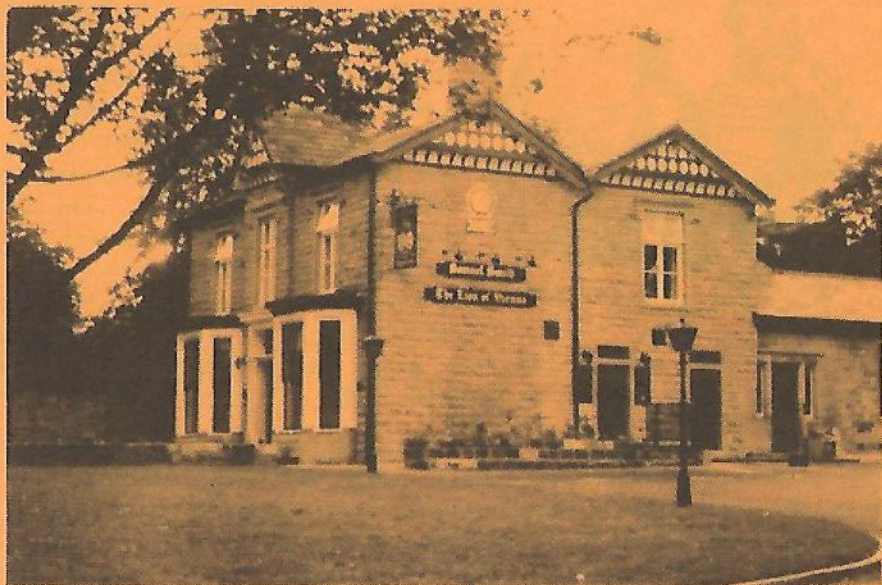


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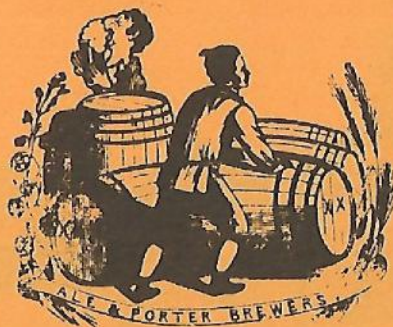


SAM'S LION

Sam Smiths have opened their second pub in Bolton – the Lion of Vienna on Chorley New Road, opposite Bolton School. This is a new pub, converted from a large house which was previously in use as flats. An extension at the rear houses a games room and the "Sportsman's Snug" (that pub concept long since forgotten by Pennine Joke pub designers). The pub is a pleasant change from the gaudy, mirrors-and-plastic-plants image which the national brewers believe to be fashionable these days. Tadcaster Bitter is not available as yet, but the Old Brewery Bitter is good value at 59p a pint, especially when compared with the Greenalls in the nearby Halliwell Lodge, which has recently been refurbished a la plastic and converted to tank beer.

The name Lion of Vienna was given to the legendary Bolton football player, Nat Lofthouse, who scored two goals in England's 3-2 win over Austria in Vienna in May 1952. Another point of interest is that Nat Lofthouse himself was the first landlord of the Castle (Tetleys) on Crompton Way. Presumably it was on cask beer when it opened - it's been tank for years since.

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BURY AMBER NECTAR SHOW

The Bury Beer Festival is open Friday 19th and Saturday 20th October. Licensed sessions are 11.30-3.00 and 5.00-11.00 on both days. The venue is the Derby Hall, Market Street, and entrance is 30p lunchtimes, 50p evenings before 7.00pm and 70p thereafter. (Free to current card carrying CAMRA members, of course.) Entertainment will feature the Failsworth Brass Band on Friday

night, the Olde Waggon Inn folk group on Saturday lunch and the Bedford (Leigh) Brass Band on Saturday night.

Beers will include Bathams, Simpkins, Holdens and Davenport's from the Black Country; Belhaven, Big Lamp, Leith and Strathalbyn from the north. Shepherd Neame's excellent ales will represent the south east. Nearer to home, beers from the Sair Inn at Linthwaite (near Huddersfield) should prove popular and it is hoped that Sam Smiths will supply the newly released cask Tadcaster Bitter.

Scrumpy cider and a selection of wines will also be available. A CAMRA stall will provide a range of beer guides and brewery tee shirts. A special Festival shirt will also be on sale. Hot and cold food at very reasonable prices will be available throughout the Festival.

If you intend to visit the Festival for either of the evening sessions, don't forget to come early. Last year the hall was full to capacity by 8.30pm.

