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SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

As I have said often and make no apologies for repeating it, *London Drinker* is not a magazine for CAMRA activists; it is written by them for the information, education and entertainment of pub goers in general and non-active CAMRA members in the hope of recruiting and activating them respectively. That said, any CAMRA member who is reading this magazine while sitting in a pub drinking cask conditioned beer is, in my view, campaigning. Carry on!

Consequently I do not generally report on what I regard to be CAMRA internal politics. I am however making an exception here and I ought to make it clear that some of this is my personal opinion. I write this having returned from CAMRA's Members' Weekend (AGM and conference) which, given all the hype, was (mostly) not as bad an experience as I was expecting. In the panel overleaf you will find CAMRA's revised Articles of Association (AoA). From these you will see that, in truth, not much has changed; they have just been updated to match how CAMRA has developed, such as pub preservation and health campaigning. I would be surprised if any reader, let alone member, could find anything to object to here. So are we still the campaign for real ale? I say yes and so did outgoing national chairman Colin Valentine in his parting address.

The only clause that was rejected read 'to act as the voice and represent the interests of all pub-goers and beer, cider and perry drinkers.' Let's be honest; it would have been a huge, almost arrogant, presumption for CAMRA to claim to represent all pub

goers. We clearly can't expect to do so but in so far as we campaign to keep pubs open and financially viable, this will have beneficial consequences for everyone who loves our pubs just as much as we do.

I have however been concerned at the reporting of what happened at the AGM and conference which has veered wildly from the fanciful to simply plainly wrong. I don't think that this is so-called 'fake news'; in most cases simply poor uninformed journalism, although some of what appeared on 'social media' may have been otherwise. I hope that I have helped to clarify matters.

Obviously much of our high profile campaigning is carried out by CAMRA's national executive and committees supported by staff from CAMRA's office but let us not forget that CAMRA is essentially a grass roots organisation and that that is where its strength lies. Most of what we do is carried out by volunteers at branch or regional level. These are all groups of highly individual people who will approach different situations in their own way, albeit within the guidelines of the AoA as above and CAMRA's rule book, the Internal Policy Document. Some have more active members than others so can do more. Different branches can have different priorities, sometimes forced on them by that lack of active volunteers. Some may see this as a weakness. I don't; for good or bad (in other people's eyes), this is who we are. If you want to change us then pay your subscription and become active in your local branch. Anyone who drinks anything other than real ale would be welcome to join CAMRA, although I can't give them a reason as to why they should do so. You may be surprised to find yourselves among people who primarily like nothing better than to sit in a good pub enjoying a good beer. That said, while acknowledging the pressures that they are under, we should always remember that in the first instance it is down to pub landlords to consistently serve up

decent pints of beer and CAMRA to do whatever they can to help.

We need to get things into perspective. CAMRA will not find a cure for cancer. It will not find justice for the poor and dispossessed. It will not promote peace in the world. Those were not the aims for which it was set up. It was set up so that those of us who enjoy a certain type of beer can continue to enjoy it, in all its rich variety. We do not tell anyone else what to drink; we never have and never will. At most, we would just prefer that they did it in a pub. CAMRA is accountable only to its members. I feel that the pressure on us to change came from outside and often from those who had their own agendas. I don't understand why those who don't drink, brew and/or sell cask-conditioned beer seem so much to want our endorsement and, much as they are entitled to their opinion, it's not for them to dictate to us. If we don't want to change why should we? I'm happy that all the wonderful (mostly!) and diversely talented people that I have met over my thirty odd years of active membership know what we need to do to be relevant and will know when the time comes to change. I repeat: we are the Campaign for Real Ale and campaigning for real ale is what we always have done and will continue so to do.

In passing, I recommend Coventry for a day out (only 60 to 80 minutes from London) or a longer break.

Tony Hedger

CAMRA'S ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

This is not the full set of Articles of Association. I have included only the ones that apply to campaigning rather than company administration.

2. The objects for which CAMRA is established are:
 - 2(a) to secure the long term future of real ale, real cider and real perry by increasing their quality, availability and popularity;
 - 2(b) to promote and protect pubs and clubs as social centres and part of the UK's cultural heritage;
 - 2(c) to increase recognition of the benefits of responsible, moderate social drinking;
 - 2(d) to play a leading role in the provision of information, education and training to all those with an interest in beer, cider and perry of any type;
 - 2(e) to ensure where possible that producers and retailers of beer, cider and perry act in the best interests of the consumer.
- 3(a) CAMRA is formed as an independent, volunteer led, non-party political body to pursue its objectives.
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Branch diaries

Welcome to our regular details of London CAMRA contacts and events, where branches say what is happening in their areas that might be of interest to drinkers across London. Events for June and July 2018 are listed below. Meetings, visits and socials are open to all – everyone is welcome to come along. A complete calendar listing of CAMRA events within Greater London is available at www.london.camra.org.uk.

REGIONAL EVENT

Regional Secretary: Roy Tunstall,
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July – Wed 25 (7.30) London Liaison Committee (regional co-ordination mtg for London branch reps). Royal Oak, 44 Tabard St, Borough SE1.

Website: www.london.camra.org.uk

LONDON PUBS GROUP

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June – Sat 23 Petts Wood, Bromley, Sundridge Park and Grove Park: (12pm) Daylight Inn, Station Sq, Petts Wood, BR5 1LZ; (1.15) Partridge, 194 High St, Bromley BR1 1HE; (2.45) Star & Garter, 227 High St, BR1 1NZ; (3.45) Prince Frederick, 31 Nichol La, Sundridge Park BR1 4DE; (4.45) Baring Hall Hotel, 368 Baring Rd, Grove Park SE12 0DU. Public transport will be required at times.

July – Wed 18 (7.15 for 7.30) Mtg. Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1 (upstairs). All CAMRA branches and members interested in pub research and preservation welcome.

Website: www.londonpubsgroup.camra.org.uk

LONDON CIDER GROUP

Events will resume in October – CAMRA's cider & perry month.

YOUNG MEMBERS GROUP

June – Sat 9 (from 2pm) Bermondsey Beer Mile. We'll be visiting around eight breweries all within walking distance of each other. Please join our Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/217823472148089, or contact Tori (Victoria.bishop.rowe@gmail.com) for more information.

Email group: <http://groups.google.com/group/london-camra-ym>

BEXLEY

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June – Sat 2 Walking soc: (12pm) George, 74 Bexley High St, Bexley DA5 1AJ, then on to Sidcup. - **Wed 13** (7.45)

Branch AGM. Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Rd, Sidcup DA15 9AJ. - **Wed 27** (7.30) PotY award. Broken Drum, 308 Westwood La, Sidcup DA15 9PT.

July – Wed 4 (8.30) PotY runner-up award. Penny Farthing, 3A Waterside, Crayford DA1 4JJ. - **Sat 7** (12pm) Soc &

birthday crawl: (12pm) Kentish Belle, 8 Pickford La, Bexleyheath DA7 4QW, then 8 or 9 others. - **Wed 11** (7.30.) Mtg and PotY bronze award. Door Hinge, 11 Welling High St, DA16 1TR. - **Sun 22** (3pm), Cider PotY award. Hackney Carriage, 165 Station Rd, Sidcup DA15 7AA

Website: www.bexley.camra.org.uk; Fb: [groups/19281737097](https://www.facebook.com/groups/19281737097); Tw: @BexleyCAMRA

BROMLEY

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June – Sat 2 Day trip to Maidstone (rescheduled from 17 March), meet (10.50am) Bromley South Stn for 11.12 train to Maidstone East: (12.15) Rifle Volunteers, 28 Wyatt St, ME14 1EU; (1.30) Olde Thirsty Pig, 4a Kightrider St, ME15 6LP; (2.45) Cellars Alehouse, The Old Brewery, Buckland Rd, ME16 0DZ; (4pm) Flower Pot, 96 Sandling Rd, ME14 2RJ. - **Sat 9** Chelsfield to Halstead stroll: (12.30) Five Bells, Church Rd, Chelsfield BR6 7RE, dep (1.30) for Bo Peep, Hewitts Rd, BR6 7QL followed by walk to (3pm) Cock Inn, Shoreham La, Halstead TN14 7DD; (4pm) Rose & Crown, Otford La, Halstead TN14 7EA. - **Thu 14** Bromley North soc: (7.30) Railway Tavern, 45 East St, Bromley BR1 1QQ and 3 others. - **Mon 18** Keston BR2 afternoon: (2pm) Fox Inn, Heathfield Rd, 6BQ; (3pm) Greyhound, Commonsode, 6BP. - **Mon 25** (7.30) Cttee mtg. Brewery Tap (Southey Brewing), 21 Southey St, SE20 7JD.

July – Mon 2 Beckenham BR3 soc: (7.30) O'Neill's, 9 High St, 1AZ; (8.15) George Inn, 111 High St, 1AG; (9pm) Coach & Horses, Burnhill Rd, 3LA; (10pm) Bricklayers Arms, 237 High St, 1BN. - **Sat 7** Branch soc @ SIBA Beer Festival. The Slade, Tonbridge TN9 1HR: meet (11.10am) Orpington Stn for 11.34 train to Tonbridge. The venue is about 10 mins walk from Tonbridge Stn. - **Sat 14** Annual Crystal Palace Triangle soc with Croydon & Sutton & SEL branches: (12.30) Alma, 95 Church Rd, Crystal Palace SE19 2TA; (1.15) White Hart, 96 Church Rd, Upper Norwood SE19 2EZ; (2pm) Postal Order, 33 Westow St, SE19 3RW; (2.50pm) Sparrowhawk, 2 Westow Hill, Upper Norwood SE19 1RX; (3.40) Beer Rebellion, 129 Gipsy Hill SE19 1PL; (4.40) London Beer Factory Brwry Tap Room, Unit 4, 160 Hamilton Rd, West Norwood SE27 9SF; (5.20pm) Gipsy Hill Brwry Tap, Unit 5, 160 Hamilton Rd, SE27 9SF; (6.20) Walker Briggs, 23 Westow Hill SE19 1TQ; (7pm) Westow House, 79 Westow Hill SE19 1TX. - **Thu 26-Sat 28** Beckenham Beer Festival, Beckenham RFC, Balmoral Ave, Beckenham BR3 3RD. See page 37.

Website: www.bromley.camra.org.uk

CROYDON & SUTTON

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June – Wed 6 (8.30) Worcester Pk soc. Nonsuch Inn, 552-6 London Rd, SM3 9AA. - **Thu 14** (1pm) Croydon lunchtime soc. Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Rd, CR0 6BR; (8.30) Croydon PotY award soc. Builders Arms, 65 Leslie Park Rd, Croydon

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CR0 6TP. - **Wed 20** (8.30) Branch PotY award soc. Hope, 48 West St, Carshalton SM5 2PR. - **Tue 26** (8.30) Mtg. Dog & Bull (upstairs), 24 Surrey St, Croydon CR0 1RG.

July – Wed 4 (8.30) Woodside soc. Joiners Arms, 52 Woodside Green, SE25 5EU. - **Thu 12** (1pm) Lunchtime soc. Green Dragon, 58 High St, Croydon CR0 1NA. - **Sat 14** (12.30) Annual Crystal Palace Triangle soc with Bromley and SEL branches (see Bromley diary for details). - **Wed 18** (8.30) Sutton soc. Little Windsor, 13 Greyhound Rd, SM1 4BY. - **Thu 26** (8.30) *London Drinker* pick-up. Hope, 48 West St, Carshalton SM5 2PR. - **Tue 31** Addiscombe CR0: (8.30) Cricketers, 47 Shirley Rd, 7ER; (9.30) Claret & Ale, 5 Bingham Cnr, Lwr Addiscombe Rd, 7AA.
Website: www.croydon.camra.org.uk

EAST LONDON & CITY

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June – Tue 12 (7.30 for 8pm) Community PotY award. North Star, 24 Browning Rd, Leytonstone E11 3AR. - **Thu 21** (7.30 for 8pm) PotY award. Olde Rose & Crown, 53-55 Hoe St, Walthamstow E17 4SA. - **Tue 26** (7.30) Pig's Ear planning mtg. White Hart, 1 Mile End Rd, E1 4TP. - **Sat 30** Roberts Memorial Ramble. Meet 11.30am-12pm Leigh-on-Sea Stn. Please advise branch by email or phone if you are joining us.

July – Tue 3 (8pm) Mtg. Dispensary, 19a Leman St, E1 8EN. - **Sat 21** All day soc. Epping and Ongar Rail Ale Festival, North Weald Station: Station Rd, CM16 6BT. Discount on EOR travel tickets for card-carrying CAMRA members. See page 39.

Website: www.pigsear.org.uk

ENFIELD & BARNET

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June – Tue 5 Edmonton N9: (8pm) Rising Sun, 240 Winchester Rd, 9EF; (9.30) Lamb, Church St, 9PA. - **Mon 11** (8pm) **Branch AGM.** Little Green Dragon, 928 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill N21 2AD. - **Sat 16** Gibberd Garden Beer Fest, Marsh La, Harlow CM17 ONG. Meet (11.15am) Cheshunt Stn for 11.21 train to Harlow Mill. - **Tue 19** (4pm) Harp, Chandos Pl, WC2N 4HS. - **Fri 22** (12pm) Picture Palace, Lincoln Rd, Ponders End EN3 4AQ. - **Wed 27** Barnet: (8pm) Lord Nelson, 14 West End La, EN5 2SA; (9.30) Black Horse, Wood St, EN5 4HY. - **Sat 30** Roberts Memorial Ramble (see ELAC diary).

July – Wed 4 North Finchley N12: (8pm) Tally Ho, 749 High Rd, OBP; (9.30) Bohemia, 762 High Rd, 9QH. - **Tue 10** (8pm) Botany Bay Cricket Club (veranda), East Lodge La, Botany Bay EN2 8AS. - **Thu 12** (12pm) Visit to Ealing Beer Fest, Walpole Park, W5. See page 33. - **Tue 17** Bus 34 crawl: (8pm) Griffin, High Rd, Whetstone; (9pm) York Arms, 310 Oakleigh Rd North, New Southgate; (10pm) Arnos Arms, 338 Bowes Rd, Arnos Grove. - **Sat 21** (12pm) Visit to Epping-Ongar Beer Fest, North Weald Stn. See page 39. -

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Wed 25 Enfield EN2: (8pm) Cricketers, 19 Chase Side, 6QA; (9.30) Moon under Water, 115 Chase Side 6NN.
Website: www.camraenfieldandbarnet.org.uk

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD

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June – Wed 6 (8.15) Mtg. Rising Sun (upstairs), Heathcote Rd, Epsom KT18 5DX. - **Sat 30** Oatlands and Weybridge crawl: (1pm) Ashley Park Hotel (outside Walton Stn), KT12 1JP; then (2pm) Oatlands Chaser, 25 Oatlands Chase, KT13 9RW; Prince of Wales, 11 Cross Rd, KT13 9NX; Alexander, 139 Oatlands Dr, KT13 9LA; Minnow, 104 Thames St, KT13 8NG; Old Crown, 83 Thames St, KT13 8LP; Block & Gasket, 29-31 High St, KT13 8BA and Elmbridge Arms, 2 High St, KT13 8AB.

