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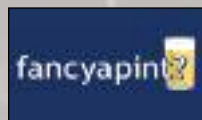


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Poor show, Lord Coe!

Ever since the news of London's winning bid to host this summer's Olympic Games was announced, those in charge have sought to engender an enhanced regional and national civic pride in recognition of all of the opportunities and benefits that they would surely bring.

Not least of the things for everyone to celebrate at this time, we might have been led to assume, would be the best of British food and drink. As real ale drinkers, we might have expected to find not only beers like Fuller's London Pride, Young's London Gold and Greene King London Glory promoted in and around the venues but also the chance for visitors to discover and enjoy the range of beers now available from London's twenty and more micro-breweries: Brodies, East London, London Fields, Redchurch and Redemption, for example, to name just those I can think of nearest to Stratford.

Sadly, however, global corporate commercial sponsorship has been allowed to hijack London's Olympiad. Health campaigners have protested about McDonalds and Coca Cola (how indeed can we stomach their exclusive association with health and fitness?) and, as far as real ale goes, well, the Olympic venues themselves will have none of it. In the words of Roger Protz, writing in the *Publican's Morning Advertiser*, "*The 2012 Olympics, a showcase for London and the rest of Britain, will be dominated by one beer brand – Heineken lager brewed in the Netherlands*".

Heineken has bought 'sole pour-

ing rights' at Olympic events. These rights include being able to sell just two other brands in its portfolio, John Smith's Smoothflow and Strongbow cider, but neither of those can be named. John Smith's will be labelled 'British Bitter' and Strongbow will be called just 'Cider', a lesser insult, perhaps, to British cask cider producers.

At Lord's cricket ground, Marston's has the beer concession to sell Pedigree Bitter and is the official sponsor of the England cricket team. While the Olympic archery competition takes place there, the hand-pumps will be removed and portraits of cricketer Matthew Hoggard, Marston's 'beer ambassador', will be covered up. Instead, to quote Roger again, "*Visitors to the world-famous cricket ground, with its long tradition of ale drinking, will be offered Dutch lager and anonymous keg bitter and cider*".

Now I am not having a rant against Heineken. As Fred from Dorset commented online, "Could have been worse could have been budweiser or miller". Some people say that the Dutch-brewed Heineken is not a bad lager; I wouldn't know. But I am sorry if the London Committee of the Olympic Games, and for that matter the people who drafted the legislation that set up that cabal, cannot appreciate the popular disillusion and reputational damage for themselves and indeed for Heineken that the award of such draconian sponsorship rights may yet achieve.

For its 'tier three' sponsorship package, Heineken reportedly paid

£10 million. That sum represents but one two hundred and fiftieth of Tesco's latest (reduced!) annual profit. Is there a billionaire philanthropist out there who would be willing to pay Heineken, McDonalds and Coca Cola enough to go away in order to restore some national pride of association into our Olympic Games this summer? Time is running short.

Geoff Strawbridge



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No surprises

Our last issue went to print before the budget but there were no surprises for beer drinkers. In an almost too carefully worded point, the Chancellor confirmed that the 'inflation plus 2%' duty escalator would still take effect but he put the blame – not unreasonably – on his predecessor. The increase was 5% in total. CAMRA's Chief Executive, Mike Benner, called the increase "a shadow cast over the beer drinker, depriving people of an affordable night down their local." That is about it; I've never liked Greggs pasties anyway.

Do remember that the e-petition in favour of stopping this escalator arrangement is still open and could well have an effect on next year's budget. If you haven't signed it, please give it some thought. You can access it on-line at the HM Government e-petitions website:

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk>.

Back in February, ten Brakspears pubs around Henley-on-Thames staged a 'Tax Free Beer Day' and sold beer at a price reduced by the Duty and VAT element which brought the price of a pint of bitter down from £3.30 to £1.30. It certainly makes the point and a good day was had by all with many signatures being added to petitions calling for reductions in Duty and VAT.

It isn't just Duty that does the damage however. Another measure that will not help pubs is a change in taxation on gambling machines or to give them their proper name, 'AWPs' – amusements with prizes.

Other consequences to think about are the growth of smuggling and the production of illicit alcohol. The government gets nothing from these operations and the latter is also a serious health risk. I will try to pick up on these points in a later edition.

Unit pricing back on the agenda

Some say that it was an attempt to deflect attention from the so-called 'granny tax' while others say that it is a genuine reaction to the latest figures on liver disease but the unit pricing of alcohol is back on the Government's agenda for England. It is being championed by the Prime Minister whilst Health Secretary Andrew Lansley is reportedly siding with the drinks trade to oppose it. The Chancellor presumably is happy with anything that increases his VAT take.

The debate as to whether unit pricing is a good move in terms of public health is far from settled and it says a lot when the Health Secretary comes out on the opposite side to the health lobby. Maybe unit pricing would help reduce 'problem' drinking but it will primarily hit those on low incomes and who says that problem drinkers come exclusively from the ranks of

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the low paid? A binge is a binge, whether it is on supermarket lager or wine at £25 a bottle. There is also evidence that alcohol consumption is falling anyway.

I mentioned in the last issue that the Scottish Government were going to make another attempt at introducing unit pricing and they have announced that they will be going for a 50p unit. That is certainly a more aggressive approach than before. It is understood that for England the Government is still thinking in terms of a relatively ineffective 40p.

I would like to offer the view that we should be wary of assuming that unit pricing is going to make any real difference to pubs. The gap between supermarket and pub prices will remain significant, as is illustrated by CAMRA's research which shows that over ten years the price of a pint in a pub has increased by 43% but only by 1% in the off-sales trade. We need to keep campaigning for other meas-

ures – not least a reduction in Duty and possibly - perhaps preferably? - VAT for the 'hospitality' trade.

Of course, one big question hangs over this policy in either country: is it legal? See what you make of this. UKIP peer Lord Willoughby de Broke asked the Government *'what assessment they had made of whether their proposal for minimum pricing on alcohol is compliant with European law'*. Home Office minister Lord Henley replied, *"The legal advice which the Government have received on this issue is subject to legal privilege. We do not therefore believe it appropriate to disclose this advice (or any summary of it)"*. Very strange.

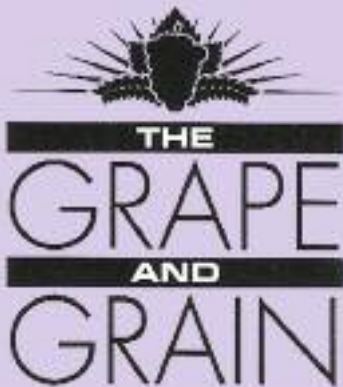
No movement on the tie

I'm sure that you have all been on tenterhooks waiting to find out what the Prime Minister – a keen supporter of British pubs remember – said in his promised letter to the chairman of the Parliamentary

Business, Innovation and Skills Committee. You need not have bothered; the letter clings to the self-regulation arrangements and rejects an independent review, ending, *"...though I have noted the Parliamentary interest in this matter."* In other words, 'I hear what you say but I'm not actually listening'. I am sure that this will not be the end of the matter.

Meanwhile, Bob Neill, the minister whose portfolio includes community pubs, has checked with the Civil Service to confirm that there is no conflict between his post and his membership of CAMRA's Bromley branch, provided that he makes the appropriate declaration as and when required. Presumably, as Greg Mulholland joked, this would be when he lobbies himself.

Whilst in the area, according to the coverage in the Publican's Morning Advertiser of CAMRA's recent Parliamentary Reception – attended by a record number of 100 MPs and Lords - there is now



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a sign in the Strangers' Bar that reads *'Members should bear in mind that the beer that you provide should be a session ale of around 3.8% to 4% and of a name that is not likely to cause offence'*.

I was slightly miffed to be accused of political correctness over my comment on the Top Totty saga. Not so; I just don't like any sort of silly name being used for beers. I am obviously in the minority however because two of the latest beers to come on sale follow the Top Totty pattern: Dizzy Blond from Robinsons and White Witch from Moorhouses, although at least the latter has some sort of historical connection.

Award for the Good Beer Guide

The current edition of CAMRA's flagship publication won second place at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards presented recently in Paris. The winner was Garrett Oliver's Oxford Companion to Beer. The GBG was the only finalist that is produced annually. Well done to all involved, especially those CAMRA members who put together the pub entries. It could not be done without you.

Planning news

CAMRA's latest statistics show that pub closures are continuing at a rate of 12 per week – 8 in towns and 4 in rural areas. Between September 2011 and March 2012 some 300 community pubs closed permanently.

In a welcome move, as part of its core planning strategy, the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea has been consulting on options to stop the closure of pubs. These include asking residents and interested groups – including CAMRA – to let them know which pubs they want to see protected from redevelopment, with the emphasis on community pubs. This is a situation highlighted at the end of last year by the Chelsea Society, who were concerned at proposals to turn two pubs, the Prince of Wales and the Phene Arms, into single man-

sion-style houses. According to the Council, the number of pubs in the borough has fallen from 168 to 110 – over a third – since 1980.

Various campaigns by both CAMRA and local groups are having some success. For instance, the Ivy House in Peckham has been declared a Grade II Listed Building which should help protect it from the worst whilst Lewisham Council has refused permission to redevelop the Lord Clyde in Deptford, declaring it an *'undesigned heritage asset'* and local amenity.

It isn't all good news. Sadly, it has just been discovered that the Dewdrop in Battersea which had the same architect as the Cat's Back (see page 15) and the Bricklayers Arms in Putney was demolished in February for a car park extension. William Stewart is, according to the Royal Institute of British Architects, *'an acknowledged expert in pub design'* and this example of his work disappeared without any assessment of its heritage value. Also, despite initial success, the Grove in SW19 is set to become a Tesco outlet. See also the item on Young's below.

Worryingly, it seems likely that the 'pubs to supermarkets' situation will only get worse. I saw a report in the papers recently that because of our old friend the 'current economic climate', both Tescos and Sainsburys are cutting back on big out-of-town developments and concentrating on smaller, local outlets.

As stated in Capital Pubcheck, it is the absence of any requirement for a planning application – and consequent public consultation – for change of use that does the damage here. There may be some hope in terms of the government's new National Planning Policy Framework which will introduce new responsibilities for local councils to promote the retention and development of local services such as pubs. This has been welcomed by CAMRA but I suspect that there is still a lot of work to do.

Young's pubs go to super-market chains

I mentioned in the last issue that Young's had put a batch of 14 pubs up for sale. Having already sold the Prince of Wales in SW17 to Tesco, the two pubs in Twickenham that were included in that batch, the Marble Hill and the Old Anchor have both been sold to Sainsburys. Oddly, the two sites are little more than half a mile apart and I can't imagine that the good people of Twickenham, my home town, are that desperate for supermarkets. For family reasons, I find the loss of the Marble Hill – which in my memory will always be the Rising Sun – particularly sad.

Greg Mulholland, Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group has expressed his feelings to Young's management in a letter which you will find reproduced later in this issue.

I doubt that there is any connection but Young's Property and Tenancy Director, David Turner, has left the company after four years for personal reasons. No replacement has been named although Young's still intend increasing their estate.

Nothing much seems to be happening at the old Ram Brewery site although I am sad to report that the two Young & Co name plates from the gate pillars have been stolen. The plates, possibly nineteenth century and measuring 60 cm by 90 cm, were, sadly, almost certainly stolen for their metal content, not their historic value.

And similar from Greene King

Greene King are also capable of disposing of what appear to be thriving community pubs. The Wheatsheaf near Parsons Green is due to close by the end of May following its sale, it is believed, to a property developer. In this case it is more likely to be for housing than retail. One customer commented that the pub *'always has a great atmosphere with a loyal band of customers. It's a real shame.'* It also leaves Hammersmith and Fulham



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GK have also got themselves into a controversy over the White Lion in Marsworth, on the Grand Union Canal in Buckinghamshire. Pauline Payne and Jane Bishop gave up the pub in January because after three years they could not make a go of it, even though they still had to pay the full rent until the lease expired in June. Key to this was the rent of £58,000 per annum. Pauline said, "We talked to Greene King about lowering the rent but they would not talk to us." They have since found out that the pub is on offer on the Greene King website for £27,500. The pair also own the nearby Anglers Retreat and Pauline added that, "There is definitely space here for both pubs, they are totally different," but that the White Lion is

only busy in the summer although if they had been offered a reduction to £27,500 they would still be there.

A GK spokesman commented, "Licensees are self-employed and take on the pub voluntarily to run their own business. We do everything we can to offer licensees the autonomy and freedom to do this successfully. Hundreds of our licensees are happy with the support and pubs we offer and run successful businesses as a result. We are now actively looking to recruit a new, suitable, permanent licensee who can take the White Lion forward and would welcome anyone interested to contact us." It sounds to me as if the only 'freedom' GK were offering here was to keep paying them the rent, regardless of anything else.

Pub news

Following on from my comment in the last issue, the Devonshire Arms in Chiswick has indeed reopened as a community pub. New

owner Paul Waterer aims to make it a traditional local pub where people can feel relaxed, whether they wanted a coffee, a drink, or something to eat. He said, "We'll have reasonably-priced food, and our drinks will be very competitively priced. We want it to be the hub of the local community and we're anxious to meet locals and get advice and feedback. We are 'people people' ourselves."

Planning permission has been submitted to Hackney Council for what is described as a 'gentle' refurbishment of the Wenlock Arms in Hoxton. This will involve a new kitchen and toilet facilities plus new flooring and a 'modest and considered' extension on the roof. The upper floor will be converted into two duplex apartments which are to be let on long leases in order to generate the funds necessary to secure the pub's long term future. The pub, first built in 1833, was apparently the favourite boozer of David Beckham's grandad.

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News from Harveys

Harveys of Lewes have taken a second pub in London with the acquisition and delightful refurbishment of the Cat's Back in Wandsworth. See Capital Pub-check for details.



To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Harveys have recre-



Miles Jenner with farmer Stuart Highwood

ated Elizabethan Ale, the beer that they originally created for her coronation. It is a dark barley wine made with Fuggle and Golding hops, black malt and flaked barley and has an ABV of 7.5% in the bottle and 5% ABV on draught. One nice touch is that some of the hops come from the same farm in Collier Street, Kent which supplied hops in 1952. Some of the hops even come from growers whose hops were used in the Coronation Brew.

Miles Jenner, Harveys joint

managing director and Head Brewer, commented, "It is a sad thought that UK hop production has declined by 90% since the Coronation Year. However, at Harveys, we are steadfastly committed to supporting our local growers and long term contracts have ensured continuity to this day."

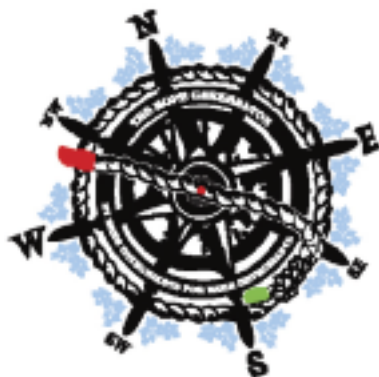
News from Fuller's

There has been a change in the senior management with Operations Director Jonathon Swaine being promoted to Managing Director of Fuller's Inns. Mr Swain, who has been with Fuller's since 2005 and previously worked for Molson Coors, also joins the board of directors.

In the year ended March 2012, Fuller's exported the equivalent of over ten million pints of beer and this is set to expand with new business being found in China, Brazil and Malaysia.

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there will be full coverage in the next. Their AGM is on 16 July.

Other local brewery news

The Cock Tavern in Mare Street, Hackney E8 now has a micro-brewery in its basement. It is owned by the same people who run the award-winning Southampton Arms, so it sounds promising.

