

# WHAT'S DOING



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## WHITBREAD 50% TRADITIONAL IN NORTH MANCHESTER



On 22nd February all the Whitbread pubs in North Manchester were surveyed. 22 out of 40 outlets were serving traditional beer and the beer was well kept in virtually every case. Six pubs near the city centre sold both mild and bitter but there were only 3 outlets for cask conditioned Trophy. The complete list of outlets is:

Brick House	CB	Star & Garter	CB
Bridge Inn	CB	Magpie	CM
Royal George	CB,CM	Heaton Park	CB
Mamas	CB,CM	Farmyard	CB,D
Red Bull	CB,CM	Clough	CB
Hat & Feathers	CB	Broadway	CB
Land o' Cakes	CB,CM	Golden Lion	CB
Mother Mac's	CB,CM	Billy Greens	CB
Crown & Anchor	CB,CM,T	53	T
Edinburgh Castle	T	Empress	CB
Cob o' Coal	CM	Crown & Cushion	CB

CB = Chesters Bitter; CM = Chesters Mild; T = Trophy; D = Duttons.

This picture is very encouraging and it is hoped that the progress will be sustained.

Roger Hall



## GHOULY HOST

The managed house division of Wilsons, Watneys, Grand Met or whatever it was called was the first pub owning group to inflict theme pubs on an unsuspecting public. Remember the Wrecker and the Jules Verne? You'd think they'd have learned their lesson, wouldn't you? Well they haven't. Not to be outdone by the loony Whitbread conversions, the Host Group (for that is this year's name) propose to outhorror the Houses of Horror. With almost 300 pubs from North Wales to Humberside and from Stoke on Trent to the Lake District, Pennine Hosts are in an excellent position to wreak havoc should they wish. The proposals are so outlandish they read like the script of a second rate satirical comedy - but they're real. This is what they want to do - honest, we've not made them up....

THE ENGLISH ALE HOUSE - "everything associated with the traditional English pub."

THE BEER FACTORY - "the lowest price beer in the area."

ETHNIC THEMED PUB - "a little larger than life."

THE LOCAL - "designed to cater for particular ethnic or national groups."

THE TAVERN AND THE RESTAURANT - "pubs with food all the time."

PUB 80 - "American style bar lounges."

PUB 80 PLUS - "the same with many extras."

THE PUB SHOP - "hitting back at the off licence."

SLOTS OF FUN - "entertainment all day."

BAR CAFE - "cosmopolitan style."

WHOLEFOOD HEALTH - "health and fitness centres."

BARNABYS - "fixed price restaurants."

DRIVE INNS - "fast food restaurants for the motorist."

BIG APPLE - "full of sophisticated fun."

That's it. Great isn't it? Bruce Cunningham of Pennine Host will be coming to North Manchester's 10th Birthday meeting on March 21st at the Lord Nelson in Ringley, so why not come along and find out whether your local is going to be turned into a licensed amusement arcade or a gymnasium for trendy be-leotarded drunks.

Roger Hall

## BODDINGTONS SURVEY - SOUTH MANCHESTER BRANCH

	No.	%	
Tied pubs in branch area	44	94	This summary gives the bare facts in numerical form. It tells how many have what and how much it cost, and it could be called an "Infiltration" survey. In this respect it gives little cause for concern.
Free houses in branch area	3	6	
Surveyed to date	ALL	100	
No Boddingtons bitter	0	-	
No Boddingtons mild	16	34	
Real Oldham bitter	0	-	But the detailed comments from CAMRA South Manchester members gave a very different picture - "average", "bland", "boring", "characterless", "nondescript", "ordinary", "unimpressive" - these are only some of the uncomplimentary remarks under the heading "Character of Beer". Can this really be the famous Boddingtons? What has happened to the "distinctive bitter tang" and "appealing nutty flavour"? To be fair, there were some complimentary remarks, but they were by far outnumbered by the uncomplimentary. It was the bitter that got the real drubbing - mild drinkers seemed to be quite impressed by the flavour but (back to the numbers again) there is no mild in one third of the outlets.
Real Oldham mild	0	-	
Keg/Tank Oldham bitter	2	4	
Keg/Tank Oldham mild	6	13	
Keg/Tank Oldham bitter & mild	1	2	
	Tied	Free	
Most expensive bitter	58p	63p	
Most expensive mild	55p	-	
Cheapest bitter	52p	58p	
Cheapest mild	51p	-	

So what of the future? Strong ale is only a memory, mild outlets are disappearing, and the bitter...?

Philip Levison

## WHAT'S DOING

### REAL ALE IN OLDHAM

This issue carries the fourth edition of the comprehensive list of Oldham's real ale outlets. In the two years since the last edition, the major event affecting the real ale scene in the borough was Boddingtons' takeover of OB. In 1982 one could only drink OB in OB houses and Boddies in Boddies house. Now, of course, we can sample Boddies (bitter only) in some OB houses and also have the dubious pleasure of drinking OB (keg mild and bitter only) in many Boddies pubs. However, in Oldham itself the arrangement has significantly reversed the previous trend, and the availability of cask beer has improved in the last year. It does seem unfortunate, though, that a

switch back to real OB ales has to be accompanied by a blitz on the pubs themselves. There are many ordinary back-street OB houses where a return to cask beer would be welcomed - without recourse to the builders and plastic potted plant suppliers!

