

WHAT'S DOING



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SALFORD HUNDRED

In 1976 when the Salford pub surveys began there were 100 real ale pubs in the city. 40 of those pubs have since been closed and all but 6 of those 40 demolished. Rebuilds, new pubs and conversions have left the city with 71 real ale pubs. In that time Greenalls have lost 12 and Wilsons 14 pubs. Other brewers have suffered less. The two Holts pubs to have been demolished (Broadway, Waggon & Horses) have been rebuilt and all 13 of their Salford pubs seem to be successful, including the Kings Head which they bought from Wilsons. The King Billy on Springfield Lane, which closed as a Marstons pub, seems to be thriving as a free house. With the exception of the ill-fated Gloucester, free houses have succeeded where many other pubs have failed. The Mark Addy, the Albert Park, the Angel, the Wallness and

the King Billy all have a greater will to succeed than many of the tied houses against which they are competing.

Roger Hall

The following have closed since 1976:

Derby Arms	Bod	Derby St	Papermakers	GW	Bk Roman Rd
Duke of York	Bod	York St	Railway	GW	Cross La
Red Cow	Bod	Albion St	St James	GW	Markendale St
Sun	Bod	GtCheethamSt	Star	GW	Regent Rd
Waggon & Horses'	Holt	Bolton Rd	Station	GW	Cross La
Broadway'	Holt	Broadway	Clowes ²	Wil	Trafford Rd
Albert Park Inn	Mar	Duke St	Derby	Wil	Derby St
Welcome	Lees	Ordsall La	Falcon	Wil	Cross La
Albert	Bass	Regent Rd	Grapes	Wil	Eccles New Rd
Gloucester	Free	Regent Road	Grove	Wil	Eccles New Rd
Flying Horse	Tet	Greengate	Lord Nelson ²	Wil	Chapel St
Hyde Park Corner ²	Tet	Adelphi St	Original	Wil	LrBroughtonRd
Peeping Tom	Tet	Regent Rd	Osborne	Wil	Eccles New Rd
Prince of Wales ²	Tet	Oldfield Rd	Post Office	Wil	Hilton St
Alexandra	GW	LrBroughtonRd	Trafford	Wil	Trafford Rd
Borough	GW	Regent Rd	Waterloo ²	Wil	Greengate
Bridge ²	GW	Ordsall La	Wellington	Wil	Cross La
Brunswick	GW	Union St	Windsor Bridge	Wil	Broad St
Brunswick	GW	Union St	Windsor Castle	Wil	Windsor
Gas Tavern	GW	Regent Rd	' = rebuilt		
Grove	GW	Regent Rd	² = closed but still standing		



WHAT'S DOING

YATES & JACKSONS SWALLOWED

The fact that the North West avoided many of the brewery takeovers of the post-war years and ended up with more independent breweries than any other area is usually put down to guts and determination. Perhaps we're just slow. Recently Boddingtons have taken over Oldham Brewery and Hartleys has been acquired by Robinsons. News that Thwaites of Blackburn have acquired the 40 houses of Yates & Jacksons is another nail in the coffin of independent North West breweries. How safe from takeover are Jennings, Mitchells, Burtonwood, Hydes and - God forbid - Holts? Thwaites will not be using Y & J's brewery but this will be sold to Mitchells, whose own brewery in Lancaster's city centre may eventually close.

