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EDITORIAL

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Court of Appeal judges found in May that the beer supply contract imposed on Bernard Crehan by Intntrepreneur led to the failure of his pub businesses in Staines and fell foul of European competition laws. Crehan had complained he was contractually bound to buy beer from Courage at higher prices than paid by other publicans in the area. He was awarded £131,336 damages after a test case legal battle of more than ten years.

The Crehan ruling came two weeks after the House of Commons Trade and Industry Committee began an Inquiry into pub companies, chaired by Martin O'Neill MP, following complaints by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) that pub tenants were getting a raw deal from their 'pubco' landlords. The Inquiry has received more than 300 written submissions and has invited oral evidence from CAMRA and others in seeking a better understanding of pub companies and their effects.

An unintended consequence of the 1989 Beer Orders and subsequent laissez-faire policies is that 28% of pubs in the UK now belong to either Enterprise Inns or Punch Taverns. A brewery tie involves an equitable partnership between brewery and publican, reflected in a lower rent, with the shared objective of selling more of the brewer's beer through the pub. A pubco tie, by contrast, seems more often an arrangement to enrich the pubco at the expense of the brewer, the publican and the drinker; certainly an unequal partnership. Between the brewer supplying the beer and the publican selling it to the customer, the pubco takes almost all of the profit. And if the tenant publican sells more beer, his rent goes up. Three years is apparently the average time a tenant stays with Enterprise or Punch, and 55% of their tenants reportedly rate these two landlords as poor or very poor (not that other pubcos may be much better).

Supporting the FSB, CAMRA has argued that Britain's pubcos should give greater freedom to their tenants, and that consumers are faced with less choice and higher prices because of current pubco practices. Specifically, CAMRA has urged a guest beer right for all pubco tenants, an option of a free of tie tenancy for prospective tenants, an end to above inflation

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increases in beer prices and an end to upward only and RPI rent reviews.

Pubcos are protected from competition in supplying their tied estates as other parties are denied access to the estate as a result of the beer tie. This system is manifestly failing tenants, as they are unable to source interesting local and regional beers in response to consumer demand. The market is increasingly foreclosed to small brewers, which raises serious competition concerns.

At the same time, pubcos have driven down the price paid to brewers for beer, yet these reductions have not been passed on to tenants or consumers: the beer tie means that tenants have no choice but to pay uncompetitive prices usually for the same, small selection of brands.

Mike Benner, CAMRA's Chief Executive says, *'We are not calling for the abolition of the beer tie, but we are calling for pubcos to loosen it in the interests of their own tenants, consumer choice and competition. Enabling tenants to source one guest beer outside the tie will allow them to be more responsive to consumer demand, benefiting all concerned. This investigation is a wake up call for the national pubcos and an opportunity for them to put their house in order.'*

In giving oral evidence on 6 July, Mike was asked how much of beer was real ale. From 17% in 1994,

the proportion was now 7%, as a result of manipulation of the consumer market by the big brewers away from cask beers towards smoothflow, lager and worse. Mike argued that as the big brewers had lost control of their outlets, they could no longer control the quality of their beer and so had focused on other products instead.

For a pubco, selling beer at all, albeit profitably, may however be only a temporary inconvenience. Pubcos tend to be more like property developers. Beyond extracting rent, to the detriment of business opportunity for tenants, the point is to sell the pub at a profit, as soon as possible, and in London it will probably make more money as a building site. Nationally, 20 pubs are closing every month. One witness to the Inquiry has observed that the development of pubcos has been totally unhealthy for the industry; another has hinted that, at common law, the legal precedent accepting a beer tie as lawful for tenants of brewers remains to be tested for tenants of pubcos.

More than 2000 beers are brewed in the UK by some 400 brewers. Try any of 700 at the Great British Beer Festival but don't expect to find many of them in your local pubs as long as the pubcos continue to dominate the market.

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At the AGM in Southport this year it was decided that a policy which CAMRA had espoused for some 20 years, and which at last had an outside chance of being realised, should be the subject of a review by a specially convened working party. The policy in question concerned the mass-media advertising of alcoholic drinks. CAMRA's line has been that Government should act to ban it. The point is simple enough; the big international 'brewing' companies spend tens of millions annually in promoting their tasteless, mass-produced rubbish whereas smaller companies, who tend to produce more distinctive beers, cannot afford to compete in this way. The result is that the big boys gain an unfair market advantage, which tends to stifle competition and (because the majority of their products are indistinguishable one from another) acts to reduce consumer choice. A Government ban, therefore, would go some way towards levelling the playing field and would act in the interests of the consumer.

I am putting the argument simply; mass advertising of industrially produced beers is only one way in which the market is rigged against the drinker and this measure is not put forward as a cure for all the industry's ills. Ideally, restrictions on mass advertising would form part of a wider package of measures designed to restore consumer sovereignty. Other measures, such as curbs on the restrictive practices of Pubcos are also necessary. Nonetheless, an advertising ban on its own still holds out the promise of improvements in competition.

Why does any of this matter all of a sudden? CAMRA's policy has for twenty years been more of a wish than a real expectation. Governments of whatever shade of blue are in thrall to big companies in general and are most unlikely to implement measures which will annoy them, even if said measures do act in the interests of the ordinary Joe. Things have changed, however. The concern over binge drinking and alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour have rattled the Government. Ordinary, decent voters (and moreover those voters who actually vote) have become hacked off with seeing city centres turned into bear gardens on weekend evenings and any time England's football team play a game in a major tournament. The focus groups have met, have identified a strong wish to see something done about it, and have identified a ban on mass media advertising of alcohol as a contender. Even though the argument advanced for a ban is not CAMRA's point regarding competition, it is a respectable one, and one which CAMRA can publicly support. Since there is an outside chance of a ban (or even restrictions on content) being implemented, the policy merits serious consideration

Despite the efforts of Mike Benner to set the scene in his opening presentation, the discussion in Southport was a tad less than enlightening for example:

- ◆ "Hydes advertise on the sides of buses in the Manchester area. I call that mass advertising, and a ban would prevent them from such advertising in future." (This despite the fact that cigarettes can be advertised on the sides of buses and on posters but not on TV; this despite the fact that it would be Government who decided what constituted mass advertising, not some old gentleman from Manchester);
- ◆ "Banning advertising would be an infringement of freedom of speech." (This from someone who, moments earlier, had berated me for describing mass produced lagers as 'filth.' (Fair enough, I suppose; I had not shelled out several millions for the freedom to make that remark.)
- ◆ "This policy was formulated 20 years ago; times have changed". (How true; a lot of independently owned breweries have disappeared and the big company spend is now in double figures of millions rather than single figures of millions. Real Ale's share of the market has of course declined dramatically.)

Fortunately the debate wasn't all like this and the compromise of a review was accepted. That's all very well, but to take another year out to review the policy means another delay, and the risk that the window of opportunity will be closed. It is clear what is needed. First, there should be a careful look at the implications of this policy should it be implemented. Evidence from the ban implemented in Norway is not at first sight encouraging as it has not halted closure of smaller breweries, but there were major imperfections in drafting which the UK could avoid, and other factors may have contributed to these closures. Second, a clear exposition of what CAMRA would like to see happen should be given, with fallback positions developed if appropriate. Third, an appropriate action plan should be developed so that any political opportunity can be exploited, if necessary in partnership with other relevant campaigning bodies.

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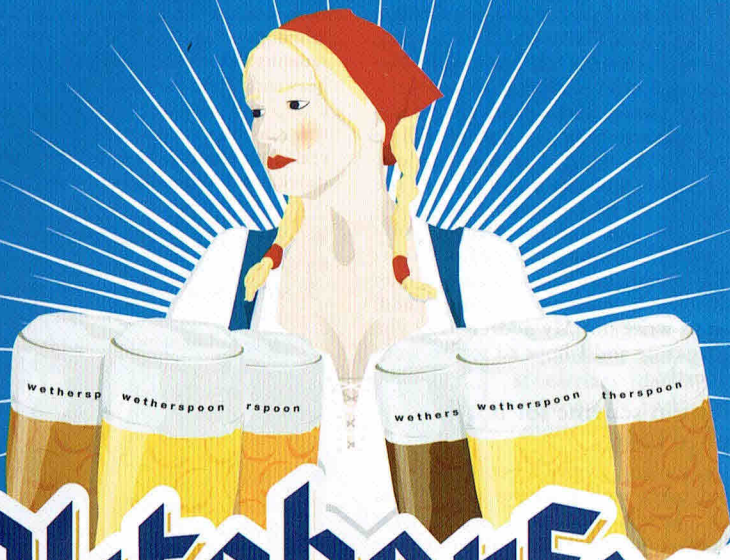
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Hello. I have taken over this column from Dave Lee and would like to start by thanking Dave for his efforts over the last few years. The concept is simple; I will read any newspapers, magazines, press releases and similar that come my way and extract anything that I think will be of significance to London Drinker readers. Sometimes I will add comment if it helps put the piece in context - or if I spot an opportunity for a cheap laugh...Given that London Drinker only comes out every other month, some of the items may be a bit out of date but bear with me; it may be news to someone. If you have anything to add, please feel free to write in. My address is at the front of the magazine and I hope to set up an e-mail address shortly.

◆ Accreditation scheme for bottle-conditioned beers

CAMRA are looking to give a boost to bottle-conditioned beers with a scheme called 'Real Ale in a Bottle'. It will be launched at The Great British Beer Festival on 2nd August, at a reception for beer buyers to be held after CAMRA's Bottled Beer Competition. CAMRA's Georgie Howarth said "The scheme has been devised in response to an increased number of enquiries from both CAMRA members and the general public about what constitutes a bottle-conditioned beer, how they can be identified, and most importantly where they can be bought".

To coincide with the pilot launch, CAMRA will highlight the consumer demand for bottle-conditioned products. The aim of the scheme is to recognise bottle-conditioned beers as a separate category to other bottled beers, and encourage buyers to stock and promote them in their retail outlets. All breweries listed in CAMRA's Good Bottled Beer Guide are eligible to join the scheme; of those surveyed, 90% thought it was a good idea. The general consensus appears to be that once consumers understand that they are drinking bottled real ale, they really appreciate and enjoy exploring different tastes, styles and products.

The accreditation markings form two parts to be used on the label artwork: a method of dispense and a clearly identifiable hallmark 'CAMRA says this is real ale'. The logo is to help consumers easily differentiate products. The objective of the method of dispense is to create a better understanding of how to look after and serve bottled real ale. CAMRA will run a supporting promotional campaign over the coming months.

Real Ale in a Bottle (RAIB) is the bottled equivalent of the draught real ales you enjoy at the pub. The beer is unpasteurised and contains yeast and enough fermentable sugars to allow for a slow secondary

fermentation in the bottle. Care should be taken when pouring a RAIB to ensure that the yeast remains in the bottle and the refreshing flavoursome beer ends up in the glass. It is important to note that though a particular beer is a real ale in draught form this is not a guarantee that the bottled version will be real also. Most real ales will be clearly labelled but a quick check to see if there is any yeast sediment will confirm if the beer is a RAIB - but don't shake it up!

◆ Vote for real ale!

The Britannia, the excellent Young's pub in Allen Street, Kensington is well known to CAMRA members for appearing in every edition of the Good Beer Guide but it now has another distinction. In the recent London Mayoral and European elections the conservatory at the rear of the pub served as a polling station. Turnout was apparently unusually high.

◆ Fuller's

For the year ended 27 March 2004, pre-tax profits were up by 13% on a turnover that increased by 2%. 10% of this however came from profits of the disposal of property. Fuller's currently have 238 pubs, bars and hotels, having added four in the year: three in Surrey plus one new one in the City of London - the Telegraph. The pubs in the City did not perform that well in the early part of the year but trade is picking up again. In due course, Fuller's would like to double their tied estate but they will only pay what they think are 'sensible' prices for properties. They also have an active refurbishment policy with 26 planned for the coming year - their refurbished pubs show an average increase in turnover of 28% - and are expanding the brewery by purchasing the former petrol station by Hogarth Roundabout.

A Fuller's house, the Red Lion in Ealing, has won a 'Highly Commended' in the Refurbishment class of the CAMRA Pub Design awards. The pub was praised by the judges for the historic front part of the pub that preserves its traditional community atmosphere and is not overpowered by what is, effectively, a substantial extension at the rear. The Red Lion is currently West Middlesex Branch's Pub of the Year.

Fuller's won the award for Managed Pub Company of the Year at the Publican Awards 2004.

◆ Young's

A good year for the eponymous chief executive was reported at Young's well attended Annual General Meeting on 13 July: over the year ending 27 March 2004, sales of Bitter were up 11%. Meanwhile their profile continues to be high. World record triple jumper Jonathan Edwards used a Young's dray as transport when he carried the

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Olympic torch through the streets of south London on its way to Athens for the 2004 Games. Jonathan, who won a gold medal at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, was joined by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Chief Mrs Lola Ayonrinde, and officials of the British Olympic Association, on board the dray which was driven by Young's head horsekeeper Kevin Flynn and drayman Henry Coward from

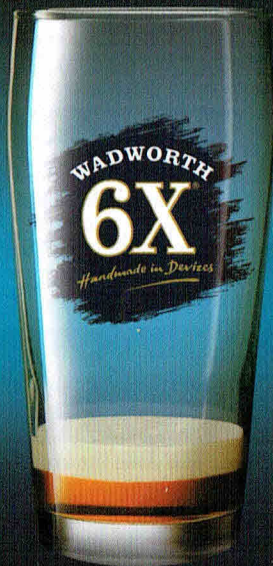
Wandsworth town hall to the headquarters of the BOA around the corner from Young's Ram Brewery.

The dray was also to the fore when the Duke of Edinburgh took the reins

and drove a pair of the brewery's black Shire horses more than half a mile through Battersea Park. The Duke, a leading light in the sport of carriage driving, was officially reopening the park after an £11 million restoration. HRH was due to travel in the back of the dray with a party of civic dignitaries from Wandsworth Borough Council but brewery chairman John Young persuaded him to drive the dray instead and he took the reins willingly and steered the horses to a marquee where refreshments were being served. Kevin Flynn and John Young travelled beside him.



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The younger generation were in evidence when Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, become the third member of the Royal family to pull a pint of Young's beer. He went behind the bar at the Thatched House in Hammersmith, west London, during a visit to the pub as part of a tour organised by the London Gardens Society. He offered to serve a pint of Young's Bitter from the pub's traditional handpumps after licensees John Gavaghan and Foggy Dessilias had shown him pictures of the late Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales pulling pints at other Young's houses.

Meanwhile, the relocation saga continues... In its 7 June edition, the Publican newspaper reported that Young's departure from the Ram Brewery looked certain. The article said: 'Intense speculation suggests Wandsworth Council, which is working closely with the brewer, will issue a compulsory purchase order on the historic site. The move will leave Young's with no option but to leave the 10-acre plot...The brewer and pub operator is expected to bank £ millions from a sale'. The next week's issue saw a retraction: 'Young's has fiercely denied that the sale of the Ram Brewery is a done deal' and there was to be no CPO.

