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WHAT'S DOING

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MORE REAL ALE FROM BASS



The following Bass pubs are going over to traditional beer served via handpumps:

- Butchers Arms, Droylsden
- Oxford Inn, Ashton under Lyne
- Stamford Arms, Stalybridge (Stones, Toby Light)
- Robin Hood, Ashton under Lyne (Stones, Toby Light)
- Crown, Booth Street, Manchester (Stones, Bass)
- Corporation, nr Penny Meadow, Ashton under Lyne (Toby Light)

SOUTH MANCHESTER'S GOOD BEER GUIDE PUBS '85

South Manchester branch pubs for the 1985 Good Beer Guide are as follows: (* indicates a new entry)

CITY CENTRE: Grey Horse (Hydes), Coach & Horses (free), Bulls Head (Burtonwood)

UNIVERSITY/RUSHOLME: Grafton (Holts), Whitworth* (Marstons)

LONGSIGHT: Waggon & Horses (Wilsons)

DISBURY/EAST DISBURY: Station*(Marstons), Gateway (Hydes)

FALLOWFIELD: White Swan* (Robinsons)

MOSS NOOK: Tatton Arms (Robinsons)

STOCKPORT CENTRE: Arden Arms, Bulls Head*, Royal Oak, Swan with two Necks (all Robinsons), Boars Head*(Sam Smiths), George (Higsons/Bass)

GREAT MOOR: Travellers Call* (Robinsons)

HEATON MERSEY/NORRIS: Griffin (Holts), Nursery (Hydes)

HEAVILEY: Blossoms (Robinsons)

REDDISH: Union (Robinsons)

SHAW HEATH: Armoury (Robinsons)

CHEADLE: Printers (Robinsons), Star (Hydes)

GATLEY: Horse and Farrier (Hydes)

Also, continuing a system started last year, pubs on the "reserve list" are as follows:

CLAYTON Why Not (free)

LONGSIGHT: Longsight Inn (Banks)

WEST GORTON: Nags Head (Boddingtons), Rock (Tetley)

BURNAGE: Victoria (Boddingtons)

NORTHEENDEN: Crown (Boddingtons)

HEATON NORRIS: Silver Jubilee (Robinsons)

STOCKPORT CENTRE: Castlewood (Wilsons)

STOCKPORT (HILLGATE): Red Bull (Robinsons)

SHAW HEATH: Ye Olde Vic (free), Florist (Robinsons)

WITHINGTON: Manor House (Tetley)

BRAMHALL: Bromale (Bass)

THE CHANGES: Out go the two Crowns - Didsbury (Greenalls) and Northenden (Boddingtons), and the branch's last GBG Boddingtons tied house, the Victoria in Burnage. The Dolphin, West Gorton (Marstons) and the Suburban, Belle Vue (Lees), are also out, mainly due to consistently mediocre reports on the beer. In come the two Heads in Stockport Market Place - Bulls (Robinsons) and Boars (Sam Smiths), the latter being the only Sam Smiths in the branch area. Two newcomers are the Station, Didsbury, and the Whitworth, sound replacements for the lost Marstons. Finally, two more Robinsons - the Travellers Call, Great Moor, and an old friend, the White Swan in Fallowfield.

Philip Levison

WHAT'S DOING

BONGS BOOZER

Tyldesley will soon have a new Thwaites pub. Known as the Gatehouse, it stands at the entrance to a new private housing estate on Cherington Drive (junction with Manchester Road). The opening date is April 16th.

MORE BASS REAL ALE

The Prince of Wales on Ashton Old Road has had a facelift and now looks quite smart. Cask Stones and Toby Light will be going in soon. Not far away on Ogden Lane, a former Bass pub, the Mechanics Arms, has disappeared and new houses have taken its place.

The Stop and Rest, Stalybridge, may soon be selling cask beers through the existing handpumps.

ROSE HILL

Greenalls have found a taker for the Rose Hill Tavern, Manchester Road, Bolton, and the pub is now selling Boddingtons. Come on Drabs, where were you?

ORIGINAL

Handpumped Greenalls Original is now available at the Noggin, Warrington Road, Risley, but it has gone from the George & Dragon, King Street, in nearby Leigh. Warringtonians can now find their town's latest tippie at the Bulls Head, Church Street (electric pumps).

LORDS DIE IN HULME

The unscheduled closure of the Lord Clyde on Leap Day meant that the acronymous LEAP CRAWL had to be finished off in the nearby Lord Napier (also Greenalls). What a pity that the beer was absolutely revolting! Small wonder that this pub is also due to close. Where will the Lord's Taverners drink then?

