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MOORHOUSES BUY BURY PUB



The Dusty Miller (ex-Whitbread) at the corner of Crostons Road and Tottington Road has been bought by Moorhouses Brewery of Burnley and reopened at the beginning of March.

On handpump are Moorhouses Premium Bitter (88p), Pendle Witch (£1.10) and the new Dark Mild (84p) which was launched at the Wigan Beer Festival. Supplementing the Moorhouses range is Greenalls bitter at 92p a pint.

BIG SIX - MASSIVE FIVE

The recent deal between Grand Metropolitan and Elders IXL, owners of Courage, cocks a snook at the Monopolies & Mergers Commission. This move will result in further concentration of the industry both in terms of brewing capacity and pub ownership which does not augur well for the beer drinker and pub user. The two major fears are that beers will disappear as more breweries close and that our pubs will be further desecrated by the most insensitive owners ever to have been involved in the industry.

The acquisition of Grand Met's four breweries by Courage will result in an extensive portfolio of real ales:

Courage	Bitter, Best Bitter, Directors
John Smiths	Bitter, Magnet
Ruddles	Best Bitter, County
Ushers	Best Bitter
Truman	Best Bitter
Bullards	Old
Wilsons	Mild, Bitter
Websters	Yorkshire Bitter, Green Label, Choice

It is inconceivable that Elders will continue to produce fifteen different real ales. Already Courage Bitter Ale is under threat, as are the beers brewed at Ushers (Best Bitter, Trumans, Bullards). In the North West the greatest concern must be the future of Wilsons mild and bitter. Their demise became a serious possibility when brewing was moved to Halifax and the national branding of Websters and Ruddles has also undermined their future. There is now no certainty that Websters brewery will continue brewing in the next century. Websters Choice has to some extent been edged out by the promotion of Ruddles County. A reduction in the range of beers and the closure of more than one brewery is inevitable within the next five years. Doubtless CAMRA stalwarts will be marching round Trowbridge and Halifax with their placards bemoaning the demise of yet another brewery.

If the future for the beers is dire, then the prospect for our pubs is even bleaker. Grand Met, who will be in control of something like 10,000 pubs, have an appalling track record as custodians of licensed premises. Their theme pubs, niche marketing and treatment of tenants stand as a serious indictment of their previous conduct. There is every likelihood that an expansion of their operations will lead to a further deterioration of our heritage of traditional pubs.

What should be done? Wait until it happens and then march round with placards? No. The proposals are not all cut and dried. There is a

serious possibility that local monopolies will be created. CAMRA needs to collate information on a national basis of where these monopolies will occur and submit that information to the Office of Fair Trading. CAMRA is first and foremost a campaign. The Grand Met/Courage move is a cynical exploitation of the weaknesses of the MMC report and constitutes the greatest threat yet to traditional pubs and real ale. It must be strenuously opposed.

Roger Hall

HOLTS NEWS

The plans for the new Holts pub in Weaste (Ashley Street/Liverpool Road) are being drawn up. Work should start in late April or early May, with completion of the new outlet about November - certainly before Christmas. Holts are contemplating running a competition to choose a name for the pub - more news on this later.

Proposed work on the White Swan at Swinton has caused a few eyebrows to be raised. Holts' Assistant Secretary assures us that any work undertaken will be in keeping with the general amenities and character of this well established pub. Well, we'll just have to see what happens.

As a result of last month's Budget, it looks as though the 69p pint of mild has gone forever. Bitter is approaching 80p per pint. In fact, Holts' prices are reaching those that some of the big breweries were charging five or six years ago. It makes you think!

GOOD BEER GUIDE 1991

Out of the woodwork came they crawling, those CAMRA members whom we don't see from one year to the next to add their two-pennorth to the interminable debate on which pubs should be included. Having taken no part in suggesting pubs for shortlisting, the assembled glitterati attempted to include pubs which had not been surveyed or to overturn decisions which had been made before their (late) arrival. It was suggested that Boddingtons and Tetleys houses should not be included because the beer was so awful. The North Manchester branch welcomes participation from all members and readers of What's Doing in selecting pubs for the Beer Guide, but it is helpful if the contributions are constructive and try to bear in mind the needs of readers of the guide, rather than the prejudices of aficionados. The 1991 Guide will contain a large number of Holts outlets in North Manchester and Salford, together with a fair sprinkling of Robinsons, 4 free houses, 2 each from Boddies and John Smiths and one each from Greenalls, Tetley, Hydes, Wilsons and Marstons.