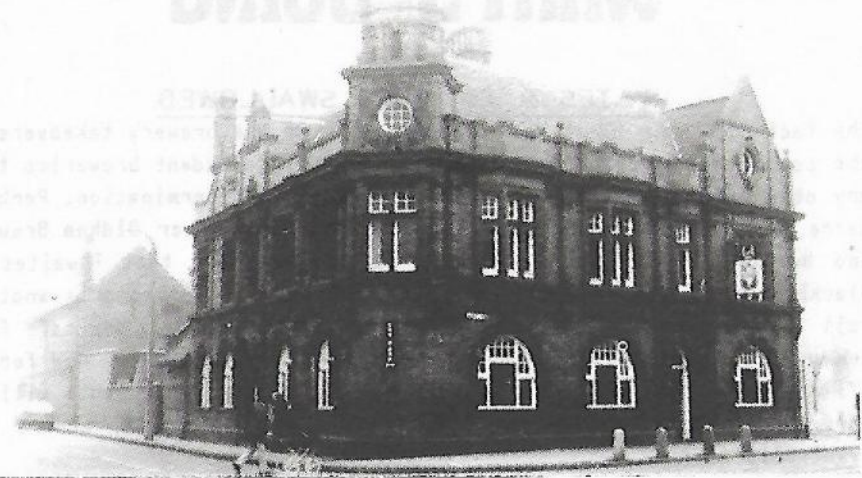
Yates & Jacksons bitter is now on sale at the Marble Arch, Rochdale Road, Manchester, until the death (sometime in January). On 12th January John Worthington, mine host at the Marble Arch, is running his bus, an ex-LUT Guy Arab Mk5, to Lancaster for a Yates & Jacksons wake. The object of the exercise is to pay last respects in as many Y & J pubs in the city (lunchtime and evening) as possible. Mourning dress is compulsory. The bus will be picking up along the A6, and all wishing to make the trip should contact John at the Marble Arch. In the event of the bus being fully booked, a duplicate will be called into service (ex-Bury Corporation Leyland Titan PD3/6).

For a current list of ales at the Marble Arch, see the Central Manchester list in this issue. Guest beers in the next few weeks are: Holdens, Hoxton Heavy and Victoria Albert bitter from Ware, Herts.



NEW "REAL" LAGER

Whitbread are trying out a new handpumped lager in selected outlets in the area. This pump clip was sighted in the Griffin Inn, Lower Broughton, Salford. We don't know of any other outlets as the brewery won't talk to us about it. Anybody know of pubs selling the stuff?



PUB PRESERVATION

CAMRA's Pub Preservation Group will be presenting a Pub Preservation Award to the Boars Head (Peter Walker), Leigh, on Tuesday 4th December at 1.00pm. Local CAMRA branch members are invited.

PLASMA'S

The Roundtree Restaurant Group are planning to turn the old Central Blood Bank, Roby Street, Manchester, into a licensed residential hotel.

R.I.P.

The Grafton Arms, Grafton Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, which has been an institution among students, hospital workers and general boozers alike, is to be demolished around Christmas time. This Good Beer Guide Holts pub is in a poor state of repair and is to be replaced by a new pub on the same site. The latter is expected to be completed by next November.

HARTLEY MATTERS

A very pleasant change of ale from that in the "Real Ale in Rochdale" list was found on a recent campaigning tour - Duttons has been replaced in the Ship Inn, Milnrow Road, by Hartleys XB (on handpump). It's good to see at least one Whitbread pub still selling Hartleys.

OH WELL

The newest pub in Wigan is the Orwell, named after guess who, on Wigan Pier. Tetley bitter and mild are on sale, both at 70p (36p for a gill!) It's a bit hard to swallow, maybe, but any new pub that opens in the dry-as-dust Wallgate area is welcome.

SHIPSHAPE

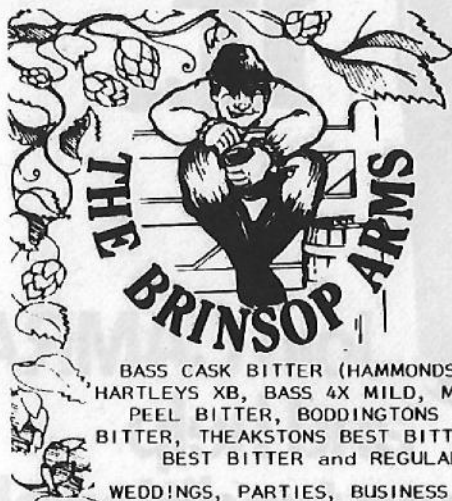
The Ship Hotel, Millgate, Wigan, re-opened on Thursday 8th November as "Raffles". Don't let the name put you off - it's not a horrible "fun pub". Burtonwood have spent a lot of money on restoring the magnificent wood and glass panelling around the bar and walls, so this five Victorian pub is looking even more splendid than before. All interior changes seem sensible and in keeping with the original fittings - how long is it since we said that about a brewer? Almonds bitter, Burtonwood mild and (if you can find the handpumps hidden at the bottom end) Tetley bitter, Youngers IPA and Number 3 are available.

Another Burtonwood pub recently reopened in Wigan is the Royal Oak, but, sad to report, keg beer is served through handpumps.

The Globe, Regent Road, Salford, which is now getting the "Almonds" treatment, is expected to open before Christmas.

