

BEER LINES

GREATER MANCHESTER CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

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FIRST LINES

Welcome to BEER LINES, CAMRA

Greater Manchester's new regional magazine. BEER LINES hopes to represent every part of the region from Wigan to Stockport, from Farnworth to Ashton-u-Lyne, as well as bringing you, the Manchester beer drinker, all the news from the industry, both good and bad.

Many of you who are familiar with *Whats Doing* will be wondering why this new newsheet has appeared, well simply it was felt by CAMRA members active in the region that *Whats Doing* was not representing the current views as well as it might. The producers decided to take complete control and revert to it being the North Manchester newsletter. While you may still see *Whats Doing* in pubs I think you will find the news items are restricted to North Manchester, whereas we have news from all round the Greater Manchester region.

As well as news we hope to have regular features, such as the "Spotlight", where a pub or event from the area is revealed. In the future there will be "Platform" where a representative from the drinks business will be given space to say their piece, brewers, licensees, customs and excise and trading standards will all take their turn.

Probably a more vital issue will be reports of CAMRA'S actions against items such as brewery takeovers, pub closures, the great lager rip-off and beer prices will be represented within these pages.

The first issue of BEER LINES is a bumper Christmas and New Year edition, but as from February, BEER LINES will appear in your pubs monthly. I hope you enjoy our new magazine, now and in the future.

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NEW BREWERY FOR MANCHESTER?

Seen at several CAMRA events recently has been Geoff Smith, who is keen to set up a small brewery in either Stockport or Oldham. A brewing license has been applied for, but premises and equipment still have to be obtained. Geoff and his partner, who used to work for Bass Charrington, hope to commence brewing from early next year. Good luck lads!

ROB CARDER

When in
ROCHDALE
come and visit
JOHN + CAROL
at the
MERRY MONK
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Tel. 46919
Marstons and
Burtonwood beers



FARNWORTH LAS VEGAS STYLE

The Market Hotel, Brackley Street, Farnworth re-opened on November 6th having had the "Walker's treatment". Extra seating has been put into the main lounge but the pool table has gone and the room it once occupied has been partly knocked into the small lounge next door, however the vault has not been touched and indeed, it remained open during the renovation period.

The Market has had a difficult time over the last few years, while lunchtime trade has been excellent due to the pub's proximity to Farnworth market, evening custom has been almost non-existent, Farnworth drinkers preferring the plethora of pubs on Market Street, the main thoroughfare, most of which are keg.

Like all the pubs in this area of the town, the Market will be looking to take some of the expected extra custom with the forthcoming opening of the "City Lights" nightclub. Formally known as "Blighty's" the club has been bought by Mancunian female impersonator "Foo-foo" Lamar, who intends to turn it into the most spectacular nightspot outside London. The venture has cost Foo-foo well over £1 million including a £200,000 light and laser show. Real ale drinking disco-revellers intending to boogie-on down to "City Lights" might enjoy a pre-club pint at the nearby Church (Thwaites), the Rawson's Arms (Burtonwood), The Wellington and The Britannia Inn (both handpumped Chester's bitter) and The Saddle (Tetley) as well as the afore mentioned Market Hotel.

At the other end of Farnworth The White Horse, Egerton Street, is now selling handpulled Jennings bitter under the Tetley/Jennings trading agreement, unfortunately landlord Brian Rostron says that initial sales have been disappointing.

Finally, an apology, in a recent *Whats Doing* we said that the Bradford Arms, Buckley Lane, Farnworth sold keg Oldham, it does not nor has it ever done.

DES NOGALSKI

WHITBREAD HEAVIES MOVE IN

It seems that the landlord of The Lord Nelson on Union Street, Oldham is being pressurised by Whitbreads to be modernised, and indeed ladders and decorators were sighted through the window. It is a very attractive pub externally, let's hope it is not turned into a 'House of Horrors'.