Young's is a PLC (Publicly Listed Company) and its share price is crucial. Every year the company has come under apparent threat from certain quarters, so that speculation that brings down the share price - or even makes it more attractive - simply makes the company more vulnerable. Someone is playing games. I hope that it is not anyone who thinks that they are a Young's supporter, because it could all backfire horribly. If it comes down to it - and I doubt that it will - I for one would rather have a relocated Young's than no Young's at all.

◆ Dates for your diary

The Independent Family Brewers of Britain (IFBB) have announced that the next Cask Beer Week will take place between 17th and 26th September (a long week!). CAMRA are, as before, giving this initiative their full support and are setting up a website with further details. The address will be www.caskbeerweek.org.uk

◆ Cheap beer?

I had to include this because many of you will have seen newspaper headlines recently declaring that as a result of the court case concerning the trading practices of the pub chain Innterpreneur, the price of beer would fall. To be blunt, fat chance. Meanwhile, Nomura, the Japanese bank involved and who at one point had a stake in about half of the country's pubs, have bowed out of the UK pub scene with the almost £90 million sale of the Wizard Inns chain of 63 pubs to Wolverhampton & Dudley. Most of Wizard's pubs are in London and the South-East.

◆ Greene King buys Laurel pubs

Greene King has agreed to buy 432 neighbourhood pubs from Laurel for 654 million pounds borrowed from Lloyds Bank, boosting its estate by a quarter, to over 2,100 pubs. Laurel, owned by Deutsche Bank's private equity arm and managed by private equity group MidOcean Partners, put its community pubs up for sale earlier this year to focus on its 177 town centre outlets such as the Hog's Head and Casa chains.

◆ Street drinking ban

The latest area to be subject to a ban on drinking in the street or public spaces by means of a Drinking Control Area order is Waterloo, London SE1. According to a report in the Publican magazine, Lambeth Council says that it has had a 'dramatic impact' on anti-social behaviour and denies that problem drinkers have simply been displaced. Elsewhere, plans for what Camden Council calls a 'Drinking Control Zone' around Camden Town are meeting with local opposition because, according to the Camden New Journal, residents feel that it is just for the benefit of businesses and tourists at the expense of residents. The main objection is that street drinkers will simply be displaced to adjoining housing estates.

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◆ Smoking ban

This one will, I suspect, as they say, run and run...The licensed trade is generally against any sort of legally enforced ban, preferring the voluntary introduction of smoke-free areas. The campaign is being led by the Industry Charter Group but there are dissenters. According to Glass magazine, the JD Wetherspoon Organisation - which already forbids smoking at the bar - has broken ranks in favour of a total ban on smoking in pubs by January 2006 although it was not going to go it alone by introducing its own total ban before then. In the meantime, you may find yourself being asked for your view by an organisation called PUBS (Pub Users' Ballot on Smoking). The Royal College of Nursing's annual conference voted by 80% for a ban but one correspondent told the Publican newspaper that the most prolific smokers he had ever come across were a darts team made up of nurses from his local hospital.

◆ Holsten

The UK arm of Holsten which was established in 1952 is to go following the purchase of its German parent company by Carlsberg. It will be merged into Carlsberg's own UK operation. You may wonder why I have included this item but there is a greater tradition of brewing of lager - properly, not cheap copies - in this country than most people realise. Holsten actually took over a brewery in Wandsworth as long ago as 1902 but it didn't survive the anti-German sentiments of the First World War.

◆ 'Ere we went...

According to the Publican magazine, each England game in Euro 2004 brought in takings of £116 million to the pub trade. Sales of beer - unfortunately, mostly canned lager - from supermarkets increased from 26 to 46 million litres. Mind you, watching the big game in the pub could be a thing of the past. According to both the Morning Advertiser and the Publican, many publicans are considering cancelling their Sky TV subscriptions following an 18% rise in fees this year on top of a 22% increase last year. One of those 6 ft by 8 ft large screens would cost you £2,500 plus VAT.

◆ Last laugh

The Morning Advertiser runs a regular column of interviews with prominent players in the pub industry. In reply to the question 'can you remember the first pub that you drank in?' Derek Andrew, managing director of Pathfinder Pubs said: 'The (better not say) Arms in Oldham, 1970. Fondly remembered as a toilet with an outside pub'.

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Saturday 1 May saw the inauguration of an initiative that I had long felt was worth a try. There are many fine words written about, and spoken on the merits of real ale, railways, trains and old buildings. Why not bring some of these like-minded souls together for a bit of fun, travel and a glass or two of the good stuff! So May morning saw members of the Campaign for Real Ale join forces with members of Railfuture and English Heritage.



We kicked off at the Old Oak opposite Gospel Oak station for some London Pride and before long were attempting to enjoy the merits of the Old Dairy at Crouch End. 'We don't open till 12' was the answer we got, despite a pre-visit. So the White Lion of Mortimer, a nearby Wetherspoon's came to the rescue. Our next stop was Harringay Green Lanes to visit first Railway Fields. This nature reserve has been nurtured since the early '80s by local botanist David Bevan. Amongst the disused track leading off

the line to the former coal depot, David and friends have created a wonderful oasis of calm in the midst of a bustling high street.

Our next port of call was the Salisbury on Green Lanes. This pub is a must for any lover of fine pub architecture. (See photographs.) We then set off to the Oakdale Arms, as back street as back street gets, a Milton Brewery of Cambridge pub with, on the day, Tom the guvnor putting no fewer than eight draught beers on. After much quenching we looked at the clock and decided to go for a later train! Alas the 15:05 was cancelled. Resorting to buses got us to South Tottenham and the Markfield Beam Engine. Volunteer Ken Brereton kindly showed us the 1886 100hp engine and gave a brief talk on the history of this fascinating piece of engineering and the trials and tribulations of restoring it.

We then took a stroll down the Lea navigation to the Anchor and Hope for a glass of Fuller's Pride and a fine view across the Lea to Walthamstow Marshes, the ancient Lammas lands. We decide to enjoy an early drop of Young's and detour to take in the Princess of Wales on the nearby Lea Bridge Road and well worth a visit too for this popular waterside hostelry.

We now have to resort to a bus to get back on track. We next find ourselves in the Drum at Bakers Arms enjoying a selection of Wetherspoon guest beers. Soon we're off to the nearby Victorian splendour of the William IV but then it's time to move on and we troop down to Leyton Midland Road and catch the next service to our destination, Barking. A ten-minute stroll finds us at the Britannia. There's a party getting underway as we find a corner to relax in. The landlady stops by to thank us for calling in and we sample some excellent Young's Ordinary and Special. Our last port of call is the lively Barking Dog. With a busy but enjoyable day under our collective belts we grab a bite to eat and choose a guest brew.

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THE SULTAN IS TIME OUT WINNER

Of the five shortlisted pubs reported two months ago, the Sultan in South Wimbledon has been announced Pub of the Year by Time Out magazine. The CAMRA Greater London Regional Pub of the Year for 2002 and again the current SW London Pub of the Year, it was commended for its Hop Back beers, family atmosphere, loyal regular clientele, community activities, old English sheepdog and intelligent cat - the kind of pub that every neighbourhood should have but all too few do, nowadays.

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EDWARD 'TED' HIGGINS 1921-2004

CAMRA lost one of its best-loved characters on 22 May when Edward 'Ted' Higgins died at the age of 82.

Born to publican parents, Ted was raised in a Hereford pub, where he clearly learnt the art of cellarmanship. He saw war service as an aircraft fitter in South Africa and on demob went into the acting profession, working both in repertory and in radio. At different times he played various roles in 'The Archers', one being the first Joe Grundy - unfortunately before that character was given the prominence he has now!

Always interested in politics, he gave up full time acting work in 1971 to work at Labour Party National HQ in their Publications Department. He was known as an assiduous worker for the party, who, when necessary, would stay on late in the evening when a job needed to be finished to a deadline. Popular with his colleagues, he was also popular with the landlords of the Marquis of Granby in Smith Square and later the Tankard in Walworth Road as he usually managed to spend an Italian style lunch break (only without the food) in those hostelrys. The story goes that when Peter Mandelson joined Labour HQ in 1985 he was keen to meet all the managers under his command but found difficulty in establishing contact with Ted who, it seemed, had always 'just popped out' or was 'at a meeting.' It took some weeks before Mandelson worked out that the 'meetings' to which Ted had 'popped out' seemed to take place between 11am and 3pm in the Tankard. Mandelson was obviously clued up to the situation, however, and simply observed that Ted did more work by 11 than the rest of his staff did all day!

Ted joined CAMRA in the early 1970s and first appeared at meetings of SW London Branch around 1975. He soon found himself elected to the Committee and spent periods as Branch treasurer and Young's Brewery Liaison Officer. He became more widely known as a Bar Manager at GBBF's, including those held in Leeds and Brighton as well as at Olympia, only giving up when arthritis began to restrict his mobility. He earned the nickname 'Beer Fingers' because of his uncanny ability to get beer to clear, and set high standards on his bar; no beer would be allowed to go on sale unless it was absolutely right. He always managed his staff with courtesy and consideration, and those who worked on his team always asked to return in subsequent years. After he had given up bar management, he was once invited on to one of the judging panels for CBOB. He insisted on tasting a full pint of every

beer, observing that 'You can't judge beer in halves'.

He was nominated by the Labour Party to be a governor at a school for the deaf. He took his responsibilities seriously enough to learn signing. Some time later he was in a pub where a young deaf woman was having great difficulty making her order understood. She was amazed when Ted came to her aid with both his signing and his knowledge of beer.

Ted was a noted story teller and wit, and as such graced any company. On one occasion he and good friend Peter Wingham were swapping scurrilous ditties in the back of a Brighton taxi. After a while the driver stopped the cab, switched off the meter and told the two just to carry on while he listened!

On retiring from the Labour Party in 1986, Ted went to live at Bishop's Cleeve near Cheltenham, but made a point of appearing at every year's Battersea Beer Festival where he was given an honorary staff position. His duties were minimal, to say the least; it was just that everyone wanted him around!

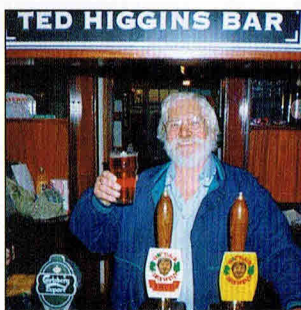
Perhaps one of the most eloquent tributes to Ted was the fact that when the Hop Back Brewery took over the Sultan in SW19 in 1994 they renamed the saloon bar 'The Ted Higgins Bar' in his honour, this despite the fact that Ted had

already departed for Gloucestershire. (Needless to say he visited 'his' bar whenever the opportunity arose!) In addition to loving beer, Ted was also an accomplished chef and so was a great asset on the many canal boat trips he made with CAMRA companions. A dedicated snuff-taker, he even had his own personal blend, made from three different proprietary snuffs, which he took using a pearl spoon.

Married twice, he is survived by his son, Martin, to whom our condolences go. Ted was one of those rare people whom everybody loved, particularly those who had the privilege either to work for him at GBBF or to sup a few pints of good Real Ale in his company. He will be greatly missed.

A get together to celebrate his life will be held in the Ted Higgins Bar at the Sultan from 7pm onwards on the evening of Friday 17 September. All those who knew and admired Ted are invited. Contact Brian Sheridan on 07776 235490 for details.

*Brian Sheridan
with acknowledgements to John Barry, Martin Butler, Chris Cobbold, Richard Gregory, 'Arry and Sue Hart, Alan Millington, Mike Moran, David Paterson, Dave Plackett, Peter Smith and Jackie Stacey. Unfortunately space does not permit the inclusion of every fond memory recounted.*



Dear Editor

I have been reading the articles about Luxembourg by Ken. Now I am resident in the Grand Duché, and have put together a website showing places around Luxembourg to visit. The website address is <http://webplaza.pt.lu/marcusm/> and, if the articles stir up some interest, it could be useful for prospective visitors to use it as a basis for beer tours. In fact I could be considered as 'Branch contact' here.

See for yourself, I try and keep it up to date; nothing is ever entirely current but, as soon as I know more information, it is added or corrected.

I suppose I should say I was membership secretary for West London branch for a couple of years, I am a life member of CAMRA, a member of the OBER branch of Zythos and lapsed member of PINT but Jos Brouwer considers me CAMRA Luxembourg! Oh, lastly I am the Luxembourg correspondent for Tim Webb's guide.

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Dear Editor

After picking up a copy of *London Drinker* I thought you would be interested in my website which has a large section on closed down pubs, I'm documenting them before they are totally gone. I've found out history on some but not all - do you have any snippets of info on any of these places?

Paul Talling
www.derelectlondon.com

Dear Editor

So is it the end for the community and working-class boozers as we used to know it (Editorial June/July)? Well, perhaps, and if so it may be no bad thing - in some ways. Of course, chain pubs undercutting the prices of street corner locals and forcing them out of business is an issue. On the other hand, as your Editorial notes, such pubs weren't always the most friendly of places unless you were white, male and somewhere to the right of Hitler.

It is here that some - not all - Wetherspoons' outlets do fulfil a role. They are reasonably priced, so that ordinary people can afford to drink in them. They



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

sell non-alcoholic drinks like coffee, all day food and have no smoking areas. That means they can attract a diverse clientele. Many of these people are of course from the local community and working class to boot. Unfortunately it is far from clear if Wetherspoons are actually happy running this kind of pub, perhaps preferring the Lloyds No.1 brand.

Beyond that, perhaps it is worth pressing local Councils harder to keep an eye on the future of local pubs. After all, there is an increased emphasis on the need for community at the moment, and a good pub can certainly be a central part of that - even for those whose religion or other lifestyle preference means they don't want to drink alcohol.

Keith Flett, Tottenham

Dear Editor

According to the Evening Standard Metro Life magazine the Millbank Lounge, City Hotel, John Islip Street London SW1, a hotel bar open to the public, sells Deuchars IPA on handpump. However it does cost £3.80 per pint.

As London Drinker does not pay expenses to its contributors I shall not be including this in any future pub crawl I do for London Drinker.

Colin Price

Dear London Drinker Reader

Were you one of the lucky people who drank London Pride Export at Ealing Beer Festival? This was the first time that this 4.7% beer had been produced in cask-conditioned form and it is clear from the praise it received from those who drank it that they hope it will not be the last. As it was voted beer of the festival by some margin the beer clearly had wide appeal.

Unfortunately, Fuller's have no plans to do any more, although I feel sure demand would be high if they did. I appeal to everyone who enjoyed it to write to John Keeling, the head brewer, asking him to brew it again. You never know: if he receives enough requests and pleas he might be persuaded. After all, when he opened the festival he urged people who liked his beers to write and tell him.

There is talk at Fuller's of Hock, a mild that has not been seen for years, being brewed next May. Again, please tell John Keeling if that appeals to you. You can write to him at Fuller, Smith & Turner, PLC, Griffin Brewery, Chiswick Lane South, London W4 2QB or email him at john.keeling@fullers.co.uk.

