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## The numbers game

In the last issue we printed some of the motions discussed at the recent CAMRA AGM. There was another one which is worth reporting: *"This Conference condemns the involvement of CAMRA in entering into any commercial or promotional arrangement (other than paid for advertising at normal commercial rates) with any organisation involved in the production, wholesaling or retailing of beer or cider (by way of example the current members' promotion with JD Wetherspoon) and reaffirms that CAMRA is a consumer organisation, accountable only to its members and independent of any outside commercial influence"*. This motion was put forward by two long-standing and respected members so demanded respect although, after a very high quality debate, it was defeated.

CAMRA's membership has soared in the last few years – from 86,000 in June 2007 to nearly 114,000 now. Although I don't think that it was the intention of those who proposed the motion, there has since been some discussion as to whether mass recruitment is the correct policy for CAMRA to follow and if we are indeed prejudicing our independence. This is particularly relevant at this time of year as some 1,200 CAMRA members head to Earl's Court to staff the Great British Beer Festival.

So what of those CAMRA members who are not active – do we need them? Yes, of course we do and not just for the income from their subscriptions. We need

numbers; that is our strength. CAMRA has made itself one of the most prominent consumer organisations in the country. If we only consisted of the active members – certainly no more than 10,000 members – how seriously could we expect to be taken? Would we have gained our Office of Fair Trading 'Super-complainant' status? CAMRA HQ has a facility on its website for members to lobby their MPs by e-mail. One e-mail can be dismissed as the work of a crank; 100 cannot. The same goes for objections to planning applications for redeveloping pubs. If we are to retain non-active members then we have to think along the same lines as similar organisations such as the Ramblers Association and offer some incentives. That said, I have worked on the membership stands at Battersea and London Drinker beer festivals and I don't believe that anyone joins CAMRA just for the benefits.

Whilst I have spent many happy hours in various types of bar around Europe drinking various types of beer, nothing for me beats a decent pint of cask-conditioned beer in a decent British pub. Both of these are under a clear and persistent threat. That is why I am an active CAMRA member. I believe that everyone who joins CAMRA shares that basic concern. Perhaps we should reconsider what we describe as 'active'. I say that anyone who goes into pubs and drinks real ale is campaigning and the more of us the better. If you care about good pubs and good beer,



come and join us. It does not have to all be about committee meetings. To paraphrase John Milton, 'They also serve who only stand and drink'.

For the record, CAMRA makes no payment to the J D

Wetherspoon organisation for the 50p vouchers sent to CAMRA members. The initiative was entirely theirs and there are no conditions attached. CAMRA's National Executive saw no reason to refuse it. From my point of

view as compiler of the News round up column, if I feel that some adverse comment about JDW is called for then I will make it and I know that I have the Editor's support in that.  
*Tony Hedger*



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## North London pubs under threat

**P**ub regulars, concerned local residents, members of CAMRA and local councillors gathered in June on the forecourt of The Duke of Hamilton in Hampstead as part of their campaign to prevent the pub's closure and conversion into housing. The atmosphere amongst those gathered at the Duke was blunt – no more! This part of Hampstead has lost too many of its community pubs – either closed forever or converted into more food led, gastro operations where having a quiet pint and a chat is very much not the order of the day.



Local campaigners have taken their message to the streets, running street stalls to get their message across, handing out leaflets at the tube station, getting other local business to display the campaign's posters, distributing flyers to local residents and getting support from other community groups. As a result the letter pages of local newspapers *The Ham & High* and the *Camden New Journal* have been inundated with support. And hopefully the in-box of Camden's Planning Department has been similarly flooded with objections; on 30 June, we presented them a 500 strong petition. Local campaigners Barbara Woodhead and Richard Reed are seen here flanking, in the centre, local Councillors Chris Knight and Linda Chung.



Concern is also being expressed about the future of the Wenlock Arms, N1. It seems likely that this record four-times winner of CAMRA North London's Pub of the Year award could be put up for sale. There is concern that it may be attractive to developers who might wish to see the whole corner site on Wenlock Road converted into flats. Surely there is a pub operator out there who can see value in keeping the Wenlock what it is: one of London's premier cask beer and cider outlets and a great community local supporting local people, clubs and live music. If so, why not pop in and try to have a word with one of the owners, Steve Barnes or Will Williams.

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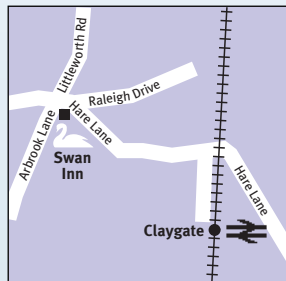
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**D**espite all the grim warnings, the budget on 22 June saw no increase in excise duties although the increase in VAT will inevitably hit hard come the New Year. Not only does the price of a pint increase directly but brewery and pub indirect costs will increase and they all get added to the price of a pint. We will be lucky to get away with 20p on a pint and it will not help pubs that are already struggling to survive.

The British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA) calculated that an increase in VAT to 20% would cost UK beer drinkers £300m a year and had lobbied the Chancellor for a compensatory reduction in beer duty but without success. Some 23 companies from the drinks sector went out of business in the first three months of 2010, a steep increase on the 11 in the same period of 2009. This is not the place to discuss the dismal performance of the England football team but their early return from South Africa will not have helped the pub industry, which was desperately banking on good takings from an extended run.

Excise duties will however be reviewed later in the year. The announcement was, "We will review alcohol taxation and pricing to ensure it tackles binge drinking without unfairly penalising responsible drinkers, pubs and important local industries". Pending this, the large increase in duty on cider has been cancelled. I would guess from the phrase 'local industries' that the Scotch Whisky Association (the trade body, not to be confused with the Scotch Malt Whisky Association) started lobbying early.

## The new government so far...

**A**t the first Parliamentary Question session for the government's Business, Innovation and Skills department, MP Greg

Mulholland, CAMRA's Parliamentary Campaigner of the Year, asked if the new Government would take action to reform the beer tie next year if the industry failed to reform itself. In reply, Consumers Minister Ed Davey confirmed that the government would indeed take action to reform the beer tie.

Nothing has been said however about reinstating the post of 'Minister for Pubs'. CAMRA has written to the Prime Minister asking for the appointment to be continued, going as far as to suggest likely candidates. These include Greg Mulholland and Nigel Evans, who is vice-chairman to Mr Mulholland on the All Party Parliamentary Save The Pub Group for which CAMRA now provides the secretariat. Mike Benner, CAMRA's Chief Executive said, "*It is a positive sign that the new Prime Minister chose to enjoy a pint in his local community pub on Election Night. CAMRA hopes that the new Government will include a Minister for Pubs tasked with safeguarding the future of the nation's pubs. Community pubs have long suffered through the absence of a single Minister to speak up for pubs. There are no fewer than six Government Departments whose actions have a major impact on community pubs and before the appointment of a Minister for Pubs by the last Government there was no joined up approach on pub matters. A dedicated Minister for Pubs is vital to ensure that the fate of community pubs does not fall through the gaps between these government departments*".

The government is also planning to introduce some sort of fee payable by any licensed premises that stay open after 11pm. Is this to curb so-called 'binge drinking' or, in effect, a 'stealth tax' to replace reduced government funding for the police and local authorities? I hope that it is properly thought through and does not unfairly penalise well

run community pubs, in line with the remit of their promised excise duty review.

On a more promising note, a 'community right to buy' provision for facilities such as post offices and pubs is promised in the upcoming Localism Bill.

## Law and order

**I**nevitably, and in some cases no doubt correctly, restrictions were placed on pubs showing World Cup matches. In my area at least, these were very much at the discretion of the local police rather than any universal rules. The Prince of Wales in SW19 was obliged to use plastic glasses because they had a TV in the garden. In Croydon and Sutton, pubs were ordered not to allow any further admission after kick-off time for the duration of the game. In the West Midlands however, the police drew up a ten-condition contract which included plastic glasses, having door staff on duty and having CCTV in operation. The way that it was done, with the threat of closure if a pub did not sign, was condemned as 'bullying' by the British Beer and Pub Association.

If the government are going to review the operation of the licensing laws, it might be helpful if they clarified the powers available to the police. Despite it being contrary to Home Office guidance, police in Lincoln ordered the on-the-spot 'Section 19' 24-hour closure of two pubs because of procedural matters spotted during routine visits such as not being able to produce staff addresses and not having the toilet inspection list up to date. Nottingham police have acted likewise for reasons such as not keeping CCTV tapes for 31 days, not displaying 'keep quiet' signs and having a photocopy of a licence on display instead of the original.

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in April, two sets of guidelines were issued, one by the Dept of Culture, Media & Sport and the other by the Home Office. They had, in the worthy opinion of the legal editor of the *Morning Advertiser*, "clearly been written by different civil servants with a different approach to the subject, and it would be amazing if they had not compared notes at some stage but totally in keeping with this (then) government if they had not". I would hope that this sort of duplicated effort will be done away with by the new government.

The Nottinghamshire police are also asking clubs to introduce a smart dress code on the basis that people dressed smartly are less likely to fight. There may be something in this. I remember a former colleague of mine commenting that in his younger days on Tyneside there was very little trouble in clubs and pubs because

most people were wearing a month's wages worth of clothes rather than t-shirts and tracksuit bottoms.

## London brewery news

**F**uller's have reported an above-expectation profit before tax of £26.6 million for the year ended 27 March. Since then, sales in their managed pubs were up 3.5% in the 10 weeks to 5 June, an increase on the 2.7% registered the previous year. Chairman Michael Turner is cautious however, commenting, "We may technically have emerged from recession and the economy may no longer be contracting. However, with the prospect of personal taxation in our target market rising further and disposable incomes reducing there may be less leisure spend available in real terms." All the same, Fuller's have been able to restructure their banking arrangements and have the cash

available for further acquisitions.

The Windsor and Eton Brewery Company is up and running, brewing for the first time in the area since Burge's Brewery was taken over and closed by Meux's in 1931. According to their very impressive website, the brewery was set up in just seven weeks in March and April with the first brew going on sale on 23rd April 2010, St George's Day. There are two beers at present: Guardsman, a 4.2% ABV copper coloured bitter, and Knight of the Garter golden ale at 3.8% ABV. Guardsman was a success at the recent Reading Beer Festival and the beers are available in many outlets around Windsor, and the wider Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey area. There are no central London outlets listed as yet.

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tanks installed recently and the new main brewery is expected to be completed by September. Meantime, as usual, supported the Greenwich Beer and Jazz Festival in May. CAMRA were not involved this year.

The Red Squirrel Brewery from Hertford has linked up with the Sportsman pub in Croxley Green. Brewer Gary Hayward, who has operated the brewery on his own since 2004, will now be able to concentrate on brewing whilst the administration and distribution work is done from the pub. Tracy Soden, who runs the Sportsman with husband Jason, said, *"These are difficult times for the pub trade and small independent brewers alike. It seems a natural progression to work closer with Gary as his beers are such a success at the Sportsman"*.

Some ten London brewers ranging from Fuller's to the Ram Brewery (see page 24) have joined together to form the

London Brewers Alliance. Their aim is to share skills and experience and to revive London as a centre of brewing. They also hope to host events, perhaps as soon as September. CAMRA London Region has welcomed this initiative and will support the Alliance where appropriate. The Alliance has a website: [www.londonbrewers.org](http://www.londonbrewers.org). The London Amateur Brewers organisation is also on board.

I am pleased to say that London is not the only area where small breweries are booming. The Southampton Beer festival recently featured beers from some five new Hampshire operations. One of them, Flack Manor in Romsey, is run by Nigel Welsh, ex of Ringwood Brewery and brother of David who is Duncan Sambrook's partner.

## News from the pubcos

**Y**oung's have reported a profit of £18.4 million for the year

ended March, with sales rising 1.1% to £127 million. The dividend will increase for the 13th consecutive year by 2% to 13p and the value of Young's shares rose 29p to £5.49, giving the business a market valuation of £230 million. Young's still hope to add to their 219 pubs. Chief Executive Stephen Goodyear said, *"There isn't any reticence on the part of the board and the banks will lend to us. If the right deal came along, we'd do it."*

I report the following because it is very much against what CAMRA stands for and, indeed, we have our own similar group. Punch Taverns were involved in a 'difficult' situation recently when members of the Labour Party's Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transsexual Society were allegedly refused service in the Greencoat Boy, Westminster, because of their sexuality. Punch have conceded that what happened was wrong, with a



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spokesman confirming that "Punch Taverns seeks to provide open and welcoming venues to everyone" and stressed that it was an isolated incident. They have also reminded their general managers and pub teams of their equal opportunities policy. Legal proceedings are still possible.

The Bavarian Beerhouse chain which has operated in Old Street for the last five years is expanding with a new outlet near Fenchurch Street station. The new site will follow the pattern of exposed brick walls, wooden floors and Bavarian-style décor. The Old Street site is reported to be the UK's biggest outlet for Paulaner and Erdinger beers.

Wetherspoon's new outlet in Putney, the Rocket, is unusual in that it has a clearly separate restaurant section serving additional dishes to the normal menu. This is not however the start of anything new. The tenancy agreement for the site dictates that it needs to be operated more as a restaurant than a pub.

## Big brewery news

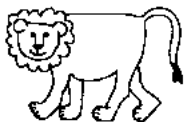
I noted a very apposite comment from Roger Protz in the *Morning Advertiser* recently about the transfer of the brewing of Tetleys from Leeds to the Banks's brewery (Marstons), at Wolverhampton. Roger reminded Carlsberg of what happened when AB InBev moved another iconic brew, Hoegaarden, from its home town to their Jupiler plant. It did not work and a year later brewing had to be moved back to Hoegaarden at a cost of several million euros.

In a recent interview with the *Morning Advertiser*, Carlsberg UK's Chief Executive, Dr Issac Sheps, confirmed that the company were absolutely committed to cask ale. He said, "We are continuing to innovate with Tetley's cask, which continues to be one of the biggest cask brands in the UK". This was a reference to their seasonal beers, not to moving production to Marstons.

Marstons beers served using

the Fast Cask system – see last issue – are now available on Chiltern Railway's service from Marylebone to Birmingham Moor Street.