ASHTON ALE

The manager of the Station (free house), Warrington Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, is moving to take up the tenancy of the Caledonian (Robinsons), also in Warrington Street. Handpumps are expected to replace the electric pumps in January.



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TADDY BITTER

The Windmill at Carrington has had Tadcaster bitter for the last couple of months but is still awaiting the re-appearance of real mild. We await developments with bated breath and taste buds.

OUTLOOK MILD

In an interesting reversal of the usual theme, a bitter has been withdrawn due to poor sales to make way for a mild. Bass 4X dark mild on handpump has replaced Tower cask bitter at the Commercial in Springhead; sales are encouraging.

Elsewhere in the Saddleworth area, cask Bass beers are expected at the Grotton. New landlord Gerry Matley, formerly at the Cloggers in Uppermill, has already started changing the Grotton to his style of things. Watch this space.

RIVAL ARCH

Planning permission has been sought by Direct Design and Build to convert the existing arches under Victoria Street into an export showroom, public house and restaurant. Perhaps very shortly Mark Addy customers will not be the only ones who can watch cardboard boxes and dead rats float past them as they drink on the edge of the Irwell.

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OLD TOM ARRIVES

The Gardeners Arms, Mill Bottom, Waterhead, Oldham, is under new tenancy. Draught beers are still handpumped, with Old Tom on gravity.

DISLODGED

Yates Wine Lodge on Bradshawgate in Bolton has been given the full posh treatment. Surprisingly, this has included the removal of the cask Thwaites and Wilsons. Have Yates really got the market weighed up?

SHARPENING THE AXE

Pub refurbishments from Wilsons continue apace. The Axe and Cleaver at Dunham and the Wheatsheaf in Altrincham have both recently reopened after the Pennine Host (Chef & Brewer division) treatment. Both pubs are an improvement and both are done in similar style - opened up whilst still retaining separate drinking areas; plenty of real wood, not the plastic variety. The Axe continues to serve both bitter and mild on handpumps in good form, although the Wheatsheaf has converted the mild back to fizz. Both pubs cater to the young trade and tend to be noisy, particularly from far-too-loud juke boxes.

PSST! WANNA BUY A PUB?

When it comes to ways of getting rid of their tied estate in Manchester, Wilsons take the biscuit. Their imaginative ways of decimating their pubs have included swapping them with Burtonwood, Greenalls and John Smiths, selling them into the free trade, letting the council knock them down, boarding them up and allowing them to fall down. The latest bazzing wheeze is to sell them to Banks's. The four pubs to go are:

Gransmoor, Ashton Old Road, Openshaw

Gorton Brook, Clowes Street, West Gorton

Mitchell Arms, Beswick Street, Ancoats

Osborne House, Rochdale Road, Collyhurst

If Banks's, Burtonwood, John Worthington and even Greenalls and John Smiths can make a go of them, why can't Wilsons? Have they asked themselves that question and, if so, what's the answer?

THE YACHT SUNK

The rebuilt Yates's Wine Lodge at the top of Oldham Street (formerly affectionately known as the Yacht Club) reopened at the end of October. Alas, the last true Yates's in Manchester has been completely ruined. This former Mecca for drunks and ladies of the night has become a sort of licensed Macdonalds. Holts bitter is served through electric pumps at 70p a pint - 30% more expensive than a Holts managed house and less than one mile from their brewery. Gone are the days when you could get legless for a fiver and still have enough change for a woman!