The development work at Sambrooks is progressing although brewing continues at full capacity. When the work is complete, that will be 45,000 pints per week. The pale ale is out now and has been renamed Pumphouse Pale, taking its name from a building in Battersea Park.

Ascot Ales are continuing with their 'single hop' beers with Cluster in June and Liberty in July. Both are aromatic American hop varieties. Aureole Ale, a 3.3% ABV golden ale brewed with Summit hops and which was originally brewed for the Jubilee has been added to Ascot's permanent range.

It takes its name from a horse that the Queen entered in the Derby just six days after her coronation.

There have been some changes at Red Squirrel Brewery. Head Brewer Gary Hayward has left to emigrate to Hong Kong and the directors have thanked him for his services over the last eight years. His replacement is Detlef Mielke who was born in Berlin and comes to the company via the Mighty Oak Brewery. The brewery, based at Potton End in Hertfordshire, is also expanding production with the addition of some new brewing vessels. Appropriately for their new brewer, these have been tailor-made in Germany.

Shepherd Neame have reported increased sales in the second half of 2011 with beer volumes up 6.8%. They have purchased a pub and two hotels in Kent but these were largely financed by the sale of other pubs.

Pub chain news

I have noticed that despite the recession a number of people who already run successful pubs are adding second or even third strings to their bows. An example of this is the Crown and Anchor in Brixton Road which has been taken over by the operators of the Jolly Butchers in N16. Other pairings include the Cask in Pimlico and the Craft Beer Co and the Bree Louise and the Duchess of Cambridge, to name just two of many. If publicans with a proven track record see scope for expansion then it can only be for the good.

A fourth pub, the Black Cherry in Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, has been added to Charlie McVeigh's Draft House group while a fifth Drake & Morgan outlet has opened in Bishopsgate.

There are two new-ish pubcos to look out for. Livelyhood have already acquired the Frog and the Royal Oak in SW4, the Clapham

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North in SW9, the Regent in SW12 and the Normanby in SW15. Their next project is to turn the Billabong – as you can guess, an Australian theme bar – in Wimbledon into a pub called the Old Frizzle.

The other is Parched Pubs who have recently added the Railway in SW16 to the Roebuck and the Trinity at the Borough and the Montpelier in Peckham.

You will find more detail about some of the pubs mentioned in our Capital Pubcheck section.

Lacking in Enterprise?

In the spirit of the so-called 'shareholder spring', the ubiquitous Greg Holland MP decided recently draw attention to Enterprise Inns and in particular their chief executive, Ted Tuppen, with an Early Day Motion to the House of Commons. This began, *"This house welcomes the government's commitment to deal with the issue of irresponsible and crony capitalism; notes the case of Enterprise Inns' chief executive Ted Tuppen, who in 2010 rewarded himself with a 50% pay rise of £412,000, ultimately taking home £1.22 million, including a bonus of £558,000, despite being at the helm during a period of unrelenting decline"*. The motion went on to mention the proposal to sell 300 pubs and that it was shameful that *"an organisation with a hold over community assets across the country could be so irresponsible as to amass over £3 billion of debt, including £400 million in bank debts, which the latest sale will seek to refinance."*

According to the motion – and I have not seen it contradicted in the trade press – the value of Enterprise shares has fallen from £7.70 in 2007 to just 26p this January. My colleague Roger Warhurst, who knows about these things, reports that Enterprise's recent AGM was, as usual, held at their rather out-of-the-way offices on the outskirts of Sutton Coldfield and that very few shareholders attended. I find this apathy baffling; just hope that your pension fund is

not amongst the investors.

M&B latest

Meanwhile the stalemate continues at M&B, although JP McManus and John Magnier have appointed the finance director of their Coolmore Stud as a director. There is still no chief executive and no independent directors. The Director of Strategy also left in March. The other main shareholder, Joe Lewis, is now free to make another bid for the company following the expiry of the Takeover Panel's 'cooling off period' following his last attempt. Something must happen soon...

M&B have renamed their Town Centres & Community Pubs division Oak Tree Pubs. The name will not be used on pub signage but if you come across the name, it isn't a new pub company. There are about 130 pubs in the group.

Lack of Spirit

Spirit Pub Company, formerly part of the Punch pubco, recorded an increase in pre-tax profits over the half-year ended 3 March to £20 million, enabling them to declare an interim dividend of 65p. There were however marked differences in the performance of managed and tenanted pubs, with the former being up by 5.6% but the latter down by 4.5%. Consequently, the company is planning to dispose of some 80 'underperforming' tenanted pubs and are looking to convert a similar number to managed houses.

'Underperforming' does not, of course, mean loss-making; they are just not bringing in a pre-required level of profit which, given the current pressures on tenants, is hardly surprising. It also begs the question as to how the conversion from tenancy to managership will be handled. Will Spirit buy out the tenants' leases or am I being unfair in wondering if they will just pile on the pressure to force them out? Will any of the tenants be offered the chance to surrender their lease and become manager of

their existing pub, although I'm sure that many tenants would see that as a step backwards.

What, no buns?

Punch have sold the Widow's Son pub in Devons Road, Bromley-by-Bow to a property developer. What makes this especially sad is that it brings to an end a tradition that dates back to the pub's opening in 1848. The pub replaced the cottage of a widow whose only son, a sailor, never returned home from sea. She never lost hope however and baked hot cross buns for him every Easter. To commemorate this, a bun has been hung up in the bar every Good Friday, with the ceremony usually being performed by a serving Royal Navy rating. I remember a friend of my father's doing it some years ago and he was very proud to do so. I understand that a petition against its closure has been set up and if anyone can give me details, I'll happily publicise it next issue.

Wetherspoons news

After much delay Wetherspoons have finally been able to open their conversion of the former police station in New Malden. It is called the Watchman and full details can be found in Capital Pubcheck. I did notice when I passed by the other day that there is no obvious external JDW signage. I wonder if this was a planning restriction or JDW are going for a new image.

Overall, sales are still increasing but chairman Tim Martin expects to lose £11 million to the new 'late night levy' that is due to be introduced soon. He made the point that supermarkets that open late will not have to pay this levy. This is interesting because presumably alcohol that supermarkets sell will still contribute to the need for the extra policing that the levy is supposed to fund.

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Other trade news

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Adnams have added their 4.5% ABV pale ale Ghost Ship to their permanent range. The beer features Citra and other American hops.

I only hope that they will be able to maintain their supply. I understand that the hop harvest in the United States has been very poor and as a consequence, American craft brewers have bought up a large proportion of the New Zealand hop harvest to replace it. There is a 'double whammy' here in that our own drought is pushing up the price of

home-grown barley and hops.

Wadworth have joined the current wave of breweries going back to brewing stout with the introduction of Corvus – Latin for raven. As with Belhaven Black, mentioned last issue, it is kegged but we can always hope that a brewery with Wadworth's history will give a cask version a go.

Arkell's head brewer, Don Bracher, is retiring after 20 years. He commented, "*I won't miss getting up at the crack of dawn to do an early morning brew but I will miss all the people – there is a huge sense of camaraderie across the brewery which is infectious.*" He will remain available as a consultant but is also thinking of trying his hand at being a butcher.

An M&B style corporate governance issue has also arisen at SABMiller where Graham Mackay, their long-serving chief executive, has been elevated to chairman. This has been criti-

cised by some analysts who hold that a chairman should be independent. With two main shareholders, one holding 27% and the other 14%, such independence is seen as crucial. Then again, would a company want to lose his experience?

Fun and games

Please do read Geoff Strawbridge's editorial in this issue. It's not a subject to discuss in depth here but if you are curious about this sort of thing, the implications of the Olympic Symbol Protection Act 2005 are worth looking at. Given the recent spate of TV programmes etc, Heaven alone knows what LoCOG would have done if it had been the Titanic's sister ship, the Olympic, that had sunk. That said, Heineken might perhaps have sponsored the iceberg...

On a similar theme, I was disappointed to see that the sole beer supplier to the Queen's



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Just to do my 'public service' bit, if you need help to avoid public transport bottlenecks during the games, Transport for London have set up a website to help: getaheadofthegames.com.

Titanic hero remembered

On the subject of the Titanic, CAMRA's recent Doncaster Beer Festival commissioned a special beer, a 4.5% ABV best bitter, from the brewery of the same name in honour of Doncaster-born Harry Senior who was a fireman on the Titanic and helped to get several other survivors out of the water and into lifeboats during the liner's last moments. He himself survived only by climbing aboard an upturned lifeboat and clinging on, along with 35 other men, for hours in the icy water before being picked up. Harry subsequently fought in the First

World War and served in the merchant navy.

Harry had moved to London as a child and raised a family in Deptford but died aged 56 in 1937 and somehow ended up in a mass paupers' grave in Grove Park Cemetery. Fortunately his granddaughter Jacqueline Ridgway has traced the grave and was able to lay flowers. Jacqueline, who by coincidence comes from Stoke on Trent, the home of the Titanic Brewery, said, "I don't really drink but on this occasion I definitely will be trying the beer."

Marathon efforts

It's that man again... Just to demonstrate that Greg Mulholland does not devote all of his time to pubs and beer, he has recently completed an amazing fund-raising effort. He recently took part in the Jane Tomlinson 10th Anniversary Challenge and, in the course of eight days and in

bad weather, completed the Paris Marathon in 3 hours and 31 minutes, cycled back to London via Hull – to take in his Leeds constituency – and then ran the London Marathon in 3 hours and 42 minutes. Greg took part alongside members of Jane's family and was also raising funds for Kidz in Kampz, and the Leeds Rugby Foundation. It is not too late to contribute if you so wish. Go to Greg's website: www.greg-mulholland.org. For more about the charity itself and its inspirational founder go to: janetomlinsonappeal.com.

Congratulations and respect are also due to Rebecca Newman, the landlady of the award-winning Bricklayers Arms in Putney. Raising funds for the head injuries charity Headway, Becky took part in this year's North Pole Marathon. Yes; it really is run at the North Pole and Becky was the second woman home, coming 11th out of the forty runners




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overall. She completed the run in 6 hours 11 minutes but remember, she was running on ice and wearing clothing suitable for the minus 26 degrees temperature! You can still make a donation online at the website charitygiving.co.uk/beckyneuman or just call in at the pub.

One for the Eagles

Here is a nice story from the recent beer festival held by Crystal Palace FC. Tom Barnett, who with his son Gary owns the Sawbridgeworth Brewery, played for CPFC from 1958 to 1961 and he brews a beer, Selhurst Park Flyer (3.8% ABV), as a reminder. He asked the festival if he could supply some to them and they were delighted to accept. In keeping with those times, the pumpclip features a footballer with a comb-over hairstyle and a cigarette in his hand, alleged to depict Tom himself. For the record, Tom scored two goals in 14 league appearances.

Steaming on the Island

It is nice to be able to report a Government department doing something positive to help pubs. In this case it is the Community, Culture and Leisure Department of the Isle of Man. They have produced a guide of recommended real ale pubs within easy reach of the island's heritage railway system. The guide includes a description of each pub plus details of disabled access, contact numbers, directions and availability of food, as well as what real ales are available. The guide is based on an initiative from Isle of Man Railways who worked closely with the local CAMRA branch and the island's two breweries, Bushy's and Okells (Heron and Brearley). Now there are two words that don't often go together

er these days: 'initiative' and 'railway'. You can obtain the guide from Manx railway stations and the Welcome Centre at Douglas Sea Terminal. Alternatively, you can e-mail:

heritagerailways@gov.im.

Congratulations, incidentally, to the Isle of Man CAMRA branch who recently held their first beer festival. Given the logistics, this cannot have been easy to organise.

Hops on the menu

Did you know that you can eat hops – or at least the shoots? Although we did not use them for brewing until the 15th century, the Romans actually introduced hops to Britain as a vegetable. Although hops are harvested in September, in the spring growers have to thin out the shoots and the trimmed shoots used to be eaten. This April, the London Brewers' Alliance supplied shoots from Chris Liliwhite's Lenhall Farm near Canterbury – Challenger and East Kent Golding varieties – to selected pubs, bars and restaurants to see what their chefs could do with them. Hop shoots were often referred to as poor man's asparagus and the traditional way to serve them is fried in butter and, with a little salt, served straight from the pan.

And finally...

The British Institute of Innkeeping's Scottish section recently held their annual awards event at which the award for 'Bar Operator of the Year', assessed by independent judges, went to BrewDog. The company's representatives were told and were sitting there waiting for their big moment when another company's name was announced. The 'winners' were also surprised, it is

said, to find BrewDog's name engraved on the trophy that they were handed. Although no-one is saying exactly what happened, it appears that someone from Diageo, who sponsor the event, told the organisers that if BrewDog won, there would be no further sponsorship. It is believed that BrewDog's refusal to stock Diageo products – primarily Guinness – in their bars was the reason. Whatever the facts are, Diageo were sufficiently embarrassed to feel it necessary to issue the following statement:- *"There was a serious misjudgement by Diageo staff at the awards dinner on Sunday evening in relation to the Bar Operator of the Year Award, which does not reflect in any way Diageo's corporate values and behaviour. We would like to apologise unreservedly to BrewDog and to the British Institute of Innkeeping for this error of judgement and we will be contacting both organisations imminently to express our regret for this unfortunate incident."*

According to a letter in the Guardian, our expression 'binge' comes from the Belgian town of Binche which was notorious for its very lively Shrove Tuesday celebrations.

During the BBC's Test Match Special coverage of the recent Pakistan v England series, Henry Blofeld several times referred to Pakistan's Adnan Akmal as 'Ad-nams'. Obviously, part of him was still at home in Norfolk.

The things that you do when you have been drinking... Two Welsh lads on holiday in Australia decided to break into a sea life park and left with a penguin called Dirk. The poor creature was eventually recovered from a canal and the thieves fined 1,000 dollars each. At least it wasn't a Tactical Nuclear Penguin that they took...

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Originally they came to Britain to study; Eleonora is a microbiologist and Julio trained in industrial design, but he wanted a different career and started to retrain as a chef. However, with a baby, 16 hour days were not thought to be very practical and so the idea to set up a delicatessen was born. They then thought of starting a small brewery to supply the shop and Julio went on a course at Brew Lab in the North West. Things did not go to plan; after the course Julio was hooked and all he wanted to do was brew. Julio said initially his wife was not too pleased and it took some time to persuade her but he said he couldn't have done it without her support. *"She is the organised one"*, he stated. Her background is, of course, also useful when it comes to brewing. At the moment they use dried American yeast for their brews but, in the longer term, they would like to have their own yeast strain.

The premises that house the 6-barrel plant are

immaculate and creatively designed to use every bit of the small space available in an efficient manner. The plant was from David Porter and consists of two fermenters, with another two having been purchased to be installed when the brewery moves around the corner, which is due later this year. The new building will be three times the size to allow for growth and has a five-year lease granting security of tenure.

Moncada Brewery took about seven months to set up and the beer was launched last autumn at the London Brewers Alliance event at Vinopolis. The first customer was in Egham. Gradually the outlets are growing and his beers are sold in draught and bottled forms, both real, letting the Brewery take advantage of both the on and off trade. All of their bottles are hand filled.

There are currently three beers being regularly brewed and future plans include a porter and possibly a special called Carnival to celebrate the event that takes place not far away in Notting Hill! Julio now feels that he is in a position to build up his London trade so drinkers should see more of his beers in future. You can sign up to be kept up to date with the brewery at www.moncadabrewery.co.uk.