At the end of May, Heineken UK closed the Dunston Brewery on Tyneside. Thus ended a significant chapter in Britain's brewing history because until 2004, this had been the Northern Clubs Federation Brewery. Groups of working men's clubs took to brewing their own beer between the wars when supply and quality in particular were problematic. 'That man, that very fat man who watered the worker's beer' was no myth. Watering-down by half was not unknown and, of course, the full price was charged. The 'Fed', as it was usually known, operated as a co-operative, owned by the clubs that it served. There were similar operations in the Midlands and South Wales, wherever there were thirsty industrial workers. For more information on the subject, I recommend Roger Protz's article in the



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AB InBev have announced that they are willing to sell the UK brand and brewing rights to Draught Bass. They will however retain the rights to the famous red triangle trade mark – the first ever – and overseas markets. Bass sells very well in the USA. The asking price is thought to be in the region of £10 to £15 million but considerable investment will also be required to re-establish the market for Bass, given the decline that has been allowed recently. It would be good to see this icon of British brewing restored to its rightful place. After all, at its peak, two million barrels were produced annually. Who might want it however? It is currently brewed under contract by Marstons who could probably afford it but, if they want to make Pedigree a 'national' brand, why invest in a rival?

It is understood that the Boddingtons and Flowers brands are similarly up for grabs. They are currently brewed by Hydes in Manchester and Brains in Cardiff respectively. In March, Stuart McFarlane, the UK President of AB InBev, told the *Morning Advertiser*, "Our focus is on Budweiser, Beck's and Stella and I'm not apologetic for that. I'm happy to say to the regional brewers, you take control of the cask ale business – you do it better". There's a challenge.

## Pub news

**T**he London Borough of Merton recently got itself into an embarrassing situation over the Prince of Wales, Western Road, SW19. It gave a grant for conversion of most of the building to flats, despite having refused planning permission for change of use. Retrospective permission has now been sought. At least, as reported in the last *Capital Pubcheck* Update, Pepi's, an independent bar with Guyanese food, had finally reopened on the ground floor.

Further to my report last issue, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club already owned one pub, the Corner Pin in High Road N17 which they bought in 2008. This is now being closed for conversion into a ticket office to free up a site nearer to the club's White Hart Lane ground. The pub is however popular with Spurs fans and Bernie Kingsley, chairman of the supporters club, told the *Tottenham Journal* that there was "a wider issue to be worried about. There have been an awful lot of pubs that have closed down in the area in recent years". The move is linked to the development of a new stadium which, the club say, will include various bars and a traditional pub.

Since the reopening of the Crane in Wandsworth as the Armoury, reported on page 20, Young's have equally tastefully refurbished the Prince of Wales in Morden Road, which was renamed from the Princess of Wales at the same time. The pub boasts an eclectic collection of animals. A Rottweiler dog is not unusual in a pub but they also have a clutch of happy, noisy hens and a small black pig called Zec. The hens provide fresh eggs for the kitchen. All rub along together and the dog keeps the chickens safe from foxes. The pub recently staged its first beer festival. It was well organised and I hope will become a regular event, joining the other established pub festivals in SW19 at the Sultan and the Trafalgar.

The Gordon Ramsey Holding's gastropub, the Devonshire, in Devonshire Road, Chiswick has closed after a kitchen fire and is not now likely to reopen. A spokeswoman said that the pub "has not been meeting our expectations for a while. We have taken the decision to close it while we consider future plans, as any business would do in this situation". Its main problem is reported to be its location at the Hogarth Roundabout end of the road – near Fuller's Brewery –

rather than being readily accessible from Chiswick High Road. GRH reported a loss of £4.3 million last year.

A new off-licence, Drink of Fulham, has opened at 349 Fulham Palace Road, promising ales from microbreweries from different counties. The shop has a 'USP' in that it also sells fresh made curry paste. You choose the flavour, it is made fresh and you take it home and make your curry. The firm has an existing shop in Goring on Thames. Website: [www.drinkoffulham.co.uk](http://www.drinkoffulham.co.uk).

## Promotion for CAMRA Chief Executive

**I**n the *Morning Advertiser's* list of the 50 most influential people in the trade, Mike Benner, CAMRA's Chief Executive, has risen to No 15 from 29 last year. J D Wetherspoon's Chairman Tim Martin and his Chief Executive John Hutson were joint No 8.

One of the issues that Mr Benner may have had deal with recently was a row that broke out between CAMRA's Harpenden Beer Festival and several local publicans who objected to the festival installing a big TV screen to show the football. One licensee said that he supported CAMRA because it supported beer but in this case it was actually taking trade away from him. A festival spokesman said that whilst he appreciated the concerns, the festival did bring a lot of people into town and that benefited local pubs.

## Beer for heroes

**V**isitors to CAMRA's forthcoming Great British Beer Festival will see a big change in the way that the beers are laid out. The bars themselves will be named after various British military heroes, ranging from Captain Scott and Winston Churchill to those who won posthumous Victoria Crosses in the Falklands and Afghanistan, 'H' Jones VC



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# News round-up

and Bryan Budd. Also included is Daisy Dobbs, a nursing sister who won the Military Medal in World War One. Give her a Google; hers is an inspiring story.

British cask ale will be presented in alphabetic order within alphabetic order of the county or area in which it is brewed, ranging from Aberdeen to Cumbria on Harris Bar (B4) to West Yorkshire and Worcester on Trenchard Bar (W6). The overseas beer bars have not been allocated names.

Advance ticket sales in May were reportedly up 32% on last year. So to get your discount and avoid the queues, get in soon. It is more expensive to pay on the day.

## Over the water

**T**escos, Sainsburys and Oddbins are all closing their outlets in Calais, thus bringing to an end the era of the 'booze cruise'. What does this add to the debate about UK supermarket pricing?

Craft brewers in Ireland are looking to set up a new movement for beer drinkers that will cover the whole of the island of Ireland. This could bring them into conflict with CAMRA who organise separately either side of the border but, curiously, reflects what happens with the rugby union and football authorities. There also must be a question as to whether any organisation set up by producers could be seen to represent consumers.

If you wish to thank them for providing England's only win in South Africa, you can now buy beer imported from Slovenia. There are three beers in the Lasko range: Zlatarog, a 4.9% ABV lager, Club Export, a 4.9% ABV blond beer and Dark, a 5.9% ABV dark lager.

## And finally

**A** friend spotted a board outside a pub in Dartford advertising 'basket meals' with the first item listed being soup.

In a new concept called 'thermally-activated advertising', Diageo have booked a series of TV adverts for Pimms to run only when the temperature reaches 22 degrees C or above. The Pimms brand is currently worth £29.3 million apparently.

I must acknowledge the passing of one of the country's best known and longest-serving publicans, Sid Perks of the Bull, Ambridge. My bet is that he will be succeeded by his long-lost twin brother (refer to Tony Hancock's classic episode '*The Boumians*'). Meanwhile I hope that our colleagues in the Dorsetshire Branch of CAMRA are taking action to fight the planning application to turn the Marquis of Granby, Borchester, into flats.

*Tony Hedger*

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# Local heroes

As a demonstration of their continuing commitment to real ale, Young & Co have been allowing a limited selection of guest ales into their tied pubs for several years now, so long as the landlords were content that their cask ale sales were sufficiently robust to take an extra handpump or two. This refreshing policy has seen, inter alia,



Deuchars IPA, St Austell Tribute and lately Hook Norton Hooky Bitter take their place alongside Ordinary, Special, Bombardier and Winter Warmer (in season) behind the bar. Perhaps attracted by CAMRA's successful LocAle scheme, Young's have now introduced their own "Local Heroes" guest ale scheme which has seen the introduction of Sambrook's Wandle Ale into a number of local Wandsworth and Battersea Young's pubs, including the Alma, Armoury, County Arms, Leather Bottle, Nightingale, Ship, Spread Eagle and Spotted Horse. Further afield, both Windmills (Clapham Common and Mayfair), the Red Cow in Richmond, the Hand in Hand in Wimbledon and the Spring Grove in Kingston, for example, also stock Sambrook's ale. Young's are keen to get Wandle into more pubs and hope that this will encourage more CAMRA members to visit Young's pubs more often. It's a policy that will certainly work with this CAMRA member.

The Armoury in Wandsworth is perhaps the best example of why this development is so encouraging. Formerly the Crane, this was a failing pub, stuck on the nightmare Wandsworth one-way system and plagued by beer quality issues for many years. The landlords of the now closed Wheatsheaf around the corner (a former GBG entry) took it on about two years ago, improved the beer quality, but could not

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reverse its fortunes. Closure appeared inevitable, but instead Young's agreed to make it a flagship for its new cask ale policy, investing heavily in the renewal of the pub and agreeing to widen the choice of real ale. This was the idea of the new, very enthusiastic young landlords, Nicholas Flook and Rebecca Davidson, who were initially wary in taking on a tied pub in such an unpromising location. Initially, three cask ales feature Young's Ordinary plus Sambrook's Wandle and Junction, with a fourth handpump featuring a regularly changing guest-ale when business picks up. My plea to the *London Drinker* readership is to make sure it does, for this venture deserves all our support.

Duncan Sambrook himself is delighted to be in partnership with Young & Co. and is especially pleased to be involved with the Armoury. This is of course partly because he hopes to sell a lot more beer but mainly because, as a CAMRA member himself, it ticks all our boxes in widening choice, recognising the 'green' credentials of locally-brewed real ale and in keeping pubs open, allowing a new team with new ideas to rejuvenate a failing pub if they can. Best of all, it is a recognition within a market-oriented business operating in a fiercely competitive environment that real ale is seen as an integral part of their future success.

*Peter J Sutcliffe*



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The idea of the scheme is very simple: pubs are eligible to sign up if they **permanently** serve in good condition at least one cask beer from at least one local brewery. For the London scheme, we defined a local brewery as **one that is within thirty miles** of the pub's front door. The actual beer and brewery can change; it does not have to be the same beer all the time, which enables the publican to rotate the local beer(s) available. Each CAMRA branch has been able to advise on the breweries eligible to deliver to pubs in their areas within the scheme.

In November 2009, we celebrated the inaugural London Pubs Week by advertising an ale

trail comprising the first 36 pubs to join the London LocAle scheme. That number has now risen to more than 50, and it is intended to list them on a new page at [www.londondrinker.org.uk](http://www.londondrinker.org.uk), showing the breweries whose beers they usually serve.

There can be no doubt that a wider range of local beers is readily available in London pubs and clubs now than two years ago, but the really good news is the growing number of microbreweries based in London itself. After Meantime and Twickenham came Brodies and Sambrooks, and now Ha'penny and Redemption. Besides taking Pride, of course, with Fuller's, London drinkers can now take pride in many more locally brewed beers!

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A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to visit the now mothballed Ram Brewery in Wandsworth, formerly the Young's Brewery which was sold to property company, Minerva, in 2006 for £69 million. Much of the brewing equipment has been scrapped during the decommission but there is plenty that remains in situ, much of it awaiting review by English Heritage to determine whether any of it should be preserved.

I have also seen the architects' models of the planned redevelopment and can say that it intends to make as much of the brewing heritage as possible. The intention is to build two mainly residential tower blocks of 29-39 storeys at the rear of the site (the stable end for those who know it) while the front of the site will be more open courtyard overlooked by the old brewery. They are restrained to a certain extent by the listed building status of the old brewery: the brewer's house, the beam engines, the chimney and the stable house, and so will be building around the existing plant and buildings where necessary. It is intended that there will be a brewing museum on site and a microbrewery, which may be operated by Young's.



To this end, I can let you into a little secret: brewing has been continuous in the brewery since Young's departed for Bedford. John Hatch, one of the Young's brewing team, was retained as site-manager by the owners, Minerva and was charged with making sure that brewing continues in the

interim period until any microbrewery or brewpub can be developed.



John set to his task with gusto, salvaging any parts of the brewing kit that the scrap merchants refused and begging, borrowing and simply making do to build a tiny brewing plant. For example, the brewing kettle was cobbled together using the cut-off tea urn from the canteen. John has put together a quarter barrel brewery and has been brewing 72 pints a week.

The beer is used by Minerva for company meetings and John sometimes hosts small gatherings for the friends of the brewery.

Sad as it was to see the old Young's Brewery disappear – and I know that not everyone agrees with me that it was unavoidable – I now raise a glass to brewing in Wandsworth and am encouraged by the enthusiasm that Minerva are showing with regard to the brewing heritage of the site.

I hope we will eventually see the pub on the corner reopening, another new brewery for London and a Ram Brewery museum.

*Steve Williams*



## Trumans do a Runner

Whoever would have thought that the name of Trumans would once again appear on a beer in the East End of London. Two young men who had been working near the defunct brewery were determined to bring the beer back from the grave.

James Morgan and Michael-George Hemus thought it was a shame that there were plenty of pubs displaying the Truman name but not a Truman's beer in sight. Talking to many of the locals, they saw that the beer was still held in high regard and was missed and so they decided to do something about it. They began to talk to S&N two years ago about the use of the Truman brand. Things were set back a bit when S&N was taken over by Heineken but, through hard work and sheer bravado, they persuaded their lawyers to let them have the Truman name in perpetuity.

Now they had the brand, the next step was to brew some beer. Without premises in London, they decided to find a brewer to brew it for them and chose Nethergate's Old Growler Brewery in Essex. This was quite apt as Truman used to have its malting nearby in Long Melford.

The next stage was to go through the London Metropolitan Archives who had lots of their Gyle books, photos and letters. They chose to start with just one beer, Runner, a beer that regularly was mentioned in the Archives. At 4% alcohol, it is a best bitter with chocolate malt giving the beer its dark brown colour. It also uses Maris Otter, some crystal, rye and torried wheat to aid its head retention (it does have a big head!). The hops are Goldings and Fuggles at the start of the boil and Styrian at the finish. The overall result is an easy to drink, sweetish malty beer that is balanced by the dryness and a slightly bitter finish.

For those who were looking for a beer that reflects the old advertising of 'You can taste the hops in Ben Trumans', this is not it, but the beer will change in due course. Tom Knox, Nethergate's brewer, said that they have located a strain of Truman's yeast in the National Yeast Bank dating from 1956, which they intend to try. He is also investigating the water to see if they can get the trace element content closer to the water that would have been used in the East End Brewery.

Eventually, the hope is to start brewing in London but, in the meantime, they are working with Tom to produce a porter or stout this winter and a lighter beer for the spring.

The official launch of Runner was on 23 June at the Royal Oak, Columbia Road E2 and the beer has also been seen in the Baring Arms N1 and the Queens Head, Acton St, WC1. Other reported outlets include the Scolt Head, N1; Griffin, Lennard Street, EC2; Carpenters Arms, Cheshire

Street, E2; Water Poet, Folgate Street, E1; Pub in the Park, London Fields, E8 and Barnsbury, Liverpool Road, N1.