### 100th WHAT'S DOING - THE WINNING NUMBERS

As promised last month, a grand draw took place at the February North Manchester branch meeting at the White Swan, Swinton. Mine Host George Fildes drew the following numbers out of the bag:

Branch	(Reserves)
0814 South Lancs	0565 Rochdale, Oldham, Bury
2408 North Manchester	0890 South Lancs
1266 Trafford & Hulme	0865 South Lancs
0046 Rochdale, Oldham, Bury	2535 North Manchester
0322 Bolton	2405 North Manchester
Booby Prize 1400 South M/cr	1824 South Manchester

If the first five numbers are unclaimed, then the reserve numbers, in order, will be used as replacements - So please claim if you have a reserve number. Claimants should send the copy of What's Doing, which will be returned if you include a s.a.e., to What's Doing Winners, 37 Oaklands Road, Edenfield, Ramsbottom, Bury BLO 0LR, giving their names and addresses. If already a CAMRA member, give the month that membership is due for renewal. The lucky booby prize winners should also send details of whom they would like to entertain, at their own expense, and where and when this is to take place - to be confirmed by both parties, of course. A list of winners' names will be printed next month. All claims to be made by March 16th.

The What's Doing Special Offer, also featured in last month's What's Doing, for CAMRA membership at £5 is still open. Closing date has been extended to March 31st, by popular demand. Please use the form in the Centenary Issue.

### WHAT'S GOING ON?

An application has been made by a Manchester builder to alter the Queens Arms on Red Bank and install a first floor bar. The "For Sale" sign, however, remains on this former Tetley pub.

### BLACKLEY BOOST

The Hilltop on Heaton Park Road is now serving cask conditioned, hand-pumped Tetleys bitter and mild. There are now only three non-real ale pubs in Blackley.

### TORY ALE

Broadbottom Conservative Club in Tameside now sells Tetley bitter and Ind Coope Burton Ale by handpumps.



## MOONRAKER

Lees have reintroduced their draught Moonraker strong ale. From the end of January the beer has been available from:

Clayton Arms (Latics Club), Chadderton  
Spinners Arms, Woodbrook, Springhead (GBG 1984)  
Albion, Drury Lane, Hollinwood  
Hare & Hounds, Higginshaw Lane, Royton  
Gardeners, Grimshaw Lane, Middleton Junction  
Firwood, Joshua Lane, Middleton Junction ("brewery tap")  
Lodge Bank Tavern, Bridgeman Street, Bolton  
Dog & Partridge, Brook Street, Ashton under Lyne

## STAFF OF LIFE

The Staff of Life, Cross Lane, Radcliffe, is soon to serve handpumped Chesters mild in addition to the Castle Eden which is usually in excellent condition. Landlord Geoff Hilton reckons he sells three times more Castle Eden than keg Trophy - possibly because customers requesting bitter are asked for their preference, which is a nice change from the usual lunge for the Trophy pump in most Whitbread houses.



### THE STATION

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the by-pass*

## LOST LOCAL

Newton le Willows drinkers got an early Christmas present from their friendly brewers Greenall Whitley when the Oddfellows Arms in Earls-town was closed late last year. The Oddfellows, or Glass Barrel, as it was affectionately known, was a fine example of the old-fashioned corner local, selling good quality traditional beer. Greenalls decided to close the pub when the landlady announced her retirement. It is difficult to understand their thinking (thinking?), as recent housing development in the area would surely have added to the already not inconsiderable local trade. Of course, it goes without saying that Greenalls own the vast majority of pubs in the Newton le Willows district. Recognising that the Oddfellows should not be lost without a fight, a petition of 2,000 signatures was raised and sent to the brewery. When contacted by the local newspaper, Greenalls denied all knowledge of the petition. The brewery has once again ignored its customers - aspiring members of Greenalls Appreciation Society (GAS) please note.

## STILL ROUND THEIR NECKS

The Millstone, Thomas Street, Manchester, which has been boarded up for a few weeks, reopened on 20th February under the supervision of the former tenants of the Britannia on Newton Street. The pub has been cleaned up and now has more emphasis on food. Wilsons hope that this commodious pub will once again be successful.

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### DRIVEL

The Lamb, Regent Street, Eccles, is to appear in a Granada Television series called "Bulman", the sequel to "Strangers". The producer, someone by the name of Steve Hawes, declares: "In the script it is supposed to be a London pub and the Lamb has got the atmosphere of a London pub. It is not typically northern."(!) Come on Holts, sue the bugger!

### BAY HORSE




Wilsons have managed to get shut of the Bay Horse on Thomas Street, not far from the Millstone. It is now waiting for tenants in its new role as commercial premises. This locality was recently declared a "Commercial Improvement Area" and work is expected to start on the site in about six weeks time.

### SADDLEWORTH BEER FESTIVAL

The sixth Saddleworth Real Ale Festival is to take place on Friday/Saturday/Sunday 11th-13th May. For the hairy-chested rugby types who have difficulty in deciding between a good real ale festival and the annual trek to Wembley, they can rest easy. They can do both this year! The festival will open Friday 5.30-11.00pm, Saturday 11.30-3.00 pm and 5.30pm-11.00pm and Sunday 12.00-2.00pm. Full details next month

### MOP POP

The Weavers Arms, commonly known as "The Mop", off Halliwell Road, Bolton, now sells Youngers IPA (65p), alongside Castle Eden on hand-pump. This is the only outlet for IPA in the Bolton area.



