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SALFORD PUBS

The number of Salford real ale pubs threatened with demolition is greater than was reported in July.

First the good news: there is a possibility that the 1956 Compulsory Purchase Order on the Hyde Park Corner may be withdrawn. Consideration is also being given to the retention of one of the three real ale pubs on Ordsall Lane. The original plans envisaged the demolition of The Welcome, The Albion and The Bricklayers and the retention of The Greyhound, The Brunswick, The Ordsall and the Pickwick on Oldfield Road. The Pickwick was unfortunately vandalised before alterations could begin and the resultant fire damage meant that the pub had to be demolished. Although no decision has yet been made, it seems likely to us that The Bricklayers (Holts) may be retained as it is a detached building. The Broadway (off Trafford Road), which was to be replaced with a new pub opposite, may not now be demolished, although negotiations with Holts have yet to be completed.

Now the bad news: in addition to the pubs mentioned in the July issue, the following pubs are also at risk.

The Duke of York on York Street (Boddingtons) may be demolished as it is in an area scheduled for education and there are suggestions that it is structurally unsound, although this has not yet been confirmed with Boddingtons.

The Grey Mare and the Grapes are both in the Eccles New Road clearance area and although existing plans indicate the demolition of the Grey Mare and the retention of the Grapes, no final decision has yet been reached. The Old

Veteran on Duxbury Street may also be at risk as this is also in a clearance area..

The Palatine is on the edge of the Lower Broughton clearance area and is likely to go. The Duke of York (Holts) on Marlborough Street might, however, avoid demolition in the Hightown area, although this is by no means certain. The Church on Ford Lane in Pendleton is within the proposed Brunswick development area and may go, along with the Bridge, The Priory, The Railway and The Unicorn.

If all these proposals are carried out, there will be only 44 real ale pubs left in Salford compared with 85 to-day and 250 in 1963.

There is nothing we can do about Hanky Park and perhaps very little we can do about Ordsall or Lower Broughton. The road schemes which may mean the demolition of all the pubs on Regent Road and most of those on Cross Lane are in the hands of central government and their agents — the Greater Manchester Council. We can, however, do something about schemes which are not yet off the ground. If we make representations at the pre-planning stage we may be able to influence policy.

There are three areas in which this might be done and where we might concentrate our eff rts:

- 1) Lower Broughton and Duchess Street C.P.O. (Duke of York)
- 2) Weaste and Eccles New Road Clearance Area
- Brunswick (Broad Street, Frederick Road, Brindleheath Road)

Brunswick Study Area

In March 1976 the City Technical Services Officer was authorised to make a study of the Brunswick area of the city. The report was published in September 1976 and a summary of relevant parts follows.

The Study Area covers 42.7 acres and extends in a rectangular shape from Brindle Heath in the north west, along the Manchester-Bolton railway in the north east, Frederick Road in the south east and Broad Street in the south west. The pubs included in the area are The Priory, The Bridge, The

Railway, The Unicorn, The Church and The Maypole, all but one of which sell real ale. The area is industrial, commercial and residential and has a population of 685.

The current clearance programme (July 1976) includes The Priory and The Railway and the GMC's road schemes will affect The Unicorn. There are no current plans for the demolition of The Church or The Bridge.

There are provisions for consultation at various stages of the planning procedure. Copies of the report are available from the Civic Centre at Swinton and comments on any aspects of the plan should be sent in not later than December 15, 1976, to:

City Technical Services Officer, Civic Centre, Swinton, Manchester, M27 2BL.

Further information can be obtained by telephone from Mr I Sumnall or Mr M Fox on 794 4711.



PUBS AND PLANNERS

Three representatives of the branch met members of Salford City Planning Department on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10 November, to discuss the possibilities of saving the Derby and further planning proposals which might affect other pubs in our area. If much of the information they gave us was dispiriting, at least we gained an insight into some of the problems they face which may prove useful in selecting pubs about which to campaign in future.

