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## EDITORIAL

### REAL ALE IS DIFFERENT

Last November a spokesman for Coors, one of the faceless global conglomerates that have replaced the 'Big Six' national brewers of the 1970s, was quoted in the CAMRA magazine, 'What's Brewing' after the company's decision to stop brewing real ale. "Cask drinkers are very regional in their preferences and establishing a new national brand was just too difficult", said Paul Hegarty. "In fact we would question whether there can be a truly national cask brand at all. With cask beer, traditional marketing and advertising just don't work"

Hegarty put the big brewers' retreat from real ale down to a marketing failure, but it did not seem to occur to him that real ale could instead be marketed successfully on its flavours, the quality of its ingredients and competitive pricing. And you don't need to spend a lot if you cut out the bullshit of 'premium branding' that makes the quality of a product inversely proportional to the amount of money spent advertising it.

It is not surprising that this uncomprehending 'marketing failure' has led to the closure of more and more pubs. Take out the real ale because people don't want to find the same 'brands' in every pub they visit and we're left with fizz. But we can buy branded fizz a lot cheaper in bottles or cans in supermarkets than we can on draught in pubs, so why go to the pub at all?

So real ale is the answer if pubs as such are to survive. But not the same real ale (typically Courage Best) in every other pub we visit, please. Turning Ridley's pubs into yet more Greene King pubs may not do them any favours. What we want is a choice. I am delighted to find pubs like the Oakdale Arms that serve a range of different ales. It is always exciting to find a beer at my local from a brewery I've never heard of. (Don't call me a ticker: I don't write them down!) But I tend to steer clear of 'national brands' - funny, that.

Visit the Great British Beer Festival at Olympia (Tuesday 2 to Saturday 6 August) and choose from some 450 draught beers. Join CAMRA and help to persuade the pub companies that selling a good range of regional and local real ales will be good for them, and good for us.

Geoff Strawbridge

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## ◆ Jennings – the end?

Following completion of the acquisition of Jennings Brothers PLC by Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries PLC CAMRA is seeking more detailed assurances on the future of the Jennings brewery, beer brands and pub estate. John Holland, CAMRA's Director of Breweries Campaigning said, "W&DB has secured 82.46% of Jennings, but it is clear that a substantial minority of small shareholders are unhappy with the takeover and supported CAMRA's campaign to keep Jennings independent." CAMRA had planned to contact all of Jennings' private shareholders but were told that this could constitute giving financial advice under the terms of the Financial Services Act and so would be illegal.

The addition of Jennings's 128 pubs takes W&D's pub holding to 2,275, back in front of Greene King as the largest of the regional brewers. Mike Benner, CAMRA's chief executive added, "We have several concerns which need to be addressed. What are W&DB's future acquisition plans? Experience shows us that takeovers often lead to brewery closures and loss of beer brands, which in turn reduces consumer choice and competition. If W&DB acquires more brewing capacity, a downturn in market conditions would force them to reduce capacity which could lead to the closure of Jennings brewery."

## ◆ And the next one, please

Reported last issue that Roger Protz had warned CAMRA members at their annual conference that we could expect more deals like Wolverhampton & Dudley's take-over of Jennings and sadly he was right. As we went to press it was announced that T D Ridley & Sons Ltd had accepted a bid from Greene King worth £45.6 million. The 163 year old family firm's 73 pubs will be integrated into the GK estate and the brewery at Hartford End near Chelmsford, in production since 1842, will close by the autumn. The brewing of "a number" of Ridley's brands will be transferred to Bury St Edmunds. What however will become of Tolly Original, acquired when Riddleys themselves took over Tolly Cobbold three years ago and indeed GK's own XX Mild which Riddleys have been brewing under contract?

The deal has come as a surprise. Riddleys' obviously willing acceptance of it meant that there was no opposition to alert CAMRA to what was happening and it is, I suppose, a back-handed compliment of sorts to CAMRA that it was thought necessary to do the deal in this way. For old campaigners, there will be doubtless be echoes of Simpkins. CAMRA have criticised the deal because of its implications for consumer choice in Essex and East Anglia. Mike Benner feared that there was to be a housing development on the site of a remarkable Victorian

brewery. He called on Greene King to reconsider their decision to close the brewery and sell it as a going concern to someone who can use it to brew beer.

When appointed in April this year, Ridley's Managing Director, Bob Wales, said: "the Board and I look forward to the Ridley's business growing and developing. Ridley's is a good business with some excellent and dedicated people at the Hartford End Brewery site". CAMRA now asks what has changed? Ridley's Chairman, Nicholas Ridley, provided no answer to that question when announcing the sale: "After many years of running the company as a local independent business, and following long deliberation by the board, we now believe that Riddleys needs to become part of a larger group. We view Greene King as the best owner to develop our business for the future". What future is that exactly?

## ◆ Licensing deadline looms

All involved, the trade, local authorities and the Government (Dept for Culture, Media & Sport) are seriously worried that many publicans don't seem to have understood that everyone needs to apply for a new licence. If they apply by 6 August then they can keep their existing licence under what are called 'grandfather rights'. If they do not, then their existing licences will expire in November and they will have to go through the full application procedure for a new license. The Morning Advertiser for 23 June reports that in the City of Westminster, with 3,600 licensed premises, only 433 applications have been received. There is some dispute as to how easy the forms are to complete. I have heard it described as a 28-page monster whilst one Government minister described it as just a box-ticking exercise. Of the 28,000 applications that have been received across the country, it is reported that half have been returned due to errors. It is believed that the situation may be distorted because a number of pub chains will be making bulk applications.

One of the applications that Westminster City Council will not be receiving is from Norman Balon of the Coach & Horses in Greek Street, Soho. Mr Balon, who has the reputation of being London's rudest landlord, has decided to call it a day at the age of 78 because he cannot cope with the new licensing regulations. His leaving the Punch Taverns-operated pub, well known for its association with the late Jeffery Bernard, will very much be the end of an era.

## ◆ Smoking ban

The Government has now issued its consultation paper on banning smoking in what it defines as an "enclosed public place", ranging from sports stadiums to bus shelters. As regards pubs, smoking will be allowed where no food is served, with the

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exception of "pre-packaged ambient shelf-stable snacks" although smoking at the bar will be banned to protect staff. There are even stipulations as to the size of 'no smoking' signs. The paper has not impressed the Environmental Health Inspectors Institute, the British Beer and Pub Association or Ted Tuppen, boss of Enterprise Inns, who all see it as unworkable. From CAMRA, Mike Benner commented: *"Banning smoking only in pubs that serve prepared food is crazy and means pubs will be forced to choose between banning food or banning smokers. The impact will be fewer pubs serving food and those pubs that do not serve food will become dominated by smokers"*.

CAMRA's policy is currently being developed but it will be based on what was decided in April at the Members' Weekend. CAMRA accepts that a total ban in Scotland and a partial ban elsewhere in the UK will happen, it reinforces its campaign for multi roomed pubs, supports a total smoking ban in single roomed pubs and supports the provision, in pubs with two rooms or more, for smoking to be allowed

in the smaller of the rooms except where the smaller room is the main bar. It is accepted that there will be a dip in trade immediately after any smoking ban is implemented. If the ban is implemented, it should be phased in over a sufficient period to allow publicans to prepare for it and the Good Beer Guide will probably have a symbol to indicate a smoking room. CAMRA will launch a campaign to encourage non pub-going non-smokers to start visiting pubs again and is calling on pub goers to support its proposals to allow multi room pubs to set aside one room for smokers and to make their views known to Government by emailing [smokefreelegislation@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:smokefreelegislation@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

### ◆ Beer prices survey

CAMRA has released its annual pub prices survey. Some 1,000 pubs were surveyed across the country and, in short, real ale prices have increased by 9 pence (4.42%) to 215 pence a pint whilst lager prices have increased by 11 pence (4.57%) to 236 pence a pint. The cheapest region

### READERSHIP SURVEY

Thank you all who completed the London Drinker survey launched in February. The survey findings will be reported in the October/November issue

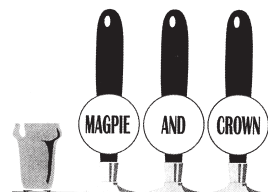
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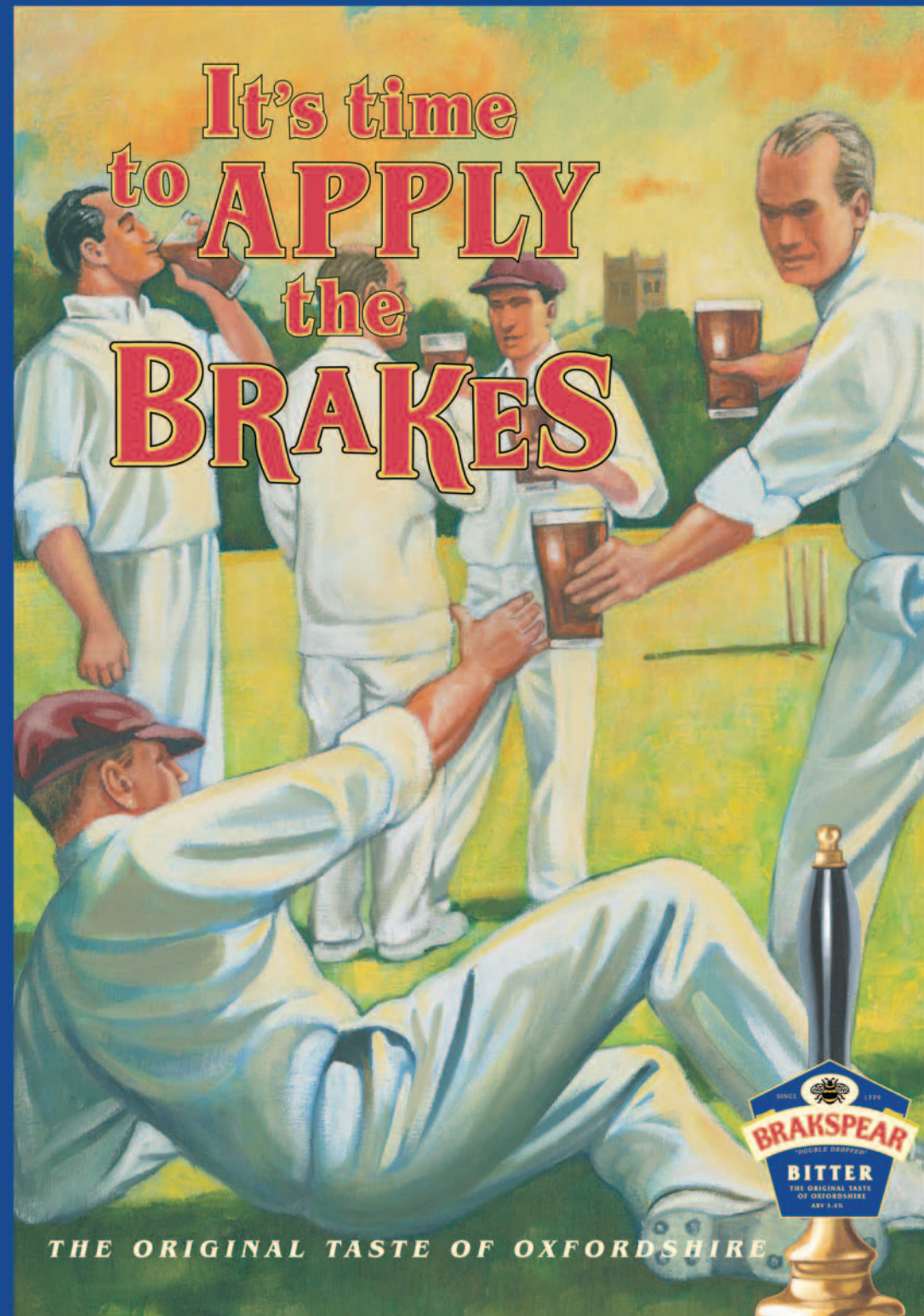
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was the North West where real ale cost 184 pence a pint and lager cost 211 pence whilst the most expensive region was – surprise, surprise – London where real ale cost 236 pence a pint and lager cost 254 pence. Scotland experienced the largest rise in the cost of real ale with the price of a pint rocketing by 8.07%. The survey was carried out prior to the recent Budget in which excise duty was increased by 2.6%. This should mean an extra 1p a pint of beer but when this filters through to the bar it will probably mean price rises of 5p to 10p.

### News from Fuller's

**M**ichael Turner, MD of Fuller's put in a very robust and constructive interview in the business slot on the Today programme on 10/06/05. I wish that the real ale lobby had more spokesmen of his calibre. In addition to their range of seasonal beers as mentioned in our edition, Fuller's have introduced a new, permanent addition to their draught beer range. Discovery is a light, refreshing beer of 3.8 ABV with some wheat in it. It replaces Summer Ale and may well be aimed at being a 'conversion' beer for lager drinkers. That said, I enjoyed my first sampling of it and look forward to more. Fuller's report an increase in pre-tax profits of almost £1 million to £17.8 million, helped by a 5% growth in trade in the City of London with the Telegraph (Moorgate) and the Old Bank of England (Fleet Street) being particularly good performers. The rebranding of ESB is also reported to have been a success, with a 15% increase in sales.

The choice of name for Fuller's new beer intrigues me though; what with Adnams Explorer and Hop Back's new beer, Odyssey, I wonder if real ale drinkers are being encouraged to go away. On the subject of names, I note that the Bell, Book and Candle, Spirit Group's "eerie pub" on Ludgate Hill is reverting to its previous name of the Old London.

### ◆ Young's go for a Burton

**B**urton, brewed by Young's until the 1960s, is to make a return as one of three specialist ales in the brewery's first beer festival. The event, which takes place in selected Young's pubs and free houses, will begin in mid-September with a cask version of Young's Special London Ale (6.4 per cent alcohol by volume). Young's barley wine, Old Nick (7.2 per cent) will then be on draught from the end of September, followed by Burton (5.5 per cent) in the middle of October. The festival will close with the annual return of Winter Warmer at the end of October.

The festival will be a splendid opportunity to sample handpumped versions of some of Young's beers that are normally sold only in bottles, plus the return of Burton, a rich, hoppy and full-bodied ruby-coloured

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### ◆ Horsing around

Young's have just published their annual report and in what the Sunday Telegraph calls "one of his characteristic tirades" John Young has criticised "all of the rules and regulations emanating from Brussels". His particular example is the horse passport. Apparently these require photographs and, as Mr Young points out, you cannot get a shire horse into a photobooth.

### ◆ Latest Thames lifeboat named at the Boathouse

An RNLI Thames lifeboat was named by brewery chairman John Young at the Boathouse pub in Putney on Wednesday 29 June. The 'Joan and Ken Bellamy' will serve as a search and rescue vessel for three out of the four RNLI Thames lifeboat stations: Tower Pier, Chiswick and Gravesend.