**TRADITIONAL ALES**

Forshaw's Burtonwood Brewery PLC. Burtonwood, Warrington,  
Cheshire WA5 4PJ Telephone Newton-le-Willows 4281

## RAILWAY

The Railway, a Boddingtons house on Commercial Brow, Newton, Hyde, is undergoing alterations and extensions. It is hoped that the atmosphere and character of this ex-GBG pub will be retained.

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A search of North Manchester's archives has unearthed the membership register from the 1970's (discontinued when HQ threatened to close down branches with an attendance of less than 30). Will any of those stalwarts turn up at the 10th Birthday of the branch on 21st March? Among those attending during 1974 were: Bill & Margaret Calvert, M Wolstencroft, M Brown, S Walsh, J Hughes, P Whipday, F Hudson, C Leach, D S Smith, S B Yates, J M Howard, A J Moody, Neville Kenyon, Ian Makin, David Dodd, Malcolm Hall, John Barnes, Alan Compayne, Mike Dickson, Mick Day, M Webb, John Ward Knowles, Brian Farnworth, W Shawcross, Allan Horsfall, Harold Pollard, Ian Warren, Lynne Hughes, A Cheesebrough, David Hudson, Chris Tyldesley, P Becket, Iain Watson, as well as some of the ageing, shambling drunks who are still with us today. All will be welcome at the Lord Nelson in Ringley.

### RAILWAY AND (MORE) COMMERCIAL

It is rumoured that the Railway and Commercial at Springhead (also known as the Front House) is soon to be revamped by Boddingtons at great expense. It is understood that the interior is to be gutted so that a new atmosphere can be created that will attract a younger clientele. The Railway and Commercial currently sells bright OB beers - is this another pub which will gain Boddies bitter only? Watch this space...

### BREW TEN

The Old Bank Street Brew House (former Mariners) recently sold its tenth brew since it opened two months ago. The price has recently risen from 60p to 62p, and for an o.g. which is generally around 1042 this still compares very favourably with the Lass o'Gowrie, which is currently charging 74p for its LOG 42 (o.g. 1042).

### CLUB NEWS

Conversation in GPO Club on Quay Street, Manchester:

**Customer:** "A pint of bitter please."

(barman moves directly to Boddingtons tap.)

**Customer:** "Holts bitter please."

**Barman:** "Well, OK, if you're daft enough. Someone has to drink it."

**Moral:** Holts have still some way to go to reach bar staff that Boddies have already got to!

### WEST RIDING RETURNS

West Riding Brewery, now reopened at a new location at New Bridge Mills, Meltham, is experiencing some difficulty in re-establishing itself in the free trade following last summer's disastrous fire at





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# REAL ALE in OLDHAM



## OLDHAM AREA (INCLUDING BARDSLEY, GRAINS BAR, HOLLINWOOD, LEES & WATERHEAD)

Abbey Inn	West Street	Centre	OB/Boddies	M,B(H)
Ace of Spades	Fircroft Road	Fitton Hill	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Alexandra	Derker Street	Derker	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Alexandra	Park Road	Glodwick	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Angel Inn	Nicholson Street	Lees	Boddingtons	B(H)
Auld Lang Syne	Manchester Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Bank Top Tavern	King Square	Centre	Lees	M,B(H/E)
Bath Hotel	Union Street	Centre	Boddingtons	B(E)
Bird in Hand	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Black Horse	Lees Road	Mumps	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Black Horse	Manchester Road	Werneth	Robinsons	BM,BB(H)
Black Horse	Ripponden Road	Watersheddings	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Black Swan	Huddersfield Road	Mumps	Lees	M,B(E)
Boltmakers Rest	Rock Street	Centre	Oldham	M,B(E)
Boundary	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
Bowling Green	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Lees	M,B(E)
Bridge	Lees Road	Salem	Tetley	M,B(H)
Bridge Inn	Moorhey Street	Clarksfield	Lees	M,B(E)
Bridgewater	Manchester Road	Werneth	Holts	M,B(H)
Britannia	Busk Road	Busk	Marstons	M,B(E)
Brook Tavern	Rochdale Road	Coldhurst	Boddingtons	B(E)
Bulls Head	Brideoak Street	Waterhead	Boddingtons	B(H)
Bulls Head	George Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Bulls Head	Ripponden Road	Grains Bar	Bass	TL,CB(H)
Bulls Head	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Wilsons	M,B(H)