First, it appears that government money is only available if a sufficient number of houses can be built within a given area to keep costs below a certain ceiling. Any excess expenditure has to come out of rates - no more popular with the Salford electorate than with any other community. There are also constraints on the distance between houses and the amount of light available, and land is in such short supply that houses are already being built 'too close' at twelve feet apart. In practical terms, this means that if a building such as a pub is left standing it is considerably more difficult to accommodate enough houses within the area. More important for us, if a campaign to save a pub is started after the plans have been finalised and an area is redesigned, adjacent areas are likely also to be affected to meet the costing constraints. Hence, unless we can exert sufficient pressure at the political level to justify considerable expenditure and use of staff time, our case will be virtually lost. We need therefore to be vigilant enough to find out about planning proposals and make our protest early.

Noise is also taken into consideration - not only the noise of the pub itself but also that produced by traffic using access roads to it. Effectively, this means that councils are un-

willing to build or preserve pubs in the centre of a housing area (as opposed to those which are on the edge of one and hence often already on a main road). Whatever you think of that as an argument when compared with the noise of traffic and facories all day long, it is obviously one factor which we need to take into account when we are judging which protests are likely to be successful.

It is also apparently considered necessary for all pubs to have car parks. While there is clearly inconvenience and danger if roads are lined with parked cars, it seems particularly incongruous that when drinking and driving laws are likely to be tightened up, people should be encouraged to drive to their local. Car parks may be necessary for isolated pubs, but surely houses within easy access of their catchment areas don't automatically have to have them? This is of course a political issue as much as a planning one since local regulations are involved.

Preserving pubs in Salford is not going to be easy. Land for housing is scarce despite appearances (the land on each side of the railway is owned by British Rail and is scheduled for road development) and the council quite rightly gives priority to housing in a city where whole areas, not just streets or individual dwellings, have been classified as unfit for people to live in. We would be foolish to argue that a pub should have priority over, say, a children's playground merely because it sells real ale and most of us probably wouldn't wish to do so. On the other hand, there is a demand for the retention of traditional pubs, and not just by CAMRA members - many locals want to keep at least some links with the past and pubs like the Derby and the Beehive next to new council estates have remained lively community centres as well as drinking establishments. While planners clearly have enormous problems juggling with the various demands made upon them, it should be possible for them to incorporate existing pubs into their proposals if we can provide good reasons for doing so early enough.

If we are to succeed, though, we need to think very hard about which pubs we are going to support. To choose one that is structurally unsound, for example, or one not well patronised by locals, would be to make fools of ourselves and hence to forgo any chance of influencing decisions in the future. It is the councillors who have the real power, and if we are to make contact with them we need to present a watertight case. Any information about the structural state and popularity of pubs threatened with closure as well as details of the landlord's attitude, brewery plans and so on would be very welcome.

It should be said that the planners we met were extremely helpful in giving us information about future proposals and courteous in listening to our arguments. While we shall continue to campaign against some of their work, we came away with a deeper understanding of their difficulties and are grateful to them for devoting a complete afternoon of their time to us.

POLLARDS PUB

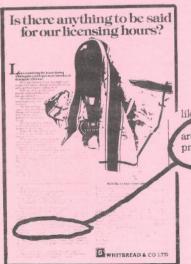
It is now almost certain that David Pollard will be opening a free house in Manchester in the near future. The pub 'in the Stevenson Square area' will probably sell Marstons, Theakstons, Boddingtons, Ruddles and Robinsons as well as Pollards.

BOLTON BRANCH

A second meeting to test support for the formation of a Bolton branch was held at the Gypsy's Tent, a Walker's pub on Deansgate in Bolton.on 9 November. After the extremely successful first meeting a month earlier, when the Sweet Green Tavern proved far too small to accommodate all those attending, the meeting at the Gypsy's Tent unfortunately clashed with a rearranged Bolton Wanderers match. People in Bolton take their football seriously (they have to), but in spite of this about thirty people turned up to hear talks by Dave Easton, Richard Greenhalgh and Rod Oliver about CAMRA nationally and at branch level.