PAULA CARDER

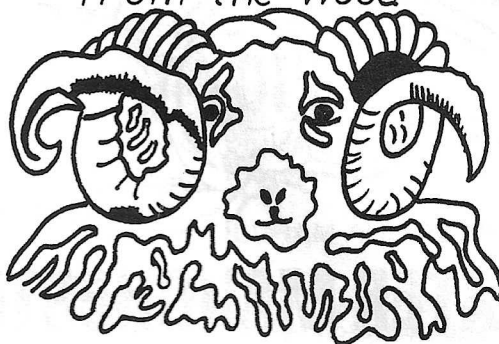
GAMECOCK'S STRUGGLE

A campaign has sprung up at The Gamecock, Ashton-under-Lyne. Oldham brewery make a bottled strong ale called Old Tom which could be very easily made available in traditional form, however, on applying for a firkin, landlord Simon Finch was referred to Boddingtons who turned him down. They said there was no demand. The directors of Boddingtons are currently giving the matter further consideration. Surely with the sales of Lee's Moonraker, Robinson's Old Tom, Hyde's Anvil Strong and Marstons Owd Rodger indicate a ready and available market for a Boddington/Oldham strong ale.

ROB CARDER

The Rams Head

DENSHAW
Traditional Ales
from the Wood



FREE HOUSE
Opening Hours
6.30pm - 11.00pm
Monday to Saturday
Sunday - Normal Hours

A WINTER TALE

When you go into your local between October and March have you ever noticed a mysterious barrel lurking on the bar? Have you tried some of its contents? If so you will have sampled one of this country's great traditions, the winter ale.

A winter ale is normally very strong and is brewed at the onset of the cold weather. It dates back to when deliveries from the brewery were made difficult in winter and the turnover in the country pubs was reduced, the dark strong beer had better keeping properties than ordinary bitter, so brewers didn't have to make as many trips out and the landlord could keep the beer without worrying about it going off.

Usually it is about O.G.1080, which is about twice as strong again as a normal bitter, this is why some pubs only sell it in halves.

How do you recognise such a brew? Normally it's the name alone which is the dead give away, also the lovely warm feeling it gives as it goes down. Local examples are Lee's Moonraker, Robinson's Old Tom, Hyde's Anvil Strong and Marstons Owd Rodger.

When you are next at a beer festival look out for the beers with silly names, these normally hold a strong dark surprise. Watch out for Headbanger, Enoch's Hammer, Roger and Out, Willie Warmer and the like, you'll find them a pleasant way to end (or start) your session.

A warning however, these beers can seriously damage your ability to stand upright and also your ability to afford your curry or your bus fare home!

ROB CARDER

The 1986 GOOD BEER GUIDE was launched nationwide on Tuesday, October 29th. Manchester's venue was the Marble Arch, Rochdale Road, which is included in the guide this time. John Worthington, the licensee was presented with his sticker by Duncan Roberts, a member of North Manchester branch.

The launch was well attended by press, CAMRA members, the Solid Fuel Advisory Board and the public.

Ken Birch, the regional organiser for CAMRA and Sean Murphy from the National Executive of CAMRA were present along with Mr. John Aston of the Solid Fuel Advisory Board who have again sponsored the GOOD BEER GUIDE.

The key point made in the guide, as well as at the launch is the overpricing of beers especially in certain areas.

We in Manchester are lucky, we have several small independent brewers who help keep prices competitive. Unfortunately others are not so lucky, especially where one brewery has the monopoly. The issue of prices leads onto the theme of brewery takeovers. If small independent breweries are swallowed up by large combines the consumer loses out both in choice and in increased prices.

As well as these campaigning items the 1986 GOOD BEER GUIDE contains a selection of the very best real ale pubs throughout England, Scotland and Wales. The guide is very easy to spot this time being a vibrant yellow colour. It can be purchased from bookshops and certain pubs for £4.95 and makes an excellent stocking filler for the beer drinker in your life.

PAULA CARDER

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MARBLE ARCH

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GREENALL'S STRIKE AGAIN

The Greenall's big boys have been applying their handy-work on our local hostelrys yet again. Unfortunately, Leigh can now no longer claim its unique accolade that all its Greenall's pubs are real. The Brooklands on Pennington Road is now selling fizz.

