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a resolutely grimy Soho pub. For years a semi-official second office for the editorial staff of Private Eye, The Coach is something of a shrine to a golden period where drinking and the media were intrinsically linked. Having provided the setting for Spectator journalist Jefferey Bernard's Low Life column, its legend spawned the 1989 play Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell.

Norman's tyrannical status as pump-pulling bogeyman meant that he could run a pub with shoddy pints and grotty toilets and still play to packed houses. People came from far and wide to hear the legendary Soho character deliver pub justice to those whose faces didn't fit. In fact, the title of Norman's autobiography sums it all up: You're Barred, You Bastards.

Robin Turner co-edited, with Paul Moody, The Rough Pub Guide: A Celebration of the Great British Boozer (Orion, £9.99)

92 The Dove Hammersmith, London

On the Thames at the top of a bend offering great views east and west, this is arguably the best riverside pub in London. The tiny bar serves a range of Fuller's draught ales. When the sun's out nothing beats a pint of Honeydew ale, fermented with organic honey (£3.35 a pint). Stood here since the 17th century, customers have included Graham Greene, Ernest Hemingway, Dylan Thomas and Alec Guinness. James Thomson wrote the poem Rule Britannia while lodging here, and William Morris lived next door. **PB**



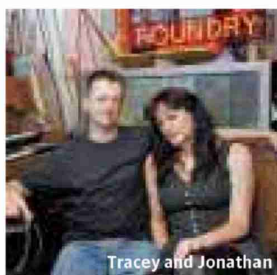
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Food Mon-Fri 12-2.45pm, 6-8.45pm,
Sat 12-3.45pm, 5-8.45pm, Sun 12-
6.45pm - Fuller's - 19 Upper Mall,
W6 9TA - 020-8748 9474

93 Hardy's Well Manchester

This large and spacious Rusholme pub feels like it could provide the backdrop for an episode of Life on Mars. There's no TV - so don't go expecting to see the match. But do go if you want a fresh, honest pub experience, with no-frills food (pizza, burgers, steak etc). There's also a verse by local performance poet Lemn Sissay (famed for his appearance on Leftfield's Leftism album) painted on the outside wall. Try saying: "Whoever walks to the well will wade into a wondrous world" after a few pints of the house favourite, Timothy Taylor Landlord (£2.70). **AJ**



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Tracey and Jonathan

The landlord's eye casts out like a lighthouse over a sea of lost souls