ON EXHIBITION

Tetley mild and bitter is being dispensed through electric pumps in the upstairs bar at the Britons Protection, Manchester, whilst downstairs is undergoing a facelift to improve the image. Tetleys intend the pub to be their flagship for the new Central Station Exhibition Site, but it is understood that there will be no alteration in the product range.

CORRECTION

Last month's Real Ale in Oldham omitted to mention that the Bulls Head on Brideoak Street, Waterhead, sells Boddingtons traditional mild on handpump.

LOST LOCALS

Recent legwork in the Ashton Old and New Road areas produced the following:

Navigation, Mill Street, Bradford (Greenalls) - Boarded up and now used by Sea Scouts

Malcolm, Ashton Old Road, Openshaw (Wilsons) - Closed. Signs have been taken off/fallen down

Travellers Call, Ashton Old Road, Beswick (Wilsons) - For sale "free from tie".

Crabtree, Crabtree Lane, Openshaw (Wilsons) - Still open, believed to be for sale.

GONE FISHING

Reader Dave Armstrong's letter in January WD had a P.S asking when the Jolly Angler would receive its Pub of the Month plaque. The answer is - or was - 28th Feb. After drinking the excellent Anvil Strong, nobody could remember why it had taken so long.

NEW ALE

The Bromale, a "difficult to find" pub on West Park Road, Bramhall, now has Toby Light selling alongside the Stones; both are on handpumps



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JOLLY GOOD

The Jolly Hatters, Haughton Green, Denton, is returning to handpumps (draught Bass).

MARSTONS IN ROCHDALE

Rochdale welcomed its first Marstons real ale at the end of March. The Bridge on College Road (late Bass) is now a free house. Managers Irene and John Lord are manning the handpumps and serving Marstons mild, bitter, Pedigree and Merrie Monk, together with Failsworth Original and draught cider. The pub, aptly renamed the Merrie Monk, has been left rather isolated due to demolition for redevelopment, but it should do well with such a range of beers. (The only other Marstons (tied) house in the borough is the Criterion on Darn Hill Estate in Heywood).

CHESTERS

The Otterspool, Marple, now has handpumped Chesters mild and bitter.

MERCHANTS

The Merchants Hotel on Oldham Street (WD Dec 1983) has been reduced to two handpumped beers, the ubiquitous Boddingtons and Thwaites bitter, which is selling well enough at present to ensure its retention.

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FANCY THAT

Six Black Country pubs are now selling Holts ales, but it ain't Drabs (more's the pity). Allied Breweries have resurrected the name of a Birmingham brewery taken over by Ansells in 1934. Rumour has it that the beer is brewed in Warrington, with all the other Tetley-Walker taste-alikes.

MORE FOR MANCHESTER

The Portland Bar on Portland Street has reopened following alterations and now sells handpumped Ind Coope Burton Ale and Tetley bitter.

I'LL BE BOGGART

The discovery that the Clough Hotel is serving traditional Chesters bitter means that Blackley now has only two non-traditional outlets (Bass and Tetleys)

REAL WAGGON

The Waggon and Horses at Peel Green has been serving traditional Tetleys mild and bitter for the last couple of months. Only nine Eccles pubs now don't sell real ale, compared with the 41 which do.

ORIGINAL

Original Bitter has appeared at the Queens, Guide Lane, Audenshaw.

6th SADDLEWORTH BEER FESTIVAL

As promised last month, more details of the forthcoming Saddleworth Real Ale Festival are now available. The festival is to be held over the weekend Fri-Sun 11-13 May. Licensed hours are:

Friday 11th 5.00pm-11.00pm

Saturday 12th 11.30am-3.00pm; 5.00pm-11.00pm

Sunday 13th 12.00noon-2.00pm

Admission charges are:

30p lunchtimes

40p evenings (before 7.00pm)

& 70p thereafter

There will be no charge to current card carrying CAMRA members

It is expected that about thirty real ales, including milds, bitters, and old ales will be available, together with cider and perry. Wine

