

BeerPoint

BeerPoint is a system whereby members of the Isle of Wight branch of the Campaign for Real Ale can recommend pubs that they have recently visited and found the beer to be of a good standard.

The system is providing a useful tool in highlighting good (or bad) practice.

BeerPoint is administered by our chairman John Nicholson who can be contacted on jnl@johnnicholson.co.uk

Here is a list of our current **Recommended BeerPoint** pubs by area:

North:

Traveller's Joy, Northwood; Anchor, Cowes; Union, Cowes; Fountain, Cowes; Portland, Gurnard; Lifeboat, East Cowes; White Hart, East Cowes; Duke of York, Cowes; Kingston, Cowes; Cowes Ale House; Sportsman's Rest, Porchfield.

East & North East:

Vine, St Helens; The Old Village Inn, Bembridge; Propeller, Bembridge; Simeon Arms, Ryde; Swan's Nest, Ryde; Castle, Ryde; Fowler & Co, Ryde; Lake Huron, Ryde; Dark Horse, Brading; King Lud, Ryde; Yarbridge Inn, Brading; Railway, Ryde.

Central:

Dairyman's Daughter, Arreton; White Lion, Arreton; Crown, Shorwell; Three Bishops, Brighstone; Chequers, Rookley; Griffin, Godshill; Taverners, Godshill; Four Seasons, Wroxall; Pointer Inn, Newchurch; Prince of Wales, Newport; Newport Ale House; William Coppin, Newport; Castle, Newport; Wren's Nest, Newport; Stag, Newport.

South and South East:

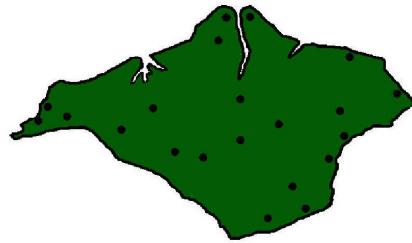
Buddle, Niton; Village Inn, Shanklin; Chine Inn, Shanklin; King Harry's, Shanklin; Waterfront, Shanklin; Crab and Lobster Tap, Ventnor; Volunteer, Ventnor; White Lion, Niton; Castle Inn, Sandown; Tap, Sandown; Perks, Ventnor; White Horse, Whitwell.

West:

Prince of Wales, Freshwater; King's Head, Yarmouth; Sun, Calbourne; Sun, Hulverstone; Broadway, Totland; Horse and Groom, Ningwood; Vine, Freshwater.

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The Campaign for Real Ale exists to preserve and promote good beer and pubs.



In this Free Issue:-

Pub News *Pete's Progress* **POLICE PAGE**

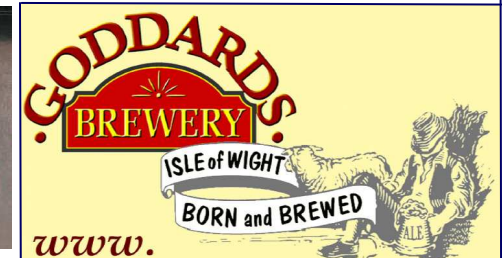
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Break'ing the Seal **PRIZE QUIZ**

Island Landmarks and much, much more...



A new type of pub for Cowes (see page 7)



www.GoddardsBrewery.com



What Pub

Currently, CAMRA is preparing a national website called "What Pub" giving details of every pub in the country. All local branches have been asked to survey the pubs in their area and the Isle of Wight branch under the stern directions of Ken "Buzzy" Matthews was one of the first to submit their results. In the next issue of Wightwash, Buzzy gives us his overall observations of the survey. In the meantime here are a few statistics:-

- Number of pubs = 155 plus 10 seasonal
- Number of pubs **not** selling real ale = 12
- Number of pubs selling local beer = 84
- Number of handpumps = 448

The details from this survey are being transferred to the "find-a-pub" page on our website - www.wightwash.org.uk

Latest

"What Pub" is due to go "live" later this month. In the meantime members can log on with their membership details and non-members can sample a "taster".