Furthermore, to add insult to injury, the same treatment has been applied to the Hand and Heart at Hindley.

The Queen's Arms, Atherton and the Travellers Rest, Hindley have both been sold, by Greenall Whitley to undisclosed buyers. The plight of the former Prince Saxe-Coburg, Atherton is still uncertain, though the property is in prime position, Greenall's are having difficulty in selling.

RAY KRUPP &
CARL HOLCROFT

CHESTER'S INFRINGEMENT

Cask beer has again put in a brief appearance at Whitbread-Chesters brewery tap, The Tallow Tub on Chapel Street, Salford. The re-introduction seems to have resulted from the change in licensee but despite the large sign outside, complete with handpump, proclaiming cask conditioned beer, and inside shiny handpumps complete with pump-clips, the beer is all keg. "We had it taken out" was the explanation given to our reporter when a request for a pint was met with a lunge for the nearest fizz-tap. The trading standards department has been informed, we in turn will keep you informed of developments.

JOHN CLARKE

One simple question from



ALE HOUSES

Could you drink Pendle Witches Brew in the company of a Headbanger, Old Tom, Old Eli, Old Timer, Old Hookey and a Forty-niner whilst discussing simultaneously the finer points of Bishops Tipple, Moonraker or the merits of Varsity and College—without losing your bottle?

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Sunday: 12.00 p.m. — 2.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m. — 10.30 p.m.

GUEST BEERS

The intention of this particular column is to let you know what to expect when you next visit any of the region's free houses.

DUNPHY'S — ROCHDALE

Current range is: Marstons Pedigree, Burton Mild and Bitter, Wards Bitter.

GAMECOCK — ASHTON-U-LYNE

Current range is: Taylors Best Bitter, Landlord, Oldham Mild, Boddingtons Bitter, Old Mill Bullion, Marstons Pedigree and Holts Bitter.

Between now and the end of February, the following guest beers will be available at sometime (the pub usually has four guest beers and a winter ale is always available)

Old Mill Bitter, Hook Norton Old Hookey, Crouch Vale S.A.S. and Willie Warmer, Gales H.S.B., Archers Headbanger, Fullers London Pride, Felinfoel Double Dragon, Batham Bitter and Delph Strong Ale.

MARBLE ARCH — MANCHESTER

Current range is: Fullers London Pride, Chiswick Bitter, E.S.B. Marstons Pedigree, Taylors Porter, Hydes Anvil Strong Ale, Julia Hansons Bitter, Hydes Bitter, Holts Mild.

There are usually two new guest beers per week.

CEMETERY — ROCHDALE

Current range is: Taylors Best Bitter, Landlord, Old Mill Bitter, Shipstones Bitter, Theakstons Old Peculier, Ruddles County, Boddingtons Bitter, Thwaites Bitter and Mild.

West Riding Tyke is expected soon.

RAMS HEAD — DENSHAW

Current range is: Theakstons Bitter, Old Peculier, Youngers Scotch Bitter, No. 3, I.P.A.

This is all the information we have at the moment, if you can tell us about the ranges of any other free houses in the region, please let us know.

ROB CARDER

MOONRAKER IN BOLTON

Lee's Moonraker is now on sale at Bolton's only Lees pub, The Lodge Bank Tavern on Bridgeman Street, at 98p per pint.

DES NOGALSKI

INDIFFERENT PENNINE HOST

Rosies Bar in the City Centre has had a standard Pennine Host conversion but, although smarter, is not much different to before.

JOHN CLARKE

OOPS! TOO STRONG AGAIN

Hydes Anvil Strong Ale is rumoured to have a strength of 1090 this year! It is now generally available in Hydes pubs.

ROB CARDER

Have you something to sell?
Advertising space is still available
in **BEER LINES**, write to the
editor for further details **NOW**,
before your competitor does.

