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Enclosure

Dear Sir,

The three high chimney-stacks of the Watney Mann Stag Brewery at Victoria Will be demolished on Sunday, 15th November. This is probably the last occasion for some time that demolition of high chimney-stacks in Central London will occur. I am therefore writing to invite you on behalf of Watney Mann Ltd. to send a cameraman to this event.

The demolition is timed to take place between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. and he should therefore arrive not later than 9.30, although we cannot guarantee of course that the demolition of the first chimney will take place immediately.

I am enclosing a ticket which admits him (through the main entrance to Stag Brewery at the end of Allington Street) to the two alternative sites, one at ground level and the other on the second floor of the headquarters building. I shall be available at one of these two sites if any further information or help is needed.

The tallest of the three chimneys was erected in 1912. 120 feet high, its dimensions at ground level are 12 feet by 12 feet and its foundations stretch 20 feet below ground level (11 feet of concrete and 9 feet of brick). The other two chimneys are 90 feet and 75 feet high. The demolition work is being carried out by R. Ashton & Sons Ltd.

Would you please let me know if you intend to be represented.

Yours faithfully


Trevor Russell-Cobb

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*Get somebody to look at before
weekend to assess picture
value & possibility of short angles
are they high enough
T.R.C.*

PRESS RELEASE

DEMOLITION OF CHIMNEY-STACKS

Stag Brewery, 15th November

There has been a brewery on this site for at least three hundred years. The first brewery to be called the Stag Brewery was built in the second half of the 17th century by Sir William Greene and described by William Stow in his "Remarks on London" (1722) as "the finest Brewhouse in Europe". It was known as the Stag Brewery from the arms of the Greene family, which are "Azure, three stags trippant or."

The building which until recently stood on this site was built between 1796 - 1807. Owing to the marshy nature of the soil, a raft-like construction of oak had to be used on which to raise the brickwork. This rebuilt brewery came into operation in 1807 and brewing ceased there in April of this year. Watney Mann have expanded and modernized their breweries at Mortlake and Whitechapel so as to achieve concentration of their brewing activities in these two places. They will be keeping part of the Stag Brewery site for a new head office, the remainder being leased for development that is likely to include offices and flats.

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