Church	Bardsley Street	Waterhead	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Church	Chapel Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Church	Lee Street	Coppice	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Clarkesfield	Ronald Street	Clarkesfield	Oldham/Boddies	M, B(H)
Colliers Arms Cross	Ashton Road	Hathershaw	Marstons	M, B(E)
Commercial	West Street	Werneth	Lees	M, B(E)
Cranberry	Cranberry Street	Glodwick	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Crown	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham	M, B(H)
Crown & Mitre	Hollins Road	Hollinwood	Oldham	M, B(E)
Daisyfield	Keb Lane	Bardsley	Marstons	M, B(H)
Derker Hotel	Vulcan Street	Derker	Bass	TL, Stones(H)
Dog & Duck	St Domingo Street	Centre	Wilsons	B(H)
Dog & Partridge	Constantine Street	Greenacres	Matthew Brown	M, B, JPS(H)
Dog & Partridge	Roundthorn Road	Roundthorn	Lees	M, B(E)
Elevenways	Featherstall Road	N Westwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Falconers	Hollins Road	Copster Hill	Lees	M, B(E)
Farmers Boy	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham/Boddies	M, B(H)
Filho	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Flower Pot	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Oldham	M, B(E)
Friendship	Lees Road	Salem	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Friendship	Manchester Street	Werneth	Oldham	M, B(H)
Gardeners Arms	Acre Lane	Derker	Oldham	M, B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Dunham Street	Waterhead	Robinsons	BM, BB(H)
Grapes	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Greaves Arms	Ashton Road	Copster Hill	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Greaves Arms	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Boddingtons	B(E)
Greenacres Hotel	Greenacres Road	Greenacres	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Greengate	Acacia Road	Limeside	Lees	M, B(E)
Grey Horse	Union Street	Centre	Robinsons	BM, B(E)
Half Way House	Ashton Road	Bardsley	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Hark to Topper	Bow Street	Centre	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Hat & Feathers	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Marstons	M, B(E)
Hathershaw Hotel	Ashton Road	Fitton Hill	Boddingtons	B(E)
Hawthorne	Roundthorn Road	Roundthorn	Oldham	M, B(H)
Highfield	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Oldham	M, B(E)
Honeywell Arms	Ashton Road	Hathershaw	Robinsons	BB, BM(H/E)
Hope	Greenacres Road	Greenacres	Thwaites	M, B(H)
Jolly Carter	Lees Road	Clarkesfield	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Junction	Ripponden Road	Hill Stores	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Junction	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Robinsons	BM, B(E)
King George IV	Hollins Road	Copster Hill	Oldham/Boddies	M, B(H)
Kings Arms	Delph Road	Grains Bar	Oldham	M, B(H)
Kings Arms	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Holts	M, B(H)
Limelight	Hollins Road	Hollins	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Mare and Foal	Ashton Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Minders Arms	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Miners Arms	George Street	Centre	Wilsons	B(H)
Moorside Hotel	Ripponden Road	Moorside	Bass	TL(E)
Morning Star	Featherstall Road	S Westwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Navigation (Whispers)	Manchester Rd	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Nelson	Union Street	Centre	Chesters	B(H)
Old Post Office	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Oldham	M, B(H)
Oldham Hotel	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
One and Three	Manchester Street	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
Ordnance Arms	Park Road	Glodwick	Oldham	M, B(E)
Oxford	Oxford Street	Werneth	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)
Park Inn	Park Road	Glodwick	Oldham, Boddies	M, B(H)
Plough	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Prince Albert	Lee Street	Coppice	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Prince of Wales	Bleasby Street	Hill Stores	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Prince of Wales	Spencer Street	St Mary's	Matthew Brown	M, B(E)
Queens	Manchester Street	Werneth	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)
Queens	Rochdale Road	Coldhurst	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Railway	Lees Road	Mumps	Wilsons	M, B(H/E)
Railway	Railway Road	Hollinwood	Chesters	B(H)
Robin Hood	Lees Road	Clarkesfield	Oldham	M, B(E)
Roebuck	King Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)

Rose of Lancaster	Manchester Street	Werneth	Oldham	M, B(H)
Royal	Horsedje Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Royal	Lees Road	Salem	Chesters	B(H)
Royal	Rochdale Road	Coldhurst	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Royal Oak	Manchester Road	Werneth	Robinsons	BB, BM(E)
Royal Oak	Union Street	Centre	Robinsons	BB, BM(E)
Sergeant at Arms	King Street	Centre	Chesters	B(H)
Shepherds Boy	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Matthew Brown	M, B(H)
Sholver Inn	Sholver Lane	Sholver	Lees	M, B(E)
Smut	Manchester Road	Werneth	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Spinners	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Spinners	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Spotted Cow	West Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Streetbridge Inn	Roman Road	Hollinwood	Oldham, Boddies	M, B(E)
Sun Inn	Henshaw Street	Bar Gap	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Temple	Huddersfield Road	Waterhead	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Tommyfield	Henshaw Street	Centre	Lees	M, B(E)
Victoria	Hollins Road	Hollins	Marstons	M, B(H)
Waggon & Horses	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Oldham	M, B(E)
Waggon & Horses	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Waterloo	Union Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Weavers	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Lees	M, B(E)
Wellington	Ripponden Road	Watersheddings	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Westbourne	Middleton Road	Westwood	Oldham	M, B(E)
Westwood	Featherstall Road S	Westwood	Oldham	M, B(H)
Wheatsheaf	Derker Street	Derker	Wilsons	M, B(E)
White Hart	Chadderton Way	Northmoor	Wilsons	M, B(E)
White Swan	Huddersfield Road	Hill Stores	Robinsons	BB, BM, OT(E)
Windsor	Shaw Road	Higginshaw	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Woodman	Manchester Road	Hollinwood	Lees	M, B(H)
Yarnspinners	Manchester Road	Werneth	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Yates Wine Lodge (Angel)	High Street	Centre	Thwaites	B(H)

