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WHERE TO BUY LONDON DRINKER

The following is a list of all the current outlets for London Drinker of which the editors have been informed. Full addresses are only given where there are two pubs of the same name in the same postal district.

OUTLETS – EAST and SOUTH EAST PUBS

EC1 ARTILLERY ARMS
 EC1 BISHOPS FINGER
 EC1 MASQUE HAUNT
 EC1 O'HANLONS
 EC1 PHEASANT & FIRKIN
 EC1 ROSEBERRY
 EC1 SEKFORDE ARMS
 EC1 SHAKESPEARE
 EC3 SWAN
 EC4 BLACK FRIAR
 E1 LORD RODNEYS HEAD
 E2 CAMDENS HEAD
 E3 IMPERIAL CROWN
 E5 PRINCE OF WALES
 E8 LADY DIANA
 E9 FALCON & FIRKIN
 E9 ROYAL STANDARD
 E11 BIRKBECK TAVERN
 E11 GEORGE
 E13 VILLAGE
 E14 QUEENS HEAD
 E15 GOLDEN GROVE
 DAGENHAM, LORD DENHAM
 SE1 ANCHOR & HOPE
 SE1 COPPER
 SE1 FOUNDERS ARMS
 SE1 GEORGE TAVERN
 SE1 GOOSE & FIRKIN
 SE1 GRAPES
 SE1 HORNIMAN AT HAYS
 SE1 KINGS ARMS
 SE1 MARKET PORTER
 SE1 OLD BRIDGE HOUSE
 SE1 PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY
 SE1 SHIP, 68 Borough Road
 SE1 ST GEORGES TAVERN
 SE1 TRINITY ARMS
 SE1 WHEATSHEAF
 SE1 WHITE HART, Cornwall Street
 SE3 BRITISH OAK
 SE3 HARE & BILLET
 SE3 PRINCESS OF WALES
 SE5 FOX ON THE HILL
 SE5 PHOENIX & FIRKIN
 SE6 BLACK HORSE & HARROW
 SE6 TIGERS HEAD
 SE7 ANTGALLICAN
 SE8 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
 SE8 DOG & BELL
 SE8 OLD MANOR HOUSE
 SE8 ROYAL GEORGE
 SE9 BANKERS DRAFT
 SE10 ADMIRAL HARDY
 SE10 ASHBURNHAM ARMS
 SE10 RICHARD I
 SE13 FOX & FIRKIN
 SE13 HOGS HEAD
 SE16 BLACKSMITHS ARMS
 SE16 MANOR TAVERN
 SE16 MOBY DICK
 SE18 COOPERS ARMS (Plaisted's)
 SE18 EARL OF CHATHAM
 SE18 ROSE'S (PRINCE ALBERT)

SE18 VILLAGE BLACKSMITH
 SE19 ROYAL ALBERT
 SE20 MOON & STARS
 SE22 CRYSTAL PALACE TAVERN
 SE25 ALLIANCE
 SE25 GOAT HOUSE
 SE26 DULWICH WOOD HOUSE
 ADDISCOMBE, CLARET WINE BAR
 BARKING, BARKING DOG
 BARKINGSIDE, NEW FAIRLOP OAK
 BEXLEY, BLUE ANCHOR
 CROYDON, ARKWRIGHTS WHEEL
 CROYDON, BUILDERS ARMS
 CROYDON, DOG & BULL
 CROYDON, FIDDLER & FIRKIN
 CROYDON, GEORGE
 CROYDON, PRINCESS ROYAL
 (GLUEPOT)
 CROYDON, ROYAL STANDARD
 ILFORD, GREAT SPOON OF ILFORD
 LOUGHTON, LAST POST
 PURLEY, FOXLEY HATCH
 SOUTH CROYDON, FIDDLER & FIRKIN
 SOUTH CROYDON, RAIL VIEW
 WALLINGTON, WHISPERING MOON
CLUBS
 SE9 HOWERD CLUB
 SE13 LEWISHAM LABOUR CLUB
 SE18 PLUMSTEAD RADICAL CLUB
 CROYDON, RUSKIN HOUSE

OFF TRADE

E18 Gales Off Licence, 204 High Road,
 Woodford Green
 SE3 Bitter Experience, 129 Lee Road
 BROMLEY, Bitter End, 139 Masons Hill

OUTLETS – WEST CENTRAL and NORTH PUBS

WC1 CALTHORPE ARMS
 WC1 CITTIE OF YORKE
 WC1 OLD MONK
 WC1 PAKENHAM ARMS
 WC1 PRINCESS LOUISE
 WC1 RUGBY TAVERN
 WC1 SUN
 WC1 THREE CUPS
 WC1 UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
 WC2 CROWN & ANCHOR
 WC2 FULMAR & FIRKIN
 WC2 GEORGE IV
 WC2 HOGS HEAD
 WC2 MARQUESS OF ANGLESEY
 WC2 MOON & SIXPENCE
 N1 179 UPPER STREET
 N1 COMPTON ARMS
 N1 EARL OF RADNOR
 N1 GEORGE & VULTURE
 N1 MALT & HOPS
 N1 MARQUESS TAVERN
 N1 PRINCE ARTHUR
 N1 WENLOCK ARMS
 N2 WELCH'S ALE HOUSE
 N4 TAP & SPILE
 N6 OLD GATE HOUSE
 N7 TAPPIT HEN
 N8 ELBOW ROOM

