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London's Lost Pubs

The HOOP AND GRAPES in Aldgate High Street is a prime example of an outstanding city pub which was architectually unique in style and afforded the chance of a good pint in unusual surroundings in the upstairs bar. However, a property company, Charringtons and the City Corporation were determined to cahnge all this and rebuild the pub into a block of offices containing a downstairs bar. This plan is going ahead despite appeals from CAMRA, the Historic Buildings Trust and other organisations. The Magpie and Punchbowl and the City Pride, both in Bishopsgate have

received much the same treat - ment and have been condemned to be modernised despite several letters from this Branch to the Brewers and the City Corporation.

In another vein there are a few pubs which have been closed due to fire damage because the local health officer has decided that certain premises do not meet minimum requirements of hygiene and the brewery responsible do not feel that the expense could be justified to put these houses in order.

The drivers Arms, Lawton Road E3 is an example of the former and the Earl of Devon, Devons Road E3 the latter

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Therefore we see that if we are to save many of our drinking establishments we have to remain vigilant and if anybody reads in their local paper that there is a planning application concerning a pub, or if they notice that a pub has been closed or has "For Sale" notices posted up, could they please forward the detail to me c/o the Editor or in person at Branch Meetings. Rick Clarke (Pub Preservation Officer ELAC).

LETTER

Sir,

I was surprised to read in Pigs Ear No. 7 that the 1981 Guide to Real Beer in London will "almost certainly be the last of its kind", and you quote prohibitive costs due to the large number of pubs that would have to be included as the reason for this.

I think I have the solution to this problem, namely, publish a guide to pubs serving real ale as it should be served - in good condition and not under CO2. It is true that many pubs now sell real ale, but in many of them it is not possible to get a good pint.

I feel that the efforts of CAMRA should continue, and the resulting Guide to Good Real Beer in London will not be too full for yet awhile.

Yours Rick Callaghan

Thanks for your letter Rick, Real Beer in London does not include pubs where cask conditioned beer is served under CO2 top or blanket pressure. The idea of a

Good Beer Guide for London
is being considered as in
a comprehensive East London
and City Guide. 3f.

Pub News

THE OLIVER TWIST, at 90 Church Road, Leyton E10 has become the second pub in the East postal district to sell Wethereds Bitter. The typical exorbitant Whitbread price is 64 pence. For those wanting to see third division football at Orient is just down the road. One hitch is that it is being played in the second division, this will be resolved by next August. This prediction has not been made lightly, having seen them play some 600 times. All correspondence on this subject to me, care of the nearest lunatic asylum - Keith Emmerson.

Whitbread have introduced another cask beer into some of their London pubs. The Railway Tavern in Liverpool Street and the Chiswell Street Vaults near the old Whitbread Brewery are both selling Flowers Bitter. Flowers is widely available in the West Country and South West Midlands and is brewed at the former West Country Ales brewery in Cheltenham - both former Flowers breweries, at Stratford on Avon and Luton, have long since been demolished.

AN UPTON PARK pub selling traditional beer has slipped through the Pigs Ear net until recently. In fact, the Duke of Edinburgh on the corner of Green Street and Plashet Grove has been selling handpumped Charrington IPA for some time.

3. 3. 81. T.O.S have been about the worst offenders for price rises in East London recently, with many pubs putting 6 pence on a pint, so its good to see one of their pubs offering good value and promoting traditional beer. The pub in question is the Two Brewers in Stratford High Street, where you can buy Charrington IPA for a mere 54 pence a pint.

THE INSTALLATION of Hand - pumped Thomas Wethereds Bitter at the Windmill in Grosvenor Park Road has brought real Whitbread beer back to Walthamstow after many years absence.

The Windmill equipped with two full size billards tables is near to two other real ale pubs, the Castle and the Grove, which sell Charrington and Bass Beers.