NEW MODES OF CLOSURE (Part II)

Alongside slum clearance, road schemes and brewery closures comes a new threat to the pub - closure due to intimidation. Although criminal behaviour has long been associated in the public mind with the pub, it is only recently that this behaviour has begun to threaten the existence of inner city pubs. This phenomenon has been seen not only in Miles Platting, but also in parts of Salford where pubs have closed. One problem is the inexperience of new licensees, not necessarily in terms of cellarman'ship or pub-management, but in terms of intimate knowledge of the district. Rougher pubs than those which have closed existed twenty years ago on the "Barbary Coast" of Cross Lane down to Salford Docks. Yet the licensees were Salford people through and through who had the support of their customers and of the community. Few of today's licensees have roots in the communities where they take on licences. Consequently their ability to assess the character and behaviour of their clientele may be much reduced, leading to a breakdown of order and discipline in the pub. As soon as the licensee loses control the pub is doomed and the problems for any successor may also be insuperable.

CRAB VILLAGE NEWS

The Flying Horse, a two-roomed Boddingtons house on Crab Lane in Higher Blackley, has been extended by knocking into the cottage next door. The vault has disappeared, being replaced by an open-plan vaultette or games area. The pub has been opened up considerably but the retention of chimney breasts helps to break up the space and create a comfortable atmosphere which is added to by carefully selected photographs of the village and the pub over the last 100 years or so. Cask conditioned Boddies mild and bitter are still on sale via electric pumps. The one-room layout does not detract from the atmosphere of the pub except in one important respect - the jukebox permeates every corner of the pub and can be disconcerting for those who enjoy a quiet drink or come down to the pub for conversation, a game of darts or dominoes rather than a rave-up.

Crab Village has two other pubs - the Pleasant (Robinsons) and the Duke of Wellington (Holts) - which make this somewhat remote urban village an excellent place for a mini pub crawl. Sadly the next nearest pub, the Hilltop (Tetley), is unprepossessing. Tetley bitter is 94p in surroundings which are frankly grotty. The post-war pub is being refurbished, but even if this improves the surroundings it holds out little hope for the price of the beer.

WIGAN & DISTRICT

Dave White

A pub company called Paramount has made inroads into the town. The CROWN, Goose Green, the CONQUERING HERO, Ince (both keg Matthew Brown) and the HOCKERY BROOK, Hindley (Burtonwood) are believed to have been purchased by Paramount, with a portfolio of beers from Burtonwood and Bass. Sounds promising.

Gathurst railway station - now a pub - opened recently. I haven't been up there yet, but the ale is provided by Whitbread, the closers of groovy breweries. More news on this next month. Further down the line, the station at Appley Bridge is being converted into a restaurant, bistro and bar and should be opening soon.

All is not well in the cosy village of Parbold. The landlord of the STOCKS TAVERN has been replaced by a manager. This Tetley pub has been in the GBG since the Ice Age: nothing lasts forever. Elsewhere, on Station Road, the new restaurant at the RAILWAY HOTEL didn't catch on and sadly food is no longer served at this Burtonwood pub. The beer, however, remains immaculate.

News in brief: In Wigan, poor sales of Ind Coope Burton Ale have led to the disappearance of that beer at the BOWLING GREEN, Wigan Lane, and the BIRD I'TH'HAND, Gidlow Lane...Thomas Greenall Original bitter is now available at the ODDFELLOWS ARMS, Downall Green Road, Bryn, recently refurbished...cask mild has returned to the ROYAL OAK, Wigan Lower Road, Standish Lower Ground (Burtonwood)...and has gone from the PLOUGH & HARROW, Broad o'th' Lane, Shevington (GW)...at the OLD DOG, a Greenalls pub on Alma Hill, Up Holland, a sign in the doorway reads "Dogs not allowed". Is this a joke?

Finally, a big "thank you" to everyone who drank the Third Wigan Beer Festival dry last month. See you next year!

CAMERONS 'EDS FOR MANCHESTER

Ed's Cafe Bar, Back Piccadilly (opposite Mother Mac's), is selling handpumped Camerons traditional bitter (95p), Camerons Strongarm (£1.10) and Everards Tiger (£1.10). This is the public bar of the city's latest hotel, the Gardens, 55 Piccadilly, and opened just before Christmas last year. "Happy Hours" are until 8.00pm midweek and all night Saturday.