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Research has shown that over 60% of visitors to Britain say that they will visit a pub when they come to visit. CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, is coordinating a campaign to raise the profile of beer and pubs during the summer starting the first week in July, featuring the Ealing Beer Festival and culminating with the Great British Beer Festival in August at Olympia. This will be preceded in late June with the issue of a special London Drinker Visitors' Guide. Copies can be ordered now by sending a cheque for £1.50 (to include the postage) made payable to CAMRA London, to Stan Tompkins, 52 Rabbs Mill House, Chiltern View Road, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 2PD.

But you don't have to be a visitor to find out what is going on and join the celebrations. We hope that most of the London brewers will take part, and also other brewers selling their beers in London, as well as many London pubs. For two months now we have had a website up and running, listing all the activities involving beer that we know about across London, whether it is a brewery open day, a beer festival or a pub quiz. So take a look at the website and come and join in the fun!

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As ever, I would like to thank all of those who turned up to work, especially those from other CAMRA branches. We could not do it without you. Many thanks also to those customers who queued in the bitter cold in such good spirits. I hope that it was worth it when you got in.

For the second year running, the festival was formally opened by Greg Mulholland MP and for our official reception on the Thursday we were pleased to welcome Councillors Tina Valcarcel, Gilli Lewis-Lavender and Jane Cooper, respectively the Mayors of Lambeth, Merton and Wandsworth, the three boroughs that make up the CAMRA South West London Branch area.

We also hosted a preliminary round of

CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain competition (South East Region ordinary bitters) and the winner was Flowerpots Bitter with the 2nd and 3rd places going to Fuller's for Gales Seafarers and Chiswick. The Beer of the Festival was Dark Star's Revelation, which we only had by chance as a replacement.

Look out for news of the 2013 event on our website: batterseabeerfestival.org.uk

Tony Hedger



BEXLEY BEER FESTIVAL

Held once again held at Sidcup Sports Club, we are pleased to announce that Bexley Beer Festival was a resounding success.

Everything went fairly smoothly except for the cellerman forgetting his mallets! Starting with 67 firkins of beer, 9 ciders and 3 perries from around the British Isles we were left with only 18 gallons of unsold beer.



Despite the poor weather 918 people turned up to enjoy the varying beer styles, strengths and flavours on offer.

Beer of the Festival, as voted by customers, was Old Dairy Wild Hop, with Longdog Golden Poacher second and Westerham Jubilation, Coastal Kernow Imperial Stout and Stewart Coconut Porter joint third.

The cider of the festival was Magic Bus Dreamee Bus and the Perry was Double Vision Impaired Vision. The first cask to run dry was the Old Dairy, followed by Hop Back Pioneer.

This year we had a music-free festival and the verdict was that it wasn't missed.

Thanks to all CAMRA members, from branches far and wide, who gave up their free time to help set up, staff, and take down the event. Specifically a big thank you goes to organizer Alan Boakes who managed to bring everyone and everything together to ensure that the festival ran with its customary smoothness.

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Tickets for the event are now available and can be pre-ordered, at a discounted price, from the GBBF website at www.gbbf.org.uk/tickets. With such demand expected at the doors of Olympia for tickets on the day, pre-ordering is a great way of ensuring you do not miss the Festival.

While the British real ale, cider, perry and foreign beer lists are busily being finalised before the Festival opens, CAMRA is looking to give away 25 pairs of tickets to GBBF to beer drinkers old and new. To be in with a shout of winning a pair of tickets, please answer the following question correctly and submit your answer, name and address to jon.howard@camra.org.uk by Friday 6th July 2012. Entries can also be posted to Jon Howard, GBBF Comp, CAMRA, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 4LW.

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CAMRA Greater London 2012 Pub of the Year competition

This year's competition for CAMRA's Greater London Pub of the Year includes three previous winners: the **Harp** near Charing Cross, which then won the 2011 National Pub of the Year award, the **Robin Hood & Little John** in Bexleyheath, and the **Trafalgar** in South Wimbledon.

Seven other entrants have also competed in previous years: the **Bar**, Gants Hill; the **Blythe Hill Tavern**, between Forest Hill and Catford; the **Fox**, Hanwell; the **Hope**, Carshalton; the **Olde Mitre**, High Barnet; the **Pineapple**, Kentish Town and the **Red Lion**, Bromley.

The three remaining local CAMRA Pub of the Year winners are new to the competition this year: the **Lamb**, Surbiton; the **Prince of Wales**, Twickenham and the **Red Lion**, Leytonstone.

Contact your CAMRA Branch (see pages 52 and 53) if you would like to join your local travelling judges' panel to help decide which will be London's top pub this year.

Geoff Strawbridge

East London and City Pub of the Year

"Two brand new East London pubs proclaim real ale success." So says John Pardoe, Chairman of the East London and City (ELAC) Branch of CAMRA. *"The triumphant two are the Red Lion in High Road, Leytonstone and the Craft Beer Company in Leather*

Lane, Clerkenwell. Both promote exciting real ale choices. Both only opened in 2011, yet they've become magnet meeting places for the increasingly discerning clientele who value provenance and excellence in their drink.

Now they've been voted the two ELAC 2012 Pubs of the Year – the Red Lion is the overall winner and the Craft Beer Company is the City of London Pub of the Year. They've the X-factor to be chosen by our members from 800-plus other pubs."

The Red Lion is operated by Antic. This has transformed a standard venue into a vibrant community centre. It provides 10 handpumps giving a splendidly rotating selection of real ales and an appreciated meals menu.

The Craft Beer Company has such an astonishing beer range that it's been given top designation by the international Beer website, *Ratebeer*. It has 16 varying real ales on handpump, 16 craft keg beers – many from overseas – and an amazing stock of 300-plus bottles that represent the world.

These two venues proclaim that real ale isn't just coming back – it's conquering.

Bill Green

North London Pub of the Year

CAMRA members, local residents who helped save the pub from closure, friends and beer drinkers gathered at the Pineapple during



Community Pubs Month to celebrate it winning CAMRA North London's 2012 Pub of the Year Award.

Commenting upon the Pineapple's success, Catherine Tonry, 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. It went on*

to win CAMRA's North London Pub of the Year in 2010. Only a couple of pubs have won the award twice and the hard work that has gone behind making the Pineapple a premier quality real ale outlet is to be applauded. Last year the nearby Southampton Arms won the award and this just reinforces that Kentish Town is a now great place to drink in".

In the following week's, runner-up awards were presented to the Jolly Butchers in Stoke Newington and the Snooty Fox in Canonbury.

John Cryne

Croydon & Sutton Pubs of the Year

The Croydon & Sutton branch give a pub in each of the two London Boroughs in our area a Pub of the Year award. This year, following a change in the selection criteria, all members were invited to take part in judging the shortlisted establishments.

The Croydon winner is the Green Dragon, High Street, Croydon, a true community pub despite its central location. The pub is a previous winner of this award. As well as serving good beer, the pub hosts music of many varieties from jazz to ukulele via open mic sessions, with quizzes, sports TV and food also appealing to customers of many different interests and ages. The Green Dragon has also been at the forefront of the community

response to the troubles in Croydon last August, as evidenced by the 'I love Croydon' messages in the window. This is all supported by the selection of real ale (including LocAles) and cider available at the bar.

Congratulations to Esther and all her team.

Our London Borough of Sutton winner is the Hope in Carshalton. This is another community pub, a true free house which was purchased by members of the community a couple of years ago. It has continued to expand the range of real ales, ciders, foreign bottled beers and interesting craft beers in keg. The pub has monthly themed beer festivals at which regular visitors tend to arrive on the first day to ensure that the full range is still available. Regular music jam sessions take place (including a ukulele session) and 'meet the brewer' evenings also feature. Free from TVs, fruit machines and background music, the pub always has the buzz of conversation. LocAle beers from W J King and Windsor & Eton are always available, together with at least one dark beer. The Hope is also the branch's overall winner, and entry to the London Pub of the Year competition.

Congratulations to Rowan, who manages the cellar, and all the staff at the Hope.

Dave Lands

South West London Pub of the Year

The South West London Branch Pub of the Year for 2011 was announced on the Thursday of Battersea Beer festival (see page 32). The winner, in as ever a strong field, was the Trafalgar in South



Wimbledon. This was a well deserved 'hat trick' for publicans David Norman and Karen Wood, following wins in 2007 and 2009. Subsequently we had a very pleasant evening on 8th May when the winner's certificate was presented in the presence of the local MP, Stephen Hammond, and Mayor Lewis-Lavender. For the second year running, and again by the narrowest of margins, the runner-up was the Eagle Ale House in Battersea.

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West London Pub of the Year

On the 17th of April, the West London branch presented its Pub of the Year award to the Harp on Chandos Place in Covent Garden. This small, friendly pub in the centre of the city has had an exceptional three years, having been West London's pub of the year for 2010/11 and then being voted that year's national pub of the year. In 2011, it was also the national cider pub of the year. The Harp, and its sprightly landlady, have become a massively popular Covent Garden institution over the 17 years since Bridget Walsh (fondly known as Binnie to her regulars) took over the pub. She has run pubs for over 40 years and has been a great supporter of CAMRA for all of that time. The pub has become a destination for tourists from around the world since it features eight handpumps and a very wide range of real ciders. That the Harp has been voted the West London branch Pub of the Year again shows just how good it is, and long may it remain so.

Paul Charlton, West London branch secretary, adds, *"The Harp is fast running out of space on its walls for its numerous awards!"* The whole of the



branch committee and many other CAMRA members were present on the evening to congratulate Binnie on yet another outstanding achievement for her pub.

Mark Davies

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Parliamentary Save the Pubs Group

In the aftermath of this session of Parliament's opening Queen's speech, a few beer fans and pub supporters were invited into the Strangers' Bar at the Houses of Parliament to commemorate the third anniversary of the foundation of the all-party Parliamentary Save the Pubs Group. Greg Mulholland, MP for North West Leeds and chair of this group, had commissioned a special beer from Ilkley brewery called, unsurprisingly, 'Save the Pub'. This was a one-off light bitter brewed just for the event. As well as being chairman of this group, Greg is a keen supporter of several campaigns to prevent pub demolitions both in his constituency and in London, particularly encompassing support for the Castle, Battersea.

His thoughts on Young & Co's Brewery plc are to be found on page 49-51.

On the day, ten of us met at the Red Lion on Parliament Street to go through the rigorous security drills that we would be going through to get into the Palace of Westminster and to make sure that we were all together in time for the event.

Those with me comprised Stewart Ross, Chris Ives and Richard Shelton from Greg's local Ilkley Brewery; Dave Robinson, CAMRA's liaison officer with the brewery, together with Angela and Tony Constable and Adrian Mellow from the Leeds branch of CAMRA; and Jonathan Mail (head of public affairs), Emily Ryans (campaigns manager) and Claire Cain (campaigns assistant) from CAMRA's headquarters in St Albans.

We gained entry to the Strangers' Bar through Portcullis House (to avoid a queue) and so were led under Bridge Street, through the cellars and up into the Palace. Inside the bar, we were greeted by a beaming Mr Mulholland who was glad to meet so many people as committed to real ale and pub preservation as himself. There was also general relief that we made it there in time for the event, given the large queue at the usual visitors' entrance. Once introductions were made several members of our small group sheepishly started to make themselves at home. The bar is much smaller than some of us had expected but decorated in the same Westminster green as the rest of the building. Comfortable chairs and sofas were dotted around,

also in Parliament green. Since the rain that had plagued the great ceremony of the day had cleared, some ventured out onto the patio overlooking the Thames for a view of areas of the Palace of Westminster not seen by many tourists. As we distributed some campaigning materials around the

bar, more members of the group filed in and the event started. Greg gave a speech of his own, welcoming everyone and introducing the MPs and the group as a whole to the few people in the bar. A commitment to carry on the good work of the group was also made to us. Following this, a mixture of members of the CAMRA party and MPs wandered behind the bar to pull

a pint of the special beer as the cameras flashed. One of the staff commented that, with so many people pulling their own pints, the bar had become self-service for the first time in its distinguished history.

Jokes aside, it was very pleasing to see members of all three major parties come together to support a group committed to legislation designed to keep pubs open. It is clear that they have worked very hard to put pub preservation and real ale on the government agenda over the last three years. As I am sure many of you will already know, they provided a great deal of input to the Localism Bill that is already helping to slow the rate at which pubs are disappearing. Seeing politicians drinking and enjoying beer rather than standing for a photo with a suspiciously full glass was just as refreshing.

A couple of hours of good beer and quiet campaigning, and then Mr Mulholland let slip that he could not avoid business any longer and had to attend a party committee. Once we had no passholder to vouch for our presence, we had to leave. We collected all of our gear and headed back through Portcullis House and out into the damp Westminster evening.

It was a great honour for us to be invited to an event in Parliament on such an important day and I, with the others, would like to thank Greg Mulholland and the Save the Pubs Group for the chance to attend.

Mark Davies



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Update on London's Real Heritage Pubs

London's Real Heritage Pubs are pubs which are on CAMRA's London Regional Inventory of Pub Interiors of Special Historic Interest. Here are some updates.

Ivy House, 40 Stuart Road, Nunhead SE15 3BE

Late last year, a 'For Sale' sign was spotted on the wall of the Ivy House. The prospect of demolition or conversion to flats suddenly seemed depressingly imminent. CAMRA's South East London branch sprang into action and submitted an application to English Heritage in the hope that they would award statutory listing status to this special pub, thereby giving it some protection. Such applications can take up to five months to be processed. In mid-April, the branch were informed that the pub was closing on April 22nd. The tenant and the occupants of the upstairs flats were told to leave by the owners, Enterprise Inns. The prospect that all the bar fittings, and the other wonderful features that make the Ivy House so special, might be stripped out seemed frighteningly possible. What a crime it would be if this happened just a few days before English Heritage were to make a decision about the pub. The local CAMRA branch immediately got on the phone to English Heritage. Alerted to the urgency of the case, English Heritage agreed to try to fast-track the case to the Secretary of State for a decision. On the afternoon of Friday 20th April, just two days before the final closure of the pub, the branch were telephoned by English Heritage who informed them that the Secretary of State had agreed to statutorily list the Ivy House and therefore it could not be demolished, nor could its internal fittings be altered in any way, without permission. Talk about leaving things until the eleventh hour! As you may imagine, there was a lively party atmosphere on the last day of trading, when the pub's new status as a Grade II listed building was celebrated and the pub was literally drunk dry, with quick work being made of its final casks of Castle Rock Harvest Pale Ale and Harvey's Sussex Best (both kept in excellent condition by bar manager Nick). So the building and its interior have got a reprieve. But what next for this remarkable pub? There are rumours that Enterprise may install a temporary tenant for a while. There is talk that some of the locals, who are fiercely loyal to this unique community pub, may get together and take over the running of the pub in some manner. Nothing is yet decided. Watch this space.

Black Friar, 174 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4EG

This pub is on CAMRA's National Inventory of Pub Interiors of Outstanding Historic Interest. It has recently been refurbished in a sensitive manner by

Mitchells & Butlers: apparently the only noticeable change is that the rear room is laid for dining.

Prince of Wales, 14 Princedale Road, Holland Park, W11 4NJ

This pub is closed and boarded up. Last year planning permission for conversion to residential flats was refused.

Forester, 2 Leighton Road, West Ealing, W13 9EP

This Britain's Real Heritage Pub by the notable architect Thomas Henry Nowell Parr was splendidly refurbished last year to a high standard and the previously closed public bar has reopened.