#### FAIRFORTH AREA (INCLUDING WOODHOUSES)

Bay Horse	Wickentree Lane	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Black Horse	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Bridge Inn	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Church	Oldham Road	Centre	Robinsons	BM, BB(E)
Cloggers Arms	Oldham Road	Broadway	Greenalls	M, B(E)
Cotton Tree	Ashton Road East	Holt Lane End	Marstons	M, B(H)
Dog & Partridge	Medlock Road	Woodhouses	Marstons	M, B(E)
Dutchbirds	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
Eight Bells	Alder Road	Holt Lane End	Bass	4X(H)
Foresters	Oldham Road	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Grey Horse	Oldham Road	Centre	Lees	M, B(H)
Halfway House	Oldham Road	Broadway	Greenalls	M, B(H)
Houghton Arms	Oldham Road	Centre	Burtonwood	M, B(H)
Lamb	Oldham Road	Broadway	Boddingtons	M, B(E)
Mare and Foal	Ashton Road West	Centre	Marstons	M, B(E)
Nelson	Hulmes Road	Brookdale Park	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Pack Horse	Wrigley Head	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Sun Inn	Oldham Road	Centre	Bass	4X(H)
Weavers Arms	Oldham Road	Broadway	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Wheatsheaf	Oldham Road	Centre	Marstons	M, B(H)
Willow Tavern	Ashton Road East	Holt Lane End	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Windmill (Millers)	Lord Lane	Holt Lane End	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Woodhouse Gardens	Medlock Road	Woodhouses	Lees	M, B(H)

#### CHADDERTON AREA (INCLUDING MILLS HILL)

Albion	Drury Lane	Hollinwood	Lees	M, B(E)
Boat and Horses	Broadway	White Gate	Lees	M, B(E)
Britannia	Washbrook	Coalshaw Green	Wilsons	M, B(E)
Chadderton Arms	Broadway	Burnley Lane	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Crown	Walsh Street	Centre	Wilsons	M, B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Block Lane	Freehold	Lees	M, B(E)
Horton Arms	Middleton Road	Centre	Oldham	M, B(E)
Horton Arms	Streetbridge Road	Healds Green	Lees	M, B(H)
Hunt Lane Tavern	Middleton Road	Hunt Lane	Lees	M, B(E)
Rifle Range	Burnley Lane	Westhulme	Lees	M, B(H)



Rose of Lancaster	Haigh Lane	Mills Hill	Lees	M,B(H)
Sportsmans	Broadway	Foxdenton	Bass	TL,4X(E)
Springbank	Hunt Lane	Stockbrook	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Spring Vale	Burnley Street	Centre	Boddingtons	B(E)
Sun Mill Inn	Middleton Road	Centre	Oldham	M,B(H)

# **ROYTON AREA (INCLUDING HEYSIDE AND HIGGINSHAW)**

Angel Inn	Shaw Road	Heyside	Lees	M,B(E)
Blue Bell	Broadway	Boundary Park	Lees	M,B(E)
Bulls Head	Heyside	Heyside	Oldham, Boddies	M,B(H)
Dog & Partridge	Middleton Road	Royley	Lees	M,B(E)
Duke of Edinburgh	Market Square	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Duke of York	Heyside	Heyside	Lees	M,B(E)
Grey Mare	Oldham Road	Boundary Park	Oldham	M,B(E)
Greyhound	Elly Clough	Holden Fold	Lees	M,B(E)
Haggate	Middleton Road	Royley	Lees	M,B(E)
Halfway House	Rochdale Road	Oozewood	Lees	M,B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Higginshaw Lane	Higginshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
Hope & Anchor	Sandy Lane	Centre	Bass	Stones, TL,4X(H)
Lancashire	Higginshaw Lane	Higginshaw	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Marston Tavern	Rochdale Road	Centre	Marstons	M,B,Ped(H)
Railway	Oldham Road	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Turks Head	Springfield Lane	Thornham	Wilsons	M,B(H/E)
White Hart	Oldham Road	Boundary Park	Wilsons	M,B(H)

# **CROMPTON/SHAW AREA (INCLUDING HIGH CROMPTON)**

Black Horse	Rochdale Road	High Crompton	Lees	M,B(H/E)
Blue Bell	Market Street	Centre	Robinsons	BM,BB,OT(E)
Coach & Horses	Market Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Colliers Return	Rochdale Road	High Crompton	Lees	M,B(H)
Duke of York	Market Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Jubilee	Milnrow Road	Jubilee	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Morning Star	Grains Road	Clough	Lees	M,B(H)
Park	Buckstones Road	Crompton Fold	Matthew Brown	M,B(H/E)
Puckersley	Thornham Road	Thornham	Lees	M,B(E)
Waggon & Horses	Rochdale Road	High Crompton	Boddingtons	B(E)

# **SADDLEWORTH AREA (INCLUDING DELPH, DENSHAW, DIGGLE, DOBCROSS, AUSTERLANDS, GREENFIELD, LYDGATE, SCOUTHEAD, SPRINGHEAD AND UPPERMILL)**