The inaugural meeting of the branch has been fixed for Tuesday, 14 December, at 8 p.m., again in the Gypsy's Tent. There seems to be enthusiastic support for a branch in a town which has hitherto been somewhat neglected. A lot of work remains to be done and it is to be hoped that the initial enthusiasm leads to the establishment of a thriving branch.

Anyone who wants to be involved but couldn't attend the previous meetings should contact Eric Petela (Bolton 793526) or Les Kilsby (Westhoughton 812884).



YOU DON'T SAY!

on the sale of alcoholic drinks removed. And the temperance and prohibitionist lobby which would like see an pubs closed never to re-open

The only people whose views we don't know with any certainty are the people who matter most, but don't have an organization or pressure group to speak for them.

Namely, pub customers.

suspect that some have the aport to programm their skulls and are incapable of developing a thi

> (Full page ad in several newspapers recently)

The Editor, "What's Doing

Dear Sir,

In pursuit of our new policy, the sale of "What's house, when Doing through the pubs, I recently visited a nearby Holt's house, where the licensee has always taken a keen interest in CAMRA and where the beer is consistently good. The landlord readily accepted and paid for my copies of "What's Doing" and promptly put the recruitment posters and

Unfortunately, upon opening a copy of the newsletter he saw the membership forms on display. article on Holt's, with the allusion to a deadrat. After some thought he informed me that in the opinion of many local licensees, CAMRA was comprised of gangs of roudy students intent only upon drinking themselves stupid. He suggested that if we contributed articles to dispel this image Instead of sniping at Holt's beer, it would be time better spent. Unable to defend the article. I dismissed it simply as a space filler and

Let us be critical by all means, where real ale falls below the not to be taken seriously. expected standards, but let our criticism be specific, well-founded and objective, and not based on the fact that one or other committee member does not have a palate (or stomach) for Holt's beer. Unjustified generalisations and snide comments such as the one referred to are not going to endear us to licensees who make every effort to meet the ideals of CAMRA and whose continuing support is so necessary to a successful campaign.

yours sincerely . Park.

PUB GAMES

Would anyone knowing of a pub near central Manchester where league dominoes is played contact Mr David Gibbs who is blind and has found great difficulty in finding pubs where pub games are played in the city centre. David's address is 6, Triscombe Walk, Alexandra Park, Manchester 16, and his phone number is 226 4731.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?

The following pubs appeared in the 1974 Good Beer Guide and have since been taken out.

Bolton: The Old Three Crowns on Deansgate and The George on Great Moor Street are two Wilsons pubs which have been excluded. The Wagon and Horses on Birtle Street defied all attempts to locate it, so this alleged Greenall-Whitley hostelry had to be removed. Ye Old Man and Scythe in Churchgate went the way of all Whitbread pubs.

Worsley: The Bridgewater was Boddified and removed in favour of better pubs in the locality.

Manchester: The Dutton was presumably only included because it was a Hydes pub. It was frequently empty, the handpumps were removed and the slow turnover made the beer variable.

The Rising Sun didn't sell real ale even when the guide was made. The Royal Oak was excluded on a whim of the committee at the time, who considered it to be scruffy.

The York on York Street never sold real ale. In fact, tanks were installed when the pub was built.

Pendlebury: The Britannia has been knocked down.

Salford: Evidently the people who selected the pubs for the 1974 guide didn't travel very far. The Crown is a pretty ordinary Wilsons pub about five yards from Manchester. The Kersal was the nearest pub to Keats Court, where CAMRA's office was in the good old days. Boddingtons have since ripped the billiard table out and smartened the pub up in typical fashion. The Wellington, although it still serves an excellent pint of beer, is not the best Holts pub for inclusion in the guide.

THERE'S A FAMOUS SEASIDE PLACE CALLED BLACKPOOL, THAT'S FAMOUS FOR REAL ALE AND FUN...