Three Horseshoes, 2 High Street, Southall, UB1 3DA

Also by Nowell Parr, this pub is the subject of a planning application for "Construction of a three storey rear extension to public house; alterations to frontage; construction of an attached 3 storey building at 1-3 South Road; accommodation of six retail units and associated storage at ground floor and basement levels; and formation of 9 residential units on the upper two floors". CAMRA's West Middlesex branch and London Pubs Group have objected.

Bull & Gate, 389 Kentish Town Road, Kentish Town, NW5 2TJ

This pub is up for sale with Davis Coffey Lyons for £2.7million.

Corley's Tavern, 286 New North Road, De Beauvoir Town, N1 8SU

This pub has been demolished.

Beehive, Stoneleigh Road, Tottenham, N17 9BQ

This pub, one of Britain's Real Heritage Pubs, has planning permission to replace the panelling throughout the pub on the grounds that it has been found to contain asbestos. The replacement panelling is to be of the same design as the original.

Colegrave Arms, 145 Cann Hall Road, Leytonstone, E11 3NJ

This pub's interior was gutted some time ago.

Wheatsheaf, 6 Stoney Street, Borough, SE1 9AA

This pub closed in January 2009 prior to works as part of the Thameslink programme. It is thought that Youngs intend to reopen it soon.

Newton Arms, 175 Queens Road, West Croydon, CR0 2PX

This pub closed on 1 January 2010 and in January 2012 it was reported that building work was taking place.

Pub preservation

Swan & Sugar Loaf, 1 Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6EA

This pub, which is a locally listed building, closed on 29 March 2010. An application for statutory listing was turned down. It is understood to have been acquired by Tesco.

Hare & Hounds, 99 Summerstown, Tooting, SW17 0BQ

This pub is closed. CAMRA's London Pubs Group is following up enforcement action over the unauthorised conversion of the upper floors of this pub to residential use without planning consent.

Little House, 13 Tooting Grove, Tooting, SW17 0RA

This pub has been converted and extended for flats.

Prince of Wales, 646 Garratt Lane, Tooting, SW17 0NT

Young's sold this pub to a developer. An application for statutory listing was turned down. The pub closed on 11 March 2012 and its interior was stripped out on 13 March 2012.

Fox & Grapes, Camp Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4UN

This pub closed for refurbishment in 2010 and reopened in February 2011, having been acquired by the chef Claude Bosi. The two back rooms have been completely modernised.

Duke's Head Hotel, 6 Manor Road, Wallington, SM6 0AA

This pub is the subject of planning and listed building consent applications to make alterations to the interior, including the public bar. CAMRA's Croydon and Sutton branch and London Pubs Group objected. However, work on the refurbishment is now underway and the pub is due to reopen at the end of June this year.

Jane Jephcote

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The current brewer, Angelo Scarnera, grew up in Texas and started as a brewer's assistant with the previous brewers, Phil Lowry and Steve Skinner. The trio were keen on brewing beers in the style of those they drank in the USA, mostly because they missed them! Brew Wharf was probably at the forefront of the American taste revolution especially in London. Eventually, Steve went back to the USA and Phil, who was an account manager for Cave Direct, decided he could not do two jobs and Angelo took over.

Angelo brews once a week and usually all the beer is sold in Brew Wharf through two handpumps on the bar. The brew length is five barrels with two fermenters. Unlike some pub breweries that store in tank, Brew Wharf puts all of its beer into cask and, with the turnover, Angelo can ensure that the beer is always fresh but he also has some space to store beers that need maturation. Over the course of the year, Angelo estimates that he must have brewed at least 50 different beers. Each brew is unique, using different malts and/or hops. Brew Wharf occasionally do collaboration brews including with nearby Kernel and East Londoners, Brodies. Angelo feels that there are many breweries now experimenting with different hops and that it is time to move on and break the next experience in taste. If that sounds pretentious, that is exactly what Angelo and Brew Wharf are not. He is just like the best chefs, trying different combinations of ingredients to get that wow factor. There is no doubt that Angelo's experience, enthusiasm and his love of beer will ensure that there are many more hits than misses. He recently brewed a Red Rye beer and a Cream Ale using a lager yeast and 10%

maize and a range of Eastern European hops such as Junga are being trialled; the hops are usually from Charles Farram. An American dried yeast is the stock yeast but yeasts are chosen for the beer style and so yeasts such as a Whitbread strain and other imported yeasts, e.g. Belgian, are not unusual and there was a yeast from Dark Star for a Saison beer.

Brewing in such a small space does give Angelo some challenges. The kit is from an old Firkin pub. Fortunately, Angelo studied engineering and his practical experience has been really helpful in keeping the brewery going. Just don't mention the hot water!

If you would like to meet Angelo and visit the brewery, Brew Wharf and two other London breweries, Sambrook's and Kernel, are hosting a



Sambrook's Brewery

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Dear Editors,

Am I alone in being annoyed by the increasingly patronising and narrow-minded tone of your 'Capital Pubcheck' feature? Twice in the April/May edition (on pages 52 & 58), readers are advised to be 'beware' of the new 'Beer House' pub in Charing Cross Station (formerly the 'Boadicea'), which is condemned for removing its handpumps and selling keg beer "masquerading as craft beer".

Two points here. Firstly, that the removal of handpumps from a pub that sells poor or indifferent real ale is of benefit to CAMRA. I tried a pint of real ale in the 'Boadicea' and did not return for another. A potential real ale convert would have been put off for life.

Secondly, instead of arrogantly stating that 'craft beer confuses the less well informed beer drinker', why not actually inform your beer-drinking readership of the range of beers that are served and let them make their own minds up. In actual fact, the 'plethora of keg taps displayed in this pub offers two Meantime beers, Brooklyn Lager, Anchor Steam, Bitburger Pils (which Roger Protz describes as having a superb balance of biscuit malt and floral hop), Krombacher Dunkel and Erdinger Weisse, the latter being one of Bavaria's finest beers. The bottled beer selection runs to over 40, with UK beers from Hogs Back, Camden, Hercules and St. Peters, Duvel and Chimay from Belgium, Jenlain from France, Coopers and Little Creatures from Australia, Monteith from New Zealand, Sierra Nevada & Goose Island from the US, and La Trappe (the Dutch Trappist) from Holland. For the more adventurous toper, non-mainstream beers from Cuba, Vietnam, Mexico, Sweden and Iceland complete the picture.

Like many within CAMRA, I enjoy drinking quality real ale and quality craft/keg beers such as the above in roughly equal measure. The latter are not 'masquerading' as anything. They are what they are and present themselves in the UK beer market for punters to make their choice. So remove the blinkers please and stop patronising those of us that, from time to time, choose to dip our toes into the wonderful, wide world of beer that now exists out there.

Peter Sutcliffe, SW18

Dear Editors,

Further to recent letters *re.* the lack of black and minority ethnic (BME) representation within CAMRA, I note that the first of your correspondents bemoans the absence of an article on that very subject (as a follow-up to another piece which touched on the matter). The second suggests that the remit of 'Young Persons' officers in many CAMRA branch committees be extended to cover

all minorities, including the disabled, as well as BMEs!

I would venture that hard-pressed CAMRA branches have activities such as pub promotion and preservation arranged rather than diluting their already scarce resources to far less mainstream matters, however laudable. Of course, what's to stop either or both your contributors here from being the 'first in the queue' in volunteering their services as 'Diversity' Officers even before that becomes official CAMRA practice? Similarly, with the help of their respective branches, they could even formulate a motion for presentation at the Norwich AGM in 2013 so that it has a chance of becoming adopted policy. However, even though branches are not currently obliged to be cognisant of such apparent shortcomings, such commitment by these individuals would help to ensure that both appropriate publicity be designed and articles for publication be written, perhaps even by themselves!

It seems that CAMRA's drive for wider membership suffers from the law of diminishing returns; no matter how much the executive and branches encourage (and have been successful in stimulating) greater involvement from young people and/or women, this increasingly appears to extend only to membership. The result is that members (often those older participants who are still, by necessity, involved in running branches and beer festivals etc.) are 'carrying' a greater number of armchair critics. The experiences of this contributor, who has held long-term CAMRA positions over a number of years and in various branches, is that it's still often the same weary faces in most regions carrying the torch of the Campaign year after year and that, of the little new blood that has become apparent, these individuals are often the progeny of older CAMRA activists!

F Pelham

The following letter to Stephen Goodyear of Young & Co's Brewery plc is printed by kind permission of Mr Greg Mulholland MP.

Dear Mr Goodyear,

I am writing on behalf of the Parliamentary Save the Pub Group to express our deep concern at the attitude which Young's has taken in recent years towards their estate, clearly now selling not only viable but profitable pubs simply to 'cash in' on the development value, even though this means the loss of a wanted community pub. This is a deeply disappointing approach from a former family brewer which took genuine pride in its pubs, worked in partnership with its tenants and understood that the core value of the business was to have well run, community pubs serving Young's excellent beers.

Sadly, it seems that with the disposal of the brewing arm, those values have clearly been lost, which for all of us who care about community pubs is tragic. To sell profitable pubs to a developer – at an inflated price, above what the pub is worth as a business, is shameful and clearly an anti-pub thing to do. To seek to cash in on community assets in this way, knowing full well that it is robbing a community of its local – a local that once the real Young's would have supported and been proud of – shows that greed and making a quick buck have become the company's *raison d'être*, rather than supporting tenants and customers.

The most shameful case that has been brought to the attention of the Save the Pub Group is that of the Castle in Battersea, a pub that is rightly included in CAMRA's 'London's Best Pubs' and a hub of the community there (and in an area where other pubs have gone, making this one even more important to local people).

As you well know, the current tenants – who are about to be thrown out and their livelihood taken away – took on the pub at a time when it was failing, and turned it around within a year, making it a true community resource with all strands of local life coming together there. Crucially, they made it profitable.

In a densely built up area, the Castle's beer

garden has become as much of a local asset, as well as helping to make the business more profitable, but despite all of the tenants' hard work, Young's sold the pub for £1.1million last spring to Languard Investments, knowing full well that you were selling the pub to be closed and lost to the community – despite knowing that it was by this stage doing well. That is shameful.

The fact that the couple were given just ten days to raise the money if they wanted to secure the pub was bad enough, but Young's price tag made it clear that this valuable community hub was being sold for a quick profit through development, and indeed, Languard Investments bought the pub without ever having been inside. Young's also refused to entertain the idea of selling the pub as a going concern to Sambrook's – a genuine London brewer – for a fair market price, making obvious that Young's position in the pubs and brewing community comes a distant second to profit. You will I suspect be aware that the unscrupulous Languard are now closing and evicting the tenants at the Castle, to try to make it more likely that they can get planning permission for their unnecessary development that will see the end to a pub on this site as there has been for many hundreds of years. Young's actions have led to that, and Young's & Co should be ashamed.



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The treatment of the Young's tenants in this case and the disregard shown to the community which has filled Young's coffers for so many years, is appalling, and demonstrates that yet another brewery which licensees, beer-lovers and locals thought they could trust has in effect become just another profit-driven pubco. This is further reinforced by the fact that Young's sold off the Castle alongside two other pubs.

Like many people and CAMRA members, the Save the Pub Group previously considered Young's to be an honourable smaller brewery, prioritising the brewing of quality beers and the maintenance of well run pubs that contribute to and benefit from the communities that they support, but this is no longer the case. Following the final sale of Young's stake in Wells and Young's to Charles Wells, Young's is just like any other pub company, and should stop seeking to portray itself as a small family brewer; indeed, as Young's beers are now brewed by Wells and Young's, a separate entity created within the last decade, the Young's and Co business should stop misleading customers by referring to themselves as a brewery.

As a result of this, it is no longer appropriate – indeed it is utterly misleading – for Young's & Co to continue to be a member of the IFBB. Young's no longer fulfils two of the most important membership criteria. The IFBB demands “an operating and financial interest in brands and brewing”, which Young's does not have. Although Young's took a 40% share in the Wells and Young's Brewing Company, created by a merger of the brewing operations of the two groups, this interest was sold to Charles Wells last year, and so Young's no longer has any operating interest in the production of Young's beers. So Young's is no longer a brewer, never mind a family brewer, but a pub company.

It is also important to note that the Young family no longer plays any leading role in the company, despite the proviso that “*IFBB members are predominately family owned or family controlled businesses in which a family member holds a senior level appointment.*” This ceased to be the case for Young's some six years ago, with the death of Chairman John Young, and indeed, while the Wells and Young's Brewing Company has a member of the Wells family on its board, there is no Young's family member.

The IFBB sets out as one of its key aims the protection of “*the unique heritage of family brewing companies in Britain.*” Young's and Co is neither a brewer nor a family business as such should announce forthwith that it is leaving the IFBB. If Young's & Co do not that voluntarily, then the IFBB



should immediately cease Young's membership, in order to protect the aims and principles of the IFBB.

Finally, in the hope that the bad publicity that these unnecessary pub sales have rightly brought for Young's & Co, the All-Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group urge you to stop selling viable pubs, thriving enterprises, for development value, stripping communities of their locals and adding to the mounting number of pub closures across the country. Such a course of

action shows an unethical approach to the stewardship of these important local hubs, which as you know are vulnerable to weak planning laws and aggressive commercial and housing developers. We hope that Young's & Co can cease such practice and go some way to returning to its roots by at least agreeing to sell pubs that Young's have deemed as surplus to requirements for pub use and at the market value for the business as a pub, so they can continue as pubs serving their local community.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Mulholland

Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Save the Pub Group & Member of Parliament, Leeds North West



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 June and July are listed below. Meetings and socials are open to all – everyone is welcome to come along.

LONDON REGIONAL CONTACTS

Regional Director: John Cryne, rd.greaterlondon@camra.org.uk, 07802 174861

July – Wed 25 (8pm) London Liaison Committee (Regional co-ordination meeting for London Branches), Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1.
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Website: www.camralondon.org.uk/

LONDON PUBS GROUP

Chair: Jane Jephcote, jane.jephcote@googlemail.com, 020 7720 6327 or 07813 739856

June – Sat 23 Daytime Crawl of Pests Wood, Bromley, Catford and Forest Hill: (Noon) Daylight Inn, Station Sq, Pests Wood BR5; (1.15) Partridge, 194 Bromley High St, Bromley BR1; (2.45) Prince Frederick, 31 Nichol La, Sundridge Park BR1; (4pm) Fellowship Inn, Randlesdown Rd, Bellingham SE6; (4.45) Catford Bridge Tavern, Station App, Catford SE6; (5.30) Blythe Hill Tavern, 319 Stanstead Rd, Forest Hill SE23.

July – Wed 18 (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

YOUNG MEMBERS GROUP

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BEXLEY

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June – Wed 13 (8.30) Branch mtg. Railway Tavern, 38 High St, Bexley DA5. - Wed 20 (8pm) AGM. Crayford Arms, 37 High St, Crayford DA1. - Wed 27 Belvedere DA17 soc: meet (8pm) Prince of Wales, 13a Woolwich Rd, then take bus 246 at 9.13 (or walk); arrive (9.20) Black Horse, 122 Main Rd. - Tue 31 (8pm) Cttee mtg. Two Doves, 37 Oakley Rd, BR2.

July – Sat 7 London South Bank ramble starting (12.30) Hole in the Wall, 5 Mepham St, Waterloo SE1. - Wed 11 (8.30) Branch mtg. Alma, 10 Alma Rd, Sidcup DA14. - Wed 18 Welling DA16 soc: meet (8pm) We Anchor in Hope, 320 Bellegrove Rd; then Plough & Harrow, 143 Bellegrove Rd; New Cross Turnpike, 55 Bellegrove Rd.
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BROMLEY

Chair: Colin Brand, 020 8249 0189 or 07712 357873, cmbrand@aol.com.