Brian Lawrence

*Chairman, West Middlesex Branch
Tour Leader, Fuller's Brewery*

BEER AND CRICKET

2004 may be the Year of Beer with Food but, for CAMRA South West London Branch, summer Sundays are once more a time to enjoy beer with cricket. This year has seen a promising start to the season, with all six completed matches won, the other abandoned in torrential rain. Manager Andy Robinson has arranged fixtures for every Sunday from now until the end of September, weather permitting. The season ends with a curry night and the possible hint of a weekend tour in 2005,

awakening fond memories of our visits to St Austell and Skinners' breweries in 1999.

The team offers a warm welcome to players and supporters, young and old, drinkers and abstainers alike. Home matches at Nursery Road, South Wimbledon start with Young's in the Princess of Wales and continue with Hop Back GFB at the ground. Contact Andy on 020-7403 5566 (W) or Mark on 07932 830521.

SEL PUB OF THE YEAR IS FIRST HAT TRICK

South East London CAMRA are very pleased to announce THE DOG & BELL in SE8 as their 2004 Pub of the Year.

It is only the first pub in SEL to win this award three times - it won before in 1993 and 1996 - and to say that Charles and Eileen are delighted is very much an understatement. They have been there for 16 years (and I'm am giving them orders not to move, ever, - PLEASE) and have a great clientele. The beer is perfect, the food delicious, plus the added bonus of a selection of Belgian delicacies in the bottled department. The award was made initially at Catford Beer Festival and then at a special evening at the pub on Saturday 26 June.

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THE KING'S HEAD FALLS

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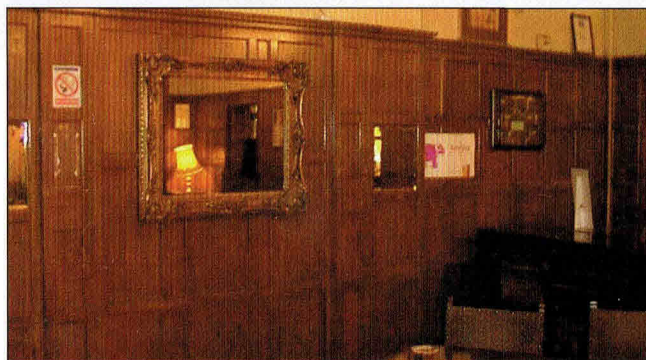
On Thursday 27 May Jane Jephcote, Chair of CAMRA's London Pubs Group and Martin Butler, Chair of South West London CAMRA branch attended and spoke at Merton Council's Planning Committee meeting to oppose an application by the bus company, Go Ahead Group to convert the King's Head, 18 Merton High Street, SW19 into offices. Although not statutorily listed, this pub is on Merton Council's local list. While giving his report the Planning Officer held up a copy of the London Regional Inventory booklet which he had recently received from CAMRA. All the London Planning Authorities were sent a copy of the booklet.

The planning application for change of use of the King's Head to offices had been due for consideration at a meeting of the Planning Committee two weeks earlier, but decision had been

deferred because of queries about the way in which the pub had been advertised for sale. Jane had spoken at length at the earlier meeting, pointing out the importance of the pub both as a community asset and as part of Merton's heritage. This time she simply noted that if the Council granted planning permission for conversion of the pub to offices it would have the sorry distinction of being the cause of the first deletion of an entry in the London Regional Inventory. Martin spoke of the pub's potential future viability and the fact that the King's Head was the only traditional pub remaining in that part of Merton.

Sadly, the Planning Committee decided to grant planning permission for change of use to offices. Local CAMRA branch members visited the King's Head on a Wandle walk on Saturday 3 July, but the pub was closed, without notice, the next day.

Interior photographs of the King's Head taken by Philip Blanchard.

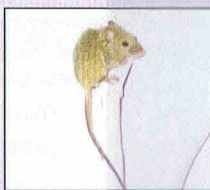


WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY...

That sure was the case at this year's Catford Beer Festival!

In my capacity as co-festival organiser, I went to the cash office just to check that everything was OK. I certainly was not expecting the response that greeted me as I knocked on the door, 'Don't open the door, you'll let it out', so of course I opened the door - you have to, don't you!

The sight as I peered around the door was like something out of a Laurel & Hardy movie. There were the cash office team lead by Dave Lee in various positions around the room trying to lay a trap for a mouse (not, I must stress, with the intention of killing it). It seems that this



The Catford mouse, caught by Chris Crowther

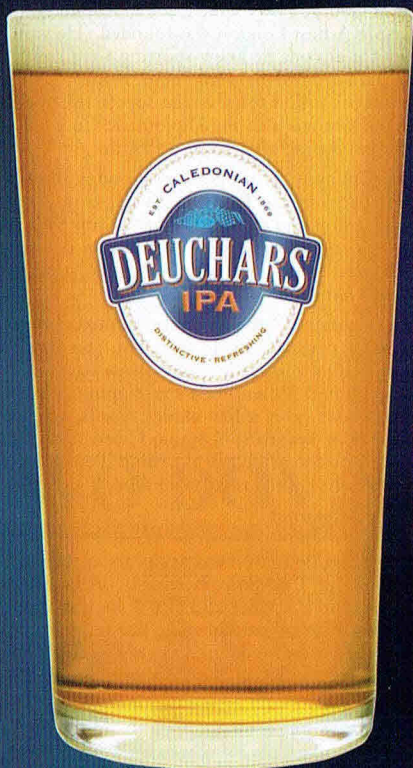
defenceless creature was being stalked by the team for trying to be helpful (it had already been spotted in the till counting the cash).

So they had set up a large bank coin bag with a banana inside for bait, then placed a briefcase just far enough away not to harm the mouse. When the mouse entered the bag for the banana, the briefcase was tipped over, thus sealing the bag.

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*Roz Cox
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PETER ROBERTS REMEMBERED

I'd defy anyone who met Pete Roberts to describe him other than as a very nice and very knowledgeable man. Some time after I bought my first Good Beer Guide in 1975 I plucked up the courage and attended a branch meeting at the Red Lion, Plaistow and since then Pete has been part of my CAMRA life.

Any meetings he could not attend he would find someone to submit his apologies. The announcement of the Roberts Ramble would start a scramble for pen and paper as Pete opened his diary to search for the date. He and Dave Johnson would check the route beforehand, performing a rain dance on route, or that's how it seemed to us. Forthcoming meetings worthy of note would see him withdrawing the pencil from the spine of his diary to scrawl them in.

For many years he and I formed the Products team at Pig's Ear. I dreamed them up or found a supplier and he sold them. Not always meeting his approval! Branch ties and polo shirts, life members' ties (long before HQ did anything about them), festival polo shirts and fleeces and of course pigs' noses and that most British of institutions, the knotted hanky! On those occasions he was late for 'work' he would apologise and as an afterthought he would mutter, as only he could, an explanation in a manner that would suggest he knew I was not interested but would tell me anyway. Though Pete worked in the Passport Office I never knew whether he had one himself or travelled aboard. When they were issuing the new nasty



maroon passports Pete kindly supplied me with the old navy blue variety.

His funeral was very well attended with people from all walks of his varied life - the small chapel was overflowing to outside and beyond. Vanessa,

his sister-in-law read a passage from his favourite book, *Wind in the Willows* and we sang Jerusalem. Pete was fiercely patriotic and always wore a red rose on St George's Day which, coincidentally, was the day CAMRA East London was founded. He would buy a pint for anyone he knew sporting a red rose. Brother Bernard regaled us with 'Pete' stories from amateur dramatics to the story of the spectacled tree and why he did not work in the Diplomatic Corps. There was no time then to sing *To Be a Pilgrim*.

The Crumpled Horn did him proud with the beers of Ridleys from the Essex he loved, from Young's the beer he drank in the Buckingham Arms SW1 and from Fullers and Adnams with the ship on the handpump. 'We tried to sell him lager,' said the barman, 'but he wasn't having it!'

We celebrated Pete's life as he wanted us to do and I want to continue to do just that. So how? I never heard him swear, at least not those oaths in common usage though Vanessa told me tripping over the family dog would exact a few choice words, so just maybe when I'm watching Leyton Orient (guaranteed to make you swear) I will do some 'Pete Muttering' to myself. And a red rose on 23 April.

Keith Emmerson

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I first met Peter over twenty years ago when I started going to CAMRA meetings. As well as being involved in CAMRA and SPBW he was also involved in the 135 Association having drunk in every Young's pub. He had also drunk in every Ridley's pub, a feat that allowed him to combine his two great loves of good beer and rambling through the Essex countryside.

He also had a keen interest in breweriana, bottled beer labels and brewery history. When I told him last year that our local Young's pub still had a couple of Young's Mellow Stout windows although the beer was discontinued in the 1960s he immediately went to photograph them.

One of his ambitions which he never achieved was to have drunk every beer brewed in the UK. He did tell me once that he had almost achieved this in the early 1970s and had arranged a trip to Scotland to polish off the last few he had not done. Unfortunately just before he went the first of the new micro-breweries opened and rapid growth of micro-breweries and brewpubs in the 1970s meant he was never able to catch up.

Colin Price

PETER ROBERTS REMEMBERED

I was shocked and saddened to read of the death of Peter Roberts. I'd known Peter since 1973. We worked together in the Home Office, in the Directorate of Telecommunications in Rochester Row, and it was Peter who introduced me to real ale and to CAMRA. He would disappear most lunchtimes, usually to the Buckingham Arms in Petty France or sometimes to the Cardinal in Francis St. I recall thinking at the time how long his lunch-breaks seemed to be.

It was indeed in the Buckingham Arms that I tasted my first pint of real ale - Young's Bitter of course - in Peter's knowledgeable company. I was 19. He signed me up to the Campaign soon after, long before I really developed a true appreciation of good beer and good pubs. I think I was just swept along with Pete's enthusiasm, probably in a way that many others have been affected by Peter before and since.

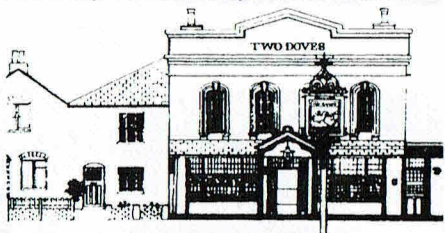
In recent years I would usually see Peter at London Drinker, Pig's Ear and the national AGM. So I'm particularly sorry that I didn't make it to Southport in April - ironically the first I've missed in years. The AGM must have been very tough for him. I knew that Peter didn't enjoy the best of health but I had no idea of his terminal condition.

As the years pass, and our involvement in the Campaign stretches farther and farther back, it is of course inevitable that we will read and hear of the passing of good friends and familiar faces. I, like many others, will miss Pete Roberts.

Keith Dixon

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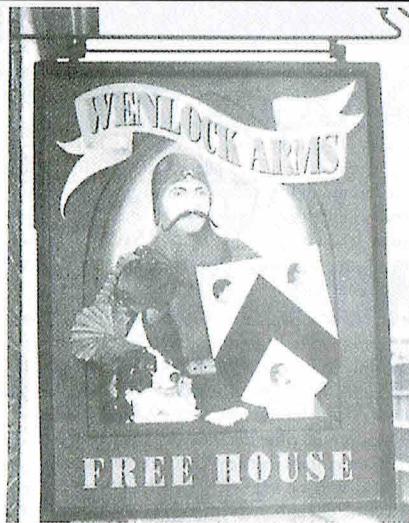
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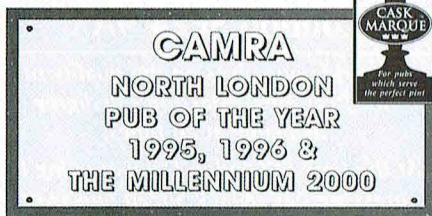
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The admission price includes a pint lined glass with a commemorative logo and also a festival programme. CAMRA members get a free pint (up to 5% ABV) on presenting their current membership card at the membership stand. Every session has live entertainment, plus recitals on the amazing Woking Wurlitzer organ in the Wurlitzer Hall. Soft drinks and food will be available at all times. On Saturday lunch time parents may bring their children for £1.50 per child, and use the Family Room. There will be a wide range of attractions and entertainments, especially for children. Read the Beer Festival web page at www.wokingbeerfestival.co.uk or www.woking.gov.uk/leisure

Woking Leisure Centre is less than 15 minutes walk from Woking Station, which has rail links to just

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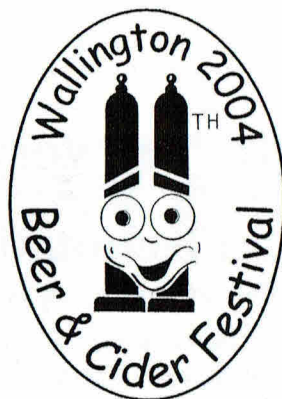
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There are dozens of different bars at the festival and you will find many of your favourites as well as some of the newest beers available. What's more, to appreciate truly the tastes on offer, you could attend one of our tutored beer tastings hosted by our international team of beer experts: this year's tastings include Beer and Chocolate, and Belgian Beers.

There is also live entertainment, traditional pub games and a fine selection of food. Drop in and enjoy all the fun this year. Remember to leave your car at home; Kensington Olympia is easily reached by public transport.

CAMRA welcomes families to the festival and provides a family room with entertainers and games open until

9pm every night. Children must be supervised by a family member at all times and under-18s must remain within the family room.

Why not catch up with friends or unwind after work with a good pint or several? The festival also provides a number of corporate hospitality options, including the tutored tastings and a corporate lounge.

Opening times and ticket prices

Tuesday - 5pm to 10.30pm: £6 (£5 for CAMRA members).

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 12 noon to 10.30pm: £6 (£5 for CAMRA members).

Saturday - 11am to 7pm: £5 (£4 for CAMRA members).

Season tickets for all sessions are also available: £17.50 (£15 for CAMRA members).

Tickets can be booked online or by telephoning 01727 867201.

Live music

This year's music line up (sponsored by Sainsburys) is as follows:

Tuesday 3rd August (evening) Chaminade String Quartet

Wednesday 4th August (lunch) National Steel Band

Wednesday (evening) Chas 'n' Dave

Thursday 5th August (lunch) Wild Willy Barrett's Sleeping Dogz

Thursday (evening) Neol Davies

Friday 6th (lunch) Jazzy Trousers

Friday (evening) Dave Finnegan's Commitments

Saturday 7th (2 sets) Fulham Brass Band

Wild Willy Barrett's Sleeping Dogz mix English, Celtic, Cajun and Moorish influences to produce a blend of highly emotive original music. Neol Davies, original guitarist and songwriter of 70's ska band The Selector, was inspired by the music of the early 1960s. For the last 12 years Dave Finnegan has been the voice of the Commitments, spreading the gospel of soul worldwide. Friday night should not be missed if you want to hear songs of soul greats such as Otis Redding and Wilson Pickett.

Back by popular request, the Chaminade String Quartet will be kicking the festival off on Tuesday evening. The Fulham Brass Band will be providing the rousing finale with around 30 brass musicians and up to three percussionists on Saturday afternoon.

Malt-teaser!

