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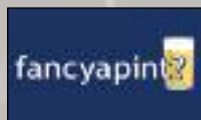


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Campaign to support your local pub

In my June/July editorial I quoted veteran real ale campaigner Roger Protz in condemning the shameful exclusion of locally brewed beers from this year's Olympic venues. This time I echo the theme of his two page introduction to CAMRA's new Good Beer Guide, our 40th anniversary edition.

Besides describing more than 4,000 pubs serving excellent real ale, the Guide now lists more than a thousand breweries operating in Britain, the most since the 1940s. But total beer sales fell by 3.7% in the last year, with lager down by 2.9% and nitro-keg ales by even more, and even cask real ale sales remained in decline, admittedly by only 0.3%.

So what is happening? Let Roger remind you. *"Taxation is the major obstacle. British brewers suffer from punitive rates of duty. Duty in the UK accounts for 40% of all the beer taxes. Duty in the UK accounts for 40% of all the beer taxes within the European Union, but the British consume only 13% of the beer produced in the EU. Duty increased by 42% between 2008 and 2012. The problem has been made worse by the 'duty escalator' introduced by the last Labour Chancellor and continued by his Conservative successor.*

When the Coalition came to office it promised to be a pub-friendly government. Yet, like its predecessor, it has done nothing to support the pub, nor has it taken steps to tackle the market-distorting powers of the supermarkets. Between 2009 and 2012, 4,500 pubs closed – half of them while the Coalition has been in office. Cask beer can be sold only in pubs. If pub numbers continue to decline, sales of real ale will

fall and small breweries without pub estates will inevitably go out of business."

One way to tackle alcohol abuse and its impact on the NHS is to support the pub as a licensed and controlled environment where beer can be enjoyed sensibly and in moderation. But the beer duty escalator penalises beer sales in pubs as publicans do not enjoy the deep discounts offered by brewers to supermarkets. And loopholes in planning laws mean that viable pubs can be converted to betting shops, estate agents and yes, increasingly to supermarkets, without the need to apply for planning permission.

I would encourage all readers to write to your MPs if you care about your pubs, and urge those of you with email to join the Beer Tax e-petition: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29664>. And let those of us with the means to do so try to visit our pubs more often, and especially to sample our local breweries' beers. Ten of the 23 independent breweries within Greater London listed in the 2013 Good Beer Guide are new entries since last year. May they all prosper!

Geoff Strawbridge



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CAMRA South East conference

On the first of September a super-regional conference for the south east England regions of CAMRA was held at Questors Theatre in Ealing. The intention of this conference was for members of the national executive to present for discussion the new key campaigns that have been devised to keep the campaign relevant. Although this started quite early in the morning, a good number of people from all over the south east of England, including a number who are not active members, arrived at registration ready for the day.

The day started with national executive members and officers explaining how the CAMRA committee and staff structure has changed over the last year or so. The main changes have been to simplify the hierarchy and make it clearer who reports to whom and how they should do it. The addition of a new mediation process for situations where there are serious disagreements between members was also introduced and discussed. The new key campaigns were unveiled along with supporting strategic plans and a new website will complement the newly revived campaign. The campaigns in question relate to taxation, campaigning against pub closures, promoting the creation of a government support package for pubs, raising the profile of pub going, and getting people to try beer styles that they may not have tried previously. There are also vi-

sion, mission and value statements being created to give the campaign a better, clearer idea of its goals and future direction. Christine Cryne gave the final presentation before lunch on the importance of volunteers and how to let people know how they can volunteer to help the campaign. Ideas for activating the estimated 75% of inactive, or occasionally active, members were discussed for presentation to the executive.

At lunchtime, the bar opened to serve some of their excellent beer, but the kitchens were out of action so most of those attending left to find a nearby café to have some well-earned food.

After lunch, the participants were separated into two groups with one group looking at the more political campaigns and the other looking at campaigns aimed at the public rather than the legislators. The aim of these group sessions was to create a lively discussion of the campaigns at hand and to give the national executive more idea of what members think that the campaign should be doing to promote and execute these objectives. I went for the non-political of the sub-groups and found that there was a good deal of lively discussion over exactly how we should go about promoting pub going and trying new beer styles. The other session was similarly boisterous and both overran as differing points of view were emotionally fought. Not wishing to pre-empt other regional con-



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ferences that are yet to be held and being without the full results of the conference I will not go into much detail other than to say that the debate was spirited and gave the executive members a great deal to consider.

Questors Theatre and its adjoining bar did a very good job of looking after the conference in spite of it being their pre-season 'down time' and the beer was as good as you would expect of a Club of the Year.

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With the kitchen being unavailable, the small Walpole Park café is to be commended for managing to serve almost all of the visitors with no prior notice. I would recommend that members who have not been to a super-regional conference in the past go to future events as this one was not only interesting and insightful but also a great deal of fun!

Mark Davies

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Members of the North London and South Beds Branches plus friends visited Redemption Brewery in Tottenham to present Andy Moffat with awards for his 3% ABV beer, Trinity winning Beer of the Festival at the London Drinker Beer & Cider Festival and Luton Beer Festival. A number of beers were drunk in celebration, following which the party visited some of the pubs of Kentish Town.

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Thanks to all who attended or helped at the New Cross mini beer festival on 25 and 26 August at the London Theatre, New Cross. Most of the stock was sold with only two bottles of beer and seven bottles of cider left at the end. We had seven beers on tap including, for the first time at a CAMRA festival, Tommy which is a beer from the newly started Head in a Hat Brewing. Tommy is described as a 'fighting fit IPA from 1914' and is 4.2% ABV. All in all this was a successful event.

Julian Stone

FROM CASTLE TO CONCRETE?

Many of you will already be aware that the Castle public house in Battersea is still under threat from developers. What fewer of you will know is that the developers, Languard of Battersea, have submitted a new application that includes turning the upper floors into a Soviet era style block of flats. If you think that I am joking, the plans are available on the Wandsworth council planning website (linked to from the campaign website below). The full proposal involves the complete demolition of the current premises and replacement with a new, smaller ground floor premises with ugly, concrete blocks on top. It is not the poor choice of exterior styling that we have a serious problem with. The real problem is that there is no guarantee (or mention) in the application of the ground floor being anything other than 'A4 – commercial'. This could mean that it will be a pub but equally that it could be a Tesco store or an estate agent. We believe that the battle to save the Castle as it is now, with its lovely garden, must go on. If you want to help save the Castle, you can join the campaign at www.savethecastlebattersea.co.uk

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A clarification

I mentioned in the last issue that Marstons had a subsidiary called the Craft Beer Company. It didn't occur to me that people would confuse that operation with the Craft Beer Co. who run the pubs of the same name in Clerkenwell and Brighton. Alas some have. I can confirm that they are most certainly not in any way linked. The pub-owning company does not supply beer to supermarkets and their managing director, Martin Hayes, confirms that his company is '100% committed to selling genuine small batch craft beer'. I am happy to make the clarification and regret any confusion. The company are incidentally opening more pubs – see 'pub news' on page 24.

Hope for us all

I am delighted to report that the winner of CAMRA's London Regional Pub of the Year award for 2012 is the Hope in Carshalton.

The certificate will be presented on 10 October, the eve of Wallington Beer Festival – see the diary section for details. We will have a full-length article about this encouraging venture in our next issue.

Beer duty petition



As we go to press, the number of signatures had reached 98,000. The target of 100,000 could be just days away. All the same, if you haven't voted, please still do so: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29664>.

Interestingly, the people who will have to reply to the ensuing parliamentary debate have changed. Following the recent reshuffle, Chloe Smith is no longer the minister at the Treasury responsible for beer duty, having been replaced by Sajid Javid. Given the vociferousness of Roger Protz's open letter to her in the Morning Advertiser of 12 July, she is probably happy to be out of the firing line! Norman Lamb has been replaced as Employment

Relations and Consumer Affairs Minister by another Lib Dem, Jo Swinson. Hopefully, Ms Swinson will have a more positive and less pro-pubco attitude to the issue of the Tie.

There are rumours that Bob Neill will be replaced as minister with responsibility for Community Pubs. This would be sad because he has been a supporter of CAMRA's efforts to amend the planning rules to protect pubs. It is possible that the portfolio will simply be dropped. It is sad to observe that, to quote from Roger Protz's letter mentioned above, *"Your Government promised to be 'pub-friendly' when it came to office. It has been nothing of the sort."*

A more encouraging attitude was shown by Greenwich MP, Nick Raynsford. After working a shift at Meantime's Greenwich Union pub under the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group's 'MPs in Pubs' campaign, he said, *"Everyone recognises that pubs are a really im-*






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portant part of the life of a community and it is vital that there should be pubs that are successful, doing well and making a good living. I think the Government should pay more attention to the representations that are being made on tax, which are very important. All of its rhetoric is about the Big Society and pubs are an important part of that."

Great British Beer Festival

The aptly timed return of the GBBF to Olympia was a success with numbers more or less on target and good sales of the 800 beers available. The event had to be squeezed into a smaller space than had been available at Earl's Court last year but the attendance was still a record for a GBBF at Olympia.

The Champion Beer of Britain was No. 9 Barley Wine (8 % ABV), brewed by the Coniston Brewery in Cumbria, which had come forward from the Champion Winter Ale competition. The beer, which is matured for three months, was

described by the judges as 'having fantastic finesse, reminiscent of a fine cognac'. David Smith of Coniston Brewery, added, "It's an all-British beer using solely British ingredients, very fitting for this Diamond Jubilee year." The only London winner was Fuller's who took joint bronze in the Bitters class for their Gale's Seafarers Ale.

Roger Protz, who chaired the final judging panel, commented, "*The judges in the final tasting were overjoyed by the tremendous quality of the beers this year. There wasn't a poor beer in the competition, and they were all of the highest quality. It was a tough choice, and the final results were very close.*"

It appears that the plans to demolish Earl's Court are, at least, on hold because the site has been offered to CAMRA for the 2013 GBBF. Most customers and staff that I spoke to however prefer to stay at Olympia. That decision is due soon and will be reported here next issue. In the meantime,

if you want to help save Earl's Court, there is a petition that you can sign: <http://www.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/36680>.

Cask Ale Week

This event, organised by Cask Marque and supported by CAMRA, will take place from 28 September to 7 October under the banner 'Only in Britain, only in pubs!' Various breweries and pubcos are also participating with beer festivals and free beer offers. Look out for what is going on in your local pub and have a look at our London City of Beer website – www.londoncityofbeer.org.uk.

Health and welfare

The Parliamentary Health Committee has been looking at the Government's Alcohol Strategy, as released back in March. Their view is that they do not believe that participation in the 'Responsibility Deal' should be optional and that the alcohol industry must do more



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to reduce alcohol harm. Otherwise, they said, it *"risks being seen as paying only lip service."* They also called for measures such as minimum pricing and improved powers to stop sales to drunks. The chairman, Stephen Dorrell, commented, *"We don't think the industry has a sufficiently well-developed sense of what it needs to trade responsibly."* I disagree; I think that the alcohol industry knows exactly what it is doing but the Government seem unable to see that.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation, a social policy research charity, has suggested that one way of tackling 'binge drinking' amongst the 18 to 24 age group would be for local authorities to use planning powers to disperse bars and clubs. This would see the end of the infamous 'circuit' that operates in many town centres.

Law and order

The 'late night levy' (LNL) comes into effect in October and

should be in full effect by next June. Provided for in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act, this is a charge levied by local authorities on pubs, bars and clubs that sell alcohol after midnight and is intended to cover policing and clean-up costs. This appears to be notional however as there is no 'ring-fencing' of the fees charged and the proceeds go into general funds. It is collected by the local authority who then pass 70% of what is collected to the police. On that basis it could be said to be a tax.

The levy affects all eligible premises, whether or not they have a record of trouble, and is based on the rateable value of the premises, not usage. According to the Morning Advertiser it could cost some outlets as much as £4,400 per annum. The measure – for once – includes supermarkets and shops that sell alcohol after midnight, thus recognising that they make a contribution to any problem.

One interesting point is that the

levy applies to any premises that are licensed to sell alcohol after midnight, irrespective of whether or not they actually do so. You could not blame pub operators – Wetherspoons for example – if they simply applied to change their licences and go back to closing at 11pm. This would effectively reverse the opening hours reforms included in the Licensing Act 2003. Perhaps that is what the Government quietly wants to achieve. A local authority does however have discretion to vary the hours for which the levy applies within the midnight to 6am period.

That said, recent reports suggest that an increasing number of local authorities – including many in London – are considering an alternative measure in the form of the Early Morning Restriction Order (EMRO). These are provided for in a section of the 2003 Act that has only recently been put into effect and will be also available for use from October. To quote the Gov-

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ernment website, an EMRO enables licensing authorities to restrict sales of alcohol in the whole or a part of their areas for any specified period between 12 midnight and 6 am, if they consider this appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The worry here is that they will be all-encompassing and will close the well-managed outlets along with the bad ones.

