

# WHAT'S DOING



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## OPENING TIME



The Crown and Kettle on Great Ancoats Street reopened at the beginning of September. The refurbishment has been carefully carried out and the pub now operates as a City Inn serving a variety of food and three traditional hand drawn beers (Wilsons mild and bitter and Websters bitter). All the plastic plants and dusty old barrels have been turfed out and the ornate ceiling has been repainted in character. The R100 panelling still remains but the lifesize Churchill is missing. Fears that this is being melted down to return as a life-size Margaret Thatcher are unfounded. Churchill will once again take pride of place when he too has been refurbished.

A "City Inn" is a managed house of Samuel Webster and Wilsons. It is not the policy of the brewery to operate managed houses on a permanent basis but they have developed a number of "concepts" which they intend to try out. In order to iron out any difficulties the experimental pubs will be managed and therefore under the direct control of the brewery. It is envisaged that "concepts" such as the City Inn and the Old Lancashire Ale House (Pack Horse - see below) will be offered to tenants once they've been proven in the field. Only six "concepts" are envisaged and the development in no way alters the relationship with



Pennine Host, which has always been separate from Samuel Webster and Wilsons.

"Concepts" conjures up horrors of a Pennine Joke dimension but Wilsons are likely to show more flexibility and sensitivity to the pub and its customers than Pennine Host have done. Certainly the Crown and Kettle has been developed in a manner which is in keeping with the character of the building. One thing in favour of the "concepts" is that they will all serve traditional beer.

It was with some trepidation that our reporter entered Manchester's oldest pub - the Pack Horse on Oldham Road. Would Wilsons have wrecked the place? But no - the renovation of the 200-year-old building has been well done. As an Old Lancashire Ale House the pub is basic but nevertheless comfortable with none of the instant grot associated with Pennine Joke alehouses. Wilsons have succeeded in creating a real pub - with good traditional beer and excellent value-for-money traditional food - tater hash, rag pudding, tripe, etc. This is without doubt one of the best attempts at pub preservation in the area and deserves to succeed.

## WHAT'S DOING

### SIXTH BURY BEER FESTIVAL

The Rochdale, Oldham and Bury branch of CAMRA are to stage their sixth Real Ale Festival at the Derby Hall, Market Street, Bury.

The Festival is open Friday and Saturday 18th and 19th October from 11.30 to 3.00pm and 5.30 to 11.00pm on both days.

Admission (free to card-carrying CAMRA members, of course) will be 30p lunchtimes, 50p

evenings (before 7.00pm) and 70p thereafter.

Around 30 real ales plus scrumpy ciders and wines will be available. Established brews from Franklins, Old Mill, Hook Norton, Godsons and Felinfoel will vie for the taste buds alongside relative newcomers such as Sair Inn, Thurlston, Big Lamp and Failsforth. Brews from north of the border will include Strathalbyn, Alice Ales and Devanha.

With names such as Enoch's Hammer, Lead Boiler, Headbanger and Old Genie, there should be something to suit all tastes, and Marston Moor's "Brewer's Droop" bitter is guaranteed to reach the parts that Heineken has absolutely no effect upon!

Entertainment at the evening sessions features brass bands, with



traditional jazz on Saturday lunchtime. Good, wholesome food at reasonable prices will be available throughout the weekend and an unlicensed room is to be made available at lunchtimes for accompanied children.

For further information contact Steve Lawton 061 620 9239 (home) or 061 928 6311 ext 7111

### WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE

The Wirral Branch of CAMRA have apparently been sent a solicitor's letter by Burtonwood smacking them for having the temerity to suggest that the brewery were being deceptive in serving brewery-conditioned beer through handpumps. How could it possibly be deception? Who in their right mind would expect a brewery which sets great store by tradition to use a traditional dispense system to dispense traditional beers? Silly boys!

### SALFORD UPS AND DOWNS

Against all expectations, the derelict shell of the Old Veteran in Weaste is in the process of being re-roofed, almost rebuilt and turned back into a pub. Mind you, it's not going to be much like the old Old Vet so it makes you wonder whether it was worth saving it from the bulldozers in the first place. On Trafford Road, the Clowes, which was damaged by fire, has now been pulled down.