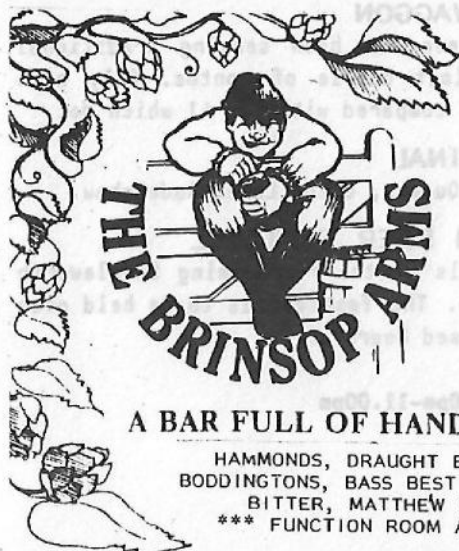
(red and white) will also be on sale. Food will be available throughout the festival licensing hours. Entertainment will be provided by brass bands at both evening sessions, with a folk group on Saturday lunchtime. A publications stand will be on hand with a comprehensive stock of CAMRA information, brewery tee shirts, beer guides, etc. A "Saddleworth Festival" tee shirt will also be available. A free beer offer will be made to new CAMRA recruits who join at the festival. Details of the range of beers and ciders, etc, next month. For any other information contact Steve Lawton (see branch diary)

THE BEER NOW ARRIVING (43)

Ruddles County is now available at Stalybridge Station Buffet, alongside Robinsons Best Bitter.

FOR SALE

The planned improvements at the Bolton Arms, New Bridge Street, Manchester (WD Nov 1983) have fallen through, as the pub is now for sale, free from tie. This decision has no doubt been influenced by the Council's ruling of a maximum 5 year life expectancy for the building. The future of this S&N tenanted cask house (unique in Manchester) must now be in doubt, as licensee Aspi Daravula is moving to the Britannia, Newton Street, the Wilsons pub "popular with Post Office workers".



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REAL ALE in SOUTH MANCHESTER



ARDWICK/BRUNSWICK

Bowling Green	Grafton Street	Greenalls	B(E)
Church	Ardwick Green North	Wilsons	M,B(H)
City Gates	Hyde Road	Chesters	B(H)
Cleveland	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Falcon	Dryden Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Grafton Arms	Grafton Street	Holts	M,B(H)
Kings Head	Chancellor Lane	Greenalls	B(H)
Plymouth Grove Hotel	Plymouth Grove	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Sherwood	Mosscoot Walk	Wilsons	B(H)
Star	Hyde Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Steam Engine	Tonge Street	Chesters	M,B(H)
Union	Union Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)

BESWICK/BRADFORD/CLAYTON

Alexandra	Mill Street	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Bradford Road Inn	Bradford Road	Holts	M,B(E)
Britannia	Rowsley Road	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Church Inn	Clayton Lane	Bass	4X(E)
Cricketers	Bradford Road	Marstons	M,B(E)
Crabtree	Crabtree Lane	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Drop Forge	Greenside Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Duke of Edinburgh	Mill Street	Tetley	M,B(H)
Folkestone	Folkestone Road	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Greens Arms	Ashton New Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Grove Inn	Ashton New Road	Holts	M,B(H)
Mitchells Arms	Ashton Old Road	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Old House at Home	Ashton Old Road	Wilsons	B(H)
Openshaw Inn	Ashton Old Road	Chesters	B(H)
Seven Stars	Ashton Old Road	Holts	M,B(H)
Sir Humphrey Cheetham	Ashton New Road	Chesters	B(H)
Victoria	Croft Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Why Not	Ashton New Road	Chesters	M,B: Bodd B
			M Brown JPS (H)

BURNAGE/LEVENSHULME/LONGSIGHT

Albion	Burnage Lane	Hydes	M,B(E)
Bay Horse	Stockport Road	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Crown Ale House	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Farmers Arms	Stockport Road	Chesters	B(H)
Garratt	Pink Bank Lane	Holts	M,B(H)
Horseshoe	Chapel Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Lancaster Hotel	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Levenshulme	Stockport Road	Wilsons	B(H)
Mauldeth Hotel	Kingsway	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Pack Horse	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Polygon	Barlow Road	Boddingtons	B(E)
Railway	Rona Walk	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Union	Stockport Road	Boddingtons	B(H)
Victoria Inn	Burnage Lane	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Waggon & Horses	Stockport Road	Wilsons	M,B
		Bulmers Cider	(H)

CITY CENTRE SOUTH

Bulls Head	London Road	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Churchill	Chorlton Street	Greenalls	B(H)
Circus Tavern	Portland Street	Tetley	B(H)
Coach & Horses	London Road	Bodd B, Tetley B, Winkle B,	
		Ruddles B, Taylors Landlord (H)	