Why did the Government come up with the idea of the LNL when EMROs were already provided for and why are they making them both available at the same time? Frankly, I'm confused. This is not 'joined-up' government.

Curiously, one thing that comes out of the LNL legislation is a legal definition of a village pub, these being exempt. It is 'the only pub in a village with a population of fewer than 3,000 people'.

Trouble in store

A furniture store in Farnham, Surrey, has started providing al-

coholic drinks without an alcohol licence, although there is a dispute as to whether the drinks are being given away or sold. If you go into the shop for a look-around between midday and 11.45 you can buy a beer mat for £2.75 and then get a drink for 'free'. You are not however obliged to buy one to get a drink; you are just encouraged to support the business by doing so. It appears that the store owner – who plans to expand to another 15 outlets – has found a loophole in the licensing law. From the photos in the Morning Advertiser, the shop certainly gives the appearance of being a bar but for instance, were there to be any trouble, the police could not close the premises because they are not licensed.

As you can imagine, local pub landlords are deeply unhappy about this and the police and the local authority are pondering over what action they can take, if any. The local MP, Jeremy Hunt – and I typed that very carefully – is also writing

to the Home Office on the matter.

I find this odd. CAMRA beer festival organisers have long been warned off from trying such stunts because they were simply not legal. I am no expert but I wonder if the drafting of the 2003 Licensing Act is at fault here. As the chief executive of the Association of Licensed Multiple retailers (ALMR) commented, "*There will always be loopholes in the law and the licensing and planning authorities will catch up.*" It's some loophole, though...

By coincidence, furniture retailers IKEA have introduced an own-brand lager. This will no doubt win the approval of the health lobby because you probably can't get the bottles open without a special gadget which you then find is missing from the pack...

Local brewery news

The number of breweries in London amazingly continues to grow. New arrivals are the Adven-

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Crate is an industrial style bar and pizzeria set up by local people and is housed in the Whites Building, Queens Yard E9 5EN, on the banks of the River Lea. Their website is www.cratebrewery.com.

The Cronx Brewery, set up by Mark Russell and Simon Dale, two Crystal Palace fans, is situated in an industrial estate in New Addington. They started test brewing in February and, if things are going to plan, they should now be in production, thus bringing back brew-

ing to Croydon for the first time since the closure of Page & Overton in 1954. Once established there they will look to expand across London. Cronx is apparently an affectionate slang term for Croydon.

Moncada are continuing to brew their usual range of beers although there may be some disruption in a few months time when the brewery has to move because of the redevelopment of their current site. The new premises are nearby. Consequently, ignore any reports that you might hear that the brewery has closed down.

The redevelopment work at Sambrook's is complete. This was celebrated with an open day on Saturday 22 September which also coincided with the brewery's fourth birthday. Also, look out for their Lavender Hill Pale Ale which should be available from the beginning of September. This was originally brewed for the Nicholsons chain but is now

available generally.

News from Fuller's

Fuller's have released three new bottled beers. The 2012 version of Vintage Ale – the 16th – has been brewed with organic malted barley grown on Sir James Fuller's Neston Park Estate in Wiltshire and weighs in at 8.5% ABV. At a similar strength comes Brewer's Reserve No. 4 which has been matured for a year in vintage Comte de Lauvia Armagnac casks which give it, the brewery says, a spirit-like fruity edge. The third is the latest in Fuller's Past Masters series and this trawl through their recipe books has come up with Old Burton Extra (7.3% ABV) from 1931.

The winner of the company's Master Cellarman of the Year award is the Harpenden Arms in Hertfordshire. The pub, managed by Bryan Walsh, also won the award in 2008. The silver medal, if you can put it that way, went to

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Jason and Karen Tinklin of The Star Tavern in Belgravia who won the award in 2010. Third were Angus McKean and Claire Morgan of The Red Lion in Barnes who won the award in 2007. This, I think, says a lot for the way that these pubs maintain their standards.

Fuller's reported that in the 15 weeks ended 14 July, total sales increased by 8% although 'like for like' sales in its managed pubs fell by 1.1%. This was put down to the effect of the weather on pubs with gardens. More encouragingly, the company reported good performances from the 30 pubs that they bought last year, six of which have since been refurbished with more to come. The company said, "*We remain focused on investing for the long term in quality pubs, in premium markets.*"

Nigel Atkinson, the managing director of George Gale and Company at the time of the take-over by Fuller's, stood down at the

AGM after six years on the board.

Big change at the Florence Brewery

Readers will remember that there was some concern as to what would happen to the Florence Brewery after the pub became a Greene King house following their take-over of the Capital Pub Company. I am pleased to say that Peter Haydon, the brewer there, has struck a deal with GK to purchase the brewery and keep it within the pub. Peter will continue to brew the regular beers, Beaver, Weasel and Bonobo, which are available in a number of pubs in South London as well as the Florence itself.

In line with his interest in brewing history, Peter is also looking to brew other beers from old London recipes under the 'A Head in a Hat' banner. The first will be a recreation of a 3.5% ABV Whitbread pale ale from 1948. You can get further details from the website:

www.aheadinahat.com. Peter is rarely seen without a hat, hence the name.

Weather report

It was, as you may have noticed, the wettest summer on record and it has produced some mixed results.

Mitchells & Butlers saw their growing sales come to a halt in the 14 weeks to 14 July. They put this down to the wet weather and curiously, the Euro 2012 football tournament which you would have thought would have been an attraction. I wonder if this shows that they are moving away from the sort of pub where people go to watch football.

In passing, M&B are launching chain store style gift cards, starting with their Harvester outlets and with their other brands to follow. They will be available over the bar or on-line. I can see some scope here for Christmas or birthday presents for those 'difficult-to-buy-



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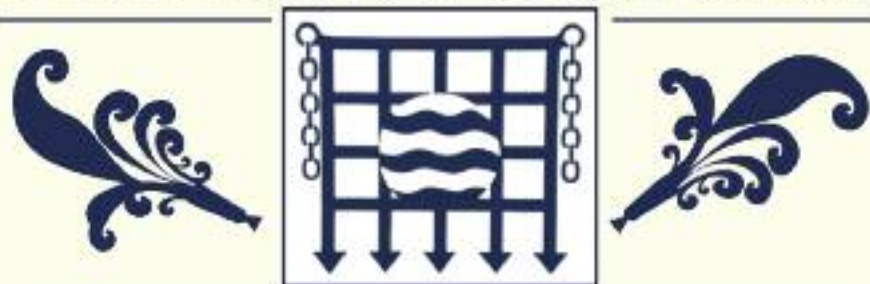
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The Spirit Pub Company also reported that in the 12 weeks to 18 August sales in its managed pubs increased by 4.1% but this represents a reduction in its full-year prospects. Income across its tenanted/leased estate fell by 5.4%. Their chief executive put this down to the tourists in London for the Olympics not being pub-goers.

Spirit have also announced that following its demerger from Punch, they have decided to

value their pubs on their current market value rather than purchase price. Consequently, the value of its 1,300 pubs in their accounts has been reduced by some £500 million. To me, this seems to be an eminently practical approach but inevitably the share price fell. It also illustrates just what unrealistic prices were paid for pubs in the days when the big pubcos thought that they had a licence to print money rather than sell beer.

Overall, the pub trade is picking up, according to the 'Taste of the Nation' report, put together by analysts Deloitte. Over the last year outings to the pub have increased by 7.5% to 2.8 outings per month from a sample of 3,000 people. Food-led visits are up by 12%. The report also found that pubs are best supported by the 18 to 34 age group, which is in line with a CGA study that estimated that students spend up to £3.2 billion per

annum on nights out.

Pub news

As mentioned above, the Craft Beer Co is expanding. By the time that you read this, its second site, in Brixton, should be open and the third, near Angel tube station will open in October. The latter, formerly the Lord Wolseley, has been leased 'free of tie' from Greene King. Full details are or will be in Capital Pubcheck. CBC's managing director, Martin Hayes, commented, *"As our reputation grows we're starting to be offered some great sites. I guess we're building a reputation for injecting new life into pubs that may have struggled in other hands and proven that our formula, when handled well, can be very, very successful."* Mr Hayes's formula involves staff who understand customer service values plus care and attention in getting the venues right, as well as a great range of craft beers. It certainly does seem to be working.

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The shortlists for the various categories of the Morning Advertiser's Great British Pub Awards have been announced. Congratulations to the Lamb in Surbiton, Kingston & Leatherhead CAMRA's pub of the year, which is nominated in the Best Charitable Pubs category. They raised £12,200 last year. The Red Lion in Barnes (Fuller's) has been listed under Best Food Pubs whilst the Old Sergeant (Young's) in Wandsworth has gained nominations in both the Community Pubs and Best Tenanted/Leased Pub categories. Congratulations to them all for getting this far and we wish them all the best of luck in the final judging.

Charles Wells have bought the Goringe Park from their former brewing partners, Young's, and have leased it to the multiple operator Yummy Pub Co who already run three other pubs, including the Somers Town Coffee House in Euston. They are on the look-out for more sites.

The bar and restaurant chain, Drake and Morgan, who already operate five outlets in central London, are to add two more, the Haberdashery in Holborn and the Happenstance at St Pauls.

I don't know if this was inspired by Boris Johnson's love of 'wiff-waff' as he calls it but a pub has opened in the Earl's Court Road which features three table-tennis tables. Apparently, following a trend from New York, customers can, to quote the Evening Standard, '*play the game whilst drinking cocktails and eating pizza*'. What? All at the same time? Now that would be worth a gold medal.

Pub disposals

Recently in the trade press I have noticed an increasing number of privately-owned pubs coming up for sale. For example, the Havelock in Belsize Park has recently been sold with permission to turn the upper floors into accommodation whilst the ground floor has 'A4' per-

mission which does not necessarily mean that it will continue as a pub. This raises the question of what attitude we take to these cases. It is all well and good to criticise the big pubcos because, as Greg Mulholland put it in his EDM, they have a hold over community assets but, as with the Wenlock for example, what about private publicans who cannot make a pub pay or just want to retire. I feel that a certain amount of understanding is called for. Any thoughts, anyone?

Languard Investments Ltd have closed and boarded-up the Charlie Butler in Mortlake High Street. Their plan is to demolish the pub and replace it with a four-storey residential building. There is strong local opposition to the plan and a 2,000 signature petition has already been submitted to Richmond Council. The campaign against the same company's plans for the Castle in Battersea also continues.

Here is an insight into corporate thinking. As mentioned in the

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Wetherspoons are also disposing of pubs. They are selling five pubs – three freeholds and two leaseholds – which are available either separately or as a job lot. The only London pub included is the Printworks in Farringdon.

Sold down the river

The recent flash flooding of the River Calder in Yorkshire led to the closure of several Punch-owned pubs, including the Railway in Hebden Bridge and the Dusty Miller in Mytholmroyd. The company has now decided simply to sell off the pubs as not worth repairing. That might be sensible business if the pubs had no prospects but the Dusty Miller, a Grade II-listed building, has recently been trading very successfully. At least Punch have given the tenants first refusal on buying the freehold although only a month in which to arrange it. They are hoping to raise the funds through the community.

Other trade news

Hook Norton Brewery are looking to expand but according to their managing director, a pub in London is 'a couple of years down the line' whilst St Austell, having bought five pubs from Enterprise, including one in Bristol, are report-

ed to be looking for a site in London. Shepherd Neame have also acquired four pubs in Kent from Enterprise. It is good to know that some Enterprise disposals are remaining in the trade.

Harveys, who recently bought the Cat's Back in Wandsworth, have announced a new variation on the letting of pubs. They have set up a franchise scheme, somewhere between managership and a tenancy, under which the brewery pays the fixed costs such as business rates and insurance whilst the publican pays the running costs – wages etc – plus a franchise fee but keeps what is left. It has potential as a way to introduce people into the trade.

Congratulations to the Chapel Down vineyard in Kent who have won a gold medal at the International Beer Challenge for their 'Curious Brew' lager. Brewed using East Anglian malt and Saaz and Cascade hops, the 4.7% ABV unpasteurised brew is fermented twice, the second time using the champagne type yeast used for the company's sparkling wines. Chief Executive Fraser Thompson, once of Heineken and Whitbread, said, *"We've changed people's minds about English wine and now we want to do the same when it comes to lager."* Mr Thompson added the view that *"mass-produced lagers taste like corporate cardboard and have the aroma of market research rather than hops."*

Last thoughts on the 'O' event

The row about the available beer range did not affect Hadleigh Farm in Essex, the venue for the mountain biking competition because it is owned by the Salvation Army and they only agreed to make it available so long as no alcohol was sold. Unfortunately, ticket-holders – 40,000 of them apparently – were not told this and the rule about taking your own booze into Olympic venues was not relaxed. One ticket-holder commented, *"It's a bit of a shame. We'd been looking forward to a few beers in the sunshine. We had no idea."*

The Pilot in Greenwich, a Fuller's pub, renamed itself the *Wheelchair Basketballer* during the Paralympics in honour of the tournament being played at the North Greenwich Arena, just 300 metres from the pub.