July – Tue 3 (8.15) Mtg. Green Man (upstairs), High St, Ewell KT17 1RX. - **Sun 8** (12pm) Help to finish off any beer left at Hersham Scouts Beer Festival. - **Sat 14** Alton by train for the bus running day, visiting GBG pubs in the area. Details tba. - **Wed 25** Epsom crawl: (1pm) Marquis of Granby, 4 West St, KT18 7RG; (2pm) Cricketers, Stanford Green Rd, KT18 7SR; (3pm) Jolly Coopers, 84 Wheelers La, KT17 7S; (4pm) Amato, 18 Chalk La, KT18 7AS; (5pm) Olde King's Head, 26 Church St, KT17 4QB; (6pm) Rifleman, 5 East St, KT17 1BB.

Website www.camrasurrey.org.uk

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June – Tue 5 (8pm) Cider PotY award. Wenlock Arms, 26 Wenlock Rd, N1 7TA. - **Tue 12** Upper Holloway Road: (7.30) Swimmer at the Grafton Arms, 13 Eburne Rd, N7 6AR; (8.15) Owl & Hitchhiker, 471 Holloway Rd, N7 6LE; (9.15) Landseer Arms, 37 Landseer Rd, N19 4JU; (10.15) North Nineteen, 194-196 Sussex Way, N19 4HZ. - **Tue 19** (7pm) Branch mtg; (8pm) LDBF debrief mtg. Pineapple, 51 Leverton St, NW5 2NX. - **Tue 26** Camden Canal NW1: (7.30) Constitution, 42 St Pancras Way, 0QT; (8.30) Ice Wharf, 28 Jamestown Rd, 7BY; (9.30) Engineer, 65 Gloucester Ave, 8JH; (10.15) Lansdowne, 90 Gloucester Ave, 8HX (10.45) Princess of Wales, 22 Chalcot Rd, 8LL.

July – Tue 3 Tottenham N17: (7.30) Ferry Boat Inn, Ferry La, 9NG; (8.30) Volunteer, 131 Chestnut Rd, 9EU; (9.30) Antwerp Arms, 168-170 Church Rd, 8AS. - **Tue 10** Highgate N6: (7.30) Woodman, 414 Archway Rd, 5UA; (8.15) Bull, 13 North Hill, 4AB; (9pm) Wrestlers, 98 North Rd, 4AA; (9.45) Gatehouse, 1 North Rd, 4BD; (10.30) Duke's Head, 16 Highgate High St, 5JG. - **Tue 17** (8pm) Branch AGM. Calthorpe Arms, 252 Grays Inn Rd, WC1X 8JR. - **Tue 24** Muswell Hill: (7.30) Maid of Muswell, 121 Alexandra Park Rd, N10 2DP; (8.15) Bar & Kitchen, Palm Court Entrance, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Park N22 7AY; (9.30) Mossy Well, 258 Muswell Hill Broadway, N10 3SH; (10.15) John Baird, 122 Fortis Green Rd, N10 3HN. -

Tue 31 Green Lanes: (7.30) Old Ale Emporium, 405 Green Lanes, N4 1EU; (8.15) Brouhaha, 501 Green Lanes, N4 1AL; (9pm) Salisbury, 1 Grand Parade, Green Lanes, N4 1JX; (9.45) Toll Gate, 26-30 Turnpike La, N8 0PS; (10.30) Westbury, 57 Westbury Ave, N22 6SA.
Website: www.northlondon.camra.org.uk

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW

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June – Fri 15-Sat 16 Visit Hampton Beer Festival, see www.hamptonbeerfestival.co.uk/

July – Wed 4 Brentford pub walk: incl (8pm) Northumberland Arms, 11 London Rd, TW8 8JB; (9pm) Weir, 25 Market Pl; (10pm) Magpie & Crown, 128 High St. - **Sat 7** (12-8pm) Central London pub walk (although Oyster or travelcard advisable) visiting historic/iconic pubs in the City and West End areas; itinerary still being finalised but first pub will be the George, 213 Strand, WC2R 1AP; check our website nearer the date. - **Wed 18** (8.30) Open cttee mtg. Mitre, 20 St Marys Grove, Richmond TW9 1UY.
Website: www.rhcamra.org.uk

SOUTH EAST LONDON

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June – Tue 5 (7.30) Cttee mtg & soc. Vanburgh, 91 Colomb St, SE10 9EZ. - **Fri 8-Sat 10** (12-11pm) Catford Beer Festival. Catford Bridge Tavern, Station Appr, SE6 4RE. - **Fri 15** (8pm) PotY award. Blythe Hill Tavern, 319 Stanstead Rd, SE23 1JB. - **Fri 22**: (7.30) Bird & Barrel, 100 Barnehurst Rd, DA7 6HG; (8.45) Kentish Belle, 8 Pickford La, Bexleyheath DA7 4OW; (10pm) Rusty Bucket, 10 Court Yard, Eltham SE9 5PR. - **Wed 27** Quiz Night. Hare & Billet, 1a Hare & Billet Rd, SE3 0QJ.

July – Mon 2 (7.30) Cttee mtg & soc. Talbot, 1 Tyrwhitt Rd, SE4 1QG. - **Wed 11**: (7pm) Roebuck, 50 Dover St, SE1 4YG; (8pm) Spit & Sawdust, 21 Bartholomew St, SE1 4AL; (9pm) Manor of Walworth, 140 Walworth Rd, SE17 1JL; (10pm) Tankard, 178 Walworth Rd, SE17 1JL. - **Sat 14** Annual Crystal Palace Triangle soc with Bromley and Croydon & Sutton branches (see Bromley diary for details). - **Wed 18** SE13 soc: (7pm) Ladywell Tavern, 80 Ladywell Rd, 7HS; (8pm) Fox & Firkin, 316 Lewisham High St, 6JZ; (8.45) Suttons Radio, 139 Lewisham High St, 6AA; (9.30) Lewisham Tavern, 1 Lee High Rd, 5LD; (10.15) Dirty South, 162 Lee High Rd, 5PR. - **Thu 26** (7pm) Beckenham Beer & Cider Fest. Beckenham Rugby Club, Balmoral Ave, BR3 3RD. See page 37.

Website: <http://sel.camra.org.uk>

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June – Wed 6 (7.30) Thurrock Beer Fest. Thurrock Civic Hall, Blackshots La, Grays RM16 2JU. - **Thu 14** (8pm) 14th

MICROPUB BEXLEYHEATH



The Kentish Belle is no ordinary Micropub: it is set aside with its warm interior, solid walnut furniture and features including William Morris wallpaper, fresh flowers, inviting and friendly bar staff and panoramic views of Shooters Hill.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 7th Tap Takeover with Cellar Head Brewing

Expected to feature their Flapjack Oatmeal Stout, single hop Flyer and English Wheat in cask.

Thursday, June 14th Charity Pub Quiz (from 19:30)

Friday, June 15th Road Trip to Kent & East Sussex Railway Beer Festival

In association with the Ashford, Folkestone & Romney Marsh branch, the Kent & East Sussex Railway Beer Festival returns! £20 per person, departing the Kentish Belle at 10:45. Call or pop in to reserve your place.

Sunday, June 17th Father's Day at the Kentish Belle

Treat Dad to a trip to the Belle and sample our fantastic beers! Food will also be available along with some activities to enjoy!

Thursday, June 21st Tap Takeover with Romney Marsh Brewery

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Other events will be announced soon and always via our website, Twitter and Facebook pages. The Kentish Belle is an Untappd verified venue - subscribe to receive beer updates and event information!

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Branch diaries

Braintree Beer Fest. Bocking Arts Theatre (ex-Braintree Institute), Bocking End, Braintree CM7 9AE. - **Sat 23** Billericay CM12 mini-crawl: (12pm) Billericay Brewing Co Shop & Micropub, 52 Chapel St, 9LS; (3pm), Railway, 1 High St, 9BE. - **Wed 27** (8pm for 9pm), Branch Essex PotY runner-up award. White Hart, Kings Walk/Argent St, Grays RM17 6HR.

July – Mon 2 (8pm) Soc. Colley Rowe Inn, 54-56 Collier Row Rd, RM5 3PA. - **Wed 11** (8pm) 40th Chelmsford Summer Beer Fest. Admiral's Park, Rainsford Rd, Chelmsford CM1 2PL. - **Thu 19** (7pm), Alan's Birthday soc. Craft Beer Co, 168 High Holborn, WC1V 7AA. - **Sat 21** (12pm) Epping-Ongar Railway 6th Summer Real Ale Festival. North Weald Stn, CM16 6BT (by Vintage Bus from Epping Stn (Central Line), or from Shenfield Stn (TfL Rail or Greater Anglia). - **Wed 25** (8pm) Spread Eagle, 88 Queens Road/Coptfold Road, Brentwood CM14 4HD.
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SOUTH WEST LONDON

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June – Wed 13 (7.30) Open cttee mtg. Phoenix, 348 Clapham Rd, Stockwell SW9 9AR. - **Thu 21** (6.30) Soc. By The Horns Brewery Tap Room, Unit 25, Summerstown, SW17 0BQ.

July – Tue 24 (7.30) Open cttee mtg. Prince of Wales, 98 Morden Rd, SW19 3BP. - **Sat 28** GBBF 2018 Clapham publicity crawl: meet (12-12.30) Rose & Crown, 2 The Polygon, Old Town SW4 0JG. Depending on numbers we will split into separate small groups in order to cover as many pubs as possible and meet up again later at a pub to be decided on the day.
Website: camraswl.org.uk

WATFORD & DISTRICT

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June – Fri 8 (8pm) Branch Club of the Year award. West Herts Sports Club, Park Ave, Watford WD18 7HP. - **Sat 23** Sarratt stumble: start (1pm) Cricketers, The Green, WD3 6AS. - **Mon 25** (8pm) Mtg. Estcourt Arms, St Johns Rd, Watford WD17 1PT.

July – Fri 13 (7pm) Watford Rugby Club Beer Festival. Radlett Rd, Watford WD24 4LL. - **Thu 19** Bushey soc: start (8.30) Red Lion, High St, WD23 3HN. - **Mon 30** (8pm) Mtg: Estcourt Arms, St Johns Rd, Watford.
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WEST LONDON

Paul Charlton 07835 927357, contact@westlondon.camra.org.uk; Social Sec: Alasdair Boyd: 020 7930 9871 x 143 (2.30-3.30 and 6-9.30pm Mon-Fri), banqueting@nlc.org.uk, fax 020 7839 4768.

June – Tue 5 (7pm) Meet the brewer (Dig Brew). Union Tavern, 45 Woodfield Rd, W9 2BA (must book with pub). - **Tue 12** (7pm/7.30) Mtg. Portobello Brewery, Unit 6, Mitre Bridge Ind. Est, Mitre Way, W10 6AU.

July – Tue 10 (7pm) Meet the brewer (tba). Union Tavern, 45 Woodfield Rd, W9 2BA (must book with pub). - **Wed 11-Sat 14** Working socs at Ealing Beer Festival. - **Tue 24** (7pm/7.30) Mtg. Star Tavern (upstairs), 6 Belgrave Mews West, SW1X 8HT.

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June – Fri 1 (4.30) & **Sat 2** (12pm) Ruislip Beer Festival. Ruislip Rugby Club, West End Rd, HA4 6DR. - **Thu 7** (8pm) Ealing BF planning mtg. Forester, 2 Leighton Rd, W13 9EP. - **Wed 13** (8.30) Mtg. Breakspear Arms, Breakspear Rd, Ruislip Common UB9 6LT. - **Fri 15** (7.30) Questors Grapevine Bar Beer Fest, 12 Mattock La, Ealing W5 5BQ. - **Wed 20** Northfield Avenue & Forester Beer Fest: (7pm) Plough, 297, W5 4XB; (7.30) T J Duffys, 282, W5 4UB; (8.15) Owl & The Pussycat, 106, W13 9RT; (9pm) Forester, 2 Leighton Rd, W13 9EP. - **Wed 27** Harrow HA1: (7pm) Harrow, 269-271 Station Rd, 2TB; (7.30) Royal Oak, 86 St Anns Rd, 1JP; (8pm) Moon on the Hill, 373-375 Station Rd, 2AW; (8.30) Junction, 9 Gayton Rd, 2DH; (9.15) Kingsfield, 111 Bessborough Rd, 3DF; (10pm) Castle, 30 West St, 3EF; (10.30) White Horse, 50 Middle Rd, HA2 0HL. - **Fri 29** Hanwell W7: (7.30) Kings Arms, 110 Uxbridge Rd, 3SU; (8pm) Dodo Micropub, 52 Boston Rd, 3TR; (8.30) Prince of Wales, 62 Boston Rd, 3TR; (9pm) Fox, Green La, 2PJ; (9.30) Viaduct, 221 Uxbridge Rd, 3TD; (10pm) Green W7, 13 Lower Boston Rd, 3TX.

July – Wed 4 Ealing W5: (7pm) Sir Michael Balcon, 46-47 The Mall, 3TJ; (7.30) Kings Arms, 55 The Grove; 5DX (8pm) Grove, 1 Ealing Green, 5QX; (8.30) Red Lion, 13 St Marys Rd, 5RA; (9pm) Castle, 5EU; (9.30pm) New Inn, 62 St Marys Rd, 5EX; (10pm) Rose & Crown, Church Pl, 4HN. - **Fri 6** Acton W3: (7.30) Red Lion & Pineapple, 281 High St, 9BP; (8pm) Aeronaut, 264 High St, 9BH; (8.30) George & Dragon, 183 High St, 9QJ; (9pm) Rocket, 11-13 Churchfield Rd, 6BD; (9.30) Station House, Acton Central, Churchfield Rd, 6BH; (10pm) Windmill, 50 High St, W3 6LG; (10.30) West London Trades Union Club, 33-35 High St, 6ND. - **Wed 11-Sat 14** 29th Ealing Beer Festival, Walpole Park (see page 33). - **Wed 18** (8.30) Mtg. Bridge Hotel, Western Ave, Greenford UB6 8ST.
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LONDON DRINKER BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL GOES OUT IN STYLE

In March, after 34 years, CAMRA North London Branch's renowned beer festival based at King's Cross closed its doors for the very last time. Festival organiser Christine Cryne said, "Although our attendance was up, we managed to finish the festival with almost 50 beers thanks to an additional beer delivery. We are grateful to everyone who helped or came and drank at the festival over the years. It's been fun and we have had some amazing beer. We have been proud to showcase the growth of London breweries particularly in the last three years but that is it. With the lack of both an organiser and a central venue, it's time to call it a day."