### WHAT'S DOING IN BOLTON

The Anchor, a Boddingtons "free house" on Eagle Street, off Bury Road, has come up with a novel line in catering. Instead of building a single kitchen extension they've tagged a fish and chip shop on to the end of the pub. There is now an intercom behind the bar of the pub and patrons requiring fish and chips can order at the bar and have it brought round to them.

Two pubs in the Bolton area have received long-overdue alterations. First of all Wilsons have given their Pennine Host counterparts a lesson in pub renovation at the White Lion, on the corner of Deansgate and Moor Lane. Comfortable seating has been installed in the lounge bar, which has been moved back, thus vastly increasing the size of the room, while the vault/games room has been extended into what was once the entrance to a courtyard. A number of old photographs in the lounge show the pub and its surroundings down through the years and make interesting viewing. The whole renovation is quite tasteful and not before time - it is believed that the last alterations of note were in the early 1960's. Handpumped mild and bitter remain.

Meanwhile Boddingtons have finally completed work on the Bradford Arms, Buckley Lane, Farnworth. The vault and lounge remain separate but the bar has been shortened to provide more seating. Here, too, it



has been a tasteful renovation, with the pub now having a more comfortable look about it. Handpumps have been installed and, thankfully, the Boddies mild remains, although keg Oldham is also on sale. Food is now served at lunchtimes.

### EXCHANGE ALE

An application has been made to change part of the Royal Exchange building near St Ann's Square into a restaurant and public house.

### GREENALL WHITLEY LAND

Greenall Whitley have sold Arrowsmith, the holiday tour company, for £250,000 to British Caledonian. Early in 1981 Greenalls bought Arrowsmith for £3.75 million - a figure that astounded the travel world and experts then reckoned that Greenalls had offered one nought too many! It is worth pondering on the number of small breweries still around today which may have been gobbled up if Greenalls had not squandered that £3.75 million. Presumably certain members of the Greenall Whitley board of directors will now be queueing to join the Foreign Legion. Look out for new faces in the "I wish I was in Greenall Whitley Land" Foreign Legion - and Chain Gang! - telly adverts. There certainly won't be many smiles around at the next Greenalls AGM.

### MARSTONS MOVEMENTS

Barbara and Tony from the Harp and Shamrock, New Mount Street, Manchester, moved to the Colliers Arms on Honeywell Lane, Oldham, at the beginning of September. Handpumps were promptly installed to replace the electric pumps.

### NEW-LOOK KINGS

The Kings Head on Barton Lane, Eccles, has been closed for a few weeks for yet more Bodernisation. It now looks as if the place will reopen as one big room. It is said that the reopening has been delayed because of structural problems - could it be that Boddingtons couldn't find enough walls to hold the roof up?

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## LOST TROPHY

Bensons (Whitbread Chesters), the former Wheatsheaf on High Street, Manchester 1, no longer sells traditional Whitbread Trophy bitter, although traditional Chesters mild and bitter are still on sale. Cask Trophy has also gone from the Crown & Sceptre on Great Ancoats Street, although the handpump remains. Couldn't Chesters mild be introduced? The mild appears to sell better in many cases.

It seems that the only remaining Manchester pubs selling traditional Trophy are the Edinburgh Castle in Ancoats and the Crown and Anchor, Manchester 1.

## SARTORIAL EJECTION NIGHT

An attempt by the North Manchester Branch of CAMRA to get chucked out of a couple of the area's more discriminating pubs met with failure. Despite clothing which varied from the plebeian to the completely silly, nobody was asked to leave either the Bridgewater or the Monton Green. Both pubs have thrown people out for wearing unsuitable clothing in the past, so what's gone right?

Is it A They've been frightened by What's Doing's campaign?

B They've seen sense?

C All the bouncers are working at the Hooray Henry Boddington?

D The pubs aren't very full so they'll let anybody in?

Perhaps D's the answer - a case of people voting with their feet (clad in training shoes).

SILLY BEARD

UNION JACK  
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TRAINERS

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PINK SOCKS

## WHAT'S DOING IN WIGAN AND DISTRICT

Many pubs down the Wallgate stretch of the town centre are fast becoming no-go areas for many people, as marauding bouncers bar entry to many "public houses" practically on a whim. Keg emporiums like "Clarence's" and "Victoria's" are no great loss to the discerning drinker, but it can be a source of annoyance to CAMRAphiles who are refused admission to the GBG-rated Raven Hotel. What are Tetley Walker playing at?