BEER FOR THE BOYS

Do you remember the first time you drank beer? For most of us, that initial pint wasn't particularly pleasant — leaving a nasty taste at the back of the mouth and in the throat; but most people persisted with it, as it was a sign of adulthood to be able to go into a pub and drink a pint (or two) of Bitter or Mild just like dad and your friends did.

And until about 10 years ago most people started on either Bitter or Mild as that was what everybody drank in the pubs. A lager drinker would immediately be spotted as something unusual, and could lead to the worry of being asked to prove your age, which could prove embarrassing even to an 18 or 19 year old.

How times change, however. The average first time drinker today will almost invariably request a pint of lager, as the television ads which he has seen since his youth have been incessantly pushing the product, and the new drinker will have heard the names "Harp", "Skol", "Fosters", "Kronenbourg" from his extreme youth, and will be able to kid himself that he is more adult, being able to ask for a beer by its name.

For the young drinker, lager also has a major advantage that it does not leave that initial nasty taste in the mouth, and so he doesn't have to work to acquire the taste. However, once the drinker has got used to the blandness of much of today's lagers, it is unlikely that he is going to wish to make the transition to the rich variety of traditional draught beers. How many 18 year old lager drinkers are going to like Holts Bitter?

Thus, a whole generation is being lost to traditional beers, and is largely contributing towards the demand for bland over-priced British lagers. The time has come to start educating the new drinkers in the virtues of traditional British beers.

In the writer's opinion, the best way to get the message across to this age group is to have a campaign in schools to educate the young in the British brewing heritage to ensure that traditional draught beer is not lost to future generations. It must be stressed that the campaign can only be aimed at those sixth formers aged at least 18 years for legal reasons.

But what do you think? We would welcome your views on this topic.

ANDY COOPER

BYE-BYE BANK STREET

Another of Manchester's micro-breweries has gone. Following hot on the heels of Failsworth the Bank Street Brewery is now defunct and the pub is to re-open as a nightclub. The Bank Street Brewery started producing cask conditioned beer but then blotted their copy book by serving the beer under blanket pressure in the pub. However, it was available unadulterated elsewhere.

PAULA CARDER

YORKSHIRE 'BEST' IN STOCKPORT

Webster's Green Label mild is now available in four Stockport pubs, The Navigation, Lancashire Hill, The Castlewood and The Egerton Arms, near the market and The Bridgewater, Chestergate. (Let us know if you find any more).

The beer is apparently being made available as Stockport drinkers are thought to prefer a light mild (i.e. Robbies). However, just as much of the dark stuff is available and as the new outlets continue to sell Wilsons mild it remains to be seen if these pubs have enough demand to sustain two milds. In the meantime, however, it means more choice to the drinker which can only be good.

JOHN CLARKE

NOW YOU SEE IT NOW YOU DON'T

There is no Jennings bitter on sale at The Albion, Moor Lane, Bolton. A handpump did appear there a little while ago but we've yet to meet anyone who managed to obtain some of the stuff.

DES NOGALSKI

'TIME' FOR THE CLUBS

The recession is beginning to bite the club trade. Atherton Labour Club, a once thriving enterprise has in recent years found itself in financial turmoil. But in September of this year, the situation became critical, the club having amassed great debts with Burtonwood's. The venture has now been sold to Holt's and is due to open early in the new year as The Atherton Arms.

Many more clubs in the North-West are experiencing similar problems. Therefore it is likely that this is the first of many downfalls, though this instance has been beneficial to the Atherton drinker.

RAY KRUPP & CARL HOLCROFT

RENOVATIONS AND CLOSURES

The following pubs in the Trafford and Hulme area are undergoing renovations or have just completely shut: The Vine in Sale, The Waggon and Horses, Sale and the Sale Hotel are the most recent. We await their re-opening with interest to discover this month's trends in internal decor.

ALTRINCHAM ALES

In Altrincham, the former Barrington, now the Old Mill is selling three beers from the Wilson/Webster stable, namely Wilsons Original Bitter, Websters Yorkshire Bitter and Websters Green Label.

HOLTS HEAVEN?

