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**THE CHISWICK EYOT** - see page 3.  
Photo: John Elliott.

## BRANCH DIARY

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

**CROYDON & SUTTON:** Thu. 5 (8.00) 10th Anniversary Social, ROYAL ALBERT, 42 Westow Hill, Crystal Palace, SE19. NB. First night of 11 p.m. closing in Croydon Licensing District.

**EAST LONDON & CITY:** Tue. 3 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BACCHUS BIN, 79 Leytonstone Rd. E15. (Clubs Licence only - bring your membership card) - Wed. 4 (8.00) Darts Social MANBY ARMS, 19, Water Lane, E15 - Wed. 11 (8.00) Darts Social. ANGEL, 21 Church St. E15 - Tue. 17 (8.00) Committee Meeting. CHISWELL STREET VAULTS, Chiswell St. EC1 - Wed. 18 (8.00) Darts Social. FISH & RING, 141a, White Horse Rd, E1. - Mon. 23 (12 noon) Lunchtime Social. GEORGE & DRAGON, 240 St. John Street, EC1 - Mon. 23 (8.00) Evening Social PRINCE OF WALES, 146 Lea Bridge Road, E5 - Tue. 24 (6.30) ELAC 10th Anniversary Dinner. YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE, Wine Office Court, 145 Fleet St. EC4 (all welcome - contact Branch for details) - Wed. 25 (8.00) Darts Social. SCARBOROUGH ARMS, 33 St. Mark St. E1 - Thu. 26 (5.30) 10th Anniversary Marathon Crawl. Meet at LAMB TAVERN, 10 Leadenhall Market, EC3.

**KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD:** Sun. 1 (12noon) Lunchtime drink. RAILWAY TAVERN, 1 Ewell Rd. Surbiton - Fri. to Sun. 6th to 8th BEER FESTIVAL at SANDOWN PARK. Open Fri/Sat. 11-2.30 & 5.30 - 11, Sun. 12-3 - Wed. 18 (8.00) Branch Meeting. THE ALBERT, Kingston Hill, Kingston (Albert Bar) - Thu. 26 (8.00) Pub Crawl of Surbiton. Start at THE PLOUGH, Ewell Road.

**NORTH LONDON:** Tue. 3 (8.00) Branch Meeting. PRINCE ALBERT, 2 Acton Street, WC1 - Tue. 10 (8.00) Stoke Newington Crawl. Start MARLERS, High Street, then STEPTOES, 102 Church Street and finish ROSE & CROWN, 199 Church Street, all N16 - Sat 14 Joint Social with Cardiff CAMRA. Meet outside ticket office, Paddington Station at 8.30 a.m. More details at socials. (Pleserdaith i Cyfarfod a gangen Gaerdydd. Cyrraeddwech tu Allan O'R swyddfa docyn orsaf Baddington am Hanner wedi wyth. Manylion yn y cyfarfodydd.) - Tue. 17 (8.00) Two pub Social with Enfield & Barnet. Start WINDSOR CASTLE, The Walks, Church Lane, then WELCH BROS., 130 High Road, East Finchley, both N2 - Wed. 24 (8.00) Two pub social. Start CARNEY ARMS, 317 Finchley Road, then NORTH STAR, 104 Finchley Road, both NW3 - Sat. 28 (7.30) Joint Social with SW London in Wandsworth. Meet at THE GRAPES, 39 Fairfield Street, SW18 - Every Sunday lunchtime in April, Pub of the Month. PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, Park Road, N8 - Tue 1 May (8.00) Branch Annual General Meeting. THE VICTORIA, Mornington Terrace, NW1. Arrive early for a prompt start.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Tue 3 (8.30) Open Committee Meeting. POTTERY ARMS, 25 Clayponds Lane, Brentford - Mon. 16 (8.30) Branch Annual General Meeting, REDCOW, Sheen Road, Richmond - Thu. 26 (8.30) Social. ALBANY, Station Yard, Twickenham.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Wed. 4 (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. LADYWELL TAVERN, 80 Ladywell Road, SE13 - Mon. 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting. BRITISH OAK, 109 Old Dover Road, SE3 - Thu. 26 (8.00) Social. HENSHAW ARMS, 94 Balfour Street, SE17 - Tue. 1 May (8.00) Open Committee Meeting. THE ANCHOR, 165 Lewisham Road, SE13.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Thu. 12 (8.00) Branch Meeting BEDFORD, Bedford Hill, SW12, (Function Room) - Thu. 19 (8.00) Battersea Dogs' Home Ramble. Meet DUKE OF CORNWALL, Ascalon St. SW11. (Phone branch contact for further details) - Sat. 28 (7.30) Joint Social with North London - Wandsworth Waddle. Meet at GRAPES, Fairfield St. SW18.

**WEST LONDON:** Tue. 10 (8.00) Acton Crawl. Start KINGS HEAD, 214 High Street, W3. Finish RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High St. - Thu. 19 (8.00) Branch Annual General Meeting, DEVONSHIRE ARMS, 21a Devonshire St. Marylebone High St. W1.

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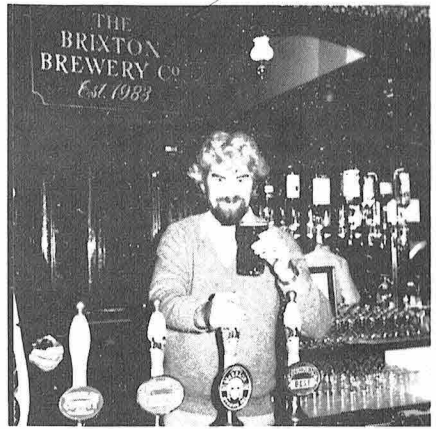
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CAMRA's watchword has always been choice - you drink your tipples, I'll drink mine and let's not twist each other's arm. Frequently you will be told in a pub selling only one beer that the brewery tie prevents the sale of other companies' products. What rubbish. At the beginning of next month a Truman's tied house, the Chiswick Eyot in Chiswick High Road, is holding a three-day beer festival in which no less than Real Beers will be featured. Not just the full Truman range of Mild, Bitter, Best Bitter and Sampson, plus Hammerton Porter which also comes under the Grand Met. umbrella, but also Timothy Taylor's Landlord, Ringwood Old Thumper, Eldridge Pope Royal Oak and Brixton Brewery Warrior. It's not as if landlord Nobby has been there long - he only took over as manager five months ago. Jolly good luck to him. The festival runs from May 3rd to 5th, and beers will be priced at not more than 75p per pint.

Still on choice, you would have thought that when the Ind Coope giant split up into a plethora of smaller companies, a number of different beers would materialize. And so they did - the late lamented and short lived



In his other guise as (then) Chairman of S.W. London Branch, Joint LD Editor Chris Cobbold pulls the first pint of Brixton Brewery's Warrior Strong Ale. Photo: John Elliott.

Mainline is one example. But work this out. A few days before going to press I visited a pub off Kingsway with a few freinds. The choice seemed to be Burton, Taylor Walker or Ind Coope Bitter. Two chose Burton, two ordered a pint of TW and the other IC. The Burton fanciers each got a pint of what looked and tasted like dishwater, the others a pint each from the Taylor Walker pump. When questioned about this discrepancy, the barperson responded, "oh, they're both the same." Something was decidedly wrong. To give the pub its due, though, after this complaint the Burton was changed without even needing to ask. So I should hope.

*Martin Smith.*

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