ARCH ALE

The Marble Arch, Rochdale Road, seems well on the way to becoming Manchester's favourite free house. The range of ales has again changed and now comprises Holts mild and bitter (still the best seller, of

course), McEwans 70/-, Youngers No.3, Winkles Marble Arch Bitter, Marstons Pedigree, Taylors Landlord and Moorhouses Pendle Witch. Guest beers to come are Bishops Tipple, Fullers, Youngs and one of Bruce's ales.

A "Happy Hour" has been introduced (5.30pm-7.00pm Monday - Friday) with certain beers selling at 50p a pint. One of the first "Happy Hours" resulted in the selected beer, Marble Arch Bitter, selling 5 pints at 50p, whilst at the same time 42 pints of Holts bitter (at 60p) were shifted. There's a moral there, somewhere!

PLANNING NEWS

Wilsons have plans to extend the Boundary in Guide Bridge and Pennine Joke want to extend the Rising Sun in Manchester city centre. Greenalls plan to knock the Crown Inn on Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, into the shop next door.

WALLGATE WOE

The Raven Hotel on Wallgate, Wigan, has stopped serving Ind Coope Burton Ale, because it just wasn't selling (74p a pint). Nevertheless, the landlord is trying to bring draught Bass to the pub. Those who remember Walter Baron's tenancy of the Raven will recall Bass was on sale about five years ago. Prospects now, though, are remote. It's a Walkers pub.

TOTTY'S TOWLER THWAITES TREPIDATION

The Good Beer Guide listed Hark to Towler, Market Street, Tottington, closed early this month for alterations. The work is expected to take over two months and the pub should reopen in time for Christmas. Let us hope that Thwaites don't destroy all the ornate woodwork and tiles in their efforts to improve the building.

Meanwhile, at the other end of town, the Sundial on Walmersley Road reopened on 20th September. This formerly dismal pub has been smartened up and real ale has returned after a lapse of many years.

HOLTS FOR THE BLUE

Amber nectar from the Derby Brewery has appeared alongside the Boddingtons in Swinton Conservative Club.

OAK FOR THE COMRADES

Bolton Socialist Club on Wood Street has recently been selling Oak Brewery Old Oak and Thwaites bitter. It is to be hoped that this is the thin end of the wedge and cask beer will soon be introduced into more of Bolton's clubs, which are at present saturated with fizz.

VAULT VOLTE FACE

For a time in August it appeared that Pennine Joke had thrown a wobbler and closed the vault of the White Lion, Irlam, again, in favour of yet another wonder plan. However, the three week closure was the decision of a manager from a relief agency who didn't like vaults. He preferred food preparation morning, noon and night, with the occasional "galloping gourmet" impression in, around and sometimes over the bar. Licensees Tom and Joy returned from their holidays to one or two complaints from their customers, and in particular the newly-crowned darts champions. The vault was immediately restored and the pub has now recovered from the recent visitation.

BASS UNIONS

Whilst Bass is no longer brewed on the union system, it would appear that unionism is being encouraged by the company. During recent road works outside the Navigation at Dobcross, over-enthusiastic digging through a cable caused the electricity to be cut off in the immediate area and the electric (keg) pumps in the pub withdrew their labour. Unperturbed, landlord Ian Gibson happily reached for the recently installed handpump serving cask Tower bitter, only to find that it was showing solidarity with its brothers and had seized up. Fortunately the versatility of real ale won the day and Ian brought jugs of beer up from the cellar for his thirsty customers.

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SOUR GRAPES

There will be no cask beer in the new Yates's on Oldham Street, now due to reopen in mid-October. There won't be any Grapes either, it will just be called Yates's. Boddingtons is the only survivor in the Merchants Bar at the other end of Oldham Street, and it is also in the "middle" Yates's. So with bright beers in the High Street wine lodge and in the new establishment, the score is 2-2, and we all expected it would go to 3-1 in favour of real ale.

NO UGLY DUCKLING

Whitbread's Swan and Railway, close to Radcliffe Central Station, was completely (and surprisingly tastefully) refurbished in early September. As well as plush surroundings, handpumped Castle Eden and Chesters bitter help lure in the crowds. Will Holts turn the nearby Papermakers into a bistro to compete? Watch this space.

