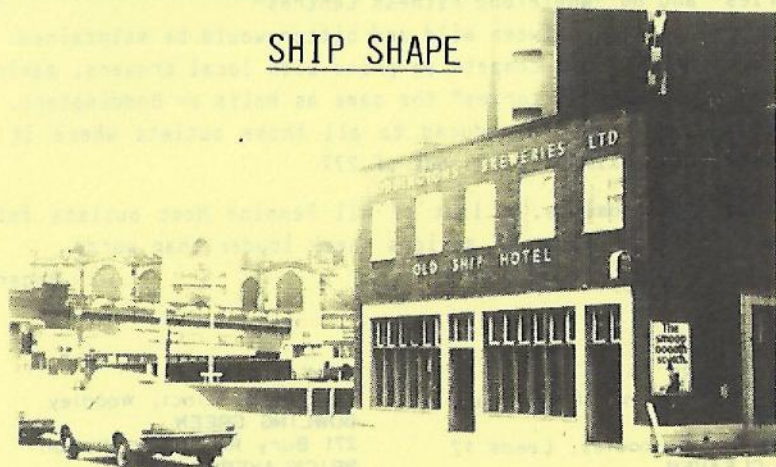


WHAT'S DOING

MAY
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THE MANCHESTER BEER DRINKER'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE

SHIP SHAPE



The Old Ship (Boddingtons), Chapel Street, Salford, has been done up. The bar counter in the lounge has been taken back about a foot, new seating has replaced the chairs along the wall and the electric pumps have been replaced by handpumps. New wall lighting has been fitted in the lounge, the ceiling papered and painted in Cardinal red and the vault has been smartened up.

GENIAL HOST?

Bruce Cunningham's assurances at North Manchester's 10th Birthday Meeting went some way to allay our suspicions about the activities of the Pennine Host Group. The more cynical among us may prefer to wait and see. Bruce Cunningham made the following statements about Pennine Hosts:

- 1 There would be no more restaurants. There would be an increase in pub food in an effort to appeal to women and children.
- 2 Only one conversion was planned in the North West - a disused cinema in Liverpool
- 3 The Shakespeare in Manchester's Fountain Street was to be improved authentically as a "Tavern".

4 Money would be spent on every pub to bring them all up to an acceptable standard.

5 Lessons had been learned from the Wrecker and the Jules Verne and these mistakes would not be repeated.

6 The Horse and Jockey at Chorlton Green was to be re-equipped with brewing facilities as an alehouse serving mild, bitter and possibly porter from its own brewery.

7 Pennine Hosts recognise that the Vault has been neglected and the quiet development of pubs would take account of this.

8 Four "Bar Cafes" would be opened in the trading area, 25 "Beer Factories" and no "Wholefood Fitness Centres"

9 A 2p differential between mild and bitter would be maintained.

10 Pennine Hosts would compete on price with local brewers, making the price in some "beer factories" the same as Holts or Boddingtons.

11 Real Ale would be introduced to all those outlets where it could be served - Approximately 245 out of 277

Those are the promises. A list of all Pennine Host outlets follows. Please inform the editor if actions speak louder than words.

Roger Hall

ACE OF SPADES

Fircroft Rd, Fitton Hill, Oldham

ALLERTON

Nursery La, Alwoodley, Leeds 17

AXE & CLEAVER

School La, Dunham Massey

AXE & CLEAVER

4 Stamford New Rd, Altrincham

BEACH

HollingworthLake, Rochdale

BEAR & BILLET

Bridge Street, Chester

BECHERS

Chepstow Ave, Sale

BELMONT

Middleton Rd, Hr Crumpsall, M/c 8

BERKSHIRE TAVERN

Victoria Ave E, Blackley, M/c 9

BLACK BULL HOTEL

11 Manor House St, Pudsey, Leeds

BLACK HORSE

243 Ripponden Rd, Watersheddings

BLUE BELL

Valley Rd, Pontefract

BLUE CAP

Sandiway, Northwich

BLUE PIG

Audenshaw Rd, Audenshaw, M/c 35

BOARDROOM

Minshull St, Piccadilly, M/c 1

BOD

Manchester Rd, Bradford

BOOT & CLOGGER

Woodley Precinct, Woodley

BOWLING GREEN

271 Bury Rd, Tonge, Bolton

BRICKLAYERS

George St, Altrincham

BRICKLAYERS

140 Moston La, Moston

BRITANNIA

470 Hollins Rd, Hollinwood

BRITANNIA

Bank La, Irlam o'th' Heights

BROCKLEHURST

40 M/c Rd, Tytherington, Macc.

BROOKDALE

Coronation Rd, Failsworth

BRUNSWICK

97 Piccadilly, Manchester

BULL'S HEAD

670 Ripponden Rd, Oldham

BULL'S HEAD

30 Wilmslow Rd, Handforth, Chesh.

BULL'S HEAD

London Rd, Hazel Grove, Stockpt.

CAPTAIN WEBB

Underwood La, Crewe

CARLTON HOTEL

1 Parkfield Rd, Bradford

CAROUSEL

158 Reddish Rd, Stockport

CAUGHT ON THE HOP

119-121 Withington Rd, Whalley Rge

CENTURION

Sandybank Ave, Hattersley, Hyde

CHADDERTON ARMS

Broadway, Chadderton, Oldham

CHAUCERS TAVERN

12 Hardman St, Liverpool 1

CHEQUERFIELD HOTEL

Chequerfields Estate, Pontefract

CHEQUERBOARD

Hartington Rd, Ordsall, Salford

CHURCH INN

45 Ardwick Green, M/c 12

CHURCH INN

215 Church St, Eccles

CLARKES ARMS

27 Stockport Rd, Gee Cross, Hyde

COBBLER

Cobblers La, Bondgate, Pontefract

COCK

60 Two Trees La, Denton

COMMERCIAL INN

24 James St, Bradford

CONWAY

Turves Rd, Cheadle Hulme

CORNISHMAN

Cornishway, Wythenshawe

CORNMARKET

Old Ropery, Liverpool

CRAVEN HEIFER

Girlington, Bradford

CRAVEN HEIFER

Broad La, Rochdale

CROWN & KETTLE

2 Oldham Rd, Manchester

CROWN ALE HOUSE

601 Stockport Rd, Longsight

CROWN HOTEL

24 Blackfriars St, Salford

DERBY ARMS

41 Exbury St, Fallowfield

DICKINS INN

26 Westgate, Rotherham

DOG & PARTRIDGE

88 Buxton Rd, High La, Disley

DOG & PARTRIDGE

710 Chester Rd, Stretford

DRAGON

Parr La, Unsworth, Nr Bury

DUCIE BRIDGE

152 Corporation St, M/c 4

EAGLE & CHILD

480 M/c Rd, Rixton, Warrington

EGERTON ARMS

Chelford, Cheshire

ELIZABETHAN

Ribble Dr, Whitefield, M/c 25

FAIRWEATHER GREEN

799 Thornton Rd, Bradford

FALCON

Bowness Rd, Langley, Middleton

FALLOWFIELD

38 Wilbraham Rd, Fallowfield

FARMERS ARMS

209 Stockport Rd, Cheadle Heath

FEOFFEES

The Crofts, Rotherham

FERRY INN

Fiddlers Ferry, Cúerdley, Warr'n.