REAL ALE IN CENTRAL MANCHESTER



A LIST OF EVERY KNOWN REAL ALE OUTLET
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Abercrombie	Bootle Street	Chesters	M,B(H)
Albion	Ordsall Lane	Tetley	M,B(H)
Angel	Chapel Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Bensons	High Street	Chesters	M,B,Trophy(H)
Black Friar	King Street	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
Borough	Encombe Place	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Braziers	Hodson Street	Boddingtons	B(E)
Brewery Arms	Gt Ducie Street	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
Brick House	Gt Ancoats St	Chesters	M,B(H)
Bricklayers	Ordsall Lane	Holts	M,B(H)
Britannia	Newton Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Britons Protection	Gt Bridgewater St	Tetley	M,B(H)
Brown Bull	Chapel Street	Marstons	B,Ped(H)
Bulls Head	London Road	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Burton Arms	Swan Street	Bass	Bass,4X(E)
Castle	Oldham Street	Robinsons	BB,BM(H)OT(G)
Castle & Falcon	Bradshaw Street	Burtonwood	B(H)
Church	Ardwick Green N	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Church	Cambridge Street	Lees	B(H)
Church	Jersey Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Churchill	Chorlton Street	Greenalls	B(H)
Circus Tavern	Portland Street	Tetley	B(H)
City Arms	Kennedy Street Ind	Coope Burton,P Walker	B(H)
Clynes Wine Bar	Cavendish Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Coach & Horses	London Road	Bodd,Ruddles,Tet,Winkle B;	
		Burtonwood M,B;Taylor L/Ld (H)	
Cob of Coal	Winder Avenue	Chesters	M(H)
Corbieres	St Ann's Square	Marstons	Ped(H)
Cornbrook	Chester Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
Cox's Bar	Grand Central	Boddingtons	B(E)
Cross Keys	Jersey Street	Tetley	M,B(H)
Crown	Blackfriars Street	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Crown	Deansgate	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Crown	Jackson Crescent	J Smiths	B(H)
Crown & Anchor	Hilton Street	Chesters M,B;Trophy B;	(H)
		Taylors L/Ld, Golden B, Ram	Tam
Crown & Cushion	Corporation St	Chesters	B(H)
Crown & Kettle	Gt Ancoats St	Wilsons	B(H)
Deerings	York Street	Boddingtons	B(E)
Druids Arms	Liverpool Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Druids Home	Silk Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Ducie Arms	Gt Ducie Street	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
Ducie Bridge	Miller Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Dutton Arms	Park Street	Hydes	M,B(E)
Eagle	Collier Street	Holts	M,B(H)
Edinburgh Castle	Blossom Street	Trophy	B(H)
Falstaff	Jenner Close	Wilsons	M,B(H)

Globe	Bury Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Grand Hotel (Vineyard Bar)	Aytoun St	Boddingtons, Wilsons	B(H)
Grants Arms	Royce Road	Boddingtons	B(H)
Grey Horse	Portland Street	Hydes	M,B(E)
Hare & Hounds	Shudehill	Tetley	M,B(H)
Harp & Shamrock	New Mount St	Marstons	M,B,Ped(H)
Hat & Feathers	Mason Street	Chesters	B(H)
Hope Inn	Chester Road	Hydes	M,B(E)
Hunting Lodge	Oxford Road	Chesters, Trophy	B(H)
Imperial	London Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Irwell Castle	Gt Clowes Street	Wilsons	M,B(E)
John Willie Lees	Withy Grove	Lees	M,B(E)
Jollies	Oldfield Road	Lees	M,B(H)
Jolly Angler	Ducie Street	Hydes	M,B,SA(H)
Junction	Rolls Crescent	Hydes	M,B(E)
Kings Arms	Helmshore Walk	Tetley	M,B(H)
Kings Arms	Oldfield Road	Holts	M,B(H)
King William IV	Springfield Lane	Holts, Boddingtons	B(E)
Land o' Cakes	Gt Ancoats St	Chesters	B(H)
Lass o' Gowrie	Charles Street	Home Brew B,BB; Chesters	M,B(H)
Last Hop	Chester Road	Bass Brew XI, Stones, T Light	(H)
Lower Turks Head	Shudehill	Wilsons	B(H)
Mamas	Rochdale Road	Chesters	M,B(H)
Mancunian	Royce Road	Marstons	M,B,Ped(E)
Marble Arch	Rochdale Road	Holts M,B; Younger No 3; Pedigree; McEwans 80/-; Taylors Porter; (H) Wards B; Pendle Witch + guests	
Mark Addy	Stanley Street	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
Midland Butty Boat	Peter Street	Tetley	B(E)
Millstone	Thomas Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Mitre	Cathedral Yard	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Mother Mac's	Back Piccadilly	Chesters	B(H)
Moulders Arms	Heyrod Street	Tetley	M,B(H)
Nelson	Oldham Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
New York	Bloom Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Nicklebys	Dale Street	Wilsons	B(H)
Nip & Tipple	London Road	Chesters	B(H)
Old Garratt	Princess Street	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Old Grapes	Quay Street	Boddingtons, Wilsons	B(H)
Old Ship	Chapel Street	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
Old White Bear	Swan Street	Tetley	M,B(E)
Ordsall	Ordsall Lane	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Oxford	Bexley Square	Wilsons	M,B(E)
Oxnoble	Liverpool Road	Chesters	M,B(H)
Pack Horse	Deansgate	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Paddy's Goose	Bloom Street	Wilsons	B(H)
Pen & Wig	New Bailey St	Wilsons	B(H)