The festival in full swing

To help promote London beers, as part of the now well established Champion Beer of London competition, the festival hosted the first ever Lower Alcohol Beer of London competition (supported by Drinkaware) which was won by Anspach & Hobday with their Table Porter at 2.9% ABV. A full list of the main competition winners appears on page 14. It is hoped that the competition will continue at another festival in 2019.

Christine Cryne

Editor's note: I'm sure that readers will join me in saying a big 'thank you' to Christine – and John of course – for all their efforts over the years.

LONDON SPRING CIDER FESTIVAL

The one day cider festival held on 28 April, run in collaboration by four CAMRA branches, Bexley, Bromley,

South East London and South West London, was a great success. There was a great selection of 47 ciders plus three real ales. It was an enjoyable event with a lovely vibe and it was good campaigning. The new venue, in the modern hall of Goldsmiths Student Union New Cross, worked very well. Take down was done in record time – about twenty minutes! Look out for next year's festival!

Ian White

YOUNG MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

On the first sunny Saturday in April, young members from across London descended on Brixton Brewery, under a railway arch off Brixton Station Road. Jez, one of the brewery's four founders, welcomed us to their buzzing tap room (open Saturdays) before we headed further into the arch for a closer look and a chat about their history, processes and, most importantly, their beers. Although expanding at a fast pace means that their beers can be found all over London and further afield, Brixton and its uniqueness is all over their beers and brewery. From the branding and beer names ('Electric' as in Electric Avenue, and 'Effra' as in the lost South London river) to their ingredients – it has a local vibe. We finished off our tour standing around bins filled with hops tasting their array of beers in the spring heat. Thanks for having us Brixton!



Young members in London had another great event on Wednesday 9 May as we visited the Meantime Brewery in Greenwich. We were given a tour of their vast site, before sitting down for tasting and a chat. Everything from home brewing top tips to why we're members of CAMRA was covered, all while we snacked on malt and tasted their 'coming soon' 13.5% ABV special brew!



Our next event is the Bermondsey Beer Mile, Saturday 9 June from 2pm. We'll be visiting around eight breweries all within walking distance of each other. Please join our Facebook event www.facebook.com/events/217823472148089, or contact Tori (Victoria.bishop.rowe@gmail.com) for more information.

Tori Bishop-Rowe

PIG'S EAR PRESENTATION

Each year the Pig's Ear Festival collects money for the Speaker of Hackney's charities. A big thank you to those who contributed to a total of £1152.62 at the 2017 festival. The charities supported were Skyway, Access to Sports and Off Centre, all of which support the young people of Hackney. Pictured with the Speaker of Hackney, Councillor Soraya Adejare are members of the organizing committee, from left, Alan Perryman, Bill Bremner, Steve Hall, Pete Giles, Dave Gilchrist and Andy Kinch. The festival will return to Hackney from 4 to 8 December this year.

Steve Hall



LEYTON ORIENT SUPPORTERS CLUB SCORES AGAIN

It appears that Leyton Orient Supporters Club has inspired the football team to up its game. The club's results have improved over recent weeks, not quite up to the standard of their Supporters Club yet though. In March, at the West Berkshire and Renegade Brewery ale night, David Dodd (the club chairman – holding the microphone) received CAMRA's East London and City Branch's Club of the Year award from John Pardoe. The bar is staffed by volunteers from the Supporters Club committee. The evening was well supported and quality ale and cider flowed all night.

Kim Scott



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On Saturday 28 April, the Epping Ongar Railway hosted its first ale train of the season. With beer stocked from East London Brewing Co and Signature Brewery (both of Leyton), thirsty riders enjoyed a range which included pale ales, IPAs, bitters and a stout. For Saturday 9 June, the train will have an added attraction; for the first time the evening services are to be hauled by a heritage steam locomotive. Vintage Routemaster buses will connect the ale train with Epping station on the Central line. Beers this time from Leigh on Sea and Silks breweries from Essex. The evening fare is £10 including the bus connection and can be purchased on the day or in advance.



Alan opens last year's festival in style

The big event for the season is the real ale festival which will take place at North Weald Station 20 to 22 July. This year's festival draws inspiration from the commemoration of the fifty years since the final regular steam service on British Rail. Since the last services ran around Carlisle, Liverpool and Manchester, we have chosen 18 beers from the North West. Alongside an expanded range of ales, there'll be a mouth-watering selection of hot and cold meals served throughout the day. The event is being run jointly with CAMRA's East London and City branch for the first time this year. Use your CAMRA card to advance purchase a discounted fare on EOR's heritage trains and buses or simply show it on the day. Regular connecting buses run from Epping and Shenfield plus, new this year, an additional bus service to and from Harlow Town railway station. Buses will leave Harlow at 11.15 and 12.15 each morning, returning late afternoon. For full details of the bus services and beers, see www.eorailway.co.uk.

Alan Perryman

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CHAMPION BEER OF LONDON

The full list of winners of this year's Champion Beer of London competition, held at London Drinker Beer Festival, is as follows:

Cask

Mild:	Tap East – East End Mild
Bitter:	Twickenham Fine Ales – Grandstand
Best bitter:	Hackney Brewery – American Pale Ale
Strong bitter:	Southwark Brewery – Harvard
Golden ale:	Five Points – Pale
Speciality:	Anspach & Hobday – Smoked Brown
Porter:	Fuller's – London Porter
Stout:	Pentonville – Oyster Stout
Old ale/Strong mild	Brick Brewery – Blenheim Black

Overall cask winners:

1. Hackney Brewery – American Pale Ale
2. Hammerton – Pentonville Oyster Stout
3. Southwark Brewery – Harvard



Organiser Christine Cryne with two happy Hackney brewers

Lower alcohol competition (supported by Drinkaware)

Winner:	Anspach & Hobday – Table Porter
Commended:	Reunion – Would You, Could You
Commended:	Brick Brewery – Rhubarb Sour

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CULTURE FOR ALL LONDONERS

The Mayor of London has launched his draft Culture Strategy called Culture for All Londoners. Culture and the creative industries are a top priority for Mr Khan's administration. The strategy identifies four priority areas, one of which is 'Culture and Good Growth – supporting, saving and sustaining cultural places and spaces'. The Mayor is also producing a Cultural Infrastructure Plan. It includes research on numbers of venues in specific sectors, starting with pubs, LGBT+ venues and dance performance facilities. This is the first ever city-wide attempt to map London's cultural places and facilities. It provides a sound evidence base to underpin and inform planning policy. John Cryne, chair of both CAMRA's London Liaison Committee and North London Branch commented, "We fully welcome the Mayor's initiative and we are pleased to get to a stage where pubs are valued in such an important planning policy." Consultation is open until 19 June and you can be sure that CAMRA at regional level will be fully engaged. If you want more details, go to the Mol's website www.london.gov.uk.

DISCOUNTS

There was a motion put to CAMRA's recent AGM and conference as follows: 'This Conference believes that no CAMRA member or Branch should ask for, or expect, a permanent discount from any pub or brewery, but if a business wants to offer CAMRA members a discount, this be respected but not expected.' The motion was carried. It was proposed by two well known CAMRA members who have an involvement in both the brewing and pub trade. Anecdotal evidence was given of CAMRA members asking for a discount and walking out of pubs when none was offered. I've no doubt that this is true but I suspect the number of those among CAMRA's membership of over 190,000 who behave in that way is miniscule but, all the same, CAMRA is here to support pubs and breweries, especially small independents, so it ill behoves us to reduce their profits any further. As outgoing CAMRA chairman Colin Valentine said, "this is not the Campaign for Cheap Beer." I agree with him and the sentiment of the motion: don't expect but where offered, accept with grace and gratitude.

A number of CAMRA local magazines carry lists of pubs offering discounts. The policy of this magazine is not to do so. For *London Drinker* it simply is not possible for the prosaic reason that it would take up too much space but there is also the consideration that it puts pressure on publicans to go on the list when they really can't afford it.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Readers may recall that last year a House of Lords select committee conducted a review into the operation of the Licensing Act 2003. Their conclusion was that the act 'required a radical comprehensive overhaul.' The Government however does not agree. They take the view that it 'does not intend to be hasty in instigating such an

overhaul of the act.' To be fair, they may have other matters on their mind just at the moment.

DOING THEIR BIT

Not in London I know and the event has passed but I wanted to mention this because it shows what CAMRA can do to help the pub trade and as part of a community. I'm sure that readers will be aware that Salisbury recently became internationally famous for all the wrong reasons. This had a serious effect on trade in the City and pubs in particular. As part of the Salisbury is Open campaign, on 28 April CAMRA's Salisbury and South Wiltshire branch arranged a special 'City Saunter', visiting the City's pubs. A branch spokesman said, "We are campaigning to keep pubs viable and open by advertising that Salisbury is not closed down and it is still a wonderful and safe place to visit. We invite you to come and join us."

Just in passing, Salisbury Town FC, managed by Steve Claridge, also did their bit by winning promotion to the Evo-Stik South Premier League. The manager commented, "We know that football can't solve the world's problems but we can bring some enjoyment and reflect the rise of the City after the recent events."

EXPENSIVE TASTES

Bad news, I'm afraid, for lovers of vanilla stouts and ice cream for that matter. There has been a crop failure in Madagascar where 80% of the world's supply is grown and in early May raw vanilla was coasting £440 a kilo, which is more expensive than silver.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

Reader Paul Gannev has made this addition to my article on short measures in the last edition. He believes that pubs and bars should be taken to task over the way they serve cola. He says, "When you ask for a pint of cola the bar person will usually ask 'ice?' and the customer without thinking will usually say yes. Why you need ice baffles me as it comes from the pump chilled anyway. The bar person then proceeds to half fill the glass with ice and top it up with cola. Take the ice out and you end up with half a pint of cola although still paying for a pint. A member of staff who works for a well known pub chain told me that they are instructed to pour the 'perfect serve' of cola which is half a glass of ice, topped up with cola adding a twist of lemon. I think this is a practice that trading standards ought to look into."

OFF THE BOIL

There was an article in the *Guardian* (12 April) which said that AB InBev have developed a new brewing technique which involves injecting gas bubbles (nitrogen or CO₂) into the boil before it reaches boiling pint and this simulates the effect of actual boiling thus saving water, energy and CO₂ emissions. Trials have been carried out both in Leuven, Belgium, and here in England. AB InBev say that it does not



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PLEASANT SURPRISE

One of the problems that CAMRA branch pub officers have when checking planning notices is that usually only the street number is given and if it is a pub, the pub is not named. Our esteemed Regional Director, Geoff Strawbridge, experienced this in a different way recently. Seeing that the winner of the crossword prize lived at an address in Elm Road, Kingston near where he works, Geoff decided to deliver the prize cheque by hand. He was flummoxed when the house numbers ran out before he reached the one that he was looking for but he had arrived at the Wych Elm pub. He went in and asked if the pub was the address that he was looking for, which it was. He then went one better and asked the chap behind the bar if he was the crossword winner and he was. A couple of convivial pints of Fuller's beer followed.

Compiled by Tony Hedger

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This year the GBBF is teaming up with Planet Rock, the largest rock radio station in the UK, to bring a whole day of unforgettable entertainment to this year's event. Planet Rock will be bringing a number of bands to entertain festival-goers during the Thursday session. This is in addition to the regular music line up throughout the week of the festival.

In addition, Planet Rock will run a competition to win VIP tickets for the Thursday session, which one of its presenters will be attending. They will keep their followers up to date with exclusive behind-the-scenes content and interviews live from the festival floor. GBBF organiser Catherine Tonry said, "We are thrilled to be partnering with the popular and award-winning station Planet Rock. On top of experiencing 30 bars under one roof, beer lovers can enjoy some fantastic entertainment and music in between sips. We look forward to celebrating good beer and good music this summer." Planet Rock's head of marketing, Jon Norman, added, "It's

great to be part of the biggest beer festival in the UK. Beer drinking and listening to rock music has gone hand in hand for decades. Marry that up with the Planet Rock stage on Thursday, it is going to be rocking weekend at the Olympia." Don't worry; there is plenty of seating out of earshot of the stage if this isn't your 'thing'.

There has been a certain amount of 'churn' among the brewery bars. Some old favourites will still be there but there are some interesting newcomers as well. More details next edition.

All CAMRA members receive a discount on tickets to GBBF. If you haven't received an email with your discount code, email your membership number to gbbf@camra.org.uk and the membership team will send you a code. For more information on the Great British Beer Festival visit gbbf.org.uk, or follow @gbbf on Twitter.

From a CAMRA press release

SARAH EDMONDSON

Those of you who have worked at the Great British Beer Festival or been involved in CAMRA at national level will be sad to have learned of the passing of Sarah, a true CAMRA stalwart, after a short illness. She worked at every Great British Beer Festival since the Alexandra Palace days, including judging in the Champion Beer of Britain finals. In addition, she worked at forty beer festivals in her native Wolverhampton, organising six of them. Her partner, Bob Jones, pre-deceased her. We send our condolences to all her family and friends.

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London's most loved pub

According to the 'Love London Awards' competition run by Time Out magazine, London's most loved pub is the Sultan in South Wimbledon. The awards are London-wide and is split into categories covering restaurants, bars, shops, parks and other local spots. 65,033 votes were cast in all.

The Sultan is London's only Hop Back Brewery pub and I ought to declare an interest because I am a minor shareholder in the company but most of all, the Sultan is my local and I cannot tell you how delighted I am that it has won



Helen and Steve

this award. The management couple, Helen and Steve Tribbel, have done a wonderful job in developing the pub without losing the faith of the long term locals.

The award was celebrated on Thursday 10 May. Steve made an excellent speech which he started by thanking everyone for coming and thanking all of their staff, past and present. He said how much he and Helen had enjoyed their two and a half years at the pub and thanked Hop Back Brewery for giving them their opportunity. He also explained how they had received five envelopes, one each for the main award plus others for Wimbledon awards: most loved pub, the best LGBTQ meeting place, the best place for drinking in the sun and the best late night spot. He stressed how important the community life of the pub was to them and proposed a toast to the customers. He also congratulated the Trafalgar just down the road for winning CAMRA South West London branch's Pub of the Year award and a local independent coffee shop, Coffee in the Wood, for winning the Time Out award for the best coffee shop in Wimbledon.

The locals responded with a cake that looked as good as it tasted and a whip-round to send Helen and Steve on a night out to a posh restaurant up in Wimbledon Village with enough left over for a staff outing.



The cake!

The evening ended with music from some local singers and a generous buffet.

The pub serves Hop Back GFB and Summer Lightning plus two or three other beers, either from the Hop Back range or from Downton Brewery. There is the occasional more exotic guest. There is food in the form of sandwiches, toasties and very good pork pies and they run quiz nights, music and various other events, not forgetting the highly successful beer festivals.

Tony Hedger

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I mentioned CAMRA's Pub Design Awards, run in association with Historic England, in the last edition. Here are some extracts from the judges' report compiled by Professor Steven Parissien.