The £140,000 E-class lifeboat was named in memory of a couple who were avid supporters of the RNLI and left money to the Institution in their will. One

of their friends, Mrs Ellen Crisp, said, "They had a great admiration for the work of the RNLI and would have loved to have been with us on this special day. Having their name on the boat means that their love of the sea and the RNLI will be preserved forever." Eleven of their neighbours attended the ceremony. A horse-drawn dray from Young's Brewery and a jazz band were also present.

The E-class lifeboats can travel up to 40 knots and reach people in distress on the Thames within 15 minutes of the call-out. This year up to the end of May, they have been launched 170 times and rescued 84 people. The RNLI is a charity reliant upon donations and volunteers. Currently over £110M each year is spent running the RNLI, (over £300,000 per day) and that's why every donation and legacy, whether large or small, is priceless to the RNLI and its volunteer crews.



RNLI inspector Richard Weeks; Ellen Crisp; John Young; Ronald Neil - chairman of the RNLI's fundraising committee; Gravesend RNLI station manager Ian Dunkley and Reverend Dr. Giles Fraser of St Mary the Virgin church, Putney.

### ◆ More on pub chains

I do my best to report developments in the strange world of the pub chains but it is all sometimes quite baffling and whilst I make no prejudgement as to their motives, the acquisition of pubs by people described as 'property tycoons' makes me nervous. At the end of last year the Yates Group were involved in protracted dealings which eventually led to a management buy-out - in the face of fierce opposition from other interested parties. Just six months later, the group has been sold to the property tycoon Robert Tchenguiz who was previously mentioned in the Feb/Mar column. The pubs will be integrated with Mr Tchenguiz's existing ex-Laurel Pub Company purchases as will his latest acquisitions from the SFI Group. SFI, formerly

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Surrey Free Inns, who run the Slug & Lettuce and Litten Tree outlets, has effectively been run by its bankers since a £20 million 'hole' was found in its accounts in 2003. Mr Tchenguiz has purchased 98 of their pubs - about two-thirds - with the remainder being managed by administrators Pricewaterhouse Coopers pending disposal. Some closures seem inevitable.

Meanwhile another property tycoon, Gary Landesberg, has almost doubled the size of his Admiral Taverns chain by buying 253 pubs from Avebury Taverns.

### ◆ News from the Oktoberfest

Further to the lederhosen boycott last year, according to a report on the internet, one beer garden at Munich's famed Oktoberfest is ready to serve beer in plastic cups next September, and the city's breweries are outraged. Wiggerl Hagn, who runs the Lowenbrau tent, said that he is tired of cleaning up broken glass and listening to waitresses complaining about carrying the famous 1.5 litre mugs. "We cleaned up almost 26 tons of broken glass on the floor of my tent," Hagn told a Munich newspaper. "The waitresses won't have to carry such heavy loads any more." Calling it an "absurd idea",

Toni Roiderer, a spokesman for the city's breweries, said Hagn had been warned he would have to go it alone. "Here in Bavaria, beer is a cultural treasure. When we sit together and chink glasses, the sound is like our church bells, a symbol of harmony and good cheer," said Roiderer.

### ◆ You can't give it away...

A story courtesy of realbeer.com. A disgruntled Alex-employee stole a truck and 53-foot trailer full of Miller Lite beer and left it for residents of a west side Indianapolis neighbourhood to help themselves. Indiana police say the semi-trailer held 14,000 cases of beer but residents drank "only" 1,500 cases valued at \$30,000. "I'm really surprised there's any beer left," Marion County sheriff's detective Christa Moncrief said. "I figured it would have been gone within the first week but maybe not a lot of people knew it was here." Or maybe they wouldn't touch it, even for free?

### ◆ Name of a name...

Last issue, Portugal; this issue Cambodia; the battle over the 'Bud' name continues. This time Czech brewery Budejovický Budvar has won the latest round of its ongoing global battle with U.S.

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Meanwhile US Federal regulators have rejected Anheuser-Busch's complaints about the advertising campaigns of deadly rivals Miller Brewing Co. The Treasury Department's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau found that Milwaukee-based Miller's slogan that Miller Lite has "more taste and half the carbs of Bud Light" is not disparaging or misleading. What was that old saying about two bald men fighting over a comb?

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**C**AMRA and Fuller's have joined forces to launch a new Complimentary Club that is free to all members of CAMRA. The club will offer a variety of promotions throughout the year that could include free pints, free brewery tours, free bottles of beer, discounts on food etc.

The Fuller's CAMRA Complimentary Club is part of a scheme to offer CAMRA members more benefits at little cost to the organisation. Tony Jerome, CAMRA's Press and Marketing Manager said, "We are delighted to launch the first Complimentary Club with Fuller's. Our research showed that 85% of our members said they would be interested in joining up to a club like this. We now have plans to meet other brewers and hope to role out similar clubs that will offer more benefits to CAMRA members across Britain. We already have plans to meet Adnams, Everards and Charles Wells and I would be delighted to speak to any other brewers who are interested in setting up similar initiatives to Fuller's CAMRA Complimentary Club."

Thousands of CAMRA members across Greater London were emailed in June with more details on the Fuller's CAMRA Complimentary Club and over 500 people have already signed up. It is free to join and open to all CAMRA members. You can sign up by visiting [www.camra.org.uk/fullerscompclub](http://www.camra.org.uk/fullerscompclub) or ringing Emma Dennis on 01727 798443.

CAMRA will distribute the first promotional postcard to the members of the club on 1 September 2005. The promotional cards can be handed into a selection of Fuller's pubs across London to receive the free offers. It is thought that the first offer will be a free pint of Fuller's beer.

If you would like to join CAMRA so that you can also take advantage of the fantastic Fuller's CAMRA Complimentary Club then please visit [www.camra.org.uk/joinus](http://www.camra.org.uk/joinus), call CAMRA on 01727 867201 or complete the membership form in this edition of London Drinker.

John Cryne  
Fuller's/CAMRA Liaison Officer

## BUY TICKETS FOR WOKING NOW

**T**he 12th Woking Beer Festival will take place on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 November 2005 at Woking Leisure Centre, organised by Surrey/Hants Border CAMRA and Woking Borough Council.. 70+ real ales are planned to be available, plus ciders and perries and a wide range of imported bottled beers.

There are three sessions: Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm to 11pm, and Saturday lunch time from 11am to 3.30pm. Entrance is strictly by ticket only, price £6.00. Tickets are available in advance from Woking Leisure Centre, Woking Park, Kingfield Road, Woking, Surrey GU22 9BA. Cheques payable to 'Woking Borough Council' + SAE, please, or phone the credit card hotline (50p booking fee) 01483-771122 (8am-9pm) seven days a week.

The admission price includes a pint lined glass with a

commemorative logo and also a festival programme. CAMRA members get a free pint (up to 5% ABV) on presenting their current membership card at the membership stand. Every session there will be a recital on the famous Woking Wurlitzer Organ and there is a live band each evening. Soft drinks and food will be available at all times.

Woking Leisure Centre is less than 15 minutes walk from Woking station, which has rail links to just about everywhere, and there's even a map of the area on the back of the ticket to show you how to get there!

Volunteer staff should e-mail [wbfstaffing@yahoo.com](mailto:wbfstaffing@yahoo.com) or write to WBF Staffing, 123 York Road, Woking, Surrey. GU22 7XR.

Read the Beer Festival web page at [www.wokingbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.wokingbeerfestival.co.uk) or [www.woking.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.woking.gov.uk/leisure)

Tickets sell out quickly, so buy yours early!

## THE BLACK BULL, WHITECHAPEL

**C**AMRA's East London & City Branch Pub of the Year for 2005 is the Black Bull, Whitechapel E1. The pub has been a regular GBG entry and prides itself on the quality of the Nethergate brewery beers, with up to four available at any time. Pictured are ELAC chairman Bob Walker (left) presenting the certificate to publican Tony McCann on 17 May, with thanks to Nethergate for supplying celebratory free beer for the evening.



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**Thursday 4**  
afternoon Gordon Giltrap  
evening Los Pacaminos

**Friday 5**  
afternoon Grapevine Blues  
evening Rollin' Stoned

**Saturday 6**  
afternoon National Youth Jazz Orchestra

### Opening times and ticket prices

**Tuesday** – 5pm to 10.30pm (£7, £5 for CAMRA members)

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday** – 12 noon to 10.30pm (£7, £5 for CAMRA members)

**Saturday** – 11am to 7pm (£6, £4 for CAMRA members)

Season tickets for all sessions also available (£17.50, £15 for CAMRA members)

## JIM LENAHAN



Long serving member of the West London Branch of CAMRA, Campden Hill SPBW and the Ring, Jim Lenahan sadly passed away in June at the age of 66 after a short illness. Jim grew up and lived in Fulham long before it became the fashionable suburb of today. After a spell doing National Service abroad in the

Army, he spent most of his life in the building trade before becoming a security guard.

Jim became active in CAMRA in the 1970s and had a unique, encyclopaedic knowledge of the pubs of the West London Branch area, into which he carried out detailed historical research. He was also a keen photographer and built up a library of photographs

of London pubs and CAMRA events and festivals over the past 30 years. These have now been kindly entrusted by his family to the Branch for safekeeping and archiving.

The fruits of Jim's labours on historical research and many of his photographs are to be found in the West London and South West London pub guides, and he was a regular contributor to *Capital Pubcheck*. Recently he played a major role in surveying for the new West London Pub Guide which sadly he has not lived to see published. The guide is to be dedicated to his memory.

Roger Warhurst, Richard Larkin, Steve Williams and Alasdair Boyd joined Jim's family and other friends at his funeral on 16 June at Putney Vale Crematorium. Mourners met afterwards at the Green Man, Putney Heath, to celebrate his life as Jim would have wished..

Jim Lenahan will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

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Quiet night, admission as above

**Friday 23rd 11.00 - 23.00**

The Bleach Boys  
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CAMRA members free at all above sessions

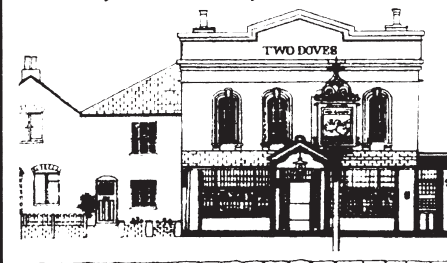
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## LONDON FOR FREE - MORE POUNDS TO SPEND ON BEER

### A BEAUTIFUL DAY

**P**lan a whole day out in the Kensington area: two parks and a most unusual house will complement each other.

Holland Park (W14; Holland Park Tube) is certainly different from other London parks. Tucked away from the bustling high street in Kensington, the small park has a soothing effect on the visitor. It's a serene escape from the businesses and upscale shops of Kensington High Street. Lush and well-kept gardens, contemporary statues, a youth hostel, beautiful roses, peacocks preening themselves around the grounds, a Kyoto Japanese Garden and a lovely mural of Victorian pleasure-seekers make up the park, once the grounds of Holland House, now largely gone due to heavy bombing during World War II. Holland House has connections with the famous politician, Charles James Fox and later was the centre of Whig politics, according to Andrew Duncan, author of *Walking Village London*. During the summer, Holland Park hosts opera in June and two plays by Shakespeare in August; check out their offerings on the Internet.

You'll recall that aging hippie Edina Monsoon of the TV series 'Absolutely Fabulous' had her home in Holland Park, or so she claimed. As the conspicuous consumer of high-end goods, Eddie attempted to be on the cutting edge of the latest fad, so Holland Park was the 'in place' to live. Take a stroll around the area if you have time, especially the mews and lovely squares; two walks that encompass the environment are found in *Walking Village London* (see above) and *Walking Literary London* by Roger Tagholm; Tagholm's walk is more comprehensive in range than Duncan's. Famous real people who lived in the area include novelist William Makepeace Thackeray, Robert Browning, G. K. Chesterton, Ezra Pound and artist Edward Burne-Jones as well as the artist Frederic, Lord Leighton, whose house is recommended to visit.

Nearby you'll pass the Leighton House Museum (2 Holland Park Road, South Kensington, W14; High Street Kensington Tube; 020-7602 3316; [www.rbkc.gov.uk/leightonhousemuseum](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/leightonhousemuseum)) is the house of a talented and highly individualistic man. Admission is 'free for library card holders and children who attend school in the Royal Borough' of Kensington and Chelsea; for others, the fee is £3; concessions, £1. Be sure to consult the opening hours and days before you go. Friend of the Pre-Raphaelites, whose works are displayed throughout his museum-house, Leighton also displayed his own sculptures and paintings. Among those friends whose works are exhibited are William DeMorgan (tiles), Burne-Jones, Alma-Tadema, GF Watts, JE

Millais, and Albert Moore (paintings). The lush oriental atmosphere lends the viewer a sense of the creative process of Leighton himself. As president of the Royal Academy, he was revered by other artists. The poet Algernon Charles Swinburne wrote as Leighton's memorial epitaph: 'A light has passed that never shall pass away. / A sun has set whose rays are unequalled in might'. This museum is evidence of that. According to mystery novelist, PD James, '... any reputable museum. . . provides for the safe custody, preservation, recording and display of items of interest from the past for the benefit of scholars and others interested enough to visit' (The Murder Room, 2003). Leighton House Museum has fulfilled this definition.

After a visit to Holland Park and perhaps Lord Leighton's house, head for a Young's pub a short walk away: the Britannia (1 Allen Street, W8; 020-7937 6905). This pub has a collection of Toby character mugs, china plates and teapots in one room; for a more casual atmosphere, see the air conditioned conservatory to the side, with blooming plants. A wide range of Young's beers and good food are available. The Good Beer Guide claims that it is the 'former tap of the William Wells Britannia Brewery', hence its name. It has been a Young's house since 1924. One reviewer on [beerintheevening.com](http://beerintheevening.com) ranks the Britannia as one of Young's best pubs, so, with that in mind, make this pub your destination.