The Egerton, Hanlon Street, Cheetham/Crumpsall nears completion of its redecoration. The internal layout of the vault and lounge is unaltered but both have been completely redecorated. In addition, new seat covers and curtains are being fitted. Some external work has been done as well. All good news for Holts drinkers in the area!

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West Riding Tyke

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UNSPOILT BY PROGRESS

FAREWELL ALBERT

Two of Rochdale's best known licensees, Fred and Madge of the Albert, Spotland Road, are to retire this year. The excellence of his Burtonwood beers (once Wilsons until the breweries did a swap) has earned Fred a place in the last seven Good Beer Guides and a place in the hearts of Rochdale's drinkers. The Albert was the one pub in town that could always pull in the crowds, in spite of being a no nonsense, no frills street corner boozier. We wish Fred and Madge a happy retirement and pray that Burtonwood don't take the opportunity to "gut" the pub or turn it into a fun pub or disco bar!

STEVE LAWTON

COCKERMOUTH ALE IN STOCKPORT

Thanks to the trading agreement between Tetleys and Jennings, the latter's excellent bitter is now available in Stockport. Curiously though it is available in free houses only (The Midway, Newbridge Lane and The Old Vic, Chatham Street). It appears to be selling well in both outlets and in the Midway at least is causing some comment with the regulars either loving or hating it.

The Midway also provides another welcome Stockport outlet for Burtonwood Bitter, the only other outlet, The Golden Lion on Hillgate being of variable quality.

JOHN CLARKE

ALL CHANGE IN TRAFFORD & HULME

Trafford and Hulme branch have recently elected a new committee as follows:

Chairman and Acting Secretary – David Shelton.

Treasurer – Dave Ward.

Social Secretary – Roger Wilson.

Press Officer – Gary Yates.

Other Officers – Dave Mladenovic, Mike Goode and Mick Rottenbury.

All CAMRA members and interested parties are welcome to attend our meetings (see branch diary for details of forthcoming events).

HOME BREW

Rumours circulating suggest that Rochdale's favourite free house, The Cemetery may be contemplating an in-house brewery a-la Lass O'Gowrie. Watch this space!

STEVE LAWTON

COOL FOR CATS

The former Exchange Inn in the Corn Exchange, Manchester, has been converted into 'The Cool Cats Club' in the Top Cat Tavern. At the time of going to press, the Tavern side was already open. Despite two handpumps on the bar the only beer was keg Tetley's. Cask beer is due to be installed (Tetley bitter only) but ominously our reporter was told that the keg beer was 'better handpumped anyway'. Apart from this the bar, although small has been tastefully and comfortably furnished and beer quality to be confirmed, should be a pleasant watering hole.

JOHN CLARKE

CASK BASS DISAPPEARS

The Yew Tree at Mosley Common has now ceased to sell traditional beers. The cask bitter and 4X mild have been ousted in favour of the keg 4X and the rather demoralising keg Worthington bitter. This now leaves the Tyldesley area with no real Bass outlets, and makes Bass the first brewer in the town to stop supplying cask conditioned beers. What now Bass, pub closures?

OLD PECULIER REFUSED

The licensee at the Strangeways Hotel, Hindley, has refused to take Theakston's beers. He was offered them by the brewery but claimed that they would not sell because they are slightly dearer than the present range of Lion Mild and Bitter. This is an inflexible attitude to take as it restricts the consumer's choice.

RAY KRUPP & CARL HOLCROFT

NEWS FROM WIGAN

The Swan and Railway, Wigan, has now re-opened and though the decor is somewhat wanting, the beers are excellent and it is well worth the visit. Situated opposite the North Western Railway Station, it has John Smith's bitter, Stone's bitter and Draught Bass on offer. As all beers are sold at 74p it is worth the time to appreciate the Draught Bass.

RAY KRUPP

CHANGES IN ASPULL

As from Monday November 11th, The Queens Head, Aspull will be closed for four weeks, for refurbishment. On re-opening there will be Walker Best Bitter, Jennings Bitter and Tetley Mild for your delight and all by the wicket.