FITZROY TAVERN

The winner of the Refurbishment Award, owned by Samuel Smith's, has its origins in a coffee shop (not of the sort we have now) dating from 1883. It became a pub in 1897 and the refurbishment has returned it to as near how it appeared then as possible. The new partitions have been formed from sustainably sourced mahogany timber and the surviving tiling has been sensitively restored. The ceiling's heavy-duty 'Lincrusta' covering is now in pristine condition. Overall, the renovation has been handled with style and sympathy, resulting in a pub which, once again, can serve a variety of audiences and purposes with ease.

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Photos by Geoff Brandwood

SAIL LOFT

The New Build award is not often awarded. Despite being shoehorned into the ground floor of a nondescript new housing block, the Sail Loft (Fuller's) Professor Parissien says that the pub 'has a coherence and attractive ambience rare in modern commercial architecture, with floor-to-ceiling glazing, finishes of decent quality, a well-crafted island servery and very pleasant seating all around'.

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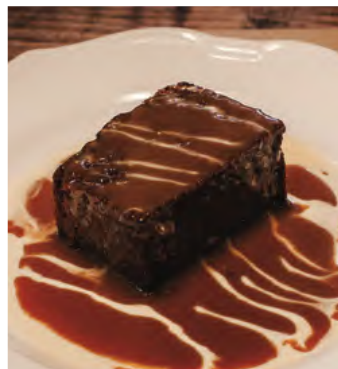
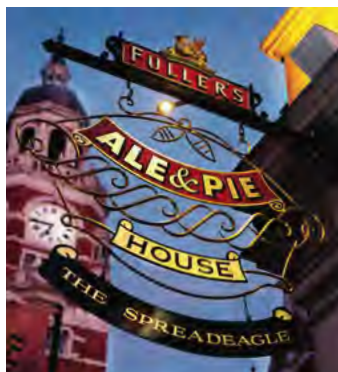


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The Greenwood Hotel (Wetherspoon's), which won the Conservation Award, has been featured in these pages before.

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A triple trip around Bristol's breweries

For many years, Bristol has been one of the leading cities for the growth of microbreweries so what better place to come for CAMRA's annual multiple brewery trip, which is auctioned each year at the Great British Beer Festival.

Despite the rain, it was an excursion to remember for the people who came from all over the country to taste Bristol's beer. The day began at Arbor Ales, where Jon Comer took us through the history of the brewery. It started in 2007 in a shed at the back of a pub, the Old Tavern, Stapleton, which was run by his brother. At this stage it was a 2.5 barrel kit. The first move was to a 'walk in fridge' which was originally Brain's Faggot Factory. The kit was upgraded to a 5.5 barrel plant and Jon was still doing it mostly on his own. Demand for the beer continued to increase and so he needed to consider another expansion. Jon said, *"The fridge didn't have enough space so we moved opposite the bus station in Lawrence Hill with five fermenters and we began brewing five days a week"*. They have since moved to a disused bus depot.



John Cryne presents a memento

Arbor is very much a family affair with Jon's wife selling the beer. They are assisted by ten employees including the brewer, Dan Bell. They have a core range but Dan and Jon are 'allowed to play one day a week'. The mix is 50% cask with the rest split between keg and bottled, which is bottle-conditioned. The beers were a delight, from their well known Yakima Valley to some three year old bottled imperial stout. We could have stayed there all day but we ventured out into the rain to nearby Dawkins.

Glen Dawkins began his drinking days in Sheffield and, in particular, beer from the now closed Wards Brewery. After a stint working in an off licence, Glen then took over the Hillsgrove pub which has now 14 handpumps and more pubs followed. He now has five pubs across Bristol, predominantly Georgian, all leased and a new one, some distance away in Leith near Edinburgh!

The pubs are always beer led. He commented, *"More beer, provided it us in good nick, leads to selling more."* Brewing his own beer was the next thing on the horizon and, in 2010, Glen took over Matthews Brewing Co; originally set up in 2005 by Stuart Matthews and Sue Appleby in Timsbury, a few miles outside Bath. Glen explained, *"Their beers were about a third of our sales. They decided they didn't want to expand so they sold up and we have enlarged the business including moving premises and putting in a tap room."*



Glen explains all

Moor was the last visit of the day. Although there may be many American influenced breweries, what comes over with Moor is its commitment to balance and drinkability – perhaps the fact that the owner, Justin Hawkes, originates from the USA has something to do with it! Moor has a 20 barrel brew length with 14 fermenters. Unlike many new brewers, Moor uses whole hops rather than pellets and propagates its own yeast. All of the beer undergoes a secondary fermentation, whether it is cask, can or KeyKeg; their volume is evenly split between the three (they discontinued bottles). Moor was the first brewery in the UK to get their cans accredited as real ale, of which Justin is justly proud.



Paying attention!

The history of Moor is an interesting one. Justin was an IT business consultant and had also been a USA army officer and he got into 'hazy' beer while in Germany. He started home brewing and joined CAMRA, working at the Great British Beer Festival. He then moved from London to Somerset and bought the Moor Brewery, which had been started by a farmer. He started experimenting with recipes, commenting that, at the time, selling a beer with hops was hard, *"We were ahead of our time. We love hops but it is all about balance and drinkability"*.

Eventually, Justin and his wife moved the brewery to Bristol and from there they haven't looked back. Moor continue to plough a lot of the profit back into the brewery as well as its tap. One surmises that real ale in cans is but one of the innovations to come out of this Brewery!

If this has intrigued you, in 2018, the three visits will be to London breweries: Brockley, Five Points and Hackney. The latter are winners of the Champion Beer of London 2018. There are 14 places, one of which will be auctioned at each session of this year's Great British Beer Festival at Olympia (7-11 August); postal bids are accepted. Contact baustin1951@btinternet.com or on 07789 900411. If you want to find out more about the 2018 trips, or to read a longer article on the Bristol breweries, go to www.gandc.camra.org.uk/viewnode.php?id=15800.

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ASPALLS

It isn't just craft breweries. Molson Coors have purchased the premium cider maker, Aspalls, who were founded in Suffolk in 1728 by the Chevallier family. Molson Coors say they want to make Aspall the UK's top-selling premium cider and interestingly, build on the potential of its vinegars.

LONDON BREWERS' ALLIANCE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Yes; a craft beer festival not in east London. The London Brewers' Alliance will be holding their inaugural beer festival on Saturday 23 June from 1pm to 7pm. It will be hosted by Fuller's at their brewery in Chiswick and they will meet the site costs. Around forty of the Alliance's members have already signed up, each supplying two beers. Admission will cost £30, including a glass and beer in both thirds and taster measures. Capacity is likely to be limited to around 1,000 people. Fuller's brewing ambassador, John Keeling, who is also the chairman of the Alliance, told the *Brewers Journal*, "This festival reinforces what a strong and vibrant brewing scene we have in London. Being able to get 40 breweries interested over the course of one meeting shows that." More details on tickets and the full beer list will be announced in due course. It is hoped that the festival will become an annual event.

Tickets available from <https://lbatickets.wearebeer.com/>

SIBA NEWS

Buster Grant, founder of Brecon Brewing and GBBF bar manager, has stood down as chairman of the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA) in order to "dedicate more time to his business activities", according to an emailed statement reported on trade website www.thedrinksbusiness.com.

This is not thought to be related to events at SIBA's recent BeerX, their annual trade show, where a motion proposed by Mr Grant to change the organisation's membership rules was rejected by just three votes. He was in favour of raising the brewing capacity that defined a brewery as eligible for membership from 200,000 hectolitres to 1% of annual UK beer production as measured by the British Beer and Pub Association, which is currently 437,340 hectolitres. For those who still think in Imperial measures, a hectolitre is 22 gallons. This would have opened the way for the likes of Fuller's and St Austell to become eligible for membership. Only 129 of SIBA's 830 members voted but some ascribed this to one person operations not being able to take a day off to attend the meeting. Some reports indicated that many members still wanted to keep the organisation's focus on 'small' even though that word was dropped from its name some time ago.

TETLEY'S TO BE BREWED IN LEEDS AGAIN

When I saw the headline, I thought 'Wow! That's a story' but it isn't. Carlsberg, owners of the Tetley's brand, have struck a deal with the Leeds Brewery to produce a version of Tetley No. 3 Pale Ale (4.2% ABV) which was

originally brewed between 1848 and 1868. The standard Tetley's Bitter will continue to be contract brewed by Marston's at the Banks's Brewery in Wolverhampton. More such projects may follow. My only concern is the continued independence of the Leeds Brewery who produce some good beers. Far be it from me to be cynical but this looks like an attempt to take another jump on the 'craft' bandwagon following their acquisition of London Fields. That's not to say that it isn't a good beer and I will certainly give it a try if I see it.

In passing, Tetley's have had a rebranding. Out goes the huntsman logo to be replaced with one based on the family coat of arms.

BOTTLE SHOPS MERGE

The Propel news website reports that London-based bottle shops We Brought Beer and the Beer Boutique are to merge, creating the largest specialist beer retailer in the UK. The vehicle for this will be a new company called Two Heads Beer Co, jointly owned by the original founders of each business. The new group has six stores (Balham, Putney, Clapham Junction, Tooting, Wandsworth Town and Royal Tunbridge Wells) and it intends to open more stores over the next couple of years, financed by a crowdfunding scheme.

LIVELIHOOD CONTINUES TO GROW

Livelihood have added a new pub, the Faber Fox, to their chain, bringing it to five in all. Their existing pubs are all in south west London but the new one is a venture into the south east, at 27 Westow Hill, Crystal Palace, SE19 1TQ. It is due to open on 30 May.

PUBLOVE

PubLove, founded in 2007 by Ben Stackhouse, have added the Crown on Lavender Hill SW11 to their portfolio, bringing it to five. Their *modus operandi* is to acquire pubs and convert any underused space, usually the former staff accommodation upstairs, into backpackers' hostels at £35 per night for bed and breakfast. There is usually plenty of good beer on hand as well as food. As Mr Stackhouse told the *Evening Standard*, in the early days, guests were sometimes paid in pints to lend a hand with the paintbrush but now they have been so successful that Ei Group (Enterprise as was) bought a 51% stake in the company a year ago. The balance remains with Mt Stackhouse and his family. Plans are to increase the chain to around twenty sites over the next four years. Far be it from me to stereotype backpackers but with this sort of development it is unlikely that the upstairs residents will complain about the noise; they will probably be downstairs making it!

CHARLES WELLS PROJECT GETS GO AHEAD

Readers may recall that when Charles Wells sold their Eagle Brewery to Marston's in May last year, they said that

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they would be building a new brewery to supply beer to their own estate of 200 or so pubs in England and France. They have now obtained planning permission to spend £13 million of the £55 million they received on what looks to be quite a substantial project, including a 30,000 hectolitre brewery, a visitor centre, a pub and a conference and events venue. The site has access to the artesian well (the Bedford Oolite aquifer) that Wells have used since 1902. It will be located at Fairhill, off the A6 by the Bedford Western Bypass and work is scheduled to begin in August. I hope that some thought has been given to getting drinkers there and back from central Bedford without driving.

Young's beers will continue to be brewed by Marston's at Wells' original brewery.

Recently, to accompany a feature about the 'hospitality trade', BBC Radio 5 Live played Chas 'n' Dave's Courage Best advert song. I assume that they did not realise that they were advertising a product that is currently available.

WETHERSPOON'S NEWS

In April chairman Tim Martin announced that the company was closing the Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts for all of their 900 pubs because of 'concerns over the misuse of personal data and the addictive nature of social media'. Their website and 'app' will be retained as will the printed Wetherspoon news magazine. Very sensible; as our advertising manager John Galpin says, magazines are the original social media. Perhaps now customers might actually talk to each other or perhaps read *London Drinker*...

In the quarter to 29 April, sales grew by 3.5% but Mr Martin warned of 'significant' rises in costs to come from increased wages, business rates and suppliers passing on the effect of the sugar tax.

Wetherspoon's had a two page spread in the *Morning Advertiser* recently, advertising pubs for disposal. What I found curious was that most of them were to let, free of tie, rather than for sale. Three of them were very good looking buildings that they had obviously converted from a previous use (such as an Art Deco cinema) at some cost.

Mr Martin was recently a guest on BBC Radio Four's *Desert Island Discs*. I was particularly struck by his comment that in London the presence of his pubs had forced Fuller's and Young's to up their game. He also said that he did not mind if his staff did not smile so long as they did the job. It was interesting and he said quite a lot about his background but I'm still none the wiser as to what makes him 'tick'.

EXETER BREWERY

Here is a new name, in London at least, to look out for. The brewery are now making weekly deliveries to London direct from the brewery. Their best seller, Avocet (3.9% ABV), featured in CAMRA's 2017 Champion Beer of Britain competition and some of their beers will be on sale at Ealing Beer Festival.



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SALCOMBE BREWERY

Again, not a London brewery but Salcombe recently held their annual shareholders meeting in Marylebone, a long way from their home in South Devon, as an indication of how serious they are about supplying their beers to London and the south east. Formerly Quercus, the brewery changed hands in 2016 and moved to a new purpose-built brewery and visitor centre in Ledstone in 2017. The new 20 barrel brewery has its own artesian water supply.

BREWDOG

BrewDog continue to grow. They have taken over the fourteen strong Draft House chain for a reported £15 million. Early indications are that the pubs will retain their separate identity rather than be absorbed into BrewDog's portfolio of 33 bars.

BrewDog have also opened their first brewpub in London. BrewDog Tower Hill is equipped with a ten-hectolitre brewing kit and has a capacity of 500 customers. As well as a range of food it also includes a games area.

IT'S GRIMBERGEN UP NORTH (BELGIUM)

Many of you will know Grimbergen as a mass produced product produced by Alken-Maes, a Carlsberg subsidiary which has been the case since 1958. Brewing by the monks themselves was ended in 1797 during the French revolution but they have now decided that it is time to start brewing at the abbey again on a microbrewery which will stand exactly where the original brewery did. However, as reported in the *Guardian*, there is a problem: they can't find the recipe. They have had four volunteer researchers sorting through the abbey's archives, which are largely in Old Dutch and go back to 1128, for a year now and so far they have worked out what the ingredients were but not the proportions. They remain hopeful however.

WHO'S FOR A G&T?

For those of you who like that sort of thing (and I do), Saturday 9 June is World Gin Day. Look out for various promotions in local pubs, particularly Young's houses.

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Charity corner

BEER IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEART!

Back in 2016 experiments showed something the London drinker had always known: that beer, in moderate quantities, is good for your heart. And not just if you drink it! Artisan brewers are helping raise funds for the specialist cardiac and respiratory Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals by providing some sustaining beer for their Grand Canal Challenge on Sunday 1 July.