The new company is interested in any history relating to the original company – see their website: [www.trumansbeers.co.uk](http://www.trumansbeers.co.uk).

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Along with a number of real ales from small breweries and a unpretentious interior, and serving simple but quality food, the Southampton Arms has a wow factor and, in the London Regional Cider pub of the Year competition, it is a worthy winner.

The award presentation takes place at 8.30 on Monday 26 July.

*Ian White*

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**T**here is a new venture is retailing cider in SE1 and on the evening of 5 July a number of CAMRA members and various people from the food and drinks media attended the first cider tasting event at Platform, 56-58 Tooley Street.

By happy coincidence, a co-owner of Platform, farmer Barney Butterfield, saw his scrumpy crowned the cider champion of the UK at the CAMRA Awards this year. So it was excellent to have him come and give not only a talk on cider making and what the award means to him, but also a tutored cider tasting session of the various different ciders he produces, from a fine cloudy

scrumpy and another one with quite a bite to clear, easy drinking ciders. A selection of Platform's fine food, showcasing slow reared meats from Barney's farm, was served afterwards to complement the ciders.

Platform is in one of the arches under London Bridge, with contemporary furnishing and decoration. We look forward to returning to future cider events but in the meantime get along to sample an award winner!

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**A**mong the lots on sale at CAMRA's 25th National Breweriana Auction is a beautiful Toby Jug from Hoare's Brewery of Lower East Smithfield in East London. This brewery was taken over by Charringtons in 1933 who then inherited the Toby logo.

There are lots of other iconic items too, including a sign from the defunct St Neots' brewery of Paines displaying the famous figure of John Bull and a Watney Party Seven can (unopened) that will bring back memories of the 1960s and '70s. The clothing of the trendy people on the can says it all!

If you have never been to the National Breweriana Auction before, the auction is great fun to take part in and is an opportunity to get some great bargains; many of the items on sale can appreciate in value. And,



of course, like any CAMRA event, there is some good beer on sale all day, in this case provided by the local Old Cottage Brewery.

The auction takes place on Saturday 16 October at Burton Town Hall, King Edward Place, Burton on Trent, DE14 2EB and so there are plenty of good pubs to sample too. The event starts at 11am with the opportunity to view the lots and browse the breweriana stands that will also be there. Bidding starts at 1pm. Entrance is by catalogue (£2.50), available on the day, or £3.50 in advance, by post from Bill Austin: 01923 211654 (answerphone) or [baustin@supanet.com](mailto:baustin@supanet.com). If you can't get there, postal bids are

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## THE PINEAPPLE WINS NORTH LONDON PUB OF THE YEAR

**D**espite almost closing in 2002 and nearly being destroyed by a recent fire, the Pineapple in Leverton Street, NW5 has beaten all odds to be awarded North London CAMRA's Pub of the Year 2010/11. The pub is chosen by the local Branch from hundreds of pubs in the area to win this accolade.

John Cryne, CAMRA's North London Branch Chairman said, "Back in 2002, the Pineapple looked like it was going to close but a rallying around of locals, supported by CAMRA, managed to save it. In May it had a fire in the kitchen and the roof of the bar collapsed. In spite of all this, the pub has managed to keep open, reflecting



Pineapple manager, Simon Rennie, is seen here accepting the award from John Cryne on 1 June.

the tenacity the staff have for serving their customers. It sells excellent beer and guarantees a comfortable and warm welcome to all. It's a worthy winner and we are delighted that all the hard work to save the pub has proven worthwhile".

The Pineapple is a Grade II listed building, with an exceptional Victorian character. Of particular note is the fine bar-back with etched and gilt mirrors. The pub is listed in *London Heritage Pubs*, CAMRA's London regional inventory of historic pub interiors. The listing took place as part of the campaign to save the pub when English Heritage was brought into the frame. That expertise gained during that campaign is now being brought to bear in the battle to save The Duke of Hamilton, Hampstead from being converted into housing.





## THE FOX AT HANWELL

**T**he Fox has been named West Middlesex Pub of the Year 2010. The pub on Green Lane in Hanwell is owned by sisters Maggie Chalmers and Sarah Brazier.

The Fox was saved from developers in 2000 when a group of locals took out an advertisement in the *Evening Standard* pleading with potential buyers to purchase the Fox and retain it as a pub for the whole community as it was then under threat from developers. Maggie and Sarah bought it and the Fox has not looked back.

Maggie's husband Colin said, "*The Fox has been the heart of the local community especially since we took over chairing the Hanwell Carnival in 2001 which celebrated it's 50<sup>th</sup> continuous year in June. The locals are joined by dog walkers and barges from the nearby Grand Union Canal who come for the excellent beers and Maggie's home cooking. It really is an idyllic setting. We are really pleased – this is the Hat Trick for us having won the competition previously in 2005 and 2007.*"

The pub runs two beer festivals a year with over 20 real ales available at Easter and in October. The certificate was presented on 2 June by Branch Chairman David Bender who congratulated Maggie and Colin (pictured centre



and right) on winning the competition and thanked them for providing such a splendid buffet with complementary real ale all evening for every customer.

The Red Lion in Ealing and JJ Moons in Ruislip Manor were the runners-up in the 2010 competition.

Roy Tunstall

## MORE AWARDS FOR FULLERS

**A**s mentioned briefly in the News round-up last issue, Fuller's did very well in the London & South East heats of CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain competition for 2010. They had two category winners: Gales HSB in the Strong Bitter category and Vintage Ale in the Real Ale in a Bottle (RAiB). The Area Finals were held at the Sussex Beer Festival at Hove in March and Fuller's Vintage (2008) won the overall competition, thus becoming Champion Beer of London & South East 2010. In addition, Chiswick Bitter and London Porter picked up silver medals in the Bitter and Porter categories respectively while London Pride, ESB and bottled 1845 were all placed in the top six of their categories as finalists.

The award for Vintage Ale was presented to John Keeling, the Brewing Director, on 27 May at the brewery. Also present from Fullers were Simon Robertson-Macleod, Tony Johnson and Derek Prentice. John had only returned from abroad that day so his being there was a special effort. CAMRA was represented by present and past London Regional Directors, Kim Martin and Steve Williams; John Cryne, the Brewery Liaison Officer; Kevin Travers, responsible for the London & South East CBOB competition, Val Helliwell



for the RAiB judging and Steve Pardoe for the final judging in Hove.

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Tony Hedger

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## Dear Editor

On a recent visit to the North East of England, I travelled through a number of what were once mining villages. Boarded up pubs were a common sight; indeed in one village both of its pubs were shut down.

The reason is simple enough. The area is one of high unemployment, and such jobs as do exist are often poorly paid. Therefore, few people can afford to pay pub prices and instead buy cheaper drink from supermarkets to consume at home. They are not necessarily binge drinkers, just ordinary decent people who enjoy a drink but who do not have much money.

CAMRA members need not fret however. There are a number of gastropubs in the area selling real ale. Only a few miles down the road, the GBG listed establishment I visited (for a meal of chicken liver bruschetta followed by pan fried sea bass fillets on a prawn and mussel bisque) had a decent enough pint of Landlord at £3.20, although it only became a pint after I had requested a top-up. The lager drinkers who formed the majority of customers could get a near-pint of Stella for only £3.50.

These are prices that most ordinary people simply cannot afford. CAMRA may support the idea of minimum pricing to make cheap supermarket alcohol a bit more expensive, but that on its own won't encourage more people to go to the pub. Unless the minimum price set is high, it probably won't even have much effect on excessive drinking. It will however further penalise people on low incomes who are suffering enough already in the current economic climate.

*Brian Sheridan*

## Dear Editor

What a superb 7th Biannual Beer Festival at the Eagle Ale House in Battersea/Clapham from 28th to 30th May, including an excellent glossy souvenir programme and customised nonic beer glasses. The boys at the Eagle always manage to come up with beers from obscure micro-breweries but they really excelled themselves this year. My particular favourite and indulgence was Hornbeam Malt Mountain Mild (3.6%) which was a worthy successor to the delicious Hornbeam Black Coral Stout that disappeared here so fast last year but which the Eagle apparently could not obtain this time. I was also delighted to be able to imbibe an ale from another of my favourite lesser known micro-breweries, Hammerpot. However all of the 40+ micro-brews on offer (many of which were joyously unknown to me) that I tasted were very palatable and in perfect condition. Some of the more unusually named ale delights present were Blindman Beer Goggles, Clint Eastwood, Concrete Cow Fenny Popper, Freddie Truman, Nelsons

Delight, Showmans Grog, Bottom Knocker, Humpty Dumpty, Inkie Pinkie, Brassed Off, Rammy Rocket, Pot Belly Pigs Do Fly, Tiddly Dyke and Sporan Warmer Blonde – the latter being heart-thumping for an old git like me! Furthermore despite the above descriptions most of the ales, sensibly and responsibly, were around the quaffable ABV of 4%.

The innovation of the Eagle Ale House is remarkable, considering that the pub is shackled by the extortionate and restrictive 'beer tie'. The clear absence of ROB (Rip Off Britain) here in providing customers with a tremendous choice at reasonable London prices (most of these rare micro-brews were £3 per pint) should be an example to all in the trade and especially to the pubcos and regional and national brewers who continue to inflict the tie on their tenants and the public.

*Tony Bell  
London SW6*

## Dear Editor

I thought that it was a legal requirement for beer-strengths to be displayed on handpumps, and on bottles. I would have thought it was a general requirement but, seemingly, either it is not so or many distributors are ignoring the law.

Among those NOT displaying their alcoholic strength are draught Kronenbourg, Guinness and Fosters. Perhaps Trading Standards should be told?

Which reminds me.... I note that Stella Artois are re-advertising the 'fact' that their product contains only four ingredients: "Malt, maize meal, hops, water" ... BUT NO YEAST.

Thus telling all the world something we knew already, namely that it isn't actually beer, at all!

*Greg Tingey*

## Dear Editor

I note from the contact information shown on page three of *London Drinker* that there is no contact address other than email for people wishing to send in articles, letters etc.

According to Government figures for 2009, 70% of households were internet connected; so 30% were not.

Is it CAMRA policy deliberately to exclude this minority?

*Brian Sheridan  
(by email)*

*Thank you, Brian. I do prefer correspondents to send their copy to me electronically so that I can edit it without having to spend hours on the office computer inputting it all first. I would not want any 'CAMRA policy' to require me to do that although I do so exceptionally, time permitting. - Ed.*

## London Ale Taster found in ancient role revival

In medieval times, ordinary citizens were appointed to oversee and inspect various aspects of everyday life, effectively doing the work of our modern Inspectors of Weights and Measures. Not surprisingly, one of the most popular offices to be held was that of the Ale Taster also known as Ale Conner. His duties involved visiting stalls and inns on market days and during the town's fairs to ensure that the ales, beers and other produce on sale were of good quality.

The battle for the title of London Ale Taster 2010 reached its thrilling climax in an event organised on 9 June in the historic setting of Old Spitalfields Market, London. The competition was tough, but Steve Williams from South West London took the coveted crown in front of the assembled crowd. Each of six short-listed contestants faced four rounds of 'blind' tastings, where they had to match four named beers to four samples. Each of the rounds covered a beer style, starting with Porters and Stouts, then Premium Bitters, Pale Ales and finally a mixed round that included locally-produced lagers and blonde beers.

The five other contestants were Christine Green, Nancy Rundhammer, Tom Harman, Daniel Durban and Jane Peyton, all from London.

The fifth and final round saw each contestant make a one minute presentation to a panel of judges that included beer writer and historian Pete Brown; Steve Wellington, master brewer with the White Shield micro-brewery; George Philliskirk, former brewer and known to many TV viewers as the 'Beer Doctor' and Malcolm Ball, chief executive of the Wellington Market Company, responsible for Old Spitalfields Market and the revival of this historic role.

Steve Williams stepped off the City treadmill in 2003 to enjoy life a bit more. He now works as an accountant part time, is a Justice of the Peace and was CAMRA's Regional Director for London from 2004 to 2009. He said, "I am delighted to be the winner of this coveted role. The judges decided that my passion for beer was the deciding factor and I will do my best to make sure I live up to the title of London Ale Taster. Cheers!"

Speaking on 14 June, Malcolm Ball said, "I'd like to congratulate Steve on winning the 2010 London Ale Taster competition. I know that the blind tasting rounds were closely contested, but his presentation to our judging panel was outstanding. He managed to somehow shoe-horn all of his passion and enthusiasm for the subject of beer into a one minute presentation.

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the event: the brewers, my fellow judges and perhaps most importantly, the two runners up, Jane Peyton who came second, Tom Harman, third and the other three candidates Christine, Nancy and Daniel for making the event so entertaining for the audience. We've*



*received a lot of positive feedback from people that attended the competition and beer market and I can assure you that this will become an annual event. It's widely reported that real ales are making a comeback as consumers seek-out better taste and quality. These well-crafted beers will*

*become a regular feature in our events calendar here at Old Spitalfields Market."*

Malcolm went on to explain that the London Ale Taster would be given a weekly beer budget so that he can carry out the role of 'mystery drinker' in the capital's pubs, and a blog on the [www.londonaletaster.co.uk](http://www.londonaletaster.co.uk) domain for reporting back to consumers. Steve would be invited to preside over a number of beer-related activities, such as tasting classes, food/beer matching sessions and the launch of a new beer called Old Spitalfields Bitter (OSB) intended to be produced with the help of the public and London's brewers. He went on to stress that the London Ale Taster is all about responsible drinking: "In no way are we promoting binge drinking – I guess you could sum up the role with the phrase 'quality, not quantity'!"

The event was supported by local brewers from London and elsewhere including Brodie's (Leyton), Fuller's (Chiswick), Meantime (Greenwich), Redemption (Tottenham), Sambrook's (Battersea), Sharps (Rock, Cornwall), The Kernel Brewery (SE1) and the White Shield micro-brewery (Burton). The Beer Academy and Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) also attended the event to promote their respective organisations' activities. Pete Brown commented, "There's an unprecedented level of interest in great beer these days and a lot of that interest is coming from people who love locally sourced, flavourful, crafted food and drink of all types and don't see why beer should be any exception. This post should help spread the appreciation of beer even further and help turn more people on to the variety and depth of flavour in great beer."

Old Spitalfields Market is a short walk from Liverpool Street Station and Aldgate East Tube – please visit [www.oldspitalfieldsmarket.com](http://www.oldspitalfieldsmarket.com) for further information.