Further up the hill, The Victoria has now reverted to selling just Walker Best Bitter and Tetley Mild. For a short time there was the choice of Walker Best and Tetley Bitters but the Tetley's has now been abandoned. So much for the Tetley Bittermen!

Contrary to local belief, The Gerrard Arms is now selling an excellent pint of Boddingtons. Delicately refurbished, there are quizzes every week and a sing-a-long at week-ends. The only drawback is that the public bar has been removed.

RAY KRUPP & CARL HOLCROFT

JOHN WILLIES IN ROCHDALE

Following the closure of the Gate, Valley Road in Ashfield Valley, Lees have bought the pub from Bass. The pub is somewhat difficult to find and is best approached via New Barn Lane (off Manchester Road).

STEVE LAWTON

ABSOLUTELY ANCIENT RODGER

Customers at the Marble Arch, Rochdale Road, Manchester, were treated to a rare brew of Marston's Owd Rodger recently, it was in fact last year's beer! It seems that a firkin went missing last year presumed stolen from the yard, however, licensee John Worthington found it in a corner and after checking with the brewery to see if it was drinkable, proceeded to sell it. It was reported to be excellent.

PAULA CARDER

TFC ALE SEARCHERS

Recently, "The Fighting Cock" group of pubs held an ale tasting competition. Heats were held at each of their five pubs and two finalists battled through from each. In the heats, each of three mystery ales had to be tasted and identified from a choice of four beers given for each mystery ale. The ales were in three categories, mild, bitter and strong bitter. Two CAMRA Manchester representatives were finally "chosen" for the Gamecock, Ashton-Under-Lyne.

The final was held at the Duck and Drake, Leeds, and was a very serious affair, with all the competitors seated around a table, with dry biscuits and water to help cleanse the palate between tasting rounds. This time there were four categories of beers, with a strong ale added. Five points were given for each ale correctly identified. Then a second section of mastermind type questions had to be answered giving a total possible score of 38.

After much sipping and scratching of heads the final result was:

1. The Duck and Drake
2. The Red Rooster
3. The Gamecock

A crystal tankard and a shield was presented to the winner, with all other finalists receiving an engraved pewter tankard. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening for both competitors and spectators.

If you fancy yourself as a champion ale searcher why not enter next year's competition, but try the questions from the final first to see if you can stand the pace!

1. Which brewery brewed a special beer for the Falklands?
2. What was the name of this special beer?
3. What year did the Old Mill Brewery of Snaith begin?
4. How many hours a day is a licensee allowed to open in England?
5. What is the gravity of Bruce's Dogbolter?
6. What is the real name of the pub known as Ma Pardoes at Netherton?
7. Where is the oldest brewery in the world?
8. What year did it start brewing?
9. Which three brewing concerns joined in 1961 to form the Allied concern?
10. Which brewery did Scottish and Newcastle try to take over in 1984?
11. Which company owns Wilsons and Websters?
12. Who brews Imperial Russian Stout, and how strong is it?
13. How many real ale breweries do Courage own?
14. Which brewery bought Border brewery?
15. Which year did the Great British Beer Festival not take place?

ANSWERS: 1. Everards. 2. Penguin Ale. 3. 1983. 4. 9%. 5. 1060. 6. Old Swan. 7. Germany. 8. 1040. 9. Ind Coope, Ansell and Tetley-Walker. 10. Camerons. 11. Grand Metropolitan. 12. John Smith's. 13. 2. 14. Marstons. 15. 1984.

STOCKPORT & SOUTH MANCHESTER

DECEMBER

12th: Xmas Social, Gateway, Kingsway, E. Didsbury. Food, games fun etc.
 13th: Mikron at the Rose & Crown, Stalybridge 8.0p.m.
 20th: The famous Hillgate pub crawl, 7.0 p.m. at the Blossoms, Buxton Road, Heavily, then every pub on Hillgate to the Spread Eagle.

