

Trumans Tap for Youngers pubs

A TRADING agreement between Scottish & Newcastle Breweries and Trumans has led to the appearance of cask-conditioned Trumans Tap Bitter in London pubs trading under the William Youngers name.

A further bonus to real-ale drinkers is the fact that those pubs presently serving Youngers No 3 Scotch Ale on traditional handpumps will also serve Tap on proper hand-pumps rather than the air-pressure pumps used in Trumans houses, which are designed to look like handpumps but work on a different principle which tends to spoil the flavour of the beer.

Three of these pubs are in the City - the Olde London, Ludgate Hill, the Green Man, Bucklersbury, and the Ship, Hart Street.

Pub guide

CAMRA's latest publication, Real Beer in London, lists 1600 pubs in London selling unpressurized beer. It is still available for £1 from RBIL, Flat 5, 2 Talbot Road, W2 (cheques payable to CAMRA London).

Pub reopens after twenty five years

A HACKNEY Road pub which closed down twenty five years ago was reopened in November and is once more selling real ale.

The Old Axe, which is situated next to the tennis court at the Shoreditch end of Hackney Road, has been restored to its full Victorian splendour after a quarter of a century's use as commercial premises. It offers a choice of handpumped Wethers Bitter or Courage Directors Bitter, but be warned - prices are dangerously near the 50p-a-pint mark.

WALLOP

Another Shoreditch pub not known for its low prices is the Bricklayers Arms in Charlotte Road, EC2, where the choice of traditional beers on sale varies hugely from day to day but where the quality of the beer is always assured. The Bricklayers has recently added to its range three beers from the small breweries which are now springing up all over the country: Martlett Regency Ale and Brighton Bitter and Bourne Valley

Wallop, plus a mystery beer known only as BSA - Brian's Special Ale.

MURPHY'S

Another of the Murphy's chain of pubs is now selling real beer. The White Hart, 1 Mile End Road, (on the corner of Cambridge Heath Road) is probably the most unspoilt and most agreeable Murphy's pub, especially now that it sells handpumped Ruddles Bitter and Courage Directors.

BAD NEWS

Finally some bad news: two East London pubs have been renamed and have stopped selling real beer. They are the Mitford Castle in Cadogan Terrace, E8, (now the Top o' the Morning) and the Victoria, 451 Queensbridge Road, E8, (now the Hustlers).

DIARY

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER Branch Meeting at Little Driver, Bow Rd (nr Bow Rd Station) 7.30 pm.

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER Social at Railway, Forest Lane (nr Forest Gate Station) 8 pm.

TUESDAY 15 JANUARY Annual General Meeting at Windmill, Tabernacle St (nr Old St Station) 7.30 pm. Please bring membership cards.

SATURDAY 19 JANUARY Pub crawl of Hackney - contact Secretary for details.

TUESDAY 22 JANUARY City Social at Green Man, Bucklersbury (nr Mansion House Station) 5.30 pm.

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY Branch Meeting - contact Secretary for details.

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(Any additional amount will be welcomed as a donation).

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I wish to become an Associate of CAMRA Ltd.

I agree to abide by the aims of the organisation and enclose my fee of £1

FULL NAME (Block capitals)

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DATE

Cheques should be made payable to Campaign for Real Ale Limited. Applications should be sent to Membership, CAMRA, 34 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts. AL1 3BW.