

Reading the article on 900 pubs falling by the wayside 2018 I also have my humble opinion.

I have run pubs to date since 1990 and of the 6/7 establishments in my trail 3 of them no longer trade.

I put the blame massively at the door of the Pub Cos none being better or too much worse than the other.

I've observed dozens closing up.

Now, a typical average sized pub just ticking over as A local may sell for say upto £400,000 However the Pub Co has an asset closer to 1 million if it can be sold as a development with car park and gardens now deserving of up to 5 to 10 houses.

What I'm saying is the silent agenda of the like of corporate companies are sitting on a gold mine of property assets to sell off or if it's a very well run pub they'll extort huge rents and tied prices on stock.

I recall flowmeters arriving being told it's good for you to anylize trading patterns and staff accordingly.

What absolute BULL. It was there way of determining how much could be squeezed from your business from an accountant's desk.

The day the likes of brewers stopped having a passionate concern for the Great British pub was the day it went down hill. All down to money before communities.

Theres my view, I could go on for ever but theres little point. The corporate bosses operate from there offices high up and possibly some never even visit a pub.

Regards

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Half moon and seven stars

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