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# Branch diaries

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

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

## LONDON REGIONAL EVENT

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

## LONDON PUBS GROUP

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**August – Wed 11** Evening crawl of Fulham and Hammersmith: (7pm) Fox & Pheasant, 1 Billing Rd, Fulham SW10; (7.45) Atlas, 16 Seagrave Rd, Fulham SW6; (8.45) Colton Arms, 187 Greyhound Rd, Fulham, W14; (9.45) Hope & Anchor, 20 Macheth St, Hammersmith, W6.

NB: a lot of walking is involved and public transport will be required at times.

**September – Wed 15 (7.15 for 7.30)** Mtg. Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1 (upstairs). All branches and members interested in pub research and preservation welcome.

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

## YOUNG MEMBERS GROUP

London co-ordinator **Matthew Black**: 07786 262798, [youngmembers@selcamra.org.uk](mailto:youngmembers@selcamra.org.uk)

**August – Wed 4 (7pm)** GBBF bar crawl. Earl's Court; meet at membership stand. - **Sat 7 (1pm)** GBBF bar crawl. Earl's Court; meet at membership stand.

**September – Wed 22** SE1 Waterloo crawl: (7pm) Hole in the Wall, 5 Mepharm St; (8pm) White Hart, 29 Cornwall Rd; (9pm) Lord Nelson, 243 Union St; (10pm) Charles Dickens, 160 Union St.

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

## BEXLEY

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**August – Wed 11 (8.30)** Mtg. Duchess of Kent, Northumberland Heath.

**September – Wed 8 (8.30)** Mtg. Albany, Albany Park.

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

## CROYDON & SUTTON

*Peter McGill: 07831 561296; [pete\\_mcgill@hotmail.com](mailto:pete_mcgill@hotmail.com)*

**August – Wed 4** GBBF social: (every hour from 6pm) Right hand side of Montgomery Bar. - **Tue 17 (8pm onwards)** Social and BBQ.

Cricketers, 47 Shirley Rd. - **Sat 21** South/East London overground line crawl with ELAC and SE London branches: (9am) George, George St with Travelcard. See ELAC Diary for details of onward itinerary. - **Tue 31 (8.30)** Mtg. Dog & Bull, Surrey St, Croydon.

**September – Wed 8** South Croydon three pub social: (8.30) Croham Arms, 1 Croham Rd; (9.20) View, 188 Selsdon Rd; (10.15) Crown & Sceptre, 32 Junction Rd. - **Tue 14** Crystal Palace SE19 Two-pub joint social with SE London: (8pm) Grape & Grain, Anerley Hill; (9.45) Postal Order, 33 Westow St. - **Thu 30 (8.30)** Mtg. Windsor Castle (Cottage Rm), 378 Carshalton Rd SWS5.

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

## EAST LONDON & CITY

*John Pardo: 07757 772564; [elacbranch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elacbranch@yahoo.co.uk)*

**August – Thu 12** CotY presentation (8pm for 9pm) Leyton Orient Supporters' Club. - **Sat 21** South/East London overground line crawl with Croydon & Sutton and SE London branches: (9am) George, 17-21 George St, Croydon; (10.30) Moon & Stars, 164-166 High St SE20; (11.30) Capitol, 11-21 London Rd SE23; (12.30) Orchard, 5 Harefield Rd SE4 or Brockley Barge 184 Brockley Rd SE4; (2pm) Moby Dick, 6 Russia Pl, SE16; (3pm) Mayflower, 117 Rotherhithe St, SE16; (4pm) Town of Ramsgate, 62 Wapping High St, E1; (5pm) Old Rose, 128 The Highway, E1; (5.45-7pm) food break around Whitechapel; (7pm) LHT Urban Bar, 176 Whitechapel Rd, E1 (or else Good Samaritan, 87 Turner St, E1); (7.45) Owl & The Pussycat, 34 Redchurch St, E2; (8.30) Stags Head, 55 Orsman Rd, N1; (9.15) walk from Haggerston stn to Scott Head, 107A Culford Rd, N1 then finish at Duke of Wellington, 119 Balls Pond Rd, N1 (close to Dalston Jct stn).

**September – Sat 4/Sun 5** Informal social, come when you will.

Brodies Birthday Bash, William IV, 816 High Rd, Leyton E10. - **Thu 16 (8pm)** Mtg. Hand & Shears, 1 Middle St, EC1. - **Fri 24** Woodford crawl: (7.30) Railway Bell, 87 George La, E18; (8.15) George, 70-74 High Rd, E18; (9pm) Cricketers, 229-301 High Rd, IG8; (9.45) Rose & Crown, 31 Mill La, IG8; (10.30) Travellers Friend 496-498 High Rd, IG8.

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

## ENFIELD & BARNET

*Brian Willis: 020 8440 4542 (H), branch mobile 07757 710008 at event*

**August – Tue 10 (8.30)** Garden social. Orange Tree, Highfield Rd, Winchmore Hill N21. - **Wed 18 (8.30)** Garden social. Cock & Dragon, Chalk La, EN4. - **Thu 26** 8.30 Garden social. Crown & Horseshoes, 15 Horseshoe La, EN2. - **Sat 28** Hertford crawl led by Terry Gill. Details from contact or website.

**September – Wed 1** Two pub social: (8.30) Malt & Hops, 891 High Rd, North Finchley, N12; then Tally Ho. - **Sat 4** Beer & Buses: Meet 10.30am Chingford Stn. Details from contact or website. - **Wed 8 (8.30)** CotY 2010. The Ponders End Working Men's Social Club, 46 South St, Ponders End EN3 (CAMRA cards only). - **Sat 11** Chappel BF: meet at Liverpool Street. Details from contact or website. - **Tue 14 (8.30)** Mtg. White Lion, 50 St. Albans Rd, EN5. - **Wed 22 (8.30)** Local 2011 GBBG launch. Prince of Wales, 2 Church Hill Rd, EN4. - **Thu 30 (8.30)** GBBG social and London Drinker pick up. Old Mitre, 58 High St, Barnet EN5.

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

## KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD

*Clive Taylor: 020 8949.2099; [ctaylor2007@freuk.com](mailto:ctaylor2007@freuk.com)*

**August – Thu 12 (8.15)** Mtg. Albert Arms, High St, Esher. - **Sat 14** Day out to Brighton on train. Travel on 11.42 ex Clapham Jct or meet (12.30) Battle of Trafalgar at, then to other pubs: Prestonville, Hampton, Lion & Lobster etc. - **Thu 19 (8pm)** KBF wash-up mtg. Willoughby Arms. - **Fri 20 (8pm)** Social. Woodies beer festival, New Malden. - **Fri 27 (8pm)** Social. Swan beer festival, Claygate. - **Sun 29 (1pm)** Social. Boaters beer festival, Kingston.

**September – Sun 5** Day out on train to Faversham Hop Festival.

Travel on 11.05 ex Victoria or meet (12.30) Elephant at Faversham. - **Thu 9 (8.15)** Mtg. Angel, Portsmouth Rd, Thames Ditton. - **Sun 12 (1pm)** Barbecue. Wych Elm, Kingston. - **Fri 17** Evening visit to Carshalton: (7pm) Railway, then Sun, Greyhound, Windsor Castle and Hope. - **Tue 28** Stoneleigh stroll: (8pm) Stoneleigh Inn, then Gamecock and Adelaide.

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**August – Tue 3** GBBF social. (7pm then every hour) Fuller's Brewery stand. - **Sun 8 (8pm)** Farewell to Oakdale social. Oakdale Tavern, 283 Hermitage Rd, N4. - **Tue 10** Holloway social: (7.30) Litro, 66 Drayton Pk, N5; (8.15) George, 9 Eden Gr, N7; (9pm) Horatia, 100-102 Holloway Rd, N7; (9.30) Duchess of Kent, 441 Liverpool Rd, N7; (10.30) White Swan, 251-256 Upper St, N1. - **Sat 14** Joint social with London Pubs Group in Tottenham, Stoke Newington and Islington. See LPG entry or newsletter for details. - **Tue 17** Stroud Green N4 social: (7.30) Worlds End, 21-23 Stroud Green Rd; (8.15) Faltering Fullback, 19 Perth Rd; (9pm) Nicholas Nickleby, 6 Ferme Park Rd; (10pm) Stapleton, 2-4 Crouch Hill; (10.30) White Lion of Mortimer, 125-127 Stroud Green Rd. - **Sat 21** LDBF beer of festival trip to Salthair Brewery. See John Cryne for details. - **Tue 24** Camden Town NW1 social: (7.30) Lyttelton Arms, 1 Camden High St; (8pm) Cobden Arms, 28-30 Camden High St; (8.45) 3 Lions, 69 Camden Rd; (9.15) Constitution, 42 St Pancras Way; (10pm) Prince Albert, 163 Royal College St. - **Tue 31** Tottenham N17 social: (7.30) Volunteer, 121 Chestnut Rd; (8.15) Ferry Boat Inn, Ferry La; (9.30) Antwerp Arms, 168-170 Church Rd; (10.15) Elbow Room, 503-505 High Rd.

**September – Sun 5** Joint social with W London branch: (1pm) Masons Arms, 665 Harrow Rd, NW10, then see W London Diary. - **Tue 7** Muswell Hill N10 social: (7pm) Maid of Muswell, 121 Alexandra Park Rd; (8pm) John Baird, 122 Fortis Gm; (9pm) Famous Royal Oak, 73 St James's La; (10pm) Victoria Stakes, 1 Muswell Hill.



- **Tue 14** (8pm) GBG launch. Prince Albert, 163 Royal College St, NW1. - **Tue 21** (8pm) Mtg. Wenlock Arms (upstairs), 26 Wenlock Rd, N1 (please check). - **Tue 28** (8pm) GBG launch. Duchess of Kent, 441 Liverpool Rd, N7.

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## RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW

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**August** - **Tue 3** GBGF social. (7pm, 8pm, 9pm) Fuller's Bar. - **Thu 19** Kew crawl: (7.30) Inn at Kew Gardens, 292 Sandycroft Rd; (8.10) Railway, Station Parade; (8.45) Botanist on the Green, then incl. Coach & Horses, Greyhound, Rose & Crown. - **Thu 26** (8.30) Mtg. Maggie & Crown, 128 High St, Brentford.

**September** - **Sat 4** Twickenham to Teddington walk (via Richmond) with Staines Ramblers: meet (12 noon) White Swan, Riverside, Twickenham for mainly Thames towpath walk (with deviations); pub stops possibly incl. Roebuck, Ham Brewery Tap, Anglers. - **Thu 9** Barnes SW13 crawl: (8pm) Sun Inn, 7 Church Rd; (9pm) Coach & Horses, 27 Barnes High St; (10pm) White Hart, The Terrace. - **Mon 13** (8pm) Pool night. Red Lion, 92 Linkfield Rd, Isleworth (all ales at £2.30). - **Thu 23** (8.30) Mtg. Lion, 27 Wick Rd, Teddington.

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## SOUTH EAST LONDON

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**August** - **Tue 10** Lewisham crawl: (7.30) Fox & Firkin, 316 Lewisham High St, SE13; (8.15) 80 Ladywell Tavern, Ladywell Rd, SE13; (9pm) Jolly Farmers, 354 Lewisham High St, SE23; (9.45) London to Rye, 109 Rushey Green, SE6. - **Wed 18** Farnborough BR6 crawl: (8pm) Woodman, 50 High St; (9pm) Change of Horses, 87 High St. - **Sat 21** South/East London overground line crawl with Croydon & Sutton and ELAC branches: (9am) breakfast, George, 17-21 George St, CR0; See ELAC Diary for details of onward itinerary. - **Tue 24** (8pm) Social. (8pm) New Inn (newly refurbished), 59 Station Approach, Hayes, BR2.

**September** - **Wed 1** (8pm) Cttee mtg and social. Royal Oak, 44 Tabard St, SE1. - **Wed 8** Bromley North BR1 crawl: (7.30) Crown & Anchor, 19 Park Rd; (8.15) White Horse, 64 Palace Rd; 9pm) Angelsea Arms, 90 Palace Rd; (9.45) Red Lion, 10 North Rd. - **Tue 14** Crystal Palace SE19 two pub joint social with Croydon & Sutton Branch: (8pm) Grape & Grain, Anerley Hill; (9.45) Postal Order, 33 Westow St. - **Mon 20** Greenwich SE10 two pub social: (8pm) Ashburnham Arms, 25 Ashburnham Grove; (9pm) Greenwich Union, 56 Royal Hill. - **Wed 29** Lee SE12 crawl: (8pm) Duke of Edinburgh, 394 Lee High Rd; (8.45) Old Tiger's Head, 351 Lee High Rd; (9.15) Edmund Halley, 25-27 Leegate.

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**August** - **Tue 3** (7.30). GBGF social, Earls Court One, London SW5. - **Thu 12** (8.30) Social. Prince of Wales, 63 Green La, Ilford, IG1. - **Sat 21** (1pm) Out-of-area social. Woodman, 45 Wildhill Rd, Wildhill, Herts, AL9 6EA. - **Thu 26** (8.30) Two Brewers, 57 Lambourne Rd, Chigwell Rm, IG7. - **Sat 28** (11.30am) Clacton Beer Festival social. St James Hall, Tower Rd, Clacton.

**September** - **Wed 1** (8.30) Social. Ship, 16 Dock Rd, Lt Thurrock, RM17. - **Wed 7** (7.30) 24th Chappel Beer Festival social. East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel & Wakes Colne Station, nr Colchester, Essex, CO6 2DS. Extra late trains back to London: see festival website: [www.essex-camra.org.uk/chappel](http://www.essex-camra.org.uk/chappel). - **Thu 16** (8.30) Social. Cricketers, 299/301 High Rd, Woodford Green, IG8. - **Wed 22** (8.30) Social. Tower Arms, Weald Rd, South Weald, CM14. - **Sat 25** (12 noon) Nethergate Brewery trip. Pentlow, Essex, CO10 7JJ - by minibus from Chadwell Heath, Romford, Upminster and Stanford-Le-Hope.

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**August** - **Wed 18** Battersea Park Road SW8/SW11 (BPR) crawl:

(6.45) Flanagan's, 21 Bradmead, BPR; (7.30) Masons Arms, 169 BPR; (8.15) Eagle Tavern, 231 BPR; (9pm) Grove, 279 BPR; (9.45) Lost Angel 339 BPR; (10.30) Lighthouse, 441 BPR.

**September** - **Thu 16** (7.30) Cttee mtg (Good Beer Guide 2011), Eagle Ale House, 104 Chatham Rd, Battersea SW11. - **Wed 22** (7.30) Tutored beer tasting: a chance to appreciate different beer styles. Hand in Hand, 6 Crooked Billet, Wimbledon Common SW19.