BASS CHARRINGTON continue to sell off pubs, usually to the benefit of Real Ale lovers, and the last few months are no exception. The Crown, 34 Redchurch Street E2 now sells Brakspears and Youngs Beers instead of IPA and a former Fizz pub the Young Prince 448 Roman Road E3 also sell Youngs Special.

Malcolm Manning, Licensee of The Iron Bridge Brewpub in East India Dock Road is to leave the Pub in December. East London and City CAPRA wish Mr Manning success in the future and offer their thanks for the kindness and interest he has shown in the past.

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THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE at Chingford Hatch has had its name changed to "WHEELWRIGHTS".

It is not the first change of name the Pub has suffered. Originally a Pub on the same site was called the "Dun Cow" and then the "Manor Hotel".

"WHEELWRIGHTS" serves Wethereds Bitter on handpump.

THE LATEST OUTLET for Real Ale via an Off Licence is Bacchus opposite Maryland Point Station in E15. It has four handpumps serving Abbot @ 52 pence, Rayments @ 48 pence and Bulmers Cider @ around 42 pence. Bacchus is a Delicatessen and Wine Merchant at 9 Leytonstone Road and has a petition to turn next door into a Wine Bar which will also serve Real Ales. Next door to next door is the Chevy Chase which serves Taylor Walker.

THE WOODBINE, 34 High Street, Ell near Wanstead Tube has Youngs Special available on handpump.

FULL MARKS to Watneys for their restoral of the exterior of the Waggon and Horses in Romford Road, Forest Gate. Paint has been removed, revealing attractive green tiles and a sign reading "The London and Burton Brewery Limited's Sparkling Ales", which has been regilded. Another feature worth noting is the iron bracket holding the Inn sign which incorporates the letters "LBBL".

The London and Burton Brewery was a Poplar firm taken over by Watney, Coombe and Reid in 1929.

TRUMAN PUBS are to have a new look and a new real ale. The present "corporate image", introduced after the takeover by Grand Metropolitan in 1971, is to go, and the Black Eagle trademark, used in the days when Truman, Hambury and Buxton was an independent Company, is to return.

More traditional beer will return at the same time as the traditional trademark, with cask conditioned Trumans Bitter going into about four hundred houses.

The new beer is already on sale at Mr Pickwicks in Leman Street, Stepney. It is a medium strength bitter (OG 1036 only slightly weaker than Tap Bitter, and it is likely that Tap will be renamed Best Bitter and possible that it will be

brewed to a new recipe.

Another encouraging piece of news from Trumans is that the phasing out of the County air pressure handpumps used to serve Tap will continue. They are being replaced by ordinary handpumps which draw the beer up from the cellar instead of forcing it up.

NOW THE WINTER MONTHS are here so are the Special Brews (no, not Carlsberg). Keep your eyes and mouths open and you will find Godsons Stock Ale on Draught, the excellent Youngs Winter Warmer and Wethereds Winter Royal. The dark and fruity Greene King Christmas Ale should be available in some of our local Free Houses.

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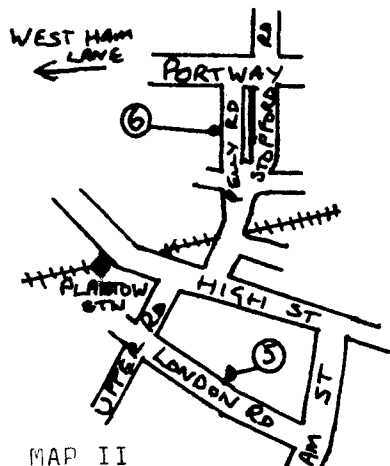
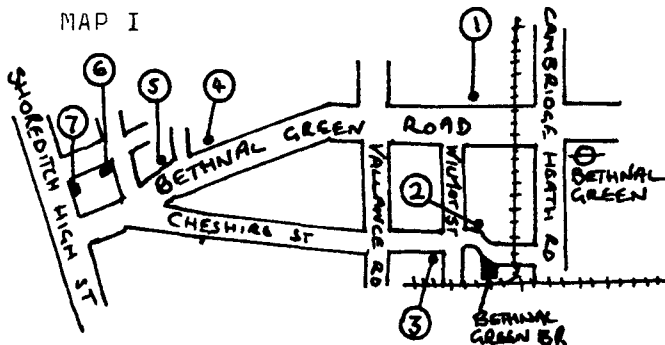
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continued from previous page..
 in Redchurch Street, to visit the
 Crown, which is now a Free House.
 Finally if the horses are still fit
 a quick stagger will take us to our
 last port of call, the Bull & Pump
 in Shoreditch High Street. (MAP I)

