

**GOBLIN: LONDON PUBS GROUP DAYTIME CRAWL OF THE GOSPEL OAK TO BARKING LINE
ON SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018**

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Thanks go to Will Johnson for suggesting this crawl and its title. I am told that GOBLIN is a (sort of) acronym for "Gospel Oak to Barking Line Improvements Now". We are starting the crawl at the Barking end of the line.

- 1) 12 noon Victoria, 86 Axe Street, Barking, IG11 7LZ. Although this pub is not a listed building, it is on the Campaign for Real Ale's (CAMRA) London Regional Inventory of Pub Interiors of Special Historic Interest.

Brakspear Bitter is usually served here. On leaving the pub, turn right and walk down Axe Street to the junction with Ripple Road, turn left and walk down Ripple Road to the junction with Station Parade. Turn right and walk down Station Parade to Barking station. Catch a train to Leytonstone High Road station. Alight from the train then after emerging from the station continue to Leytonstone High Road, turn left and walk along Leytonstone High Road to bus stop J (called Leytonstone High Road Station). Catch the W14 bus to stop R (called Francis Road). Alight from the bus, turn left and walk along Grove Green Road to the junction with Francis Road. Cross over Grove Green Road to

- 2) 1.30 pm Northcote E11, 110 Grove Green Road, Leytonstone, E11 4EL. This pub is the official lunch stop. Although this pub is not a listed building, it has an interior recognised by CAMRA as being of local importance and the description is as follows: "Late Victorian, ex-Charrington pub. Public bar on the left, with saloon bar reached via original floor-to-ceiling screen. The screen is mainly matchboard panelled, has a doorway (but no door now) with three large stained glass glazed panels above, each containing five separate panels mainly of a floral theme, with the central rectangular ones featuring small birds at their centre. There is also a delightful small baffle on the bar counter side of the screen with four small glazed panels featuring floral designs, and again a small bird. Bar counter is old, possibly Victorian, with square panels in the various sections throughout. The bar looks a much newer piece. Corinthian capital columns survive. Walls all have matchboard wood panelling on the dado, and the stairway leading up from the saloon bar has a large glazed panel acting as a baffle. There is a further room at the back on the right, reached from the saloon bar via a very wide wood-framed arch. All the original wooden panelling, plus the columns, are unfortunately painted a combination of light grey and lavender. Original stained glass panels survive in the upper portions of many of the outer windows; these have mainly floral-themed small panels, again with small birds in the roundels of the central rectangular panels."

Four handpumps dispense three real ales and one real cider. The ales are from local microbreweries such as Signature, East London Brewery and Howling Hops. Turn right out of the pub and walk up Francis Road to the junction with Warren Road. Cross over Francis Road to the right-hand side of Warren Road and walk down Warren Road to bus stop P (called Francis Road). Catch a W14 bus to stop F (called Leytonstone High Road Station). Alight from the bus, turn right and walk along Leytonstone High Road to Leytonstone High Road station. Catch a train to Blackhorse Road station. From the station cross over Forest Road, turn left and walk down Forest Road to bus stop BD (called Blackhorse Road Station/Blackhorse Lane). Catch a 123 bus to stop M (called Higham Hill Road). Alight from the bus, turn right and walk to the pelican crossing. Cross over Forest Road and then Palmerston Road to

- 3) 3.45 pm Lord Palmerston, 252-254 Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 5JN. Like the Northcote E11, this pub is not a listed building but it has an interior recognised by CAMRA as being of local importance and the description is as follows: "Large corner-site Edwardian pub of two floors, constructed of red brick with some glazed tiling on the ground floor wall. The pub name is depicted in bas relief terracotta on the first floor corner facing. The corner door is signed as the public bar; unused door on Palmerston Rd led to a saloon bar to the right of the public bar, but now a single room. Tiled fireplace at the back of the room. The unused door has a screen with etched/cut glass either side that look original. The servery sits between the public/saloon bar and the lounge bar. The bar back is original mahogany, with five mirror-backed bays on both the public/saloon and lounge bar sides, carved wooden posts separating the bays, and concave wooden frame at the top. Lower shelving lost to fridges. An original dumb waiter is at the end of the bar back, now disused and containing drinks bottles, etc. Bar counter also looks original, with extravagant pilasters and fielded