Numbers limited to definite advance bookings for CAMRA members only: to reserve a place please contact Mark Bravery (details above or 07773 432209) by Wednesday 8 September. - **Mon 27** Earlsfield SW18 two pub social: (7.30) Jack Beards in the Fog, 2-4 Groton Rd; (9 pm) Wandle (formerly Puzzle), 332 Garratt La.

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**August** - **Wed 4** GBGF Earl's Court social: 6pm at Membership stand, then hourly thereafter. - **Thu 12** Watford social: (8.30) Essex Arms; (10.15) Southern Cross. - **Sat 21**. Rail trip to Rugby. Dep. 11.01am Watford Junction. Contact branch for details. - **Mon 23** (8pm) Mtg. Scotsman, Scots Hill, Croxley Green WD3. - **Sat 28** (1.30) Beer festival social. Feathers, Church St, Rickmansworth.

**September** - **Thu 9** Bushey/Oxhey social: (8.30) Swan, Bushey; (10pm) Villiers Arms, Oxhey. - **Fri 17** Maple Cross area social: (8pm) Oaks, West Hyde; (9.30) Dumb Bell, Hornhill. - **Mon 27** (8.45) Mtg. Dog & Partridge, Old Mill Rd, Hunton Bridge WD4.

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**August** - **Thu 5** (7pm) Working social: Cider bar, GBGF (returning on the hour) - **Tue 10** (7.30) Mtg. George (upstairs), 213 Strand, WC2. - **Wed 11** London Pubs Group Fulham and Hammersmith crawl (see LPG Diary for details). - **Sat 21** Branch PotY presentation day: (1pm) Albion, 121 Hammersmith Rd, W14 (runners-up); (4pm) Cleveland Arms, 28 Chilworth St, W2 (3rd place). - **Sat 28** Out of area social. Thame, Oxon: (10.45am) Ticket office, Marylebone rail stn; (12.45) Two Brewers, 50 North St; (1.30) James Figg, 21 Cornmarket; (2.30) Swan Hotel, 9 Upper High St; (3.15) Falcon, 1 Thame Park Rd; (4.30) Cross Keys, 1 Park St.

**September** - **Sun 5** Joint Harrow Road/Ladbroke Grove social with North London branch: (1pm) Mason's Arms, 665 Harrow Rd, NW10; (1.45) William IV, 786 Harrow Rd, NW10; (2.30) Regent, 5 Regent St, NW10; (3pm) Paradise by Kensal Green, 19 Kensal La, W10; (4pm) Pavilion, Pavilion Parade, Wood La, W12 (take 316 bus from last pub); (4.30) North Pole, 13-15 North Pole Rd, W10 (10% discount for card carrying CAMRA members); (5.30) Elgin, 96 Ladbroke Gro, W11; (6.30) Cock & Bottle, 17 Needham Rd, W11. - **Wed 8** W6 Riverside crawl: (7pm) Cross Keys, 57 Black Lion La; (8pm) Black Lion, 2 South Black Lion La; (8.45) Old Ship, 25 Upper Mall; (9.30) Dove, 19 Upper Mall. - **Tue 14** (7.30) Mtg. Queens Head (2nd floor), 15 Denman St, W1. - **Thu 23** (7.30) Branch PotY winner's presentation evening. Harp, 47 Chandos Pl, WC2.

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**August** - **Wed 4** GBGF social: (7pm & 8pm) Fuller's stand. - **Tue 17** Ealing W5 Social: (8.30) Castle Inn, 36 St Mary's Rd; (9.30) New Inn, 62 St Mary's Rd; (10.15) Rose & Crown, Church Pl. - **Tue 24** (8.30) Cowley social. Malt Shovel, 69 Iver La, UB8. - **Mon 30** Hanwell W7 Bank Holiday crawl: (1pm) Dolphin, 13 Lower Boston Rd; (2pm) Kings Arms, 110 Uxbridge Rd; (3pm) Viaduct, 221 Uxbridge Rd; (4pm) Fox, Green La.

**September** - **Tue 7** (8.30) Hayes End social. Angel, 697 Uxbridge Rd, UB4. - **Wed 15** (8.30) Mtg. West London Trade Union Club, 33 High St, Acton W3. - **Thu 23** South Harrow HA2 crawl: (8.15) Star, Northolt Rd; (9.15) Half Moon, 1 Roxeth Hill; (10pm) White Horse, 50 Middle Rd. - **Thu 30** (8.30) Kenton Social. New Moon, 25-26 Kenton Park Parade, Kenton Rd, HA3.

Website: [www.westmiddx-camra.org.uk](http://www.westmiddx-camra.org.uk)

Electronic copy deadline for the October/November edition: Wednesday 15 September. Please send entries to [geoff@coherent-tech.co.uk](mailto:geoff@coherent-tech.co.uk).

## Kingston pub guide

**T**he second edition of this guide to the pubs and bars of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames was launched at the recent Kingston Beer Festival.

A handy, pocket sized (21cm x 10 cm) booklet of 48 pages (plus cover) in a clear typeface with listings in two columns, not only does it detail all the real ale pubs, giving the usual details of address, beers, etc. as well as a good description, but it also gives a symbol of a green dot to those which are recommended for the quality of their real ale. Although there is a risk of this changing over the life of the guide (as, of course, can anything else in a guide) this is a great help to the visitor to the area and something other guides should consider.

I also appreciated the listing of non-real pubs, with some description of points of interest. Some guides exclude these pubs, or list them in an appendix. If I am going round a town I find seeing that the local branch has recognised the pub's existence, particularly if somewhere new, may save a wasted visit. It may even inspire me to do a bit of campaigning and pop in and ask for a real ale if I like the look of a pub. If enough people do this to look, say, at a particular architectural feature, it might persuade the licensee it would be viable and

profitable to have a real ale. It is also important in these days of pub closures for CAMRA to recognise the existence of all pubs and show we have not given up on them. And in London, regular updates to guides are published in *London Drinker* so that it is easy to keep your guide up to date.

Every pub is shown on a local map with a different symbol for real and fizz outlets, and there is a useful overall map showing the relationship between the area maps. The guide has good sections on the history of Kingston, beer styles, LocAle, joining CAMRA, etc. It also contains a section which includes details of lost pubs and whom to contact if you become aware of any threat to an existing pub.

The guide costs £3.50 and should be available at most CAMRA beer festivals. Or you can obtain one by post by sending a cheque for £4.00 (inc. p&p) payable to 'Kingston & Leatherhead CAMRA' to Kingston Pub Guide, 11 Albury Road, Chessington, KT9 1QY.

To any potential visitor to Kingston, go on, treat yourself to this very useful guide.

*Martin Butler*



## Real Ale Record Book

**T**his is an interesting effort from well-known beer writer, Adrian Tierney-Jones. Its basis is the recent growth of interest in cask-conditioned beer and it includes a fairly brief set of notes on beer styles followed by notes on how to taste beer. The two sections are, however, not linked and I would have preferred some cross-referencing so that readers knew what tastes to look for in each style.

The book then splits into eight regional sections which list five pubs and 21 beers from each area, prefaced by notes on the beer styles of the area. This makes it as much a gazetteer cum beer guide as a tasting guide but no harm is done by that in terms of overall effect. The choice of pubs looks good to me and the beers listed cover all styles. Lists of pubs and beers will, of course, always be highly subjective.

There are also many attractive photos. It comes in a handy A5 size and I think that it could make a nice gift for someone developing an interest in real ale. It is published by the History Press, ISBN 978-0-7524-5714-4, 128 pages, £9.99.

*Tony Hedger*



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# Capital Pubcheck - update 213

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.

We welcome the creation of a new Young's pub in a renovated listed building inside the historic Royal Arsenal at SE18 Woolwich. Gastro pubco Handmade Pubs and the Capital Pub Co have acquired and renovated pubs in N7 Tufnell Park and SE15 Peckham respectively. An upmarket hotel in SW1 St James's has been discovered selling Thwaites Bitter. We report on many pub closures, including regrettably those carried out by our family brewers, and catch up on pubs under threat. Enterprise Inns have sold and leased back six more London pubs, raising £7 million to help pay off their debts.

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: BM - Balham to Morden Pub Guide; BRP - Barnes to Raynes Park Pub Guide; BSM - Brixton, Streatham & Mitcham Pub Guide; CE - Camden & Euston Real Ale Guide; CSL - Clapham & South Lambeth Pub Guide; E - East London & City Beer Guide, 3rd edition; H - Hertfordshire Guide to Real Ale, 2000 edition; HB - Holborn & Bloomsbury Pub Guide; HH - Hampstead & Highgate Real Ale 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; RHP - Richmond to Ham & Petersham Pub Guide; 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 - West London Pub Guide, 2nd edition; WB - Wandsworth & Battersea Pub Guide; 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 email: [capitalpubcheck@hotmail.com](mailto:capitalpubcheck@hotmail.com).

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

### CENTRAL

WC1, QUEENS HEAD, 66 Acton St. Adnams: Bitter or seasonal; Nethergate: Truman's Runner (4%). Beers may vary. Reopened and now independent, ex-Punch. (N29, W24, U186, U212)

WC2, 12 BAR CLUB, 26 Denmark St. No real ale. Operates as a bar until 7pm after which there is an admission charge for live music.

WC2, BELGO CENTRAAL, 50 Earlam St. No real ale. Small bar on ground floor of original Belgo restaurant, with keg and bottled Belgian beers and alternative entrance from Shelton St.

WC2, LA TASCA, 23/24 Maiden Lane. No real ale. Bay Restaurant Group Spanish bar and restaurant with small area for drinkers.

WC2, LA TASCA, 63/64 St Martins Lane. No real ale. Bay Restaurant Group Spanish bar and restaurant with small area for drinkers.

WC2, SEVEN DIALS CLUB, 1st Floor, 42 Earlam St. Greene King: Abbot; Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. Operates as a bar until 5pm, after which it becomes a members' club (can be signed in).

WC2, SOPHIES, 29/31 Wellington St. No real ale. Independent steakhouse and bar, now with keg beers. Formerly OLD ORLEANS; reinstate on pub database. (W234)

WC2, TGI FRIDAYS, 6 Bedford St. No real ale. Chain restaurant with central bar area now with keg beers again; reinstate on pub database. (W234)

WC2, ZOO, 13-17 Bear St. No real ale. An independent bar and club in former restaurant and retail premises.

W1(S), TGI FRIDAYS, 25/29 Coventry St. No real ale. Chain restaurant with central bar area and keg beer.

### EAST

E3, NEW GLOBE, 359 Mile End Rd. Courage: Best Bitter; Greene King: IPA. Reopened. Now leased by Active Pub Co from Enterprise. (E91, U189, U211)

E15, ROYAL OAK, 83 Leytonstone Rd. Reopened and renamed GLITTER BALL in May 2010. No real ale. Now a 'bar and restaurant'. (E154, U153, U203, U207).

### NORTH

N5, LITRO, 66A Drayton Park. Sharp; Doom Bar. An independent Italian 'Osteria and bar'. Food orientated. Keg Freedom lagers and Orchard Cider. Located in the vacated half

of DRAYTON PARK pub at No 66 which has been reduced in size in the past and formerly housed an advice centre. (N79)  
N7, TUFNELLS, 162 Tufnell Park Rd. Reverted to TUFNELL PARK TAVERN. Butcombe: Bitter; Wychwood: Brakspear Bitter. Now a gastropub operated by Handmade Pubs. Bare floor, walls, open to view kitchen and areas set aside for diners. Formerly PROGRESS BAR for a while. (N91, U184, U195)  
N10, CAFE LOGO, 266 Muswell Hill Broadway. No real ale. A Spanish bar and tapas restaurant in former restaurant premises. Admission charge after 11pm.

N10, VILLAGE, 253 Muswell Hill Broadway. Caledonian: Deuchars IPA; Young: London Gold. Formerly RITCHIES. (N104, U109, U167).

N15, AUTOGRAF, 488 West Green Rd. Polish 'Kuchnia I Bar' in former fish shop. Sells keg Pilsner Urquell (£3/pint) and Polish bottled beer from Lech, Tyskie, Zywiec and Zubr.

N15, LORD PALMERSTON, 197 Philip Lane. Greene King: Old Speckled Hen, seasonal beers (£1.40/pint). (N125, U109, U117)

N15, RIDGE BAR, 268 West Green Rd. Reopened and renamed BLACK GRAPE. No real ale. Formerly BLACK BOY. (N123, U156, U189, U202, U204)

N19, BLARNEY STONE, 472 Hornsey Rd. Reopened and renamed CORNER FLAG. No real ale. Formerly ALL POINTS WEST, SALTBAR and originally RAILWAY HOTEL. (N145, U158, U167, U168, U176, U195)

### NORTH WEST

NW1, SPORTSBAR & GRILL (MARYLEBONE), Marylebone Main Line Station, Melcombe Place. Marston: seasonal beer. (U205)

NW1, ZOYBA, 48 Chalk Farm Rd. No real ale. Renamed COCOBAM. Formerly FRESHH, reported converted to vodka bar, now incorporated in above; reinstate on pub database. Opens 17-24 hrs. (U193, U201)

NW2, WINDMILL, 57 Cricklewood Broadway. Greene King: seasonal beer. Reopened. (N180, U197, U211)

NW9, MARINA, 244/246 Kingsbury Rd. No real ale. Independent bar in former shop premises.

HARROW WEALD (HA3), LAURELS, 337 High Rd. Greene King: IPA, weekly guest from Greene King. Independently operated by H&S Taverns. Note correct address. (W217)

WEALDSTONE (HA3), MUMBAI MASTI, 33 Railway Approach. No real ale. Independent Indian bar and restaurant in former private club.