On Friday 12th November several branch members forsook their regular drinking session and went to the Blackpool Beer Exhibition on a coach organised by the landlord and regulars of the White Swan, Swinton. Aided by notes scribbled on the back of a cigarette packet, Neil Richardson recounts.....

Ah! Blackpool! What memories of youth; the tower, toffee apples, Reg Dixon, sticky rock, rude postcards and sandy ice cream. On the way in we passed a few landmarks, The Waterloo, where granddad used to (and still does) watch the bowling, South Station, a tram, South Pier, and the Pleasure Beach. The exhibition was held in the Casino, part of the Pleasure Beach complex. Admission was 50p with a 10p deposit on a $\frac{1}{2}$ pint glass. Beer was exchanged for tickets, you needed two (at 6p each) to buy one half pint, three for the stronger stuff.

So, clutching empty glass, roll of tickets and list of beers we took ourselves into the exhibition hall. There were about twenty breweries there, mostly northern, the foreigner was Fullers of Chiswick. The novelty as always was Pollards, conveniently near the ticket table it was the first stop for many. Food was on sale, hot pies and cold salads, nothing inspiring, and a steak and kidney pie cost me a scandalous 35p. (Probably the resident caterers' and not Camra's fault)

One feature of beer exhibitions is the lack of seats. After standing for a couple of hours and being elbowed by people holding their Crudgingtons 6X up to the light it gets a bit wearying. There was a small anteroom to the main hall which

had a few tables and chairs, but I think that was the room that Blackpool RNLI used for simulating arctic conditions. Anyway, we managed to get a table and an armful of chairs into the hall, which by ten o'clock was alive with red-faced Camra members looking for each other loudly and the grass-roots Blackpool drinking brotherhood singing You'll Never Walk Alone. All good stirring stuff. There was a sizeable proportion of berks sporting DDK9P badges and the like, the usual selection of White Shield pseuds, and I got the impression there were many more blokes on crutches than is usual (unless it was the same one following me about).

As the evening wore on a 'spot the brew' game was instigated by Jem Callaghan. Somebody got the ale in from a few different stalls and the rest of us had to decide which was which. A daft idea at that time of night and we all failed. (Although at one point I recognised Hydes first time, but Robin Mearns said that I had said Hydes for the last three and so it didn't count because I was guessing) At 10.30 the bars shut and we spent our last tickets on Bass (I think). The hall emptied quietly and the efficient team of Camra organisers moved in to clean up for the Saturday session. The journey back to Swinton was uneventful. As it wasn't a Camra trip we didn't leave anybody behind. The White Swan people had a very poor standard of singing, I've never heard such a half-hearted rendering of Jerusalem in my life.



WHAT'S DOING

What's Doing is always in need of contributions. Send your articles and letters to Neil Richardson, 94 Leach Street, Farnworth, Bolton. Farnworth 791801 061 736 7811 (work)

General enquiries and writs are handled by Roger Hall, 123 Hill Lane, Blackley, M9. 740 7937 736 3065 (work)

REPORT FROM A BEER DESERT

CAMRA members living in the deep south, i.e. the Manchester area, (and I was once one of them,) tend to forget how well off they are regarding the availability of real ale. We may moan about 'metallic' pint of this and 'bland' pints of that and when 'you-know-who's' changes its colour slightly, it's a major news item. Not surprisingly, then, it is often overlooked that in other areas of the country real ale can be very hard to find (and sometimes very hard to drink!)

My complacency was shattered just two months ago, when I left the beer drinker's paradise, Eccles, and moved to a tiny village called Port Carlisle on the banks of the Solway Firth about eleven miles west of Carlisle. Port Carlisle, (the name derives from the fact that a canal once linked Carlisle to the sea from here,) has about one hundred inhabitants and one pub, a free house selling nothing but keg beer. The nearest real ale is to be found three miles away (The Bush, Kirkbride - see GBG) and within a ten mile radius there is only a handful of outlets for the real thing. This situation is fairly typical of North Cumbria. The local beer guide lists a mere sixty or so pubs north of the A66 road, that is to say north of a line from Penrith to that mecca of Western Europe, Workington. To make matters worse, the pubs are well scattered with no large concentrations. Even Carlisle, the largest town, has only three real ale pubs, Penrith has two and Mecca, (sorry, Workington,) has one.