In the case of "Clarence's", this policy turned sour on the brewery recently. A number of postal workers had finished work one night and headed towards "Clarence's", only to be refused entry by the bouncer on the grounds that they were unsuitably dressed. The irate postmen complained to their union rep, who in turn sent a condemnatory letter to Tetley Walker. The brewery thereupon lifted its embargo against British Telecom...

The White Horse in Standishgate, reputedly Wigan's oldest town centre pub, now sells only keg Burtonwood beers. Another old Burtonwood pub, however, the Boars Head on Wigan Road, Standish, is back on real ale after extensive modernisation.

The Mountain Dew, Market Street, Atherton, has been shut down and sold by Tetley Walker. Word has it that the building is to become an estate agent's shop. The Mountain Dew was in the Good Beer Guide for several years. Further up the road, Greenalls Original bitter returns to the Punch Bowl and is reportedly selling well. In any event, do not miss this pub when passing through Atherton.

The Crofters Arms, Market Street, Wigan, has reopened as "Crofters" (see last month). Alas, the beer is still keg and the pub has been decorated in a sickly pink livery. With very cold and fizzy Tetley at 73p a pint, neither the pub nor the beer is attractive and our correspondent will continue to frequent the Bricklayers Arms round the corner on Hallgate, where an excellent pint of Walker Best Bitter or Tetley mild in traditional surroundings is assured at a reasonable price.

## NAVIGATIONAL ERROR

Sharp-eyed readers - there must be one or two - will have noticed last month's deliberate (?) mistake. Under the item "Rochdale Switch", the Navigation on Drake Street should, of course, read Galleon - not that far out, really!

## WHAT'S DOING

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## BRABHAM LODGE

The Brabham Lodge, formerly the Trough House Hotel, Manchester Road, Audenshaw, opened on Thursday September 5th. It is described as a new pub and steak bar - when it was the Trough House the premises only had a restaurant licence.

## CLUB NEWS

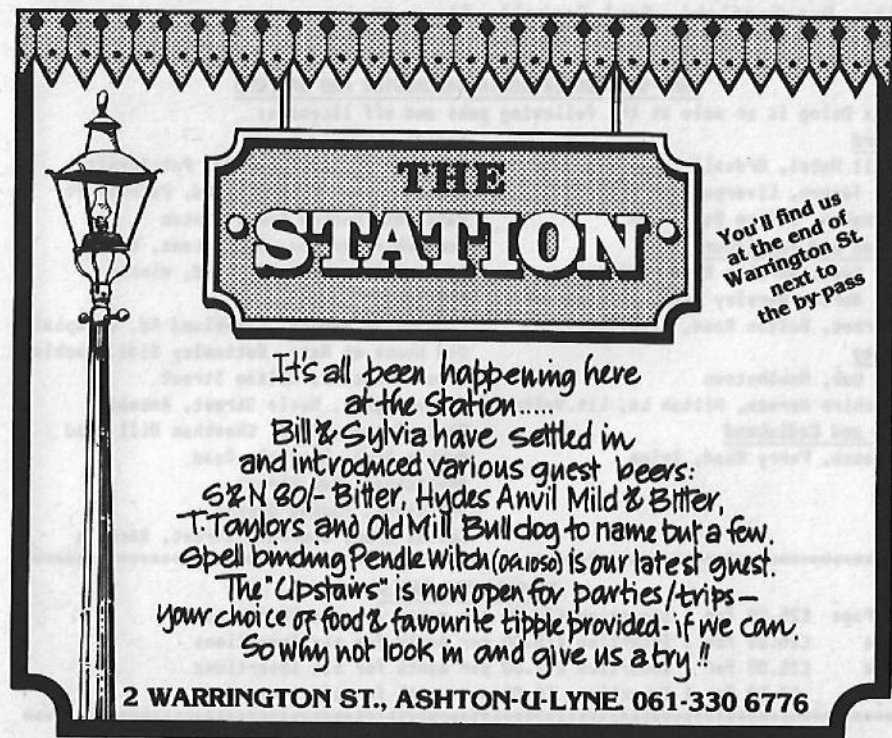
The GEC Club on Moss Road, Stretford, now sells Websters Yorkshire Bitter on handpumps at 68p a pint. Also on sale is handpumped Chesters bitter at 66p per pint, plus an assortment of keg beers from Chesters and Wilsons.