WEMBLEY (HA9), PIRI PIRI SPORTS BAR, 39 Bridge Rd. No



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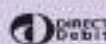
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## SOUTH EAST

**SE5, JOINERS ARMS**, 35 Denmark Hill. Fuller: London Pride. (SE59)

**SE9, FARMHOUSE**, 52 Jasons Walk, New Eltham. Courage: Best Bitter; Wells: Bombardier (G) direct from cask; Thatcher: cider or perry. Now Punch, ex-Taylor Walker. (SE86)

**SE18, DIAL ARCH**, The Warren, off No 1 St, Royal Arsenal. Wells: Bombardier; Young: Bitter, Special, London Gold, seasonal (Waggledance). New Young's pub and restaurant opened late June in restored listed Dial Arch building, inside the walls of the former Royal Arsenal and once a munitions shed. Long brick frontage with a sundial dating from 1764 at its centre. Inside the building has been widened to twice its original width to accommodate the bar and open to view kitchen. Tiled floor around bar and original exposed brickwork. A 'pantry' area to the left of the entrance opens at 7.30 am for coffee etc and two interconnected rooms to the right are bookable for private functions. The main bar area has chandeliers, dark grey decor, a grand piano and prints of old Woolwich and Young's brewery. The restaurant area beyond has full table service with a central, caged wine store. A patio at the front caters for outside drinking and a plaque on the adjacent grassed Dial Square area commemorates the birthplace in 1886 of Arsenal Football Club, which was based here until moving to Highbury in 1913. Bar open 12-11 Sun-Thu, 12-12 Fri/Sat (food until 10pm)



**BEXLEY (DA5), BAR LORCA**, 61/63 Bexley High St. No real ale. Late night bar with cocktails and keg beer opened by early 2007 in former shop premises. One of a small chain.

**BROMLEY (BR1), SLUG & LETTUCE**, 3/5 High St. Wells: Bombardier. Now Bay Restaurant Group, ex-SFI via Laurel. Formerly PARISA. (U149, U157)

## SOUTH WEST

**SW1(B), RILEYS SPORTS BAR**, 16 Semley Pl. No real ale. Bar attached to snooker and pool club open to general public and operated by Rileys chain.

**SW1(P), SURPRISE (AT PIMLICO)**, 110 Vauxhall Bridge Rd. Greene King: IPA. (SW44, U212)

**SW1(SJ), AMERICAN BAR**, Stafford Hotel, 16/18 St James's Pl. Thwaites: Bitter (£5.50/pint) on unlabelled handpump. Upmarket hotel bar with an eclectic collection of American memorabilia. Operated by Kempinski Hotels chain. Outside patio with table service. Alternative entrance direct from Blue Bell Yard off St James's St.

**SW1(SJ), PLANET HOLLYWOOD**, 57-60 Haymarket. No real ale. American theme bar and restaurant in former restaurant premises; one of a chain.

**SW1(SJ), TEXAS EMBASSY CANTINA**, 1 Cockspur St. No real ale. Independent Texmex bar and restaurant, now with keg beers, in former bank premises.

**SW1(W), BBAR & RESTAURANT**, 43 Buckingham Palace Rd. No real ale. Independent bar and restaurant in former restaurant premises.

**SW1(W), CAVALRY BAR & PALACE LOUNGE**, Rubens Hotel, 39/41 Buckingham Palace Rd. No real ale. Hotel bar open to general public and advertised on awnings outside. Operated by Red Carnation Hotel chain.

**SW1(W), CLUB BAR**, Grosvenor Hotel, 101 Buckingham Palace Rd. No real ale. Hotel bar open to general public with additional access at rear of hotel direct from Victoria Main Line Station concourse. Operated by Thistle Hotel chain.

**SW1(W), PUZZLE SW1**, 51 Horseferry Rd. Reopened and renamed **LOOSE BOX**. Adnams: Bitter (£3.85/pint); Fuller: London Pride (£3.95); Sambrook: Wandle (£3.65). Now operated by Moonshine Bars, ex-Food & Drink Group. Originally **OLD MONK**. (U150, U169, U171, U205)

**SW1(W), SPORTSBAR & GRILL**, Unit 59, 1st Floor, Victoria Main Line Station, Terminus Pl. Caledonian: Deuchars IPA; Fuller: London Pride. Independent sports bar with TV screens and an open to view kitchen, opened April 2010 in former storage area above station concourse. Access via stairs direct from the front of the station.

**SW11, GROVE**, 279 Battersea Park Rd. Sambrook: Wandle; Sharp: Doom Bar. Reinstatement of real ale by Enterprise tenants Atmospheric Pub Company Plc, on conversion of the premises back to a pub after an unreported spell as 'Tonico's' coffee bar. A sports bar for Sky TV, darts, pool, poker and karaoke, by contrast with the more traditional Eagle Tavern next door, run by the same company. (SW89, WB33, U207)

**SW17, LITTLE HOUSE**, 13 Tooting Grove. Reopened but for sale by Punch. No real ale, H unused. Formerly **QUEEN VICTORIA**. (SW110, BM18, U211)

**KINGSTON (KT2), FIGHTING COCKS**, 50 London Rd. One varying guest beer. Reinstatement of real ale. (SW142, U172, KT21)

**KINGSTON (KT1), WATERS EDGE**, 5 Ram Passage. Reopened and renamed **WOODY'S**. One varying guest beer. Formerly **PORTER BLACK**, originally **SHAMUS O'DONNELLS**. (SW144, U150, U165, KT26, U198, U199)

**MITCHAM (CR4), GARDENERS ARMS**, 107 London Rd. Reopened, now ex-Enterprise but still no real ale. (SW145, BSM38, U211)

## WEST

**W11, MARKET BAR**, 240A Portobello Rd. Renamed **SHANNONS (MARKET BAR)** following refurbishment. Sharp: Doom Bar, Now Innventive, ex-Massive. Note new address. (W120)

**HAMPTON COURT (KT8), RIVERS EDGE**, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court Rd (near Bridge). No real ale. A riverside bar and brasserie with alternative separate entrance from hotel. Operated by Carlton Hotel group. Formerly **WATERS EDGE**. Omitted from W guide. (U172, U179)

## PUBS CLOSED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

### CENTRAL

**WC2, BUNKER**, Free, former brewpub, now all brewing equipment removed, and converted to 'Kitchen Italia' restaurant. (W30, U207)

**WC2, CORNER STORE**, Innventive, converted to 'Byron' burger restaurant. Formerly **LATEST RUMOURS**, **BAR ZOLAS** and originally **RUMOURS**. (W31, U202)

**WC2, GREEN MAN & FRENCH HORN**, Faucet Inns, closed, future uncertain. (W33, U193)

**WC2, INTERNATIONAL**, Independent, closed, future uncertain. (U211)

**WC2, JOHNSTONS**, Free, hotel bar now absorbed into hotel restaurant with no draught beer; delete from pub database. (W34)

**WC2, PAGLIACCI**, Free, converted to 'Cafe Rouge' restaurant with keg beer but no separate drinking area, table service only; delete from pub database. Formerly **FINE LINE**. (W32, U185)

**WC2, PARKER PLACE**, M&B, now converted to 'Secrets', table dancing and cocktail bar; delete from pub database. (W36, U185)

**WC2, PORTERS BAR**, Free, converted to 'Covent Garden Grill' restaurant. (W37)

**WC2, QUEEN MARY (TS)**, M&B, now moved from moorings



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to destination unknown following its sale; delete from pub database. (W38, U186, U211)

WC2, TAPPIT HEN, Davy's, converted to 'Terroirs' wine bar and restaurant, no draught beer; delete from pub database. (W41)

W1(Mar), DUKE OF YORK, 35 New Cavendish St, Sam Smith, closed, future uncertain. It is rumoured the owners want to convert the upper floors to flats. (W52)

## EAST

E1, MR PICKWICKS, Enterprise, closed after revocation of licence by Tower Hamlets Council, future uncertain. (E70, U125)

E8, BREWERY TAP, Free, closed, signage removed and interior cleared. Formerly NEW BREWERY TAP and SAMMY J'S for a while. (E111, U96, U119, U155, U192)

E14, ROYAL NAVY, ex-Ascot, confirmed converted to flats. (E148, U99, U152, U155)

BARKING (IG11), BRITANNIA, Young, now interior fittings removed and planning permission granted for conversion to a 'community hall' to be used in connection with hotel next door. (X10, U209)

## NORTH

N1, CROWN, 103 Copenhagen St, Free, closed and freehold for sale. (N40)

N1, DUKE OF CLARENCE, ex-Enterprise, ex-Watney, still closed, planning permission granted on appeal for conversion of upper floors to flats. (N41, U189, U203)

N1, DEVONSHIRE CASTLE, ex-Enterprise, planning permission now granted for conversion to nine flats. Was

TONIC for a while. (N86, U188, U203)

N1, MITRE, 183 Copenhagen St, Finn Inns, closed. (N52, U181)

N1, THREE CROWNS, ex-Enterprise, closed and now in use as the site office for the building site in which it sits, scheduled for demolition. (N60, IS21, U204, U211)

N10, HILL, ex-S&N, converted to 'La Collina Verde' Italian restaurant. Formerly GREEN MAN. (N103, U157, U182, U186)

N10, WELL M&B, ex Bass, already reported as converted to restaurant, now closed. Formerly O'NEILLS. (U143, U158, U199, U204)

N15, BOTANY BAY, Greene King, now converted to supermarket. (N124, U117, U189)

N15, GREEN GATE, Enterprise, H now removed. (N124, U192)

N15, KK McCOOLS, ex-Pubmaster, H now removed. (N124, U138)

ENFIELD (EN3), HORSE & DRAY, ex-Whitbread, now demolished. (N241, U161, U182)

NEW BARNET (EN4), BELL & BUCK, ex-Bass, closed and boarded up. Formerly BAILEY, originally WARWICK HOTEL. (N247, U182, H83, U185, U186, U209)

## NORTH WEST

NW7, ADAM & EVE, ex-Taylor Walker, closed, future uncertain. (N209)

HAREFIELD (UB9), WHITE HORSE, Punch (not Free), closed, rumoured for conversion to private dwelling. (W148, U195)

HARROW WEALD (HA3), BLUEBECKERS, Top Taverns, converted back to a pure restaurant again under original name,



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'Hare'. Has two real ales but you must have a meal to partake; delete from pub database. (W237, U194, U210, U212)

**KENTON (HA3), McGOWANS**, 89/91 Kenton Rd, McGowans, closed and to let. Formerly JAMES JOYCE. (W216, U207)

**STANMORE (HA7), ABERCORN ARMS**, Independent, ex-M&B, closed in early 2010 for substantial rebuilding and extension. (W191, U202, U209)

**STANMORE (HA7), CURRAIGH**, Free, converted to 'Spice Lounge' Indian restaurant. (W191)

**WEMBLEY (HA9), LA BAMBA**. Renamed McGOWANS, now a McGowan pub but currently closed. Formerly Wafa Bar, originally CURRAGH. (W219, U202, U209)

**WEALDSTONE (HA3), PAPA J'S**. Renamed WHITE MUGHALS, H unused. Now an independent Indian bar and restaurant, ex-M&B. (W217, U199, U202)

## SOUTH EAST

**SE9, GREYHOUND (YE OLDE)**, ex-S&N, still closed, planning permission now granted to convert the first floor to two flats. (SE86, U107, U158, U193, U211)

**SE9, WELCOME INN**, ex-Whitbread, confirmed new housing now built on site. (SE88, U102, U193, U201)

**SE10, ROYAL GEORGE**. Shepherd Neame put the pub up for auction in June with planning permission for conversion to two flats, but bids failed to reach the reserve price in excess of £400,000. Remains closed and boarded up. The outcome supports CAMRA's view that the property's location would make it more viable as a free-of-tie pub than as flats, in which there is apparently little interest. (SE101, U209, U210, U211)

**SE11, MANSION HOUSE**, Oakham, remains closed, planning permission granted in 2009 for conversion of upper floors for eight flats but no progress at May 2010. (SE108, U165, U190, U191, U202)

**SE12, BARING HALL**, Punch Pub Co, still closed and rumoured now sold to a developer. (SE113, U203, U212)

**SE16, JOLLY GARDENERS**, Free, closed and rumoured could become a doctors' surgery. Formerly GARDENERS (SE146, U165)

**SE25, GLADSTONE**, Punch, now for sale as a 'development opportunity'. (SE216, U199)

**BEXLEYHEATH (DA6), ROYAL OAK (POLY CLEAN STAIRS)**, Enterprise, closed, future uncertain. (3SE213, U59, U149, K34, U180)

**COULSDON (CR5), RED LION**, ex-S&N, planning permission for new supermarket with flats above now granted for site. (3SE229, U48, U98, U107, U181)

**THORNTON HEATH (CR7), BRIGSTOCK**, Enterprise, closed with permission to convert to flats. Formerly TIR NA NOG for a while, originally BRIGSTOCK ARMS. (3SE282, U177, U185, U200)

## SOUTH WEST

**SW1(B), GROUSE & CLARET**, Hall & Woodhouse. Planning permission for demolition of this erstwhile viable and popular mews pub and replacement by a single dwelling (presumably for the ultra-rich) now approved by Westminster Council in May. Another part of London's heritage lost in an area where pubs and local services generally are becoming increasingly rare. (SW37, U199, U212)

**SW1(B), ORIEL**, Independent, ex-Inntrepreneur, closed on expiry of lease in 2008 and boarded up with work under way in June 2010, future uncertain. (SW38)

**SW1(P), PRIDE OF PIMLICO**, Enterprise, ex-Inntrepreneur, H removed. (SW44, U137)

**SW1(W), MOLLY O'GRADY'S**, Greene King, closed and unit boarded up by June 2010 with all signage removed. (SW49,

U203)

**SW6, ESTABLISHMENT**, Punch, sold and converted to 'Côte', one of a chain of French restaurants. Formerly NOVELLO's and originally ROSE & CROWN. (SW70, U131, U202)

**SW6, ZULUS**, ex-Bass, closed. Formerly KINGS HEAD. (SW68, U163, U166, U199)

**SW11, HABERDASHERS ARMS**. Punch, already reported closed. Planning permission granted for conversion to residential use retaining mural on flank wall. (SW89, WB33, U212)

**SW15, HIGHWAYMAN**, Admiral, ex-Enterprise, closed November 2009 and recently sold; future uncertain. (SW101, BRP20)

**SW15, MONTAGUE ARMS**, ex-Inntrepreneur. Planning permission granted by Wandsworth Council in 2009 for conversion to retail or office use with two one-bed apartments on upper floor. (SW102, BRP21, U204)

**SW18, WHEATSHEAF**, Young, reported closed and converted for Young's staff accommodation in 2008, it is now up for sale as conversion to residential (just fancy that!). (SW115, WB22, U202, U204)

**SW19, MARQUIS OF LORNE**, Free, planning application for demolition of this closed pub and redevelopment for residential use now submitted to Merton Council. (SW118, BM28, U192, U193, U201)

**SW19, SLUG & LETTUCE**. Renamed SLUG @ WIMBLEDON, no real ale, H removed. Now a South African themed sports bar. Formerly RSVP, originally YATES'S WINE LODGE. (U152, BM30, U195)