Given that many CAMRA members are the volunteering type, I'm sure that there were a number of them who helped out at the games. May I say 'well done' and, as a Londoner, many thanks to you.

Hot tip

The manager of the Ship in Wandsworth, Oisín Rogers, is predicting that the next big trend in pub food is going to be the hot dog. He commented, *"At the Ship we see trends first and hot dogs will be on the menu at some point."* Well, burgers have established themselves on pub menus so why not? There is a place on pub menus for the odd substantial, and reasonably priced, snack rather than a full meal.

Over the water

I'm pleased to note that London's small brewers have been getting enthusiastic write-ups in the American press, notably the Seattle Times and the New York Times. Given that a number of our new breweries model themselves on American craft breweries, this is praise indeed. It is also worth noting that the American cask beers were the first to run out at the GBBF.

Sadly, the GBBF did not have any products from the USA's most famous home-brewer, Barack Obama. According to the Daily Telegraph, Mr President, with some help, – he is a busy man, after all – brews White House honey ale and honey porter and following a 12,000 signature petition, has released the full recipes on a video. The honey used comes from the First Lady's beehives. His opponent in November's election, Mitt Romney, is teetotal.

Heineken, who own a 40% stake in Asia Pacific Breweries, makers of Tiger beer, have made a

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The 2013 GBG will also be available in ePUB and Kindle formats. For more information and details of where to buy it, go to www.camra.org.uk/gbg

The Cask Marque organisation has an app for finding pubs with its accreditation. It also provides beer lists for the pubs and descriptions of the beers from the Cyclops database. It is available for iPhone and Android devices but the press release that I received did not in-

clude a website sales address.

Another correction

Beer writer Des de Moor has taken us to task over a point in our summer Special Issue. We carelessly referred to both Sierra Nevada and Blue Moon as lagers. They are, of course, a pale ale and a wheat beer respectively. As Des says, *"It's annoying enough when marketing people and ignorant food and drink journalists fail to question the narrow British assumption that any beer that isn't a British ale or a stout is therefore a lager. But I expect better from a CAMRA publication."* Fair enough.

One last step

I thought that I would give this a mention to acknowledge the passing of Neil Armstrong. In Australia, the 4 Pines Brewing Company has developed a full-bodied beer which it claims will be suitable for drinking in space, being designed specially to overcome the loss of taste that is caused by swollen tongues. Owner Jaron Mitchell said, *"It's going to be the first beer that will be specifically designed*

to be drunk in zero gravity." He and his partner have tested it during a zero-gravity flight but, as yet, no research has been done on the effects of alcohol on the body in such conditions.

...and finally

If you liked Borassic Steve, try giving the Lancashire Hotpots a Google and look out for their track 'Beer Olympics' from their latest album 'A Hard Day's Pint'.

In a wonderful piece of 'product placement', Adnams get a mention in *Fifty Shades Darker*, the sequel to *Fifty Shades of Grey*. In it the main characters go to a bar in Seattle and drink bottles of Explorer. It does not say whether they bought rounds or had a whip.

In Norway, according to Sky News, a family of bears broke into a holiday cabin and consumed all the food that they could find, including 100 cans of beer. Given Norway's prices, that was a very expensive visit. I wonder how they opened the cans...

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When is a pub not a pub?

Err... when it's a bar, apparently. No, I didn't find it amusing either.

Having penned a successful food and drink blog for the last couple of years, I spent the better part of the summer months on a rather enjoyable quest to find my 'London Pub of the Year' – an award that was ultimately won by the excellent Craft Beer Company in Clerkenwell. So far, so good.

The Craft and three of the four other pubs which made my top five (The Harp, The Southampton Arms and the Catford Bridge Tavern) all expressed thanks and appreciation, as did many other pubs on the shortlist – even some of those with not entirely favourable reviews seemed to appreciate the publicity.

But one finalist – The Euston Tap – responded not with gratitude, but a rather brusque 'we prefer to be judged as a freehouse bar, not a pub'.

I won't bother with dictionary definitions, but having been to the Euston Tap several times, I'm fairly sure it's a place where the primary activity is drinking draught (cask and keg) beer. Anyone over 18 is welcome. They sell crisps and pork scratchings. People drink outside, sometimes while smoking. Yep, that sounds very much like a pub to me!

Which begs the question: Why the belligerent attitude from an otherwise very nice pub? There, I said it.

Yes, it *has* a bar, but then so does every pub (well, almost every pub – there are a small handful of notable exceptions). What is wrong with being a 'pub'? They explained to me that they don't like being called a 'pub' because 'there is a big difference between us and Greene King / Punch pubs'.

This made absolutely no sense to me. I'm no great fan of mega PubCo houses or the beers they sell, but just because some pubs are indifferent or bad doesn't devalue the concept of the 'pub', does it? Are they going to stop selling 'beer' because Foster's and John Smith's Extra Smooth aren't very good beers? Maybe I'm old-fashioned but to me the 'pub' symbolises all that is right with the world – convivial, welcoming and a place to drink good beer. It seems a little sad not to want to be associated with these connotations.

Now consider the 'bar' (a term with which the Euston Tap are absolutely fine, apparently). What does 'bar' say to you? The bars in restaurants, nightclubs, theatres etc. are usually little more than a sideshow – one goes to these places to eat, dance or watch the show, rather than specifically to drink

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beer. Wine bars and cocktail bars immediately conjure up images of overpriced 1980s excess, and a distinct lack of good beer. And what about the depressing Hotel bar, where bored people sit awkwardly after attending the first day of a Sales conference. Again, usually rather expensive, and probably not too interesting in the beer department. Then there's the Hotel bar's even sadder, lonelier cousin, the 'Mini bar' - a small fridge containing a few miniatures and a can of Heineken!

I guess the people who run the Euston Tap are free to describe it however they please, but given the choice, I'd much rather be in the pub, and if I were in the business of selling draught beer, I'd much rather *be* a pub.

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Victoria's losses

I suppose it was inevitable in these over-(beer)taxed days, when twelve pubs are closing every week. Six friends and I, from our Friday Federation ale drinkers' club, have completed our first crawl of doomed pubs. By the time you read this, the Duke of York, the King's Arms and the Stage Door - all in Victoria - will have pulled their ultimate pint and called their final last orders. In this case the closures

were the prelude to demolition for the Victoria Circle, not a new tube line but a massive redevelopment by Land Securities.

We started in the Duke, adjacent to the Victoria Palace 'Billy Elliot' theatre. Opened before 1880, it was built on the site of an almshouse and we found the wood-panelled upstairs dining room rather stately. Four ales were on offer, with London Pride on good form. We learned that a new pub will open on the site in four years' time.

Two minutes' stroll took us to the King's Arms in Buckingham Palace Road. This compact, street-corner pub, with its long bar counter, offered three ales, including the suitably refreshing Young's Gold.

After a strenuous one-minute amble we finished at the Stage Door in Allington Street, the quietest of the three hosteries, where we met a couple of office workers also saying farewell to their local. Here we quaffed Doom Bar, an appropriately named ale for a pub with less than a month to live. It opened in 1888 as a coffee house and was later renamed the Victoria Stores when one Eliza Gingel obtained a beer licence. I hope I never have cause to enjoy another crawl of pubs in their death throes but, in these straitened times, I fear it is quite likely.

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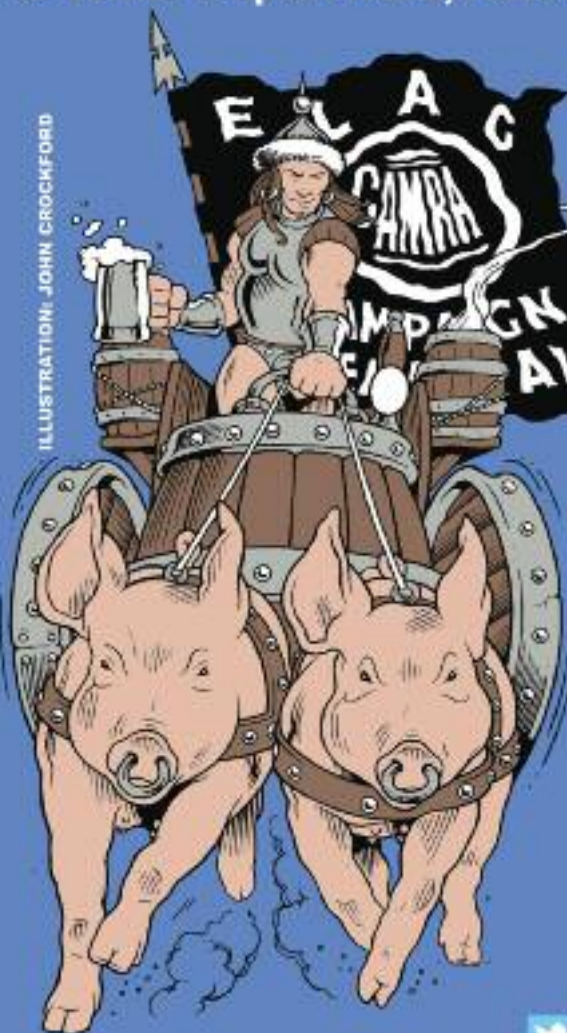


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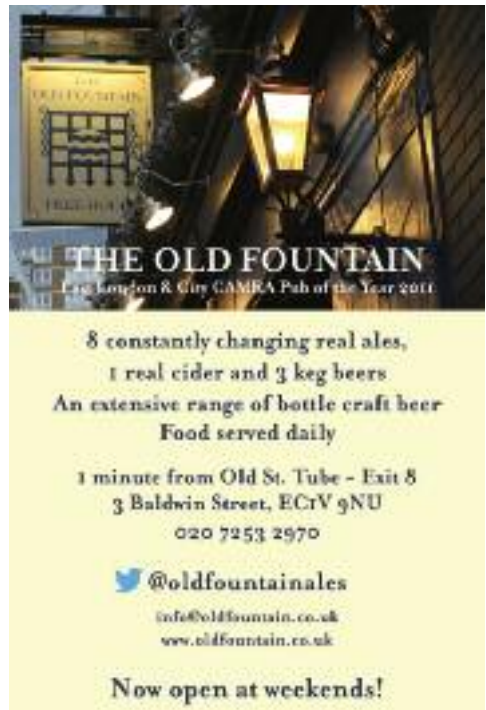


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Welcome to our regular details of London CAMRA contacts and events where branches say what is happening in their areas that might be of interest to drinkers across London. Events for October and November are listed below. Meetings and socials are open to all – everyone is welcome to come along.

LONDON REGIONAL EVENTS

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

October – Wed 10 (8pm) Greater London Pub of the Year presentation. Hope, 48 West St, Carshalton SM5.

November – Thu 8 (9pm) Greater London Club of the Year presentation. Leyton Orient Supporters Club, Oliver Rd, Leyton E10. - **Wed 28 (8pm)** London Liaison Committee (Regional co-ordination meeting for London Branches). Royal Oak, Tabard St, SE1. Secretary: geoff@coherent-tech.co.uk

Website: www.camralondon.org.uk

LONDON PUBS GROUP

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

October – Sat 20 Daytime crawl of Ilford, Goodmayes, Becontree and Barking: (noon) Cauliflower, 553 High Rd, Ilford IG1; (1pm) Lord Napier, 521 Green La, Goodmayes IG3; (2.30) Cherry Tree, Wood Lane, Becontree RM8; (3.45) Roundhouse, Lodge Avenue, Becontree RM8; (4.45) White Horse, London Road, Barking IG11; (5.30) Victoria, Axe Street, Barking IG11. Public transport will be required at times.

November – Wed 14 (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

LONDON CIDER GROUP

Ian White, london_cider@btinternet.com or text 07775 973760 (10-4 Mon-Fri)

October – Sat 13 (1pm) Apple pressing/cider making. One Tree Hill Allotments, Honor Oak Park, SE23. See www.othas.org.uk/opensdays.html. - **Sat 20 (12-5)** Social. National Collection of Cider & Perry at Middle Farm for the cider festival. See www.middlefarm.com/apple-festival.html. Make own way to/from festival, admission fee payable. Please notify Organiser if you intend to come – as above.

YOUNG MEMBERS GROUP

London co-ordinator Matthew Black, 07786 262798, youngmembers@selcamra.org.uk

October – Thu 11 Holborn crawl: (7.30) Enterprise, 38 Red Lion St, WC1; (8.15) Dolphin Tavern, 44 Red Lion St, WC1 (9pm) Ship Tavern, 12 Gate St, WC2 (10pm) Holborn Whippet, Sicilian Ave, WC1. - **Thu 18** Islington N1 Crawl: (7pm) Wenlock & Essex, 18-26 Essex Rd; (7.40) Mucky Pup, 39 Queen's Head St; (8.20) New Rose, 84-86 Essex Rd; (9pm) North Pole, 188 New North Rd.