You too can take part by cycling, running, walking or even canoeing along the Grand Union Canal from the Royal Brompton in Chelsea, joining the canal towpath in Paddington then on to the Harefield Hospital with its beautiful countryside grounds. You do not have to do the full 26 miles; you can also do half or a quarter of it. It's not a race, so you can go at your own pace and enjoy the painted canal boats and lush greenery. Participants will be treated to beer tasting en route from brewers Portobello, Sambrook's and Tring. All brewers involved will be shown on the route map, and everyone is invited to celebrate at the Finishers' Festival at Harefield Hospital with a hog roast, music and more beer. Do consider taking part: if anyone would like to join in the event as a runner, cyclist or walker and enjoy beer tasting along the way, you can sign up at www.rbhcharity.org/grand-canal-challenge-2018 for just £15 plus a minimum sponsorship fee of £150.

If any further brewers would like to support this venture by providing beer or perhaps a team, please contact Ashley Westpfel at a.westpfel@rbht.nhs.uk.

WIN A BREWERY

Iwouldn't normally include an item like this but the prize is so unusual that I thought that I would make an exception.



I've been contacted via CAMRA's Swindon branch by Karen Jacklin of a firm called Elite Stainless Fabrications. They are holding a raffle to benefit two charities, Phab Kids and the Downs Syndrome Association. What makes this raffle unusual is the first prize; it is a one-off special, compact 60 litre brewery unit manufactured by the firm. The copper is copper coloured (coloured stainless steel so easy to look

after) and the other two vessels are mirror polished. If you want to measure up your garage, the size is 1.4 metre in length, 0.7m wide and 1.85m high. You can get full details from <http://esfabrications.co.uk/news/>.

SUPPORT THE SCOUTS

Abeer festival to raise funds for the 1st Claygate Scouts is being held at the Scout Centre, Oaken Lane, Claygate, Esher, Surrey KT10 0RQ. There will be around a dozen Surrey beers, plus local ciders and wines. The dates are Friday 1 and Saturday 2 June. Families are welcome on the Saturday lunchtime session. The cost is £5 per ticket, available online from www.claygatebeerfestival.org. Full details on claygatebeerfestival@outlook.com.

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Ealing Beer Festival

For a second year running brothers Ben and Jon Hart will be organising the Ealing Beer Festival. This is the 29th event and it will have over 500 real ales, real ciders and perries as well as wine and imported beer. In what is thought to be a first for Ealing, the festival is going to try and source a small quantity of beer in wooden barrels which will be served with the assistance of the Society for Preservation of Beer from the Wood.

The festival is open from 11 to 14 July and is CAMRA's largest outdoor London festival. It is located in the beautiful Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Ealing W5 5BG, just minutes away from Ealing Broadway and South Ealing stations. The festival will also have a great selection of food, including a hog roast, sausages, toasties and curry as well as traditional pub games, products and tombola.

Entry for CAMRA members is at the concessionary rate of £3 (£5 for non-CAMRA members) and there is a £3 refundable glass deposit. Following the success of the token card payment system last year, the festival will be operating the same principle this year, with cards costing £10 each and any unspent credit being refundable.

Ben Hart, the festival organiser said, "It's great to be organising the festival for a second year and I am really looking forward to providing an even greater range and quantity of beer than we did last year. I hope that there is something at the festival for everyone. As per usual we are keen to attract as many volunteers as possible and will accept CAMRA and non-CAMRA volunteers". Volunteering

information can be found on the festival website ebf.camra.org.uk.



Ben Hart handing over the Gold Beer of the Festival Certificate. From left to right: Rebecca Norman (brewer at Five Points), Ben Hart, Ben Fleet (brewer at Five Points)

We will again be looking out for the beers of the festival in gold, silver and bronze categories so don't forget to fill in your survey forms so that we can find out most celebrated beers. Last year's Gold winner was Five Points Brewery for their Five Points Pale.

Ben Hart, Ealing Beer Festival Organiser

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Hop Stuff Brewery - the interview

Editor's note: this is the first time while I have been editor that we have run an article like this. Many thanks to Anna Lancefield of CAMRA's South East London branch for getting the ball rolling. If anyone else, especially CAMRA brewery liaison officers, wish to do something similar, you will be most welcome.

INTERVIEW WITH JAMES YEOMANS, FOUNDER OF HOP STUFF BREWERY IN WOOLWICH, SE18

Can you give us a brief history of Hop Stuff Brewery, for those who might not be familiar with you?

I founded the brewery in November 2013 but it wasn't until 2014 that we really got going; we spent about six months just trying to find our feet. We doubled our capacity in 2014, and again in 2015. In 2015 we also opened our first Taproom, in Woolwich (www.whatpub.com/pubs/SEL/13528/taproom-woolwich). In 2017 we commissioned a new brewhouse, and we opened the Deptford Taproom (www.whatpub.com/pubs/SEL/13615/taproom-se8-deptford), and we will shortly be opening our third location, in Ashford, in Kent, with a fourth to follow quickly in Farringdon, Central London, hopefully in mid-April.

The Ashford taproom will be your first site outside of London; are you keeping the format the same?

We've proved in Woolwich and Deptford that our formula of great beer and craft pizza works well and we're planning on sticking with the same format. Ashford's an area that I

know well and, similar to Woolwich and Deptford, there's lots of regeneration going on. For example, Chapel Down are creating a new brewery there. The area is crying out for something like the Taproom and we believe it will work well there.

When you started Hop Stuff Brewery, did you dream that it would be as successful as it is today?

Did I want it to be this successful? Yes. Did I dare to hope that it would happen? No! In the beginning we weren't planning to open bars, but we used to open the taproom at the brewery at weekends, and people liked it, so it seemed in our interests to open a more permanent venue. The brewery and the SE18 Taproom complemented each other nicely.

Do you have capacity to do more? Where are the opportunities for you in the future?

Plenty more. We produced around 6,000 hectolitres this year (2017), but the brewery has capacity for 60,000. We're also seeing the beer scene kicking off outside London in places like Bristol and, indeed, Ashford. There are big opportunities out there. We're growing 100% year on year, adding bigger customers, and talking to supermarkets. It's the smaller breweries who are feeling the biggest squeeze and who may not have the capacity to expand.

Has the brewery market in London reached saturation point or is there room for more?

There's definitely room for more good breweries. The motivation needs to be right though; it's no good opening a brewery in the hope that you'll be bought up by the likes of AB Inbev, or as a retirement plan. I think we may see some London breweries close in the next year or two.

What mix of cask, keg beers etc. are you producing currently?

We're probably about 60% keg at the moment, with cask between 10% and 20%, and cans between 10% and 20%. Fortunately, our brewery setup is quite flexible, and we can change our production to meet demand. We've noticed a slowdown in the demand for cask recently.

And how do you feel about that slowdown?

Personally, I think it's a shame, but the market was due a rebalance. We still see interesting cask beer flying out the door. CAMRA have a point about craft challenging cask beer, and there's certainly some education needed about how best to serve cask beer. More cask isn't always better. I cringe if I see 8-10 casks being served in a pub, as it's unlikely that that rate of sale will be high enough to sustain quality. I'd rather see a lower volume of cask beer, with the quality kept high.

What's the future for cask at Hop Stuff?

We started as a cask brewer and I think it's important that we continue to brew cask and support and promote it where possible. I certainly wouldn't want to lose it from our range. In my view, there is no better beer, served at the right time and place, on the right day, than a cask ale. However, where it's served poorly, it harms the industry.

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I think CAMRA is a force for good. They're well-intentioned and can be helpful but can sometimes be misguided; some policies have limited impact and we seem to be caught up in fighting over definitions. The important thing is for CAMRA to promote what is good. I think CAMRA were heading along the right lines with the revitalisation project, but from my point of view it's lost a bit of momentum.

What's your view on the current debate over sexism in beer?

I think it's a non-argument. If someone wants to be involved in brewing, and can, in whatever capacity, then there shouldn't be any inequality. I don't like the [Brewdog] Pink IPA idea: craft beer is for everyone.

How much involvement do you have in the brewing process these days?

In the actual brewing, none. There's a lot of calls on my time. More than that, I always knew my brewing ability would be called into question fairly quickly! I'm lucky enough to have a very talented leadership team whose knowledge far surpasses mine and who are better placed to oversee the brewing side of things, although I perhaps have more say over beer styles than some of them would like! I'm still very involved in product development. For example, we've just produced a dry hopped beer because I wanted one. I do like to be involved and I can't imagine a time when

I won't be involved with the brewery in some capacity. I owe our investors a lot for having faith in us and we'll keep trying to grow.

And finally, knowing what you know now, what one piece of advice would you have given yourself when just starting out?

Ask for help. Our first year was in some ways a bit of a non-year; it was good for learning but I could have benefitted from bringing talented people on board sooner.
Anna Lancefield

Interestingly, Hop Stuff Brewery has invested in two other small brewers, Northern Monk Brew Co (near Leeds) and Left Hand Giant Brewing (Bristol). James Yeomans told the Propel news site, "The Hop Stuff ethos is focused on the promotion of craft beer. What better way to show our intent than to invest in two of the UK's best up-and-coming brewers? Both brewers are pioneers in their field, advancing the world of craft beer in two parts of the UK that Hop Stuff currently can't supply. We were keen to support them with an equity investment and grow our industry together." The same site reports that Hop Stuff are interested in taking over four of the Jamie's Italian sites that have been put up for sale. The attraction is that they have pizza ovens.

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BEXLEY BREWERY

Bexley Brewery have opened their own brewery micropub situated in Barnehurst (the area where the brewer grew up) close to the mainline station at 100 Barnehurst Road. The Bird & Barrel will feature a selection of their own beers alongside others in a choice of cask and keg. They also have Kent ciders, house wines and selected spirits.



Their own house ale 'Hills & Holes' (3.8% ABV) is a pale ale hopped with Challenger and Fuggles grown at Hukins Hop farm in Tenterden Kent. As all of Bexley's ale names are based on local places, Hills and Holes

was the original name for Barnehurst Road before the station was built in the 1930s. Opening times are Wednesday and Thursday 5.30 to 10pm, Friday 5.30 to 10.30pm, Saturday 12 to 10.30pm and Sunday 12 to 5pm and there's always the chance that you'll get served by the brewer himself!

From a Bexley Brewery press release

EAST LONDON BREWING

East London Brewing Co won a Gold in the London and South East Area round of CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain competition 2017 in the mild category for their Orchid (3.6% ABV). Most of the brewery team (Stuart, Claire, Dave, Scot and Tom) together with a good number of members from CAMRA's East London and City branch plus visitors from other branches were at the Florist, Globe Road, Bethnal Green on Tuesday 24 April for the presentation of the award. Mike and the pub staff served Orchid, Nightwatchman and Cowcatcher which were in superb condition.



From left to right, Florist Manager Mike, Stuart, Tom, Claire, Dave, John and Scot all enjoying Orchid.

FORMIDABLE FOURPURE

Last year, the South Bermondsey brewery produced over a million barrels but the expansion, which was finished in the autumn, means that 2018 will see this exceeded. "We are now the biggest independent brewery in London," quipped Graham from behind the bar of the tap room. Looking around just one of the multiple units in their Bermondsey Brewery, it is easy to believe that. The brew length is 45 hectolitres (27.5 barrels). The mash tun, lauter tun, copper and whirlpool are all arranged in a neat line. Sean Knight, the operations manager (and if that name is familiar, he was previously Sambrook's head brewer) explained that this set up enabled them to brew up to seven times in a day. Like many modern breweries, it can only use hop pellets but it has its own grist mill enabling the malt to be milled to exactly the right size for the beer. Fourpure produce a core range of five beers including Session IPA, which won the Keg of the Festival,

sponsored by Kegstar, at the recent London Drinker Beer and Cider Festival. In addition, Fourpure have three other ranges (Adventure, Small Batch and their collaborative brews, Pioneer). Last year, Graham thought Fourpure had produced at least 52 different beers, enough to keep most beer tickers happy. For more details on the brewery and tap opening times see www.fourpure.com.

FULLER'S

John Keeling, Fuller's former brewing director and now their global ambassador, has been presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA). Presenting the award, SIBA chairman Buster Grant said Keeling's commitment and passion for quality beer is evident to anyone that meets him and his work for one of the UK's most iconic brewers over the last 40 years has seen him dust off the brewing records and revive historic recipes as well as look to the future, inviting some of Britain's finest independent brewers to join him at the mash tun. He added, "A fervent defender of the lunchtime pint, the winner of this year's lifetime achievement award is not only an extremely worthy recipient, but someone we'd recommend you grab a beer with." Mr Keeling, who started his career as a laboratory technician at Wilson's brewery in Newton Heath, Manchester in 1974, said: "I've dedicated my life to brewing great beer and I've loved every second of it so being recognised for doing something you enjoy is a double delight. I'd like to think that in some small way I've helped and inspired a number of the 'craft' brewers who are producing such interesting beers today. It's more than 40 years since I first set foot in a brewery and some 37 years since I joined Fuller's. Reg Drury, the legendary former Fuller's head brewer, was instrumental in my success and I hope I have passed the same degree of knowledge and passion on to Georgina Young and the next generation of brewers at Fuller's."

Fuller's have acquired four sites in the City from the We Are Bar Group. These are three 'Jamie's' outlets, in Creechurch Lane EC3, Fleet Place EC4 and London Bridge Street, SE1 plus the Saint in Paternoster Square EC4.

Fuller's have explained their intentions as regards Dark Star to the *Morning Advertiser*. They will not 'blanket' their pub estate with Dark Star and will only put Dark Star beers in pubs where it will complement Fuller's existing portfolio. They have identified 60 pubs where it believes Dark Star's Hophead and American Pale Ale and the rest of Dark Star's beers will fit in and complement London Pride. The intention is that Dark Star would continue to trade and operate as a separate company, but with the added investment that Fuller's could bring. There is no prospect of the brewing of any of Dark Star's beers being transferred to Chiswick as things stand.

FUZZCHAT

No, not a social media site for the police but a new microbrewery behind the Good Beer Guide listed Jolly Coopers pub in Epsom, Surrey, returning brewing to the area for the first time in 90 years. The brewery is housed in an old building behind the pub. This was once a blacksmith's for horses passing by on the way to Epsom Downs racecourse and more recently it was a barman's cottage although it had no power or running water! It fell derelict but when the current owners took over the pub in 2015 they decided to restore it for its new use. In case you are wondering, a Fuzzchat is the name given to anyone who was born on Epsom Common.




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PARK BREWERY

After operating as a 'guest' brewer with the likes of Reunion, Park aim to be back on home turf soon. They are seeking crowdfunding for new premises and have reached 40% of their target ahead of the official website appeal launch at the end of May. Tread Lightly (3.2% ABV light but tasty drinking) has been produced in conjunction with Friends of

Richmond Park and marks the film presented by David Attenborough last year. Tread Lightly is available in bottles, along with most of the standard range. Using host brewers has allowed production to continue in cans, keg and cask and it remains available in all regular outlets.