In Manchester I was able to do most of my pub crawling by bus (either LUT's or John Worthington's), but here it is very difficult to go drinking without a car. Only the other night I was marooned for hours in the Rose and Crown, Low Hesket, and forced to consume pint after pint of Marston's bitter while waiting for a connection. Well, perhaps it's not so bad after all...

The brews available are nowhere near as varied as those in Manchester. The complete list is as follows: Jennings, Marston's, Youngers, Theakston's.

Theakston's bitter, although brewed in Carlisle, is not

available in the city itself. Real Old Peculier is to be had in the Crown and Mitre, which is Carlisle's answer to the Midland Hotel and just as pleasant to drink in.

Younger's Scotch Bitter can be drunk at one pub in the city but the fact that it is served via a pressure-type dispenser has totally confused the local CAMRA members with the result that it has been in and out of the Good Beer Guide faster than the local football team are in and out of the First Division.

Jennings of Cockermouth is by far the most readily available but it is unexceptional to say the least, whilst Marston's, although excellent where it is obtainable, is rarely found. (The Rose and Crown mentioned above consistently provides one of the best pints of Marston's I've ever had. Anyone heading for Scotland on the A6 should stop before it's too late to sample it.)

Of the defunct State Management Scheme very little remains; a beer mat here and there, the odd ashtray, a window sticker or two, but fear not! Carlisle State Beer may be dead, but in its place we have Greenall's LOCAL bitter brewed in that well known Cumbrian town, Warrington!

I hope therefore that as you sit reading this and supping one of those strange southern brews, you'll spare a thought for those less fortunate souls to whom even a pint of Josiah Drab's mild on a bad night would be nectar indeed.

Jim Davies.

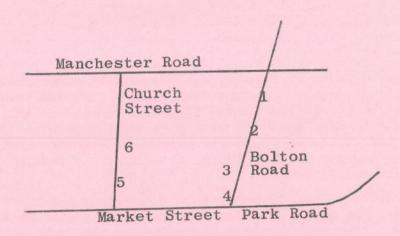
WIN SOME, LOSE SOME

The landlord of the Lion, a Tetley pub in Cadishead, has replaced his electric pumps with handpumps.

The Queens Arms, Patricroft, has succumbed to Boddification. Electric pumps have replaced the handpumps.

The Bowling Green Inn, a Marstons pub in Droylsden, has had handpumps installed.

A WESTHOUGHTON PUB CRAWL



Popular belief has it that Westhoughton, (a bit to the left and a little below Bolton on a reasonably large scale map,) is a beer desert rivalling Northamptonshire or Norfolk. A little conscientious research shows that this is not the case, although the area is certainly dominated by pressurised Tetley's, dubious Greenall's and the odd Watneyfication thrown in for good measure. A worthwhile pub crawl through the centre of Westhoughton takes in four brews (counting Walker's as separate from Tetley's), six pubs, and is about a mile from start to finish.

1. Rose and Crown . Greenall's bitter, dark mild and light mild through electric pumps.

2. Grey Mare. Handpumped Tetley mild and bitter.

3. Cross Guns. Walker bitter and Tetley mild through electric pumps.

4. White Lion. Handpumped Holt's mild and bitter.

Grapes. Greenall's bitter and dark mild, electric.
 Starkie Arms. Greenall's bitter and dark mild, hand pumps.

Les Kilsbu

PUB OF THE MONTH

Moulders Arms. Heyrod St., Ancoats.

You might think it strange that our November pub of the month, the Moulders Arms, should have appeared in the list of 'bad beer' pubs in October's issue, which indeed it is, for repeated visits to the pub have failed to produce a bad pint since.