November – Thu 8 Angel N1 crawl: (7.30) Charles Lamb, 16 Elia St; (8.15) Island Queen, 87 Noel Rd; (8.45) Narrowboat, 119 St. Peters St; (9.30) Mucky Pup, 39 Queen's Head St; (10.15) Duke of Cambridge, 30 St Peters Street.

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

BEXLEY

Rob Archer, camr@rcher.org.uk, contacts@camrabexleybranch.org.uk

October – Wed 10 (8.30) Mtg. Volunteer, Bexleyheath. - **Sat 20** Gravesend social crawl: meet (12.30) Gravesend Station. - **Wed 24 (8pm)** Bexley social: Old Dartfordians, Black Horse, Railway. **November – Wed 14 (8.30)** Mtg. George Staples, Blackfen DA15. - **Wed 21** Sidcup social crawl: meet (8pm) Sidcup Place, Sidcup DA14. Website: www.camrabexleybranch.org.uk

BROMLEY

Contact: Tim Wilding, 020 8460 4445, inquiries@bromleycamra.org.uk
October – Tue 2 (8pm) Social. Swan, 2-4 High St, West Wickham BR4.
- **Thu 11 (8pm)** Social. Jolly Woodman, 9 Chancery La, Beckenham BR3. - **Wed 17 (8pm)** Social. Freelanders Tavern, 31 Freelanders Rd, Bromley BR1. - **Tue 23 (8pm)** Social. Orpington Liberal Club, 7 Station Rd, Orpington BR6. - **Tue 30 (8pm)** Cttee mtg. Orpington Liberal Club.
November – Tue 6 (7pm) AGM. Bromley Labour Club, HG Wells Centre, St Marks Rd, Bromley BR2. - **Fri 9 (8pm)** Social. Bricklayers Arms, 141-143 Masons Hill, Bromley BR2. - **Tue 13 (8pm)** Social.

King's Arms, Leaves Green Rd, Biggin Hill BR2. - **Sat 24** Bromley North BR1 crawl: (12 noon) Crown & Anchor, 19 Park Rd; then Freelanders Tavern, 31 Freelanders Rd; Anglesey Arms, 90 Palace Rd; White Horse, 64 Palace Rd; Red Lion, 10 North Rd. - **Tue 27 (7.30)** Cttee mtg. Change of Horses, 87 High St, Farnborough BR6.
Website: www.bromleycamra.org.uk

CROYDON & SUTTON

Peter McGill, 07831 561296, pete_mcgill@hotmail.com

October – Thu 11-Sat 13 Wallington Beer Festival, 3 Stafford Rd, Wallington. - **Thu 25 (6pm)** Post-festival social. George, George St, Croydon. - **Tue 30 (8.30)** Mtg. Dog & Bull (upstairs), 24 Surrey St, Croydon.

November – Wed 7 East Croydon social: (8.30) Windmill, 224 St. James's Rd; (9.15) Bedford Tavern, 16 Sydenham Rd. - **Wed 14** Worcester Park 2 pub social: (8.30) North End Tavern, 245 Cheam Common Park; (9.15) Rumours Wine Bar, 25 Central Rd. - **Sun 25** Crystal Palace crawl: start (12 noon) Paxton Arms Hotel, 52 Anerley Hill. See website or phone for further details. - **Thu 29 (8.30)** Mtg and London Drinker pickup, Windsor Castle (Cottage Rm) 378 Carshalton Rd, Carshalton.

Website: www.croydoncamra.org.uk

EAST LONDON & CITY

John Pardoe, 07757 772564, elacbranch@yahoo.co.uk

October – Mon 1 (8pm) Beer festival planning mtg. Black Lion, 59-61 High St, Plaistow, E13. - **Thu 4 (8pm)** Social. Snooty Fox BF, Canonbury N5. - **Fri 12 (8pm)** Social. Old Fountain BF, Baldwin St, EC1. - **Mon 22 (8pm)** Beer festival planning mtg. Nightingale, 51 Nightingale La, E11. - **Sat 27 (8pm)** Social. Rose & Crown BF, Hoe St, Walthamstow E17.

November – Mon 5 (8pm) Beer festival planning mtg. Black Lion, 59-61 High St, Plaistow, E13. - **Thu 8 (9pm)** Greater London CoTY presentation and Piglet BF. Leyton Orient Supporters Club, Oliver Rd, E10. - **Tue 13 (8pm)** Mtg. Ye Olde Mitre, 1 Ely Ct, EC1. - **Mon 19 (8pm)** Beer festival planning mtg. Rose & Crown, 53 Hoe St, E17. - **Thu 22** Social. Waltham Forest Corporation Sports and Social Club BF, Forest Rd, E17

Website: www.pigsear.org.uk

ENFIELD & BARNET

Brian Willis: 020 8440 4542 (H), branchcontact@camraenfieldandbarnet.org.uk, branch mobile 07757 710008 at event

October – Tue 2 (9pm), Social. Euston Tap, 190 Euston Rd, NW1. - **Tue 9 (8.30)** GBG Promo. Orange Tree, Highfield Rd, Winchmore Hill N21. - **Wed 17 (8.30)** Social at new Antic pub. Bohemia, 762-764 High Rd, N12. - **Sat 20 (from 11am)** Social. Twickenham BF. - **Tue 23 (8.30)** GBG Promo. Dog & Duck, 74 Hoppers Road, Winchmore Hill N21. - **Wed 31 (8.30)** GBG Promo. New Crown, 80-84 Chase Side, Southgate N14.

November – Thu 8 (8.30) GBG Promo. Picture Palace, Hertford Rd, Ponders End EN3. - **Tue 13 (8.30)** GBG Promo. Builders Arms, 3 Albert Rd, New Barnet EN4. - **Sat 17** Lunchtime session, Egham BF. Travel detail from Brch contact. - **Wed 21 (8.30)** GBG Promo. Elephant Inn, 283 Ballards La, North Finchley N12. - **Thu 29 (8.30)** GBG Promo (incl London Drinker pickup). Old Mitre, 58 High St, Barnet.

Website: www.camraenfieldandbarnet.org.uk

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD

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

October – Tue 2 (8.15) Mtg. Fountain (upstairs), Malden Rd, New Malden. - **Wed 10** Surbiton evening: (8pm) Waggon & Horses; (8.40) Grove; (9.15) Antelope; (9.55) Black Lion; (10.30) Lamb. - **Thu 11 (8pm)** KBF planning mtg. Willoughby Arms, Kingston. - **Sat 20 (1pm)** CoTY presentation and beer festival social. Walton Rowing Club, Sunbury La, Walton. - **Wed 24 (8pm)** PotY presentation. Jolly Coopers, Wheelers La, Epsom. - **Sat 27** Day out to Greenwich by train. Meet (12.30) Greenwich Union, Royal Hill, then (1.20) Lost Hour; (2.10) Gate Clock; (3pm) Old Brewery; (3.50) Yacht; (4.40) Cutty Sark; (5.30) Pelton Arms.

November – Wed 7 (8.15) Mtg and CoTY presentation. Surbiton Club, St James Rd, Surbiton. - **Tue 13 (8pm)** PotY presentation. Lamb, Brighton Rd, Surbiton. - **Sat 24** KBF workers trip to Kissinggate Brewery, £10 workers, £20 others. Pick up Surbiton, Clarendon Rd (10.30). Contact Adrian to book, 07774 859871 or akpalmer@talktalk.net.

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October – Tue 2 Cider Month and Cask Ale Week social: (7.30) Jeremy Bentham, 31 University St, WC1; (8.30) Bree Louise, 69 Cobourg St, NW1; (9.30) Cider Tap & Euston Tap, 190 Euston Rd, NW1. **Tue 9** GBG 40th edition WC1 social: (7pm) Cattie Of York, 22 High Holborn; (7.30) Penderel's Oak, 286 High Holborn; (8.30) Rugby Tavern, 19 Gt James St; (9pm) Lamb, 94 Lamb's Conduit St; (9.45) Calthorpe Arms, 252 Grays Inn Rd; (10.30) Pakenham Arms, 1 Pakenham St. **Sat 13** (1pm) Bookworm social. Bull, 13 North Hill, N6. **Tue 16** (8pm) LDBF mtg. Old Red Lion, 72 High Holborn, WC1. **Tue 23** Newington Green Cider Month social: (7.30) Snooty Fox, 75 Grosvenor Ave, N5; (8.30) Alma, 59 Newington Grn Rd, N1; (9.30) Duke of Wellington, 119 Balls Pond Rd, N1. **Tue 30** GBG 40th edition NW3 social: (7.30) Flask, 14 Flask Wlk; (8.30) Holly Bush, 22 Holly Mnt; (9.30) Duke of Hamilton, 23 New End. **November – Tue 6** Islington N1 social: (7.30) Earl of Essex, 25 Danbury St; (8.30) Duke of Cambridge, 30 St Peter's St; (9.30) North Pole, 190 New North Rd. **Tue 13** Islington N1 social: (7.30) Filthy McNasty's, 68 Amwell St, EC1; (8.15) Craft, 55 White Lion St; (9pm) Hundred Cross Rising, 58 Penton St; (9.45) Pig & Butcher, 80 Liverpool Rd; (10.15) Barnsbury, 209 Liverpool Rd. **Tue 20** (8pm) Mtg, venue TBC. **Tue 27** (8pm) LDBF mtg. Rugby Tavern, 19 Gt James St, WC1.

Website: www.camranorthlondon.org.uk

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW

Roy Hurry, 020 8570 0643(h), rh014q5742@blueyonder.co.uk

October – Thu 11 (8.30) Mtg. Botanist, 3/5 Green, TW9. **Tue 25** (8pm) Young Members (under 30) social. William Webb Ellis, 24 London Rd, Twickenham TW1. **November – Thu 1** (8pm) Twickenham Beer Fest. 'wash-up' mtg. Royal Oak, 13 Richmond Rd, Twickenham TW1. **Thu 15** (8.30) Mtg, Turks Head, 28 Winchester Rd, St Margarets TW1. **Wed 21** Barnes SW13 social: (7.30) Red Lion, 2 Castelnau; (8.45) Sun Inn, 7 Church Rd; (10.0) Coach & Horses, 27 Barnes High St. *Website: www.rhcamra.org.uk*

SOUTH-EAST LONDON

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October – Wed 3 (8pm) Cttee meeting & soc. Star Inn (upstairs), 158 Plumstead Common Rd, SE18. **Sat 6** (1pm) Grape and Grain BF, 2 Anerley Hill, SE19. **Wed 10** Hither Green/Lee crawl: (8pm) Station Hotel, 14 Staplehurst Rd, SE13; (9pm) Lord Northbrook, 116 Burnt Ash Rd, SE12; (10pm) Edmund Hallway, 25-27 Burnt Ash Rd, SE12. **Sat 13** (1pm) Cider Pressing. One Tree Hill Allotments, Honor Oak Pk, SE23. **Tue 17** Lambeth Walk: (8pm) Windmill, 44 Lambeth High St; (9pm) Pineapple, 53-55 Hercules St; (10pm) Crown & Cushion, 133 Westminster Bridge Rd. **Mon 22** Herne Hill SE24 crawl: (8pm) Half Moon, 10 Half Moon La; (9pm), Florence, 131-133 Dulwich Rd; (10pm) Prince Regent, 69 Dulwich Rd. **Wed 31** Deptford SE8 Halloween crawl: (8pm) Lord Clyde, 9 Wotton Rd; (9.30) Dog & Bell, 116 Prince St. **November – Wed 7** (8pm) Cttee mtg & soc. Talbot (upstairs), 2 Tyrwhitt Rd, SE4. **Wed 14** Rotherhithe SE16 crawl: (7.30) Mayflower, 117 Rotherhithe St; (8.15pm) Old Salt Quay, 163 Rotherhithe St; (9pm) Clipper, 562 Rotherhithe St; (9.45) Ship York, 375 Rotherhithe St; (10.30) Ship & Whale, 2 Gulliver St. **Mon 19** Lewisham SE13 crawl: (7.30) Holly Tree, 32 Dermody Rd; (8.15) Watch House, 198-204 Lewisham High St; (9pm) Fox & Firkin, 316 Lewisham High St; (9.45) Jolly Farmers, 394 Lewisham High St; (10.30) Ravensbourne Arms, 323 Lewisham High St. **Sat 24** (6pm) Dog & Bell Pickle Festival, 116 Prince St, SE8. **Wed 28** Greenwich SE10 crawl: (7.30) Ashburnham Arms, 25 Ashburnham Gro; (8.15) Lost Hour, 217-219 Greenwich High Rd; (9pm) Coach & Horses, 13 Greenwich Market; (9.45) Gate Clock, 210 Creek Rd.

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SOUTH-WEST ESSEX

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October – Tue 2 Social: (8.30) Phoenix, Broadway, Rainham RM13; (9.30) Moon & Stars, 99/103 South St, RM1. **Fri 12-Sun 14**, Branch Weekend: Durham (by train), including visits to Hill Island and Durham breweries. **Wed 17** (8.30) Social. Rising Sun, 144 Ongar Rd, Brentwood CM15. **Thu 25** (8.30) Social. JJ Moon's, 48/52 High St,

Hornchurch RM12.

