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Where to buy London Drinker

The following is a list of all of the current outlets for London Drinker. Where the full addresses of outlets are not given, these pubs are to be found in one of the local beer guides, covering the whole of Greater London.

OUTLETS - EAST and SOUTH

EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS
 EC1 BETSY TROTWOOD
 EC1 CROWN TAVERN
 EC1 HAND & SHEARS
 EC1 HORSESHOE
 EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
 EC1 ROSEBERRY
 EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
 EC1 THOMAS WETHERED
 EC4 BANKER
 E1 ARTFUL DODGER
 E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
 E2 APPROACH TAVERN
 E2 MARKSMAN
 E2 NELSON'S HEAD
 E2 SHIP & BLUE BALL
 E8 LADY DIANA
 E8 ROBIN HOOD
 E8 VILLAGE
 E9 ROYAL STANDARD
 E10 DRUM
 E10 TAP & SPILE
 E11 NORTHCOTE
 E14 QUEENS HEAD
 E17 COLLEGE ARMS
 E17 COPPERMILL
 SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
 SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
 SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
 SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
 SE1 KINGS ARMS
 SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE
 SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
 SE1 SOUTHWARK TAVERN
 SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN
 SE1 WHEATSHEAF
 SE3 BRITISH OAK
 SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
 SE7 McDONNELLS
 SE8 DOG & BELL
 SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
 SE9 PARK TAVERN
 SE9 ROYAL ELTHAM
 SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
 SE10 BRITISH SAILOR
 SE10 FROG & RADIATOR
 SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
 SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
 SE16 MANOR TAVERN
 SE16 MOBY DICK
 SE17 TANKARD
 SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
 SE18 COOPERS ARMS
 (PLAISTED'S)
 SE18 GATEHOUSE
 SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
 SE19 RAILWAY BELL
 SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
 SE20 ANERLEY ARMS
 SE20 HOP EXCHANGE
 SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
 SE24 COMMERCIAL
 SE24 PRINCE REGENT

SE25 GOAT HOUSE
 SE25 PRINCE OF DENMARK
 SE25 SHIP
 SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
 SE27 HOPE
 SE27 GIPSY QUEEN
 BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
 CROYDON, DOG & BULL
 CROYDON, LION

OFF TRADE

E4 Waltham Wines,
 72 Sewardstone Road.
 SE3 Bitter Experience, 128 Lee
 Road.
 BEXLEYHEATH, Bitter Experience,
 216 Broadway.
 BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons
 Hill.

OUTLETS - WEST CENTRAL, AND NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
 WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE
 WC1 LAMB
 WC1 MARLBOROUGH ARMS
 WC1 MOON
 WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS
 WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
 WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
 WC1 SUN
 WC2 YORKSHIRE GREY
 WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
 WC2 GEORGE IV
 WC2 LYCEUM
 WC2 FREEMASONS ARMS
 N1 COMPTON ARMS
 N1 EARL OF RADNOR
 N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN
 N1 GEORGE IV
 N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
 N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS
 N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
 N1 MALT & HOPS
 N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
 N1 PRINCE ALBERT
 N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
 N2 OLD WHITE LION
 N2 WINDSOR CASTLE
 N4 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY
 N4 MORTIMER ARMS
 N4 OLD SUFFOLK PUNCH
 N4 TAP & SPILE
 N4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
 N7 ADMIRAL MANN
 N7 FAT HARRY'S
 N8 ELBOW ROOM
 N8 TOLL GATE
 N9 BEEHIVE
 N10 WETHERSPOONS
 N12 MOSS HALL TAVERN
 N12 TILTED GLASS
 N13 WHOLE HOG
 N15 GOAT
 N15 K. K. McCOOLS