The Moulders is an old-fashioned, street corner pub hidden behind Piccadilly Station, in the midst of G.P.O. works and services, and if you manage to find it at the first attempt you certainly deserve a drink there.

The beer is Tetley mild and bitter served through handpumps to a vault with a television on the left of the entrance and a lounge on the right, although the rooms are
really quite similar. The interior of the pub bears signs
of structural alterations and it is obvious that at some
point there must have been three or even four rooms. Its
atmosphere hasn't been lost, however, and the general impression is of a small, quiet and rather cosy pub.

Most of the trade comes from the works and factories around, for there are few houses in the vicinity. The pub has a strong Irish clientele, not surprising since the landlord and his wife are Irish, and seems to come alive at about eight or nine p.m. It might not be the most remarkable pub in Manchester, but if you're looking for a quiet drink and a sandwich at lunchtime, or just a chat, the Moulders is worth a visit.

LAND OF MY FALSEHOODS

Some time ago Roger Hall wrote to the editor of the Good Beer Guide pointing out some inaccuracies in the Dyfed entries. He has recently received a strongly worded letter from the chairman of the Aberystwyth branch. Now read on....

According to the chairman of the Aberystwyth Branch the errors which occurred in the 1976 Good Beer Guide in the county of Dyfed were in no way the fault of the Aberystwyth Branch. The inaccuracies which were pointed out to the editor were evidently of a minor nature to compare with those trivial errors of 1974 when Greater Manchester included two non real ale pubs and one non existent pub. Apart from a sprinkling of pubs selling vinegar, which would seem to be de rigeur in South Wales, one pub was marked as being some 40 miles away from its actual location, pub names were entered incorrectly, pubs selling bright beer were included, whole areas containing excellent pubs were excluded and almost every ancillary detail for each pub was incorrect.

However, the Aberystwyth Brach covers an area from Naples to Reykjavic on horseback as the chairman points out in his 5 page letter and as they also have to cope with a foreign language, it is perhaps inconsiderate to expect their entries in the beer guide to be accurate. Obviously the reputation of a guide has nothing to do withthe accuracy of the information which it contains.

HANDPUMPED TETLEYS

Following the list we published last month of all known handpumped Tetley houses in our area, we are reliably informed by the South Lancs Branch that the Cross Guns on Bolton Road, Westhoughton, is on electric pumps. The Grey Mare, however, also on Bolton Road is handpumped.

Mr Angus Fraser has been appointed managing director of Lanchester Taverns, the division within Wilson's Brewery responsible for all managed houses. He succeeds Mr Robin Harston who has become managing director of Watney Mann (Midlands).

Mr Fraser, who is 37, joined the brewery trade in 1969 after nine years' service with The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars. In 1973 he moved to Northampton as general manager of Hamilton Taverns having previously been district manager for St George's Taverns in the south of England.

Pécude.

If you are thinking of starting your own White Shield cellar at home, here are a few helpful hints.

Leave the bottles to stand for at least four days to allow the sediment to settle. Keep in a cool room.

5FF - 38F temperature.

Take care not to shake the bottle before opening. Pour with bottle and glass at eye level and leave the last tablespoon-ful of beer with the sediment behind.

Encourage head to form as you pour.

Bass Charrington handout.

"...the famous 16th century building will rise like a phoenix from the ashes early next year under a £200,000 restoration project"

(Manchester Evening News, about the Shambles 3.11.76)

BEER circa 1949

Beer is a fermented infusion of sugary substances with added bitters. At one time the sugary substance consisted of sugar derived from malted barley, and the bitters took the form of hops, but now sugar from other sources is used, one of these being by the action of sulphuric acid on starch, and calumba chiretta, quassia, and other substances are used to give a bitter flavour. Notwithstanding these changes the beer may be perfectly wholesome, though many beer drinkers prefer to have the old brew when they can get it.