A chocolate and beer tasting takes place on at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 August, hosted by beer writer Fred Eckhardt from Portland, Oregon. 'It could be perceived as a gimmick but chocolate and beer are not strangers to one another either,' says CAMRA's Georgie Howarth. 'Just look at Belgium - famous for both its chocolate and beer! Malt is widely used in the both chocolate recipes and the brewing process. We've just gone one step further!'

The Brewery Tap

John and Heather welcome you to the Brewery Tap.

Five rotating Cask Ales

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Tickets for 'Chocolate & Beer' cost £11.50 for CAMRA members and £12.50 for non-members. To book, telephone: 01727 867201. To enter the festival you will also need a standard festival entry ticket.

Visit the Madonna of all breweries!

Each year at the Great British Beer Festival, places are auctioned at the twice daily breweriana auction for a visit to a brewery - and this year is no exception.

Timothy Taylors, home of Madonna's favourite beer, Landlord, will be hosting the visit on Saturday 18 September. The trip will be arranged by the brewers who will be showing off their new brewery building.

The new building took 15 months to complete and was part of an £11 million investment in a modernisation programme. The building included an extra four open fermenting squares, which will improve capacity by 30% to cater for the continual growth of this traditional independent brewery. But drinkers do not have to worry about changes in taste. To quote Peter Eells, the head brewer on the development, "It ensures that Timothy Taylor's beers will taste the same in future and satisfy the demands that you, our customer, expects".



Andrew Leman (right) Second Brewer and 4th Brewer Nick Webster in the new fermenting room.

Timothy Taylor has been brewing real ale for 145 years, using Pennine spring water and, although not organic, none of the ales contain animal products. Although best known for Landlord, which has won CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain on a number of occasions, Taylors really is more than just one beer. It produces two milds, Dark and Golden Best, a Porter and a Best Bitter. So, although their winter Ram Tam will not be available, visitors to the brewery can be guaranteed a delightful time for their taste buds and typically great Yorkshire hospitality.

Postal bids are accepted if you can't get to the Festival. Bids should go to Bill Austin, 18 Malden Road, Watford WD17 4EW; 01923 211654; baustin@supanet.com.



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BRANCH DIARIES

Welcome to our regular details of London CAMRA 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 August and September 2004 are listed below.

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

ALL LONDON EVENTS

September - Wed 29 (8pm) London Liaison Committee (Regional co-ordination meeting for London Branches) Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1. *Secretary: geoff@coherent-tech.co.uk*

LONDON PUBS GROUP

Jane Jephcote 020-7973 3102 (W), jane.jephcote@english-heritage.org.uk

August - Mon 2 English BBEF/London Pubs Group Evening Crawl of the City of London and the Borough. Meet (6.45) Lamb Tavern, 10-12 Leadenhall Market, EC3 then to include (7.40) Jamaica Wine House, St Michaels Alley, Cornhill, EC3; (8.40) Wheatsheaf, 6 Stoney St, SE1; (9.30) George Inn, 77 Borough High St/George Inn Yard, SE1; (10.10) Lord Clyde, 27 Clennam St, SE1; (10.50) Royal Oak, 44 Tabard St, SE1. **September - Wed 8 (7.15 for 7.30)** Meeting. Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1 (upstairs). All branches and members interested in pub research and preservation welcome.

BEXLEY

Martyn Nicholls 01322 527857 (H) Website: www.camrabexleybranch.org.uk

CROYDON & SUTTON

Terry Hewitt 020-8660 5931 (H), 020-7918 3242(W)
August - Tue 3 GBBF Olympia social, meet 8pm and 9pm at Bar A. - **Sat 14** Sussex Ramble & Rectory Brewery visit, meet 9.45am E. Croydon station for 10.09 train to Brighton for Falmer. - **Thu 19 (8.30)** Social, Claret, Bingham Cnr., Lwr. Addiscombe Rd. - **Tue 31 (8.30)** Branch mtg. Dog & Bull (upstairs room), 24 Surrey St., Croydon.
September - Wed 8 (8.30) Social, Little Windsor, Greyhound Rd., Sutton. - **Thu 30 (8.30)** Branch mtg. Windsor Castle (Cottage Room), 378 Carshalton Rd., Carshalton.
Website: www.croydoncamra.org.uk

EAST LONDON & CITY

Bob Walker 07957 793360 (M)
August - Tue 10 (8pm) Branch mtg. Anchor & Hope E5. - **Mon 16** Mare Street E8 social: start (7.30) Railway Tavern; then (8.15) Baxter's Court; (9pm) Globe in Morning Lane for 'blues night'. - **Sun 24 (7.30 onwards)** Pub of the Year presentation, Drum, E10.
September - Tue 14 (8pm) Branch mtg. Counting House EC4. - **Sun 26 (12.30)** Thameside crawl, meet Grapes, Narrow St, E14 *Website: www.pigsear.org.uk*

ENFIELD & BARNET

Brian Willis 020-8441 1892 (H), publicity@camra-enfield-and-barnet.org.uk
August - Wed 4 Working social at GBBF Olympia W14. - **Tue 10 (8pm)** Cavalier, 67 Russell La, Whetstone N20. - **Thu 19 (8pm)** Picture Palace, Lincoln Rd, Ponders End EN3. - **Sat 21 (4pm)** BBQ (food till 7pm) & Pub of the Year presentation (approx 6pm). Orange Tree, 18 Highfield Rd, Winchmore Hill N21. - **Tue 24** High Barnet 2 pub social: (9pm) Black Horse; (10pm) Alexandra (both Wood St).
September - Thu 2 (8pm) Beer tasting. Moon Under Water, 115 Chase Side, Enfield EN2. - **Sat 4 (11am)** Ramble led by Ron Andrews, meet Stag, Little Park Gdns, Enfield Town EN2. - **Wed 8 (8pm)** Orange Tree, 7 Totteridge Village N20 (Bus 251). - **Sat 11** Visit to Chappel Beer Festival, Essex. Meet at Liverpool St for 10.45am train; change at Marks Tey. - **Tue 14 (8pm)** Little Venice W9 Three Branch social. (Warwick Avenue tube) Meet Warrington Hotel, 93 Warrington Cresc, then Warwick Castle, 6 Warwick Pla. - **Sun 19 (12 noon)** Hampstead NW3 pub crawl, meet Flask, Flask Walk, then Three Horseshoes, Heath

St; Magdala, South Hill Park; Holly Bush, Holly Mount; White Bear, Well Rd; Duke of Hamilton, New End. - **Thu 23 (8pm)** Club of the Year presentation. Winchmore Hill Cricket Club, Firs La, N21. - **Thu 30 (8pm)** London Drinker pick up. Old Wheatsheaf, Windmill Hill, Enfield Town EN2.

News Group: camraenfieldandbarnet-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk Website: camra-enfield-and-barnet.org.uk

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD

Clive Taylor 020-89492099 (H) 020-8540 1901 (W), kandel@camrasurrey.org.uk.
August - Wed 11 (8.15) Branch mtg. Ashley Park, opposite Walton on Thames station. - **Sun 15 (12 noon)** Family social. Old Plough, Station Rd, Stoke D'Abernon, near Cobham station. - **Tue 31 (8pm)** Thames Ditton pub crawl. Meet George and Dragon, dep. 8.30 for Red Lion and other pubs towards Hampton Court station.
September - Wed 8 (8.15) Branch Mtg. Running Horse, Bridge St, Leatherhead. - **Sat 11 (6.30)** BBQ. Willoughby Arms, Willoughby Rd, Kingston. - **Thu 23 (8pm)** Cask Beer Week crawl of Surbiton. Meet New Prince, Well Rd, then to Surbiton Flyer, Victoria etc.
Website: www.camrasurrey.org.uk/branches/kl.htm

NORTH LONDON

Social contact: Mike Rose - Tel: 07986 458517, lynnмикерose@aol.com; Branch contact: Mick Lewis 020-7935 1350 or 07952 244687 (M), orientmoron@yahoo.com
September - Mon 6 (8pm) Social. Wenlock Arms, 26 Wenlock Rd, N1. - **Tue 14** Little Venice W9 joint social with West London and Enfield & Barnet branches. See under Enfield & Barnet for details. - **Tue 21 (8pm)** Surveying social. Compton Arms, 4 Compton Ave, N1
Website: www.camranorthlondon.org.uk

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW

Brian Kirtin 020-8384 7284 (H), sk014j4253@blueyonder.co.uk
August - Tue 3 (6pm) Social at GBBF Olympia, meet by Fuller's bar and every hour until 9. - **Tue 17 (7pm)** Social to meet the Triple fff brewer and sample two fff beers. Teddington Arms, 38-40 High St, Teddington. - **Wed 25 (8.30)** Twickenham beer festival sub-committee mtg. Turks Head, 28 Winchester Rd, St Margarets. - **Thu 26 (8.30)** Branch mtg. Jolly Coopers, 16 High St, Hampton: final selection for POTY. - **Fri 27 (8pm)** Lion beer festival social, 27 Wick Rd, Teddington. - **Sat 28 (6pm)** Red Lion (our current Pub of the Year) beer festival social, 92 Linkfield Rd, Isleworth.
September - Wed 8 (8pm) Brentford publicity crawl for Twickenham beer festival. Maggie & Crown, 128 High St, then (9pm) Beehive, 227 High St; (9.30) Brewery Tap, 47 Catherine Wheel Rd; (10pm) Express, 56 Kew Bridge Rd. - **Sat 11 (12pm-1pm)** Shopping social in Richmond, start at White Cross, Riverside, Water Lane. - **Wed 15 (8.30)** Beer festival sub-cittee mtg. Fox, 39 Church St, Twickenham. - **Sat 18 (6.30)** Joint branch 30th birthday party with West Middlesex. Queen's Head, 123 High St, Cranford. - **Fri 24 (8pm)** Joint 30th branch birthday party for R&H, West Middlesex and West London in the Express, Brentford. - **Wed 29 (8.30)** Branch mtg. White Cross, Riverside, Water Lane, Richmond. All welcome. (Advance notice: Fri 1 Oct (6pm) Fuller's Brewery trip)
Website: www.jobin.freesevoe.co.uk/rbcamra1.htm

SOUTH EAST LONDON

Richard Martin 020-8402 0424
August - Mon 9 (8pm) Open Branch Cttee mtg. Market Porter, 9 Stoney St, SE1. - **Wed 18 (8pm)** Bromley pub crawl. Meet Bromley Labour Club, HG Wells Centre, St Marks Rd, then (approx. 8.45) Tom Foolery and Partridge just off the Market Square; and (approx. 9.45) on to the wonderful Red Lion at Bromley North. - **Wed 25 (8pm)** Social. Woodman, 50 High St, Farnborough, Orpington, Kent.
September - Tue 7 (8pm) Open Branch Cttee mtg. Roses (Prince Albert) Free House, 49 Hare St, Woolwich, SE18. -

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Wed 15 (8pm). Peckham SE15 pub crawl. Meet Kentish Drovers (Wetherspoons), 71-79 Peckham High St, then (approx. 9pm) Gowllett Arms, Gowllett Rd.
Website: www.selcamra.org.uk

SOUTH WEST ESSEX

Andrew Clifton 01708 765150 (H), swessex@clara.co.uk
August - Mon 2 (8.30) Social. Eva Hart, 1128 High Rd (A118, corner of Station Rd), Chadwell Heath. - **Tue 10 370** Social to N. Ockendon and Corbets Tey. Visit Greater London's most easterly pub and let someone else do the driving. Take the 370 bus from Romford Station (7.42); Gidea Park (Drill: 7.46); Hornchurch (Town Centre: 7.51); Upminster (Station: 7.56) arriving Old White Horse 8.07. From there to Huntsman & Hounds, Corbets Tey - bus leaves at 9.01 and arrives 9.07 (could wait another hour if nec.) Not quite the last bus leaves Huntsman & Hounds at 11.07 arriving Upminster Station 11.12, Hornchurch Town Centre 11.18; Gidea Park Drill 11.23 and Romford Station 11.27. Last bus hour later. - **Wed 18 (8.30)** Social. Worlds End, Fort Rd, Tilbury; then (10pm) King's Head, The Green, West Tilbury. - **Wed 25 (8.30)** Social. Stag, Brentwood Rd (A128), Marden Ash.

September - Thu 2 (8.30) Social, Orange Tree, Orange Tree Hill (B175), Havering atte Bower. - **Wed 8 (8pm)** Social at Chappel Beer Festival, East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel & Wakes Colne Station (For further details see website www.earn.co.uk). - **Thu 16 (4pm)** at brewery) Brewery Trip to Hardys & Hansons, Kimberley: Coach from Chadwell Heath, Romford, Upminster and Stanford le Hope. Details/Bookings contact Graham Platt on 020-8220 0215. - **Wed 22 (8.30)** Social, Crooked Billet, Billet La, Stanford le Hope; then (10pm) Bull, Church Rd, Corringham. - **Mon 27 (8.30)** Social. Anchor, Civic Sq, Tilbury.

Website: www.swessex.clara.net

SOUTH WEST LONDON

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August - Wed 18 Putney two pub social. Meet (7.30-8pm) Boathouse, Brewhouse Lane; then (by 9.45) Green Man, Putney Heath.

September - Wed 1 (7.30) Open branch cttee mtg, Sultan, 78 Norman Rd, South Wimbledon SW19. - **Sat 4** (to be confirmed) Minibus trip to Hop Back pubs in Bristol/Devizes/Swindon. - **Mon 20** (from 7.30) Social to celebrate branch's 30th anniversary. Spread Eagle, 71 Wandsworth High St, SW18.

(Advance notice: **Sat 2 October** (to be confirmed) Beer of Festival presentation, Pictish Brewery, Rochdale.)

Website: www.swlcamra.org.uk

WATFORD & DISTRICT

Andrew Vaughan 01923 230104, branch@watfordcamra.org.uk; watfordcamra@hotmail.com

August - Fri 6 Social at GBBF, Olympia. Meet at Membership stand 6pm and hourly thereafter. - **Fri 13** Social: (8.30) Rose & Crown, Woodcock Hill, Rickmansworth; (9.15) Ye Olde Greene Manne, Batchworth Hill. - **Sun 22** Minibus trip to Oxfordshire. Contact for details. - **Mon 23 (8.30)** Open branch cttee mtg. Estcourt Arms, Watford. - **Mon 30** Bank Holiday Sarratt Visit: (12 noon) Cock; (1pm) Boot; (2pm) Plough, Belsize.

September - Wed 8 Watford Social: (8.30) Champions Bar (formerly Leviathan); (9.15) Nascot Arms. - **Wed 15** Oxhey Social: (8.30) Royal Oak, Watford Heath; (9.30) Villiers Arms; (10.15) Victoria. - **Tue 21** Mill End Social: (8.30) Whip & Collar; (9.15) Tree; (10pm) Bell, Book & Candle. - **Mon 27 (8.30)** Open branch cttee mtg. Estcourt Arms, Watford. - **Fri 1 October** (7pm in venue) Social at St. Albans Beer Festival.)

Advance Notice - For your diary!