FIDDLERS THREE

The Butts, Castelfields, W Runcorn

FIRBANK

Firbank Rd, Wythenshawe

FISHERMANS INN

Hollingworth Lake, Littleborough

FLAT CAP

John Kennedy Rd, Hattersley

FLYING HORSE

37 Packer St, Rochdale

FLYING SHUTTLE

Mill Rd, off Bradford Rd, Dewsbury

FORESTERS ARMS

187 Barnsley Rd, Sandal, Wakefield

FORESTER

Fir Tree La, Dukinfield

FOX & HOUNDS

Woodsend Rd, Flixton

GALLERY

Market St, Huddersfield

GAMECOCK

Boundary La, Hulme

GARRICKS HEAD

Moorside Rd, Flixton

GOBLETS WINE BAR

Bridge St, Manchester

GOLDEN HIND

Lisburne La, Offerton, Stockport

GOLDEN PHEASANT

Pellon New Rd, Halifax

GRAPES

62 Yorkshire St, Oldham

GREENS ARMS

798 Ashton New Rd, Clayton, M/c11

GREYHOUND

Station Rd, Partington

GREYHOUND

44 Leigh Rd, Boothstown, Worsley

GRIFFIN

515 Cheetham Hill Rd, Manchester

GRIFFIN

Stamford Rd, Bowdon, Cheshire

HARE & HOUNDS

Denholme Gate Rd, Hipperholme

HARE & HOUNDS

14 Dooley La, Marple

HARE & HOUNDS

400 Bolton Rd, Holcombe Brook

HEIFER

Bradford Rd, Sandbeds, Keighley
HESKETH ARMS
63 Hulme Hall Rd, Cheadle Hulme

HIGH GATE

Whitchurch, Shropshire

HIGHLANDER

Sutherland Rd, Heywood

HOLDEN ARMS

Three Lane End, Helmshore

HOLLYWOOD

12 Bloom St, Stockport

HOLMEWOOD BOUND

Holmewood Estate, Bradford

HOPWOOD ARMS

753 Rochdale Rd, Slattocks, Middleton

HORSE & GROOM INN

Beacon Rd, Wibsey, Bradford

HORSE & JOCKEY INN

301 Warley Rd, Halifax

HORSE & JOCKEY

9 The Green, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

Bury New Rd, Broughton, Salford

INN OF GOOD HOPE

226 Eccles Old Rd, Salford 6

JACK & JILL

Allerton Rd, Allerton, Bradford

JOLLY

Park Rd, Liverpool

JOLLY CARTER

118 Worsley Rd, Winton, Eccles

JOLLY CARTERS

207 Bury/Bolton Rd, Radcliffe

JOLLY MILLER

Chorley Old Rd, Bolton

JOLLY SAILOR

218 Bramhall La, Stockport

JUBILEE

Milnrow Rd, Shaw, Nr Oldham

JUNCTION INN

1 Westbourne Rd, Marsh, Huddersfield

JUNIPERS

Wood St, Langley, Middleton

KING CANUTE

Princess St, Knutsford, Cheshire

KINGS ARMS

10 Highgate Rd, Heaton, Bradford

LEVENSHULME

959 Stockport Rd, Levenshulme

LION & LAMB

Victoria Ave, Blackley

LITTLE 'B'

197 Marsland Rd, Sale

LORD DERBY

W Derby Rd, Tuebrook, Liverpool

LUPSET HOTEL

328 Horbury Rd, Wakefield

MACCLESFIELD ARMS

Jordangate, Macclesfield

MACMILLANS

Long La, Wheatley, Halifax

MALLARD

Windermere Rd, Langley, Middleton

MALT SHOVEL HOTEL

21 Northgate, Baildon

MALT SHOVEL INN

270 Wakefield Rd, Ossett

MALT SHOVELS

Councillor La, Cheadle

MARTINS NEST

366 M/c Rd, Sudden, Rochdale

MAULDETH

Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester

MAYFLOWER

Margaret St, Immingham, Humberside

METROPOLE

Rylance St, Beswick, Manchester

MIDWAY

703 Stockport Rd, Longsight, M/c

MILLHOUSE

Dalton, Near Rotherham

MONTON GREEN

41 Monton Green, Monton, Eccles

MOOR TOP HOTEL

Heaton Moor, Stockport

MOSS ROSE

1 M/c Rd, Kearsley, Bolton

MOSS TROOPER

Moss La, Timperley, Cheshire

MOSS VALE

Lostock Rd, Urmston, M/c

MOUNTAIN ASH

Portway, Wythenshawe

MR CHIPS

68 Chestergate, Stockport

MUSEUM ZOOTS

375 Moston La, Moston, M/c

NAG'S HEAD

Highgate Rd, Queensbury, Bradford

NAG'S HEAD

New Hey Rd, Fixby, Huddersfield

NELSON'S ALE HOUSE

98 Wellington Rd, Stockport

NELSON TAVERN

Hulmes Rd, Failsworth, M/c

NEWALL GREEN

Greenbrow Rd, Wythenshawe

NICKLEBYS

28 Dale St, Manchester

NORTHUMBERLAND

425 Chester Rd, Old Trafford, M/c

NUNROYD HOUSE

New Rd, Yearndon, Leeds

OAKS

Barlow Moor Rd, Chorlton, M/c

OLD DUKE

Brandlesholme Rd, Bury

OLDE BOARS HEAD

Long St, Middleton, Manchester

OLD GREY HORSE
 700 Wilmslow Rd, Didsbury, M/c
OLD PACKET HOUSE
 Navigation Rd, Broadheath, Altr'ham
OLD PRIORY
 Priory Grove, Salford
OLD ROEBUCK
 42 Victoria St, Altrincham
OUT OF TOWN
 Town Rd, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent
PACK HORSE
 2 Ashworth La, Mottram, Hyde
PACK HORSE
 861 Stockport Rd, Levenshulme
PADDY'S GOOSE
 29 Bloom St, Manchester
PAINTED WAGON SALOON
 Cavendish St, Chesterfield
PARK HOTEL
 Church La, Pudsey, Leeds
PEAR TREE
 Wendover Rd, Wythenshawe
PEN & WIG
 New Bailey St, Salford 3
PHOENIX
 133 Briscoe La, Newton Heath
PICKBURN ARMS
 Pickburn, Near Doncaster
POSTE HASTE
 Brunswick St, Wakefield
POSTERN GATE
 St Austins La, Warrington
PRINCE OF WALES
 Fernwood Rd, Leek, Staffs.
PRINTERS ARMS
 182 Belfield Rd, Belfield, Rochdale
PRINTERS ARMS
 1 Chapel St, Tottington, Nr Bury
QUADRANT
 Greatstone Rd, Stretford, M/c
QUEEN ANNE
 25 Junction Rd, Deane, Bolton
QUEENS HEAD
 13 Mason Green, Halifax
RAILWAY
 474 Didsbury Rd, Heaton Mersey
RAMS HEAD
 40-42 Stand La, Radcliffe
RED BARN
 Broadway, Chadderton, Oldham
RED BRIDGE
 2 Bury Old Rd, Ainsworth
RED LION
 1133 Rochdale Rd, Blackley
RED LION
 110 Irlam Rd, Flixton
RICHARD III
 Rougier St, York
RING O' BELLS
 Hill Top, Thornton, Bradford