JANUARY

7th: Committee meeting provisionally at the Longsight, Kirkmanshulme Road, in the family room.
 9th: Branch meeting venue to be arranged. Plus the post Xmas Social at the Travellers Rest, Burslem, home of Titanic Ale.

Contact John Clarke 061-477 1973 (H) or
 061-832 2468 X 385

NORTH MANCHESTER

DECEMBER

18th: Branch Xmas Social White Swan, Worsley Road, Swinton 8.0 p.m.
 27th: Branch Christmas Banquet, meet Marble Arch 8.0 p.m.

JANUARY

Wed. 1st: Acronymous Crawl 7.0 p.m. Nelson, Chapel Street, Salford; Eagle, Collier Street, Salford; Wellington, Shambles, Yate's (Grapes), Gt. Ancoats Street; 9.0 p.m. Edinburgh Castle, Blossom Street; Auld Lang Syne, Pollard Street; River, Palmerston Street.
 Wed. 8th: Eagle bye bye party Collier Street, Salford, 8.0 p.m.

Contact Roger Hall 061-740 7937 (H) or
 061-736 3065

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

DECEMBER

Sat. 14th: Christmas Social, Station, Ashton-U-Lyne, 7.0 p.m. onwards.

JANUARY

Tues. 7th: Committee Meeting, Cheshire Cheese, Broad-bottom, 8.30 p.m.
 Tues. 14th: Branch Meeting at the Gamecock 8.30 p.m.

Contact Tom Lord 061-427 7099

CAMRA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Are you a real ale drinker? Do you feel strongly about your local being turned into a disco fun pub? Does the current spate of brewery takeovers worry you? Then why not join CAMRA and help with the struggle against the profit makers.

Name(s)

Address

Postcode

I/We enclose my/our remittance for Full/Husband & Wife membership for one year £7.00

Signature(s)

Date

Please send this form with your remittance (payable to CAMRA Ltd.) to:
 Sally Bennell, CAMRA Ltd., 34 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts. AL1 3BW.

BOLTON

DECEMBER

Wed. 11th: 8.30 p.m. prompt Quiz Social at the Clifton (Tetley/Jennings), Newport Street. Support your local CAMRA masterminds.

Sun. 14th: 8.0 p.m. Branch Christmas party at the new-look York Hotel (Burtonwood), Newport Street, Bolton. All members are cordially invited.

Sun. 22nd: 12 noon Sunday Social at the White Horse (Tetley/Jennings) Egerton Street, Farnworth.

JANUARY

Wed 8th: 8.30 p.m. Branch meeting at the George (Wilsons), Great Moor Street, Bolton.

Contact Dave Fleming 0204 389918 (H)
 or Farnworth 75111 X 207

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM AND BURY

DECEMBER

Tues. 17th: 7.30 p.m. Branch Xmas knees-up at the Castle Inn (Wilsons) Manchester Road, Rochdale. Buffet and bar included.

JANUARY

Tes. 7th: 8.0 p.m. Branch meeting Queens (Robinsons) Manchester Street, Oldham.

Tue. 14th: 8.0 p.m. Presentation of "10 years in the Good Beer Guide" certificate at the Cross Keys, Uppermill.

Tues. 21st: 8.0 p.m. Committee meeting Bank Top Tavern (Lees), King Square, Oldham.

Tues. 28th: 8.0 p.m. Presentation of "10 years in the Good Beer Guide" certificate at the Healey Hotel, Rochdale.

Contact Steve Lawton 061-620 9239 (H)
 or 061-928 6311 X 7111

TRAFFORD & HULME

DECEMBER

Wed. 19th: 8.0 p.m. Branch Meeting at The Malt Shovels Altrincham.

JANUARY

Mon. 6th: 8.0 p.m. Committee/Social venue. To be arranged.

Contact David Shelton 061-795 2113 (H)
 or 061-224 7341 X 54

WINTER WARMER ALE SEARCH

There are 25 Seasonal ales hidden in the grid below, can you find them?

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P P A U O N K D M B R V R U N E K
H H R L L I V B S O K B O K A B C
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