The 10th Watford CAMRA Beer Festival will be held at the West Herts Sports Club, Park Avenue, Watford, between

Thursday 4th November (evening) and **Saturday 6th November**.

Website: www.watfordcamra.org.uk

WEST LONDON

Alasdair Boyd (Social Secretary) 0207-930 9871 ext 143 (2.30 to 3.15 Mon-Fri), banqueting@nlc.org.uk Fax: 0207-839 4768
August - Sun 1 (8pm) Club of the Year, Southside Bar, Imperial College, Princes Gardens, South Kensington SW7 (Note: rearranged date). - **Fri 6 (8pm)** Social at GBBF Cider Bar. - **Tue 10** W6 Hammersmith: (8pm) Brook Green Hotel, 170 Shepherds Bush Rd; ending (10.30) Hammersmith Ram, 81 King St. - **Tue 17 (8pm)** Open branch cttee mtg. Tabard, 2 Bath Rd, W4. - **Wed 25** W8 Kensington: (7.30) Churchill Arms, 119 Kensington Church St; (8.15) Hillgate, Hillgate St; (9pm) Uxbridge Arms, 13 Uxbridge St. - **Sun 29** Thames Crawl of Hammersmith: (1pm) Blue Anchor, 13 Lower Mall; (2pm) Dove, 19 Upper Mall, then others to be decided at the Dove. - **Mon 30** Tour of W1 Soho: (7.30) Devonshire Arms, 17 Denman St; (8.15) Ship, 116 Wardour St; (9pm) Star & Garter, 62 Poland St; (9.30) Dog & Duck, 18 Bateman St; (10.15) Moon & Sixpence, 183/185 Wardour St.

September - Thu 2 Out of branch social: (8pm) Boathouse, Brewhouse Lane, SW15. - **Tue 7 (8pm)** Stargaze, 236 Fulham Rd, SW10. - **Sat 11** Social with Richmond & Hounslow. Meet (12 noon) White Cross Hotel Water Lane, Richmond. - **Mon 13 (8pm)** Cock & Bottle, 17 Needham Rd, W11; (9.30) Ladbroke Arms, 54 Ladbroke Rd. - **Tue 14** Little Venice W9 joint social with North London and Enfield & Barnet branches. See under Enfield & Barnet for details. - **Wed 22** SW1 Tour: (7.30) Marquis of Granby, 41 Romney St; (8pm) Puzzle, 51 Horseferry Rd; (9pm) Royal Oak, 2 Regency St; (10pm) Speaker, 46 Great Peter St. - **Sun 26** SW6 Social: (2pm) White Horse, 1 Parsons Green; (3pm) Duke of Cumberland, 235 King's Rd. - **Tue 28 (7.30)** Wetherspoons, Victoria Island, Victoria Station, SW1. - **Thu 30** SW1 Belgravia open branch mtg: (8pm) Star Tavern, Belgrave Mews West, SW1; (9.30) Nags Head, 53 Kinnerton St; Horse & Groom, 7 Groom Pl.

WEST MIDDLESEX

Paul Dabrowski (Social Secretary) 020-8571-9146 (H), 0118-923-7445 (W), paul.dabrowski@tbameswater.co.uk

August - Tue 3 (6pm) GBBF Social. Meet at Pub Heritage stand in Olympia National Hall, on the hour. - **Wed 11 (8.30)** Branch Mtg, Duke of York, Steyne Rd, Acton. - **Tue 17 (8pm)** Joint Social with Richmond & Hounslow (Meet the Triple Iff Brewer at Teddington Arms, High St, Teddington). - **Thu 19 (8pm)** Club of the Year presentation. Questor's Theatre Grapevine Bar, Mattock La, Ealing. - **Mon 23 (8pm)** Pub of the Year presentation. Red Lion, St. Mary's Road, Ealing. - **Mon 30 (12 noon)** Out of branch ramble/bike ride. White Horse, Hedgerley; Blackwood Arms, Burnham Beeches; and Royal Standard, Wooburn Common. 1029 train from Wembley Stadium, 1034 Northolt Park, 1038 South Ruislip, 1041 West Ruislip.

September - Thu 2 (8pm) Colham Green two-pub social. Hut, Orchard Cl, then Crown, Colham Grn Rd. - **Wed 8 (8.30)** Branch Mtg. Jolly Gardeners, High St, Cranford. - **Tue 14 (8.30)** Social. JJ Moons, High Rd, Wembley. - **Sat 18 (6.30)** 30th Anniversary Dinner. Queen's Head, High St, Cranford (the original date and venue where West Middlesex and Richmond & Hounslow branches were formed). All past and current members of both branches are welcome to attend. - **Thu 23 (8pm)** Uxbridge Three-pub social. Pipemakers Arms and General Elliot, both St John's Rd, then Dolphin, Rockingham Rd. - **Fri 1 October (8pm)** London Drinker distribution. Maggie & Crown, High St, Brentford (pick-up) then Fox, Green La, Hanwell (1st drop-off).

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ADDITIONS

New Cask Marque awards to licensees of pubs and clubs in Greater London notified since May are listed below. The figures in brackets cross-refer to CAMRA's local pub guides and updates (see Capital Pubcheck for explanation).

CENTRAL

WC2, HOG'S HEAD, 5 Lisle St. Laurel, formerly HOGSHEAD. (U141, U171)

NORTH WEST

HARROW WEALD, CASE IS ALTERED, Old Redding. M&B (W114, U151, U178)
NORTHWOOD, GATE, Rickmansworth Rd. M&B. (W134, U151, U152, U165)
STANMORE, ABERCORN ARMS, 78 Stanmore Rd. M&B. (W144, U151, U165)
SUDBURY, BLACK HORSE, 1018 Harrow Rd. M&B. (W144, U151, U165)
WEMBLEY, PRESTON, 161 Preston Way. M&B. (W159, U165)

SOUTH EAST

SE9, OLD POST OFFICE, 4 Passey Pl. Wizard Inns. (U104, U159, U168, U178)
CROYDON, COOMBE LODGE, 104 Coombe Rd. Whitbread. (U85, U178)

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W2, MITRE, 24 Craven Terrace. Capital Pub Co. (W62, U93, U135, U174)
W5, DUFFYS, 122-124 Pitshanger La. Broken Foot. (W72, U59, U93, U105, U168)
ICKENHAM, COACH & HORSES, High Rd. M&B. (W130, U151, U165)

DELETIONS

The following outlets no longer hold the Cask Marque award.
E2, CAMDENS HEAD
BARNET (EN5), MOON UNDER WATER
NW1, MAN IN THE MOON
NW10, COLISEUM

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. The London group meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month from 7pm onwards in the upstairs bar of the King's Arms, 23 Poland St, London W1; the Surrey & Sussex group on the last Friday of every month from 9.30 onwards in the back bar of the Bedford Tavern, Western St, Brighton, and the Scottish Group in the Regent, 2 Montrose Terrace, Edinburgh on the first Monday of every month from 8.30 onwards. All welcome to all events. Contact the group convenor on LAGRAD@ukgateway.net, or visit <http://www.queerale.org.uk>

August - Tue 3 (6pm) GBBF, Olympia; meeting next to the Young's stand. - **Wed 4 (7pm)** Social. King's Arms, 23 Poland St, W1 (020-7734 5907). - **Fri 6 (6pm)** GBBF, Olympia; meeting behind the Young's stand. - **Sat 7** National LAGRAD Gathering at GBBF. If you're lesbian or gay and enjoy real ale, come along, all welcome. We have a room booked in the Henley Suite in the Grand Hall (entrance next to Prêt a Manger). - **Tue 17 (7pm)** Meet at the Grange, opposite the Fort, Adnams Broadside, Fullers London Pride and food, then over to the Fort, 131 Grange Rd, SE1, (020-7237 7742). Don't arrive early as it opens at 8pm. It usually has a Young's beer. Cruise in the dark night....
September - Wed 1 (7pm) Social. King's Arms, 23 Poland St, W1. - **Thu 16** Croydon crawl: (6pm) Bird (formerly Bird of Pride), Sydenham Rd, 20 mins north west of East Croydon station, just over the railway bridge, then along the path by the railway to (7pm) Goose & Carrot, 128 Wellesley Rd.

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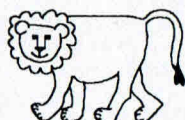
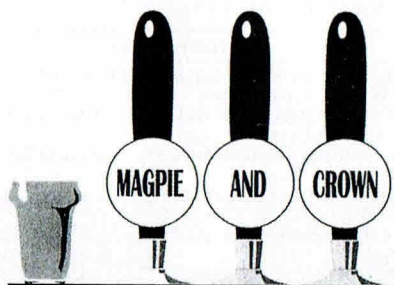
Publication of the second part of Kim Rennie's article on W10 and W11 pubs, 'Still Quiet on the Western Front' and the final episode of Ken Brewster's CAMAL report from Luxembourg has been held over to the next issue of London Drinker.

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CAPITAL PUBCHECK - UPDATE 178

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 welcome the opening of a new Sam Smith's pub in EC4 off Fleet Street which has remained closed for seven years since the Punch Tavern of which it was once part was partitioned. Shepherd Neame have bought two pubs in EC4 and E1 Aldgate. We catch up on a new McMullens bar in Uxbridge. Young's have sold a bar in WC2 Aldwych. Wetherspoons have converted a pub in WC2 Charing Cross Road to a Lloyds No 1 and completed the sale of the five pubs listed last time (details of new owners and beers welcome). Two new bars have opened in trendy EC1 Clerkenwell, unusually offering real ale - one features a micro-brewed beer as its house beer. Surveys for the forthcoming West London Pub Guide are revealing the loss of

real ale from many pubs where it had traditionally been available over many years, including three Fullers pubs. Pub closures continue across London, offset to some extent by new bars bereft of real ale. Another brewpub has ceased brewing, leaving just three in Greater London.

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; HB - Holborn & Bloomsbury Pub Guide; K - Guide to Kent Pubs, 10th edition; 8K - Real Ale Guide to Kent Pubs, 8th edition; KT - Kingston Pub Guide; 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.

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NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC1, PRIORY, 53/54 St John's Square. Old Cottage: Priory Ale (5.4%) (house beer). Large, tall, spacious Free House/bar on ground floor of new five storey building with offices above, opened June 2004 by 'Large Bars' pub group. Fitted out in modern style with large windows, metal bar top, pine wood and tiled flooring, exposed ventilation ducts, beige and maroon d'Écor. Stairs at rear lead to mezzanine level. Open all permitted hours. Enterprising support for a micro-brewed beer in an unexpected market.

EC1, SLAUGHTERED LAMB, 34/35 Great Sutton St. Taylor: Landlord; Wells: Bombardier. New Free House opened in April 2004 on ground floor and in basement of former office accommodation. Basic traditional in style with polished flooring, mixture of old chairs and tables, sofas etc. Red and green d'Écor, large windows. Specializes in fish & chips, including shark & chips (£6) and fish finger sarnie (£3.50). Open 11-11 Mon-Sat, 12-11 Sun.

EC2, TABERNACLE, 55-61 Tabernacle St. No real ale. Free House/bar in former commercial premises with apartments above.

EC4, CROWN & SUGAR LOAF, Bride Lane. Sam Smith: Old Brewery Bitter. Tiny pub opened by Sam Smith in early June 2004 and occupying the area which was formerly part of the bar of the Punch Tavern next door, of which Sam Smith owns the freehold. It was partitioned off when the rest of the Punch Tavern was sold and extended in 1997 and has remained vacant ever since! Renovated in traditional style with dark wood panelling, etched glass windows, brown marble bar top, leather covered benches, chandeliers and a fireplace complete with candles. A no smoking pub with food restricted to soup and cold snacks (12-2.30, 6-9). Open 11-11 Mon-Fri only.

W1(May), PIT BRASSERIE, 50A Berkeley St. No real ale. A Free House/bar under offices.

W1(S), JAMIES, 58/59 Poland St. No real ale. Free House/bar in former commercial premises.

W1(S), N2Q, 187 Wardour St. No real ale. Free House/bar and eatery in former shop premises. Opened c. 2000 but not previously reported.

W1(S), VILLAGE SOHO, 81 Wardour St. No real ale. Free House/gay bar with additional entrance in Brewer St.

WC1, OPORTO, 168 High Holborn. Fuller: London Pride (reinstatement). Punch, ex-Bass. (W48, N26, U171)

EAST

E1, OLD MONK, 32 Leman St. Adnams: Broadside; Fuller: London Pride; Greene King: IPA. Reopened and believed to be the only surviving 'Old Monk', having been bought back by the Springbok chain. (U131, U174)

GIDEA PARK, DRILL, Brentwood Rd, Heath Park. Adnams: Bitter, Broadside (reinstatement). (X35, U168)

NORTH

N1, ANAM, 3 Chapel Market. No real ale. Free House/Irish cocktail bar with keg beers in former shop premises.

N4, GASLIGHT, 5 Station Pl. Greene King: IPA. Formerly MULDOONS. (N75, U152)

N8, GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TAVERN, 67 High St. Fuller: London Pride (reinstatement). (N93, U174)

N8, THREE COMPASSES, 62 High St. Draught Bass; Fuller: London Pride; guest beer (currently Courage: Directors Bitter). Open all permitted hours. (N96, U159, U174)

N17, BAR LATINA, 673 High Rd. No real ale. Free House/bar in former shop premises.

ENFIELD (EN2), OLD SERGEANT, 29 Parsonage Lane. Tetley: Bitter, Imperial. Reopened. (N236, U159, U176)

NORTH WEST

NW10, WISHING WELL, 122 Craven Park Rd. No real ale. Free House in former shop premises.

HARROW, ANGIES, 2 The Broadway, Northolt Rd, Roxeth. Reopened and renamed LOCAL (THE). No real ale. Free House.

HARROW, HENNESSY'S, 399 Northolt Rd. No real ale. Free House in former shop unit.

HARROW, HORSESHOE BAR, 326 Eastcote Lane. No real ale. Free House in former shop unit.

HARROW, JOHN LYON, Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Now Greene King, ex-Watney. (W113, U86)

HARROW, NED HYLAND'S, 66-68 Station Rd, North Harrow. No real ale. Free House in former shop unit.

HARROW, OSCAR'S, Cumberland Hotel, 1 St Johns Rd. Fuller: London Pride. Formerly LA PARISIENNE BAR. (W113, U141)

HARROW, WARDS, 38-40 Lowlands Rd. No real ale. Free House in former shop premises.