POSH PUMPS

Bass are gradually introducing a new type of handpump into their pubs. It's a fancy stainless steel job, and will replace the cheap and cheerful "clip-on-the-bar" type. The following pubs have been (or will be) converted to the new pumps:

Unicorn	Central Manchester
Trafalgar	Ashton under Lyne
Corporation	Guide Bridge
Bromale	Bramhall
Cross Keys	Eccles
Soldier Dick	Whaley Bridge
Derker	Oldham
Old King *	Stockport

* Going from free-flow straight on to the new pumps.

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ROAD RUCTIONS

Boddingtons haven't been reading their What's Doings. Apparently they have only just tumbled to the fact that the proposed inner relief road will pass very close to the brewery (as reported in WD a couple of years ago). The company's "strong and grave" objections were only recently put to GMC planners. The new road will run along part of Great Ducie Street (after narrowly missing the Eagle, thank God) and cut off the Brewery Street entrance to the yard. The Ducie Arms will be demolished and the new Brewers Arms will be "isolated". Will the persuasive powers of Manchester's favourite brewery win the day? It will be interesting to see.

ROCHDALE ALE UPDATE

Wheatsheaf, Haugh Lane, Newhey. Now Tetleys (not Thwaites) mild and bitter on handpump.

Dyers Arms, Whitelees Road, Littleborough. Now fizz. Was Bass Cask bitter.

Gale Inn, Todmorden Road, Gale (Littleborough). Now fizz. Was Bass Cask bitter and 4X mild.

Dog & Partridge, Todmorden Road, Summit (Littleborough). Now a free house. Added Tetley bitter (Leeds) to range of handpumped Wilsons mild and bitter. Currently has no pub name outside - new name on the way?

HALF MOON HALF DONE



The Half Moon free house, Tyldesley, is now due to open in mid-October. The builders are still sorting the place out, putting in lavatories and other 20th century novelties.

NEW BLACKLEY PUB?

The signs saying "North Manchester Club" have been removed from the building in Delaunays Road but the John Willie Lees signs remain. What can this mean?

HOORAY FOR HOWCROFT

Readers who have become disillusioned by recent dreadful pub refurbishments are recommended to pay a visit to the Howcroft on Pool Street, Bolton. Peter Walker recently modernised the pub, leaving it more or less intact and at the same time improved. Follow that, Whitbread and Pennine Joke.

HANDPUMPS

The Cross Guns, Bolton Road, Westhoughton, now sells Tetley mild and Walkers BB on handpumps. It had been electric.

JOHN SMITHS

More John Smiths cask beer has come to Greater Manchester. This time it is the turn of the Duke of York, an 18th century pub in Romiley, Stockport.

CITY DESK

The Vineyard, a rather plush bar in the refurbished Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street, is selling Boddingtons bitter (80p a pint!) and Wilsons Original on handpumps.

Deerings Trafalgar Bar on York Street is selling Old Bank Street bitter. Nelsons Bar (downstairs) no longer sells electric Boddies bitter - no great loss!

The Waldorf (Chesters) on Gore Street closed recently.

SALFORD PUBS

A September tour of the Chapel Street area revealed three real ale losses. The Kings Arms (Greenalls) is now permanently on keg and the Bird in Hand (Wilson's) went on to keg at the end of August. The Town



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Hall Tavern (Chesters) was not serving cask beer and judging by the lack of customers is unlikely to do so again. Most of the remaining pubs served an excellent pint and are worthy of inclusion in the Greater Manchester Good Beer Guide. The Old Ship (Boddies), the Punch Bowl (Tetley), the Oxford (Wilsons), the Borough (Burtonwood) and the William IV (Holts) served both mild and bitter in good condition.

The Lees mild in the Jollies had seen better days but the bitter was well kept. The Angel, following an agreement with Wilsons, was no longer selling Stones. Wilsons bitter was the only cask beer available. Chesters bitter was on sale in the Salford Arms but the Tallow Tub, despite two handpumps complete with clips advertising Chesters mild and bitter still serves neither ("No call for it, dear.")

Marstons have a reputation for quality and consistency. Unfortunately neither the Pedigree nor the Burton bitter lived up to the image at the Brown Bull. Both were sour and unpalatable.

The busiest pub was undoubtedly the Oxford, where a policy of keeping down prices (mild 56, bitter 58) has reaped dividends in an area where many pubs are closed or empty.