If you prefer not to visit Leighton's house, a walk in the neighbourhood is very satisfying, as many artists and other notables made their homes in the area. Blue Plaques abound in both W8 and W14 postcodes. Using A-Z and the partial list below, wander by the houses of famous people:

#### W8

**16 Phillimore Place** - Kenneth Grahame (The Wind in the Willows)

**2 Palace Green** - William Makepeace Thackeray  
**2 Palace Gate** - PRB artist JE Millais (last home)

**57 Palace Gardens Terr.** - Max Beerbohm

**41 Kensington Sq.** - PRB artist Edward Coley Burne-Jones (1865-67)

**18 Kensington Sq.** - John Stuart Mill

**3 Kensington Court Gardens** - T. S. Eliot lived and died here

**29 De Vere Gardens** - Robert Browning

**34 De Vere Gardens** - Henry James (1886-1902)

**28 Campden Grove** - James Joyce (1931)

**58 Sheffield Terr.** - Agatha Christie (1934-41)

#### W14

**11 Warwick Gardens** - GK Chesterton

**7 Addison Bridge Place** - Samuel Taylor Coleridge



## LONDON FOR FREE - MORE POUNDS TO SPEND ON BEER

**69 Gunterstone Rd.** - H. Rider Haggard  
**18 Melbury Rd.** - PRB artist William Holman Hunt  
 Kensington Gardens (W8; Lancaster Gate/Queensway Tube), once the grounds of Kensington Palace, is a continuation of Hyde Park to the east. The famous Peter Pan statue, commissioned and donated by Sir James Barrie, is here, as are the Long Water, the Round Pond, the Princess Diana Memorial children's Playground and Kensington Palace itself. According to Roger Tagholm, the Peter Pan statue is 'one of London's most unusual literary monuments, since it commemorates a fictional character rather than its creator. It was erected in great secrecy, under cover of darkness, on the night of 30 April 1912. The idea was that early May morning strollers would think that 'the boy who never grew up: had arrived by magic and a fairytale atmosphere would pervade the spring air... So many children have touched the statue's bronze animals that their tops have become polished and smooth'. You can see the Albert Memorial through the trees, with the Royal Albert Hall behind it. The name Kensington Gardens is apt, for these are truly gardens and invite the devotee as well as the casual visitor to appreciate their offerings. If you have time and feel up to it, take the

Princess Diana Memorial Walk, which covers seven miles through four royal parks. Matthew Arnold wrote of the peaceful influence of nature in 'Lines: Written in Kensington Gardens':

*Calm soul of all things! Make it mine  
 To feel, amid the city's jar,  
 That there abides a peace of thine,  
 Man did not make, and cannot mar.*

*The will to neither strive nor cry,  
 The power to feel with others give!  
 Calm, calm me more! Nor let me die  
 Before I have begun to live.*

Now it's time for more beer: the Churchill Arms (119 Kensington Church Street, W8; 020-7727 4242) is listed in both the Good Beer Guide and the new publication, 'The CAMRA Regional Inventory for London' which notes its 'window glass, paneling, tiled fireplaces, counter and some snob screens ...'. As CAMRA's West London Pub of the Year for 2002, it comes highly recommended and serves the range of Fuller's beers. No doubt it will be a welcome stop to sit and enjoy some fine brews.

Time to head home, weary but filled with good beer, good exercise, and a dose of artistic culture.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Dear Editor

As I did not espy this until May 28th, it was some time before I realised that the placing of Reykjavik in Finland (Page 11) was an April Fool's joke!

A friend of mine has recently met an emissary from Wandsworth in the Waggon & Horses, Surbiton. Said emissary said the need to move from Wandsworth (Young's) stems from TfL and the Mayor of London pressurising Wandsworth Council to rid themselves of the Brewery because of the pollution and congestion it causes. I sometimes think the Mayor of London lives on another planet. Wandsworth is congested and polluted because Ringway One was abandoned and its High Street has to act as the main highway from Central London to the South West and the A3.

And, of course, one wonders what activity will be created by the Brewery's replacement. The emissary declined to answer my friend's question as to whether Young's will move or close. (*Young's have not decided yet whether to move or to stay put - Ed.*)

As I did not join CAMRA until April 1st., (no really!) I do not know if the national or local guides have said anything kind about the Windmill,

Hampton Hill. Although, I believe, restricted by Mitchell and Butler to Bass, Hancock's and Young's, the landlord, Finbar Burke, keeps the finest pint in town, certainly the equal of those served by the two houses which are in the current Good Beer Guide. His son, Paul, is a former Irish RFU International who played for nearby Harlequins until last year but now appears on his native sod for Munster.

Henry Russell

### Dear Editor

Can we look forward to our first non-smoking beer festival soon? Most of the major London festivals serve food and hence would not be exempt from the forthcoming legislation.

Gordon Joly

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### ADDITIONS

New Cask Marque awards to licensees of pubs in Greater London notified since May are listed below.

#### CENTRAL

EC2, PHOENIX, 26 Throgmorton St. Greene King, formerly HOGSHEAD. (U153, U169, U175, U184)

EC3, MONUMENT, 18 Fish St Hill. Greene King, formerly HOGSHEAD. (U131, U183)

#### EAST

E1, KINGS STORES, 14 Widgate St. Greene King. (E69, U161, U184)

#### NORTH WEST

NW11, ROYAL OAK, 1117 Finchley Rd. Spirit. (N227, U184)

#### SOUTH WEST

SW6, FULHAM MITRE, 81 Dawes Rd. Enterprise, formerly MITRE. (SW69, U171, U184)

#### WEST

W2, MONKEY PUZZLE, 30 Southwick St. Hall & Woodhouse. (W62, U67, U101, U163)

HAMPTON COURT, KINGS ARMS, Lion Gate, Hampton Court Rd. Hall & Woodhouse. (W104, U66, U70, U94)

### DELETION

The following outlet no longer holds the Cask Marque award.

EC2, ALL BAR ONE, 34 Threadneedle St - sold and renamed.

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Visit the Cask Marque Website  
[www.cask-marque.co.uk](http://www.cask-marque.co.uk) and download a regional guide. Why not visit a brewery?

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## BRANCH DIARY

Welcome to our regular details of London CAMRA contacts and events. This is where branches can say what is happening in their areas that might be of interest to drinkers across London. Events for August and September are listed below.

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

### LONDON REGIONAL MEETING

**September – Wed 28** (8pm) London Liaison Committee (Regional co-ordination meeting for London Branches). Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1. *Secretary: geoff@coherent-tech.co.uk*

### LONDON PUBS GROUP *Jane Jephcote 020-7720 6327*

**August – Mon 1** GBBF Evening tour of historic pubs in West London: (6pm) Prince of Wales, 14 Princedale Rd, W11; (6.45) Elgin, 96 Ladbroke Grove, W11; (7.50) Cock and Bottle, 17 Needham Rd, W11; (8.30) Windsor Castle, 114 Campden Hill Rd, W8; (9.10) Churchills Arms, 119 Kensington Church St, W8; (10pm) Mitre, 24 Craven Terrace, W2; (10.40) Victoria, 10a Strathearn Place, W2. - **Tue 16** Evening tour of historic Southwark: (6.30 for prompt departure at 7pm) Lord Clyde, 27 Clennam St; (8.15 for prompt departure at 8.45) George Inn, 77 Borough High St; (9.15) Royal Oak, Tabard St, (upstairs for buffet). Book free place by contacting Jane Jephcote or Stephen Humphrey 020 7403 3507.

**September – Wed 14** (7.15 for 7.30) Meeting: Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1 (upstairs). All branches and members interested in pub research and preservation welcome.

**BEXLEY** *Martyn Nicholls 01322 527857 (H), contacts@camrabexleybranch.org.uk*

**August – Wed 10** (8.30) Branch mtg. Royal Oak, Northumberland Heath.

**September – Sat 3** Social at Faversham Hop Festival. For details see Branch Website. - **Wed 14** (8.30) Branch mtg. Crayford Arms, Crayford High St. *Website: www.camrabexleybranch.org.uk*

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

**August – Tue 2** (8pm) GBBF Olympia social, meet Bar A. - **Tue 9** Two-pub Croydon social: (8pm) Ship, 47 High St; (9pm) Royal Standard, 1 Sheldon St. - **Sat 13** Portslade and Southwick crawl by local buses, meet 10.45am E. Croydon Stn. for 11.03 train to Portslade. - **Sun 21** Surrey Hills ramble (6.5 miles) with Kingston and Leatherhead Branch, buy return rail ticket to Leatherhead, 10.43 dep. W. Croydon Stn, change at Sutton for 11.04 train to Ashted. - **Tue 30** (8.30) Branch mtg. Dog & Bull (upstairs), 24 Surrey St, Croydon.

**September – Thu 8** (7.30) Sutton social, Greyhound Hotel, 2 High St, Carshalton. - **Wed 14** (8.30) Beerfest Working Party, Dog & Bull (upstairs). - **Sat 17** Dorking to Leith Hill brewpub ramble, 9.33am dep. W. Croydon Stn, change at Sutton for 9.59 train to Dorking. Meet travellers from E. Croydon (dep. E. Croydon 9.51am to Deepdene via Redhill) under Deepdene railway bridge, 2 mins from Dorking Stn, at 10.30am. - **Thu 29** (8.30) Branch mtg. Windsor Castle (Cottage Room), 378 Carshalton Rd, Carshalton.

**Advance notice: Sat 1 October.** Open Day at CAMRA HQ, St. Albans, and visit to St. Albans Beer Festival. Please contact branch social secretary before 1 Sept. if you wish to attend. *Website: www.croydoncamra.org.uk*

**EAST LONDON & CITY** *Roy Jenner 020-7502 0984 (3pm-9pm only)*

**August – Sat 6** GBBF social. Meet 2pm Bar Nouveau (JDW) - **Tue 9** (8pm) Branch mtg. Princess of Wales. Lea Bridge Rd, E5 (outside if fine) - **Thu 23** Social: (7.30) Black Lion, Plaistow; (9pm) King Edward VII. **September – Tue 13** (8pm) Branch mtg: venue to be confirmed.

- **Tue 20** Joint social with SE London: (8pm) Charles Dickens, 160 Union St, SE1; then (9pm) Cockpit, 7 St Andrews Hill EC4. - **Sat 24** All day social. Letchworth Beer Festival. *Website: www.pigsear.org.uk*

**ENFIELD & BARNET** *Sandie Ward 020-8884 0075 (H), publicity@camra-enfield-and-barnet.org.uk*

**August – Wed 3** GBBF Working social. Meet at Pick a Perfect Pub stand on the hour from 6pm onwards. - **Thu 11** High Barnet social: (8.30) White Lion; (9.45) Black Horse. - **Wed 17** (9pm) Garden social. Woodman, N13. - **Tue 23** East Finchley social: (8.30) Dick Turpin; (9.30) Windsor Castle. - **Wed 31** Church Street N9 social: (8.30) Rosies; (9.15) Jolly Farmer; (10pm) Lamb.

**September – Sat 3** Branch Ramble: contact Ron Andrews 020-8524 4239 for details. - **Tue 6** (9pm) Monken Holt, High Barnet. - **Thu 15** (9pm) Club Social (BRING CAMRA MEMBERSHIP CARD). Ponders End Working Men's Social Club, 40 South St. - **Wed 21** (8.30) Branch mtg. Sebright Arms, High Barnet. - **Thu 29** (9pm) Social and London Drinker pick up. Moon Under Water, Enfield.

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**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD** *Clive Taylor 020-8949 2099 (H) 020-8540 1901 (W), kandel@camrasurrey.org.uk*

**August – Tue 9** (8.15) Branch mtg. Griffin, Common Rd, Claygate. - **Fri 19** (8pm) Social. Woodies, Thetford Rd, New Malden, for their first beer festival. - **Sun 21** Pub walk from Chessington to Mickleham. Meet 10.40am at Chessington World Of Adventure bus stand, calling at Ashted Stn 11.30, then to Headley and Mickleham. Bus back to Leatherhead, Surbiton and Kingston. If interested contact John Norman on 020-8408 1053.

**September – Thu 1** (8.15) Branch mtg. Old Plough, Station Rd, Stoke D'Abernon, near Cobham Stn. - **Sat 3** Minibus trip to Chiltern Brewery, and some pubs on return. Pick up (9.45am) at New Malden, Grayham Rd; (10am) Surbiton Stn. Fare £15 (Deposit £5), plus brewery charge £3.95. - **Sun 18** Country pub walk from Gomshall to Chilworth. Meet (12.30) Compasses near Gomshall Stn. Travel on train from Surbiton 11.32, changing at Guildford for the 12.19, returning from Chilworth at 18.20 to get back to Surbiton at 19.09. If interested, contact Clive by phone or email clive@paylor2005.wanadoo.co.uk *Website: www.camrasurrey.org.uk*

**NORTH LONDON** *Social contact: Mike Rose 07986 458517, mikewrose@blueyonder.co.uk; Branch contact: Mick Lewis 020-7935 1350 or 07952 244687 (M), orientmoron@yahoo.com*

**September – Mon 5** (8pm) Social. Wenlock Arms, 26 Wenlock Rd, N1. - **Sun 11** (12noon): Joint social with West London and West Middlesex: Grand Junction Arms, Acton La, NW10. - **Tue 13** NW1 Social: (8pm) Feathers, Linhope St; then Hobgoblin, Balcombe St. - **Tue 20** (8pm) London Drinker Beer Festival planning meeting. Wenlock Arms. - **Tue 27** NW1 Social: (8pm) Quinns, 65 Kentish Town Rd; then Constitution, St Pancras Way.

*Website: www.camranorthlondon.org.uk*

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW** *Brian Kirtan 020-8384 7284 (H), sk014j4253@blueyonder.co.uk*

**August – Tue 2** (6pm) Social at GBBF. Meet by Fuller's bar at 6 then every hour until 9. - **Thu 11** (8.30) Branch mtg and final selection for last three pubs for PotY. Duke of York, 175 Martindale Rd, Hounslow. - **Fri 26** (8pm). Beer festival social. Red Lion, 92 Linkfield Rd, Isleworth. **September – Fri 2** (8pm) Beer festival social. Lion, Wick Rd, Teddington. - **Thu 8** (8.30) Branch mtg. Roebuck, 130 Richmond Hill, Richmond. - **Thu 15** (8pm) Twickenham Beer Festival publicity crawl in Brentford, starting Magpie & Crown, 128 High St. - **Wed 21** (8pm) Publicity crawl for TBF in Hampton starting Jolly Coopers, 16 High St.

*Website: www.camra.org.uk/richmond*

**SOUTH EAST LONDON** *Richard Martin 020-8402 0424*

**August – Sun 7** (from 12noon) Sunday lunch. Dog & Bell, 116 Prince St, SE8. - **Wed 24** Out of area social. Cock Inn, Henley St, Luddesdown, Gravesend. 18.11 train from Bromley South for 18.39 arrival at Sole Street. See website for more details. **September – Mon 5** (8pm) Branch/committee mtg. Two Doves, 37 Oakley Rd, Bromley. - **Fri 9** (from 12noon) Social at 19th Chappel Beer Festival, East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel Stn. - **Thu 15** (8pm) Social. Old Mill, 1 Old Mill Rd, Plumstead, SE18. - **Tue 20** Joint social with ELAC: (7pm) Charles Dickens, 160 Union St, SE1; then (9pm) Cockpit, 7 St. Andrews Hill, EC4.