Peveril of the Peak	Gt Bridgewater St	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Pomona	Cornbrook Road	Marstons	M,B(H)
Portland Bar	Portland Street	Tetley B, Ind Coope	Burton(H)
Punch Bowl	Chapel Street	Tetley	M,B(E)
Railway	Liverpool Street	Greenalls	M,B(E)
Red Admiral	Hulme Walk	Robinsons	BM,BB(E)
Red Bull	Mason Street	Chesters	B(H)
Red Lion	Chapel Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Rembrandt	Sackville Street	Lees	M,B(H)
Rising Sun	Queen Street	Wilsons	B(H)
Royal George	Lever Street	Wilsons	B(H)
Royal George	Rochdale Road	Chesters	B(H)
Salford Arms	Chapel Street	Chesters	B(H)
Salisbury	Wakefield Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Seftons	Corporation Street	Wilsons	B(E)
Seven Oaks	Nicholas Street	Chesters	B(H)
Shamrock	Bengal Street	Burtonwood	M,B(H)
Sinclairs	Old Shambles	Sam Smiths	B(H)
Smithfield	Swan Street	Boddingtons	B(H)
Smiths Arms	Sherratt Street	Tetley	M,B(H)
Spinners	Rolls Crescent	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Spinners Arms	Oldfield Road	Marstons	M,B(H)
Square Albert	Albert Square	Tetley	M,B(H)
Star	Ellesmere Street	McEwans	70/-, 80/- (H)
Star & Garter	Fairfield Street	Chesters, Trophy	B(H)
Swan	Withy Grove	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Talbot	Stretford Road	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Thompsons Arms	Sackville Street	Wilsons	M,B(H)
Three Legs of Man	Greengate	Robinsons	BM,BB,SA(H)
Three Legs of Man	Stretford Road	Wilsons	B(H)
Tommy Ducks	East Street	Greenalls	B(H)
Town Hall	Tib Lane	Bass	Bass(E)
Unicorn	Church Street	Bass	4X, Toby, Stones (H)
Union	Liverpool Street	Holts	M,B(H)
Victoria Station Bar	Victoria	Boddingtons	B(H)
Waggon & Horses	Southgate	Wilsons	B(H)
Weavers	Angel Street	Tetley	M,B(E)
Wellington	Old Shambles	Bass	Bass, Toby(E)
Wheatsheaf	Oak Street	Tetley	M,B(H)
White Lion	Liverpool Road	Chesters	M,B(H)
Yates (Grapes)	Gt Ancoats St	Holts	B(E)

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After an absence of over ten years, real ale has returned to Tommy Ducks in Manchester. Handpumped Greenalls bitter can be had at 70p a pint. The mild is still keg, although the knicker collection is as real as ever.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

South Lancs CAMRA's Christmas Party will be at the Park Hotel (possibly for the last time), Wigan, on Saturday 22nd December. To accompany the traditional beer will be traditional jazz and traditional food (hot pot - not pies!) If you enjoyed the Excelsior Jazz Band at the Manchester Beer Festival, come along - all welcome. Tickets £1.50. Contact Brian Gleave on Atherton 892965.

POSH PEAK

The famous Peveril of the Peak, Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester, is to have some money spent on it, with the intention of benefitting from the Central Station development and a new office block. The whole place is to be redecorated and the bar stripped of its paint and varnished. The only structural changes will be new toilets and probably kitchen facilities. It is hoped the work will be starting soon.