THE MANCHESTER AMBER NECTAR SHOW

This is to be held on Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th November in the Barnes Wallace building, UMIST. (Go under the railway arches from Whitworth Street.) Licensing sessions are as follows:

Thursday 22nd 7pm-10.30pm

Friday 23rd 11.30-3.00pm, 5.30-11.00pm

Saturday 24th 11.30-3.00pm, 5.30-11pm

There will be a wide range of ales, entertainment, etc. The Manchester Beer Festival will be opened by Mike Harding.

Full details next month.

LEES AND GOLF

John Willie Lees have spent £25,000 on renovating the Ashton under Lyne Golf Club (and saved it, too). The club is on Knowle Road and the beer is served through free-flow electric pumps.

REAL ALE LOSSES

In Ashton in Makerfield the Fleece (Greenalls), Heath Road, and the Cross Keys (Burtonwood), Bolton Road, are now keg.

PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS

Burtonwood Brewery introduced their "Passport" scheme, it seems, at a news conference in the Orkneys at 3.00am one Sunday morning in June. The news started filtering through to Manchester in early September and among the pubs that had never heard of it were the Golden Lion in Stockport and the Grove in Blackley. The highest reward offered is for visiting 100 Burtonwood pubs by the end of November, which would have been a lot more feasible had the scheme started three months earlier. On the credit side, a tee shirt is given for visiting a mere 12 pubs and Burtonwood's list of pubs indicates which sell traditional beer. (Unfortunately, at least two of these - the Globe in Salford and the Union in Manchester - are closed.)

OLDHAM ROAD

The St Vincents Tavern is a listed building with one of Manchester's oldest licences. Although it was recently closed for a time, the future of the pub seems assured as Bass have applied for listed building consent to alter the pub, demolish the outbuildings at the rear and build new toilets. Let's hope that Bass reintroduce cask beer at the same time.

OLDHAM STREET

The King on Oldham Street, Manchester (managed, Tetleys), may close in the near future for repairs as there is a suspicion that there is dry rot in the first floor timbers. If this proves to be the case, the closure may be protracted. On reopening, the pub will be a tenancy.

SIGN OF THE ANGLE

For the first time in living memory, the Jolly Angler in Ducie Street, central Manchester, has a hanging sign outside. Apparently Hydes decided that the pub should catch the eye of the passer-by. In the past there have been many GBG explorers who have failed to locate the hostelry, despite its proximity to Piccadilly Station.

The Jolly Angler is now selling "London Drinker" regularly. Indeed, a recent edition of this organ features a photograph of the pub. Does anyone know of any distant outlets for What's Doing?

ALE FAIL

The Bulls Head, Newton le Willows, has lost its Burton Ale because of "poor sales" (people found it cheaper to buy Sarsons at ASDA.) Funny - when Eric and Ivan ran the pub sales of the beer were good and one

was always assured of an excellent pint. A recent visit found the Tetley mild and bitter in less than perfect condition - is this the reason why the pub is not as popular as it used to be? Will licensees never learn?

DUKES

The Old Duke on Brandlesholme Road, Bury, has been given the Pennine Joke treatment and is now the usual "nice pub", plastic plants and all. No doubt it will share CAMRA's Pub Preservation Group's award with 374 others. "Old Duke" is no longer good enough and the name has been changed to "Dukes". Funnily enough, Whitbread have just changed "Dukes" in Pendlebury back to its original name, the Duke of Wellington. It is difficult to understand why it is necessary to splash out lots of cash to bring pubs into line with some dubious masterplan. The beer is now 66p and 68p and one wonders why there is now a bouncer on the door of this suburban pub with no competition. Perhaps he throws people into the pub from the bus stop when things are quiet.

BODDERNISATION

The Gerrard Arms, Bolton Road, Aspull, has re-opened after a brief spell of Boddernisation. This once drab boozer has been tastefully



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redecorated, with handpumps installed to serve the bitter and mild. An insignificant little tap selling Oldham fizz has also been thrown in as an afterthought.

ANCOATS ALE

The Edinburgh Castle, junction of Henry Street and Blossom Street, Ancoats, sells consistently good cask Trophy. Landlord Norman Molloy is keen to obtain cask Chesters mild, but the brewery are reluctant to provide it, as they maintain that the cellar is too small. Surely such an interested landlord would be able to cope with any problems caused by cellar congestion?

ORIGINAL OFF

Greenalls Original disappeared from the Rams Head, Lowton St Lukes, almost as quickly as it appeared. Our correspondent didn't even manage to buy a pint, despite several attempts. "It's off," "It's cloudy," were the excuses made by the bar staff, despite the prominent handpump and bright pump clip. Was the thought of pulling a pint too much like hard work?