**Advance notice: Sat 1 October.** Indian Summer day trip to the south coast.

*Website: www.selcamra.org.uk*

**SOUTH WEST ESSEX** *Andrew Clifton 01708 765150 (H), swessex@clara.co.uk*

**August – Thu 4** (8pm) Social at GBBF, Olympia. - **Wed 10** (8.30) Branch London Pub of the Year presentation and social. Cricketers, 299-301 High Rd (A11), Woodford Green. - **Wed 17** (7pm start) Pubs in Essex survey crawl in Hutton. Meet Chequers, 213 Rayleigh Rd; for details of progress contact 07941 393715 - **Fri 26** (6pm) - Social at Clacton Beer Festival, St James' Hall, Tower Rd, Clacton (near Westcliff Theatre). For further details see Colchester Branch website *www.colchestercamra.org.uk/diary.shtm#August*

**September – Thu 1** (8.30) PROVISIONAL DATE ONLY Branch Essex Pub of the Year presentation and social. Traitors Gate, 42 Broadway, Little Thurrock, Grays (check Branch Website for confirmation of date) - **Tue 6** (7pm) Social at Chappel Beer Festival, East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel & Wakes Colne Stn. For further details see Museum Website *www.earm.co.uk/beerfestival.asp* - **Wed 14** (8pm start) Pubs in Essex survey crawl in Buckhurst Hill. Meet Warren Wood, Epping New Rd; for details of progress contact 07941 393715 - **Tue 20** (8.30) Mtg to approve AGM minutes and social. Britannia 1 Church Rd, Barking (off Ilford La/Fanshawe Ave) after visit to Spotted Dog, 15 Longbridge Rd - **Thu 29** (8pm) Social at St Albans Beer Festival, Alban Arena just off St. Peter's St, St Albans (for further details see S Herts Branch Website *www.stalbansbeerfestival.info/ Website: www.swessex.clara.net*

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*Cricket contact: Andy Robinson 020-7403 5566 (W)*

**August – Mon 15** Crawl of Mitcham. Meet (7.30) King's Arms, 268 London Rd; then (8.30) Cricketers, 340 London Rd; finally (9.30) Queen's Head, 70 Cricket Green. **September – Thu 15** (7.30) Branch/cttee mtg. Ship, 41 Jews Row, Wandsworth SW18. - **Wed 21** (7pm) Social. Eagle Ale House, 104 Chatham Rd, Battersea SW11.

*Website: www.swlcamra.org.uk*

**WATFORD & DISTRICT** *Andrew Vaughan 01923 230104, 07854 988152 (M), branch@watfordcamra.org.uk*

**August – Fri 5** GBBF Social. Meet by membership stand at 6pm and hourly thereafter. - **Tue 9** (8.45 for 9pm start) Pop Quiz social. Southern Cross. - **Wed 17** (from 7pm) England v Denmark social. West Herts Sports Club. Please note that this is a members' club and visitors will have to be signed in. Contact branch for details. - **Mon 22** (8.15) Cttee mtg. Estcourt Arms, Watford. - **Thu 25** Annual Branch Darts Tournament. West Herts Sports Club. (7.30 for 8pm start). Please note that this is a members' club and visitors will have to be signed in. Contact branch for details. - **Sat 27** (1pm) Social. Clarendon Arms, Chandler's Cross.

**September – Tue 6** Bushey social: (8.30) King Stag; (9.15) Red Lion; (10pm) Swan. - **Fri 16** Croxley Green social: (8.30) Coach

& Horses; (9.15) Artichoke; (10pm) Sportsman. - **Mon 26** Cttee mtg. (8.15) Estcourt Arms, Watford. - **Tue 27** (from 8.30) Pump House Open Mic Night social. Colne River Room, Pump House, Local Board Rd, Watford. *Website: www.watfordcamra.org.uk*

**WEST LONDON** *Alasdair Boyd (Social Secretary) 020 7930 9871 ext 143 (9am-2.45/6pm-9.30 Mon-Fri or leave message), banqueting@nlc.org.uk Fax 020-7839 4768. Branch Contact Kim Martin 07915 383029, kimberlymartin@yahoo.com*

**August – Thu 4** (7pm) GBBF Social at Cider Bar. - **Fri 5** (7pm) GBBF Social at Bier sans Frontiers - **Mon 8** West End: (7pm) Ship, 116 Wardour St; (8.30) One Tun, 58 Goodge St; (9.15) King & Queen, 1 Foley St; (10.15) George, 55 Great Portland St. - **Wed 10** Chiswick tour: (7.30) Duke of York, 107 Devonshire Rd; (8.30) Crown & Anchor, 374 Chiswick High Rd; (9.30) Tabard, 2 Bath Rd. - **Tue 16** (7.30) Branch Mtg. Chimes Cider Bar & Restaurant, 26 Churton St, Pimlico SW1. - **Sun 21** Belgravia revisited: (2pm) Wilton Arms, 71 Kinnerton St; (3.15) Nags Head, 53 Kinnerton St; (4.15) Talbot, 2 Little Chester St; (5.30) Grouse & Claret, 14 Little Chester St. - **Sun 28** Hammersmith. Start (2.30) Brook Green Hotel, 170 Hammersmith Rd; end (8.30) Andover Arms, Aldensley Rd. - **Tue 30** (7pm) Windmill, 6 Mill St; (8.30pm) Guinea 30 Bruton Pl, W1.

**September – Thu 1** Pimlico: (7pm) Morpeth Arms, 58 Millbank; (8pm) Surprise at Pimlico, 110 Vauxhall Bridge Rd; (9pm) Jugged Hare, Vauxhall Bridge Rd; (10pm) Conservative Club, Churton St. - **Sun 4** Chelsea: (2pm) Chelsea Ram, 32 Burnaby St, SW10; (3.30) Water Rat, 383 Kings Rd; (4.30) Surprise, 6 Christchurch Terr, SW3; (5.30) Coopers Arms, 87 Flood St; (6.30) Chelsea Potter, 119 Kings Rd; (7.30) Anglesey Arms 15 Sellwood Terr, SW7. - **Mon 5** Soho: (7pm) Coach & Horses, 29 Greek St; (8pm) Ship, 116 Wardour St; (9pm) Pillars of Hercules, 7 Greek St; (10pm) Shaston Arms, Ganton St. - **Sun 11** Joint Social with N London & W Middx Branches. Meet (12noon) Grand Junction Arms, Acton La, NW10. - **Tue 13** (7pm) Branch cttee mtg. Carpenters Arms, 12 Seymour Pl (upstairs), then (10pm) Beehive, 7 Homer St, W1. - **Mon 19** (7.30) Social to welcome Michael & Bridgitte to the Coach & Horses, 5 Hill St W1. - **Wed 21** Socials at (7pm) Churchill Arms, 119 Kensington Church St; (8.30) Hillgate, 24 Hillgate St; (10pm) Uxbridge Arms, 13 Uxbridge St W8. - **Mon 26** Putney and Wandsworth social: (7.30) Bricklayers Arms, 32 Waterman La; (8.30) Boathouse, Brewhouse La; (10pm) Ship, 41 Jews Row, SW18.

**WEST MIDDLESEX** *David Bender 07734 509111 or contact@westmiddx-camra.org.uk*

**August – Tue 2** (6pm) GBBF Social. Meet by membership stand on the hour. - **Wed 10** (8.30) Branch mtg. Duke of York, Steyne Rd, Acton. - **Thu 18** (8pm) Social. Red Lion, Uxbridge Rd, Southall, then (9.30) Conservative Club. - **Wed 24** (8.30) Social. Abercorn Arms, Stanmore Hill, Stanmore. - **Mon 29** (12noon) Pub Crawl. Five Bells, High St, Harmondsworth, then (2pm) Three Magpies, Bath Rd, Sipson; (4pm) White Hart, High St, Harlington; (6pm) Jolly Gardeners, High St, Cranford. **September – Tue 6** (8pm) Pub of the Year presentation. Fox, Green La, Hanwell. - **Sun 11** (12noon) Inter branch social. See North London entry. - **Wed 14** (8.30) Branch mtg. Jolly Gardeners, High St, Cranford. - **Thu 22** (8pm) Social. JJ Moons, High Rd, Wembley. - **Fri 30** (8pm) London Drinker pick up. Magpie & Crown, High St, Brentford, then (9.30) Fox, Green La, Hanwell.

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## CAPITAL PUBCHECK - UPDATE 184

The aim of 'Capital Pubcheck' is to share information about the latest happenings on the London pub scene including new pub and bar openings, name changes, acquisitions, closures, notable changes to beer ranges etc.

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

This time we report the discovery of a hitherto unnoticed gem in EC2 City (with Bass at £2 a pint!), the rescue of a dockland pub in E16 Royal Docks and the introduction of a good range of ales in an ex-Brakspears Free House in NW1 Marylebone. Young's have refurbished a pub in EC2 City and renamed it after a recently demolished pub, the Master Gunner. The Market Porter SE1 has been sympathetically refurbished and expanded and retains an extensive range of micro beers. Fuller's and M&B are weeding out and selling on Fine Line and All Bar One café-bars respectively. We catch up on many pub closures and the loss of real ale all over the Capital, including those revealed by surveys for the recent N1

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

#### CENTRAL

EC1, SMITHS OF SMITHFIELD, 67-77 Charterhouse St. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant in former commercial premises.  
EC1, HOLBORN COLONY, 33 Brooke St. No real ale. Free House/wine bar with draught beer, under office block; part of small chain.

EC1, MEET, 85 Charterhouse St. No real ale. Free House/bar in former commercial premises, formerly named LIFTHOUSE but not previously reported.

EC1, VIC NAYLOR/VIC'S BAR, 38-42 St John St. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant in former commercial premises. The Vic's Bar part appears to occupy No 42.

EC2, BOARDROOM, 21 Wormwood St. No real ale. Free House/bar and grill in former shop unit, formerly named BRODIES but not previously reported.

EC2, LA TASCA, 15-17 Eldon St. No real ale. Basement Free House/tapas bar and restaurant with separate drinking area. Formerly named BRODIES, and sold real ale, but not previously reported. Premises originally occupied by a wine bar.

EC2, BOISDALE, Swedeland Court, 202 Bishopsgate. No real ale. Free House/'oyster' bar and restaurant, with drinkers welcome. Previously Bill Bentley's wine bar and owned by Young's for a while.

EC2, WATERMARK CLUB, 35 Scrutton St. Draught Bass (£2/pint). Despite its name it is a pub proper: small wood-panelled local with bare floorboards; steps lead down to a lower room with pool table. Open 11-11 Mon-Fri only, may close earlier, dependent on customers. Apparently in existence for 30 years and originally a club serving the local print industry. Under current management for 18 months.

EC3, AUBERGE, 56 Mark Lane. No real ale. Free House/basement bar under office block, part of small chain.

W1(Mar), AUBERGE, 6-8 St Christophers Place. Free House/basement bar under restaurant, part of small chain.

WC2, DIAL, Radisson Edwardian Mountbatten Hotel, Mercer St.

No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant attached to hotel, open to non-residents, with separate entrance to street.

#### EAST

E14, BRODIES, 43 Fishermans Walk. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant overlooking dock.

E16, CONNAUGHT TAVERN, 11 Connaught Road. Reopened and renamed FOX @ CONNAUGHT. Courage: Best Bitter. A survivor from the Docklands era, it was reopened in 2003 by the small Fox pub chain as a Free House after 17 years of closure, but not previously reported. A tall, imposing red brick building, it now stands in glorious isolation, surrounded by new roads and adjacent to new hotels serving City Airport and the Excel exhibition centre. Spacious interior carpeted throughout except around the bar with

(Islington) real ale guide. The 200th Anniversary of Trafalgar has clearly been overlooked by those responsible for renaming the Lord Nelson at EC1 Old St and the Victory in SW19.

Cross references to CAMRA's various pub guides covering Greater London are provided to enable easy updating. The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page numbers in the following guides: E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; H - Hertfordshire Guide to Real Ale, 2000 edition; HB - Holborn & Bloomsbury Pub Guide; IS - N1 Islington Real Ale Guide; K - Guide to Kent Pubs, 10th edition; 8K - Real Ale Guide to Kent Pubs, 8th edition; KT - Kingston Pub Guide; N - North London Beer Guide, 3rd edition; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 4th edition; 3SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - South West London Pub Guide, 2nd edition; W - Real Beer in West London; X - Essex Beer Guide, 9th edition.

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

dark wood panelling and cream décor. Bar food and separate restaurant area behind glass partition to side. Large outdoor patio and grassed area with benches and a small children's play area. Car park. Disabled WC. Open all regular hours. (E159, U163)  
E16, SO!, Units 1d/1e, Royal Victoria Place, off Wesley Ave, Britannia Village. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant, part of new development overlooking the south side of Royal Victoria Dock.

ROMFORD, BULL, 76 Market Place. Fuller: London Pride. Now part of M&B's 'Arena' chain, ex-Bass. (X100, U151, U166)

#### NORTH

N1, DRAPERS ARMS, 44 Barnsbury St. Courage: Best Bitter; Greene King: Old Speckled Hen; Guest beer. Reopened in 2001 but not previously reported. Formerly OLD HUNGRY HORSE for a year before reverting to original name in 1996. (N54, U117, U118, U144)

N1, ELK IN THE WOODS, 39 Camden Passage. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant in former restaurant premises.

N1, MATT & MATT, 112 Upper St. No real ale. Free House/bar in former commercial premises.

N1, SHISH BAR, 313-319 Old St. No real ale. Free House/basement bar under 'Shish' restaurant.

N1, Y BAR, 142 Essex Rd. No real ale. Free House/bar in former shop unit opened by March 2003 but not previously reported.

N7, ROSIE McCANN'S, 244 York Way. Reopened. No real ale. (N90, U177)

N9, CART OVERTHROWN, Montagu Rd. Greene King: IPA, Abbot. (N99, U117)

N12, AUTUMN HOUSE, 744 High St. Young: Bitter. Reinstatement of real ale. Formerly BELGRAVE, O'NEILLS and PAGES BAR. (N111, U110, U160, U163, U168, U181)

N21, QUEENS HEAD, 41 Station Rd, The Green. Greene King: IPA. Reinstatement of real ale. (N153, U106, U164)

ENFIELD EAST (EN3), BELL, 510 Hertford Rd. Reopened and renamed BAR FM. No real ale. Delete erroneous report in U180 re conversion to Jacuzzi showroom (see CORRECTIONS below). (N239, U162, U175)

#### NORTH WEST

NW1, BELGO, 72 Chalk Farm Rd. No real ale. Small Free House/bar next to Belgo (Noord) restaurant, with separate entrance to street. Belgian keg and bottled beers. Formerly 'Brewers Retail' off licence. (N162)

NW1, CAPTAIN CUTLERS, 48 Stanhope St. Reopened and renamed NELSON. No real ale. A bar and Italian restaurant. Formerly LORD NELSON. (N169, U130, U156)

NW1, LOUNGE BAR, Camden Lock Hotel, 89 Chalk Farm Rd. No real ale. Free House/bar on ground floor of hotel, with entrance to street, open to non-residents.

NW1, PURPLE TURTLE (BUZZARD), 61-65 Crowndale Rd. No

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real ale. Free House/bar on ground floor of office block, opened by July 2002 but not previously reported.