www.whatpub.com

Cider

Now that Wightwash has a Cider Rep in the form of Gemma Vine, we are hoping to run a cider version of BeerPoint, not surprisingly called "CiderPoint". If you know of a pub that promotes real cider, please contact her via editor@wightwash.org.uk

A preliminary list shows the following pubs:-

- White Lion, Arreton
- Old Village Inn, Bembridge
- Cowes Ale House
- Duke of York, Cowes
- Griffin, Godshill
- Taverners, Godshill


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- 1/ Who wrote Chitty Chitty Bang Bang?
- 2/ What is the Capital of Peru?
- 3/ To which family of the orchestra does the piano belong?
- 4/ Who was the captain of the Australian test cricket team this summer?
- 5/ Which company makes "Telecaster" and "Statocaster" guitars?
- 6/ Cirrus, Cumulus and Stratus are all types of what?
- 7/ Who was the British Prime Minister at the time of the coronation of Elizabeth II?
- 8/ What fruit is used in the making of Calvados?
- 9/ and 10/ Identify these pubs



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Answers to the Spring Quiz


- 1/ Katrina 2/ Lincolnshire
- 3/ Marsupials
- 4/ Prince Edward, Duke of Kent (William IV's brother)
- 5/ Apache 6/ New Zealand
- 7/ James Callahan
- 8/ A Christmas Carol
- 9/ Pan Books
- 10/ Cathedral City Cheese



Roger Corbett of Blackheath wins a £20 meal voucher and Jenny Mew of Chale wins a case of Yates' beers. Thank you to all the others that took part.



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The Simeon Memorial

This memorial which stands at the junction of Castle Road and Carisbrooke Road on the outskirts of Newport was erected as a memorial to Sir John Simeon who lived at Swainston from 1815 to 1870. He owned land in the Ryde area and the cemetery was sited on his land. Living as he did in West Wight he counted Lord Tennyson among his friends. Julia Margaret Cameron took this striking photograph of him which is at present in the Royal Collection.

After a short Naval career he was elected 1847 as a Liberal MP for one of the two parliamentary seats available on the island in those days,

however his parliamentary career came to a temporary halt when he converted to Catholicism and because he felt that this could estrange him from his electorate he resigned his seat.

However he misjudged his own popularity, for in 1865 he was persuaded to stand again and was decisively re-elected. This should be viewed alongside widespread antagonism towards the catholic church in those days and he was in fact the only practising catholic in the House of Commons for some years.



Rob Marshall



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Goddards

The brewery is currently in production of 144 casks of "Bestivale" ready for the Bestival weekend.

The fine weather this summer, particularly in the run up to the Bank Holiday weekend, certainly boosted trade and sales were better than last August.

The itinerary for the seasons will follow last year's pattern with **Ducks Folly** available from October, **Pie Eyed** (with a redesigned pump clip - thank heavens!) will be ready for Christmas and **Winter Warmer** will be available throughout the winter **Brian Jacobs BLO**.

Island Brewery

The volume is up and Island Brewery is going at it in full swing like a well-oiled machine, rattling beers out for the season in cask and bottle for both on the Island and off the Island, with a

new supply deal with Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewery, from the Island's newest.

Demand for Yachtsman seems to have really taken off, especially during Cowes Week, and is a top seller through the Town, including at Cowes' newest and very civilised drinking establishment, Bertie's, with its leather sofas and chairs and thoughtful, relaxing interior, opposite the British Legion, where Morgans and Ocean World were. (See page seven)

Chris, a long stalwart of SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) attended the recent awards day to congratulate Goddards for their well-deserved win in the Bottled

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With the success of Goddards **Collaboration Mild**, Island Brewery boss, Steve Minshull says: " We are thoughtfully testing the market to see if Island Brewery could brew a mild, possibly based on a weaker version of RDA, for a lighter, more refreshing traditional drink. We have had a few requests, but want to make sure there is demand, as, milds do not like to sit around for too long, and we don't want that!" Personally, I think, with Chris and Ash brewing, they can't go wrong, and something has to pay for their new battery pack for the brewery inspection torch!

Cllr. John Nicholson BLO

Yates Brewery

We had a lovely selection of beers after a swap with **Milestone** brewery and other swaps are in the pipeline for breweries which have never had their beers on the island.