June – Thu 7 - Sat 9 Beckenham Beer Fest. Beckenham Rugby Club, Balmoral Ave, BR3. - Wed 20 (8pm) Soc. Moon & Stars, 164-166 High St, Penge SE20. - Tue 26 (8pm) Cttee mtg. Change of Horses, 87 High St, Farnborough BR6.

July – Sat 7 Chislehurst BR7 soc: (8pm) Bull's Head Hotel, Royal Parade; (9.30) Ramblers Rest, Mill Pl. - Fri 13 (8pm) Soc. Five Bells, Church Rd, Chislehurst, Orpington BR6. - Tue 17 (7pm) PotY presentation and Ravensbourne Morris Men. Red Lion, 10 North Rd, Bromley BR1. - Tue 24 Biggin Hill TN16 soc: (8pm) Aperfield, 311 Main Rd, then take bus 246 at 9.13 (or walk); arrive (9.20) Black Horse, 122 Main Rd. - Tue 31 (8pm) Cttee mtg. Two Doves, 37 Oakley Rd, BR2.

Website: www.bromleycamra.org.uk

CROYDON & SUTTON

Peter McGill, 07831 561296, pete_mcgill@hotmail.com

June – Tue 5 (8pm) Jubilee Bank Hol soc. Green Dragon, 58 High St, Croydon CR0. - Wed 13 Sutton SM1 two-pub soc: (8.30) Robin Hood, 52 West St; (9.30) Grapes, 198 High St. - Sat 23 Bob Steel, author of CAMRA's latest pub walks book 'South East Pub Walks' leads a walk from his book, calling at three classic rural pubs. Assemble (10.30) outside Tadworth stn (connection leaves E. Croydon at 9.50). - Tue 26 (8.30) Branch mtg. Dog & Bull (upstairs), 24 Surrey St, Croydon CR0. July – Thu 5 Thornton Heath CR7 3-pub soc: (8.30) Thomas Farley 61 High St; (9.15) Railway Telegraph, 19 Brigstock Rd; (10pm) Flora Sandes Ambassador House, Brigstock Rd. - Thu 19 (8.30) Coulsdon soc: Pembroke, 12-16 Chipstead Valley Rd, CR5. - Thu 26 (8.30) Branch mtg. London Drinker pickup. Windsor Castle (cottage rm), 378 Carshalton Rd, Carshalton SM5. - Tue 31 (8.30) Soc. Cricketers, 47

Shirley Rd, Addiscombe CR0.

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EAST LONDON & CITY

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June – Tue 12 Joint crawl with W. London: (7.45) Tottenham, 6 Oxford St W1D; (8.30) Royal George, Goslett Yd, 133 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H; (9.15) Angel, 61-62 St Giles High St, WC2H; (10pm) Bloomsbury Tavern, 236 Shaftsbury Ave, WC2H. - Tue 26 New pubs crawl: (8pm) Jugged Hare, 49 Chiswell St, EC1; (9pm) Merchants of Bishopsgate, Lower Concourse, Liverpool St Stn, EC2M; (10pm) Old Tom's Bar, 10-12 Leadenhall Mkt, EC3V. - Fri 29 - Sun 1 Jul 1st Walthamstow Cricket Club beer fest, 49 Greenway Ave, E17. Fri 4pm - 11pm, Sat and Sun Noon - 11pm, entrance £5 inc commemorative glass. £3 CAMRA members on production of valid membership card. - Sat 30 Peter Roberts memorial ramble with Enfield & Barnet brch, taking in Billericay beer fest. Meet (9.30am) Hamilton Hall, Liverpool St Stn, EC2M for breakfast, or (10.30) outside ticket office for train to Shenfield (book to Billericay), bring any passes to reduce travel costs. July – Tue 10 (8pm) Branch mtg. Sutton Arms, 6 Carthusian St, EC1M. - Wed 18 Joint crawl with W. London: (7.45) Castle, 34-35 Cowcross St, EC1M; (8.30) Bleeding Heart Tavern, Bleeding Heart Yd, EC1N; (9.15) Old Mitre, 1 Ely Ct, EC1N; (10pm) Argyle, 1 Greville St, EC1N.

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ENFIELD & BARNET

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June – Wed 6 (8.30) AGM (CAMRA members only) & POTY presentation. Old Mitre, 58 High St, Barnet EN5. - Tue 12 Garden soc. Meet (8.30) Greyhound, Enfield Lock then Inn on the Park, Innova Way (both EN3). - Sat 16 (from Noon) Gibberd Garden beer fest, Harlow. £3.00 for CAMRA members. Details from branch contact. - Wed 20 (8.30) Club soc. Southgate Cricket Club, Walker Ground, Waterfall Rd, N14 (bring CAMRA card). - Wed 27 (from 8pm) Winchmore Hill survey: Three Wishes, 749 Green Lanes, N21, then Queens Head, Kings Head, Salisbury. - Sat 30 Peter Roberts Memorial Ramble, inc Billericay Beer Fest, joint with ELAC brch. Details from branch contact or see ELAC diary above.

July – Thu 5 Ealing CAMRA beer fest, lunch session: meet at venue. - Wed 11 (8.30) Garden soc. Griffin, 1262 High Rd, Whetstone N20. - Wed 18 (8.30) Club soc. Botany Bay Cricket Club, East Lodge La, off Ridgeway, Enfield EN2. - Thu 26 (8.30) London Drinker pickup and grd soc. Olde White Lion, 121 Gt North Rd, East Finchley N2. - Tue 31 (8.30) Garden soc. Olde Cherry Tree, 22 The Green, Southgate N14.
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KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD

Clive Taylor, 020 8949 2099, ctaylor2007@freuk.com

June – Thu 7 (8.15) Brch mtg. George & Dragon, High St, Thames Ditton, KT7. - Wed 13 An evening in Kingston's pub gardens, and outdoor drinking areas: (7.15) Albert, Kingston Hill; (8.05) Park Tavern, New Rd; (8.55) Richmond Park Tavern, King's Rd; (9.45) Wych Elm, Elm Rd; (10.30) Willoughby Arms, Willoughby Rd (all KT2). - Tue 26 Epsom two-pub soc: (8pm) Cricketers, Stamford Green Rd, KT17; (9pm) Jolly Coopers, Wheelers Lane, KT18.

July – Wed 4 (8.15) Brch mtg. Running Horse, Bridge St, Leatherhead KT22. - Sat 7 Coach trip to Ardingly for vintage transport rally and beer fest. Pick-up (10.30) Surbiton. Details and booking from Adrian Palmer, 07774 859871, akpalmer@talktalk.net. - Sat 14 Day out on train to Alton for the 'Bus Day' with services to GBG pubs in the area. Train and bus schedule TBA. - Wed 25 Hampton Wick and Kingston evening: (7.30) Swan, High St, KT1; (8.15) White Hart, High St, KT1; (9.15) Boaters, Lower Ham Rd, KT2.

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June – Tue 5 Archway Rd A1 soc. (7.30) Highgate, 385 Archway Rd, N6; (8.15) Woodman, 414 Archway Rd, N6; (9pm) Winchester, 206 Archway Rd, N6; (10pm) Charlotte Despard, 17-19 Archway Rd, N19. - Tue 12 Green Lanes bus 341 soc. (7.30) Salisbury, 1 Grand Pde, Green Lanes; (8pm) Garden Ladder, 501 Green Lanes; (8.30) Old Ale Emporium, 405 Green Lanes; (9.15) Brownswood, 271 Green Lanes (all N4); (10pm) Cellars, 125 Newington Green Rd, N1. - Tue 19

Hampstead W3 garden soc. (8pm) Garden Gate, 14 South End Rd; (9pm) Freemasons, 32 Downshire Hl; (10pm) Duke of Hamilton, 23 Newn - **Tue 26** London Drinker BF washup mtg. (8pm) Wenlock Arms (upstairs), 26 Wenlock Rd, N1; also Hoxton soc: (8pm) Prince Arthur, 49 Brunswick Pl, N1; (9pm) Old Fountain, 3 Baldwin St, EC1; (10pm) Wenlock Arms, 26 Wenlock Rd, N1.

July - Tue 3 LCOB* terminals soc: (7pm) Victoria & Albert, Marylebone Stn, NW1; (7.45) Metropolitan, Baker Street Stn, NW1; (8.45) Britannia, Euston Stn, NW1; (9.30) Betjeman Arms, St Pancras Stn, N1; (10.15) Parcel Yard, Kings Cross Stn, N1. - **Tue 10 LCOB** south of Euston Rd WC1 soc: (7pm) Marquis Cornwallis, 31 Marchmont St; (7.45) Lord John Russell, 91-93 Marchmont St; (8.30) Mabel's, 9 Mabelton Pl; (9.15) McGlynns, 1-5 Whidbourne St; (10pm) Queen's Head, 66 Acton St. - **Tue 17 Branch AGM.** (8pm) Calthorpe Arms (upstairs), 252 Grays Inn Rd, WC1. - **Tue 24 LCOB** around Euston soc: (7pm) Jeremy Bentham, 31 University St, WC1; (7.45) Bree Louise, 69 Cobourg St, W1; (8.30) Doric Arch, 1 Eversholt St, NW1; (9.15) Cider Tap, 190 Euston Rd, NW1; (10pm) Euston Tap, 190 Euston Rd, NW1. - **Tue 31 LCOB** Camden Town NW1 soc: (7pm) Sheephaven Bay, 2 Mornington St; (7.45) Black Heart, 3 Greenland Pl; (8.30) Prince Albert, 163 Royal College St; (9.15) Constitution, 42 St Pancras Wy; (10pm) Colonel Fawcett, 1 Randolph St.

**(LCOB = London City of Beer)*

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RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW

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June - Thu 14 (8.30) Brch mtg. Moon Under Water, 84/88 Staines Rd, Hounslow TW3. - **Sat 23** Central London 'craft' beer outlets tour: start either (11am) Pommeliers Rest, 196/198 Tower Bridge Rd, SE1 for breakfast or (Noon) Draft House, 206/208 Tower Bridge Rd, SE1; (1.30) Rake, SE1; (2.30) Brew Wharf, SE1; (3.45) Craft Beer Co, EC1N; (5.15) Euston Tap, NW1; (6.30) Bree Louise, NW1. Travcard covering Zone 1 needed, full details inc travel suggestions on branch website.

July - Thu 19 (8.30) Brch mtg. Red Cow, 59 Sheen Rd, Richmond TW9. - **Thu 26** (8pm) Hampton TW12 soc: Worlds End, 88 Station Rd; (9.30) Railway Bell, Station Rd.

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SOUTH-EAST LONDON

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June - Wed 6 (8pm) Cttee meeting & Branch PotY runner-up presentation. Hooper's Bar, 28 Ivanhoe Rd, SE5. - **Mon 11** (8pm) Soc. Charles Dickens, 160 Union St, SE1. - **Wed 20** Summer Solstice Blackheath crawl: (7.30) Royal Standard, 44 Vanbrugh Pk, SE3; (8.30) Princess of Wales, 1a Montpelier Row, SE3; (9.15) Zero Degrees, 29-31 Montpelier Vale, SE23; (10pm) O'Neills, 52 Tranquil Vale, SE3. - **Mon 25** Waterloo crawl: (7.30) Riverfront Bar, Belvedere Rd (under Waterloo Bridge), SE1; (8.15) White Hart, 17 Cornwall St, SE1; (9pm) King's Arms, Roupel St, SE1; (10pm) Hole in the Wall, 5 Meopham St, SE1. - **Sat 30** (1pm) Kernal Brewery, Unit 11, Dockey Rd, SE16.

July - Mon 2 (8pm) Cttee mtg & soc. Dean Swift (upstairs), 10 Gainsford St, SE1. - **Wed 11** Woolwich crawl: (8pm) Earl of Chatham, 15 Thomas Street, SE18; (9pm) Dial Arch, The Warren, SE18; (10pm) Prince Albert, 47-49 Hare St, SE18. - **Mon**

16 (8pm) Soc. Old Mill, 1 Old Mill Rd, SE18. - **Wed 24** Waterloo crawl (part 2): (7.30) Crown, 108 Blackfriars Rd, SE1; (8.15) Stage Door, 30 Webster St, SE1; (9pm) Windmill Tavern, 86 The Cut, SE1; (9.45) Ring, 72 Blackfriars Rd, SE1.

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SOUTH-WEST ESSEX

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June - Thu 7 (8.30), Out-of-area soc. London Area PotY Presentation, Bar, 19 Sevenways Parade, Gants Hill IG2. - **Thu 14** (8pm) Out of area soc. 8th Baintree Beer Fest, Baintree Institute, Bocking End, Baintree CM7. - **Sun 17** (Noon) Out-of-area soc. 5th Gibberd Garden Beer Fest, Marsh Lane, Old Harlow CM17. - **Thu 21** (8.30) Essex Area PotY presentation & soc. Rising Sun, Church Hill, Stanford-le-Hope SS17. - **Tue 26** (8.30) Out-of-area soc. Moletart, Tawney Common (Stanford Rivers), CM16. - **Sat 30** (Noon) Out-of-area pub crawl, Twickenham: Prince of Wales, 136 Hampton Rd, TW2; Prince Albert, 30 Hampton Rd, TW2; Sussex Arms, 15 Staines Rd, TW1; Prince Blucher, 124 The Green, TW2; King's Arms, 40 Albion Rd, TW2; Fox, 39 Church St, TW1.

July - Wed 4 Double-header out-of-area Independents Soc, Leytonstone E11. Meet (8pm) North Star, 24 Browning Rd, then Red

Lion, 640 High Rd. - **Tue 10** (8pm) Out-of-area soc. 34th Chelmsford Summer Beer Fest, Admiral's Park, Rainsford Rd, Chelmsford CM1. - **Thu 19** (8.30), Out-of-area soc. White Hart Summer Beer Fest, Swan La, Margaretting Tye CM4. - **Tue 24** (8.30) Soc. Colley Rowe Inn, 54/56 Collier Row Rd, Collier Row RM5.

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SOUTH WEST LONDON

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June - Thu 7 (7.30) Open cttee mtg. Railway, 2 Greyhound La, Streatham SW16. - **Thu 21** South Brixton crawl: (7pm) Elm Park Tavern, 76 Elm Park, SW2; (7.45) Effra Hall, 38A Kellett Rd; (8.30) Dogstar, 389 Coldharbour La, SW9; (9.15) Prince Albert, 418 Coldharbour La, SW9; (10pm) Trinity Arms, 45 Trinity Gdns, SW9. **July - Tue 17** (7.30) Open cttee mtg. Balham Bowls Club, 7-9 Ramsden Rd, Balham SW12. - **Sat 21** GBBF publicity crawl of Wimbledon: meet (12.15) Alexandra, 33 Wimbledon Hill Rd SW19. Late joining point (1.45) Rose & Crown, 55 High St, Wimbledon Village.

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WATFORD & DISTRICT

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June - Tue 12 Bushey WD23 soc: (8.15) Black Boy, Windmill Rd; (9.15pm) Royal Oak, Sparrows Herne; (10pm) Swan, Park Rd. - **Thu 21** (8.15) Chorleywood WD3 soc: Black Horse, Dog Kennel La; (9.15) Gate, Rickmansworth Rd; (10pm) Rose & Crown, Common Rd. - **Mon 25** (8pm) Branch mtg. Estcourt Arms, St. John's Rd, Watford WD1. **July - Fri 6** Rickmansworth WD3 soc: (8.30) Coach & Horses, High St; (9.15) Feathers, Church St; (10pm) Pennsylvanian, High St. - **Sat 21** St Albans AL1 soc: (1.20) Mermaid, Hatfield Rd; (2.15) Farmer's Boy, London Rd; (3.05) White Lion, Sopwell La. - **Mon 30** (8pm) Branch mtg: West Herts Sports Club, Park Ave, Watford WD18.