## SOUTH EAST

**SE1, AUBERGE**, 1 Sandell St. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant in former commercial premises, part of small chain.  
**SE5, KERFIELD**, 16 Grove La. Reopened and renamed **BLAKE HOUSE**. (SE59, U159)  
**SE10, WHITE SWAN HOTEL**, 13 Blackheath Rd. Reopened and renamed **POLAR BAR**. Free House, H removed. (SE103, U102, U120, U155, U164, U177)  
**SE10, L'ATTITUDE BAR**, Novotel London Greenwich, 173-185 Greenwich High Rd. No real ale. Bar attached to hotel, opened December 2004 with separate entrance to street.  
**CROYDON, KINGS CELLARS**, 48 Park St. Reopened and renamed **BAR LATINO**. No real ale. Open 8pm-2am Thu-Sat only.

## SOUTH WEST

**SW1(B), BOISDALE**, 15 Eccleston St. No real ale. Free House/bar and restaurant in former restaurant premises. Live music in evenings with entry fee.  
**SW2, GEORGE IV**, 144 Brixton Hill. Reopened and renamed **GEORGE FOUR**. Still no real ale. Now a music bar. (SW52, U157)  
**SW4, BELLE VUE**, 1 Clapham Common South Side. Harvey: Best Bitter, Seasonal beer. Refurbished in bright and airy café-bar style. (SW59)  
**SW4, PENTAGON**, 64 Clapham High St. No real ale. Free House/bar in former shop premises.  
**SW4, REVOLUTION**, 95/97 Clapham High St. No real ale. Free House/bar in former shop premises.  
**SW4, RINKY DINK**, 38 Clapham High St. No real ale. Free House/bar in former shop premises.  
**SW6, BAR LOCAL**, 2-8 Dawes Rd. No real ale. Free House/bar in former restaurant premises.  
**SW9, SATAY BAR**, 447 Coldharbour La. Free House/bar and restaurant.  
**SW11, BLUE MANGO**, 74/76 Battersea Bridge Rd. Renamed **MATILDA**. Adnams: Bitter. Now independently owned, ex-Capital Pub Co. Formerly **PRODIGALS RETURN**, **PIG ON THE BRIDGE**, etc. (U155, U160, U175, U176, U180)  
**SW11, HOLY DRINKER**, 59 Northcote Rd. No real ale. Free House/bar in former shop premises.

## WEST

**W3, PUZZLE**, 137-139 High St. Fuller: London Pride. Reinstatement of real ale. (U163, U178)  
**PINNER, GEORGE**. Renamed **KING GEORGE IV**. Fuller: London Pride; Shepherd Neame: Spitfire; Wadworth: 6X. Reinstatement of real ale after refurbishment by M&B. Formerly **FROTHFINDERS & FIRKIN** and **SEDGWICKS**. (W135, U79, U126, U151, U152, U166).

## PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

### CENTRAL

**EC1, ONE OF 2**, Fuller, H removed. (U156)  
**EC1, SLUG & LETTUCE**, 36-42 Clerkenwell Rd, ex-SFI. Renamed **MOZAIC** and a bar and kitchen. Now closed and boarded up. (U155)  
**EC1, VAULTS**. Renamed **BOUDOIR**, H removed. Now a Free House/basement bar and restaurant, ex-Whitbread. (E26, U78)  
**EC1, YO BELOW**, Free, closed. Goodbye to the unique basement bar with the Japanese do-it-yourself metered fizz beer dispensers. (U162)  
**EC2, NEW INN**, Free, closed and boarded up. (U168)  
**EC2, OLD BLUE LAST**, ex-Truman, H removed. (E33)  
**EC3, CITY LITTEN**, SFI, closed and whole building appears to be being converted to an hotel. (E39, U99, U163)  
**EC3, FENCHURCH COLONY**, Free, closed. (U163)

**EC3, JC'S BAR**, Free, converted to sandwich bar. (U166)  
**EC4, McGOVERNS**. Renamed **TILTED WIG**, Free, closed. (U121)  
**W1(Mar), BOSWELLS**, Free, converted to cocktail bar and restaurant. Hotel now simply 'Mandeville Hotel'. (W33, U89, U98, U176)  
**WC1, LOUNGE BAR**, Punch, H now removed. Formerly **HARLEYS, WARDS OF HOLBORN** and **ROYAL CONNAUGHT**. (W50, U101, N32, U159, U178)  
**WC1, PERCY ARMS**, Free, closed and boarded up. (W49, U54, U67, N28, U171)  
**WC2, FINE LINE**. Renamed **PAGLIACCI**, now a Free House/bar and kitchen, ex-Fuller, H removed. (U156)  
**WC2, PARKER PLACE**, Free, closed. Formerly **FULMAR & FIRKIN** and originally **KINGSWAY TAVERN**. (W54, U54, U82, U151, U171)

## EAST

**E3, ALBION**, ex-Belhaven, still closed and boarded up. (E87, U57)  
**E3, ANCIENT BRITON**, ex-Bass, closed and boarded up. (E87)  
**E3, BRIDGE HOUSE**, ex-Belhaven, closed and in residential use. (E89, U98, U131, U153)  
**E3, NEW COTTON INN**, ex-Ascot, now demolished. (E90, U99, U159)  
**E3, PRINCE OF WALES**, ex-Watney, closed and boarded up. (E92)  
**E3, WIDOWS SON**, ex-Taylor Walker, H unused. (E93, U79, U108)  
**E8, MADDIGANS (OF MARE STREET)**, Free, being demolished. Formerly **HOBSONS CHOICE** and **HORSE & GROOM**. (E113, U65, U132)  
**E8, RIDLEY ARMS**, Free, converted to shop. (E116)  
**E14, ANCHOR & HOPE**. Now Enterprise, ex-Courage, closed. (E142)  
**E15, WINDMILL**, ex-Watney, H removed. (E155, U97)  
**E16, BRITISH FLAG**, ex-Watney, still closed and boarded up. (E157, U156)  
**E16, TIDAL BASIN TAVERN**, ex-Fuller, still closed and boarded up. (E161, U67, U69, U121)  
**E17, WINDMILL**, ex-Whitbread, closed. (E169, U168)  
**DAGENHAM, ROBIN HOOD**, Greene King, now demolished. (X45, U160, U161, U182)  
**ILFORD, ROSE & CROWN**, Punch, closed and boarded up. (X73, U169, U175)  
**NEWBURY PARK, AVENUE**, ex-Courage, H unused. (X91)  
**ROMFORD, AMALIAS/INNER SECRETS**. Renamed **RM1**, Free, closed. (X100)  
**ROMFORD, CELLAR BAR**, Free, converted to commercial use. (X100)  
**ROMFORD, DOLPHIN BAR**, Free, demolished. (X100)

## NORTH

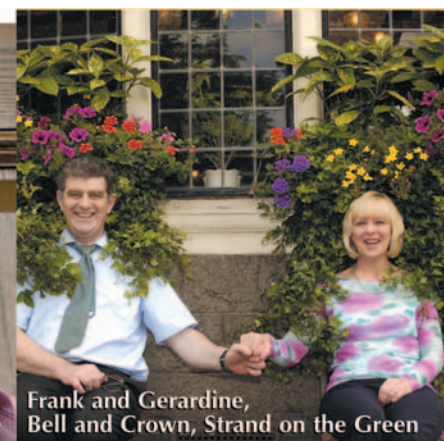
**N1, ALMA**, 78 Chapel Market, Free, H unused. (N37, U154, U182)  
**N1, CENTRAL STATION**, Free, H removed. (N39)  
**N1, CENTURIA**, Free, H unused. Formerly **NEW CROWN**. (N53, U121)  
**N1, CHARLIE WRIGHTS INTERNATIONAL BAR**, Free, H removed. Retains interesting range of continental keg and bottled beers. (N39)  
**N1, CLOTHWORKERS ARMS**, Free, H unused. (N40)  
**N1, CRAIC HOUSE**, Free, H removed. Formerly **CHARLES THE FIRST**. (N39, U137)  
**N1, DUCHESS OF KENT**, 72 Prebend St, ex-Watney, H unused. (N41)  
**N1, DUKE OF YORK**, 33 Downham Rd. Now Enterprise, ex-Truman, H removed. (N42)  
**N1, GREEN MAN**, 257 Hoxton St, ex-Taylor Walker, now confirmed as converted to estate agents. (N46, U164, U179)  
**N1, JAY CUBED (j3)**, ex-Truman, H unused. Formerly **THREE JOHNS**. (N60, U130)  
**N1, KENNEDYS**, 297 Caledonian Rd. Now Enterprise, ex-Unique, H unused. Formerly **EDINBURGH CASTLE**. (N43, U173)  
**N1, KING OF DENMARK**, Wells, no real ale. (N49, U120)



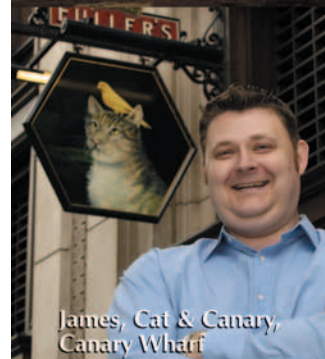
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**N1, LORD CLYDE.** Renamed **KENRICKS**, now Enterprise, ex-Bass, H removed. (N50)

**N1, MARIE LLOYD.** Now Enterprise, ex-Belhaven, no real ale. (N51)

**N1, NORTH ONE (CAFÉ BAR),** Free, H removed. (N53)

**N1, NORTH STAR,** Free, H removed. Formerly **BABUSHKA**, **PUZZLE**, **KING & BISHOP** and **MULLIGANS**. (N52, U121, U132, U168)

**N1, PRINCE OF WALES,** 157 Caledonian Rd, ex-Whitbread, closed. (N55)

**N1, ROYAL GEORGE,** ex-Courage, now ground floor converted to 'Bombay Bicycle' Indian restaurant. (N57, U152, U163, U182)

**N1, SALMON & COMPASSES,** ex-Courage, H removed. (N57, U142)

**N1, SHOREDITCH ELECTRICITY SHOWROOMS,** Free, converted to 'Cube & Star' cocktail bar and restaurant. Remove from database. (U155)

**N1, SLUG & LETTUCE,** SFI, H removed. (N57)

**N1, TARMON,** Free, no real ale. (N60)

**N1, THORNHILL ARMS,** ex-Bass, H unused. (N60)

**N1, TROLLEY STOP,** Free, no real ale. (N60)

**N1, WHELANS (LARK IN THE PARK).** Should be listed as **LARK IN THE PARK**. Whelans refers to the owner. Free, no real ale. Formerly **GEORGE IV**. (N46, U109, U112, U120)

**N1, WILLIAM IV,** ex-Bass, closed and boarded up. (N62)

**N4, DUKE OF EDINBURGH,** ex-Taylor Walker, closed and for sale. (N73)

**N4, MANOR HOUSE,** ex-Watney, now converted to Costcutter shop and café. (N75, U169)

**N4, OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH,** ex-Wetherspoon, part now converted to betting shop, remainder still empty. (N76, U170)

**N5, WOODBINE,** ex-Bass, closed and interior removed. (N79)

**N7, CALEDONIAN ARMS,** Free, now converted to café. (N85, U178)

**N7, HG BAR RESTAURANT,** 144 Holloway Rd, Free, closed, upper storey mostly rebuilt. Note correct address. (U165)

**N7, McLOUGHLINS,** Free, H removed. Formerly **BALMORAL CASTLE**. (N85, U159)

**N12, PUZZLE,** Puzzle Pub Co. Renamed **GKII**, no real ale. Now sold and an upmarket Free House/bar and Indian restaurant retaining small bar area and separate lounge. Formerly **YATES'S WINE LODGE**. (U144, U154, U170)

**N12, TORRINGTON,** ex-Whitbread, converted to Starbucks coffee outlet. (N112, U180)

**N13, BIRD IN HAND,** ex-S&N, no real ale. (N115, U106)

**N14, CAFÉ RIO,** Free, converted to KFC restaurant.

**N16, MANOR TAVERN,** ex-Taylor Walker, now mostly demolished apart from the façade which is being incorporated into new flats under construction. (N129, U166)

**N16, MURPHY'S TAVERNS,** 11 Oldhill St, Free, now demolished apart from entrance hall. Originally **BRITISH OAK**. (N129, U166)

**N17, ELMHURST,** ex-Taylor Walker, no real ale. (N134)

**N18, RISING SUN,** Greene King, no real ale. (N139, U123, U163)

**ENFIELD (EN1), ENFIELD ARMS,** S&N, now demolished for road scheme. (N229, U182)

**ENFIELD EAST (EN3), RIFLES,** Free, closed. (N242)

**ENFIELD WEST (EN2), BAR [ME],** Laurel, ex-Whitbread. Now converted to Prezzo Restaurant. Formerly **COACH HOUSE**. (N233, U159, U168, U182)

### NORTH WEST

**NW1, BOATERS WINE BAR,** Free, demolished and replaced by new buildings for London Business School. (U144)

**NW1, BREWERS RETAIL OFF LICENCE,** closed and converted to **BELGO** bar (see *NEW PUBS* above). (N162)

**NW1, CAMDEN FALCON,** Free, closed and boarded up. (N162)

**NW1, COLLEGE BAR,** Free, closed and for sale, future uncertain. Formerly **SLUGGER O'TOOLES**, previously **COLLEGE ARMS**. (N163, U124, U164)

**NW1, FRANK CHARLIES,** Free, closed. Formerly **DILLONS**, originally **CLARENCE**. (N163, U132, U156)

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**NW1, GLOUCESTER ARMS,** ex-Taylor Walker, closed and boarded up, rumoured to have been acquired by school next door. (N167)

**NW1, JESTER (OFF LICENCE).** Renamed 'Drinkers Paradise', an off licence with no real ale; remove from database. (N168)

**NW1, QUEENS HEAD & ARTICHOKE,** Free, no real ale. (N173, U109)

**NW1, QUEENS TAVERN.** Renamed **No 1 BAR**, ex-Courage, no real ale. (N173)

**NW1, RAT & PARROT,** now Spirit, ex-S&N, no real ale. (N174)

**NW1, REIDS,** Free, closed and boarded up. Formerly **PRINCE GEORGE OF CUMBERLAND**. (N172, U151)

**NW1, STAGS HEAD,** ex-Bass, now converted to residential use, retaining the pub façade. (N175, U179)

**NW1, VICTORY,** 152 Albany St. Now Enterprise, ex-Watney, no real ale. (N176)

**NW3, WHITE HORSE,** Faucet Inns, closed. Formerly **GE ALDWINKLES** for a while. (N185, U152, U168)

**NW5, NEWBERRY ARMS,** Free, still closed and boarded up. (N200, U156)

**NW8, ALL BAR ONE,** M&B, converted to Italian restaurant named 'Carluccios'. Formerly **CAFÉ GIOCONDA**, originally **PORTLAND ARMS**. (U109, U110)

**NW8, KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN,** 7 Queens Terrace, Wells, now converted to florist shop. Omitted in error from N guide. (U109)