OPENING TIMES (NO, NOT THAT ONE)

The September edition of New Tyke Taverner contains a report on a pub crawl of Manchester and Salford. The intrepid toppers arrived at 11 o'clock on a Saturday morning and couldn't get a drink. Why don't we put this in the GBG? they ask. Well, licensees change or change their minds, not many people want a drink at 11 o'clock anyway and wouldn't it solve a lot of problems if pubs were required to display their opening hours outside?

DRABS

On a recent visit to the Grafton, Chorlton on Medlock, there was no mild available and the bitter, at 58p a pint, smelled like vinegar and tasted little better. But when our correspondent complained, he was not offered his money back but told that this was what Holts beer was supposed to be like! Either this is an insult to Holts' brewer, or very many licensees are making mistakes when they serve up something not only drinkable but acclaimed by drinkers far and wide.

THE BOUNCER

As if we haven't enough to put up with in our pubs. What with keg beer, Open Houses, Brasseries, Fun Bars, Fast Food Eateries and Space Invaders - now enter the Bouncer. The Bouncer is a very large, aggressive-looking creature whose black-and-white plumage and wobbly gait are not unlike those of the penguin family. The Bouncer's habitat and hunting ground is the doorway of your local which has just under-

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THE CEMETERY, ROCHDALE.	(C)
THE CHURCH HOUSE, BOLLINGTON.	(C)
POYNTON FOLK CLUB, POYNTON.	(C)
THE FLOATING LIGHT, DOBCROSS.	(C)
THE BUFFET BAR, STALYBRIDGE STATION.	(C)
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Only last month, in broad daylight, a Bouncer pounced from his Oldham Brasserie lair and attacked a former Tory party chairman who was out shopping, rendering him beerless. Such occurrences strike fear into the hearts of all pub goers. Who will be next?

PS: The species Bouncer (sub-species Sam Smiths) is now extinct in Manchester. Following a complaint to the brewery, it was cornered and shot in Sinclairs.

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BEER IN A BOX IS ON THE WAY

THE world's first beer box with its own tap will be launched in Britain next month.

Allied Breweries is marketing Tetley Bitter on tap, hoping to follow the success of wine boxes, which since their release three years ago have claimed more than 12 per cent of the wine market.

The five-litre beer box, which has taken more than

two years to develop, has a 20-week shelf life, and stays in top condition for seven days after opening.

"It is the closest you will get to a pub pint in your own home and is the biggest breakthrough in the take-home market for 25 years," sales director Mr. Lance Gardner said.

The beer box is being launched in Yorkshire, but is expected to go on sale nationally in a bid to take a large share of the £620 million beer take-home market.



From the Gutter: I am as astonished as anyone to be writing the obituary of a goat - even such an extraordinary goat as Germaine. She had lived for the last 3 years in a Snoot Magna pillar box where Mr Dumpty was wont to deposit his literary masterpieces. Death is seldom other than sad, yet the timely demise of Germaine will be greeted with rapturous delight by members of the Dumpty Bon Mot Society. No longer will these aficionados of the well-penned narrative be seen peering through the condensation-coated windows of Asian restaurants late at night in the hope of seeing their hero jot down the odd word before collapsing face first into a bowl of prawn rogan josh. The post mortem carried out on Germaine by the distinguished Snobley veterinarian Doctor Katz determined the cause of death as asphyxiation brought on by a surfeit of undigested literature. Among the literary gems revealed by the scalpel were the Stockport Pub Guide (1982) and the definitive history of all the Hostelrys of Snoot Magna (1983).

The Dumpty Bon Mot Society are cock-a-hoop since it has been revealed that these hitherto unpublished gems are to be cleaned of goat vomit, dried out and published in serial form in Dumpty's new mouthpiece, Opening Tripe. Among future articles planned for What's Doing's young offspring are a series entitled "Hammerstein Newspeak" and a lengthy feature by Dafyd ap Mac O'Hara entitled "Infiltration of Celtic Minorities in English Organisations". Meanwhile What's Doing is continuing, ostrich fashion, to bury its head in a four letter word - sand - and publish the scurrilous claptrap for which it has long been held in low esteem, rather than the considered, if somewhat tardy, contents of a deceased goat's belly.

Rumour denial: The idea that Percy Boringsod refuses to meet CAMRA people to discuss hostelry desecration because of an article yet to appear in WD is clearly without foundation. How would he, of all people, know what the idiosyncratic and highly capricious Mr Nestfeather has in mind?



