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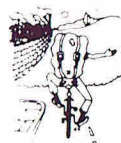
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BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned please ring the branch contact. Dates for June of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts on Page 3

CROYDON & SUTTON: Wed 3 (8.30) Social. NORBURY HOTEL, Norbury — Tue 9 (8.30) Central Croydon Crawl. Start SURREY CRICKETERS then CATHERINE WHEEL; ROYAL STANDARD — Wed 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. THE GLOUCESTER, Croydon — Tue 23 (8.00) Beddington Social, HARVEST HOME then PLOUGH — Thur 2 Jul (8.30) Campaigning Social, SYDNEY ARMS, Collingwood Road, Sutton.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue 2 (8.00) Branch meeting. SUTTON ARMS, 6 Carthusian Street, EC1 — Mon (8.00) Social. COPPERMILL, 205 Coppermill Lane, E17 — Fri 12 (5.30) Crawl with High Wycombe & Aylesbury Branch. Start SIR PAUL PINDAR, 213 Bishopsgate, EC2 — Mon 15 (8.00) Social. LAMB, 85 Pelly Road, E13 — Wed 24 (8.00) Social. FOX & HOUNDS, Sewardstone Road, E4.

ENFIELD & BARNET: Mon 1 (8.00) Pub Games Evening, OLD WHEATSHEAF, 3 Windmill Hill, Enfield — Wed 3 (9.00) RAYMENTS Campaigning Social with North Herts Branch. STAR, Ferneaux Pelham, Herts — Wed 10 (8.30 prompt) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, GREEN DRAGON, 889 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21 — Tue 16 (9.00) Garden Social. KING WILLIAM IV, 18 Hadley Highstone, Barnet — Thur 25 (9.00) Social, SWISS HOUSE, Fiveways Parade, off Page Street, Southbound Carriageway A1/A41, NW7 (New outlet for real ale) — Wed 1 Jul (9.00) Social. OLD SERGEANT, 29 Parsonage Lane, Enfield — Tue 7 Jul (9.00) Social. KINGS HEAD, Cat Hill, East Barnet.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Tue 2 (8.30) Branch Meeting. BLACK LION, Surbiton — Mon 22 (8.30) Midsummer Social, KING WILLIAM IV, Mickleham — Sat 27 Visit to Hop Farm. Ring Branch Contact for details — Sun 5 July (12.00) Social. SIR ROBERT PEEL, Kingston (Usual entertainments provided) — Wed 8 July (8.30) Branch Meeting, ROYAL GEORGE, Hersham.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW: Thur 4 (8.30) Committee Meeting. QUEEN DOWAGER, 49 North Lane, Teddington — Mon 15 (8.30) Branch Meeting. MARLBOROUGH, 46 Friars Stile Road, Richmond.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Thur 25 (8.00) Pub Games Social. BLACKSMITHS ARMS, 257 Rotherhithe Street, SE16.

SOUTH WEST ESSEX: Mon 1 (8.30) Social. RAILWAY TAVERN, Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill — Sat 6 (11.00am at Brewery) Brewery Trip to BATEMANS. Pick up: Grays, Crown Road (near Station) 7.00am; Upminster, Corbets Tey Road (near Library) 7.20am; Hornchurch, Madison Exchange 7.30am; Romford, St. Edwards Way (opposite Library) 7.45am; returning late. Bookings/details from Branch Contact — Wed 10 (8.30) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, Coxtie Green Road, Coxtie Green (about 1 mile from A128 — OS: TQ 564959) — Thur 18 (8.00ish onwards) Out-of-area Social. ONGAR — Tue 23 (8.30) Social. PHOENIX, Broadway (B1335) Rainham — Wes 1 Jul (8.30) Social. WORLDS END, Fort Road (off A126), Tilbury.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Mon 15 (8.00) Not St. Swithin's Day Social. SUN INN, Church Road, Barnes, SW13.

WEST LONDON: Tue 9 (8.00) Belgravia Beer Up. Start BAG O'NAILS, 6 Buckingham Palace Road; then GROUSE & CLARET (9.00), 2 Little Chester Street; TALBOT (10.00), 14 Little Chester Street — Thur 18 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 — Sun 28 (12.00) Sunday Social. SUN & 13 CANTONS, 21 Great Pulteney Street, Soho, W1.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Thur 11 (8.30) Social. CROWN, 49 Bath Road, Harlington — Wed 17 (8.30) Branch Meeting. GREYSTOKE, 7 Queens Parade, North Ealing, W5 (opposite Station — in Garden if fine) — Wed 24 (8.00) Uxbridge Crawl. Meet GENERAL ELLIOT, St. Johns Road; DOLPHIN (8.30); ROCKINGHAM ARMS (9.00); PRINCE OF WALES (9.30), all in Rockingham Road; METROPOLITAN (10.00), Windsor Street; THREE TUNS (10.30), High Street — Tue 30 (8.30) Games Evening. WOLF, Norwood Road, Norwood Green, Southall (in Public Bar).

EDITORIAL



Following on from my recent (February) missive about unhygienic practices being a potential AIDS hazard and a hail of angry correcting letters to the Editors, I unreservedly substitute AIDS for Hepatitis. I also refute the suggestion that sharing LD crosswords can lead to AIDS by using the same biro.

Readers and distributors will have noticed that we have a new advertising "person", Barry Tillbrook. Please contact Barry with any enquiries or suggestions. Advertisers should note that if you invest for a year at a cost of £300 you could well be reaching over 100,000 potential customers who are committed drinkers. If any pub or organization invests in a single month, half a page at £45, this would reach a

potential 10,000 customers. If this advert includes a special offer to readers, your take-up would be even better.

I have written many times about good "Out of London" pubs, so I think the time is right to invite readers to describe their favourite London pub in less than 100 words, giving reasons for the choice. The winning entries will be published in the September edition with prizes awarded for the best three descriptions in the opinion of the Editors. Have fun!

We seem to have come to the end of the London Beer Festival season, with festivals held at Wimbledon, Ealing, Kings Cross and Greenwich.

On behalf of the organisers of these events can I thank all readers who attended these successful events and drank so copiously!

Lastly I must remind our readers (and publicans and breweries) that our "Rip-Off" and "Bargain Beer" sections are not dead. We are delighted to publish examples of outrageous profiteering and bargains for whatever purpose. Please don't rely on other people - write to us and we will publish the facts for other readers to take note. I suppose that any beer in the 80-85p bracket will be a bargain and any ordinary beer over £1.10 would qualify as a "Rip-Off". Holt's and Burt's - please swamp us with your excellent products at the usual 60-65p a pint!

Chris Cobbold.

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