November – Thu 1 (8.30) Social. 1st South Woodham Ferrers BF, Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Rd, South Woodham Ferrers CM3. **Thu 8** (7.30) Social. 15th Piglet BF, Leyton Orient Supporters Club, Oliver Rd, Leyton E10. **Wed 14** (8.30) Social. Prince of Wales, 63 Green La, Ilford IG1. **Tue 20** (8pm) Social. 33rd Rochford BF, Freight House, Rochford SS4. **Mon 26** (8.30) Social. Traitors Gate, 40-42 Broadway, Little Thurrock RM17.

Website: essex-camra.org.uk/suesssex

SOUTH WEST LONDON

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October – Wed 3 Cider Month Brixton SW9 social: (7pm) Grosvenor, 17 Sidney Rd; (8.30) Crown & Anchor, 246 Brixton Rd. **Wed 17** (7.30) Mtg (Dec/Jan mtgs). Edward Rayne, 8-12 Coombe La, Raynes Park SW20

November – Mon 19 (7.30) EGM (branch rules on voting rights at pub selection meetings) then (7.45) open cttee mtg (GBG long-listing, PotY shortlisting). Draft House Westbridge (upstairs), 74-76 Battersea Bridge Rd SW11.

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WATFORD & DISTRICT

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October – Fri 5 (8.30) Cider Month social. Land of Liberty, Peace & Plenty, Long La, Heronsgate. **Tue 16** Anti-social to promote Watford BF: meet (8pm) Estcourt Arms, St John's Rd, Watford. **Thu 25-Sat 27** Watford BF, West Herts Sports Club, Park Ave, Watford. **Mon 29** (8pm) Mtg. Oxhey Conservative Club, Lower Paddock Rd, Oxhey **November – Mon 5** (8.30) Post-BF mtg. West Herts Sports Club, Watford. **Thu 22** Bushey and Oxhey crawl: start (8.30) Swan, Park Rd, Bushey. **Mon 26** (8pm) Mtg. West Herts Sports Club, Watford. **Fri 30** Croxley crawl: start (8.30) Coach & Horses, The Green.

Website: www.watfordcamra.org.uk

WEST LONDON

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October – Sun 7 (1.30) Chmn's birthday party. Cleveland Arms, 28 Chilworth St, W2. **Tue 9** (7pm) Mtg. Harp, 47 Chandos Pl, WC2. **Tue 16** SW7 social: (7.30) Hereford Arms, 127 Gloucester Rd; (8.15) Stanhope Arms, 97 Gloucester Rd; (9.15) Queen's Arms, 30 Queensgate Mews. **Wed 24** SW3 surveys: meet (7pm) Coopers Arms, 87 Flood St. **Tue 30** SW1/WC2 social: (7.30) Tom Cribb, 37 Pantom St, SW1; (8.30) Moon under Water, 28 Leicester Sq, WC2; (9.30) Bear & Staff, 11-12 Bear St, WC2.

November – Tue 6 (7pm) Mtg. Star Tavern, 6 Belgrave Mews W, off Halkin Pl, SW1. **Tue 13** W1 social: (7.30) Henry Holland, 39 Duke St; (8.30) Devonshire Arms, 7 Duke St; (9.30) Barley Mow, 8 Dorset St. **Wed 21** SW5 surveys: meet (7pm) Blackbird, 209 Earl's Court Rd. **Tue 27** Notting Hill social: (7.30) Champion, 1 Wellington Terr, W2; (8.30) Prince Albert, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11; (9.45) Cock & Bottle, 17 Needham Rd, W11.

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WEST MIDDLESEX

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October – Mon 4 (8pm) CoTY presentation. Questions Theatre, Ealing. **Fri 12** Acton W3 crawl: (8pm) Station House Churchfield Rd; (8.45) Rocket, 11 Churchfield Rd; (9.30) Kings Head, 214 High St; (10pm) Acton Arms, 264 High St. **Thu 18** Twickenham BF: meet (6pm) product stand. **Sat 27** Wetherspoons Met Line crawl: (1pm) Pennsylvania, 115-117 High St, Rickmansworth WD3; (2.30) William Jolle, 53 The Broadway, Northwood Hills HA6; (3.30) Moon on the Hill, 373-375 Station Rd, HA1; (4.30) Village Inn, 402-408 Rayners La, HA5; (5.30) JJ Moons, 12 Victoria Rd, Ruislip Manor, HA4. **November – Thu 1** (8pm) Tommy Flynn's, 253 Ealing Rd, HA0; (9.30) Fox & Goose, Hanger La, W5. **Tue 6** Wetherspoons crawl: (8pm) Red Lion & Pineapple, Acton; (9.30) Central Bar Unit 1, West 12 shopping centre. **Wed 14** (8.30) Mtg. Windermere, South Kenton. **Sat 24** (5pm) Heathrow BF, BAA Club, Crane Lodge Rd, Cranford TW5. **Fri 30** (8pm) Ruislip Rugby Club BF, West End Rd, HA4.

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Electronic copy deadline for the December/January edition: Monday 12 November. Please send entries to LD@daviessolutions.co.uk

Capital Pubcheck - update 226

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.

A busy period for pub acquisitions and openings, perhaps spurred on by the Olympic fever. We welcome three new brewpubs in E8 Hackney, E9 Hackney Wick (overlooking the Olympic Park) and W4 Chiswick. Antic have acquired a pub in N12, North Finchley and opened a temporary 'pop-up' pub in E10 Leyton, with two other pubs imminent, one in W3 Acton and another in the pipeline in E17 Walthamstow. The Draft House chain has a newly leased pub in W1 Fitzrovia and InnBrighton has leased its first London pub in N1 Newington Green. Two new Craft Beer Co outlets are due to open in SW9 Brixton and N1 Islington and BrewDog are about to take over Mason & Taylors in E1, Bethnal Green Road.

M&B continue to restore real ale to their All Bar One and O'Neill's chains and another Fuller's pub with guest beers from London micros has been spotted in W14 Olympia. Encouragingly, two pubs have been reinstated after several years as restaurants. A self-service pub has opened in SE1 Southwark, albeit with

only fizzy beer.

More Marston's London pubs are reported closed, converted or under threat and the increasing loss of pubs converted to convenience stores and betting shops, without the need for planning permission, is having a major impact across 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 (ZKT - second edition); N - North London Beer Guide, 3rd edition; RHP - Richmond, Ham & Petersham Pub Guide; SE - South East London Pub Guide, 4th edition; 3SE - South East London Pub Guide, 3rd edition; SW - South West London Pub Guide, 2nd edition; W - West London Pub Guide, 2nd edition; WB - Wandsworth & Battersea Pub Guide; WC - WC1 and WC2 Real Ale Guide; X - Essex Beer Guide, 9th edition.

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

NEW & REOPENED PUBS & PUBS CONVERTED TO REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC2, ALL BAR ONE, 127 Finsbury Pavement. Fuller: London Pride; Sharp: Doom Bar. (U151,198)

EC2, HOME, 100-106 Leonard St. No real ale. Renamed **BOOK CLUB**. Independent bar opened in converted Victorian warehouse in 1997, but not previously reported, renamed in 2009.

EC2, LONDON WALL (BAR & KITCHEN), 150 London Wall. No real ale - handpumps unused despite advertising 'traditional British ale'. Independent bar and restaurant in former restaurant premises next to the Museum of London.

EC3, ALL BAR ONE, 16 Byward St. Fuller: London Pride; Sharp: Doom Bar. Formerly the Broker but unreported. (U142,191)

EC3, LIME STREET EXCHANGE, 52-54 Fenchurch St. No real ale. Former Balls Brothers wine bar acquired by Novus in 2011 and now with draught keg beer.

EC3, PAUSE, 80-84 Leadenhall St. Independent. No real ale. Previously reported as converted to a cocktail bar but now with draught keg beer. Formerly OLD MONK. Reinstated on pub database. (U119,171,187)

EC4, SILKS, Grange St Pauls Hotel, 10 Godliman St. No real ale. Cocktail bar with draught keg beer, attached to new chain hotel and open to general public with its own entrance on Carter St.

WC2, O'NEILL'S, 14 New Row. Reverted by May to original name, **WHITE SWAN** after 17 years. Fuller: London Pride; Sharp: Doom Bar; St Austell: Nicholson Pale Ale; guest beers (e.g. Brain, Pontypridd, Purity, Triple FFF and XTB) from 8 handpumps. Now rebranded by M&B as part of the Nicholson chain. Traditional decor with mixture of tables, chairs and benches and floor rug. Usual pub food. Dating from the 17th Century and mentioned by Pepys, it nevertheless was one of the first pubs to have a phoney 'irish' theme imposed upon it by Bass in 1995, first as P J MOLLOY & SONS and a year later as a generic O'NEILL'S, losing its real ale in the process. A welcome return to sanity. (W36, U194, 216)

EAST

E8, COCK TAVERN, 315 Mare St 2-3 varying 'Howling Hops' beers from microbrewery located in cellar, plus up to 8 guest beers from other microbreweries and up to 4 ciders or perries on 16 handpumps. Independent pub (ex-Truman) acquired by operators of Southampton Arms NW5 in July. (E112, U79)

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E9, CRATE (BREWERY & PIZZERIA), Unit 7, The White Building, Queens Yard, off White Post Lane, Hackney Wick. Entrance from rear or from riverside. Crate: Golden Ale (3.8%), IPA (5.8%); guest beer (e.g. Williams: Cock O' the North). New independently operated bar on ground floor of converted warehouse with artist's studios above, next to the River Lee Navigation overlooking the Olympic Park, opened in mid-July. Brewery visible in room off bar area. Basic decor with railway sleeper bar top and front, concrete floor, breeze block walls, tall windows, wooden trestle tables and benches and a unique 'ratchet' seat. The Crate Lager (4.8%) is contract brewed at an unknown Scottish brewery. Limited quantities of the three beers have been bottled. Open-to-view pizza oven. Riverside patio. Open 12-11 (last orders 10.30).

E10, LEYTON TECHNICAL, Leyton Town Hall, 256B High Rd. Changing cask beers from London micros served from the cask (G). A 'pop-up' pub opened by Antic in July with a temporary licence covering the Olympics and Paralympics period in the old town hall not far from the Leyton entrance to the Olympic Park. Basic decor and quirky furniture with temporary bar serving three interconnected rooms on the ground floor of the former office building. Sports related paintings adorn the walls and cabinets contain sports trophies. TV for sports. A petition has been

launched to allow extension of the licence. Open 2-11 Mon-Thu, 12-12 Fri/Sat. 12-11 Sun

NORTH

N1, CENTRAL STATION, 37 Wharfedale Rd. Fuller: London Pride. Real ale reinstated. (N39, U184)

N12, A'ZEEZ, 744 High Rd. Renamed **BOHEMIA** following acquisition by Antic of this independent bar/restaurant. Sambrook: Wandle; Sharp: Doom Bar; Taylor: Landlord; guest beers (e.g. East London Nightwatchman, Westerham cask conditioned lager) on 8 handpumps, all at £3/pint. Stripped down decor with plain wooden tables, chairs etc. Formerly **AUTUMN HOUSE**, **BELGRAVE**, **O'NEILL'S** and **PAGES BAR**. (N111, U110, 160, 163, 168, 181, 184, 198, 210)

NORTH WEST

NW3, ROOM SIXTY EIGHT, 68 Heath St. Reopened in July as a New York themed bar and restaurant after 10 years in various restaurant uses, renamed **DACH & SONS** and part of the small Fluid Movement cocktail bar and restaurant chain. Dach & Sons: Imperial Pale Ale (house beer) brewed by Sharps; Dark Star: American Pale Ale; varying Beavertown and London Fields beers. All served only in one third (£1.70) or two third (£3.20) measures.

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SOUTH EAST

SE1, COUNTY HALL ARMS, Riverside Building, off Westminster Bridge Rd. Marston: County Hall Best (house beer) 3.4%, EPA, Pedigree, seasonal beer. Independent pub operated by Pete Waterman, rock impresario and railway buff, opened December 2011 on riverside in part of ground floor of former County Hall office building, latterly 'Zen Studio' restaurant. Mock Victorian decor with wood panelling, framed pictures, a 'fireplace', tiled floor and booths at the rear. Beware: the beers are dispensed by handpumps from 'fastcasks' which appear in effect to be 'bright'. Loud intrusive piped 'music' in evenings. Open 11-11 (10.30 Sun).

SE10, FRANKIE & BENNY'S, Greenwich Promenade, King William Walk. No real ale. New build bar and restaurant next to Greenwich Pier, opened March 2012.