David Morgan

Compiled by Tony Hedger except where stated

Focus on pubs

MORE PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT

Although they are of limited value, Parliamentary Early Day Motions are a good way of getting a topic discussed. CAMRA members are being asked to lobby their MPs to support the following, *"This House notes that pubs are at the heart of communities across the UK; welcomes ongoing cross-party efforts to protect the British pub; acknowledges that an increasing number of pubs are diversifying in order to provide an ever more valuable and enjoyable offer to their customers; further notes that pubs provide employment for over 900,000 people and contribute £23 billion to the economy; however, acknowledges that latest research by the Campaign for Real Ale highlights that 18 pubs are still closing every week; recognises that recent changes in planning law and taxation have helped the industry, but more still needs to be done to help pubs; and therefore calls on the Government to take further steps to support pubs which reduces the tax burden will enshrine the valuable role the great British pub plays in UK society."* Its primary sponsor is Toby Perkins, the MP for Chesterfield, who chairs the All Party Parliamentary Group for Pubs

EARL OF ESSEX, MANOR PARK

This Grade II listed building in Romford Road has stood empty since 2012 and a planning application – the usual 'Trojan horse' ruse – has been submitted to turn the upper floors into flats while keeping a pub as a lock up on the ground floor. Happily local residents Richard Williams and partner Katie are wise to this and are campaigning to save it with the support of CAMRA's East London and City branch, London's night czar Amy Lamé, and local MP Stephen Timms, who pointed out that with Crossrail coming to Manor Park station, the Earl of Essex has the chance to once again become a venue at the heart of the community. That is precisely the aim of the campaign because, as Richard told the *Newham Recorder*, *"This campaign is all about creating a space in Manor Park where the local community can spend an evening, rather than travelling out of the area for food and drink. The plethora of passionate responses to the latest planning application show how much locals care about this, and it's fantastic to know that Amy and CAMRA are backing us too. Manor Park has been deprived of a family pub far too long."* The developer's agent has stated that the owners are negotiating with potential pub operators, their intention being to keep it a pub because of its many listed features

which can't be changed. For more details go to the campaign's Twitter account @SaveTheEarlE12.

HARP, CHARING CROSS

This perennial favourite has been voted Pub of the Year by CAMRA's West London branch and not for the first time. Branch chairman Les Maggs said, *"As long as the tradition of quality established by the sadly late former owner Binnie Walsh lives on, this is not the first time and will certainly not be the last time that CAMRA's National Pub of the Year 2010 will be in the running for awards"*. The pub has been owned by Fuller's since 2014 and is managed by Paul Sims while the cellar is capably run by Kiwi native Karl Seville. The range of beers is far from limited to Fuller's own products however. Karl, with help from the Society for the Preservation of Beer from the Wood, had hoped to have some beer from Gypsy Hill Brewery available in a wooden cask for the presentation on 18 April but this proved not to be possible until the day after.

Dominic Pinto

LITTLE GREEN DRAGON ALE HOUSE, WINCHMORE HILL

The first micropub in the Enfield and Barnet CAMRA branch area, the Little Green Dragon Ale House in Winchmore Hill, has been voted branch 2018 Pub of the Year. Local residents Richard Reeve and Sujal Zaveri opened the pub in a former hairdressers at Masons Corner on Green Lanes in late summer 2017. The 'back to basics' pub mainly serves real ales, has no TV screens or slot machines and has become a popular local venue for a drink and a chat, so popular in fact that over 200 beers from 60 different breweries have been supplied. Most of these have been



Richard and Sujal receiving their award from branch chairman Peter Graham.

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At the presentation cycling, morris dancers and musicians were represented along with branch members as well as those of neighbouring CAMRA branches, together with regulars. It was fortunate that a licence for outside seating had arrived a few days before and the good weather enabled some to have a pint *al fresco*.

For further information go to <https://whatpub.com/pubs/ENF/7567/little-green-dragon-winchmore-hill> or <https://littlegreendragonenfield.com/>

Ron Andrews

SIR SYDNEY SMITH, WAPPING

The guv'nor, Steve, tells me that this classic three floor Truman's pub is being restored to its 1920 exterior colour scheme.

Mick O'Rourke

TAPPING THE ADMIRAL MAKES IT A TRIPLE!

Tapping the Admiral, near Kentish Town West Station, has been awarded its Pub of the Year by CAMRA's North London Branch. Branch Chairman John Cryne, said, "This is the third time that the pub has taken this award. The first time was 2013 and they made it a second in 2015. It just goes to show that you can't keep a good pub down! The award was instigated by CAMRA to promote good pubs that serve the community and the Tapping the Admiral is an excellent example of that, with their knowledgeable staff who welcome regulars and strangers alike. This pub, originally known as the Trafalgar, was closed down and remained shut for four years and it became almost derelict. It reopened in 2011. With around twenty pubs closing every week, it is a case of use it or lose it and it's great to see a pub go from strength to strength. It's well supported by locals and pubs need all the support they can get."



Left to right: Phil Stewart, John Cryne, Josh Freeborn

Josh Freeborn, the pub's manager, said "This is a community pub that is made so by everybody who drinks here, from the staff to the locals who make it so. We are all friends who like to drink."

The other 2018 shortlisted pubs were the Tapping the Admiral's sister pub, the Pineapple, also in Kentish Town, the Angel (at the Angel), the Duke's Head (Highgate) and the Doric Arch (Euston). Voting was open to all 1,700 members of the local CAMRA branch.

John Cryne

TRAFALGAR, SOUTH WIMBLEDON

As the saying goes, good things come in little packages. On Wednesday 9 May, the small but perfectly formed Trafalgar in South Wimbledon was packed out with members of CAMRA's South West London branch, locals and friends to see branch chair Mark Bravery present the branch Pub of the Year award certificate for 2017 to manager Rodger Molyneux. Along with the customary good beer, Rodger also kindly provided some 'nibbles' and a good time was had by all.



Rodger is the one with the beard

TRUSCOTT ARMS/HERO OF MAIDA, MAIDA VALE

Readers may remember that this very successful gastropub was forced to close when the owners, Heage Holdings, raised the rent from £75,000 per annum to an outrageous £250,000, no doubt in an attempt to make the 'pub is not viable' argument a self fulfilling prophecy. Heage realised that they were never going to be allowed to develop the site so they sold it for a reported £5 million to Harcourt Inns who have reopened it under the management of chef Henry Harris. Mr Harris told the *Evening Standard*, "It will be a pub with dining rooms. When you walk in you will see the bar and tables not laid up so you don't need to feel 'oh, is it OK just to have a drink?' The goodwill from the local community is something that I have not experienced in 35 years of being in London restaurants. People have been coming in saying 'thank God you're open; we've got our pub back'." This is Harcourt Inns' third outlet.

The pub has been renamed the Hero of Maida, taking its name from a pub in Edgware Road W2 that was converted to offices in 1992.

ANOTHER USE FOR ACVS

I thought that readers might be interested in how ACVs are used for other purposes. According to BBC Radio Four's *You and Yours* programme on 23 March, there are 4,247 ACVs in effect of which 1,966 are on pubs. One of the others is the cottage hospital in Field Stile Road, Southwold which opened in 1903, having been funded by public subscription to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The site closed

in 2015 and a local community group have fought off developers to buy it from the NHS to turn it into a community centre. Southwold is reckoned to have the highest number of second homes – 60% – in the country. There will however need to be a couple of houses built on the site to fund the project. Adnams have, of course, brewed a beer to raise funds for the project.

Tony Hedger, unless otherwise credited

Royal Warrant for Windsor & Eton

Our cover photo shows Major and Roger, under the control of driver Derek, braving the April rain to drop off supplies of Harry & Meghan's Windsor Knot beer along the carriage route to be taken by the Royal Wedding. Their destination was the Windsor Farm Shop where the first bottles went on sale.

Shortly afterwards came the news that the Windsor & Eton Brewery had been granted a Royal Warrant of Appointment as Brewer to Her Majesty the Queen. This allows the brewery to display a Royal Coat of Arms on its products, stationery, premises and vehicles. To become a Royal Warrant Holder a business must have supplied goods or services to one of the Royal Household over a period of at least five years. This is no mean achievement given that W&EB have only been up and running for eight years. The brewery uses barley grown on the Windsor Farm and the spent grains are returned there to feed their cattle.

Director Will Calvert said, "We're a very fortunate business. To be Windsor's community brewery working with all our local suppliers and customers including the Royal Household is a real privilege. With this award comes responsibility and we'll never forget how we serve Windsor and Eton and that we're only ever as good as the quality of our last pint of beer and how we treated our last customer."

London Drinker sends congratulations to W&EB. Many thanks to Will Calvert, Bob Morrison and Paul O'Connel for the photo.

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This edition we report on two new openings for each of BrewDog (in EC3 and WC2), City Pub Co (WC2 and SW4), West Berkshire Brewery (NW5 and W6) and Young's (EC1 and EC4). There is also a new Antic pub in SE17 and taps for Bexley (in Bexleyheath) and Husk (in E16) breweries.

Meanwhile we lose a Wetherspoon pub in Stockley Park, and Enterprise Inns continue to evolve their pub estate: as well as new openings for their Bermondsey Pub Co managed format and their 'managed expert' partnerships, they are now bringing their 200-strong Craft Union format to Greater London for the first time, in NW3, SE13, W7 and two pubs in Hayes.

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO CASK BEER

CENTRAL

EC1M 6HJ, SMITHS OF SMITHFIELD, 67-77 Charterhouse St. One of two sites acquired in November by Young's. Refurbished in spring introducing cask beer, Wells Young's Bitter, London Gold and Special.

EC3R 5AR, BREWD OG CITY, 21 Great Tower St. Opened in May, their first brewpub and largest site in the UK. The on-site brewery will produce small-batch beers for distribution around their London bars. No cask beer. Twenty-five keg beers and many bottles.

EC4N 5AE, SMITHS OF SMITHFIELD, 99 Cannon St. Acquired in November by Young's and renamed in March as the **CANDLEMAKER**. Cask beer introduced, three from Wells plus a guest.

WC1X 0DS, EASTON (Enterprise), 22 Easton St. Was **QUEEN'S HEAD**. Having closed in February, transferred to Bermondsey Pub Co managed division and reopened in April.

EAST

E1 6JX, KNAVE OF CLUBS, 1 Club Row. Having closed in 1994 and serving for many years as a restaurant, reopened in summer 2016 as **DIRTY BONES**, a chain restaurant but offering bar service and retaining late 19th century bar fittings. No cask beer.

E16 2AA, HUSK BREWING TAPROOM, 58A Railway Arches, North Woolwich Rd. Having started brewing in 2016 in an arch under the Silvertown flyover, now selling their own beers for on-premises drinking each weekend including one cask beer (on gravity), two keg beers, and bottled beers.

NORTH

N7 8AX, JOLLY SISTERS, 95 Bride St. Was **NEW QUEENS HEAD**. Cask beer restored, Sharp's Doom Bar.

N7 8DL, LIQUOR WORKS (Enterprise), 203 Holloway Rd. Was **VICTORIA**, **TOMMY FLYNN'S**, **PHIBBERS**, 12 BAR, **BEER KAT**. Reopened in March by Food & Fuel as part of its Frontier Pubs 'managed expert' partnership with Enterprise and reverted to **VICTORIA TAVERN**. One changing cask beer restored, e.g. Thornbridge Lord Marples.

N17 9HT, HIGH CROSS, High Rd. New pub in former public toilets, named after the historic monument at the centre of Tottenham. No cask beer. Five keg beers, e.g. Beavertown, Bohem, Kernel, Redemption.

N19 3PA, CROWN (Enterprise), 622 Holloway Rd. Cask beer restored, Fuller's London Pride and Sharp's Doom Bar.

NORTH WEST

NW1 7HJ, GOOD MIXER, 30 Inverness St. Was **CRICKETERS**. Having closed in January, freehold acquired by Max Barney Pub Company and reopened under new management with live music still a main feature. Cask beers still advertised.

NW6 4JD, COOPERS ARMS (Enterprise), 164 High Rd. Cask beer restored, Fuller's London Pride. Will it last longer than the last time they tried?

NW10 4TS, GREEN MAN, 109 High St. Having closed c.2014 and serving some time in the interim as a Portuguese restaurant, now reopened. No cask beer. Three keg beers, one Brazilian.

EDGWARE (HA8 9RZ), HARVESTER (M&B), 128 Hale La. Was **GREEN MAN**, **EVERGLADES**. Reverted to **JOLLY BADGER**. Cask beer introduced, Sharp's Atlantic and Doom Bar.

SOUTH EAST

SE9 5PR, CROWN (Greene King), 11 Court Yd. Having closed in 2014, sold and upstairs converted to flats. Reopened in April much reduced in size as the **RUSTY BUCKET**. Five cask beers, e.g. Brockley Golden, Mad Cat, Weird Beard Black Perle. Ten keg beers.

SE10 0RA, DUCHESS OF GREENWICH, 1 Woolwich Rd. Having closed in January 2017, reopened a year later as **THAI TIGER** restaurant & bar. No cask beer.

SE13 5LD, WHITE HORSE (Enterprise), 1 Lee High Rd. Was **ONE**. Having closed in September, transferred to Enterprise's Craft Union format and reopened in April as the **LEWISHAM TAVERN**. Cask beer restored, Sharp's Doom Bar and a guest.

SE17 1JL, MANOR OF WALWORTH (Antic), 140 Walworth Rd. New pub in historic Georgian terrace, once the headquarters of the Labour Party. Cask beers from Volden and others.

SE18 1JT, PLUME OF FEATHERS (Enterprise), 282 Plumstead High St. Under new management with cask beer restored, Sharp's Doom Bar.

BEXLEYHEATH (DA7 6HG), BIRD & BARREL (Bexley Brewery), 100 Barnehurst Rd. Opened in April, a small one-room pub, in effect their brewery tap, in a former tropical fish

emporium near Barnehurst station. Three cask beers, including one guest, and three keg beers.

BEXLEYHEATH (DA7 4DQ), VOLUNTEER (Wellington), 46 Church Rd. Taken over and reopened in April by a community group and saved from permanent closure. Still has two cask beers.

CROYDON (CR0 1RJ), ART & CRAFT CR0, 46 Surrey St. New bar opened in April. No cask beer. Five keg beers, e.g. Beavertown, Inkspot, Magic Rock, Streatham.

HAYES (BR2 7EY), PIE & PINT BAR, 6 Bourne Way. Opened in March. No cask beer after initially experimenting.

SOUTH WEST

SW4 9LA, CRAFT KITCHEN, 33 Abbeville Rd. Having closed in 2016, reopened the following April and renamed **33 ABBEVILLE ROAD**. No cask beer. Two keg beers from Harviestoun.

SW9 9AR, PHOENIX (Harvey's), 348 Clapham Rd. Was **COACH & HORSES, CIRCLE BAR**. Having closed in January, reopened in April as a tenancy. Harvey's Sussex Best Bitter and one other.

SW11 5RD, CROWN (Enterprise), 102 Lavender Hill. Reopened in March, still run by PubLove but now under a 'managed expert' partnership with Enterprise. Three changing cask beers, e.g. Belleville, Sambrook's, Titanic.

WEST

W7 3TR, PRINCE OF WALES (Enterprise), 62 Boston Rd.