Grey Horse	Portland Street	Hydes	M,B(E)
Imperial	London Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
New York	Bloom Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Old Garratt	Princess Street	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Paddys Goose	Bloom Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Rembrandt	Sackville Street	Lees	M,B(H)
Union Hotel	Princess Street	Burtonwood	M,B(E)
Waldorf Hotel	Gore Street	Chesters	B(H)
Salisbury	Marlborough Street	Wilsons	M,B

Nip and Tiddle	London Road	Bulmers Cider(H)	
Lass o'Gowrie	Charles Street	Chesters	M,B(H)
	Bulmers Cider,	Home Brew	B,BB
Thompson Arms	Sackville Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Hunting Lodge	Oxford Road	Chesters	M,B(H)

DIDSBURY/WITHINGTON

Albert	William Street	Hydes	M,B(E)
Albert	Wilmslow Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Bilko's	Burton Road	Chesters	B(H)
Crown	Wilmslow Road	Greenalls	B(E)
Didsbury	Wilmslow Road	Wilsons	B(H)
Gateway	Wilmslow Road	Hydes	M,B(E)
Manor House	Wilmslow Road	Tetley M,B,	Burton(H)
Olde Cock Inn	Wilmslow Road	Chesters	B(H)
Old Grey Horse	Wilmslow Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Old House at Home	Burton Road	Chesters	B(H)
Orion	Burton Road	Chesters	B(H)
Parrswood	School Lane	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Pavilion	Wilmslow Road	Wilsons	B(H)
Royal Oak	Wilmslow Road	Marstons Ped,	M,B(H)
Station	Wilmslow Road	Marstons	M,B(H)
Victoria	Wilmslow Road	Hydes	M,B(E)
Waterloo	Burton Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)

FALLOWFIELD/RUSHOLME

Albert	Walmer Street	Hydes	M,B(E)
Clarence	Wilmslow Road	Bass	DB(H)
Derby Arms	Exbury Street	Wilsons	B(H)
Doctor Fosters	Upper Brook Street	Chesters	M,B(H)
Fallowfield	Wilbraham Road	Wilsons	B(H)
Friendship	Wilmslow Road	Hydes	M,B(E)
Osborne House	Victory Street	Hydes	M,B(E)
Sherwood	Wilmslow Road	Chesters	B(H)
Talbot	Mauldeth Road	Chesters	M,B(H)
Welcome Inn	Rusholme Grove	Greenalls Original	(H),B(E)
White Swan	Green Street	Robinsons	M,OT(H), B(E)

RUSHOLME (WEST)

Beehive	Claremont Road	Hydes	M,B(E)
Claremont	Claremont Road	Holts	M,B(H)
Robin Hood	Lloyd Street South	Robinsons	M,B(E)

GORTON/BELLE VUE/OPENSHAW

Aces	Clowes Street	Chesters	B(H)
Angel	Wellington Street	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Coach & Horses	Belle Vue Street	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Concert Inn	Fairfield Road	Boddingtons	M,B(H)

Cotton Tree	Cross Lane	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Crown	Ashton Old Road	Boddingtons	B(E)
Dolphin	Clowes Street	Marstons	M,B(H)
Foresters	Ashton Old Road	Robinsons	M,B(H)
Friendship	Hyde Road	Marstons	M,B(H)
Gorton Mount	Mount Road	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Gransmoor	Ashton Old Road	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Grove	Ashton Old Road	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Halfway House	Ashton Old Road	Chesters	M,B(H)
Hamlet	Falmer Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Abbey Hey Lane	Boddingtons	B(H)
High Bank	Ogden Lane	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Imperial	Birch Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Locomotive	Ashton Old Road	Boddingtons	B(H)
Longsight	Redgate Lane	Banks M,B	PB(E)
Lord Nelson	Hyde Road	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Lord Raglan	Ogden Lane	Wilsons	B(H)
Metropole	Ryland Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Nags Head	Hyde Road	Boddingtons	B(H)
Oddfellows	Abbey Hey Lane	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
Pineapple	Garratt Way	Hydes	M,B(E)
Plough	Hyde Road	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Prince of Wales	Abbey Hey Lane	Chesters	B(H)
Railway	Chapman Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Railway	Manshaw Road	Holts	M,B(H)
Rock Inn	Hyde Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
Royal Oak	Cross Lane	Boddingtons	B(H)
Royal Oak	Ogden Lane	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Staff of Life	Ashton Old Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Suburban	Gorton Cross Street	Lees	M,B(E)
Travellers Call	Hyde Road	Hydes	M,B(E)
Unicorn	Hyde Road	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
Vale Cottage	Kirk Street	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Vulcan	Gorton Lane	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Waggon & Horses	Hyde Road/Far Lane	Holts	M,B(H)
Wrexham	Ashton Old Road	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
MOSS NOOK/RINGWAY			
Airport Hotel	Ringway Road	Robinsons	M,B(E)
Romper	Pinfold Lane	Boddingtons	B(H)
Tatton Arms	Ringway Road	Robinsons	M,B(E)
NORTHENDEN			
Church Inn	Church Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
Crown Inn	Ford Lane	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Farmers Arms	Longley Lane	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Jolly Carter	Royle Green Road	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Tatton Arms	Ford Lane	Wilsons	M,B(H)
HEALD GREEN			
Griffin	Wilmslow Road	Holts	M,B(E)
Heald Green Hotel	Finney Lane	Chesters	M,B(H)
WYTHENSHAW 22			
Anvil	Greenwood Road	Hydes	M,B(E)
Greenwood Tree	Greenwood Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
Royal Thorn	Altrincham Road	Wilsons	B(H)