RISING SUN
 22 Queen St, Manchester
RISING SUN
 London Rd, Hazel Grove, Stockport
ROBERT TINKER
 Worth St, Collyhurst, Manchester
ROSIE'S BAR
 11 York St, Manchester
ROSSE HOTEL
 62 Bingley Rd, Shipley
ROUND HOUSE
 Belmont Way, Stockport
ROVERS RETURN
 Guy Fawkes St, Salford 5
ROYAL HOTEL
 High St, Boston Spa, W Yorkshire
ROYAL HOTEL
 117 Fagley Rd, Bradford
ROYAL OAK
 480 Chorley Rd, Westhoughton
ROYAL OAK
 674 Altrincham Rd, Wythenshawe
SALE HOTEL
 131 Marsland Rd, Sale
SALISBURY
 2 Wakefield St, Oxford Rd, M/c
SAM'S CHOP HOUSE
 Back Pool Fold, Chapel Walks, M/c
SAWYERS ARMS
 134 Deansgate, Manchester
SCANDALLS
 Rochdale Rd, Royton, Oldham
SEFTONS BAR
 Arndale Centre, Manchester
SEYMOUR
 Upper Chorlton Rd, Manchester
SHADY LADY
 80 Oxford St, Manchester
SHADY OAK
 Bates Mill La, Tiverton, Cheshire
SHAKESPEARE HOTEL
 3 Horton St, Halifax
SHAKESPEARE
 Mancunian Rd, Haughton Gn, Denton
SHAKESPEARE
 16 Fountain St, Manchester
SHAMROCK INN
 Delph Hill, Pudsey, Nr Leeds
SHIP INN
 Altrincham Rd, Styal, Cheshire
SHIREDALE
 Fernclough Rd, Harpurhey, M/c.
SHOULDER OF MUTTON
 508 Thornton Rd, Girdlington
SHOWBOAT
 Bradford Rd, Birstall, Batley
SIDINGS
 Carr House Rd, Doncaster
SILVER BIRCH
 Poundswick La, Manchester
SMITHS ARMS
 Church Row, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate

SMITHY

Grove La, Cheadle Hulme

SPA

Old La, Little Hulton, Worsley

SPANKING ROGER

Sawley Rd, Miles Platting, M/c

SPINKS BAR

Market St, Bradford

SPINNERS

Brownlow Way, Bolton

STAR

116 Hyde Rd, Ardwick, Manchester

STOCKDOVE

94 Compstall Rd, Romiley

STRAWBERRY GARDENS

Offerton La, Offerton, Stockport

SWAN

Colbourne Rd, Winwick, Warrington

SWAN

29 Withy Grove, Manchester

SYCAMORES

72 Norman La, Thorpe Edge, B'ford

SYLVAN INN

Sylvan Ave, Timperley

TANNER

Tanhouse La, Skelmersdale

TATTON ARMS

Mill La, Northenden, Manchester

THOMPSONS ARMS

24 Sackville St, Manchester

THORNHILL ARMS

Towngate, Calverley, Pudsey

THREE CROWNS

14 Deansgate, Bolton

TIGER MOTH

Swallow Drive, Higher Irlam

TOP HOUSE

Two Trees La, Haughton Gn; Denton

THE TRAFFORD HOTEL

699 Chester Rd, Old Trafford, M/c

TUDOR TAVERN

Peel Hall Rd, Wythenshawe

TURKS HEAD

119 Castleton Rd, Royton

UNICORN

539 Liverpool Rd, Eccles

URMSTON

Stretford Rd, Urmston

VICTORIA INN

10 Cottingley Rd, Bradford

VICTORIA

709 Stockport Rd, Levenshulme

VINE

65 High St, Cheadle

VINE

133 Washway Rd, Sale

VOLUNTEER

London Rd, Northwich

WAGGON & HORSES

12 Southgate, Manchester

WAGGON & HORSES

440 Stockport Rd, Longsight, M/c

WAGGON & HORSES

137 Cross St, Sale

WAKEFIELD PRIDE

Lr Warrengate, Wakefield

WASP'S NEST

Nab La, Mirfield

WATERLOO

23 Burton Rd, Withington, M/c

WELCOME

Abbeyhills Rd, Pitses, Oldham

WHEATSHEAF

7 Delamere St, Winsford, Cheshire

WHEATSHEAF

Manchester Rd, Altrincham

WHITE BARN

Forest Rd, Cuddington, Northwich

WHITEGATE

Broadway, Chadderton, Oldham

WHITE HORSE INN

33 Southgate, Halifax

WHITE HORSE

259 Bolton Rd, Westhoughton

WHITE LION

240 Rooley Moor Rd, Spotland

WHITE LION

65 Liverpool Rd, Irlam

WHITE LION BAR

496 Wilmslow Rd, Withington

WHITE LION BAR/PAVILLION

496 Wilmslow Rd, Withington

WINDMILL INN

162 High St, Wibsey, Bradford

WINDMILL

Lord La, Failsworth, Manchester

WINDSOR CASTLE

41 Castle St, Edgeley, Stockport

WINMARITH

Lytham Rd, Blackpool

WOODCOURT

Brooklands Rd, Sale

WOODLANDS HOTEL

110 Wetherby Rd, Harrogate

WOODLANDS

Woodlands Rd, Manchester

WOODMAN

Belvedere Rd, Pendleton, Salford

WOOLPACK

488 Manchester Rd, Haslingden

WOOLPACK

off Broad St, Pendleton, Salford

WRIGHTS ARMS

Marple La, Offerton, Stockport

YARNSPINNER

Furrow St, Bradford

YEWS HOTEL

Yews La, Worsborough Dale

YEW TREE INN

20 Northowram Green, Halifax

YEW TREE

Yew Tree La, Wythenshawe

YORKIST HOTEL

St Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster

WHAT'S DOING

REAL ALE IN ROCHDALE

This issue carries the fourth edition of "Real Ale in Rochdale". Two years have passed since the last edition and much has happened on the real ale scene in the borough in this period. The biggest supplier of beer is Bass, and it is here that the most significant changes have occurred. Bass have removed their own real ales from a dozen or so pubs and have introduced cask Jennings bitter into many others. Sales of Jennings are, as one would expect, bearing in mind its relatively low cost and characteristic taste, on the increase. Sam Smiths supply only about 10% of their Rochdale pubs with traditional bitter, but it is hoped that the situation will rapidly improve following the local branch's campaign against this situation. It was found that many licensees would be only too keen to sell the real thing, and this is to be taken up with the brewery. Whitbread have tentatively moved into the real ale market with their Castle Eden Ale, but their rate of progress is pitifully slow. Other brewers gaining a stronger foothold in the borough include Burtonwood, Matthew Brown and Holts, with a couple of new outlets apiece.

PEAK CONDITION

The Peveril of the Peak, Manchester, is due to be revamped by Wilsons. They are removing the cream paintwork and restoring it to its original wood varnish. This change will complement the fine stained glass windows and tilework. No structural alterations are planned, except for new toilets.