SOUTH WEST

SW6, SLUG @ FULHAM, 474/476 Fulham Rd. Renamed **BROADWAY** in 2010. Fuller: London Pride; Greene King: IPA; Shepherd Neame: Spitfire, not always available. Now an independent 'bar & grill', ex-Town & City. Formerly SLUG & LETTUCE. (SW71, U158,191,208)

SW11, STAG, 96 Westbridge Rd. No real ale. Reopened as a pub in June after nearly 5 years as an Indian restaurant. Now Wellington Pub Co, ex-Phoenix, leased to Criterion. Reinstated on pub database. (SW90, U198, WB40)

KINGSTON (KT1), STEIN'S, 56 High St. No real ale. A Bavarian bar restaurant and biergarten overlooking the Thames with keg Bavarian beers, opened in July in former Alison's riverside tea rooms.

KINGSTON (KT1), O'NEILL'S, 3 Eden St. Fuller: London Pride; Purity UBU; Sharp: Doom Bar. Reinstatement of real ale. (SW143, U132, 2KT24)

RICHMOND (TW9), RICHMOND ARMS, 20 Princes St. Brain: SA. Now Tattershall Castle Group (TCG), ex-Spirit in 2005 (not via Punch). Note correct address. (SW156, U197, RHP28)

WEST

W2, PHOENIX, 51 Moscow Rd. Fuller: London Pride; Greene King: IPA. Spirit (not Punch leased). Formerly BAR OZ. (W71, U196,199)

W3, MILL HILL TAVERN, 61 Gunnersbury Lane, now simply MILL HILL. Greene King: IPA. Orchid, ex-Spirit. Freehold for sale. (W85)

W4, ALL BAR ONE, 197/199 Chiswick High Rd. Sharp: Doom Bar. (W86, U186)

SOUTHALL (UB2), OLD OAK TREE, The Common. No real ale. Reopened by April. (W188, U222)

TEDDINGTON (TW11), WALDEGRAVE ARMS. Up to three changing real ales. After 6 years' closure and partial rebuild, the ground floor reopened as an independently operated pub (ex-Punch) in late August, with flats above and behind. Free WiFi. Food expected late September. (W197, U191,204,213,219, 225)

PUBS CLOSED, CONVERTED, DEMOLISHED OR CEASED SELLING REAL ALE

CENTRAL

EC1, BAR AQUARIUM. Renamed HORNS, S&NPC, H removed. Now a strip and lap dancing bar with free entrance. Formerly LORD NELSON. (E20, U170, 176,184)

EC1, COCK TAVERN. Renamed **BREAKFAST & BRUNCH BAR** in 2010, Independent, H unused. (E14, U83)

EC1, ROYAL MAIL (WALL'S FREE HOUSE), ex-Allied (Taylor Walker), still closed and now derelict. (E22, U79,92,147,197)

EC1, STREAM, Free, converted to a noodle cafe. (U156)

EC2, PROPHET, Balls Bros, ex-Lewis & Clarke in 2006, now demolished. (U173,214)

EC4, DAVY'S, 10 Creed Lane, Davy's, closed 2010 after 23 years. Building work underway along whole side of street. (U121)

EC4, MANSION HOUSE, Free (Colony), closed and converted to Ladbroke's betting shop. (U182)

W1(S), POLKA, Free, converted to sushi restaurant. Formerly JAMIES. (W66, U193)

EAST

E1, MASON & TAYLORS. Acquired by BrewDog Brewery in late September as its second London outlet and due to close temporarily before reopening as **BREWDOG SHOREDITCH** in mid or late October. It is believed an in-house brewery will be installed in the basement. This was one of the early outlets for London microbreweries. It is uncertain whether cask ales will be retained, given BrewDog's keg-only policy in their other pubs. Originally opened in 2003 as O2 BRASSERIE (BAR), followed by a spell as 'Green & Red', a cocktail bar and restaurant. (U170,187,216)

E2, ORANGE. Renamed **CATCH** by 2003, Free, H removed. (U154)

E4, BULL ON THE GREEN, Independent, ex-Punch by 2010, closed and ground floor being converted to a Prezzo restaurant with offices above. Formerly MOLLY K, BULL & CROWN and SLUG & LETTUCE, originally BULL & CROWN. (E97, U73, 79,80,92,166,194,209,214)

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E14, DORSET ARMS, ex-Watney, now demolished by July 2004 and housing built on site. (E144, U129)

E14, ROGUE TRADER, Enterprise, ex-Truman via Unique, became a bar and Indian restaurant in c2002. Closed c2010 and now converted to 'Aniseed' Indian restaurant. Formerly BLACKSMITHS ARMS. (E142, U157)

E17, CHEQUERS, Independent, ex-Punch since 2010, formerly Allied (Taylor Walker), closed July 2012 and acquired by Antic. (E165)

BARKING (IG11), HOPE, Punch, ex-Bass, closed with planning permission granted in May for conversion to a Muslim community centre and place of worship. (X11, U144,160)

DAGENHAM (RM10), BEACON, Punch, ex-Allied (Ind Coope Romford), closed and ground floor being converted to a convenience store with planning approval for three flats above. (X44, U171)

DAGENHAM (RM10), RAILWAY, Punch, ex-Allied (Ind Coope Romford), closed and being converted to a Tesco Express with planning permission for ancillary alterations and an ATM machine. (X45, U165)

SOUTH HORNBURCH (RM13), CHERRY TREE, Enterprise, ex-S&N, closed and converted to a

Tesco Express. (X107, U173)

NORTH

N6, ROSE & CROWN, Enterprise, H removed, operated primarily as a restaurant but delete entry in U204 reporting actual conversion to a restaurant. Reinstate on pub database. (N82, U156,176,204)

N9, KING WILLIAM IV, S&NPC, closed and to let by April. Formerly WILLIAM IV. (N101, U204,219, 223)

N13, WOODMAN, Marston, closed after dispute by tenant with Marstons. A petition has been launched to save the pub. (N116, U119,221,222)

N19, DUSK TILL DAWN, Enterprise, H removed. Note correction to name reported in U215. Formerly ARCHWAY, originally ARCHWAY TAVERN. (N143, U164,168,215)

N21, WINCHMORE ARMS. Renamed WILLOW in May 2009, S&NPC, H unused. Operated primarily as a restaurant and cocktail bar but with keg beer, it has recently closed with the lease for sale. Formerly CHASE SIDE TAVERN. (N151, U106,163,167)

BARNET (EN5), BLACK HORSE, Independent, closed and boarded up by June 2012. (N250, H19, U181,182,187)

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NORTH WEST

NW1, NW1 BAR, Wellington, confirmed converted to Côte restaurant. Formerly PARKWAY BAR. (N171, U171,193, CE13, U217,223)

NW8, CAFE MED, Cafe Med, a bar and grill with no draught beer; delete from pub database. Formerly BLENHEIM. (N213, U109,151)

HARROW (HA2), NED HYLANDS, North Harrow, Independent, closed since at least July 2011 (W154)

SOUTH EAST

SE1, STAMFORD ARMS, Enterprise, ex-Courage via Unique. Renamed **THIRSTY BEAR** in January 2012, H removed. Now leased by Robot Pub Co as a pilot and showcase for its Robobar system whereby iPads on tables are linked to self service taps for fizzy beer. Food, jukebox tracks and pub quizzes can also be ordered or selected via the iPad. It's not clear whether the saving in staff costs is reflected in prices. (SE35, U105)

SE1, ZANZI BAR, Free, ex-Whitbread, demolished by June 2004 but not previously reported. Formerly ST GEORGES TAVERN. (SE34, U117)

SE11, ELEPHANT & HIPPO, Admiral, now demolished in 2011 to make way for housing.

Formerly HOOPS BAR, CASTLE TAVERN and originally CARPENTERS ARMS. (SE106, U202,205)

SE13, MARKET TAVERN, Marston, planning permission now submitted for Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant and takeaway. Formerly MARLOWES BAR and originally QUAGGY DUCK. (U110,160,168,178, 181,194,196,202,220)

SE25, ALLIANCE, Enterprise, ex-Courage via Unique, closed since at least 2011. (SE214, U207)

SE27, SOUTHERN PRIDE, Punch, ex-Bass, sold to Inglewood Entertainment and converted to 'Scandals' nightclub in 2009. Formerly KINGS HEAD. (SE229, U144)

CROYDON (CR0), BLUE ORCHID, First Leisure, already reported closed, converted to a gym c2004 but now disused. Formerly CAFE MOONSHINE and originally GREYHOUND HOTEL. (3SE243, U50, 184)

CROYDON (CR0), MANHATTAN, Free, now being converted to a Sainsbury's Local. Formerly LATINOS, originally BRANNIGANS. (U159,177,188,191)

ERITH (DA8), STYLE & WINCH, Enterprise, now converted to a Tesco Express. Formerly BOUNDARY. (3SE254, U149, K65, U164,207,209)

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SOUTH WEST

SW1(W), COACH & HORSES, Independent, ex-M&B, closed and planning application submitted by developer owner for conversion to Italian restaurant. (SW48, U199,211)

SW2, GEORGE IV MUSIC BAR, Independent, closed by August 2012 for conversion to a Tesco Express, subject to planning permission for ancillary works. Local campaigners have raised a petition and local MP and Shadow Business Secretary Chuka Umunna held a public meeting on Friday 14 September. Formerly **SOUTHSIDE BAR**, **GEORGE FOUR** and originally **GEORGE IV**. (SW52, BSM22, U219)

SW8, GLADSTONE, Enterprise, closed with 'Property to let' sign indicating 'would suit a variety of uses'. (SW78, CSL29, U214,218)

SW9, RUSSELL HOTEL ex-Inntrepreneur. Ground floor previously marketed as restaurant now converted to a Tesco Express by January 2012. (SW83, BSM14, U217)

SW15, CASTLE, Young, already reported demolished. Site developed for 'Castle Court' flats. (SW100, U172, BRP39)

SW15, RUMP, Enterprise, closed by 2012 and

converted to a Byron burger restaurant. Formerly **IDLE HOUR**, originally **BIERREX**. (SW100, BRP20, U208,210,211)

SW16, WHITE LION, Enterprise, no real ale again. Was **WHITE LION (HOBGOBLIN)** for a while. (SW108, BSM36, U223)

SW18, DITTO, Independent. Renamed **STEAM BAR & RESTAURANT** by 2011 but now closed, with freehold or lease offered for sale. Formerly **FRENCH'S WINE BAR**. (SW111, WB8)

SW18, GRID INN, Wetherspoon, now converted to a Tesco Express. The disgruntled former customers ironically will now have ready access to discounted supermarket beer thanks to Wetherspoon! (SW112, WB11, U221,222)

CHESSINGTON (KT9), MAVERICK, now converted to 'One Stop' convenience store in late 2010. Formerly **PICKLED NEWT (PORT OF CALL)**. (SW134, U132,172, KT14, U198,204)

WEST

W2, FETTLER, Spirit, confirmed whole building now converted to flats. (W72, U194,204,213)

W2, LEINSTER, 57 Ossington St, M&B, closed by September 2007 and now converted to




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physiotherapy clinic on ground floor with flats above. (W74, U204,216)

W4, PARAGON, Independent, ex-Barracuda and renamed **POTION** in 2006, no real ale. Converted to 'Piano' cocktail bar and Persian restaurant in 2009; delete from pub database. (W89)

W5, GRANVILLE, M&B, already reported demolished, now replaced by a Sainsbury's and residential development. (W93, U202,205)

W10, NORTH POLE, Independent, ex-Massive, closed suddenly in late August and rumoured acquired by Tesco. (W118, U198,213)

GREENFORD (UB6), RED LION, Spirit, closed as 'unviable' and sold to unknown buyer to consternation of locals. Early demolition threatened. (W142, U195, 202)

HESTON (TW5), JOLLY WAGGONER, Cranford, H unused. Confirmed now independent, ex-TCG and to let, future uncertain. (W163, U221,225)

HESTON (TW6), WHITE HART, Cranford, Spirit, closed, demolished and site developed for a KFC and Starbucks outlet. (W165, U219,220)

SOUTHALL (UB2), BLACK DOG, Independent, now recently demolished. (W186, U195)

SOUTHALL (UB1), GLASSY JUNCTION,

Independent, now converted to 'Saravana Bhavan' vegetarian restaurant, part of a chain. (W186, U220)

SOUTHALL (UB2), NORTH STAR, Independent, ground floor now confirmed converted to a Tesco Express. (W188, U222)

UXBRIDGE (UB8), CROWN & SCEPTRE, S&NPC, H unused. (W206, U197)

WEST DRAYTON (UB7), BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Admiral, ex-Enterprise, H unused. (W222, U221)

WEST DRAYTON (UB7), FOX & PHEASANT, Enterprise, confirmed now converted to a Tesco Express. (W225, U221,222)

WEST DRAYTON (UB7), KINGS ARMS, Longford, Enterprise, closed and boarded up with freehold still for sale. (W225, U225)

WEST DRAYTON (UB7), RED COW, Greene King, H unused. (W225, U215,216,220)

WEST DRAYTON (UB7), SIX BELLS, S&NPC, H unused. (W225, U212)

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CENTRAL

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EC2, WALL. Renamed **BABBLE** after acquisition from Urbium by Novus c2010, still no real ale. Formerly ONE OF 2 (Fuller) until 2006. (U151,193, 209)