**KINGSTON (KT1), HONEST CABBAGE**, Enterprise (not Free), no real ale. Formerly SIX BELLS. (SW144, KT27, U190)

**KINGSTON (KT1), WILLOW TREE**, Punch, ex-Greene King, no real ale. Much of building now accommodates 'Black Rose Garden', a Korean restaurant, leaving a small bar area with fizz beer. Originally BREWSTER and was HUNGRY HORSE for a while. (SW143, U132, U173, KT29)

**MITCHAM (CR4), CROWN INN**, Enterprise, closed. (SW145, BSM38)

**MITCHAM (CR4), RAVENSBURY ARMS**, M&B (Ember Inns), sold to a property developer and closed, future uncertain. (SW147, BSM41)

**MORDEN (SM4), ROYAL SURREY PUB**. Independent, now advertised as open for private hire only; delete from pub database. Formerly ABBOT. (SW150, BM37, U207, U211)

**NEW MALDEN (KT3), PRINCE OF WALES**, Enterprise, ex-Grosvenor Inns, no real ale. (SW151, KT36)

**SURBITON (KT5), ANGEL**, ex-Inntrepreneur, closed, future uncertain. Was BLUE ANGEL for a while. (SW180, U172, KT39)

**SURBITON (KT5), BRITANNIA**, Enterprise, already reported demolished, now flats on the site. (SW161, U140, KT39, U198)

**SURBITON (KT5), CASTLE**, Enterprise, ex-Inntrepreneur, no real ale. (SW161, KT40)

**SURBITON (KT6), RED LION**, M&B (Harvester), now demolished. (SW162, U164, KT43, U198)

**SURBITON (KT6), ST MARKS TAVERN**, Punch Pub Co, ex-Spirit via Orchard, closed. Formerly RAT & PARROT and FERRET & TROUSERLEG. (SW161, U150, KT43, U198, U199)

## WEST

**W2, FETTLER**, ex-Spirit, planning permission has been granted by Westminster Council for converting upper floors to flats, ground floor remains closed. (W72, U194, U204)

**W2, OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN**, Enterprise, closed, future uncertain. (W75)

**W5, GREEN**, Greene King, closed and sold to Côte restaurant group. (W93, U209)



W11, GATE, ex-Spirit, converted to estate agents office. Formerly MOOK. (W120, U202)

W14, SEVEN STARS, Fuller, closed after sale to unknown buyer. Has art deco frontage. Future uncertain. (W129)

HILLINGDON (UB10), HILLINGDON ARMS, Enterprise, closed. (W165)

HILLINGDON (UB10), STAR, Punch, closed and boarded up. (W166, U203, U209)

HOUNSLOW (TW3), LORD PALMERSTON, Free, now in use as a Polish shop and off-licence. (W170, U207)

HOUNSLOW (TW3), SHIRE HORSE, Enterprise, now in use for commercial purposes. (W170, U207)

NORTHOLT (UB5), GREENWOOD, Enterprise, closed and boarded up after sale to developers. Grade II listed in July 2008 but parts of art deco interior have apparently been destroyed. Ealing Council is investigating. (W176, U210)

TEDDINGTON (TW11), WALDEGRAVE ARMS, ex-Punch, now demolished except for frontage. (W197, U191, U204)

UXBRIDGE (UB8), OLD ROCKINGHAM ARMS, Greene King, closed and partially demolished. (W211, U197)

## OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES CENTRAL

EC1, TRADER, Enterprise, ex-Watney via Unique. Freehold sold at auction for £1.08m, together with another five pubs, in May 2010, but Enterprise will continue to operate them under a 35 year leasehold agreement. Formerly EAGLE & STUMP, MOLLY BLOOMS and originally SPREAD EAGLE. (E20, U124, U136, U192)

WC2, BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR. Renamed GRAVITY, still no real ale. (W28)

WC2, CROSS KEYS, -beers listed except Brodie's IPA, Special; +Brodie's English Best (3.9%), Amarilla (4.2%) and Big Tree cider. Now exclusively Brodie's cask beers in this Enterprise leased pub. (W31, U205)

WC2, JACK BEARDS AT THE LEMON TREE. Reverted to LEMON TREE, -beers listed; +Caledonian: Deuchars IPA; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. (W34)

WC2, MOTION. Renamed OPAL, still no real ale. Upstairs is 'Blanca Bar' with keg beer and downstairs is 'Noire' club. (U201)

WC2, NEW PLAYERS THEATRE BAR. Full address is 15, The Arches. (W36)

WC2, RAMPAGE. Renamed GREAT QUEEN STREET in 2007, -beers listed; +one varying guest beer (G) from cooled casks at the back of the bar (e.g. Loddon Hoppit). Now an independent bar and restaurant, ex-Front Page Pubs. Open 12-11 Mon-Sat, 12-5 Sun. (W38)

WC2, STEVIE JOE'S. Renamed PIANO (SOHO), still no real ale. Formerly COPACABANA and originally GEISHA. (U205, U210)

WC2, TUTTONS. Full address is 11/12 Russell St. (W42)

## EAST

E1, PROSPECT OF WHITBY, -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: IPA; +Marston: Pedigree; +occasional guest. Now Punch Pub Co, ex-S&N via Spirit. (E71, U106, U117)

E1, TOWN OF RAMSGATE, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Young: Bitter; +guest beer. (E131, U119)

E14, OPORTO TAVERN, -beers listed; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire; +Wells: Bombardier. (E146, U133, U189)

E14, VIA FOSSA. Now simply VIA, -Courage: Directors; +Caledonian: Deuchars IPA. Run by Tattersall Castle group (not Free). (U160)

## NORTH

N1, ISLINGTON TAP, Enterprise, ex-Intreprenuer via Unique.

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Freehold sold at auction for £1.25m and leased back by Enterprise in May 2010. Formerly ISLINGTON TUP, MINOGUES BAR and originally WHITE HORSE. (N52, U137, U179, IS10, U184)

**N4, GASLIGHT.** Reverted to **SILVER BULLET.** Now Enterprise, ex-Whitbread. Formerly MULDOONS. (N75, U152, U178)

**N4, LARRIK.** Renamed **STAPLETON (THE).** Formerly PIPPIN and DANZIBAR, originally STAPLETON HALL TAVERN. (N73, U155, U159)

**N15, AMIGOS.** Renamed **NILE (BAR & RESTAURANT).** Formerly DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE. (N123, U159, U178)

**N19, ST JOHN'S.** Reverted to **ST JOHN'S TAVERN** after historical restoration works. (N145, U164, HH28)

## NORTH WEST

**NW1, BETJEMAN ARMS.** Should now be listed under N1 following transfer of St Pancras International Station in March from NW1 to N1 postal district. Full postcode now N1C 4QL (ex-NW1 2QP). Formerly SHIRES BAR (N174, U179, U200)

**NW1, CRESCENT.** Renamed **LYTTELTON ARMS.** - Fuller: London Pride; +Caledonian: Deuchars IPA (£3.25/pint) +Purity: Ubu (£3.40); +three guest beers mainly from regional breweries. Also White Shield and Belgian and American beers in bottles. Refurbished. Formerly EDWARDS, originally

**SOUTHAMPTON ARMS.** (N175, U130, U175, U179, U197)  
**NW3, DUKE OF HAMILTON.** A planning application has now been submitted by the Wellington Pub Co for conversion to two flats. A campaign against closure is being mounted by CAMRA North London Branch together with local amenity and residents groups. (N184, HH11, U209, U210, U212)

**NW3, WHITE BEAR (YE OLDE).** Now **OLD WHITE BEAR,** - guest beers. Interior stripped of original fixtures and fittings and replaced by typical gastropub decor with old wooden furniture, tiled flooring etc. (N191, U159, U195, HH17, U209, U212)

**NW5, PRINCE OF WALES.** Planning permission granted for conversion into five flats. (N200)

**NW5, BAR LORCA.** Renamed **ACES AND EIGHTS BAR,** a blues music venue. Formerly **GRAND BANKS.** (U180, U196)

**NW6, BLACK LION,** Enterprise, ex-Truman, via Innpreneur and Unique. Freehold sold at auction for £1.31m and leased back by Enterprise in May 2010. (N203, U173, U187)

**NW10, GRAND JUNCTION ARMS.** -Young: Special; +St Austell: Tribute; +Wells: Bombardier. (N222)

**NW10, MISTY MOON,** 3-5 Manor Park Rd, Harlesden, -guest beers; +Courage: Best Bitter; +Greene King: Old Speckled Hen. Formerly COLISEUM. (N222, U177, U139, U191)

**EDGWARE (HA8), CARRIES BAR.** Renamed **NEW INN,** still no real ale. (U204)

**HARROW (HA2), ECLIPSE.** Renamed **SHAFTESBURY,** - beers listed; +Greene King: IPA, Abbot. Sold by Barracuda to Upper Deck Ltd, owned by stepdaughter of owner of Misty Moon group. (W150)

**HARROW (HA3), LOCAL.** Renamed **WEST BAR,** following change of leaseholder. (W154)

## SOUTH EAST

**SE1, PRINCE OF WALES,** 51 St Georges Rd. Planning permission granted by Southwark Council for conversion to hotel, retaining bar accessible to non-residents. (SE29, U182, U200)

**SE5, HERMIT'S CAVE,** +varying Brodie's beers; +Loddon: Gravesend Shrimpers Bitter. (SE58, U192)

**SE10, STAR & GARTER,** -beers listed; +Shepherd Neame: Spitfire; +Young: Bitter. Now Admiral, ex-Watney and run by former landlady of the Royal George. (SE101)

**SE12, DUKE OF EDINBURGH,** -beers listed; +Fuller: Gales

Seafarers Ale; +Sharp: Doom Bar. Beers may vary. (SE113, U102, U138)

**SE12, SUMMERFIELD,** -beers listed: +Hogs Back: HBB; +Sharp: Doom Bar. Now Enterprise, ex-Unique. (SE114, U175)

**SE15, WISHING WELL.** Renamed **VICTORIA INN** by new owners, Capital Pub Co, -beers listed; +Adams: Explorer; +Sharp: Cornish Coaster; +varying Florence brewpub beers (Bonobo, Weasel or Beaver). Major refurbishment, with 18 hotel rooms upstairs. Open 12-12 Mon-Thu, 12-1.30am Fri, 11-1.30am Sat, 11-12 Sun. Originally **VICTORIA.** (SE140, U212)

**SE22, UPLANDS (THE).** Believed now leased by Capital Pub Co from Barter Inns. Still no real ale at present. Formerly **UPLANDS TAVERN.** (SE201, U102, U179, U198)

**HAYES (BR2), BEACON.** Punch, ex-Taylor Walker. A planning application for conversion to flats has been submitted to Bromley Council. Pub is still trading. (3SE221, U55, 8K102)

## SOUTH WEST

**SW1(B), TALBOT,** believed sold by Punch Pub Co (ex-Spirit), buyer unknown. (SW39, U201)

**SW1(P), MARQUIS OF WESTMINSTER,** Enterprise, ex-Inntrepreneur. Freehold sold at auction for £1.5m in May 2010. (SW41, U181)

**SW1(SJ), CROWN PASSAGE VAULTS.** Renamed **DAVY'S AT ST JAMES'.** Retains Davy's Old Wallop house beer. (SW45)

**SW1(SJ), NANCY'S.** Reverted to original name, **TWO CHAIRMEN.** Was apparently renamed **SCHRODINGERS** for a short while c 2007 before being renamed **NANCY'S.** Retains beers listed. Now independent, ex-Inntrepreneur. (SW46, U157, U205)

**SW1(W), CAFE (CREAM).** Now simply **THISTLE WESTMINSTER BAR,** still no real ale. (U182)

**SW1(W), CROSTINO.** Renamed **TERRACAFE.** Now operated by Terravision, the airport coach operator, still no real ale. (U190)

**SW1(W), LA TASCA** is operated by Bay Restaurant Group (not Independent). (U190)

**SW6, ARBITER.** Renamed **BARROWBOY,** -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride; +Sharp: Doom Bar. Refurbished. Formerly MEUM COR, NORTH END, MARTINI BAR, JOLLY BREWER and HOBGOBLIN (FULHAM). (SW67, U157, U162, U188, U193)

**SW8, DUCHESS,** - Downton: Honey Blonde; -Sambrook: Wandle. Retains only Greene King beers. Formerly **DUCHESS OF YORK.** (SW76, CSL26, U208)

**SW11, CROWN (JACK BEARDS).** Freehold sold at auction for £935,000 and leased back by Enterprise in May 2010. (SW87, WB29)

**SW11, EAGLE TAVERN.** -Young: Bitter; +Sambrook: Wandle; +Sharp: Doom Bar. (SW87, WB31)

**SW16, MANOR ARMS,** -Taylor: Landlord; +Greene King: Ruddles County. SW108, BSM32)

**SW18, PUZZLE.** Renamed **WANDLE.** Formerly **SAILOR PRINCE.** (SW114, WB18, U200)

**SW19, PRINCESS OF WALES.** Reverted to **PRINCE OF WALES** in June 2010 after refurbishment. (SW118, BM29)

**SW19, WALKABOUT.** Renamed **BILLABONG,** still no real ale. Formerly **CHUMLEYS.** (SW116, BM34)

**KINGSTON (KT2), KINGSTON TUP.** Renamed **NUMBER 88** in 2009, -beers listed: + Fuller: London Pride; +St Austell: Tribute; +varying guest beer. Formerly **TUP (KINGSTON)** and **HOG & STUMP.** (SW143, U135, U173, KT24, U208)

**MORDEN (SM4), MORDEN TAVERN.** Reportedly sold by Enterprise to Reef Estates who have submitted a planning application for demolition and replacement by 21 flats and 11 houses. SWL CAMRA has added its objections to those of outraged local residents. Ex-Enterprise, was **TAVERN** for a

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while. (SW150, BM39, U198, U203, U211)

## WEST

**W2, CLEVELAND ARMS**, -beers listed except Greene King IPA; +Harvey: Best Bitter; +Taylor: Landlord; +guest beer. (W71)

**W4, HOLE IN THE WALL**. Freehold sold at auction for £1.01m and leased back by Enterprise in May 2010. (W89, U209)

**W5, FINNEGANS WAKE**, -beers listed except Greene King: Old Speckled Hen; +Greene King: IPA. Now bought by Greene King from Tattersall Castle group (W93, U195, U209)

**W9, WARWICK CASTLE**, -Greene King: IPA; +three guest beers (e.g. Hogs Back, Sharp). (W115, U192)

**W10, NORTH POLE**, -Greene King: Old Speckled Hen; + Fuller: London Pride; +two guest beers. (W118, U198)

**W11, METROPOLITAN**, -beers listed; +Sharp: Cornish Coaster, Doom Bar. (W120, U211)

**W12, PAVILION**, -beers listed; + Greene King: IPA, Old Speckled Hen. (W123)

**W13, ASHBY'S**, -Adnams: Bitter; +Wadworth: 6X; +Wells: Bombardier. (W125, U195)

**W14, ALBION**, -beers listed; +Caledonian: Deuchars IPA; +guest and/or seasonal beers. (W127)

**W14, HAVERLOCK TAVERN**, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Sambrook: Wandle; +guest beer. (W128)

**HAMPTON (TW12), RAILWAY HOTEL**. Greene King have put the pub up for sale for development. Still trading. (W143, U201)

**HOUNSLOW (TW3), JOLLY FARMER**. Planning application approved for conversion to restaurant. (W167, U212)

## CORRECTION TO UPDATE 210

### NEW & REOPENED PUBS ETC

**SW11, RAVEN ONE FORTY**. New name is spelt **MELANZANA** (not MELANZATA).

## CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 212

### NEW & REOPENED PUBS ETC

**ILFORD (IG1), QUE PASA**. Delete entry; already reported in U165.

**SE1, KATZENJAMMERS** is an independent bar and restaurant. **CROYDON (CR0), CHILLI ROOM** is an independent bar and restaurant.