## TIPPLE TO NIPPLE

The Nip and Tipple (formerly the White Hart) on London Road, Manchester 1, has been renamed Monroe's. This Whitbread Chesters pub appears to be a little brighter than of late and there are pictures of Marilyn Monroe about the place. Handpumped Chesters bitter is available.

## HELLO

Wilsons plan to redevelop the Jolly Sailor at Marple during the next financial year. Although the plans are not yet finalised, it is



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intended to improve customer facilities (whatever that means) and retain traditional beer.

### SPORT OF QUEENS

The trend towards upmarket pubs continues in Ordsall. The Queens on Regent Road has reopened as the Sportsman's Tavern complete with hand-pumped Chesters mild and bitter. As they're knocking all the flats down along the road, the cynic might be forgiven for wondering where all the customers are going to come from.

### HELL'S ANGEL

The Angel on Chapel Street in Salford no longer sells real ale. Recent visitors experienced extremely gassy and freezing keg Wilsons to the accompaniment of a deafening disco playing to nobody in particular. (A certain CAMRA Regional Organiser was seen to pour his beer into a convenient plant pot.)

### DON'T GRIPE ABOUT THE GRAPES

Following extensive alterations and many months' closure, the Grapes, Bury New Road, Prestwich, has reopened. Unusually for Greenalls, cask beer - bitter only - has been retained. Well worth a visit followed by a good curry at the nearby Pubali Tandoori.

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### WHAT'S DOING IN NORTH MANCHESTER AND SALFORD

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Wellington, Bolton Road, IOH

#### Swinton and Pendlebury

White Swan, Worsley Road, Swinton  
White Horse, Worsley Road, Swinton  
Newmarket, Bolton Road, Pendlebury

#### Worsley

Royal Oak, Boothstown  
Lancashire Heroes, Hilton La, Lit.Hulton

#### Irlam and Cadishead

Boathouse, Ferry Road, Irlam

#### Eccles

White Lion, Liverpool Rd, Patricroft  
Stanley Arms, Liverpool Rd, Patricroft  
Park Inn, Monton Road, Monton  
Lancashire Heroes, Rocky Lane, Monton  
Egerton Arms, Worsley Road, Winton

#### Manchester

Lancashire Heroes, Cleveland Rd, Crumpsall  
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## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE PUB CRAWL

This pub crawl not only gives a wide choice of ale in a small area of the town but possibly offers the widest range of real ales in Greater Manchester - 22 brews from 12 breweries in 8 pubs. The beers at the Game Cock may vary.

From Manchester, board either the 218 or 219 and get off at Henry Square. The **Dog and Partridge** (1) on Brook Street East is a modern J W Lees house with a good, down to earth tap room, a smart lounge and a room upstairs for entertainments. The beer is usually good and the pub is listed in the 1985 Good Beer Guide. Mild and bitter are served through typical "John Willies" free-flow dispensers. Moonraker is available in winter.

Leaving the Dog and Partridge, go back to Henry Square and along Stamford Street. The first pub on the left is **Kavanagh Taverns** (2), an ex-Bass Charrington house serving Thwaites Best Mild and bitter through handpumps. It has an excellent atmosphere with music provided by Irish bands. Facing the Kavanagh is the King William IV, a former Tetley house which also became "free". Greenalls Original was once on sale, but sadly the pub is now all keg.

Nearby on Old Street is the **Game Cock** (3), formerly the Globe Hotel (then Oldham Brewery non-real-ale). Now it is an enterprising free house leased from Boddingtons by TFC Alehouses. The pub is the fourth of the company's houses, the others being in West Yorkshire. At present, ten beers and one traditional cider are available, all hand-pulled. Besides the regular beers - Boddingtons bitter, OB mild and bitter and Marstons Pedigree - recent guest beers have included Timothy Taylors bitter, Best Bitter, Landlord and Porter; Tetley bitter (Leeds); Old Mill Traditional Bitter and Bulldog Strong Bitter; Hydes bitter, Ruddles County and Marstons Merrie Monk. The regular cider is Taunton Traditional, but farmhouse scrumpy appears from time to time. The Game Cock also provides music (a folk group from West Yorkshire played recently).