LEWIS ALE

Sir - Having spent part of last summer drinking in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland I was very interested in last month's article, "Skye's the Limit".

For the record, real ale is available on Lewis. The Country Hotel, Francis Street, Stornoway, does a very decent pint of Alice in the lounge bar. The landlord,

being keen on real ale himself, never drank beer for nearly 20 years while keg ruled the bars. Now he gets two shipments of beer per week from Inverness, 100 miles away, weather and ferry permitting.

What is more, Lewis has its own real ale brewery. At the Barre House Hotel at Fire Penny Barre in North West Lewis you can enjoy a pint of "Ordinary" (in name only), brewed exclusively for the hotel on the premises. It is very reasonably priced and well regarded by the locals.

John Holland

HORRIBLE HAMMERSTEIN

Sir - Peter Lerner's letter would be most humbling if it were true. The Lass o'Gowrie did win a CAMRA Pub Preservation award - I enclose a copy of Peter Lerner's letter to this effect:

For the Best Pub Refurbishment category, well over 100 entries were received, and it has been decided that three awards shall be made. The three award winners are (in alphabetical order):

The Bricklayers Arms, Gresse Street, London W1 (Samuel Smiths)

The Britannia Inn, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. (Thwaites)

The Lass O'Gowrie, Chorlton on Medlock, Manchester (Whitbread Chesters)

The award was only withdrawn at the last minute when it was pointed out to Mr Lerner that House of Horror features like a pipe smoking fox leering out of a bucket and shelves of jumble books made the pub worthy of an award like Hitler deserved the Nobel Peace Prize. The Pub Preservation Group can't be blamed entirely for the quality of entries submitted, but it might investigate them in such a way that the duff pubs don't get prizes.

Roger Hall

BODDY BOTTLE

Sir - What's going on at Boddies? The other day I purchased a bottle of Guinness at one of their pubs and to my amazement found that the contents were brewed in London and bottled by Morlands at Abingdon, Oxfordshire! What's wrong with bottling plants up here? Do Boddies know where Dublin is?

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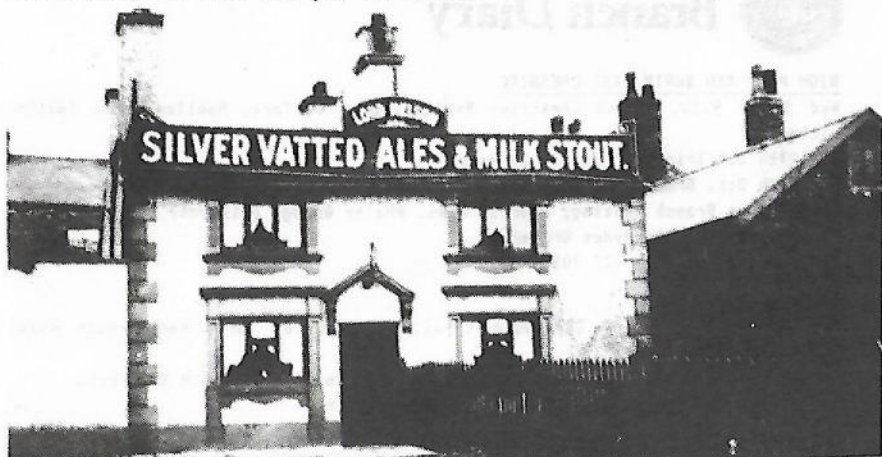
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HYDE ROAD

Even today, Hyde Road still offers the real ale drinker a fair variety of traditional beers. Of the 17 remaining pubs, 11 sell cask conditioned beer from eight breweries. At the end of the last century there were 34 pubs serving at least 18 different brews. Strangely, almost all the closures have taken place during the last 20 years, the latest victim being the Cheshire Hunt (Wilsons), earlier this year.

Most of the old brewery names will be familiar as companies which have been taken over by larger brewers in relatively recent years. In the licensing records, however, the name Jennison appears in connection with three Hyde Road pubs. John Jennison was the founder of Belle Vue Gardens and his name was remembered recently when the Palm Court Hotel was renamed Jennisons and once again sold traditional beer until the building collapsed and had to be demolished. Jennison also owned the Midland (now Bass) and the Waggon and Horses (now Holts).