NEW HOUSE

Bramhall is to get a new free house, thanks to licensee Barrie Sullivan of the GBG Leagate in Coningsly, Lincs. Tetley Walker had obtained planning permission for the site on the New House Farm Estate, but when Barrie saw it advertised in the trade press, he decided to "have a go". The first pint is expected to be pulled in November.

BEWARE THE JABBERWOCK!

Whitbread have applied for permission to change the Jabberwock Restaurant in Fallowfield into a pub. As the place was formerly a school, the conversion shouldn't be any more difficult than your average "House of Horrors". Doubtless the Whitbread artefacts department will have in stock plenty of borogroves, raths, Jubjub birds, Bandersnatches and tulgey woods full of Tum tum trees - an uffish thought.

MONTON SCRUFFS REJOICE

Be-jeaned derelicts were dancing on Monton Green when they heard that Miles (no training shoes) Foley was to leave the nearby pub. If

Pennine Hosts are to be taken at their word, then perhaps the new mine host will reintroduce the vault, turn the place into a beer factory and entice the clientele from the Park Hotel by knocking 10p off a pint and making it as cheap as Holts.

NO CLOWES

The Clowes Hotel, Salford, closed its doors possibly for the last time at the end of March. It is doubtful whether Wilsons will manage to find a tenant for this large and badly located house. It looks as though the Clowes will be sharing the fate of the Trafford, the Osborne, the Grove, the Falcon and the Wellington - 5 Wilsons houses in the immediate locality which have closed and been demolished.

NEWS FROM WIGAN

The Oddfellows Arms, Manchester Road, Higher Ince (keg Tetley) is closed, boarded up and due to be demolished.

The Buck i'th Vine, Clayton Street, Wigan, is closed and due to be demolished for road widening - a sad loss of a friendly pub.

The Swan and Railway, Wallgate, Wigan, a former GBG Tetley pub, has been boarded up since early last year. It is rumoured to have been bought by Thwaites.

The New Amberswood Hotel, Wigan Road, Hindley (cask Burtonwood), has been extensively renovated and renamed the "Hockery Brook".



THE STATION

*You'll find us
at the end of
Warrington St.
next to
the by-pass*

**Our range of hand pumped real ales include
Marstons Pedigree, Merrie Monk, Mercian Mild,
Owd Rodger (when it's cold), Boddingtons Bitter.**

**Recent Guest Beers have included
Ruddies County, Oldham Bitter, Old Peculier**

**We are renowned for our superb luncheons
(hot & cold buffet plus tasty 'brown-dish' meals)**

All served in a Victorian setting.

*if the weather's nice,
enjoy a pint in the
beer garden!* * **Organise an excursion & we'll provide ***
a room & food if you wish.

2 WARRINGTON ST., ASHTON-U-LYNE. 061-330 6776



REAL ALE in ROCHDALE

FOURTH
EDITION



INCLUDING HEYWOOD, MILNROW, MIDDLETON,
LITTLEBOROUGH

ROCHDALE AREA (Including Castleton, Bamford, Norden, Healey and Smallbridge)

Albert	Spotland Road	Centre	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Albion	Whitworth Road	Centre	Whitbread	CE(H)
Alpine Ayingerbrau Gasthof	Whitworth Road	Sam Smiths	B(H)	
Baths	Smith Street	Centre	Boddingtons	M,B,SA (E/G)
Baum	Toad Lane	Centre	Boddingtons	B(H)
Birches	Market Street	Healey	Bass	Bass(E)
Blue Pits	Manchester Road	Castleton	Lees	M,B(E)
Bonnie Dundee	Fishwick Street	Lower Place	Boddingtons	B(E)
Bowling Green	Spotland Road	Centre	Whitbread	CE(H)
Bridge Inn	Manchester Road	Castleton	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Bridge Inn	Edenfield Road	Norden	Bass	Bass,4X(E)
Bridge Hotel	College Road	Centre	Marstons	M,B,Ped: Failsworth Original (H)
Britannia	Jermyn Street	Centre	Wilsons	B(H)
Brown Cow	Edenfield Road	Norden	Whitbread	DB(H)
Brownhill	Heights Lane	Fallinge	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Brunswick	Baillie Street	Centre	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Burns Tavern	Norden Road	Bamford	Bass	Jen,4X(H)
Blue Ball	Edenfield Road	Norden	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Cemetery	Bury Road	Roch Valley	Ruddles, Bodd, Everards, Taylors, Theakstons, Cider, M,B, Porter (H)	
Citizen Inn	Drake Street	Centre	OB/Boddies	M,B(H)
Castle	Manchester Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Cross Yates	Whitworth Road	Centre	Holts	M,B(H)
Commercial	Manchester Road	Castleton	Bass	4X(E)
Carters Rest	Spotland Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Church	Wilbuts Lane	Cutgate	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Cloverdale	Entwistle Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Commercial	Milnrow Road	Centre	Lees	M,B(H)
Crawford Arms	Crawford Street	Lower Place	Lees	M,B(E)
Crown & Shuttle	Milnrow Road	Firgrove	Lees	M,B(E)
Craven Heifer	Broad Lane	Buersil	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Drakes	Drake Street	Centre	Bass	Jen,4X(E/H)
Directors Arms	Heywood Old Road	Castleton	Bass	4X(E)
Derby Arms	Whitehall Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Dicken Green	Queensway	Ashfield Valley	Lees	M,B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Oldham Road	Buersil	Whitbread	CE(H)
Dog & Partridge	Bury Road	Roch Valley	Whitbread	CE(H)
Elephant & Castle	Bury Road	Bamford	Whitbread	DB,CE(H)
Entwistle	Halifax Road	Hamer	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Flying Horse	Town Hall Square	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Farewell	Manchester Road	Castleton	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Gale	Whitworth Road	Shawclough	Bass	CB,4X(E)
Gale Inn	Valley Road	Ashfield Valley	Bass	4X(E)
George & Dragon	Manchester Road	Castleton	Bass	Bass,4X(E)
Golden Ball	Spotland Road	Centre	OB/Boddies	M,B(H)
Grapes	Norden Road	Bamford	Bass	CB,4X(E)
Greengate	Halifax Road	Smallbridge	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Highland Laddie	Spotland Road	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Harrows	Bolton Road	Marland	Bass	Jen,TL,4X(E/H)
High Sheriff	Halifax Road	Hamer	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Horse & Farrier	Edenfield Road	Norden	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Syke Road	Syke	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Bury & Rochdale Old Rd	Bamford	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Belfield Road	Centre	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Healey	Shawclough Road	Lower Healey	Robinsons	M,B,SA(H/G)
Industry	Sladen Street	Centre	Bass	Jen,CB,4X(E/H)
Junction	Bolton Road	Castleton	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Lark Inn	Durham Street	Centre	Bass	4X,CB(E)
Lord Howard	The Strand	Kirkholt	Bass	CB(E)
Lord Nelson	Milnrow Road	Belfield	Whitbread	DB(H)
Mayfield	Albert Royds Street	Belfield	Bass	Jen,4X(E/H)
Martins Nest	Brimrod Way	Sudden	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Mark Twain	Whitworth Road	Centre	Thwaites, Robinsons	M,B,SA(H/G)
New Inn	Manchester Road	Castleton	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Navigation	Drake Street	Centre	Holts	M,B(H)
Oxford	Whitworth Road	Lower Healey	Matthew Brown	M,B(E)
Printers	Belfield Lane	Belfield	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Queens	Milkstone Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Railway	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Bass	4X(E)