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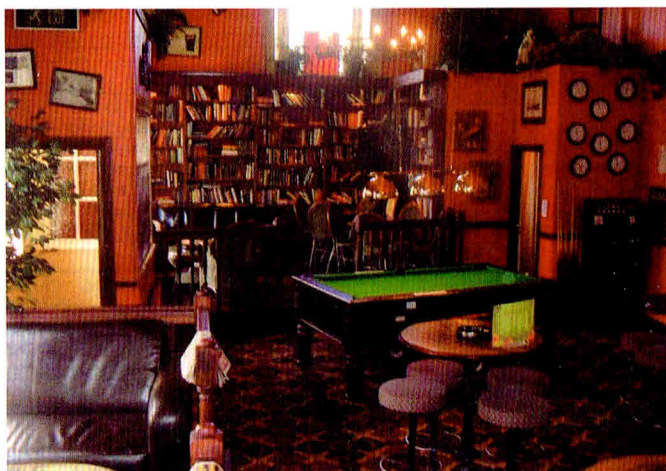


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HARROW, WINNING POST, 424-426 Alexandra Ave. No real ale. Free House in former shop unit.
KENTON, LOUGH INN, 7A Warwick Parade, Kenton Lane. Courage: Directors Bitter (U137)
SUDBURY, FUSILIER, 651A Harrow Rd. Now Spirit, ex-S&N. Young: Bitter (W144, U106, U152)
WEMBLEY, BOOTSY BROGANS, 86 East Lane, North Wembley. Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. Now Unique, ex-Truman. Formerly DOG & DUCK. (W156, U133)
WEMBLEY, PARISH, 120 Wembley Park Drive. No real ale. Free House in former shop unit.

SOUTH EAST

SE28, PRINCESS ALICE, Battery Rd. No real ale. Brand new Whitbread Brewers Fayre pub and restaurant opened early June in newly developed part of Thamesmead West opposite Belmarsh prison and courts. Sadly real ale no longer features in the Brewers Fayre chain portfolio.

SOUTH WEST

SW13, BAR ESTILO, 2/3 Rocks Lane. No real ale. Free House/bar in former shop premises.
SW18, SPOTTED DOG 72 Garratt Lane. Courage: Best Bitter; Flowers: IPA; Fuller: London Pride; Marston: Pedigree. Reopened in May by Woolwich Taverns after 18 months closure; ex-Planet Inns, originally Wetherspoon. Welcome focus on real ale. (SW114, U138, U146, U167, U174)
MORDEN, GANLEYS (IRISH BAR), 43 London Rd. Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Real ale reinstated. Formerly JACK STAMP'S BEER HOUSE and END OF THE LINE. (SW150, U132, U135, U136, U168, U175)

WEST

W2, DURHAM CASTLE, 30 Alexander St. Reopened and renamed TOM & DICK'S. No real ale. Apparently spent a while as HARRY'S BAR but not previously recorded. (W59, U74, U157, U175)
W3, CENTRAL BAR, Station Buildings, Churchfield Rd. Renamed PLATFORM ONE and now renamed again CHURCHFIELD. Draught Bass. Formerly DICEY O'REILLYS 2. (U88, U151)
W3, LOCKER ROOM BAR, Megabowl, Royale Leisure Park, Kendal Ave. No real ale. Free House/bar attached to bowling alley.
W4, PICKWICKS WINE BAR, 13 Devonshire Rd. No real ale. Free House/bar with keg beers in former wine only bar.
W4, PUG, 68 Chiswick High Rd. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant in former commercial premises.
W5, COMMON ROOM, 3/4 Grosvenor Parade, Uxbridge Rd. Fuller: London Pride. A 'kitchen bar' in former shop premises.
W5, HUNTERS, 1-3 Ashbourne Parade, Hanger Lane. No real ale. A Free House/sports and music bar opened c. 2002 in former shop premises.
W14, KENSINGTON TAVERN, Russell Gardens. Now simply KENSINGTON. Caledonian: Deuchars IPA. (W94, U95, U107, U162)
BRENTFORD, GEORGE & DRAGON, 29 London Rd. Fuller: London Pride. M&B, ex-Bass. (W97, U57, U157)
BRENTFORD, POTTERY ARMS, 25 Claypolds Lane. Fuller: London Pride. A Free House. (W99, U172)
HAYES, BLUE ANCHOR (McAULEYS), Printing House Lane. Courage: Best Bitter; Fuller: London Pride. Now Unique, ex-Watney. (W117, U55, U59, U166, U175)

HAYES, GOLDEN CROSS, Botwell Lane. Greene King: IPA. (W118, U92, U98, U117)
HEATHROW AIRPORT, METRO CAFE BAR, Terminal 3. No real ale. Free House/café-bar
HEATHROW AIRPORT, PARALLEL 54, Terminal 3. No real ale. Free House/bar
HOUNSLOW, BULSTRODE, 55 Lampton Rd. Courage: Best Bitter. Spirit Amber, ex-S&N. (W126, U107, U167)
HOUNSLOW, NORTH STAR, 69 Whitton Rd. Greene King: IPA, not always available in 'real' form. (W128, U53, U99, U167)
NORTHOLT, LAUREL & HARDY, 266 Church Rd. No real ale. Free House in former shop premises. Now renamed BAR INC.
TEDDINGTON, BAR ESTILO, 44 Broad St. No real ale. Free House bar/restaurant in former shop unit.
UXBRIDGE, BAROOSH, 162 High St. McMullen: Country Best Bitter. Spacious, modern style McMullens owned café-bar in former shop premises on two floors, opened in July 2002 but not previously reported. Handpumps easy to miss. Open 9.30 for breakfast and all permitted hours.
UXBRIDGE, ZANZI BAR, 280 High St. No real ale. Free House in former shop unit.

PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE CENTRAL

EC2, BAR MED, 14 Finsbury Square. SFI, converted to 'Context' cocktail bar with bottled beers only; delete from pub database. (U129)
EC2, PACIFIC ORIENTAL, Free House/brewpub. Brewing equipment no longer in use and for sale. This leaves just three brewpubs in the whole of Greater London. (U140)
W1(F), BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Sam Smith, H removed. (W28, U108)
W1(F), DIG INN, Free House, converted to Italian restaurant. (U142)
W1(F), RYANS PUBLIC HOUSE, now converted to 'Sohojapan' Japanese restaurant but retaining some of the former Irish pub's artefacts. (U148, U176)
W1(Mar), JIM THOMPSON'S, Free House, ex-Greenalls, closed and for sale. Formerly HENRYS. (U142, U177)
WC1, FINNEGANS, Free House, now converted to oriental restaurant. Formerly HANSLER ARMS. (W46, U54, U93, N22, U120, U171)
WC2, BANK, Free House. No draught beers; cocktails, wine and bottled beers only. Delete from database. (U130)
WC2, HOGSHEAD, 23 Wellington St. Converted to 'Be At One' cocktail bar, with bottled beers only. Formerly GILBERT & SULLIVAN, originally OLD BELL. Delete from pub database. (W54, U53, U85, U147, U150, U161, U171)
WC2, LA PERLA, Free House, Mexican bar and restaurant now with bottled beers only; delete from pub database. (U142)
WC2, PITCHER & PIANO, 40-42 Kingsway, Wolves & Dudley, H removed. Formerly BAR EXCELLENCE. (U128, U147)

EAST

DAGENHAM, TRAVELLERS, ex-Allied, H unused. (X45)
ROMFORD, LIBERTY BELL, Whitbread (Brewers Fayre), H removed. (X101)

NORTH

N4, BLACKSTOCK, Enterprise, ex-Courage, H removed. (N75, U152)

N4, ROBEYS, Renamed **POWERHAUS**, a music venue/Free House and now closed. (N77, U156)
N7, CALEDONIAN ARMS, Free House, closed. (N85)
N7, GLOBE, ex-Bass, closed. (N87)
N7, HERCULES, S&N, no real ale. (N87)
N16, NEW PEGASUS, ex-Courage, still closed. (N129)
N17, 10 JOY (COCKEREL), Free House, ex-Taylor Walker, closed. Formerly **WHITEHALL TAVERN**. (N137)
N17, RED LION, ex-Bass, closed. (N136)
N17, WHITE HART, Wells, closed. (N136)

NORTH WEST

NW9, PRINCE OF WALES, ex-Bass, closed and boarded up. (N218)
NW10, COLLEGE PARK, ex-Taylor Walker, still closed but building work under way. (N222, U133)
NW10, CROWN, 34 High St, Harlesden, renamed **FU BAR** and now renamed again to **O'SHAUGHNESSY'S**, H removed. Free, ex-Greene King. Formerly **RAT & CARROT** (CROWN). (N224, U117, U145)
NW10, ELM TREE, ex-Bass, closed and boarded up. (N222)
NW10, GREEN MAN, ex-Fuller, converted to flats. (N223)
ALPERTON, CHEQUERS, Spirit, ex-S&N, no real ale. (W96, U106)
ALPERTON, HEATHER PARK HOTEL, Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W96)
EDGWARE (HA8), LEATHER BOTTLE, ex-Whitbread, now demolished with planning permission for flats. (N256, U153, U170)
HAREFIELD, SWAN, Enterprise, ex-Whitbread (Wethered), no real ale. (W109, U67)
HARROW, APOLLO, Spirit, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W113, U132)
HARROW, EASTCOTE ARMS, Spirit, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W113)
HARROW, TITHE FARM HOUSE, 219 Alexandra Ave. Renamed **MATRIX**, Free, ex-S&N, no real ale. Formerly **FARMERS**. Note correct address. (W113, U44, U106)
HARROW, O'FLAHERTY'S, 25 Broadwalk, Pinner Rd, North Harrow. Free, no real ale. (U67)
HARROW, RAT & PARROT, Spirit, ex-S&N, no real ale. Formerly **ROYAL OAK**. (W113, U67, U106, U122, U139)
HARROW, VIP BAR, 18 College Rd, Free House, closed. Note correct address. (W139)
HARROW, YATES'S WINE LODGE, now simply **YATES'S**. Yates Group. No real ale. (U122)
KENTON, PLOUGH, 383 Kenton Rd. Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. Note full address. (W132)
NORTHWOOD, CHICO'S, Free House, converted to Indian restaurant. (U79)
NORTHWOOD, MILLENNIUM, Free House, converted to 'Sahib's' private club; delete from pub database. (U132)
NORTHWOOD, NORTHWOOD HILLS, Punch, ex-Benskins, no real ale. (W135, U78)
NORTHWOOD, REINDEER, Punch, ex-Benskins, no real ale. (W135)
PINNER, HAND IN HAND, Laurel, ex-Whitbread, no real ale. (W135)
PINNER, RAILWAY, ex-Allied (Benskins), now demolished. Formerly **RAILWAY HOTEL**. (W136, U78, U132, U175)
STANMORE, HONEY POT, Punch, ex-Bass, no real ale. (W142, U151)
STANMORE, QUEEN OF HEARTS. Renamed

FLAMEDECK, M&B, ex-Charrington, closed and boarded up. (W142, U61, U67)
STANMORE, VINE, Punch, ex-Benskins, no real ale. (W144, U86)
STANMORE, VINTRY M&B, ex-Bass, no real ale. (U137)
SUDBURY, HUNGRY HORSE. Reverted to **SUDBURY ARMS**. Greene King, H unused. (W146, U98, U117)
SUDBURY, MITRE, ex-Taylor Walker, now demolished and replaced by 'Bishops Court' retirement homes. (W144, U175)
SUDBURY, MONSOON, Free House, now a private members' club; delete from pub database. (U132)
SUDBURY, RISING SUN, Unique, ex-Courage, no real ale. (W144, U163)
SUDBURY, SUDBURY INN, Punch, ex-Benskins, no real ale. Formerly **SWAN**. (W146, U110, U132)
WEMBLEY, CENTURY TAVERN, S&N, demolished and replaced by flats. Formerly **CENTURY HOTEL**. (W156, U106, U152)
WEMBLEY, CONNAUGHT, Free (Inn Leisure), no real ale. Formerly **WILD DUCK (STALLONES)**. (W159, U61, U78)
WEMBLEY, CROCK OF GOLD, Free, no real ale. (U156)
WEMBLEY, GRAPEVINE, Free House, closed. (U61, U130)
WEMBLEY, GREYHOUND, Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W159)
WEMBLEY, NORFOLK ARMS, Free, ex-Labatts, no real ale. (W159, U98)

SOUTH EAST

SE7, ANCHOR & HOPE, ex-Bass, no real ale. (SE71)
SE8, MANSION HOUSE, Free, now converted to flats. (SE81, U102, U125, U132, U143)
SE18, RED LION, 95 Plumstead High St. S&N, H unused. (SE173, U102, U106)
SE18, SHIP, ex-Intntrepreneur, closed and boarded up. Was **COMMONERS REST** for a while. (SE174, U145, U156)

SOUTH WEST

SW3, BEEHIVE, Free House, now demolished and site to be used for 'four quality town houses'. Was **RAT & CARROT** (BEEHIVE) for a while. (SW57, U147, U162)
SW3, PHENE ARMS, Intntrepreneur, H removed. Now a gastropub. (SW57)
SW4, ANGELL ARMS, Intntrepreneur, now being converted to flats. (SW59, U170)
SW10, BRB @ THE BRIDGE, Punch, closed and boarded up. Formerly **BLUE BAR CAF...** and **SCRUFFY MURPHYS**. (SW85, U150, U160)
SW19, KING'S HEAD, Young, closed without notice following grant of planning permission by Merton Council for conversion to offices and a bus parking area, despite opposition from CAMRA and locals. The sad loss of a pub on CAMRA's newly published London Regional Inventory of pub interiors of special historic interest. (SW118)
SW19, RIVERSIDE, ex-Allied (Ind Coope), closed, future uncertain. Formerly **ROYAL SIX BELLS**. (SW119, U142, U173)
SW19, VICTORY, ex-Allied (Friary Meux), H unused. (SW120)
NEW MALDEN, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, M&B, now demolished. (SW151, KT35, U177)

WEST

W2, PRIDE OF THE CANAL, Free House, now demolished and replaced by flats. (W62, U94, U137)

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W3, CUCKOO & RAINBOW, Renamed **SOUTHERN CROSS**, Chart City, no real ale. (U128)

W3, GEORGE & DRAGON, Unique, ex-Courage, closed, future uncertain. (W64, U55, U92, U160)

W3, LEAMINGTON, Greene King, no real ale. (W65, U43, U87, U148)

W3, MILL HILL TAVERN, Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W65, U78, U92)

W3, MULLINS BAR, Free House, converted to restaurant. (U123)

W3, PUZZLE, Puzzle Pub Co, no real ale. (U163)

W3, SPORTS BAR, Free House, converted to Chinese restaurant named 'Dragon King'. Formerly **RUFFY BAUMANN**. (U123, U152)

W3, WISHING WELL, Unique, ex-Free, no real ale. (U151)

W5, GREEN (THE), Greene King, no real ale. Formerly **OLD GOA**. (U125, U167)

W5, JONO'S, Free, no real ale. (U83)

W6, BAR W6, Free House, H removed and bar absorbed into hotel for guests only. (W76, U57, U71, U157)

W7, ROYAL VICTORIA, Enterprise, ex-Intreprenuer, no real ale. (W79, U43, U152)

W9, FALCON, Greene King (since c.1995), ex-Free House, H unused. (W83, U92)

W9, VALE BAR, Free House, now Vale restaurant and bar with bottled beers only; delete from pub database. (U92)

W10, GOLBORNE GROVE (BAR & RESTAURANT), Free House, H unused. Formerly **GOLBORNE HOUSE**, originally **EARL OF WARWICK**. (W86, U94, U159, U177)

W10, MAGIC FLUTE, ex-Charrington, now demolished and replaced by flats. (W86)

