loose women have a way with strange creatures. [9]
13. Always in London area it's hard. [6]
15. Eggs on the driver's aid. [6]
18. Papers covering defrocked dean. Is she the cause? [9]
19. Edge into the middle. [3]
20. Conservative leader gets thinner daily. [7]
21. Rodents consuming new food. [5]
22. Make list of degenerate Americans first. [4]
23. They're good mixers and love being involved in heavy drinking sessions. [8]

## DOWN

1. Composer in extremely tortuous journeys. [7]
2. Good money is great. [5]
3. Plant operator? [4,7]
4. Great power of politician in Ireland. [6]
6. He learns to boss ten around. [7]
7. Cleric seen in very big oast houses. [5]
10. For him it's easy to go wrong, having very short time. [6,5]
14. He's incorporated into the opening. [7]
16. Holds up food parcels. [7]
17. Flier out of gas, I hear. [6]
18. He takes steps to find expert in PR. [5]
19. From here you can see layer on church. [5]

Winner of the prize for the June Crossword:  
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Other correct entries were received from:  
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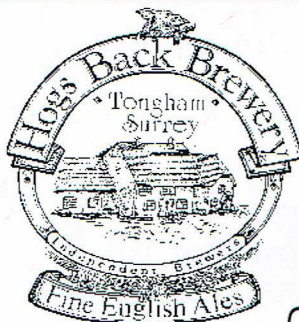


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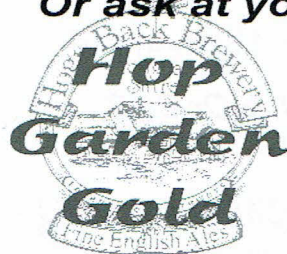
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