panelling with arched tops. Tell-tale key holes in the counter front show where hinged panels would have allowed access to and servicing of the beer engines. The public bar has matchboard panelling on the dado, but now painted cream. A wall separates the public bar from the lounge bar to the left, with a normal sized doorway, with a door in situ which doesn't look original. Also separating the public bar from the saloon bar is a large baffle (approx six feet high and the total width of the counter) on the counter top adjoining the separating wall, containing etched/cut glass panels with arched tops. Behind the servery is a door leading to the kitchen and private rooms, framed and surmounted by mahogany surrounds in the same design as the bar back, and with a mirror backed bay to either side. To the left part of the lounge a wooden screen with fielded panelling and framed openings to the upper parts separates that part of the lounge into two distinct areas. The area on the left has a plain fireplace, while the area on the right has a tiled fireplace and staircase to the first floor. Behind the lounge is another large room (ex billiard room possibly - labelled as a pool room on 2007 floor plans). Antique cabinet at the back containing sporting trophies."

St Austell Tribute; and Wells Bombardier are usually served here. Turn right out of the pub and walk to bus stop S (called Higham Hill Road). Catch a 123 bus to stop BC (called Blackhorse Road Station). Alight from the bus, enter the station and catch a train to Harringay Green Lanes station. Alight from the train and on leaving the station turn left and walk along Green Lanes to the pelican crossing. Cross over Green Lanes and Lothair Road North to

- 4) 4.45 pm Beaconsfield Hotel, 359 Green Lanes, Harringay, N4 1DZ. Like the Victoria, this pub is not a listed building but it is on CAMRA's London Regional Inventory and the description is as follows: "A down-to-earth pub which, although opened out, still retains a remarkable amount of Victorian work. Its changes over the years have been carefully documented and a history at the pub enables us to follow its evolution. The Beaconsfield was built in 1886-7 to the designs of the obscure architects, Alexander and Gibbon who drew upon 17th-century details for inspiration. After the arrival of the third licensee in 1897 the internal arrangements were changed with the installation of the present island servery which was surrounded by a series of compartments. The plan was drawn up by one, John E. Pinder. One partition was removed in 1904 by F. J. Eedle & Meyers, minor alterations were made in 1934, and further partitions were removed in 1953. The single space we have today was the work of Courage (Eastern) Breweries' chief architect, Mr Longstaff, in 1981 when the last remaining divisions were removed. The Victorian work remaining consists of the spacious servery (with its stillion in the middle), the richly decorated ceiling, six cast-iron columns, curved lobby entrance on the corner, a considerable amount of etched mirrorwork towards the rear and a little stained glass.
History in a name: The pub is named after Conservative politician Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881). He entered Parliament in 1837 and was Chancellor of the Exchequer briefly in 1852 and again in 1858-9 and 1867. Prime Minister in 1868 and 1874-80, he became a close friend of Queen Victoria whom he persuaded to assume the title of Empress of India. He was created Earl of Beaconsfield in 1876."

No real ale is served here. Retrace your steps to Harringay Green Lanes station and catch a train to Gospel Oak station. Alight from the train and catch a train to Hampstead Heath station. Alight from the train, turn left out of the station and walk down South End Road to the junction with Fleet Road. Cross over the junction and walk down Fleet Road to the zebra crossing. Cross over Fleet Road, turn left and continue down Fleet Road to

- 5) 6.00 pm Stag, 67 Fleet Road, Hampstead, NW3 2QU. Although this pub is not a listed building and does not have an interior recognised by CAMRA as being of importance, it has a very handsome ornate bar-back but is it original or has it been relocated from another building?

Four handpumps dispense two real ales from microbreweries and two real ciders.