BOLTON NEWS

Des Nogalski

With the Great North Western Beer Festival almost upon us once again (Weds 9th - Sat 12th May, Bolton Sports Centre) it is encouraging to note the number of pubs in the Bolton area now holding their own beer festivals. The BRINSOP ARMS on Chorley Road, Westhoughton, is the nearest thing Bolton has to a permanent beer exhibition and landlord Jim Hardy held the pub's first beer festival during late February/early March. Around 30 different real ales were on sale and Jim was pleased with sales of 43 barrels. He hopes to expand the pub's guest beer range with the help of Midlands-based premier ales.

Next up is Maxims on Bradshawgate. This Vaux tied house is a regular participant in the brewery's guest beer scheme and enterprising landlord Ron Lambton hopes to hold an in-pub beer festival in the not-too-distant future.

There is also a possibility of the re-appearance of the Bowling Green Beer Festival at the Bowling Green on Bury Road.

Finally, for a mini pub crawl try a section of Bridgeman Street, Bolton. First off is J W Lees' Lodge Bank Tavern. This ever-popular GBG pub was renovated last year with the building of a new toilet block and the extension of the lounge into the old toilets. A car park and an outdoor drinking area have been added and the overall impression is that Lees have done a good job. Just across the road, the Park Hotel is serving an excellent pint of Tetleys. The pub was keg-only for many years, but a new licensee had handpumps installed and the Park is now well worth a visit. Stagger down the road for 100 yards and you come to the Victoria. Only the bitter is cask at this Greenalls pub, but it is a pleasant place, with lounge and vault separated by a central bar.

MIDDLETON/CHADDERTON NEWS

THE WILTON HOTEL, Manchester Old Road, Rhodes, reopened on Friday 23rd February, having been given the Henry's Table treatment by Boddies. This imposing red-brick Victorian building has been completely revamped and now has a restaurant, lounge and, despite rumours to the contrary, a small tap room.

Although featured on the original plans, the proposed conservatory has not appeared, but the destruction of the attractive beer garden has gone ahead to provide more car parking space. Inside, the changes are

considerable and will offend or please, according to your preferences in public house decor. The large lounge area has been done out in Laura Ashley style, complemented by pot plants, sofas, etc. Comfortable, but why do all pub refurbishments look exactly the same these days?

The tap room is attractively furnished and pictures of Rhodes football teams provide a local flavour. Cask conditioned bitter is Boddingtons at 92p a pint. Regrettably, the mild is keg.

For the hungry, Henry's Table is reached through an archway from the lounge and standard HT fare is available at reasonable prices.

All in all, given the fate of other Henry's Table conversions, things could be worse. The loss of the beer garden and traditional mild are much regretted but the provision of a tap room is welcomed. The old Wilton was certainly in need of some attention, but time will tell if this is what was really needed.

Also in Rhodes, Boddingtons' GARDENERS ARMS was recently selling Boddies mild through a handpump with an OB mild pumpclip. Is it too much to ask that the pumpclip should advertise the beer actually sold?

THE ROEBUCK, Alkrington, has gained Boddies bitter and Castle Eden Ale at the expense of Chesters and Trophy bitters. Marstons Pedigree completes the range at a whopping £1.14 a pint. Boddies and Castle Eden weigh in at 98p and £1.04 respectively.

Those requiring a good pint in Chadderton could do worse than try the SUN MILL TAVERN on Middleton Road. OB bitter and mild are particularly recommended and Boddingtons bitter is also available. A fair pint of OB can also be had at the nearby HORTON ARMS where, touchingly, the pumpclips of the old Oldham Brewery are preferred to those provided by the Boddingtons Pub Co.

Still on Middleton Road, Tetley's Harlequin, an extremely popular and rather attractive pub, is all fizz. Wake up, Tetleys, this pub cries out for the real stuff!

Lastly, a brand new outlet on Manchester Road, Castleton, is a real ale gain. The former Midland Bank building has reopened as PARKES. Beers are Boddingtons bitter and Flowers IPA. Both beers were in fair condition recently, but it may be necessary to remind the barperson to fill the glass completely. Quite pleasantly decorated in cafe bar style, PARKES is obviously aimed at the younger end of the market.