W11, W11, Free House, now purely a restaurant. Formerly **BRITANNIA INN**. Delete from pub database. (W87, U64, U92, U94)

W12, OPERA ON THE GREEN, ex-Watney, demolished to make way for new shopping development. Formerly **SPORTSMAN**. (W92, U61)

BRENTFORD, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Unique ex-Courage, H unused. (W97, U53, U62, U110)

BRENTFORD, COLT. Renamed **CLUBHOUSE**, Free, closed, future uncertain. Formerly **FIRESTONE**. (W97, U49)

BRENTFORD, FOUNTAIN LEISURE CENTRE, Free House. Bar within leisure centre now with bottled beers only; delete from pub database. (W97)

BRENTFORD, ROYAL HORSEGUARDSMAN, Unique ex-Courage, H unused. (W99, U79, U81)

BRENTFORD, ROYAL OAK, Unique ex-Courage, H unused. (W99, U68, U98)

CRANFORD, AIRLINKS GOLF CLUB BAR, Free, no real ale. (U75)

CRANFORD, BERKELEY ARMS HOTEL. Renamed **RAMADA JARVIS HEATHROW HOTEL**, Free House, no real ale. (W99)

CRANFORD, JOLLY WAGGONER, Spirit, ex-S&N, no real ale. (W99, U107)

CRANFORD, WHITE HART, Spirit, ex-S&N, no real ale. (W100, U107)

GREENFORD, LIGHTNING, Free, no real ale. Formerly **NUFFIELD ARMS**. (W102, U92, U105)

GREENFORD, OLDFIELD TAVERN, S&N, demolished and replaced by flats. (W102, U107)

GREENFORD, RED LION, Spirit, ex-S&N, H unused. (W102, U107, U163)

GREENFORD, WHITE HART, Spirit, ex-Wychwood, no real ale. (W102, U108)

HAMPTON, WHITE HART, Free House, now being converted to flats. (W103, U92, U170)

HAMPTON WICK, OLD KINGS HEAD, ex-Courage, already reported as converted to commercial use - shop and art gallery. Now vacant but retains pub signage. (W106, U91, U98, U124, U132)

HAMPTON WICK, ROSE & CROWN, Free House, closed and converted to 'Sanho' oriental restaurant. (W106, U91, U96, U153, U160)

HARLINGTON, GARTH HOTEL, Free House. Bar now only open to hotel residents; delete from pub database. (U73)

HARMONDSWORTH, BLUE HORIZON, Free House, demolished. (U121)

HAYES, ADAM & EVE, Free, ex-Charrington, no real ale. (W117, U90)

HAYES, CARPENTERS ARMS, Greene King, no real ale. (W117, U98, U117)

HAYES, FIREFLY, Greene King, now demolished and replaced by flats. (W117, U98, U117, U151)

HAYES, GRANGE, Unique, ex-Watney, no real ale. (W118, U90)

HAYES, GREAT WESTERN HOTEL, Spirit, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W118)

HAYES, VICTORIA, Unique, ex-Free, no real ale. (W118, U59, U86, U175)

HAYES, WAGGON & HORSES, Enterprise, ex-S&N, no real ale. (W118, U107)

HAYES, WOOLPACK, Unique, ex-Courage, no real ale. (W118)

HESTON, RISING SUN, Free, H unused. (W121, U163)

HESTON, ROSE & CROWN, Spirit, ex-S&N, no real ale. (W121, U107)

HILLINGDON, HEATH TAVERN, Wychwood, no real ale. (W123, U46, U103)

HILLINGDON, HILLINGDON ARMS, Enterprise, ex-S&N, no real ale. (W123, U107)

HILLINGDON, VINE, Spirit, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W123)

ICKENHAM, CHAMPIONS, Unique, ex-Courage, no real ale. Formerly **FOX & GEESE**. (W130, U71, U175)

ISLEWORTH, GEORGE, Free, ex-Phoenix, H removed. (W130, U112)

ISLEWORTH, TRIPLE CROWN, Free, ex-Courage, no real ale. Formerly **JOLLY GARDENERS**. (W131, U44, U159, U166)

NORTHOLT, BYRON, Greene King, now demolished. (W134, U98, U117, U151)

NORTHOLT, CIVIL ENGINEER, Unique, ex-Courage, no real ale. (W134, U55)

NORTHOLT, OAST HOUSE, Spirit, ex-S&N, closed. Formerly **SWAN**. (W134, U107, U132)

NORTHOLT, WHITE HART, Fuller, no real ale. (W134)

RUISLIP, BELL, Spirit, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W137, U49, U75)

RUISLIP, CLAY PIGEON. Renamed **VENUE 5**, Unique, ex-Courage, no real ale. (W137, U78)

RUISLIP, WATERS EDGE, Whitbread (Brewers Fayre), no real ale. (U131)

SIPSON, CROWN, 395 Sipson Rd. Criterion, ex-Watney, no real ale. Note full address. (W140)

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SOUTHALL, BEEHIVE. Now subtitled JALANDAR JUNCTION on banners hung outside pub but retains original main signage. Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W140, U163)

SOUTHALL, GRAND JUNCTION ARMS, Free, ex-S&N, no real ale. (W142, U107)

SOUTHALL, HAVELOCK ARMS, Free, no real ale. (W142, U163)

SOUTHALL, LADY MARGARET, Spirit, ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (W142, U86)

SOUTHALL, NORTHCOTE ARMS, Free House, converted to residential hotel, 'Northcote Hotel', and not flats as reported in U151. Address is 49-53 Northcote Rd. (W142, U54, U78, U151)

SOUTHALL, NORTH STAR, Free, ex-Watney, no real ale. (W142)

SOUTHALL, OLD OAK TREE, Unique, ex-Courage, no real ale. (W142)

SOUTHALL, PUNJABI JUNCTION, Free House, demolished and replaced by 'Mehfil' Indian restaurant. Formerly THREE TUNS. (W143, U86, U120, U151)

SOUTHALL, SCOTSMAN, Fuller, no real ale. (W143, U50)

SOUTHALL, THATCH, Wychwood, closed and being converted to an Asian club named Ambassador. Formerly BLUEBERRIES, originally SEAGULL HOTEL. (W140, U92, U108, U163)

SOUTHALL, THREE HORSESHOES, Free, no real ale. (W143, U55, U64, U163)

TWICKENHAM, ALBANY, ex-Bass, now being converted to flats. (W150, U55, U67, U171)

UXBRIDGE, CHILTERN VIEW, Greene King, no real ale. (W152, U163)

UXBRIDGE, CONTINENTAL, Enterprise, ex-Watney, no real ale. (W152)

UXBRIDGE, QUACKERS, Free, no real ale. (U73)

UXBRIDGE, SCRUFFY MURPHYS, M&B, ex-Bass, no real ale. Formerly METROPOLITAN. (W154, U57, U113, U151)

WEST DRAYTON, CLUBHOUSE, Free, no real ale. (U102)

WEST DRAYTON, JACK BEARDS. Reverted to original name, RED COW. CC Taverns, ex-Morland. Formerly MEEHANS TAVERN. (W161, U62, U151)

WEST DRAYTON, STATIONS, Free, ex-Courage, no real ale. Formerly ENGINE. (W161, U71, U151)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC4, HOOP & GRAPES, -beers listed; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire, seasonal beer. Acquired by Shepherd Neame from Hall & Woodhouse in March. Snacks available 12-3 Mon-Fri, 6-8.30 Mon-Thu. Open 11-11 Mon-Fri, closed weekends.

W1(Mar), OLD EXPLORER, now simply EXPLORER. (U127)

W1(May), STONE HOUSE. Renamed STONE HORSE. Formerly OLD MONK, originally GILLRAYS. (W39, U90, U93, U102, U131, U133, U170, U174)

W1(S), BACK FROM THE BORDER. Renamed BREAK FOR THE BORDER and now simply BORDER (THE), still no real ale. (U91)

W1(S), DOME, 57-59 Old Compton St. Now Free, ex-Whitbread, still no real ale. (U146)

WC1, HARLEYS. Renamed LOUNGE, still no real ale - H unused. Formerly WARDS OF HOLBORN, originally ROYAL CONNAUGHT. (W50, U101, N32, U159)

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WC1, MOSKO. Now **BAR MOSKO**, still no real ale. Formerly **THREE COMPASSES**. (W51, N31, U153, U171)

WC1, POLISH BAR. Correct name is **NA ZDROWIE** (POLISH BAR), na zdrowie meaning 'cheers!' in Polish. Formerly **EMPIRE**. Sells keg beer and Polish bottled beers. (W46, N22, U126)

WC2, BAD BOB'S, 66 Chandos Place. Renamed **SPRINGBOK (BAR)**, still no real ale. Note correct address. (U117, U129)

WC2, COLUMBIA BAR, -beers listed; +Adnams: Broadside; +Fuller: London Pride; +Hancock: HB; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire; +Wells: Bombardier. Sold by Young's to the London School of Economics. Currently closed temporarily for renovations. (U134)

WC2, MOON UNDER WATER, 105 Charing Cross Rd. Renamed **MONTAGU PYKE**, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: Abbot Ale. Retains two guest beers from independent brewers. Now part of Wetherspoons' Lloyds No 1 Bar chain with the addition of piped music and plasma TV screens and a reduction in real ale choice. Now open 10am (for alcohol) Mon-Sat. (U120, U150)

WC2, SITE (BAR). Renamed **STONEWALLS**, still no real ale. Formerly **BRIEF ENCOUNTER**. (W52, U168)

WC2, SPOT (CIRCLE). Renamed **JEWEL**, still no real ale. (U117)

WC2, TIN PAN ALLEY BAR, now simply **TPA BAR**, still no real ale. (U60)

EAST

E1, PRINCESS OF PRUSSIA, -beers listed; +Shepherd Neame: Bitter, Spitfire. Former S&N pub acquired by Shepherd Neame in late March. Two room pub with beer garden at rear. Open 11-11 Mon-Fri, closed weekends. (E71, U106, U119)

E4, FREDDIES, Free House, planning permission granted for demolition and replacement by nursing home. Formerly **ROYAL OAK (VENNERS)**. (E97, U73, U153)

E14, RAILWAY TAVERN, -beer listed; +Tetley: Bitter. (E147, U147)

ROMFORD, PARKSIDE, -beers listed; +Greene King: IPA. (X102)

NORTH

N1, MUCKY PUP, -beers listed; +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Formerly **RAM BAR**, previously **RAM & TEASEL**. (N56, U121, U176)

N4, SALISBURY, -Ridley beers. Now stocking only Fuller's beers, in common with the rest of the Remarkable Restaurants chain. (N77, U170)

N5, CASTLE. Reverted to **WHITE HOUSE**. (N79, U109)

N7, BAR LATINA. Renamed **BIG RED**. Formerly **JAILHOUSE** and originally **HOGSHEAD**. (N88, U165)

N7, FOX & FIDDLE. Reverted to **DUCHESS OF KENT**, -beers listed; +Adnams: Broadside; +Taylor: Landlord. Now a gastropub. (N87)

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N7, SWIMMER AT THE GRAFTON ARMS, -Ridley beers; +Fuller: ESB, seasonal beer; + guest beer (Fuller: Chiswick Bitter at time of visit). Another Remarkable Restaurant pub. Formerly GRAFTON ARMS. (N87, U164, U165)
N9, COCK TAVERN. Renamed **PITCHER & PINT**. (N99)
N15, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE. Renamed **AMIGOS**. (N123, U159)
N16, STOKES TUP. Renamed **LION**, -beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter which is apparently now the house beer, badged 'Bloomsbury'; +Wells: Bombardier. Formerly TUP (STOKE NEWINGTON), MAGPIE & STUMP and originally RED LION. (N129, U140, U166).

NORTH WEST

NW1, CAMDEN BREWING CO, -beers listed; +rotating range of guest ales from nationals and independents (eg Rebellion). Refurbished in modern style with large windows, sofas and low tables and a beer garden at rear. Formerly CAMDEN ARMS. (N62, U132)
NW1, JOLLY GARDENERS. Renamed **BRIE LOUISE**, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: Abbot Ale. (N168)
NW3, O'HENERY'S. Renamed **3 ONE 7**. (N188)
NW8, SALT HOUSE, -beers listed; +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Now Greene King, ex-Morland. Formerly **ABBEY ROAD ALE HOUSE**. (N213, U132)
HARROW WEALD, CASE IS ALTERED. Now part of M&B's Ember Inns chain (W114, U151)
HARROW WEALD, PINO BAR, 6 Weald Lane. Renamed **EGANS COSY BAR**, still no real ale. Note full address. (U86)
HARROW WEALD, WEALDSTONE INN. Should read **WEALD STONE INN**, -Tetley Bitter; +Greene King: IPA. Formerly RED LION. (W114, U134, U163)
SUDBURY, LEPRECHAUN, 763/765 Harrow Rd. Renamed **GHUNGHAT**, now an Indian bar and restaurant, still no real ale. (U132)
WEALDSTONE, LEAPING FROG. Reverted to **LEAPING BAR**, Free, ex-Whitbread. (W156, U152)
WEMBLEY, GREEN MAN. Now **GREEN MAN HOTEL** and includes hotel accommodation. Spirit, ex-Taylor Walker. (W156)
WEMBLEY, OLD POST OFFICE. Address is 397A High Rd. (U130, U137)

SOUTH EAST

SE9, OLD POST OFFICE, -beers listed; +Caledonian: Deuchars IPA; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. (U104, U159, U168)
SE9, PARK TAVERN, -beers listed; +Courage: Best Bitter; +Wells: Bombardier. (SE87)
SE10, COACH & HORSES, 107 Blackheath Rd. Renamed **GRADUATE** c. April 2000. Now Free, ex-Phoenix. (Delete erroneous entry in U155 referring to WHITE SWAN.) (SE93, U112)
SE13, BROADWAY. Renamed **MARLOWE'S BAR**, -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride. Originally **QUAGGY DUCK**. (U110, U160, U168)
SE16, BLUE ANCHOR, now **JACK BEARD'S AT THE BLUE ANCHOR**. (SE145)
SE16, QUEBEC CURVE. Now Wizard Inns, ex-Regent Inns. (U143, U166)
SE18, OLD MILL, -beers listed; +5 beers from independents from a range of 12 including seasonals and a dark mild. Now Free, ex-Courage. (SE170)

SE18, STAR INN, 158 Plumstead Common Rd., -beers listed except Courage: Best Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride. Now Unique, ex-Intrepitpreneur. (SE174)
BEXLEYHEATH, ROSE, -beers listed except Tetley: Bitter; +Adnams: Broadside; +Harvey: Sussex Bitter; +guest beer (currently Greene King: IPA). Now Free, ex-Allied (Ind Coope). (3SE213, U59, K34)
CROYDON, COOMBE LODGE. Now part of Whitbread's 'Out & Out' chain. (U85)