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Hayley

When the Order is made, the area concerned will be signposted so that members of the public are aware. A Penalty Notice can be issued if a person fails to comply with a Constable's request to stop drinking and the alcohol can be seized and the person may be arrested if necessary.

At present there are two areas on the Isle of Wight; Newport town centre and East Cowes which are designated and are in force, but there are plans for others.

The Order is not a drinking banning Order which is something else introduced recently in the Violent Crime Act.

This is an Order which is made by a Court against an individual to stop persons entering pubs and/or Clubs.

This Act is another piece of legislation and has all sorts or provisions – more of which in a later episode.

As a rule of thumb, if you are going out on to the street for a smoke, it's probably best to leave your beer inside.

Many thanks.

PS Graeme Mudge Licensing Sergeant

Report from Isle of Wight County Press Thursday 15th August 2013

POLICE are set to launch a crackdown on problem drinkers in the Bay area and Brading.

The force is hoping to introduce a designated public place order or DPPO in areas plagued by problem drinkers in Sandown, Shanklin, Lake and Brading to tackle anti-social behaviour caused by alcohol.

The plans were outlined to members of Brading Town Council at its last meeting by PC Mark Vincent. He told members the new order would give police the powers to control problem drinking in the town in areas such as the High Street and Tudor Gardens.



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In the next issue of Wightwash we hope to be introducing you to our new Police Correspondent Sgt. Stuart Snow. In the meantime I thought it would be interesting to look at an article Sgt Graeme Mudge wrote in 2007 on the subject of DPPOs especially in the light of a recent County Press report (see box).



You may recently have heard about DPPO's. What are they you may ask?

Well, it stands for **Designated Public Places Order**.

Drinking on the streets can be a problem in the community and certain areas have suffered more than most. The Government decided to tackle this problem in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 2001, Section 13. This provision enables the Council to "designate" an area where it becomes an offence to drink alcohol after being requested not to do so by a Police Officer. The area designated will be a public place and will not take into account pub gardens or even tables outside pubs if there has been proper authority for the placement of them.

The idea of the legislation is to give Police Officers a power to stop nuisance drinkers and not necessarily those who may be enjoying a glass of wine or real ale with a picnic, but it will be up to the Officer to decide as this may be a grey area.

Before an area is designated, the authority has to be satisfied it is necessary and it will do this by hearing evidence from the Police and residents. Public consultation also needs to have taken place with adverts for meetings placed in the County Press.



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IOW CAMRA Secretary Alex Lawson has reminded us that the "Strategic Plan" adopted by CAMRA nationally includes the "Fair Deal for your Local" campaign which aims to push the Government to legislate the relationship between tenants and pubcos and to create an ombudsman. In recent years several very good hardworking landlords have had to leave their pubs unable to meet the rental demands of pubcos.



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Diary Dates

12th - 15th September Real Ale and Real Music Extravaganza The Bugle, Yarmouth

Friday 20th September Branch Meeting King Harry's Bar, Shanklin 8.30pm

21st - 22nd September Beer Festival The Railway, Ryde

Sat 5th October Amen promotions present **The Spikedrivers** at Quay Arts, Newport

24th - 28th October Halloween Beer Festival Castle Inn, Sandown

Friday 25th October Branch Meeting Castle Inn, Sandown 8.30pm

Wednesday 13th November Walk-About start Vine, Freshwater 8.30pm

Friday 6th December Branch Xmas Bash Venue TBA

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The Stag, Parkhurst

The Stag has become the latest acquisition of the Island group, Inns of Distinction. It reopened on 25th May after a very comprehensive refurbishment. The decor has been completely redesigned by Martin and Lisa Bullock.

Several small rooms have been combined and a new long bar has been installed into what was once a corridor.



A new ceiling and fireplace have been added to the conservatory, or Garden Room as it is now known. This is not only a very pleasant dining room but also a home to the pub's home grown herbs.



Head Chef, Sean Jeffers explained that the aim is to provide good quality food in a real pub atmosphere using local produce.