BROOK BANKS?

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries have applied for permission to change the Brook House Hotel, Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield, from an hotel to a public house. The change of use would involve considerable alteration to the premises.

COUNTY CON

The Vineyard Wine Bar in Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme (opposite the station) has a card announcing "Ruddles County Strong Traditional Beer. New to the Vineyard. 80p a pint." It is dispensed from a pillar tap, complete with pump clip, but beware! It is keg. The barperson said they had been offered a choice and decided that the keg was more convenient. Ruddles' use of the word "Traditional" is being pursued.

MILD

Traditional Lees mild has been reinstated at the Church Inn, Cambridge Street, Hulme, after a gap of several months.

PLATFORD TRIES AGAIN

The Platford on Stretford Road, Hulme, has been modernised into a one-room pub, although the spirit of the vault remains in the form of a non-carpeted area. The old lounge entrance on Stretford Road, which had been bricked up for many years since the last modernisation, is once again in use. The vault entrance in Erskine Street is still in use. Traditional Chesters bitter is back on sale.

CAMRA MEMBERSHIP FREE DRAW

No one has claimed the 5 free CAMRA memberships up for grabs, whereas the £5 discounted CAMRA membership has proved very popular. The closing date for claimants is extended to April 19th. Send claims to What's Doing Winners, 37 Oaklands Road, Edenfield, Ramsbottom, Bury BLO 0LR.

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GREENALLS ORIGINAL

Sir - Greenalls Original bitter has arrived in Wigan and is now on sale at the Flamingo, Scholes, on electric pumps.

The brewery's promotion of this very pleasant bitter is rather confusing. It is one thing to walk into a pub and be confronted by a handpump loudly advertising Original bitter; but quite often,

particularly in houses which sell beer via electric pumps, advertisement could be better. I have often gone into a Greenalls pub, ordered a pint of "the usual", only to find, on close inspection BEHIND the bar, that original bitter is actually available. Puny stickers and the like are not enough. If Greenalls really want to promote this beer like they say they do, they had better go about it differently, using ashtrays, beermats, silly advertisements and other eye-catching attractions. So come on, Greenalls, plug the stuff!

Dave White

PUB PRESERVATION

Sir - I have been asked by the Pub Preservation Group to submit comments on the following entry for the 1983 Pub Preservation Awards: The Narrow Boat, East Lancashire Road, Swinton (Really!) As I've never been dressed properly enough to gain admittance, I'd be grateful for any information from more sartorial pub-goers about the interior of this new wonder pub, where the customers are as real as the beer, so that I can pass this on to the PPG.