Peter Alexander

SWAN SONG

The continued move from tenancies to managed houses may have some hitherto unforeseen consequences - it may adversely affect the fabric of public houses. The White Swan in Swinton under the long tenancy of George and Ruby Fildes had been a successful pub for 15 years or so. It had been in the Good Beer Guide for 10 of those years. When George and Ruby retired the Swan became a managed house. Beer prices dropped by 3p or 4p a pint and for a short while the pub actually gained in popularity. Sadly this didn't last for long. Gradually the quality of the beer declined and the number of customers dwindled.

Holts' reaction was to assume that something needed to be done about the building to make it more attractive. So plans are in train to change the entrance, move the bar, open up the lounge, alter the vault and generally muck around with a well planned and well appointed public house of character. As a direct result of a move from tenancy to management we will have lost a pub of character which sold beer of Good Beer Guide quality. What, we may ask, will happen to the Lamb in Eccles when Barry Cowley leaves later this year?

LOW ALC

The brewery that gave us the palindromic Regal Lager and the world famous Holtenbrau have been secretly test-marketing a new low-alcohol lager in the country where lager is not a dirty word - Bavaria. WD



can reveal that canned Holtenland lager (pictured left) at 0.4% alcohol is our local brewery's answer to EEC legislation, due to be enacted in 1992, whereby breweries owning less than 100 pubs will be obliged to brew at least 50% of their total lager output in low or non-alcohol types.

A spokesperson at the brewery hinted that the alcohol removed in the process might be used as an additive in their draught bitter to produce a 1050 high gravity Special Bitter, or it could be sold to local rivals Whitbread so that they might similarly use it to produce a bitter. Sounds interesting!



NOW & THEN

by Rob Magee

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GOLDEN PHEASANT

Lumb Lane, Littlemoss,
Ashton

In its heyday the Golden Pheasant was a favourite stopping-off place for visitors to Daisy Nook. It was a beerhouse, opened in the 1860s, and once featured a bowling alley among its attractions. The Golden Pheasant was originally owned by Henry Shaw's Tame Valley Brewery and became a John Smith's house when Shaw's were taken over in 1939.

It appears that John Smith's were not very interested in the Golden Pheasant, and allowed it to fall into disrepair. In 1962, when the beerhouse was selling four barrels of beer per week in summer and half



that in the wintertime, the police presented a report to the licensing authority, recommending closure.

Their inspection found that the lounge and the singing room were in fair condition, but the tap room was dirty. The upstairs meeting room had a rotting floor, the roof leaked and an old bath was used to catch the rainwater as it fell into the room! In the cellar, where the landlady also had to do her washing, there was a large hole in the ceiling above the barrels. The living quarters were also in a bad way and there were no inside lavatories.

The brewery applied to have their licence renewed but were turned down and the Golden Pheasant shut the following year.

PRICES

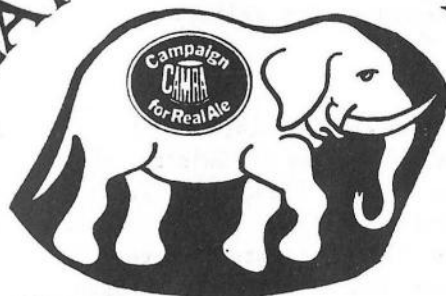
Every February CAMRA nationally surveys a number of pubs from different breweries in order to monitor prices. In North Manchester the same 20 pubs have been surveyed for the last three years. The results, which may not be representative of all pubs from these breweries, are as follows:

	<u>Feb 1988</u>		<u>Feb 1989</u>		<u>Feb 1990</u>	
	<u>Mild</u>	<u>Bitter</u>	<u>Mild</u>	<u>Bitter</u>	<u>Mild</u>	<u>Bitter</u>
Banks's	70	75	78	84	82	87
Bass	74	78	78	84	86	94
Boddingtons	73	75	78	80	84	86
Chesters	73	75	80	82	85	88
Greenalls	74	75	79	80	83	84
Holts	64	67	66	69	68	73
Hydes	71	75	75	79	84	88
Marstons	78	80	84	86	89	90
Robinsons	66	72	75	79	79	83
S & N	--	78	--	84	--	88(keg)
Tetley	72	75	77	80	87	90
Wilsons	73	75	79	81	84	86
Free houses	71	75	75	78	75	83

Holts still offer the best value for money, Bass the worst. Otherwise, with the exception of Robinsons, there are few significant differences between local and national brewers. Price differentials between mild and bitter have, on the whole, been maintained. Free houses continue to offer good value for money.