The Waggon & Horses is a considerable distance from Belle Vue and its acquisition by Jennison may not have been a calculated move. The property was bought in 1830 by Mark Chadwick, a Reddish hatter. In 1865 the pub was inherited by his daughter Elizabeth. A shotgun wedding to William Jennison, son of John Jennison, in January 1866 was followed in June of that year by the birth of their son William. In 1887, after the death of his mother, step-mother and father, William Jennison junior inherited the Waggon & Horses. Young Jennison did not inherit either his grandfather's interest in brewing or his father's interest in public houses and in 1913, when he was living in Eastbourne, he sold the pub to Holts.



The pubs are in approximate order from Ardwick to the Denton boundary. Road numbers are current. At the turn of the century there were three series of numbers on Hyde Road. The original address of the Lord Nelson was 3 Fox Fold.

No	Pub	Brewer	1st Licence	1984
46	Clarence	Robinsons		demolished
116	Star	Wilsons	1837	Real Ale
133	Bulls Head	Daniel Clifton		no real ale
156	Rose & Crown	Groves & Whitnall	1861	demolished
157	Wellington	Threlfalls		no real ale
	Manchester City Arms		1865	closed 1911
	Carlton Inn	Wagstaffe	1865	demolished
195/97	Hyde Road Hotel	Chesters	Real ale, now City Gates	
266	Railway Inn	Threlfalls	1861	demolished
303	Junction Hotel	Chesters		no real ale
305	Crown Inn	Holts		demolished
333	Wheatsheaf	Cornbrook		demolished
337	Gorton Villa			demolished
345	White Bear Inn	Groves & Whitnall		demolished
	Queens	Walker & Homfray		demolished
429	Justice Birch Hotel	Walker & Homfray		demolished
445/47	Harrington Inn	Chesters		demolished
455	Horse Shoe Inn	Bells		real ale
497	Unicorn Inn	Boddingtons		real ale
521/23	Travellers Call	Openshaw		real ale
541/43	Nags Head	Boddingtons		real ale
	Blue Bell	J W Lees		closed 1916
563/65	Rock Inn	Empress		real ale
597	Victoria Inn	Chesters		no real ale
657/59	Cheshire Hunt	Wilsons		closed 1984
	Belle Vue Gardens	Charles Jennison		demolished
	Lake Hotel			no real ale
516	Midland Hotel	J Jennison		no real ale
725/27	Three Arrows Inn	Walker & Homfray		demolished
867	Swan Inn	Stopfords		demolished
927	Plough Hotel			real ale
	Lord Nelson Inn	Manchester Brewery		real ale
738	Waggon & Horses	William Jennison		real ale
786	Friendship Tavern	W T Rothwell		real ale



Branch Diary

HIGH PEAK AND NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Wed 3 Oct 8.30. Branch Committee Meeting, Duke of York, Romiley (John Smiths cask bitter)

Sat 27th Oct Trip to Bradford (W Yorks)

Mon 15th Oct. Branch Meeting, Dog & Partridge, Ashton Rd, Denton (Robinsons)

Tues 13 Nov Branch Meeting, Jodrell Arms, Whaley Bridge (Wilsons)

Tues 20 Nov Trip to Hydes Brewery

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

NORTH MANCHESTER

Wed 3 Oct Hightown & Cheetwood Crawl. 7pm Duke of York, Marlborough Road; 8pm Cheetwood, Derby Street.

Wed 10 Oct Weaste Survey. 7.30 Swan, Eccles New Road; 8.30 Coach & Horses.

Wed 17 Oct 8pm Branch Meeting, White Swan, Swinton

Wed 24 Oct Joint Crawl of Eccles with S Lancs Branch. Lamb (opposite bus station) 7.30 to 8.00; Duke of York 9.00pm

Wed 31 Oct Noon: Good Beer Guide launch, Marble Arch, Rochdale Road. Evening: Brunswick survey - 7pm Church (by Pendleton Church), Ford Lane; 8pm Railway, Broughton Road

Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

SOUTH LANCOS

Tues Oct 9th Trip to Cemetery Hotel (Free house), Bury Road, Rochdale. Contact Brian Gleave for details.

Tues 16 Oct Branch meeting, Punch Bowl, Market Street, Atherton 8pm.

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

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Tues 2 Oct. Open Committee Meeting 8pm, Swan with Two Necks, Princes Street, Stockport Shopping Precinct

Wed 10 Oct Visit to Higsons Brewery via public transport. Details from B Pryme (061 225 6606)

Thurs 11 Oct. Branch Meeting, Gateway, Kingsway E Didsbury. Selection of South Manchester entries for Greater Manchester Good Beer Guide. Speaker from Manchester Environmental Health Department.