Close by on Katherine Street is the **Buck and Hawthorn** (4), a Robbies house with a superb tiled interior. A number of rooms have been retained, each with its own individual character. There is a games room with stone floor, a snug, a lounge with paintings and bric-a-brac, plus the main drinking area and bar, around the walls of which is a large collection of bottle openers - well worth seeing. Best Mild and Best Bitter are served through metered electric pumps.

Nearer to the town centre, on the corner of Oldham Road and Katherine Street, is the **Queens** (5), Marstons. This is a two-roomed pub with electric-pumped Mercian Mild and Burton Bitter.

The **Robin Hood** (6), Oldham Road, is next to Tameside Theatre, not far from the Queen. This Bass Charrington house sells Stones Bitter and Toby Light on handpumps.

The **Star Inn** (7), a former Bass Charrington house, is on the other side of Tameside Theatre on the corner of Oldham Road and Old Street. Now it is a Boddingtons tied house offering handpumped mild and bitter. It has an attractive interior with lounges and a tap room. Adorning the walls in one part of the lounge are album covers of the Fivepenny Piece folk group, of which the landlord is a member.

Facing the Star is the final pub of the crawl, the **Foresters Call** (8), a John Smiths house selling cask bitter on handpump.

Dave Hale

#### BARMY



Sir - On a recent visit to Todmorden, I was pleased to find that the Staff of Life provided pub meals for vegetarian and even vegan customers in addition to the normal, carnivorous fayre. I hope more and more people become aware of the demand created by an increasing proportion of the population (Gallup research commissioned by Realeat estimates that nearly 3,000,000 Britons now

avoid red meat or exclude all flesh from their diet).

Quite recently I became a member of CAMRA and discovered from page 8 of the handbook that finings made from the swim bladders of fish are added to beer. As a vegetarian I was appalled by this. Are all beers treated this way? Are there no substitutes? Will I be forced to give up the amber nectar, since this contravenes my moral code? This may appear inconsequential to meat eaters, but think of how many people this may exclude from drinking if the above figures are correct. If I have to give up beer, are spirits, wines and other alcoholic beverages treated in a similar fashion with animal parts? Will I be allowed an alternative, or will I be reduced to homebrew where I know what's added?

MAG, Levenshulme

(Our vegetablist correspondent writes: Your apprehensions about real ale, as it is normally understood, are certainly justified within the constraints which you have set for yourself. There are alternatives: 1 Persuade CAMRA to support non-animal finings based on silicaceous earths, etc. 2 Brew your own, and don't use finings. (It takes 3 weeks to clear - and is still slightly murky.) 3 Snort coke.)



#### DULL

Sir - I understand the September WD carries a piece relating to the Church Inn, Ardwick Green. Those of your readers who are more interested to know what pubs are like now than what they might have been called 200 years ago may be recommended to call at the Church - not only is the beer usually on very respectable form, there's also good lunchtime food, a friendly atmosphere and - the big surprise - a sensible Pennine Host (Wilson's managed house) refurbishment. All in all, a very suitable entry for the Greater Manchester Good Beer Guide - more than fully fit to stand alongside such gems as Bensons and the John Willie Lees...

Rhys P Jones

(If the Church is so wonderful, how come it has been kicked out of the Good Beer Guide?)

#### DAFT

Sir - The Greater Manchester Beer Guide update in last month's WD was most illuminating and informative. I particularly liked the bit that went: "On Map I there are two number 7's: the one on the right near number 5 should read 6". Riveting! I look forward to the next instalment.

Brian Stout

# MOORHOUSE'S

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### BY GEORGE

Sir - In view of the Boddingtons/Higsons takeover it is hoped that the George (Higsons) in Stockport will continue as a Higsons tied outlet and not be transferred to Boddingtons. No disrespect, but Higsons adds choice and Boddingtons have a large stake in Stockport already. In the not-too-distant past, Clarkes were lost to Boddingtons and Bells to Robinsons, so Stockport deserves a fair deal with what choice there is left.

Leo King

### LEES LOOT

Sir - If Lees are so financially overstretched (WD August), how come they've just opened a new brewhouse and bought Thomas Baty and Sons, the Liverpool wine merchants?