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LETTERS



Following R M Plunkett's letter about the practice of charging for admission to the Toll Gate, Mr R Horrell, Regional Manager of Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, has written to say that the practice has now been stopped.

WHITE SWAN

Sir - Many WD readers will be interested to know that Joseph Holt intend to do up the White Swan in Swinton. The good news is that the five separate spaces (vault, lounge, bar parlour, smoke room and pool room) are to be retained and the toilets are to be improved. The bad news is that the bar is to be extended across the entrance lobby and the beautiful original doors to the bar parlour and smoke room are to be removed and the doorways widened. The main entrance to the pub will be through the front room.

I think these proposed changes are retrograde. Maybe, if the bar is extended, people will be able to be served quicker and get more beer down them, but I honestly think that most people do not mind a bit of jostling at the bar - it is part of the pub scene. These days most people look for the retention of the original layout and features in old buildings and take pains to keep or restore such buildings to their original form. The architect's original concept for the White Swan has survived virtually intact for 64 years; it would be a shame to interfere with it now.

The most important ingredient in the success of a pub is the influence of the licensee and over the many years when it was under the care of George Fildes there was no need to resort to structural alterations to ensure the White Swan's success. I am sure it is not beyond the wit of the present landlord to make effective use of the pub as it is.

If anyone cares about the pub I suggest they ask to see the plans and make their views known to Mr Dempsey at the brewery.

Peter Barnes

RUPERT

Sir - I must once again put my Kugelschreiber into action and make this plea on your hallowed pages. Rupert, once described as WD's answer to Nigel Dempster and as informative on the happenings of the local branches as Hansard is to Parliament, is tendering his resignation. We, the local members, must persuade him to reconsider this hasty decision. WD without Rupert is as unthinkable as Holts

going all fizz. I must agree with him concerning the heavy censorship that now affects WD. My fellow drunkard, Ivor Biergutt, was weeping into his Stein after having his latest contribution returned as unprintable just because he said CAMRA should stop saving grotty pubs like the Castle & Falcon and the Coach & Horses when everybody in their right senses (including the landlords and the breweries) would prefer to see them knocked down. Let's get some Perestroika and Glashnosht back into WD - Rupert and free speech.

Beinlos Von Unterpfaffenhofen-Germering

METROLINK

Following the small fire at the Castle & Falcon on January 30th, the premises have been made secure and a temporary roof fitted to make it weatherproof, but the future of this historic pub still lies in the hands of the Passenger Transport Executive.

Regarding the Coach & Horses, the PTE distributed a press release on 28th February in which Councillor Flanagan said, "We are delighted that a potential solution to the problem of the Coach & Horses site has been found and, although some details still need to be tied up, look forward to discussions about more positive proposals for this well known public house."

This means Phase 1 (Stop the Demolition) of our campaign has been successful. Phase 2 requires both public houses to be incorporated into the redevelopment of the area following the construction of Metrolink. Representations on this matter are under way.

FARMERS ARMS

Boddingtons' early nineteenth century beerhouse in Swinton reopened at the end of March. The front entrance straight on to the A6 has gone, to be replaced by two side entrances. The upstairs living quarters, which were unused by Irene Hill, have been refurbished and a new cellar and catering kitchen built at the side. The two levels (of both floors and ceilings) have been retained, as have some of the original features of the pub, including cornices and fenestration. The vault has been extended across the front of the pub to give two distinct areas, whilst the rear lounge also has two separate drinking areas. Although the Farmers has been opened up considerably, the final result is a comfortable and traditional pub where the old has been carefully blended with the new to create what should be a popular community local.