EC4, CENTRE PAGE, -beers listed; +Fuller: Chiswick, Gales Seafarers. Now independent, ex-Front Page since 2005. Formerly ST PAULS WINE VAULTS and originally HORN TAVERN. (E49, U121,137,164, 165)

EC4, METROPOLIS (BAR & GRILL). Renamed **YAGER** c2010, still no real ale. Formerly SHOELESS JOE'S and originally BAR EXCELLENCE. (U139,147,156,197)

WC2, SALISBURY. 10% discount offered to CAMRA members. Now branded 'Taylor Walker' by Spirit, ex-Punch (managed). (W40, WC53)

W1(F), NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS, 43 Goodge St. Renamed **DRAFT HOUSE (CHARLOTTE)** in August, -beers listed; +Adnams: Ghost Ship; +Dark Star: Hophead; +Sambrook: Wandle. Now leased by growing Draft House pub co from property company Shaftesbury, ex-M&B. Simple decor; small one bar pub with upstairs now converted to flats. Black Island, Camden Town and BrewDog on keg. Open 8am (for breakfast)-11pm (midnight Fri), licensed from 11am; 12-11 Sat, closed Sun. (W47, U210,214,215,220)

EAST

E3, WIDOW'S SON, Punch, ex-Allied (Taylor Walker), sold and said to be at risk of closure. (E93, U79,108,184,191)

E8, PRINCE ARTHUR, ETM Group, ex-Free in 2007, -beers listed, +Adnams: Bitter; +Caledonian: Flying Scotsman; +Sambrook: Junction. Was LADY DIANA for a while. (E113, U98,119,130,158,187,198)

E9, CHESHAM ARMS, Free, for sale but remains trading. (E120, U71,147,201)

E11, BIRKBECK TAVERN, Sarumdale, ex-Delaney. Financial problems of the owning company Sarumdale have resulted in a threat of closure of this GBG pub. An online petition has been launched to try to save the pub. (E127, U69,113,125,130,135,160,177)

E14, GUN, -beers listed except Adnams: Bitter; +Otter: Amber; + Sambrook: Junction; +guest beer (e. g. Harviestoun Bitter & Twisted). Now ETM Group, ex Punch since 2010. (E145, U167,181)

E17, WALTHAM OAK. Freehold for sale by Punch but still trading, still no real ale. Formerly CHESTNUT TREE. (E166, U165,168,191,199,215)

NORTH

N1, LORD WOLSELEY. The expanding Craft Beer

Co chain has taken out a lease from Greene King and after refurbishment the pub is due to open in October as **CRAFT BEER CO** with a similar range of beers to the existing pub in EC1. (N50, IS11)

N1, CLARENDON. Renamed **DISSENTING ASSEMBLY** following the lease being taken on by the InnBrighton pub chain, ex-Priory Pub Co. Beer range remains similar with Dark Star Hophead, Hackney Irish Red, Redemption Urban Dusk and WJ King's Lanes Ale (brewed exclusively for InnBrighton). New name refers to the Unitarian Church nearby, a hotbed of dissenters in the 19th Century. Formerly **NOBODY INN (ALE HOUSE)** for many years. (N53, U157, IS18, U221)

NORTH WEST

HARROW (HA2), EASTCOTE ARMS, Punch, ex-Spirit, possibly sold and temporarily closed for refurbishment as a sports bar and restaurant. (W150)

WEMBLEY (HA9), NORFOLK ARMS, North Wembley, Enterprise, freehold for sale. (W219)

SOUTH EAST

BECKENHAM (BR3), BRICKLAYERS ARMS, -beers listed except Fuller: London Pride; +Harvey: Sussex Best Bitter; +Taylor: Landlord; +Wells: Young's Special. Now Enterprise, ex-Bass. (3SE204, 8K37, U153)

BECKENHAM (BR3), COACH & HORSES, -beers listed except Wells: Courage Best; +Harvey: Sussex Best Bitter; +Westerham: seasonal beer. Now Enterprise, ex-S&N. (3SE204, U53, 8K37)

CROYDON (CR0), FISHERMANS ARMS, Selhurst. Renamed **HUT,** -beers listed; +Sharp: Doom Bar. Now an independent Indian bar/restaurant, ex-Fuller c2011. (3SE242)

CROYDON (CR0), PORTER & SORTER, -beers listed except Marston: Pedigree; +Ringwood Best; Wychwood Brakspear's Bitter, Hobgoblin. Permission to demolish this Marston's pub was granted in 2011 but it's still trading. (3SE248, U49,108,136,168, 199,200,220)

KENLEY (CR8), WATTENDEN ARMS, -beers listed, + Fuller: London Pride; +Marston: EPA, Pedigree; +Wells: Young's Bitter. Now Stonegate, ex-Bass via M&B. Sale to Stonegate omitted in error from list in Appendix to U217; adjust accordingly. (3SE258)

WEST WICKHAM (BR4), WHEATSHEAF, -beers listed; + Fuller: London Pride; +Sharp: Doom Bar; +Wells: Courage Directors. Now Spirit (leased to Gladewood Taverns), ex-Punch (leased). Formerly **WHEATSHEAF TAVERN** and was **OLD ANTHROPOLOGIST** for a while. (3SE288, U55, 8K181, U107,161,172)

SOUTH WEST

SW1 (SJ), WALKERS (OF ST JAMES'S), -beers

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listed; +Sharp: Doom Bar.; +guest beer (e.g. Cottage Tornado). Now independent (directly leased from the Crown Estate) since 2010, ex-M&B (franchised). (SW46, U151)

SW6, FROG INN THE BEDFORD. Reverted to original name **BEDFORD ARMS** c2009. Formerly **FROG & FORGET-ME-NOT** for a while. Now Enterprise, ex-Inntrepreneur via Unique. (SW66, U153,191)

SW9, CRAFT BEER CO, 11-13 Brixton Station Rd. New outlet for the expanding Craft Beer Co due to open in late September in premises of the former **HIVE (BAR & RESTAURANT)**, a late night music venue. More details in next Update.

WEST

W2, PRINCE ALFRED, -Tetley: Bitter; +Wells: Courage Directors. S&NPC, leased to Glendale. (W75)

W3, REDBACK. Confirmed due to be renamed **ACTON ARMS** by Antic in early September. Details in next Update. (W85, U225)

W4, BARLEY MOW, Convivial, ex-Capital Pub Co in 2009. Renamed **LAMB BREWERY** in September after refurbishment, complete with 2.5 barrel in-house brewery. Two cask and two keg beers are planned, together with beers from the sister Botanist brewery in Kew. The name commemorates the Church Street brewery, which closed in 1922 after the Sich family owners had sold it in 1920 to the Isleworth Brewery. More details in next Update. (W86, U188)

W7, McCANS. Reverted to **PRINCE OF WALES.** (W108)

W14, HAND & FLOWER, +guest beers from London micros after refurbishment of this Fuller's pub. (W128, U221)

HESTON (TW5), OLD ELM TREE. Believed sold. Planning application submitted for demolition. (W163)

HESTON (TW5), OLD GEORGE, -Fuller: London Pride; +Sharp: Doom Bar. Is Wellington, not Enterprise. (W163)

HESTON (TW5), RAMADA JARVIS HEATHROW HOTEL. Renamed **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL.** (W165)

HILLINGDON (UB10), HILLINGDON ARMS, Enterprise. Renamed **TOMMY FLYNN'S** and part of a small group of the same name. (W165, U213,214)

ISLEWORTH (TW7), VICTORIA. Renamed **VICTORIA TAVERN** after refurbishment. (W174)

TEDDINGTON (TW11), BLOATED MALLARD, -beers listed; +Everard: Sunchaser; +Fuller: London Pride. Enterprise have put in contract management after previous tenant decided to leave the trade. (W197, U195,217)

TWICKENHAM (TW1), MARBLE HILL. Freehold

has been sold by Young's to Roger Davy who has previously managed various M&B bars and restaurants and it is therefore now an independent pub. Formerly **RISING SUN.** (W204, U209,223,224,225). (W204, U209,223,224,225)

UXBRIDGE (UB8), ORANGE PEEL, Colham Green. Renamed **ORANGE PEEL HOTEL.** Now has guest rooms upstairs. Freehold for sale. (W211)

CORRECTION TO UPDATE 224

OTHER CHANGES ETC

SW18, BARAZA BAR. Should read: Renamed **GRAFFITI.**

CORRECTIONS TO UPDATE 225

PUBS CLOSED ETC

SW18, BLEND. Was Punch.

SW18, FRONT BAR. Was M&B.

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	West Smithfield Rotunde	Butcher's Hook & Cleaver, W. 5'field
	Clerkenwell Green	City Pride, Farringdon Lane
	Farringdon Lane	
	Shaw Hill	Viaduct, Newgate Street
EC2	Hatton Garden	Ye Old Mitre, Ely Place
EC2	Sun Street	Fleetwood, Wilson Street
	Wood Street	Red Herring, Gresham Street
EC2	The Guildhall	
EC3	Jewry Street	Chamberlains Hotel, Minories
EC4	Cheapside	Pine Line, Bow Churchyard
	Bouverie Street	Harrow, Whitefriars Street
NW1	Belgrave Street	Euston Flyer, Euston Road
SW1	Belgrave Square	Star Tavern, Belgrave Mews
	Eaton Gate	Antelope, Eaton Terrace
	St James' Square	Red Lion, Duke of York Street
SW7	Gloucester Road	Hereford Arms, Gloucester Road
W1	Broadwick Street	Ship, Wardour Street
	Wardour Street	Jack Horner, Tottenham Court Road
	Bayley Street	
W2	Bayswater Road	Swan, Bayswater Road
	North Wharf Road	Mad Bishop & Bear, Paddington Station
	South Wharf Road	
WC2	St Martin's Lane	Round House, Garrick Street

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A right royal visit

Among the many events that took place as part of the London City of Beer promotion were a number of special brewery open days and visits. The Windsor & Eton Brewery, who are a member of the London Brewers' Alliance, hosted one such event that was enjoyed by locals, Londoners and visitors for the Olympics.

Tucked away down a side street, by the entrance to a small trading estate, about 10 minutes walk from Windsor and Eton station, there is no missing the brewery. A large sign above announces its presence and around the entrance were hops coming into bud contrasting with the usual dull industrial estate type buildings. Entering through the brewery shop, visitors reach the main brewing area that is surprisingly light and airy. All of the brewing tanks are set on a slight shoulder, creating an open central well. It was here that the visitors sat and the day started with Paddy giving a little history behind the enterprise. Paddy and his partner, Will, had both worked in the brewing industry but Will moved into other industries while Paddy had clocked up experience at nine breweries, eventually moving into the quality side. When he was made redundant, he did some consultancy for SIBA (Small Independent Brewers Association) and this experience led to his goal of setting up his own brewery.

About this time, Will was made redundant and was thinking about brewing too. The initial idea was to set up two breweries, one in the south, one in the north, and work together. However, research showed that Greater Manchester, where Paddy lived, was already well served with 4 Regional Brewers and 13 Micros. The decision was, therefore, made to set up a brewery in the Windsor area where there were no local breweries within 10 miles.

They persuaded two other friends to get on board; one was a marketer and the other an engineer, both very useful skills when setting up a brewery. They found a site in Royal Windsor in the autumn of 2009 and decided to apply to use the name of Windsor & Eton. One of the criteria was that at least one of the company's directors had to live in Windsor; fortunately, Will did. The next step was to apply for planning permission. The previous people who had applied for permission wanted to have a nursery but the hurdle there seemed to be car parking whereas the brewery would not need a great deal. To be on safe side, there was some engagement with the neighbours and eventually permission was granted.

On 1 March 2010, they were given the keys and started building the brewery in their spare time whilst still working during the day and the progress they made was amazing. By the first week in April, they were installing the fermenters and on 12 April,



they started brewing. All of their kit was bespoke from a Birmingham manufacturer.

The next task was to begin to sell the beer. The response they got was 'Do we need another brewery?' with complaints about the vast number of phone calls they got from breweries and a few quoting 40 calls in a week. Their initial tactic was to produce a special beer for St George's Day and persuade pubs to trial it. The beer was so successful

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they kept it on, now under the name of Windsor Knot. The market is tough and consistency is the key. Now every Monday four on them are on the phones and they have a success rate of around one in five. One key objective, besides the regular stockists, is to get on pubs' guest lists for which some have a rotation of 30-40 breweries.

The majority of their sales are draught to pubs and Windsor & Eton estimate that they supply around 800 pubs each week, with an average order of 1.5 firkins but some bigger outlets, such as the Bree Louise near Euston, taking 5 kilderkins. About 1% is public (through the shop) and 5% is from bottle sales. These are sterile filtered, and filled by Bath Ales.

