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New brewery opens in Hackney

EAST LONDON'S first new brewery for over seventy years went into operation in September in a 100-year-old former sweet factory in Lower Clapton Road, Hackney. The brewery, Godson's, has been set up with equipment taken from defunct breweries and is owned by 23-year-old Patrick Fitzpatrick of the Murphy family, famous for their East End pub chain. The brewer is Rob Adam, a 22-year-old graduate of Queen Mary's College, and their first beer, called Godson's Medium Bitter is described as "natural draught beer free of chemicals or additives". Presumably the new beer will be on sale in Murphy's pubs, but in any case future editions of this newsletter will keep you informed of the availability of Godson's beer.

NEW GUIDE



A NEW edition of Real Beer in London has just been published, listing 1500 pubs in Greater London which sell traditional beer. It has 94 pages, including 16 pages of maps, and is available from CAMRA meetings, bookshops

or from CAMRA, 34 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts. for 75p. Purchasers will be able to keep up with changes in the availability of real ale in the East London area by reading our regular Pub News feature.

PUB NEWS

ANOTHER ex-tied house in Shore-ditch is now selling Real Beer. The London Apprentice in Old Street, a former Trumans pub on the corner of Hoxton Street - a stone's throw from the Bricklayers Arms in Charlotte Road - now has Arkells Bitter from Swindon and Ruddles Bitter and County from Rutland.

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NAME CHANGE

UNDER a new constitution shortly to come into force the title of the branch is to become "East London & City Branch". Branch members, who must be full or associate members of CAMRA, will have to register with the branch and will receive a branch membership card, but non-members will still be allowed at meetings. Details at meetings or from the Branch Secretary.

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FREE

Now join CAMRA for a Quid

AS PART of a drive for new members a scheme for Associate Membership of CAMRA costing £1 was launched at the Great British Beer Exhibition last month. Associate Members will be entitled to join local branches and participate in their activities (such as trips round breweries) but they will only receive one copy of "Whats Brewing" and will not be able to attend national meetings.

Full membership of CAMRA now cost £4 a year. Full members receive an informative monthly newspaper, "What's Brewing", and can serve on local branch committees and vote at the policy-making national AGM.

Married couples can now become joint members of CAMRA for £5 a year. They will receive only one copy of "What's Brewing".

Applications for associate or full membership should be sent to The Membership Secretary, Campaign for Real Ale, 34 Alma Rd, St Albans, Herts., with a cheque or PO payable to CAMRA.

The Ascent of Manns PART 4

DURING the 1920's and 30's Mann, Crossman & Paulin, in common with other breweries, increased their sales by purchasing smaller breweries with their tied houses and closing the breweries down. This was the process which continued until very recently and decimated the number of breweries in Britain.

Breweries taken over included the Hornchurch Brewery, Burrows of Twickenham, Luker's Southend Brewery, The Richmond Brewery of Daniel Watney (one of the family which later submerged Manns), Brandon's Putney Brewery (famous for its "Rustic Ale") and a brewery in Rayleigh. In 1938 they took over Bennett's Dunstable Brewery, thereby gaining extensive outlets in Hertfordshire.

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EDWARD VII

The article on the Edward VII in Stratford has been held over to next month's edition because of lack of space.

PUB NEWS (Contd from Page 1)

The Bricklayers Arms itself is having another two handpumps installed and will be selling Fullers ESB, Ruddles Bitter and County, Youngs Ordinary Bitter and Shepherd Neame Master Brew Bitter. Special features of the Bricklayers are the "guest" beer on sale straight from the cask every Monday, the excellent guitarist/singer and percussionist on Tuesday nights and the pianist on Thursday nights.

The Golden Fleece, a free house in Queen Street, EC4, now sells Youngs Ordinary Bitter, Fullers London Pride and Charringtons IPA, and another City pub, the famous Dirty Dick's in Bishopsgate, near Liverpool Street Station, now has traditionally served Draught Bass.

The Duke of Cambridge, an excellent modern pub in Boundary Road, Walthamstow, E17, was inadvertently omitted from Real Beer in London. It sells handpumped and top-pressure Ind Coope Bitter, so make sure you ask for the handpumped.

Two pubs no longer sell Real Beer - the Marquis of Lansdown, Cremer Street, Bethnal Green, E2, and the Victoria, Grove Road, E3.

DIARY of EVENTS

Tuesday 18 October - Meeting at Red Lion, Whitechapel Rd, E1 (100 yards West of Whitechapel Station) 8.00 pm.

Tuesday 25 October - City Social at City Grill, 29/30 Lawrence Lane, EC2, 5.00 pm onwards.

Saturday 29 October - Draught Ramble in Braintree area. Meet White Notley Station (train from Liverpool St 0850, Romford 0906, change Witham).

Tuesday 15 November - Branch Meeting (venue to be an announced - details from Branch Secretary)

Visitors are welcome at all meetings