Was McCANN'S. Transferred to Enterprise's Craft Union format. Cask beer restored, Sharp's Doom Bar and Timothy Taylor Landlord.

W9 2JD, TRUSCOTT ARMS, 55 Shirland Rd. Was **IDLEWILD**. Having closed in 2016 after a rent hike, acquired early 2017 by Ducalion Capital and eventually reopened in May as Harcourt Inns' third site (after the Three Cranes, EC4 and Coach, EC1) and renamed **HERO OF MAIDA**. Cask beers include Timothy Taylor Landlord.

W12 8HJ, O'DONOGHUE'S (Enterprise), 174 Goldhawk Rd. Was **SWAKELEY ARMS**. Changed hands and renamed **SERVER**, focused on large numbers of board games and electronic games, sister site to Secret Weapon, E15 and Scenario, N16. Cask beer restored, Signature Brew Session Roadie.

TWICKENHAM (TW1 3SX), TWICKENHAM TAVERN (Star). Was **BLACK DOG, HOBGOBLIN, GRAND UNION** etc. Having closed in 2014 and operated as a restaurant, reopened in October as **PALM GRILL**, a bar & restaurant with no cask beer.

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WC1X 0AE, APPLE TREE (Greene King). Sold in April to Bohemia Club Ltd. Reported closed, future uncertain.

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WC2H 8HJ, APE & BIRD. Was MARQUIS OF GRANBY. Taken over in March and renamed **BREWDOG**. Cask beer discontinued. Twenty keg beers.

EAST

E1W 1YN, TRADE UNION (Draft Houses). Having been acquired in June from Grand Union, currently closed, future uncertain.

E4 6AB, BAR ONE TWENTY. Cask beer discontinued.

E4 6ST, STOPPLES. In recent years renamed **NEW YORKS** and then **ACE WINE BAR**. Now closed, due to become a restaurant.

E8 4QJ, EDGARS. Was MARKET HOUSE, STORIES. Closed in April, with planning permission already granted in 2015 for demolition to make way for flats and a restaurant.

NORTH

N1 3PF, HOPS & GLORY. Was LIGHT HOUSE BAR, GEORGE ORWELL. Sold and in February renamed **SEVENEY**. Cask beer discontinued.

N7 0JN, LATIN CORNER. Was COPENHAGEN. Having closed in 2013, now demolished.

N8 7QU, NIGHTINGALE (Wellington). Sold in in 2014 to Al (UK) Capital Ltd. Having closed in 2013 and undergone residential conversion upstairs, permission now granted in February to convert empty ground floor and basement to flats.

N12 9PT, PUB (Enterprise). Was WISHING WELL, FINCHLEY TAVERN, TOMMY FLYNN'S. Closed and boarded up, future uncertain.

N16 0LH, THREE CROWNS (Enterprise). Was BAR LORCA. Sold in 2012 to the owner of Camden Bars, Solitaire Restaurants etc. Cask beer now discontinued.

N19 5NE, WHITTINGTON & CAT (McGovern). Having closed in 2014, planning permission now granted in March for retail or commercial use. Ironically, this was the first pub in North London to be listed as an ACV.

ENFIELD (EN1 3LA), OLD BELL (Enterprise). Having been sold to Artifex CDP Enfield Ltd and closed in January last year, permission now granted for demolition.

NORTH WEST

NW1 0LT, BELUSHI'S (Enterprise). Was WHEATSHEAF. Cask beer discontinued.

NW1 0LU, CAMDEN HEAD (Camden Bars). Was LIBERTIES BAR. Cask beer discontinued.

NW6 7HU, EARL OF DERBY (M&B). Was GOOSE & GRANITE, GOLDEN EGG. Cask beer discontinued. Sticking the pumps out of sight cannot have helped.

ALPERTON (HA0), ASK LOUNGE (ex-Punch). Was HEATHER PARK HOTEL, GALA BAR. Acquired last year by Gorgi & Sons. Closed, with planning application for hotel extension.

EDGWARE (HA8 7DD), MASONS ARMS (Milegate). Closed, future uncertain.

QUEENSBURY (HA3 9BY), COME DINE. Was SHABEEN, MCGOWANS. Having closed last year, now an Indian restaurant.

SOUTH EAST

SE1 8NY, PAPER MOON (Market Taverns). Having closed in 2008 to make way for a major development, eventually demolished.

SE1 1UN, SOUTHWARK ROOMS (Star). Was SHAKESPEARE TAVERN. Closed, lease on the market.

SE1 0UG, WHITE HART (Fuller's leased), 22 Great Suffolk St. Closed for major refurbishment and extension.

SE7 8SU, ANTIGALLICAN. Was McDONNELLS. Closed in March, future uncertain.

SE18 7LQ, QUEENS ARMS. Freehold sold and closed in March, permission granted for residential conversion upstairs while retaining the pub.

SE20 7YZ, MITRE (Star). Closed in March, freehold on the market.

SOUTH CROYDON (CR2 6EE), EARL OF ELDON (Hawthorn Leisure). Cask beer discontinued.

SOUTH CROYDON (CR2 6EJ), TOBY CARVERY (M&B). Was WINDSOR CASTLE. Cask beer discontinued, handpumps removed.

THORNTON HEATH (CR7), INDIAN QUEEN @ PLOUGH & HARROW (Enterprise). Having been reported closed in 2009, now an Indian restaurant.

SOUTH WEST

SW1V 4HP, GREYHOUND (MSN Taverns). Having closed in 2016, now a Mediterranean restaurant.

SW4 0JT, JAM TREE. Was EXHIBIT B, GRAFTON HOUSE. Cask beer discontinued, handpumps removed.

SW12 8QY, GOOSE ISLAND VINTAGE ALE HOUSE (AB InBev). Renamed **GOOSE ISLAND TAP HOUSE** last year but now closed in May. Instead, a Goose Island brewpub will open in trendier Shoreditch.

KINGSTON (KT2 6LQ), CANBURY ARMS (Enterprise). Taken over by Pearmain Pub Co, who also run the Crown TW1. Closed for major refurbishment, due to reopen late this year.

WEST

W2 4UA, REDAN (Greene King). Closed in April, future uncertain.

W4 4PH, FOXLOW (Hawksmoor). Was SAM'S. Closed, future uncertain.

W6 7AB, BELUSHI'S (Beds & Bars). Was GEORGE. Cask beer discontinued.

W7 3SP, DUKE OF YORK (Star). Closed late last year, hopefully just a change of leaseholder.

W9 2AF, SQUIRREL (Faucet Inn). Was SKIDDAW, RED SQUIRREL. Cask beer discontinued.

W11 1AB, METROPOLITAN (Greene King). Having already been reported closed, now owned by Max Barney Pub Co with planning application for residential conversion upstairs.

W12 8QQ, BREWDOG. Was VESBAR, MELROSE. Cask beer discontinued.

HILLINGDON (UB8 3HY), TAJ MAHAL LOUNGE (Enterprise). Was TURKS HEAD, BRUSHWOOD INN. Sold and closed, renewed planning application for residential conversion.

HOUNSLOW (TW3 3BJ), YATES'S (Stonegate). Closed, lease on the market.

STOCKLEY PARK (UB11 1AA), ALEXANDERS. Closed in 2014 but not previously reported.

STOCKLEY PARK (UB11 1AA), WHITE HOUSE (Wetherspoon). Closed in April, permission granted for demolition to make way for a Travelodge.

UXBRIDGE (UB8 2PU), LOAD OF HAY (Wellington). Closed, future uncertain.

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & CASK BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC2M 7QN, GEORGE. Renamed **LADY ABERCORN**. Still has three cask beers.

WC1X 8TU, BLUE LION (Greene King). Sold to Lambournes Surveyors Ltd. Still run by the same tenant but now free of tie. Four changing cask beers.

WC2E 7AU, COVENT GARDEN. Was **GLOBE**. Acquired in April by City Pub Co.

EAST

E1 7BH, ONE SIXTY (CITY). Was **WATER POET, SLUG & LETTUCE**. Renamed **CITY BAR & KITCHEN**. Still has three cask beers, Sharp's Doom Bar, St Austell Tribute and a guest.

E8 2BT, RUSSETT. Renamed **AUTUMN YARD**. Presumed still no cask beer.

E8 1HP, TOMMY FLYNN'S (Enterprise). Was **CROWN, WISHING WELL**. Renamed **FLYNN'S**. Still has Sharp's Doom Bar.

E15 3HU, KING'S HEAD (Admiral). Sold in 2014, since renamed **CITY VIEW HOTEL**, retaining a bar with no cask beer.

ROMFORD (RM1 1NX), MISSOULA (Stonegate). Rebranded as a **SLUG & LETTUCE**. Still no cask beer.

NORTH

N1 1RU, FAMOUS COCK TAVERN (Stonegate). Now has six changing cask beers, e.g. By the Horns, Hammerton, Sambrook's, Southwark, Truman's.

N7 6LE, EDWARD LEAR (Laine). Was **HALF MOON, B BURKE & SONS, QUAYS**. Renamed **OWL & HITCHHIKER** in homage to both Lear and Douglas Adams. Three cask beers, e.g. Laine's, One Mile End, Signature. One real cider.

N22 6DR, GOOSE (Stonegate). Reverted to original name, **NAG'S HEAD**.

BARNET (EN5 3JG), JEFFERSONS (M&B). Was **KING'S ARMS, TJ'S, BENNIGANS**. Renamed many years ago as a **HARVESTER** but not previously reported, now rebranded again as a **MILLER & CARTER STEAKHOUSE**. Still no cask beer.

NORTH WEST

NW3 2JD, OLD OAK (Enterprise). Transferred to Enterprise's Craft Union format.

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NW5 2AA, OXFORD (West Berkshire Brewery). Was **VULTURE'S PERCH**, **JORENE CELESTE**. Having been acquired from Greene King, now has five cask beers, e.g. three from West Berkshire and two guests.

NW6 4BT, PRIORY TAVERN (Enterprise). Refurbished and transferred to Enterprise's Bermondsey Pub Co managed division.

EDGWARE (HA8 7DB), EVEREST. Renamed **DESI CUISINE** and now **VIOLET BAR & GRILL**. Still no cask beer.

NORTH HARROW (HA2 6ED), BROADWALK BAR (Columb Taverns Ltd). Was **O'FLAHERTYS**, **D'S LOUNGE**. Renamed **McCAFFERTY'S FREEHOUSE**.

NORTH HARROW (HA2 6ED), PINNER LOUNGE. Renamed **KOHINUR RESTAURANT & BAR**.

SOUTH EAST

SE16 5LJ, AARDVARK (Wellington). Was **SURREY DOCKS TAVERN**, **FITCHETTS**. Renamed **ORANGE BULL** but not previously reported. Freehold sold in 2016 to Sandbull Ltd. **CROYDON (CR0 1LD), BOXBAR**. Renamed **BEATBOX**. Still no cask beer.

SOUTH WEST

SW4 7AA, BELLE VUE (Greene King). Acquired by City Pub Co and refurbished in February. Two changing London cask beers plus local keg offerings. Menu geared mainly towards vegetarian and gluten-free diets.

WEST

W6 0JD, FLYNN'S (Enterprise). Was **PRINCE OF WALES**, **EGERTON** etc. Having been taken over last year by Laine, now renamed **ROOK'S NEST**. The one cask beer is now from Laine.

W6 9PL, OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH (Greene King). Sold in February to West Berkshire Brewery's pub operating arm **Maverick Pubs**. West Berkshire Good Ol' Boy plus two rotating others and two guests.

COWLEY PEACHEY (UB8 2HT), PADDINGTON PACKET BOAT (Fuller's leased). Sold to **Paddington Packet Boat Developments Ltd**. Licensee can remain for a year or two, but the long-term future is less secure.

GREENFORD (UB6 0HH), RYAN'S. Was **CAPTAIN MORGANS**, **OLD BULL**, **WEST BAR**, **MAHERS IRISH BAR**. Renamed **DUGOUT SPORTS BAR**. Still no cask beer.

HAYES (UB3 4BG), OLD CROWN (Enterprise). Transferred to Enterprise's Craft Union format.

HAYES (UB4 8BZ), BROOK HOUSE (Enterprise). Transferred to Enterprise's Craft Union format.

PERIVALE (UB6 8TE), PERIVALE FARM (Greene King). Reverted to **MYLLET ARMS**, no longer Farmhouse Inns brand. Still has Greene King cask beers, plus a guest, e.g. Twickenham.

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BEER BARRELS AND BREWHOUSES: EXPLORING THE BREWING HERITAGE OF THE EAST END

I received this message from Graham Barker, the Director of the Walk East project and to be honest, I can't do better than just repeat it.

'We have recently worked with a group of local residents on a community heritage project and I thought you might like to take a look at the resulting booklet, which is now available online at <https://issuu.com/walkeast>. Over 200 breweries, including such household names such as Truman's, Charrington's and Taylor Walker, have brewed beer in the East End yet today, much of that industrial heritage remains hidden. We have delved into old maps, photos, trade directories and other historical resources to track down individual breweries. We looked at the lives of brewery workers, barrel-makers and hop-pickers and we explored the local streets in search of surviving



brewery buildings, large and small. The booklet brings together our findings, to share with our neighbours and friends. Copies of the (free) booklet are being distributed to community groups, heritage venues, micro-breweries and pubs throughout the East End and beyond. The project was devised by Graham Barker at Walk East, working in conjunction with Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives and Ken Smith at the Brewery History Society and was supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.'

LONDON BREWED

Readers may be surprised to learn that occasionally I do actually do some research for my articles and one priceless source is the Brewery History Society's publication *A Century of British Brewing* by Norman Barber. I've now found something even better, for my purposes anyway. *London Brewed* by Mike Brown, also published by the BHS, is subtitled 'a historical directory of the commercial brewers of London from circa 1650' which is all you need to know. It is clearly a work of incredible dedication and is well worth the price

of £19.95. It is quite a heavyweight, being A4 format and 2 cm thick. It does however only go up to 2015. If it went any further it would probably be 3 cm thick! For further information and to purchase, go to the BHS book sales website, books@breweryhistory.com.

Tony Hedger

GOOD BEER GUIDE BELGIUM

The 8th edition of this CAMRA stalwart is now on sale. Edited as before by Tim Webb and Joe Stange, the format is much as before, with information on breweries, beers and bars, comprehensive advice on getting there, what to eat, where to stay and how to bring the best of Belgium's beer offering back home with you. It contains full-colour province-by-province maps and detailed city maps with bar locations and includes details on over 800 bars, cafés and beer shops. It is available from the CAMRA office on-line (discount for members) or at selected beer festivals.

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From a CAMRA press release

Hook, line and sinker ...

I was very impressed when I received this press release from Fuller's about the former Gales house, the Still and West in Old Portsmouth.

'Those in boats can pick up a delicious fish and chips without having to find their land legs thanks to Fuller's pub the Still & West which has opened the UK's first ever sail-through. Yachtsmen in the Solent will be able to call or Tweet the team at the Still & West and their fish and chips will be ready and waiting on the pub's new quayside serving hatch.'