SOUTH WEST

SW3, CROWN (AT CHELSEA). Reverted to **CROWN**, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. (SW56, U144, U146, U163)
SW6, BOOTSYS BROGANS, now simply **BROGANS**, still no real ale. (SW66)
SW8, TURNERS 2. Reverted to **BELL**, still no real ale. (SW76, U156, U171)
SW11, HEDONIST CLUB. Renamed **ZONIST BAR**. Formerly **CIRCLE, GALANGGA** and **FOUR CHIMNEYS**, still no real ale. (SW88, U155, U157, U174)
SW18, FREEMASONS, +Everard: Tiger or seasonal. Handpumps now at centre of bar. Formerly **LIVEBAIT, CAFE MED** and **ROUNDHOUSE**. (SW114, U149, U163, U174, U175)
SW18, JUST SO BAR. Renamed **D BAR**. Formerly **FOOTE & FIRKIN**. (U130, U146, U154, U165)
SW19, KISS ME HARDY, -beers listed; +Wadworth: 6X. (U156)

WEST

W2, SWAN TAVERN, now simply **SWAN**, -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride; +Marston: Pedigree. (W63)
W3, EXCHANGE. Renamed **VILLAGE INN**, Free, ex-Morland, now an Indian bar and restaurant. (U123)
W3, LYNCH'S INN. Renamed **FOLEY'S**, still no real ale. Formerly **MECHANICS ARMS**. (W65, U161)
W3, MURPHYS. Renamed **SHEEPWALK TAVERN**, still no real ale. Formerly **WILLIAM IV**. (W65, U92)
W3, OSBORNE ARMS. Renamed **OSBORNE BAR**, still no real ale. Formerly **CROWN**. (W64, U47, U151)
W3, PRINCE OF WALES. Renamed **BONDI BAR**. Unique, ex-Truman, still no real ale. (W65, U92, U148)
W6, OLD TROUT, now simply **TROUT**. (U89)
W8, DOME, 35A/35B Kensington High St. Renamed **PREZZO**, Free, ex-Whitbread, still no real ale. Note correct address. (U146)
W9, RODERICKS BAR. Renamed **KENRICKS BAR**, still no real ale. Formerly **FRANKFORT**. (W83, U92, U152)
W10, NEW NORTH POLE. Reverted to **NORTH POLE**. Formerly **BREWSTERS BEER HOUSE**. House beer 'Bloomsbury' believed to be Courage Best Bitter. (W86, U64, U176)
W12, GENERAL SMUTS. Now Heritage Inns, ex-Watney. (W91, U82, U95)
W12, SPRINGBOK. Now a Free House run by Nemford Taverns, ex-Labatts. (W91, U97, U98)
W13 FERRYMAN. Renamed **THREE WISHES**, still no real ale. (U151)
GREENFORD, BELLMULLET ARMS. Renamed **BAR 2B**, still no real ale. (U151)
HAMPTON, BELL HOTEL, now **BELL INN**. (W103, U100, U140)
HAMPTON, RAILWAY INN, now **RAILWAY HOTEL**. (W103, U50, U56)
HAMPTON, RED LION. Address is 164 Stanley Rd.
HILLINGDON, RED LION. Now extended by Fullers to incorporate a 56 bed hotel and restaurant. (W123)

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ISLEWORTH, OSTERLEY FREE HOUSE, Osterley Hotel. Renamed **PILLAR TO POST**, Osterley Park Hotel, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride. Formerly **GULPERS BAR**. (W131, U79, U125)

RUISLIP, 10 JOY, 34/36 Victoria Rd. Renamed **MANOR (AT RUISLIP MANOR)**, still no real ale. Note full address. (U160)

SIPSON, CAPTAINS BAR. Renamed **CALLAGHANS**. Forte Crest Hotel renamed Holiday Inn, still no real ale. Formerly **BRUNEL BAR**, Post House Hotel. ((W140, U71)

TEDDINGTON, RAILWAY HOTEL, now simply **RAILWAY**. (W147, U94, U159)

TWICKENHAM, REUNION JACQUES (RJ'S). Renamed **CRISTALZ**, still no real ale. (U162)

TWICKENHAM, ST MARGARETS, now **ST MARGARETS TAVERN**. (W151, U94, U99, U107)

UXBRIDGE, HOGSHEAD, now **HOG'S HEAD**, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Caledonian; Deuchars IPA. (U159)

UXBRIDGE, OSTLER (YE OLDE), no longer displays 'YE OLDE' prefix. Formerly **WHITE HORSE**. (W154, U107, U151)

WEST DRAYTON, ANGLERS RETREAT, Cricketfield Rd. Greene King, ex-Morland. Note correct address. (W161, U73, U79, U152)

WEST DRAYTON, CAT & FIDDLE. Renamed **ROWAN ARMS**, still no real ale. (W161)

CORRECTION TO UPDATE 174

NEW PUBS ETC.

NW10, GREYHOUND. Should have read 'CHAMBERS, 64 Chamberlayne Rd. Renamed **GREYHOUND** and extended to include former shop premises at no 66' and should have been under **OTHER CHANGES**. Add ref: (U145). (See also U175)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 175

NEW PUBS ETC.

W4, EST EST EST. Should read: Previously a Mexican restaurant and formerly **JO SHMO'S**, originally **COACH & HORSES**.

W13, ROSIE O'GRADY'S (now **BAROQUE**). Address is 94 Uxbridge Rd.

PUBS CLOSED ETC.

WC2, MURPHYS MOON. Should read **WC1**.

N8, LATIN BAILEY (now **PRIORITY**). Should be under **OTHER CHANGES**; real ale already recorded as lost in U158. **SE25, FREEMASONS ARMS**. Delete reference to conversion to flats.

SOUTHALL, LORD WOLSELEY. Should read: demolished and replaced by residential.

OTHER CHANGES ETC

TWICKENHAM, MURRAYS. Add: Formerly **EL PORRON** and originally **DIXIE McQUEENS** (U55, U71, U136) (error in U136)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 176

NEW PUBS ETC

EC4, KING & KEYS. Should read **KINGS & KEYS**.

OTHER CHANGES ETC

W10 (not W11) BRITISH VOLUNTEER. Should read: Renamed **ARIADNE NEKTAR**

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 177

NEW PUBS ETC

SW9, BRIXTON BAR & GRILL. Is a Free House.

SW15, BOATHOUSE. Open all permitted hours.

SW19, REHAB. Is a Free House.

KINGSTON, BRITISH OAK. Refs should read: (SW140, U132, U172, KT20)

PUBS CLOSED ETC.

BARKING, @ BARKING. Should read H unused.

N1, EDINBURGH CASTLE. Address is 297 Caledonian Rd.

NW8, CROCKERS. Should read **CROCKERS FOLLY**.

SE10, WHITE SWAN HOTEL. Delete reference to former name **GRADUATE** (and in U164). The **GRADUATE** is the former **COACH & HORSES** (see listing above). Delete also **WHITE SWAN** entry in U155. The confusion arose since map refs are transposed in error on the SE10 map in the SE guide.

SW11, MUCKY DUCK. Should read **SW9**.

OTHER CHANGES ETC.

W1(S), ZEBRANO. Was formerly named **FREEDOM**.

N1, ALL BAR ONE. Should have been under **PUBS CLOSED ETC**.

SW8, VICTORIA. Should read +Wells: Bombardier.

KINGSTON, WILLOUGHBY ARMS. Add ref: (KT28).

W9, PELICAN. Should read **W11**.

W9, WARWICK CASTLE. Should read **WINDSOR CASTLE**.

W10, BELGO ZUID. Should have been under **PUBS CLOSED ETC**.



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IDLE MOMENTS

JUNE'S ANSWERS

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

NUMBER PUZZLES:

1. 6 Categories in a Game of Trivial Pursuit
2. 22 Yards in a Chain
3. 100 Telephone Operator
4. 3 Steps to Heaven (by Eddie Cochran)
5. 32 Degrees Fahrenheit is the Freezing Point of Water
6. 15 Men on a Cricket Pitch (including Umpires)
7. 40 Winks
8. 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse
9. 1897 Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Year
10. 12 Apostles of Jesus Christ

BREWERY ANAGRAMS:

1. ENEMA TIM - MEANTIME
2. BEST RED TIGER - BRIDGE STREET
3. PERT SCUM - SPECTRUM
4. HACK PROSE - PACKHORSE
5. LACKS BILE - BLACK ISLE
6. LASS BOLTED - OLD STABLES
7. BORING SELL - RING O'BELLS
8. FEELING RED - GREENFIELD
9. I RISK RAW CHEW - WARWICKSHIRE
10. HOW JANE STOOD - JOHN EASTWOOD

5BY4:

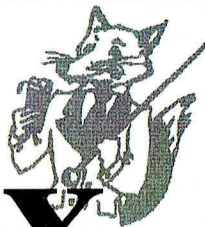
The breweries are located as follows:

1. Franklin's - Harrogate
2. Marble - Manchester
3. Kelham Island - Sheffield
4. Highgate - Walsall
5. Jollyboat - Bideford
6. Chalk Hill - Norwich
7. Bank Top - Bolton
8. Alcazar - Nottingham
9. Donnington - Stow-on-the-Wold
10. Goacher's - Maidstone

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

1. It was the "Piggyback" with a ring in the end of his nose (or possibly the turkey who lived on the hill) who lived in the land where the bong tree grows. He was of course found by the Owl and the Pussycat
2. It was the Jumbies who went to sea in a sieve?
3. When Roger Bannister broke the 4 minute barrier for the mile he did so by 0.6 of a second (i.e. in 3 minutes 59.4 seconds).
4. And the two Christophers who acted as his pacemakers were Chris Brasher and Chris Chattaway
5. The Australian athlete who was Roger Bannister's main rival to break the 4 minute barrier first was John Landy.
6. The word which can mean either a narrow pointed window or a double edged surgical knife is a lancet.

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IDLE MOMENTS

7. The Casquets (or Caskets) lighthouse warns of rocks to the west of Alderney.
8. In 1654 James Ussher, Bishop of Armagh calculated that the year of the Creation was 4004 BC
9. In the Roman army the name was given to a tenth of a legion, comprising 600 infantrymen was a cohort.
10. The king infamously murdered in Berkeley Castle by the insertion of a red hot poker was Edward II and it happened in 1327.

I think I have found an apt quotation to start this month's Idle Moments – it comes from the Revd. Sidney Smith (1771-1845):
What two ideas are more inseparable than Beer and Britannia?

Now, on with the entertainment(?), commencing as ever with some number puzzles:

1. 1979 FI of LDP
2. 15 FP in T
3. 3 W in the SP (M)
4. 121 P to W a G of C (SCG)
5. 1 ED in a LY
6. 2 G of V by WS
7. 26 P in a G of RL
8. 1492 CS the OB
9. 5 S in a C (OM)
10. 12 D of C

Did you enjoy those? Never mind, have a go at the brewery anagrams – they're not likely to be any better:

1. GAL TURNS BOY
2. RUBY TESTER
3. STOPS TWINE
4. BEATER SAT
5. STUN A CLUSTER
6. MONDEO? PAH!
7. CUTS PERM
8. HOOT GULL, REACH BOG
9. AMBLER
10. RED, WET"N'SORE

For 5BY4 this month I thought of a good wheeze; below are two lists of presidents of the USA, but the second list is different (apart from one name which appears in both) these were all vice presidents before they became presidents (Still with me?). All you have to do is match the vice presidents in the second list with the presidents in the first list to whom they were vice presidents before they became presidents. It's as easy as that.

1. Dwight Eisenhower
2. Zachary Taylor
3. Franklin Roosevelt
4. Richard Nixon
5. Abraham Lincoln
6. William McKinley
7. George Washington
8. Andrew Jackson
9. Warren Harding
10. John Kennedy

- A. Gerald Ford
- B. John Adams
- C. Richard Nixon
- D. Lyndon Johnson
- E. Millard Fillmore
- F. Andrew Johnson
- G. Theodore Roosevelt
- H. Harry Truman
- I. Calvin Coolidge
- J. Martin Van Buren

And now that's out of the way I can draw proceedings to a close with the Trivial Bits (as if the preceding parts weren't):

1. Last month the newest (and smallest) National Park in Britain was created; where is it?
2. With the latest creation, how many National Parks are there now in the Country?
3. At the 2004 Le Mans 24 hour race, what make of car took the first three places?
4. Who was the first British Formula One world Champion, and in what year?
5. What three cathedrals host the Three Choirs Festival?
6. Which lord links a wobbly bridge; a glass roof and a foreign parliament building?
7. Who was the Architect of the Bank of England (the previous building, almost totally rebuilt in the 1930's) whose home in Lincoln's Inn Fields is now a museum?
8. Which motor car manufacturer made the main spindle and hub of the London Eye?
9. Where did Billy Butlin open his first holiday camp (in 1935)?
10. What make of car was built at Cricklewood between 1921 and 1931

And so that's your lot; have a good summer and come back refreshed for the next Idle Moments in September (when we shall, of course, also have the answers to this little lot).

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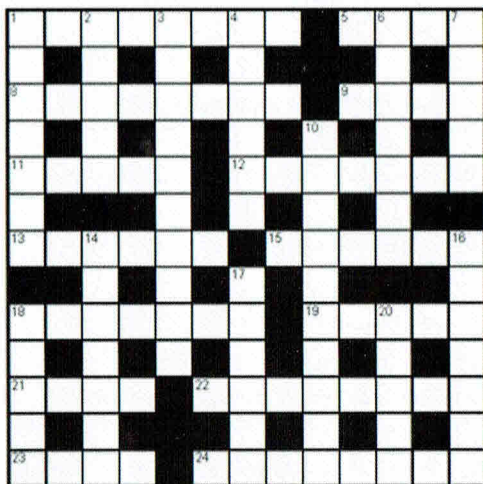
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ACROSS

1. Loses hope though praised lavishly about early success [8]
5. Sign of damage to skinhead's motor. [4]
8. Quiet time for beer supporter. [8]
9. Sign of ladies losing their head. [4]
11. Good turn by prisoner in jail. [5]
12. Ran back at speed to tell story. [7]
13. Time for ice cream apparently.... [6]
15. ...While bird is behind. [6]
18. Hear ace shot down in pain. [7]
19. Old law is true. [5]
21. Voice disapproval of new gift. [4]
22. He'll meet you at your convenience. [8]
23. Shaw dishevelled but clean. [4]
24. Urges punishment for hard case. [8]

DOWN

1. Goes down to trap Fawkes at last in plots. [7]
2. Knock over his last medication. [5]
3. Loyalty, say, in marriage. [10]
4. Concerning man in the street. [6]
6. It's put beside crumpled map in centre. [7]
7. Extent of cut fruit. [5]
10. View American guide. [10]
14. Sharpens Norman's earliest weapons. [7]
16. Man with flower is normal. [7]
17. Take ages to join club. [6]
18. Boozer's bender. [5]
20. Film director's limited viewpoint. [5]

Winner of the prize for the April Crossword:
Stuart Guthrie, Brixton, SW2

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Mikes Farrelly & Richards, Dudley Freeman,
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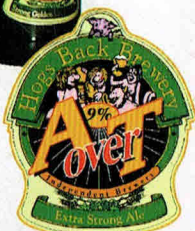


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