N Rockerfeller

### NAUGHTY BOGBRUSH

According to our West Midlands mole, the chairman of the Dudley and South Staffs branch, Big Ada, is as sick as a chip about Bogbrush's remarks in What's Doing concerning Ma Pardoes. Foaming at the mouth, the cuddly Mr Hyde has despatched a strongly worded letter of complaint. As people usually get upset only when the truth is uncovered, one wonders whether Bogbrush was nearly right.

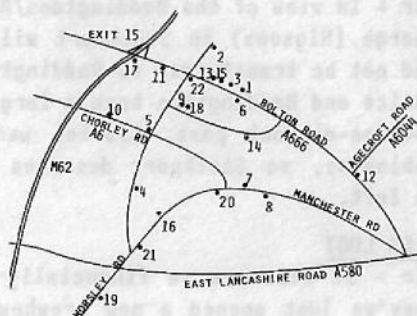
## SWINTON AND PENDLEBURY PUBS

Unlike the City of Salford, which has lost dozens of pubs over the last few years, Swinton has not lost a pub since the Cobden closed in 1964 and in the last few years has acquired two new ones. At the peak in 1869 there were 12 public houses and 42 beerhouses in the area; there are now just 32. Those that have disappeared were mainly small beerhouses serving the miners and mill workers of the area.

There was at one time a brewery in the town - the Worsley Brewery Company. The old brewery is now the Norco Pickle factory. The concentration of Tetley pubs is a reminder that Walkers and later Tetley became the owners of the Worsley Brewery - named, incidentally, after the proprietors rather than the nearby town. There are 13 Tetley pubs, of which 8 serve traditional beer. The Football is perhaps the most authentic and unspoiled but the Bowling Green, the Buckley, the Foresters and the New Cross are also small cosy locals, although the cosiness of both the New Cross and the Bowling Green is sometimes spoilt by very loud music. The Robin Hood near the motorway is primarily an eatery but it has retained some of its pubness. The Beehive in Clifton is a large estate pub which has only recently returned to real ale. Certainly the least enticing of Tetley's traditional tied houses is the Bulls Head. This pub is 160 years old, in a prime site



WHITE SWAN



and crammed with history, yet the place has been revamped inside and out and turned into a licensed disco-cum-bistro - very sad.

Since the opening of the Henry Boddington, Boddies now have 5 pubs in Swinton. The Farmers, with its tiny rooms, is without doubt the most attractive to the seasoned pub user rather than the BMW-owning yuppie who might prefer the Hooray Henry. Neither the Henry Boddington nor the recently renovated Albert serves cask mild. The Weavers next to the Football is a cosy little local but Swinton's oldest pub - the White Horse on the Worsley boundary - has never achieved its potential. In its time it has undergone numerous transformations but it is still gloomy inside, the carpet is still like tarmac and people still stand round the bar so you can't get served.

Holts have 5 pubs in Swinton and it goes without saying that they're all excellent. With the exception of the Lord Nelson on Bolton Road they're all reasonably old buildings which have had time to develop character. The White Swan is a 5-roomed pub built just before the East Lancs Road was opened. The interior is somewhat gloomy but "characterful", with numerous antiques and artefacts collected over many years by a keen licensee who is president of the local LVA. The Park and the Cricketers are smaller but nevertheless excellent hostelryes.

The Newmarket on Bolton Road is perhaps the best of the lot. With the cheapest beer in the area, two colour tellies and a juke box, it's always full of the kind of customers who wouldn't want to go near the Henry Boddington and would be chucked out if they did.

Thwaites, Whitbread, Sam Smiths and Robinsons each have one real ale pub in the area. The Butchers (Thwaites) is a deserted run-down barn of a place serving only bitter. About time the brewery stopped wasting its money on Yates and Jacksons and spent it sensibly in Pendlebury. The Golden Lion (Whitbread) is now primarily an eating house with beer as an expensive sideline. The Windmill is a comfortable and well-



restored house serving Sam Smiths traditional beers but the White Lion (Robinsons) is yet another pub which has never achieved its potential. The White Lion is in an excellent position with a car park and if Peter Robinson were to come and look at it, then I'm sure it could be improved enormously to bring out rather than destroy its character.

Bass have withdrawn traditional beer from both their pubs, John Smiths have never had it in the Oddfellows and the disastrous Narrowboat (Greenalls) is the last place on earth you'd expect to find it.