Dan Bowden, Manager of the Still & West, said: "The new service window on the outside of the pub looks fantastic and I just can't wait to start serving my seafaring customers. We have an award-winning chef in Luke Emmess but if you want to sample some of his more exotic dishes, I'm afraid you'll have to moor up and come in but if it's a delicious Fuller's Kitchen fish supper you are after, give us a shout and we'll be ready and waiting with your deck side delivery."

I told Alice at Fuller's press office what I good story this was but she replied asking if I had noticed the date of the release which was 'Embargoed until 23.59, 31.03.18'. Yes, it was an April Fool joke and I had swallowed it, to coin a phrase, hook, line and sinker.



Thinking about it, it might not be such a good idea if HMS Troutbridge was still around.

Fuller's do, of course, donate £5 for each cask of Gales Seafarers sold to Seafarers UK, the charity that provides vital support to seafarers in need and their families.

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Hello again and welcome to what feels like 2019, judging by the number of springs, summers and winters we have had since the last *London Drinker* came out. Still, mustn't grumble (Chas & Dave album of 1981 or the 1993 book by Posy Simmonds; what a wonderful thing Google is!). No, I don't know why I'm writing this rubbish either. Let's have some number puzzles:

1. 2 E on a BD (SES)
2. 1838 QVCY
3. 1919 FTF by A&B
4. 625 is FR to the PW
5. 3048 M is TF (E)
6. 4 CCS on the RD
7. 1915 QPS (in the E)
8. 100 is the AN of F
9. 268 M is the L of the PW
10. 162 P for TD in the TE

If you are not 'into' (whatever that means) Big Band music you might want to skip 5BY4 (not that you don't every time, I suspect). A couple of weeks ago I dragged out and listened to a double LP (yes, vinyl) of the 1938 Carnegie Hall Concert by Benny Goodman and his orchestra. Blimey! It was over 80 years ago! I was thinking it must be about forty years since I bought it. Suddenly I had a subject; see if you can match the musicians with their instruments (at least what they played that January night). An asterisk notes band member, the others were guest musicians.

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| 1. Benny Goodman* | A. Bass |
| 2. Bobby Hackett | B. Soprano & Alto Sax |
| 3. Gene Kruppa* | C. Piano |
| 4. Count Basie | D. Drums |
| 5. Vernon Brown* | E. Tenor Saxophone |
| 6. Lester Young | G. Clarinet |
| 8. Buck Clayton | H. Vibraphone |
| 9. Johnny Hodges | I. Cornet |
| 10. Lionel Hampton | J. Trumpet |

There, that was easy, wasn't it – particularly if you weren't worried about getting them right. OK; let's move on to General Trivia. Wondering where to look for inspiration, it struck me that there seems to a lot (more than usual) in the media about centenaries; particularly the end of the First World War. Here are a few things about 1918 that might not be covered by the news bulletins.

1. On November 1918 Tomas Masaryk became the first president of what newly created republic?
2. On 26 October 1918, Cecil Chubb gave what ancient monument to the British nation?
3. On 4 December 1918, Woodrow Wilson sailed for Europe to attend the Versailles Peace Conference. This made him the first president of the USA to do what – ever?
4. The Faith, launched in San Francisco on 14 March 1914, became the first ship of what material to cross the Atlantic?
5. On 21 April 1918, Canadian pilot Arthur Roy Brown was credited with what act over Vaux sur Somme?

6. The Sedition Act of 1918, passed by the U S Congress on 16 May made what an imprisonable offence?
7. The screenwriter for Dixon of Dock Green and many other plays and films was born on 13 March 1918. Who was he?
8. American author, Frank Morrison was born in Brooklyn NY on 9 March 1918. Under what name did he write detective novels featuring Mike Hammer?
9. Which member of the BBC's Goon Show team was born on 16 April 1918 in Ahmaddnagar, India?
10. On 15 May 1918 the USA inaugurated the World's first airmail service. Between what two cities did it operate? And finally, the bit you've all been waiting for: bye!

Andy Pirson

IDLE MOMENTS – THE ANSWERS

NUMBER PUZZLES:

1. 315 feet is the height of the Elizabeth Tower
2. 7,008 Metres is the length of the Severn (Railway) Tunnel
3. 14 maximum number of golf clubs permitted in a bag
4. 31 is one one one one one in Binary Code
5. 10,000,000 metres from the North Pole to the Equator (the original definition)
6. 3 is opposite 20 on a standard darts board
7. 1 pound is the weight of an American pint of water
8. 3,000 Ducats was Shylock's loan to Antonio in the Merchant of Venice
9. 14 mountains are over 8,000 metres high
10. 7,080 feet is the length of Southend Pier

5BY4: (New Blue Plaques in 2017)

1. Spencer Gore (painter) – Mornington Crescent, Camden
2. Francis Bacon (painter) – South Kensington
3. Rudolf Nureyev – Kensington
4. Mary McArthur (Trade Unionist) – Golders Green
5. Sir John Gielgud – Westminster
6. W/Cdr 'Bob' Braham (pilot) – Hendon
7. Henri Gaudier-Brzeska (sculptor) – Putney
8. Sir Robert Watson-Watt (radar pioneer) – East Sheen
9. Sir Henry Cotton (golfer) – East Dulwich
10. Charlie Chaplin – Stockwell

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

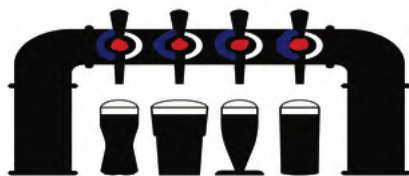
1. The brother of radio stars, Elsie & Doris Waters (who regularly appeared on television on Saturday evenings between 1955 and 1976) was Jack Warner.
2. He played PC (latterly Sgt) George Dixon in Dixon of Dock Green.
3. The only property outside London run by Historic Royal Palaces is Hillsborough Castle in Northern Ireland.
4. The re-enactment held in November 2017 at Brooklands in Surrey to commemorate the first ever motor races run in Great Britain was for motor tricycles.
5. King Charles I was executed on 30 January 1649; on a scaffold outside the Banqueting House on Whitehall.

6. Oliver Cromwell was succeeded as Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland by his son, Richard Cromwell.
7. 'Where is the Kremlin?' is a trick question because kremlin is a Russian term for citadel or major fortification. The Kremlin in Moscow is just one of 66 listed by Wikipedia (of which five are World Heritage sites).
8. Two of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world were located in Egypt: the Great Pyramid at Giza and the lighthouse (Pharos) at Alexandria.
9. Interestingly (you might or might not think), the National Trust and English Heritage both have their headquarters in Swindon.
10. The new cinema which opened in 1930 at Perry Barr, Birmingham was the first in Britain to be named Odeon.

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WELL DONE

THE WILLOUGHBY ARMS

Not that proof should be needed, but the superb St George's Day Beer Festival at the Willoughby Arms in Kingston on Thames emphasised the

far wider choice of real ales that can be on offer to drinkers when a pub is not shackled by the pernicious 'beer tie'.

Rick Robinson at the Willoughby has finally recently extricated his pub from the restrictive ale dictates of his lessor pubco. This enabled him to produce the best selection of ale at a beer festival that this writer has seen in 58 years of imbibing (including GBBF!). To witness ales from my three favourite brewers Chiltern, Long Man and Hobsons alongside others such as Downton, Thames Side, Brightwater, Bexley, Twickenham and many more from further afield all under the same roof was a spectacle which spoilt drinkers for choice. Furthermore, free entry and £35 advance purchase of a card for ten pints limited the price of all 51 real ales and 6 real ciders to £3.50 per pint instead of £4.00 per pint otherwise (sensibly reduced to £3.00 per pint on the last few days). All ales

and ciders were on gravity and in good condition throughout. My wife particularly relished the spiced cider and the toffee cider from Kent Cider Co. which I often had to relay to her in two pint takeaway cartons!

Many thanks, Rick, for the best beer festival that I have attended and I hope that I did not outstay my welcome, exceed proof or be too greedy on my 13 consecutive days' pilgrimage but one can never have too much of a good thing!

Tony Bell

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The 4th Annual Tottenham Real Ale Revival Crawl

SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018

On Saturday 9 June I will be leading what will be our fourth annual Tottenham crawl and everyone is welcome to join me in this celebration of Tottenham as a major brewing centre in London. This year the crawl will include six brewery tap rooms and that is just a sample of the ones that have moved in since Redemption started the trend in 2010.

Gentle warning: this crawl has about four miles of walking, some of it on grass. There is no viable public transport option. Come wearing suitable footwear!

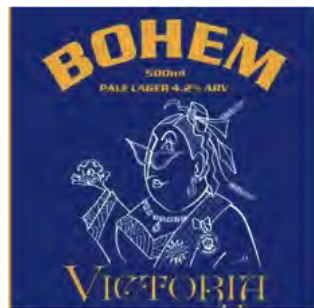
We will start with one of the most recent arrivals, Hale Brewery at Five Miles, 39b Markfield Road, N15 4QA (nearest station Seven Sisters). This a trendy bar, open until 4am at weekends with a dance hall (and a unisex toilet!). The brewery is in a container on the forecourt. They have a changing selection of their own beers, other craft

beers from the UK and Europe and cocktails on draught. Light meals are served. Meet here between 1pm and 2pm.

A 15 minute walk will then take us to the Lockwood Industrial Estate, N17 9QP. This is behind Hale Village, next to Tottenham Hale station. There are two breweries here: Beavertown (Units 17-18) and Pressure Drop (Unit 6). Both of these sell their own, and occasionally guest, beers in 2/3 pint glasses (cards only). Beavertown, the second brewery in Tottenham, gets very busy if the weather is reasonable and may have three or four bars running. Pressure Drop, which moved from Bermondsey last August, is rather quieter. There are usually street food stalls. We will aim to leave here at about 3.45pm.

The next stage is to cross the road onto Tottenham Marshes, with a view of the Lee Valley to the right and the allotments to the left. We cross the field to the long bridge across the main

road and the railway and turn left into the Rosebery Industrial Estate N17 9SR. Brewheadz is in Unit 9A on the left. This Italian-run operation started just in time for last year's crawl. They normally have at least four beers on. We will move on from here at 4.30pm.



Our route takes us steadily north, close to Northumberland Park station. We turn left and walk through the bus station to get to West Road. The two breweries here are on neighbouring

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More importantly, you will meet new friends. CAMRA members are a wonderful mix of people of all ages, from all walks of life and we appreciate that not everyone has time to give so there are no expectations. If you look at the branch diaries at the front of this magazine you will see that CAMRA branches run a variety of social events. It isn't all committee meetings and you will not be jumped on to take a job of some sort, although if after a while you feel like doing so, more the better. Your help with such tasks as lobbying MPs, surveying pubs, submitting beer scores or liaising with breweries will be a great help. CAMRA is run by volunteers, right up to its National Executive.

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industrial estates. Bohem is the most recent arrival in Tottenham. They moved from Bounds Green at the end of February this year. This is in Unit 5 Littleline House, N17 0RE (behind Arpino Wholesale). The beers, brewed by a Czech team, are all lagers in the Bohemian style. They produce at least five different beers. We will leave just before 5.30pm

One Mile End are at Unit 2, Compass West Estate N17 0XL. This is probably the first chance to get cask ale on the crawl (the other breweries all use keg or KeyKeg dispense, but with unpasteurised beer). They took over the original Redemption premises in 2016 when Redemption moved to

larger premises at Unit 16. Unfortunately, Redemption are unlikely to be open today, but see below. OME also brew 'beneath the street' at the White Hart at Whitechapel.

Once people are ready to go, we will walk back to the Northumberland Park bus station. Those wanting the tube can take a 476 to Seven Sisters. Hardy souls can get a W3 to White Hart Lane and walk down to the community-owned Antwerp Arms (168 Church Street, N17 8AS) which features cask Redemption ales. The buses pass either side of the new Tottenham Hotspur football ground, which will (you guessed it) include yet another micro-brewery to serve their bars, one

of which will apparently be 101 metres long when it opens (probably in September).

Ian McLaren

Director of the Antwerp Arms Association Ltd

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London LocAle scheme

The following pubs have joined the London LocAle scheme since the last issue of *London Drinker* went to press:

Bird & Barrel	100 Barnehurst Road, Barnehurst DA7 6HG	Bexley Brewery
Shelverdine Goathouse	7-9 High Street, South Norwood SE25 6EP	Antic Volden
Prospect of Whitby	57 Wapping Wall, Shadwell E1W 3SH	Varies

The following pubs have left the scheme.

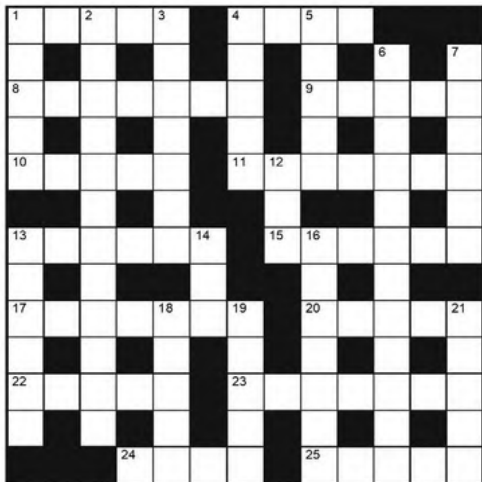
Canbury Arms	49 Canbury Park Road, Kingston KT2 6LQ	Pub closed for refurbishment
Old Coffee House	49 Beak Street, Soho W1F 9SF	Brodies beers no longer brewed in London

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Crossword

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APRIL'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

1. Warning from a doctor to the Queen [5]
4. Go and knock back small drink [4]
8. Put top of milk in three times and shake [7]
9. Brief entry into Battersea Dogs Home [5]
10. Get sack for dessert with no topping [5]
11. Here's the very best drink on me [7]
13. Writing starts to excite some seriously annoying young socialists [6]
15. Composer's name announced [6]
17. Wage advice put in post [7]
20. Two men of very high status [5]
22. English setter repelled escape [5]
23. Being supportive in retreat [7]
24. Son, leave the hat, don't change [4]
25. Handle a source of great pleasure [5]

DOWN

1. Key hesitation brings about change [5]
2. Five bears let loose in a crowd of drinkers [4, 8]
3. Be quiet leaving the bushes, being supple [7]
4. Some people assiduously make requests [5]
5. Entertaining sex with drink is good exercise [5]
6. Warm, cosy hearth may be dangerous [8, 4]
7. Uncover leading anarchist infiltrating party [6]
12. Daughter dropping boyfriend with expression of disgust [3]
13. Oriental flower festival [6]
14. Star students turned up [3]
16. Fruit found in a pot containing mainly rice [7]
18. It happens there's still time [5]
19. Beginning of an arrangement of Bach's first duet [5]
21. Solution that can be put on gas fire, electric fan and sun lamp [5]

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