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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below please ring the branch contact. Events for November of which have been notified are as follows. Branches please send details to Andy Pirson.

BROMLEY: Thu. 10 (8.00) Social - WHITE HORSE, High Street, West Wickham. Thu. 24 (8.00) "Red Rover" Pub Crawl of Bromley. Mon. 27 (8.00) ARMS, Farwig Lane, Bromley. Thu 15 (8.00) Branch Christmas Party, ring branch contact for venue.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue. 1 (8.00) Branch Meeting HOLLY BUSH, 32 Grange Road, E.10. Thu. 3 (5.30) City Social. CHESHIRE CHEESE, 48 Crutched Friars, EC3 (near Fenchurch Street Stn.) Tue. 8 (5.30) Near City Social and Border Raid - NEW CHESHIRE CHEESE (Basement Bar), Milford Lane, WC2 (off Aldwych end of Strand). Tue. 15 (8.00) Committee Meeting WHITE HORSE, 48 White Horse Road, E1. Thu. 17 (5.30) - Social & Darts Challenge, ELAC v. DHSS STATE HOUSE, High Holborn, WC1. Tue. 22 (8.00) Social TRAVELLERS REST, 12 Cemetery Road, E7. Tue. 29 (8.00) - Social ROYAL NAVY, 53 Salmon Lane, E17. Sunday Lunchtimes in November "Hair of the Dogs" FISH & RING, 141A White Horse Road, E1.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun. 6 (12.00) Lunchtime Drink, BARLEY MOW, Epsom. Thu. 10 (8.30) Branch Meeting, CRICKETERS, Weston Green. Thu. 17 (8.00) - Pub Crawl of Walton-on-Thames start at the SWAN.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thu. 10 (8.30) - Open Committee Meeting, HOGARTH, Broad Street, Teddington. Thu. 17 (8.30), Social, ROYAL OAK, Ham Lane, Ham. Mon. 21 (8.30), Branch Meeting - GRIFFIN, Brook Road, Brentford.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON: Thu. 10 (8.00) Branch Meeting. RAILWAY, High St, Putney (near station). Thu. 17 (8.00) - Open Committee, BATTERSEA BREWERY CO, PRINCE OF WALES, 339 Battersea Park Road, SW11. Fri.25 (8.30), Social, ALEXANDRA, High Street, Wimbledon.

WEST LONDON: Tue. 8 (8.00) - Pub of the Month Social, CHISWICK EYOT (formerly Roebuck), 122 Chiswick High Road, W4. Thu. 17 (8.00) - Branch Meeting. DENMARK, 102 Old Brompton Road, SW7.

NORTH LONDON: Tue. 22 Nov. (8.00). Branch Meeting upstairs room at the LAMB, Lambs Conduit Street, WC1 (Youngs). Tue. 1 Nov. N1 - Crawl, start PRINCE ARTHUR, Brunswick Place, 8.00 (Sheps) then GEORGE & VULTURE, Pitfield Street, 8.45 (new Fullers), MARIE LLOYD, Chart Street, 9.30 (Websters) and CAMPBELLS, Bridport Place, 10.15 (Free). Tue. 8 Nov. 8.00 PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, Park Road, N8 (Hammonds outlet). Sat. 12 Nov - BRANCH SOIREE TO LINCOLN - Details available at socials. Tue. 15 Nov. 8.00 - TOM TIDDLERS(!), Tolmers Sq. then JOLLY GARDNERS, 60 Coburg St., both NW1. Tue. 29 Nov. 8.00 TARMONS, 270 Caledonian Road, N.1, then BALMORAL CASTLE, 427 Caledonian Road, N7 (both Free). Tue. 6 Dec. 8.00 PINT POT, 54 Pentonville Road, N1. (Free), then LORD WOLSELEY, 55 White Lion St., N1 (Sams). Every Sunday Lunch in November - Pub of the Month - PRINCESS ROYAL, 11 Circus Rd, N8(Charrington) Sat. 10 Dec. - Annual Pilgrimage to Manchester.



Are you getting what you pay for? I refer not to the quality or substance but the amount. If I order a pint of anything - be it milk, paint, beer or blood, I expect full value for my hard-earned money, no more and no less (although I'd accept more without a quibble).

Some time back it was ruled in court that the head of a certain beverage constituted part of the pint (which a physicist would deny, as bubbles are empty). More recently, an equally learned and presumably sober judge ruled that if you accept a less than 100% full pint you agree it is the amount you pay for, unless you ask for a top-up - which **should not** be necessary. After all, if you offered a damaged coin the bar steward is perfectly justified in demanding full, legal tender - so why shouldn't

it work the other way?

NOW here in London we are paying well over the odds for beer. Even taking into account the higher rates, etc. in the Metropolis and the fact that the local workers are as a whole paid more than their counterparts elsewhere, some prices are absolute rip-offs. The dearest (normal) pint reported to me cost £1.02 in a well-used hostelry in Whitehall (perhaps the tourists don't recognise a con? There is never a dearth of customers!) By contrast, the cheapest pint in the country in a public house, excluding those with special offers, is 44p at the time of writing.

Not so long ago a beermat was issued by the West Midlands County Council Services Department which added its own "opinions" on the amount served in a capacity fill glass - i.e. where a pint reaches the top. By means of a cut-out "step" - which you place on the top of the glass - various markings show how honestly you have been served. In order they are - "Do you need a top up?" "Do you need a Trading Standards Officer?" and "Do you need another local?"

We are preparing our own more sophisticated version, but meanwhile you might care to apply to Capital Radio for an original. Incidentally, the reverse is inscribed with a message to the effect: "The Law says a pint

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