1	Albert Inn	Bolton Road	Boddingtons	B(E)
2	Beehive	Rake Lane	Tetley	M,B(H)
3	Bowling Green	Bolton Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
4	Buckley Arms	Partington Lane	Tetley	M,B(E)
5	Bulls Head	Chorley Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
6	Butchers Arms	Bolton Road	Thwaites	B(H)
7	Cricketers	Manchester Road	Holts	M,B(E)
8*	Farmers Arms	Manchester Road	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
9*	Football	Swinton Hall Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
10	Foresters Arms	Chorley Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
11	Golden Lion	Bolton Road	Chesters	B(H)
12	Henry Boddington	Bolton Road	Boddingtons	B(H)
13	Lord Nelson	Bolton Road	Holts	M,B(E)
14	New Cross	Swinton Hall Road	Tetley	M,B(H)



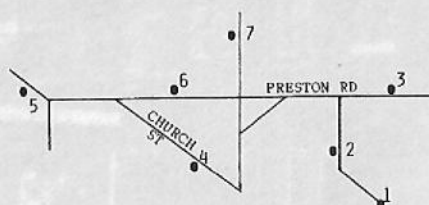


15*	Newmarket	Bolton Road	Holts	M,B(H)
16*	Park	Worsley Road	Holts	M,B(E)
17	Robin Hood	Bolton Road	Tetley	M,B(H)
18	Weavers	Swinton Hall Road	Boddingtons	M,B(E)
19	White Horse	Worsley Road	Boddingtons	M,B(H)
20	White Lion	Worsley Road	Robinsons	M,B,OT(E)
21*	White Swan	Worsley Road	Holts	M,B(H)
22	Windmill	Bolton Road	Sam Smiths	OB, TB(H)

\* Highly recommended

Swinton is ideal for a pub crawl, being fairly compact and on major bus routes. A walk down the top road (Bolton Road) takes in beers from 5 breweries, whilst a tour of the Worsley Road area could include 4 of the best pubs anywhere in Manchester.

Roger Hall



## STANDISH PUB CRAWL

For a better than average pub crawl, Standish, a large village three miles north of Wigan on the A49, is the place to visit. Twelve different brews in seven con-

trasting pubs, all at reasonable prices, make this an enjoyable value-for-money night out.

The crawl starts at the **Crown** (1), a GBG-listed free house in the tiny hamlet of Bradley. This is a recently renovated pub run by the



extremely enthusiastic Kathy Scott, who stocks several real ales including Theakstons XB, Draught Bass and Marstons Pedigree.

The **Bradley Hall** (2), a Tetley house selling a consistent pint of Walker Best Bitter, is followed by a half mile walk before we reach the **Old Original Seven Stars** (3) on Preston Road, Standish, known locally as the "Shamrock". This homely Burtonwood pub is currently undergoing renovation, but a good pint is still the norm.

Missing the Black Bull on Market Street, a Burtonwood pub which sells keg beers from handpumps, our next call is at the **Lychgate Tavern** (4) on Church Street. This GBG-listed pub, known as the Black Horse until renovated two years ago, provides a pleasant change of brew in the area.

After passing Matthew Brown's keg Globe, next is the **Horseshoe** (5) on Wigan Road, a Burtonwood pub with recently installed handpumps. We then move to another Burtonwood pub, the **White Buck Inn** (6), High Street. This small and friendly multi-roomed pub is the headquarters of several local organisations.

Our final pub is the **Dog and Partridge** (7), School Lane, Standish. This is a superbly traditional Tetley pub with separate lounge and vault, selling Tetley mild and Walker Best Bitter, both on handpump. Run by Gordon Rosbotham, an enthusiastic and experienced landlord, and his charming wife Olive, this pub will be "Pub of the Month" for the Wigan Branch of CAMRA on Friday 18th October. The Dog and Partridge is very deserving of the award, and all are welcome to what promises to be an excellent evening.

Paul Gaskell





I am happy to report the complete success of my operation - or at least success in all those areas where I have had an opportunity to evaluate it. My thought processes are now far more rational and less clouded by emotion. I can appreciate the wisdom of televisual divorcee and mal viveur Sweetie Bogbrush, who criticised my judgement. I have just been savouring his letter to last month's WD - what style, what a master of the mot unjuste! Memorable phrases and gems of unconventional wisdom trip from his pen and tongue like poo from a shovel. Thank you, Sweetie, for showing me the way.