**SW2, SULTAN**. Address is 37 New Park Rd.

**KEW (TW9), GREYHOUND**. Add ref: RHP14.

**KINGSTON (KT1), SLUG & LETTUCE** is Bay Restaurant Group, ex-Laurel

### PUBS CLOSED ETC

**ILFORD (IG1), CRANBROOK**. Should read: Reopened and renamed ....

**BRENTFORD (TW8), ROYAL HORSE GUARDSMAN**. Should read **ROYAL HORSEGUARDSMAN** (one word).

### OTHER CHANGES ETC

**BEXLEYHEATH (DA6), ROBIN HOOD & LITTLE JOHN** is Enterprise, ex-Courage.

**KEW (TW9), ALBION**. Add ref: RHP13.

**HAYES (UB3), HAMBRO ARMS**. Due to reopen as **TIGER**, not **HAMBRO**.



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## NICE one?

**A**lthough the government is not currently committing itself to anything more than banning the sale of alcohol at below cost price, the National Health Service's National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence ('NICE') has, after a two year study, come out in favour of the unit pricing of alcohol. They believe that one in four people drink at levels that could be putting their physical and mental health at risk. The move has already been backed by the British Medical Association (BMA) and the Royal College of Physicians.

To calculate alcohol units, you multiply the volume in millilitres (ml) by the % alcohol by volume (ABV), then divide by 1,000. One supermarket recently was offering 15 440ml cans of 4.0% ABV lager for £11.00. That is 41p per alcohol unit. In my local pub just a few hundred yards away, a pint of 3.5% ABV bitter costs a very reasonable £2.50. That is £1.31 per unit. 50p a unit would surely not be unreasonable?

If the Government keeps to its current view, it raises the question of how they are going to define the cost price below which alcohol must not be sold. I don't think that it is as simple as the amount on the sales invoice. NICE have also called for a ban

on the advertising of alcohol. Carlsberg have an advertising budget of £30 million. What if they were to transfer that money to discounts for the big supermarkets? Unit pricing also has the advantage of being immune to that sort of manipulation.

The big supermarkets have always opposed unit pricing – until now, it seems. Tesco's report that they have surveyed their customers and having found that 70% of them are concerned about anti-social drinking, they are now in favour of price controls on alcohol, including unit pricing. They did however make it clear that they could not act alone; all their rivals would have to do likewise. Sorry to be cynical but it is hard to see this as anything other than a rather obvious pre-emptive strike on the moral high ground.

Who are the 'one in four people' that NICE are so concerned about? An article in the 20 June *Observer* on the evils of 24-hour drinking in Brick Lane opened with an account of a brawl between female customers and door staff outside a nightclub, cheered on by some 'lads' standing outside the 24-hour off-licence opposite. What purpose does a 24-hour off-licence serve other than to supply people with alcohol at precisely the wrong time? Similarly, a friend who occasionally cannot resist the



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temptation of daytime TV made the very interesting observation that whenever one of the interviewees on these programmes describes their alcohol intake, it is usually given in 'cans', not pints. I think that this gives the Government a clue as to their target here and it is not well-run community pubs.

Meanwhile, in the spirit of sensible drinking, Pernod-Ricard have a new £2.5 million campaign to sell Malibu in £10 four-drink plastic watering cans. How cross is that?

NICE have also proposed that everyone who visits their GP or pharmacist or who attends A&E should be asked a set of alcohol-screening questions to see if their problem is alcohol-related. These questions range from the obvious 'how often do you have a drink containing alcohol' to 'have you or someone else been injured as a result of your drinking'. I do wonder about this. Surely, if someone has a genuine problem with alcohol abuse, they are not going to give honest answers. This can't just be

reduced to a box-ticking exercise.

Just for the record, the NHS advice for 'lower-risk' drinking is that men should not regularly drink more than 3-4 units a day and 2-3 units a day for women. Men who regularly drink more than eight units a day and women who regularly drink more than six units a day are considered by the NHS to be at 'higher risk' of harming their health. A pint of 3.6% ABV beer contains 2 units.

One last thought; according to research carried out for the Beer Academy (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Institute of Brewing & Distilling) by ICM as reported in the *Metro* on 21 June, beer really is good for you: '*Beer contains vitamins which help you to maintain a well balanced, healthy diet, fibre to keep you regular, antioxidants and minerals which may lower your risk of osteoporosis*'. You can read the full report '*Beer & Wholesomeness*' on the Beer Academy's website: [www.beeracademy.co.uk](http://www.beeracademy.co.uk).

Tony Hedger

## CIU CLUB WELCOMES CAMRA MEMBERS

**T**he Ponders End Working Mens Social Club, taking pride in the quality of the real ales for which it has now won successive Club of the Year awards from CAMRA's Enfield & Barnet branch, now admits card carrying CAMRA members without insisting that a member of the Club needs to sign them in. Visit the Club, at 46 South Street, Enfield Middlesex EN3 4LB and enjoy possibly the best pint of Greene King IPA you'll find in London as well as a changing guest beer to tempt your palate. A CAMRA member can be accompanied by up to four guests who would be subject to a 50p signing in fee.

The club consists of a large hall and a smaller lounge bar. At weekends the hall features various entertainments including bingo. The lounge bar has no such attractions, but two hand pumps normally dispensing Greene King IPA and a changing guest beer, generally from the Carlsberg Tetley Tapster's Choice list with an occasional appearance from the Red Squirrel Brewery. The beers are very reasonably priced.

The 191 bus passes the club; it can be caught at Edmonton Green bus station which is opposite the rail station with a frequent service from Liverpool Street. Buses 279 and 349 go near the club – alight at Wetherspoon's Picture Palace; South Street is opposite.

The club opens 6-11pm Monday to Friday, 12-11pm Saturday and 12-10.30 Sunday. Phone 020 8804 2334 to confirm it will be open before making a long journey or to check on beers currently available.

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*Drinkers last year no doubt enjoying Dark Star's Limeburners Special in front of the kilns*

**Sunday 5.** As above but there will be free entry after 2.30pm to card carrying CAMRA members. Also beer prices may then be reduced to £1-60 a pint.

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*Mark Howarth*

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## NUMBER PUZZLES:

1. 92 is the Atomic Number of Uranium
2. 1971 Decimal Currency Introduced in Britain
3. 8 Legs on a Crab (and 2 Claws)
4. 1789 Storming of the Bastille
5. 224 Gallons of Water Weigh a Ton
6. 24,900 Miles is the Equatorial Circumference of the Earth
7. 4 Ounces in a Quarter Pound
8. 1980 John Lennon Murdered in New York
9. 122 Holes in a Crib Board
10. 1 Cello in a String Quartet

## 5BY4:

1. Crystal Tipps – Alistair
2. (Just) William Brown – Jumble
3. Dorothy (Wizard of Oz) – Toto
4. Tintin – Snowy
5. Dora Spenslow (David Copperfield) – Jip
6. 3 Men in a Boat – Montmorency
7. The Banks Family (Mary Poppins) – Andrew
8. Clark Kent – Krypto
9. The Darling Family (Peter Pan) – Nana
10. Bill Sikes (Oliver Twist) – Bull's Eye

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

1. The husband of Jenny von Westphalen was Karl Marx.
2. And it was Martin Luther King who was married to Coretta Scott.
3. The Fylde (main town Blackpool) lies between the estuaries of the rivers Ribble and Wyre?
4. The Sandwich Islands, discovered by Captain Scott in 1778, are now known as the Hawaiian Islands.
5. Ardnamurchan Point in the North West Highlands is the most westerly point on the mainland of Great Britain.
6. There are four operas in Wagner's Ring Cycle (Das Rheingold, Die Walküre, Siegfried and Götterdämmerung).
7. The building which has the postcode SW1A 0PW is the House of Lords.
8. The English county town which is to be found at 52°38' north, 1°18' east is Norwich.
9. The (in)famous son of Jocasta was Oedipus
10. The Julian calendar was superseded in England by the Gregorian calendar in 1752.

**W**ell hello there! Thanks for dropping in. And how have you been keeping? No, don't tell me; we all know that friendly greetings are only so much eyewash, especially when I probably don't know you (or some of you, at least) from Adam – apart from the fig leaf. What a load of rubbish. I'd better get on with the usual wailing and gnashing of teeth before the editor thinks I'm going soft in my old age. Here's a quote from A.A.Milne that seems to have been written with me in mind:

*"One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries."*

And so on with the show – see if you can decipher these little puzzles:

1. 2 CH are R at E
2. 330 F is the H of the FRB
3. 1896 FMOGH in A
4. 55 B is the A of LT
5. 4 RP or P in a C
6. 1820 G the TD
7. 1 AN of H
8. 25 S for the O on a DB
9. 120 F in a HC
10. 7 BF from the D in the NLD

If you have been with this little diversion for a long time you may know the origin of 5BY4. Alternatively, if you stick with it for a while I might tell you where it come from. All you need to know though is that the "Lady Leads" in the first list are each linked with one of the groups in the second. If you can match them all up successfully you may treat yourself to a pint (I shan't):

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Eddi Reader          | A. Blue Mink             |
| 2. Judith Durham        | B. T'Pau                 |
| 3. Cerys Matthews       | C. The Seekers           |
| 4. Jacqui Abbot         | D. The Cranberries       |
| 5. Carol Decker         | E. Texas                 |
| 6. Sharleen Spiteri     | F. The Beautiful South   |
| 7. Grace Slick          | G. Clannad               |
| 8. Maire (Moya) Brennan | H. Jefferson Airplane    |
| 9. Dolores O'Riordan    | I. Catatonia             |
| 10. Madeline Bell       | J. Fairground Attraction |

And now it's time to finish with a short round of general, or some may say specific (and one of my drinking partners might even say widgety), knowledge. See how many you can answer – and get right:

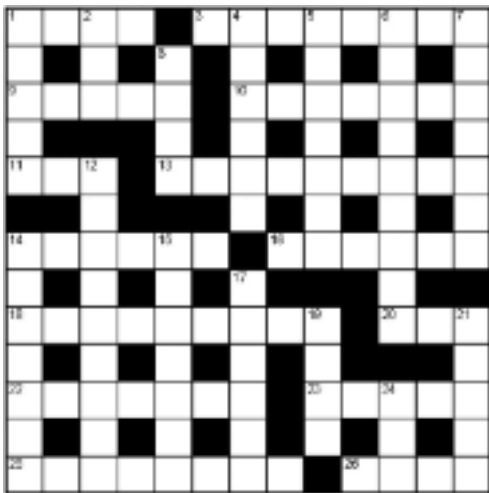
1. What made an historic first crossing of the English Channel on 26th July 1959?
2. What was invented in 1979 by Joop Sinjou of the Netherlands and Toshi Tada Doi from Japan?
3. And still on the subject of inventions, what first did American Ted Hoff develop in 1971?
4. And finally before we leave inventions, in what year did the American Percy L.Spencer first present the microwave oven to the World?
5. Okay, one more on inventions. Seen as an engineering hero in his own time, what two inventions (discoveries) of Walter Midgley (1889-1944) are now outlawed because of environmental concerns?
6. The rights to what story (and play) were given by the author to Great Ormond Street Hospital in 1929?
7. What is the difference between a QC and a KC?
8. What famously is the smallest building designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens?
9. Who was the feted pilot of a de Havilland Tiger Moth called Jason?
10. What is the unfortunate effect on the City of Oxford of the stunningly attractive heroine of Max Beerbohm's 1911 novel, Zuleika Dobson?

Well. That's about it for this time. I shall be back in October with some more to keep you amused(?). In the meantime go out and do something interesting for the next couple of months – don't waste any more time on this rubbish.

*Andy Pirson*

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## ACROSS

1. It's found in the Wadworth brewery. [4]
3. Drink with posh young lady in the country. [8]
9. Underground right place to find this. [5]
10. Produce alcohol and cause excitement. [7]
11. They fly far behind. [3]
13. Fellow fisherman in town. [9]
14. Trim round poster for march. [6]
16. He judges company fit. [6]
18. Neat and tidy with a bow. [4,5]
20. Cor! It's back, the fabulous bird! [3]
22. Age certain to cause memory loss. [7]
23. Starting at dawn is extremely upsetting. Goodbye! [5]
25. Reported caught sight of your head in some food. [4,4]
26. Irishman sent back for the post. [4]

## DOWN

1. Man left out of drink. [5]
2. Polish difficulty. [3]
4. Hurt from start to finish. [6]
5. Rent trouble is a big blow. [7]
6. Massive animal stars. [5,4]
7. Afterwards little Alan is out of the side. [7]
8. Hurry up for some jazz. [4]
12. Social workers' base. [9]
14. Have lawmen on ship. [7]
15. I'd burst when upset, really upset. [7]
17. Photo taker arrived before artist. [6]
19. Test old partner in the morning. [4]
21. Filthy lucre is bad. [5]
24. She sounds like a duck. [3]

We wish to apologise for an error in the solution to the April crossword given in the last issue. 6 Down should have been REVEL (not REVER). This was a typesetter's error, not the Compiler's.

Winner of the prize for the April Crossword:  
Mick Lancaster, Tulse Hill, London SW2.

Other correct entries were received from:

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