MAP I



MAP II

OUR SECOND Pub Crawl finds us in
 Plaistow in forest E13, and what we
 hope will be an all Ind Coope Crawl
 to test the Taylor Walker brew. We
 commence at the Abbey Arms, 384

Barking Road, and then go south to the Army & Navy in New
 Barn Street and then north for the Swan and left into
 Whitwell Road, w'll make our presence felt in the Forrester-
 ers Arms. To get to our next port of call we must cross
 the Northern Outfall Sewer and emerge on the London Road,
 where the Earl Derby awaits us, make the most of the beer
 here as its a fair hop to the Lamb at 85 Belly Road.

Should we still have thirsts to quench, we can travel
 along Portway to West Ham Lane nos. 46 and 25, these being
 the British Lion and the Princess of Wales, which will
 have brought us into the E15 district, handy for the Strat-
 ford Underground. (MAP II)

For dates See SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY on inside Back Page.

PITFIELD BREWERY

THE 2 BREWERS have now started
 brewing at their Off Licence in
 Pitfield Street, N.1. Brian &
 Elizabeth Brett have spent many
 months building what they
 describe as a minature Tower
 System into the premises.

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 out in two days. The Brewer,
 Rob Jones, hopes to produce
 eight barrels a week. Pitfield
 Bitter is available in polypins
 at £17.50 and on Jug and Bottle
 at 49p a pint. See advert on
 back page

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Real Ale Versus Comfort ?

It has come to the attention of Real Ale lovers that they no longer need to consume the magnificent water of life in some seedy little doss hole where their female partners sit whining that "they haven't got any ice." "We always come here." "The laboratories stink," etc.

Now that Hackney Road has been blessed with the opening of the Hop Picker, it is possible to enjoy that wonderful cask-conditioned liquid in absolute comfort and listen to what can only be described as an extraordinary treat to the informed lughole.

Oh to be at peace with the world and, more importantly the wife, for the duration of this beautiful land's licencing hours.

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A map showing the location of Hop Picker. The map is enclosed in a decorative border. It shows a network of streets: Kingsland Road High St, Old Street, Broad St Station, Liverpool St Station, Commercial St, Hackney Road, Bethnal Green Road, Cambridge Heath Road, Whitechapel Road A11, and Mile End Road. A black square on Hackney Road is labeled 'HOP PICKER'. A small 'A10' marker is also visible near Broad St Station.

483 HACKNEY ROAD, E2

Demand For CO₂?

THE NUMBER of Free Houses installing handpumped beer is encouraging, but the quality of the beer is not encouraging. The problem may be that, the landlord likes to have 4 or 5 different cask beers, or simply that his regular customers stick to the Keg beers they have been accustomed to. Either way, the Cask beer may remain in the cellar too long, exposed to air. The problem can sometimes be solved by using smaller casks or reducing the range of cask beers, but a new suggestion has been made by a member of CAMRA's Technical Committee, Pat O'Neill.

CAMRA has always been and always will be opposed to top-pressure dispense of cask beers, where Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is used to force the beer up to the bar, the CO₂ dissolves in the beer spoiling its palate. Some breweries and landlords argue that if CO₂ is just used as a cover for the beer which is then served by a handpump or electric pump the beer will become neither vinegary or gassy. But this is not true, as the pressure used is always higher than that of the atmosphere so that the CO₂ dissolves in the beer and gas produced in the beers fermentation cannot escape.