Beer is a food to a greater extent than other alcoholic liquor, mainly in virtue of the malt or sugar which it contains; but, as a general rule, it is taken as an agreeable form of bitter tonic to stimulate appetite and aid digestion: or it is taken to slake thirst. If taken with a meal it should be in moderate amount, as apart from the nature of a liquid, any large quantity taken during digestion dilutes the gastric juice and delays digestion.

During convalescence from acute illness, and in many cases of consumption, a glass of beer or stout makes a useful and agreeable tonic. Stout is often recommended to nursing mothers by their friends as a means of meeting the additional strain thrown upon them; but, as a general rule it is much more satisfactory to leave alcoholic liquor alone, and rather to supplement the diet with extra milk. Stout and porter are beers to which colouring matter has been added. Formerly this was burnt malt, but now it may be caramel, molasses, or liquorice.

People who drink a lot of beer are apt to become stout, and gout and rheumatism may be other legacies of the habit. A beer-heart is one which has broken down under excessive strain, largely imposed upon it by the necessity of pumping through the blood vessels of the body streams of blood swollen by inordinate beer drinking over a long period. Again, the heavy drinker may produce permanent dilatation of his stomach, and chronic gastric catarrh may be a result of intemperate beer drinking.

One has always to be careful about the quality of the beer purveyed. A good beer should be clear, transparent, and reddish-brown in tint, and should not be soured. Beer is sometimes watered, and alum or sugar is added to produce a 'head'; the beer goes bad very readily with an increase in its acid content. Such beer may upset the stomach in any quantity. During hot weather many people bring on sickness and diarrhoea by the combination of lager beer and fruit of some sort. There is always some common salt in beer, but in some samples this is materially increased, apparently with the object of creating thirst.

Beer becomes sour on standing in consequence of the growth in it of a minute fungus which converts the alcohol in the beer into acid. This acid is the one which is found in vinegar. If beer becomes dead - that is to say, only slightly sour - it can be restored by adding a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda to each gallon of beer, mixing well, and allowing to settle. The beer will recover a good deal of its sparkle and flavour by this means, but will have lost some of its potency.

PUB CRAWL

NEWTON HEATH (part 2) AND MILES PLATTING Wednesday 1st December 1976

The Copenhagen	Oldham Road	Wilsons
Grosvenor Arms	Goddard Street	Lees
The Royal Oak	Oldham Road	Wilsons
Britannia Inn	Lancashire Street	Tetleys
Prince of Wales	Oldham Road	Wilsons
The Swan	Oldham Road	Wilsons
The Victoria	Oldham Road	Wilsons
White Hart Hotel	Oldham Road	Wilsons
The Apollo	Varley Street	Boddingtons
Grey Mare	Varley Street	Tetley

Meet at the Copenhagen at 7.00pm, or for those who aren't as thirsty, the Royal Oak at 8.00pm.

The next meeting of the North Manchester Branch of CAMRA will be held in the WHITE SWAN, Swinton, at 8.00pm on Wednesday 15th December 1976.

The speaker for the December meeting will be CHRIS BRUTON, chairman of Camra.

Protect your pint

Many of Britain's brewers — especially the bigger ones — have been stripping the country of its choice and quality of beer over the past 10 or 15 years. Thousands of brews have vanished and many of those which have remained have been ruined beyond recognition. Fortunately, something is now being done to protect the beer drinker's interests.

CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, was set up in 1971 to stop the slide from traditional beer in traditional pubs. Since then, it has saved hundreds — maybe thousands — of pubs from the plight of processed and pressurised beer and has sparked off an interest in beer drinking which has never been

known before.

Members get What's Brewing sent to them by post every month. Everyone can take an active part in the Campaign by attending branch meetings, which are held throughout the country. Branches organise the Campaign at local level and some of them organise beer exhibitions and trips to breweries.



If you are already a member—get a friend to join

To the Membership Secretary, CAMRA, 34 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3BW. I wish to become a member of CAMRA and I enclose £2 as my annual membership subscription (£3 for overseas members.) I agree to abide by the rules of the Campaign.
PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS
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