Roger Hall

REAL ALE AND THE REST IN SALFORD

REAL ALE

Horseshoe	Ba	Old House at Home	H	Druids Home	W
Black Friar	B	Red Lion	H	Feathers	W
Braziers	B	Sabre	H	Globe	W
Church	B	Spread Eagle	H	Irwell Castle	W
Jubilee	B	Union Tavern	H	Live and Let Live	W
Kersal	B	Waggon & Horses	H	Lord Nelson	W
Kildakin	B	Wellington	H	Mariners	W
Old Ship	B	Winston	H	Old Shears	W
Paddock	B	Brown Bull	M	Ordsall	W
Priory	B	Spinners	M	Oxford	W
Railway	B	Jollies	JWL	Pen & Wig	W
Wellington	B	Railway	G	Inn of Good Hope	W
King William IV	(F)B	Star	R	Coach & Horses	SS
Mark Addy	(F)B	Three Legs of Man	R	Albion	T
Borough	Bur	Red Lion	W	Punch Bowl	T
Globe	Bur	Rovers Return	W	Wallness	(F)T
Dover	G	Waterloo	W	Hanky Park	Wh
Grey Mare	G	Angel	(F)W, Ba	Oakwood	Wh
Kings Arms	G	Bird in Hand	W	Salford Arms	Wh
Old Veteran	G	Bridge	W	Star	Wh
Unicorn	G	Britannia	W	Swan	Wh
Beehive	G	Chequerboard	W	Town Hall Tavern	Wh

Bricklayers	H	Church	W	Waverley	Wh
Broadway	H	Clowes	W		
Duke of York	H	Corporation	W	TOTAL 77	
Eagle	H	Crown	W		
Kings Arms	H	Druids Arms	W		

NON REAL ALE

Royal Archer	Ba	Racecourse	G	Dover Castle	Wh
Black Lion	Ba	Salisbury	G	Flat Iron	Wh
Bridge	Ba	Egerton	JS	Flemish Weaver	Wh
Dog & Partridge	Ba	Peel Park	JS	Golden Gate	Wh
Kettle Drum	Ba	Prince of Wales	SS	Griffin	Wh
Maypole	Ba	Albert Vaults	T	Hobsons Choice	Wh
Prince of Wales	Ba	Brewery Tavern	T	London NW	Wh
Royal Hotel	Ba	Carlton	T	Langworthy	Wh
Black Horse	G	Kings Arms	T	Lima Arms	Wh
Brass Tally	G	Pied Piper	T	Lowry	Wh
Bridge	G	Keystone	T	Regent	Wh
Broughton Tavern	G	House that Jack Built		Queens Arms	Wh
Castle	G	Old Priory	W W	Tallow Tub	Wh
Champion	G	Woodman	W	Three Crowns	Wh
Church	G	Woolpack	W	Two Brewers	Wh
Greyhound	G	Albert	Wh	Unicorn	Wh
Moonrakers	G	Brass Handles	Wh	Vavasour	Wh
Palatine	G	Broughton Hotel	Wh	Weaste Hotel	Wh
Poets Corner	G	Cavalier	Wh	Ye Olde Nelson	Wh
				TOTAL 57	

<u>BREWERY</u>	<u>REAL ALE</u>	<u>NON-REAL ALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>% REAL ALE</u>
Bass	1	8	9	11
Boddingtons	11	0	11	100
Burtonwood	2	0	2	100
Greenalls	7	13	20	35
Holts	13	0	13	100
Marstons	2	0	2	100
Lees	1	0	1	100
Robinsons	2	0	2	100
Wilsons	24	4	28	86
Sam Smiths	1	1	2	50
Tetleys	2	6	8	25
Whitbread	7	23	30	23
John Smiths	0	2	2	0
Free	4	0	4	100
	77	57	134	57

BODDINGTONS SURVEY - NORTH MANCHESTER

Following last month's South Manchester, survey, we now have the North Manchester results. In most respects the figures are very similar. (South Manchester results in brackets)

	No.	%	%
Tied pubs in branch area	43	96	(94)
Free houses in branch area	2	4	(6)
Surveyed to date	ALL	100	(100)
No Boddingtons Bitter	0	0	(0)
No Boddingtons Mild	6	13	(34)
Real Oldham Bitter	0	0	(0)
Real Oldham Mild	0	0	(0)
Real Oldham Bitter and Mild	0	0	(0)
Keg/Tank Oldham Bitter	2	4	(4)
Keg/Tank Oldham Mild	4	9	(13)
Keg/Tank Oldham Bitter and Mild	2	4	(2)
	Tied	Free	
Most expensive bitter	57p (58)	66p (63)	
Most expensive mild	54p (55)	-	
Cheapest bitter	55p (52)	57p (58)	
Cheapest mild	51p (51)		

Boddingtons mild has not disappeared to quite the same extent - out of the six which didn't sell it two were free houses. One of these, the Mark Addy, sold no mild of any description - "They don't like it," we were told. This pub also holds the record for the most expensive bitter in both branch areas (66p), but you do get a receipt!