I was further reminded of the irrationality of women by an event which occurred only a few nights ago. The massed branches of Grotley CAMRA had assembled in an airing cupboard at the Pavlova's Dog to discuss What's Doing. The Slumley contingent declared themselves to be revolting and the reaction varied from outrage and horror on the part of putative Regional Boss-persons to stunned silence from others. One who was rendered speechless for the first time in his life was the silly celt, who was still gaping with incredulity when a buxom wench poured a pint of mild down his trousers.

I was as shocked as the next man or woman and confronted the perpetrator of this vile misdeed. "Why," I demanded, "have you singled out this inoffensive and personable young man for such an act of calumny?" The transgressor, muttering about "J Arthur" and "playing at tents", which I don't pretend to understand, explained that the silly celt had been into Leech's, where she pulled pints among other things and screamed at her in his vase-cracking falsetto, "Oy! Barperson!" This apparently is unforgivable and merited the beer down the trousers meted out to him. I couldn't help reflecting that this was perhaps the first time in his life that a relationship with a woman had resulted in a sticky end.



# Branch Diary

## ROCHDALE, OLDHAM AND BURY

At a loose end in October or November? Why not join the Rochdale, Oldham and Bury branch at one of their many get togethers?

On Tuesday 1 October the branch is holding a meeting at the Alpine Gasthof, Whitworth Road, Rochdale, where a representative from Sam Smiths brewery will be in attendance to answer your questions.

On Friday/Saturday 18th/19th October the branch is running the sixth Bury Real Ale Festival. With thirty real ales, ciders and wines, it beats shopping and decorating the spare room.

On Friday 8th November the branch is venturing into foreign territory to meet the natives in the Bridgewater at Stockport, and if that isn't enough, the following lunchtime we are going across the border yet again to the Gamecock in Ashton-under-Lyne.

To round off the month, a coach is to be run to the Bradford Beer Festival on Saturday 30th November for lunchtime at the festival, lots of curry when they throw us out and a crawl of Bradford in the evening.

Interested?

Ring Steve Lawton on 061 620 9239 (h) or 061 928 6311 xt 7111

## NORTH MANCHESTER

Sat 5th Oct Train ride to Todmorden. 7.30 from Victoria. Return 9.42, 10.42 or 11.48

Wed 9 Oct Crown & Anchor, Hilton Street, Manchester 8pm.

Wed 16 Oct White Swan, Swinton, 8pm. David Lockwood will talk on "Cellarcraft".

Wed 23 Oct Third mild and prices survey - Mid-Eccles. Crown & Volunteer 7pm, White Lion 8pm

Wed 30 Oct Albert Park, corner Gt Clowes Street & Gt Cheetham St W, 8pm

Wed 6th Nov Branch Awayday to Didsbury. 7.30 Red Lion, 9.00 Royal Oak

Wed 13 Nov Prince of Wales, Oldfield Road, Salford 8pm

Wed 20th Nov Crown & Kettle, Great Ancoats Street/Oldham Road, Manchester, 8pm

Contact Roger Hall, 740 7937

## TRAFFORD & HULME

Thurs 3 Oct Committee/Social, Bridge, Dane Road, Sale, 8pm. All welcome

Thurs 10 Oct Knutsford Crawl 8pm White Lion

Thurs 17 Oct Branch AGM, Melville, Stretford, 8pm

Mon 21 October Coach trip to The Station, Ashton. Details from Branch Contact

Thurs 24 October Pub of the Month, King William IV, Partington 8pm

Thurs 31 Oct Sale Moor Survey, 8pm Yew Tree Hotel

Thurs 7 Nov Committee/Social, Old Roebuck, Victoria Street, Altrincham, 8pm

Contact Dave Shelton 061 795 2113

## HIGH PEAK AND NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Tues 1 Oct 9pm Committee Meeting, Crown & Cushion, Victoria Street, Newton, Hyde (Wilsons)

Tues 15 Oct 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Oddfellows Arms, Kings Road, Ashton (Robinsons)

Contact Tom Lord 061 427 7099

## WIGAN

Wed 16 Oct Branch Meeting, Old Pear Tree, Frog Lane, Wigan (Burtonwood) 8.30

Friday 18 Oct Pub of the Month presentation, Dog & Partridge, School Lane, Standish, 8.30

Wed 30 Oct, Afternoon brewery trip to Higsons

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



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