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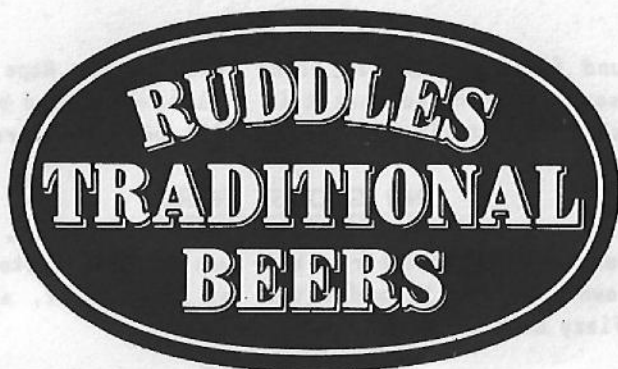
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THE LITTLE MILL, ROWARTH.	(C)
THE ROMPER INN, MARPLE.	(C & B)
THE CEMETERY, ROCHDALE.	(C)
THE CHURCH HOUSE, BOLLINGTON.	(C)
POYNTON FOLK CLUB, POYNTON.	(C)
THE FLOATING LIGHT, DOBCROSS.	(C)
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MORE ROPE

A new ground floor kitchen is being built at the Rope and Anchor, Dunham Massey. It is hoped that this will be completed by the end of the year so that catering facilities will be much improved for the future.

NO GROUSE HERE

The Grouse Inn, Lees Road, Oldham, a former Bass house, reopened as a free house during November. There was an introductory offer of Matthew Brown's cask mild and bitter at 50p a pint, alongside the remaining fizzy Bass offerings.

BIGGER VIC

Refurbishment and extension into the adjacent off licence at the Victoria (Hydes), Withington, is almost complete and an official reopening is scheduled for 17th December. Members of the Halle and Philharmonic orchestras will be in attendance, providing musical entertainment.

HORTON IMPROVED

At last Lees Brewery have mastered the art of tastefully extending a pub. The Horton Arms, Streetbridge Road, Chadderton, joins the nearby Greyhound in Royton in showing how pubs can be extended and refurbished whilst retaining their essential character. In recent years, the brewery have had a less than impressive record on pub alterations. The large open-plan lounge, devoid of nooks and crannies and with over-bright lighting, seemed to be the order of the day. Certainly the Horton has bucked the trend and is well worth a visit. The mild and bitter (53p and 55p) are still handpumped and now draught Moonraker is available through an electric pump.

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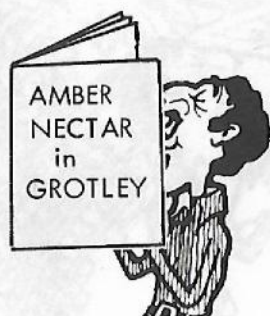
MORE FUEL YOU

Sir- What a wonderful idea it was to hold the North West launch of the Good Beer Guide in a pub with a real fire. A pity that the Marble Arch doesn't actually appear in the GBG, but that can't be helped, can it? Why stop there? Does it have to be launched in a pub at all? Why not in a coal-fired

synagogue or a derelict steam engine? Anywhere, in fact, as long as it is not in one of the pubs which has fought its way into the Good Beer Guide.

Anne Thracite

Real Ale Guides



The following publications are available from Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester. The guides are updated from time to time so if you know of any changes please contact the relevant branch - see Branch Diary.

REAL ALE IN SOUTH MANCHESTER - Gorton, Openshaw, Clayton, Didsbury, etc. 10p+sae

REAL ALE IN STOCKPORT - Hazel Grove, Cheadle, Heaton Mersey, etc. 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN SALFORD - Swinton, Eccles, Irlam, Worsley 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN ROCHDALE - Heywood, Littleborough, Middleton, etc 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN ROSSENDALE - Bacup, Haslingden, Helmshore, Rawtenstall etc 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN TRAFFORD & HULME - Altrincham, Sale, Urmston, 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN OLDHAM - Failsworth, Royton, Chadderton, Shaw, Saddleworth 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN BURY - Ramsbottom, Radcliffe, Tottington, Whitefield, Prestwich, 10p + s.a.e.

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REAL ALE IN ST HELENS - Sutton, Peasley Cross, Thatton Heath, Moss Nook, Eccleston, Parr, etc. 10p + s.a.e.

REAL ALE IN GREATER GROTLEY - Slumley, Smarmford & Slutch, Poshton & Pseudley. 10p + s.a.e.

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The credit for starting the Dirty Glass Campaign is not Bunty's. It was, strangely, begun by a tavern-keeper, who, smugly complacent about his own standards of cleanliness, began to harangue those less particular than himself. Reducing hapless mine hosts to a state of apoplectic incredulity certainly suited Bunty's style and he tackled the problem with his customary infectious enthusiasm, looking for the tell-tale bubbles on glasses wiped with second-hand shrouds from AIDS victims and subjecting the slovenly licensees to total ignominy.