There are three handpumps and always at least one local ale. The accommodation upstairs has been converted into four en-suite bedrooms. It's nice to know that this Isle of Wight pub that has in the past years become a little neglected now has a bright future under its new management.



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seven ales – the Black Bear @ 5% was good.

We carried on to another site near Devizes or Wadworthshire as it could be known! The Three Magpies outside the campsite had five ales, Swordfish 5%, Bishops Tipple 5%, 6X at 4.3%, Horizon at 4% and Howtry I.P.A. at 3.6%, plus Old Rosie Cider. It has free WiFi, clean loos and good food, a large beer garden and only a stone's throw from the Kennet and Avon canal.

Walked into Devizes along the canal bank and found the Lamb Inn (we read about this in the Telegraph Weekend Pub Point). It is a proper pub, no food but you're welcome to bring your own. In the snug there is a 200 yd rifle range, accessed through a hatch about the same size as a dart board and probably about 200 years old. They hold twice weekly shooting matches with other pub teams. A few other pubs in the area have ranges too. Their 6X was very good and they clean the pipes on changing every



The Lamb



The Bridge

barrel. Toilets very clean too. Really atmospheric pub and well worth a visit. I went to the Wadworth Brewery and although we didn't go round it you could sample beers in their bar. The staff were very helpful and gave me a Swordfish poster and pump clip. I also bought 12 bottles of St. George and the Dragon for £15. Bargain! They brew 11 beers

altogether and have 16 pubs in Devizes. I thought the Swordfish was excellent. One day we caught the bus to Melksham and walked back along the canal bank and stopped at the Bridge which is a Wadworth House, as they all seem to be around there. Very clean toilets and the beer went down well on a very hot day.

Another day we caught the bus to Melksham, walked around and tried the American Pale Ale in what can only be described as an amazing Wetherspoons. The Bear has seven real ales and has only been open for about 18 months. One of the best we've been in and the ladies toilets were magnificent and had won an award. The gents were clean also.

Ah, well, another holiday gone. Here's to the next one.



The Bear

Pete Cobb

Somerset, Avon & Wiltshire

We set off for Weston Super Mare and stopped at Street for the afternoon to do some shoe shopping. Difficult to park the camper van there but between us got three pairs of Clark's shoes for £45. Bargain!! Had lunch in the very good Wetherspoons there and continued on our way.

On arrival at Weston Super Mare I set up water, electric, tv, etc and relaxed. We walked into Weston which is quite a hike; we normally caught the bus in. One day we went on the bus to Wells, drivers on that route deserve a medal, and had an excellent lunch in The Globe. It had four beers, all local ones and the Potholer went down a treat.

Due to a lot of time spent walking, a dearth of good country pubs open when needed, we resorted to water. Good for flushing the system I believe! Was not enamoured of the pubs in Weston but Wetherspoons had a decent pint as usual.



The Bird in Hand

On to Bitton, halfway between Bath and Bristol and a nice little site with bus stop outside. We caught the bus into Bath and walked back along the River Avon and came across a gem of a pub, The Bird in Hand, High Street, Saltford

(www.birdinhandsaltford.co.uk).

This pub should be in the G.B.G but isn't. Four beers, Buttcombe bitter, Otter bitter, Doombar and Bees Knees and they were all in excellent condition and temperature and Sunday lunch was

very, very good. They had a beer and cider festival 13th to 14th July.

From Bitton we caught the bus to Bristol, a city of churches and pubs and visited the S.S. Great Britain which was very interesting. I was amazed it ever got back to the U.K. and into the dock where it was built! The hull is full of holes now in spite of restoration, etc. The cabins and bunks were very small, as a race we must have grown a lot since then.

The Lloyds No. 1 Bar was okay with good beer.

Back to Bath for a day and found the Sausage Shop and got four Mongolian Spicy Sizzlers. Wow! They were hot and gingery and was glad we had some Rev.

James in bottles in the camper to wash them down with. Good Wetherspoons in Bath too with



Three Magpies

Bertie's, Cowes



There is a new pub in Cowes that is causing a bit of a stir. This part wine-bar, part café, part traditional pub and part jazz-club has certainly broken the mould and is proving popular across the board. There are three handpumps with beer from all of the Island breweries; no food as such but plenty in the way of snacks such as olives and cakes.