### SOUTH EAST

**SE1, BUTTS,** Free, converted to Noodle restaurant and takeaway. (SE13)

**SE1, FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE,** ex-S&N, closed and boarded up. (SE16, U107)

**SE1, GLADSTONE ARMS,** ex-Bass, H removed. (SE17)

**SE1, HAND IN HAND,** ex-Bass, H unused. (SE20)

**SE1, ROYAL STANDARD,** Free, H removed. (SE32)

**SE1, RUBY TUESDAYS.** Renamed **BAR SOUTH CENTRAL**, ex-Watney, H removed. Formerly **DRAPERS TAVERN**. (SE14,

U102, U117)

**SE5, CLARENDON ARMS.** Renamed **MILIKI SPOT**, now Free, ex-Bass, H removed. (SE56)

**SE6, GREEN MAN,** Whitbread (Beefeater), closed and boarded up. Future uncertain for this large, Grade II listed, old coaching inn. (SE68)

**SE14, PARADISE BAR.** Renamed **SIX STRINGS BAR**, now Free, ex-Watney, H removed. (SE128)

**SE14, STAR & GARTER,** ex-Belhaven, closed and boarded up. (SE131)

**SE15, HEATON ARMS,** ex-Watney, demolished. (SE136, U102, U161)

**SE15, MONTPELIER,** 99 Queens Rd, Phoenix, demolished and replaced by flats. (SE137, U112)

**CROYDON, BAR METRO,** Free, converted to healthcare clinic. (U152)

**CROYDON, BLACK HORSE,** ex-Taylor Walker, now demolished. (3SE236, U43, U55, U181)

**CROYDON, CAFÉ MOONSHINE.** Renamed **BLUE ORCHID**, Free (First Leisure), ex-Courage, closed and boarded up along with whole block. Formerly **GREYHOUND**. (3SE243, U50)

**CROYDON, CROWN,** 90 Stanley Rd. Now Enterprise, ex-Watney, closed. (3SE239, U52, U55)

**CROYDON, CUNNINGHAM,** Spirit, now demolished for supermarket development in spite of spirited campaign by the locals to save their only pub. (3SE239, U176, U181)

**CROYDON, HORN & TRUMPET,** ex-Bass. Demolished some time ago and site now absorbed into new health club development at rear of 'Grants' leisure complex. (3SE244, U67, U98)

**CROYDON, MERCHANT ARMS,** ex-Ind Coope, demolished some time ago and site now occupied by shops. Formerly **FORUM**. (3SE242, U83)

**CROYDON, PALS,** Regent Inns, closed and boarded up. (U115, U161)

**CROYDON, SUN,** possibly now Free, ex-Greene King, H removed. Formerly **RISING SUN**. (3SE249, U87, U181)

**CROYDON, WISEGUYS,** Members' Club. Confirmed now

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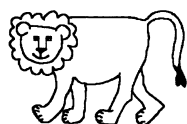
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demolished and site vacant. (U140, U149, U182)  
**KESTON, KESTON MARK**, ex-Whitbread, closed and boarded up. Conversion to housing looks imminent. (3SE263, U146, U163)

### SOUTH WEST

**SW2, DUKE OF CORNWALL**, ex-Inntrepreneur, converted to residential use. (SW52)  
**SW2, HOBGOBLIN (GEORGE CANNING)**, Wychwood, no real ale. (SW52)  
**SW2, JOHN COMPANY**. Now Enterprise, ex-Whitbread, no real ale. (SW53)  
**SW2, TELEGRAPH**. Now Enterprise, ex-Inntrepreneur, no real ale. (SW54)  
**SW3, ADMIRAL CODRINGTON**, now an independently owned Free House, ex-Bass, H unused. (SW55)  
**SW3, BEEHIVE**, Free. Confirmed site now developed with flats. Formerly RAT & CARROT (BEEHIVE). (SW57, U147, U162, U178)  
**SW3, KINGS HEAD & EIGHT BELLS**, ex-Laurel. Already reported as converted to restaurant, now renamed 'Cheyne Walk Brasserie'. (SW57, U164, U168)  
**SW3, QUEENS ARMS TAVERN**, ex-Wells. Already reported converted to restaurant, now restaurant renamed 'Mao Tai'. (SW57, U129, U144)  
**SW4, 100**. Renamed SMOKE ROOMS, ex-Bass, H removed. (SW59)  
**SW4, BANK OF SWANS**, ex-Bass, H removed. (SW59)  
**SW4, CLARENCE**, ex-Taylor Walker, H removed. (SW59)  
**SW4, CROWN & ANCHOR**, ex-Bass, H unused. (SW59)  
**SW4, DUKE OF YORK**, Free, H unused. (SW60)  
**SW4, GOOSE & GRANITE**. Renamed BAR SW4, ex-Bass, H removed. (SW60, U145)  
**SW4, JOLLY GARDENERS**, Free, H removed. (SW60)  
**SW4, PERSEVERANCE**, ex-Bass, converted to residential use. (SW60)

**SW4, RAILWAY**, ex-Bass, H now removed. Formerly RAILWAY TAVERN. (SW60, U135, U141)  
**SW4, WINDSOR ARMS**, Free, H unused. (SW61)  
**SW6, LILLIE LANGTRY**, Conway Taverns, H removed. (SW68, U152)  
**SW8, BRITISH LION**. Renamed P J MALONEY'S, Crown & City Leisure, H unused. (SW76)  
**SW9, BREWERY TAP**. Now Enterprise, ex-Mayfair Taverns, closed. (SW81, U141)  
**SW9, GROSSEVENOR**, ex-Bass, H removed. (SW82)  
**SW9, PRINCE OF WALES**. Renamed HARLEM, ex-Bass, H removed. Now a Free House/bar and restaurant. (SW82)  
**SW11, ALL BAR ONE**, 6/7 Battersea Sq, nr Vicarage Cres, ex-Bass, closed and boarded up. (U155)  
**SW11, SIGNIFICANT HALF**. Renamed BABEL, Regent Inns, H removed. Now expanded into two premises: address 3-7 Northcote Rd. (SW90)  
**SW16, SUSSEX**, ex-Whitbread, ground floor now converted to offices with flats above. Formerly BRASS FARTHING, originally SUSSEX TAVERN. (SW105, U149, U167, U179)  
**SW17, LITTLE HOUSE**, ex-Bass, H now removed. Formerly QUEEN VICTORIA. (SW110, U181)  
**SW19, JENNY LIND**, Free, H unused. (SW117)  
**CHEAM, HANCOCKS BAR**. Renamed TONE'S BAR, Free, no real ale. Formerly CAVERN. (SW131, U155)  
**NEW MALDEN, DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE**, ex-M&B, now converted to a 'Krispy Kreme Doughnuts' outlet; and not demolished as erroneously reported in U178, which might have been a nobler death. (SW151, KT35, U177, U178)  
**SUTTON, ACADEMY**, ex-Ambishus, closed and boarded up. (SW164, U137)

### WEST

**W2, GREAT WESTERN**, now Enterprise, ex-Watney, H removed. (W59, U55, U73, U80, U152, U179)

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**W9, TIME**, Free, now converted to residential use. Formerly WICKED WOLF and originally PRINCE ALBERT. (W83, U74, U133, U175)  
**W11, DUKE OF CORNWALL**, ex-Courage. Already reported as converted to a restaurant and closed, now reopened as 'Ledbury' restaurant. (W87, U131, U177)  
**W14, FOX**, Greene King, H removed. Formerly FOX, RATTLE & HUM, RAT & CARROT and FOX TAVERN. (W94, U71, U92, U98, U117, U139, U141, U168)  
**HOUNSLOW, HUSSAR**, Free, closed and boarded up and for sale. (W126, U56, U75, U91, U99, U102, U138)

### OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

#### CENTRAL

**EC1, BRITISH OAK**. Renamed CENTRAL ST BAR, still no real ale. Refurbished and modernised. (E13, U164)  
**EC1, LORD NELSON**, 262/264 Old St. Renamed BAR AQUARIUM, -beers listed; +Courage: Best Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Wells: Bombardier. Contemporary refurbishment. Now an S&N Pub Enterprise pub. A strange time to rename such a commemorative pub. (E20, U176)  
**EC2, ALL BAR ONE**, 34 Threadneedle St. Renamed STAR, - Draught Bass. Retains Fuller: London Pride on one solitary handpump. Now operated by 'Zone One Bars' and Free, ex-M&B. (U129)  
**EC2, FINCH'S**, 12A Finsbury Sq. Renamed MASTER GUNNER, +Young: Seasonal beer (£3/pint!). Refurbished in more traditional style and taking the name of the former Young's pub in Cathedral Place, EC4, demolished to make way for the Paternoster Square development. (U146)  
**EC2, PHOENIX**, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: IPA, Abbot. Now Greene King, ex-Laurel. Formerly HOGSHEAD. (U153, U169, U175)  
**EC3, SPRINGBOK BAR**. Renamed BARRACUDA. -Adnams: Broadside; +Fuller: London Pride. Formerly EASTERN MONK. (U119, U171)  
**EC4, O'DONNELLS**, 27A Old Bailey. Renamed CHAMBERS BAR. Still no real ale. Formerly RUMBOE. Note correct address. (E53, U121)  
**W1(F), MASONS ARMS**, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Marston: Pedigree; +Taylor: Landlord. Now Free, ex-S&N. (W32, U106)  
**W1 (Mar), STREET**. Renamed OCCO, still no real ale. Formerly 58 STREET CAFE and QUINTIN HOGG. (W36, U69, U72, U98, U104, U108, U175)  
**WC1, PAKENHAM ARMS**. Free House acquired by Capital Pub Co. (W40, N28, HB11)  
**WC2, GRIFFIN**. Renamed BELL & COMPASS, -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride; +Marston: Pedigree. Refurbished by Wizard. Formerly GRIFFIN TAVERN. (W54, U59, U142, U144, U168)

#### EAST

**E1, FIRST & LAST**. Reverted to DUKE OF SOMERSET, +Wells: Bombardier. (E65, U134)  
**E1, KINGS STORES**, Now Greene King, ex-Whitbread via Laurel. (E69, U161)  
**E3, KITSONS**. Renamed LIQUOR INN, still no real ale; H unused. (E90)  
**E14, GRAPES**, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter; +Draught Bass. (E145)  
**E16, FOX @ EXCEL**, -beers listed; +Courage: Best Bitter. (U171)  
**E17, GROVE TAVERN**, -beers listed; +Greene King: IPA. (E167, U89)  
**E17, LORD PALMERSTON**, -beer listed; +Fuller: London Pride. (E167, U126)  
**E17, TAVERN ON THE HILL**. Renamed WARRANT OFFICER. Originally HIGHAM HILL TAVERN. Note current address is 318 Higham Hill Rd. (E168, U70)  
**ROMFORD, PALS**. Renamed PACIFIC EDGE. (U151)  
**ROMFORD, SUN**, -beers listed; +Courage: Best Bitter. Now part

of Spirit's 'John Barras' chain, ex-S&N. (X102)  
**ROMFORD, YATES'S WINE LODGE**. Now simply YATES'S. (X102, U154)

### NORTH


**N1, BAR FUSION**. Renamed WARWICK, still no real ale. No longer a gay bar. (U155)  
**N1, BARING ARMS**. Now simply BARING. (N38, U182, IS13)  
**N1, CROSS BAR**. Renamed SAHARA NIGHTS, still no real ale. (N38)  
**N1, DUN A RI BAR**. Is simply DUN A RI. Formerly QUEENS ARMS. (N56, U120)  
**N1, EAGLE TAVERN**. Now simply EAGLE. (N42)  
**N1, HOXTON SQUARE BAR**. Is simply HOXTON SQUARE, a 'bar and kitchen'. (U148)  
**N1, PRINCE OF WALES**, 157 Caledonian Rd. Renamed DEN, still no real ale. (N55)  
**N1, SUSSEX ARMS**. Now simply SUSSEX. (N58)  
**N3, CATCHER IN THE RYE**, -beers listed; +Courage: Directors Bitter; +Wells: Bombardier; +Young: Bitter. Refurbished by Faucet Inns. (N69, U168)  
**N6, VICTORIA**, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Marston: Pedigree; +Guest beer. Contemporary refurbishment. Now Enterprise, ex-Whitbread. (N83)  
**N7, TUFNELL PARK TAVERN**. Renamed PROGRESS, -beers listed; +Adnams: Broadside. Now Enterprise, ex-S&N. (N91)  
**N8, THREE COMPASSES**, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Draught Bass; +Taylor: Landlord; +3 guest beers. (N96, U159, U174, U178)  
**N14, OAKWOOD TAVERN**, +Fuller: London Pride. (U168, U171)  
**N16, BAR LORCA**. Front foody section now subtitled BAGABON at BAR LORCA. (N129, U166)  
**N18, LAST RESORT**. Renamed MAGNET, still no real ale. (N144)  
**N20, GRIFFIN**. Now owned by Massive Pub Co, ex-Spirit. Formerly GRIFFIN (SCRUFFY MURPHYS) for a while. (N147, U110, U172)  
**N20, RISING SUN**, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter. (N148)

### NORTH WEST

**NW1, BLAKES**. Renamed LUSH. Now Enterprise, ex-Whitbread, still no real ale. Formerly LOCOMOTIVE. (N169, U138)  
**NW1, FUSILIER & FIRKIN**. Reverted to CAERNARVON CASTLE but now spelt in Welsh way. (N166, U161, U164)  
**NW1, LORD STANLEY**, -Tetley: Bitter; +Adnams: Broadside; +Exmoor: Gold; +Young: Bitter. (N169)  
**NW1, UNICORN**, -beers listed; +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Formerly PICKLED NEWT (UNICORN) for a while. (N171, U109, U117, U154)  
**NW1, VERGE**. Renamed BULLET. Now Enterprise, ex-Courage. Formerly CASTLE. (N163, U156)  
**NW1, WINDSOR CASTLE**, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Taylor: Landlord; +Tolly Cobbold: Original; +Guest beer (e.g. Black Sheep Bitter). Now a Free House, ex-Brakspear via Honeypot Inns. Refurbished in traditional style with good range of real ales and worthy of support. (N177, U131, U144, U156)  
**NW5, LION & UNICORN**. Free House now operated by Pubs 'n' Bars. Full address is 42/44 Gaisford Rd. Formerly ROYAL. (N200, U156)  
**NW5, O'REILLYS**. Now a Free House operated by Pubs 'n' Bars. Full address is 289/291 Kentish Town Rd. Formerly DOLLY FOSSETTS. (N198, U109, U143)  
**NW6, MCGOVERNS**. Renamed KILBURN. (N205)  
**NW11, ROYAL OAK**. Now Spirit, ex-Taylor Walker. (N227)

### SOUTH EAST

**SE1, KING WILLIAM IV**. Renamed simply WILLIAM, still no real ale; H unused. (SE23, U102)  
**SE1, MARKET PORTER**. Sympathetically refurbished and extended at the rear by Market Taverns. Retains constantly changing