Setting up a brewery is not for the faint hearted and the team worked for a year without being paid. Continual investment seems to their best strategy as the demand for their beer increases. Since moving in, they have purchased three more fermenters, put up a mezzanine to act as a storage area and expanded into the building next door, which provided space for their cold store. They use their fermenters as their conditioning tanks, giving a turnover of around 9-14 days depending on the beer. They take a sample from each batch of beer, which is left 24 hours and then tapped and tasted

before being sent out. The beer must have dropped bright before the batch is released to the trade.

Their usual beers, which can be found in various outlets around London, are Knight of the Garter (3.8% ABV), a golden ale with the American Amarillo hops; Windsor Knot (4% ABV), an amber ale using Sovereign and Nelson Sauvin hops; Guardsman (4.2% ABV), a best bitter with Maris Otter pale malt with Pilgrim, Styrian Golding and Fuggles hops, and Conqueror IPA (5% ABV) which is a black IPA with Summit and Cascade hops.

For the Jubilee this year, the brewery has produced two beers to date: Tree Tops (a strong stout) and Kohinoor, described as an Indies Pale Ale. Like their regular beers, these were packed with flavour. They have also been experimenting with a lager using Czech yeast (Republika). To help produce an authentic flavour, they brought over a brewer from Prague to help them resulting in a beer that is lagered for three weeks and then kept in the cold store for another six, ensuring the development of the flavour.

To keep up to date with what is happening at the brewery, you can sign up for their newsletter or join their club. See www.webrew.co.uk for further details.

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Brewery visits

Adventure starts in Chessington

A new brewery called Adventure Brewery has been set up in Chessington by Alex and Ben, currently as a sideline to their day jobs in IT.

I visited the brewery in mid June, and found a half-barrel plant in a large brick built shed/garage at the bottom of one of the two owners' garden! They are currently only bottling and the beers have been on sale at Cobbett's Real Ale off-licence in Dorking, Noble Green Wines in Hampton Hill and ExCellar shops in Claygate and Surbiton. Other outlets are being actively sought. They have plans to expand in the next six months or so and, at the time of my visit, were hoping to take a unit on the Barwell Industrial Estate in Chessington. They also intend to move into cask ale production to complement the bottling. They hope to supply cask ale to some local beer festivals later in the year, but the current size of the plant will limit the amount that can be supplied.

All beers are bottle conditioned and are brewed to old recipes with a modern twist. Quite a bit of research has gone into the recipes. There are five beers named East, West, North, South and 'X'. East is an 1861 IPA brewed with New Zealand hops, and is 6.6%. It is hoppy in aroma and taste but with fruit notes and some balancing malt. West is an 1834 porter brewed with American hops at 5.8%. This is pleasantly roasty but has moderate hop flavours coming through. North is an 1870 Amber Ale at 4.5%, which tasted a bit like an Old Ale to me, but with hops noticeable in the aftertaste. South is a 5% Bitter brewed with Australian Hops and is again notably hoppy with a dry finish. 'X' will be a limited edition beer that changes, with the one I tried being to an 1885 Bitter recipe at 5%. This was moderately hopped but with balancing roast malt.

John Norman

Hammerpot Brewery award presentation

Bottlewreck Porter(4.7% ABV), named after beer found in a 19th century wreck off Littlehampton, was voted Beer of the Festival at last year's Twickenham Beer Festival. More recently the beer won Champion Beer of Britain in the Porter category for the South East and went on to the National Winter Beer Festival in Manchester this year, scooping the Gold award in its category. Richmond and Hounslow CAMRA, organisers of the Twickenham Festival (this year it's from 18 to 20 October – see page 27) visited the brewery, nestled in the foothills of the South Downs, 2 miles east of Arundel and close to the hamlet of Hammerpot, to celebrate these accomplishments. After an enjoyable site tour, which of course included sampling of the porter and other ales, a certificate was presented to Lee Mitchell, MD and brewer, by Brian Kirton, R&H Chairman. The CAMRA party then set off in their coach for an enjoyable trip around the pubs of Chichester and West Sussex.

John Austin



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

NUMBER PUZZLES:

- 69 is Soixante-Neuf in French
- 50 Pence for a Second Class Stamp
- 1024 is a "Binary Thousand"
- 30 St Mary Axe is the Gherkin
- 101 is the Telephone Number for a Non-Urgent Call to the Police
- 40 is the Largest Possible Number of Wickets in a Cricket Match
- 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is the White House
- 25 Years for a Gold Watch
- 78 Revolutions Per Minute is the Right Speed for an Old Gramophone Record
- 1852 Metres is a Nautical Mile

SBY4:

The number of symphonies written by each of the listed composers was as follows:

- Joseph Haydn – 104 (plus 3 attributed later)
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – 41
- Felix Mendelssohn – 17
- Max Bruch – 3
- Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky – 7
- Sir Edward Elgar – 2
- Gustav Mahler – 9
- Ignace Paderewski – 1
- Jean Sibelius – 8
- Dmitri Shostakovich – 15

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

- Europe's largest palm house is located in Vienna.
- The agreed host city for the 1940 Olympic Games, after Tokyo was stripped of host status in 1938, was Helsinki (until their cancellation due to the Second World War).
- According to Sellar and Yeatman's book "1066 And All That" the only other date in English history is 55 B.C.
- The confluence of the River Amazon and the Rio Negro is near to Manaus.
- And talking of South America, the country with Paramaribo as its capital is Suriname.
- Apart from the tributary of the Amazon, the other Rio Negro, which is some 550 kilometres long, flows through Argentina.
- The first bowler to take 500 wickets in test cricket was Courtney Walsh, in 2001.
- And the total number of bowlers who have taken 500 or more test wickets is five. The others are: Shane Warne (2004), Muttiah Muralitharan (2004), Glenn McGrath (2005), Anil Kumble (2006).
- The founder of the Proms who conducted every concert for nearly fifty years was Sir Henry Wood.
- Before it was destroyed by a bomb in 1941, all Proms concerts were held in Queens Hall, Langham Place.

"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." (Aristotle)
"Now all I have to do is find a job I enjoy." (Anon.)

So summer is over and the warm weather has begun (though it may well be over by the time you read this) so it's time to start thinking about... well, just about anything you like, really. In the meantime shall we have some number puzzles?

- 2 S in a Y (S and W)
- 4546 ML in an IG
- 406 is the RN of the NCR
- 46,145Y in the M

- 1966 Y of the FE of ST
- 20 P in a M (FHP)
- 2 FM in a M gives you a BM
- 60 NM is OD of L at the E
- 29 BGM at the TTOG
- 1016 F is the H of the S

Well, that's the first hurdle out of the way (or maybe just ignored). This time I was thinking of renaming 5BY4 as 10sBy10 but I couldn't be bothered – not that it matters what it's called. All you have to do is match the acts in the first list with the correct number of British Top Ten hits they had. Here I shall make a small confession. My copy of British Hit Singles stops at the end of 2000; I have tried to avoid acts that were likely to have had hits after this date but if any did then I apologise.

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Nat King Cole | A. 56 |
| 2. The Who | B. 14 |
| 3. Bobby Darin | C. 13 |
| 4. Rolling Stones | D. 22 |
| 5. Elvis Presley | E. 9 |
| 6. Cliff Richard | F. 21 |
| 7. Cilla Black | G. 64 |
| 8. Status Quo | H. 11 |
| 9. Roy Orbison | I. 28 |
| 10. The Beatles | J. 12 |

And so we come to the bit that I like to call the last bit – because I can never decide whether to call it General Trivia or Trivial Knowledge (It's *deja-vu* again!). It's dead easy, this one – all you have to do is answer the questions (or not – it's up to you).

- What type of airliner still holds the transatlantic speed record for a subsonic plane (i.e. excluding Concorde) in scheduled service?
- After winning her gold medal for the heptathlon at the recent Olympic Games, Jessica Ennis' next notable achievement was to appear on the front cover of what national publication?
- Which road crosses the River Thames at the Dartford River Crossing? (No, I be wouldn't be asking if it were the M25)
- Who was the U.S. Secretary of State after whom the economic plan to rebuild Europe after the Second World War was named?
- Who was the Canadian writer (1911-1980) whose statement "The medium is the message" became almost a catchphrase in the 1960's?
- Where was Bruce McLaren (1937-70), racing driver and founder of the McLaren company, born?
- Bruce McLaren died following an accident in practice while testing a prototype car. At what British circuit did this accident occur?
- In which Bavarian town is the Passion play performed every 10 years?
- The dachshund, like many breeds of dog, was developed initially for hunting – but what animals was this particular breed developed to hunt?
- In October 1818, what line of latitude was formally established as the border between the USA and Canada?

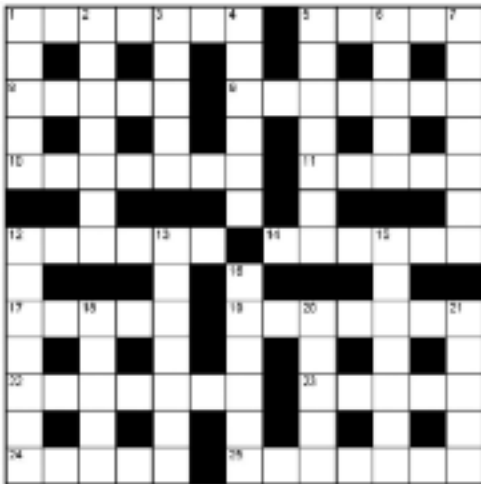
For those of you who are still here, thank-you for your attention. If you are one of those people who goes straight to the end of anything, I suggest you stop here.

See you next time; in the meantime enjoy Twickenham Beer & Cider Festival.

Andy Pirson

Crossword

Compiled by DAVE QUINTON



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All correct entries received by first post on 21st November will be entered into a draw for the prize. Prize winner will be announced in the February London Drinker. The solution will be given in the December 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.

AUGUST'S SOLUTION



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ACROSS

1. Measure vehicles outside stores [7]
5. Went out – out! [5]
8. Hair treatment eradicating small pest [5]
9. Offence committed when it's taken. [7]
10. He checks car – rubbish in reverse! [7]
11. Musical game. [5]
12. Vessel made from tree family. [6]
14. That woman swallowing beer is a doctor. [6]
17. Relative smuggling drug into port. [5]
19. Cats lie around stretching. [7]
22. Member not so drunk. [7]
23. Issue initially caused headache in London Drinker. [5]
24. Shoot well, eliminating nationalist leader. [5]
25. Makes a mess of beds. [7]

DOWN

1. Real adherents of eastern river god. [5]
2. Two French and one German article is clean. [7]
3. Lively beer, right? [5]
4. Solicitor's first papers for old local judge. [6]
5. She came out with ragged lace. Disaster! [7]
6. Suspicion of contraception. [5]
7. Tall boy in the theatre? [7]
12. Finishes with mainly excellent beers. [7]
13. I see water bird turning over. It may sink. [7]
15. Greek in extremely lucrative network. [7]
16. Withstand bloodthirsty creature. [6]
18. One of the Krays turned up, having lost a good mount. [5]
20. A drunk consuming cold course. [5]
21. Secret writings about poetry. [5]

Winner of the prize for the June Crossword:
Claire Jenkins, London NW9.

Other correct entries were received from:
Rose Abrahamson, Tony Alpe, Pat Andrews, Hilary Ayling, John Barker, Alan Bird, P.S. Blakemore, Steve Block, C. Bloom, Jeremy Brinkworth, Olivia Brown, John Butler, John Cattermull, A. Cockayne, Richard Conway, Chas Creasey, J.A. Creasy, John Creighton, N. Cunnane, Paul Curson, Peter Curson, Michael Davis, John Dodd, Richard & Clever Clogs Douthwaite, Steve Downey, Tom Drane, C.J. Ellis, Brian Exford, Mike Farrelly, Robert Ferrier, Sally Fullerton, Gillian Furnival, B. Gleeson, Paul Gray, J.E. Green, Alan Greer, Caroline Guthrie, Stuart Guthrie & Amanda Leibotz, Brian Hall, Sylvia Harris, Alison Henley, Graham Hill, Ron Holt, Chris James, Carol Jenkins, David Jiggins, Gerry Jones, Roger Knight, Mick Lancaster, Terry Lavell, Julie Lee, Tony Lennon, Rosemary Lever, Anita Lilly, Andy Lindburn, G. Lopatis, Donald MacAuley, Miss Charlotte McCarthy, Peter McGill, Pat Maginn, Steve Maloney, MAP of Guildford, John Marsden, Jan Mondrzejewski, Al Mountain, Brian Myhill, William Neville, Mark Nichols, Paul Nicholls, M. Ognjenovic, R. Owl, Gillian Patterson, Mark Pilkington, G. Pote, Derek Pryce, Richard Rogers, Miss C.E. Rose, Sarah Rose, Stephen Rose, John Savage, Pete Simmonds, Lesley Smith, Ian Sneesby, Martin Stephens, Ivan Stevenage, Ian Symes, Ken Taylor, Bill Thackray, Annie Trevaskis, Vic the Beard, Andy Wakefield, Neil Walton, Martin Weedon, Miss E.A. Whale, Nigel Wheatley, Janet Wight, Sue Wilson, David Woodward.

There were also 18 incorrect entries.

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