There's live music three nights a week with a Jazz Jam Session on Thursdays and music in a similar vein on Fridays and Saturdays.

Unfortunately while I was there, Dan, the smart and helpful barman was unable to advise the Australian gentleman at the bar as to which was "the best night for picking up sheilas".



Bertie's is open 11 - 11 weekdays, 11 - 12 Fridays and Saturdays More details on facebook



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John Nicholson (or as I should now call him **Councillor John Nicholson**), our famous chairman, sent a photograph of fellow Councillor Ray Bloomfield holding a t-shirt commemorating 25 years of the Isle of Wight Hash House Harriers. I thought it would be an opportunity to ask Ray to explain what **hashing** is all about.



The whole concept of Hash House Harriers is very different from the norm, it is difficult to explain but it has no rules, no membership and no subscriptions, and is fairly non PC (difficult one for me as a Councillor). You can turn up and not run at all, or you could run a 3 minute mile, it makes no difference to anyone as long as you take part. It's a concept that you either understand and enjoy as a whole package or you could think it is a lot of fools, which is probably true.

You have to be able to laugh at yourself, and along with others, instead of, at others. We are essentially a social club with a half serious running element. The trail can be any distance and we have done 9 or so miles, generally it's about 6 miles and is marked either with flour or sawdust. The 'hare' of the day makes his choice and usually puts in short cuts, check backs, false trails and fishhooks (first 6 run to the back of the group). All in the theme of keeping the fastest runners from going too fast and also letting the walkers keep up. Sometimes we even stop in a pub for a swift one during the run. No prizes for finishing first in this club. I did a 'medium' run last year and it was 12 miles long, well it was April the 1st.

We are commonly known as 'a drinking club with a running problem'. It is the biggest unknown sport in the world with millions of people who take part, HHH generally never

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for the Roman Brewery who brew the Ename Abbey range. And of course we had to sample both the Ename Dubbel and Tripel beers which are one of my favourites. A chance to do a bit of shopping (I mean beer shopping) at the Dranken Geers beer warehouse at Oostakker where there is a selection of over 600 beers to choose from.

It was whilst we were shopping that we were able to sample beers



brewed by Brasserie Du Bocq brewed for Ramee Abbey. The beers were Blond & Brune flowing freely and added a new dimension to shopping. Our last stop of the tour was at the Van Steenberge Brewery flagship Beer & Food house for a much needed superb Buffet and yet more beer.



The last beer of the tour was Bornem Abbey Tripel. It was then back to Eurotunnel and home.

What a super tour it was and we would recommend it 100%.

Gary & Lorraine.

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Lorraine and Gary's Beer Pilgrimage to Belgium

(Part 2)

Last September we joined one of Podge's Belgian Beer Tours which began with a trip through Eurotunnel to Calais.

Here's the second part of our tour...

We arrived at our first stop of the day at Gasthof d'Oude Brouwerij, a café located in the former dairy of Affligem Abbey founded in 1062. Since the 12th century, beer was brewed by Benedictine Monks, but in 1970 Affligem Abbey beer was transferred to Brouwerij De Smedt in Opwijk now owned by Heineken. Once the region was one of the richest hop growing regions of Europe and recently a hop field has been replanted.



We sampled the Affligem Cuvee 950 at 6.8% which was brewed in 2012 to mark the 950th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey. Moving

on for lunch and a few Postel Abbey beers; Postel Blond 7%. Mort Subite Palm and Hoegaarden. Very good they were too.



Later in the afternoon we called in at the Brasserie Torenhof on

Tongerlo to sample beers from Belgium's largest independent brewery Haacht. Here we tried the Tongerlo 8 Triple Blond at 9%. Interestingly the Abbey holds a 16th century full size copy of Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper which shows many details which are no longer visible in the original fresco due to deterioration. An evening free to explore the many café bars in Mechelen.