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range of real ales, mostly from micros (£2.60/pint). Still one of the best selections in London. Disabled WC added. (SE25, U147)  
**SE5, SKINNERS ARMS.** Renamed **BLACK SHEEP**, still no real ale. (SE62)

**SE9, RISING SUN,** -beers listed except Flowers: IPA; +Greene King: IPA. (SE87)

**SE10, GASTRO GASTRO.** Renamed **DANIELS**. Still no real ale. Now Free, ex-Courage. Formerly **ROYAL ALBERT**. (SE101, U102, U121, U164)

**SE10, MITRE.** Free House acquired by Capital Pub Co. (SE98, U102, U123)

**SE19, ORANGE KIPPER.** Renamed **BLACK SHEEP**. Formerly **QUEENS ARMS**. (SE180, U102, U110, U117)

**SE22, FOREST HILL TAVERN.** Renamed **BISHOP**. (SE198, U107)

**SE23, DARTMOUTH ARMS,** -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: Morland Old Speckled Hen; +Wells: Bombardier. Now a gastropub. (SE205)

**SE25, PLEASANT PHEASANT.** Renamed **GOLD COAST**. Originally **SPREAD EAGLE**. (SE217, U102)

**CROYDON, BLACKSMITHS.** Renamed **EDGE (THE)**.

Formerly **CORNER HOUSE**, O'NEILLS and originally **BLACKSMITHS ARMS**. Still no real ale. (SE236, U119, U156, U168)

**CROYDON, McCLUSKEYS.** Renamed **ESCAPADE**, still no real ale. Opens 5pm daily with free entry until 10pm. (U131)

**CROYDON, OLD BRIEF.** Now simply **BRIEF (THE)**. (U129)

### SOUTH WEST

**SW1(P) COUNTRY PUB IN LONDON.** Renamed **CLARENDON**, -beers listed except Courage: Directors; +Thwaites: Lancaster Bomber; +Young: Bitter; +Guest beer. Formerly **GROSVENOR**, originally **CLARENDON ARMS**. (SW41, U137, U157)

**SW3, AUSTRALIAN,** -beers listed except Tetley: Bitter; +Adnams: Bitter; +Greene King: Abbot. Now Spirit, ex-S&N. (SW55)

**SW3, BABUSHKA.** Renamed **BEAUFORT HOUSE**, a 'bar & brasserie', still no real ale. Formerly **DOMO**. (SW56, U167)

**SW3, BUNCH OF GRAPES,** 207 Brompton Rd, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter; +Fuller: London Pride; +Young: Bitter. Now Spirit, ex-S&N. Note correct address. (SW55)

**SW4, FROG & FORGET-ME-NOT,** -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride. Now Enterprise, ex-Inntrepreneur. (SW60)

**SW6, FULHAM MITRE.** Now Enterprise, ex-S&N. (SW69, U171)

**SW6, GOOSE.** Reverted to original name **WANDSWORTH BRIDGE TAVERN**, -beers listed; +Greene King: IPA, Abbot Ale. Formerly **PADDYS GOOSE**. (SW70, U148)

**SW9, LIVING ROOM.** Now simply **LIVING**, still no real ale. Closed daytime Mon-Fri. Formerly **ISO BAR** and originally **COACH & HORSES**. (SW82, U141, U149, U157)

**SW9, BAR LORCA.** Renamed **JAMM**. Formerly **OLD WHITE HORSE**. (SW82, U141, U153)

**SW9, MARQUIS OF LORNE.** Now Conway Taverns, ex-Bass. (SW82)

**SW11, EAGLE (ALE HOUSE).** Now Enterprise, ex-Whitbread. (SW88, U146)

**SW16, BUZZE BAR.** Reverted to **GREYHOUND**. (SW89, U113)

**SW16, GENEVIEVE.** Renamed **BAROQUE**. (SW105, U153)

**SW18, GJ'S BAR,** -beers listed; +Draught Bass. Formerly **WAGGON & HORSES**. (SW115, U151)

**SW19, TRAFALGAR,** -beers listed except Gales: HSB; +Taylor: Golden Best; +up to three changing guest beers often from microbreweries (SW120)

**SW19, VICTORY.** Renamed **COLLIERS TUP**. Now Massive Pub Co, ex-Allied. A strange time to rename such a commemorative pub. (SW120, U142, U178)

**SW19, YATES'S WINE LODGE.** Renamed **RSVP**, -beers listed; +Youngs: Bitter. Now Laurel, ex-Yates's. Tastefully refurbished. (U152, U155)

**KEW, FLOWER & FIRKIN.** Renamed **RAILWAY (THE)**, -beers listed; +Greene King: IPA; +Wells: Bombardier; +Guest beer. Now Spirit, ex-Allied. (SW138, U165)

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still no real ale. (W126, U89, U101, U172, U177)  
 UXBRIDGE, CONTINENTAL. Renamed NAZDAROVYA.  
 (W152, U178)

### CORRECTION TO UPDATE 180

#### PUBS CLOSED ETC

ENFIELD (EN3), BELL. Delete entry – erroneous information (see  
 NEW & REOPENED PUBS above).

### CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 183

#### NEW PUBS ETC

NW1, MURRAY ARMS. Should read: Renamed MURRAY  
 (CAMDEN SQUARE). Still no real ale – no handpumps. Should  
 have been listed under 'CHANGES'.

#### PUBS CLOSED ETC

STANMORE, MALT HOUSE. Should read MALTHOUSE.  
 W4, JACK STAMPS BEER HOUSE. Formerly WINDMILL.  
 TEDDINGTON, ROYAL OAK. Refs should read (W147, U94).

#### OTHER CHANGES ETC

KEW, INN AT KEW. Should read INN AT KEW GARDENS,  
 Kew Gardens Hotel. The former name (Kew Gardens Hotel) is  
 retained for the hotel above and forms part of full address.  
 SUTTON, FIELDER & FIRKIN (now PRINCE REGENT). No  
 longer a brewpub since 1998.  
 W5, HAVEN. Refs should read (U83, U93, U130, U161).

### CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR N1 (ISLINGTON) REAL ALE GUIDE

As reported in Update 183, a new selective guide listing real ale pubs  
 in N1 was published by North London CAMRA in February 2005.  
 A few errors and some omitted references to former names (in use  
 since the last comprehensive North London guide) are listed below  
 for completeness.

#### N1, WEST OF UPPER ST

AGRICULTURAL. Owner is Enterprise Inns. (IS7)  
 ANGELIC. Formerly MORIARTYS BAR, originally GEORGE.  
 (IS7)  
 BARNBURY. Should read formerly HOURICANS (sic). (IS7)  
 DRAPERS ARMS. Reverted to original name in 1996 after a year  
 as OLD HUNGRY HORSE. (IS9)  
 DUKE OF YORK. Formerly COOPERS. (IS9)  
 DUN A RI. Formerly QUEENS ARMS. (IS9)  
 FAMOUS COCK TAVERN. Formerly COCK. (IS9)  
 HUNTINGDON ARMS. Now simply HUNTINGDON (see  
 photo). (IS10)  
 ISLINGTON TAP. Formerly ISLINGTON TUP and previously  
 MINOGUES BAR. (IS10)  
 PRINCE REGENT. Formerly STONE and before that Jindwicks  
 Restaurant for a spell, previously NOLIA'S CAFÉ BAR. (IS10)  
 STEAM PASSAGE. Full address is now 44-46 Upper St. (IS12)

#### N1, EAST OF UPPER ST

ANGEL. Full address is 3/5 Islington High St. Formerly BAR  
 CENTRAL and originally BARTIZAN. (IS13)  
 AS GOOD AS IT GETS. Formerly PACKINGTON ARMS.  
 (IS13)  
 BARING ARMS. Now simply BARING. (IS13)  
 CANONBURY TAVERN. Now simply CANONBURY on main  
 signage (whilst retaining original name on hanging sign). (IS14)  
 FLORENCE. Address should read 30 Florence St. (IS15)  
 HOUSE. Formerly BELINDA CASTLE. (IS16)  
 HOXTON DISTILLERY. Now reverted to MACBETH,  
 originally WHITE HART. (IS16)  
 KINGS HEAD. Spent 2 years as KINGS between 1999 and 2001.  
 (IS17)  
 MUCKY PUP. Formerly RAM & TEASEL. (IS18)  
 PRINCE OF WALES. Address is 1A Sudeley St. (IS19)  
 SOCIAL. Formerly H (RESTAURANT & BAR), originally  
 HANBURY ARMS. (IS20)  
 WEAVERS. Formerly XANADU in 2000/1, originally WEAVERS  
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## A TRIP TO YOUNG'S

It was an early start on 18 June for our journey down the M5 and M4 and on into South West London for our visit to Young's Brewery, Wandsworth. After doing three laps of the brewery in sweltering heat, we found a way in with the assistance of Michael Hardman. We got off the bus and were guided on foot to the Brewery Tap to be greeted by head brewer, Ken Don and Young's official photographer. In all the heat, we didn't need a second invitation to tuck into foaming pints of Young's Bitter.

After a very appetising buffet and another pint(ish), we were almost ready for our tour of the brewery. First a video to watch, outlining some of the history of Young's. We learnt that the original brewery was established at the Ram Inn (now the Brewery Tap) in 1581 making it the oldest site in the UK on which beer has been continuously brewed. The Young family came on the scene in 1831 when Charles Allen Young and his partner Anthony Fothergill Bainbridge purchased the brewery. However an extensive fire damaged part of the brewery and the Ram Inn in 1882 and both were rebuilt the following year. In 1984 a new brewhouse was completed and is as we see it today. The brewery has been visited by various members of the Royal family including the late Queen Mother and the Queen.

We then met our guide Justine, and were given some instructions prior to the tour. We were required to wear white coats for its duration and not only was smoking and drinking forbidden, as expected, but so was the wearing of sandals! Happily, our guide was duly prepared for such an invasion of sandal wearers and, with the prospect of so many going around barefoot, she relented and we were soon on our way.

The tour, like the brewing process, starts at the two mash tuns, capable of producing 30 tons of wort from 12 tons of malt and 18 tons of liquor (brewing water) in 90 minutes. Brewing takes place every weekday and the hard-working brewing staff have a daily allowance of 6 pints of beer. As well as the brewing equipment currently in use, there is also space in the current site for the Museum Room which houses the old coppers, one dating from 1869. It was heated by steam from a nearby boiler circulating around an internal coil and was in use

until 1988. The other copper dated from 1885 and was heated by a coal fired furnace underneath it and was used until 1975. The flooring around the coppers was an old mash tun floor made from gun metal with each piece individually numbered. The hops used in the various ales are usually English with Goldings and Fuggles to the fore and the lagers include hops from Austria and Germany. At one time water from the nearby River Wandle was pumped to the brewery; however these days, Thames Water (the water company not the river!) is used.

We then proceeded through to see the three new coppers which were installed in the late 1970s - stainless steel and with a steam cleaning system. Justine told us that for each brew of Waggledance, 54 jars of honey are used; for Double Chocolate Stout, two large bars of chocolate are added and for Christmas Pudding, almonds and fruit flavours are included. We learnt that one of the 30 fermenters used

is 120 years old, is only used occasionally and was actually in use on our visit. All beers spend 7 days in the fermenter to be blessed by the Sabbath, and the spent yeast is sold on to make marmite and bovril.

We moved on to see the old beam engines made by a Wandsworth firm, Wentworth & Son. The first one, built and installed in 1835, is thought to be the oldest such engine anywhere in the world; it was retired in 1945. The other one was built in 1867 and was used for 12 hours a day for 109 years until 1976 driving the mill and pumping the wort - absolutely incredible. Every week, the brewery produces 86,000 pints and their bottling plant produces one million bottled beers, including those for other companies. Young's beers are supplied to 207 pubs and 1300 free houses throughout the country.

After the tour, we stepped outside into the yard and saw where the original brewery had stood along with the 144 foot chimney. We then proceeded to the real reason behind the visit, which was to award the certificate for Winter Warmer, Champion beer of the 16th Exeter & East Devon Festival of Winter Ales, held in January 2005. After a short speech, including the fact that Winter Warmer was our 3rd choice of Young's beer (behind Christmas Pudding and Christmas Ale) for the festival and that the winning



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beer had spent a night in his garage, branch chairman Alan Cottee duly made the presentation to Ken Don. Naturally many photos were taken along with the obligatory hip-hip-hoorays from Mags Gaskin.

We then moved on to the stables to see some of the horses kept at the brewery with some of the drays on show in the yard. These are used for various events including pulling the Lord's Mayor Coach in the City of London plus deliveries to all the Young's pubs in Wandsworth. One particular horse, Buster, apparently enjoys a pint now and then. Some of the horses were on their holidays in Dorset where all the horses originate from and, once they reach 20 years old, they spend their retirement back in the Dorset countryside. Young's have made one exception and decided that General, who is now 20 years old, will remain at the brewery and what a lovely old chap he was. We also saw the many collars used by the horses, each one made personally for each horse, with the collar for the legendary Bower King John on display; this is so large and has not fitted any other horse.

It was then time for us to visit part of the original old brewery built between 1760 and 1780, now converted into the Sampling room with all the original old bricks beams and cellar underneath and

7 unique leather "brewers" seats - a wonderful historic building with numerous medals on display for different beer awards and even a false door hiding a mural of a younger Mr John Young. We were then invited to help ourselves to a choice of Young's Bitter, Special, Golden Zest and Waggledance from cask and, amongst the keg beers, Double Chocolate, Young's Export, Pilsner, Oatmeal Stout and Triple AAA. Some also sampled a special lager brewed for the Italian market called Super Lager (8%) and, on such a hot day, very drinkable albeit in small doses. As you can imagine we had a very good time and before leaving for our hotel, the Brewers Inn, we again thanked both Michael and Ken for such an enjoyable tour, lunch, beers and especially for Young's extreme generosity towards us all.

In the evening we visited some of the Young's pubs in Wandsworth and continued enjoying ourselves. The next morning we made our way to the White Horse, Parsons Green for lunch and a chance to taste a few of the many beers from many parts of the UK and beyond - what a gem! It was then time for the long journey back to Devon with temperatures up in the 30s, but what a memorable weekend.

*Jean Cottee, Tim Gilbert*  
CAMRA South Devon Branch

## THE ROCKY ROAD TO LONDON

### Isleworth to Kew Bridge (almost) in three hours

This was the crawl I'd wanted to do for ages. Knowing London Road between Isleworth and Kew Bridge rail stations well, I had seen the profusion of pubs along its route. My sincere thanks go to my companion Pete Harris, a good friend from years of 'enjoying' the fun at Griffin Park, for turning out on a freezing night to walk nearly two miles...for fun!

So to our first stop. The Red Lion, a free house in Linkfield Road, reached by turning right outside the station and right again, is a few minutes' walk away. A regular London Drinker advertiser and local branch pub of the year, the Red Lion is a worthy



winner of its accolade, being a true community local. It retains separate public and saloon bars, has a mixed clientele, a live music area and an enterprising cask ale policy. Four ales were on (so few? - Ed.), with St. Austell Tribute

in fine nick.