Red Rose	Durham Street	Lower Place	Matthew Brown	M,B(H)
Royds Arms	Rooley Moor Road	Spotland	Bass Jen,CB,4X(E/H)	
Regent	Regent Street	Centre	Wilsons	B(H)
Reed Hotel	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Bass Jen,CB,4X,Bass(E/H)	
Roebuck	off Yorkshire Street	Centre	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Royal	Oldham Road	Buersil	Thwaites	B(H)
Sandknockers	Halifax Road	Smallbridge	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Sawyers	Whitehall Street	Centre	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Ship Inn	Milnrow Road	Belfield	Whitbread	DB(H)
Spread Eagle	Cheetham Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Spring Inn	Broad Lane	Buersil	Lees	M,B(E)
Success to the Plough	Bolton Road	Marland	Lees	M,B(E)
Top House	Manchester Road	Castleton	Bass	4X(E)
Two Ships	Hope Street	Centre	Thwaites	M,B(H)
White Lion	Rooley Moor Road	Spotland	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Winston Churchill	War Office Road	Bamford	Whitbread	DB,CE(H)
Waggon & Horses	Halifax Road	Smallbridge	Bass Jen,CB,4X(E/H)	
Woolpack	Halifax Road	Smallbridge	Bass	4X(E)
Woolpack	Drake Street	Centre	Bass CB,4X,Bass(E)	
Weavers	Ashfield Road	Deeplish	Lees	M,B(E)
Wellfield	Wellfield Street	Lower PLace	Lees	B(H)
White Lion	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Windmill	Bolton Road	Sudden	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Yates(Bluebell)	Yorkshire Street	Centre	Wilsons,Stones,Holts	B(H)
Yew Tree	Oldham Road	Balderstones	Sam Smiths	B(H)

HEYWOOD AREA (Including Birtle, Cheesden and Pilsworth)

Bay Horse	Torrington Street	Hopwood	Whitbread	DB(H)
Black Bull	Rochdale Road East	Centre	Bass	4X(E)
Brown Cow	Bamford Road	Centre	Bass	4X(E)
Black Swan	Middleton Road	Hopwood	Thwaites	B(H)
Brunswick	Bridge Street	Centre	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Criterion	Argyle Street	Darn Hill	Marstons	M,B(E)
Egerton Arms	Ashworth Road	Ashworth Valley	Taylor's	BB(H)
Engineers	Aspinall Street	Centre	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Green Lane	Hopwood	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Kings	Market Place	Centre	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Langton Arms	Miller Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
New Inn	Edenfield Road	Cheesden	Bass Jen,CB,4X(E/H)	
Owd Betts	Edenfield Road	Cheesden	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Oddfellows Arms	Peel Lane	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Our House	Manchester Street	Centre	Bass	4X(E)
Pack Horse	Elbut Lane	Birtle	Lees	M,B(H)
Pig & Whistle	Pilsworth Road	Centre	Whitbread	TB(H)
Royal George	Heady Hill Road	Summit	Whitbread	TB(H)
Ship Inn	York Street	Centre	Whitbread	DB(H)
Starkey Arms	Manchester Road	Centre	Bass	4X(E)
Stonemasons	Bury Street	Summit	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Tophams Tavern	Dawson Street	Centre	Boddingtons	B(E)
Tanners Arms	Rochdale Road East	Centre	Bass	4X(E)
Three Arrows	Pilsworth Road	Three Lane Ends	Lees	M,B(E)
White Lion	York Street	Centre	Whitbread	DB,CE(H)
Woolpack	Birch Street	Centre	Bass	TL,4X(E)

MILNROW AREA (Including Newhey)

(Bottom) Bird in Hand	Huddersfield Road	Newhey	Sam Smiths	B(H)
(Top) Bird in Hand	Huddersfield Road	Newhey	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Bulls Head	Ogden Lane	Newhey	Bass	Jen(H)
Free Trade Tavern	Newhey Road	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Gallows	Kiln Lane	Cross Gates	Bass	CB(E)
Ladybarn	Harbour Lane	Centre	Boddingtons	B(H)
Tim Bobbin	Dale Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Wagon	New Street	Centre	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Waggon & Horses	Newhey Road	Newhey	Lees	M,B(E)
Wheatshaf	Haugh Lane	Newhey	Thwaites	M,B(H)

LITTLEBOROUGH AREA (Including Wardle, Calderbrook, Dearnley and Summit)

Beach Hotel	Lakeside	Hollingworth Lake	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Caldermoor	Calderbrook Road	Caldermoor	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Dog & Partridge	Todmorden Road	Summit	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Dyers Arms	Whiteless Road	Centre	Bass	CB(E)
Falcon	Church Street	Centre	Tetley	M,B(H)

Globe	Wardle Road	Wardle	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Gale Inn	Todmorden Road	Gale	Bass	CB,4X(E)
Hare & Hounds	Ramsden Road	Wardle	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Huntsman	Summit Road	Summit	Bass	CB,4X(E)
Lydgate	Blackstone Edge Old Rd	Lydgate	Boddingtons	B(H)
New Inn	New Road	Dearnley	Bass Jen, CB, 4X(E/H)	
Ox & Plough	New Road	Dearnley	Bass Jen, CB, 4X(E/H)	
Queens	Church Street	Centre	Thwaites	M,B(H)
Railway Inn	Inghams Lane	Centre	Bass Bass, CB, 4X(E/H)	
Royal Exchange	Featherstall Road	Centre	Bass Jen, CB, 4X(H/E)	
Royal Oak	Church Street	Centre	Bass Jen, CB, 4X(E/H)	
Red Lion	Blackstone Edge Road	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Summit Inn	Summit Road	Summit	Bass Jen, CB, 4X(E/H)	
Tophams Tavern	Smithybridge Road	Smithybridge OB, Taylor, Theakston	M,B, OP(H/G)	
Wheatshaf	Church Street	Centre	Whitbread	CE(H)
White House	Blackstone Edge Road	Blackstone Edge	Wilsons	M,B(H)

MIDDLETON AREA (Including Middleton Junction, Rhodes, Slattocks and Alkrington)