N8 RAILWAY TAVERN
 N8 TOLL GATE
 N9 LAMB
 N11 BANKERS DRAFT
 N12 TALLY HO
 N13 WHOLE HOG
 N14 NEW CROWN
 N16 EBOR ARMS
 N16 ROCHESTER CASTLE
 N17 ELBOW ROOM
 N17 NEW MOON
 N19 DOG
 N21 DOG & DUCK
 N21 HALF MOON
 N21 ORANGE TREE
 N22 STARTING GATE
 BARNET, MOON UNDER WATER
 BARNET, WHITE LION
 BARNET, YE OLDE MONKEN HOLT
 COCKFOSTERS, TRENT TAVERN
 EDGWARE, BLACKING BOTTLE
 ENFIELD, FALLOW BUCK
 ENFIELD, MOON UNDER WATER
 ENFIELD, OLD WHEATSHEAF
 NEW BARNET, BUILDERS ARMS
 NEW BARNET, LORD KITCHENER
 NEW BARNET, RAILWAY BELL

OUTLETS – NORTH WEST PUBS

NW1 HEAD OF STEAM
 NW1 LORD NELSON
 NW1 QUINNS
 NW1 SPREAD EAGLE
 NW2 BEATEN DOCKET
 NW3 FLASK TAVERN
 NW3 THREE HORSESHOES
 NW4 CHEQUERS
 NW4 GREYHOUND
 NW4 PICKLED NEWT
 NW8 PRINCESS ROYAL
 NW9 J.J. MOONS
 NW9 MOON UNDER WATER
 NW9 WHITE LION OF MORTIMER
 NW10 COLISEUM
 NW10 GRAND JUNCTION ARMS
 NW10 OUTSIDE INN
 NW11 WHITE SWAN
 HAREFIELD, PLOUGH
 HARROW, MOON ON THE HILL
 HARROW WEALD, SEVEN BALLS
 HATCH END, MOON & SIXPENCE
 KENTON, NEW MOON
 NORTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
 RUISLIP, J.J. MOONS
 SOUTH HARROW, J.J. MOONS
 STANMORE, MALT HOUSE
 WEALDSTONE, ROYAL OAK
 WEALDSTONE, SARSEN STONE
 WEMBLEY, J.J. MOONS

OFF TRADE

N1 Beer Shop, Pitfield Street
 NW6 Grogblossoms, 235 West End Lane

CLUBS

NW4 HENDON SOCIAL CLUB, Mid-
 dlesex University Bus. School

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EDITORIAL

According to the latest printed statistics, Real Ale is on the retreat. The new keg beers being promoted by the National Brewers and by many of the independents are not only reducing choice, but also threatening throughput in pubs where cask ale has always been a minor percentage of total sales. The most obvious brewery affecting London drinkers has been Samuel Smiths of Tadcaster. Regular readers will be familiar with the tale, but briefly Sam Smiths have turned a large proportion of their London estate over to nitrokeg beer and have ripped out the handpumps at the same time. Does this then, herald a return to the dark days of Watneys Red and Double Diamond?

The main purveyors of nitrokeg beers like Caffreys, John Smiths Extra Smooth and Tetley Smooth Keg are the big six brewers who also own or control 84% of the market in Britain. The microbrewers like Hop Back, Yates and Woodfordes only manage 1% of the total market. The family owned independents control 15%. The figures are Allied Domecq (CTL) 16%, Whitbread 14%, Scottish Courage 30% and Bass 24%.

Unfortunately, the increased availability of nitrokeg beers in the nationals' pubs threatens cask ales directly.

Whereas before a landlord/lady could guarantee their sales of cask ale in a week, now with the addition of these nationally advertised products, cask ale is also declining in quality. Slow selling beer loses condition and starts to oxidise however conscientious the cellar person. You then enter a spiral of declining sales, quality and customers. Soon the availability of real ale will diminish and then we will have a whole generation of drinkers who have never experienced the delights of a quality real ale.

Mind you, it has always been mindboggling to me how people can willingly sit and drink some of these national brand cask beers. They are often so insipid and sweet that the new nitrokegs might even be an improvement on them! The only beers of quality they do produce

are often sold in indifferent condition or the owners close down the brewery which produced them (Home, Warrington etc). To make matters worse independents like Young's, Gales, Shepherd Neame, Charles Wells and Ushers are dabbling with nitrokeg. Like their 'lagers' these are bound to head the same way.

After more than a decade of growth, sales of real ale are in sharp decline. It is further affected by the closure of pubs, high beer prices and taxes and cheap imports.

It is not that cask beer drinkers can rely on the free trade in London either. The big brewers can offer such discounts now, that the smaller microbrewers are being priced out of the market. Witness the price of Scotch Bitter and the price of Guest beers in Wetherspoon's pubs. The pseudo - Firkin chain is another example.

I think I'd better go down for a pint of Hop Back to cheer myself up!

Chris Cobbold

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