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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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