Fri 12 Oct GBG Survey crawl of Hazel Grove. 7pm Rising Sun, 8.30 White Hart, 9pm Old Three Tuns.

Fri 19th Oct Coach Trip to Stoke Beer Festival (£3). Details from J Clarke (061 477 1973) Picking up White Swan 5.45, Pineapple (Heaton Lane) 6.00, Bulls Head (Hazel Grove) 6.15.

Sat 20th Oct Visit to Bury Beer Festival via public transport. Details from J Clarke

Thurs 25 Oct Pub of the Month with Trafford & Hulme Branch

Fri 2nd Nov Visit to Bradford pub preservation exhibition, including tour of Trough Brewery. Details from J Clarke

Tues 6 Nov Open Committee meeting, 8pm, Gateway, E Didsbury

Tues 8 Nov Branch Meeting 8pm, New Inn, Wellington Road South, Stockport. Possible speaker from Wilsons Brewery.

Contact Sue Sproson 061 225 4058

MACCLESFIELD

Wed 17 Oct Visit to J W Lees Brewery. Assemble Nags Head 5.30pm

Mon 22 Oct Branch Meeting, Baths, Green Street, Macclesfield 8pm.

TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 4 Oct 8pm. Committee/Social, Faulknors Arms, Stamford New Road, Altrincham

Sat 6th Oct, Chester Trip. Details from branch contact

Thurs 11 Oct 8pm. Hulme Crawl. Start from Pack Horse, Deansgate. Further details from branch contact

Thurs 18 Oct 8pm. Branch AGM, Melville, Barton Road, Stretford. All CAMRA members in the branch area should attend.

Thurs 25 Oct 8pm. Pub of the Month to be awarded to the White Lion, Liverpool Road, Manchester city centre. All welcome.

Thurs 1 Nov 8pm. Committee/Social. Venue from branch contact.

Contact: David Shelton, 061 795 2113 (h). 061 224 7341 x54 (w)

BOLTON

Sun Nov 4 12 noon. Social at the Horseshoe, Little Lever (Hydes)

Wed Nov 14 Branch Meeting, Lodge Bank Tavern (Lees), 8.30pm Probable date of AGM - to be confirmed.

Fri 30 Nov. "Charisma Nite" in Bolton. Meet at Yates's about 8.30. Fancy Dress optional.

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 2 Oct Branch Meeting, Cemetery (Free), Bury Road, Rochdale

Tues 16 Oct 8pm Open Committee Meeting, Yew Tree (Sam Smiths), Oldham Road, Buersil, Rochdale

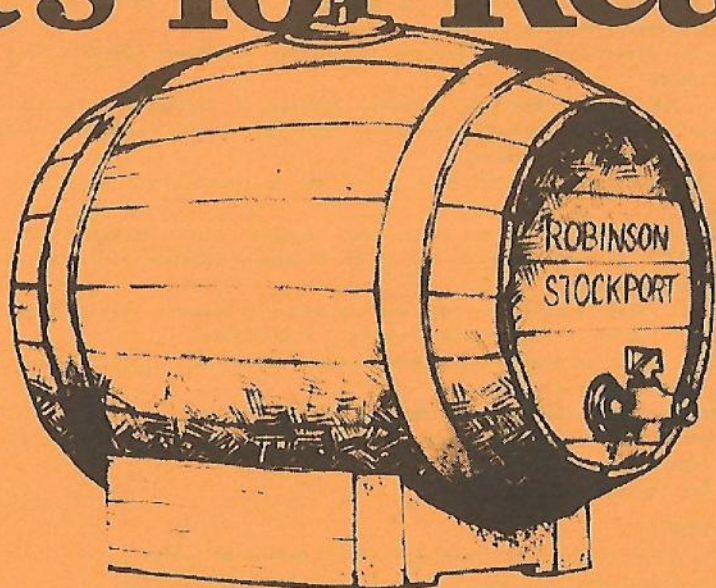
Fri-Sat 19-20 Oct Bury Beer Festival - see elsewhere in this issue.

Tues 6 Nov 8pm Branch Meeting, Welcome (Holts), Bury Old Road, Whitefield

Tues 20 Nov 8pm Open Committee Meeting, Royal Oak (Hydes), Whittaker Lane, Heaton Park

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

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