Black Horse	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Bass	4X(H)
Church	Runninghill Gate	Uppermill	Youngers/M Brown	M,B,No3,JPS(H)
Commercial	High Street	Uppermill	Bass	4X(E)
Cross Keys	Huddersfield Road	New Delph	Matthew Brown	M,B(H)
Cross Keys	Runninghill Gate	Uppermill	Lees	M,B(H)
Dog & Partridge	Oldham Road	Springhead	Bass	XL(E)
Farrars Arms	Oldham Road	Grasscroft	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Floating Light	Stanedge Road	Stanedge	Boddies,Bass,OB	M,B(H)
Golden Fleece	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Wilsons	M,B,cider(H)
Horse & Jockey	Stanedge Road	Stanedge	Taylor, Theakston	M,B,OP(H)
Junction	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
King William IV	Chew Valley Road	Greenfield	Bass	XL(E)
Old Original	Thorp Road	Scouthead	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Printers	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Tetley/Taylors	M,B(H)
Railway	Station Brow	Greenfield	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Rams Head	Ripponden Road	Denshaw	Youngers	IPA,No3(H/G)
Roebuck	Brighton Road	Strinesdale	Matthew Brown	M,B,JPS(H)
Rose & Crown	King Street	Delph	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Spinners	Woodbrook (off Cooper St)	Springhead	Lees	M,B(E)
Swan	The Square	Dobcross	Bass	4X,CB(H)
Three Crowns	Huddersfield Road	Scouthead	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Waggon	High Street	Uppermill	Robinsons	BM,BB(E)
White Hart	Stockport Road	Lydgate	Bass	Bass(H)
White Lion	King Street	Delph	Bass	4X(E)
Woolpack	Dobcross New Road	Dobcross	Bass	XL(E)

M=mild, B=bitter, H=handpumps, E=electric pumps, G=gravity, BM=best mild, BB=best bitter, 4X=Bass best mild, TL=Toby Light, XL=Extra Light, CB=cask bitter, OT=Robinsons Old Tom, OP=Theakstons Old Peculier, JPS=Matthew Brown Special Bitter, Ped=Marstons Pedigree Bitter

the old premises. The brewery is looking for outlets in the Greater Manchester area (probably concentrating on the north, but who knows). For the present, it is worth noting that the Floating Light at Stanedge will soon be selling WR bitter alongside its wealth of other hand-pulled ales (exit Toby Light).

### CULTURAL (S)NOTES

Handpumped Stones bitter (63p) is now on sale in the Stage Door Bar (open to the public) of the Palace Theatre on Oxford Street, Manchester. Ask for traditional, though, as the fizzy version is also available.

### ROSY FUTURE?

The Rose Hill Tavern (Greenalls), Manchester Road, Bolton, is up for sale. Rumour has it that it will be bought by the same firm that has bought the Gypsies Tent in Bolton. Let's hope this means a better choice of beer for the Bolton drinker.

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Eddy Nestfeather has not been the same since he got religion as a result of tripping over the dog dispense system at the Cock and Pullet and falling A over T onto a hogshead of Boringsods Kamikazee Winter Ale. Not only does he visit the Slumley Tabernacle and pledge his chattels to the Lord, but has become censorial and expurgatory to a degree unparalleled in the history of journalistic endeavour. Any reference to naughty parts or thingy is swiftly excised or rendered innocuous by his blue pencil.

Avid readers of What's Doing have been unable to keep up with developments in pairs press ups competitions where Mr Chestnut's marine performance has been overtaken by Mr Bulldog's epic marathon in a Scotton left luggage office. Nor have recent outbreaks of minion spanking been reported. This is just not good enough. These matters are of such importance not to be left to the whims of misplaced prudery.

Minion spanking is a recently revived public house tradition which was commonplace 100 years ago but died out after the Great War as domestic servants declined in number. What happens is that the Master of the House discovers a member of his staff, usually female, who has committed some minor misdemeanor. In return for not being reported to the Bow Street Runners, the transgressor agrees to allow the Master to remove portions of her clothing and slap her buttocks with the palm of his hand! In London the phenomenon known as "the pansy spank" has been observed where male employees who've been naughty get slapped bottoms from the boss.

Spankees are difficult to recognise but the spanker can usually be identified by his hesitant speech, involuntary facial movements and the spanker's wrist, which is often supported by a leather strap or large watch. The movement has gained so much popularity that an inaugural meeting of CAMSPANK is to take place in April when the Grand Archspanker will be elected and a number of notable spankees will be passed around the entourage.





### SHUTTING TIME

Sir - Maybe I'm the only person about pedantic enough to care about such things, but for the sake of innocent purchasers of the toppers' vademecum it should be stated that the Unicorn in Manchester City Centre does not observe the 11pm Friday and Saturday extensions, as it closes at 10.30 each night. This is said to be a direct result of the 10.30 chuck-out at Yates's round the corner, which formerly led to an influx of Blob-maddened gentlemen of limited public acceptability.

Iechyd da, Rhys P Jones

### TEGESTOLOGICAL TAVERN TODDLE

Sir - The British Beermat Collectors' Society is having a swapping session-cum-pub crawl in Manchester on 7th April. We are starting off at the Unicorn at 11.30, then on to the Castle, Land o' Cakes, Crown & Anchor, Churchill, Rembrandt, New York, then the Jolly Angler for the start of the evening session. All collectors are welcome, just bring a large bag and plenty of mats. If anyone wants any more information they can contact me. Could a Manchester CAMRA representative be around to sell some local guides to the lads that turn up? This is a trial meeting and I hope it catches on.

Alan T Gardner, 4 Beech Road, Leyland, Lancs PR5 2WS

### DIDSBURY DEFINED

Sir - In reply to Phil Jordan's "correction" in last month's WD concerning my listing of the pubs of Didsbury, the Barleycorn is, in fact, in West Didsbury, not Didsbury. Didsbury, West Didsbury and East Didsbury are three different districts within the City of Manchester. The other two pubs in West Didsbury are Buddies (formerly the Midland) (Chesters) and the Railway (John Smiths), opposite. East Didsbury has one pub only, the Gateway (Hydes), which is the meeting place for South Manchester's CAMRA branch.