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WEST LONDON

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June - Sun 10 (Noon for 2pm) PotY 2nd place presentation. Cleveland Arms, 28 Chilworth St, W2. - **Tue 12** Joint soc with ELAC: see details in ELAC entry above. - **Tue 19** (7pm for 7.30) Brch mtg. Duchess of Cambridge, 320 Goldhawk Road, W6 (bring CAMRA card for discount). - **Sat 23** PotY joint 3rd place presentations: (1pm) White Horse, Parson's Green, SW6; (3pm) Uxbridge Arms, 13 Uxbridge St, W8. - **Tue 26** GBBF publicity crawl. Meet (6pm) Albion, 121 Hammersmith Rd, W14 (bring CAMRA card for discount).

July - Wed 4 - Sat 7 Working socs. Ealing Beer Festival, Walpole Park, W5. - **Wed 11** GBBF publicity crawl. Meet (6pm) Harp, 47 Chandos Pl, WC2. - **Wed 18** Joint soc with ELAC: see ELAC entry for details. - **Thu 19** GBBF publicity crawl. Meet (6pm) Buckingham Arms, 62 Petty France, SW1. - **Tue 24** (7pm for 7.30) Brch mtg. Defectors Weld, 170 Uxbridge Rd, W12 (bring CAMRA card for discount). - **Sat 28** GBBF publicity crawl. Meet (Noon) Cleveland Arms, 28 Chilworth St, W2.

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WEST MIDDLESEX

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June - Mon 4 Uxbridge Ealing beer fest publicity crawl. Meet (1pm) Good Yarn, 132 High St, UB8. - **Fri 8** (8pm) Questors beer fest. 12 Mattock La, Ealing W5. - **Wed 13** (8pm) Hillingdon PotY. JJ Moons, 12 Victoria Rd, Ruislip Manor HA4. - **Fri 15** (7.30) Euro 2012 football soc. Black Horse, 425 Oldfield La N, Greenford UB6. - **Wed 20** (8pm) Ealing PotY presentation. Fox, Green Lane, Hanwell W7. - **Mon 25** Ealing beer fest publicity crawl. Meet (8pm) Sir Michael Balcon, 46-47 The Mall, W5. - **Thu 28** Ealing beer fest publicity crawl. Meet (8pm) Tabard, 2 Bath Road, Chiswick W4.

July - Wed 4 - Sat 7 Ealing beer fest. Walpole Park, W5. - **Sat 14** Trip to south coast: see brch website. - **Wed 18** (8.30) Brch mtg. Case is Altered, Eastcote, HA5. - **Tue 31** Soc: (8pm) Seven Balls, 745 Kenton Lane, HA3; (9.15) Man in the Moon, 1 Buckingham Parade, HA7.

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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 acquisition of a second London Pub by Harveys in SW18 Wandsworth, fifteen years after its first opened in SE1 Borough. Wetherspoons have converted a former police station to a pub in New Malden.

The owner of the Jolly Butchers, a microbrewery and cider specialist pub in N16 Stoke Newington has opened a sister pub in SW9 Stockwell. We report a stylish new Drake & Morgan pub and restaurant in EC2, Bishopsgate and a refurbished and expanded SSP pub and restaurant nearby at Liverpool Street Station. Fuller's have refurbished and renamed one of their pubs in Bromley.

Two Young's pubs in Twickenham, among those put up for sale in February, have reportedly been acquired by Sainsbury's, a shocking outcome aided by the scandalous lack of any requirement to seek planning permission for conversion of pubs to convenience stores. Several other similar conversions are highlighted throughout London.

Cross references to CAMRA's various pub guides

covering Greater London are provided to enable easy updating. The numbers in brackets after each entry refer to the page numbers in the following guides: 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; 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 (2KT - second edition); N - North London Beer Guide, 3rd edition; RHP - Richmond, Ham & Petersham Pub Guide; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 4th edition; SSE - 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; WC - WC1 and WC2 Real Ale Guide; X - Essex Beer Guide, 9th edition.

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NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC2, BROWNS, 8 Old Jewry. Fuller: London Pride; Sharp: Doom Bar. Part of M&B bar and restaurant chain with real ale installed by August 2011.

EC2, DRIFT, Heron Tower, 110 Bishopsgate. Fuller: London Pride; Woodforde: Wherry. Stylish Drake & Morgan bar and restaurant in new office development opened July 2011. Ground floor bar with outside seating with tall external windows and bar back lined with wine bottles and bric-à-brac stretching to upper level bar and restaurant (with no real ale). Open 12-11.30 (12.30am Fri & Sat, 5.30 Sun)

EC2, GOODMAN, 11 Old Jewry. No real ale. Bar and restaurant with separate drinking area and Meantime keg beers, part of small chain, opened by August 2011 in former office building.

EC2, OLD BLUE LAST, 38 Great Eastern St. One guest beer (e.g. Everard: Trumans Runner). (E33, U184)

EC2, STRONGROOM, 120-124 Curtain Rd. No real ale. 'Bar and kitchen' opened by November 2008 in former warehouse and associated with Strongroom Recording Studios. Home to a successful London breweries cask ale festival in April which may encourage the introduction of real ale on a permanent basis.

EC2, WREN, Lower Concourse, Liverpool Street Main Line Station. Renamed MERCHANT OF BISHOPSGATE by Select Service Partners in late April and completely refurbished and expanded to take in two adjacent former fast food outlets at a cost of £1.2 million. Fuller: London Pride; Greene King: IPA, Abbot; Sharp: Doom Bar; 2 guest beers (e.g. Greene King: Ale Fresco and Libertine). Now styled a 'Freehouse & Kitchen', it is a large bar and restaurant in modern style with white tiled

exterior, mixture of seating, exposed brick pillars and ventilation ducts, pine tiled flooring etc. Food includes hot and cold 'grazers' and traditional pub classics. Open 7am-12.30am (11.30pm Sun). Formerly BONAPARTES. (U89,162,190)

EC3, LOWLANDER (GRAND CAFE), 18-20 Creechchurch Lane. Reopened and renamed JAMES. No real ale. Now part of Jamies wine bar and restaurant chain operated by Kornicis Group by June 2011 with keg beer. Formerly CHRISTOPHERS BAR & GRILL and POET BAR. (U145,158,196,201,214)

EC3, TRIDENT, 29-31 Mitre St. Crouch Vale: Brewers Gold from cooled cask on bar (G). Small independent bar with downstairs restaurant. Formerly a gentlemen's club. Open 12-mid evening Mon-Fri.

EC4, OCHRE, 2/3 Creed Lane. No real ale. Renamed DUKE & DUCHESS by November 2011. Fuller: London Pride; Sharp: Doom Bar; Wells: Young's Bitter. Formerly COOLIN, originally BIEREX. (U109,147,191,193)

W1(Mar), QUEBEC, 12 Old Quebec St. Reverted back to CITY OF QUEBEC by July 2011. Greene King: IPA. (W56)

W1(May), BROWNS, 47 Maddox St. No real ale. Part of M&B bar and restaurant chain, opened by 2006. Formerly a gents' outfitters shop and grade II listed with late 19th century decorative interior.

EAST

E1, SHOREDITCH BAR, 144 Shoreditch High St. No real ale. Independent bar in former commercial premises opened by November 2011.

E4, ONE TWENTY, 120 Station Rd. No real ale. Independent bar in former shop premises opened by August 2011.

E14, BROWNS, Unit A, Port East Bldg, West India Quay. No real ale. Part of M&B bar and restaurant chain,

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E15, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS BAR, 196 High St. No real ale. New build bar attached to chain hotel on site of former Green Man.

CRANHAM (RM14), JOBBERS REST, St Mary's Lane. Reopened. Adnams: Bitter; Shepherd Neame: Spitfire. (X44, U215)

CRANHAM (RM14), PLOUGH, 83 Front Lane. Fuller: London Pride; guest beer. Enterprise, ex-Bass. (X44, U168)

GANTS HILL (IG2), SYDNEYS, 545 Cranbrook Rd. Wells: Young's Bitter. Formerly HOBNOBS. (X54, U215)

NORTH

N1, BACKPACKER BAR, 8 Caledonian Rd. No real ale. Independent bar in former restaurant premises opened by December 2011.

N1, STAR OF KINGS, 126 York Way. Wells: Bombardier by November 2011. Formerly CROSS KINGS, BACKPACKERS and originally CITY OF YORK. (N38, U181,195,214,217)

NORTH WEST

NW1, MADE IN CAMDEN, Ground Floor, Roundhouse Theatre, Chalk Farm Rd. No real ale. Independent bar and restaurant attached to theatre, opened by September 2011.

SOUTH EAST

SE1, CUT (THE), Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut. No real ale. Independent bar and restaurant attached to theatre with main entrance from street, noted in November 2011.

SE1, ROXY, 128-132 Borough High St. No real ale. Independent bar attached to Roxy Cinema Venue..

SE1, SHORTWAVE, 10 Bermondsey Sq. No real ale. Independent bar and part of a cafe and cinema complex in a new square development.

SE1, STEAM ENGINE, 41/42 Cosser St. Fuller: London Pride. Enterprise, ex-Whitbread, leased to Best Place Inns. Note correct spelling of street name. (SE35, U120)

SE14, NEW CROSS INN, 323 New Cross Rd. Sharp: Doom Bar; Marston: Tetley 'New Cross Inn' Cask Ale (3.7%) house beer; occasional guest beer; real cider. (SE128, U223)

SOUTH WEST

SW4, AQUUM, 68-70 Clapham High St. No real ale. Independent bar and restaurant in former shop and restaurant premises, opened March 2009.

SW9, CROWN & ANCHOR, 246 Brixton Rd. Freehold acquired from Conway Taverns by Martin Harley, owner of the Jolly Butchers, N16, and launched on 19 April as a similar craft beer and cider pub. Alongside three serving real cider or perry, seven handpumps dispense changing real ales exclusively from microbreweries such as Ascot, Dark Star, Redemption and Thornbridge. Prices start at £3.30/pint and increase with ABV. A generous range of unfamiliar keg beers is also on offer. The long single bar with large windows, bare brick back wall and high ceiling has plenty of tables and chairs and no music or television.

Open 4.30-midnight Mon-Thu, 4.30-1am Fri, 12-1am Sat, 12-11pm Sun. Hearty food promised with kitchen opening imminent. (SW82, BSM8)

SW18, JOLLY GARDENERS, 214 Garratt Lane. Sharp: Doom Bar. Reinstatement of real ale. (SW113, WB13)

KINGSTON (KT1), DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM, 104 Villiers Rd. Greene King: IPA; Marston: Pedigree. Enterprise, ex-Courage via Unique. (SW141, 2KT21)

KINGSTON (KT1), HA HA BAR & GRILL, 3 Jerome Pl, Charter Quay. Renamed BROWNS. Fuller: London Pride; Sharp: Doom Bar. Now absorbed into M&B's bar and restaurant chain. Formerly Ha! HA! BAR & CANTEEN. (U165, 2KT22, U217)

NEW MALDEN (KT3), WATCHMAN, 184 High St. Greene King: IPA, Abbot; Wychwood: Hobgoblin, plus 7-11 guest beers (e.g. Brains SA, Dark Star Hophead, Ringwood Fortyniner, Old Thumper, micros etc) on 14 handpumps. New Wetherspoon pub opened April 2012 in former police station. The original red brick three storey building, dating from 1892, has been extended on the ground floor to the rear to accommodate a spacious modern bar with predominantly blue decor, stainless steel bar top, a mixture of seating and two skylights providing a bright ambience. An open cask cellar behind the bar displays 18 casks, a first for Wetherspoons. A small memorial garden at the front commemorates the shooting of a local PC on Kingston Hill. Pictures of past New Malden adorn the walls. Two outside drinking areas for smokers and non-smokers to the side. Usual food offerings. Opens 9-11 (11.30 Fri & Sat), 10-10.30 Sun.

RICHMOND (TW10), BAR ESTILO, 1A Hill Rise. No real ale. Reopened by December 2011. Formerly JOE'S. Note correct address. (SW155, U157, RHP19, U216)

WEST

HANWORTH (TW13), SWAN, 201 Swan Rd. No real ale. Reopened but planning application submitted by Ash Properties Ltd to Hounslow Council for demolition and replacement by 18 dwellings. (W137, U187,200,218)

PUBS CLOSED, CONVERTED, DEMOLISHED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC2, BISHOP OF NORWICH, Davys, now demolished by August 2011 for Thameslink 2000 building works. (E29, U214)

EC2, CRISPIN, TCG (not Punch), ex-Spirit, closed and boarded up. (E30, U106,207)

EC2, PROHIBITION, Free, closed and to let as a restaurant by June 2011. Formerly PACIFIC ORIENTAL, a brewpub. (U140, 178,196)

EC2, STONE HORSE (PAPER COW), Antic, closed and awaiting demolition in December 2011 along with whole corner building. Formerly STONE HORSE, STONE HOUSE and originally OLD MONK. (U102,170,189,216)

EC3, BLARNEY ROCK BARS. Renamed DUKES OF HOUNSDITCH by June 2004, Free, closed and boarded up by November 2011. (U130)

EC4, DIZZY'S, Free, converted to 'Be at One (B@1)' cocktail bar with no draught beer of any kind. Formerly

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SPORTS ACADEMY and originally BULL, BEAR & BROKER. (E46, U130,186)

EC4, MITHRA's, Free, now demolished by August 2011 along with whole Walbrook area. (U189,211)

EC4, RYANS PUBLIC HOUSE (BAR). Renamed CARTER ROOMS by November 2011, Free, H removed. (U121,164,193,211)

EC4, SLUG & LETTUCE, 25 Bucklersbury, ex-Laurel, now demolished. (U138,189,199)

WC1, PERCY ARMS, Free, confirmed now converted to flats by November 2011. (W24, U216)

W1(S), BOULEVARD (BAR & DINING ROOM), Free, already reported no draught beer, now converted to 'Med Kitchen' restaurant by September 2011. Formerly DOME. (W65, U193,212)

EAST

E3, BRITANNIA, Enterprise, now demolished and new flats under construction. (E89, U212)

E4, PRINCE OF WALES, ex-M&B, now new housing being built on site in May 2011. (E96, U169,202,208,212)

E8, LONDON FIELDS, Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, H unused February 2012. (E113, U163,206)

E10, DIPLOMAT BAR, Free, now converted to restaurant by December 2011. Formerly BAR EUROPE. (U179,199,202)

E11, KIRKDALES BAR, Free, converted to an olive meze

restaurant by August 2011. Formerly KIRKDALES WINE BAR. (E129, U70,85,168)

E14, RESOLUTE, Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, closed by February 2011. Formerly RESOLUTE TAVERN. (E148, U168,181,216)

E14, SIR JOHN FRANKLIN, ex-Watney, now demolished by October 2011. (E148, U181)

E15, BAKERS ARMS, ex-Bass, now converted to residential use by November 2011. (E152, U165,190)

E15, BRITANNIA, ex-Taylor Walker, H removed by November 2011. (E152, U167,190)

E15, PIGEONS, Enterprise, ex-Bass via Unique, converted to a Tesco Express convenience store by November 2011. Formerly PIGEONS HOTEL. (E154, U63,168)