The last day arrives and so do we at the Café de Nieuwe Keizer in Mater, the brewery tap



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We meet every Sunday at 11am somewhere and run/walk for about 90 minutes to work up a thirst. The 'Apres' is always, always in a pub with real ale where we meet and are told a few jokes by our RA (Religious advisor). Although he is a strict Catholic this is only by coincidence. We never swear or are unruly and are generally welcome back to the pubs we frequent. You would be welcome to join us, along with wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, children and grandparents. ALL are welcome as we love them all, check Isle of Wight Hash House Harriers for details (www.iwhhh.org.uk)

ON-on (as we say)
Lippy (everyone has a nickname and you can't choose it, we do!)

PS There is actually one rule, which is; there are no rules.

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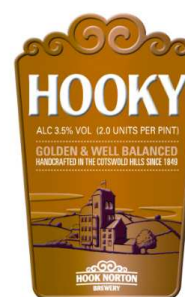
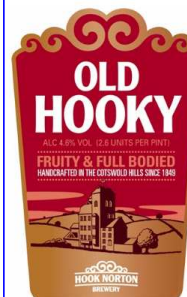
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I should warn readers that this article includes the word "sphincter". If you are likely to be alarmed or upset by the use of the word "sphincter" then...(oh dear, it's a bit late now isn't it?)

Does this scenario sound familiar? You're out with friends and you've been sitting comfortably for a couple of hours downing a pint or two when you have to "answer the call of nature". After that, nature seems to call with monotonous regularity and you seem to be in and out of the loo every five minutes. You've broken the seal. What's happened?

Well there are several theories mainly involving the kidneys and ADH (antidiuretic hormones) which control the amount of fluid the body converts into urine (sorry should have warned you about that word too). All very complicated (see box). However, a couple of weeks ago I heard a far more interesting and to me, more plausible explanation.

Going to the loo is controlled by two sphincters (warned you!), an internal involuntary one and an external voluntary one. This internal one is just like the rest of your body when you're having a beer. It's enjoying a nice comfortable relaxed existence and can't be bothered to do much. However as the bladder fills up, eventually the time comes when the pressure has to be released. This is when you feel the need to visit the loo for the first time. What happens next of course is, that this involuntary internal sphincter can't be bothered to close up properly and the poor old voluntary one has a job for the rest of the evening.

Simples!

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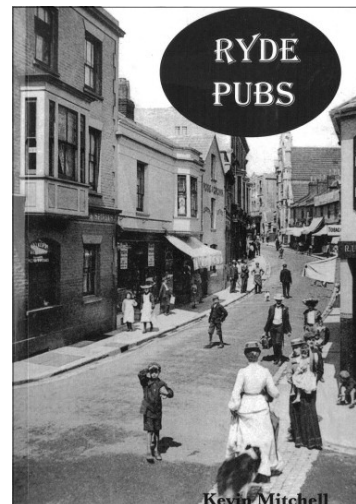
My memory is becoming very bad in recent years, and so is my memory. I believed that previously I had made reference to the Beer House on Waterloo Station. However, Tim assures me that I hadn't written about it before. It would deserve a second mention, anyway. The photo shows the selection of first class ales on draught on 23 July this year, which is but a small representation of the many available. They also have a very fine menu, with a good variety of food. The pub is situated at the south-east end of the main concourse, almost opposite platform one. The only disadvantage (I don't usually include any of these in my recommendations) is that it is below the station concourse level, and therefore a flight of stairs has to be negotiated - not good if one has walking difficulties. Nevertheless, the food and drink are well worth some effort. What a wonderful experience in the middle of London!



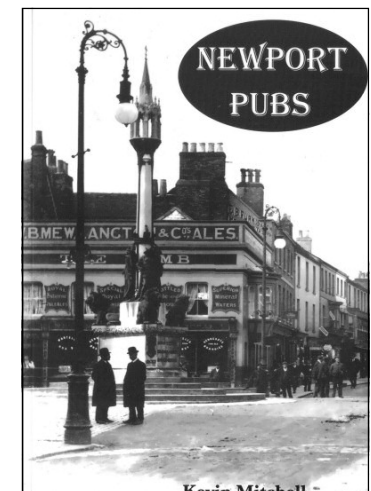
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