Albion	Wood Street	Centre	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
Assheton Arms	Market Place	Centre	Lees	M,B(H)
Apple & Pear	Mainway East	Alkrington	Lees	M,B(H)
Bricklayers	Market Place	Centre	Bass Stones,TL(H)	
Brewers Arms	Cheapside	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Boarshaw Hotel	Stanycliffe Lane	Boarshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
Britannia	Manchester Old Road	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Brunswick	Townley Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Cotton Tree	Boarshaw Road	Boarshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
Crown	Long Street	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Carters Arms	Manchester Old Road	Rhodes	Lees	M,B(E)
Dog & Partridge	Spring Vale	Tonge Oldham/Boddingtons		M,B(E)
Firwood	Joshua Lane	Middleton Junction	Lees	M,B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Sandy Lane	Middleton Junction	Lees	M,B(E)
Gardeners Arms	Manchester Old Road	Rhodes	Boddingtons	B(H)
Gardeners Arms	Grimshaw Lane	Middleton Junction	Lees	M,B(E)
Hopwood Arms	Manchester Road	Slattocks	Wilsons	Cider,M,B(H)
Hare & Hounds	Oldham Road	Tonge	Thwaites	M,B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Long Street	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Joiners Arms	Cross Street	Centre	OB/Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Jolly Carters	Oldham Road	Tonge	Lees	M,B(H)
Jolly Butcher	Heywood Old Road	Bowlee	Bass	CB,4X(E)
Kenyon	Kenyon Lane	Tonge	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Kings Arms	Higher Wood Street	Centre	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Lancashire Fold	Kirkway	Alkrington	Lees	M,B(H)
Middleton Archer	Kemp Street	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Mallard	Windermere Road	Langley	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Minders Arms	Joshua Lane	Middleton Junction	Lees	M,B(E)
Nowster	Oldham Road	Tonge	Lees	M,B(E)
Oddfellows	Oldham Road	Tonge	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Old Cock	Oldham Road	Mills Hill	Lees	M,B(E)
Old Davids	Kirkway	Alkrington	Bass	StonesB(H)
Roebuck	Kirkway	Alkrington	Whitbread	TB(H)
Radcliffe Arms	Grimshaw Lane	Middleton Junction	Burtonwood	M,B(E)
Railway & Linnet	Grimshaw Lane	Middleton Junction	Lees	M,B(E)
Railway	Townley Street	Tonge	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Ring o' Bells	St Leonards Square	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Red Lion	Hollins Lane	Hollins	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Royal Oak	Boarshaw Road	Boarshaw	Lees	M,B(E)
Ship Inn	Rochdale Road	Slattocks	Lees	M,B(H)
Three Arrows	Middleton Road	Rhodes	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Tandle Hill Tavern	Thornham Lane	Tandle Hills	Lees	M,B(H)
Whitbrook	Boarshaw Road	Boarshaw	Bass	4X(E)
White Hart	Heywood Old Road	Birch	Bass	Bass,4X(E)
Wilton Arms	Manchester Old Road	Rhodes	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Waggon & Horses	Manchester Old Road	Rhodes	Boddingtons	B(H)
White Hart	Long Street	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)
Who'd a Thowt It	Wood Street	Centre	Lees	M,B(E)

M=mild, B=bitter, E=electric pump, H=hand pump, G=gravity, SA=strong ale, OP=Theakston's Old Peculier, CB=Bass Cask Bitter, 4X=Bass Best Mild, TL=Bass Toby Light, Jen=Jennings (bitter), DB=Whitbread Duttons Bitter, CE=Whitbread Castle Eden Ale, TB=Whitbread Draught Trophy

The Black Horse, Almond Brook Road, Standish (formerly cask Greenalls) has been closed since last October and is reputed to have been granted a "fun pub" licence - what chance real ale?

The John Bull Chop House, Coopers Row, off Market Place, Wigan, lost its traditional Thwaites bitter some years ago. But now it has returned, on electric pumps, at weekends only! Unfortunately when our correspondent turned up at 10.10pm the other Saturday they had sold the last "five minutes ago". The management promised to have some "next Friday"!

The Imperial, Manchester Road, Higher Ince, which became a Walker pub last year, has now reverted to being a Tetley house after a short period of shutness.

COMMERCIAL CO-OPERATES

Real ale has returned to the Commercial, Co-operative Street, Springhead, after a break of several years. On offer are hand pulled Toby Extra Light and Stones from Tadcaster. Landlord Edward Heap, a former steward from Dobcross Band Club, who took the pub over last November, is already delighted with the reaction to cask beer in his pub and hopes to increase the range.

HOLTS TOP THE LIST

Preparing entries for the 1985 Good Beer Guide eight months in advance leads inevitably to caution and conservatism, so North Manchester's entries are perhaps less innovative than might otherwise have been the case. The pubs are the same as in the 1984 Guide with the following exceptions:

Deletions

Castle & Falcon, Sinclairs - City Centre

Prince of Wales - Newton Heath

Spinners, Bricklayers, Eagle - Salford

White Lion, Windmill - Swinton

New Entries

Crown & Anchor, Wheatsheaf - City Centre

Britannia - Newton Heath

Coach and Horses, Broadway - Salford

Newmarket - Swinton

Pied Piper - Walkden

Smiths Arms - Ancoats

The 1985 Guide will boast 11 Holts pubs, 4 Tetleys, 2 each from Wilsons, Whitbread/free, Marstons and Bass and 1 each from Hydes, Boddingtons, Sam Smiths and Robinsons. Greenalls didn't get a look in.

INCOGNITO ORIGINAL

Greenalls' Bowling Green on Grafton Street, Brunswick (just along the street from Drabs' Grafton), is now selling Original Bitter on hand-pump. Unfortunately, at the time of writing there is no indication whatsoever of the beer's identity - not even a pumpclip. Greenalls

seem ready enough to persuade the punters that their beer is real even when it isn't - how about some point-of-sale support for landlords who do take the trouble to serve the genuine article?

BETTER HOPE

The Hope and Anchor on Sandy Lane, Royton, near the Assembly Rooms, is now serving Stones, Toby Light and mild through handpumps.

POOR VIC

The Victoria (Tetleys) on Hardman Street (off Deansgate), Manchester, no longer sells real ale, so beware! The handpumps are still there.

OMISSION

The Whitworth Hotel on Moss Lane East, with its Burton Bitter and Pedigree, was accidentally omitted from last month's "Real Ale in South Manchester".

EDENFIELD ALE

Real ale drinking in Edenfield has received a couple of setbacks recently. At the Pack Horse, Matthew Brown moved in with their keg mild and bitter to oust similar offerings from Scottish & Newcastle. Then Matthew Brown complained that not enough of their beers were being sold and so the Taylors Best Bitter was removed. As it is extremely unlikely that any Taylors drinkers will swap to fizzy Matthew Brown, this is hardly likely to improve barrelage! Further up the road another free house, the Horse and Jockey, changed hands recently and the Thwaites best mild and bitter was dropped in favour of the John Smiths keg line-up. However, Boddingtons bitter is still available.

OUT OF THE DARK COMES LIGHT

The Bass 4X dark mild has been withdrawn from t'Top House (Swan), Dobcross, due to poor sales. The good news is that the Toby Extra Light, previously keg, is now available in cask conditioned form, joining the Stones bitter and Brew Ten.

MILK STOUT?

Frances Gibbons, landlady of the Cheshire Ring Hotel in Hyde, has hit upon an idea for the non-drinker and motorist. Milk drinks are now on sale alongside the 17 or so different real ales.

HORSE BOLTED

The Black Horse, a Wilsons house on Lees Road, Oldham, is now completely boarded up and awaiting the final phase of its career - demolition. No doubt the new Glodwick Road improvements will more than adequately make up for the loss of yet another house in this area.