Sales of the Oldham keg beers were generally very low and we came across a few cases where it had been tried and failed.

Sales of Boddingtons mild were also low compared to the bitter - surprising in one respect because it was found to have more flavour and character than its straw-coloured companion. Maybe this is a result of selective advertising and a reflection of a bygone reputation.

Pete Cash



Rupert Periwinkle

I had hoped this month to provide a considered guide for AGM attenders on which future boss persons to vote for, but two factors have combined to make me change my mind. First of all there is the unprecedented mediocrity of talent in the assembled hopefuls, but more important by far is a letter which I received from Sven Larsen, my opposite number in DANEMIDGET, the militant Danish Dwarf Reform Group. Sven has recently returned from an international Persons of Restricted Growth Convention held in Czechoslovakia at the Olympic Hotel in Prague. Sven was in charge of a group of Danish students who shared the hotel with members of CAMRA who were sampling red nectar. All but one of the CAMRA persons were tolerant of the Danish high spirits. The one exception was from Grotley and after the odd bout of cupboard skulking and Teddy clutching he tried to encourage others into a bit of Dane-bashing. Bursting into a room full of teenage dwarves, he brandished an empty beer bottle and threatened to "kill" anyone who was noisy that night. Next morning all the Danes checked out of the Olympic Hotel, but not before the bottle-wielding, hydrophobic belligerent had been prevented from carrying out his Viking revenge by some Poles and Germans.

Fortunately these matters were not reported to the British Embassy, but Sven and his students were mortified by this unwarranted show of gratuitous thuggery from what they considered to be a race of restrained and undemonstrative people. Sven has asked me if I can be of any assistance in identifying the transgressor. I must admit that I am at a complete loss. In the whole history of Grotley CAMRA I have never met anyone remotely capable of such heinous conduct. I would therefore be grateful for any information which readers may be able to throw on this unlikely but well documented episode.

We regret to announce the suicides of six hostelry keepers following last month's shock horror spanking revelations. However, the person to whom the article referred is still alive and relatively well.

STRANGE PUB NAMES No 2 - TOMMY DUCKS

"The exterior of this 200 year old pub is perhaps the best remaining example in Manchester of a house of that age."

Thus reads the entry for Tommy Ducks in the Manchester Pub Guide, published in 1975. The truth is somewhat different. In 1788 the land behind Lower Mosley Street was not built upon; there were several ponds on the site and the River Tib flowed near to where Tommy Ducks is now. East Street was not in existence as late as 1800 and the first mention of licensed premises is in 1843, when John Whittle was a beer-housekeeper at No 8 East Street. Far from being a 200 year old pub, Tommy Ducks was a beerhouse no more than 150 years old.

The Manchester Pub Guide also contains an explanation of how the pub got its name. "Once called the Princes Tavern, its present name owes its origin to a legendary 19th century landlord, Thomas Duckworth. It is said that he commissioned an unemployed sign writer to paint his name on a board to be displayed over the entrance for a couple of pounds. Whether through over-indulgence, over enthusiasm or inability, it is not recorded, but the sign writer, on completing TOMMY DUCK, found he had run out of board!"

How much truth can there be in this folk lore explanation? Thomas Duckworth was certainly the licensee of the Princes Tavern beerhouse in the 1860's and 1870's and the Beerhouse Act itself provides a clue to what may have happened. One of the provisions of the 1830 Act was that the Christian and surname of the licensee had to be painted on a board over the door in letters "three inches at least in height". The words THOMAS DUCKWORTH would require a board 4 feet long, whereas the name JOHN WHITTLE, for example, could be accommodated on a three foot board. An inexperienced signwriter using an existing board may easily have made the error which led to the pub's new name.

Roger Hall



Branch Diary

NORTH MANCHESTER

- Wed 11 April Open meeting for final selection of GBG entries. New Crown, Newton Heath 8pm, Church 9pm
- Wed 18 April, Branch Meeting, White Swan, Swinton 8pm
- Wed 25 April John Smiths Survey. Peel Park, Chapel Street, Salford 7.30, Egerton Arms Gore Street, Salford 8pm
- Wed 2 May, Irlams o'th' Height Red Lion 7pm, Britannia 8pm
- Wed 9 May Old Bank Street Brewhouse 8pm
- Wed 16 May Branch Meeting Crown & Anchor, 8pm
- Wed 23 May Ghouly Host survey - details next month.