E15, QUEEN VIC, Free, now demolished by November 2011. Formerly ALBERT HOUSE. (E151, U69,70,166)

E15, QUEENS HEAD, Enterprise, H unused November 2011. (E154, U124,221)

E15, SPREAD EAGLE, ex-Bass, already reported converted to retail use, now converted to 'Tom & Jerry' wine bar with no draught beer by November 2011. (E155, U194,211)

E15, WINDMILL, Punch, ex-Watney, closed and boarded up by November 2011. (E155, U97,184)

E16 ORDNANCE ARMS, Admiral, closed and to let. Was ORANGE KIPPER for a while. (E160, U98,117,142,153,182 208)

E17, WOODMAN, Enterprise, ex-Courage via Unique,



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converted to residential use by May 2011. (E169)
UPMINSTER (RM14), MASONS ARMS, S&N PC, confirmed new housing now on site by January 2012. (X121, U159,189,211,217)

UPMINSTER (RM14), WHITE HART, Punch, now being converted to residential use by January 2012. (X121, U217)

NORTH

N1, LARK IN THE PARK (WHELANS), Free, now converted to residential use by December 2011. Formerly WHELANS, originally GEORGE IV. (N46, U109,112,120,184,214)

N1, SALISBURY, Enterprise, now converted to residential use by November 2011. Formerly BRADY'S, originally MARQUIS OF SALISBURY. (N39, U164,204)

NORTH WEST

NW1, G LOUNGE. Renamed BAR MONSTA, Free, now converted to a music venue, 'Camden Rock', with no draught beer by June 2011. Delete from pub database. Formerly MINT. (U186)

NW1, CAMDEN, The Marr, 55 Camden St, Enterprise, now converted to residential use by May 2011, with some rebuilding having taken place during the conversion. (N162, U157,214)

NW1, PUCCINOS, Free, converted to Sainsbury's Local

convenience store by July 2011. (U179)

NW1, SOLS ARMS, Spirit, now converted to offices by early 2011; the former pub is now the main entrance to the refurbished office block. (N174, U197)

NW1, STUDIO 88, Free, hotel bar now converted to cafe by September 2011. Formerly LOUNGE BAR. (U184,193,209)

HAREFIELD (UB9), SWAN, ex-Enterprise. Planning application from new developer owner for demolition and replacement by flats, appeal rejected but new plans submitted recommended for approval by Hillingdon planning officers. (W148, U214,219,222)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, BAR 242, Free, closed by July 2011, future uncertain. (U186)

SE5, ROBIN HOOD & LITTLE JOHN, ex-Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, closed for sale by March 2012. (SE61)

SE7, VALLEY, ex-Courage, now demolished and flats under construction by May 2012. (SE73, U207)

SE17, MASONS ARMS, ex-Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, closed by March 2011, future uncertain. (SE159)

SOUTH WEST

SW1(P), PIMLICO (BEER GARDEN), Punch, closed by May 2012, future uncertain. Formerly LORD HIGH ADMIRAL. (SW41, U193,216)



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SW2, IROKO, Independent, now converted to church by November 2011. (U210,215)

SW4, 64TH & SOCIAL, Independent, no longer serving any kind of draught beer; delete from pub database. Formerly PENTAGON. (U164,CSL6)

SW8, PLOUGH INN, Young, closed, sold to unknown buyer and Young's signage now removed as well as furniture and fittings. (SW79, CSL33, U223)

SW9, REST IS NOISE, ex-M&B, already reported closed; now converted May 2012 to TK Maxx store, reverting to the older use of the building. Formerly IVANS RETREAT, GOOSE and originally FLOURMILL & FIRKIN. (U138, BSM14, U217)

SW10, IFIELD, Punch, ex-Taylor Walker, closed by January 2009 and now converted to residential use by February 2011. Formerly DOWN THE IFIELD, NOT QUITE LIVE and IFIELD TAVERN. (SW85, U136,191)

SW11, ARTISAN & VINE, Independent, this 'multi-award winning wine bar' ceased trading and closed in February 2012. Its 'A4 unit' is now advertised to let. Formerly CUBAN, ONE TWO SIX and originally NAPIER ARMS. (SW89, WB29, U207)

SW11, BELLEVUE, Punch, closed early in March and for sale for alternative uses. Formerly GREYHOUND, was BUZZE BAR for a while. (SW89, WB33, U208,210,217)

SW11, BENNETT (OYSTER BAR & BRASSERIE), Closed until further notice on 4 March, notwithstanding 2012 Michelin Guide, Time Out London Eating and Drinking Guide and Tastecard accolades on the door, and since re-entered on behalf of landlord and given 14 days notice to remove property or have it sold. Formerly ALL BAR ONE. (U155, WB24, U219)

SW11, CARBON, Renamed **ST JOHNS HOUSE** in 2009, a restaurant and cocktail bar, but since closed and converted to a Sainsbury's Local convenience store. Formerly BROWN SUGAR, BOOM and originally BARRINGTONS. (SW86, WB28, U207)

SW11, HYDRO-BAR, closed by December 2011 and since converted to 'Knights of St John' restaurant. (U155, WB34)

SW11, OUT OF THE BLUE, Independent, converted in July 2011 to 'Ben's Canteen' restaurant. (U199, WB35)

SW17, BAR VIVA, Independent, converted to an Indian takeaway. (U203)

SW17, COMMON, Independent, now converted to an Indian restaurant. Formerly GATEWAY. (U198,210,211,220)

SW17, LITTLE HOUSE, Punch, confirmed now converted to residential use by December 2011. Formerly QUEEN VICTORIA. (SW110, BM18, U203,211,214,215)

SW17, PRINCE OF WALES, Young, now confirmed due for conversion to a Tesco Express by late summer. (SW110, BM18, U223)

SW17, SMOKE, Free, closed by December 2011. (U174, BM20)

SW19, BILLABONG, ex-Regent Inns, closed but now acquired by Livelyhood and due to reopen in June as **OLD FRIZZLE**. Formerly WALKABOUT, previously CHUMLEYS. (SW116, BM34, U213)

SW19, COMMON ROOM, Kornicis, now being converted to 'Aubaine', a second French style

restaurant/cafe/bakery for Wimbledon Village. (U181, BRP30, U223)

SW19, GROVE SW19, ex-Punch, permission to demolish having been refused, now reportedly undergoing conversion to a Tesco supermarket, in the absence of any requirement for a planning application and consequent public consultation. A disgrace. Formerly GROVE TAVERN and was DOYLES for a while. (SW117, BM27, U210,211,212,221,222,223)

SW19, HOUSE BAR, Orchard, now converted to 'Prophecy', a members' club; delete from pub database. Formerly BROADWAY & DRAGON, DRIFT, JIM THOMPSON'S FLAMING WOK and BROADWAY. (SW116, BM27, U193,201,208,218,220)

HAM (TW10), ROYAL OAK, Enterprise, planning application for conversion to four-bed dwelling now submitted to Richmond Council due for decision in May 2012. (SW137, U171, RHP41, U217,221)

KINGSTON (KT1), FAIRFIELD TAVERN, Independent, closed and boarded up by September 2011. Formerly CROWLEYS FREE HOUSE, REFECTORY and NEWT & FERRET for a while. (SW143, U172, 2KT21)

KINGSTON (KT1), KELLY ARMS, ex-Enterprise. Delete reference to conversion to student housing in U214, noted as still closed and boarded up in September 2011. (SW143, KT22, U197,214)

MITCHAM (CR4), THREE KINGS, ex-S&N, already reported converted to a Chinese restaurant, now closed. (SW147, BSM44)

RICHMOND (TW9), HOPE, Enterprise, closed owing to tenants' bankruptcy. Formerly MOLLY MALONES for a while. (SW156, RHP23, U201)

WEST

W5, MAGNAT, S&N PC, closed, future uncertain. Formerly BAND AT REST, RING, JOICES and originally PARK ROYAL HOTEL. (W96, U202,215)

BRENTFORD (TW8), NEW ENGLAND, Free. An appeal has been lodged against refusal of planning permission for demolition and replacement by residential and commercial uses. (W134, U191,209,222)

FELTHAM (TW13), FELTHAM, ex-Watney, community project use ceased, now closed and boarded up. (W236)

HAMPTON (TW12), JENNY LIND, Hampton Hill, ex-Enterprise. An appeal against refusal of the latest planning application by the developer/owner for conversion to an A5 fast food takeaway use has been allowed. (W143, U208,209,218,219)

HAYES (UB4), INDUSTRY, Enterprise, closed and boarded up. (W160)

HESTON (TW5), HOPE & ANCHOR, Free, planning application for retail and residential use withdrawn. (W163, U196,222)

HOUNSLOW (TW3), BLACK HORSE, Enterprise, no real ale. (W167, U206,212)

HOUNSLOW (TW4), WARREN, ex-S&N PC, planning application by DC Bars for extension to attract 'an alternative commercial tenant' for retail, restaurant or pub use now approved by Hounslow Council. (W170, U212,219)

SOUTHALL (UB2), HAVELOCK ARMS, Free, both bars now closed and licence revoked. Owner plans to convert



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to temple. (W186, U215)

TEDDINGTON (TW11), SAMMY'S, Free, closed and lease for sale. Formerly OAK. (U198,209)

TWICKENHAM (TW1), MARBLE HILL, Young, closed, believed acquired by Sainsbury's in early May. Formerly **RISING SUN**. (W204, U209, 223)

OTHER CHANGES TO PUBS & BEER RANGES

CENTRAL

EC1, DUKE OF YORK. Renamed **CLERK & WELL** by November 2011, -beers listed except Caledonian: Deuchars IPA; +Wychwood: Brakspear Oxford Gold. (E15, U195,215)

EC2, BULL, - Fuller: London Pride; +Sharp: Doom Bar; +2 guest beers (e.g. Dark Star Hophead, Wells Bombardier). Ex-Spirit, ex-S&N but still badged 'T&J Bernard'. Was COLLINS for a while. (E30, U69,82,106,195)

EC2, POOL. Renamed **HOXTON PONY** by November 2011. Operates partly as a nightclub with earlier free entry on some nights. (U166)

EC3, BARRACUDA. Renamed **ALCHEMIST** by November 2011, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Sharp: Doom Bar; +Wells: Bombardier. Formerly **SPRINGBOK BAR**, originally **EASTERN MONK**. (U119,171)

EC4, ALIBI. Renamed **KANOLA** by November 2011. Formerly **WALKABOUT**, **OLD COBBLERS**, **CROWN & ANCHOR**, **FLEETS** and **SPATZ**. (E54, U69,118,161,174,186)

EC4, BALLS BROTHERS, 45/47 Ludgate Hill. Renamed **JAMIES** by August 2011 and now operated by the Kornicis bar and restaurant chain, ex-Balls Brothers. Formerly **LA GRANDE MARQUE**. (U201,211)

EC4, BLACK FRIAR, -beers listed; +Brains: SA Gold; +Fuller: London Pride; +Sharp: Doom Bar; +up to 5 guest beers. A listed M&B Nicholson's branded pub. (E46, U151,170,202)

WC1, KINGS ARMS. Renamed **LADY OTTOLINE** by July 2011, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter, Meantime London Pale Ale; +Purity: Ubu; +Sambrook: Wandle. Sister pub to the Princess of Shoreditch. (W19, WC18)

WC2, KUDOS. Renamed **GILBERTS BAR** by January 2012, still no real ale. (W34)

W1(Mar), BRICKLAYERS ARMS. Renamed **GRAZING GOAT** by July 2011, -beers listed, + Caledonian: Deuchars IPA. Now operated by Cubitt House Group, ex-Trust Inns. (W51, U190)

EAST

E1, FADE. Renamed **DRAGON BAR** by November 2011, still no real ale. (U192)

E4, BIRDCAGE BAR. Renamed **CHANTZ** in July 2011. A bar and nightclub, still no real ale. Formerly **PRINCE ALBERT (BAR PA)**. (E96, U159,176,191,210,214)

E8, DE BYSTO. Renamed **OSTO**. Primarily a restaurant but retains a bar area with keg beers. Formerly **AMHURST ARMS**. (E111, U162,191)

E9, PENNETHORNE. Renamed **HEMINGWAY** by May 2011. Formerly **GARBOS**, originally **ROYAL STANDARD**. (E122, U76,117,147,159,211)

E14, GREAT EASTERN. Now Punch, ex-Taylor Walker and leased to Best Place Inns. Formerly **WATERMANS ARMS**. (E149, U167,218)

E17, TRINI BAR. Renamed **SO NICE** by August 2011. Formerly **BARLOCKS**, **RUSSELLS**, **HARRISONS BAR**, **MONKEY BUSINESS** and **McCANN'S**. (U71,108,130,168,183,187,199)

E17, WARRANT OFFICER, -beers listed; +Courage: Best Bitter by May 2011. Ex-Punch, ex-Taylor Walker.

Formerly **TAVERN ON THE HILL**. (E168, U70,184)

CRANHAM (RM14), THATCHED HOUSE, -beers listed; +Adnams: Bitter, Broadside, seasonal beer by January 2012. Now M&B (Vintage Inns), ex-Bass. (X44)

UPMINSTER (RM14), HUNTSMAN & HOUNDS, -beers listed; +Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: IPA, Abbot; +2 guest beers from Ember Inns list. Now M&B, ex-Six Continents. (X121, U151,160,165,168)

UPMINSTER (RM14), OPTIMIST TAVERN, -beers listed; +Adnams: Broadside, seasonal beer; +Fuller: London Pride; +Greene King: IPA. Now M&B (Ember Inns), ex-Six Continents. (X121, U165)

NORTH WEST

NW1, 3 LIONS. Renamed **SLATTERYS** by July 2011. Formerly **FATHER TEDS**. (U165,201,212)

SOUTH EAST

BROMLEY (BR1), TOM FOOLERY. Renamed **BARREL & HORN** in December 2011. Retains Fuller: ESB; +Fuller: Gales Seafarers Ale, seasonal beer. Refurbished and family and food orientated with open kitchen, bric-à-brac etc. No obvious Fuller's signage. Open 12-11.30 (10.30 Sun). Formerly **STANZA** and originally **BAR COAST**. (U131,158,163)

SOUTH WEST

SW4, FROG, Enterprise, now operated by Livelyhood, formerly **FROG & FORGET-ME-NOT**. (SW60, CSL13, U220)

SW4, RINKY DINK. Renamed **HEDKANDI** by December 2011, still no real ale. (U184, CSL18)

SW4, ROYAL OAK. Enterprise, ex-Bass via Unique, now operated by Livelyhood, previously Savage Corporation (SW60, CSL19)

SW9, CLAPHAM NORTH. Enterprise, now operated by Livelyhood, previously Swap Bars. Formerly **BEDFORD ARMS** and **HOGSHEAD**. (SW82, BSM8, U217)

SW9, LIVING. Renamed **MARKET HOUSE**, still no real ale. Formerly **LIVING ROOM**, **ISOBAR** and originally **COACH & HORSES**. (SW82, BSM11, U219)

SW11, CASTLE has won a reprieve after developers Languard, who seem intent on demolition, agreed to extend Cate Toomey and Aaron Tumata's lease until a new planning application is approved and construction (demolition) begins. Defend the Castle supporters are intent on it remaining exactly as it is. The Campaign continues on Wednesday every week at the Castle from 7.30pm. (SW87, WB28, U220, 223)

SW12, REGENT. Punch, now operated by Livelyhood, previously Supper Trading Co. Formerly **BALHAM TUP** and originally **CLOUSEAUS**. (SW91, BM4, U212)

