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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 HAND & SHEARS
 EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
 EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
 EC4 BANKER
 E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
 E2 APPROACH TAVERN
 E2 MARKSMAN
 E2 NELSON'S HEAD
 E8 LADY DIANA
 E8 VILLAGE
 E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
 E9 ROYAL STANDARD
 E10 DRUM
 E10 TAP & SPILE
 E14 QUEENS HEAD
 E17 COLLEGE ARMS
 SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
 SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
 SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
 SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
 SE1 KINGS ARMS
 SE1 LEATHER EXCHANGE
 SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
 SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
 SE1 WELLINGTON TAVERN
 SE1 WHEATSHEAF
 SE3 BRITISH OAK
 SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
 SE7 McDONNELLS
 SE8 DOG & BELL
 SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
 SE10 ASHIBURNHAM ARMS
 SE10 BRITISH SAILOR
 SE10 FROG & RADIATOR
 SE10 RICHARD I
 SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
 SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
 SE16 MANOR TAVERN
 SE16 MOBY DICK
 SE17 TANKARD
 SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
 SE18 COOPERS ARMS
 (PLAISTED'S)
 SE18 PRINCESS OF WALES
 SE19 RAILWAY BELL
 SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
 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 PAKENHAM ARMS
 WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
 WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
 WC1 SUN
 WC1 YORKSHIRE GREY
 WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
 WC2 GEORGE IV
 N1 ALWYNE CASTLE
 N1 COMPTON ARMS
 N1 RADNOR ARMS
 N1 FLOUNDER & FIRKIN
 N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
 N1 HEMINGFORD ARMS
 N1 KINGS HEAD, 59 Essex Road.
 N1 MALT & HOPS
 N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
 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
 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
 N22 PHOENIX
 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

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
 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
 SOCIAL CLUB

OUTLETS - SOUTH WEST and WEST PUBS

SW1 BARLEY MOW
 SW1 BUCKINGHAM ARMS
 SW1 FOX & HOUNDS
 SW1 MORPETH ARMS
 SW1 ORANGE BREWERY
 SW1 PAVIOURS ARMS
 SW1 RED LION
 SW1 ROYAL OAK
 SW1 UNICORN, Victoria Place
 (above Station Concourse)
 SW2 HOPE & ANCHOR
 SW2 J.J. MOONS
 SW3 COOPERS ARMS
 SW3 ROSE
 SW3 SURPRISE
 SW4 ROSE & CROWN
 SW6 DUKE OF CUMBERLAND
 SW6 WHITE HORSE
 SW7 ANGLESEA ARMS
 SW8 SURPRISE

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to London Drinker in 1992. It is not too late to start off with a New Year's Resolution; Don't mouth off when collecting your London Drinkers or you might end up with a guest editorial to write . . .

The subject that I had chosen to write on was the perennial one of short measures. By coincidence we had a pronouncement on this very subject from the Minister for Consumer Affairs whilst I was in the course of my writing but I am alas not reassured - especially as I find myself at odds with Steven Cox, CAMRA's Campaign Manager.

The Minister's statement was that it will be made "illegal to serve a smaller measure of liquid topped up by foam". This matter has been blighted by a history of contradictory local rulings, especially over Guinness but mindful of the terms of the Consumer Protection Act I have always been puzzled as to how there can possibly be a dispute over a full measure. A pint is the specific measure that you purchase and it is the liquid that you drink so surely if you do not get a pint of liquid you have been cheated? The statement is welcome because it would appear to confirm this view but to my mind it is hardly progress.

No dates for the "change" have been announced as the Minister first must have "talks" but the rather complacent reaction of the Brewers' Society: "the head on a pint of beer is a matter of taste and if in any doubt the customer asks for a top-up. The incidence of complaints is minimal", does not suggest that progress will be swift.

I am sure that I do not need to tell any reader of this magazine that the answer to this problem is the lined measure glass as already championed by some brewers, notably Wolverhampton & Dudley. Our problem is how to arrange quick universal introduction. How about this? Every glass used to retail beer to the public has to be stamped as a

measure by HM Customs & Excise. So I do not think that the Minister needs to talk to the brewers; all he needs to do is to ask his Treasury colleagues to approve only the stamping of lined measure glasses from say 1 April 1992.

Retooling might be a short-term problem for the glass manufacturers but given a fair period of notice I am sure that they could cope. It is their business after all. I would not suggest an immediate phasing out of the existing brim-measure glass but usual breakages and constant requests from us consumers to supply a full measure as we are encouraged to do by gentlemen from the Brewers' Society should be effective enough.

As to my disagreement with Mr Cox, in reply to the Minister's statement he was quoted in the Daily Telegraph as saying that it is not something that he gets terribly worked up about and that it was not as simple as asking for a pound of sweets and getting two ounces short. I have to disagree with him.

The Chief Executive of the National Licensed Victuallers' Association said that "somebody has got to pay for a change-over if it means disposing of the current glasses and the cost is going to be borne by the customer" yet The Institute of Tradings Standards Administration has valued the shortfall in pints served at £225 MILLION per annum.

The simple truth is that beer drinkers have for years been regarded as less deserving of their legal rights than any other group of consumers. I feel that the Campaign must take a key role in this debate because by my reckoning the customers have more than paid for their rights already and no-one else but CAMRA is going to look after our interests. Quite the opposite, I suspect, to judge from the quotations above unless we are alert.

Tony Hedger