GREAT NORTH WESTERN BEER FESTIVAL

Apologies for giving the wrong dates in March WD. Correct dates are Wednesday 9th May to Saturday 12th May. In addition to the 106 cask beers listed last month, here are the bottled beers:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>BEER</u>	<u>OG</u>
Austria	Schutzenbrau	1045
Belgium	Stella Artois	1050
China	Ching Dao	
	Double Happiness	1048
Czechoslovakia	Budvar	1054
	Pilsner Urquell	1053
	Gambrinus	1054
Denmark	Elephant	1068
	Giraf	1066
France	Jenzain	1064
Holland	Lindesoom	1050
India	Kingfisher	1050
Israel	Goldstar	
Italy	Peroni Nastro	1050
Mexico	Sol	1047
	Dos Equis	1049
New Zealand	Steinlager	1047
Singapore	Tiger	1057
West Germany	Becks	1048
	Bitburger	1046
	Warsteiner	1047
	EKU 28	1130
	DAB	1047
	Bischoff	1045
East Germany	Berliner	1048
Russia	Zhiguli	1043
Belgium Family	Ster Ale	1044
	Dark Crock Ale	1067
	Crock Ale	1072
	St Paul Double	1062
	St Paul Triple	1072
	Satan Gold	1075



Belgium Cider Konings Frambois
Konings Peche

...And here are the ciders:

Coombes	Dry
Cowhill	Dry
Crossman	Dry, Medium and Medium Sweet
Franklin	Dry, Medium, Medium Sweet and Perry
Hartland	Medium, Medium Sweet and Perry
Summers	Dry and Perry
Wilkins	Dry, Medium and Medium Sweet

PRESTWICH PARK

The Park Hotel on Lowther Road (WD March), Prestwich's 22nd pub to convert to real ale, now sells Boddingtons bitter as well as Trophy and Chesters.



Branch Diary

ROCHDALE, OLDHAM & BURY

Tues 3 April 8.30pm. Branch Meeting, Crown & Shuttle, Milnrow Road, Fir Grove, Rochdale

Tues 17 April 8.30pm. Committee Meeting, Queens, Church Street, Littleborough

Fri 27th April 8pm. Pub Crawl: Prestwich & Whitefield. 8pm Royal Oak, 8.40 Commercial (Prestwich), 9.10 Coach & Horses, 10.15 New Grove (Whitefield)

Sat 28th April 11-ish. Train trip 'to Liverpool's Higsons pubs (not all of them!). Ring branch contact for details

Tues 1 May 8pm. Branch AGM, High Sheriff, Halifax Road, Rochdale. Good pub, good grub - be there!

Contact: B Lee 061 766 6601 (w) 0706 824407 (h)

BOLTON

Thur 5 April 8.30pm, Branch Meeting, Rock House, Duke Street, off Topp Way

Sun 8 April, 12 noon, Beer Festival Meeting, York Hotel, Newport Street

Wed 11 April, 8pm, Regional Meeting, Marble Arch, Rochdale Road, Manchester

Sun 29 April, 12 noon, Beer Festival Meeting, Castle, Oldham Street, Manchester

Thur 3 May, 8.30pm, Branch/Final Beer Festival Meeting, Maxims, Bradshawgate

Mon 7/Tue 8 May, Beer Festival Set-Up

Wed 9 - Sat 12 May, Great North Western Beer Festival, Bolton Sports & Exhibition Centre, Silverwell Street, Bolton

Contact: B Kerks, Bolton 658458 (h), 22494 x2221 (w)

WIGAN

Wed 18 April 8.30, Branch Meeting, Millstone, Wigan Lane, Wigan (NB We may retire to the Snooker Club nearby if there's a quiz at the Millstone)

Contact: Brian Gleave Atherton 876200 (w), 840658 (h)

NORTH MANCHESTER

Wed 4 April, Edgeley. Ye Old Vic, Chatham St, 7.40pm; Royal Oak, Castle St, 8.30.

Train from Bolton 7.03, Salford Crescent 7.15, Piccadilly 7.26. Return 10.48.

Sun 8 April, Beer Festival Meeting, York, Newport Street, Bolton, noon.

Wed 11 April, Regional Meeting, Marble Arch, 8pm

Wed 18 April, Branch Meeting, Crescent, Salford, 8pm

Wed 25 April, Winton/Barton crawl: Egerton Arms 7pm, Brown Cow 8pm.

Sun 29 April, Beer Festival Meeting, Castle, Oldham Street, Manchester, noon.

Wed 2 May. Mild Crawl of Greengate/Cheetham Hill. Three Legs of Man 7pm, Derby Brewery Arms 8pm

Thurs 3 May, Maxims, Bradshawgate, Bolton (Bolton branch meeting) to take any late Beer Festival matters. 8pm

Contact: Roger Hall 740 7937

BODDIES VULCAN

This Boddies pubon Bolton Road, Walkden, is undergoing vast refurbishment. On a recent visit only the rear vault was in use and only bitter available.

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