Sadly, Bunty's campaign has now lost its dynamism. Paying a visit to the palatial tavern of his mentor, Bunty pushed his way through the clientele of main-liners, speed merchants, dragon-chasers and acid drops to the bar where he was served with a pint of amber nectar in a glass with those tell-tale bubbles. Disillusionment and dismay overcame the normally imperturbable Mr Fortescue and his heart is no longer in the campaign. He has spent the last few weeks staring into space like the glue-sniffing social derelicts who seem to be his companions.

Freebies were the order of the day when the Topers' Vademecum was launched by the Peat Marketing Board in Grotley's latest amber nectar emporium, Leeches, run by mine host Charlie Bass. Charlie's pub isn't even in the Vademecum and this latest act has so enraged the once Noble Robin that he has refused to sell What's Doing, which keeps featuring Leeches on the front page. In a fit of uncharacteristic pique he has taken down the diploma presented to him by the Slumley Branch, complimenting him on his wonderfulness.

It is regrettable and sad that one of the founding fathers of the Campaign should sever his connections with this publication, which he helped to create prior to his arrival in Grotley and which on numerous occasions has featured and praised both himself and the hostelries which his entrepreneurial talent has spanned.



Branch Diary

BOLTON

Wed 5 Dec 8.30 Branch Meeting. Falcon, Kay Street, Bolton

Fri 14 Dec 8pm. Christmas Moonraker Social. Lodge Bank Tavern, Bridgeman St, Bolton

SOUTH LANCASHIRE

Wed 12 Dec Branch Meeting, Park Hotel (Walkers), Wigan. 8pm

Sat 22 Dec Jazz Night & Xmas Party. Park Hotel 8pm

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

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 4 Dec Branch Meeting, Angel (Lees), Shaw Road, Royton

Sat 8 Dec Trip to Bradford Beer Festival (full day)

Tues 11 Dec 7.30pm Xmas Social, Cemetery (free house), Bury Road, Rochdale

Tues 8 Jan 8pm Branch Meeting, Royal Oak (Lees), Boarshaw Rd, Middleton

Tues 22 Jan 8pm, Committee Meeting, Kenyon (Wilsons), Kenyon Lane, Middleton

Contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (h) or 061 775 3351 ex248

NORTH MANCHESTER

Wed 5 Dec Winton & Monton Crawl. 7pm Egerton, 9pm Monton Green

Wed 12 Dec 8pm Committee/Social Eagle, Collier Street, Salford

Wed 19 Dec 8pm. Branch Meeting, White Swan, Swinton

Wed 2 Jan New Year Crawl of Manchester city centre. 7pm Crown & Anchor, Hilton St.

8pm Burton Arms/Smithfield, Swan Street

Sat 12 Jan Trip to Lancaster for Yates & Jacksons wake.

Contact Roger Hall 740 7937

MACCLESFIELD

Mon 17 Dec Branch Meeting, Royal Oak, Princess Street, Bollington 8pm

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Tues 4 Dec Open Committee Meeting, 8pm, Swan with 2 Necks, Princes Street, Stockport Shopping Precinct

Thurs 6 Dec Regional Social at Brinsop Arms, Westhoughton. Details from J Clarke (061 477 1973)

Thurs 13 Dec Branch Meeting/Xmas Social 8pm, Gateway, Kingsway, E Didsbury (bring pub games, etc.)

Thurs 20 Dec Pub of the Month, Kings Head, Chancellor Lane, Ardwick (note provisional change of date)

Tues 8 Jan Open Committee meeting, 8pm, Gateway, E Didsbury (note change of date)

Thurs 10 Jan, Branch Meeting, 8pm, Castlewood, Bridge Street Brow, Stockport.

Contact Sue Sproson 061 225 4058

REGIONAL SOCIAL Thurs 6 Dec, Brinsop Arms, Chorley Road (A6). Most beers at 50p a pint. See Advert for list, plus Marstons Pedigree, Everards Tiger, Theakstons XB and Robinsons Best Bitter. Food available.

It is with great regret that High Peak branch have to record the death of Bridie Hopwood on 16th October after a prolonged illness. She was an active branch member for many years and will be remembered by many for her bright and cheerful personality. Our sympathies go to her husband Jack. She will be sadly missed by all those who knew her.

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