In his article in CAMRA's "Whats Brewing" Pat O'Neill suggests that the solution is now available - the "demand Valve" or "Breather Valve". This allows the CO₂ to enter the cask at atmospheric pressure, as higher pressure builds up the valve opens allowing the gas to escape.

Provided the cellarmen vented and conditioned the casks properly, the beer will remain in perfect condition far longer. It should prove ideal for small Free Houses springing up in East London, or for landlords who would like to introduce cask Mild Ale, or for breweries who do not advertise their new cask beers. (Taylor Walker - Ind Coope, for example).



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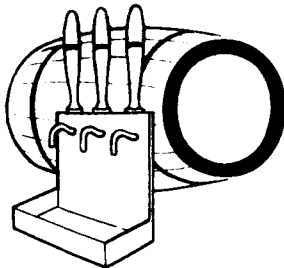


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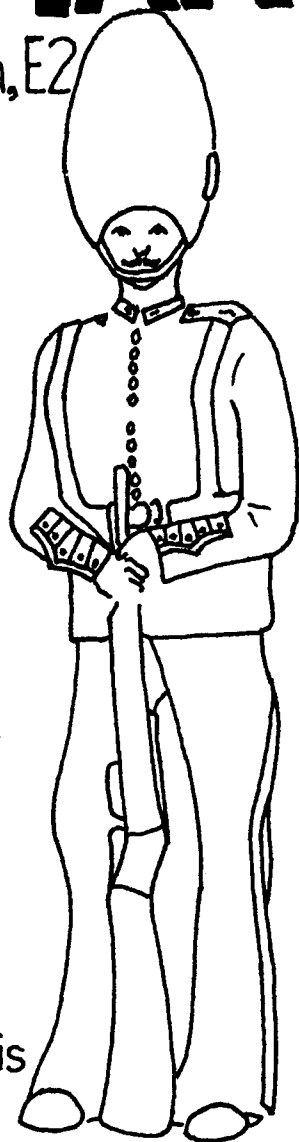
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Coming matches are at Manby Arms Water Lane E15 (9/12/81), Scarborough Arms, 35 St Marks Street E1 -- serving Charringtons IPA (13/1/82) and at home on the 18th and 25th November, 2nd December, 6th & 20th January 82. Home matches are played at the Royal Standard, in Kingsland Road, which serves the full range of Youngs Beers including Mild and Winter Warmer.

OFF SALES

"WHAT'S BREWING", CAMRA's monthly newspaper is to list off-licences selling real ale in their December issue in time for the Christmas Rush. There are six in our area and as well as Bacchus, which is mentioned elsewhere, they are: BARRELS, 154 Heron Hill, E18 Telephone : 530 4350

CELLAR WIFE, 3 Kings Parade E4 Telephone : 529 8826
ASHDEDE ARMS, 96 Glynn Rd., E5 Telephone : 985 2189
BOUTLEGGERS, 363 Roe Street, E1 Telephone : 521 4872
and the "2 BREWERS", which is about 10 yards outside our area their advertisement appears on the back page

SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY

Monday 23rd November
CITY SOCIAL - Poppie & Stump and George in Old Bailey, EC4
Monday 30th November
ST ANDREWS BAY SOCIAL - Welsh Harp (Shepherd Neame)
Saturday 5th December
PUB CRAWL - E1/E2 Borders
Tuesday 8th December
BRANCH MEETING - Royal Standard, Kingsland Road, E2.
Monday 14th December
CITY SOCIAL - London Spa, Exmouth Street EC1.
Saturday 7th January
PUB CRAWL - E13/E15.
Tuesday 19th January
AGM - Branch Meeting at the Windmill, Tabernacle Street, EC2 in the Upstairs Room. Bring membership cards if you wish to vote.

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