N16 ROSE & CROWN
 N16 TANNERS HALL
 N17 BOAR
 N17 ELBOW ROOM
 N17 NARROW BOAT
 N19 DOG
 N19 J. J. MOONS
 N20 BULL & BUTCHER
 N20 CAVALIER
 N21 DOG & DUCK
 N22 MOON UNDER WATER
 N22 NELSON
 BARNET, ALEXANDRA
 BARNET, OLD MITRE
 BARNET, WEAVER
 COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN
 ENFIELD, KING & TINKER
 ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
 ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
 NEW BARNET, BUILDER ARMS
 NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

CLUBS

WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
 UNION, Malet Street

OUTLETS - NORTH-WEST PUBS

NW1 DUCK INN
 NW1 GLOUCESTER ARMS
 NW1 MAN IN THE MOON
 NW3 FLASK TAVERN
 NW4 CHEQUERS
 NW4 WHITE BEAR
 NW4 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
 NW6 QUEENS ARMS
 NW7 RAILWAY TAVERN
 NW8 CROCKERS
 NW9 GEORGE
 NW9 J.J. MOONS
 NW9 MOON UNDER WATER
 NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
 NW10 OUTSIDE INN
 HAREFIELD, PLOUGH
 HARROW, KINGSFIELD ARMS

OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street.
 N2 GROGBLOSSOM
 NW6 Grogblossom, 235 West End
 Lane.

CLUBS

NW4 MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC
 STUDENTS UNION

OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW1 MORPETH ARMS
 SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
 SW1 PAVOURS ARMS
 SW1 RED LION
 SW1 ROYAL OAK

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Tremblingly I approached the Editorial presence to receive instructions - **what rubbish!** Stopping off for a few days in London en route for the Canterbury Beer Festival, I stayed with Chris and met Ian for a lunchtime quart, to hear the same request from both: "Not too busy, are you? Can you write a Guest Editorial? Deadline yesterday!" So here I am, unedited (as this script is going direct to the Printer) and free to pontificate about whichever bee currently occupies my bonnet. No, I'm not drunk - maybe punch-drunk, though, for the reason which has everyone reeling - the price of a pint. Returning briefly from my exile in Wales for the first time in 8 months - my longest ever absence from London - I can't say I was surprised at the cost of a drink - merely appalled. I thought it was bad enough adding 10p to the pound-a-pint where I frequently do bar-tending duty. Some of the prices I have been charged in the Metropolis are ludicrous, not to say extortionate - though **I will**. We all know the streets of London aren't paved with gold. Few people's pockets are similarly lined. But someone, somewhere, is making a hell of a lot of money at the drinker's expense. It is not only the publican who has to make a living, though not necessarily to take several expensive holidays a year out of the profits. He is the last in the pecking-order for a cut of the price charged, and a penny on at the beginning of the chain grows alarmingly at each stage, totally disproportionate to the original figure. Most

of my life has been spent in London, and my income is static - it doesn't rise by so many per cent at each price increase; neither, I suspect, does yours. I haven't gone out of my way to find extremes, but £1.50 a pint seems about the norm. The best value I have encountered is £1.30 for the ever superb Youngs Ordinary, but that is only a comparative term. £1.30 is twenty-six shillings, a lot to part with for a pint, however excellent. So what can one say about some really ordinary beers at astronomical cost? On that note, I have been asked to publish a CAMRA Health (of Bank Balance) Warning. If you are attending the GBBF at the London Arena, beware of the pub opposite, The George. One official of this magazine visited it recently and was charged £1.57 for Ruddles Best ("Blue") - o.g. 1037, a.b.v. 3.8%! Didn't they shoot profiteers in the last war? Well, they should do so nowadays. My assumed norm of £1.50 is too much by half for what is basically water (and sometimes tastes of it), and the obvious slump in trade in so many pubs seems to reflect this. Rising prices are an excuse, not a reason, for ripping-off the customer, and the sooner the licensed trade realizes this and introduces some healthy competition rather than what is effectively price-rigging, before it cuts its own throat, the better for all concerned. How say you, London drinkers?

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