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 3 April 8pm, Branch Meeting, Pack Horse (Hydes), Affetside, Bury. (Final date for collection of all completed 1985 GBG forms)

Tues 17 April 8pm, Committee Meeting, New Inn (Wilsons), Walmersley Road, Bury

Tues 1 May, 8pm, Branch AGM, Eagle & Child (Holts), Higher Lane, Whitefield. All branch members urged to attend.

Fri/Sun 11/13 May, Saddleworth Beer Festival - see elsewhere in this issue

Tues 15 May 8pm, Committee Meeting, Church (Holts), Bury New Road, Whitefield

Fri/Sun 18/20 May, Weekend away in Bath area

Contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 or 061 775 3351 x248

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 3 April Committee meeting, Stamford Arms, Stamford Street, Stalybridge (Burtonwood)

Tues 15 May 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, The George, Hayfield (Burtonwood)

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

MACCLESFIELD

Thurs 12 April Pub Crawl, 8pm Bate Hall, 8.45 Red Lion, 9.30 Bruce, 10.00 White Swan

Mon 30 April Branch Meeting, Nags Head, 8pm

Mon 21 May, Branch Meeting, Farmers Arms, Wilmslow 8pm

SOUTH MANCHESTER

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

Thurs 5 April Belated GBG survey pub crawl of Stockport. Arden Arms 8pm, Bulls Head 9pm.

Sunday 8 April: Breakfast in Saddleworth and lunchtime pub crawl. Details from B Pryme 061 225 6606 (h) or 061 344 2721 (w)

Thurs 12 April Branch AGM 8pm Gateway, E Didsbury. Current CAMRA membership cards must be presented for voting.

Thurs 26 April. Pub of the Month with Trafford & Hulme branch

Mon 30 April Provisional date for special PUB OF THE YEAR presentation to the Griffin, Didsbury Road, Heaton Mersey.

Tues 1 May Open Committee meeting, Gateway, E Didsbury, 8pm.

Thurs 10 May Branch Meeting, 8pm, Star & Garter, Higher Hillgate, Stockport

Contact S Sproson 061 225 4058

BOLTON

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

Tues 2 April 8pm Pack Horse, Watling Street, Affetside (spying on the ROB's)

Wed 10 April 8pm Branch Meeting, George, Great Moor Street, Bolton

Wed 18 April 8pm, Branch Meeting, Market Tavern, Farnworth

Wed 2 May 8pm, Branch Meeting, Lodge Bank Tavern, Bridgeman Street, Bolton

Wed 16 May Visit to Burtonwood Brewery. Contact Bert Kerks Bolton 388172

Contact Dave Fleming Bolton 389918 (h), Bolton 75111 x235 (w)

TRAFFORD & HULME

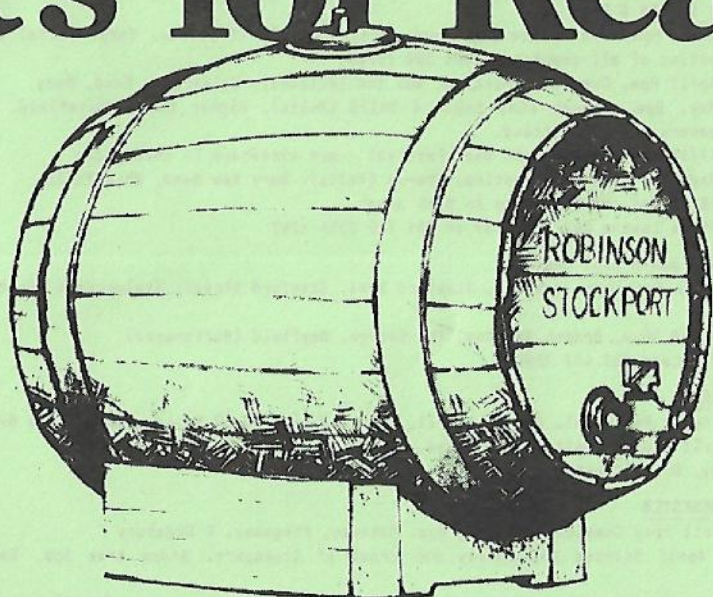
Thurs 5 April 8pm. Committee Meeting, Crown, Deansgate, Manchester (venue to be confirmed)

Thurs 19 April 8pm. Branch Meeting, Melville, Barton Road, Stretford

Thurs 26 April, 8pm. Pub of the Month, Barrington, Stamford Road, Altrincham.

Thurs 3 May 8pm, Committee Meeting, King William IV, Partington

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