Leo King

### SILLY SINCLAIRS

Sir - It is with regret that I write of an incident which took place last Friday evening at Sinclairs in Shambles Square, Manchester. On our arrival we were greeted by a gorilla and a woman on the door, which was locked, and were told that we could not go in! How many others have been caught in this way? Why is this establishment included in a guide for real ale drinkers, when they are not being allowed in for a drink? It is not a nightclub or "fun pub", so what is

happening? Perhaps someone could shed some light on the matter. Meanwhile, be warned!

Glyn Birkin

### SILLY EDDIE

Sir - Shame on you! You made a mess of my article on the Keepers Inn (WD Feb) by giving the impression that a "keeper" was a person who works on a canal. Any bargeman worth his salt, however, will tell you that a "keeper" is a large wooden shutter on a lock and can only be seen in pairs around Wigan's waterways. My original letter was not so misleading as the one that you printed!

Dave White

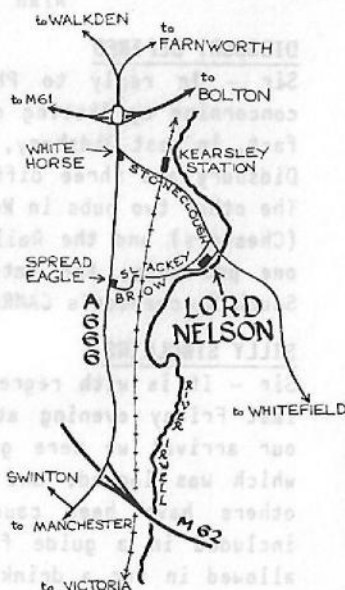
### BAD GUIDE

Sir - Having been resident in the Manchester area for just over a year and having explored my local pubs, I decided to send off for a copy of the Greater Manchester Good Beer Guide. Imagine my disappointment when I discovered that it was at least two years out of date, to the extent that a number of pubs currently in the National Good Beer Guide are not included. I do realise that it is impossible to reprint the book every few months, but surely supplements can be inserted and after a period of two years the book should be either revised or withdrawn from sale. Imagine the frustration of some unsuspecting new arrival to the area as he searches vainly for the Navigation in Hyde or for those so elusive outlets of Pollards bitter or Whitbread Special Cask Bitter. I would like to contrast this with the Bradford Real Ale Guide, which I ordered last year and received complete with supplement bringing it right up to date.

Alan Seul

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## STRANGE PUB NAMES - No.1 THE SPANKING ROGER

This modern pub which is just off Oldham Road, Miles Platting, derives its name from a notorious 18th century womaniser - one Roger Aytoun. Originally from Inchdairnie near Kinglassie in Fyfe, Roger Aytoun was a dashing cornet of dragoons quartered in Manchester in 1769. According to the somewhat coy Manchester City News "Notes & Queries": "He was six foot four inches high, and was such a remarkably fast young gentleman that he acquired the soubriquet of 'Spanking Roger'." Despite his reputation, Roger Aytoun married a rich 65 year old widow, Barbara Mynshull of Chorlton Hall. However, he seemed more interested in squandering his wife's fortune than in spanking her and in 1774 he sold Chorlton Hall, Garratt Hall and Hough Hall, all of which belonged to his wife. Barbara died in 1783 and is buried in Manchester Cathedral. Roger remarried a Miss Jean Sinclair, reached the rank of Major General and died in 1810. His name lives on in Aytoun Street in the city centre and in the Spanking Roger, perhaps the only pub name to honour a libertine.

Roger Hall





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Corrie Ander



## Branch Diary

### HIGH PEAK AND NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 6 Mar Branch Committee Meeting, Ten Houses, Simpson Street, Hyde (Wilsons) 8.30

Tues 13 Mar Branch Meeting, Cheshire Ring, Hyde (free), 8.30pm

Fri 23 Mar, Minibus trip to Denton

Tues 10 April Branch Meeting Buck & Hawthorn, Katherine Street, Ashton under Lyne, (Robinsons) 8.30pm

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

### SOUTH LANCASHIRE

Mon 26 Mar Branch Meeting, Buck i'th' Vine, Clayton Street, Wigan, 8pm

Contact Brian Gleave Atherton 876200 (w) 892965 (h)

### SOUTH MANCHESTER

Fri 2 Mar GBG Survey Crawl of Gatley. Horse & Farrier, 8pm. Bitter End 9pm

Tues 6 Mar Open Committee Meeting, Swan with 2 Necks, Princess St, Stockport precinct

Thurs 8 Mar Branch Meeting, Manchester Arms, Wellington Rd S, 8pm

Sat 17 Mar St Patrick's Day Crawl of Liverpool with Dublin Branch. Details from Barry Pryme 225 6606

Thurs 22 Mar. Pub of the Month, White Swan, Green St, Fallowfield

Fri 23 Mar Weekend trip to Cambridge, including brewery visits & pub crawl. B&B.

Details from B Pryme 061 344 2721 (w), 061 225 6606 (h)

Tues 3 April Open Committee Meeting, Gateway, Kingsway, E Didsbury, 8pm

Sunday 8th April. Breakfast & lunchtime trip to Saddleworth. Detail from B Pryme

Thurs 12 April Branch AGM, Gateway, E Didsbury, Current CAMRA ship cars must be shown for voting. 8pm

Contact S Sproson, 061 225 4058

### ALL BRANCHES

Weds 28 March - Regional Meeting, Britons Protection, Gt Bridgewater St, M/cr 8pm.

### ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 6 Mar Branch Meeting, Crown (OB), Huddersfield Rd, Oldham. Guest speaker Tony Mollineux (NE member)

Tues 20 Mar 8pm Committee meeting, White Hart, (Wilsons), Rochdale Rd, Royton

Wed 21 Mar 8pm. Inter-branch social, Lord Nelson, Ringley

Tues 3 April 8pm. Branch Meeting, Pack Horse (Hydes), Affetside, Bury

Tues 17 April 8pm. Committee meeting, New Inn (Wilsons) Walmersley Rd, Bury

Contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) 061 775 3351 x248 (w)

### MACCLESFIELD & EAST CHESHIRE

Thur 8 Mar Pub Crawl 8pm Royal Oak (Pickford St), 8.45 White Lion, 9.30 Bears Head, 10pm Prince of Wales

Mon 26 Mar Branch Meeting, Royal Oak, Princess St, Bollington, 8pm

Thur 12 April Pub Crawl 8pm, Bate Hall, 8.45 Red Lion, 9.30 Bruce, 10pm White Swan

Mon 30 Apr Branch Meeting, Nags Head, 8pm

Contact Peter Silvester 0625 75227 (h) or 0625 21933 x359

### TRAFFORD & HULME

Thur 1 Mar 8pm Committee/Social, Barrington, Altrincham

Sat 3 Mar 6pm (approx) Trip to Kinver

Thurs 8 Mar 8pm, Social at Old Bank Street Brewhouse, off Cross St, Manchester

Thur 15 Mar 8pm, Branch Meeting, Pack Horse, Deansgate, Manchester

Thur 29 Mar, 8pm, Hale Amble. Start at Cheshire Midland, Hale

Contact Dave Shelton 061 795 2113 (h) 061 224 7341 x54 (w)

### NORTH MANCHESTER

Wed 7 Mar, Higher Broughton Crawl. 7pm Horseshoe, Back Hope Street. 8pm Church, Hilton Street. Ending in Grove, Bury New Road

Wed 14 Mar Old House at Home, Bottomley Side, Blackley 8pm

Weds 21 Mar. TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF THE BRANCH. LORD NELSON, RINGLEY, 8pm.

Wed 11 April New Crown, Newton Heath 8pm. Church, Newton Heath 9pm. Open Meeting for final selection of GOOD BEER GUIDE entries.

Weds 18 April, Branch Meeting, White Swan, Swinton 8pm

Weds 25th April John Smiths Survey. Peel Park, Chapel Street, Salford 7.30. Egerton Arms, Gore Street, Salford.

Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

### BOLTON

Wed 7 Mar Branch Meeting, Queen Anne, Fletcher Street, Little Lever 8pm

Wed 14 Mar 8pm, Social, Alma Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton **Note change of date**

Sun 11 Mar 12 noon. Meeting House with no Name, Bradshaw

Wed 21 Mar 8pm, "Old Boltonians" - Lord Nelson, Ringley - see elsewhere

Sun 25 Mar 12 noon. Meeting Fourgates, A6, Blackrod

Sun 1st April 12noon Social, Poacher, Scot Lane, Blackrod

Tues 3 April 8pm. Pack Horse, Affetside

Wed 10 April, Branch Meeting, George, Great Moor Street, Bolton

Wed 18 April 8pm. Market Tavern, Farnworth

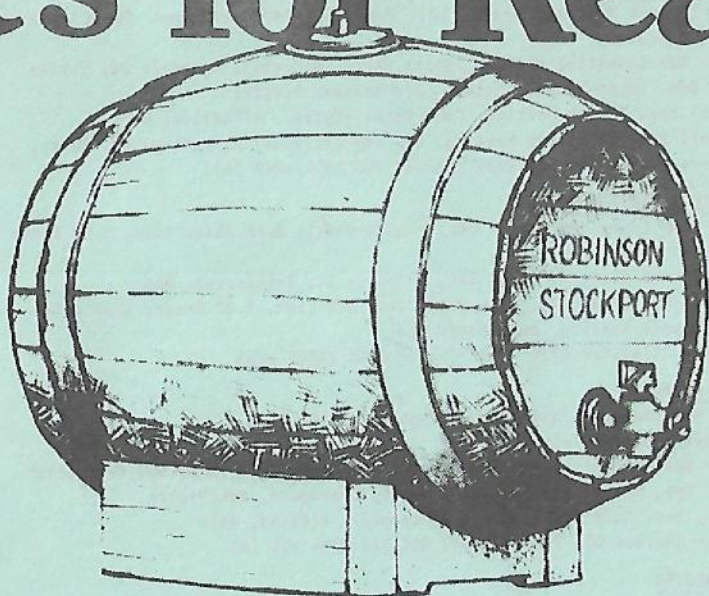
Wed 2 May 8pm. Meeting Lodge Bank Tavern (Lees), Bridgeman Street, Bolton. Draught Moonraker Drinking)

Wed 16 May Visit to Burtonwood Brewery - contact Bert Kerks Bolton 388172

**NEW BRANCH CONTACT:** Dave Fleming, 65 Hilden Street, Bolton. Bolton 389918 (h) or Bolton 75111 x235 (w)



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