BARBECUED BEER

Following in the footsteps of the Melville at Stretford, the Windmill at Carrington now has the bulldozer round the back to rearrange the outside into a drinking and barbecue area for summer. In addition, the interior is undergoing a minor extension to the vault and a much

needed redecoration. Needless to say, the beer price has risen to finance this investment, but the quality is always good.

DRABS

Joseph Holts bitter is now available at the Cheshire Ring Hotel, Hyde. This is only the second outlet in the Tameside area, the other being the Halfway House, a tied house in Droylsden.

GONE FOR A BURTONWOOD?

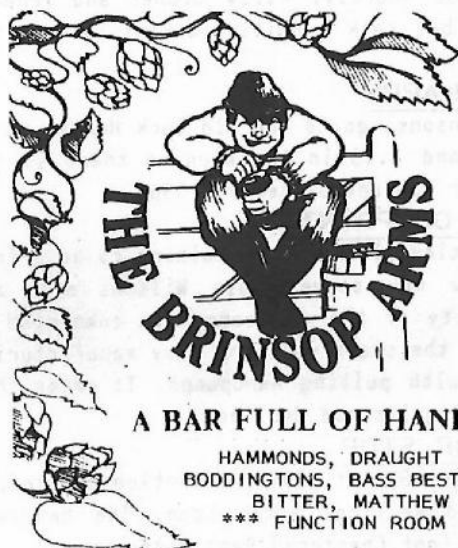
Robinsons are not the only local brewery to want to muck around with a listed building. Forshaws have made an application to alter the interior of the Boars Head, Wigan Road, Standish. The alterations involve modifying the bar counter and knocking the games room and snug into one "family room".

SOUTH MANCHESTER RESERVES

Three more pubs have been added to the GBG 85 Reserve List (see last month's WD):

City Centre:	Circus (Tetley)
Didsbury	Royal Oak (Marstons)
Stockport Centre	Manchester Arms (Robinsons)

There is also an alteration in West Gorton - for "Nags Head", read "Unicorn".



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WHEAT AND SEE

The Wheatsheaf on High Street, central Manchester, is undergoing refurbishment but it is not yet known whether this formerly unkempt Whitbread house will be dispensing real ale.

DUKES HAPHAZARD

The Dukes, Bolton Road, Pendlebury, recently proclaimed a "grand re-opening" after a change in tenancy. Just over twelve months ago this Whitbread house received "the treatment" amidst local controversy (see WD Feb 1983) and subsequently gained a reputation as a muscle-flexing venue for the young and energetic. Small wonder, then, that nearby householders recently objected to the application for an entertainment licence - which was duly rejected. Ironically, live musical entertainment was one of the central themes in last year's campaign to retain the pub's original style. Emphasis is now on bistro-style catering, although the "Fantasy Farm" decor remains. The handpumps have been redundant for a while now, hardly surprising given the meagre custom, and having established a poor image in the area the place is becoming a Whitbread white elephant. The bouncers who were employed during its disco-pub era may yet be re-engaged to grab passers-by and throw them in!

MORE BASS

Upstairs, Downstairs in Chapel Walks, off Cross Street, Manchester (previously Great American Disaster - and hands up those who remember Sainsbury's!) is to change hands shortly. Fizzy Stones and Tenants lager are at present on offer, but cask conditioned Bass is expected to appear.

HAPPY

If you want a cheap pint of Robinsons, go to the Old Pack Horse, Guide Lane, Audenshaw. Between 7.15 and 8.15 in the evening there is the "Happy Hour". Mild can be had for 53p and bitter for 58p.

OUT OF PRINT

Despite displaying signs for Tetley ales and proclaiming to be a free house, the Printers at Denshaw now serves only Wilsons mild and bitter. Unfortunately, the quality of the ale cannot be commented on here, since at the time visited the staff were too busy manufacturing lurid cocktails to be bothered with pulling handpumps. It seems that this once proud local is continuing its sad decline.

MOP STOP

The Weavers Arms (The Mop), Brunel Street, Bolton, mentioned a couple of months ago, has now stopped selling Castle Eden. The handpump remains in use for the Whitbread (not Chesters) Best Mild.

GOODY GOODY?

The Woodlands on Woodlands Road in downtown Crumpsall has recently been given the treatment by Pennine Hosts and renamed Woodies. Perhaps suitably upmarket drinkers could venture inside and let us know the worst?

OB LASHING OUT

Four Oldham Brewery houses are currently undergoing structural alterations. They are the Kings Arms, Grains Bar, Oldham, the Lincoln Inn, Rochdale, the Manor, Abbeyhills, Oldham, and the Greaves Arms in Oldham town centre. The Kings Arms, a one-time Good Beer Guide entry, has recently re-opened following extensive alterations. The emphasis is very much on catering. The Lincoln and the Manor served no real ale and the Greaves Arms in the centre of Oldham served only keg OB ales and Boddies bitter.

GATEHOUSE

Monday 16th April saw the opening of Tyldesley's latest pub, the Gatehouse, with handpumped Thwaites mild and bitter. (Readers will recall that Boddingtons opened their Home Ground at Tyldesley on 5th September 1983). The Gatehouse was officially opened by Thwaites MD Mr J D Kay, who pulled the first pint. The pub is on three levels, with the bar in the middle section. The vault is on the lower level and there is also a small alcove that could be likened to the old fashioned "snug". Bitter is 65p and mild 63p. Lunchtime meals should prove popular, as the Gatehouse is on the main Manchester Road.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

The Red Lion at Gatley (Whitbread-Chesters), which became the Last Drop, a Chesters Junk Pub, a couple of years ago, has now reverted to its old name.

MORE FIBS FROM BURTONWOOD

The Haughton Arms, Oldham Road, Failsworth, opened its doors recently after a closure of 10 weeks whilst extensive alterations took place. This Burtonwood house, gained from Wilsons in a pub swap three years ago, now has such delights as a pool arena. Traditional beers were available before alterations, but now the only handpumps serve red, sweet and dry white wines. The beer is keg. The loud music is drowned only by the whine of electric pumps. Prominent advertising around the bar proclaims "Burtonwood Traditional Ales" - Alas, not here!

MORE NEWS FROM WIGAN

After a long wait, Whitbread's Trophy bitter is on sale at the Saracens Head, Wigan Lane, at 64p a pint, alongside Castle Eden and keg Trophy. Encouragingly, when our intrepid reporter asked for "a pint of Trophy", he was given a choice. At the beginning of 1983 the Saracens Head sold no real ale at all: a thousand pities, then, that this comfortable pub is threatened by the ring road which is due to blight Wigan town centre.

Burtonwood are still doing their best to confuse. A recent visit to the Boars Head, Wigan Road, Standish, revealed an array of keg beers, despite a sign outside loudly proclaiming "traditional beers". On the other hand, the Old Pear Tree on Frog Lane, a GBG entry since the Year Dot, recently changed its wording from "Traditional Ales" to just

"Fine Ales". Thankfully, the handpulled cask beers inside the pub are still in fine fettle. What are Burtonwood playing at? We should be told.

ORIGINAL

Handpumped Greenalls Original Bitter is now available at the Antelope Hotel, Manchester Road, Kearsley.