SW15, FOX. Reverted to **FOX & HOUNDS**. (SW101,

BRP18, U199,207)

SW15, HALF MOON, -beers listed; +Hogs Back: TEA; +Sambrook: Wandle; +Sharp: Cornish Coaster; +guest beer (e.g. Dark Star Hophead rotating with Young's London Gold). Young's pub now operated by Geronimo after 2011 refurbishment. (SW101, BRP20, U210)

SW15, NORMANBY. Spirit (leased), ex-Punch, now operated by Livelyhood, -beer listed; +Sambrook: Wandle; +Sharp: Doom Bar. Formerly CEDAR TREE. (SW100, BRP16, U199,202)

SW16, PRATTS & PAYNE, -beers listed; +2 Adnams and up to 4 guest beers. Formerly GOOSE and FURZE & FIRKIN. (U134, BSM29, U220)

SW16, RAILWAY, -beers listed; +guest beers from London breweries (e.g. Meantime, Redemption, Sambrook's, Twickenham) on Enterprise list. Ex-Blythe Trading Ltd, Enterprise lease now operated by Parched Pubs, a group also comprising the Roebuck and the Trinity in Borough SE1 and the Montpelier in Peckham SE15. Formerly RAILWAY HOTEL. (SW108, BSM35)

SW17, ALTHORP, -Caledonian: Deuchars IPA; +Sambrook: Wandle; +Sharp: Doom Bar; +Taylor: Landlord. Formerly BOWLER. (U216,223)

SW17, GORRINGE PARK. Under offer and works are being undertaken to the interior of this fine late Victorian pub, believed to have been sold to Charles Wells. Formerly GORRINGE PARK HOTEL. (SW109, BM12, U223)

SW18, BARAZA BAR. Independent, renamed GRAFFITE by December 2011, still no real ale. (U199, WB6)

SW18, CAT'S BACK, 86-88 Point Pleasant, -beers listed; +Harvey: Sussex Best Bitter, Armada and two seasonal beers (currently Knots of May and Olympia). Acquired by Harveys in March and reopened 4 May after a short closure for initial refurbishment including Harvey's windows and fascia. No TV or music. A second London pub for Harveys 15 years after the Royal Oak in Borough, SE1 opened in 1997 and good news for Wandsworth. The eclectic artefacts that used to adorn this pub have moved with former freeholder Roger Martin to the Armoury (formerly the Crane) nearby. Open initially 12-3, 5-11 Mon-Fri; 12-11 Sat/Sun. Formerly BRUSH, originally FORESTERS ARMS. (SW111, WB7)

SW18, KAZANS. Renamed MARIUS by December 2011, a 'Boulangerie-Cafe-Bar-Restaurant', still no real ale. (U199, WB13)

RICHMOND (TW10), ROEBUCK. Current range is Fuller: London Pride +8 guest beers (e.g. By the Horns, Downton, Harviestoun, Surrey Hills, Vale and White Horse). Now Taylor Walker badged by Spirit. (SW156, U187,198, RHP28)

WEST

GREENFORD (UB6), WEST BAR. Renamed MAHERS IRISH BAR, still no real ale. Formerly OLD BULL and originally CAPTAIN MORGANS. (W139, U215,216)

HAYES (UB4), FLANAGANS BAR & GRILL. Renamed CROWN. Formerly FLYNN'S BAR & GRILL, originally CROWN TAVERN. (W160, U202,204,220)

HAYES (UB4), GRANGE. Renamed TOMMY FLYNN'S, a 'Bar & Diner', sister to Alperton pub of the same name. (W160)

SOUTHALL (UB1), THREE HORSESHOES, Independent. Planning application submitted to convert pub to six retail units with flats above. (W188, U194,214,215)

TWICKENHAM (TW1), OLD ANCHOR, Young, believed acquired by Sainsbury's in early May but still trading. (W203, U209,222,223)

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 223

NEW & REOPENED PUBS ETC

EC4, ALL BAR ONE. Is M&B, ex-Bass.

E8, PICTURE HOUSE. Is independent.

N4, SUGAR LOUNGE. Is independent.

N6, DUKES HEAD. Delete references to former names.

PUBS CLOSED ETC

NW9, WORLDS END. Add ref (U153).

RUISLIP (HA4), CAFE @THE SIX BELLS. Add: Punch. Formerly SIX BELLS.

SE16, PRINCE OF WALES. Address is 19 Plough Lane.

OTHER CHANGES ETC

SE22, PALMERSTON. Add: Now Enterprise, ex-Watney via Unique..

SIDCUP (DA15), BLACK HORSE (YE OLDE). Address is 43 Halfway St. Should read: Spirit, ex-Courage via Spirit and Punch (managed).

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Idle Moments

As promised, here are the solutions to the puzzles set in April Idle Moments column.

NUMBER PUZZLES:

1. 64 Years of Queen Victoria's Reign
2. 24 Points (or Beds) on a Backgammon Board
3. 2 of Each Animal on Noah's Ark
4. 40 Double Top
5. 100 Squares on a Snakes and Ladders Board
6. 27 Litres is the Cubic Capacity of a Rolls Royce Merlin Engine
7. 4 Arms on the Cross of Lorraine
8. 48 Farthings in a Shilling (Old Currency)
9. 30 Players in a Game of Hurling
10. 1 Number One Hit by Buddy Holly

5BY4 (More Roman Names):

1. Dubris - Dover
2. Praetorium - Bridlington
3. Durocornovium - Swindon
4. Olicana - Ilkley
5. Calcaria - Tadcaster
6. Ad Pontes - Staines
7. Vectis - Isle of Wight
8. Isca Dumnoniorum - Exeter
9. Concangis - Chester-le-Street
10. Durocobrivis - Dunstable

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

1. Both Isaac Newton and Chares Darwin are buried (along with quite a lot of other famous people) in Westminster Abbey.
2. On 6th March the appointment was announced of David Ison as Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral.
3. The author of the books 'I Didn't Know You Cared' and 'Tales from a Long Room' is Peter Tinniswood.
4. Pat Clifton is better known as Postman Pat.
5. The follow up to John Leyton's No. 1 hit 'Johnny Remember Me' was 'Wild Wind.'
6. The group fronted by Ian Hunter that took its name from the title of a novel by Willard Manus was Mott the Hoople.
7. The 1960's pop hit which took its title from the motto of Boys Town was 'He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother' by The Hollies.
8. The particular form of household appliance that was invented and patented by Alfred Einstein and his former student Leo Szilard in 1930 was a refrigerator (with no moving parts).
9. The engineer who designed the first tunnel to be built below a river was Marc Isambard Brunel.
10. HMS Victory was built in Chatham naval dockyard.

Well, hello again and welcome to the world of nothing to do. I was going to start with some erudite quotation on the subject of idleness – but I couldn't be bothered. So - let's just get on with the usual time wasting nonsense, kicking off with the usual number conundrums (or is that conundra?):

1. 7 DM by AC
2. 15 is OOOO in B
3. 9 DS is the O of the CW (currently)
4. 16 S on the VL
5. 100,000 LY is the D of the MW (approximately)

6. 5 B in the P
7. 13 C in a BH
8. 114 ERUC of JL
9. 32 WS on a CB
10. 4 S in a D of C

For 5BY4 I was thinking of getting you to match English cricket grounds with the counties that play on them; but when I looked it seemed that most are called the 'County Ground.' It seems that apart from those used for test matches (and therefore too easy) Grace Road is about the only interesting one. So instead I settled on England Cricket Captains; all you have to do is match the players (or gentlemen) below with the years of their first and last series captaining the England test side:

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Ray Illingworth | A. 1946/7-1950 |
| 2. Colin Cowdrey | B. 1959-1968/9 |
| 3. Ted Dexter | C. 1969-1973 |
| 4. Norman Yardley | D. 1963/4-1966 |
| 5. Mike Denness | E. 1955-1961 |
| 6. Peter May | F. 1938-1946/7 |
| 7. M.J.K. (Mike) Smith | G. 1973/4-1975 |
| 8. Wally Hammond | H. 1961/2-1964 |
| 9. Len Hutton | I. 1931-1933/4 |
| 10. Douglas Jardine | J. 1952-1954/5 |

There now, that was easy wasn't it. Now let's finish off with some general knowledge type questions for you to show how knowledgeable you are:

1. Following on with the cricketing theme from 5BY4, which two English players captained 'England' rebel teams on tours to South Africa in 1981/2 and 1989/90 respectively?
2. The Compton Beckwith Thorium Anomaly is a thorium rich 'hotspot' – but where is it to be found?
3. Igor Sikorsky flew the world's first multi-engined fixed wing aeroplane (with 4 engines) called the Russky Vityaz, which he also designed, on May 13th – but in what year?
4. The shawn was a precursor to what modern orchestral musical instrument?
5. And talking of musical instruments, what fundamentally is the difference between a clarinet and a saxophone?
6. The home and garden of the sculptor, Barbara Hepworth, was opened as a museum in 1976, about a year after her death. Where is it?
7. Apart from Tate Britain and Tate Modern, both in London, where in England are the two other Tate galleries?
8. How many players are there in a polo team?
9. . . . and how many players are there in a water polo team (excluding substitutes)?
10. What is the currency of Poland?

Finally before I finish I would like to apologise for a minor error in the number puzzles a couple of issues back about prime numbers. It seems that I was wrong in considering the number one to be prime. I still don't know why but it seems it isn't despite the fact that so far as I can see it satisfies the criteria. Maybe there are some clever things that professors of hard sums can't do if 1 is prime. Oh well, you can't win 'em all.

Bye for now.
Andy Pirson



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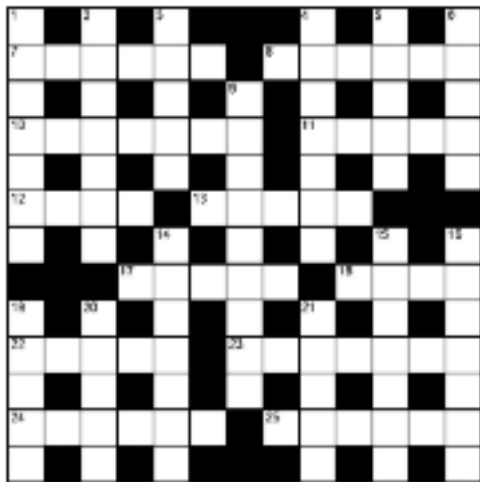
The following pubs have joined the London LocAle scheme since the full listing in the last issue of *London Drinker*.

Argyle	1 Greville St, Farringdon	EC1N 8PQ	Redemption
Castle	34-35 Cowcross St, Farringdon	EC1M 6DB	Fuller's, Sambrook's
Castle	26 Furnival St, Holborn	EC4A 1JS	Crouch Vale, Twickenham or Windsor & Eton
Cellars	125 Newington Green Rd, Islington	N1 4RA	Varies
City Pride	28 Farringdon La, Clerkenwell	EC1R 3AU	Fuller's
Craft Beer Co	82 Leather La, Clerkenwell	EC1N 7TR	Redemption, other rotating
Duke's Brew and Que	33 Downham Rd, De Beauvoir Town	N1 5AA	Beavertown (house beers), Redemption
Exmouth Arms	23 Exmouth Market, Clerkenwell	EC1R 4QL	Brodies, East London or Redemption
Green	29 Clerkenwell Green, Farringdon	EC1R 0DU	Sambrook's
Gunmakers	13 Eyre St Hill, Clerkenwell	EC1R 5ET	East London, Redemption or Windsor & Eton
Old Fountain	3 Baldwin St, Old St	EC1V 9NU	Varies
Olde Mitre	1 Ely Ct, Hatton Garden	EC1N 6SJ	Fuller's
Old Red Cow	71/72 Long La, Smithfield	EC1A 9EJ	Brodies, East London, Redemption or Sambrook's
Old Red Lion	418 St John St, Islington	EC1V 4NJ	Fuller's at least
Railway Tavern	2 St Jude St, Islington	N16 8JT	Varies
Red Lion	640 High Rd, Leytonstone	E11 3AA	Varies
Sir Christopher Hatton	4 Leather La, Holborn	EC1N 7RA	Fuller's at least
Sir John Oldcastle	29-35 Farringdon Rd	EC1M 3JF	Fuller's at least
Sutton Arms	6 Carthusian St, Barbican	EC1M 6EB	Fuller's
Tap East	7 International Sq, Westfield, Stratford City	E20 1EE	Tar East (house beer)
Well	180 St John St, Clerkenwell	EC1V 4JY	Sambrook's

The complete list is now maintained at www.camralondon.org.uk

Crossword

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON



Name _____

Address _____

All correct entries received by first post on 18th July will be entered into a draw for the prize.

The prize winner will be announced in the October London Drinker. The solution will be given in the August edition.

All entries to be submitted to:
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Please Note: Entries on oversize copies of the grid will not be entered into the prize draw.

APRIL'S SOLUTION



ACROSS

7. Call upon father to return ring. [6]
8. He's attracted by article. [6]
10. Country alight with anger. [7]
11. Left following calm support. [5]
12. Emperor's refusal to embrace the Queen. [4]
13. Toy boy. [5]
17. Monk has no hesitation in providing wholesome food. [5]
18. Old character; one involved in exciting game on the radio. [4]
22. Records the earliest primates. [5]
23. Odd graduates making cake. [3,4]
24. Trading centre encountered around ship. [6]
25. Delays in the theatre. [6]

DOWN

1. I suffer with long choking neckwear. [7]
2. Seems to be an afterthought about fruit. [7]
3. Bar a student? It's common place. [5]
4. Ignorant, unknown and ill-prepared. [7]
5. Defeat in first chariot race. [5]
6. Take short stroll to give romantic message. [5]
9. Risk coming over river. [9]
14. Get on well with skinhead in appropriate surroundings. [7]
15. Friend supporting member through the courts. [7]
16. A meal is rotten, causing discomfort. [7]
19. Puts up with ultimate gloom in defeat. [5]
20. Extra short cut. [5]
21. Girl has sex in friendship. [5]

Winner of the prize for the February Crossword:
Stuart Guthrie, Streatham, London SW16.

Other correct entries were received from:

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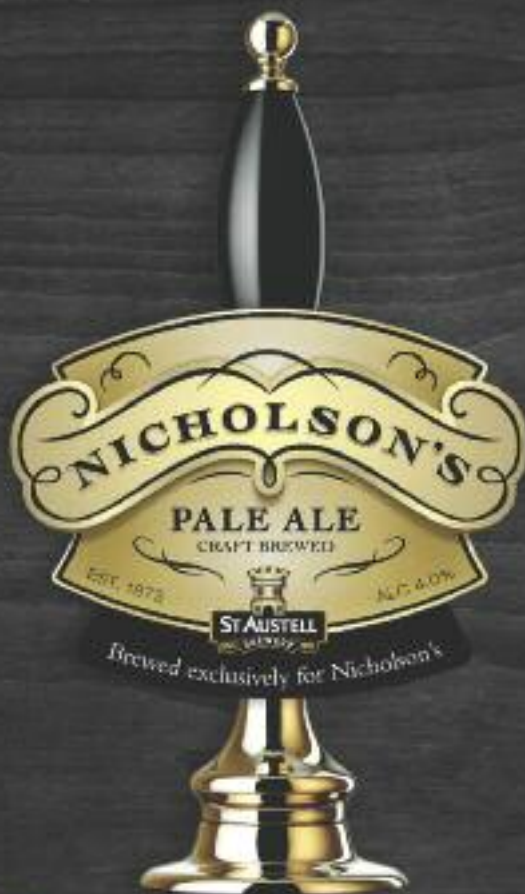
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