Retracing our steps to the junction of London Road and Linkfield Road, next up was the Bridge Inn, a large, modern pub that also features a restaurant and accommodation. It's light, bright and friendly with three ales available, Greene King Abbot and Ruddles Best, and Fuller's London Pride. Both of the latter were in decent overall condition and they also sell them in four-pint jugs.

Most of the pubs on this crawl are on the same side of the road as each other. I believe there was a restrictive covenant in the planning permission that forbade pubs being built on the Northumberland housing estate (between London Road and the A4 Great West Road). My brother lives there and there's not a pub nor even a shop on the estate, giving it a feeling of not having a centre or focus.

A few minutes' walk brought us to our next stop, the Rising Sun, a smallish Fuller's house. It's a one-bar place featuring the usual attractions of TV, food etc, although we thought it needed a lick of paint inside. Pride and Jack Frost were on when we visited, with the Pride in good form.

Just along the road from the Rising Sun is the Rose & Crown, a small but interesting Irish-run pub with a small bar counter and an unusual floor plan. It's a

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cosy, former Watney place, selling only London Pride as far as cask beer goes but Fuller's finest was in good overall form. The pub also boasts Thai food as well as roasted flesh meals on a Sunday and the jukebox is very free-range. Celtic reels and jigs either side of some lovers' rock tunes anyone?!

Further along London Road is the Coach & Horses, a rare and substantial Young's house in an area dominated by their Chiswick rival. It is most likely that stagecoach passengers rested here for the night long ago before undertaking the final eight miles into London. These days it's an open-plan place with a restaurant. I'd say its food trade was significant as the bar was almost empty but the car park nearly full! The two Young's regulars were on, with the 'Ordinary' in good condition.

Moving along London Road, we pass along the northern perimeter of Syon Park, the London seat of the Percy family aka the Duke of Northumberland. Most of the roads on the estate of that name are named after towns in Northumberland. Just before we arrived in the heaving metropolis that is Brentford itself, we passed the site of a former pub, the Park Tavern, which was demolished a few years ago for housing.

Entering Brentford itself, the next two pubs, the Northumberland Arms (free) and the George & Dragon (ex-Charrington, half-tiled, with original signage) were cask-free so we didn't stop, but the next three pubs are real gems and are well worth cooling your heels in.



We felt like honoured guests within a couple of minutes of entering our next stop, the Six Bells, such was the warm and effusive welcome we received from the landlady. It was a real boozier, complete with a darts match in progress and lino on the floor. It's another one-bar Fuller's house but bears no comparison with the rather bland Rising Sun. Just Pride was on and it was served to us in 1980s griffin-branded half-pint mugs!



Look out for the 1970s overbar with its original lettering and missing Fuller's exterior signage. It was removed during a renovation and never replaced!

If the Six Bells is a great pub, so is its near neighbour the Maggie & Crown.

A long-time London Drinker advertiser, this really is a real ale shrine with a constantly changing variety of superb ales. Four ales were on handpump, including two from the new brewery in Twickenham. I went for Nethergate Priory Mild, which was in great form. Then we were silly: a stilton baguette was shared as long as we did a half of Naish Port cask cider each...in ones! The board didn't know the strength of this and boy, was it strong?! The pub is also a haven for lovers of Belgian and German beers.

Suitably refuelled, we headed to our next stop, the Brewery Tap, which is just off London Road in Catherine Wheel Road, close to the Thames. Three out of three! It's a tiny gaff which was taking a break during a live jazz session (not my taste). Another friendly welcome from the two lovely barmaids on duty, with Pride, Chiswick Bitter and ESB in evidence. The Pride was in spectacular form, even to our jaded palates, and the banter very good-humoured. As the jazz restarted, we bade them a fond farewell.

On the corner of London Road and Half Acre is the Beehive, a sizeable Fuller's house. On its roof is an ornamental beehive and it's possible that this was part of the Beehive brewery bought-up by Fuller's in the 1930s. Certainly the area behind the pub - now a supermarket - is big enough to have housed brewing plant, storerooms and offices etc. It's a large, sprawling pub with only London Pride on for our visit; its mediocre condition a reflection of the décor so we didn't stop long.

Moving out of Brentford town centre and re-crossing London Road, we came to the Waterman's Arms, a tiny, gentrified Greene King pub. The TW8 postcode has seen a lot of upmarket housing constructed recently and this pub possessed little character in our opinion. Two quick halves of their only ale, IPA, later, we hotfooted it to the next house going east along the north bank of the Thames.

On the site of what is now a drive-in burger restaurant, on the corner of London and Ealing Roads, was once the Red Lion, a sprawling and run-down live music pub. I giggered here a few times in my former life as a semi-pro musician: imagine the incongruity

of a synthesiser-based trio playing to sweaty, long-haired heavy metal freaks in a place so dark and bleak that to open the door to the daylight was truly anathema and an act which courted a negative response!

Brentford itself is significant for three things: it was the site of at least one battle, it is where the Grand Union canal and the Thames meet and it is home to the world's greatest football club. Strangely Brentford F.C was formed as an offshoot of a long-gone rowing club and only voted to become an Association Football (as opposed to Rugby Union) club by eight votes to five. Griffin Park was originally an orchard, owned by Fuller's, and given to the fifteen year-old football club in 1904. The ground was given its name as an eternal thank you to the Chiswick brewery and two of the four 'corner' pubs are still Fuller's houses (all four were owned by them once). The playing members chopped down the trees themselves, a stream is said to run under the pitch and it is a place both Pete and myself have spent a good deal of time (and money) visiting. Pete has undertaken the annual 'walk to Wycombe', whereby Bees supporters walk to the away fixture with Wycombe Wanderers, a distance of some twenty-eight miles, so this crawl was a piece of cake in comparison. 'GP' is now also home to my other sporting love, London Broncos rugby league club, so I see lots of it.

A short walk brought us to Captain Morgan's, an Irish-run house. It possesses an unusual shape with a long lounge bar reaching to the back. As is the case with many Irish houses in the capital, horse racing and the two GAA sports are regularly featured on TV. Alas, the sole ale was Courage Directors which turned out to be in grim form. If the beer can't hold your attention, there's a large collection of chamber pots hanging from the ceiling!

The final two pubs on the route, the Waggon & Horses (Fuller's) and the Express Tavern (free) were covered in the last issue by my esteemed colleagues from the London Pubs Group. There are a good many fine houses along London Road and the whole crawl is achievable in an evening ...providing you like walking, set out in good time and are wearing decent drinking trousers!

This is my final feature for London Drinker. I've been writing for this fine magazine for nigh-on ten years and have said as much as I am going to. I'd like to thank everyone that's encouraged me during that time; to my editors Andy Pirson, Dave Oram and Geoff Strawbridge, who gave me the chance to write for them. London is a great city and 'the Drinker' its best guide to its best pubs. Good luck, thank you and goodbye.

Al Ferrier

## IDLE MOMENTS

Hello again! ... or if you have not seen this column before – Hello!

In looking for a bon mot with which to commence this little farrago I dipped into my trusty dictionary of quotations and almost immediately chanced upon:

You know what charm is: a way of getting the answer yes without having asked any clear question (Albert Camus 1913 –1960).

And so on to the puzzles, starting of course with the number puzzles (Anyone seen a verb?).

- 29 is the MPS for a CH
- 2000 P in a ST
- 18 H on a GC
- 646 M of P in the H of C
- 1 F the M
- 92220 ES (BRLSL)
- 168 PNU 1000
- 1957 L of SO
- 6 P on a KDS
- 0141 DC for G

And then come the brewery anagrams.

- WIFE FLED OX BERRY
- CON NO LAND
- LOP HIND
- ROWS WITH BADGER
- BE BY LABELS
- HEED BRIAN
- NEWS LOT
- SHY BUS
- HE'D HACK WINTER
- HAIL FAX

I was wondering what to do for 5BY4 when my eye lighted on the little book of British birds that came as a prezzie when I joined the RSPB many moons ago (Clichés'R'us). "Why not," I thought, "get them going with some Latin names?" So before I thought of a reason not to, I did – and here they are. I have tried to pick several that are fairly obvious (well, they were to me!) as a starting point; then perhaps you can fill in the gaps. In case you haven't noticed the common names are in the first list.

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| 1. Starling      | A. Crex crex               |
| 2. Robin         | B. Parus major             |
| 3. Kestrel       | C. Sturnus vulgaris        |
| 4. Little owl    | D. Cygnus olor             |
| 5. Magpie        | E. Pica pica               |
| 6. Corncrake     | F. Passer domesticus       |
| 7. Mute swan     | G. Falco tinnunculus       |
| 8. House sparrow | H. Troglodytes Troglodytes |
| 9. Wren          | I. Erithacus rubecula      |
| 10. Great tit    | J. Athene noctua           |

And so finally we come to the General Knowledge – or at least unthemed knowledge

- By what name is the character Bibendum more commonly known?
- How many red stripes are there on the United States flag?
- According to Jeremy Clarkson (on Top Gear) what European country's population is the tallest?
- Plenty of RAF pilots travel at supersonic speeds, but what is special about one named Andy Green?
- What is the name of the comet that was hit by JPL's probe Deep Impact on 4th July?
- And while I think of it, what do the initials JPL stand for?
- Designed by Sir John Fowler and Benjamin Baker and formally completed by the Prince of Wales on 4th March 1890 - what is this famous structure?
- For those who remember the Avengers (No, not the version with Joanna Lumley), what type of car did John Steed's assistant Tara King (played by Linda Thorson) drive? (and yes, I am very old – but I've still got a motorbike)
- And still on the Avengers, who preceded Tara King as Steed's assistant and who played her?
- Who was the jazz club proprietor who once said of it, "Even the mice eat next door?"

Right, that's yer lot. Until next time ... (more missing verbs!)

## IDLE MOMENTS

### JUNE'S ANSWERS

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

#### NUMBER PUZZLES:

- 1992 Year of the Barcelona Olympics
- 16 Tons (by Tennessee Ernie Ford)
- 14 Legs on a Wood Louse
- 112 Pounds in a Hundredweight
- 25 Pounds is a Pony
- 8 Tentacles on an Octopus
- 604,800 Seconds in a Week
- 1666 Great Fire of London
- 20 Pound Notes have Sir Edward Elgar on the Back
- 24 Men in a Game of Draughts

#### BREWERY ANAGRAMS:

- ANT YAWS - STANWAY
- RALLIED BOG FAN - BRIDGE OF ALLAN
- SLOW EDNA - OLDE SWAN
- VOLE OR LIP - LIVERPOOL
- HOPE CARS - POACHERS
- REG & RAB LEAR - BARGE & BARREL
- WET RISKY HORSE - WEST YORKSHIRE
- LIKE MR. TEST - MILK STREET
- GRANT GIT SCOPE - COTTAGE SPRING
- RABID RON HAD A NERD - HADRIAN AND BORDER

#### 5BY4:

Last time Famous Residents linked houses now owned by the National Trust with their famous former residents; they were:

- Lamb House (Rye, E.Sussex) – Henry James
- Cliveden (Taplow, Bucks) – Lady Nancy Astor
- Hughenden Manor (High Wycombe, Bucks) – Benjamin Disraeli
- The Red House (Bexleyheath, Kent) – William Morris
- Woolthorpe Manor (Grantham, Lincs) – Sir Isaac Newton
- Sissinghurst Castle (Cranbrook, Kent) – Sir Harold Nicholson & Vita Sackville West
- Clouds Hill (Wareham, Dorset) – T.E.Lawrence
- Smallhythe Place (Tenterden, Kent) – Ellen Terry
- Lacock Abbey (Chippenhams, Wilts) – William Fox Talbot
- Quebec House (Westerham, Kent) – Gen. James Wolfe

#### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

- The hospital which is the operational base for London's Air Ambulance service is the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel.
- Oh dear! I missed a major part of the question didn't I The host on the TV show was folk singer Carolyn Hester; her guest who went on to become somewhat more famous was none other than Bob Dylan.
- Born in Glasgow in 1931 and one-time banjo player with Chris Barber's jazz band, Tony..... went on to become one of the leading lights of British popular music in the sixties. He was Tony Donegan – better known of course as Lonnie Donegan.
- It was Saint Brendan who reputedly sailed to America in a leather boat.
- The workman digging a trench for a water main across a field near Chichester in 1960 discovered the amazing mosaics of the Roman Royal Palace at Fishbourne.
- Edouard Manet's painting "A bar at the Folies Bergère" features bottles of none other than Bass.
- The creature with the Latin name "Hippocampus Hudonius" is the sea horse.
- The model of TVR named after a mythical fire breathing creature with the head of a lion, body of a goat and tail of a serpent is the Chimaera.
- It was Oedipus who solved the riddle of the sphinx.
- Joel Chandler Harris who wrote about Brer Rabbit and others wrote under the nom de plume – Uncle Remus.

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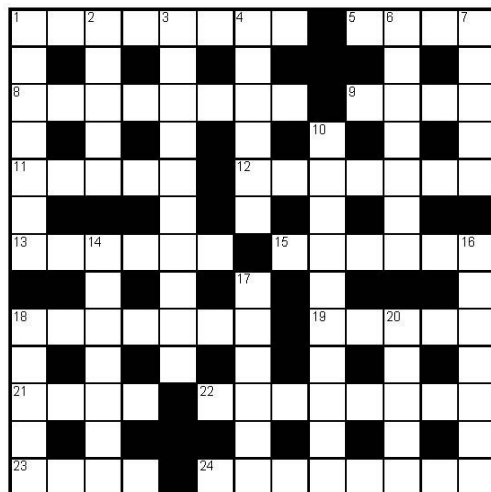
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## SOLUTION TO JUNE'S CROSSWORD



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## ACROSS

1. Cleaner china is attractive. [8]
5. Lincoln died lying down. [4]
8. Swears to imprison English hit men. [8]
9. Settle down before a story. [4]
11. Get model a round of drinks, suckers! [5]
12. Leave off wearing a ring. [7]
13. Son leaves to go back for worship. [6]
15. Right way to reverse decay. [3,3]
18. Inspector to drive round Northern Ireland. [7]
19. Police hesitate to have a drink. [5]
21. Flower grew. [4]
22. One entices supporter with ball. [3,5]
23. A number back Lenin but without love. [4]
24. Will it provide a ring round camp? [4,4]

## DOWN

1. Talk about madman! [7]
2. It's near a dilapidated stadium. [5]
3. Judge friend to get a point right. [10]
4. Girl with new man. [6]
6. Second rate climber's bag. [7]
7. Initially dirty water is found here. [5]
10. Saint to a large extent gets a boy back for killing father. [10]
14. Archdeacon is working on meat. [7]
16. Anguish of people in the wrong. [7]
17. Make speech about last man to be decorated. [6]
18. Idiot inserting nose of rocket into satellite. [5]
20. Fool caught in uprising. [5]

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