SORRY SALFORD

The Waterloo on Greengate in Salford has been boarded up all round and the pub's name and lamp sign have been removed. The nearby Old Shears is also closed and, as it is not boarded up, the windows are beginning to get broken. The Lord Nelson on Chapel Street appears to be permanently closed once again.

ANYONE FANCY A PIZZA?

Al Mulinos, Rock Street, Oldham, a popular pizza parlour, has recently opened a wine bar on the ground floor of the restaurant. Adverts in the local press announce "traditional draught beers". Does anyone know whose?

MORE BURTONWOOD BOTHER?

The Radcliffe Arms, Middleton Junction, just across the road from Lees Brewery, is closed and undergoing alterations. Before the shutters went up the pub was selling real ale. Will it go the way of the Haughton Arms in Failsworth? Watch this space.

6th SADDLEWORTH BEER FESTIVAL

Licensed sessions are as follows:

Friday 11th May 5.30-11.00pm

Saturday 12th May 11.30am-3.00pm, 5.00pm-11.00pm

Sunday 13th May 12.00noon-2.00pm

Admission charges are: 30p lunchtimes

50p evenings (before 7pm) not 40p as stated last month. 70p thereafter

Admission will be free to current card carrying CAMRA members. Entertainment will feature the Spodden Valley Jazz Band from Whitworth on the Friday night, Ye Olde Waggon Inn Folk Group on Saturday lunch and the Failsworth Brass Band on Saturday night.

Hot and cold food will be available throughout the festival and an unlicensed room will be open for accompanied children (and drunks!) Beers will include "home brews" from Bank Street (Manchester), Sair (Linthwaite) and Traquair House (Borders, Scotland). The smaller breweries will be represented by Big Lamp (Newcastle), Leith (Edinburgh), Burton Bridge (Burton), Victoria (Herts) and Old Mill (Goole) and many more. The new John Smiths cask ale will be available (centrifuged, maybe, but with cask breather - never!) Old ales, porters and winter brews will be on tap, together with Symonds scrumpy cider and perry. Red and white wine will also be on sale. A special festival tee shirt will be available, in addition to a whole range of brewery

shirts and publicity material. A free beer offer worth £2 will be made to all new CAMRA recruits signed up at the festival. For further details contact Steve Lawton (see branch diary).



Branch Diary

NORTH MANCHESTER

Weds May 16 Branch Meeting Crown & Anchor, Manchester
Weds May 23 Pennine Host Survey. Pen & Wig, New Bailey St, 7pm. Crown 7.30.
Weds June 6th. Bill's Crawl of Irlam. 7.00pm Railway. 8.00pm White Horse
Weds 13 June Committee Meeting, Pied Piper, Eastham Way, Little Hulton 8.00pm
Weds 20th June, Branch Meeting, White Swan, Swinton 8pm
Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

BOLTON

Sun 3 June. Social at Toll Bar, Horwich
Weds 13 June, Branch Meeting, the York, Newport Street, Bolton
Sun 17th June Social at Thomas Dutton, Egerton
Weds 20th June Social at White Lion, Westhoughton
Contact Dave Fleming Bolton 389918 (h), Bolton 75111 x235 (w)

HIGH PEAK & NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 1 May Committee Meeting, Unity, Croft Street, Hyde (Robinsons) 8.30
Tues 15 May Branch Meeting, The Royal, Hayfield, 8.30pm (Wilsons) NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE
Fri 18th May Branch Trip to Derbyshire
Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Fri/Sun 11/13 May Saddleworth Beer Festival (see elsewhere in this issue)
Tues 15 May 8pm. Committee meeting, Church (Holts), Bury New Rd, Whitefield
Fri/Sun 18/20 May Weekend away in Bath
Tues 5 June 8pm. Branch meeting Cotton Tree (Lees), Boarshaw Rd, Middleton
Tues 19 June 8pm Committee Meeting, Gardners (Lees), Grinshaw La, Middleton Junction
Sat 23 June Beer festival at Woodhey School, Bolton Rd West, Holcombe Brook, Ramsbottom. 12.00-9.00pm Open day - side shows, brass bands, food, sports day. Open to all - why not bring the kids along!
Contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) or 061 775 3351 x248

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Thurs 10 May, Branch Meeting, Star & Garter, Higher Hillgate, Stockport 8pm
Fri 11 May. Bus trip to Saddleworth Beer Festival. Details from B Pryme 061 344 2721 (w) 061 225 6606 (h)
Thurs 24 May Pub of the Month, Manchester Arms, Wellington Rd South, Stockport
Tues 5 June Open Committee meeting, 8pm, Swan with 2 Necks, Princes St, Stockport
Thurs 14 June, Branch meeting 8pm, White Swan, Green Street, Fallowfield. Guest speaker from Robinsons brewery.
Contact Sue Sproson 061 225 4058

SOUTH LANCASHIRE

Thurs 24 May Trip to Stones Brewery, Sheffield. Contact Pete Marsh Ashton-in-Makerfield 716469
Tues 29 May Branch Meeting Old Crow, Newton le Willows

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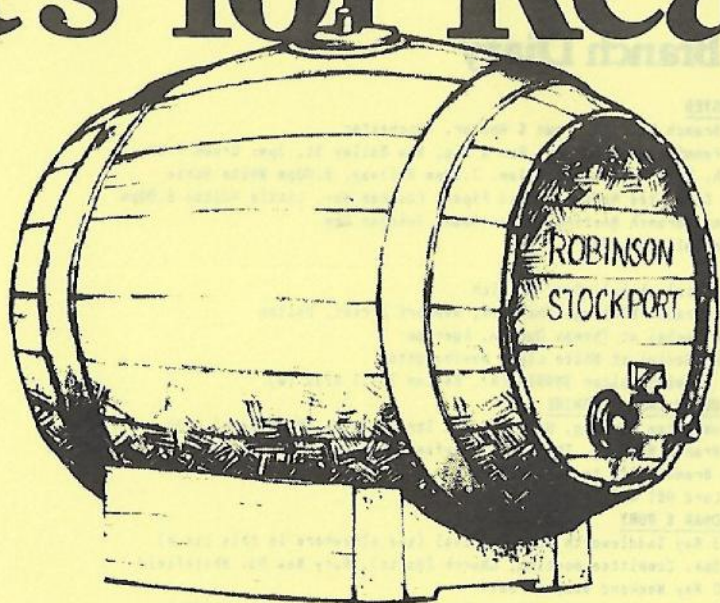
Thurs 3 May 8pm. Committee meeting, King William IV, Manchester Rd, Partington.
Thurs 10 May 8pm. Sale Ale Trail. Bridge, Dane Road Sale
Thurs 17 May 8pm. Branch meeting, Crown, Deansgate, Manchester
Thurs 31 May 7.30pm. Knutsford Crawl. Details from branch contact
Thurs 3 June 8.00 Committee meeting, White Lion, Liverpool Rd, Manch'ier (provisional)
Contact David Shelton 061 224 7341 x54 or 061 795 2113

REGIONAL MEETING

Weds 30th May. Arranged by Trafford & Hulme branch. Pack Horse, Deansgate, Manchester
If there are any matters to be put on the Agenda, forward to David Shelton, 16 Nada Lodge, St Mary's Hall Road, Manchester

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